



# Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. April 2011

## Jack Dow award for 2011 to David Sommer

STPC honors our club founder, Jack Dow, each year by presenting a traveling trophy to a member whose attitude, character, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and service best typify the ideals of the club. This year's award, the 15th, is given to David Sommer of Minneapolis. He was chosen by a committee of former award winners: Bernice Hanson, Mary Kaminski, Sue Larson, Caryl Minnetti, Jean Murdock, Shirley Pratt, Marv Schneider, Chuck Supplee and Ronnae Wagner.



David's earliest tennis memory, around 1950, is going to Nicollet Field (now Martin Luther King Park) with his mom's old racquet, and banging a dead tennis ball against a wall for an hour or more. In his teens he played a little with friends, but never learned proper

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## Summer captains: HELP!

The preliminary spring/summer schedule is printed in this newsletter. We'd like to get the final, to be printed in the June/July newsletter, as correct as possible. If you know of changes, please communicate as follows:

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

Important! See page 3 "Policy for captains" article. This new policy required several changes in the schedule, especially where "co-captains" were formerly listed. If you had a co-captain, please review your listing carefully! We made some arbitrary changes to bring the schedule into compliance with the new policy. You may need to request changes to suit your needs.

We will no longer keep entries in the schedules where there is a "Captain needed." Unless we get names for captains at **Marthaler Park** and **Wayzata Bell Courts**, those entries will not appear in the final schedule. Volunteers?

## Tennis events

By Bob Busch

### Jack Dow Tournament

Don't delay, sign-up today for the 17th annual Jack Dow Tournament. This STPC doubles event has a registration deadline of Monday, April 18. Even if you don't have a partner, let our committee work on finding the perfect match for you, or use our website "find a partner." See the registration form included in this newsletter.

### Davis Cup

The USA team played the first round of the Davis Cup World Group series in Santiago, Chile in early March. **Andy Roddick** lead the way for the USA team in a 4-1 victory. Roddick and **John Isner** won 3 of 4 singles points over **Paul Capdeville** and **Guillermo Rivera-Aranguiz**. The USA team will host Spain July 8-10 in the Quarterfinals. The location of play in the US is to be determined. **Jim Courier**, the four-time Grand Slam champion, is the captain of the USA team.

**Results: Singles**—Andy Roddick, USA over Guillermo Rivera-Aranguiz, Chile; Paul Capdeville, Chile over John Isner, USA; Andy Roddick over Paul Capdeville; John Isner over Rivera-Aranguiz. **Doubles**—Bob & Mike Bryan, USA over Nicolas Massu and Jorge Aguilar, Chile.

### Senior tournaments

STPC members interested in local tournament play should mark their calendars for the following summer senior tournaments.

**Men's and Women's Hard Court Northern Sectional** will be played starting June 24 at the Baseline

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## Upcoming Events

### Dow Tournament

**May 2-3:** men's and women's doubles  
**May 4-5:** mixed doubles. Signup on page 7

**Saturday, May 14, 11:00 - 2:30 PM**  
**Annual meeting & captains luncheon**  
Town & Country Club. Signup page 5

## Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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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) .....\$165/135

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Quarter page (3.7x4.9) .....70/50

Eighth page (3.7x2.4) .....45/30

Business card special.....30/20

Horizontal strip ads: \$55 first two inches; \$20 each additional inch. Vertical: \$75 first two inches; \$25 each add'l inch.

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

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

**Membership information changes, newsletter delivery problems, etc.:**

Contact David Sommer, editor.

Membership total: 1288

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## Letters to the editor

### Exercise, competition, and fun

The **Mission Statement** of STPC, as stated in every issue of the Times, “is to provide tennis playing opportunities to people 50 and older for their mental, physical and social well-being...”.



Lack of sportsmanship does not enhance mental or social well-being. “Competition tennis” with most STPC groups is limited by the usual change of team pairs every half hour. Without stable teams, who gets the credit for wins at the end of the day, especially if your ego tells you that you won with happenstance contribution by different partners? When you lose playing with a weak partner, are you demoralized?

How about going to a gym for exercise, where you will not have continuing social interface challenges? If getting exercise on a mono-mode machine, that does not chat with you and offers only boring repetition makes you happy, go for it.

The elation in winning a half hour competition is fleeting. Social friction generated in winning any way you can does not immediately fade away.

If I get drilled by a “sitter”, my Italian ethnicity generates an immediate need for revenge. Since the “knee capping” of my distant Calabrese relatives is not accepted in our culture, a hard tennis shot “accidentally” hit into the gut of the culprit opponent will have to suffice.

### Accentuate the positive; eliminate the negative!

Arrivederci—felix perry.

*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).

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## Policy for captains

The STPC Board recently considered the question “who should be invited to attend the annual meeting and luncheon free?” In the past, “co-captains” were included. But the Board saw instances where there was a co-captain for as few as one court, playing once a week. The Board decided that for the coming annual meeting no change would be made. However, going forward, it was decided that we needed a Policy on captains, including resolution of this issue. The Board has adopted this Policy:

### Captain’s job description

Captains are representatives of the Senior Tennis Players Club.

### Responsibilities

- Ensure that all their players are members of STPC.
- At Board request, submit a list of their players and subs, giving name and member number.
- There will be only one captain for three or fewer courts. In the event that a captain has more than three courts, s/he may assign some of the courts to another person as captain of those courts.

There will be no official “co-captains.” Captains may get all the volunteer help they want, but these helpers will not be listed on the schedule, nor will they get a free pass to the luncheon—see below.

A Board committee has the final authority over who qualifies as a captain.

Captains will be invited to the annual luncheon free of charge. Only those on the spring/summer or fall/winter schedules will be invited. Since these schedules determine who is a captain, it is necessary that any changes to the schedule be communicated to the appropriate Area Director (as given on the schedules).

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## Need a partner for Jack Dow event?

If you need a partner, go to our website and click Events, then click “Find a partner.” If you find someone likely, call him/her. If you don’t, get your name in the table with an email to David Sommer, [dsommer7@usewireless.com](mailto:dsommer7@usewireless.com).

**Don’t do Internet?** See the instructions in the form on page 7 to get help finding a partner.



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## Drilled from easy sitter?

By David Sommer, editor

In the Letters section this month and last month, writing on the topic of sportsmanship, both writers said that if an opponent drilled them from an “easy sitter,” the opponent should not be surprised at a response in kind. I know both gentlemen, and believe their comment may be more rhetorical than real threat.

While your editor understands the outrage one may feel after such apparently hostile action, he must urge restraint. Reasons?

First, sportsmanship requires that we not retaliate, **even if we believe the action was deliberate**. Retaliation makes the situation uglier, and it is unlikely to cure bad behavior. If a player consistently hits high at another, or shows poor sportsmanship in other ways, the **captain** should deal with the issue by warning the offender, and if necessary excluding him/her.

Second, the hit may not have been deliberate. We are all less than perfect, and a shot intended at your feet or to pass you may misfire. Give the benefit of doubt to your opponent.

Finally, letting yourself become outraged and looking for a revenge opportunity will spoil your pleasure in the game and will result in your playing poorly. I suggest you take a deep breath, relax, and play on.

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## Players wanted

Men, women 2.5-3.0 for play Monday, Wednesday, Friday at Monterrey courts in St. Louis Park. For more information, see summer schedule or call captain LaVerne Wilger 952-929-8120.

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## 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.

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

**Time for winter/spring project?** Kitchen, bath, paint, lighting/electrical, plumbing, tile. High quality attention to detail. Home Improvement Specialist 612-710-7055 [ericostergaard@yahoo.com](mailto:ericostergaard@yahoo.com)

**Garden help** for Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, So Mpls, & nearby areas. Lee Peterson 952-270-9472.



**●● 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, Email
<b>Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center</b> 4005 Nicollet Ave S Minneapolis 612-825-6844	Mon	1:30-3:00 PM	All	\$7.00	Dilcia Pederson 612-824-6099 <a href="mailto:dilcia.pederson@innercitytennis.org">dilcia.pederson@innercitytennis.org</a>
					Duncan Welty 952-933-8592 <a href="mailto:idwelty@q.com">idwelty@q.com</a>
	Thu	8:30-10:00AM	All	\$7.00	Duncan Welty 952-933-8592
					Paul Stormo 952-944-6286 <a href="mailto:pjstormo@aol.com">pjstormo@aol.com</a>
<b>Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center.</b> 100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis	Tue	12:30-2:00	All	\$7.00	Brandon Heath 612-252-8367 ext 2 <a href="mailto:brandon@fwtec.org">brandon@fwtec.org</a>
<b>Williston Fitness &amp; Sports</b> 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 952-939-8370	Wed	5:30-7:00PM	All	\$7.00	Duane Ryman 612-865-9517 <a href="mailto:dhrtennis40@hotmail.com">dhrtennis40@hotmail.com</a>
<b>PublicIndoorTennis.Com</b> 7833 Highway 65 N.E. Spring Lake Park, MN 55432	Fri	1:00-2:30 PM	All	\$7.00	Tony Larson 303-808-7809 <a href="mailto:tonyl@publicindoortennis.com">tonyl@publicindoortennis.com</a>

**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 \$7 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	Information
<b>Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center</b> 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis	Tue	\$9.00	9:00-10:00 AM	612-825-6844 Call for reservation.
	Thu			
<b>Williston Center,</b> 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345. Call 952-939-8370 to reserve. Members may call 1 week in advance; non-members 4 days in advance. All classes are \$8 members; \$10 non-members.	Mon	\$8/\$10	3:00-4:00 PM	Senior Clinic 2.0-2.5
	Wed	\$8/\$10	8:00-9:00 AM	Senior Clinic 3.0-3.5
	Fri	\$8/\$10	8:00-9:00 AM	Senior "Focused Play & Critique" 3.0-3.5

**Drills for April**

Note: each month all our instructors will focus their lessons on one subject. For April:

**Return of serve**

- Hybrid shot—not volley and not ground stroke
- Short back swing
- Move thru the shot
- See ball early (at the toss).

**WOW! Evening/weekend drills!**

Outdoor drills start May 2. The schedule, already on our website, shows early evening drills on Tuesday and Wednesday, and mid-day drills on Saturday and Sunday.

We're trying hard to make our entire program more accessible to those working 9-5. **Take advantage!**



# STPC Annual Spring Luncheon

- Captains' Recognition
- Jack Dow Trophy

Saturday, May 14, 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
- 1:00 pm Annual Meeting: thank retiring Board members, introduction of new Board members, and Jack Dow Trophy award.
- 1:45 pm Speaker: Roger Boyer

## Luncheon Menu

*Marinated flank steak w/chasseur sauce, cheesy hash browns & grilled asparagus*  
**OR vegetarian:** *angel hair pasta tossed in pesto & pine nuts, artichoke heart wrapped in a crepe, grilled asparagus*  
*House salad, French or ranch dressing*  
*Lemon sorbet and shortbread cookie*  
*Regular or Decaf Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea*

### Directions to Town & Country Club

From I94: Take the Cretin Avenue/Vandalia Street exit (exit 237) and turn south onto Cretin Avenue. Turn right onto Marshall Avenue. Turn right onto Otis Ave, then left into parking.  
From south suburbs: I494 east to Hwy 5. East across river and exit to Edgumbe. Follow Edgumbe to left on St. Paul Ave, which becomes Cleveland by Ford Parkway. Cleveland to Marshall. Turn left onto Marshall. Turn right on Otis Ave. Clubhouse parking is first driveway on left.  
From Minneapolis: Take Lake Street east across river. It becomes Marshall. Take left on Otis Ave (one short block from river). Clubhouse parking is first driveway on left.

**Send reservation form by Monday May 9 with check for \$25 payable to STPC to:**  
 Ronnae Wagner • 5326 Rogers Dr • Minnetonka, MN 55343 • 952-938-5785

**Please call to cancel if unable to attend.**  
 (Cancellations accepted up to **Tuesday, May 10**)

**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 14, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm. Cost: \$25 per member or guest**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Check for vegetarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Check for vegetarian

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important: vegetarian is the angel hair pasta, etc.**

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strokes. Then again in his late thirties he played in a Control Data league, but was too frugal to buy any lessons. He played with a Wilson T2000 steel racquet. The combination of bad technique and that steel axe injured his shoulder, so he gave up the game.

25 years later, Louise Halverson (his wife-to-be) noticed free lessons at the East Lake YWCA. That got him started again, and in late 2000 he joined Senior Tennis. At first, he played in Florence Halverson's group at Reed-Sweatt. (Flo is still playing at age 91!)

However, he soon felt a recurrence of the old shoulder injury. An orthopedist assured him that there was no serious problem and he could continue tennis if he was careful. Older and wiser, David found help: the STPC drills, Reed-Sweatt's senior drills, Tim Burke's group drills, and currently semi-private lessons with Doug Matuska at Reed-Sweatt. He credits modern racquets and improved stroke mechanics for his avoidance of injury the last several years.

David's contributions to our club starting in 2003: edits newsletter, maintains website, and keeps the members' database current. He has made several innovations to help members and keep assessments low:

- Introduced the email newsletter and email roster. These save substantial printing and mailing cost.
- Easier and more efficient renewal process—your renewal form includes all current information for you, so you only need to make necessary changes, not re-enter all your data.
- Improved the readability of the tennis schedules.
- Made available on our website membership forms, play and lesson schedules, and event signups.

He also captains two groups at Baseline fall/winter and two groups in Lauderdale in summer.

His education in mathematics and physics at the U of M and Harvard prepared him for a career in applied mathematics and software development. He worked for Control Data 1964-85, followed by his consulting company Optimal Systems 1986-95. He ended his career at Fair-Isaacs and Northwest Airlines, retiring in 2002.

David is happily married to Louise Halverson (they celebrated their eighth anniversary recently skiing and snowshoeing on the North Shore). He has two daughters, Lucia and Linnea, from a previous marriage. Louise and David are able to travel often—tennis vacations have included Palm Island, Florida; the US Open; and Indian Wells (twice).

David believes that the more you contribute to our

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Center at the U of M for age categories 40, 50, 60 & 70.

**Golden Valley Country Club** is offering Men and Women clay court play beginning July 18 for age categories 55, 65 & 75.

The Baseline Center is also **hosting the National Public Parks Championships for Men & Women**, age categories 35-90 starting July 21.

**The Men's Adult & Senior Clay Court Northern Section Championships** will be played August 6-12 at Bearpath and Interlachen Country Clubs in Eden Prairie and Edina. The tournament offers singles and doubles play in age categories 40 to 85.

### Gopher tennis

The 16th ranked Gopher men's team lost on March 5 to the 23rd ranked Washington State team. This was the first loss since 6th ranked UCLA defeated the Gophers in January. The loss stopped their seven-match win streak. They open the Big Ten season at Baseline Center on March 25 against Northwestern and host Denver on March 26.

Gopher women have a 4 and 8 won/lost record in 2011 matches through mid-March. They dropped 5 of 6 recent matches. They dominated Brigham Young 6-1 and lost close matches 3-4 each to North Carolina State, Missouri and North Carolina. The Gopher women open the Big Ten season at Baseline Center against Michigan and Michigan State on April 2 & 3. Only a few home matches remain.

Be sure to include Gopher Tennis in your spring entertainment schedule—it's the best sports value in town!

<b>Gopher Men's Tennis</b>	
Fri, Apr 08, 3:00 PM	Indiana
Sun, Apr 10, noon	Purdue
Fri, Apr 15, 3:00 PM	Penn State
Sun, Apr 17, noon	Ohio State
<b>Gopher Women's Tennis</b>	
Sat, Apr 02, 11:00	Michigan
Sun, Apr 03, 11:00	Mich. State
Fri, Apr 22, 6:00 PM	Illinois
Sun, Apr 24, noon	Iowa

club, the more you gain. He urges everyone to find ways to help. Besides service on the STPC Board or work as a captain, there are many less demanding things you can do: volunteer to help at our events; ask your captain if you can assist with calling, etc.; or volunteer with InnerCity Tennis. Finally, as newsletter editor he really appreciates your contributions. Submit an article about a tennis issue, your tennis group, or just a "Letter to the Editor" responding to something you read in the newsletter. Remember: it's **your newsletter!**



# Senior Tennis Players Club

## 17th Annual Jack Dow Tennis Event

### May 2-5, 2011



**Registration ends:** Postmark by Monday, April 18, 2011 or when division is full.

**Play Location:** Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center, 4005 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis.

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Check-in starts at 7:45 AM each day. **Note:** Men Doubles and Women Doubles will take place **May 2-3**; Mixed Doubles **May 4-5**.

**Costs:** \$10 per event per person. Single Elimination (Consolation for 1st match lost).

**Draws Published:** Thursday, April 28, 2011 on the STPC website and posted at Reed-Sweatt. **Reed-Sweatt staff is not responsible for incorrect times given over the phone.**

**Event Director:** Gary Rother, Phone: 612-724-5515, E-mail: [garyrot@aol.com](mailto:garyrot@aol.com)

**Donations Needed!!** Individuals or organizations.

**Please sign release form upon 1st check-in at the Event Desk.**

**Rules:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only STPC members can participate.</li> <li>2. No partner substitution after the 1st match begins.</li> <li>3. 2nd event must be Mixed Doubles.</li> <li>4. 2010 1st-place winners must move up one level for the 2011 Event.</li> <li>5. Participants must play at or above their STPC ranking as in the March 2011 Roster.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Minimum of 3 teams to have an event. If 3 teams, only 1 team gets trophies</li> <li>7. Maximum number of teams in a division is 16 (e.g., Men Doubles 5.0 is limited to 16 teams)</li> <li>8. Teams are not fully registered until both players' fees are received.</li> <li>9. <b>No refunds after Monday, April 25, 2011</b></li> </ol> |
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**Find a partner on the STPC website [www.seniortennismn.com](http://www.seniortennismn.com). Click Events. Still need help?** 2.5-3.0 players, contact Bill Kruckeberg 952-926-3397, [corvette76@earthlink.net](mailto:corvette76@earthlink.net) or Linda Wright 952.895.1142, [indaleonwright@q.com](mailto:indaleonwright@q.com). 3.5+ players contact Jean Murdock 952-941-5362, [jeanmurdock@aol.com](mailto:jeanmurdock@aol.com).

**Jack Dow Entry Form (Please print clearly)**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \* STPC Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: Men 3.5 player with a Men 4.0 player = Combined STPC Men Doubles 7.5)

Combined STPC Men Doubles    5.0\_\_\_ 5.5\_\_\_ 6.0\_\_\_ 6.5\_\_\_ 7.0\_\_\_ 7.5\_\_\_ 8.0\_\_\_

Combined STPC Women Doubles    5.0\_\_\_ 5.5\_\_\_ 6.0\_\_\_ 6.5\_\_\_ 7.0\_\_\_ 7.5\_\_\_ 8.0\_\_\_

Combined STPC Mixed Doubles    5.0\_\_\_ 5.5\_\_\_ 6.0\_\_\_ 6.5\_\_\_ 7.0\_\_\_ 7.5\_\_\_ 8.0\_\_\_

Doubles Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \* STPC Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \* STPC Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* See Rules 4 and 5.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Need STPC Partner (list of players looking for partners will be e-mailed to you).

**Send check payable to STPC and entry form to —>**

**Helpful hint:** Cut out this name and address and attach with tape or glue to an envelope as a label. This will assure timely delivery, which may not happen with a hand-written address.

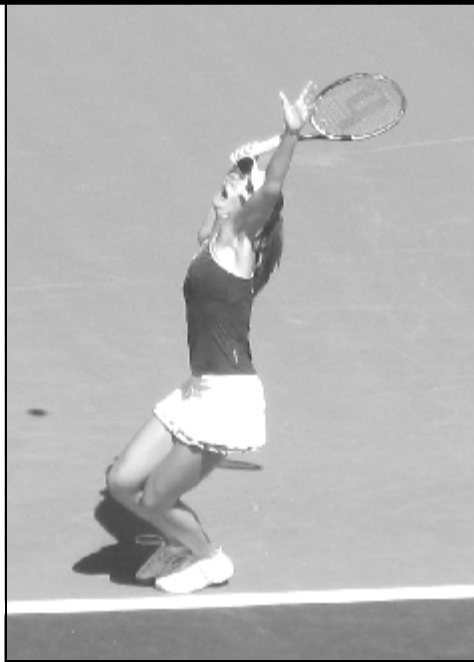
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# Indian Wells

By David Sommer

Louise and I attended two days of this tournament. Wonderful event—it draws all the big names as at the majors, but is considerably cheaper and more accessible. You can fly nonstop to Palm Springs on Sun Country Airlines. Weather is beautiful—daytime highs in 80's, with dry air. Pictures: Hantuchova serving; Nadal returning. I noticed all servers toss the ball **much higher** than most of us do. I've omitted the ball from Hantuchova's picture—if shown it would be about six feet **above her racquet!** More pictures on page 12.



## Tennis mixer February 26

The **afternoon** mixer at Reed-Sweatt on February 26 was a sell-out with a waiting list of members wanting to play. Everyone showed up, despite another snow day!

It is very difficult to get tennis times at the clubs for a Saturday afternoon so we were lucky to schedule this

event and do hope the opportunity is available again next year. Everyone had fun, fellowship, **good** tennis and **fabulous** food. Marv Schneider organized the players and Mary Ann McGuire was our hostess. We thank volunteers Dotti Brazeal, Dottie Gardner, Jean Murdock and Dorothy Rossing for making this event so successful.





## 2011 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 ●●

For corrections or changes for St. Paul and suburbs call the Area Director:  
Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or E-mail him at [thueor32@comcast.net](mailto:thueor32@comcast.net)

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>Irondale High School</b> Long Lake Road south of Cty Rd H, New Brighton	Sat	8:30-10:30 am	4	3	Jim Vint	651-636-0071
<b>Marthaler Park</b> 1625 Humboldt Ave (across from Police & Fire Depts.), West St. Paul	Tue Thu Sat	9:00-11:00 am	2	2.5-3.0	Captain needed	
<b>Mendota Heights</b> Marie St, between Victoria & Lexington	Tue	7:30-9:00 am	2	2.5-3.0	Bernice Dougherty	651-454-1353
<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> 15 County Rd. B2 E; Little Canada; 2 blocks E of Rice St.	Mon Wed Fri	7:00-10:00 am	8	3.0-3.5	David Howard	651-353-8564
<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 Pavilion #1.	Mon	9:00-11:00	6	3.0-3.5	Darlene Moynagh	651-436-8927
	Wed	May & Sept			Sandy Barstad	651-777-7582
	Fri	8:00-10:00 am June-Aug			Rudy Jensen	651-738-9152
<b>Walton Park</b> 1584 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale	Tue Thu	8:00-10:00 am	3	2.0-3.5	Jack Kovacs	651-777-1769
	Sat	May 11 thru October			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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Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
<b>Aquila Park, St. Louis Park</b> Not drop-in. Call Rick.	Mon	7:15-9:30 AM	5	3.5-4.0	Rick Van Doeren	952-897-3888
<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	8:30-10:30 am	4	All levels	Chuck Supplee	952-884-2575
	Thu				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
					Rod Johnson	763-588-2107
<b>Central Middle School, Eden Prairie.</b> Technology Drive and Wallace Rd. Behind the school	Wed	6:30-8:00 pm	2	1.0-2.0	Kate Tucker	612-810-6694
	Sat Sun	3:00-5:00 pm	7	3.0+	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
<b>Central Park in Hopkins</b>	Fri	8:00-10:00 am	3	3.0-3.5	Captain needed	
<b>Century Middle School, Lakeville</b> 185 <sup>th</sup> St between Dodd and Ipava	Mon	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Warren Porter	952-431-5850
		6:00-8:00 pm	8	All	Lester Drankwalter	952-432-7218
	Wed	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Rick Specht	952-423-5974
	Thu	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Fri	8:30-10:30 am	8	All	Sandy Porter	952-431-5850
<b>Crosstown Lifetime Fitness</b> Not drop-in. Call. Subs needed.	Wed	8:00-9:30 pm	2	3.25 MW	David & Sue Houghton	612-220-6780
<b>Donaldson Park</b> 75 <sup>th</sup> and Humboldt Richfield	Mon	7:00-9:00 am	4	3.0	Willie Prawdzik	612-869-1989
	Wed				Margret Prawdzik	612-869-1989
	Fri				Ann Barten	612-724-0712
<b>Dred Scott Park</b> West Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Road, Bloomington	Mon thru Fri	8:00-10:00 am	5	Open	Robert Ostlund	952-934-6306
<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
	Mon	7:30-9:00 am	2	3.0-3.5 W	Libby Hargrove	952-941-1313
2					Susan Rosenberger	952-473-7939
<b>Hopkins Central</b> Not drop-in! Call first.	Thu	9:00-10:30 am	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>No walk-ons.</b> Call Skip Pederson at 952-831-0684 or <a href="mailto:sapederson11@earthlink.net">sapederson11@earthlink.net</a>	Mon	9:00-noon	4	3.0-4.0 MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684
	Tue Wed Fri					
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May, Sep, Oct 10:00 am-noon						
<b>Minnetonka Junction Park</b> Excelsior Blvd ½ mile west of Shady Oak	Fri	8:00-10:00 am	2	3.0-3.5	Herb Bacal	612-750-8318
<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	Richard Brandt	763-533-0579 612-821-4070
<b>Parkers Lake</b> County Rd 6 & 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	Tue	8:00-10:00 am	4	3.5-4.0 MW	Mark Mudra	952-833-1469
	Thu				Jean Murdock	952-941-5362

<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>Utley Park, Edina</b>	Tue	8:00-10:00 am	2	Open	Mark Mudra	952-833-1469
<b>Valley View Park</b> 90 <sup>th</sup> St between Nicollet and Portland, Bloomington	Mon Wed Fri	7:00-9:00 am	4	3.0+ MW	Ken Gjerde	612-827-2073
<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	Captain needed	
<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	4	3.5+ M/W	Don Harnish	651-227-8387
					Ken Landro	763-544-9757
					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
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