

Senior Tennis

TIMES

DOWN THE LINE

Four Senior Tennis Players Club directors will retire, effective April 1, after completing three or more years of service. They are: Joyce Maul, Virginia Owens, Joseph Stoutenburgh and Bob Western. Unfortunately, space does not permit publishing the contributions made to the club by each retiring director, but suffice it to say they are substantial. All served as officers in one capacity or another. They worked tirelessly and unselfishly often at a sacrifice of their personal interests and time. We owe all of them a debt of gratitude as their dedication helped make STPC a success. They will be missed by the Board.

Members-elect to fill the vacancies are: Emily Day, Gene Daugherty, Sue Larson and John Stecklein. Their appointments will take effect April 1, 1992. We congratulate them and welcome them aboard. Their future contributions will be appreciated.

A matter of interest to the members is the future of the yearly trip to the World Tennis Center in Naples, Florida. In the past I have been of the opinion this program should be managed separately and apart from the jurisdiction of the STPC and I have so stated on a number of occasions. I believe it is prudent the Board does not become encumbered with the responsibilities and obligations that go with programming such a trip. However, I believe it is beneficial to have interested members of the STPC organize the trip south on a private venture basis.

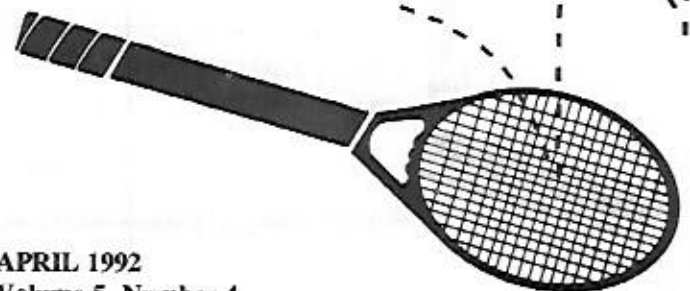
I have just recently been informed that long-time member Don Bratt has expressed interest in taking over the program. He has taken some positive steps, including contact with World Tennis Center management. You will be hearing from him in the near future. I am sure he will fulfill the expectations of those who are interested in next year's trip. I wish him well.

Play tennis for enjoyment and health.

Bob Curran, President

EVERYBODY'S INVITED

Come celebrate the United States Professional Tennis Association's Tennis Across America Day with a morning of stroke drills for players of all levels. Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 7, 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!



You are cordially invited to attend the

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

At Midland Hills Country Club, Roseville
Friday Night, May 1, 1992

\$17 per person

Great door prizes!

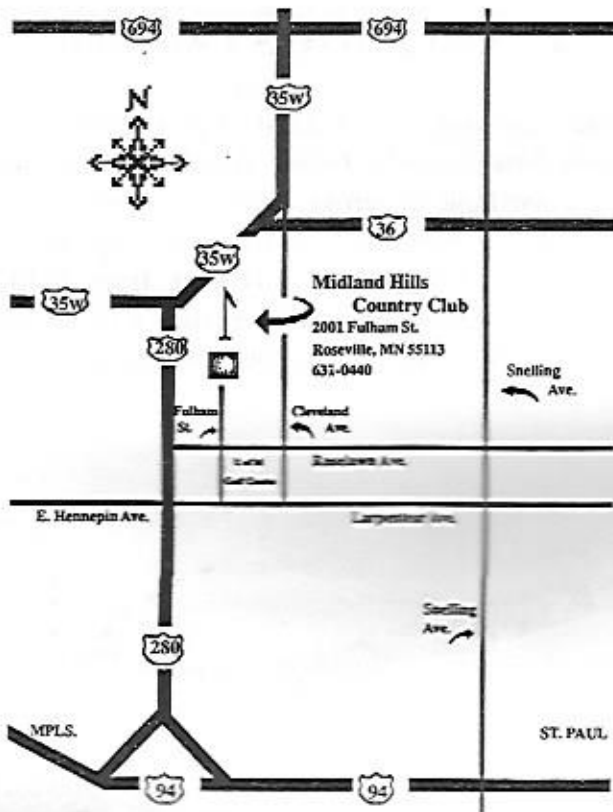
Social Hour	6 pm
Dinner	7 pm

The Master of Ceremonies will be Charlie Boone, with entertainment provided by talented members of the Senior Tennis Players Club and dance music by Ed Tolck from the Old Shakopee House.

During the evening, Past President Bob Curran will give a brief report on the Tennis Club and introduce the new officers.

The entree is breast of chicken prepared by Peter, former chef at the Blue Horse.

Send your reservation and check in early. There's a limit of 250 banquet seats, which will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 250 reservation requests, accompanied by a check and in the hands of Bernice Hanson on or before April 25, will be honored.



The reservation form is on the next page.

If you have questions, call
Mona Mae Zarling at 822-5522
or **Bob Curran at 450-6243.**

FACILITIES by Bob Western

It's official now. Spring is here, and that means outdoor tennis is just around the corner. Playing generally moves outdoors the first week of May. Sometimes it's earlier, depending on the weather. Beginner lessons and drills move outdoors, too. The playing locations of the outdoor program are being arranged by the facilities person, as in the past. A complete schedule will be printed in the next issue of the Senior Tennis Times.

LONE LAKE PARK Two tennis courts are reserved from 8-10 a.m. five days, Mondays through Fridays, starting Wednesday, April 29, through September 27. Your group may use the remaining two courts only if there are no waiting players. We will need to post a sign for our group, as in the past.

NORTH VALLEY PARK Four courts are reserved for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

from 9-11 a.m. as soon as weather allows. North Valley in Inver Grove Heights can be reached by taking Hwy 103 to 70th Street, then left on 70th for one-half mile to the park. This replaces play at Marthaler. For more information, call Dorne Davis at 457-3940.

ATTENTION, ALL OUTDOOR TENNIS CAPTAINS

Please contact Dick Pratt at 433-3583 as soon as possible with any changes from last year's outdoor schedule.

A reminder: Captains, be sure all your players are members of STPC.

And to captains of the past 1991 and 1992 outdoor and indoor seasons....be sure to attend our Annual Dinner Dance on May 1 to accept a special appreciation gift to be given out that evening.

RESERVATION FORM FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE ON MAY 1, 1992

Please reserve _____ places for the following people to attend the STPIC Annual Dinner Dance. Remember: Each STPC member may bring one nonmember as a guest. The deadline for reservations is **April 25, 1992**.

_____ member

_____ member

_____ guest

_____ guest

Enclosed is a check in the amount of _____ (number attending x \$17 each)

MAIL THIS RESERVATION AND YOUR CHECK TO: **BERNICE HANSON
120 WINDSOR COURT
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TENNIS TIPS By Ernie Greene

Your Baseline Game The first thing you must be aware of in a baseline rally is the geometry of the court. Don't return to the center of the baseline after each shot. Instead, if you've returned a crosscourt backhand deep, stay a little bit on the backhand side of the baseline. That way, you are bisecting your opponent's angle of possible returns.

The key to winning a baseline rally is to recognize when it's time to change the line of shots. In other words, when should you break out of the crosscourt pattern and hit the ball down the line?

The answer, of course, is when your opponent hits a short ball (a ball that's bouncing around the service line). You usually have two choices: the first is to hit a forcing shot (approach shot down the line); the second is to simply vary the pattern of play. Be patient, then make the most of your big opportunity.

LEARN TENNIS

1992 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
NORTHLAND FITNESS CENTER SOUTH 5250 West 84th Street Bloomington 831-2660	Wed	5:30 - 7 pm	Ernie Greene	488-6359
WILLISTON CLUB 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 935-8638	Mon	5:30 - 7 pm	Connie Custodio	824-2569
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.

REGULAR PLAY FOR GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers group is playing regularly every week on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 at the Nicollet Tennis Center. Members 80 years old and older interested in joining this group, please contact Dick Pratt at 433-3583 while there are still openings for new members.

Dick Pratt

BEGINNER LESSONS AND DRILLS FOR WOODBURY

Beginner lessons and drills are scheduled at Woodbury Elementary School outdoor courts, School Drive, Woodbury as follows:

Mondays, beginning May 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Virginia Morgan and Cathy Morgan, instructors.

Thursdays, beginning May 7, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Virginia Morgan, instructor.

HIT 'N GIGGLE

Hit 'N Giggle Ladies' Summer League, spring is here! We would like to start the summer league Wednesday, June 3. Four teams again are the goal-if you wish to play on a team or if you wish to organize a team, please call Shirley (Pratt) at 433-3583 with your name and phone number. Leave a message, please.

Games will primarily be played on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. unless other arrangements are made between the captains. We will play best two out of three at all matches. Teams may arrange their own practices and choose their own playing courts. At the end of the summer, we will have a playoff and celebration. Happy hits 'n giggles!

GRADUATION



Congratulations to **KARLA SAND, BILL CONNELL**, and **BOB HANSON**, the latest grads completing twelve lessons.

NOTE TO NEW STUDENTS: Are you notifying your instructor after twelve lessons? If not, please do so.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR TENNIS SHOE-STORE FRESH AND AVOID SOCIAL ERRORS ON THE COURT

A low cost, very effective way to keep your tennis shoes smelling sweet is to sprinkle some baking soda in them, as needed. A 2-lb. box (Arm & Hammer) costs you \$1 at any super market and will last a year, even if you play daily. Unlike \$4 activated charcoal insoles (Dr. Scholl's), baking soda doesn't change your shoe fit, deodorizes better, lasts longer, and is frequently refreshed. The white powder does not mar your white tennis socks and helps keep your feet dry. Any excess powder in your tennis shoes can easily be emptied into any sink or toilet where it will totally dissolve in water and rinse away without a trace

Pete Meyerhoff

IN MEMORIAM

Clarence "Russ" Russell, a long-time popular and highly respected member of the Northland Fitness Center Monday morning tennis team, died of a heart attack February 23. His geniality and good sportsmanship will be greatly missed by all. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, also an STPC member, and his family.

MANDY JOHNSON IS A HUMANITARIAN ROLE MODEL, A COURAGEOUS ACCOMPLISHER WHO DEFIES DEFEAT



To paraphrase the late Ogden Nash, famous limerick writer of many years ago: "Mandy is dandy, (or was it Candy is dandy?!)" Or from Barry Manilow's hit song, "Mandy," that made the charts several years ago: "Oh, Mandy, well, you came and you gave without taking...." As Mandy's story unfolds here, you'll see that she has given all her life without once bowing to her successes or tribulations.

The third of ten children from an Iron Range Croatian family, Mandy Alar Johnson spent the first two decades of her life in Virginia, Minnesota. A sports fanatic, she took part in ice -

skating, roller-skating, softball and pole-vaulting (What? A Croatian vaulting over a Pole?) Groan!

In her late teens, Mandy's passion was dancing. She became proficient in tap and was a teacher's assistant in both tap and the ballet. You might call her a combination of Eleanor Powell and Dame Margot Fonteyn. She still loves ballroom dancing, but since the Marigold closed down many years ago, the pickings are slim.

Following high school graduation, Mandy worked as secretary for the Saint Louis County Child Welfare Board doing placements, adoptions and establishing paternity. During World War II she moved to Minneapolis and a stint in the General Mills personnel department, Mechanical Division. Her division was involved with roll correctors (sounds like icers for the cinammon knots at the Lincoln Del) and torpedo directors for the U. S. Navy. At General Mills, Mandy met the love of her life and married Roy Johnson, an executive trainee.

Her next position was in the Executive Offices of the Star Tribune, "an exciting place to work because reporters from all over the world came to interview John Cowles, president of the organization." She remembers the "voice of Minnesota," Cedric Adams, who dispensed humor daily down the hall from her office. Launching her fledgling career then in the fourth estate, Mandy was elected president of the newspaper's Women's Club where she officiated at many social events.

When her children started to arrive, Mandy resigned her position to become a fulltime mother, but not for long. Tragedy struck when Roy died suddenly from an illness even the Mayo Clinic couldn't diagnose. After a long recovery from the shock, Mandy enrolled at the University of

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Minnesota. She selected a teaching degree as her goal so she could support her family and have a work schedule matching her children's hours in school. Doubling up on her studies, she crammed four years into three and graduated with honors. She was elected president of the Minnesota Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, National Honor Organization for Women in Education. Later she went on to earn a Master's degree, a published thesis on the effects of television viewing on creativity.

For the next twenty-one years, Mandy taught fifth and sixth grades at the Cedar Manor School in Saint Louis Park. She busily engaged herself in planning and conducting concerts, vaudeville acts, specialty numbers and annual comedic plays. She took an early retirement for health reasons.

Not having played tennis as a youngster, Mandy's tennis-playing really started in 1971. A friend coerced her into playing doubles at Marv and Harv's Richfield Racquet Club. Later she joined the Matched Singles Tennis Club, became activities director and then newsletter editor. To this day she can't recall how she got in touch with the then budding Senior Tennis Players Club, but has been overjoyed with the long range results.

For two years she served as STPC activities director, then newsletter editor for a short time and then the time-consuming and diplomatic mission position as president of the rapidly growing organization. Her two terms in office a few years ago were highlighted by her strong devotion to fitness and health for every member. Through her efforts, STPC is now the largest senior tennis players club in the country with over 1300 members. Ironically, Mandy is trying to get back into tennis to regain her strength following a series of major operations through the years. She still takes dialysis treatments twice weekly and is hoping for a kidney donor. Even in the face of some adversity, this beautiful, clear-thinking and

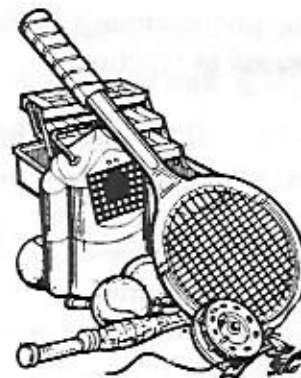
warm personality smiles radiantly and has a delicious sense of humor.

Mandy cites her main hobby is her three daughters (two are married) and four grandchildren. The entire family is involved in the performing arts - symphony, theater and concerts in the classical arena. Although busy with her family, she swims daily, plays bridge with friends and wields an expert sewing needle. She is a confessed crossword puzzle freak which keeps her mentally active.

Philosophically she cannot figure out why she's survived, although she ascribes much of her faith to loving and caring for family and friends. She strongly feels some higher entity has kept her alive because of her deep concern for her family. Not content to idle her time away, Mandy is busy trying to reorganize the University Women's Club.

A neighbor of the venerable STPC founder, Jack Dow, Mandy jokingly refers to the fact they're in a loving contest to outlive one another. Whatever the outcome, you can wager our profile heroine will be in there battling all the way. Mandy, you really are dandy!

Norm Diamond



**A REMEMBRANCE
JOHN F. BOLGER
1917-1992**

In Indian lore, John Bolger is not dead. It is believed by many tribes that in the beginning of the world there was no such thing as death. Everyone continued to live until the earth had no room for any more. Then the first man died and a whirlwind appeared in the sky. Its spirit made death eternal. Yet, when anyone meets a whirlwind or hears the wind whistle, they know the dead are wandering the earth trying to discover the road to the spirit land. John has discovered the spirit land, but is only resting, waiting for the Creative Power to unleash a rainbow so that he can return to fulfill his dreams—to again find the energy in himself to devote his strength to the cause of the Indian.

A noted theologian once said: "Fear not that your life shall come to an end, but rather fear it shall never have a beginning." The Star Tribune covered John's lifetime in their extensive obituary this past March 5. To those who knew this gracious, gentle and remarkable man, he was saintly and understated in everything he accomplished. In recent months it's as though he had a vision of the end—and in that context wanted to complete everything he had initiated. His life had a beginning and continued to flourish until his giving heart ceased to function.

He served on the STPC Board of Directors for several years, assisting the organization in parliamentary matters. He was an avid tennis player and fierce competitor. As co-founder of the American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center (AIOIC) in Minneapolis, he initiated one of the most successful job training programs for Indians in the country. His spirituality was beyond the realm of the highest principles.

From the STPC to wife, Genevieve, children Jack, Charles, Dik and their families, John will always be an inspirational memory—a saint in our imperfect world where only he will be remembered with reverence.

In 1867 a Comanche Indian named Ten Bears wrote a phrase that sums up our thoughts about John Bolger: "My heart is filled with joy when I see you here, as the brooks fill with water, when the snows melt in the spring, and I feel glad as the ponies do when the fresh grass starts in the beginning of the year."

It's not goodbye, John, because somehow there is the immortal in you.

Norm Diamond

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