

STPC Members Win in Baton Rouge

The National Senior Sports Classics, the Senior Olympics of 1993, has come and gone. However, the memories, friendships, and competition will be with us, waiting to be renewed in San Antonio, Texas in 1995, the site of the next Senior Olympics. The Senior Olympics are held every two years in a different city.

Our very own STPC had 30 competitors in Baton Rouge this year. The games were great, the competition even greater. Betty Swanson, Len Brawerman, Sam King, Chuck Supplee and Ruby Rott all won first and second round matches and consolation rounds. Lois Bunday reached the finals and won the silver medal in mixed doubles.

The Minnesota delegation would like to thank Chuck Supplee for his generous help for driving competitors to their destinations. He did a fine job in organizing and lending a helping hand to all of us. Thanks, Chuck!

The fun and camaraderie of riverboat cruising, visiting plantations, partying with the Mardi Gras in Baton Rouge, and so much more, made us all feel like very special guests. We even survived the Cajun cooking and the heat!

Early Bird Announcement
from the Activities Committee—

WHAT'S HOT, WHAT'S NOT IN TENNIS WEAR AND GEAR LUNCHEON AND STYLE SHOW

for STPC members and guests
\$12.00, September 21

Minnesota Valley Country Club, Bloomington

Watch for reservation information in the
August issue of the *Senior Tennis Times!*

Let's Meet on the Marktplatz!

Come and enjoy the Minnesota Orchestra's Viennese Sommerfest at Orchestra Hall on Saturday, July 24!

STPC members will meet on the Marktplatz (Peavey Plaza in downtown Minneapolis) at 5:30



P.M. to enjoy bratwurst, pastries, ice cream and refreshing summer beverages. You can listen to free outdoor music provided by Leon Bonrud's Bavarians (playing 5:45-7:45 P.M. and 10:00-midnight), dance, socialize and peoplewatch.

An additional attraction is the performance inside Orchestra Hall—the Minnesota Orchestra will be presenting "A Midsommerfest's Dream" at 8 P.M., featuring Mendelssohn's Scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Schumann's Scenes from Goethe's *Faust*. These two works are based on literature: the familiar and enchanting Mendelssohn, and the Minnesota premiere of one of Schumann's most compelling works. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25—call Orchestra Hall at 371-5656 for ticket information.

So, come to the Marktplatz and meet your STPC friends. Call Ed Holzacker at 890-5963 for more information about this Sommer Celebration!



Baseline

by John Stecklein,
STPC President

After viewing the rather mundane title that I selected for my June newsletter column, it occurred to me that the title should relate better to our main preoccupation-tennis. After considering *Ad In*, *Ad Out*, *Aces*, *Double Fault*, etc., I have decided on *Baseline*. I guess that is sort of like "The buck stops here," if you stretch your imagination a little. Anyhow, reactions, pro and con, will be welcome.

There is some news to report. The Board has established two working committees: one to develop a statement of policy regarding the beginners' tennis lessons, the other a treasurer's advisory committee to review financial practices and provide advice to the treasurer. Preliminary reports will be expected from them at the next meeting of the Board on July 27, 1993.

The Board agreed to reconsider its cancellation of one class of beginners' lessons in St. Paul (due to low enrollment). A registration list of more than 15 names was provided by Virginia Morgan, and she was given the go-ahead for the summer, on a three-month trial basis to see if enrollments will hold up. Anyone who wishes to join in on these sessions is encouraged to contact Virginia. We need lots of participants to keep the sessions economically viable.

I would assume that additional committees may be needed during the year, and I would hope that we could include some members of the STPC who are not members of the Board, to draw on the broad expertise that exists among our membership. Any members who would like to volunteer their services to serve on committees should notify me, so that a volunteer list can be established. The strength of this nonprofit organization has for years been the whole-hearted and unselfish service provided by its members. Get the fuzzy, warm feeling of becoming involved.

If any members have matters that they feel should be brought to the attention of the above-mentioned committees, please feel free to address your concerns to me in writing so I can transmit them to the appropriate groups. If you have concerns or ideas about other matters, your suggestions and ideas will be welcome.

Have a nice, warm (dry) and enjoyable summer!

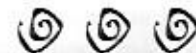


No Augsburg Park in July

The six courts at Augsburg Park will not be available for play in July. Play will be at the four courts at Washington Park, 77th and 17th South in Richfield, Monday through Friday, 8:00-10:00 A.M. The captains are Florence Habegger, 869-7918, and Marge Mercer, 866-8933. We will be back at Augsburg Park during August and September, Monday through Friday, 8:00-10:00 A.M.

3M Tartan Park Now Free

Play at 3M Tartan Park will no longer cost \$1.00 per person for two hours of play. It is now completely free! So let's see lots of people playing at this very nice facility.



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TENNIS TIPS

BY ERNIE GREENE

Some things to remember and practice!

The secret to good tennis is **timing** and more specifically for your groundstrokes, **early preparation**. Start your racquet back as soon as the ball leaves your opponent's racquet and be ready to stroke the ball before it bounces on your side of the court.

Keep your backswing compact and on a level with the upper thigh, with the butt of the racquet pointing to the net for better control, accuracy and disguise.

In a baseline exchange, hit crosscourt-the down-the-line may be short and shallow, and is therefore dangerous.

Your first serve should go in 80% of the time in singles, 90% of the time in doubles and 100% of the time at 15-40 or 30-40.

The safest return of service is the sharp crosscourt shot. This is not a passing shot, but it does give you a play on the next ball.

Work not only on your weaknesses but also on your strengths when practicing-and good stroking!

Congratulations



The latest STPC members to complete twelve lessons are:

Aldean Cummings
Clyde Thompson

Remember, notify your instructor when you've completed twelve lessons. □

End of Summer Tennis Party

Darlene Moynagh announces that there will be an End of Summer Tennis Party on Wednesday, August 25, at 3M Tartan Park in Lake Elmo.



There will be tennis from 10 A.M. to noon, with lunch at 12:30 P.M. Bring some food to share, your own utensils, and cards, board games, or other entertaining stuff.

There will be a \$2 charge for balls, beverages and prizes, which will be collected at the courts. Enter at 3M Tartan Park Picnic and Sports area. The party goes on, rain or shine!

Please RSVP Darlene Moynagh at 436-8927.

Thank You

Members Clayton and Percy Hughes convey heartfelt thanks to their many STPC friends for their outpouring of sympathy after the recent death of their mother, Virginia Hughes.

For Rent

Sea Pines, Hilton Head, South Carolina. October 7-17; 10 nights \$435 per person. Includes deluxe condo, bike, 2-hr+ tennis, 26 courts, low country dinner, tournament tickets Sat-Sun. Call Marilyn 471-9813



Gen Bolger is an American Classic; for Decades the Woman of the Year

Gen Bolger, 76, is a chameleon. She's been a hard-charging business leader, loving wife and mother, dedicated humanitarian and warmhearted friend—all this compacted into a 5'2" frame. She is the epitome of perpetual motion and human dynamism.

Wanting to chronicle the exploits of my dear friend for this publication, I drove to her charming Richfield home for an interview. When the housekeeper ushered me in the door, Gen was on the phone making plans to get a committee together for some YWCA project. She waved me to a seat where I waited patiently. When she finally put down the phone, jangle, jangle, another call from a friend. She graciously told her caller she was being interviewed and to call back later.

We started out on a sad note. It was only a month since the devastating loss of her 45-year old son, Jack, who died from a lingering cancer, and little over a year since her husband John passed away. Although the trauma of losing two loved ones was depressing, her inner strength took over. She has thrown all of her vitality into remodeling and adding on to her Prior Lake home, formerly part of the family compound.

Gen emphasized to me that tennis has been a lifelong interest. In the 20s her extensive family had a private court on the Prior Lake property. "I started playing when I was six," Gen recalls, "but please tell your readers I was never very good." She discontinued playing while raising her three sons, Jack, Charley and Dik. Later the whole family joined in, with John as the catalyst and teacher. "John was always an excellent player," she recounted. "He told his offspring that tennis was a much better game than golf because you got more exercise in less time." The family also played badminton during the winter months prior to the birth of indoor tennis in the Twin Cities.

Gen was born Genevieve (GeeGee) Griffith in Minneapolis on March 12, 1917. Her family owned the Kildahl Company, purveyors of lutefisk and other related fish products. Gen graduated from West High with a background in youth activity with the YWCA and Hennepin Methodist Church, and the University of Minnesota with a BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) degree.

She met John at the U of M when he dated a cousin. Their courtship began and consisted of romantic horseback rides out of the Blue Grass Stables. "John didn't have the opportunity of attending college," Gen recalled, "because he was struggling with his mother to publish the weekly East Lake Shopper against tremendous competition." After a persuasive proposal of marriage, John and Gen wed on July 10, 1943, at the Griffith home.



Prior to her marriage, Gen had put in three years at the U of M's Student Employment Bureau. Later, she became a service rep with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. After World War II began, John joined the Air Corps and was stationed briefly in Waco, Texas. He then attended Officers' Candidate School in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, emerging as a 90-day wonder second lieutenant. Gen joined John at Murac Air Base in California, and there followed a wild scenario of trying to find living quarters. They stayed successively in a brothel, a farmhouse in the Mojave desert and rented porches. Prior to going overseas, when John headed for combat in the South Pacific, Gen drove back to Minneapolis in a caravan with her cousin.

When John returned home after two years overseas in 1946, they lived with her parents for a short time while their present home was being built in Richfield. Jack was born in 1947, and Gen quit her job and stayed home. "About that time we made a decision to go into the printing business," Gen said. "I was asked to run for the State Senate on the Republican ticket but John wanted me to join him in the business." In retrospect it was a stroke of genius, as subsequent events would prove.

Gen was a one-woman sales staff, did the bookkeeping, and even drove a truck to deliver printing jobs. With the support of added employees and suppliers, the business grew rapidly. John started selling and Gen took over the inside reins. Bookkeeping chores were handled by John's mother. In 1953-54, Charley and Dik were born and the dynasty was underway.

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Business growing pains set in and Bolger Printing Company moved on to larger quarters off Como Avenue in Minneapolis. Gen became sales manager, color presses were added, and the business took off and prospered.

After several years, Gen became president and John the CEO. The company withstood a severe strike in 1983 because the it was financially strong, but there were trying times. The strike quite possibly contributed to John's heart attack.

The three sons had grown up, and after getting firsthand experience were appointed vice presidents—Jack in sales, Charley in finance and administration and Dik in production. John resumed working as the creative founder/consultant and became very active in American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Centers (AIOIC), a national pilot project. A partnership was formed with the sons and Gen remained active as the CEO.

The Bolgers joined the STPC immediately after its inception, and John was named to the board. Gen had to quit playing in 1988 because of a knee injury, but remained friends with the STPC. They went to Wimbledon twice (we recalled the fun we had together on the trip) and participated in the Naples armada for six years. Gen now owns a condo at the Naples Bath and Tennis Club.

Her philosophy is typical Gen—outright and no pulling punches: "If you work hard and the deed is right, the money will follow." She remains active in the community and has provided her family with loving support. Softly she returned to talking about John and Jack. "John was capable, very creative and a quiet gentleman. He seemed soft underneath but he was a strong leader who brought out the best in people. His funeral last year was a combined Christian/American Indian ritual attended by hundreds." She smiled while remembering Jack "as the world's best salesman and networker. He was everyone's best friend and the celebration of life at his passing was in the Christian/Jewish traditions. I was overwhelmed at the more than a thousand people who attended the church rites and so grateful for their acknowledgments."

I managed to pry out a list of Gen's participation and recognition over the years but space only permits me to mention a few: Small Business Person of the Year (1981); National Graphic Arts Foundation Outstanding Woman of the Year (1982); Outstanding Minnesota Printer Leader of the Year (1981); Board Chairman, National Comp Association, Printing Industry of America (1983); Board Member of the Master Printers PIA (1985), Graphic Arts Employers Assn. (1983), and International Development Committee PIA (1985); YWCA Financial Advisory Board (1980-85); former District Chairwoman and State Central Committee, Republican Party; Richfield Charter and Long Range Planning Commissions; Honorary Member, American Indian OIC, and many others. Hobbies: tennis and canoeing and smelling the roses.

Fortunately Gen has not reached the curmudgeon stage nor do I believe she ever will. When we parted after an hour of repartee, I couldn't help but remember a quote by Henry Kissinger: "The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault." One thing is certain: Gen Bolger will never bore people, only inspire them. I rest my case and thank the Lord he created GeeGee!

1993 Paul Bunyan Tennis Open

The 1993 Paul Bunyan Tennis Open will be held on July 30–August 1 in Brainerd, Minnesota. The tournament is sponsored by Community Education of ISD #181 and the Paul Bunyan Amusement Center, and sanctioned by the USTA and the Northwest Tennis Association. It will take place at Brainerd High School and Brainerd Community College. The tournament will include men's and women's singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles.

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1993 Schedule for Outdoor Courts (rev. 6/24/93)

Location	Day	Time	Captain(s)	Phone
Augsburg Park 72nd and Blaisdell Richfield Until Oct 1 NOTE: PLAY CANCELLED FOR JULY: GO TO WASHINGTON PARK	Mon-Fri	8-10 A.M.	Florence Habegger Marge Mercer	869-7918 866-8933
Bell Courts at the Water Tower Old Wayzata Blvd and Minnetonka Ave Wayzata	Wed	4-6 P.M.	Marilyn Thorne	471-9813
Brooklyn Center Senior High 6500 Humboldt Ave N Brooklyn Center June 10-Aug 17	Tues Thurs	8.30-10.30 A.M.	Captains needed	
Brookview Park Hwy 55 & Winnetka Golden Valley	Sat	9-11 A.M.	Joyce Hautman Mary McNeil	545-4051 545-7142
City Center Courts Chanhassen	Fri	8.30-10.30 A.M.	Barb & Craig Freeman	474-8070
Como Park Horton Ave near Lexington St. Paul Until Sept 29	Mon, Wed	7-9 A.M. 9-11 A.M.	Lenore Patneau	644-4208
Donaldson Park 75th & Humboldt S, Richfield	Mon Wed Fri	8-10 A.M.	Chad Sharkey Cliff Northfield Marge Mercer	866-7682 884-6617 866-8933
Dred Scott Park W. Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Rd	Mon-Fri	8-10 A.M.	Lois & Paul Lokensgard Chuck Supplee	831-1171 844-8848
Edgewood Middle School 5100 Edgewood Drive Moundsview	Mon-Fri	9 A.M.-noon	Captains needed: call Dick Pratt at 433-3583	
Edina Senior High 6754 Valley View Road Edina	Tues Thurs Sat Sun	6-8 P.M. 6-8 P.M. 4-6 P.M. 4-6 P.M.	Jack Reynolds Jim Bernstein Al Holter Jack Reynolds	831-5080 544-0511 537-1843 831-5080
Fridley Commons 61st and 7th Ave Northwest corner	Tues Thurs	9-11 A.M.	Bob Metcalf	571-3596
Lone Lake Park Shady Oak N of Bren Rd Eden Prairie	Mon-Fri	8-10 A.M.	Chuck Beshear Paul Weinreis	938-3694 935-9463
North Valley Park Inver Grove Heights	Mon Wed Fri	9-11 A.M.	Dome Davis	457-3940
Oakdale Tennis Courts 15th St and Hadley Oakdale	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	8-10 A.M. 9-11 A.M.	Bob Western Roni LeRoy	735-5761 738-9565 (h) 733-4442 (w)

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Location	Day	Time	Captain(s)	Phone
St. Anthony Central Park Silver Lake Rd. & 33rd St. Anthony	Tues Thurs	11:30-1 P.M.	Mary Kaminski	781-3271
South Campus Co Rd E & McKnight White Bear Lake Starting June 14	Daily	8:30-10:30 A.M.	Bob Hinz	771-4480
3M Tartan Park 20th St. N, btwn Cty Rd 17 & Cty Rd 15, Lake Elmo enter at picnic & sports area. In case of rain or wet courts, meet at Wooddale Recreation Center	Mon Wed Fri	8-10 A.M.	Gar Davis Darlene Moynagh	735-5691 436-8927
Valley Park Marie, east of Lexington Mendota Heights	Mon-Fri	7:30-9 A.M.	Dot Guenther Nancy Karasov	687-0246 452-3172
Valley View Park 90th between Nicollet & Portland, Bloomington	Mon-Fri	7-10 A.M.	Cliff McMinn	888-4989
Washington Park 77th and 17th S Richfield NOTE: JULY ONLY	Mon-Fri	8-10 A.M.	Florence Habegger Marge Mercer	869-7918 866-8933
Wolfe Park W 36th St off #100 Saint Louis Park	Tues, Fri Mon, Wed	9-11 A.M. 8-11 A.M.	Laverne Wilger Bob Torbert	929-8120 374-4288

1993 Summer Schedule for Beginner Lessons and Drills

Location	Day	Time	Instructor	Phone
Breck School 123 Ottawa Ave N Minneapolis	Mon	5:30-7 P.M. (6/21-9/?)	Connie Custodio	824-2569
	Wed	5:30-7 P.M. (6/16-9/?)	Ernie Greene	488-6359
Wolfe Park W 36th St. off #100 Saint Louis Park	Thurs	8:30-10 A.M.	Percy Hughes Ginny Owens	545-7696 546-9666
Woodbury Elementary 1425 School Dr. Woodbury	Mon	6-7:30 P.M.	Virginia Morgan	459-6059
	Thurs	10-11:30 A.M.	Dot Storby	459-5345

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