

Senior Tennis

TIMES

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE unless you have sent in your 1989 dues or get them to us by January 18. Make check payable to Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. (\$15 per person) and mail it to:

June Mohr, Treasurer
5645 Longfellow Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Those new members who paid their dues in November or December are paid up through 1989.

For Your Information

Here's a general idea of the financial structure of our club. Our monthly expenses are:

Newsletter:

Editor - \$200
Printing - \$210
Mailing - \$ 86

Total Newsletter Expense,
approximately \$500.

Beginners' Lessons:

5 pros @ \$120 per month
- \$600

So our major expenses are approximately \$1100 per month. For the purpose of this summary, I have not included advertising expenses, miscellaneous office expenses, etc. as they vary greatly during the year. We on the Executive Committee have never had breakfasts, lunches or dinners on the club. Our

meetings and errands are done on a volunteer basis totally, and many of us put out a considerable amount in mileage and incidental expenses. I want to point out that through the efforts of Associate Editor Mary Noll we were able to make a deal with the printer which resulted in a much smaller bill for the printing--almost half of what other printers would ask.

We have \$25,000 invested in short-term CD's as a reserve for future expenses. Our income is from dues, ads and interest on the CD's. Our current membership is 1,311. If you would like a complete financial statement, contact June Mohr (722-8339). Each month she prepares all of the information and Bob Metcalf, CPA, computerizes it so it is ready for you at any time.

A Night Out for Captains

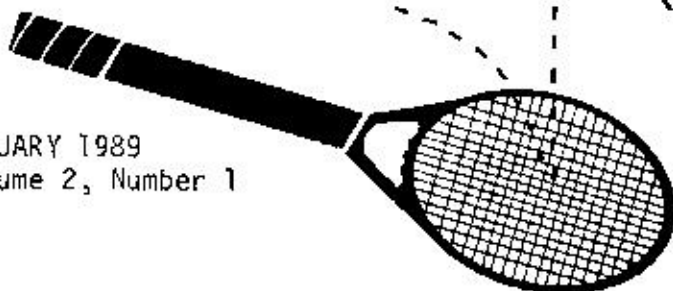
About fifty captains and their "significant others" enjoyed the comedy "Key for Two" at the Old Log Theater, courtesy of Don Stolz. We certainly want to thank him very much for an enjoyable evening.

"Honeywell Pioneer's High Honors Were
Hard-Earned"

Did you notice the beautiful article on Carl Nomura, one of our senior tennis players, in the December 19 issue of the Star Tribune? We are proud to know him.

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You Answered the Call

Many thanks to those who added their names to our volunteer file. You'll be called on to host parties and events and to help with telephoning and taking reservations. One of the fun things volunteers do is help with the certification of teaching pros by acting as students for their practical exams. We can still use more volunteers and urge you to think about committing some of your time and energy to your tennis club. Getting involved is a great way to make new friends, get more acquainted with the workings of the club, and feel good about doing an important service for a great cause. Let's hear from you.

Just for Laughs

There are some things unique about us seniors. You may not believe this, but no fewer than thirteen people paid their 1989 dues twice. June called them and tore up their second checks. Their responses were funny: "I pay my bills as soon as I get them;" "No wonder I don't have any money;" "I belong to two groups and got mixed up." June and I decided we would put a notice of renewal in each SENIOR TENNIS TIMES—it would be a source of additional revenue??? JUST FOR LAUGHS.

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I trust 1988 was good to you. My wish for you in '89 is that you enjoy good health and have many happy times. To borrow words from Percy Hughes: "LUV YA."

Mandy Johnson

Our first tennis party of the new year will be at the Hwy 100 North France Racquet Swim & Health Club in Brooklyn Center (535-3571), Saturday night, January 21, from 8 p.m. to midnight. We'll be playing one hour of doubles from 8 to 11 p.m. arranged by Ned Bunday according to player ability level. We will then have eight open courts from 11 p.m. to midnight for those wanting to continue playing.

The charge for one hour of tennis, food and beverages is \$8. Tennis balls will be provided. If you want to come just to socialize, the cost is \$4.50. Your check is your reservation. Please make it payable to:

Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

and mail to:

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

Please indicate on the face of your check your playing level: A, B or C.

This party is open to club members only, and you are a current club member if your 1989 dues are paid. Please get your reservation in early—we have been forced to turn away people for past events. Reservations must be RECEIVED by Tuesday, January 17.

Ginny Owens
(w) 546-9666
(h) 924-9233





TENNIS TIPS

By Virginia Morgan

When to Use the Lob

- If you are pulled out of position and need time to get back.
- If you are winded or exhausted and need time to catch your breath.
- To change the pace of the game.
- When opponents are at the net.
- To win a point by hitting a lob to opponent's weak side (a high ball could be hard to return).
- When playing outdoors and the opponent is facing the sun.

Doubles Position

Playing one up (at net) and one back (near baseline) will work best when

opponents play that way; however, as you advance try to serve and come in or return a ball deep and come in so you and your partner are both at the net as that is where most points are won. If opponents successfully lob you, don't play too close to the net. If it continues, do play from baseline. Also try to return the ball so they don't have time to throw up a good lob, such as hitting deep into their court, hitting to their weak side (usually backhand), hitting crosscourt, hitting at their feet, etc.

Remember during a game if your partner crosses to your side to return a lob that goes over your head and you are unable to return it, immediately cross over to cover your partner's side. Do communicate. Example: "Yours," "I got it." Once you cross over, stay and play that side unless you have to cross over and cover again.

Bulletin board

NEW! TENNIS IN THE WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA. It's possible that we may be able to arrange court time at the new White Bear Racquet & Swim facility on Highway 96 in White Bear Lake. To all those interested, please call Chuck Mercer, 866-8933.

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PLAYERS WANTED FOR WOODDALE CLUB. All members interested in playing at the Wooddale Club in Woodbury Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10:30, please call Lois Nordman at 735-6214.

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THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU, Esther Brockman and Vicky Dean, for having completed twelve lessons. Congratulations!

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ROGER BOYER DOES IT AGAIN. Santa Claus Roger Boyer held a "Santa Claus" drill with many prizes on December 22 at the Nicollet Tennis Center. Once again, Roger, we love you. Thank you and a Happy Birthday!

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THANKS FROM VIRGINIA MORGAN. Thanks to the following members who so capably staffed the booth at the Senior Options Expo and who promoted STPC so enthusiastically: Grayce Aberle, Ed Anderson, Frank Beutel, Ruth Copeland, Lenore Patneaude, Lyle Philiph, Dick Pratt, Shirley Pratt, Marge Schneider, Ted Smith, Chuck Supplee and Jean Wallace.

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USTA/VOLVO NEWS

By Carol Balfour and the USTA/Volvo Program Staff

This month the 1989 USTA/Volvo Tennis League Program will be launched with, among other events, NTRP Verification Clinics. These rating clinics will be for individuals who have never played in the USTA/Volvo program plus those who did NOT play in 1988. They will have to have their NTRP re-evaluated. All captains and players from the 1988 season will receive a letter in January IF their rating has changed. All players who played in 1988 NOT receiving a letter may play at the same level.

STEPS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR GETTING ON A USTA/VOLVO TENNIS LEAGUE TEAM

1. Get NTRP rating to determine level of play.
2. Join USTA or renew membership.
3. Attend general information meetings in February.
4. Decide if you want to captain a team and choose your players or request permission to be on another team.
5. Call Hotline if you can't put together a team or find one to join.
MEN's HOTLINE: 920-0993
WOMEN's HOTLINE: 935-9726
6. Completed team rosters due in early April.
7. Captains' meetings are in early May. This is when schedules are given out.
8. Once team rosters are completed, have a team "meeting" for fun and planning.

(The following suggestions have been beneficial to teams in previous years.)

9. Select a coach.
10. Locate a sponsor, if possible. They may help with some expenses.
11. Level of play determines day of matches. Set practice times accordingly.
12. Decide on team shirt, if team elects to have one. This year again we will have a local USTA/Volvo-designed shirt as well as a national design available to all teams.

Remember, this is the premier program for amateur adult tennis players to improve tennis skills, meet other players and participate in championship events in a highly organized tennis program, all the while having a great time. Get a team together or get on one and have a wonderful time improving your game.

The Senior Tennis Players Club will miss Phyllis Langbein of Bloomington who died November 28. Besides tennis she enjoyed golf, was active in the Bloomington Garden Club and the Water Color Society. Sincere sympathy is extended to her eight children and five grandchildren.



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TWIN CITIES JAZZ SOCIETY CONCERT

Senior Tennis favorite, saxophonist Percy Hughes, leads a nine-piece band at the Twin Cities Jazz Society's 10th anniversary concert Sunday, February 12, 1989. The concert is at the Emporium of Jazz in Mendota, 3-7 pm with admission \$3 TCJS members, \$4 nonmembers, and free to those joining TCJS at the concert. There will be no reservations, with doors opening at 2:15 pm. For more information, call Senior Tennis member Jane Donahue at 633-3134.

Also, for the latest in Twin Cities' jazz information and a free copy of the Twin Cities Jazz Society's newsletter, call TCJS' Jazzline at 633-0329.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

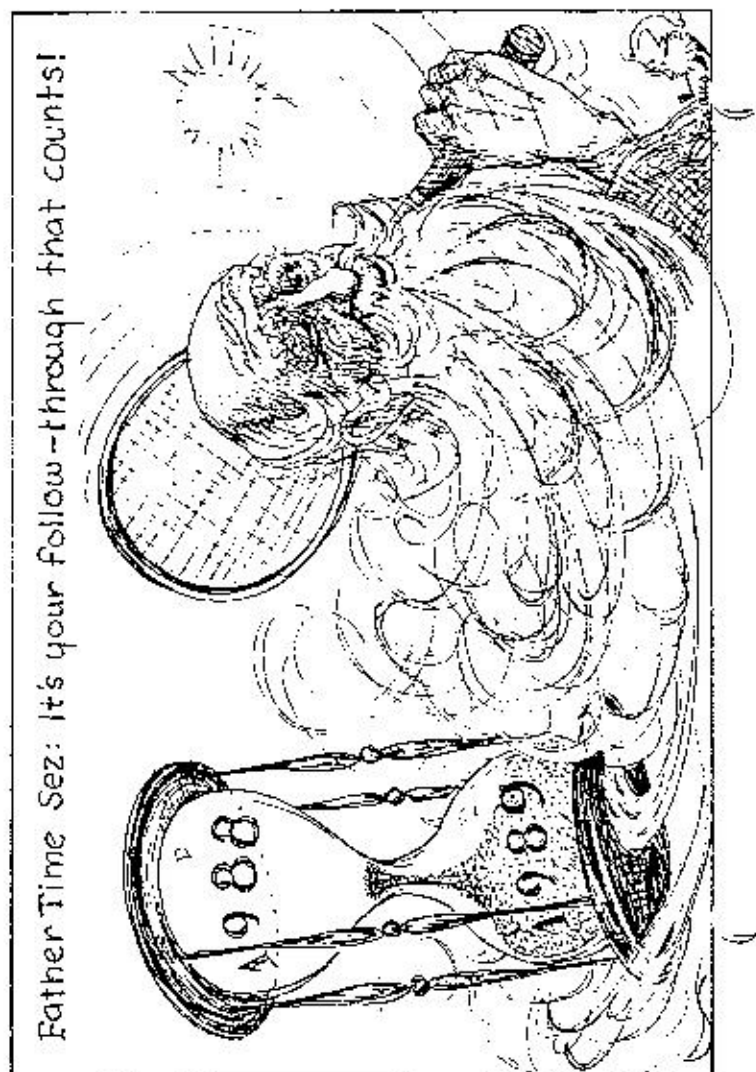
Inge Bergsjø, a native of Oslo, Norway, made his tenor debut at the University of Oslo's Aula in 1939. After his debut he sang at the National Theater in Oslo until it was closed by German Occupation Forces in 1941. During the occupation he gave private concerts and studied to build his opera repertoire in between being interned by the Nazis for being a member of the Norwegian underground.

After the war he continued his operatic studies in Sweden, then sang as a lyric tenor in opera companies throughout the Scandinavian countries, Germany, Italy, Israel and Monte Carlo. Inge retired in 1975 after thirty years on the stage.

Inge met his wife, Lois, while singing in New York in 1953. They met again years later in Norway, were married, and lived in Norway until 1982 when they decided to emigrate to the United States, now living in Bloomington.

After five bypasses and on the advice of his doctors to exercise, Inge chose tennis when his interest was sparked by Jack Dow's pitch for new members on a Dave Moore news show two years ago. He joined STPC, took advantage of the free lessons and now plays three times a week--at the Decathlon Club, Nicollet and Northland.

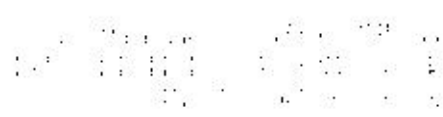
It's an oft-repeated story when with enthusiasm and heart Inge said, "The club changed my life. I love tennis, I feel great and I enjoy the many friendships I have made in this wonderful club."



To Our Readers,

Time flies when you're having fun. It's hard to believe SENIOR TENNIS TIMES is one year old. May 1989 keep you happy, healthy and on the tennis courts!

Your Editors,
Mary Kaminski
and
Mary No11



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