

Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Without the group thinking, advice and feedback from the Executive Committee, the progress and continued growth of the club would be considerably less and the many decisions to be made, less productive and successful. 95% of the decisions in the past year on major problems have been made by a majority of the committee.

Two of all dedicated members of this committee justly deserve the thanks and appreciation of the members--Sue Larson and Marian Versen. Both have been unfailing in their interest, time and help whenever called on.

Sue has been of invaluable help in contributing her knowledge of fund-raising and experience in sound executive decisions and recommendations.

Marian, after a long stint as treasurer, volunteered to continue as assistant treasurer, has helped captain the Nicolet Tennis program and other projects, and continues to work for the club.

All good and successful presidents and officers make decisions only after checking with the majority of the capable, experienced and willing members on the Executive Committee. Our decisions are made not by one person, but by capable and interested members such as these two. Thank you both for your help.

Jack Dow,
President.

THIS CALLS FOR A QUICK RESPONSE

We have scheduled a tennis party at the Midwest Tennis Club on Saturday night, November 15, from 7:30 to 12 midnight. We'll be playing tennis according to a rotating schedule (mixed doubles), starting at 8:00 p.m. There will be refreshments, and trophies for previous tournaments will be awarded. The charge is \$4.50 for two hours of play and \$3.00 for refreshments, making a total of \$7.50 for the evening.

The sad thing about this or any other club we could use is that there is a limit to the number of courts available; therefore, we will take your reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to come just to socialize, please do so. In that case, the charge will be \$3.00.

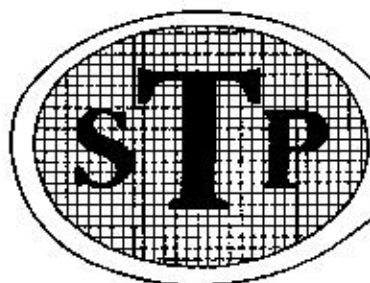
Directions to Midwest: Exit from 100 going south at 77th-Industrial Boulevard. Go west on Industrial Boulevard (right) 3/4 mile to Bush Lake Road. Take another right to 7300. Midwest is at the end of a dead-end street on the left-hand side. Go directly to the party room.

Please make your check payable to the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. as soon as possible and mail to:

Mandy Johnson
5200 West 28th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55416

If you have any questions, my phone number is 922-4327.

--Mandy Johnson



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TO ALL MEMBERS

November 1, 1986

Your membership renewal fee for 1987 is payable now. Please complete the statement below, enclose your check and return to the address shown. We request your prompt response to minimize the work of your club volunteers. For those of you leaving Minnesota for the winter, please pay your dues prior to leaving town so your membership will continue.

Membership in the Senior Tennis Players Club brings you all these benefits!

- Winter indoor court time at reduced rates.
- Free reserved court time in summer.
- Free lessons for beginners.
- Organized schedules for playing - 7 days weekly in 10 areas.
- Social tennis events.
- New friends and good fellowship.
- Available playing partners and opponents.
- Fun and exercise for your physical and mental well-being.
- Excellent newsletter to keep you informed of significant happenings in the club.

Dues are \$10 per person (\$20 for husband and wife) per calendar year (January 1-December 31). Our deadline for dues is January 31, 1987.

Mail your dues promptly and enjoy your 1987 tennis!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL STATEMENT
Period 1-1-87 to 12-31-87

Name (please print) _____ \$ 10.00
 Name (please print) _____ \$ _____

Total Remitted \$ _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work if desired) _____

Please circle skill level(s)

Name(s)	<u> A </u>	<u> A </u>	Better than average
	<u> B </u>	<u> B </u>	Average
	<u> C </u>	<u> C </u>	Below average
	<u> D </u>	<u> D </u>	Beginner

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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6927 Langford Drive, Edina, MN 55436

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Beverlie Lyles, G.R.K., Edina Realty
Two Million Dollar Club, 3930 West 49½
Street, Edina, MN 55424. Business -
920-1960; residence - 925-5369.

FOR RENT

1 and 2-br condos on the beach, tennis
courts and spacious pool, Mazatlan,
Mexico. Call Jim Feilzer, 881-9485.

FREE OFFER

If you pay your dues right away, we will
give you a roster immediately. This
offer will be withdrawn after November
30.

SALE

The fifth "great Thanksgiving--pre-
Christmas" clothing sale will take place
at all 10 pro shops of the Northwest Ten-
nis Clubs from November 4 through Novem-
ber 29. All clothing will be 20% off
regular price or sale-priced as marked.
The clubs offer FREE gift-wrapping with
all purchases and will ship FREE any
purchase over \$25. The pro shops at all
the clubs are always open to the public
so take advantage of this sale and finish
holiday shopping early. If you would
like assistance, call club member Ginny
Owens, 546-9666.



bulletin board

It's a beginner clinic only for the Tuesday and Thursday evening* tennis lessons at Normandale. Those that are interested in participating must call in to reserve a spot (831-2660), and we also ask that you call if you can not make it. There will be a limit of 18 players. The cost is \$1.50 per member per session.

Jeff Lowe,
Instructor

*6:00-7:30 p.m.

If there is enough interest in daytime beginner lessons in the Saint Paul area, Virginia Morgan will start a beginner's class. Call her at 459-6059 and leave your name and phone number.

Attention All Members--Are you having a problem with any of your tennis strokes? I'd like to help, so drop in at the Nicollet Tennis Center (40th and Nicollet) any Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 during my instruction session. It'll take only a few minutes. I'll be happy to talk about your problem and see if we can straighten it out. Do something soon--and watch your game improve.

Percy Hughes,
Instructor

Virginia Morgan's players at the Robbinsdale Senior High Courts wound up their summer season with a minitournament on October 7. Joanne Labernik was first place winner and Lenore Patneaude placed second. The "door prize" was won by Dot Hase.

TENNIS TIP By Virginia Morgan

Correct Calls

When receiving a serve if the ball is not in, call it "FAULT" rather than "wide," "deep" or "long." If it's the second serve and not in, it is called "DOUBLE FAULT." Should the first serve hit the net and go in, the call is "LET" and then say "FIRST SERVE," and if it happens to be a let on the second serve, call "LET, SECOND SERVE."

During play if a ball is hit into the net or outside the court, the call is "OUT" rather than "long," "wide" or "deep."

A call not used too often that a player can call on him/herself is "NOT UP," and that's when a player hits the ball into the court before it goes over or the ball bounced twice before the player returned it.



WINTER ADDRESS EXCHANGE

A number of club members take winter breaks in the warmer South. Maybe some are in the same area at the same time and aren't aware of it. If they were, they might want to contact each other, get together, and even play tennis. Once again, I'll be glad to publish your winter addresses to promote this kind of exchange. If you're interested, call your newsletter editor at 781-3271.

M.K.

The Senior Tennis Players Club is now affiliated with the Metropolitan Senior Federation. The club has also recently joined the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.



NTRP RATING CATEGORIES

SELF-RATING

GUIDELINES

The National Tennis Rating Program provides a simple, initial self-placement method of grouping individuals of similar ability levels for league play, tournaments, group lessons, social competition and club or community programs.

The rating categories are generalizations about skill levels. You may find that you actually play above or below the category which best describes your skill level, depending on your competitive ability. The category you choose is not meant to be permanent, but may be adjusted as your skills change or as your match play demonstrates the need for reclassification. Ultimately your rating is based upon your results in match play.

To place yourself:

- Begin with 1.0. Read all categories carefully and then decide which one best describes your present ability level.
- Be certain that you qualify on all points of all preceding categories as well as those in the classification you choose.
- When rating yourself assume you are playing against a player of the same sex and the same ability.
- Your self-rating may be verified by a teaching professional, coach, league coordinator or other qualified expert.
- The person in charge of your tennis program has the right to reclassify you if your self-placement is thought to be inappropriate based upon match results.

1.0 This player is just starting to play tennis.

1.5 This player has limited playing experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball over the net, has some knowledge of scoring but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for singles and doubles play.

2.0 This player may have had some lessons but needs on-court experience, has obvious stroke weaknesses but is beginning to feel comfortable with singles and doubles play.

2.5 This player has more dependable strokes and is learning to judge where the ball is going, has weak court coverage or is often caught out of position, but is starting to keep the ball in play with other players of the same ability.

3.0 This player can place shots with moderate success, can sustain a rally of slow pace but is not comfortable with all strokes, lacks control when trying for power.

3.5 This player has achieved stroke dependability and direction on shots within reach, including forehand and backhand volleys, but still lacks depth and variety, seldom double faults and occasionally forces errors on the serve.

4.0 This player has dependable strokes on both forehand and backhand sides; has the ability to use a variety of shots including lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys, can place the first serve and force some errors, is seldom out of position in a doubles game.

4.5 This player has begun to master the use of power and spins, has sound footwork, can control depth of shots and is able to move opponent up and back, can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve, is able to rush net with some success on serve in singles as well as doubles.

5.0 This player has good shot anticipation; frequently has an outstanding shot or exceptional consistency around which a game may be structured; can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls, can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes, has good depth and spin on most second serves.

5.5 This player can execute all strokes offensively and defensively; can hit dependable shots under pressure; is able to analyze opponents' styles and can employ patterns of play to assure the greatest possibility of winning points; can hit winners or force errors with both first and second serves. Return of serve can be an offensive weapon.

6.0 This player has mastered all of the above skills; has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon, can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation. This player typically has had intensive training for national competition at junior or collegiate levels.

6.5 This player has mastered all of the above skills and is an experienced tournament competitor who regularly travels for competition and whose income may be partially derived from prize winnings.

7.0 This is a world class player. Variations are measured by computerized rankings.

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