

## Senior Tennis

# TIMES

### MESSAGES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Our thanks to Marian Pollei for doing a superb job of organizing the Old Log Theater Project.

We might mention here that Don Stolz wishes to express his sincere apology for forgetting to arrange for a reception after the play. He added that he felt worse for the cast than he did for us as they would have enjoyed being with us after the play.

Ofttimes these errors become blessings in disguise. When I told Don what an embarrassment it was to have made a promise to our membership and then to have it fall through, Don asked if he could come with the cast to our next meeting. The upshot of this is that his cast will be part of the entertainment program at our High Tea on April 30.

By the way, the Play "Doubles" was hilarious. You missed a fun time if you weren't one of the 160 members there.

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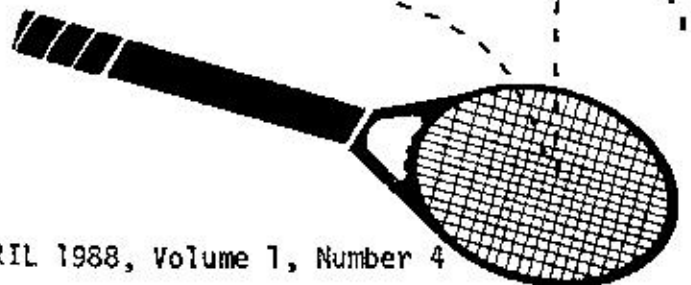
The combination Annual Meeting/High Tea will take place April 30 at the beautiful new Holiday Inn West which is located immediately west of County Road 18 on Wayzata Boulevard (Highway 12). Please arrive promptly at 1:30 as the program will precede the High Tea and the socializing. As stated in the last SENIOR TENNIS TIMES, the program will consist of statements from your officers to let

you know the inner workings of our club and, incidentally, to let you know who is doing your work and providing you with such great opportunities for exercise and fun. (You owe it to them to show up.)

Then we will have entertainment: Percy Hughes on the sax, our opera singer, Marie Wolpert, with her comic arias, Don Stolz and the cast of "Doubles" doing a skit from the play. Drawings will follow, using names from the suggestion box. We hope to have worthwhile prizes for the lucky winners. After all of this, we will have goodies, music and good fellowship.

Don't miss this occasion! The expense of it is quite a bit more than the \$5 we are asking you to pay--the club will subsidize this event for you! Send your check for \$5 made out to the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. to June Mohr, Treasurer, 5645 Longfellow Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55417 before April 22.

Mandy Johnson



To All Members:

After almost two years as your treasurer, I am resigning from these duties. It has been a great experience and I am pleased to tell you that we are in good financial shape. You have been wonderful about getting your dues in on time and so I am happy to report that as of the middle of March we have a total of 1,006 paid members. That number includes 80 Life members, 828 renewals and, thanks to John Crow's diligent efforts, 98 new members.

Frank Schunk has worked closely with me over these two years and I thank him. It is with great pleasure (and some reluctance because I will miss your telephone calls!) that I turn the office of treasurer over to June Mohr. Bob Metcalf has offered to do the quarterly reports so the office is in good hands.

Thank you all for your cooperation these past two years.

Elsa Hutchinson

#### AT LONG LAST SPRING, AND TENNIS MOVES OUTDOORS

For the benefit of new members who are not familiar with the program, playing generally moves outdoors the first week of May. Sometimes it's earlier, depending on the weather. Where public high school courts are used, it might be later--the beginning of June. There is NO CHARGE for summer playing, another membership benefit. Beginners' lessons, too, will be outdoors.

Watch for the summer court schedules in the next SENIOR TENNIS TIMES. We will try to have the court locations, time and captains listed for your information. Listed below are last year's locations:

Augsburg Park, 72nd and Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis  
Brooklyn Center Jr-Sr Hi, 6500 Humboldt Avenue North, Brooklyn Center  
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, SW corner McKnight & County Road E, White Bear School Dist.  
Saint Anthony City Courts, Silver Lake Road, Saint Anthony  
Valley View Park, East 90 Street and Portland Avenue, Bloomington  
Wolfe Park, West 36th Street, Saint Louis Park

If you have suggestions for other locations, please call Chuck Mercer, 866-8933; if you would like to be a captain, call Al Mohr, 722-8339.

## Summer Camp—Already?

Yes, indeed. Planning has begun and Chuck Supplee reports that he has tentative dates for two tennis camp sessions on the campus of Mankato State University:

August 7 through 11  
and  
August 11 through 15.

Watch for the May SENIOR TENNIS TIMES for details.

## UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

### SENIOR TENNIS (VOLVO) LEAGUE ORGANIZES

The two meetings on March 19 and 20 for sign-up and on-court rating were highly successful with a large turnout; many were returning players from the first year. Classes will be held for league play preparation before the beginning of league play with instructions by Virginia Morgan, Ginny Owens and Percy Hughes.

Anyone that is interested and could not make the meetings can still join by contacting Percy Hughes, 545-9184. Arrangements will be made for signing up, for being rated, and for those not yet USTA members, for enrolling.

The next SENIOR TENNIS TIMES will have more information.

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## Metropolitan Senior Federation

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### 15th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

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This month we're introducing a new column - "Up Close and Personal." From time to time STT will profile one of our members. Our first profile is of Clarence Brockman.

Clarence is a 74-year old retired postal worker. You might know him as the guy who shows up on the court lugging the huge thermos of Gatorade for everyone to share. Contrary to popular belief, he doesn't own stock in the company - he simply likes to share with everyone.

Clarence's wife died in 1976, and he retired in 1977. Determined to keep busy, he started joining clubs - a chess club, a kite club, a computer club, an antiques club, a pool club, a radio-controlled model airplane club, and, of course, in 1983, our tennis club.

He hadn't played since he was a teenager and didn't even own a racquet, but plunged right into Virginia Morgan's class at Nicollet. Soon he was assisting Virginia, and later Percy Hughes. He has played in tournaments and the Volvo league, and plays three times a week and as a substitute whenever asked. Oh - and in his free time, he also grows flowers.

Not content with just playing tennis and being the main source of supply of Gatorade, Clarence has also volunteered to assemble, label and mail STT every month. He processes the 1000 newsletters in record time, as befits a former postal carrier and clerk. Clarence shrugs off any thanks - he says he's just giving back to the club what he gets out of it.

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*April, 1988*

Don't Miss the High Tea April 30



TENNIS TIPS  
By Virginia Morgan

Hawaiian Tie Breaker (1 Point)

This tie breaker is usually used when your court time is up and the score is tied.

Either side spins a racquet, the opposite side chooses "up" or "down." The winner serves (usually the better server serves; if in doubt spin between you and your partner to see who serves the point). The receivers have a choice of who is to receive; if in doubt again, spin to see who receives the serve. The side which wins the point wins the match.

Fast Feet, Slow Hands

Use short steps (like a boxer to get in position for balance) unless you have a long distance to go. (Get off your heels.)

Play every point as if it's the final point of the match. It's never over till it's over.

When in doubt as to where to hit the ball in doubles, hit low deep down the middle. The net is 36 inches and goes up 6 inches to 42 at side posts.

Never ever hit a ball at a player across the net from you. The only exception is at their feet. I repeat: Never ever hit at them!! This has been a big complaint of many senior players.

Do you know what they call it when a player hits the forehand and backhand on the same side of the racket? "Windshield washer." The disadvantages are the player's elbow is usually blocking his or her vision when hitting a backhand, and it is harder to return low volleys with the backhand.

If you are the receiver of a serve and the serve is an obvious out, do not hit the ball. Either let it go or gently block it so it stays on your side of the net.

Did you know the shoeliner in most Reebok and Adidas shoes (many others) are removable and washable?

Did you know a Minnesota State law qualifies you for a partial auto insurance reduction if you pass the 55 Alive driving course?

*Congratulations!*

Bill Hall	Tolly Noyes
Mary Hoaglund	Frank Perry
Dale Johnson	Bob Reid
Gladys Murray	Ruth Reid

who have completed twelve lessons and were awarded two cans of Wilson balls and the STPC certificate.

Please notify your instructor when you have completed twelve lessons.



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HIGH TEA APRIL 30



# BULLETIN BOARD

BEGINNERS, PLEASE NOTE - Virginia Morgan will start beginner lessons on Monday, May 2, 6-7:30 pm, weather permitting, at Woodbury Junior Hi, 1425 School Drive, Woodbury.

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There are eight courts on Highway 110 and Delaware in West Saint Paul (Henry Sibley School) that would be a good location for a Domino's league or for summer play. Contact Virginia Morgan, 459-6059.

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"Senior Racketeers" is the name of the group headed by Jean Wallace and Virginia Morgan that will start playing in April at the Decathlon.

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SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED - Women's National 35-45 Indoor Championships to be held at Northwest and Northstar Tennis Clubs May 31-June 5. Topnotch local and national tennis players provide exciting tennis. Please call if you can be a part of this great tournament. By May 1.

Roberta Cruz 941-6985 (h); 920-0256 (o).

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TENNIS & CRUMPETS: MAY 7, 1988  
The 12th Annual Tennis & Crumpets Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament sponsored by the Methodist Hospital Foundation to benefit the hospital's Cancer Care Center will be held May 7. A special division has been established this year to attract senior tennis enthusiasts 55 years and older. Matches are played at various clubs throughout the western suburbs and a dinner buffet will be held at Edina Country Club following the tournament. Registration fee is \$55 for tennis, refreshments and dinner and \$35 for tennis only. A portion is tax deductible. To register call Ginny Sexton at 932-5023.

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A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR GOLDEN YEARS  
The Decathlon Club at 7800 Cedar Avenue South, Bloomington, has entered into an arrangement with our tennis club. Many of you have played tennis at their facility, and you know what a fine club it is.

You qualify for their special "Senior" package:

If you are 65 years of age and  
If you are retired from business.

Membership is open to you between Monday, April 11, and Friday, April 15, for -0-. (Normally the cost is \$250.) All you need do is complete the application and indicate you are a member of the Senior Tennis Players Club, and you're in. From that point on, monthly dues are \$50 and you and your spouse will have use of the club. If there is no spouse, you may always bring a member of the opposite sex for no guest fee!

This special arrangement is for this period only, and only for our group. It will be honored by the Decathlon Club. A complete packet of all details and club facilities will be mailed to you. Just call Clifford McMinn, 888-4989, or Fred Habegger, 869-7918.

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An International Senior Tennis Tournament sponsored by the Hawaiian Pacific Tennis organization will be held on the island of Kauai November 27 to December 3, 1988 and December 4 to December 10, 1988. It is open to all senior players. If any of you supercompetitive players are interested, please call Mandy Johnson for details. 922-4327.

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Classes are organized by and held at

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
Room 110, 5025 Knox Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419  
7-10:00 p.m.

April 14 or April 28 or May 5

Class size is limited to 10 and the price is only \$5 (nonrefundable because of equipment costs). Call Joyce Pederson at the church, 926-7651, for more information and to make sure the class you want is not filled. They have generously offered to start more classes if needed.

Jean Carey

## HAVE YOU HEARD ...

Norm Diamond, our public relations vice president, was interviewed by Charlie Boone on his WCCO radio show February 29 about tennis and the Senior Tennis Players Club. The 10-minute spot sparked a lot of interest because John Crow had 35 telephone calls after the show from interested prospects. And many have already joined!

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The January/February issue of Tennis Midwest reported that Founder Jack Dow presented STPC member Ernie Greene with the first "Senior Development Award" at the Northwestern Tennis Association banquet on January 16. Congratulations, Ernie!

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