

The 50+ Tennis Experience
Senior Tennis Times
Quarterly Newsletter • Fall 2019

Serving up quarterly news & event updates to keep STPC's members informed, connected, and enthusiastic about playing tennis!



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Joel Johnson & Nat Fuller pose for a photo after winning the 4.0 Men's Doubles in STPC's Jack Dow Round Robin.

2019 Jack Dow Round Robin Attracts over 30 Teams

Another successful Jack Dow Round Robin took place in April at InnerCity Tennis.

Over 30 teams enjoyed doubles and mixed doubles at the 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 playing levels. Teams played at least three regular sets or two 8-game pro sets for each event they entered.

An excellent suggestion for next year was made to include an opportunity to play additional tennis for those who wish. More

information will be communicated on this as planning begins for the 2020 Dow - which will be held the week of May 4, 2020!

Start thinking about who your 2020 partner(s) could be over winter play. If you do need a partner, have no fear, STPC will find one for you!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped make the event memorable for participants. View photos of winners on pages 8 and 9.

Upcoming Events

Happy Hour with the STPC Board

Thursday, Sept. 5, 4:30pm

Join the STPC Board at Harriet's Inn in South Minneapolis to talk all things tennis. 4000 Lyndale Avenue South. **More info on page 7.**

Halloween Tennis Mixer & Party

Friday, Oct. 25 (7-10pm)

Do not miss this Spooktacular event at Fred Wells and Tennis Education Center.

More info and sign up on back cover.

Holiday Tennis Mixer & Party

Friday, Dec. 13 (7-10pm)

Save the Date for this fun event at Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center - **more information to come in the November newsletter.**

Letter from President Marilyn Kelley



The Jack Dow Round Robin was held May 6-9 with 30+ doubles teams playing in three divisions: 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0. STPC would like to especially acknowledge the work of volunteers Pam Campbell, Nancy Tarbox, Steve Bruell,

Mike Woosley, Tom Campbell, David Sommer, Jon Holmgren, and Chair Jim Handy, without whose efforts this round robin would not have been possible. Photos of the medal winners can be found on pages 8-9.

STPC, in partnership with Dr. Ruby Nguyen of the University of Minnesota, received a USTA 2019 Community Tennis Grant to fund a multi-generational tennis program that paired

STPC grandparents and their grandchildren. Program details can be found on page 7.

The fall/winter indoor drill and group play programs begin in September. Check this newsletter to see which drill or group best suits you. And don't forget about Pop-Up Tennis, a program introduced last year, which is a great way to drop in and play with different members.

New this fall is happy hour after a Board meeting at Harriet's Inn to celebrate the summer tennis we have all hopefully enjoyed! Details on page 7!

Check out an opportunity to volunteer at ICT Super Saturdays to promote STPC on page 3.

See you on the courts! *-Marilyn*

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Membership Total: 628

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STPC Sponsoring Two Super Saturdays at InnerCity Tennis

September 28 & October 12 from 3:30-6:30pm

InnerCity Tennis' (ICT) Super Saturday Program offers families a chance to bring their children, starting at age three, to engage in fast-paced physical activity while learning tennis basics.

There are opportunities for our members to volunteer this fall since STPC is sponsoring two of ICT's Super Saturdays. The goal of STPC volunteers is to connect with those who bring their children/grandchildren to participate in Super Saturdays. You will provide information about STPC's tennis-playing opportunities and hand out brochures, membership forms, information on New Mem-

ber Reward Cards, and answer questions. Program times are 3:30-5:00 and 5:00-6:30.

If you are interested, contact Jon Holmgren at e_jon_holmgren@yahoo.com or call 612-702-7509 or Brian Kretsch at kret0010@umn.edu or call 612-353-2283.

In addition to volunteering on STPC sponsored Super Saturdays, check out additional volunteer opportunities with ICT at www.innercitytennis.org/volunteer. Volunteering is a great way to learn more about the work ICT is doing to honor its mission of developing the potential of youth



Board Member Jon Holmgren volunteering at InnerCity Tennis' Super Saturday Program. Over 50 volunteers participate each week, many of whom are STPC members.

on and off the tennis court by engaging and serving a supportive community.

Pop-Up Tennis Season Two

A great way to drop in and play tennis with different members

STPC Pop-Up Tennis is an opportunity to play at your skill level, when you want, without a season-long commitment. If you are a new member, Pop-Ups are a great opportunity to engage and meet other members, which can lead to group play.

How it works: As a STPC member, you will receive email invitations to STPC Pop-Up

Tennis events. STPC Pop-Up Tennis events will be set up at different dates, times, and facilities with a 7 to 10 day notice. If you want to play, simply reply to the email and we will reserve a place for you on a first-come, first-served basis!

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to help at the events as much or as little as you like.

Greet players, direct them to the courts, hand out balls, etc. Or, be a standby sub.

If interested or you have questions, contact either Jim Handy at jimlhandy@gmail.com or call (612) 743-3314 or Jon Holmgren at e_jon_holmgren@yahoo.com or call (612) 702-7509.



POP UP

TENNIS: Play without a full season-long commitment, and get to know new people!

Group Play is the Heart of STPC!

If you're looking for a group of tennis friends to play with regularly, you're in the right place. STPC has tennis groups playing doubles all over the Twin Cities at different times and skill levels. Senior Tennis negotiates deals with tennis clubs so in most cases you do not have to be a member.



In Group Play, you can play Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, or Mixed Doubles. Winter tennis groups have set players who agree to play at an appointed time and location, because court time costs money for indoor play.

- "Regulars" agree to play every week or on a regular basis. "Substitutes" get called when a regular can't make it to a scheduled group play session. Subs may say yes or no to each request, depending on their availability.
- After finding a group you are interested in joining, contact the captain (contact information is located below). If you want to be a regular, ask if spots are available. Don't be discouraged if no regular spots are open. As a sub, you will likely get called often and can move into a regular spot when one opens up and you can sub for multiple groups.
- Be sure to show up. Once you've got your tennis group play date set, make sure you come. The whole group is counting on you!

2019-20 Indoor Group Play Schedule | Sept-April (Winter)

Updated Schedules Available Online: www.seniortennismn.org/play-tennis/group-play/

Regulars and Subs Wanted	Subs Wanted	Regulars Players Wanted
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•• St. Paul Area ••

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club 600 Desoto, St. Paul, Facility Coordinator: Annette Adam, 651-455-9319.	Mon	2:30-4:00 PM	3	2.5-3.5 MW	Lois Brink	612-251-5650
	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Annette Adam	651-455-9319
	Thu	9:00-10:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	652-436-2614
	Fri	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Annette Adam	651-455-9319
Wooddale Recreation Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury, 651-209-9768, Facility Coordinator needed.	Mon	8:30-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Fred Johnson	651-459-6258
		10:00-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	652-346-2614
	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, 612-625-1433, Facility Coordinator: Thue Rasmussen 651-917-0075.	Wed	10:30-Noon	2	3.0 MW	Louise Halverson	612-722-7132
	Thu	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 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+ MNW	Fred Johnson	651-459-6258
		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	Mary Rogers	952-240-0057
	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 Loewenstein	651-454-3699
	Fri	9:00-10:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Shar Kiecker	952-890-1470
		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 7833 Highway 65 N.E., Spring Lake Park, 763-231-3109 Facility Coordinator needed.	Mon	12:30-2:30 PM	4	3.5-4.0 MW	Gary Melby	763-755-7252
	Thu	8:30-10:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Gary Melby	763-755-7252
		10:30-Noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Kathy Giese	763-432-7262
InnerCity Tennis 4005 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis, 612-825-6844, Facility Coordinator needed. NOTE: InnerCity Tennis has many open courts. If you need perma- nent court time for your group, call the tennis desk at 612-825-6844.	Mon	7:00-8:30 AM	3	3.5-4.0 MW	Rick Van Doeren	952-897-3888
		7:00-8:30 AM	3	3.0 MW	Carol Thompson	952-929-0844
		8:30-10:00 AM	1	2.5-3.0 W	Diane Hurley	612-866-0301
		10:00-11:30 AM	3	3.0 W	Bonnie Bolton	612-922-9290
		10:30-noon	3	3.5	David Sommer	612-276-1313
		11:00-12:30 PM	2	2.5 MW	Charlotte Grantier	952-934-3425
		11:30-1:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 MW	Brian Kretsch	651-645-6399
	Tue	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
		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	952-285-6948
	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
		11:00-1:00 PM	5	3.5-4.0 MW	Bill Warner	612-275-7813
		1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.5-4.0 M	Dick Mills	952-925-5851
	Thu	8:30-10:30 AM	3	3.5	David Sommer	612-276-1313
		7:00-8:30 AM	4	3.0-3.5 MW	Jean Robbins	952-738-1704
					Charlie Robbins	952-934-0209
		8:30-10:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	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	Jim Handy	612-743-3314
		12:30-2:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 MW	John Dickinson	763-533-9300
Williston Fitness and Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka, Facility Coordinator needed.	Mon	7:00-8:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 W	Sharon Engel	763-383-0575
		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	Help Desk	763-310-1243
	Fri	2:00-3:30 PM	1	3.0 MW	Arnie Nelson	763-473-2089
	Sat	3:00-5:00 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Seymour Mansfield	612-701-4295

Two Newly Elected Board Members Replace David Sommer

Bonnie Niles & Tom Campbell Join Board

The STPC Board welcomed Bonnie Niles and Tom Campbell to replace outgoing member David Sommer at the Board's April meeting. Bonnie is serving on the Long Range, Marketing & Membership, and Group Play & Pop-Up Tennis committees and Tom is serving on Communications, Finance, and Group Play & Pop-Up Tennis committees.

Bonnie Niles - As a Physical/Health Educator and Coach, my mission has been to be involved, active and always promoting girl's and women's sports. Leaving the classroom and retiring has given me time and energy to be a tennis player/competitor and STPC Board member promoting tennis for all Seniors. My focus continues on being Active, having Fun,

18+, 40+, 55+, 65+, mixed, league, and USTA teams, allowing me to go 3 times to play on National teams. Pop-Ups, drills and STPC Summer Team Tennis are great ways to meet other STPC members. BEST of all are the tennis players I have the opportunity to engage with On and Off the court. Life is Good at 70!

Tom Campbell - I joined the board about a year ago. As I passed 50, I wondered what activity could occupy my time in retirement. I really don't like golf and I can only read and play with the grandkids so much. I played tennis for a few years in my early 20's so wondered if I could still hit the

ball. A Community Ed class convinced me that I could and that I enjoyed it! I learned about open play at Parkers Lake and there I learned about STPC. I joined soon after and have often said it's the best \$30 I've ever spent. Maybe a dozen years later, I now play in two groups pretty much year round and find I really do enjoy the play and the people. Then I checked the box on the member renewal and found that they really do follow up! Now I'm seeing that it does take effort to keep things running smoothly and that there are challenges we all face.



STPC BOARD, Back row: Dick Peik Jim Handy, Dennis Hykes, Mike Woolsey, Front row: Nancy Tarbox, Bonnie Niles, Marilyn Kelley, Jon Holmgren, Sheila Bjore - Board members not in photo Steve Bruell, Brian Kretsch and Tom Campbell *Non-Board Volunteer*

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and meeting new tennis players. I currently play 4-5 times a week on

STPC Welcomes 32 New Members!

STPC is thrilled to see our new members playing in groups, joining the summer tennis teams and enjoying the drills. The strength and fun of STPC is in our membership!

Patty Brandt
Annette Ellson
William Proulx
Mark Thompson
Randy Nelson
Dennis Brinkman
Wayne Leebaw
Kevin Lindstrom

Tom Worthington
Dave Risinger
Steven Smith
Richard Rank
Gregory Schweda
Pete Wiechert
Michael Paparella
Teresa O'Rourke

Jim Vaughan
Linda Weyer
Matthew Schmitt
Jim Eisenreich
Michael Dalton
Kathleen Quinn
Peggy Willett
Janet Parker

Reward Card

Is it just for new members?

The Reward Card is for new members and for STPC members who invited them to join. Each receives a card entitling them to three free drills and a free tennis social event or the Jack Dow Round Robin. When your friend joins, just send an email to Sharon Gribble: monchka@comcast.net, or call 641-283-1069.

USTA Grant Paves Way for Grandparent/Grandchildren Clinic

Six Week Clinic Lots of Fun



Peggy Wellman watches her Grandson Liam use a "Catch-Racket" at a Summer Clinic.



United States Tennis Association (USTA) Northern offers grants to help initiate or expand community tennis activities. Proposals are to demonstrate a plan to promote and develop the growth of tennis.

Dr. Ruby Nguyen, Ph.D., Associate Professor at U of MN School of Epidemiology and Community Health, approached former STPC President Jon Holmgren in May at an STPC drill on whether STPC would be interested in pursuing a USTA sponsored community grant to support a multi-generational tennis experience.

Dr. Nguyen presented her proposal at the May STPC board meeting to have STPC members and their grandchildren participate in a summer tennis program. The STPC Board approved submitting a proposal to USTA Northern for a multi-generational summer tennis experience. STPC was awarded a 2019 Community Tennis grant that funded the six-week summer ten-

nis grandparent/grandchildren clinics at InnerCity Tennis (ICT) in June and July.

STPC members were surveyed and 27 STPC members responded that they were interested in the program. Sixteen grandparents and twenty-three grandchildren participated in the program that includes two grandparent-only tennis clinics, and six tennis clinics incorporating both the grandchild and their grandparent. Roger Boyer was the tennis professional who designed and is running the tennis clinics. As part of the program every grandchild has received an age appropriate racket, red tennis balls and equipment that Boyer has designed to help develop the correct service or the backhand motion.

An evaluation of the program and its success will be completed at the end of the summer and will include a form of photo diary for the grandchildren to answer questions about their ex-

periences with their grandparents and playing tennis. Results will be shared at the end of this year.

Happy Hour with the STPC Board

Open to all STPC members and their guests

Date / Time: Thursday, September 5, 4:30pm

Where: Harriet's Inn, 4000 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis, MN

Cost: Your drink(s). STPC is buying the first two rounds of appetizers.

Questions:

Contact Jon Holmgren at e_jon_holmgren@yahoo.com or (612) 702-7509

No tennis, but a chance to socialize with other members and if you have a question for a Board member, this is the opportunity to ask that question! The Jack Dow Trophy will be presented.



2019 Jack Dow Recipient to Be Honored September 5th

Jack Dow is credited not only with founding the Senior Players Tennis Club (STPC) but also with its longterm success. Dow passed away in 1996 at the age of 89. He loved the game of tennis, and played five to seven times a week. Following his death, STPC initiated a tournament/round robin in his name, which is held annually.



A BIG thank you to volunteers Pam Campbell and Jim Handy, who did a wonderful job of organizing the 2019 Dow.

To further honor STPC's founder, every year the Jack Dow traveling trophy is presented to a member whose attitude, character, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and service best typify the ideals of STPC. The Jack Dow recipient will be honored on September 5th at Harriet's Inn at 4:30pm.

2019 Jack Dow Medalists, Congratulations!



3.0 Men's Gold Medalists from left:
Doug Anders and Paul Broman



3.0 Men's Silver Medalists from left:
Jon Holmgren and Wayne Arndt



3.0 Women's from left:
Silver Medalists: Elaine Koyama & Katie Joseph
Gold Medalists: Louise Halverson & Susan Zeni



3.5 Women's from left:
Silver Medalists: Rita Grev & Carol Rothe
Gold Medalists: Marilyn Kelley, Sheila Bjore
Best Come Back: Joan Blomlie & Nancy Tarbox



4.0 Men's Gold Medalists from left:
Joel Johnson and Nat Fuller



4.0 Men's Silver Medalists from left:
Don Harnish & Jim Hoelman

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3.5 Men's from left:
Gold Medalists: Mike Woolsey, Michael Schneider
Silver Medalists: Art Bannerman, Steve Bruell



3.5 Mixed from left:
Gold Medalists: Mike Woolsey & Sheila Bjore
Silver Medalists: Shannon Smith & Mike Schneider



4.0 Mixed from left:
Gold Medalists: Don Harnish & Megan Bennett
Silver Medalists: Lori Henrich & Steve Bruell

Indoor Drill Season | September 2019 - April 2020

Call InnerCity Tennis or Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center to confirm drills!

We want you to enjoy tennis as much as we do, and improving your game is one way to do that! One of the great benefits of STPC membership is low-cost tennis drills from USPTA pros. Drills are held weekly and they run through the year. Drills are 60 or 90 minutes long. Pre-registration for these drills is generally required.



Location	Day	Time	Level	Instructor	Fee
INNERCITY TENNIS 4005 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis. Reservations required. Call 612-825-6844.	Monday	10:30-Noon	3.5+	Staff	\$18
		1:30-3:00	All Levels	Dilcia Pederson	\$18
	Tuesday	9:00-10:00 AM	2.5-3.25	Staff	\$13
		9:00-10:00 AM	3.5+	Staff	\$13
	Wednesday	Noon-1:00 PM	2.5-3.25	Staff	\$13
		1:30-3:00 PM	All Levels	Dilcia Pederson	\$18
	Thursday	9:00-10:00 AM	2.5-3.25	Staff	\$13
		9:00-10:00 AM	3.5+	Staff	\$13
	Friday	9:00-10:30 AM	2.0-3.5	Roger Boyer	\$18
FRED WELLS TENNIS & EDUCATION CENTER 100 Federal Drive, St. Paul. Reservations required. Call 612-252-8367.	Tuesday	2:00-3:30 PM	All Levels	Staff	\$15

Outdoor Drill Season Ends in August

STPC's outdoor drill program, which started in May, concludes at the end of August. Each week, five drills are offered in three locations, with both daytime and evening options available.

On Monday and Wednesday evenings Instructor Dil Pederson Stromberg leads a drill from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Donaldson Park,

Richfield (\$5/drill). On Wednesday evenings Instructor Denny Wagner leads a drill from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Breck School, Golden Valley (\$5/drill). And on Tuesday and Thursday mornings Instructor Roger Boyer leads a drill from 9:00 to 10:30 am at Utley Park in Edina (\$8/drill).

Drills are open to players of all levels, with no need to reserve in advance. STPC's outdoor drill programs are listed on the club website, for easy reference.

These drills are an easy way for prospective STPC members to 'try us out'. And upon joining, new members can take advantage of the Club's 'Rewards Card', which provides an introductory free pass to up to three drills and a Club Social Event.

As the summer wraps up, our thanks to Dil, Denny, and Roger for hosting these drills each week. And our thanks to the many enthusiastic Club members who have participated!

Two Public Clay Courts to Be Built in Southwest Minneapolis

Minneapolis Community Clay Courts Organization Looking for Volunteers

The Minneapolis Community Clay Courts (MCCC) organization is working to build community by making clay court tennis accessible to everyone in Minneapolis. Clay courts are traditionally considered more expensive than hard (asphalt) courts because of the constant maintenance required; however with the community doing the maintenance, clay courts are less expensive than hard courts. Clay courts are very popular with seniors because they are much easier on the body due to the softer surface and the ability to slide while playing.

The Minneapolis Park Board (MPRB) approved a donation agreement with MCCC at the June 26th Minneapolis Park Board meeting. This agreement allows MCCC to build two clay tennis courts at Waveland Triangle Park in Minneapolis. After the courts are built, MCCC will donate the courts to the Minneapolis Park Board. Maintenance of the clay courts will be done by the MCCC which will organize the community to complete this task. The MCCC is starting to raise funds to build the two clay courts, as well as choosing a contractor to help build the courts.

This is truly a community project that requires the tennis community to come together to make it a reality. Anyone interested in this project can help by joining the community working to make this happen by going to the following link: <https://www.letsplayclay.org/signup>. If you would like more details on the project or want to see other ways to get involved please email info@letsplayclay.org. Let's work together to make the joys of clay court tennis available to the public!

Tennis & Picnic Social Held On A Perfect Night

Approximately 40 Senior Tennis Players Club members and prospective members gathered at Augsburg Park in Richfield for an evening of tennis, shared picnic food, and fantastic conversation! The weather was perfect, and the courts were filled until dark. Thanks to all who helped move tables and clean up. Our next social event is the Halloween Mixer on October 25. A registration form is on the back of this newsletter.



Augsburg Park in Richfield was the host location for the STPC Tennis & Picnic Social, which was held on Friday, August 2.

Membership Renewal Form

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. You can renew via the website (seniortennisnmn.org) or use this form. Forms and checks can be sent to: Sharon Gribble, 1381 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113.

Name _____

Primary phone _____

Secondary phone _____

Email address _____

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If your home address has changed, enter here:

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Halloween Tennis Mixer Registration

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 18

*Send reservation forms and checks to Nancy Tarbox:
5128 Juanita Ave, Edina, MN 55424. Make checks payable to STPC.*

Date: Friday October 25, 7:00-10:00 PM
Where: Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center
Cost: Courts, balls and treats for an amazing \$15/person.
Guests welcome.

Name _____

Guest _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Rating _____

Questions? Call Nancy Tarbox at 952-927-9368

