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**Senior Tennis Times**  
Quarterly Newsletter • Winter 2019

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



*Jon Holmgren, "Mr. STPC," is pictured above accepting the 2019-2020 Jack Dow traveling trophy from Dennis Hykes.*

## **Prominent STPC Member Jon Holmgren Receives Jack Dow Award**

On September 5th, at the STPC Board-sponsored Happy Hour, Jon Holmgren was named this year's Jack Dow Award Recipient. Dennis Hykes, last year's recipient, presented the trophy to Jon, among cheers and applause from those present. Also in attendance were previous Award recipients David Sommer and Bob Busch.

After STPC Founder Jack Dow passed away in 1996, the Club established this annual Award in his honor. The Jack Dow Award

provides an opportunity to recognize individual Club members who have made significant contributions to STPC.

Jon is a former STPC President and is now completing his sixth year on the Board. During the first few years of his service, the Club was recovering from financial and operational challenges. Jon and others worked diligently to turn things around, resulting in improvements which are still visible today.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Holiday Tennis Mixer**

Friday, Dec. 13 (7-10pm)

Register now for this fun event at Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center - **more info and sign up on back cover.**



### **Valentine Tennis Mixer**

Friday, Feb. 14 (7-10pm)

Save the Date for this event at Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center. **Watch for sign-up info on the website and in E-Updates.**

### **2020 Jack Dow Round Robin** May 2020

Dates and registration information TBA. The event will again be held at InnerCity Tennis in South Minneapolis.

## Letter from President Marilyn Kelley



Wow – it's hard to believe that the summer of 2019 is over! Some of the hearty are still playing outside but the good news is that the indoor drills, group play and Pop-Ups are in full swing. Big thanks also to all the willing captains who made this summer's play so successful! Check out the article on Summer Team Tennis on pages 10-11.

Congratulations to Jon Holmgren, the recipient of the 2019 Jack Dow award. Jon received the traveling trophy at the Happy Hour gathering. This is a well-deserved honor as Jon has been and continues to be a very active volunteer for STPC. See page 1 and 3 for details.

Mark your calendars for the Holiday & Valentine Tennis Mixers. The registration form for the Holiday Tennis Mixer is on the back cover. These events in the past have had a wait list – register early!

Shout out to Shelia Bjore, Brian Krestch and Jon Holmgren for distributing information about STPC at the Inner City Super Saturday events.

It's the time of the year when STPC is looking for volunteers to consider becoming STPC Board members. Check the article on page 7 with details on applying for a Board position. It is a great opportunity to help further the Mission of STPC.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Tennis Event.

*-Marilyn*

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**Membership Total:** 641

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# "MISTER STPC"

## **Jon Holmgren is "Mr. STPC" 2019-20 Jack Dow Award Recipient**

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Since serving as President, Jon has been involved in virtually every Board activity. He helped design and implement the current summer drill model, helped to launch the new Pop-Up Tennis offering, and was a major contributor to the recent grandparent-grandchild tennis initiative made possible by a USTA grant.

In his remarks, Dennis referred to Jon as "Mr. STPC". Next time you see Jon on the court, congratulate Jon on his Award and thank him for his service to our Club!

Jon is pictured distributing information about STPC at a recent InnerCity Tennis Super Saturday event.



On September 5, twenty-seven members and guests of STPC gathered for a late afternoon of appetizers, drinks and socializing at Harriet Inn on Lyndale Avenue. The food was fabulous and the beautiful weather allowed us to gather on the patio. It was great to see a mixture of new and long-term members. We could not have asked for a better evening or location. This was a new event and by the response of attendees may be repeated next fall!

Those attending were pleased to learn that the only business of the event was the presentation of the Dow Trophy.

Thanks go to volunteers Dennis Hykes, Jon Holmgren and Marilyn Kelley who helped to make the Happy Hour event a success.

## **HAPPY HOUR WITH THE BOARD**

*September 5, 2019*

# 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/](http://www.seniortennismn.org/play-tennis/group-play/)

### Regulars and Subs Wanted   Subs Wanted   Regulars Players Wanted

#### •• St. Paul Area ••

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
<b>St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club</b> 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
<b>Wooddale Recreation Center</b> 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
<b>Baseline Club</b> 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
<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+ 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
<b>PublicIndoorTennis.com</b> 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
<b>InnerCity Tennis</b> 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	4	3.5-4.0 M	Dick Mills	952-925-5851
	Thu	8:30-10:30 AM	2	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
	Fri	8:30-10:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397
		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
<b>Williston Fitness and Sports</b> 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

# STPC Pop-Up Tennis

**Season is Underway - Look for an Email Invitation to Join!**



**Who should try it?** Pop-Up Tennis is a fit for new or longtime members.

**What is it?** STPC Pop-Up Tennis is an opportunity to play at your skill level when you want and without a season-long commitment. It's 90 minutes of doubles.

**When is it offered?** Pop-Ups occur 2-4 times in a typical month.

**Why should I try it?** Pop-Ups are a great opportunity for new and current members to engage

and meet other members. Pop-Up Play can lead to connecting with an on-going tennis group.

**How do I join in the fun?** Watch for an email invitation to a Pop-Up date, time and location. Simply reply you want to play and we will save you a place to play with others at your tennis level.

**Questions?** Contact either Jim Handy at jim handy@gmail.com or call (612) 743-3314 or Jon Holmgren at e\_jon\_holmgren@yahoo.com or call (612) 702-7509.

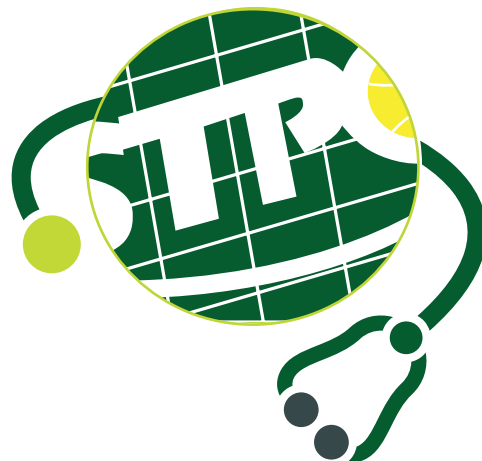


*POP UP TENNIS: Play without a full season-long commitment, and get to know new people!*

## Financial Health of STPC Excellent

*STPC maintains full transparency regarding our finances by including profit/loss statements, balance sheets, and total assets for over a decade on our website. To view this information, go to [seniortennisnmn.org](http://seniortennisnmn.org), and click About Us and then Financials.*

*Our current financial condition is excellent, despite our declining membership base. Our annual expenditures should be approximately equal to our annual revenue this fiscal year.*



# STPC Board Nominations Requested

**Volunteers with special areas of expertise welcome to assist Board as well!**

Nominations are open for STPC members who would be a good fit for the STPC Board of Directors. The club's By-Laws require a minimum of 5 Board members and a maximum of 13. The initial terms of board members expire after 3 years, and are then renewable 1 year at a time for up to 3 years total.

The Board currently consists of 11 members, 1 of whom must retire this year, and 6 of whom will have completed their initial 3-year terms by April and would be serving on a year-to-year basis after that. So, within the next few years, the Board may well need to replace over half its current roster.

Given these constraints, it seems prudent to add 2 or 3 new mem-

bers this year. All Board member terms, both initial and renewed, begin in April. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings, take part in discussions, and vote on motions. The board meets the first week of every

etc.). These responsibilities are commonly shared in committee. The current board is comprised of a very congenial and compatible group, committed to providing the best athletic and social experience for all the 638 members of the club.

To either nominate someone or apply yourself, please contact any board member listed. The Board is scheduled to complete review of board applications by the first of the year.

Also, in special areas of expertise, STPC members may serve the board as volunteers rather than as board members. For volunteers, attendance at monthly board meetings is not required.



*New Board Members and  
Volunteers Wanted!*

month, from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Beyond that, each board member is expected to assume some measure of responsibility for the club's core functions (e.g. marketing, communications, social events, group play opportunities,

## Contact a Board Member to Nominate Someone or Apply Yourself

Michael Woolsey, [mj\\_woolsey@yahoo.com](mailto:mj_woolsey@yahoo.com), Jim Handy, [jimlhandy@gmail.com](mailto:jimlhandy@gmail.com), Sheila Bjore, [sheilabjore@gmail.com](mailto:sheilabjore@gmail.com), Steve Bruell, [steven-bruell@uiowa.edu](mailto:steven-bruell@uiowa.edu), Dennis Hykes, [dennismyrahhykes@comcast.net](mailto:dennismyrahhykes@comcast.net)



## Welcome, New Members!

**Cigale Ahlquist, Michael Aydt, Connie Bates, Sue Ensign, Bridget Garvey, William Hane, Lea Hargett, Anne Helmholz, Sandy Hoffman, Jerry Ingber, David Mark, Maryellen Mikwold, Tom Mikwold, Liliana Orsi, Mike Schmidt, Nancy Johnson Sherwood, Juliana Tan, Pepper Tharp, Debby Tresidder, Hal Yngve**

STPC is thrilled you've decided to join in on the fun of playing tennis, making new friends, and staying active. Remember to use your reward card to cover the cost of an ICT drill or a social event! Attending a drill or a social event is a great way for us to meet you. Also, look for an email on "Pop-up Tennis". Pop-up Tennis is an excellent opportunity for new members to meet other members. All members are invited by skill level. Another way to become involved is to volunteer. STPC is a volunteer organization. Call our Help Desk at (763) 310-1234 to learn how you can volunteer!

# Indoor Drill Schedule | September 2019 - April 2020

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



We want you to enjoy tennis, 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
<b>INNERCITY TENNIS</b> 4005 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis. Note – As a courtesy, ICT has agreed to honor the STPC New Member Rewards card in place of payment for drills. The card provides for participation in up to three drills. Simply present the card to the ICT desk attendant for initialing, instead of paying. <b>Reservations required.</b> <b>Call 612-825-6844.</b>	Monday	10:30-Noon	3.5+	Staff	\$18
		1:30-3:00	All Levels	Dilcia Pederson	\$18
	Tuesday	9:00-10:00 AM	3.0-3.25	Staff	\$13
		9:00-10:00 AM	3.5+	Staff	\$13
	Wednesday	Noon-1:00 PM	2.5-3.0	Staff	\$13
		1:30-3:00 PM	All Levels	Dilcia Pederson	\$18
	Thursday	9:00-10:00 AM	3.0-3.25	Staff	\$13
		9:00-10:00 AM	3.5+	Staff	\$13
	Friday	9:00-10:30 AM	2.0-3.5	Roger Boyer	\$18
<b>FRED WELLS TENNIS &amp; EDUCATION CENTER</b> 100 Federal Drive, St. Paul. <b>Reservations required.</b> <b>Call 612-252-8367.</b>	Tuesday	2:00-3:30 PM	All Levels	Staff	\$15

## Indoor Drill Opportunities at ICT and Fred Wells

*STPC members are eligible for participation in the indoor drills offered each week to players 'Over 50' at Inner City Tennis and Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center. These drills are offered to seniors without the requirement of being a member of ICT or Fred Wells.*

**InnerCity Tennis:** drills are offered Monday through Friday. Some drills are open to all players, some restricted by skill level. The cost for all one-hour drills is \$13; the cost for all one and a half-hour drills is \$18. If you're a new member of the Club, your STPC Rewards Card can be used in lieu of payment for up to three drills at ICT. You need to call to reserve a spot, 612-825-6844.

**Fred Wells (Fort Snelling):** seniors can participate in a drill for all levels of play on Tuesdays, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15, call to reserve a spot, at 612-252-8367, ext. 0.

Drills are listed on the STPC website – go to Play, Tennis Drills, and click on the Winter Drills Schedule PDF.

# 2019 USTA Northern Community Grant Concludes

## Six Week Multi-generational Tennis Program Ends with October Pizza Party

Through the efforts of Dr. Ruby Nguyen, Ph.D., Associate Professor at U of MN School of Epidemiology and Community Health, and STPC Board members Jon Holmgren and Marilyn Kelley, STPC was a recipient of a 2019 USTA Northern Community Grant.

The six-week multi-generational tennis summer program was designed by Roger Boyer, Tennis Professional, and was very successful.

On Sunday, October 13 the STPC Grandparent and Grandchildren participants were invited back for one last session at InnerCity Tennis to celebrate the summer tennis and share pizza together.

Roger Boyer designed stations that involved strokes learned over the summer, included a new

drill for practicing volleys, and a fun-filled drill where a special racket with a hole in the sweet spot was used. The goal was to see the ball go through the sweet spot of the racket. Those who succeeded received an eyeball. A fun time for everyone!

Thank you to InnerCity Tennis for their support of this program.



*Groups practiced a fun-filled volley drill with a racket with a hole in it, where the goal was to get the ball through the sweet spot of the racket!*

### Membership Renewal Form

On the address label of this newsletter we have printed the renewal date of your membership. You can renew via the website ([www.seniortennismn.org](http://www.seniortennismn.org)) or use this form. Forms and checks can be sent to: Sharon Gribble, 1381 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113.

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# Summer Team Tennis 2019



Congratulations to Don Harnish and his team, that has won the championship every year for at least the past 7 years! They set a high standard.

However, competition between the teams seemed closer this year. For one thing, the league became “inter-club” for the first time, as it included a team from the Mixed Social Tennis Club (MSTC), and that team finished second in the standings. For



another, out of 179 doubles matches played, 36 ended with either an 8-7, 8-6, or 7-6 score, or 20% of the total.

We had 6 teams again this year, the optimal number in my view, and 2 new captains (Jim Handy, Michael Schneider).

In past years, we’ve played with as few as 4 teams, and a few times with 5, but 6 teams make for more variety and no necessity each week for one team to take a “bye.”

We played mainly at two reserved-court locations this year, in Eden Prairie and St. Paul, with one date in Richfield. The cost to reserve these courts for the entire season was only \$10 per regular player.

There were some “hiccups,” as is usually the case. Eden Prairie and St. Paul are at opposite ends of the metro area, and some players have refused to drive to one or the other location. Also, the weather this year generally wasn’t the best. Both the first and last days of the season were rained-out, as

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well as one other match mid-season, amounting to 7 cancellations among the 30 scheduled team matches. There was also a day when the heat-index hit our prescribed limit of 90 degrees toward the end of play, but we were able to complete all that day's matches.

As usual, captains had to scramble throughout the season to find willing and able substitute players, especially the newer captains, who are not as familiar with available players as the "old hands." Of course, summer-time is also a time of increased, personal schedule conflicts, making it a challenge for captains to field the same team from week-to-week.

All that being said, there are a lot of players who love team tennis! There were 82 players who participated this year, 48 regulars and 34 subs, and the majority are players who have played more than one year. No less than 7 members of the current 11-member STPC Board play Team Tennis, and their combined evaluation of the league is very positive, one of them even opining that the match format (two gender-specific doubles matches succeeded by two mixed doubles matches), is "ingenious."

In my view, Team Tennis occupies a unique STPC niche. First, the matches are played outdoors, during the day, in the summertime. Second, the matches have an element of competitiveness that lasts

throughout the season, as team standings are updated and posted each week. Third, the team context provides an association of players that is both season-long and, in most cases, multi-season-long.

It's sort of a hybrid between USTA and STPC Group Play. It differs from the USTA experience in that matches are played in the morning rather

than the evening, and the play is mainly against other STPC players. As such, it's also a hybrid of the social and competitive aspects, teams being formed on the basis of friendship as well as ability. Balancing those two aspects is often a challenge, but we do our best.

Team Tennis has been around for over 20 years now, and I expect it will continue into the future. Planning for the next season is continuous, accelerating in the month of March; but

commitments to it, as either captain or player, are welcome at any time, as are suggestions for improvement.

Finally, thanks to the team captains (Sheila Bjore, Carol Rothe, Don Harnish, Joel Johnson, Jim Handy, and Michael Schneider) for keeping it all going for another year!

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### ***SUMMER 2019 TEAM TENNIS STANDINGS\****

<b><i>Team</i></b>	<b><i>W</i></b>	<b><i>L</i></b>	<b><i>Pct.</i></b>
<b><i>Harnish</i></b>	<b><i>52</i></b>	<b><i>12</i></b>	<b><i>81.3%</i></b>
<b><i>Schneider</i></b>	<b><i>40</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>	<b><i>71.4%</i></b>
<b><i>Bjore</i></b>	<b><i>35</i></b>	<b><i>29</i></b>	<b><i>54.6%</i></b>
<b><i>Johnson</i></b>	<b><i>32</i></b>	<b><i>32</i></b>	<b><i>50.0%</i></b>
<b><i>Rothe</i></b>	<b><i>17</i></b>	<b><i>39</i></b>	<b><i>30.3%</i></b>
<b><i>Handy</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>	<b><i>56</i></b>	<b><i>12.5%</i></b>

***\*pro-sets won and lost***



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# Holiday Tennis Mixer!

Friday, December 13 @ Fred Wells Tennis Center (7-10pm)



**If you are going to be in town on December 13 and would enjoy an evening of tennis and good company, mail your registration sooner rather than later!** Information for signing up will be in the next E-Update, and also on our website. Our mixers are a good way to introduce prospective members to our club, so consider attending and inviting a friend to join us at Fred Wells (Fort Snelling Tennis Center).

**Word is out our mixers are really FUN!** We had an amazing EARLY sign-up for the Halloween Mixer with registrations filling much sooner than usual. Don't miss out on the Holiday Mixer - register early! To check out photos of the Halloween Mixer, go to the STPC website homepage, and click on the Facebook icon.

## Holiday Mixer Registration Form

**Register Early, Court Space is Limited!**

*Register early - STPC  
Mixers can fill fast!*

**Where:** *Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center*

**Cost:** *\$15 and bring an hors d'oeuvre to share*

**How:** *Write your check to STPC. Include your email address, phone number and tennis rating. Mail it to: Nancy Tarbox, 5128 Juanita Ave, Edina, MN 55424. After December 6, call Nancy before mailing your check to confirm availability.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rating** \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions?** Call Nancy Tarbox at 952-927-9368