



# Senior Tennis Times

*The 50+ tennis experience*

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## Be In the Know

*By Linda Haller, President STPC*

Although I never personally had the pleasure to meet, play tennis with, or hear Percy Hughes jam, given all the wonderful things I heard about him, I wish I had. The news of Percy's passing this week has deeply saddened STPC. Percy was an instructor when Jack Dow first founded STPC in 1982, and his passing represents the end of an era. Our deepest condolences go out to Percy's family. Please see the adjacent column for more in depth information about Percy.

The Balanced Budget Social on December 18th at Fred Wells was a huge success. All 8 courts we had reserved were filled. Thanks to all who participated for making it a fun party. A special thanks goes out to Pam Campbell and Jon Holmgren for organizing this event. I am still looking for an invitation to Pam's house for dinner, because she was responsible for all the great food we had at the party. Watch for our next social event sometime in February.

Please consider renewing your membership (if it has expired or will soon expire). You can do so via the website or by mail. See the notice on page 2 for more details. **(We know that a few people have had difficulties renewing online. We are actively working to fix these issues. In the meantime, if you have trouble renewing online, please mail in a check.)**

Interested in becoming an STPC Board Member? There are only a limited number of slots available. Please call Linda Haller at 612-558-1654.

Wishing everyone a healthy, Happy New Year!

## Percy Hughes Memorial



In 1933, 11-year-old Percy Hughes was given two magnificent gifts. First, a neighborhood tennis enthusiast patiently taught him how to hit the ball over the net. And before the year was out, he found a clarinet waiting for him under the Christmas tree. Whether wielding a racquet, clarinet or his signature saxophone, Percy Hughes has been making sweet music ever since.

After years of practice and participation in school bands, Percy earned the equivalent of a Ph.D. in music through his membership in the Army Ground Forces Band during WWII. During the war years, he was able to jam with the country's best musicians who had been plucked from Big Bands led by the likes of Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

By the time he was discharged, his passion for jazz had already charted his life's course.

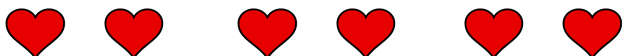
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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME??

Is it time for you to renew your STPC membership? On the address label of this newsletter we have printed the expiration date of your membership. Please renew if it is time to do so. You can renew via the website ([seniortennismn.org](http://seniortennismn.org)) or mail a check with your membership dues to:

Sharon Gribble  
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Roseville, MN 55113

Basic Membership.....\$30  
Basic + Roster.....\$32  
Basic + Tennis Times.....\$33  
Basic + Roster + Tennis Times.....\$35



### Valentine's Tennis Social

Fred Wells Sunday, February 14, 7-9pm \$15. To register, please send a check to Darlene Moynagh, 13506 Valley Creek Trail South, Aspon, MN 55001. Phone: 651-436-8927.

### Welcome New Members

We've added a number of new members in the past few months: Alfred and Enrica Fish, Liza Shturman, John Raedler , and Maryann Weidt.

If you see them on the court, please welcome them to STPC!

### Publicity/Marketing?

Do you have an interest or experience in publicity and marketing? Senior Tennis needs your help.

If you would like to consider volunteering to help, please contact Denis Woulfe at [woulfeden@hotmail.com](mailto:woulfeden@hotmail.com) for more information.

### Needed: Editor for Senior Tennis Times

Volunteer to publish and expedite printing and mailing of future newsletters. Please contact Steve Bruell [bruell@cs.uiowa.edu](mailto:bruell@cs.uiowa.edu) if interested.

STPC needs accounting expertise to help with financial reporting. Please call Steve Bruell if you are willing to help at



952-938-7594.

### Want Ads

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

**Private tennis lessons!** Contact Bob Weer, USPTA Certified Pro, 612-356-8999.



**SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB**  
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**INDOOR DRILL SCHEDULE**

Improve Your Game *and* Have Fun!

**September 14, 2015 – April 30, 2016**

No Drills Thanksgiving, Dec. 21 – Jan. 1 2016 at ICT & Williston

No reservations necessary, **unless** specified. All levels welcome.

	<b>INNERCITY TENNIS</b> 4005 Nicollet Ave S Minneapolis, MN	<b>WILLISTON</b> 14509 Minnetonka Dr Minnetonka, MN	<b>FRED WELLS</b> 100 Federal Dr. St. Paul, MN	<b>PUBLIC INDOOR</b> 7833 HWY 65NE Spring Lake Park	<b>**LIFETIME FITNESS 98<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>ST ** Lifetime Member Only</b>
MONDAY	1:30-3:00p \$10 Dilcia 612-824-6099 Duncan 952-933-8592				
TUES.	9:00-10:00a \$13 2.0-3.0/3.5+ Reservations necessary 612-824-6099 ICT PRO ----- 10:00-11:00a \$13 2.0+ Low Impact ICT Pro Reserve 612-824-6099		2:00-3:30p \$8 Reservations necessary 612-252-8367 Fred Wells Pro	Noon-1p \$8 2.5 – 3.0 1:00-2:30p \$8 3.5+ Mark 952-833-1469	Drill Program  Contact Cherrill Erickson 952-830-7930
WED.	9:00-10:30a \$18 3.0+ ICT Pro Reserve 612-824-6099 ----- Noon-1:30p \$10 Mark 952-833-1469	5:30-7p \$10 Duane 612-865-9517			
THURS.	8:30-10a \$10 Denny 612-578-8477 HP 612-590-0181 ----- 9:00-10a \$13 Reservations necessary 612-824-6099 ICT PRO				
FRIDAY	9:00-10:30a \$18 3.5+ Reservations necessary 612-824-6099 Roger Boyer			Noon-1p \$8 2.5 – 3.0 1:00-2:30p \$8 3.5+ Mark 952-833-1469	

## Fall/winter schedule 2015-2016

Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: [www.seniortennismn.com](http://www.seniortennismn.com)

Want to find a place to play? Here's what you do:

- Locate one or more locations, times, and skill level that you'd like.
- Call the captains responsible and ask if they have any regular or sub positions available.
- **Note:** captains that are actively seeking new players are highlighted like this: **John Doe**; captains that are actively seeking subs are highlighted like this: **Joan Doe**; captains seeking both are highlighted in **turquoise**.
- If this doesn't accomplish what you want, call Facility Coordinators for places you'd like to play. They may be able to help you get a new group together. If no Facility Coordinator is shown, call Thue Rasmussen.

<b>Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for start/end dates. For corrections or changes to this schedule, contact Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or <a href="mailto:thueor32@comcast.net">thueor32@comcast.net</a></b>						
<b>●● St. Paul Area ●●</b>						
Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
<b>St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club</b> 600 Desoto, St. Paul Facility coordinator Annette Adam 651-209-9768	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Peter Plagemann	651-633-0466
	Tue	9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614
	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Richard Thompson	651-645-1478
	Thu	9:00-10:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614
	Fri	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Annette Adam	651-209-9768
<b>Wooddale Recreation Center</b> 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury, 651-209-9768 Facility Coordinator: Darlene Moynagh 651-436-8927	Mon	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Fred Johnson	651-459-6258
	Mon	10:00-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614
	Tue	9:00-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614
	Fri	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Ron Leitner	651-739-9732
<b>●● Minneapolis Area ●●</b>						
Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
<b>Baseline Club</b> 1815 4th St SE, Minneapolis 612-625-1433 Facility coordinator: Thue Rasmussen 651-917-0075	Mon	10:00-Noon	2	3.5+ MW	<b>David Sommer</b>	<b>612-276-1313</b>
	Wed	10:30-Noon	2	3.0 MW	Louise Halverson	612-722-7132
	Thu	10:00-Noon	2	3.5+ MW	<b>David Sommer</b>	<b>612-276-1313</b>
		Noon-1:00	1	2.5 W	Alletta Jervy	651-917-7595
	Fri	9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	<b>Roger LaShomb</b>	<b>651-483-9258</b>
<b>Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center</b> 100 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling 612-252-8367 Facility Coordinator George Burbie 651-688-2338 or 651-442-6704	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	2	3.0 + MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandra Loewenstein	651-454-3699
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Shirley Shimota	612-285-1699
	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Carrie Howes	651-406-9583
		9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0 + MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684
	Wed	1:00-2:30 PM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Mary Lou Dyrhaug	651-690-2094
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandra Loewenstein	651-454-3699
	Fri	9:00-10:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	<b>Caryl Minnetti</b>	<b>952-884-5136</b>
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Betty Culligan	651-698-4660 612-961-7003
			10:30-12:30 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Mary Read
<b>Life Time Fitness Lakeville</b> 18425 Dodd Blvd. 952-985-8800 Facility Coordinator: Bruce Abrahamson 952-461-2617 Players must pay facility (Life Time) membership fee	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Tue					
	Wed					
	Thu					
	Fri					
<b>PublicIndoorTennis.com</b> 7833 Highway 65 N.E., Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. 763-231-3109. Facility Coordinator: Diane Lehman 651-488-6147	Mon	10:30-noon	4	3.0-3.5 MW	Lisa Nelson	763-560-6060
	Mon	1:00-3:00PM	4	3.5-4.0 MW	<b>Gary Melby</b>	<b>763-755-7252</b>
	Thu	8:30-10:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	<b>Gary Melby</b>	<b>763-755-7252</b>
		10:30-Noon	4	2.5-3.0 MW	Roberta Williams	651-631-1201
			Carol Pierce	763-424-6665		

<b>Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center</b> 4005 Nicollet Avenue S Minneapolis 612-825-6844 Facility Coordinator: Marv Schneider 952-540-6419	<b>NOTE: RSFTC has many open courts. If you need permanent court time for your group, call the tennis desk at 612-825-6844.</b>					
	Mon	7:00-8:30 AM	3	3.5-4.0 MW	Rick Van Doeren	952-897-3888
		7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0 MW	Carol Thompson	952-929-0844
		8:30-10:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 W	Joan Petroff	952-893-9149
		10:00-11:30 AM	3	3.0 W	Bonnie Bolton	612-922-9290
		11:00-12:30 PM	2	2.5 MW	Cleome Hennessy	763-767-9689
	Tue	11:30-1:30 PM	5	3.5-4.0 MW	Steve Keefe	612-331-0049
					Thue Rasmussen	651-917-0075
		7:00-8:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Ann Barten	612-724-0712
		9:00-10:30 AM	2	2.5 MW	Donna Borgerding	612-721-7038
		9:00-10:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Benton Randolph	612-889-9086
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 M	Ken Rich	612-377-4682
		10:30-Noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Dennis Moody	651-488-8124
	Wed	11:30-1:30 PM	1	3.5 MW	Joan Thomas	651-249-6992
		1:30-3:00 PM	2	3.5 W	Jean Murdock	952-941-5362
		9:30-11:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 W	Joanne Schmid	952-474-6022
		9:30-11:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Garrity	952-938-0374
	Thu	10:30-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 W	Marsha Jarvela	612-790-1246
		11:30-1:30 PM	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Ken Landro	763-544-9757 763-377-5597
		1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.5-4.0 M	Dick Mills	952-925-5851
		7:00-8:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Jean Robbins	952-738-1704
		7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Charlie Robbins	952-934-0209
	Fri	8:30-10:00 AM	4	2.5-3.0 MW	Linda Wright	952-895-1142
					Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397
		8:30-9:30 AM	1	2.5-3.0 W	Florence Halverson	952-835-5999
		9:00-10:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Garrity	952-938-0374
		10:30-12:30 PM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Jim Uecker	763-412-7674
	Sat	10:30-12:30 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-540-6419
12:30-2:30 PM		6	3.5-4.0 MW	John Dickinson	763-533-9300	
				Steve Keefe	612-331-0049	
7:00-8:30 AM		3	3.0-3.5 W	Jane Tischbein	952-426-4966	
10:30-Noon		2	3.0-3.5 MW	Terry Clark	952-473-6296	
8:00-9:30 AM		2	3.0-3.5 MW	Doug Reeder	952-934-8921	
11:30-1:00 PM		2	3.0-3.5 MW	Patrick Hurley	952-470-2110	
Sun	2:30-4:00 PM	1	2.5-3.5 W	Peg Woellner	952-935-6187	
	7:30-9:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 W	Lois Kukuk	952-495-8067	
Mon	8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Dennis Henriksen	952-475-2795	
	1:00-2:30 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Jenny Caldwell	763-473-6015	
Tue	2:00-3:30 PM	2	3.0 MW	Arnie Nelson	763-473-2089	
Wed	3:00-5:00 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-540-6419	

**Players and Subs Wanted:**

Caryl Minnetti, 952-884-5136, 3.0-3.5 MW, Fred Wells, Friday, 9-10:30am

Gary Melby, 763-755-7252, 3.5-4.0 MW, PIT, Mon, 1-3pm; 3.0-3.5 MW, PIT, Thur., 8:30-10:30am

**Players Wanted:**

David Sommer, 612-276-1313, 3.5+ MW, Baseline, Mon. & Thurs., 10-noon

Roger LaShomb, 651-483-9258, 3.0-3.5 MW, Baseline, Friday, 9:30-11am

Jean Robbins, 952-738-1704, 3.0-3.5 MW, Reed-Sweatt, Thur., 7:00-8:30am

Charles Robbins, 952-944-0209, 3.0-3.5 MW, Reed-Sweatt, Thur., 7:00-9:00am

**Subs Wanted:**

Donna Borgerding, 612-721-7038, 2.5 MW, Reed-Sweatt, Tues., 9:00-10:30am

Ken Rich, 612-377-4682, 3.0-3.5 M, Reed-Sweatt, Tues., 9:30-11:00am

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people 50 and older for their mental,  
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support the growth of tennis.

*As a non-profit organization, the Senior  
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## STPC Financial Overview

*We are pleased to announce that STPC has run a balanced budget this year (after seeing multiple years of deficits)!*

The Board is actively pursuing ways of keeping our expenditures in line with our income so that we can have a balanced budget again in 2016. For complete information about our financials, please see our website: <https://seniortennismn.org/about-the-senior-tennis-players-club/financials-2/>.

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### **Percy Hughes Memorial Continued From Page 1**

A Minneapolis native, he returned home to study music theory, conducting and voice at the Minneapolis College of Music and the MacPhail School of Music. He formed his own band in 1946 and, to local jazz fans, every night was Saturday night when Percy and the boys wailed away in Minnesota nightclubs. Forced to reduce the size of his band as the popularity of nightclubs waned with the advent of television, Percy and his quintet became a fixture at the Point Supper Club in Golden Valley, playing six nights a week for 17 years until the day it burned to the ground. Undaunted, he donned a tuxedo and began performing three to four nights a week in the plush Kashmiri room at the Ambassador Motor Lodge in Minneapolis, an arrangement that lasted nearly a decade.

To keep his nights free for music, Percy went to work for the Post Office and delivered mail for 28 Minnesota winters. "Carrying mail was the perfect day job for me," he said. "It was good exercise and I enjoyed the people on my route. When I had the opportunity to retire at 60, I jumped at the chance to devote myself full-time to music."

Although he did manage to win a few trophies, Percy is characteristically modest about his prowess with a racquet. "I was never a great player," he acknowledges. "I wasn't a strong ground stroker but I had quickness. I took pride in learning the game and playing it correctly."

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*A Tribute to Percy Hughes by Paul Stormo*

For twenty-five years, under the direction of Percy Hughes, I taught tennis to members of the Senior Tennis Players Club.

It was pretty obvious from the first time I worked with Percy that he loved the game, loved teaching, and above all, he loved the members of the Senior Tennis Players Club. He was fortunate to have enough patience to help all the members and me. I always remember the smile on his face as he worked his magic. He never got mad, never had a bad word for anyone, and always made his students feel good about their progress. I really believe that his students loved him as much as he loved them. My best recollection of Percy is that he was a gentle soul and a gentleman.

I must admit that Percy had one activity that he loved more than tennis. Playing the sax was his lifelong pleasure and it brought pleasure to all of us as well.

We do miss you, Percy. We miss your smile, we miss your gentle nature, we miss your instructions, and last of all, we miss the tune on your telephone answering machine.

God Bless.