

Senior Tennis

# TIMES

## DOWN THE LINE

Another beautiful and exciting summer season has slipped away, but the special events and precious moments of the season shall remain engraved in memory to dwell upon with continued enjoyment. Put away the outside tennis schedule, the golf clubs and lock the cabin. It's now time to move to fall's center stage and pick up on the many events offered during those months.

High on club members' agenda should be the inclusion of **regular inside tennis**. Our newsletters list the schedules for indoor court times, locations and captains. There should be a listing suitable for those interested in playing as regulars or as subs. I urge you to make an effort to secure permanent time for playing. If you sign as a substitute, you should be prepared to respond when called.

In the event the schedule does not afford a suitable time slot for you because of work or other commitments, you can arrange with others, so interested, to secure night or early morning sessions at available tennis clubs.

Our membership is remaining steady, hovering just above the 1500 level. This number provides a challenge to secure adequate time slots throughout the metro area. This is particularly difficult in Saint Paul where two tennis centers have closed recently. To replace the lost time poses a challenge for our club which we will endeavor to overcome.

While attending the Senior Options Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center October 11 and 12, you are urged to drop by our Senior Tennis Players Club's booth #322 to say "hello." Virginia Morgan is the club's coordinator for this event.

Our SENIOR TENNIS TIMES is published in-house with some outside assistance as our present personal computer is inadequate. At the last Board meeting, it was agreed to purchase a new PC for \$2,469 and dispose of the old PC by advertising the sale in this newsletter.

Play tennis for exercise and enjoyment.

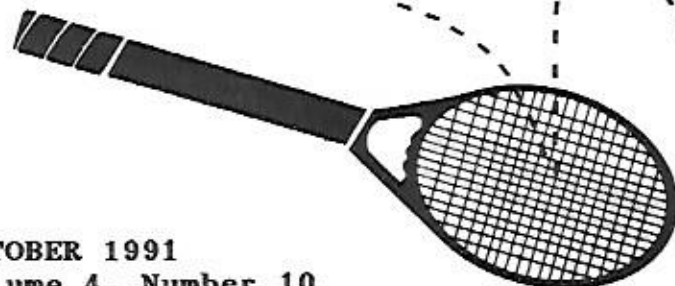
--Bob Curran, President

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## Captains . . . This Is For You

Dick Pratt says "THANKS" to the captains who have sent in their indoor season player and substitute lists. To those who haven't, please mail your list to:

Dick Pratt  
12080 Lakamaga Trail  
Marine-on-St. Croix, MN 55047



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# TENNIS TIPS

by Virginia Morgan

## SAFETY REMINDERS

1. Never play with a ball on the court where someone can step on it. Watch for balls behind your opponents; raise your hand and play the point over.
2. Never hit a ball to a person unless you have their attention.
3. Never backpedal or run backwards. Example: If a lob is hit over your head, either turn sideways and slide, turn and pump-run, or let the ball go and lose the point.
4. Players have been hurt opening a can of tennis balls. It's a good idea to first read the instructions on the lid.

## WATCH THE PROS

Hitting off the right foot (assume right-handed). When going for a forehand return that is wide, rather than stepping on your left foot and stroking, try stepping on the right foot and return the shot. You can get to the ball sooner and reach further.

When returning a serve, as the server is about to hit the ball, either give a quick jump and split step or go step-step-step (right foot, left foot) for momentum to prepare you to return the ball.

Have you ever thought the point was over so you let up and here comes the ball back. Remember, "it's never over till it's over or The Fat Lady Sings!" This helps me stay in the game until the ball has bounced twice or the ball has bounced out of the court--then the point is over.

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## Twelve Unwritten Rules of Good Courtmanship

The first eight Unwritten Rules of Good Courtmanship were published in the July, August and September SENIOR TENNIS TIMES. To continue--

### 9) OTHERS ARE WAITING

On crowded club and public courts where others are waiting to play, it is both thoughtless and selfish to hog a court. Unless you have hired a court for a specific period of time, it is considered proper to vacate it upon the completion of one set.

### 10) DON'T ARGUE

If an umpire and linesmen have been assigned to your match, show them consideration and treat them with courtesy. In every match you and your opponent will probably believe that one or more inaccurate decisions have been made, but as a general rule the linesman is in a better position than you are to make close decisions. In most cases you will not be playing with a linesman to call your lines. Accept your opponents' line calls in a sportsmanlike manner.

Watch for more next month--

# LEARN TENNIS

## BEGINNER LESSONS AND DRILLS 1991-1992 SCHEDULE

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
<b>NICOLLET TENNIS CENTER</b> 4005 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis 825-6844	Thurs	8:30-10:00 am	Percy Hughes Ginny Owens Paul Stormo	545-7696 546-9666 944-6286
<b>NORTHLAND FITNESS CENTER (South)</b> 5250 West 84th Street Bloomington 831-2660	Wed	5:30- 7:00 pm	Ernie Greene	488-6359
<b>WILLISTON CLUB</b> 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 935-8638	Mon	5:30- 7:00 pm	Connie Custodio	824-2569
<b>WOODDALE RECREATION CENTER</b> 2122 Wooddale Drive Woodbury 735-6214	Mon	6:30- 8:00 pm	Virginia Morgan	459-6059
	Start 10/14 Thurs	9:30-11:00 am	Virginia Morgan	459-6059

**NOTE:** The cost of indoor courts will be defrayed by collecting \$1.50 from each student.



These are some of the men who were on the Bloomington Genuine Seniors League. Front row: Jerry Stalwick, Chuck Supplee, Phil Briant. Back row: Len Christensen, Harley Wishart, Bruce Clarke, Howie Rasmussen and Morrie Holm.

This summer there were nine different teams around the cities playing four double matches every Wednesday morning. This is an increase of three teams over last year, and it is anticipated that next year there could be a North and South League, with playoffs at the end of the season.

This year the team with the most victories was the Fridley team captained by Dick Pratt. Many thanks to Al Uhl who kept the records and sent all the captains a record of play.

-Chuck Supplee

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# SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

In another attempt to help members that are having trouble getting started playing tennis with a group, please answer all the questions in the following questionnaire and mail it to:

Dick Pratt  
12080 Lakamaga Trail  
Marine-on-St. Croix, MN 55047  
433-3583

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Level of Play    B    I    A    E (Circle Applicable Level)

Beginner  
Intermediate  
Advanced  
Expert

3. Play as Regular Substitute Both (Circle Choice)

4. Men's Group - Women's Group - Mixed Group (Circle Applicable Group)

5. List Preferred Facilities (clubs or locations) to play at:  
(Circle Choices)

Daytona, Decathlon, Greenway, Lilydale, Nicollet, Northland South,  
Northland North, Saint Paul Downtown, White Bear, Williston,  
Wooddale.

6. Day or Days of the Week (Circle Choices)

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun

7. Period of Day (Circle Choices)

Morning Afternoon Evening

8. Willing to be a Captain? Yes No (Circle Choice)

# Fall Senior Tournament at Wooddale

## HOW DO WE SELF-RATE OURSELVES FOR SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB PLAY?

**BEGINNER** - This player is just starting to play tennis or has limited playing experience and is working primarily on getting the ball over the net; may have some knowledge of scoring, but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for doubles play.

**INTERMEDIATE** - This player can place shots with moderate success; has achieved stroke dependability and direction on shots within reach, including forehand and backhand volleys, but lacks some control when trying for power; seldom double faults on serves.

**ADVANCED** - This player has begun to master the use of power and spins; has sound footwork; can control the depth of shots and has the ability to use a variety of shots, including lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys; is able to place the first serve with power and accuracy and serve and volley with some success; is seldom out of position in a doubles game.

**EXPERT** - This player can execute all strokes offensively and defensively with power and/or consistency; can hit dependable shots under pressure; has good shot anticipation; can regularly hit winners or force errors off short balls; successfully executes lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes most of the time; can hit winners or force errors with both first and second serves. Return of serve can be an offensive weapon.

Comparisons of existing ratings with new ratings for clarification and for computer entry.

	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
Beginner Ratings	D-, C-, C, C+	1-, 1, 1+
Intermediate Ratings	B-, B, B+	2-, 2, 2+
Advanced Ratings	A-, A, A+	3-, 3, 3+
Expert Ratings		4-, 4, 4+
World Class Player		5

A senior tournament will be held at the Wooddale Recreation Center, 2122 Wooddale Drive, Woodbury, on Monday, October 28, through Friday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Women will play on Monday and Tuesday, men on Wednesday and Thursday, and mixed doubles on Friday. (You must call for match times.) The entry deadline is Monday, October 21.

### EVENTS

#### A AND B SKILL LEVELS, AGE 50 AND OVER

- Women's singles
- Women's doubles
- Men's singles
- Men's doubles
- Mixed doubles

The cost is \$16 for a doubles team; \$10 for singles. Trophies will be awarded for first and second places in each division. Entry forms are available at Wooddale Recreation Center, 735-6214. Contact person: Lois Nordman.

### ARIZONA GET-AWAY 1992

Come with us for a 15-day Arizona Get-Away next January 23 through February 6, 1992. Cochise County, Sierra Vista is the place for fun and adventure with daily tennis (if you wish) and places to visit like Bisbee, Tombstone, Coronado Mountain, Douglas, Fort Bowie and others.

Reserve your spot at an A-1 Motel, \$365 per person, double occupancy.

\$100 per person will reserve your spot. Airlines will be arranged at a later date.

Call or write:

**Chuck Supplee**  
5144 Balmoral Lane  
Bloomington, MN 55437  
612-888-0551

# Lifetime Achievement of Charles W. Britzius

## Only Surpassed by His Tennis Prowess



If you took a dozen high-profile achievers listed in the Who's Who in America publication, they might equal the career of one, Charles W. Britzius, 80. This solid rock in a sometimes world of gritty sand has stood far above his contemporaries

in the field of civil engineering for a multitude of years.

To enhance the opinion just offered, Britzius recently received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the University of Minnesota at the graduation ceremony of its Institute of Technology. He was honored as a distinguished graduate, respected consultant for and founder of Twin City Testing Corporation and as a nationally recognized civil engineer. As if that weren't sufficient, he was further cited as the former competent Mayor of Deephaven, his home for 44 years, and as a dedicated leader in community, church and educational organizations. His other professional attainments are numerous as his profile unfolds on these venerable pages.

Taking his first breath in Rochester, Minnesota, circa 1911, Britzius graduated from Central High School. Not only did he excel in football and basketball, but he competed in the first state high school tennis tournament staged at the U of M. Ambitious and eager to succeed, he enrolled at the U of M and graduated in 1933 with a Bachelor of Science degree. In the next five years he acquired a Masters degree in Civil Engineering and became a registered C.E. in Minnesota.

Starting up the ladder, Britzius worked for Hall Testing Laboratories from 1933-36; U of M instructor the next year followed by a year's stint with the Minnesota Highway Department; founding and becoming president of Twin City Testing

and Engineering Laboratory from 1938-79 while leading the Soil Exploration Company from 1955-79; and CEO of Twin City Testing Corporation from 1979-85. Since 1985, Britzius serves as a consultant to the Huntingdon Research Centre.

Enter the irrepressible Jack Dow at the inception of STPC and Britzius found himself a charter member. Having a tennis court in his backyard for many years didn't deter Britzius from joining, but probably gave him an advantage while competing with Dow. "North Star was the first indoor tennis club in the Twin Cities," Britzius fondly recalls, "and what a pleasure it was to be able to play all winter long. With my five living children (a daughter passed away last year), we all play tennis on my court and the doubles matches become heated at times," he echoes.

Professionally, Britzius is a member of Minnesota and National Society of Professional Engineers; 1958 state president, 1962-64 national director and 1965-67 national vice president of latter groups; past president and district director of the American Society of Civil Engineers and other important posts.

His civic activities range from the presidency of the Midway Civic & Commerce Association; former Councilman and Mayor of Deephaven; past chairman of the Southwest Area Sanitary Sewer District; past president of the U of M's Institute of Technology Alumni Association; past member of Boy Scouts of America and Viking Council executive board; Kiwanis Club past president; Board member of the Urban Tennis Association and other groups.

Active in church endeavors for many years, Britzius is a past board member of the Martin Luther Manor Home for Aging and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary; past board member of Gustavus Adolphus and Carthage Colleges; and member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior. He has served as Past National

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The cost is \$600 per person for a two-week stay, and \$900 per person for four weeks.

To make your reservation, send a \$100 deposit (refundable until October 1, 1991) to:

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*A Letter to the Editor -- "I will be  
moving to Coronado, California in mid-  
October and will miss my many friends in  
Senior Tennis. We have year-round tennis  
in our backyard, and would welcome calls  
from any of you, if you are in the area.  
We are listed in the phone book and our  
number is 619-429-1411. It's been fun!"  
--Ed Law.*

*(Ed has been an STPC member since 1987.  
We wish him the best in his new home.)*



# 1991-92 SCHEDULE FOR INDOOR COURTS

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN(S)</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
DAYTONA CLUB 14740 Lawndale Lane Dayton 427-6110	Thurs	10:00-12:00 noon	Ed Comer	537-8859
			Vernal Nelson	545-9028
DECATHLON ATHLETIC CLUB 7800 Cedar Avenue South Bloomington 854-7777	Mon	7:30- 9:30 am	Fred Habegger	869-7918
		10:00-12:00 noon	Glennis Englund	831-9528
	Tues	2:00- 4:00 pm	Mary Noble	825-9487
		7:30- 9:30 pm	Georgia Chapman	869-7069
		7:30- 9:30 am	Sue&Steve Mackenstadt	937-1979
		10:00-12:00 noon	Gene Philipson	454-5355
	Wed	1:00- 3:00 pm	Laurene Westvedt	935-2369
		7:30- 9:30 am	Harley Wishart	894-4523
		11:00- 1:00 pm	Cliff McMinn	888-4989
	Thurs	1:00- 3:00 pm	Vic Erdman	922-0158
		3:00- 5:00 pm	Harley Wishart	894-4523
		7:30- 9:30 am	Lorraine McDaniel	869-7392
	Fri	7:30- 9:30 am	Gene Philipson	454-5355
		10:00-12:00 noon	Georgia Chapman	869-7069
	GREENWAY ATHLETIC CLUB 1300 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis 343-3131	Tues	7:30- 9:30 am	Cliff McMinn
9:00-10:30 am			Laurene Westvedt	935-2369
Thurs		3:00- 5:00 pm	Virginia Heinzen	933-1613
		7:00- 9:00 pm	Chuck Supplee	888-0551
LILYDALE RACQUET CLUB 945 Sibley Memorial Hwy Lilydale 457-4954	Tues	9:30-11:30 am	Ronnae Wagner	938-5785
		9:30-11:30 am	Nick Pappas	926-2254
NICOLLET TENNIS CENTER 4005 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis 825-6844	Wed	9:30-11:30 am	Debbie Newhall (temp)	374-5407
		7:30- 9:00 am	Nancy Karasov	452-3172
BEFORE PLAYING, CALL THE CAPTAIN SO YOU CAN BE PLACED ON THE REGULAR PLAYER OR SUBSTITUTE LIST.	Tues	7:30- 9:00 am	Nancy Karasov	452-3172
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	Mon	7:30- 9:00 am	Cliff Northfield	869-1859
		9:00-11:00 am	Allan Campbell	377-9225
		10:00-12:00 noon	Walter Kofski	481-9123
		12:00- 2:00 pm	Pete Robinson	443-3026
		11:00- 1:00 pm	Dick Pratt	433-3583
	Tues	9:00-11:00 am	Frank McCabe	633-6319
		11:00- 1:00 pm	Ruth Casey	869-2670
		9:00-11:00 am	Kay Matthews	926-2953
	Wed	9:00-11:00 am	Al Mohr	722-8339
		10:00-12:00 noon	Ruth VanHilst	825-0779
	Thurs	9:00-11:00 am	Elvin Kolstad	869-7277
		10:00-12:00 noon	Mary Kaminski	781-3271
	Fri	7:30- 9:00 am	Cliff Northfield	869-1859
9:00-11:00 am		Al Mohr	722-8339	
Sat	3:00- 5:00 pm	Dave Moore	941-2512	
	Sun	3:00- 4:30 pm	Jean Olson	483-6003

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<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN(S)</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
NORTHLAND FITNESS CENTER (So) 5250 West 84th Street Bloomington 831-2660	Mon	9:00-11:00 am	Marian Versen	929-9643
	Tues	9:00-11:00 am	Dorothy Schlichting	920-0965
	Wed	9:00-11:00 am	Pete Robinson	443-3026
	Thurs	8:30-10:00 am	Shirley Zumberge	922-5675
		10:00-11:30 am	Cleora Feuk	544-2991
Fri	1:00- 3:00 pm	Mary Ellen Jarnes	881-4703	
		9:00-11:00 am	Pete Robinson	443-3026
WHITE BEAR RACQUET & SWIM CLUB 4800 White Bear Parkway White Bear Lake 426-1308	Fri	3:00- 5:00 pm	Al Braasch	484-1170
WILLISTON CLUB 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 935-8638	Mon	11:00- 1:00 pm	Harold Krantz	935-6656
	Tues	7:00- 9:00 am	Don Schierman	470-9144
		7:30- 9:00 am	Henry Lofquist	476-4543
		8:00-10:00 am	George Frost	866-8552
		8:30-10:00 am	Adeline Levin	937-1709
		9:00-10:30 am	Kit Peterjohn	474-0154
	Wed	12:00- 2:00 pm	Henry Flesh	546-7317
		11:00- 1:00 pm	Harold Krantz	935-6656
		1:00- 3:00 pm	Bill Storie	428-2052
	Thurs	7:00- 9:00 am	Don Schierman	470-9144
		8:30-10:00 am	Adeline Levin	937-1709
		10:00-12:00 noon	Margaret Jenkinson	473-5243
	Fri	8:30-10:00 am	Doris Lizee	474-8245
		12:00- 2:00 pm	Harold Krantz	935-6656
		2:00- 4:00 pm	Don Schierman	470-9144
		Sat	12:00- 2:00 pm	Shirley Pratt
	2:00- 4:00 pm		Lois & Harry Heim	544-1322
4:00- 6:00 pm	Rosalyn Bernstein		544-0511	
Sun		Ronnae Wagner	938-5785	
	4:00- 6:00 pm	June Holmes	541-1449	
	4:00- 6:00 pm	James Adams	545-8578	
WOODDALE RECREATION CENTER 2122 Wooddale Drive Woodbury 735-6214 Start 10/14 to 4/17/92	Mon	9:00-11:00 am	Frank Beutel	426-2440
	Wed	9:00-11:00 am	Marianne Davidson	731-8790
	Fri	9:00-11:00 am	Paul Leonhart	739-3690

Can you find the mistake in the August-September Modern Maturity magazine article on tennis. It starts on page 40. The answer will be published next month.

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Charles W. Britzius

Grand Regent of the Theta Tau fraternity. He belongs to the Williston Sports and Health Club in Minnetonka and the Saint Paul Engineer's Society.

Have you had enough? Hold on, there's more!

Britzius has been awarded Engineer of the Year by both the Minneapolis Engineer's Club and Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers; Silver Beaver and Lamb awards in Scouting; WCCO Good Neighbor award; Minnesota Sports Champion award and a host of other honors. Everything notable that has happened to Britzius seems to stem from the fact his was the first company in Minnesota to establish soil testing as we know it today.

Now you might expect a man who has garnered distinction in his chosen profession and other pursuits to be pompous and stand-offish. Quite the contrary. Britzius is a warm, kind and gentle man with a keen sense of humor. He delights, with wife Bernice, in their nine grandchildren who all live in the Twin Cities area.

His hobbies are hunting, fishing and sports in general with emphasis on tennis. As an engineer, Britzius has traveled the world both in a professional and leisure capacity. Europe, Asia, Alaska, Mexico--you name it and Britzius has probably trod the soil of many lands.

His philosophy of life is simple: to provide a service to mankind and to adhere to the Ten Commandments. One wonders if he obeys the eleventh commandment on the tennis courts which translates: thou shalt not exult in creaming thy opponent!

-Norm Diamond

## News in brief

### THANKS FOR THE DONATION

Ernie Greene and Dick Pratt say "Thank you very much," Connie Custodio and Roger Boyer, for the much improved balls they have donated to Ernie for his Wednesday evening drills.

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### JOELL ANDERSON AND MARV SCHNEIDER WIN THE GOLD

In the September TIMES we reported on STPC winners in the Bloomington Senior Sports-A-Rama. Omitted were the winners of gold medals in men's doubles--Joell Anderson and Marv Schneider. Congratulations!

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### SEASON AT AUGSBURG A SUCCESS

Flo Habegger wants our readers to know it was a great tennis summer at Augsburg. 60 members played (that has to be a record number) wearing t-shirts identifying them as the "Ageless Auggies."

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### A MEMORIAL TO RED WOLFE

An all-day jazz tribute to Ervin (Red) Wolfe will be held Sunday, November 10, at the Emporium of Jazz, Mendota Heights. There will be continuous music in three rooms from 2:00 p.m. to closing. Red Wolfe died September 10. All those who were followers of his music may be interested in tickets to the memorial. Call Percy Hughes at 545-7696.

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## *You're Leaving Town, But First ...*

Fall and winter are popular times for STPC members to leave town for warmer spots. So go ahead. We'll miss you on the courts. We hope you won't forget us completely. Maybe you'll have time to wonder what's going on "back home" with your tennis buddies, so before you pack your bags and your car, there's one important thing to do.

Call me (781-3271) and let me know your "other" address and the dates you'll be gone. I'll be glad to change your address for the months you're gone. Bulk mail is not forwarded (and we're bulk mail) so your call will save the TIMES from a fate in the dead letter office.

What I have in mind especially is the bulky March issue which will include THE ROSTER--last March it was 21 pages. Some of you were without a roster, and that's why--you weren't here! This system worked well last year so let's do it again. Call. O.k.?

Mary Kaminski, 781-3271

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