

Senior Tennis

TIMES

DOWN THE LINE

May I remind you this is the last issue of Senior Tennis Times you will receive if your 1992 membership renewal is not received by Joyce Maul by January 18. If you've overlooked this matter, please send it on its way now. A renewal form is included in this issue for your convenience.

Looking back on 1991, I believe it has been a good year for Senior Tennis. with more members playing tennis and enjoying it. There have been good comments and some complaints which, where possible, have been or will be resolved. At the end of the year there were seven instructors, about 70 captains and 18 members of the Board, all serving the members and supporting the purposes of the Club. I want to thank all of those that so generously contributed their time and effort during the past year, and hope we can count on them in the ensuing year.

The committee to formulate plans for the annual business dinner dance event recommended to the Board that it be held Friday, May 1, at the Midland Hills Country Club located in Roseville, and the Board approved their recommendations at its last regular meeting. Please make your plans to attend.

A Nomination Committee again reminds you that we are looking for members interested in serving on the Board. Please submit your nomination in writing and send to the President or any board member. Selections will occur in early March to fill April vacancies.

Happy New Year!

Bob Curran, President

GOLDEN AGERS GROUP OFF AND RUNNING

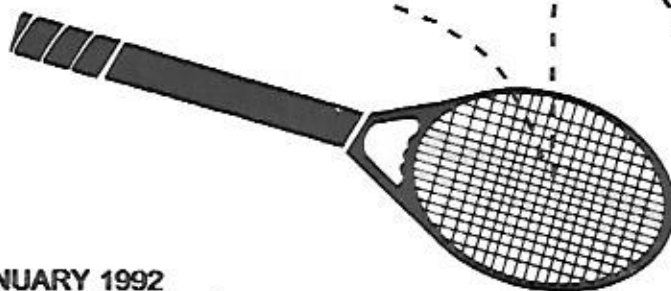
On November 26, our Golden Agers group started playing tennis every Tuesday at the Nicollet Tennis Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. They have one court and have been able to fill it each week, but would appreciate additional players. They need more players who are 80 or more years old for either long term or occasional substitution.

If you know any members, male or female, eligible to join this group, please call Dick Pratt at 433-3583 with the names and telephone numbers.

BIG TURNOUT AT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRILL

Roger Boyer's popular drill was attended by over 50 tennis players at the Nicollet Tennis Center on December 19. He was ably assisted by Ginny Owens, Percy Hughes and Paul Stormo. There were many prizes; the big one, a Prince racquet, was won by Frank Perry. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Roger, who is another year closer to becoming a senior.

The morning was special to Willard "Murph" Murphy and his wife, Betty. Although "Murph" was not in condition to participate in the drills, his smiles were happy ones as he was acknowledged by Roger with gifts and by his many friends with hugs.



TENNIS TIPS By Paul Stormo

EXAGGERATE TO IMPROVE

Try exaggerating your movements in tennis to improve your strokes.

When teaching ground strokes, why do instructors constantly repeat, "Racquet back early, turn the shoulders, hit through the ball and follow through toward the target"? We all think we are following those instructions, but the constant reminders tell us there is room for improvement.

The next time you are on the tennis court, try exaggerating your movements. Get the racquet back sooner and turn the shoulders more than

we ever have done before. Watch the ball closer and stay in the hitting zone longer than you think necessary. Finish toward the target and hold that position until the ball is over the net.

The next time you take a lesson, try to exaggerate your strokes so much that your instructor will say, "Your racquet was back too early. Your shoulders are turned too much. You stayed in the hitting zone too long. You held your finish toward the target too long." I doubt that your wildest exaggeration can make that happen.

ST. PADDY'S DAY SENIOR TOURNAMENT AT WOODDALE

A senior tournament will be held at the Wooddale Recreation Center, 2122 Wooddale Drive, Woodbury, Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. (You must call for match times.) The entry deadline is Monday, March 9.

EVENTS A AND B SKILL LEVELS AGE 50 AND OVER

Men's singles & doubles - Mon & Tues
Women's singles & doubles - Wed & Thurs
Mixed doubles - Friday

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

The next tournament will be in October.

ROGER BOYER SAYS "THANKS"

The following club members were "students" at the December 7 USPTA testing at the Decathlon Club: Ruth Aase, Rosalind and Jim Bernstein, Dorothy Blomquist, Betty Gilbertson, Goldie Glad, Mary Lou Holte, Mary Ellen James, Mandy Johnson, Mary Kaminski, Vern Lodien, Hedy and Marty Loula, Winnie Lund, Virginia Morgan, Marge Nath, Dick Pratt, Ruth and Bob Reid and Bill Rose. Roger appreciates your help.

Graduation



Congratulations to **JEAN SITES**, the latest grad completing twelve lessons.

NOTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE FINISHED THEIR 12 LESSONS; Be sure to tell your instructor.

BULLETIN BOARD

COURTS IN DAYTON AVAILABLE

Warren Westerlund, 484-2670, would appreciate hearing from members interested in playing tennis at the **Daytona Club on Tuesdays**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. He has three courts now and would like to expand to four.

DECATHLON CLUB HAS OPENINGS

There are court openings on **Sunday mornings** at the Decathlon Club. A captain and players are needed. If interested, call **Chuck Supplee at 888-0551**.

DIAMOND GETS NEW POST

Norm Diamond, STPC's profile purveyor of primordial prose, has been named Minnesota Coordinator for the AARP Citizen Representation Program.

In announcing the appointment, Horace Deets of AARP's Washington, D. C. national headquarters, stated Diamond would seek to increase both in numbers and effectiveness consumer representation on a variety of government and private sector boards. Executive Director Deets cited the importance of the older population participating in decisions affecting all citizens.

Diamond stated he would be calling on interested STPC members in the near future, many who already belong to the American Association of Retired Persons, for assistance.

FROM THE EDITOR

Time's getting short. If you haven't paid your dues for 92, you have until January 18 to mail your check and completed renewal form to Joyce Maul. **But please pay only once.** The form was included in the November, December and January TIMES.

Lifetime members, we are not collecting dues from you, but we do need a current form. Please complete one, mark it "lifetime member" and mail it to Joyce Maul. There's lots of end-of-the-year work for Joyce and me before we can close out 1991 and consider it history. Your cooperation will make life easier for us.

The highlight of 1991 for me was the purchase of our new computer, and the fairly easy time I had of selling the old. I'm trying to master the new software so I can produce a better-looking **Senior Tennis Times**. Thanks for the help of so many of you who contributed articles and met my deadlines. Special thanks to Norm Diamond for his monthly profiles written in his inimitable style!

So that's it, folks, for the old year. May 1992 find you on the tennis courts in good health and with happy hearts!

Mary Kaminski



CHARLES SUPPLEE IS STPC'S HIGH PROFILE TENNIS ORGANIZER WITH DEDICATED VIGOR



A famous national economist recently said: "There's no free lunch any more." Conversely, there's no record of anyone chortling: "There's no free brunch anymore." I can attest to the fact Charles "Chuck" Supplee, 72, and wife, Shirley, hosted me and my spouse at a Sunday brunch at the Decathlon Club followed by this interview. Interviewers notoriously write more superlatively on a full stomach!

For sheer senior tennis organizational ability, Chuck Supplee is a worthy rival for the venerable and monumental Jack Dow - no easy task. Small in stature, Supplee has a cherubic, Pickwickian countenance ably abetted by a Mona Lisa smile. His twinkling orbs, feathery voice and probing peek belie his subtly hidden physical and spiritual strengths. He is modest about his successes as an innovator of senior tennis events and sometimes needs prodding to uncover his accomplishments for STPC and other organizations.

The improbable sounding Mediapolis, Iowa lays claim to spawning Supplee many years ago. Moving at an early age to Minneapolis, he graduated from Washburn High School and played on their tennis team. For one reason or another, he didn't play tennis again for 40

years. He enrolled in Dunwoody Institute to take up the study of printing. His specialty was lino typesetting and it eventuated into a position with Lund Press.

Then it was into World War II with the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps in Hawaii and a corporal's rating. He was reassigned to the General's Officers School in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and eventually an honorable discharge. Then it was back to Lund Press and the Minneapolis Star where he perfected his skills. From that point on he worked for Paul Foss Printing Co. for a happy 32 years. After a brief interlude of two years at Augsburg Publishing, he thought he had retired. Not old perpetual motion here! For the past seven years, Supplee has worked for a security service that provides him the time to pursue his tennis activities.

About ten years ago he decided to take up tennis again, taking lessons on courts provided by the Bloomington Park Board. He organized senior programs, and in the last seven years he's been highly visible with the Bloomington Tennis Olympics for seniors. Last year there were 26 Twin Cities players who qualified and participated in the national tournament in Syracuse, New York.

Trying to categorize the tennis endeavors that make Supplee tick is a logistic hardship. During his four years on the STPC board, he was personally responsible for enrolling over 100 members. Through his persistence, Northland and Williston tennis clubs have become available for senior tennis play.

Serving as a liaison with the Decathlon Club pros, Supplee has been able to line up 17 teams and their captains. He organized and headed up four years of tennis camps at Mankato State College with Connie Custodio serving as the main pro. he past two years he organized summer camps at River Falls, Wisconsin. What with arranging mixed doubles

for Volvo, Domino's Pizza and Dick Pratt's Genuine Senior League, Supplee has been as busy as a fly at a banquet. In addition to organizing summer tennis for seniors at various parks throughout the metro area, he is looking ahead to the Senior Olympics in Bloomington this summer.

In defining sportsmanship, Supplee generously quotes Ernie Greene who says, "Winning or losing is not as important as the exercise." As a philosophy of life, Supplee advocates that people should enjoy more fruits of the spirit like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and gentleness. He's a classical walking example of what he preaches - and thereby hangs a saga.

Supplee has been involved in the Northwest Lay Witness Missions for 12 years sharing the Christian faith with midwest churches and logging over 10,000 miles in the effort. As a lay evangelist with Billy Graham's National Association of Evangelists, he has preached both at home and overseas. He cites the death of his oldest brother during World War I inspired his faith and brought the peace of God into his life.

There must be something in Supplee's genealogy that stimulates his burning desire to achieve goals that seem impossible. The family story has it that a Colonel in the French army came to Philadelphia in 1683 and became a friend of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania. His name was Souplis (meaning thin skin) and he became Pennsylvania's first sheriff. At a 200-year family reunion at Valley Forge, it was discovered General George Washington was put up at one time at the Supplee farmhouse. Perhaps that's the origin of the phrase: "George Washington slept here." The Civil War had and lost several members of the Supplee clan so definitely there's an interesting background recorded somewhere in historical lore. Supplee's mother came from an early American family and some six years ago passed away at the age of 99.

In 1988, Supplee was presented a special certificate for volunteer work by Group Health. Not one for taking credit for his attainments on and off the tennis courts, he is more apt to lavishly praise his associates. Unobtrusively,

Supplee is a walking advertisement for senior tennis. Other than work, he lives and breathes tennis - and hits a good ball, too.

Supplee would probably give up all his loot if he won the Minnesota lottery to erect a new Senior Tennis building. It's his dream, and not an impossible one, for seniors to be able to have their very own facilities. He says it takes promotion and an angel somewhere who is willing to underwrite a big chunk of the cost. All applicants will be accepted by this writer with no questions asked! And we'll put your name on the building.

Who is Chuck Supplee? In his own words, he says: "I'm a special person, there's no one like me. I'm glad I'm Chuck Supplee, that's my name, it's me. God thinks I'm special, thinks you're special, too. So I am me and you are you!"

A famous writer once said: "Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on any afternoon." If they would get in touch with Chuck Supplee, he'd probably have them signed up in a tennis league (or asking for donations to the new Senior Tennis Building).

Norm Diamond



Chuck Supplee (far right)

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	Thurs	10 - 12 noon	Bob Metcalf	571-3596
DAYTONA CLUB 14740 Lawndale Lane Dayton 427-6110	Tues	10 - 12 noon	Warren Westerlund Bernard Ackerson	484-2670 537-5061
	Thurs	10 - 12 noon	Ed Comer Vernal Nelson	537-8859 545-9028
DECATHLON ATHLETIC CLUB 7800 Cedar Avenue South Bloomington 854-7777	Mon	7:30- 9:30 am	Fred Habegger Glennis Englund Mary Noble Georgia Chapman David Zimmer	869-7918
		10 - 12 noon		831-9528
	Tues	2 - 4 pm	Gene Philipson Laurene Wastvedt Harley Wishart	825-9487
		7:30 - 9:30 pm		869-7069
		7:30 - 9:30 am		588-2554
10 - 12 noon	454-5355			
1 - 3 pm	935-2369			
Wed	7:30 - 9:30 am	Cliff McMinn Vic Erdman Harley Wishart Lorraine McDaniel	894-4523	
11 - 1 pm	888-4989			
1 - 3 pm	922-0158			
3 - 5 pm	894-4523			
Thurs	7:30 - 9:30 am	Gene Philipson Georgia Chapman	869-7392	
10 - 12 noon	454-5355			
Fri	7:30- 9:30 am	Cliff McMinn Laurene Wastvedt Virginia Heinzen Chuck Supplee Ronnae Wagner	869-7069	
9 - 10:30 am	888-4989			
3 - 5 pm	935-2369			
7 - 9 pm	933-1613			
GREENWAY ATHLETIC CLUB 1300 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, 343-3131	Fri	2 - 4 pm	Ken Mitchell	888-0551
		938-5785		
LILYDALE RACQUET CLUB 945 Sibley Memorial Hwy Lilydale 457-4954	Tues	7:30 - 9 am	Nancy Karasov	861-4348
	Wed	7:30 - 9 am	Nancy Karasov	452-3172
NICOLLET TENNIS CENTER 4005 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis 825-6844	Mon	7:30 - 9 am	Cliff Northfield Allan Campbell Walter Kofski Pete Robinson Dick Pratt	869-1859
		9 - 11 am		377-9225
		10 - 12 noon		481-9123
		12 - 2 pm		443-3026
		11 - 1 pm		433-3583

1991 - 92 Schedule for Indoor Courts

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NICOLLET TENNIS CENTER (CONTINUED) 4005 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis 825-6844	Tues	9 - 11 am 11 - 1 pm	Frank McCabe Ruth Casey Kay Matthews	633-6319 869-2670 926-2953
	Wed	9 - 11 am 10 - 12 noon	Al Mohr Sue Larson Jean Wallace	722-8339 929-4673 925-4133
	Thurs	9 - 11 am 10 - 12 noon	Eivin Kolstad Mary Kaminski	809-7277 781-3271
	Fri	7:30 - 9 am 8:30 - 10:30 am	Cliff Northfield Al Mohr	869-1859 722-8339
	Sat	3 - 5 pm	Dave Moore	941-2512
	Sun	3 - 4:30 pm	Jean Olson	483-6003
NORTHLAND FITNESS CENTER 5250 West 84th Street Bloomington 831-2660	Mon	9 - 11 am	Marian Versen	929-9643
	Tues	9 - 11 am	Dorothy Schlichting	920-0965
	Wed	9 - 11 am	Pete Robinson	443-3026
	Thurs	8:30 - 10 am 10 - 11:30 am 1 - 3 pm 1 - 3 pm	Shirley Zumberge Cleora Feuk Mary Ellen James Marilyn Raue	922-5675 544-2991 881-4703 831-6782
	Fri	9 - 11 am	Pete Robinson	443-3026
WHITE BEAR RACQUET & SWIM CLUB 4800 White Bear Parkway White Bear Lake 426-1308	Fri	3 - 5 pm	Al Braasch	484-1170
WILLISTON CLUB 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 935-8638	Mon	11 - 1 pm	Harold Krantz	935-6656
	Tues	7 - 9 am	Don Schierman Henry Lofquist George Frost Adeline Levin Kit Peterjohn Henry Flesh	470-9144 476-4543 866-8552 937-1709 474-0154 546-7317
		7:30 - 9 am		
		8 - 10 am		
		8:30 - 10 am		
		9 - 10:30 am		
12 - 2 pm				
Wed	11 - 1 pm	Harold Krantz Bill Storie	935-6656 428-2052	
	1 - 3 pm			
Thurs	7 - 9 am 8:30 - 10 am 10 - 12 noon	Don Schierman Adeline Levin Margaret Jenkinson	470-9144 937-1709 473-5243	

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WILLISTON CLUB (CONTINUED) 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 935-8638	Fri	8:30 - 10 am 12 - 2 pm 1 - 3 pm 2 - 4 pm	Doris Lizee Harold Krantz Bill Storie Don Schierman	474-8245 935-6656 428-2052 470-9144
	Sat	12 - 2 pm 2 - 4 pm 4 - 6 pm 4 - 6 pm	Shirley Pratt Lois & Harry Heim Rosalyn Bernstein Ronnae Wagner June Holmes	433-3583 544-1322 544-0511 938-5785 541-1449
	Sun	4 - 6 pm	James Adams	545-8578
WOODDALE RECREATION CENTER 2122 Wooddale Drive Woodbury 735-6214	Mon	9 - 11 am	Frank Beutel	426-2440
	Wed	9 - 11 am	Marianne Davidson	731-8790
	Fri	9 - 11 am	Paul Leonhart	739-3690

LEARN TENNIS

1991 - 92 Schedule for Beginner Lessons and Drills

LOCATION	DAY	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
NICOLLET TENNIS CENTER 14005 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis 825-6844	Thurs	8:30 - 10 am	Percy Hughes Ginny Owens Paul Stormo	545-7696 546-9666 944-6286
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WOODDALE RECREATION CENTER 2122 Wooddale Drive Woodbury 735-6214	Mon	6:30 - 8 pm	Virginia Morgan Cathy Morgan	459-6059
	Thurs	9:30 - 11 am	Virginia Morgan	459-6059

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

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB

Please complete the membership renewal form and sign the Membership Conditions below.
Send the completed form with your check to Joyce Maul, Treasurer.

If you joined the Club in October, November, or December of 1991, you are paid
up through 1992, so please disregard this notice.

Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. 1992 Membership Renewal

PLEASE PRINT

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As a condition to my application, I agree to participate at my own risk in the activities of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc., which may include tennis lessons, clinics, weekly scheduled tennis, social events and any scheduled tennis trips or extra activities. Further, I waive and release the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc., a nonprofit organization, and its officers and members providing services on behalf of the club, and all claims for damages due to injuries that I may incur as a result of my participation in any of these events.

Signature _____ Signature _____
Member #1 _____ Member #2 _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THESE MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

Please note: The copy deadline for the next issue is January 20, 1992.



**Happy
New Year**

1991 - 1992

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