

Senior Tennis

# TIMES

**URGENT  
MESSAGE!**

Renew your membership for 1990 now on the renewal form further in this SENIOR TENNIS TIMES. Please complete the form and mail to Joyce Maul, Treasurer with your check. It's important that you sign the Membership Conditions.

In 1990 a roster will be mailed to all members in good standing, and your name will be on the roster if your dues are paid. Don't delay! Many members head for warmer climes before too long--renew now so your membership privileges carry over to next year.

New members who joined after October 1 are paid up through 1990.

Thanks for your usual cooperation.



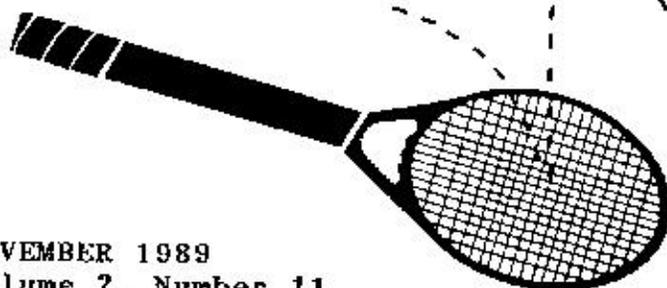
## notice

USTA/VOLVO TENNIS LEAGUE players have had questions about their USTA memberships. The Northwestern Section Office has the answers.

Effective 1990, USTA members will be receiving TENNIS Magazine as part of their membership. This replaces the free subscription previously filled by WORLD TENNIS, and will automatically be transferred to you.

Memberships to the USTA through the USTA/Volvo Tennis League did not go into our main national office until late summer - all memberships should be received from the national office by now.

1990 plans for a Senior League are underway. The Northwestern Tennis Associationn (NWTAA) hopes to offer another league season for seniors. Detailed information is forthcoming.



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# NET NEWS

What? It's <sup>STILL</sup> Not Too Late  
To Get Court Time!

**MEDALIST** - One more regular player is wanted for Thursdays, 10-12 noon. Call Bob Metcalf right away, 571-3596.

**LILYDALE** - Regulars and substitutes are needed for Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 am. Call Nancy Karasov at 452-3172.

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**ADDITION TO WHITE BEAR SCHEDULE** - Besides the mixed group Al Braasch captains on Fridays, 8:30-10:30 am, a men's group is playing Fridays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Al Braasch's phone is 484-1170.

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**BEGINNERS, PLEASE NOTE** - The time for Jeff Lowe's lessons and drills at the Northland Fitness Center on Tuesdays has been changed. The new hours are 5:15-6:45 pm.

Lois Nordman is an added instructor with Virginia Morgan at the Wooddale Recreation Center on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Percy Hughes says members are welcome to continue lessons and drills until the instructor tells you "you're ready for the tour."

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**NOT SURE OF A TENNIS RULE??** There are times in everyone's tennis game that questions come up and you would like a ruling or at least an expert opinion on a ruling. One of our members, Ted Smith, is our in-house expert. He is very knowledgeable about USTA Tennis Rules, so if something about the game is puzzling you, call him at 925-4133.

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## ERNIE GREENE A USPTR TOURNAMENT FINALIST

An International Tournament and Symposium for members of the U. S. Professional Tennis Registry (USPTR) was held October 3-8 at Hilton Head, South Carolina. Teaching pro Ernie Greene entered in the singles tournament for ages 65 and up, and in doubles for ages 55 and up. He was a finalist in each category and won a total of \$125 prize money, a portion of which he donated to the Relief Fund for the Hugo hurricane victims in South Carolina. Congratulations, Ernie!

That's not all. Ernie participated in the celebration of National Tennis Week this summer--he was one of the pros teaching and drilling and as such was eligible to mail a card in to USTA Headquarters for a drawing. He won! His prize, an Apple computer, arrived this week. Congratulations again.

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**1990 PERCY HUGHES' MYR MAR TENNIS CAMP** - The dates for the second Myr Mar Tennis Camp have been set with the program basically the same. Check-in time will be Tuesday, June 12, and check-out will be Friday, June 15. Before you head south if you're interested, call Percy Hughes at 545-7696.

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## TENNIS TIPS

By Virginia Morgan

Now that we're playing indoors and the weather ahead will become colder, here's a suggestion. Don't use hand lotion before playing as it clogs the pores of the leather grips of your racquet, causing them to become slippery in time.

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"Everyone wants to play someone better." However, try playing with someone not as good as you are. There are many things you can try that you probably wouldn't with a player of your own caliber or better.

1. Play only one serve; they play two.
2. Should you serve two, try two firm top-spin serves instead of one hard and one soft. Also, go for placement.
3. Practice dropshots, half-volleys, top-spin lobs, forehand and backhand.
4. Use a slice return of serve.
5. Hit gently to your opponent of lesser ability so the ball can be returned.
6. Give them a one-point lead. Example: Start the game at 15-love or love-15 (depending on who is serving).
7. Practice placement--hit as close to the lines as you can.
8. See how low and deep over the net you can hit your approach shots.
9. You can hit ground strokes and lobs, but no volleys. They can hit any strokes.

Who knows? Some day your opponent of lesser ability may take lessons, practice, and/or play a lot, and then some day you may be the one of lesser ability. It does happen!

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### Correct Calls

When receiving a serve, if the ball is not in call it "FAULT" rather than "wide," "deep" or "long." If it's the second serve and not in, it's called "DOUBLE FAULT." Should the first serve hit the net and go in, the call is "LET" and then say "FIRST SERVE," and if it happens to be a let on the second serve, call "LET, SECOND SERVE."

During play if a ball is hit outside the court, the call is "OUT" rather than "long," "wide" or "deep."

A call not used too often that a player can call on him/herself is "NOT UP," and that's when a player hits the ball into the court before it goes over or the ball bounced twice before the player returned it.

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### WE WERE THERE

Virginia Morgan answered questions about the Senior Tennis Players Club in a booth at Normandale Community College on October 30. Normandale's Continuing Education and Outreach Department sponsored an afternoon of "More Joy in Retirement," with STPC mentioned in the program. The program included interesting presenters of interesting topics, there were door prizes and refreshments. We all thank you, Virginia, for your usual great public relations work.

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**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL: Ed "Doc" Olson**

Special recognition and a Minnesota diamond pin were given Ed "Doc" Olson of Minnetonka on May 31, 1989 in honor of fifty years of outstanding tennis (1939 to 1989). This recognition meeting was especially thrilling because of the presence of the golden gophers National Champions of the 1930s and the outstanding tennis champions. Of all his achievements his most memorable times were having the Normandale College tennis courts named after him and winning the National Championships on the Minneapolis Tennis Club clay courts.

"Doc's" successes embrace not only his prowess in athletics, but also in education, work experience, professional life, and his community activities. He was West High School's (Minneapolis) tennis team captain, winning all city honors in 1933-34, and in 1941 he was captain of the University of Minnesota's tennis team and also that year won the National Public Parks tennis championship.

"Doc" Olson holds BS and BBA degrees, studied at the University of Minnesota, Notre Dame and Harvard, and was conferred a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California in 1957. As Medicinal Chemist of Patents and Pharmacologist, he is active in all state and national activities of Pharmacy Organizations of America, Society of Hospital Pharmacists and Association of Military Surgeons.

He enlisted in the United States Navy at the peak of his tennis rankings in 1941 and served as supply officer aboard the attack transport James O'Hara in the Pacific and brought the Marines into such invasions as the Philippines and Iwo Jima. He was honorably discharged as Lieutenant (jg) in 1946 with three medals for World War II-- American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific Campaign.

In the 1950s he was winner of several singles championships in Florida and played with Jimmy Evert in Fort Lauderdale. He joined the fashionable California Tennis Club and among the myriad of players there, he especially remembers Rod Laver, Alex Olmedo, Jake Kramer, Bobby Riggs, Pancho

Gonzalez, Pancho Seguro, Ted Schroeder, Arthur Ashe, Stan Smith, Billie Jean King and the Lutz brothers. He was the winner of many Blue Ribbon tournaments in Palm Springs.

in the 60s he won tournaments in Los Angeles and Palm Springs on all types of courts: cement, asphalt, grass, clay and gravel, in singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. He met and played with movie notables such as Kirk Douglas, Bob Stack, Walter Pidgeon, Howard Duff, Charlie Farrell and Dinah Shore.

In the 70s "Doc" pioneered the tennis program at the Normandale Junior College in Bloomington and was named Coach of the Year for three years in the State of Minnesota and the Northwest. In the ten-year anniversary at Normandale convocation, he was given special recognition for the most outstanding efforts in tennis.

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Ed "Doc" Olson

As Director of Tennis and Chief Tennis Pro at the Minnetonka Country Club in this decade, "Doc" pioneered the senior tennis program which presently is very successful. He attended the Dennis Van der Meer College of Tennis at Hilton Head, North Carolina to learn teaching juniors and boys. He developed Juniors to win Minneapolis Country Club championships. In 1986 "Doc" pioneered in Minneapolis the Domino Program Nationally with Billie Jean King, competed with other country clubs and his record with the men's team at the Minnetonka Country Club was undefeated in country club meets.

When queried what does tennis mean to him now, "Doc" Olson replied: "Most of my life! I'm interested in playing with lots of friends and getting good exercise, which at 71, is really important."

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## Back to the Basics

The old command in tennis to "Watch the Ball" is just as important today as ever. How can a player expect to hit that perfect shot and control it to the perfect location if one cannot see the ball to hit it??? You may find it helpful to mark some old tennis balls with a big black dot and actually try to see the dot on the ball as you hit it. It is always helpful to consciously remind yourself to "Watch the Ball" all the way into your strings as you "see" yourself improving!

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# LEARN TENNIS

## BEGINNER LESSONS AND DRILLS 1989-1990 SCHEDULE

LOCATION	DAY	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	TELEPHONE
NICOLLET TENNIS CENTER 4005 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis	Thurs	9:00-10:30 am	Percy Hughes Ginny Owens	545-7696 546-9666
NORTHLAND FITNESS CENTER 5250 West 84th Street Bloomington	Tues	5:15- 6:45 pm	Jeff Lowe	729-5955
WILLISTON CLUB 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka	Mon	5:30- 7:00 pm	Connie Custodio	824-2569
WOODDALE RECREATION CENTER 2122 Wooddale Drive Woodbury	Mon	6:30- 8:00 pm	Virginia Morgan Lois Nordman	459-6059

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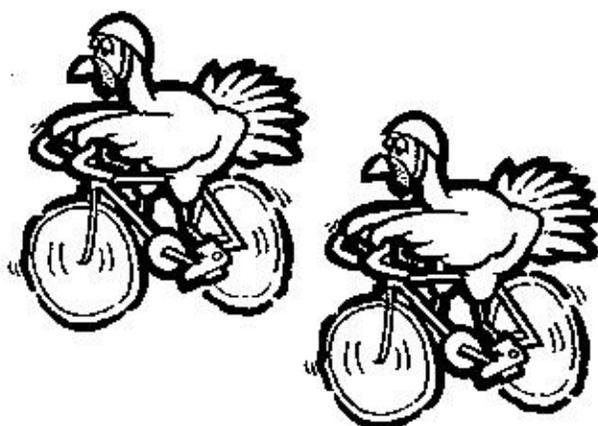
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