



Senior Tennis Times

The 50+ tennis experience

April 2019

STPC welcomes our January and February new members

STPC is happy you've decided to join in on the fun of playing tennis, making new friends and staying active. STPC welcomes these new members:

Elizabeth Anderson	Clare Hoecherl	Pamela McInnes
Mary Atmore	Betty Johnson	Todd Meltzer
John Groven	Michael Johnson	Gary Swanholm
Cindy Harriage	Daniel Kampa	Charles Weed
	Jeanne Luebker	

STPC Team Tennis League *Think Summer!*

League matches are played on outdoor courts, on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, from mid-June through mid-August. Each player plays one pro-set of doubles and one of mixed doubles. Team scores and standings are reported each week, and at season's end the leading team is declared Champion!

If interested in playing, either as a regular or sub, or better yet, of captaining a team, contact Mike Woolsey at mj_woolsey@yahoo.com, or 952-937-2546.

And, oh yeah, Team Captain Sheila Bjore adds "It's a lot of fun"



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President's Message

By Marilyn Kelley, STPC President

In order for our club to run smoothly and to run at all, STPC must have a Board of Directors to make decisions and carry out certain tasks. We have been so lucky to have Jon Holmgren as our President for the past two years, but he has decided to move on to other board responsibilities. Thank you, Jon, for your wonderful presence these last two years.

As the new President of Senior Tennis Players club, I'd like to introduce myself. I have been on the board for two years and a member of STPC since 2010. I've always enjoyed playing tennis and joining STPC has been one of the best things I have done for myself. Love the various formats (drills, Pop-Ups, group play, social events, Team Tennis, and Dow round robin) and the friendships fostered have been the best.

Retiring from the board is David Sommer. STPC extends thanks to David who has contributed in so many ways to the workings of STPC. The most visible is publishing Senior Tennis Times. Thank you, David, for all your good work!

STPC continues to be extremely fortunate in securing volunteer services for the STPC board and welcome Brian Kretsch, Bonnie Niles and Tom Campbell. (Board members, positions and contact information is located on page 2).

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know. (952-334-2146 or mkelley@blakeschool.org).

Our tennis events continue to be lively and well-attended. Thanks to Nancy Tarbox and Pam Campbell for again planning and organizing the successful Valentine Mixer (photos on page 8).

Upcoming Events

Sign up for the Dow! See page 4

Dow is May 6-9 this year. **Deadline** to sign up is Monday, April 29. Find a partner and play!

Annual Picnic

In August. Date & place TBD.

Captains Luncheon—save the date

September 14, 11:00-2:00

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Senior Tennis Times

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Advertising

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Half page on back cover 125/100

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 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 Dick Peik at dick@peiks.net
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Still crazy after all these years!

By David Sommer

Yes, crazy about Senior Tennis, but not so confused that I don't know when it's time to leave! I've been editing the Senior Tennis Times newsletter for more than 15 years. I was a youth of 64 when I started in 2003; now I'm 80.

Am I leaving the board? Yes.

Am I leaving STPC? No way!

Will I continue to help where I can?

Certainly, including helping with the website, keeping up the drill and group play schedules, and contributing stories to the newsletter.

Your current Board of Directors is the best I've served with. I'm confident

the club is in good hands with such leadership. Your new president, Marilyn Kelley, has awesome management skills: firmness as to what needs to be done, but a light touch in working with our many volunteers.

Finally, I am certain that the new editor, Dick Peik, will bring a fresh approach to the Senior Tennis Times. He has both impressive writing skills and the technical know-how to produce a better newsletter than I ever could.



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:

Dick Peik, 2000 22nd Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Email: dick@peiks.net.

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.



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Newsletter past issues

You can view past issues of the newsletter on our website. 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

NEW STPC Pop-Up Tennis

STPC Pop-Up Tennis is a new opportunity to play at your skill level when you want, meet new players and become more engaged in the Senior Tennis Players Club.

You will receive Pop-Up Tennis email notices 7 to 10 days prior to a Pop-Up event, which will be held at various dates, times and locations. Simply Reply your intentions as explained in the email.

During the next few months of Pop-Up Tennis experience, we will work to meet demand in frequency and location.

Watch for this invitational email and join us on the courts.

STPC Pop-Up Tennis Invitation to Play
Questions? Call Jim Handy at (612) 743-3314

Players wanted

Lots of snowbirds this time of year, so captains are struggling to fill their courts. Great opportunity to sub or be a regular. **See** group play schedules on our website.



Captains: let the Editor know if you need a notice in this section. Also, see the "color codes" on the schedule. If you want your entry to use such a code, let David Sommer know: dsommer7@usiwireless.com.

22nd Annual Jack Dow Tennis Round Robin



May 6-9, 2019, 9am-1pm
InnerCity Tennis, 4005 Nicollet
Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55409
612-825-6944



Join Us!

Fun, exercise, play with new people at your rating level (2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0).

Play in men's doubles or women's doubles and/or mixed doubles.

We'll even find you a partner if you don't have one.

Round-robin format: Play at least three regular sets or two 8-game pro sets.

Schedule: Men's & women's doubles on May 6-7 (Mon-Tue). Mixed doubles on May 8-9 (Wed-Thu). Men's 3.5 may require finals played Thursday AM.

Detailed schedule will appear on our website.

Apply before Monday, April 29. Mail your application form to Pam Campbell (Address at bottom of the form).

Fee: \$15 per person. Send check payable to STPC with application form. Or, use your STPC New Member Reward Card by checking it on application and presenting it at the Dow Round Robin registration desk. For more info:

Jon Holmgren: e_jon_holmgren@yahoo.com
612-702-7509 OR

Pam Campbell: pmscampbell@juno.com 612-822-0567.

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

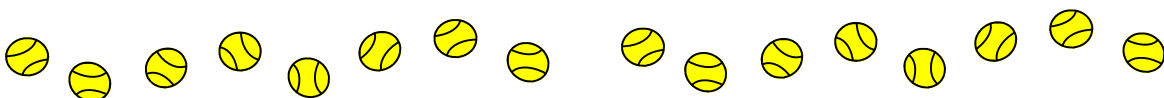
Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

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

I will use my STPC New Member Reward Card. (Present your card at Dow registration desk.)



STPC 2019 Summer Tennis Drill Schedule, May through August, 2019
NOTE: For ICT and Fred Wells, call or check their website to confirm!

COACH	DAY	TIME	PLACE	COST
Roger Boyer 612-802-5719 Rogerboyer2@Gmail.Com	Tue & Thu	9:00-10:30 AM.	Utley Park Wooddale & 50th St., Edina	\$8
Dilcia Pederson 612-824-6099 Dil- cia.Pederson@Innercitytennis.Org	Mon & Wed	6:30-8:00 PM	Donaldson Park 35W West Frontage Rd, Richfield Just north of 76th St.	\$5
Denny Wagner 612-578-8477 Dennis8477@Gmail.Com	Wed	6:30-8:00 PM	Breck High School 123 Ottawa Ave N, Golden Valley	\$5
ICT/Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center 612-825-6844 www.Innercitytennis.org Call to reserve a place!	Mon & Wed	50+ Drills: 8:30-9:30, 3.0-3.25 players 9:30-10:30, 3.5+ players	4005 Nicollet Ave S Min- neapolis Call to reserve a place: 612-825-6844	\$10
	Wed	11:0 AM – Noon All levels		\$10
Fred Wells Tennis Center 612-252-8367 www.fwtec.org	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM Senior Drill	100 Federal Drive S. Call to reserve a place 612-252-8367	\$12
		2:00-3:30 PM Senior Drill		\$12

Summer outdoor drills to be a repeat of last year

By Dennis Hykes

The snow is melting, and that means outdoor tennis is coming!

After a good response to STPC’s outdoor drill offerings last year, the Club is pleased that the same outdoor drill schedule will be in place for this summer, from May through August.

So that means:

Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Donaldson Park Richfield, with Instructor Dil Pederson. Fee is \$5.

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at The Breck School, Golden Valley, with Instructor Dennis Wagner.

We need your input for the Annual Luncheon!

The STPC Board is reviewing the structure of our Annual Luncheon. Participation has dropped off greatly in the last few years. To improve attendance, the STPC Board is proposing a trial change to this event. **We need your input in this process!** Please email a response to the following questions:

Are you thinking about attending the Annual Luncheon

Fee is \$5.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., at Utley Park, Edina, with Instructor Roger Boyer. Fee is \$8.

These are ‘open’ drills, available to all STPC members, regardless of skill-level.

As before, players are asked to pay upon arrival by cash or check, and sign in. The Club’s ‘Rewards Card’, offered to new STPC members and those recruiting new members, can also be used in place of cash. We also welcome guests to our drills, as a way of introducing one of the standard benefits of membership in STPC. Encourage your non-member tennis-playing friends, to participate!

How great it will be to be outside again for tennis drills! It’s been a tough winter.

planned for September?

Any suggestions for improving this event?

We are considering a “No-host Luncheon” at a local restaurant. Participants would make their menu selection and pay at the event. Hopefully this will encourage tennis groups that play together to enjoy a lunch together.

Reply to: Nancy Tarbox at nancytarbox@yahoo.com

2019 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

Some captains need players. Highlighting as follows:

Regular players wanted

Subs wanted

Regulars & Subs wanted

●● St. Paul Area ●●

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Iroindale 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	8:30-10:00 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	7:00-10:00 am 5/1 – 9/30	8	3.0-3.5	Ken Mathews	651-260-6606
Tarten 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 am May thru September	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.	651-335-3467
	Sat	10:00-noon Start April	4	3.0-3.5	Denis Woulfe Not drop-in. Call!	651-263-0749 woulfed- en@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 85 th and Bryant, Bloomington	Tue Thu	8:30-10:30	4	All levels	Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397
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 75 th and Humboldt, Richfield (Sometimes Logan & 68 th 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	952-941-1313
					Bonnie Bolton	612-922-9290
Holy Family School 8475 Kochia Lane, Victoria	Tue Thu	8:30-10:30 am	8	Open	Steve Nelson	952-288-5835
Neill Park 13501 Upton Ave, Burnsville	Mon Wed Fri	9:00-10:30 am	6	2.5-3.5	Warren Porter	952-431-5850
					Ron Petersen	952-237-6701
Lake Hiawatha Tennis Courts 43 rd St between 26 th & 27 th Avenues, Minneapolis	Mon	1:30-3:00	5	Open	Dee Neeley	612-695-8569
Lone Lake Park June 2 through August 30 Not drop-in. Call!	Mon Wed Fri	9:00-11:00	2	3.0-4.0 MW	Jack Baloga Not drop-in. Call!	952-944-5194
Lyons Park, Golden Valley	Wed	7:30-9:00	2	3.5 W	Joan Kruse	763-593-7604
Parkers Lake 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 thu Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.5-3.5	Bryan Kennedy	763-404-2691 763-449-6419
Edgewood Middle School 5100 Edgewood Dr, Mounds View	Mon thu Thu	9:00-11:00 am	4	3.0-3.5	Clyde Carpenter	763-221-1315
Terrace Oak Park 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 exer- ciseann@gmail.com
12000 Ridgemount Rd, Plymouth (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

●● Team Tennis ●●

TEAM TENNIS. COORDINATOR: Mike Woolsey – 952-937-2546 THIS IS NOT DROP-IN. Locations: Eden Prairie Central Middle School, St. Paul Academy, Bloomington Oak Grove Middle School (among other venues yet to be determined).	Tue	9:30-11:30 am	4	3.0-4.0 MW	Sheila Bjore	763-476-9149
					Don Harnish	651-227-8387
					Nancy Read	952-388-9847
					Carol Rothe	952-920-4504
					More captains	needed

What's the "Jack Dow Trophy"?

The trophy is awarded annually to a member who has given leadership to STPC with both enthusiasm and dedication. [This is the official definition.]

Note! This has nothing to do with our Jack Dow

1996 Percy Hughes	2004 Matt Little	2012 Bob Busch
1997 Mary Kaminski	2005 Bernice Hanson	2013 Ken Landro
1998 John Stecklein	2006 Jean Murdock	2014 Thue Rasmussen
1999 Richard Pratt	2007 Shirley Pratt	2015 Joan Thomas
2000 Chuck Supplee	2008 Marv Schneider	2016 Pam Campbell
2001 Sue Larson	2009 Caryl Minnetti	2017 Dennis Hykes
2002 Ronnae Wagner	2010 David Sommer	
2003 Bob Tischbein	2011 Rosalyn Bernstein	

Round Robin. Both, of course, are named after our founder.

To get a sense of the accomplishments of the winners, you can read their stories in the Tennis Times preceding or following the Annual Meeting. Here's a list of past winners:

Note: the year given is the year for which it was awarded. The award ceremony occurs at the following year's Annual Meeting. Thus, the 2018 winner is not yet determined, but will be awarded at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

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Social tennis events

By Nancy Tarbox

The Valentine's Mixer on February 15 was a great success. Holding our mixers on Friday nights at Fred Wells (Ft. Snelling) seems to be popular with our members. Each time we've filled our 5 courts! For \$15, players get 3 hours of tennis and food. New members can use their Rewards Card for a free social event. Our next club mixer will be the traditional August picnic on outside courts. Watch for the E-updates and also check the website to keep posted on details!



Yes, we have a Help Desk!

Have questions about Senior Tennis Players Club (STPC)? 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

