

# TIMES

Senior Tennis

## Bob Curran Chosen President of STPC; Stoutenburgh Takes Secretary's Post

Outgoing President Joe Stoutenburgh triumphantly rode out of office on his spirited charger at the Annual STPC Dinner Dance held at the Decathlon Athletic Club in Bloomington April 13. Nearly 300 members, largest turnout in the club's history, attended the gala event. Newly elected President Bob Curran inherits an organization that's unique in America.

Curran's new team consists of Joyce Maul, treasurer; Joe Stoutenburgh shifts to secretary; Norm Diamond, VP public relations; Mary Kaminski, VP newsletter; Marion Pollei, VP membership; Dick Pratt, VP tennis programs; Ethel Trebil, VP activities; Bernice Hanson, Percy Hughes, Jerry Lund, Virginia Morgan and Jean Wallace, directors--all in attendance at the annual affair.

Unable to attend because of previous commitments were Holger Christiansen, Senior Vice President; Bob Western, VP facilities; and Directors Alfred Anderegg, Virginia Owens and Mona Mae Zarling.

Director Percy Hughes arranged an outstanding entertainment program and led the orchestra in dancing following the show and gifts drawings. The evening set the stage for what President Bob Curran emphasizes will be a year of continued growth and new programming.

Past President Stoutenburgh stressed his competent team, some of them holdovers for Curran's regime, performed "magnificently and with great dedication." The club's future looks inspiring.

## DOWN THE LINE

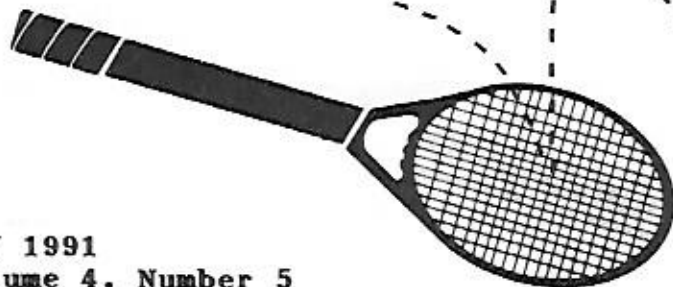
I am honored to have been asked to serve as your President for the ensuing year and accept enthusiastically. One cannot help but be impressed, as I was this past year, with the dedication of your board members under the leadership of President Joe Stoutenburgh and the willingness to contribute freely of their time, energy, skills and resources to make your club a success. When the depth and breadth of membership participation in activities is fully appreciated, the vision of Club Founder Jack Dow has been more than fulfilled.

I want to thank the outgoing board members for their contribution, and welcome the new members and invite them to participate.

The attendance at the Annual Dinner Dance exceeded all expectation and, by all reports, was a success. The festivities included delightful entertainment, drawings for 54 gifts, captains' recognition, and ended with dancing to the music of Percy Hughes' Band.

I'm looking forward to serving and promoting club interest.

--Bob Curran



# OUTDOOR COURTS

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT

A tentative schedule for tennis courts available to Senior Tennis Club members appears in this TIMES. Courts used without reservations or permits are subject to the rules specified by the community, the park board, the recreation director or whoever is in charge of the courts. In part, it is the schedule as it was at the end of last summer.

Captains, if you have any comments or questions, call Dick Pratt at 433-3583.

### Outdoor summer play and lessons are free.

Everyone's cooperation is necessary to assist the captains in their programs. A 40-minute or 30-minute time period is usually set for changing partners and courts so members get to know and play with more members.

Select the location, the date and the time you want to play, and have a great outdoor season playing tennis!

If you have any questions, call the appropriate captain shown in the schedule.

--Dick Pratt

In 1990 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 (1605). Oh, yes, your club operated within its income for the year and maintained 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. Special thanks also to the retiring board members: Don Ittner, Mary McNeil, Edna Bernstein and Ray McGraw. And thanks to the many members who agreed to having their names placed as candidates for nomination to the new Board.

Take a moment to look at the cover of your TIMES to see the new alignment of officers. It is an excellent board, and I look forward to serving with our new President, Bob Curran, in 1991-92.

--Joe Stoutenburgh



A GATHERING OF PRESIDENTS - Bob Curran, newly elected, and Past Presidents Mandy Johnson and Joe Stoutenburgh.

# TENNIS TIPS by Percy Hughes

## EQUIPMENT FOR OUTDOOR PLAYING

Things we should have:

1. Visor or cap.
2. Container with water or a vitamin drink (water is preferable).
3. A sunblock. People with fair skin should use it.
4. A towel.
5. Wristbands are very helpful.
6. Insect spray.
7. Sunglasses for very bright sunny days to avoid eye injury. The bright sun can injure your eyes.

## GENERAL TIPS FOR GOOD DOUBLES PLAY

These are the basics for good doubles play:

1. Down the middle.
2. Hit low.
3. Get to the net.
4. First serve in.
5. Partners together.
6. Always communicate.



## Everybody's Invited

The latest grads completing twelve lessons are:

Marty Andrescik  
Charles Graham  
Shirley Graham  
Jim Haxby  
Bud Mooney  
Patrick Murphy  
Dolores Seal

Come celebrate the United States Professional Tennis Association's Tennis Day Across America with a morning of stroke drills for players of all levels. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 16**, at Wolfe Park in Saint Louis Park from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. The entire teaching staff will be there to conduct the drills. Everyone is welcome!

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Congratulations! New members, if you have completed twelve lessons, be sure to tell your instructor.

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# 1991 SCHEDULE FOR OUTDOOR COURTS

<u>LOCATION AND DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN(S)</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
<b>AUGSBURG PARK</b> 72nd and Blaisdell, Richfield Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri	8:00-10:00 am	Florence Habegger	869-7918
<b>BROOKLYN CENTER SENIOR HIGH</b> 6500 Humboldt Ave N, Brooklyn Center Tues, Thurs, 5/2	9:00-11:00 am	Bob Metcalf	571-3596
<b>BROOKVIEW PARK</b> Hwy 55 & Winnetka, Golden Valley Sat, 5/18	9:00-11:00 am	Joyce Hautman Mary McNeil	545-4051 545-7142
<b>DONALDSON PARK</b> 75th & Humboldt S, Richfield Mon, Wed, Fri, 5/11-9/30 Tues, 5/11-9/30	8:00-10:00 am 8:00-10:00 am	Chad Sharkey Cliff Northfield Elvin Kolstad	866-7682 869-1859 869-7277
<b>DRED SCOTT PARK</b> W Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Rd Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 5/6-9/20	8:00-10:00 am	Lois & Paul Lokensgard Chuck Supplee	831-1171 888-0551
<b>EDGEWOOD COURTS</b> Moundsvew, S of Hwy 10 on Edgewood (south of Donatelli's Supper Club) Thurs, Fri	9:00-12:00 noon	CAPTAIN NEEDED	
<b>EDINA SENIOR HIGH</b> 6754 Valley View Road, Edina Tues Thurs	6:00- 8:00 pm 6:00- 8:00 pm	CAPTAIN NEEDED Jim Bernstein Charlie Kiefer	
Sat	4:00- 6:00 pm	Jim Bernstein Al Holter	(day) 544-0511 (eve) 725-2017 831-8514
Sun	4:00- 6:00 pm	Jim Bernstein	544-0511 537-1843 544-0511
<b>HAZELTINE NATIONAL GOLF CLUB</b> 1900 Hazeltine Blvd, Chaska Fri	8:00-10:00 am	Stan Furber	448-4519
<b>LAKELAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b> #120 betw 694 & Co Rd E, White Bear Lake Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 4/1-6/15 Sat, 4/1-6/15 Sun, 4/1-6/15	7:30- 9:30 am 9:00-11:00 am 10:00-12:00 noon	Frank Beutel Frank Beutel Frank Beutel	426-2440 426-2440 426-2440
<b>LONE LAKE PARK</b> Shady Oak n of Bren Rd, Eden Prairie Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri	8:00-10:00 am	Laurene Wastvedt Angie Jepson	935-2369 933-1133

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<b>MARTHALER PARK</b> Wentworth & Humboldt, West Saind 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>ROSEVILLE AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> E Co Rd B2 near Rice, Little Canada Mon Wed	9:00-11:00 am 9:00-11:00 am	Mary Kaminski Margaret Webb	781-3271 379-1427
<b>SIBLEY HIGH SCHOOL</b> 1897 Delaware Ave, West Saint Paul Thurs, 5/1	6:30- 8:30 pm	Mary Wenz	457-5347
<b>SUNRISE COMMUNITY CENTER</b> Cedar & Cranbrook, White Bear Lake Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 4/1-6/10	9:00-11:00 am	Frank Beutel	426-2440
<b>VALLEY VIEW PARK</b> 90th between Nicollet & Portland, Blmgtm Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 5/6-9/20	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	CAPTAIN NEEDED	
<b>WOODBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b> 1425 School Drive, Woodbury Mon, Wed, Fri, 5/6-9/30	9:00-11:00 am	Karen Ovadia	738-0229

## LEARN TENNIS

### 1991 SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR BEGINNER LESSONS AND DRILLS

PLEASE NOTE: At this time we do not have definite time frames for all lessons, so check with the instructors.

<b>WOLFE PARK</b> W 36th St off #100, Saint Louis Park Thurs, 5/2 to Labor Day	8:30-10:00 am	Instructors Percy Hughes* Ginny Owens *	545-7696 546-9666 944-6286
*Assisted ably by Paul Stormo, our newest certified instructor			
<b>WOODBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Same as last year)</b> 1425 School Drive, Woodbury Mon, 5/13	6:00- 7:30 pm	Instructor Virginia Morgan	459-6059



# THE FARR SIDE:

## How to Coexist as a Bigger-Than-Life Talent and Tennis Threat

Tennis opponents of George Farr, 67, always denounce indoor tennis club builders. The reason: because they've never erected their roofs high enough for execution of successful lobs over Farr's Paul Bunyan stature! An octopus-oriented net man, he has an uncanny knack of sensing the orbit of the elusive yellow orb with unerring accuracy. When you total up Farr's talent, a signal flashes in your mind he's also a renaissance man. As we unfold chapter and verse about this last vestige of rugged individualism, Horatio Alger may rotate in his grave.

At 6'3" and tipping the scales at 210, Farr is both intimidating and gazelle-graceful on the court. He has one particular shot where he shortens his grip on the racket and finely chops an adversary into near cardiac arrest. His angle placements seem to defy gravity and hard drives defuzz balls abrasively. With sportsmanlike humility, however, he laughs gleefully when he misses an easy shot. The IDS building in downtown Minneapolis is in serious jeopardy when Farr inflicts his topspin lob.

Many people associate Farr as a former DFL mover and shaker, a truism he proudly assumes. How he achieved that powerhouse pinnacle is a saga in sheer determination, guts and ability. He entered an imperfect world in New York City, later moving to Little Falls, New Jersey (shades of Minnesota), where he graduated from Passaic Valley High School. Then it was on to Rutgers University for a year, interrupted by World War II and a stint as a B-17 pilot and First Lieutenantcy stateside.

After the war he improbably enrolled in Concordia College in Moorhead to study music. In less than two years, Farr graduated cum laude with a B. A. degree--an amazing feat in Concordia history. Not only did he sing the graduation solo at commencement without ever being a member of the famous Concordia Choir, but played end on the football team as a senior. For a spell he did some graduate study at the U of M in English and American literature.

The next five years found him in Comstock, Minnesota as the high school principal. For diversity he taught all the English classes, coached all athletics, directed every drama effort and wrote a play. The prodigal son then returned to Concordia as assistant football and basketball coach, Field House Manager and Director of Athletic Information. He left Concordia in 1957 to become Executive Secretary of the DFL party, his political career kickoff.

Farr ran for State Auditor against a well-entrenched Republican incumbent, Stafford King, and was defeated in a squeaker. Karl Rolvaag, then Lieutenant Governor, took him on as his Executive Assistant for a few months. A short time later the same year, Governor Orville Freeman selected him as his Executive Secretary. His political star was in the ascendancy. In 1961 Farr became State Chairman of the DFL party and held that post for six years--the longest tenure of both DFL and Republican parties as State Chairman. He was honored with the chairmanship of the Midwest Democratic Conference (14 states) in 1966-67.

Farr joined Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood in 1967 as a stockbroker and advanced later to a vice presidency and manager of the Minneapolis office. In 1979 he joined Allison-Williams Brokers as Executive Vice President. About that time he took up tennis at the Wayzata Country Club (he's an ex-president) and discovered he liked the game better than golf. After about eight years as a self-taught player, he was ready for the "big time" and joined the Senior Tennis Players Club--in his words, "to find partners to play with in the summer months."

As if he needed the exercise, Farr plays four times weekly at the Northwest Racquet Club, three at the Williston Club with ageless seniors--and jogs from two to eight miles frequently. Twice a week he takes on Jim Klobuchar of the Star Tribune in

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George Farr

fiercely competitive singles. Farr has his downers with the Klobuchar Klobber!

In 1984, Farr retired for a few days and started George Farr Investments, later in 1989 forming Entec Financial Co. as Executive Vice President. The list of organizations he's headed would fill a single-spaced page; e.g., Methodist Hospital Foundation, Concordia Alumni Association, Premack Memorial Foundation, Hemenway Award Committee, etc. As a singer since childhood, Farr's stage presence is highly professional (his recent performance at our Annual Meeting proof of the pudding). He's been entertaining people for over twenty years--at Dudley Riggs, political rallies, dinner theaters--and is currently preparing a one-man singing/acting show.

Hubert Humphrey has always been his hero despite personal contacts with three residents--Truman, Kennedy and Johnson. Farr has dined at the White House (the Washington, D. C. one) and hobnobbed with a spectrum of political figures throughout the land. He claims the experience has improved his backhand play! No smoke-filled room politico is Farr. He's articulate, witty, charming and a raconteur of the first order. Infectiously friendly, he's all things to all people, no matter what station.

Farr's personal philosophy is not pretentious: "Live life fully because it's the only one you've got." For over 46 years his lovely wife, Patricia, and he have enjoyed the zest of togetherness and sharing with their three children, Bruce, Patricia and Scott. In the year 2000, Farr will still be auditioning for shows and doing his "Walter Mitty Sings" bit anywhere a gig is possible. Words to live by from the Farr Side: "The Senior Tennis Players Club gives all of us new levels of skill, promotes new friendships, keeps me fit and encourages me to never stop doing things."

Farr out!

--Norm Diamond



GEORGE FARR, Heavy Hitter (210 lbs.)

#### MARGE FOX, MS. MINNESOTA SENIOR, 1991

Marge Fox has been selected to be the first lady to represent Minnesota in the National Pageant. The Ms. Senior America pageant is a search for the gracious lady, age 60 and over, who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all Senior Americans.

Marge, sponsored by Active Lifestyles Magazine, will compete on April 25 at the Trump Regency & Plaza Hotel in Atlantic City. Good luck, Marge!

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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Guthrie Theater - Two tickets.  
Old Log Theater - Two tickets.  
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Joyce Maul  
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### IN MEMORIAM

Francis Surber, 74, of Minneapolis died in March. He was a member since April, 1982, and a lifetime member since 1987. All of us in the Senior Tennis Players Club extend sympathy to his wife, Lucille, and son, Jim.



# WANTED: TENNIS INSTRUCTORS AND ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS

## USTA MASTERS LEAGUE

Anybody looking for teams or anybody who would be willing to be a captain, call Charlie Peterson, Masters League Coordinator, 471-9524 or 721-5061.

Mandatory captains' meeting is Monday, June 17 at 7:45 p.m. at Northwest. Play begins the week of July 1. NTRP ratings are due May 27.

Questions? Call Charlie, or Liz or Dick at the NMTA office, 546-0709.

The Urban Tennis Program, sponsored by the Minneapolis Community Education and the Park Board, is hiring good tennis players interested in teaching tennis to boys and girls 7-17 years old for six weeks. The sessions are from 8 am to noon five mornings a week, starting June 17 and ending July 26. You have a choice of 21 locations in Minneapolis.

The instructors will be paid \$8 an hour; assistant instructors will be paid \$5 an hour. Two in-service training sessions will be held on June 17 and 18.

If you're interested, call Vern Backes, Program Director, at 546-2570.



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