



Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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Membership renewal

By Fred Jurewicz, President STPC

About November 1 you'll get a letter with "2009 Renewal Enclosed" printed on the envelope. It's important that you respond quickly—don't leave it in the "get around to it sometime" heap. Every year several members forget to renew, and then find that after January 1 they are no longer members, meaning no newsletter, no play in STPC groups, and no Roster to find friends. Even in these worrisome times, we can find \$25 to continue our membership in STPC, the best recreational bargain in town! Among other things, your club makes it possible for you to play indoors at a cost below the regular court rates, and without club memberships.

Your club needs your support. How can you help?

- **Renew now.** Your \$25 helps.
- **Encourage friends to join.** Membership has been decreasing for the last five years. If we can increase membership by 100 people each year, we can avoid a possible dues increase.
- **Get your newsletter by email.** Each mailed newsletter costs the club about \$1. By getting the newsletter by email, you save your club \$10 each year. **And** you get your club news about two weeks sooner! Check "Email" on your renewal.

The renewal envelope also includes a **Members' Questionnaire**. Please take the few minutes needed to complete this and mail it back with your renewal. We want your concerns and ideas!

Fall Tennis Party—don't miss it!
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Upcoming Events

Fall Party

November 9, 4:00-7:00 PM

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Valentine's Party

February 14, 2009, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Mark your calendars!

Tennis events

By Bob Busch

Jankovic #1

Serena Williams reached the #1 world ranking after winning the U.S. Open in September. Since then Jelena Jankovic won three tournaments in a row to regain the #1 ranking: the Porsche Grand Prix in Germany, the China Open and the Kremlin Cup.

Girls High School Tourney

When this article was submitted for publication, the favorites in the Girls State High School Class 2A (large schools) Tennis Tournament were Rochester Mayo and Edina. Mayo's early season victory gave Edina its only loss of the season. Other teams in the state tournament to be played during the week of October 20th are Minnetonka, Grimley, Cretin-Durham Hall, Mounds View, Elk River, and Bemidji.

Nick Bolletieri

Nick, the 77-year-old tennis coach of ten players who eventually reached the #1 world ranking, is on the Board of Directors of Inner City Tennis. He brought several players to Minneapolis from his Florida Teaching Academy and spoke at the ICT Fundraiser on October 18th.

A former student, Lisa Pamintuan, who spent eight years at the Bolletieri Academy in the 1980's, brought him back to New York to honor him with an honorary degree from the New York College of Health Professionals. Pamintuan won the Irish Tennis Open at the age of 14, but entered college after injuries prevented her from her professional aspirations. She later earned a law degree and in 2003 became president of New York College of Health Professionals.

Tennis history: rankings, July 1986

Women	Men
1. Martina Navratilova	1. Ivan Lendl
2. Chris Evert Lloyd	2. Mats Wilander
3. Steffi Graf	3. Yannick Noah
4. Hana Mandlikova	4. Boris Becker
5. Claudia Kohde-Kilsch	5. Jimmy Connors

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free, then \$5/issue.

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additional inch.

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Letters to the Editor are wanted!

This is your space to express an opinion or relate an interesting experience.

From Tom Bauman, one of our pros

I am finished with the seniors program for 2008 on the east side of the Cities. We had a great summer and I look forward to next May. Tony Rodriguez will be a great complement to the lessons program for seniors at Fred Wells. We had such great weather that it was always fun to get on the Tartan Park courts that 3M is so gracious to let us use. I was honored that Tony Shostak, a long-time member of our east-side program, invited me to join about five of the players at his cabin on the Yellow River in Danbury, WI. This is the great pleasure of the program for me: the relationships developed through the teaching, and the carry-over to sharing a weekend retreat

like this. Thanks, Tony!

I head off in a couple of days to Hong Kong for a week and then New Castle, Australia for three weeks. I have matches set up in Hong Kong and Australia and it will be warm and enjoyable to continue outdoor play. I return for two days in Minnesota then off to the Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel, FL, where I will teach until the end of March and I will return again to coach the boys team at Hill Murray.

I read the last issue of the Senior Tennis Times, and was happy to hear from Lois Nordman. I was lucky enough to coach the Wooddale Junior Tennis Team and had both Carl and Michael Chang on the team. I remember how Michael always wanted to play older and larger players on the other teams and he was only six to eight

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As a non-profit organization, the Senior Tennis Players Club gratefully accepts donations, memorials and estate gifts.



Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the STPC is to provide tennis playing opportunities to people 50 and older for their mental, physical, and social well-being; and to support the growth of tennis.

Newsletter Submissions

To help make the newsletter as correct as possible, please submit all items in writing only, by mail or email. The deadline is the 17th of the month for publication the following month. All material submitted for publication is subject to editing. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope if you want materials returned.

Send your submissions to: David Sommer, 3657 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407-2805.
Email: dsommer7@usewireless.com.

We need help and input from writers, artists, and photographers.

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years old. It was also fun to see the excitement of those that attended the US Open.

I am lucky enough to watch from court side some of the top players in the world at Saddlebrook. Days that I do not teach I watch the pros practice. I see James and Tom Blake, Mardy Fish, Elena Jankovich, Victoria Asarenka, Renae Stubbs, the Bryan twins, and John Isner on a daily basis. I've been able to watch practice matches of Justine Henin, Martina Hingis, Andy Roddick, Donald Young, and Jacko Neimanin the last couple of years while working there.

I have been able to talk with Jim Courier, Todd Martin, Brad Gilbert, Paul Anacone, all coaching players during their training there. I am able to watch probably the greatest trainer for many of these players, Pat

Etcheberry, taking them through the rigors being a pro on tour. Years ago he was a big help to David Wheaton, and I was especially impressed with the work of our present Minnesota native Mardy Fish this last winter. He really worked hard with Pat to get into the best condition for the 2008 playing season.

I was able to watch the USA Davis Cup team practice before they left for Austria this last spring. I am so lucky that I can watch and learn every day from these greats, but mostly I love the atmosphere there and I enjoy the teaching and meeting of so many people from all over the world. I had one week where I had a player from England, two sisters from China, and a player from Bulgaria, all in my group for the week. It makes it all so much fun, and as I said before it's all about the relationships developed while learning from each other.

Players wanted

Fred Wells, Mondays 3.5-4.0 women

Wanted: 3.5 to 4.0 women subs to play at the Fred Wells Tennis Center on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00. **No guest fee.** Contact Mary Lund at 952-929-8075.

Reed-Sweatt, Tuesdays 11:00am-12:30pm

Subs needed, M/W, 2.5. Call Norma Johnson 612-374-2460.

Reed-Sweatt, Tuesdays 3.5 men

We are a group of five men who are searching for one man (rated 3.5) to play from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Tuesdays. We rotate to play four out of every six weeks. Call Bill Sampson at 763-566-4085 if you have an interest in joining us. If I am not available, as I am sometimes difficult to catch, call Ken Anderson at 651-762-4727 for details and to discuss the arrangement.

Crosstown, Tuesday evenings 3.25 MW

Great opportunity for anyone who can't play days. Need regulars and subs for group that plays at Lifetime Crosstown, Tuesdays 8:00-9:30 PM. Just \$10/session. Contact David Houghton, 612-220-6780 or email dasu100@msn.com.

Fred Wells, Wednesdays 3.5-4.0 women

Wanted: 3.5 to 4.0 women subs to play at the Fred Wells Tennis Center on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00. **No guest fee.** Contact Georgia Mrosla at 612-724-4909.

Northern suburbs Spring Lake Park

Wanted: 3.0+ MW subs and players for Thursdays 8:30-10:30 AM at Spring Lake Park's Public Indoor Tennis facility. Call Mike Schleeter at 651-631-2482. More courts and drills: contact Gladys Murray of STPC at 651-483-2850, or owner Tim Jachymowski at 763-231-3109. Website: PublicIndoorTennis.com.

Want ads

These two-liner want ads are available to all STPC members. Your ad is free for three issues. After that, there is a charge of \$5 per publication.



Interested in Head racquets & clothing? Consult Percy Hughes 612-866-1102 for what's best for you.

Expert Racquet service. Fred Jurewicz (952) 496-1018 (H); (612) 250-3185. *10% STPC discount.*

Rent: Villages FL. Activities for everyone. 2BR 2BA house \$1000/mo. Avail Sept-Dec. Vern 952-935-5670.

Rent Jan-Feb, spacious Carefree AZ townhse 2BR, 2½BA, garage, furnished, spa, free tennis 651-631-1044.

Highland Park high-rise, 55+. Awesome view of downtown. 2 BR. \$105K. Elaine 651-428-2193.

Handyman: Get that To-Do list taken care of. Basic repairs and maintenance. Friendly, affordable and flexible. SW Metro area. Bob Thompson, 952-929-0844 / rthompson123@gmail.com.

●● STPC lessons and drills—all levels ●●

Some court locations are subject to change during the season. No reservations necessary.

Location	Day	Time	Skill	Cost	Instructor	Phone
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave S Minneapolis 612-825-6844	Mon	10:00-11:00 "Owies"	All	\$7.50	Dilcia Pederson	612-824-6099
	Tue	1:30-3:00 PM	All	\$5.00	Dilcia Pederson	612-824-6099
					Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
	Thu	8:30-10:00AM	All	\$5.00	Percy Hughes	612-866-1102
Paul Stormo					952-944-6286	
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center. 100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis	Tue	11:00-12:30	All	\$5.00	Tony Rodriguez	651-246-0077
Williston Fitness & Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 952-939-8370	Wed	5:30-7:00PM	All	\$5.00	Duane Ryman	612-865-9517
PublicIndoorTennis.Com 7833 Highway 65 N.E. Spring Lake Park, MN 55432	Fri	1:00-2:30 PM	All	\$5.00	Tony Larson	303-808-7809

Free or low-cost lessons* are offered as part of your STPC membership. New members are encouraged to take advantage of them.

* Lessons are free during outdoor season; they cost \$5 when indoor (to pay for court time). You may continue taking lessons as long as you are a member of the club.

●● Private Club Drills Open to STPC Members ●●

Location	Day	Cost	Time	Phone
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center* 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis	Tue Thu	\$8.00	9:00-10:00 AM	612-825-6844 Call for reservation.

***Additional classes for all skill levels available, open to seniors and younger players.**

Donaldson group

By Ann Barten

We are still playing outdoors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will continue to do so as long as the weather is nice. The only change is that we now play at 7:30 AM to accommodate the later sunrise and have moved to the courts at 68th and Logan. If it rained the night before and the courts are wet

we then go to 68th and Upton as those courts have better drainage and tend to be dryer. Anyone is welcome to join us.



The Minnesota Senior Games

By Roz Bernstein

The Senior Games, hosted by the Lakes Area Recreation of Douglas County, Committee on Aging, took place in Alexandria, MN, July 21-24, 2008. Approximately 288 senior athletes participated in the games including a group of STPC members who dominated the tennis matches. The Senior Games consist of various athletic events of archery, badminton, basketball, billiards, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, racquetball, race walking, road races, shuffleboard, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field events, and volleyball. Most of these events are separated into five-year age brackets, starting from age 50 to a high of 90+. The gold and silver medal winners in the Minnesota Senior Games qualify for participation in the 2009 National Senior Games in the San Francisco Bay area of California.

STPC members who won tennis medals are shown in the table to right. That was quite a respectable showing for the STPC members in the tennis matches! But tennis was not the only venue for the members—Barbara Hicks won a Gold medal in Billiards, Marilyn Cuneo won a Gold medal in Racquetball Singles and Gold medals were won in various swimming events by Carol Brandt, Anice Flesh and former STPC member, Helen Stecklein. A Gold medal was also won in Softball by the “Tennis Team” and Jo Rolling is on that team.

Participants in the Alexandria 2008 Senior Games were treated to a welcoming party at the Carlos Creek Winery with festive food trays and free samples of the local spirits. They were also treated to an Alexandria Beetles baseball game (including dinner) where the seventh inning stretch traditional song was led by the Senior Games’ participants. When not participating in athletic events, free time was spent shopping,

Age	Medal	Event	Name
65-69	Gold	Singles (F)	Margit Berg
70-74	Gold	Singles (F)	Anice Flesh
70-74	Silver	Singles (F)	Carol Brandt
75-79	Gold	Singles (F)	Ruby Rott
75-79	Gold	Singles (M)	Herb Cederberg
85-89	Gold	Singles (M)	Chuck Supplee
85-89	Silver	Singles (M)	Ray Ranallo
65-69	Gold	Doubles (F)	Margit Berg and Carol Brandt
65-69	Gold	Doubles (M)	Skip Pederson and partner
70-74	Gold	Doubles (F)	Pat Dahlman and Ruby Rott
70-74	Silver	Doubles (F)	Rosalyn Bernstein and Ronnae Wagner
70-74	Gold	Doubles (M)	Herb Cederberg and partner
75-79	Gold	Doubles (F)	Sally Browning and Dorothy Werner
80-84	Gold	Doubles (F)	Mary Haviland and Winnie Lund
80-84	Silver	Doubles (F)	Marilyn Cuneo and Betty Western
85-89	Gold	Doubles (F)	Ray Ranallo and Chuck Supplee
70-74	Gold	Doubles (MX)	Skip Pederson and partner
75-79	Gold	Doubles (MX)	Dorothy Werner and partner
75-79	Silver	Doubles (MX)	Sally Browning and partner
80-84	Gold	Doubles (MX)	Mel Baken and Nancy Lauring

sightseeing (who can resist the Runestone Museum and Big Ole), trying out the area’s various restaurants and cheering for fellow athletes. And for those of us who did not win any medals, we will cherish our 2008 Minnesota Senior Games distinctive bright orange commemorative T-Shirts.

Tartan Park players

Some of the summer STPC players from Tartan Park, Lake Elmo. Top row: Bob Barstad, Roger Morehouse, Judy Samuelson, Dorothy Werner, Leo Samuelson, Carol and Earl Hall, Loren Miller, Joe Arndt, Walt Lewis, Bottom row: Sandy Barstad, Nancy Whiting, Rudy Jensen, Connie Alt, John Booher, Darlene Moynagh.



Fred Wells Fall Social

Mixed doubles. Rotating partners. 40 players only! You do not need to bring a partner.

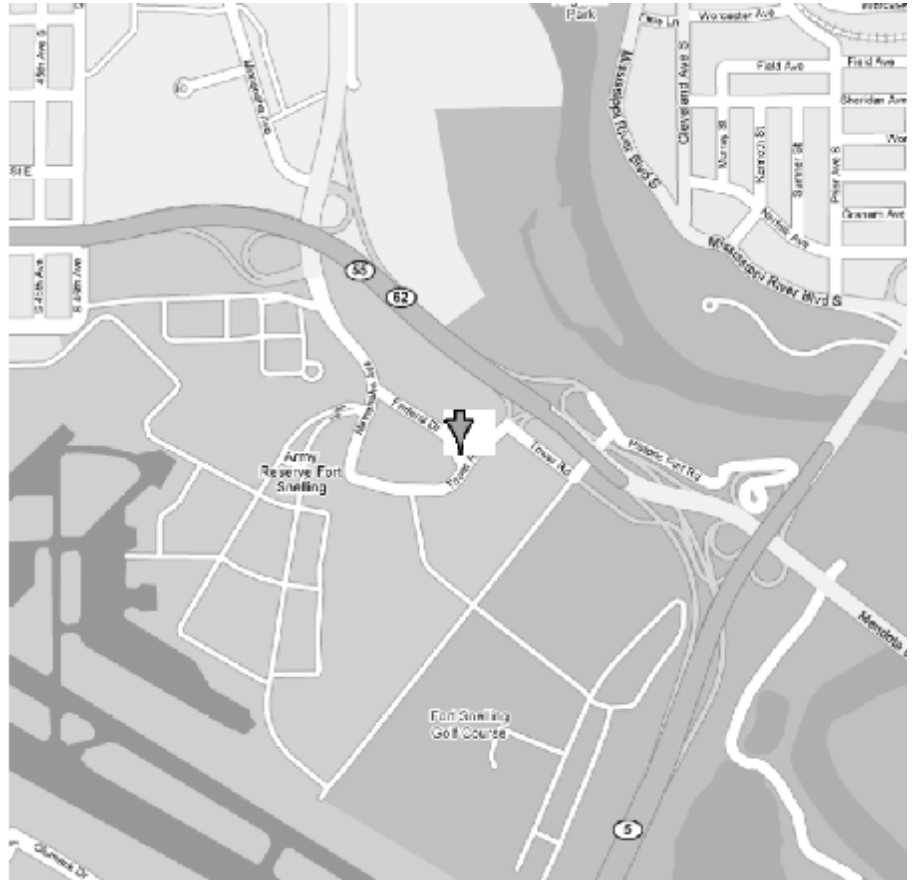
Time: Sunday November 9, 3:30-7:30. Play two 45-minute sessions. Light supper.

Place: Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center.

Cost: \$15/person; supper only is \$6 per person for guest/spouse not playing.

Limited to first 40 who sign up. No refund for no-shows.

Bring your own water bottle; soft drinks and food will be provided.



Fall Social Tennis Party Reservation Form

Name: _____ Phone (____) _____

Skill Level: 1-1.5 2-2.5 3-3.5 4.0

Send check, payable to STPC, and this form **by November 1** to:
Dorothy Rossing, 5041 Newton Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419

All players must sign the Release Form below:

RELEASE FORM

I agree that any participation by me in the activities of, or sponsored by, the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. (STPC), a non-profit organization, including, but without limitation, activities such as tennis lessons, clinics, drills, rating sessions, camps, trips, playing in or attending tennis games, tournaments, groups or social events, shall be at my sole risk; and I hereby release and hold harmless STPC and its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, tennis pros, tennis clubs, courts and facilities used or licensed by STPC, and all independent contactors with STPC (all being "Associated Others") for all claims of damage, whether due to injuries to person or property; to any direction, conduct, scheduling or claimed discrimination, nonfeasance or malfeasance, or otherwise, arising out of, or occurring in connection with, any such activities or conduct of STPC or such Associated Others.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STPC new members, renewals, and changes

Name Rating Primary phone Other phone Address / Email

[member information not published on website]

US Open gang

Here's the happy crew that went to the US Open the last week in August. Left to right: Arnie Nelson, Kathy Nelson, Florence Halverson, Rich Naistat, Louise Halverson, LaVerne Wilger, David Sommer, Matt

Little, Marty Plitnick, Lucille Little, and Pat Genereux.

Thanks to Marty and Pat for organizing this trip, and being our guides to wonderful, lively New York and the US Open. Let's do it again!

