

Senior Tennis

TIMES

Dear Members:

It is with deep regret that I have to accept the resignation of John Crow. It will be a great loss to our club. John is moving to the Tampa area so that Floy, his wife, who is in an advanced stage of Parkinson's disease, can be near their daughter, Kathy; John's son-in-law is a well known surgeon in that area and John already has many friends there. He says he will be playing a lot of tennis there, but he will sorely miss us all.

John has given several years of devoted service to our club--he conducted tournaments before he became membership chairman. Anything he takes on, he gives a full amount of time and attention, running errands all over the metro area and never charging a dime for gas--answering phone calls at any hour of the day, making numerous phone calls to greet and welcome new members, as only he can do, and giving them complete information of who to contact to get to play tennis as soon as possible. He does a great deal of mailing--sends welcome letters, membership cards, and playing schedules to new members, sometimes along with a personal note of encouragement.

John has requested that we not have a farewell party for him. However, I believe that to let him go without any applause is a wretched idea and, therefore, we are planning a reception in his honor at Villa Way on Saturday, June 4, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. No reservations are needed as I am sure everyone

who has had the pleasure of John's friendship will be there. We are expecting a huge turnout as he has touched the lives of so many in our club.

Put the date on your calendar right now!

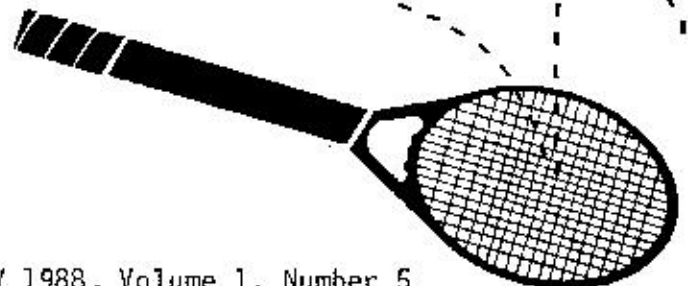
Mandy Johnson

Help Needed

We are looking for a membership chairperson--one who has time and a great interest in the welfare of our club. This is an important post and not to be taken lightly. It takes time and patience.

The tour of duty will be June 1, 1988 through April 30, 1989. I can tell you you will enjoy working with other members of the executive committee. John Crow will inform you of the procedures.

Please call Mandy Johnson, 922-4327.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PERCY

Cake and candles were the order of the day at the Nicollet Tennis Center on April 7 when about 40 STPC participants at new member lessons joined together to wish Percy Hughes a happy 66th birthday.

Roger Boyer, the regional rep from Prince Manufacturing, joined in the fun by giving Percy an on-court professional instructor recertification test, this test using a racquet without strings in the sweet spot. Instructor/student relationship was reversed as our seniors fed the balls and Percy attempted to put the ball in the opening in the strings. The name of the drill was "keep your eye on the ball," a familiar one to all of us. Percy was then given a visual verbal test by fellow pro Ginny Owens.

Amid laughter and applause, all agreed he passed with flying colors!



Time out was taken during a tennis lesson at the Nicollet Tennis Center to surprise pro Percy Hughes with a birthday cake.

SENIOR TENNIS A SMASH AT THE DAC (From the Decathlon Athletic Club magazine)

The DAC hosted a Senior Tennis Party recently attended by 42 people. All players have been playing at the DAC in doubles groups organized by Mary Noble, Laurene Wastvedt or Harley Wishart; or participating in weekly drills instructed by John Arp and Pat Penniston.

Mary Noble and Florence and Fred Habegger did a wonderful job of planning and organizing the party. We owe a special thanks to them for all their help. Mary made all the arrangements with the

catering department and the food was excellent and enjoyed by all. Fred and Florence did a great job of pairing the teams and the tennis was a lot of fun. Everyone was enthusiastic and played a lot of tennis. There were some great matches that night!

Fred Habegger brought along a TV and those who were sitting out enjoyed watching the Olympics. All in all, it was a very successful evening of socializing and good tennis and a great way for newcomers to visit our Club.

COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS MAY 20, 1988

Don't Miss This . . .

THIRD ANNUAL TENNIS CAMP MANKATO STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO, MINNESOTA

Dates August 7-11, 1988 - First Session
August 11-15, 1988 - Second Session

Cost \$110 per person per session, double occupancy
\$205 per person for attendance at both sessions
Single rooms will be available at \$10 extra
Cost includes lodging, meals, courts, drills,
practices, etc.

Reservations Reservation blanks will be available from the
camp staff after May 14. Each session will be
limited to 50 people.

More information regarding down payments, re-
gistration, drills and other activities will be
provided in the June SENIOR TENNIS TIMES.

Chuck Supplee
Coordinator

LEARN TENNIS

1988 SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR BEGINNER LESSONS AND DRILLS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
MONDAY	6:00- 7:30 pm	Woodbury Junior High 1425 School Drive, Woodbury	Virginia Morgan	459-6059
THURSDAY	9:30-11:00 am	Wolfe Park West 36th Street east of Hwy 100, Saint Louis Park	Percy Hughes	545-9184

On the next page is the summer schedule for the courts available for Senior Tennis. Each captain will have his/her own system of play. Cooperation from all of us is necessary to assist captains in their programs. Players on the courts before scheduled times will relinquish the courts so captains may coordinate play. Please dress in proper attire.

THESE COURTS ARE RESERVED FOR SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB MEMBERS ONLY AND ARE FREE.

So! Select a time and place, pack up your tennis racquet, balls, a visor and/or sunglasses, sunblock cream or lotion, bug spray, a towel and a jug of water, and have a great spring and summer playing outdoor tennis, meeting new friends and having fun.

Please note important
information on preceding
page.

1988 SCHEDULE FOR OUTDOOR COURTS

<u>Location and Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Augsburg Park <u>72nd and Blaisdell, Minneapolis</u> Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:00-10:00	Cliff Northfield Florence Habegger	869-1859 869-7918
Brooklyn Center Senior High <u>6500 Humboldt Avenue North</u> Tuesday, Thursday	10:00-12:00	Ruth Copeland	533-5793
Dred Scott Park <u>County Road #18 and Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington</u> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30-11:00	Chuck Supplee Rudy Reznicek	888-0551 888-6011
Edina Senior High <u>6754 Valley View Road, Edina</u> Saturday, Sunday	4:00- 6:00		
Lone Lake Park <u>Shady Oak Road, one-half mile north of Bren Road, Eden Prairie</u> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00-11:00	Laurene Wastvedt	935-2369
Marthaler Park <u>Wentworth & Humboldt, West St. Paul</u> Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00-11:00	Jim Mattaini	457-8331
Minnetonka Country Club <u>Hwy 19, 1 mile west of Excelsior</u> Monday	4:00- 6:00	Chuck Britzius	473-3015
Old Mariner School <u>SW corner McKnight and County Road E, White Bear School District</u> Thursday	9:00-11:00	Open Play	
City of St. Anthony Courts <u>Silver Lake Road near 33d, St. Anthony</u> Monday, Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Mary Kaminski	781-3271
Valley View Park <u>East 90th & Portland, Bloomington</u> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday	7:00-10:00	Cliff McMinn	888-4989
Wolfe Park <u>West 36th Street off Hwy 100, St. Louis Park</u> Monday Tuesday Wednesday, Friday	9:00-11:00 9:00-11:00 9:00-11:00	Len Aberle Bill Storie	938-9097 428-2052

BULLETIN BOARD

The Captains' Tournament starts June 13. This is a tournament consisting of teams formed by the captains of 1987/88 indoor club players. Finals are planned for the end of June.

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Free beer and peanuts! All B, C and Z players are welcome for doubles on a private court and beautiful grounds. Play two different times: 11:30 to 1:00 or 1:30, and 3:00 to 4:30 or 5:00 daily, including Saturdays and Sundays. Call Jack Dow, 922-9128 for reservations. No charge for court time. Highland Villa Country Club, 5210 Villa Way, Edina. P.S. We will accept two A players daily to even out the competition.

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Volvo-- The Senior Tennis League is straight ahead and all those who signed up will be notified as to who your captain will be and the playing schedule before the middle of May. League play begins the week of May 15 and extends through the week of July 18. The sectional tournament is August 5-6-7. If you have any questions, call Percy Hughes, 545-9184.

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Another Great Tennis Party. It was so-o-o-o good and there was so-o-o-o-o-much of it. I'm talking about the feast we had at our most recent tennis party at the Crosstown Tennis Club. Would you believe all this, and good tennis, too.

The party room was decorated for Easter with bunnies, Easter eggs, candles and Easter baskets, thanks to Bev Lyles. In charge of the food planning and preparation was Louise Storie. Our thanks to her for a fantastic job, and to her co-partner, Grayce Aberle. Thanks also to all those who prepared the appetizers. Wow, that's going to be a hard act to follow!

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Starting Thursday, May 19, and every Thursday evening except June 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, there will be open tennis at the Henry Sibley High School eight courts, Delaware and 110 in West Saint Paul.

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Domino Pizza News--A good number of pizza teams are being organized. This year both men's, women's and mixed teams are being scheduled for team play starting in the middle of May and lasting through June. What a great way to enjoy outside tennis and enjoy good play and being part of a team.

If you have not signed up yet, you still have an opportunity to become a team member or sub. Call Connie Custodio, 824-2569, or Chuck Supplee, 888-0551, for team playing in your area!

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NEWS FLASH! 3.0 MEN'S VOLVO TEAMS!

Four good men's Volvo teams are practicing weekly for Senior Volvo Play. The elected co-captains are: Team 1 - John Anderson, Clarence Brockman; Team 2 - Bill Storie, Al Holter; Team 3 - Gerry Stalwick, Ed Holzacker; Team 4 - Harley Wishart and Fred Hermann.

Last year the men's 3.0 team went to the regional finals before barely losing to a young Burnsville team. Probably this year they will go all the way!



TENNIS TIPS
By Virginia Morgan

Check your public library for tennis instruction films. The Northwestern Tennis Association also rents tennis films (for a fee). Call 546-0703.

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When attending a tennis match, the best seats are not the "50-yard line" as you watch like a windshield wiper from there.

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Try to be on time when you're going to play. Do your stretching exercises before you go on the court.

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Never walk behind another court during their play. Wait until their point ends and then walk fast, single file, and without any conversation.

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Never serve until the opponent is ready to receive.

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Never touch the net with racquet or body until point has ended.

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When hitting a ball, never aim for the line. Aim about 10 inches in for a lesser chance of error.

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It rarely happens, but should a ball be hit to your court and have so much spin on it that it returns back over the net to your opponent's court (before it has bounced in your court), you can then reach over the net (but not touch it) to get a racquet on the ball so that you don't lose the point.

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If a ball is going out, you should not catch it whether you are inside or outside the court until it has bounced out of bounds or bounced twice in the court.

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When serving, always hold two balls or put one in a pocket.

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Communicate with your partner; e. g., "yours," "mine," "help," "watch," "I have it." Never call a ball "good" - the main calls are when a ball is out, fault, double fault and let.

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Never return a ball to the server unless you have her/his attention and then return them one at a time. If two players are returning balls, the person furthest away returns first.

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Should you not remember the score, go back to the last score you can remember.

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If a server serves out of turn, as soon as it is discovered change to correct server and keep all points played. If receiver is on the wrong side of the court, receiver stays until the game is over and then goes to the correct side.

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Don't forget to call the score loud and clear. If it's noisy, use hand signals.

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If you are ready to serve and one of the players wants to send you a ball, hold up the two balls and say "I have two." Should you have only one ball, hold it up and say "need one."

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Never return a ball to another court during their playing of a point. Wait until the point ends or gently roll it to the back of the court. If your ball goes to another court and it is not where they would step on it, don't ask for your ball until their point is over.

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Know where all three balls are at all times. Gently hit balls to the server - don't push them on the ground with the racquet. It's best to keep all three balls on the same side of the server - the game runs smoother.

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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

This month Up Close and Personal focuses on Franz Ucko, a man who has had a more interesting life than most.

A German Jew, Franz fled the Nazis and ended up in Manila in 1941. While there, he worked for the U. S. Army as a photographer. In the course of his work he traveled to some of the remotest parts of the Philippines. He was one of the first westerners to meet the Agta Negritos, a primitive forest-dwelling people. He recorded his meeting with dozens of photographs.

Time passed, and the war ended. Franz met his wife on Guam where she was stationed as a WAAC. They married in 1948. They moved to Saint Paul, where they raised a son and daughter.

Franz went to work at Buckbee Meers as a mechanical engineer. After ten years with Buckbee, he went to Motorola to work on microlithography, and then in 1965 went to work for Control Data. During his twenty years with CDC, Franz did R & D on solid state electronics, microcircuits, and integrated circuits. He is the owner of three patents and has published twelve scientific papers. Although retired, he still works part-time as a consultant.

In 1986, Franz read an article in Natural History about the Agta Negritos. Recalling the photographs he took in 1945, he contacted the author of the article. The author, an archaeologist, and her husband, an anthropologist, had lived with Agta and were writing a book about them. They met and compared stories and photographs. The relationship developed to the point where Franz and the couple, Agnes and Bion Griffin, planned a nine-day trip into the remote Sierra Madre region of Luzon to see if they could find the same people Franz photographed in 1945.

Unfortunately, they didn't find any of Franz's subjects - they speculate those people lived further into virtually

impassable territory 25 miles from where the 1987 trip took them. They did, however, during their unbelievably arduous journey locate two related clans and photographed them. For Franz, it was an unforgettable experience.

Franz is a volunteer interpreter at the Science Museum of Minnesota on the anthropology floor (of course!), especially in contemporary Maya. He also teaches functional illiterates with the aid of computers at the Saint Paul Technology for Literacy Center. For many years he has been an elder and choir member of the North Como Presbyterian Church.

Back in the more mundane world of Saint Paul, Franz saw Jack Dow being interviewed on TV about senior tennis. Intrigued, he joined STPC and started taking lessons at Nicollet from Percy Hughes. Before this, the last time Franz had picked up a racquet was in Manila in 1941.

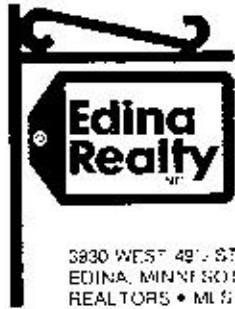


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