

September 2022 Newsletter

SENIOR TENNIS TIMES

THE 50+ TENNIS EXPERIENCE

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



SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB
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Father-Daughter Teammates

Deb and Larry Bordsen

The 2022 STPC Dow tournament was held in May and was a great success! STPC thanks everyone who participated and invites all members to join next year, and to suggest more events like this that you would be interested in attending.

Deb and Larry Bordsen were a unique team that participated in this years Dow - they were registered as a father-daughter team in the mixed 3.0 division!

Deb and Larry started playing in the Dow in 2017, making this their 3rd straight year playing the tournament together. Those of you that have played with

Deb and Larry know how much fun it is to see them on the court.

Deb and Larry started playing together early, although perhaps infrequently. Like all of us in our earlier years, Larry was busy. After getting out of the Air Force, he worked as a Railroad telegrapher/station agent for Northern Pacific

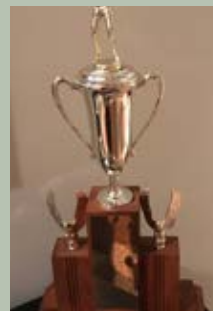
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Noteworthy

Halloween Mixer Friday, October 28

Save the date for this popular social tennis event at Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center: Friday, October 28, from 5:30-8:30pm. Make sure to register by October 15. Find all the event details and registration form on page 7.

2022 Jack Dow Trophy Winner



Check out the details about this year's winner on page 15.

Holiday Mixer Friday, December 16

It's not too early to start thinking about the Holiday Mixer at InnerCity Tennis on Friday, December 16. Space is limited, so register soon. Event details on page 14.

Social Survey Results

Thanks to the 85 members who responded to the recent survey about social events! Your social committee will make a few small changes to our tennis parties based on your feedback. We also got plenty of helpful comments, such as having an icebreaker activity and playing music (off the courts). Our next social tennis parties will take place late in October and early in December. (see registration pages in this newsletter.) Join us to play some fun doubles and chat with your fellow senior tennis players!

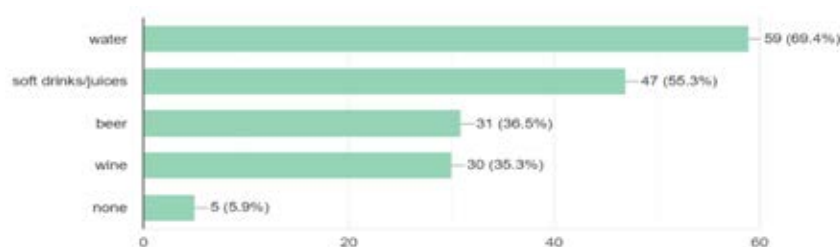
1) Have you ever attended a STPC tennis social event?

☐ Yes - 53% ☐ No - 47%

2) How often would you like STPC to offer a social tennis event?

☐ Once a month - 7%
☐ Four times a year - 53%
☐ Twice a year - 27%

3) Which beverages would you like STPC to provide?



Survey results continued on pages 12-13

STPC Mission: The Senior Tennis Players Club (STPC) provides tennis-playing opportunities for those 50 years and older to enhance their mental, physical, and social well-being. STPC provides a welcoming environment that seeks to reflect the diversity of the Twin Cities metropolitan area and to support the growth of tennis.

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Letter from STPC President Katie Grove



Fall is beginning and with that tennis moves indoors. You will find updated schedules to your tennis playing opportunities in this newsletter. You will also find a review of summer tennis and see that Team Tennis, Flex leagues and Group Play continue to thrive.

Pop-Ups, which are a part of the indoor season, were brought outdoors with the goal to introduce more players to tennis by playing free of charge at different sites around the Twin Cities. There were glitches along the way, but we are learning and a big thank you to Jon Holmgren who is already planning on ways to make outdoor Pop-Ups more successful next summer.

A very big thank you to all of our tennis captains; without them we would not have all of these opportunities for you the members.

Quite a bit of time was spent on updating the STPC Mission Statement to better reflect these goals. Please take a look and let us know what you think. (p. 2)

When I was elected as President of STPC, Kevin Veestra took over from me the reins of summer drills and has brought new ideas to these beloved summer offerings. One of

the goals of the STPC is to engage more members to play, so a drills class was designated for members who considered themselves beginners, an indoor drill at St. Paul Indoor Tennis, which had a steady following, and the addition of a drill for members who played at the 3.5 level and above has grown. We are trying to expand opportunities for members to play at different sites and levels.

In late July I had the pleasure of meeting the sons of Jack Dow,



Jim Dow, Jeff Dow, Katie Grove

Jim and Jeff (pictured above). We met for coffee, and they regaled me with stories of their dad and how he was a grass roots organizer going door to door asking people if they wanted to play tennis. If someone said they didn't know how, he told them he would teach them! This was the beginning of the Senior Tennis Players Club. We continue to honor his hard work with the annual Jack Dow

Round Robin and thank the Dow family for their continued financial support.

STPC is hard at work reviewing and updating the Bylaws. Next in line, the Policies and Procedure Manual.

Check out the information and registration forms on the upcoming Halloween (p. 7) and Holiday (p. 14) socials. Please consider attending; they are always great fun. STPC has determined that we

want the Newsletter to be more than a recap of tennis opportunities so you will find pro tips for tennis players, ideas on how to form a tennis group, and an article on a father-daughter tennis team.

We are membership driven and would love to hear from you if you have comments, concerns, and suggestions. Remember too that the STPC Board is always looking for members who feel like they would like to get involved. I promise you that we are a forward-looking group who loves new ideas and no one person is asked to take on too much of a load. In other words we love to play tennis and help each other out as much as we can.

See you on the courts!

Katie

Katie Grove, President

Indoor Group Play

**Sept. - April
2022-23**

If you're looking for a group of friends to play with regularly, you're in the right place!

Get Playing with a Group in Two Easy Steps

1. Locate groups that meet at a convenient time, location, and at your skill level.
2. Contact the captain and let them know you are interested in playing.

DID YOU KNOW? Group Doubles Play occurs at six locations across 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 of the club.

INDOOR GROUP PLAY is made up of Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles. 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.
- Once you've got your tennis group play date set, make sure you show up. The whole group is counting on you!

ST. PAUL AREA

Regulars & Subs Wanted

Subs Wanted

For corrections or changes to this schedule, contact Kevin Veenstra at mnkevin4@gmail.com, email strongly preferred. If truly needed, text or call 651-695-1706. If you are playing regularly and are not on the schedule, please tell us by e-mailing Bonnie Niles, group coordinator at the.c.niles@mchsi.com.

| Location | Day | Time | Cts | Skill | Captains | Phone |
|--|-----|---------------|-----|------------|--------------|--------------|
| St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club 600 Desoto, St. Paul, Facility Coordinator: Annette Adam, 651-455-9319. | Mon | 8:30-10:00 AM | 2 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Ron Leitner | 651-739-9732 |
| | | 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 | 9:00-11:00 AM | 2 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Gary Melby | 763-755-7252 |
| | Fri | 7:00-9:00 AM | 3 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Annette Adam | 651-455-9319 |

MINNEAPOLIS AREA

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Subs Wanted

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| Location | Day | Time | Cts | Skill | Captains | Phone |
|---|-----|-------------------|-----|------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Baseline Club 1815 4th St SE, Minneapolis, 612-625-1433, Facility Coordinator: Thue Rasmussen 651-917-0075. | Mon | 9:00-11:00 AM | 1 | 3.0-3.5 MW | David Minke | 612-757-6248 |
| | Thu | 10:00-11:00 AM | 1 | 2.5 W | Louise Anderson | 612-354-0927 |
| Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center 100 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, 612-252-8367. | Mon | 7:30-9:00 AM | 1 | 3.0-3.5 | Al Crow | 952-944-2418 |
| | | 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 | Irene Suddard | 651-210-7322 |
| | | 11:00AM-12:30PM | 2 | 3.0-3.5 | Al Crow | 952-944-2418 |
| | Wed | 7:30-9:00 AM | 1 | 3.0-3.5 | Al Crow | 952-944-2418 |
| | | 11:00AM-12:30PM | 2 | 3.0-3.5 | Al Crow | 952-944-2418 |
| | Thu | 9:30-11:00 AM | 1 | 3.0-3.5 W | Sandra Loewenstein | 651-454-3699 |
| | Fri | 8:00-9:30 AM | 1 | 3.0-3.5 | Al Crow | 952-944-2418 |
| | | 9:00-10:30 AM | 2 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Shar Kiecker | 612-306-8987 |
| | | 11:00AM-12:30PM | 2 | 3.0-3.5 | Al Crow | 952-944-2418 |
| InnerCity Tennis 4005 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis, 612-825-6844. NOTE: InnerCity Tennis has many open courts. If you need permanent court time for your group, call the tennis desk at 612-825-6844. | Mon | 7:00-8:30 AM | 3 | 3.0 MW | Bruce Bester | 612-240-6712 |
| | | 8:00-9:30 AM | 1 | 3.0-3.5 M | Mark Thompson | 515-269-9788 |
| | | 9:30-11:30 AM | 5 | 3.5-4.0 MW | George Farrah | 612-206-7910 |
| | | 11:30 AM -1:30 PM | 6 | 3.5-4.0 MW | Garfield Clark | 612-868-8314 |
| | Tue | 7:00-8:30 AM | 2 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Ann Barten | 612-751-7252 |
| | | 9:30-11:00 AM | 1 | 3.5 MW | Fred Sewell | 612-285-3216 |
| | | 10:30-Noon | 3 | 2.5-3.0 MW | Dennis Moody | 651-488-8124 |
| | Wed | 9:30-11:00 AM | 3 | 3.0-3.5 W | Dee Neely Anne List | 612-695-8569 612-986-9900 |
| | | 10:00-11:30 AM | 2 | 3.0 MW | Louise Halverson | 612-722-7132 |
| | | 10:00-11:30 AM | 1 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Tom Tait | 651-206-0480 |
| | | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | 6 | 3.5-4.0 MW | Bill Warner | 612-275-7813 |
| | | 1:00-3:00 PM | 4 | 3.5-4.0 MW | Garfield Clark | 612-868-8314 |
| | Thu | 7:00-8:30 AM | 4 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Mike Dalton | 763-234-1690 |
| | | 8:30-10:00 AM | 1 | 2.5-3.0 MW | Jean Robbins | 952-738-1704 |
| | | | | | Charlie Robbins | 952-807-7258 |
| | Fri | 10:30AM-12:30PM | 3 | 3.0-3.5 M | Bill Kruckeberg | 952-926-3397 |
| | | 12:30-2:30 PM | 6 | 3.5-4.0 MW | Jerry Turbeville | 706-463-1546 |
| | | | | | George Foulkes | 952-417-0399 |
| Public IndoorTennis 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 | Garfield Clark | 612-868-8314 |
| | Thu | 9:00-11:00 AM | 3 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Gary Melby | 763-755-7252 |
| Williston Fitness and Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka, Facility Coordinator needed. | Mon | 8:30-10:00 AM | 1 | 3.0 MW | Gary Melby | 763-755-7252 |
| | Tue | 8:00-9:30 AM | 2 | 3.0-3.5 MW | Arnie Nelson | 763-473-2089 |
| | Fri | 2:30-4:00 PM | 1 | 3.0 MW | Doug Reeder | 952-934-8921 |
| | | | | | Arnie Nelson | 753-473-2089 |

The Group Play Recipe

It all Starts by Asking, “Do you Want to Play Again?”

There are many tennis options sponsored by STPC. As a member you receive invites for drills and Pop-Ups. The remaining offerings (Summer Tennis Teams, Flex Leagues and Group Play) have captains who organize and recruit members to play regularly or as a sub.

Group play is often referred to as “Heart of STPC”. But members may wonder how these groups start.

This is one story of how a group was formed. In April 2021, four STPC members played together in a Pop-Up. As they finished someone said, “I liked playing with you three. Do you want to do it again?”



Group Play “teams” start with someone asking if the other players want to play again!

Another game was scheduled, after which a regular time and place to play each week was determined. When someone went on vacation or had an injury, they found a sub. By the end of the summer, a court was reserved at the same time at InnerCity Tennis.

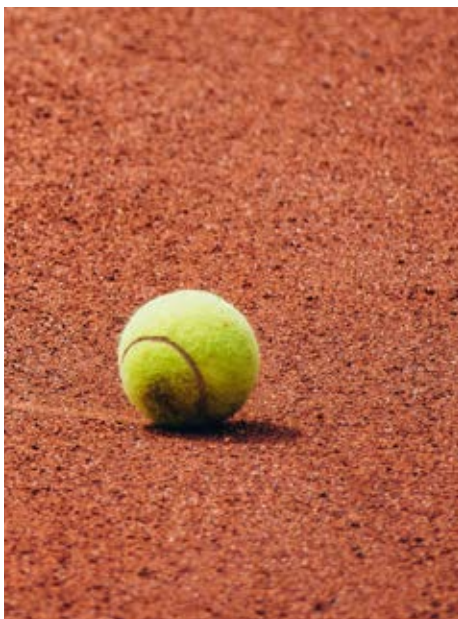
Within two weeks, 12 players had reserved two courts every week

and had a list of regular subs (you need a lot of subs to cover for vacation, ailments and injuries).

Now, after 15 months, 20 players between regulars and subs are reserving three courts for the indoor season.

This is typical. And it all starts by asking three people if they would like to play again!

The Rally Let: How Would You Make the Call?



Did You Know? Simply put, “let” means that the preceding serve, or partial rally, shall be ignored, and the point started again.

Question: In a doubles match one of our opponents hit a ball, and while the ball was in the air she called a let because a ball from another court rolled behind the opponent. The return shot landed out and we claimed the point. The opponent said as soon as she called

let the point ends and should be replayed, which is what we did. Was this right?

Answer: Once a let is called, play stops, and whatever happens afterward doesn’t count. Here, your opponent got lucky because the rule holds either way: If the shot had skidded off the line for a nonreturnable winner, an opponent couldn’t have turned around and claimed the point. When a let is called the point is replayed.

STPC welcomes 50 new members who have joined from March - July 2022!

It is only through the recruitment efforts of our current members that allow STPC to grow and continue offering year round tennis opportunities like group play, drills, pop ups, summer tennis leagues & flex leagues, Dow round robin and social events. The club appreciates our members' efforts!

Please welcome our new members: Shane Albertson, Christopher Anderson, Jane Auger, Veronica Barr, Craig Beddow, Melanie Berg, Gary Biernat, Craig Binger, Marvin Burstein, Dan Collins, Lisa Crawford,

Stephanie DeArmond, William Dickey, Nancy Eggers, Craig Eiler, Connie Faint, Wendy Froehle, James Haverstock, Kit Healy, Seikei Hibino, David Johnson, Lisa Katalinich, Jeff Keyes, Jackie Koske, Linnea Krahn, Jose Lima, Kimberly Lundell, Mary Mann, Russ Markert, Barbara McCleary, Richard Michell, Mark Moschel, Denise Musser, Jane Netzt, John O'Halloran, Linda Pavic, Chris Pennington, Ann Peters, Michelle Seeman, Donald Southworth, Meg Sundby, Anne Tennis, Lori Thrune, John Tibbetts, Maureen Trepp, Teresa Wakolbinger, Darrell Washing-

ton, Anthony Woolley, Joseph Wright, Tyler Zabriskie.

STPC is a volunteer organization. All membership fees are used to provide tennis playing opportunities for our members and to support youth tennis programs with our annual contributions to local nonprofits serving kids. Call our Help Desk at 763-310-1234 to learn how you can volunteer!

Questions? If you have any questions regarding your new STPC tennis membership, call Mike Dalton at 763-234-1690.

Halloween Tennis Social Oct 28

Space is limited. After 10/15, please call Diane to check availability.

STPC will provide the balls, snacks, and beverages. Costumes are optional. Join us for a fun evening of doubles, music, and camaraderie!

When? Friday, October 28, 2022, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Where? Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center, 100 Federal Dr., Saint Paul

Who? STPC members and guests

How much? \$20 per person

Questions? Alice Douthwaite (jetsetalice7@gmail.com) or Diane Bundlie (diane.bundlie@gmail.com); 612-886-5953

Mail this form by 10/15 with a check payable to **STPC** for \$20 per person to: Alice Douthwaite, 3121 Saint Margaret Dr., Golden Valley, MN 55422.



Name _____ Tennis rating _____

Email _____

Cell phone _____ Home phone _____

Name of Guest (if any) _____ Tennis rating _____

Team Tennis: A Summertime Fixture of STPC

30 Scheduled Matches Involving 71 Players

2022 Teams



Team Bantle / Richlovsky



Team Bruell



Team Bjore



Team Minke



Team Rothe



Team Hawkins / Thompson

Team Tennis got off to a rough start this summer, with 3 of the first 6 matches being cancelled, either due to conflicting court reservations or 90-degree-or-higher Heat Indices. But things settled down after that. Teams largely avoided the high heat by “walking-on” the scheduled courts earlier (8:00-8:30am) than the scheduled start time of 9:30am, and there have been none of the usual rain-outs this year.

The original match schedule was lately extended by 2 weeks, to August 30, to play 2 matches that had been cancelled in early June. Including those 2 matches, the league played 28 of the originally scheduled 30 matches, involving 48 regular

players and 23 substitutes, or 71 players total, all figures fairly indicative of a successful season.

The league’s **1st -place finisher** is Team Bruell, captained by Steve Bruell and Reggie Durhman. Their team won 68 of 79 pro-sets played, with 1 tie, for a winning percentage of 86%. **The 2nd -place finisher** is Team Bjore, which won 49 of 80 pro-sets, for a winning percentage of 61.3%, with Team Bantle/Richlovsky a close third.

Good tennis, competitive, friendly, and outdoors. That’s been the league’s norm over the years. Its format, 8 players per team, 4 women and 4 men,

with equal sessions of Men’s/ Women’s doubles and Mixed Doubles, has even been called “ingenious” by long-time player and recent captain Steve Bruell. The teams and court locations have changed over the years, but not the format, a key reason it’s been a summertime fixture of STPC for 22 years or more.

Thanks to all the team captains and players for making it another fun season!

Mike Woolsey
Team Tennis Coordinator
Senior Tennis Players Club
mj_woolsey@yahoo.com

A Snapshot of Team Tennis History By Sheila Bjore

When I retired in 2000, Bob Zimmek invited me to play on his Team Tennis group. At that time, Marv Schneider was the Coordinator of Team Tennis. How long Team Tennis had existed before then, I don't know, but it was going on in 2000.

My partner at that time was Pat Murray, father of Megan Bennett, who is now on my

team. Don Harnish was also on that team. Our archrival was the Schneider team, and its number-one, Mixed Doubles team consisted of Rita Lusky and her husband Pat Eckelberry.

Later, when Bob Zimmek was no longer able to play, Don Harnish became Captain of that team, and for a while

I was his Mixed Doubles partner. In 2013 or 2014, when Marv Schneider decided to retire as league Coordinator, Michael Woolsey took over as Coordinator of Team Tennis, and in 2016, when we were short of teams, I agreed to captain a new team. Michael, Linda Aasen, and I then started Team Bjore.

Father-Daughter Team (continued from page 1)



Team Bordsen plays regularly and enjoys it.

RR, then moved on to Sperry/Unisys as a Software Consultant, retiring in 1989. With family life, four children, and a working career, it was difficult to find time to play. But Larry managed to get on the court and get this, played with Jack Dow in Naples FL in 1990. Larry now lives in St Anthony Village and winters in Punta Gorda, FL.

With 3 children, family life and a career at United Health Group as an Instructional Designer and Project Manager, Deb also

was busy, so time on the court early was limited. She now lives in the home she grew up in, purchasing her parents 1883 house in St Anthony Park in 1997. Her parents bought the house in 1960.

At her dad's request, Deb joined STPC in 2015. Thinking back on her Dad's request to play in the Dow, she had told herself why she couldn't play (family life, kids, career), but then stopped and asked why she could and if not now, when. Playing with her dad would be a great experience. Talking to them you could feel this is something they both appreciate. Deb retired in 2019, and Team Bordsen now plays regularly, and as you see as they play, enjoy it immensely.

So, let's all get out on the court and enjoy the sport we love with

friends and family. It doesn't have to be stressful, as Deb said, one of the great things about playing with her dad is how patient he is. Let's keep that in mind, as we enjoy both the competitive and social aspects of the game. And let's hear more about these inter-generational teams and matches. What a great story!

With that we wrap up the 2022 Dow. 48 teams participated in Women's, Men's, and Mixed doubles formats with 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 divisions. The tournament was played over 4 days in early May. Thanks to everyone that made this a wonderful event.

Contact any board member listed on page 2 - they would be happy to help find the right tennis group(s) for you!

Flex Leagues: Choice of Time & Place to Play

64 Players Competed this Summer in Mixed, Women's & Men's Doubles

The 2022 Summer Flex Leagues are finishing up for the season. Doubles teams (Men's, Women's, & Mixed) started the season in early June. Flex leagues give players a chance to meet members who they might not otherwise play during the indoor season. Opponents arrange their own time and places of play across the Twin Cities. And with 31 teams competing, this shows that the leagues were well received! If you have a question or comment about STPC flex league play, please contact one of the league coordinators listed below.

2022 Flex League Top Finishers



Mixed 3.0
Joel Schaubert & Jean Larson



Mixed 3.5
Stephan MacLennan & Jane Davidson



Women's 3.0
Mary Ellen Murphy & Linda Pavic



Women's 3.5
Annette Ellison, Patty Norman, & Bonnie Niles



Men's 3.5
John Bantle & Nasser Pooladian

League Coordinator Contacts

| Flex League | Captain | Email | Phone |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Mixed Doubles | Kevin Veenstra | Mnkevin4@gmail.com | 651-695-1706 |
| Women's Doubles | Diane Bundlie | Diane.bundlie@gmail.com | 612-886-5953 |
| Men's Doubles | Mike Dalton | Mdalton121@msn.com | 763-234-1690 |



Pop-Up Update

The summer Pop-Ups are ending. Weather and Covid seemed to limit participation over the summer. Moving to St. Paul (SPUT) for some of the Pop Ups did attract some East Enders, but many were canceled because of lack of signups. Fall Pop-Ups move indoors and a schedule, with dates and prices will be forthcoming!

Fall Indoor Drills Begin September 6

Improve your game by taking a drill from a USPTA pro!

INDOOR DRILL SCHEDULE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Note: Drills are run by the various clubs/ facilities. Consult their websites for details.
STPC is only passing on this information to members.



| Location | Day | Time | Level | Instructor | Fee |
|---|-----------|----------------|------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| InnerCity Tennis 4005 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis. reservations required. To register call: 612-825-6844 or register online at: https://innercitytennis.org/adult-tennis/drills/ Note - Reward cards are NOT accept- ed any more at ICT | Monday | 10:30-Noon | 3.5+ | Roger Boyer | \$20 |
| | | 1:30-3:00 PM | 2.5-3.0 | Dilcia Stromberg | \$20 |
| | Tuesday | 8:30-9:30 AM | All Levels | Bill Stark | \$15 |
| | | 9:30-10:30 AM | All Levels | David Petersen | \$15 |
| | Wednesday | 11:30-12:30 PM | 2.5-3.0 | Roger Boyer | \$15 |
| | | 1:30-3:00 PM | 2.5-3.0 | Dilcia Stromberg | \$20 |
| | Thursday | 8:30-9:30 AM | All Levels | Bill Stark | \$15 |
| | | 9:30-10:30 AM | All Levels | Bill Stark | \$15 |
| Fred Wells Tennis Center Beginning September 6th reservations required. To register call 612-252-8367, ext.0 Website: https://www.fwtec.org/ Reward cards NOT accepted | Friday | 9:00-10:30 AM | 2.0-3.5 | Roger Boyer | \$20 |
| | Tuesday | 1:30-3:00 PM | All Levels | Staff | \$15 |
| Saint Paul Indoor Tennis Beginning September 6th reservations required via email Send invitation request to Stpltennis@hotmail.com Reward cards NOT accepted. | Monday | 11:30-1:00 | 2.5-3.5 | Jason Anderson | \$20 Members \$28 Non-members |
| | Wednesday | 11:30-1:00 | 2.5-3.5 | Jason Anderson | \$20 Members \$28 Non-members |

Summer Drills Recap

Thanks to all our participants (and our four coaches!) for another enjoyable outdoor drill season despite the heat this summer. When our drills end September 1st, over 700 of you will have participated in over 90 drills! We hope you have improved your skills while also having a good time with like minded players!

We have made some changes this summer based on your suggestions, including a drill geared more for players just

coming back to tennis and a drill designed for higher level players. We are always open for more ideas for our next summer season!

While STPC is not directly involved in any Winter indoor drills, please check out each club's senior drills in our table on our website at seniortennismn.org.

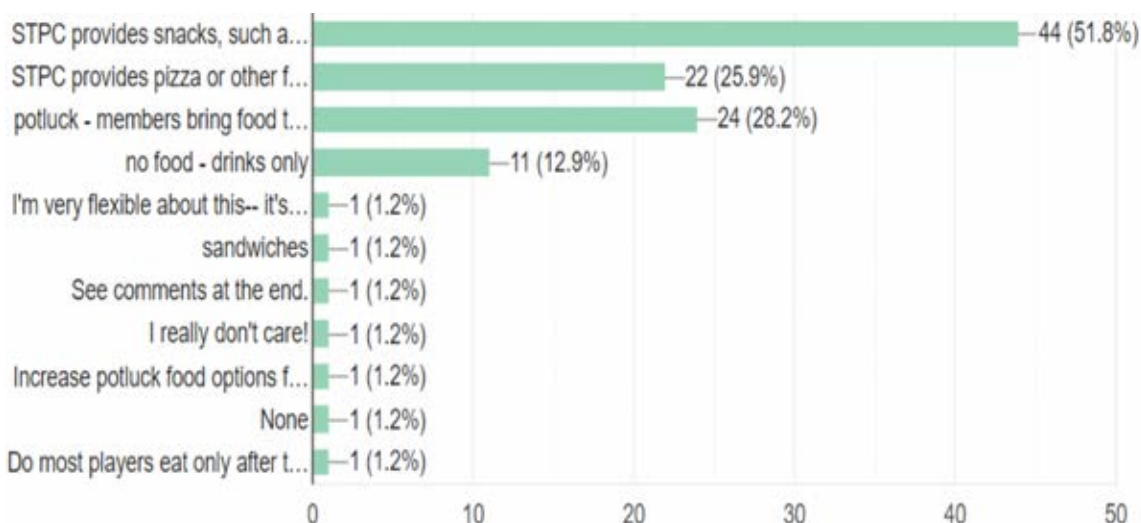


Coach Roger Boyer leading one of the 90 drills that brought in over 700 total registrations this summer!

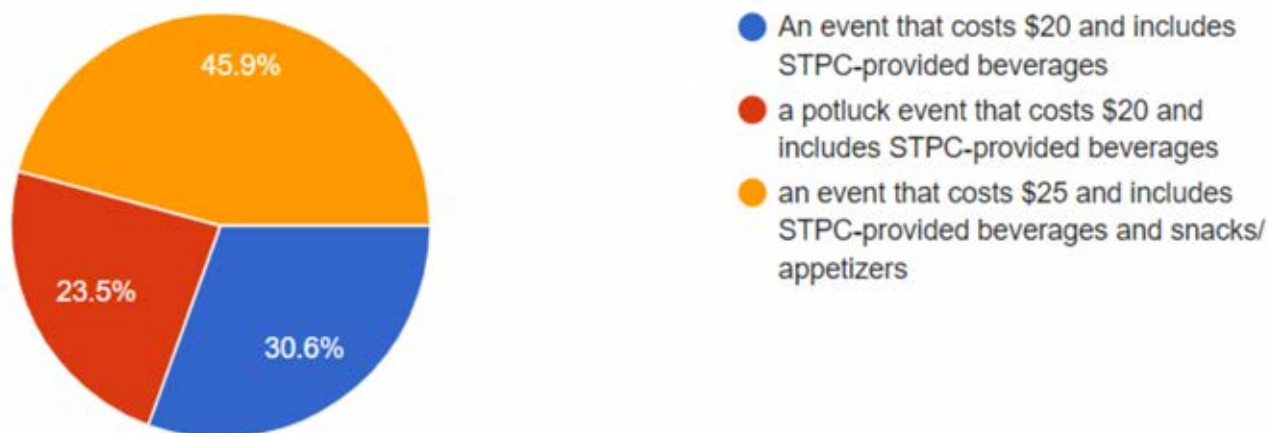
seniortennismn.org/tennis-schedules, or on each club's website. For other playing opportunities until then, check out the group play schedule on the same webpage or Pop-Ups drills as they come up.

Social Survey Results (continued from page 2)

4) For food or snacks, which of the following options do you prefer?



5) Which of the following would you prefer? Cost includes court rental and tennis balls.



6) When would you prefer the social/snack part of the event to be? Please choose all that apply.

- ☐ Before playing - 11%
- ☐ After playing - 62%
- ☐ Between sessions during "byes" - 51%

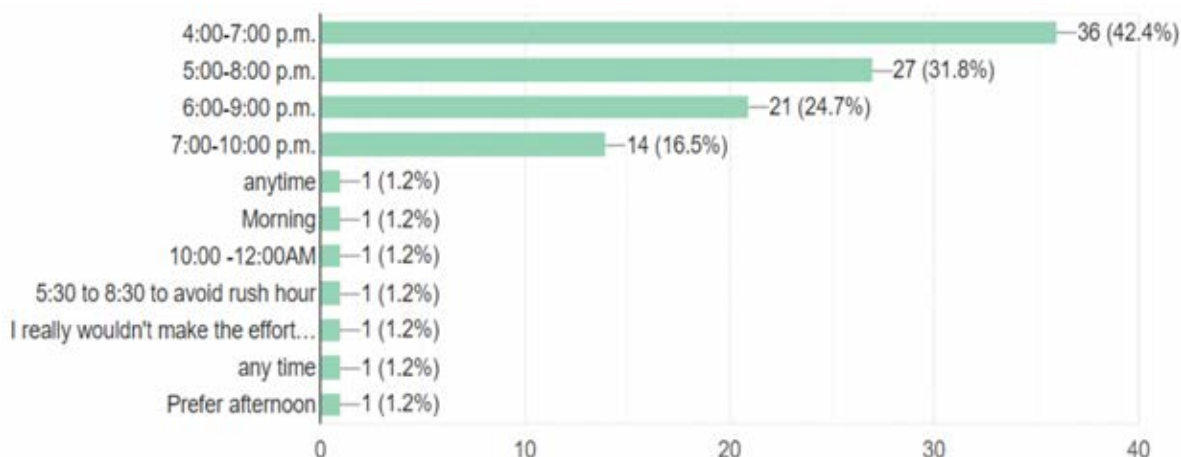
7) Which would you prefer? (Mark only one.)

- ☐ Choose your own doubles partner each session - 12%
- ☐ Have a different partner assigned to you each session - 88%

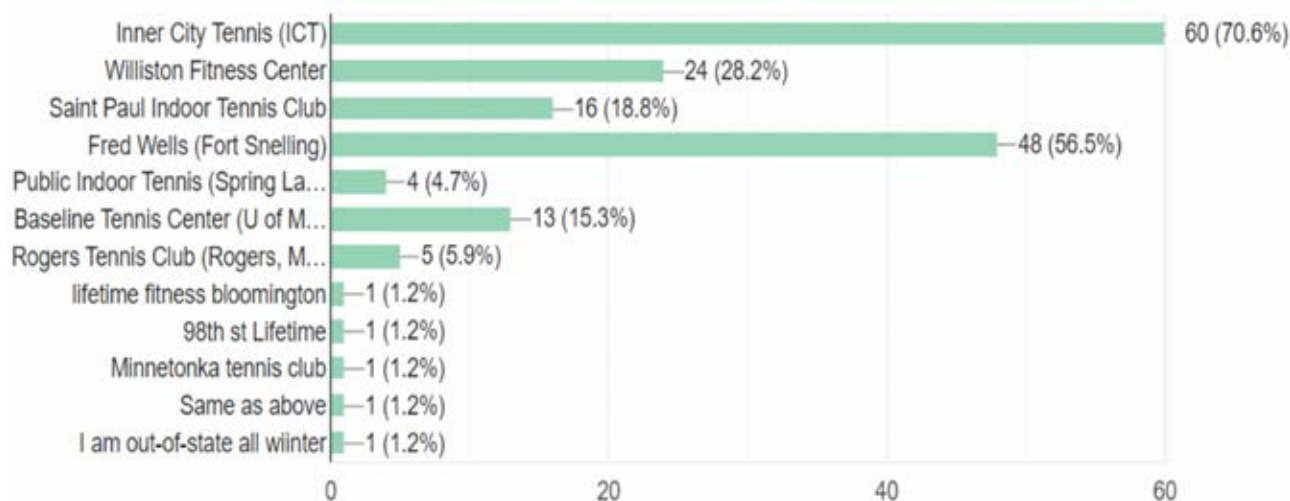
8) What day of the week would you prefer?

- ☐ Friday - 46%
- ☐ Saturday - 48%
- ☐ Sunday - 38%

9) What time of day would you prefer? (Check all that apply.)



10) Depending on the availability of courts during the fall/winter season, at which of the following tennis centers would you be most likely to attend a tennis social? Please select all that apply.



11) When would you be most likely to attend a tennis social? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Spring/Summer (April, May, June, July, August) - 39%
- ☐ Fall (September, October, November) - 62%
- ☐ Winter (December, January, February, March) - 52%

12) When would you be least likely to attend a tennis social? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Spring/Summer (April, May, June, July, August) - 48%
- ☐ Fall (September, October, November) - 11%
- ☐ Winter (December, January, February, March) - 46%

Remember that Time...

STPC Member David Sommer Begins Work on Memoir

There are a few stories worth repeating and one may be your memoir. One of STPC's members, David Sommer, is actively working on his memoir. He recognizes that all of us have stories about our lives that would be treasured by those we love. There might even be a few tennis stories to share. Your narrative doesn't need to span your entire life as an autobiography would.

David discovered that as he tried to do a memoir but quickly got bogged down as he tried to depict his life in a nice chronological order. He was trying to follow the example of great autobiographies like

those of Winston Churchill or Eleanor Roosevelt. That wasn't working! Instead, he discovered Mark Twain's method. In 1902, Twain wrote that he had "hit upon the right way to do an Autobiography."



Interested in writing a memoir? If so, email STPC member David Sommer at dsommer7@usiwiress.com

What Twain discovered was the art of dictation. Instead of writing down, Twain wanted to tell stories to another human being. And

instead of telling his life story in chronological order, Twain wanted to talk about what interested him at that moment and allow himself to change the subject as soon as his interest flagged.

Most of us can't afford a secretary to follow us around, recording whatever occurs to us, but David found that typing his words on the computer works well. That is what he has done and this has allowed him to record some important stories from his life. He encourages all his STPC friends to try it! He definitely feels you will find it very rewarding and family and friends will cherish your memories!

Holiday Tennis Social Dec. 16

Space is limited. After 11/30, please call Diane to check availability.

STPC will provide the balls, appetizers, and beverages. Join us for a fun evening of doubles, music, and camaraderie!

When? Friday, December 16, 2022, 5:00 – 8:00pm

Where? InnerCity Tennis, 4005 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN

Who? STPC members and guests

How much? \$20 per person

Questions? Alice Douthwaite (jetsetalice7@gmail.com) or Diane Bundlie (diane.bundlie@gmail.com); 612-886-5953

Mail this form by 11/25 with a check payable to **STPC** for \$20 per person to: Alice Douthwaite, 3121 Saint Margaret Dr., Golden Valley, MN 55422.



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SUMMER PICNIC

Tuesday, August 23

Jack Dow Trophy Goes to Bruell

Award Recognizes Character, Sportsmanship, Enthusiasm, and Service



Steve Bruell accepting the 2022 Jack Dow Award at the Annual Picnic on Tuesday, August 23 at Valley View Park in Bloomington.

STPC honors our club founder, Jack Dow, each year by presenting a traveling trophy to a member whose attitude,

character, sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and service best typify the ideals of STPC. Steve Bruell was chosen this year by a committee of former winners: Marilyn Kelley, Jim Handy, Jon Holmgren, Dennis Hykes, Bob Busch, David Sommer, Thue Rasmussen, Pam Campbell, and Ken Landro.

Steve joined STPC in 2010 and has been and continues to be a very active volunteer. He joined the Board in 2015 and has worn many hats: treasurer, newsletter editor, and webmaster.

Steve and Sharon Gribble completely revamped the way STPC keeps track of

members' information and dues payments. In 2020, Steve and Susan Metoxen redesigned and simplified STPC's website, making it mobile friendly.

Steve also designed and implemented several software applications that interact with STPC's database. The latest application is a web app that can add, delete, and update data about club members. This web app also generates many reports that help the club run efficiently.

In addition, for the past 2 years Steve has served as a summer Team Tennis captain. He definitely deserves the Jack Dow award!



There are over 50 STPC Captains of indoor/outdoor groups, Summer Team Tennis and flex leagues. Captains in attendance at the Annual Picnic were recognized: L/R Steve Bruell, Diane Bundlie, Thomas Tait, David Minke. STPC thanks all captains!



Did You Know? Jack Dow started STPC in the 1950s by going door to door offering to teach people to play if they didn't know how. His legacy is honored in the Jack Dow Trophy presentation each August at STPC's Annual Picnic.



Congratulations to Linda Miller who completed the icebreaker challenge by getting answers to all ten questions from her fellow tennis players. Linda won a new can of tennis balls and started some fun conversations!



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Jack Dow Round Robin Photos



**2022 Dow Tourney
Featured 48 Teams!**

Membership Renewal Form

On the address label of this newsletter we have printed the renewal date of your membership. There are two options for renewal:

1. Electronic: www.seniortennismn.org
2. Mail: Forms and checks can be sent to:
STPC Membership Renewals
P.O. Box 5525, Hopkins MN 55343

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