

Senior Tennis

# TIMES

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## ANNUAL MEETING DINNER AND BALL

Friday, April 20, 1990  
Minneapolis Metrodome Hilton

6:00	Cocktails (cash bar)
7:00	Dinner
8:30-12:00	Dancing to the music of the Percy Hughes Quintet

### Dinner Menu

Chicken Breast Marsala\*  
Chef's Selection of Potato or Rice and Vegetable du jour  
House Salad with Dressing  
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Beverage

\*Special entree selection available on request

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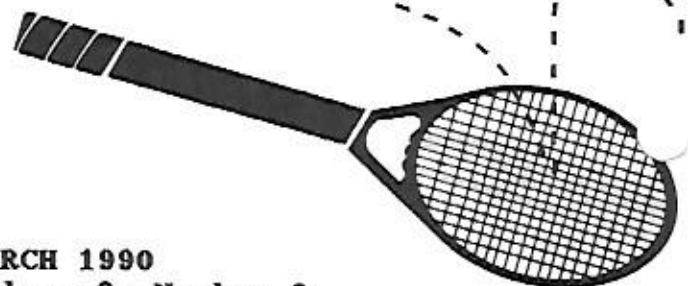
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Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. and mail to:

Joyce Maul, Treasurer  
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Deadline - April 10, 1990

Let's give our Board of Directors a resounding "THANK YOU"  
for their services during the past year and give a warm  
"WELCOME" to the newly elected officers. We hope you can  
all attend. Guests are welcome.

If you have questions, call Ray McGraw at 636-4329.



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## WELCOME SPRING PARTY

The Saturday, March 31 tennis party will be at the Hiway 494-Crosstown Racquet Swim & Health Club, 6233 Baker Road, Eden Prairie (934-4127) from 8 pm to midnight. We'll be playing one hour of doubles from 8 to 11 arranged by Ned Bunday according to player ability level. We will then have six open courts from 11 pm to midnight for those wanting to continue playing. Feel free to take advantage of the club's facilities--swimming pool, whirlpools, sauna, steam rooms, walking and running tracks and exercise areas.

The charge for one hour of tennis, food and beverages is \$9. Tennis balls will be provided. If you want to come just to socialize, the cost is \$6.50. 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, C or D. Also, if you're planning to come with someone, be sure to make a note of that to Ned so that he can schedule you at the same time.

This party is open to club members only, and you are a current member if your 1990 dues are paid. Please get in your reservation early--we have been forced to turn away people for past events. Reservations must be RECEIVED by Monday, March 26. No money will be refunded for cancellations made after March 26.

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

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## GOLDEN AGERS GROUP BEING FORMED

The board of directors has begun plans to recognize those members of the club who have achieved the age of 80 or greater. The plans call for the creation of a special group within the club who can get together on a regular basis to play tennis. The group will be called the "Golden Agers."

All of those who have reached the golden age of 80 and express interest will be invited to a party to participate in the formation of the group, play some tennis and enjoy refreshments. Dick Pratt, our vice president, schedules coordinator, will work with them on choosing a place to play, setting up a schedule and roster, and selecting a captain.

Dick Pratt has received only four responses--have they all gone south for the winter? Hopefully those who have will be returning soon and will respond by filling out the form below and returning it to Dick. Encourage the Golden Agers in our club that you know to sign up.

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## GOLDEN AGERS FORMATION PARTY

Yes, I'm interested in joining the Golden Agers. Please call me with the date, time and place.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL TODAY TO:

Dick Pratt, Vice President  
Senior Tennis Players Club  
12080 Lakamaga Trail North  
Marine-On-St. Croix, MN 55047



# BULLETIN BOARD

## ANOTHER BEGINNERS ONLY TENNIS INSTRUCTION AND PLAY SCHEDULED

The beginners only tennis instruction and play sessions have been very successful. There will be another session at the Williston Tennis Club, 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka (935-8638) Saturday, March 24, from 4 to 6 pm. The cost is \$4, payable at the door, which covers court fees and light refreshments. Please call Dick Pratt at 433-3583 for reservations.

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## CAPTAINS, PLEASE NOTE

Dick Pratt says "Thank you" to all captains who have sent him their players' lists, and to those who haven't he says again, "Please do." He needs them for a project he's working on.

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## LOCATION CHANGE FOR MANKATO TENNIS CAMPS

The Mankato tennis camps will be moving to River Falls, Wisconsin this summer due to the poor condition of the tennis courts at Mankato University. There will be three tennis camps at River Falls: August 6 through 9; August 10 through 12 and August 13 through 18. Details will be in the April SENIOR TENNIS TIMES.

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## CONGRATULATIONS, ROGER

Roger Boyer's abilities and teaching skills are well known to STPC and also to the whole region. The Northwestern Tennis Association recently honored him with their "Hero of the Year" award.

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## STPC MAKES NEWS IN PHOENIX

Elsa Hutchinson, past STPC treasurer, met a high school classmate at a reunion and started talking tennis. Here's what Len Witzke wrote, in part, in his tennis

column of a Phoenix newsletter: "There has been a trend, admittedly, by the United States Tennis Association to channel some funds toward the growing seniors' interest. Our local Phoenix Challenge and Love 50 leagues are examples of recipients of USTA approval. With the success that senior programs have had in other metropolitan areas, it is assumed that studies are being made to find reasons for the success.

"Atlanta is a major leader in senior tennis activity. Minneapolis-St. Paul tennis communities have a Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. that should be a model for others to follow. Both are nonprofit organizations. Perhaps this is the key to success: not trying to make a business out of supplying fun and recreation...."

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## LATCH KEY TENNIS

If you like grade school kids who are eager to have you teach them very basic tennis, this may be for you to volunteer to teach for one hour a week (more, if you'd like) at a school near you where latch key children (after-school care for children whose parents are both working) come at three o'clock. Furnished Wilson pee wee tennis equipment is used in a gymnasium for a class of 4 to 6 students. Local USTA pro Pat Colbert and latch key tennis instructor and STPC member Pete Meyerhoff will train and assist you at your school.

Latch key tennis is flexible because paid staff are always there to care for latch key kids in case you can't make it for whatever reason--you just call to let them know. Kids sign up for your program and love it, but if a kid is unruly, you have the right to exclude him/her. For details, call Pete Meyerhoff, 571-0254.

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**THE DOW TRAVEL AGENCY  
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June, 1990 - Two fishing trips to Canada at two different lakes and two different price levels; 3 nights, 4 days. Several Senior Tennis Players Club members have already made reservations.

July, 1990 - Trip to England and the Wimbledon tennis matches.

January, 1991 - Trip to Australian Open tennis matches (second week of the matches).

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Kenneth E. Muxlow was recently welcomed into the United Flying Octogenarians, UFO for short, a very exclusive organization of 82 members in the United States. To become a member, candidates must hold a valid pilot's license and fly an aircraft as pilot in command after reaching the age of 80. Ken explains that passing the physical for a pilot's license eliminates most of the applicants.

Perhaps the fact that he started playing tennis at age 14 and continues to play regularly today has something to do with his continued good health, vitality and deep involvement in aviation and world travel.

Ken also is a member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. Membership requires proof that the applicant soloed an aircraft before 1940 and flew an aircraft powered by a Curtiss OX5, a World War I engine. At one time, national membership numbered about 8,000. Today it is under 6,000.

Ken was born in Independence, Iowa. His family moved to a plantation in Hope, Arkansas, then to Cabool, Missouri raising peaches, and then to Slayton, Minnesota. Ken noticed that the local priest had a tennis court behind his home. A bargain was soon struck. Ken would drive the priest to a mission in a neighboring town in exchange for his use of the tennis court. So started his love for tennis.

After high school Ken moved to Minneapolis and worked for Ford Motor Company as an upholsterer after completing studies at Dunwoody Institute. In getting to know his dentist, he learned the dentist was a doubles champion and he agreed to play with Ken. Ken was beginning to feel at home in the Twin Cities.

Ken survived the depression and always managed to find work, mostly because he was good at fixing things, even working as a jack-of-all-trades for a carnival show. It was Ken's skill at fixing, refitting and making over that got him involved with his first airplane. He fixed a man's car, charging \$10, but since money was scarce,

the man offered a shotgun in trade. Ken wasn't a hunter, but he accepted it and put it on a shelf, working on it from time to time. He layered the stock with Bakelite and inlaid it with mother-of-pearl.

He later discovered the remains of a homemade airplane, a Pietenpol Aircamper, built from a Mechanix Illustrated design. The man who had built it removed the engine and offered to let the rest go for \$100. Not having \$100, Ken offered him his \$10 refurbished shotgun and promptly became an airplane owner. Ken repaired the plane, installed a used Ford Model A engine, and after only four flying lessons, soloed in his own plane.

During World War II Ken worked for Northwest as an aviation mechanic on B-24 and B-25 bombers. After the war, Ken bought a prototype of Cessna's C-34 Airmaster, no ordinary plane. It won the 1934 All-Kansas Air Tour, the 1935 National Air Races and the Detroit News Air Trophy three consecutive years. With a little tweaking and tender loving care, Ken, Lucille, son Dan and three-week-old Wayne were soon taking their Sunday outings in style and comfort, flying to pancake breakfasts or potluck dinners with other families of pilots all around Minnesota.

In 1948 Ken rediscovered tennis. A visiting inspector noticed his tennis racquet (vintage 1928) on his wall and asked if he played tennis. "Not for 20 years, but I'm ready if you are." They began to play and soon learned that a lot of changes had taken place in tennis since they last played.

In 1955 Ken bought his second plane, a 1929 Velie Monocoupe that had been wrecked and stored in a barn for some time. He restored it and eventually gave it to his son, Wayne. Ken also bought an old hanger at the former Crystal airport and had it moved to Flying Cloud where it has become part of a Flying Cloud tradition. It's

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Kenneth E. Muxlow

the oldest hanger there, with the oldest operating Cessna. Ken has two display cases filled with trophies and awards which demonstrate the appeal and value of this classic antique airplane.

Over the years Lucille and Ken Muxlow have visited 37 foreign countries and have taken 7 cruises. It's one thing to travel all over the world, it's another to document each trip! Ken has literally thousands of organized slides, each backed by a 30-minute film with sound. He happily puts on presentations for groups, and never runs short of material.

Ken first heard about STPC on television when Dave Moore of WCCO-TV during several newscasts mentioned that Jack Dow was forming a tennis club for seniors. Ken called Jack and became one of the club's early members. He has been involved ever since, and plays regularly at the Northland Fitness Center in Bloomington. Never at a loss for ideas, it was Ken who proposed the idea of the Golden Agers, and he will be at the first meeting of this new 80-and-over group of tennis players.



Ken Muxlow plays equally well  
with his 1928 and 1988 racquets.



Jean Wallace and Ted Smith made exciting news in Naples, Florida while vacationing with 52 tennis players from the Twin Cities on their annual Dow Company trek. They were married February 10 in Miami and were feted at a champagne reception on February 12 by their STPC friends. Mandy Johnson, Donna Jensen and Ethel Trebil hosted the reception in their condo at the World Tennis Center.

Jean and Ted, may your life be filled with love and happiness for many years to come!

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This SENIOR TENNIS TIMES includes a new roster of all current members. "Current" means paid-up members. Please check your listing and if it isn't accurate, call me at 781-3271 and I'll correct the record. We want you to receive the TIMES each month, and the only way it will reach you is by having it properly addressed.

Thanks!

Mary Kaminski,  
Your Editor.

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## TENNIS TIPS

By Virginia Morgan

At the beginning of a game the racquet is turned or spun to decide which side serves. Please don't spin the racquet on court and let it fall to the court--it could fracture the frame. Assuming you are the spinner and after you ask the opponent "up or down?", show the opponent what the racquet reads--they have a right to know that they won or lost. When pros play, a coin is flipped by the referee, and it is then shown to both sides.

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On the serve you can step on the baseline only after you have made contact with the ball; stepping on the line before is a foot fault, same as a serve that is a fault. However, in social tennis usually this is not called unless extreme situations exist, but it's a good idea to practice not foot faulting because when you play in sanctioned tournaments you're expected to follow the rules.

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Should you have a sore shoulder and can't serve in the usual way, you can toss the ball up and out to the side about shoulder height and slice the ball, stroking across from right to left or high to low, as long as you don't let the ball bounce on the ground.

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During a match if you're having trouble concentrating, try these ideas: look only within your court; look at your racquet; adjust your strings; take a deep breath; hum a tune or think of the next point.

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Specialty strokes to learn as you progress in the game are: top-spin lob, dropshot, forehand and backhand slice and half-volley. Serves to try are the top-spin, slice and American twist, also called kick serve.

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Remember, it's NEVER OVER TILL IT'S OVER.

## SENIORS AND VERBAL ABUSE ON THE TENNIS COURT

The traditional image of tennis as a game wherein courtesy and gentility rule is becoming tarnished by verbal abuse on the court. Recently, one senior player called out to an opponent, "You bitch!" Even spoken in jest, and I'm not sure that it was, the term is vulgar and demeaning, and in my opinion should not even be a part of the vocabulary of civil folk.

All of us at times say and do things for which we are sorry. We can empathize with the offender. But we and he/she still recognize that the behavior must be changed.

What can we do about it? Who is responsible for correcting such behavior? If the victim confronts the name-caller, the ensuing altercation could end up as a public scene - reflecting poorly on the club and on seniors as a group. And the issue would remain unresolved.

Wouldn't a more sensible approach involve acceptance by the Senior Tennis Players Club of responsibility for setting and maintaining standards of decorum and dignity on the court? I believe that an officer or officers of the club should talk to the offender(s) and state that such conduct is unacceptable, and that if it is not discontinued, disciplinary action is in order.

We seniors enjoy certain privileges. We receive discounts on court time. We are treated cordially and kindly by staff members of the tennis clubs we patronize. Let's be grateful. Let's accept the responsibility that goes with privilege, and behave accordingly. We should not display infantile or boorish behavior on court. This kind of action is unbecoming to people of any age, but particularly our age. We might even, with time and effort, be able to polish up that somewhat tarnished, traditional image of tennis as a game for "gentlepeople."

Louise B. LaLonde

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