

Senior Tennis

# TIMES

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 1989 the Senior Tennis Players Club received high marks in meeting its purpose of promoting tennis as an avenue to both physical and mental health for seniors. We added to the list of available facilities, increased the number of members in the regular playing rosters, expanded the special tennis activities and increased the overall membership to a new high. Oh yes, your club operated well within its income for the year without any special fund-raising efforts to maintain its very adequate financial posture.

For myself and every member of the club, I want to thank the Board members, our USTA certified professionals and the team captains for their work during the year. Their combined efforts contributed immeasurably to every aspect of your club's successful year.

At our annual meeting on April 20 at the Minneapolis Metrodome Hilton Hotel, attended by over 150 members, we recognized five retiring members of our board of directors. They are John Bolger, Richfield; Ned Bundy, Bloomington; Ruth Hanold, Edina; James Horan, Sun City, Arizona, and Mandy Johnson, Saint Louis Park.

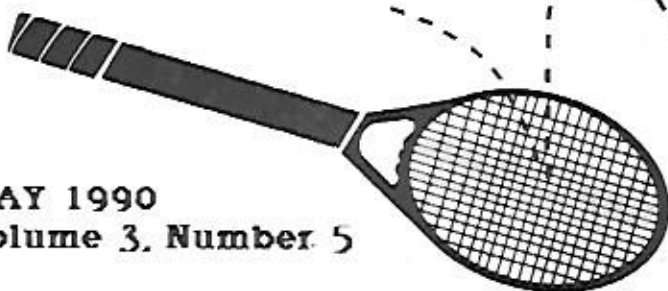
It was also my special pleasure to announce the election of five new members to the club's board of directors. They are: Al Anderegg, Minneapolis; Edna Bernstein, Golden Valley; Bub Curran, West Saint Paul, Virginia Morgan, Cottage Grove and Mona Mae Zarling, Minneapolis.

We had drawings for many prizes. Winners of the "big" ones were: Marge Woodhouse, Old Log Theatre tickets donated by Don Stolz; Barb Perry, a \$50 gift certificate donated by the Northwest Racquet Swim and Health Club; Felix Perry, a mechanical calf donated by Land O'Lakes, Inc.; Trudy Hughes and Chuck Lampright, Head tennis racquets, thanks to Jack Thommen of the Urban Tennis Association.

The meeting was followed by dinner and dancing to the Percy Hughes Quintet. Percy, who is serving his second term as a director, is one of the club's certified professionals, and has been a professional musician in the Twin Cities area for over forty years.

My special thanks to Ray McGraw for his diligence in working with the Metrodome Hilton. His choice was an attractive comfortable facility meeting all our needs, and the sumptuous dinner served courteously and efficiently was enjoyed by everyone. Well done, Ray.

Joe Stoutenburgh



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## TENNIS, ANYONE?

Being a late starter, tennis at this stage of my life seemed like a good idea. Participating in the Senior Tennis Players Club practice drills seemed like a good place to begin and if by chance I succeeded in getting good, I could 'double' my pleasure. This could certainly 'serve' as the 'approach' to my becoming a high caliber 'court' champion. After three months of drills, I seemed to be falling behind my self-imposed timetable and no title loomed 'overhead.'

Actually, I began to feel as if I would always be practicing. Would I ever get a chance to actually play? Would it always be practice, practice, practice? Would I ever get the hang of this 'racquet?' If this keeps up...I told myself...I'll soon be inducted into the Tennis Drill Hall of Fame.

Then I heard of the possibility of a 'beginners only' tennis session. Tennis for people like me. When this idea was 'volleyed' around, it brought pleasure to many people. The question of the day became, "Would I finally get a chance to play in a real 'match'?"

The possibility became a reality in January of 1990. Two such sessions were held. The first was at Williston and the other at Wooddale. These were soon followed by two more sessions with the Williston facility serving as the 'baseline.'

Approximately thirty-five seniors, including myself, attended one or more of these sessions. Everyone seemed to be pleased by the 'net' results of the day's activity. We were learning something about doubles tennis and actually playing in matches with a very low 'overhead.' At first we had a 'deuce' of a time figuring out what to do, but soon most things began falling into our 'alley.' Everyone tried very hard to remember what had been learned in our drills, but somehow it didn't seem quite the same. We were on our own, sometimes confused, but feeling

we had a chance to 'ace' this new game. No one felt out of place. Mistakes didn't matter, everyone was at or around the same ability level and we were playing. Criticisms were not 'lobbed' in anyone's direction.

There was a volunteer instructor on each court to give advice on rules, scoring, court positioning, proper tennis etiquette and answer any questions that might arise, with, you'll pardon the pun, no 'strings' attached.

Some of us tyros actually learned how to keep score. We also mastered the meaning of terms such as poaching and switching. Then came the deciphering of some hand signals that had been waved in our general direction. They actually had significance and they weren't even pornographic.

All of this and playing, too. Not quite a beginners' grand slam event, but close enough for us. You could even say the Senior Tennis Players Club scored four 'aces' in a row with their beginners playing sessions. Even some pros can't score that consistently!

Rosalyn Bernstein



1990 SCHEDULE FOR OUTDOOR COURTS

<u>LOCATION AND DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN(S)</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
<b>AUGSBURG PARK (6 courts)</b>			
72nd and Blaisdell, Minneapolis			
Mon, Wed, Fri, 4/30 to 6/8	10:00-12:00 noon	Dick Ford	869-8482
		Cliff Northfield	869-1859
Mon, Wed, Fri, 6/11 to 10/5	8:00-10:00 am	Same	
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 6/11-10/5	8:00-10:00 am	Florence Habegger	869-7918
<b>BROOKLYN CENTER CENTRAL PARK (4 courts)</b>			
6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy, Bklyn Cntr			
Tues, Thurs, 5/1 through 6/7	9:00-11:00 am	Ruth Copeland	533-5793
<b>BROOKLYN CENTER SENIOR HIGH</b>			
6500 Humboldt Ave N, Brooklyn Center			
Tues, Thurs, 6/11	8:00-10:00 am	Ruth Copeland	533-5793
<b>CHASKA HIGH (2 courts)</b>			
#41 and Engler Boulevard, Chaska			
Fri	8:00-10:00 am	Stan Furber	448-4519
<b>CHIPPEWA PARK</b>			
Queens Drive, Woodbury			
Mon, Wed, Fri, 4/30 through 9/28	9:00-11:00 am	Ed Conlin	738-0041
<b>DONALDSON PARK</b>			
75th & Humboldt S, Richfield			
Mon, Wed, Fri, 4/30 to 6/8	10:00-12:00 noon	Elvin Kolstad	869-7277
	8:00-10:00 am	Elvin Kolstad	869-7277
Tues	9:00-11:00 am	Elvin Kolstad	869-7277
<b>DRED SCOTT PARK</b>			
Co Rd #18 & Old Shakopee, Bloomington			
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri	9:00-11:00 am	Chuck Supplee	888-0551
<b>EDGEWOOD COURTS (4 courts)</b>			
Moundsview, S of Hwy 10 on Edgewood (south of Donatelli's Supper Club)			
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri	9:00-12:00 noon	Dick Pratt	433-3583
<b>EDINA SENIOR HIGH</b>			
6754 Valley View Road, Edina			
Thurs	6:00- 8:00 pm	CAPTAIN NEEDED	
Sat, Sun	4:00- 6:00 pm	Al Anderegg	377-1685
		Al Holter	537-1843
<b>LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>			
#120 betw 694 & Co Rd E, White Bear Lake			
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 5/1 to 6/9	7:30- 9:30 am	Frank Beutel	426-2440
Sat, Sun, 5/1 to 6/9	9:00-11:00 am	Frank Beutel	426-2440

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<u>LOCATION AND DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN(S)</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
<b>LONE LAKE PARK (4 courts)</b> Shady Oak n of Bren Rd, Eden Prairie Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri	8:00-10:00 am	Laurene Westvedt Angie Jepson	935-2369 933-1133
<b>MARTHALER PARK</b> Wentworth & Humboldt, West Saint Paul Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00-11:00 am	Marge Milbery	455-5579
<b>MINNETONKA COUNTRY CLUB</b> Hwy 19, 1 mi w of Excelsior, Minnetonka Mon	4:00- 6:00 pm	Chuck Britzius	473-3015
<b>SAINT ANTHONY COURTS (3 courts)</b> Silver Lake Rd near 33d, Saint Anthony Mon, 5/2 through 6/25 Wed, 5/2 through 6/27	8:30-10:30 am 8:30-10:30 am	Mary Kaminski Margaret Webb	781-3271 379-1427
<b>SUNRISE SCHOOL</b> 2399 Cedar, 1 mi east of Hwy 61, White Bear Lake Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 5/1 to 6/9	10:00-12:00 noon	Frank Beutel	427-2440
<b>VALLEY VIEW PARK</b> East 90th & Portland, Bloomington Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri	7:00-10:00 am	Cliff McMinn	888-4989
<b>WOLFE PARK</b> W 36th St off #100, Saint Louis Park Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	8:00-11:00 am	Beth Kelley	375-1740

# LEARN TENNIS

**1990 SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR BEGINNER LESSONS AND DRILLS**

<b>WOLFE PARK</b> W 36th St off #100, Saint Louis Park Thurs, 5/3	8:30-10:00 am	Instructors Percy Hughes Ginny Owens	545-7696 546-9666
<b>WOODBURY JUNIOR HIGH</b> 1425 School Drive, Woodbury Mon, 5/14	6:00- 7:30 pm	Instructor Virginia Morgan	459-6059

## FIRST POST-PATTY'S DAY SENIOR TOURNAMENT

Winners of the senior tournament at the Wooddale Recreation Center, Woodbury, on March 16 are:

Men's Doubles - Connie Custodio and Rinaldo Custodio defeated Glen Gullikson and Dick Pratt 6-1; 6-3.

Men's Singles - Connie Custodio defeated Rinaldo Custodio 6-4; 6-4.

Women's Doubles - Barbara Jenkins and Ellen Cieslukowski defeated Virginia Morgan and Marguerite Sweeney 6-4; 5-7; 6-2.

Mixed Doubles - First place, Karen Porter and Larry Bordsen; second place, Ethel Trebil and Marvin Patz.

The next tournament will be held the week of October 29.

We extend sympathy to Rose Tombers on the death of her mother, Josie Olson Rorvick. Rose's mother was 100 years old November 26, 1989--she was pictured on Channel 11 on the Willard Scott program. Rose does volunteer work twice weekly at the Crestview Home in Blaine where her mother died.

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Newly elected STPC Directors. L to r: Bob Curran, Edna Bernstein and Al Anderegg. Not present: Mona Mae Zarlino and Virginia Morgan.

### GOOD PUBLICITY FOR STPC

A half-hour TV show encouraging people, particularly seniors, to get into tennis and join the Senior Tennis Players Club was shown four times during prime time on Saturdays and Sundays in April.

Some people who wanted to see the show were disappointed that Channel 33 did not show it in their areas as Paragon TV released it only in Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield.

This was instigated and planned by Adeline Levin, one of the organizers of the August Tennis Camp at River Falls, Wisconsin. She manned the studio cameras with Florence Habegger. Toastmaster Ed Holzacker led the panel composed of pro Pat Ahlers, Virginia Heinzen and Chuck Supplee.

Because of the enthusiasm shown, Ed Holzacker is negotiating with the Burnsville TV Studio to make another masterpiece with a Burnsville panel. Hopefully this will be shown in the month of May.

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1989 and 1990 Directors at Senior Tennis Players Club annual meeting. L to r: Ned Bunday, Don Ittner, Mandy Johnson, Dick Pratt, Bernice Hanson, Joe Stoutenburgh, Bob Western, Ruth Hanold, Percy Hughes, Edna Bernstein, Mary Kaminski, Al Anderegg, Joyce Maul, Ray McGraw.

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