



Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. April 2009

Tennis events

By Bob Busch

Davis Cup

The USA Davis Cup team defeated Switzerland 4-1 in Birmingham, Alabama in early March. Roger Federer, ranked #2 in the world, did not play because of back problems.

Andy Roddick and the #1 ranked doubles team Mike and Bob Bryan led the USA team to victory. Roddick, who has 31 singles wins in Davis Cup play, defeated Marco Chiudinelli and Stanislas Wawrinka. Mike and Bob Bryan defeated Stanislas Wawrinka and Yves Allegro in four sets. James Blake of the USA team defeated Chiudinelli and lost to Wawrinka.

The Bryan brothers are 16-1 in 2009 with three tournament titles and a Davis Cup win.

Gopher Tennis

In early season play, the Minnesota Gopher men's team compiled an eight-match winning streak, which is the longest streak since 2003. If you enjoy watching high level tennis, be sure to attend several of the remaining matches at the U of M Baseline Center. Mark your calendar for free Gopher tennis on the

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Captains—your help please!

This issue of Senior Tennis Times contains the preliminary summer schedule (final in June newsletter). Please review and report changes:

- Minneapolis area to Rod Johnson at 763-588-2107 or E-mail him at r-john@umn.edu
- St. Paul area to Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or E-mail him at thueor32@comcast.net

Upcoming Events

Jack Dow Tournament

May 4-7, 2009 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Annual meeting & captain's luncheon

May 16, 2009, Town & Country Club

Details and signup on page 7

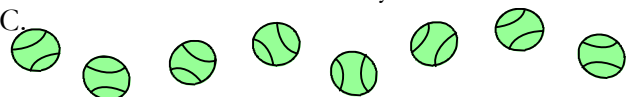
Marv Schneider wins Dow Trophy

Every year one member of Senior Tennis is honored for his/her contributions to the club. This year Marv Schneider is so honored. He was chosen by a committee of former Dow Trophy winners: Percy Hughes,



Mary Kaminski, Sue Larson, Ronnae Wagner, Bob Tischbein, Chuck Supplee, Matt Little, Bernice Hanson, Jean Murdock, and Shirley Pratt.

Marv Schneider joined Senior Tennis Players Club (STPC) in 1991 and has participated heavily ever since, as a player, captain, committee member, league manager, coach, tournament helper, and as Treasurer of STPC. He captained groups on Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the summer at Edina High School in the late 1990's and at Central Middle School in Eden Prairie in more recent years. He also managed the STPC Team Tennis League for the last eight years during the summer, as well as captaining a team in the league. He also captained two doubles ladders for the last 10 years during the winter months, mainly at the former Flagship Club (now owned by Lifetime Fitness), but partly at the Baseline Center at the University of Minnesota (2006-2007) and at Hopkins North Junior High (2006-2009). One of these ladders used eight courts with 48 players on the roster. He participated on many committees for tennis parties, membership, the Annual Picnic, the Annual Meeting and Captains Luncheon, tournaments, and the recent survey. During the 1990's, he helped the Inner City Tennis program for several years as a CMT (Coach-Mentor-Tutor). He even coached a high school girls tennis team for a Minneapolis Girls Summer League for one summer. During his last four years of employment, his employer donated \$12,000 to STPC on his behalf. He then gave himself a birthday present on his 70th birthday and retired. He is now in his fourth year as Treasurer of STPC.



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Senior Tennis Times

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can be made by writing Senior Tennis Players Club, P.O. Box 5525, Hopkins, MN 55343 or email to Ronnae Wagner: howard5326@aol.com

Membership total: 1354
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Letters to the Editor are wanted! This is your space to express an opinion or relate an interesting experience.

Politics in our newsletter

First let me thank you for the job you do as editor of the Senior Tennis Times. I've been a member of Senior Tennis for about 17 years and I always enjoy getting and reading the newsletter.

I wanted you to know that I found an article in the March issue offensive. There are certain places where politics need not be an issue and Senior Tennis is one of those. Mr. Cosgrove's depiction of President Bush and President Obama are not necessarily those of the members. In his article President Obama was described in favorable terms and President Bush in negative terms.

Some in this country and the world

think Obama is the Messiah and others think he is the anti-Christ. Some think President Bush did a good job under the circumstances and others hate him. Only history will determine where they stand. I have my personal opinion, I'd like to state it, but like Mr. Cosgrove's article, it is not relevant to Senior Tennis.

From a tennis perspective President Obama is younger, however he does smoke and drink. President Bush is a senior who doesn't smoke or drink and he keeps himself in good shape. Personally, I'd like the opportunity to be across the net from either one of them, for different reasons.

—Bill Kolesar

Editor's response: I've received several responses, mostly critical, regarding the article Bill Kolesar objected to. Some members thought

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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.

Percy's tennis rhythms

By Percy Hughes

"Summertime"—hey, not quite, but we're closing in on outdoor tennis time. Now, if March will be kind to us, April will be our wonderful outdoor beginning month—don't bet on it!



Our club has lost one of our most capable board members: **Gladys Estelle Peto Murray**. She was responsible in getting a learning program started at a club in a new area for us. The owner is a nice person,

Tim Jachomowski, and thanks to Gladys's gentle insistence to Tim, a senior program started at his Public Indoor Tennis club, 7833 Highway 65 NE Spring Lake Park. Thanks, dear Gladys, and may all your days be filled with fun tennis, with new tennis balls.

I will be visiting our lessons to meet the students, and make sure they are **members** of our club. It's very sad when I do find a player in one of our classes, not being a member. Some of that blame is on the instructor, right? Oh well, I only know one way, and that is **brotherly love**. Meanwhile, no **foot faults!**

— Perc

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it was political. The content found objectionable were these: a comparison of the way President Bush and President Obama walk, and in the final paragraph "If he [Obama] takes up tennis, maybe it can help him win any 2nd term tiebreak?" I thought that while the article was "edgy", it wasn't overtly political, as it had no commentary on the political positions of either president. In fact, as I decided to publish, I thought "would I publish a similar article on Sara Palin and Bobby Jindal, as mixed doubles partners?" Answer: **yes!**

That said, I recognize now that many of our members prefer not to see anything that even touches politics, and I will manage the newsletter in future taking that into account. We **will** have controversy, on issues such as tennis manners and tennis tactics.

Felix is back, sort of

I played my first game of competitive Senior Tennis on February 23, after a hiatus of more than 10 months. My new titanium right knee installed on October 20 by Dr. Schaffhausen and then more than a month of agonizing professional rehab, reinforced by a month of personal rehab (stretching, lifting weights & exercising) got me ready. The final rehab was two sessions of "OWIE"

under the tutelage of Dilcia Pederson at Reed-Sweat. Incidentally, the OWIE class is great for someone coming off an injury. So when my 24-hour-flu wife asked me to sub for her, I was ready. It would be no problem for me to handle a group of old **broads** on the tennis court, despite a little impairment due to my down-hill-ski-damaged left knee. When I arrived at Reed-Sweat at 8:30 on February 23, I immediately felt uneasy, as I was one 90-year-old (this April 8) man facing a harem of 11 women. But since the genre was a tennis court, not an Arab bordello, I still felt confident. Humiliation came soon. These ladies could stand at the base line and drive hard and deep. They had mobility to chase down any of my imagined winning finesse shots and, as a final insult, they aced me more than once. Therefore, despite my happy 65 years of marriage, I have become a misogynist.

Arrivederci, felix perry

P.S.: Notice the escalating respect: from *broads* to *women* to *ladies*.

Editor says: *yes, ladies, it's easy to get misogynist Felix's respect—just bludgeon him into submission with your top-spin bombs, wicked slices, and spin serves.*

In Memory...



Gladys Murray

Murray, Gladys P. Retired School Admin. Ind. School Dist. #16 Age 79, of Roseville. On March 5, 2009, Gladys passed away peacefully at her home she shared with her long-time friend she called her daughter, Barbara Pihlgren-Warner and her Goddaughter, Liisa



Pihlgren. Gladys served on the Senior Tennis Board as secretary. She was a member since 1987. Most recently, she organized STPC play at the new Spring Lake Park facility.

Donald Snyder

Donald Snyder, a member of Senior Tennis 1995-2005, passed away last December 20. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, also a former member of STPC. He was captain at the Dred Scott courts for several years. He was an athletic director in the Bloomington schools, coaching football and basketball. He will be greatly missed. [Information by Chuck Supplee.]

●● 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 | Duncan Welty | 952-933-8592 |
| 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 | \$8.00 | 9:00-10:00 AM | 612-825-6844 |
| | Thu | | | Call for reservation. |
| Williston Center, 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345 | Thu | \$8.00 (\$7 members) | 3:00-4:00 PM Band-aid bunch | 952-939-8370 Pat Allar |

Thank you!

By Felix Perry

My wife Barbara and I wish to express a "thank you" to the many Senior Tennis members that sent sympathy cards or expressed in person their condolences for the death of one of our sons. Most of you did not know this wonderful person, but you did know us. The response is one of the great attributes of the Senior Tennis Players Club: the warm friendships that are created.

T-shirts available

Some members have asked "How do I get those great STPC T-shirts?" **Answer:** they are on sale at all STPC events and tournaments, for just \$5. Or you can contact any Board member, who will get one or more for you (see list of Board members on page 2). They are made of high-quality medium weight cotton. Very comfortable; very cool!



Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

Jack Dow Annual Senior Tennis Round Robin

May 4-7, 2009, 8am-4pm

Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center
4005 Nicollet Ave. S. • Minneapolis, MN 55409 • 612-825-6844

Round Robin Rules

- **Fee:** \$10 per event, per person
- Round-robin format—you will play *at least* three regular sets, or two 8-game pro sets.
- Divisions 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles.
- No partner substitution after first set.
- No participant may play in more than 2 events. If in 2 events, one must be Mixed Doubles.
- A first place winner in an event in 2008 automatically jumps to the next rating or *must* change partners.
- Those unable to find a partner *must* state that on the application.
- All entrants *must* be members of STPC.
- **Please check in for your match at least 15 minutes early.**
- **Cancel after close date—lose entire fee.**
- **Schedule:** This table gives the schedule for each division. Number in bold (4, 8, or 16) is the *maximum*

number of teams permitted in that division. You **must** appear on the first date and time shown.

- Medal awards to the top two finishers per category
- **More info:** Ken Landro 763-544-9757, Jean Murdock 612-825-5826 or Mark Mudra 952-833-1469.

| | Men's | Women's | Mixed |
|-----|---|--|---|
| 2.5 | 4 Tue 11:30-2:30 | 4 Tue 11:30-2:30 | 4 Thu 11:30-2:30 |
| 3.0 | 8 Wed 11:30-2:30 Thu 8:30-11:30 F | 8 Mon 11:30-2:30 Thu 8:30-11:30 F | 16 Tue 8:30-11:30 Thu 11:30-2:30 F |
| 3.5 | 16 Mon 8:30-11:30 Thu 8:30-11:30 F | 8 Mon 11:30-2:30 Thu 8:30-11:30 F | 16 Wed 8:30-11:30 Thu 11:30-2:30 F |
| 4.0 | 8 Wed 11:30-2:30 Thu 11:30-2:30 F | 4 Thu 11:30-2:30 | 4 Tue 11:30-2:30 |

Donations needed!

Entry fees do not cover the cost of this great event. We need donations from individuals and

organizations! Recognition of your generosity will appear in the Senior Tennis Times newsletter.

IMPORTANT! Keep upper part; send only Application!

Application

Two players may use this form. Entries close April 20, 2009. All players must **sign below**.

| Event | Name (print) | Rating | Amount enclosed | Phone with area code |
|--------------------|--------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Men's Doubles | 1. | | | |
| | 2. | | | |
| Women's Doubles | 1. | | | |
| | 2. | | | |
| Mixed Doubles | 1. | | | |
| | 2. | | | |

Partner needed? ___yes, at ___rating

Send Application and Check payable to STPC for \$10 per event, per person to:
Ronnae Wagner • 5326 Rogers Drive • Minnetonka, MN 55343 • 952-938-5785

NOTE: you will be asked to sign a release form upon check-in at the tournament.

Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____

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following dates:

| | | | |
|----------|-------|--------------|-------|
| April 3 | Men | Indiana | 3:00 |
| April 5 | Men | Illinois | 12:00 |
| April 11 | Women | Northwestern | 11:00 |
| April 12 | Women | Wisconsin | 11:00 |
| April 17 | Men | Iowa | 2:00 |
| April 18 | Men | Purdue | 12:00 |

Tournaments

Be sure to sign up for the Jack Dow doubles tournament scheduled for May 4-7 at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center. The Dow tournament offers men's, women's and mixed doubles. This is not a USTA-sanctioned event and therefore a USTA membership is not required. Be sure to complete the application in this newsletter—and submit it before the entries close on April 20, 2009.

The 2009 USTA Adult Tournament Schedule offers the

New STPC board members

The board of Sr. Tennis has three new members that were elected unanimously for three year terms at the meeting on March 12. They are: Mary Ann McGuire, Carol Brant, and Steve McCue. Mary Ann and Carol have been members of STPC for over 5 years, and have helped with some of the club events; they both live in Minneapolis. Steve is a fairly new member and lives in Sun Fish Lake. We thank them for being willing to volunteer for this important work of Sr. Tennis Players Club.

Going off the Board at this time are three other

following local playing opportunities for senior players:

- April 10-12: Life Time Fitness, Lakeville. Singles and doubles
- May 30-31: Fifth Annual InnerCity Tennis Singles at RSFTC. (A benefit for the InnerCity Tennis Foundation)
- June 5-7: Minnesota State Open, Life Time Fitness Lakeville. Singles and doubles
- June 6-7: Fifth annual InnerCity Tennis doubles/mixed, RSFTC. (A benefit for the InnerCity Tennis Foundation)
- June 19-21: Northern Section Championships U of M Baseline Center. Singles and doubles
- July 31-August 2: Golden Valley Country Club. Northern Section Clay singles and doubles
- August 8-14: Bearpath Country Club. Men's Senior Clay, Northern Sectional. (A benefit for the InnerCity Tennis Foundation)

members: Fred Jurewicz, Dorothy Rossing, and Bev Sinniger. Fred has been president for 2 years and an able leader even as the membership on the board has been in flux. Dorothy and Bev have worked on events—parties and the annual meeting/captains luncheon coming up in May.

Please offer your thanks to all these members when you see them. They have been willing to offer their time and expertise for the benefit of the club. If you would like to volunteer to be on the Board, go to the website for an application form shown in the Board section, and send it Joan Thomas, secretary of the Board. It may be time to give back to the club that you have enjoyed.

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.*

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.

For Sale: Cornerstone Co-op 1 or 2 BR units for Seniors. Amenities, balconies, garages, in unit laundry,

storage, cable TV. 3790 Lawndale Lane N, Plymouth, MN. 763-478-4661 for tour.

2 Greek homes 3BR 2.5BA near Nafplio. €585-€780/wk. MN owner Sally Howard 612-340-9706 details.

Edina community woodworking shop, new members wanted. Contact at schissel1088@comcast.net

Professional interior painting—quality work at reasonable prices. Call Ron Leonetti at 763-593-9005.

Need a vacation? Go anywhere, reasonable rates. Ken Landro 763-544-9757

Garden Handyman. Garden help in Bloomington & surrounding areas. Call Lee Peterson at 952-270-9472.

For sale: 2BR 2BA condo for seniors (55+) 1020 sq ft. 4th floor in Uptown 28th & Hennepin. 612-741-5290.

Tennis Desk—part time position with perks. Bearpath Country Club. Raman Jayapathy, 952-949-0889



26th STPC Annual Meeting

All Members Welcome

- Captain's Recognition Luncheon
- Jack Dow Trophy Award
- Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 16, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm
 Town & Country Club
 300 Mississippi River Boulevard N.
 St. Paul, Minnesota

Schedule of Events

- 11:00 am Social Hour
- 12:00 pm Luncheon
- 1:15 pm Annual Meeting, Introduction of new Board members, and Jack Dow Trophy award.
- 1:45 pm Speaker: Jim Klobuchar, journalist, author, trip leader

Luncheon Menu

- Steak Diane—sautéed medallions of beef tenderloin with shallots*
- Salad of mixed greens, strawberries and brie cheese with poppyseed dressing*
- Dessert tray of mixed bars*
- Regular or Decaf Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea*

Directions to Town & Country Club

From 94 East: Take the Cretin Avenue/Vandalia Street exit (exit 237) and turn left (south) onto Cretin Avenue. Turn right onto Marshall Avenue. Turn right onto Otis Ave, then left into parking.
From 94 West: Take the Cretin Avenue/Vandalia Street exit (exit 237) and turn right (south) onto Cretin Avenue. Turn right onto Marshall Avenue. Turn right onto Otis Ave, then left into parking.

Send reservation form by Monday May 11 with check for \$19 payable to STPC to:
 Sue Shull • 7098 Red Cedar Cove • Excelsior, MN 55331 • 952-831-5235

Please call to cancel if unable to attend.
 (Cancellations accepted up to 24 hours prior to event)

Captains: you will receive a mailed invitation—**do not use this reservation form!**

STPC Luncheon Reservation form for Non-Captains and guests only
Saturday, May 16, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm. Cost: \$19 per member or guest

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

2008 Spring/Summer Court Schedule—Senior Tennis Players Club

Play is usually May-August. Check with captains for start/end dates
Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: www.seniortennismn.com

●● St. Paul Area ●●

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| Location | Day | Time | Cts | Skill | Captains | Phone |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|-----|---------|--|--------------|
| Como Park Horton Avenue, west of Lexington | Mon | 8:00-10:00 am | 4 | 2.5-3.0 | Anne Carchedi | 651-494-9050 |
| | Wed | | | | Lois Nedoroski | 651-645-2368 |
| Irondale High School Long Lake Road south of Cty Rd H, New Brighton | Sat | 8:00-10:00 am | 4 | 3 | Jim Vint | 651-636-0071 |
| Marthaler Park 1625 Humboldt Ave (across from Police and Fire Depts.), West St. Paul | Tue Thu Sat | 9:00-11:00 am | 2 | 2.5-3.0 | Jack Wallin | 651-457-2266 |
| North Valley Park Hwy 52 So to 70 th , left ¼ mile Inver Grove Heights | Mon Wed Fri | 8:30-10:30 am | 4 | 2.5-3.5 | Jan Machacek | 651-455-5236 |
| Oakdale courts at 45th and Granada, Oakdale | Tue Thu Sat | 8:00-10:00 am | 3 | 2.5-3.5 | Jack & Ruth Kovacs | 651-777-1769 |
| Roseville Middle School Cty Rd 82, 2 blocks East of Rice Roseville | Mon | 4:00-6:00 pm | 6 | 3.0-3.5 | Shirley Kresko | 651-399-9431 |
| | Mon Wed Fri | 8:00-10:00 am | 6 | 3.0 M | Dan Nedoroski | 651-645-2368 |
| Shawnee Park, Woodbury 6515 Scheel Dr (Upper Afton Rd to Martha North to Scheel), | Mon Wed Fri | 9:00-11:00 am | 4 | | Need captain(s) | |
| Skillman Courts, Roseville East of Cleveland on Skillman | Tue Thu | 8:00-10:00 am | 4 | 3.0 | Richard Thompson | 651-645-1478 |
| 3M Tartan Park 20 th Street N between Cty Rds 17 and 15, Lake Elmo. Enter through picnic/sports area. Follow sports complex signs to end of road. | Mon | 9:00-11:00 | 6 | 3.0-3.5 | Sandy Barstad | 651-777-7582 |
| | Wed | May & Sept 8:00-10:00 | | | Walt Lewis | 651-735-8287 |
| | Fri | am June-Aug | | | Darlene Moynagh | 651-436-8927 |
| Walton Park 1584 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale | Mon | 6:00-8:00 pm | 3 | 3.0-3.5 | Jack & Ruth Kovacs | 651-777-1769 |
| | Tue Thu Sat | 8:00-10:00 am | 3 | 3.0-3.5 | Jack & Ruth Kovacs | 651-777-1769 |
| White Bear Lake High School Cty Rd E and McKnight Rd White Bear Lake | Wed | 6:00-8:00 pm | 7 | 3.0-3.5 | Shirley Kresko After May, ask Shirley for time | 651-399-9431 |

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●● MINNEAPOLIS AREA ●●

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| Location | Day | Time | Cts | Skill | Captains | Phone |
|--|--------------------|---|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Augsburg Park 72 nd and Blaisdell, Richfield | Mon Wed Fri | 7:30-9:30 am Start June | 5 | Open | Kathy Sewall | 952-835-4005 |
| Bryant Park 85 th and Bryant, Bloomington | Tue Thu | 8:30-10:30 am | 4 | All levels | Chuck Supplee | 952-884-2575 |
| | | | | | Ray Ranallo | 612-827-8066 |
| Brookview Park Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave Golden Valley | Sat | 8:00-10:00 am | 6 | 2.5 – 3.5 | Aldean Cummings | 952-474-1731 |
| | | | | | Lou Ann Scherer | 612-384-9942 |
| Carpenter Park W 31st St and Raleigh Av S in St. Louis Park | Mon | June-August: 9:00-11:00 am May, Sep, Oct 10:00 am-noon | 3 | 2.5 – 3.5 | Julie Richmond | 952-920-7157 |
| | Tue | | | | Mel and Millie Warnert | 763-588-1887 |
| | Wed | | | | Barb Webb | 612-922-0757 |
| | Thu Fri | | | | LaVerne Wilger | 952-929-8120 |
| Central Park in Ramsey 161st Ave NW and Armstrong Blvd | Tue Thu | 9:00-11:00 am | 4 | 2.5 – 4.0 | David Matasovsky | 763-274-1338 |
| | | | | | Ken Thomas | 763-753-4971 |
| Central Park in Hopkins | Fri | 8:00-10:00 am | 3 | 3.0-3.5 | Captain needed | |
| Century Junior High, Lakeville 185 th St between Dodd and Ipava | Mon | 8:30-10:30 am | 8 | All | Lester Drankwalter | 952-432-7218 |
| | Mon | 6:30-8:30 pm | 8 | All | | |
| | Tue | 8:30-10:30 am | 8 | All | Bruce Abrahamson | 952-461-2617 |
| | Wed | 8:30-10:30 am | 8 | All | Lester Drankwalter | 952-432-7218 |
| | Thu | 8:30-10:30 am | 8 | All | Bruce Abrahamson | 952-461-2617 |
| | Fri | 8:30-10:30 am | 8 | All | Warren Porter | 952-431-5850 |
| Donaldson Park 75 th and Humboldt Richfield | Mon Wed Fri | 7:00-9:00 am | 4 | 3.0 | Margret and Willie Prawdzik | 612-869-1989 |
| Dred Scott Park West Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Road, Bloomington | Mon thru Fri | 8:00-10:00 am | 5 | Open | Captain needed | |
| Eden Prairie Middle School, Technology Drive and Wallace Rd | Sat Sun | 3:00-5:00 pm | 7 | 3.0+ | Marv Schneider | 952-975-1895 |
| | Sun | 6:30-7:30 pm | 8 | All. Singles | Kate Tucker | 612-810-6694 |
| Fridley High School 61st Ave & 7th St (park behind Community Ed Building) | Tue Thu | 9:00-11:00 am | 6 | 3.0 - 4.0 | Connie Metcalf | 763-571-3596 |
| Hopkins Central Not drop-in! Call first. | Thu | 9:00-10:30 | 4 | 3.0+ W | Roz Bernstein | 952-938-7698 |
| Holy Family School 8475 Kochia Lane, Victoria | Tue Thu | 8:00-11:00 am | 8 | Open | Steve Nelson | 952-443-2989 |
| Long Lake Park Call first – subs may be needed | Mon | 7:30-9:00 am | 4 | 3.0-3.5 W | Susan Rosenberger | 952-473-7939 |
| New Hope Park 4300 Xylon Ave N (behind swimming pool), New Hope | Mon thru Fri | 8:00-10:00 am | 5 | 2.5 – 3.5 | John Malerich | 763-537-5595 |
| Terrace Oak Park ½ mile E of Cty 11 on Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville | Tue Wed Fri | 9:00-10:30 am | 2 | 3.0+ W | Ann Listug | 952-890-9643 |

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| Parkers Lake Cty Rd 6 7 Niagara Lane Plymouth | Mon thru Fri | 8:30-10:30 am | 4 | 2.5 – 3.5 | Ed Fischer | 763-550-9770 |
| Utley Park , Wooddale & 50 th St, Edina | Mon thru Fri | 8:00-10:00 am | 2 | 3.5-4.0 MW | Marty Plitnick | 612-247-7412 |
| Valley View Park 90 th St between Nicollet and Portland, Bloomington | Mon thru Fri | 7:00-9:30 am | 4 | 3.0+ MW | Ken Gjerde | 612-827-2073 |
| Wayzata Bell Courts Minnetonka St 1 block north of Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata | Wed Fri | 9:00-11:00 am | 3 | 2.5-3.0 | Marilyn Thorne | 952-471-9813 |
| Team Tennis Organized team play at various west metro locations. Contact coordinator Marv Schneider or any of the team captains for information. | Tue | 9:00-11:00 am | 20 | 3.5+ MW | Roger Junker | 952-890-5370 |
| | | | | | Marv Schneider | 952-975-1895 |
| | | | | | Ken Lucas | 952-474-5676 |
| | | | | | Ronnae Wagner | 952-938-5785 |
| | | | | | Bob Ziomek | 952-470-0736 |
| Women On Wednesday June-August team play. Courts in New Hope and Golden Valley. Call Jane Tischbein or Al Simcoe. | Wed | 9:00 am | 6 | 2.5-3.5 W | Al Simcoe | 763-315-0647 |
| | | | | | Jane Tischbein | 952-938-9348 |
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Where did my \$25 go???

By Marv Schneider, STPC Treasurer

With about 1400 dues-paying members in the Senior Tennis Players Club (STPC), we are sometimes asked “How does STPC spend the \$25 annual membership fee from each of its members?” After reviewing last year’s accounting books, here’s how 2008 came out.

\$10.24 of the \$25 went into publishing the newsletter, 10 issues per year. This includes salary of the editor (which also includes maintaining the website), printing the newsletter, and postage. The newsletter and website not only give you club news, but also schedules and information on club events.

\$7.83 of the \$25 paid for our pro instructors to give the free lessons to all members. The lessons are free all year round, but during the winter months (September thru April), people taking the lessons pay court costs (usually \$5) for use of the indoor courts.

\$7.62 of the \$25 was for contributions to tennis-related charities. These include Inner City Tennis, St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, Fred Wells Tennis and Learning Center, Support the Courts, and a defibrillator to Fred Wells Tennis and Learning Center.

\$3.71 of the \$25 was used for memberships, including postage and printing of forms for renewals and new members, as well as postage and printing of rosters which list all of our members.

\$1.97 of the \$25 went into administrative expenses,

which includes office supplies, insurance, taxes, postage, website, and other miscellaneous expenses.

\$2.24 of the \$25 went into expenses for the Annual Meeting and Captains Luncheon. The Luncheon provides a free meal to the captains who are so important in making STPC work.

The tournaments (Jack Dow and Grandparent-Grandchild), the Bolger Clinic, and the tennis parties (Halloween and Valentines) are planned on a breakeven basis (expenses equal incomes) and they generally come out close to that. This year, though, 32 cents of your \$25 dollars was for expenses for the tournaments and parties.

When we add up all of these expenses, we should end up with \$25—right? **Whoops!** We have \$33.93! How can that be? We actually have more income than the annual dues: interest from Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and money market accounts, plus some donations and income from T-shirt sales.

With income and expenses of about \$40,000 per year, we are a non-profit business and we approximately break even each year. In reality, in 2008 we suffered a bit of a loss, mainly due to a drop in membership and larger than usual contributions. Since this is our first loss in many years, it is not crucial.

I hope this has created more answers than questions for you. I will also discuss it at our Annual Meeting and Captains Luncheon, but if you have questions relating to this, you can call me at 952-975-1895.

STPC new members, renewals, and changes

Name Rating Primary phone Other phone Address / Email

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Let, or not?

By David Sommer

I can't find a rule anywhere on this issue. Can someone help? Situation: opponent's 2nd serve. His serve was

out, but as his ball was in the air a ball came onto the court. I claimed he double faulted, because the incoming ball could not have influenced his serve. But he maintained that he should get a let.

I conceded the issue, since arguments spoil the game.

But what should the ruling be?
Anyone? Submit article or just a letter to the editor.

Jim Klobuchar

Our Annual Meeting speaker

Jim Klobuchar will be our speaker at the May 16 annual meeting. ***Don't miss his entertaining and informative talk***—use the sign up in this issue of this newsletter.

In 45 years of daily journalism, Jim Klobuchar's commentary and reportage ranged from presidential campaigns to a trash collector's ball. He has written from the floor of a tent in the middle of Alaska, from helicopters, from the summit ridge of the Eiger in the Alps and from the edge of a sand trap. He was invited to lunch by royalty and to a fist fight by the late Minnesota Viking football coach, Norm Van Brocklin. As an energetic builder of communities, he has found a way to teach football clinics for women and to lead 500-mile bike rides. In the 1970s he organized a non-denominational church service in a hockey arena for Minnesota pro football fans who felt spiritually deprived before the noon kickoff at the adjacent Metropolitan Stadium. A few years later he organized the unthinkable—a weekend canoe trip for 90 teenagers in northern Minnesota. According to all accounts, all survived, including the leader.



The longtime observers of these encounters—sometimes amused and sometimes startled—were the readers of the Minneapolis Star Tribune, for whom he wrote a popular column for 30 years, and readers of the 22 books he has authored. He retired as a columnist in 1996. His columns represented the wide changes in mood and the field of action in which he's lived and has written. As a

columnist, he dealt with the humbug and the fixations of politics, with adventure and death, with the follies of life, and with the doleful end of a skier who lost her pants halfway down the run. He sifted through the wackiness of life and the small revenges we extract from life. He didn't ignore the nobility in the lives of people both famous and obscure, those who have dealt bravely with pain and tragedy and in doing so have deepened our own lives. He has been called a minstrel, which means as a journalist-adventurer he was and is a teller of stories and a witness to his world. His journalism today includes periodic commentary and reports in the Christian Science Monitor, including his coverage of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. For his reportage and writing, the Monitor in 2003 nominated him for the Pulitzer Prize in journalism.