



# TIMES

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For the past year it has been my privilege to serve as your president; however, now my term is over and new hands are on the wheel. They are the good hands of John Stecklein, who was unanimously elected to the presidency by your board of directors at its April meeting.

One of the wonderful benefits of STPC membership is the opportunity to meet new people and make new friendships. My year in office was very meaningful because of that opportunity. I have gotten to know persons from an infinite number of backgrounds, most of

## *From the President Holger Christiansen*

whom I would not have met otherwise, all of whom have a love for the game of tennis. It has been a pleasure.

I do want to again thank each of the outgoing board members for their service to the Club, but add a special thank you to Marian

Murphy, who has been vice president for membership for several years. She has done an outstanding job and is owed a debt of gratitude by the Club.

And now I ask each of you to offer the new president and directors the same spirit of cooperation and friendship given to me. Incidentally, I will be serving as secretary for this year since no one else would take the job. It kind of reminds me of the saying, "Old tennis players never die, they just take up new racquets."



## It's Time for Outdoor Tennis—Summer Schedule in this Issue!

A tentative schedule for courts available outdoors appears on pages 6 and 7 in this edition of the *Times*. Remember, 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.

### Outdoor summer play and lessons are free!

If there are captains indicated in the schedule, please call them for more information about the court you're interested in. Tell them you'll be there. If there is no captain listed, come along anyway—and let's start something!

### Attention, Captains

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire club, we would like to take this time and opportunity to thank all of you (winter and summer Captains) for all the time and effort you put out to give all of us opportunities to play tennis.

I realize that in the past gifts of appreciation were sometimes given out to the Captains at about this time of the year. Economic realities of the Club, however, prevent us from doing that this year. We can only offer our thanks and appreciation for another successful year of tennis activity. Captains, you are truly the backbone of our Club, and our greatest asset.

Charlie Peterson, VP Tennis Programs

# Tennis Tips

*This Month's Tipster:  
Percy Hughes*

**Outdoor  
Tennis  
Time!**

Summer is upon us and we will play most of our tennis outdoors. Sun and wind are two of the playing conditions that we'll need to adjust for now, which demands total concentration. *You must see the ball to the strings on all strokes.* Two of the most difficult strokes in these conditions are meeting the service toss and overhead smash.

A tip from the late great tennis educator Frank Voight was: "Make yourself actually see the ball hit your

strings and count to two after contact before taking your eyes off the racquet. You will still have time to see where you have returned the ball."

Remember, all you tennis players, *see the ball to the strings.*

P.S. And don't forget your water bottle and cap or visor!

## Attention, Players

Please, when you play at any of our sanctioned summer locations where a captain is in charge of the tennis format, please be courteous and respectful of them and their direction. They are trying to do the best for *all* players present. Thank you.

Charlie Peterson, VP Tennis Programs



## Last Call for Senior Tennis Camp

The Senior Tennis Camp has openings for the two three-day camps (August 6-8 or August 13-15) and the five-day camp from July 26-30. The other sessions are filled. Call Ginny Heinzen at 933-1613 or Chuck Supplee at 888-0551.

## Lessons and Drills in the St. Paul Area

The Board of Directors determined that we need a minimum of 15 people attending to justify holding lessons and drills. In the St. Paul area, one of the classes fell below this number.

If at least 15 people are interested in lessons and drills and can promise that they would attend regularly, the class may be

reestablished. Call Virginia Morgan at 459-6059 if you're interested in attending.

## Captains Needed

There are three courts available at the National Sports Center, Highway 65 and 105th Avenue in Blaine, beginning September 1, 1993. If you're interested in being a captain, call Charlie Peterson at 471-9524.

## Twelve Lesson Award

The latest STPC member to complete twelve lessons is:

### Avelyn Hooker

Congratulations!

Note to new students: are you notifying your instructor after twelve lessons? If not, you should!



## A Note from our New VP Membership

The Club has been steadily growing, and new members are always welcome. I'd like to see everyone take on the role of goodwill ambassador, and actively promote membership in the Club so that we can maintain the kind of program that has made STPC what it is today.

We may call some of you long-time members who live in new member's areas to act as hosts for STPC. You can invite the new people to meet you at the courts or attend an STPC social function with you. This will help the new people meet other Club members and get into the activities.

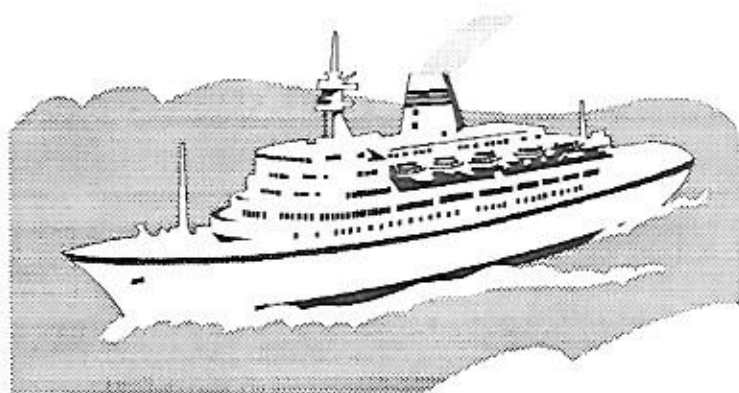
Thanks for your cooperation, and we welcome your suggestions.

Char Hall, VP Membership

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Molly Culligan, STPC member, was profiled in the Star Tribune on March 14 in an article by staff writer Kay Miller. Molly, actor and playwright, performed in a one-woman play she cowrote entitled, "Solo Flight," at the College of St. Benedict. The play is based on the life of stratosphere balloonist Jeannette Piccard, a Minnesotan whose irregular ordination in 1974 as one of the "Philadelphia 11" pushed the Episcopal church to sanction the ordination of women.

In the article, Molly explains how her development as a dancer, actor and singer helped make the connection between her mind, body and soul. "I want to help people climb back into their bodies—melt the demarcation line between our over-structured heads and our up-tight bodies. The Irish chuckle over how analytical Americans are, and I'm one of the worst—all the more reason I'm interested in the soul and the body...Let the mind take

care of itself. My work is a celebration of sensuality and spirituality."

## STPC Members in the News

Another STPC member, Ed Rapacz, also appeared in the Star Tribune. Ed was recognized for receiving the 1993 Distinguished Volunteer Service Award from the Hennepin Parks Board of Commissioners. Ed participated in many outdoor education and special events programming, such as maple syruping, cider making, full moon walks, the winter Osseo program and the Bluebird

project. Since 1990, Ed has logged over 818 volunteer hours for the park system.

Park officials noted how well Ed researches his subjects, and that the programs he presents are very professional. They also mentioned that Ed has a "fan club" that comes to his full moon walks at the Eastman Nature Center!

### 1992 Annual Report

		1992 Actual	1992 Budget	1993 Budget
Income	Dues	25740	20700	29500
	Interest & Misc	1343	1840	1320
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$27083</b>	<b>\$22540</b>	<b>\$30820</b>
Expenses	Newsletter	13804	8972	14131
	Beginners Lessons	8750	7600	6700
	Office Expenses	1952	965	2010
	Special Events	367	350	400
	Public Relations	2714	2350	1350
	Insurance	838	836	900
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$28425</b>	<b>\$21073</b>	<b>\$25491</b>
Net Income		(\$1341)	\$1467	\$5329
Assets	Cash	16004	8498	8789
	Certificates of Deposit	17000	25000	30000
	Equipment	2280	1767	1824
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$35284</b>	<b>\$35265</b>	<b>\$40613</b>

**Comments** In 1992, increased newsletter costs forced the use of reserve funds to cover expenses. The increase in dues during the fourth quarter nearly replenished the reserves, leaving a net loss of \$1341 for the year.

## Let Me Introduce Myself

If the newsletter seems a little different this month, it's because the editorship has changed hands (if not addresses!). Let me introduce myself—I'm Nancy Kaminski, ex-editor Mary Kaminski's daughter. Starting with this issue, it's me behind the keyboard and not Mom. For those of you who have called our house with news items and tennis club business, I'm the voice who sounds like Mary but isn't. (I have become



Editor and friend. (Editor is on right)

accustomed to hearing, "You sound exactly like your mother!")

I'm a technical writer and editor by profession. (I like to think that if I had written the operator's manual that came with your VCR, you'd be able to program it!) I work for a contract house, and I'm currently wielding an editorial red pen at Norwest Bank Technical Publications

And no, I don't play tennis. I ride horses—dressage and jumping, mainly. However, I have access to the Kaminski Technical Library ("Mom, what does 'add in' mean?") so I don't think I'll make too many mistakes. If I do, well, there's always Letters to the Editor!

## Thanks to Tennis and Life Clinic Volunteers

Thanks go out to the volunteers that helped with the Tennis and Life Clinic held on Saturday, April 3, at Eagan High School.

The volunteers are: Ollie Anderson, Pat Grames, Marilou Holte, Percy Hughes, Helen Jackson, Jerry Johnson, Mary Kaminski, Jim McCue, Virginia Morgan, Marie Mueller, Ginny Owens, Dick Pratt, Shirley Pratt, Esther Shivers, Paul Stormo, Clyde Thompson, and John Stecklein

We appreciate your time and efforts. Thanks!

### ★ Ad Rates ★

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### 1993 Schedule for Outdoor Courts (call captains for starting dates)

Location	Day	Time	Captain(s)	Phone
<b>Augsburg Park</b> 72nd and Blaisdell Richfield June 1-Oct 1	Mon-Fri	8-10 am	Florence Habegger Marge Mercer	869-7918 866-8933
<b>Brooklyn Center Senior High</b> 6500 Humboldt Ave N Brooklyn Center May 4-18, June 10-Aug 17	Tues Thurs	8:30-10:30 am	<b>Captains needed.</b>	
<b>Brookview Park</b> Hwy 55 & Winnetka Golden Valley	Sat	9-11 am	Joyce Hautman Mary McNeil	545-4051 545-7142
<b>City Center Courts</b> Chanassen	Fri	8:30-10:30 am	Barb & Craig Freeman	474-8070
<b>Como Park</b> Horton Ave near Lexington St. Paul May 3-Sept 29	Mon-Wed	9-11 am	Lenore Patneude	644-4208
<b>Donaldson Park</b> 75th & Humboldt S, Richfield Starting June 2	Mon Wed Fri	8-10 am	Chad Sharkey Cliff Northfield Marge Mercer	866-7682 869-1859 866-8933
<b>Dred Scott Park</b> W. Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Rd	Mon-Fri	8-10 am	Lois & Paul Lokensgard Chuck Supplee	831-1171 888-0551
<b>Edgewood Middle School</b> 5100 Edgewood Drive Moundsview	Mon-Fri	9 am-noon	<b>Captains needed:</b> call Dick Pratt at 433-3583	
<b>Edina Senior High</b> 6754 Valley View Road Edina	Tues Thurs Sat	6-8 pm 6-8 pm 4-6 pm	Jack Reynolds Jim Bernstein Al Holter	831-5080 544-0511 537-1843
<b>Fridley Commons</b> 61st and 7th Ave northwest corner Starting June 1	Tues Thurs	9-11 am	Bob Metcalf	571-3596
<b>Lone Lake Park</b> Shady Oak N of Bren Rd Eden Prairie	Mon-Fri	8-10 am	Angie Jepson Laurene Westvedt	933-1133 935-2369
<b>North Valley Park</b> Inver Grove Heights	Mon Wed Fri	9-11 am	Dorne Davis	457-3940
<b>Oakdale Tennis Courts</b> 15th St and Hadley Oakdale	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	8-10 am 9-11 am	Bob Western	735-5761
<b>St. Anthony Central Park</b> Silver Lake Rd. & 33rd St. Anthony Starting May 4	Tues Thurs	11:30-1 pm	Mary Kaminski	781-3271

**1993 Schedule for Outdoor Courts**  
(call captains for starting dates)

Location	Day	Time	Captain(s)	Phone
South Campus Co Rd E & McKnight White Bear Lake Starting June 14	Mon Wed Fri	7-10 am	Bob Hinz	771-4480
Sunrise Community Center Cedar & Cranbrook White Bear Lake Starting May 3	Mon-Fri	7-11 am	Bob Hinz	771-4480
3M Tartan Park 20th St. N, btwn Cty Rd 17 & Cty Rd 15, Lake Elmo Starting June 2 \$1/person charge for 2 hrs enter at picnic & sports area. In case of rain or wet courts, meet at Wooddale Recreation Center	Mon Wed Fri	8-10 am	Gar Davis Darlene Moynagh	735-5691 436-8927
Valley Park Marie, east of Lexington Mendota Heights	Tues Wed-Thurs	7:30-9 am 7:30-9 am	Dot Guenther Nancy Karasov	687-0246 452-3172
Valley View Park 90th between Nicollet & Portland, Bloomington	Mon-Fri	7-10 am	Cliff McMinn	888-4989
Washington Park 77th & 17th S. Richfield May only	Mon Wed Fri	8-10 am	Chad Sharkey Cliff Northfield Marge Mercer	866-7682 869-1859 866-8933
Wolfe Park W 36th St off #100 Saint Louis Park	Mon-Wed Fri	8-11 am	Captains needed	

**1993 Summer Schedule for Beginner Lessons and Drills**

Location	Day	Time	Instructor	Phone
Wolfe Park W 36th St. off #100 Saint Louis Park Starting May 6	Thurs	8:30-10 am	Percy Hughes Ginny Owens	545-7696 546-9666
Woodbury Elementary 1425 School Dr. Woodbury Starting May 3	Mon	6-7:30 pm	Virginia Morgan	459-6059

## Connie Custodio was Born with a Tennis Racquet and Ball in His Hands

Connie Custodio, 61, is quite possibly the most active Twin Cities tennis teaching professional and competitive player in the past five decades. In fact, when someone recently asked Connie's father, Mike, what his offspring did for a living, the blunt answer was: "He plays tennis!"

You're with the majority if you don't know Connie was an illustrator and draftsman for such companies as Univac, Frontier Engineering and Dacon Engineering for nearly 30 years. His love for tennis has been greater than all the rapture a Don Juan could effect in a lifetime.

Physically diminutive by today's standards, Connie is a giant on the tennis courts. His ready smile and sense of humor is infectious. He teaches beginners with patience and tenderness under conditions that could drive most people bonkers. His indefatigable energy encourages his students to try harder, and the results are a reflection on his abilities as a teacher.

Born in Minneapolis, Connie graduated from the now-defunct West High School and went on to St. Thomas College for two years before entering the service.

He took up tennis at the age of 12 in Loring Park, taught by the mother of a girl he wanted to date. The mother's tennis lessons became more important to him than dating!

Another teacher was the author, Dan Brennan, who not only taught Connie the basics of tennis but provided him with literature to read, from the classics to contemporary

works. (Connie repaid this largesse by later teaching the Brennan children how to wield a tennis racquet.) Another one of Connie's teachers was Lenny Brawerman, who still plays tennis at the age of 77.

Playing in informal leagues, Connie got some great tournament experience by taking on all comers from all over Minneapolis. In 1962 he joined Nick Pappas to work in the Inner City Tennis arena, which is still one of his favorite projects.

He then went on to teach at



Connie Custodio

Nicollet Tennis Center, Sports and Health clubs and summer camps. He was head pro at the Carleton College Tennis Camps for four years and also at Carleton College. With pro Jack Roach, he taught

tennis at Roach's camps to further refine his teaching skills.

In 1979, Connie joined the Northwest Racquet Club as a teaching pro, and remained on staff for eight years. He later joined in with Chuck Supplee to teach seniors at Mankato State University, later shifting with the same group to River Falls for three years.

Currently semi-retired, Connie works at Williston-Sagedahl Sports and Health Club in Minnetonka and can be seen scurrying around the courts like a teenager. He has been involved in tennis fund-raisers at Minikahda, Flagship and Woodhill Country Clubs and is probably the most-recognized tennis celebrity around these parts.

It's difficult to believe that with all the tennis history Connie has compiled, he took a breather years ago to marry his wife Sally and have one daughter, Cathy. The Custodios have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Connie is not only a devotee and player of Hawaiian guitar music, but at one time danced in the Festival of Nations. One of these days the STPC social committee should induce him to perform—sort of a dance drill to equate tennis drills.

When asked about his philosophy of life, Connie would only say: "My avocation and vocation are one and the same—tennis. It is so much a part of me that I would do it for nothing."

Say Custodio—I could use some lessons at the nothing price you quoted!

Norm Diamond



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