

Senior Tennis

TIMES

Coming Next Issue

Summer is half over (sigh, sigh) and STPC members will soon start thinking about playing indoors in the new season ahead.

The new season starts in October, September in some cases. The September SENIOR TENNIS TIMES will have a schedule for seasoned players and beginners. We're planning to have all the how to's for you then, which hopefully will answer all questions new members have about signing up.

We accommodate more and more players each year, and this is what we're all about--to motivate more and more people to commit to playing tennis regularly...all year-round. It's fun and it's healthy!

Right now we can announce that we have additional times at the Nicollet Tennis Center, 40th and Nicollet, Minneapolis: Mondays, 3 courts, 9-11 a.m.; Mondays, 6 courts, 11-1 p.m.; Tuesdays, 6 courts, 9-11 a.m., Thursdays, 2 courts, 11-1 p.m.

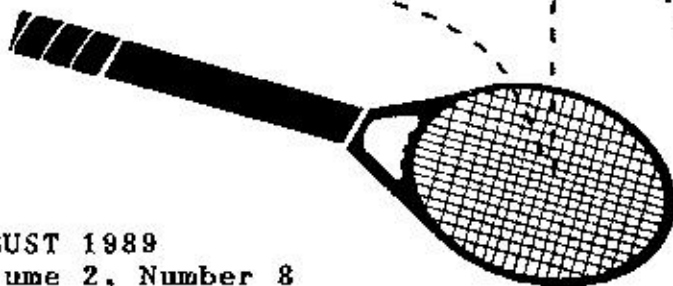
Bob Western and Dick Pratt are hard at work on the new schedule. If you have ideas for additional courts at additional sites, call Bob at 735-5761. Also, will all last year's captains who wish to continue as captain and all those interested in becoming a captain please call Dick Pratt at 433-3583. Then watch for the September SENIOR TENNIS TIMES.

Now is a good time to remind you that our membership drive is ongoing, every day of the year. Ask people you play tennis with...ask your neighbors...ask your friends who belong to clubs...**PROMOTE THE SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB AND SPREAD THE WORD.** Call Marian Pollei for an application blank - 343-0440.

ATTENTION, NONPLAYING MEMBERS

The Senior Tennis Players Club is eager to have you participate in scheduled play. What can the club do to encourage you to become an active player?

Your comments and suggestions are solicited. Please call Ray McGraw at 636-4329 or write him. His address is 1427 Russard Court, Arden Hills, MN 55112. Thanks!



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THE SILVER FOX CAPER

by:Ned Bunday

One morning in April Lois looked up from her mail and asked me what I would think of her playing in the U.S. Senior Olympics. I snickered . "I'm not kidding " she said, "I've been notified that JOYCE HERMANN and I have qualified for the U.S. National Senior Olympics which will be played in Saint Louis the week of June 18th "!! When the smoke cleared and Lois had conferred with Fred and Joyce, it was decided that the four of us would go and have a few laughs !!

A little later on MIKE BOSANKO, a member of our Monday am Decathlon tennis group came up to me and asked if I would be his partner in the Olympics, as NAT WISSER who qualified with him was unable to attend same. I leaped at the opportunity, came home and thumbed my nose at Lois! You see, we had qualified by playing in the Bloomington Sports-O-Rama the previous year.

Fred Hermann drove us down in his beautiful Lincoln Continental. We left on Saturday with an overnite stop and arrived Sunday in the afternoon. Checked into The Forest Park Hotel....Seniors all over the place. I loved it!!

We drove over to the Washington Univ. campus that evening and registered...this whole thing was a mystery to us.. We didn't know what the competition would be (we hoped that our opponents would be of our ilk and it seemed likely in view of the nice gentle oldsters that we met) but we'd find out in our first match .We received a bag of goodies (badges, pins, instructions and of course, schedules.. lois & Joyce were to play two ladies (sisters) from Omaha & St. Louis . Mike and I were to play a couple of guys from Penna..both matches at 2pm Monday but at different locations.

Monday came and with it...90 degs. & humid Mike and I were there early and had to wait a bit for our opponents ... I started to think forfeit! No such luck, they showed..we battled and they won in 3 grueling sets 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. The next day they were wiped out 6-1, 6-0.! I breathed a sigh of relief and felt better.... Actually we felt good about our match because we had played hard and as well as we could. In all our practice together we had never played that well together. Joyce and Lois also lost to the "sisters" . They thought that they could have played better but didn't seem to get it going as well as they have in the past. They had good opponents, but beatable.

BESS MARMAS and IRMA BONG were the only ladies team from Minnesota to get through the first round. One of our mens team ED LAW and JOHN MUTCHLER won their first match too. The other teams fr Minnesota that we knew were: GENE GIBSON & MATT LITTLE (Matt was also qualified in track but pulled a hamstring just a few minutes before he was to run!., DOROTHY HOLSTROM and BETTY MOOREHEAD. A total of 450 tennis players were entered!

Everyone we met seemed to be having a good time. I have never been treated so courteously . Bus shuttles ran every 30 minutes from their pick-up spots at the various hotels where participants were sheltered. School busses were used with volunteer drivers. All in all we had 3500 participants and 4500 volunteers. I didn't hear a cross word while there (even from Lois). There was some kind of entertainment going on every night, just for us! Big bands played the "golden oldies" for our functions...We were dubbed Silver Foxes (which is the Olympics mascot)...We had a "Silver Fox ball" in a large new Mall parking lot, big band and all the hors d'oevres we could handle ... The tennis matches were split into three differer areas so we couldn't see them all ... I c watch a lot of tennis etc. and felt that Minnesota should have done a lot better... Next time we'll be better prepared ... Matches were set up in age increments of 5 years, all the way from 55-80+ ... Instead of averaging the teams ages they used the age of the youngest player as the criteria for pairing.. Poor young Mike had me, a 68 year old puppy, and we had to play in the 55-59 group because of his age!!

We ran into a tall lean Texan Volley-baller (won the gold) who mentioned that he loved tennis but had no-one at home to play with.. I said, " We know the problem but, the way Jack Dow solved that problem in Minnesota was to start a Seniors tennis club that now has over 1200 members playing together!"..His eyes bugged out and he said softly, "excuse me but I thought you said over 1200 members!!!"....YES, MY FRIENDS YOU HAVE MUCH TO BE PROUD OF IN YOUR UNIDUE TENNIS CLUB !!!



TENNIS TIPS

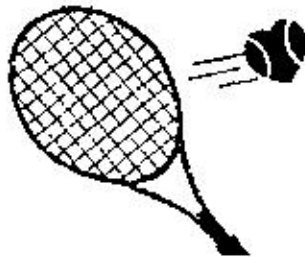
By Virginia Morgan

Use of the Left Hand

When hitting a forehand ground stroke, as you turn your shoulders and hip leave your left hand at the throat of the racquet until the racquet points to the fence to your right. Release the left hand and continue until the racquet points to the fence behind you, then finish the stroke.

On the backhand, if one-handed leave the left hand at the throat of the racquet until the racquet points to the fence behind you, then release the left hand and finish the stroke.

The above is used by most world-class players. Good examples are Agassi, Becker, Graf, Lendl, David Wheaton, etc. Someone who doesn't seem to follow this is Pam Shriver. Observing these champions as you watch matches on television and studying pictures as you read tennis magazines can be helpful.



TENNIS TRIVIA

What choice(s) does the winner of the toss (or spin) have?

The choice of ends and the right to be Server or Receiver in the first game shall be decided by the toss. The player winning the toss may choose or require his opponent to choose: (a) the right to be Server or Receiver in which case the other player shall choose the end; or (b) the end, in which case the other player shall choose the right to be Server or Receiver. (Rule 6 of the Rules of Tennis.)

Bulletin board

Be sure to look over the list of new members further in this issue of SENIOR TENNIS TIMES. You'll see a famous name we all love--someone whose tennis career has delighted and astounded observers of the game. So you can't wait...o.k., go ahead and look...it's on the next to the last page.

That's right! Our latest celebrity member is Chris Evert. In a letter she says she is "most flattered and honored to become an Honorary Member of the Senior Tennis Players Club and accepts the invitation...sends her best personal regards to all the members." We're proud to add her name to our roster.

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JOT THIS DOWN--The Northland Tennis Club at 84th and Normandale Boulevard in Bloomington can be your backup place on rainy days. Indoor courts are available for \$7.42 per court per hour. Call Dennis at 831-2660.

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Tickets are on sale for the fifth annual **SENIOR OPTIONS EXPO** to be held September 29 and 30 at the Saint Paul Civic Center. Besides the exhibits and seminars, nationally known speakers and dazzling entertainment include Rosemary Clooney, the Lovely Liebowitz Sisters, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Patti Page.

There's a new special ticket order package this year. "The Works" is offered at a discounted price of \$25 (\$23 for Metropolitan Senior Federation members). For a brochure and ticket order form, call 645-0261. STPC is a member of the Federation.

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CHUCK WEBER is working on a Kiwanis Club service project. He's teaching the basic fundamentals of tennis to disadvantaged 13- and 14-year-olds from north Minneapolis.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL: O. Donald Smith, Jr.

Birthplace: Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Family: Daughter.

Schooling: Central High School, Saint Paul; Attended Hampton Institute, Virginia and University of Minnesota.

Nicknames: "Smitty" and "Baby Don."

Working on: Hosting a KMDJ six-month radio program by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) beginning in September; topic - minority elderly.

Nobody knows: I'm planning to write a children's book and have already prepared the outline on my mother's life. Lelia Smith is acknowledged as having the original concept of the Headstart program since she started a similar program in Saint Paul 55 years ago. My mother, now 98, is affectionately called "Little Miss Smith."

I'd give anything to meet: Felicia Rashad and Jackie Onassis.

I've never been able to: Like ludefisk.

The one thing I can't stand is: Opinionated people.

A really great day to me is: Driving down a highway alone in places I've never been and listening to musical tapes, or fishing on a lake alone with my thoughts.

Major accomplishment: Helping young people educationwise.

Favorite childhood memory: My Boy Scout years. A few years ago 12 of us honored our scoutmaster (now 93) at lunch to let him know how much we appreciated his efforts.

I knew I was a grown-up when: After graduating high school, I told my father I didn't want him controlling my life and that I wanted to join a friend in California. He had me on a bus three days later. No, I really didn't want to leave that soon!

My personal hero is: Percy Hughes.

If I've learned one thing, it is: respect myself and others.

My first job was: Shining shoes in a barber shop on Grand Avenue. I worked one morning, took a four-hour lunch break on my shiny new bike, was fired and told to come back in 12 years when I might want to work.

The best years of my life were: The 34 years with my deceased wife, Helen.

What I like best about retirement: The freedom of action.

What I like least about retirement: Missing the fellowship of my associates at HUD.

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O. Donald Smith, Jr.

"Smitty" saw action in World War II as a metalsmith on a Navy minesweeper in the South Pacific. Housing was his main career. He worked 10 years with the Saint Paul Housing Redevelopment Authority and 15 years with HUD, retiring as management officer and social service director, Minneapolis office.

He's been busy as a Big Brother, board member of the Boy Scouts Viking Council and a volunteer on the senior commission luncheons at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

He joined STPC because both his doctor and Percy Hughes convinced him it was a good sport. Smitty said, "I think I'm the best 1.5 player this club has ever had."

"I've had a beautiful life and if I had to do it over, I wouldn't change a thing. My parents taught me to think positive and to get in a circle of people who have the same positive attitude--and with a sense of humor."

We extend deepest sympathy to Barbara and Kenneth Allen on the untimely death recently of their ten-year-old grandson, Kenneth.

DON'T FORGET AUGUST 20 AT THE FLAGSHIP

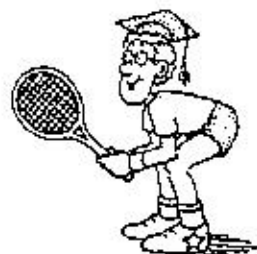
Reservations filled up fast for the popular Sunday Tennis and Brunch at the Flagship on August 20. However, if you'd like to join us for the brunch only, there's still time to send in your reservation.

The brunch only is \$10, and it follows two hours of tennis which starts at 8 a.m. Your check is your reservation and must be received by August 10.

Make check payable to: Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. and mail to:

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433-3583

Join us for fun, good fellowship and elegant brunching!



These are our latest grads who have completed twelve lessons:

Virginia Carroll
Byron Dolphin
Bob Schaffhausen

Congratulations!

New members who have completed twelve lessons, be sure to tell Percy Hughes or call him at 545-7696.

Walt Fineberg Wins the Table Tennis Gold in National Senior Olympics

WALT FINEBERG holds the national men's age 75-79 table tennis title from the National Senior Olympics held in Saint Louis.

For years Walt was a golfer and played tennis and table tennis. What may be news to his friends in STPC is that he overcame great odds to compete again and capture the gold. He was injured in an automobile accident eight years ago and lay unconscious for seven weeks in intensive care. Besides his severe injuries from the automobile accident, he also has had a heart attack and underwent bypass surgery. He had to learn to walk again and "actually, I died, but nobody came to my funeral, so I had to get back in action," he quipped.

That's exactly what Walt did. While he can no longer play golf, at 75 he plays tennis and, of course, has excelled in table tennis. Because he won the gold, he doesn't have to qualify for the Senior Olympics in Syracuse, New York in 1991. He's planning to go! Walt, you're a winner in every way. We're proud of you.



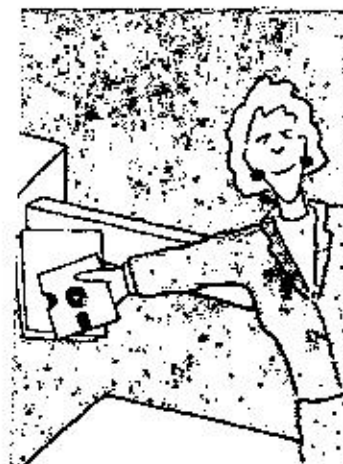
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Connie Custodio 824-2569

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6754 Valley View Road, Edina
Tuesday

5:30- 7:00 pm Instructor
Jeff Lowe 729-5955

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Thursday

9:30-11:00 am Instructor
Percy Hughes 545-7696
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