

TIMES

Senior Tennis

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Senior Tennis Hall of Fame Event Now History

The first Senior Tennis Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon was a landmark event insofar as senior tennis is concerned. Those who attended were thrilled to meet and chat with the tennis greats. I'm sure most of us were on a high afterward--the whole affair was a fantastic success.

There were 180 people to meet tennis greats Tom Brown, Don Budge, Jack Kramer, Frank Parker, Bobby Riggs, Ted Schroeder, Pancho Seguro, Vic Seixas and Dennis Van der Meer. There were international figures from the business world, such as C. N. Rockwell of Rockwell International, Warren Avis, president of Avis Car Rentals, Fred Babcock, lumber tycoon, Harvey Mackay, author of "Swim With the Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive," and others. Harvey was the keynote speaker and then each of the tennis guests spoke. Bobby Riggs was first, and his enthusiasm set the tone for the others who told interesting and fun tennis stories, much to the delight of everyone present. Charlie Boone and Don Stolz were, as usual, magnificent masters of ceremonies. Many thanks to Bob Zweigle of Zweigle Advertising, Inc. for his gift of the trophies.

Of course, the program was a delight. I wish everyone in the tennis club could have been there. What an inspiration it was!

Dues



Renewals for 1989 are flooding in, and we certainly thank all those who sent in their checks early. Could we hope for 100% by

December 31? This would be fantastic! Then we could get the roster printed in January in time to get to you with the February SENIOR TENNIS TIMES. Please use the renewal form on another page and send your check to June Mohr.

Senior Options

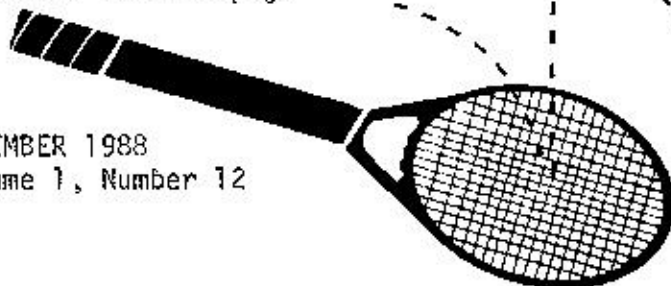
We don't know how many new members we got as a result of our Senior Options participation, but those of you who attended will attest to the fact that our booth attracted attention. Tapes of club members playing tennis games were shown on a VCR, our huge blown-up picture taken at the Metrodome hung on the wall, there was a giant tennis-ball can for names for the drawing, and many other features put together by Virginia Morgan's committee.

Roger Boyer, Percy Hughes and Ginny Owens put on a demonstration in the theater area. You wouldn't believe how beautifully that was carried out on the tiny platform they had to work on. There was audience participation and the STPC story was told over the microphone which was heard all over the arena. (Editor's note--Mandy did a superb p. r. job. I was there and heard her.)

Many thanks to Roger Boyer for providing the tennis racquet for the drawing, and many thanks to all our great volunteers under the direction of Virginia Morgan. Thanks to the Rein Art Galleries for allowing us to use their TV set for the VCR.

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and to Norm Diamond for his great contribution in getting the VCR for us, the enlarged picture, etc. Bob Curran was the lucky winner of the Prince racquet. Peg Feilzer won the Wilson tennis racquet donated by Tom Brain. The two Senior Tennis Hall of Fame luncheon tickets were won by Grayce Aberle and Nan Moonen.

We Were on Good Company (?)

Our appearance on the Good Company show was a disaster. Jack had 30 seconds to deliver his message regarding the Senior Tennis Hall of Fame awards luncheon so you can imagine what came of it. We had 18 senior tennis players there dressed in brightly-colored warmups looking terrific, and I had planned to introduce every one of them, but didn't get to say a word. We had fun watching the production and sampling the goodies, but as far as our club and the Senior Tennis Hall of Fame was concerned, it was a waste of time. We were on TV on November 25. I'm recording this in SENIOR TENNIS TIMES so our club will not make the mistake again of using KSTP for public service announcements.

Curious How We Seniors Read

No less than 13 members who are not captains called to say they would like to go to the Old Log Theater event, not noticing it was a special Christmas treat for the captains only. This is a way of saying "thank you" for the time and effort they put in keeping the courts filled and keeping things going properly.

Wanted: Volunteers

Our great faithful and efficient volunteer, Clarence Brockman, who has done the mailing of our newsletter will not be able to do this important chore for us, starting with the February issue. We are calling for a volunteer committee

to take on this job. Please call Mary Kaminski at 781-3271 and volunteer to do this job once a month for your club.

More on Volunteers

My volunteer file is growing, but there's room for many more. The first fun thing we are doing is appearing on the Good Company program November 1.

Group Picture Price Reduced

We made another appeal to the photographer to lower the price of our group picture and have a new price for you--\$9.95 is as low as he can go. All of you who have placed an order already will be charged this lower figure. For additional orders, please call Mary Dulebohn, 545-7142.

Picture Pickup

For those who have not indicated where they wish to pick up their pictures, they will be contacted when the pictures arrive.

Note to Beginners

Beginners are encouraged to form groups with other beginners and make a request to Al Mohr (722-8339) for scheduled court time at a convenient facility.

(Perhaps it needs to be pointed out that the Senior Tennis Hall of Fame is completely independent financially and otherwise of the Senior Tennis Players Club, and that the Dow Company is completely separate from either one of these ventures financially.)

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I wish you all a relaxed and happy holiday.

Mandy Johnson



PARTY

"EARLY BIRDS" TENNIS AND BREAKFAST

Join other early-rising members of the STPC on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 a.m. at the Northwest Racquet & Swim Club, 5525 Cedar Lake Road, Saint Louis Park (546-5474) for tennis and breakfast.

We'll play doubles and then have a breakfast of freshly squeezed orange juice, fruit, coffee cake and a bottomless cup of coffee. The charge for one hour of tennis and breakfast will be \$4.50. Balls will be provided. Your playing time will begin at either 7:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m., but please arrive shortly before 7:00 a.m. Come directly to the party room

where we'll have the coffee ready. Your check for \$4.50 made out to the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. must be received by Friday, December 16. Please indicate on the face of the check your playing level: A, B or C. Send to:

Ned Bunday
9309 Nesbitt Road
Minneapolis, MN 55437
831-7677

Reserve your place right away as we can accommodate only 48 players.

Ginny Owens



Mark your calendar

EXCITING NEWS

Chris Evert and Vic Braden will be at the Northwest Racquet & Swim Club, 5525 Cedar Lake Road, Saint Louis Park, on January 3 and 4. They will be conducting a clinic on the 4th from 10:30 to noon for Northwest Racquet Club members only, and from 2:30 to 4:00 a clinic open to the public FREE OF CHARGE. This event is sponsored by Wilson and the Northwest Racquet Clubs.

On January 3 there will be a fund-raising dinner at the Radisson South Hotel, proceeds to go to the National Junior Tennis League of the Northwestern Tennis Association. At this dinner the featured guests will be Chris Evert and Vic Braden. Tickets are \$50 each and tax deductible. The sponsoring fee is \$1,000.

For further information, call 546-0709.

JANUARY TENNIS PARTY

Mark your calendar now and send in your check for another of our great Saturday night tennis and eating extravaganzas. It will be Saturday, January 21, 1989 at Hwy 100/France Avenue North Racquet Club in Brooklyn Center from 8 pm to midnight.

The cost is \$8 for one hour of doubles, food and beverages. If you want to come just to socialize, the cost is \$4.50. Your check is your reservation. Indicate your playing level on the check and mail to: Ned Bunday, 9309 Nesbitt Road, Minneapolis, MN 55437 (831-7677).

Additional information will be in the January SENIOR TENNIS TIMES, but reserve early. Call Ginny Owens with questions: (w) 546-9666, (h) 924-9233.

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The next scheduled party will be Saturday, March 25, at the same club.



TENNIS TIPS

By Percy Hughes

Slice Serve

The slice serve is hit with side spin and only a little top spin added by virtue of the basic upwards hitting action which is part of all serving. How?

- 1) Toss the ball forward and a little to the right.
- 2) Turn your hitting shoulder away and cushion your weight over your front knee.
- 3) Keep your racquet elbow high as the racquet-head falls deep into the throwing position.
- 4) Weight transferred forward and upward as your knees straighten and you throw the racquet-head edge on to the ball.

Come to the Nicollet Tennis Center Thursday 9:30 a.m. classes, if you can. We must work on proper footwork--footwork that works for us, footwork that is safe for us 39-year-old youngsters. PLEASE! We've had too many bad falls because of tangled feet.

MORE ON THE USTA/VOLVO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

News items are still coming in about the National Championships and Harley Wishart's 3.0 men's team when they competed in Seabrook Island, South Carolina.

From Carol Belfour....."It was the most unbelievable experience of our lives, as senior tennis players, to be able to play in a national tournament." This is a quote from one of the players. Harley's team had three players over 70 with an average age of 67 years. Just eight members of the team were able to get to the National Tournament which meant they all had to play twice in a day. Harley got sick before the tournament and had a blood transfusion; nevertheless, made the trip and played competitively. One match drew close to 150 spectators. It seems the Seniors split sets with a team of 30-year-old players and the crowd was impressed.

From Ed Holzhacker (on Harley's team) as told to Your Editor.....Before returning to Minneapolis, Ed stopped off at New York City to visit his son. While dining in an 86th Street bistro with his son, he was introduced to the restaurateur, Hans Herfer, who noticed his STPC patch, became curious about it and asked questions as to what it meant. One thing led to another, and as a result Ed was invited to play tennis with Herfer at his New Jersey club on another day. They met again and did play tennis. Ed beat his host, younger in years, in three singles sets. They had a fun time, and it was another experience Ed will remember about his trip to the east coast, and all because of his involvement with Volvo.

And who said New York wasn't a friendly city!



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MANDY

time in return for the many friends she has made and for the many fun times she has had.

Like any other grandmother, Mandy carries around a portfolio of pictures of her daughters and her three grandchildren and is proud of their accomplishments in theater, music, teaching and business.

In telling her story, Mandy has omitted the difficult times, six major operations and finally a kidney transplant. She and Jack Dow have made a pact: They promise to stay alive until 1996.

HAVE YOU HEARD . . .

Member Gen Bolger was elected to the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation (GATF) and has the distinction of being the first woman to be so elected.

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Marc Miller, Director of Tennis of the Decathlon Athletic Club, was voted USPTA Pro of the Year.

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Walter Kofski, John Nolan, Bob Langguth, Jim Husbands and Chuck Clinton have completed twelve lessons.

Correction

The theater party for captains, compliments of Don Stolz, should have published the Old Log Theater's play as "Key for Two."

ATTENTION ALL SKIERS AND ASPIRANTS!
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SNOW---SKI ON IT!

Get together and ski with Senior Tennis Players Club members. We can organize groups for half and full day trips to local ski areas--Buck Hill, Afton, Welch Village and Wild Mountain.

Overnights to Spirit Mountain, Ludsen and others.

There are good deals out there for the old pros and the beginners, too. Let's talk about it--call Bill Storie, 428-2052.

WOODDALE CLUB PARTY

An evening of tennis and sociability was enjoyed by Senior Tennis players at Wooddale Club in Woodbury October 27. Roni LeRoy and Dottie Guenther won door prizes. Snacks were prepared by Grace Ferstle, Dottie Guenther, Bernice Hanson and Marge Schneider.



UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Mandy Alar Johnson spent the first twenty years of her life in Virginia, Minnesota on the Iron Range. She was the third of ten children who are now on both coasts and in the south. In the early years she took part in sports--ice skating, roller skating, softball and pole vaulting. As is well known, the Range had excellent schools with every sports facility available. In her late teens Mandy's first love was the dance. She became proficient in tap and was a teacher's assistant in tap and ballet. She still loves ballroom dancing, though opportunities are few.

After high school Mandy worked as secretary for the St. Louis County Child Welfare Board in the interesting work of placements, adoptions and establishing paternity. During World War II she moved to Minneapolis and worked in the personnel department of General Mills, Mechanical Division, in the business of roll correctors and torpedo directors for the United States Navy. At General Mills Mandy met and shortly after married Roy Johnson, an executive trainee.

Mandy's next job was in the executive offices of the Star Tribune, many times an exciting place to work as reporters came from all over the globe to hold press conferences with John Cowles, president. Cedric Adams, just down the hall from her, provided humor daily. Mandy was elected president of the newspaper's Women's Club and officiated at many social events.

When the babies started to arrive, Mandy resigned her job to become a full-time mom, but not for long. Roy died of a sudden illness which no one, not even Mayo's doctors, could diagnose. After a long recovery, Mandy enrolled in the U of M, selecting a teaching degree as her goal so that she could support her family and have a work schedule similar to her children's hours in school. She doubled up on her studies, crammed four years into three, and graduated with honors. She was elected president of the



Minnesota chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, National Honor Organization for Women in Education. She went on later and earned a Master's Degree. Her thesis, which was published, was on the effects of TV viewing on creativity.

Mandy enjoyed her twenty-one years as fifth and sixth grade teacher at the Cedar Manor School in St. Louis Park. She had the fun job of planning and conducting concerts, vaudeville acts, specialty numbers and annual plays, frequently comedies. It was with regret that Mandy took an early retirement for health reasons.

Mandy's tennis-playing really started in 1971, not having played since a youngster. A colleague coerced her into playing doubles at the Richfield Racquet Club. She later joined the Matched Singles Tennis Club, became activities director and then newsletter editor. She doesn't remember how she got in touch with the budding Senior Tennis Players Club, but has been grateful for it. She served as activities director for two years, newsletter editor for a short time, and somehow got talked into the most time-consuming job of all, president. Always happy to be of service to the club, she feels it's well worth her

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