

Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

MAY 1987

To the fanfare of two trumpets and a roll of drums, Jack entered the elegant Scandinavian Room of the new Radisson Plaza Hotel escorted by Gen and John Bolger, Sue Larson and Jean Wallace. 132 of our members were there to celebrate and to thank Jack for his accomplishments in the founding and building of our club. Jack stood there in shock, and all the way as he was ushered to the head table he repeated, "I don't believe it..I don't believe it." That such a large group was able to keep the secret was quite a feat. Jack was truly surprised!

After a gourmet lunch, presentations were made to Jack:

- Mary Baker represented the Nicollet Tennis Center.
- Lorraine Johnson presented a framed statement from the MedCenter Health Plan.
- Ted Greer represented Jerry Noyes, Harvey Ratner and Mary Wolfenson.
- Gen Bolger read a commendation from Governor Rudy Perpich.
- Fred Hermann read a commendation from the Minnesota State Legislature.
- Bob Larson represented the Northwestern Tennis Association.
- Percy Hughes made the presentation of our plaque which will be hung at the Flagship Club.
- Poems written by several of our members were read.
- Letters from those who were out of town or could not be there for various reasons were read. Many of these were humorous as well as sentimental.
- Bev Lyles marched up to the head table with a tennis racquet held high, to which were tied many cards and ribbons.

Music was provided during lunch by Paula and John Klinger and Tom Knite. Many thanks go to Marian Versen for planning the exquisite floral arrangements for the head table, the tables, the corsage for Jane Dow and the boutonniere for Jack. The MedCenter Health Plan sent a beautiful floral arrangement, as did the Kokesh Company. Thanks also to Helen Corson and Mary Kaminski for hosting the event.

This was an occasion those who attended will never forget. You really missed something if you weren't there. Jack said that it was one of the highlights of his life. He wishes to convey to all his heartfelt thanks.

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Bob Larson, President of the Northwestern Tennis Association, announced at Jack's party the establishment of an annual JACK DOW SENIOR TENNIS AWARD. This is to be presented to the senior tennis person who has contributed greatly to senior tennis in this area. Larson said it was conceived to perpetuate the memory of Jack's contribution to senior tennis. This award will be presented at the annual NWTAA awards banquet in January of each year.

to
JACK

Who is the man — loved by so many
Creative, compassionate, true....
Whose heart is of gold, who cares more than any,
Our own Jack Dow. That's who!

And who is the lady who's been at his side
All of these years, bright or blue,
Who shares his frustrations, his joys and his pride
His wife, Jane Dow. That's who.

He took us to Wimbledon, Naples too
The U.S. Open drew quite a few
Wherever he led us we did go
We had a ball we want you to know.

He likes to play tennis—every day,
Whether the month is November or May.
We all could do this, I dare say
If we lived like he does, at Villa Way.

Strenuous play — every day
Is the thing that keeps him alive,
He suggests to you, get out on those courts
If you really want to survive.

He often has said of our membership fee
"If you ain't got the bucks, you play for free."
Our goal is good health for all seniors out there.

And not just for those who have money to spare.

A few have laid on him, something to blame,
Infected his days with a bit of hell.
Yet his response was always the same.
"They're good people. They mean well."

The people we meet and the friends we make
Are a constant source of surprise,
And often, I think, these new friends become
An important part of our lives.

This is your day. We honor you now,
It just seems the right thing to do,
You founded our club, and brought it to life.
Jack, we're so grateful to you.



Percy Hughes presenting plaque from Club

SECOND SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CAMP
AT MANKATO STATE UNIVERSITY

\$109 SPECIAL - Based on double-room occupancy (single rooms available at slightly more).

1st SESSION - Begins Sunday afternoon, August 9, 1987, 3:00 p.m., ends Thursday noon, August 13, 1987. This session is geared mostly to beginners and C players.

2nd SESSION - Begins Thursday afternoon, August 13, 1987, 3:00 p.m., ends Monday noon, August 17, 1987. This session is geared mostly to A and B players.

You are welcome to attend both sessions, in which case the cost is only \$200.

INCLUDES - Free court time outside and/or inside; also meals.

Other activities available: Viking football team in practice sessions, biking, swimming, golf, bowling, table pool, darts, shopping, field trips. Don't forget to bring your tennis racquet!

PLANNING COMMITTEE - Adeline Levin, Chuck Supplee and Reverend Hank Kleinert.

TENNIS DIRECTOR - Connie Custodio. Plenty of time for tennis play plus drills, mixers, round robins, tips on improving play, singles and doubles strategies.

REGISTRATION - Call Maria Johnson, 866-1412 or Florence Habegger, 869-7918 and a registration form will be mailed to you.

FIRST FIFTY PEOPLE PER SESSION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PLAYING MOVES OUTDOORS TO FREE COURTS

Under a new schedule and at new locations, playing has moved outdoors. Included in this newsletter are a summer schedule for court time reserved for our members, a schedule for beginners' lessons and drills, and addresses of all locations. Please note that Augsburg and Old Mariner School courts have June starting dates.

Outdoor rules aren't as structured as they are indoors; if you have questions, call the name listed. Other than that, select a time and place, pack up your tennis racquet, balls, a visor and a jug of water, and just show up to play tennis, meet new friends and have fun.

MEN'S USTA/VOLVO LEAGUE
WITH SENIORS UNDER WAY

Over 30 of the best senior men tennis players signed up in April to play on three USTA/Volvo tennis teams.

The Southsiders, captained by Bob Clark and Phil Briant, consist of players from Eden Prairie, Edina, Richfield and Saint Paul. The Burnsville-Bloomington team is headed up by Harley Wishart and Chuck Supplee. The third team captain is Bill Storie.

All are looking forward to some great games and matches.

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1987 Summer Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Captain(s)</u> | <u>Phone Number</u> | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------|
| MONDAY Start 6/1 | 7:30 - 10:00 am | Valley View | Cliff McMinn | 888-4989 | |
| | | Augsburg | Florence Habegger Chuck/Marge Mercer Al Mohr | 869-7918 866-8933 722-8339 | |
| | 8:30 - 11:00 | Dred Scott | Rudy Reznicek | 888-6011 | |
| | | Marthaler | Jim Mattaini | 455-5898 | |
| | | Wolfe | Len Aberle | 938-9097 | |
| | | 4:00 - 6:00 pm | Mtka Country Club | Chuck Britzius | 473-3015 |
| TUESDAY Start 6/1 | 7:30 - 10:00 am | Valley View | Cliff McMinn | 888-4989 | |
| | | Augsburg | Florence Habegger Marge Mercer | 869-7918 866-8933 | |
| | 8:30 - 11:00 | Dred Scott | Jim Tone | 881-5220 | |
| | | Bklyn Cntr Sr Hi | Don Wedan | 561-7637 | |
| | | Wolfe | Open Play | --- | |
| | | 9:00 - 11:00 | | | |
| WEDNESDAY Start 6/1 | 7:30 - 10:00 am | Valley View | Cliff McMinn | 888-4989 | |
| | | Augsburg | Florence Habegger Chuck/Marge Mercer Al Mohr | 869-7918 866-8933 722-8339 | |
| | 8:30 - 11:00 | Dred Scott | Jim Tone | 881-5220 | |
| | | Marthaler | Jim Mattaini | 455-5898 | |
| | | Wolfe | Grayce Aberle | 938-9097 | |
| | | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Edina Jr/Sr Hi | Open Play | --- |
| THURSDAY Start 6/1 | 7:30 - 10:00 am | Valley View | Cliff McMinn | 888-4989 | |
| | | Augsburg | Florence Habegger Marge Mercer | 869-7918 866-8933 | |
| | 8:30 - 11:00 | Dred Scott | Jim Tone | 881-5220 | |
| | | Bklyn Cntr Sr Hi | Don Wedan | 561-7637 | |
| | | Start 6/11 | Old Mariner School | First come, first served | --- |
| | | 9:00 - 11:00 | | | |
| FRIDAY Start 6/1 | 7:30 - 10:00 am | Valley View | Cliff McMinn | 888-4989 | |
| | | Augsburg | Florence Habegger Chuck/Marge Mercer Al Mohr | 869-7918 866-8933 722-8339 | |
| | 8:30 - 11:00 | Dred Scott | Jim Tone | 881-5220 | |
| | | Marthaler | Jim Mattaini | 455-5898 | |
| | | Wolfe | Sam Mersky (for info only) | 377-7365 | |
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| SATURDAY | 7:30 - 10:00 am | Valley View | Cliff McMinn | 888-4989 | |
| SUNDAY | 7:30 - 10:00 am | Valley View | Cliff McMinn | 888-4989 | |

See Over for Beginners' Lessons and Court Locations-----

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1987 Summer Schedule Beginners' Lessons and Drills

| Day | Time | Location | Instructor | Phone Number |
|----------|------------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| MONDAY | 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Chippewa Park <i>Woodbury Jc Hi</i> | Virginia Morgan | 459-6059 |
| THURSDAY | 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Edina Jr/Sr Hi | Pete Durand | 831-2660 |
| THURSDAY | 10:00 - 11:30 am | Wolfe Park | Percy Hughes | 545-9184 |

COURT LOCATIONS

- Augsburg Park, 72nd and Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis
- Brooklyn Center Jr-Sr Hi, 6500 Humboldt Avenue North, Brooklyn Center
- ~~NO~~ Chippewa Park, Royal Oak Elementary School, 2197 Queens Avenue, Woodbury
- Edina Jr/Sr Hi, 1 block north of Valley View & Gleason Roads, Edina
- Marthaler Park, Wentworth and Humboldt, West Saint Paul, Across from Municipal Bldg.
- Minnetonka Country Club, Highway 19, 1 mile west of Excelsior
- Old Mariner School, Southwest corner McKnight & County Road E, White Bear School Dist.
- Valley View Park, East 90th Street and Portland Avenue, Bloomington
- Wolfe Park, West 36th Street, East of Highway 100, Saint Louis Park

Woodbury Junior High, 1425 School Drive, Woodbury.

NEWS BRIEFS

WE'RE ADDING A LOCATION IN JUNE

Don't care to drive 10, 15 or 20 miles south, east or west to play on outdoor courts? How about NORTHEAST? We have a new location for you!

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

City of Saint Anthony Courts
on Silver Lake Road near 33rd

June 2 - June 17, 9-11 am

June 23 through September,
2-4 p.m.

Interested? Call Mary Kaminski, 781-3271.

JOIN US FOR DRILLS

We're planning on having drills at

Dred Scott Park in Bloomington
each Monday in May, starting
May 4 from 10 to 12 noon

and

Valley View Park in Bloomington
each Friday in May, starting
May 8 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Members are invited to come. Just show up. Any questions? Call Chuck Supplee, 888-0551.

PLAYERS AT AUGSBURG PARK, PLEASE NOTE

The schedule indicates play will start June 1. You can play, however, during May from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Mondays through Fridays.



TO ALL MEMBERS:

With our membership well over the thousand mark, a more exacting, exciting and rewarding time and requirement for a more detailed organization chart and careful selection of officers is necessary (remember who was president when we had only ten members--what a catastrophe). As a result, to be sure all former officers, directors, executive committee members, etc. in the new group and the many new hard-working and capable members have a voice and recognition of their work--a few days' more delay will be required by the group studying this problem, headed by Percy Hughes. You will be advised of this group's results by an announcement in the next issue of your newsletter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

--Jack Dow



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(\$20,000 below my cost)

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Street, Edina, MN 55424. Business -
920-1960; residence - 925-5369.

APARTMENT WANTED

By a single professional woman in her 50s, nonsmoker, unfurnished in a private home. Home phone 927-6824, or leave message at ICL Center, 593-1791.

AUGUST TENNIS GETAWAY

Enjoy tennis daily at Breezy Point Resort August 1-8. Live in luxury condo for one dollar a day plus food and drink, court fee. Call Bud Ehlers, 529-1524.

SECOND CELEBRITY RECEPTION
April 21, 1987

We wish to express heartfelt thanks to emcees Charlie Boone, Mike Edwards, Don Stolz and Stan Turner for making the occasion of our second celebrity reception such a delight and success.

Many, many thanks also to the busy businessmen who took the time to honor us by attending: Jerry Noyce, University of Minnesota tennis coach and manager of tennis activities for the Wolfenson-Ratner tennis clubs; John Standard, Headmaster of Blake School; Stan Hubbard, President of KSTP TV and Radio; Jim Rupp, President of WCCO TV and Radio; Jack Johnson, President of Nicollet Tennis Center; Dick Moore, President of Channel 2; Janet Lenmark, President of the Minneapolis Woman's Club; Jarek Garlinski, Headmaster of Shattuck; Bill Naegele, President of Naegele Enterprises and Flagship Club; Mike Wright, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Super-Valu; Judith Pryor, Managing Director of Chimera Theater; Kathryn Harper, Headmistress of Breck School; Joseph Franzgrote, General Manager of WTCN Channel 11; Nick Pappas, Manager of Sports Activities at the Calhoun Beach Club and co-chairman for our Wimbledon trip, also National Trustee of the Senior Tennis Committee of the USTA; Sue Leyton, Ron Cavanaugh and Roy Halvorson of Kokesh; Bob Sutter, President of Sports Products Group of Minstar; Carl Carlson, President of the Metropolitan Senior Federation, David Nasby, Director of Community Affairs and Public Relations for General Mills and Wendy Nelson, Curt Carlson's granddaughter who spoke to us about what tennis means in her life.

As one of the corporate presidents said, "You couldn't get this much exposure to people who are in a position to influence community thinking and familiarization with our program and its aims and purposes if you paid \$10,000.

Our new life members were honored on this occasion and were presented with gold cards: Irma Bong, Phyllis Bump, Jane Dow, James Dow, Jeffrey Dow, John Dow, Frank Hancuch, Avelyn Hooker, Mary Ann Meyer, Virginia Owens, Marvin Patz, Frank Schunk, June Swanson, Andrine Wunsch and Dorothy Trow.

Also honored for giving of their time and talent to our club were the members of the executive committee: Jack Dow, President; Jean Kelly, Secretary; Elsa Hutchinson, Treasurer and Vice Presidents Clara Carlson, Bill Storie, John Crow, Mary Kaminski, Percy Hughes, Ruth Copeland and Mandy Johnson.

Members of the Board of Directors who were present were also recognized: Ed Holz-hacker, Gen Bolger, Robert Larson, Ginny Owens and Jack Thommen.

Champagne punch, hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks were enjoyed by the group in the lovely atrium of the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Rhonda Gro e provided music on the harp. More than eighty people attended. It is felt that this is a very worthwhile project toward the end that our club get more visibility and recognition in the community.

--Mandy Johnson,
Activities Chairperson

TENNIS PARTY AT MIDWEST

Sixty-four people had a great time playing tennis at our party at the Midwest Tennis Center on April 4.

The success of the party was due in great part to the feast put on by Beverlie Lyles with the help of Char Ryden, Erna Blatt, Laurene Wastvedt, Grayce Aberle, Elsie Noonan, Louise and Bill Storie, Dee and John Kelehan, Jean Stevens, Helen Corson and Donna Jensen. Although he could not attend the party, Al Mohr came earlier in the day and carved two huge turkeys. Bev had the place decorated in the Easter theme with candles on the buffet table and Easter baskets and bunnies on the tables. We sure appreciate your talent, Bev. And our heartfelt thanks go to the entire committee.

First places were won by Dee Kelehan and Marv Patz.

We're very sorry we had to turn down so many people. We're glad so many came to socialize and stand ready in case of emergency.

This was my last party as activities director. I had a lot of fun and I appreciate so very much getting to know so many interesting and great people. Thank you for this opportunity.

--Mandy Johnson



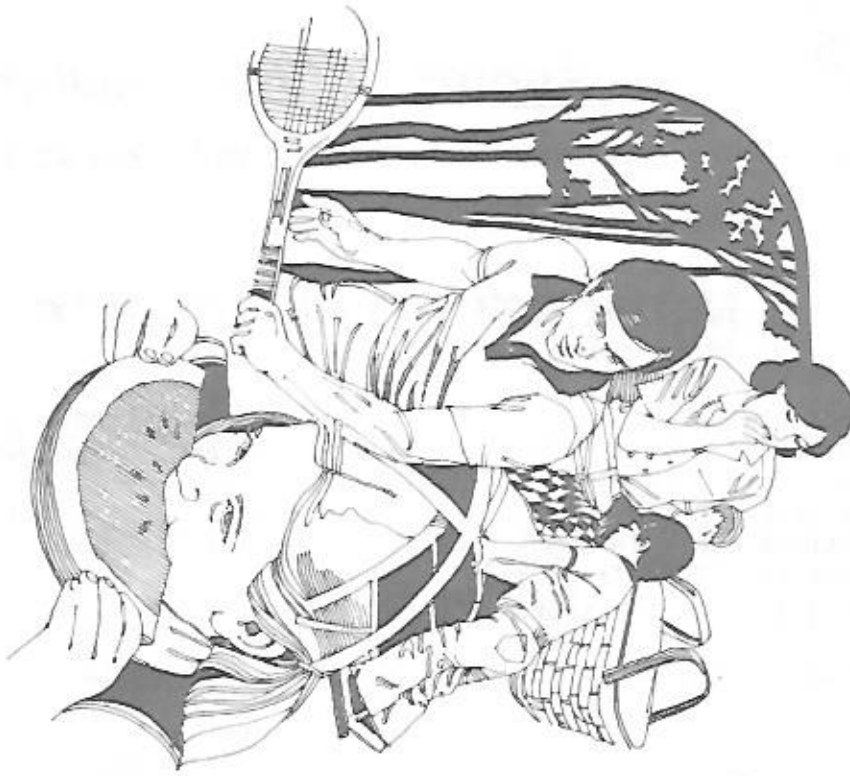
TENNIS TIPS By Percy Hughes

1. When calling scores, never say "30-deuce." A score isn't "deuce" until it's "40-40." Then we say "deuce."
2. Outdoor play is starting. When playing on a sunny day, please use a hat, cap or visor. Also, have a jug of water or a vitamin C drink with you. Drink a little ever so often.

HELPFUL HINT By Nick Pappas

If you wear bifocals, trifocals or progressive lenses while playing tennis, you're performing a disservice to yourself. Get out your old distance glasses without the bifocal, etc. and see what a difference it makes. One doesn't need several images of a tennis ball when it's coming at you.

The bottom line is that you need distance glasses--playing without bifocals or trifocals is better than playing with them.



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