



Senior Tennis Times

The 50+ tennis experience

April 2018

Wanted! New Members, Alive! Reward!

Yes, **REWARDS** for members who bring us new members, and for the new member! Each gets a card entitling them to **three free drills** and a **free party!** When you get a friend to join, just send an email to Sharon Gribble: monchka@comcast.net, or call her at 612-305-8047.

If you love STPC, it is important that we recruit new members. Our membership is falling, from about 1300 five years ago to under 600 now. Our survival requires that we reverse this trend. If each current member recruits just one new member this year our problem will be solved. Your editor does this and more each year—you can too! Thanks!

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Do the Dow!

Yes, coming May 1-4 is the Jack Dow Round Robin, our annual fun event for all levels of players. Separate divisions for 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 players, with doubles and mixed doubles at each skill level.

Friendly volunteers will make you welcome!

- Thue Rasmussen and Ken Landro at check-in desk.
- Pam Campbell to answer all your questions.
- Brian Kretsch will provide breakfast snacks and goodies all morning long each day.

We'll have prize drawings each morning—you must be present to win.

This is a special tournament for **fun, fellowship, and exercise**—not a “club championship.”

See page 5 for details and signup. Don't miss it! To be sure you're in, sign up **today!**



Upcoming Events

Note: see inside for info & signups on all of these events

Jack Dow Round Robin—page 5

May 1-4, 9:00-1:00 each day
InnerCity Tennis

Annual Luncheon & Captains Appreciation

September 22 11:00-2:00

Town & Country Club, St. Paul

Save date. More info in August Newsletter

Good stuff on website

Lots of members still don't use the website! Quick primer: go to seniortennismn.org. Then...

Click on Play. In the drop-down, you can click on Tennis Schedules, where there are links to both group play and drills. The Events Calendar is a quick way to find drills and events you might like. Also try clicking on the About Us, then click on Tennis Resources, where you'll find the Rules of Tennis, The Code, and a list of Related Organizations, like USTA Northern.

Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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Business card special 30/20

Horizontal strip ads: \$55 first two inches; \$20

each additional inch.

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2-line ad (free for members only), Additional

lines \$5/issue.

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 David Sommer at dsommer7@usiwireless.com.

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Membership total: 545

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SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB

Prez Presents

By Jon Holmgren, STPC President

As the snow and ice slowly melt, we hardy souls prepare to continue playing tennis, hopefully out of doors soon. The Dow Tournament is coming up May 1-4 and the Annual Luncheon and Captains Recognition on September 22 at Town and Country Club in St. Paul.

Please note: Membership is at an all time low. We need present members to help recruit new members. See front page story on this.

Captains

Please review your list of regulars and subs to see who has not paid their annual membership. Please try to collect from those who are delinquent by the end of April. The names and their payments should be sent to Sharon Gribble at

1381 County Rd. B2 West
Roseville, MN 55113

Thank you for all you do!

Editor retiring!

By David Sommer

I've edited the newsletter since 2003. Time to get a new editor with fresh ideas. I have greatly enjoyed helping our club with my work on the newsletter, and trust that someone will carry on. The newsletter conveys important information to all our members. We really must keep it going.

If you would like to find out what this volunteer job entails, please call or write: 612-276-1313, dsommer7@usiwireless.com.

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.

As a non-profit organization, the Senior Tennis Players Club gratefully accepts donations, memorials and estate gifts. Please send to Senior Tennis Players Club, P.O. Box 5525, Hopkins, MN 55343.

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 15th of the month for publication the following month. All material submitted for publication is subject to editing. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want materials returned.

Send your submissions to:

David Sommer, 3657 17th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Email: dsommer7@usiwireless.com.

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

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. You may also see a message alerting you if your membership is expiring soon, or has already expired. Please renew if it is time to do so. You can renew via the website (seniortennismn.org) or use the form to the right. Some explanation:

Your email address is needed so we can remind you to renew and to send you the monthly E-Update.

Enter your home address if it has changed.

Membership options: Printed & mailed newsletters are **included** as part of your basic membership. The only option is to get a printed and mailed Roster for \$4.

Send the form and your check to:

Sharon Gribble
1381 West County Road B2
Roseville, MN 55113



Want Ads

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

Personal Gardener. Garden help in Bloomington, Edina, S Mpls, & nearby. Lee Peterson 952-270-9472.

Free size 13 men's sport footwear! In-line skates, ice skates, x-ctry boots. David Sommer 612-276-1313.



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Newsletter past issues

You can view past issues of the newsletter on our web-site. Just click on About Us, then on Tennis Times Archive. To find a particular story, it may be easiest instead to use our index: About Us, then Tennis Times Index. Use the usual Search capability on your PC to find what you need. The Index currently goes back through 2008, but will continue to grow.

Renewal Form

Name _____

Primary phone _____

Secondary phone _____

Email address _____

Skill level (1.0 to 4.5): _____

If your home address has changed, enter here:

Choose one of the following membership levels:

☐ Basic membership: \$30

☐ Basic membership + printed roster: \$34

Players wanted

See also group play schedules page 7.

Captains: let the Editor know if you need a notice in this section.

Advertisers: reach 600 tennis players!

The Senior Tennis Times is published February, April, August & November. Mail delivery, plus web presence. Deadline 15th of month preceding publish date.

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Valentine's Party

For just \$15, 30 members enjoyed 2 hours of tennis and excellent snacks. Thanks to organizers Pam Campbell, Nancy Tarbox, and Jon Holmgren. Below, some pictures.



Why is my Newsletter late?

By David Sommer

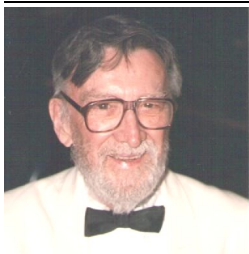
Well, it's because I was on vacation March 1 through April 3. And now it's been a rush to get this out so at least you'll have it about April 15. We were in Bonita Springs, Florida, at a place with a good tennis program. All clay courts, which takes a little getting used to. Here's a picture of friends Dave & Sherry Sprague, Louise, and me. We're just setting off for canoeing on a tidal creek—lots of birds, some alligators, and fish.



Miami Open

This year's Miami Open tennis tournament had an unusual result: all four of the winners (men's single, women's single, men's doubles, and women's doubles) were won by American players. Well, except Coco Vandeweghe's partner was Aussie Ashleigh Barty. Clockwise below: John Isner (Men's Singles), Bob & Mike Bryan (Men's Doubles), Coco Vandeweghe & Ashleigh Barty (Women's Doubles) and Sloane Stephens (Women's Singles).





Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.
21st Annual Jack Dow Tennis Round Robin
May 1-4, 2018, 9am-1pm
InnerCity Tennis, 4005 Nicollet Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55409
612-825-6844



Round Robin Rules

- **Fee:** \$15 per event, per person
- Applications must be received by Tuesday, April 24.
- Round-robin format—you will play *at least* three regular sets, or two 8-game pro sets. Round-robin groups will have 3 or 4 teams each.
- Divisions 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles.
- All entrants must play at or above their rating as published in the Senior Tennis Roster.
- 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 2018 automatically jumps to the next rating or *must* change partners.
- **Special rule for 3.5 divisions:** winners must move up a level for *the next two years*. This rule applies to winners 2017 and after.
- Those unable to find a partner *must* state that on the application. We'll help you find a partner.

- All entrants *must* be current members of STPC.
- **Please check in for your match at least 15 minutes early.**
- **Cancel after close date (April 24)—lose entire fee.**
- **Schedule:** Men's doubles and women's doubles will be played on May 1-2 (Tuesday-Wednesday). Mixed doubles on May 3-4 (Thursday-Friday).
- Men's 3.5 (our largest division) may require finals to be played Thursday morning.
- Detailed schedule will appear on our website Wednesday, April 25. It will also be posted at Inner-City Tennis. You **must** appear on the first date and time shown on that posting.
- Medal awards to the top two finishers per category

More info:

Jon Holmgren 612-702-7509
e_jon_holmgren@yahoo.com
or Pam Campbell 612-822-0567
pmscampbell@juno.com.

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!

Dow Application

Your Name: _____ Your Rating: ☐ 2.5 ☐ 3.0 ☐ 3.5 ☐ 4.0

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Men's Doubles ☐ 2.5 ☐ 3.0 ☐ 3.5 ☐ 4.0 ☐ N/A

Women's Doubles ☐ 2.5 ☐ 3.0 ☐ 3.5 ☐ 4.0 ☐ N/A

Mixed Doubles ☐ 2.5 ☐ 3.0 ☐ 3.5 ☐ 4.0 ☐ N/A

Partner needed? Write "Needed" for Name in form below.

1st Doubles Partner's Name: _____ Rating: ☐ 2.5 ☐ 3.0 ☐ 3.5 ☐ 4.0

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

2nd Doubles Partner's Name: _____ Rating: ☐ 2.5 ☐ 3.0 ☐ 3.5 ☐ 4.0

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Send Application and Check payable to STPC for \$15 per event, per person to:
Pam Campbell, 4934 Bryant Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419. 612-822-0567 pmscampbell@juno.com

Senior Tennis Players Club

Outdoor Drill Season: May through August 2018

COACH	DAY	TIME	PLACE	COST
Roger Boyer 612-802-5719 Rogerboyer2@Gmail.Com	Tue & Thu	9:00-10:30 AM Begins May 1st	Utley Park Wooddale & 50th St., Edina	\$8
Dilcia Pederson 612-824-6099 Dil- cia.Pederson@Innercitytennis.org	Mon & Wed	6:30-8:00 PM Begins May 2nd	Donaldson Park 35W West Frontage Rd, Richfield	\$5
Denny Wagner 612-578-8477 Dennis8477@Gmail.Com	Wed	6:30-8:00 PM Begins May 2nd	Breck High School 123 Ottawa Ave N Min- neapolis	\$5
ICT/Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center 612-825-6844 www.Innercitytennis.org	Mon & Wed	June 11 – Aug 29 50+ Drills: 8:30-9:30, 2.5-3.25 players 9:30-10:30, 3.5+ players	4005 Nicollet Ave S Min- neapolis	\$10
Call to reserve a place!	Fri	June 15 – Aug 31 50+ Drills: 9:00-10:30 2.0-3.5 players	Call to reserve a place: 612-825-6844	\$13
Fred Wells Tennis Center 612-252-8367 www.fwtec.org	Tue	2:00-3:30 PM Senior Drill	100 Federal Drive So. Call to reserve a place	\$13

Fed Cup Asheville

By David Sommer

USA women won the 2017 Fed Cup. The 2018 season started in Asheville, NC. Louise and I got tickets—just \$25/seat/session, total \$100. We watched our women defeat Netherlands, with singles victories by Venus Williams (2 matches) and by Coco Vandeweghe. That meant the final singles match and the doubles were “dead rubbers.” So instead of playing those, the USA team got permission to have Serena partner with Venus for, in effect, an exhibition. But I think Venus was tired, and Serena still recovering from childbirth and complications, so they lost. Still, great fun.



Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captain	Phone
SUMMER TEAM TENNIS 1) Lone Lake Park, Minnetonka 2) Eden Prairie Central Middle School 3) Bloomington or Richfield??? COORDINATOR: Mike Woolsey – (952)-937-2546 THIS IS NOT DROP-IN	Tue	9:00-11:00 am	4	3.5+ MW	Don Harnish	651-227-8387
					Nancy Read	952-388-9847
					Carol Rothe	952-920-4504 612-280-6292 Carrothe@comcast.net
					Sheila Bjore	763-476-9149 763-213-9041

2018 Spring/Summer Group Play Schedule

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

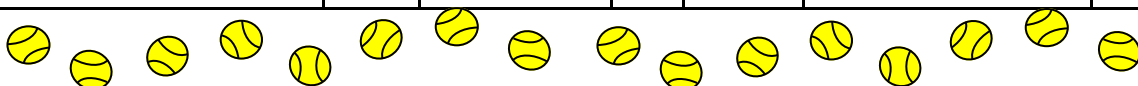
For corrections or changes to this Schedule, call
David Sommer at 612-276-1313 or Email him at dsommer7@usiwireless.com

●● St. Paul Area ●●

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Irondale High School Long Lake Road south of Cty Rd H, New Brighton	Sat	8:30-10:00 am	4	3	Wes Barnes	651-639-1034
Lauderdale Community Park Fulham & Roselawn, Lauderdale	Mon Thu	9:00-11:00 am	2	3.5+	David Sommer Not drop-in. Call!	612-276-1313
Lilydale 1015 Sibley Memorial Hwy	Tue	7:30-9:00 am	2	2.5-3.0	Marilyn Woolley	651-452-1691
Roseville Middle School 15 County Rd. B2 E; Little Canada; 2 blocks E of Rice St.	Mon Wed Fri	6:30-10:00 am 5/1 – 9/30	8	3.0-3.5	David Howard	651-353-8564
Tarton High School Greenway and 10 th St, Oakdale	Mon Wed Fri	9:00-11:00 am May and Sept 8:00-10:00 am June thru Aug	7	3.0-3.5	Captain needed	
Walton Park 1584 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale	Tue Thu Sat	8:00-10:00 May thru Sept	3	2.5-3.5	Captain needed	
White Bear Lake High School South Campus County Rd E and McKnight Rd White Bear Lake	Wed	5:30-7:00 pm	4	2.5-3.5	Larry Mahoney Not drop-in. Call!	651-335-3467
	Sat	10:00-noon Start April	4	3.0-3.5	Denis Woulfe Not drop-in. Call!	651-263-0749 woulfeden@hotmail.com

●● Minneapolis Area ●●

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Aquila Park, St. Louis Park Not drop-in. Call Rick.	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	5	3.5-4.0	Rick Van Doeren	952-897-3888
Bryant Park 85th and Bryant, Bloomington	Tue	8:30-10:30	4	All levels	Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397
	Thu				Linda Wright	952-895-1142
Brookview Park Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave Golden Valley	Sat	8:00-10:00 am	6	2.5-3.5	Gloria Kumagai	763-377-5602
Donaldson Park 75th and Humboldt, Richfield (Sometimes Logan & 68th St)	Mon Wed Fri	7:00-8:30 am	4	3.0-3.5	Ann Barten	612-724-0712
Dred Scott Park West Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Road, Bloomington	Mon Wed Fri	8:30-10:30 am	5	Open	Lily Abeln	952-688-3128
Holasek Park 6395 Pinnacle Dr., Eden Prairie. Hwy 494 & 62 Call first – subs may be needed	Mon	7:30-9:00 am	2	3.0-3.5 W	Libby Hargrove Bonnie Bolton	952-941-1313 612-922-9290



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<u>Holy Family School</u> 8475 Kochia Lane, Victoria	Tue Thu	8:30-10:30 am	8	Open	Steve Nelson	952-288-5835
<u>Neill Park</u> 13501 Upton Ave, Burnsville	Mon Wed Fri	9:00-10:30 am	6	2.0-3.0	Warren Porter Ron Peterson	952-431-5850 952-237-6701
<u>Lake Hiawatha Tennis Courts</u> 43 rd St & 27 th Ave, Minneapolis	Mon	1:30-3:00	5	Open	Dee Neeley	612-695-8569
<u>Lone Lake Park</u> Minnetonka June 2 through August 30	Mon Wed Fri	9:00-10:30 11:00-12:30	4	3.0-4.0 MW	Captain needed	
<u>Lyons Park, Golden Valley</u>	Wed	7:30-9:00	2	3.5 W	Joan Kruse	763-593-7604
<u>Parkers Lake</u> County Rd 6 & Niagara Lane Plymouth. From Hwy 494, exit on Hwy 6. Go west about 1 mile. Courts on north side of road, about one block from road.	Mon thru Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.5-3.5	Brian Kennedy	763-404-2691 763-449-6419
<u>Spring Lake Park High School</u> 1100 81st Ave NE, Spring Lake Park	Mon thru Thu	9:00-11:00 am	4	3.0-3.5	Clyde Carpenter	763-221-1315
<u>Terrace Oak Park</u> ½ mile E of Cty 11 on Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville	Fri	9:00-10:30 am	2	2.0-3.0 W	Ann Listug	952-890-9643 exerciseann@gmail.com
<u>12000 Ridgemount Rd, Plymouth</u> (N on Hopkins Crossroads, 4 blks, turn left (west) on Ridgemount Rd, 4 more blocks, courts on right)	Sat- Sun	3:00-5:00 Start May 16	4	3.0+ MW	Marv Schneider	952-540-6419