



# Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

June-July  
2009

## Tennis Events

By Bob Busch

### Dow Tournament

Approximately 130 members participated in this annual STPC doubles tournament. The near-record tournament included many close and exciting matches. Thanks to former STPC president Ken Landro, tournament chairman, and the hard working committee for another fine tennis event. The committee included Roz Bernstein, Ronnae Wagner, Marv Schneider, Ginnie Bergman, Mark Mudra and Bob Busch. Also a big thank you to the working staff, including Thue Rasmussen, Rita Waletski, Dorothy Rossing, Ardelle Hansen, Ginnie Morse, Dorothy Johnson, Rosemary Rockwell, David Butler, Carol Curry, Gary Rother, Paul Stormo and Duane Ryman.

### ICT Clay Championships

InnerCity Tennis is again sponsoring this USTA Men's Northern Sectional tournament at Bearpath Country Club in Eden Prairie from August 8-14. This benefit tournament for the InnerCity Tennis Foundation will offer men's singles and doubles in 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 & 85 age brackets. A portion of the entry fee and all donations are considered to be tax deductible. Play begins on Saturday, August 8 and will be completed by Friday, August 14.

Bearpath is hosting this tournament for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. To play on clay at Bearpath complete the application on page 8 or register online.

### Gophers

The Gopher men's tennis team lost in the second

round of the NCAA tournament to eighth-seeded Southern California in Los Angeles on May 9. Gophers defeated New Mexico in the first round. After going 7-17 in 2008 the tennis team completed their season with a respectable 19-8 season record.

### Edina Undefeated

As of mid-May the state high school tennis tournament is only weeks away. Defending champion Edina is undefeated, ranked #1 and a heavy favorite to add another class 2A state title to its record. Eagan, Breck and Wayzata were ranked 2, 3 & 4 in the Star Tribune May 5 Metro Rankings.

Plan to attend the state high school tennis tournaments June 2-5. The boys Class 2A tournament will be held at the Baseline Center at the U of M. Class 1A will be at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center. Enjoy high quality tennis with **no** admission charge – it's free!

### Safina and Nadal #1

The Italian Open Championship in Rome was the first title of the year for top-ranked Dinara Safina. She defeated fellow Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 6-2 in the final.

Rafael Nadal won his fourth Rome Masters championship by defeating Novak Djokovic 7-6(2), 6-2. This clay-court title was his third in a row after winning the Monte Carlo Masters and the Barcelona Open. Nadal will try to break the record of Bjorn Borg with a fifth consecutive championship at Roland Garos in France.

### Wimbledon Increases Prize

Even though the world economy is in a recession, Wimbledon is increasing the tennis tournaments prize money. Both the men and women champions will receive \$1.24 million – up 13.3% from last year.

## Upcoming Events

**Boyer-Hughes tennis clinic**  
Monday, June 1, Reed-Sweatt

**Grandparent/Grandchild Round Robin**  
July 18, Valley View courts, Bloomington  
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**ICT Clay Championships**  
August 8-14, Bearpath Country Club  
Details and signup, page 8

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**Final Summer  
Schedule inside!**

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### Senior Tennis Times

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### Advertising

Send by email or USPS to the newsletter editor by the 15th of the month for publication the following month. **Please send all payments to the newsletter editor.**

Ad rates (first month/additional months):

Full page (7.5x10)..... \$110/90

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Quarter page (3.7x4.9) ..... 60/40

Eighth page (3.7x2.4) ..... 40/25

4-line ad (members only) ..... 10

2-line ad (members only) First three months: free, then \$5/issue.

Strip ads: \$40 first two inches; \$12 each additional inch.

### Membership information changes, newsletter delivery problems, etc.,

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

Membership total: 1401

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## Biased fitness discounts!

### By Thue Rasmussen

The fitness discounts from health insurers favor enrollment in some fitness centers by reducing the cost of membership there.

I am frustrated with the restriction that Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota places on eligibility for fitness discounts to individuals through their health insurance policy. If one belongs to a fitness center affiliated with the Minnesota Independent Health Club Association (MIHCA), you may benefit from reduced monthly fees if you document some minimum number of hours of exercise each month. If the facility at which you get vigorous exercise by playing tennis—such as at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center, the Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center or the Baseline Tennis Center—is not affiliated with MIHCA, then

BC/BS believes that such a facility (not charging monthly membership fees) is beyond the scope of what they are willing to accommodate in affording fitness discounts to individuals exercising there.

How about you? Are you miffed at paying out a sizable amount of money monthly for court fees while being excluded from being treated equitably in having access to a fitness discount? Surely, among our STPC membership there must be many others in similar circumstance who chafe at the injustice of not being able to lighten the financial burden of accumulated court fees equivalent proportionately to what a friend or relative would receive as a fitness discount for exercise at some commercial fitness club/center. Should this issue speak to your interests (financial, or as a matter of economic fairness), please contact: Thue Rasmussen 651-917-0075, [thueo108@yahoo.com](mailto:thueo108@yahoo.com)

*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 S, Minneapolis, MN 55407-2805.

Email: [dsommer7@usiwireless.com](mailto:dsommer7@usiwireless.com).

Opinions expressed in articles or letters are those of the author, and do not necessarily represent views of the newsletter editor or the Board or officers of STPC.

## Percy's tennis rhythms

By Percy Hughes

Our coaching staff has a few skiing "buffs". **Paul Stormo**, is definitely our number one skier—he travels the globe to ski. (I wonder if he takes a racquet and balls on his skiing trips.) Excuse me for digressing, but it's so good to be into the tennis outdoor months. I'll be teaching **beginners** June, July and August at 8:30 AM Wednesdays, at 85th and Bryant Ave S, Bloomington.



One of my greatest pleasures is to introduce and teach newcomers to this most wonderful sport, **tennis**. I

promise all comers that you'll enjoy the learning process. Those Bloomington courts have been good for this class approximately six years. I'm hoping to see many new members to our wonderful club. Solemnly, I promise you I shall make sure you enjoy every moment. Learning this wonderful game can be a very pleasant experience. Trust me. ☺ ☺ ☺

All of our lessons are posted in each Senior Tennis Times, thanks once again to our editor, David Sommer.

**Bragging time:** I just recently received my 25 year award from the **United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA)**.

I'm very proud of that, and I thank my mentor, **Roger Boyer**, for encouraging and helping me prepare for the tough test. Well, **no foot faults!**

— Percy



## Thank you, Dow supporters

We've just finished another successful Jack Dow Tournament (story page 5). Making it possible were generous gifts from these STPC members:

Barbara Jenkins  
Rita Lusky & Pat Eckelberry  
Richard & Dale Mangan  
Elizabeth A. Olson  
Ronnae Wagner



## Indoors, Tuesday evenings

By David Houghton

Our Tuesday night group is indoors at Lifetime Crosstown 62 & 494. 2 courts mixed doubles 3.0-3.5. 6:30-8:00 PM May through August inside. Subs welcome to join our list. You have to be a member of Senior Tennis but not necessarily Lifetime Fitness. Interested subs email David or Susan Houghton at [dasu100@msn.com](mailto:dasu100@msn.com).

## You're a recruiter

By Dottie Gardner

Here we go! The sun will shine a lot this summer. Let us hope the gnats and mosquitoes avoid all outdoor tennis courts! The Annual Meeting/Luncheon is a great way to close out the indoor season. I urge all of you to get the word out—when you are playing cards, at a Community Center, dancing, eating, biking, walking, talking, attending the theatre or any person/crowd involvement. The best deal in town is to **become a Senior Tennis Player** member—still only \$25.00 a year. Our organization is strong thanks to its membership and generous contributions of volunteers and donors. Have fun and don't forget the sun screen.

## In Memory...



### Orville Anderson

Anderson, Orville S. age 82, of Minnetonka, died April 29, 2009. Survived by wife of 57 years, Delores; daughters, Lori Anderson and Jill Avery; granddaughters, sisters, many nieces, nephews and friends; and special companions, Tippy and Snoopy. He worked at Prudential Insurance Company for over 30 years, retiring in 1988. He was an active volunteer and a member of All Saints Lutheran Church. Orville was an avid table tennis and tennis player during his life. He was a member of Senior Tennis 1988-2008.



### Curtis Haugesag

Haugesag, Curtis J. age 76, of Bloomington, passed away April 21, 2009. Survived by loving wife of 50 years, Sharon; daughters, Diane Haugesag and Linda Studer; grandchildren, Erik, Rachelle and Brett; sister, Lois (Jim) Gravidahl. Retired Captain with 34 years of service with the Minneapolis Fire Dept. Curtis was a member of Senior Tennis from 1994 until 2003 when he had to stop playing for health reasons.



●● STPC lessons and drills—all levels ●●

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

Location	Day	Start	Time	Instructor	Phone
<b>Aquila Park</b> Mtka Blvd & Aquila Ave St. Louis Park	Thu	5/7	8:30-10:00 AM	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
				Paul Stormo	952-944-6286
<b>Bryant Courts</b> 85 <sup>th</sup> and Bryant Ave. S., Bloomington <b>Especially for beginners!</b>	Wed	6/3	8:30-10:00 AM	Percy Hughes	612-866-1102
<b>Breck School</b> 123 Ottawa Ave. Golden Valley	Tue	5/5	6:30-8:00 PM Starting June: 5:30-7:00 PM	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
<b>3M Tartan Park</b> 20th Street N between Cty Rds 17 and 15, Lake Elmo Enter through picnic/sports area. Follow sports complex signs to end of road.	Tue	5/5	9:00-10:30 AM	Tom Bauman	651-738-6726

**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
<b>Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center</b> 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis	Tue Thu	\$8.00	9:00-10:00 AM	612-825-6844 Call for reservation.
<b>Williston Center</b> , 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345	Thu	\$8.00 (\$7 members)	3:00-4:00 PM Band-aid bunch	952-939-8370 Pat Allar

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

## 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](mailto:rthompson123@gmail.com).

**FREE!** 21" Phillips analog TV. Needs cable or HD convertor box. David Sommer 612-276-1313.

**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.

**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.

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

**Tree/Landscape work.** 23 years experience. Peter Leuthold 952-942-7884.

## Jack Dow tourney

A very successful Jack Dow Doubles Tournament was held May 4-7 at Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center with the second highest number of participants on record, 130. Ken Landro, Tournament Director, said, "I want to thank every one who participated with a special than you to Ronnae Wagner, Enrollments; Roz Bernstein, Team Pairings; Ginnie Bergman, Scoring Desk; and Bob Busch, Certified Pro Scheduler. Special thanks also, to Marv Schneider, Board Treasurer, for getting Humana Health System to underwrite the cost of trophies this year, and to the staff of Reed-Sweatt for ongoing help."

The Tournament ran quite smoothly in spite of a number of tie-breaking finishes to determine division and trophy winners.

In the following pictures, the winners are on the left and the runners-up on the right.



**Mixed 2.5:** Dave Ranallo, Florence Halverson, Margret Prawdzik, Lee Warner



**Men's 3.5:** Don Harnish, Ed Hollenbeck, Rich Naistat, Mike Woolsey



**Men's 3.0:** Skip Pederson, Ron Barnes, Charles Daggett, Ken Lucas



**Women's 3.5:** Annette Adam, Becky Beck, Jan DuBois, Randi Hogan



**Women's 3.0:** Gloria Wynnemer, Jean Robbins, Ronnae Wagner, Deni Sahr



**Mixed 3.5:** Don Harnish, Sheila Bjore, Rita Lusky, Pat Eckelberry



**Women's 2.5:** Bobby Bloom, Jo Robles, Mary Ann McGuire, Joyce Schadel



**Mixed 3.0:** Tom Sarenpa, Muriel Hackney, Ann Barten, Let Peterson



**Men's 4.0:** Jim Dale, Ron Werner, Frank Segerstrom, Lowell Gillette



**Mixed 4.0:** John Deneka, Barb Hagen, Norma Schaefer, Ken Landro

## ← Dow workers

Front row: Ken Landro and Marv Schneider. Back: Dorothy Rossing, Ronnae Wagner, Roz Bernstein, Ardelle Hanson, Paul Stormo, and Ginnie Bergman.

**14th Annual**  
**Grandparent/Grandchild**  
**Round Robin**  
**Saturday, July 18, 2009**  
**9 AM—Noon**  
**Valley View Courts**



**Nicollet & 90th St., Bloomington**

Here's an opportunity for you to play tennis with your grandchild, share time together, and most of all, have fun! **This year, also parent/child can enter if both are members of STPC.**

Only \$4 per person. Deadline for reservations is July 11th.

Send this reservation form with your check for \$4 per person, made out to STPC, to:  
 Harlan Sween, tournament director  
 6560 Harborview Circle NE  
 Prior Lake, MN 55372

Grandparent \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchild \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchild's level:     Beginner     Intermediate     Advanced

**NOTE:** For **parent/child** entries (both members of STPC), instead of Age for the "child", enter the rating (2.5-4.5). Also, both must sign below.

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, non-feasance 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (for "child" STPC member) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2009 N1H1 influenza**

I sneezed a sneeze into the air.  
 It fell to the ground, I know not where.  
 But hard and cold were the looks of those,  
 In whose direction I had snoze.



Let's follow sensible hygiene rules. As our president says, cover your cough, wash your hands, and stay home if you're not feeling 100%. In tennis, let's use a **fist-bump** instead of shaking hands.

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# STPC new members, renewals, and changes

**Name                      Rating   Primary phone   Other phone   Address / Email**

[Due to privacy concerns, members information is not included in the web version of this newsletter.]

# USTA Northern Men's Senior Clay Court Championships

## A Benefit for the InnerCity Tennis Foundation

**What:** An event sanctioned by the USTA.

**Where:** Bearpath Country Club, 18100 Bearpath Trail (off Dell Road), Eden Prairie.

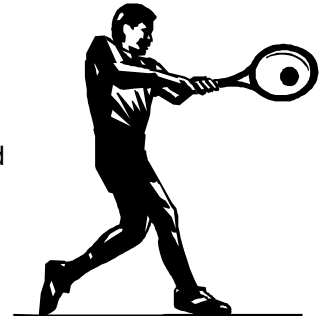
**When:** Saturday, August 8, 2009 through Friday, August 14, 2009.

(Weekday matches will start at noon, and when possible, all matches in the 50, 55 and 60 age groups will be scheduled after 4:00 p.m.)

**Who:** All men 50 and above with divisions at 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85.

**How much:** \$45 for singles and \$80 for a doubles team payable to InnerCity Tennis.

**Additional contributions to help InnerCity Tennis are greatly appreciated!**



### REGISTRATION FORM

- Entries must be received by Monday August 3, 2009.
- Draws and match times will be posted on USTA's Tennis Link for the tournament ID# 555111709 by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2009.

____ Men's 50 Singles	____ Men's 50 Doubles
____ Men's 55 Singles	____ Men's 55 Doubles
____ Men's 60 Singles	____ Men's 60 Doubles
____ Men's 65 Singles	____ Men's 65 Doubles
____ Men's 70 Singles	____ Men's 70 Doubles
____ Men's 75 Singles	____ Men's 75 Doubles
____ Men's 80 Singles	____ Men's 80 Doubles
____ Men's 85 Singles	____ Men's 85 Doubles

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ USTA Number \_\_\_\_\_

My Doubles partner is: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ USTA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: I, hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release all rights and claims for damages against the InnerCity Tennis Foundation, the USTA, and Bearpath Country Club, and/or their respective agents, representatives, successors and assignees for any participation in this event.

Signature(s) Required:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS

1. Register and pay online with USTA's Tennis Link access to the tournament at [www.northern.usta.com](http://www.northern.usta.com). The tournament ID # is 555111709.

2. Complete the form and mail with payment to:  
**ICT Clay Court Tourney**  
**5229 Duggan Plaza**  
**Edina, MN 55439**

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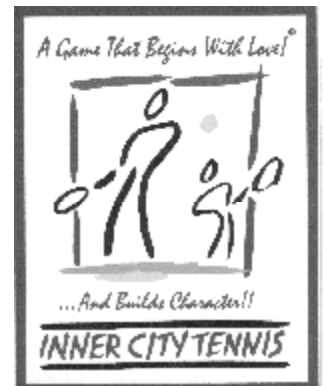
Best two out of three sets will be played with regular scoring. There will be a first match consolation bracket unless division play is a round robin. A 7-point tiebreaker will be used at 6 games all in each set. The 15-minute default rule will be strictly followed. Scores must be reported immediately after each match.

#### Gift and Awards:

Your entry fee includes a gift from InnerCity Tennis. Prizes will also be awarded to finalists in all divisions.

#### Restrictions:

All entrants must be USTA members.  
To enroll call: 1-800-990-8782. Please contact Tournament Director Bob Busch with any questions at 952-941-1204.





# 2009 Spring/Summer Court Schedule—Senior Tennis Players Club

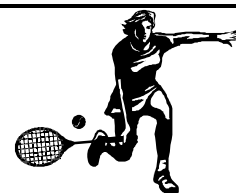
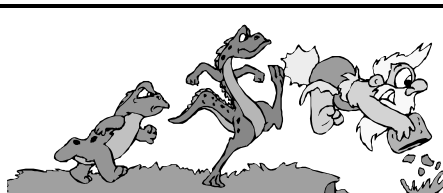
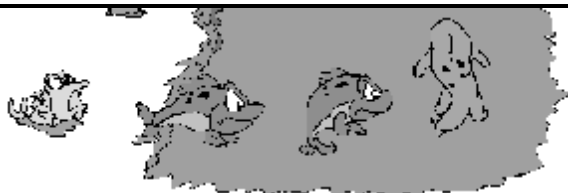
Play is usually May-August. Check with captains for start/end dates  
Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: [www.seniortennismn.com](http://www.seniortennismn.com)

## ●● St. Paul Area ●●

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Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
<b>Como Park</b> 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
<b>Inver Grove Heights</b> Marie St, between Victoria & Lexington	Tue	7:30-9:00 am	2	3.0	Bernice Dougherty	651-454-1353
					Carrie Howes	651-406-9583
<b>Irondale High School</b> Long Lake Road south of Cty Rd H, New Brighton	Sat	8:00-10:00 am	4	3	Jim Vint	651-636-0071
<b>Marthaler Park</b> 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
<b>North Valley Park</b> Hwy 52 So to 70 <sup>th</sup> , left ¼ mile Inver Grove Heights	Mon Wed Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.5-3.5	Jan Machacek	651-455-5236
<b>Roseville Middle School</b> 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
<b>Shawnee Park, Woodbury</b> 6515 Scheel Dr (Upper Afton Rd to Martha North to Scheel)	Mon Wed Fri	9:00-11:00 am	4		Need captain(s)	
<b>Skillman Courts, Roseville</b> East of Cleveland on Skillman	Tue Thu	8:00-10:00 am	4	3.0	Richard Thompson	651-645-1478
<b>3M Tartan Park</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 am May & Sept	6	3.0-3.5	Sandy Barstad	651-777-7582
	Wed				Walt Lewis	651-735-8287
	Fri	8:00-10:00 am June-Aug			Darlene Moynagh	651-436-8927
<b>Walton Park</b> 1584 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale	Tue Thu Sat	8:00-10:00 am	3	2.5-3.5	Jack & Ruth Kovacs	651-777-1769
<b>White Bear Lake High School</b> 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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<b>Augsburg Park</b> 72 <sup>nd</sup> and Blaisdell, Richfield	Mon Wed Fri	7:30-9:30 am Start June	5	Open	Carol Ogden	612-869-9062
<b>Bryant Park</b> 85 <sup>th</sup> and Bryant, Bloomington	Tue Thu	8:30-10:30 am	4	All levels	Chuck Supplee	952-884-2575
					Ray Ranallo	612-827-8066
<b>Brookview Park</b> Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave Golden Valley	Sat	8:00-10:00 am	6	2.5 – 3.5	Gloria Kumagai	763-377-5602
					Lou Ann Scherer	612-384-9942
<b>Carpenter Park</b> 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	Mary Fran Bradley	952-922-8885
	Tue				Mel & Millie Warnert	763-588-1887
	Wed				Barb Webb	612-922-0757
	Thu				Captain needed	
	Fri				LaVerne Wilger	952-929-8120
<b>Central Park in Hopkins</b>	Fri	8:00-10:00 am	3	3.0-3.5	Captain needed	
<b>Century Junior High, Lakeville</b> 185 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Crosstown Lifetime Fitness</b> Not drop-in. Call. Subs needed.	Tue	6:30-8:00 pm	2	3.0-3.5	David & Sue Houghton	612-220-6780
<b>Donaldson Park</b> 75 <sup>th</sup> and Humboldt Richfield	Mon Wed Fri	7:00-9:00 am	4	3.0	Margret and Willie Prawdzik	612-869-1989
<b>Dred Scott Park</b> West Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Road, Bloomington	Mon thru Fri	8:00-10:00 am	5	Open	Captain needed	
<b>Eden Prairie Middle School,</b> Technology Drive and Wallace Rd	Sat Sun	3:00-5:00 pm	7	3.0+	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
	Sun	6:30-8:00 pm	2	1.0-2.0	Kate Tucker	612-810-6694
<b>Fridley High School</b> 61st Ave & 7th St (park behind Community Ed Building). <b>NOTE:</b> during June-July, play will be at the Middle School courts – north across 61 <sup>st</sup> Ave, just beyond water tower.	Tue Thu	9:00-11:00 am	6	3.0 - 4.0	Connie Metcalf	763-571-3596
<b>Hopkins Central</b> Not drop-in! Call first.	Thu	9:00-10:30	4	3.0+ W	Roz Bernstein	952-938-7698
<b>Holy Family School</b> 8475 Kochia Lane, Victoria	Tue Thu	8:00-11:00 am	8	Open	Steve Nelson	952-443-2989
<b>Lone Lake Park</b> <b>Call first – subs may be needed</b>	Mon	7:30-9:00 am	4	3.0-3.5 W	Susan Rosenberger	952-473-7939
<b>Lone Lake Park</b> <b>No walk-ons.</b> Call Skip Pederson at 952-831-0684 or <a href="mailto:sapederson11@earthlink.net">sapederson11@earthlink.net</a>	Mon Tue Wed Fri	9:00-noon	4	3.0-4.0 MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684
<b>New Hope Park</b> 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

<b>Terrace Oak Park</b> 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
<b>Parkers Lake</b> 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
<b>Pershing Park</b> 48th and Chowen, Minneapolis	Mon Wed Fri	8:00-10:00 am	4	3.5-4.0 MW	Captain needed	
<b>Rivers Bend Park in Ramsey</b> 14200 Waco Street	Tue Thu	9:00-11:00 am	4	2.5 – 4.0	Ken Thomas	763-753-4971
<b>Valley View Park</b> 90 <sup>th</sup> St between Nicollet and Portland, Bloomington	Mon	7:00-9:00 am	4	3.0+ MW	Ken Gjerde	612-827-2073
	Tue	7:00-9:30 am				
	Wed	7:00-9:00 am				
	Thu	7:00-9:30 am				
	Fri	7:00-9:00 am				
<b>Wayzata Bell Courts</b> 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
<b>Team Tennis</b> 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+ M/W	Don Harnish	651-227-8387
					Ken Landro	763-544-9757
					Ken Lucas	952-474-5676
					Larry Miller	952-239-0545 or 952-931-2268
					Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
					Ronnae Wagner	952-938-5785
<b>Women On Wednesday</b> 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	763-315-0657
					Jane Tischbein	952-938-9348

**For corrections or changes for Minneapolis and suburbs call the Area Director:  
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## 12-point tie-break? NOT!

**By David Sommer**

I continue to see players referring to a “12-point tie-break.” You can’t find any such thing in the Rules of Tennis! Following are the *only* places where a tie-break is explicitly named in the Rules:

**USTA Comment: USTA Regulation I.E.1.a** requires a 7-Point Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2) be played in all sets except when a 10-Point Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) is played in lieu of the deciding final set. [Comment is part of rule **6. SCORE IN A SET.**]

In Appendix IV there are these two section headings:

**2. MATCH TIE-BREAK (7 POINTS)**

**3. MATCH TIE-BREAK (10 POINTS)**

So please, say “7-point tie-break.” The use of “12-point” probably began after the initial tie-break rule

(first to 5) was abandoned. That “first to 5” was commonly called a “9-point tie-break” because you didn’t have to win by 2, so the winning score could be 5-4. Thus, the **maximum** number of points was 9. When the current tie-break was adopted, people called it a “12-point”, probably thinking of a 7-5 score. But 12 is *not* the maximum number of points—you have to win by 2, so it could go to 33-31, 100-98, etc.

To easily research rules yourself, our website has a Links page. There you will find a link to the USTA site that has the current Rules and Code. When you open the Rules, you can search for any desired phrase. I searched for “tie-break.” Our website has other features you will find useful, including:

- Tennis Schedules—updated whenever changed!
- Newsletters—the next month’s newsletter is available no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of month before.
- Membership—get membership applications and a list of all members (updated frequently).

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## History of tennis

### Extracted from Wikipedia

Its establishment as the modern sport can be dated to two separate roots. In 1856, Alex Ryden, a solicitor, and his friend Joao Batista Pereira, a Portuguese merchant, who both lived in Birmingham, England played a game they named “pelota”, after a Spanish ball game. The game was played on a lawn in Edgbaston.

In December 1873, Major Walter Clopton Wingfield devised a similar game for the amusement of his guests at a garden party on his estate. He based the game on the older sport of indoor tennis or real tennis (“royal tennis”), which had been invented in 12th century France and was played by French aristocrats down to the time of the French Revolution.

According to most tennis historians, modern tennis terminology also derives from this period, as Wingfield borrowed both the name and much of the French vocabulary of royal tennis and applied them to his new game:

**Tennis** comes from the French *tenez*, the imperative form of the verb *tenir*, to hold: This was a cry used by the player serving in royal tennis, meaning “I am about to serve!”

**Racquet** comes from *raquette*, which derives from the Arabic *rakhat*, meaning the palm of the hand.

**Deuce** comes from *à deux le jeu*, meaning “to both is the game” (that is, the two players have equal scores)

**Love** may come from *l’œuf*, the egg, a reference to the egg-shaped zero symbol; however, since “*un œuf*” is more commonly used, the etymology remains in question.

**The convention of numbering scores** “15”, “30” and “40” comes from *quinze*, *trente* and *quarante*, which to French ears makes a euphonious sequence, or from the quarters of a clock (15, 30, 45) with 45 simplified to 40.

In 1881 the desire to play tennis competitively led to the establishment of tennis clubs. The first championships at Wimbledon, in London, were played in 1877. In 1881 the United States National Lawn Tennis Association was formed to standardize the rules and organize competitions. The comprehensive I.L.T.F. rules promulgated in 1924 have remained remarkably stable in the ensuing eighty years, the one major change being the addition of the tie-breaker system designed by James Van Alen. The U.S. National Men’s Singles Championship, now the U.S. Open, was first held in 1881 at Newport, Rhode Island. For more on tennis, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tennis>.

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