

Senior Tennis Times

The 50+ tennis experience

November 2018

STPC welcomes our July-September new members

New members join for many reasons and this summer the increase from four to six teams for the Summer Team Tennis group added eight new members. Drills were another draw for new members this summer and the fall group play has also seen an increase in players causing many groups to add courts.

A reminder to new members—don't forget to use your reward card to attend drills or a social event at no cost!! Not only a great way to explore the drill offerings, but also enjoy an evening of great tennis, food and conversation. Please welcome these new members:

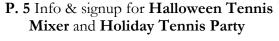
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Yes, we have a **Help Desk!**

Have questions about Senior Tennis Players Club (STPC)? A new help desk is here.



Looking for playing opportunities or information about being a group play captain or about STPC activities such as drills, social tennis events, team tennis, the Dow Round Robin, etc.?

Call the STPC Help Desk at:

(763) 310-1234

We will have the answer or we will find it for you.

Prez Presents

By Jon Holmgren, STPC President

Our annual picnic was held at Augsburg Park in Richfield on August 17. The potluck was fun and a lot of tennis was played. We went so long that next year we should figure how to turn on the lights!

The annual Senior Tennis Players Club luncheon was held at the Town and Country Club on Sept 22. The guest speaker was Esther Tsai, Executive Director of Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center. Esther told about the programs her center has for underserved kids in the community. (Pictures on page 8.)

The Dow Trophy was presented by last year's recipient Pam Campbell to Dennis Hykes for his long membership on our board and in particular his work in setting up drill schedules for the summer and winter seasons.

The luncheon honors our captains, summer and winter, whose work is essential to the success of STPC.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Tennis Mixer

Friday, October 26, 2018, 7:00-10:00 Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center Info and Signup page 5

Holiday Tennis Party

December 14, 2018, 7:00-10:00 Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center Info and Signup page 5

Online? See "CONTACT" on our (www.seniortennismn.org) for the help desk number and other ways to contact us.

That number is also listed at the top of the masthead (left side of page 2) on every issue of this Newsletter.

Suggestion: record that number on your phone, with name like "Senior Tennis Help Desk."



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Ad rates (first issue/additional i	ssues):
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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 tv	vo inches; \$20
each additional inch.	

Vertical: \$75 first two inches; \$25 each additional inch.

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

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Membership total: 675

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In Memory...

Ed Backstrom, age 69 of Minneapolis, passed away at home. Ed was a retired attorney for the city of Minneapolis. Ed was a member of Senior Tennis from 2005. Ed loved the outdoors, and enjoyed tennis, volleyball, biking, scuba diving, skiing, golf and photography.



The Dow Trophy

Pam Campbell, last year's winner, presented the trophy to Dennis Hykes at the Annual Luncheon.



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: dsommer?@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*.

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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 <u>one</u> of the following membership levels:
O Basic membership: \$30
O Basic membership + printed roster: \$34

Players wanted

See also group play schedules page 6.

Need 3.0-3.5 W at Reed-Sweatt Wednesdays 10:30-12:00 (no rush hour traffic!) Regular, shared, sub positions. Looking for fun? Marsha 612-790-1246 or marshajarvela@yahoo.com.

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

Advertisers: reach 675 tennis players!

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Indoor Drill Season: September, 2018 through April, 2019

Location	Day	Time	Instructor	Fee*
InnerCity Tennis. Reservations required.	Mon	10:30-noon 3.5+ players	Staff	\$15
	IVION	1:30-3:00 PM all levels	Dilcia Pederson	\$15
Call 612-825-6844	Tue	9:00-10:00 AM	Staff	\$10
		2.5-3.25 players		
		9:00-10:00 AM	Staff	\$10
		3.5+ players		
	Wed	Noon-1:00 2.5-3.25 players	Staff	\$10
		1:30-3:00 PM all levels	Dilcia Pederson	\$15
	Thu	9:00-10:00 AM	Staff	\$10
		2.5-3.25 players		
		9:00-10:00 AM	Staff	\$10
		3.5+ players		
	l Fri	9:00-10:30 AM	Roger Boyer	\$15
		2.0-3.25 players		
Fred Wells	Tue	2:00-3:30 PM	Staff	\$12
Reservations required.	2 nd , 3 rd ,	6:30-8:00 PM	Staff	\$12
Call 612-252-8367,	4 th , 5 th	(2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th Fridays, STPC		
ext. 0	Fri	hosted drill. 4 th Fridays, join		
		Fred Wells patrons for "4 th		
		Friday Tennis Social")		

^{*} Fee is for STPC members.

STPC offers drills & tennis socials at Fred Wells (The Fort)

By Dennis Hykes

Your Club is partnering with the Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center (Fort Snelling) to offer tennis drills and tennis socials on most Friday evenings during the indoor season starting in September.

month, STPC members can participate in drills or tennis socials at The Fort. Your Club is paying for a staff drill instructor and court charges for one or two courts. (On the first Friday evening of each month The Fort is turned over to juniors, so we cannot be accommodated on those dates.)

then pay and sign-in at the STPC table in the Lobby. ready the site for our regular indoor social events.) On Fourth Fridays (below), pay at the desk.

participate in "Fourth Friday at the Fort", a tennis so- It's a nice way to wrap up the week!

cial offered each month to all Fred Wells Patrons. These socials will offer the opportunity for tennis round-robins, mini-tournaments, and other on-court tennis activities, with refreshments.

Instead of participating in the Fourth Friday social on October 26th, players are urged to attend our Halloween Tennis Mixer, held the same evening at The Fort. And replacing the regular STPC drill on Friday, De-Here's how it works. On all but the first Friday of each cember 14th, players are instead urged to attend our Holiday Tennis Party there at The Fort.

This is a new offering for your Club, emphasizing the social aspect of senior tennis. It's an effort to better serve our members in Bloomington, the surrounding suburbs, and St. Paul. By hosting at Fred Wells in this format we will also be in regular touch with senior ten-Players will need to call in advance to reserve a spot nis players who are not currently members of STPC. (612-252-8367, ext. 0). The drills will be held from 6:30 And we welcome the opportunity to engage in addito 8:00 p.m., with a cost of \$12. Check in at the desk, tional tennis activities with The Fort. (The Fort is al-

This new offering will begin on the second Friday of On the fourth Friday of each month, instead of the September, the 14th, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Clear your calen-STPC drills format, our Club members are eligible to dar, join us at The Fort for tennis on Friday evenings.

Halloween Tennis Mixer

Where: Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center

When: Friday night, October 26, 7:00-10:00 PM

What: Come to play, eat, and socialize.

Courts, balls, and treats for an amazing \$15.00

Mail checks payable to STPC to: Nancy Tarbox, 5128 Juanita Ave, Edina, MN 55424. Please include your tennis rating.

Questions? nancytarbox@yahoo.com 952-927-9368

Registration ends October 23





Holiday Tennis Party

When: Friday, December 14, 7:00-10:00

Where: Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center

What: Plenty of tennis and good food

Cost: Just \$15!!

How: Pay by mail. Write check to STPC for \$15. Indicate also your tennis rating. Send to Nancy Tarbox, 5128 Juanita Ave, Edina, MN

55424. Questions: 952-927-9368



STPC Team Tennis

By Mike Woolsey

All in all, and despite some bumps in the road, the 2018 edition of summertime Team Tennis was a success! On the negative side, we had more rained-out matches this year than in the previous 5 years combined; one scheduled court venue that had to be replaced mid-season due to poor conditions; and a few players who had to retire midmatch due to health conditions, one fairly serious.

As for positives, we had 6 teams this year rather than 4, which allowed us to schedule 3 team matches every Tuesday. This gave us more variety of competition than in the past, making it more fun for everyone. We also were able to reserve courts at 2 new venues: Oak Grove Middle School in Bloomington, and St. Paul Academy in St. Paul. This continued a trend begun last year of balancing court locations between the east and west of the metro area. Our other main venues were Eden Prairie Central Middle School and Richfield's Augsburg Park. A total of 69 players took part this year, 48 regulars and 21 substitutes, a

substantial increase over the 2017 count, and 10% of the entire STPC membership.

Team Harnish was the league champion again this year, extending its run of consecutive championships. Kudos to Don and his team, for another season of excellent play! And congratulations to all the team captains: Sheila Bjore, Don Harnish, Joel Johnson, Michael Luxenberg, Nancy Read, and Carol Rothe. They do the hard work of finding willing substitutes from week to week and of keeping everyone happy.

There is already talk of trying to field 8 teams next year, and it's never too early to think about forming a team and being a captain!

The league final standings are as shown, with the numbers representing wins and losses of "pro-sets" (8 games for a win rather than 6).

Team	WLT	Pct.
Harnish	55 7 0	88.7%
Bjore	36 28 0	56.3%
Johnson	33 31 0	51.5%
Rothe	20 33 1	36.7%
Read	22 41 1	34.3%
Luxenberg	15 41 0	26.7%

Fall/Winter schedule 2018-2019

Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: www.seniortennismn.org 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.
- 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 Bonnie Niles.
- Note: some captains are actively seeking subs and/or regulars. Highlighting used as follows:

Regular players wanted	S	ubs wanted	Re	egulars and Sub	os wanted		
Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for start/end dates. For corrections or changes							
to this schedule, contact David Sommer at 612-276-1313 or <u>dsommer7@usiwireless.com</u>							
●● St. Paul Area ●●							
Location	Day	Time	Ct s	Skill	Captains	Phone	
St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club 600 Desoto, St. Paul	Mon	2:30-4:00 PM	3	2.5-3.5 MW	Lois Brink	612-251-5650	
Facility coordinator Annette	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Annette Adam	651-455-9319	
Adam 651-455-9319.	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	651-455-9319	
Wooddale Recreation Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Fred Johnson	651-459-6258	
651-209-9768		10:00-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614	
Facility Coordinator: needed.	Fri	8:30-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Ron Leitner	651-739-9732	
• • Minneapolis Area	••						
Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone	
Baseline Club 1815 4th St SE, Minneapolis	Mon	10:00-Noon	3	3.5+ MW	David Sommer	612-276-1313	
612-625-1433 Facility coordinator: Thue Rasmussen 651-917-0075	Wed	10:30-Noon	2	3.0 MW	Louise Halverson	612-722-7132	
	Thu	9:30-11:30 AM	4	3.5+ MW	David Sommer	612-276-1313	
		10:00-11:00 AM	1	2.5 W	Peg Houck	651-645-4453	
	Fri	9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	David Minke	612-757-6248	
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	2	3.0+ MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684	
100 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling 612-252-8367 Facility Coordinator George Burbie 651-688-2338 or 651-442-6704		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandra Loewen- stein	651-454-3699	
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Mary Rogers	952-240-0057	
	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM	1	2.5-3.0 MW	Marilyn Woolley	651-452-1691	
	Wed	9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0+ MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684	
	Thu	9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandra Loewen- stein	651-454-3699	
	Fri	9:00-10:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Shar Kiecker Nancy Harris	952-890-1470 952-891-1239	
		10:30-12:30 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Janet Mullen	952-212-5096	
Life Time Fitness Bloomington South Club	Fri	1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Barb Carpenter	612-598-9698	

PublicIndoorTennis.com	Mon	1:00-3:00 PM	4	3.5-4.0 MW	Gary Melby	763-755-7252
7833 Highway 65 N.E., Spring Lake Park 763-231-3109 Facility Coordinator: Diane Lehman 651-488-6147		8:30-10:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Gary Melby	763-755-7252
	Thu				Roberta Williams	651-631-1201
		10:30-Noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Carol Pierce	763-424-6665
InnerCity Tennis		NOTE: RSFTC has	s mai	ny open courts	s. If you need perman	ent court time
4005 Nicollet Avenue S Min-		for your group, call the tennis desk at 612-825-6844.				
neapolis		7:00-8:30 AM	3	3.5-4.0 MW	Rick Van Doeren	952-897-3888
612-825-6844 Facility Coordinator:		7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0 MW	Carol Thompson	952-929-0844
Mary Schneider 952-540-	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	1	2.5-3.0 W	Diane Hurley	612-866-0301
6419	•	10:00-11:30 AM	3	3.0 W	Bonnie Bolton	612-922-9290
		11:00-12:30 PM	2	2.5 MW	Charlotte Grantier	952-934-3425
		11:30-1:30 PM	_	3.5-4.0 MW	Brian Kretsch	651-645-6399
		11.30-1.30 PW	5	3.3-4.0 10100	Garfield Clark	612-868-8314
		7:00-8:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Ann Barten	612-724-0712
		9:00-10:30 AM	1	2.5 MW	Donna Borgerding	612-721-7038
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.5 MW	Fred Sewell	612-285-3216
	Tue	9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 MW	Ken Rich	612-377-4682
		10:30-Noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Dennis Moody	651-488-8124
		1:30-3:00 PM	2	3.5 W	Gwen Orstad Mary Gleason	952-285-6948 612-925-2026
	Wed	9:30-11:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 W	Bonnie Bolton	612-922-9290
		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
	Thu	7:00-8:30 AM	4	3.0-3.5 MW	Jean Robbins	952-738-1704
		7.00-0.30 AIVI	4		Charlie Robbins	952-934-0209
		8:30-10:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Linda Wright	952-895-1142
					Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397
	Fri	9:00-10:30 AM	2	3.5 MW	David Butler	612-798-0402
		10:30-12:30 PM	3	3.0-3.5 M	George Foulkes	952-544-9242
		12:30-2:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 MW	John Dickinson	763-533-9300
Williston Fitness and	Mon	7:00-8:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 W	Sharon Engel	763-383-0575
Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka Facility Coordinator Bryan Kennedy 763-404-2691 or	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	1	3.0 MW	Arnie Nelson	763-473-2089
	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Doug Reeder	952-934-8921
	Thu	7:30-9:30 AM	2	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-540-6419
	Fri	2:00-3:30 PM	1	3.0 MW	Arnie Nelson	763-473-2089
763-449-6419	Sat	3:00-5:00 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Mary Burns	612-867-6898
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August Picnic

The August picnic was a great success! Nearly 50 people—Senior Tennis Players Club members and guests—met at Augsburg Park for 3 hours of good tennis and shared a potluck dinner. Our club reserved all the courts and provided balls for this no-cost event.

If you enjoyed this social event or missed it and now regret it, sign up for the Halloween Tennis Mixer (October 26) and Holiday Tennis Party (December 14)! Details are in this issue.

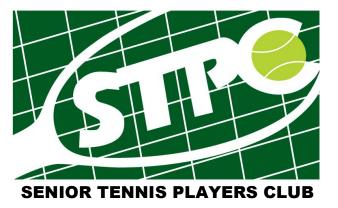






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Pictures from Annual Luncheon



Jim Handy, Dennis & Myra Hykes and Thue Rasmussen



President Jon Holmgren and our speaker Esther Tsai





Captain's reward

Last April, my Baseline tennis group presented me with this huge antique trophy. (Courtesy Alan Yelsey.) I was grateful for the recognition, though all captains deserve as much. Thanks to all!

-David Sommer

