

Had Racquet — Did Travel!

by Chuck Supplee

May 10 and 11 at the Fargo Sports Classic were gold and silver medal days for a good group of Twin Cities players. Because there were so many tennis players, part of the group had to play matches outdoors, under conditions which was not the best. However, they prevailed and won.

Some of our Twin Cities people also won medals in bowling, golf and track. The Sports Classic was covered in the local paper, the *Fargo Forum*. A highlight for us was seeing the story and pictures on the front page. The nice big color picture representing the tennis players was none other than Irma Bong!

Our gold medal winners were:

- Irma Bong and Fran Halverson
- Ruby Rott and Barb Thorginson
- Sam King and Chuck Supplee

Our silver medal winners were:

- Bill Halverson and Ed White
- Charlie Peterson
- Kearney Fransen and Ed Holzacker

These players are eligible to compete in the National Senior Games in San Antonio, Texas.

USTA/NWTA League Tennis for Seniors

The USTA/NWTA League Tennis for Seniors will start July 5, 1994 and run through the month of August, with league winners advancing to Sectional Championships in September and National Championships the last part of September and the first part of October.

Levels are 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5. Requirements for playing are: 1) You must be at least 50 any time during the calendar year, 2) a USTA member and 3) have an NTRP rating.

This is "team tennis" — the format is 3 doubles matches—the matches are once a week on a specific day for each level. If you would like more information, please call the MATCHLINE, 333-6030.

Show Your Pride in Your Club

STPC Caps for Sale

In answer to numerous requests, the Board has made available an official cap STPC members can buy. The caps are white, all cotton, with the letters STPC embroidered in navy blue across the front. They have white piping across the visor, and a buckled adjustable leather strap.

The price of the caps is \$7 each (plus \$1 shipping and handling for those who want the caps mailed to them). Make checks payable to STPC and send your order to John Stecklein, 1988 N Wheeler St, Roseville, MN 55113.

Because orders can only be submitted in lots of 24, there may be some delay in getting your cap. It takes about 10 days to 2 weeks to get the caps after the order is sent in.



Inside: **Summer Outdoor Playing Schedule** • sign up for the
Senior Sports-A-Rama in June and the
1994 Aquatennial Senior Tennis Tournament in July!



BASELINE

BY JOHN STECKLEIN,
STPC PRESIDENT

All of you alert STPC members have probably noticed that this column has the same author as last month. It is not due to a misprint. The Board of Directors prevailed upon me to serve a second term and I decided to accede to their wishes, giving you a President Stecklein for another year. The other officers are: Bob Metcalf, Senior Vice President; David Brink, Treasurer; Marilyn Erickson, Secretary; Charlotte Hall, VP Membership; Alan Uhl, VP Newsletter/Public Relations; Sue Larson, VP Activities; Charles Slocum, VP Facilities; Charles Peterson, VP Tennis Programs; and Emily Day, Historian.

When the May issue went to press, the degree of interest in Team Tennis was still uncertain. Since then, 60 people indicated they were interested in Team Tennis and plans have now been developed to have 6 teams, each with five men and five women. The format will be two men's doubles, two women's doubles, and two mixed doubles teams. The remaining man and woman on each team will serve as substitutes and be worked in as opportunities arise. More details are included in an article in this issue. Play is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 14, and home matches will be played each Tuesday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Each member of the team will play two pro-set matches. Remaining names will make up a sub list pool. If we have enough extra names, we may be able to develop a seventh team. We hope all will find the experiences enjoyable and challenging.

Several items from the April meeting of the Board should be mentioned. A recognition luncheon for outgoing and incoming Board directors and officers was held in conjunction with the April 12 meeting. At the meeting, director's caps were awarded to the outgoing directors, and plans were implemented to award captain's caps to everyone who served as a captain during the 1993 outdoor or 1993-94 indoor playing sessions, in appreciation for their helpful services. Caps are also to be awarded to current directors at the next meeting of the Board, June 7, at 1:30 p.m. at Park Center branch of Norwest Bank, adjacent to Wolfe Park in St. Louis Park.

The main business was the approval of the financial report, the annual audit, and the proposed budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year.

In other business, the Board voted to make its annual contribution to InnerCity Tennis, for use in developing inner city tennis programs through the St. Paul and Minneapolis Urban Tennis programs. Encouragement was given to Marilyn Thorne to see what kind of tennis cruise could be developed for early 1995. Members were reminded that the completion of the revision of the by-laws would be the primary focus of business at the June meeting. A committee chaired by Charles Slocum was authorized to propose a policy for listing/advertising nonclub sponsored drills and lessons in the *Times* that are available and might be of interest to Club members.

A most enjoyable time was had by about 125 members at the Annual Meeting and

Dinner Dance. Special thanks and appreciation go to Connie Metcalf and her helpers for arranging an excellent event. Captains caps were distributed to captains who were in attendance and routed to a few who were not. Captains, please arrange to pick up caps at my house at 1988 N Wheeler Street, Roseville (two blocks off of Fairview, one mile south of Rosedale).

When word leaked out that the captains were to receive tennis caps with STPC and the word captain on them, a number of members asked if it would be possible to purchase similar caps (without the word captain). Although it was impossible to determine how much interest there was in such purchases, with the Advisory Committee's approval I made an initial purchase of 48 caps to have available at the Annual Meeting. The caps are quite nice, all cotton, white, with navy blue STPC lettering, white piping across the visor, and a leather adjustable strap. They will be available for \$7.00 each, and I will bring a few with me to sell when I visit playing sites. When this initial lot is gone, we will only be able to reorder them in lots of 24, and payment must be made in advance. Purchasers will have to arrange to pick them up unless they want to add \$1.00 per hat for shipping and handling. Until I can find a volunteer to handle the sale and distribution of the caps, members may send me their checks directly, made out to STPC: \$8.00 each if you want the caps mailed, \$7.00 each if you can arrange to get delivery another way. For subsequent orders, the process is expected to take about two weeks.

For some time I have thought it would be nice to have some item of Club regalia to provide greater visibility for our members and to show our pride in our Club. I hope that many of you will agree and will purchase the caps.

Have a good summer!!

Update on Team Tennis

As of May 23, plans for the Team Tennis program for the summer are reaching completion. More than 60 members have indicated their interest. Six teams have been established, each with 4 men and 4 women regulars and 1 man and 1 woman substitute. Teams have been matched as much as possible for geographic region, skill levels, and preferences for partners.

Each regular will play two matches — one straight and one mixed doubles — and the substitutes will be merged in as much as possible. Eight game pro sets will be played. Matches will be home and home, one per week, resulting in a 10-week season, beginning June 14 at 9 AM.

Subject to cancellations, the rosters are full, but anyone interested in serving as a substitute is encouraged to call Charlie Peterson. If we get enough additional names, we'll consider adding one or more additional teams. For further information, call Charlie Peterson at 471-9524.

Eleventh Annual Senior Sports-A-Rama

The City of Bloomington, in cooperation with the cities of Eden Prairie, Edina, and Richfield, will hold the Eleventh Annual Senior Sports-A-Rama from Wednesday, June 15 through Friday, June 24. Patterned after the U.S. Olympics, this event is open to all adults aged 55 and older. It is designed to promote health and fitness for today's older adult, provide athletic and recreational competition in a fun and safe environment, and offer an opportunity to socialize with new and old friends.

From its opening Torchlighting Ceremony and Ice Cream Social to its closing Awards Banquet, Senior Sports-A-Rama offers a week filled with excitement, laughter, and competition in over 20 activities ranging from cards to softball. Open to all interested older adults, the 1994 Senior Sports-A-Rama expects to register over 500 athletes from the Twin Cities and surrounding five-state area.

For more information, please contact Creekside Community Center at 887-9604. You can also call Lois Bunday, 831-7677, Chuck Supplee, 888-0551 or Jim Tarnoe, 941-9145 — they are on the Steering Committee.



Happy Birthday, Jack!

Jack Dow, STPC founder, will be 88 on June 8. Jack, happy birthday from all us STPC members!

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The Annual Dinner Dance

by Connie Metcalf

We had another super-successful annual dinner dance — but less than 10% of our members were there! Come on to the parties, y'all, they're fun!

The so-called Annual Meeting was Friday, April 29 at the Golden Valley VFW. The club is attractive and the staff were very helpful. They served us a delicious buffet supper and Rea Brown taught us some couple dances as well as line dances. A

few of us — 10, maybe? — were lucky enough to have our portraits drawn by Sylvia Rudolph.

It all added up to a fun evening. If you missed this one, come to the next!

Thank You Captains

Thank you, captains, for referring so many names of new and renewal memberships in STPC. If you can use more membership forms to hand out or to post on bulletin boards, please call Char Hall at 474-5873.

USPTA Tennis Across America Day

May 12 was Tennis Across America Day, sponsored by the United States Professional Tennis Association and held in conjunction with National Tennis Month. The event was held at Wolfe Park, with 76 STPC members participating. Drills were led by host pro Percy Hughes, Roger Boyer, Len Brawerman, Ernie Greene, Ginny Owens and Paul Stormo.

Roger Boyer, local Prince representative, donated the prizes for the volley exercise. The grand prize was a Prince tennis bag and was won by Clayton Hughes.



Left: 4 of the pros who taught at Tennis Across America Day. They are, L-R, Percy Hughes, Ginny Owens, Ernie Greene, and Paul Stormo.

Below: 76 STPC members participated in the drills.



TENNIS TIPS by Virginia Morgan

On the serve: think of the toss as if you're lifting a ball up a tube. Hang on to the ball as long as you can, until your arm straightens. You can hit the ball as it is going up, or at the apex, or top, of the toss, or, on a higher toss, as the ball is coming down (it will come down faster than it went up). Try grunting when you serve, and also on ground strokes. It seems to help!

There are many tennis books and videotapes at video stores and the public library. You might also check with the Northwest Tennis Association.

Notice how most pros, when hitting a forehand will use the loop. Some refer to it as hitting around a beach ball, it's also like a fishhook. The backhand is reversed.

Doubles Players Needed at Northland North

George Erickson is seeking doubles players of skill level 3.5 or more for the 94-95 season (October through April) at Northland Fitness Center on Boone Avenue North.

Two times are available: Tuesday morning from 10:30-12:30 and Tuesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00. Interested parties can call George at 639-3985 and leave their name, phone number and the period they prefer.

Hit 'n Giggle Women's Tennis Summer League

Regarding our name — Hit 'n Giggle — we like it! There was thought given to changing the name of the women's summer league, but consensus by players is, they like it!

It doesn't denote lack of dedication or ability. It's a fun, friendly, competitive way to spend your summer play, on Wednesdays, that is for *ladies*. Our emphasis is on the fun in tennis and a modest way of expressing our abilities. We're not saying how good or how bad we are — we just are out there and love to play and have fun.

If you missed our organizational meeting and you would like to be a regular or sub, we'll put you on a team. Just call Shirley Pratt at 433-3583 and let her know. We have four teams:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Captain</u>
Pink	Elaine Hautman
Yellow	Joyce Olsen
White	Elaine Jacobs
Aqua	Yvonne Hastings

Motel Rooms Reserved in Duluth for Senior Olympics

Are you planning to go to the Senior Olympics in Duluth July 13-16? Motel rooms may be hard to find.

Chuck Slocum has already reserved 12 rooms at the Duluth Best Western Downtown Motel in the name of Senior Tennis. If you would like to get one of these rooms, call Chuck at 941-4059. He'll give you all the details so you can get the room put in your name.

In Memoriam

Bill Enzler

STPC extends sympathy to Barb Enzler and her family on the death of her husband, Bill, on May 16.

Jinny McWethy

An ardent and long-standing member of STPC, Jinny McWethy died at her home in Edina on April 14, age 76, of cancer. She was an extremely active woman and participated in a variety of outdoor activities, including downhill skiing, cross country skiing (she co-founded the North Star Ski Touring Club in 1967), hiking, biking, backpacking, tennis and canoeing. Her many interests included the Sierra Club, YMCA Camp Menogyn, the Minnesota Arboretum Society, Hosteling International, the Superior Hiking Trail Association, the Minnesota Symphony and Edina Morningside Church.



Congratulations

The latest STPC members to complete twelve lessons are:

Karen Bollmann, Paul Bollmann, Lee Langseth,
Connie Villars

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

1994 Schedule for Outdoor Courts (rev. 5/20/94)

Location	Day	Time	Captain(s)	Phone
Augsburg Park 72nd and Blaisdell Richfield Courts not available on 6/13-15, 6/20-24, 7/29	Mon-Fri✓	8-10 A.M., 5/2-6/10 7:30-9 A.M., 6/16-8/8 8-10 A.M., 8/11-9/30	Florence Habegger Marge Mercer	869-7918 866-8933
Bell Courts at the Water Tower Old Highway 12 and Minnetonka St Wayzata	Wed	9-11 A.M. 4-6 P.M.	Captain needed Marilyn Thorne	471-9813
Brooklyn Center Senior High 6500 Humboldt Ave N Brooklyn Center	Tues, Thurs	8:30-10:30 A.M.	Captains needed	
City Center Courts Chanassen	Fri	8:30-10:30 A.M.	Barb & Craig Freeman	474-8070
Como Park Horton Ave near Lexington St. Paul	Mon, Wed✓	7-9 A.M. 9-11 A.M.	Lenore Patneau	644-4208
Donaldson Park 75th & Humboldt S, Richfield Dates: 6/6-9/30 (Do not play week of 7/25)	Mon, Wed, Fri✓	7:30-10 A.M.	Chad Sharkey Cliff Northfield	866-7682 884-6617
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.	Dorne Davis	457-3940
St. Anthony Central Park Silver Lake Rd. & 33rd St. Anthony	Thurs✓	9-11 A.M.	Mary Kaminski	781-3271

Note: a ✓ next to a day of the week means that session's info should be correct.

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Location	Day	Time	Captain(s)	Phone
South Campus Co Rd E & McKnight White Bear Lake Dates: 6/11-8/26	Daily✓	8-10 A.M.	Bob Hinz	771-4480
Sunrise School Cedar & Cedarbrook White Bear Lake Dates: 5/1-6/10	Daily✓	8:30-11 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, play indoors at Wooddale Tennis Club	Mon, Wed, Fri✓	8-10 A.M.	Bob Wrobel	738-2290
Valley Park Marie, east of Victoria Mendota Heights	Mon-Fri✓	7:30-9 A.M.	Dot Guenther Nancy Karasov	457-4682 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 Dates: 5/2-6/3 (don't play on 6/1)	Mon, Wed, Fri✓	7:30-10 A.M.	Cliff Northfield Chad Sharkey	884-6617 866-7682
Wolfe Park W 36th St off #100 Saint Louis Park	Tues, Fri✓ Mon, Wed✓ Sat✓	9-11 A.M. 9-11 A.M. 9-11 A.M.	Laverne Wilger Bob Torbert LaVerne Wilger	929-8120 374-4288 929-8120

1994 Summer Schedule for Beginner Lessons and Drills

Location	Day	Time	Instructor	Phone
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 Senior High 2665 Woodland Drive Woodbury	Tues✓	6-7:30 P.M.	Virginia Morgan	459-6059

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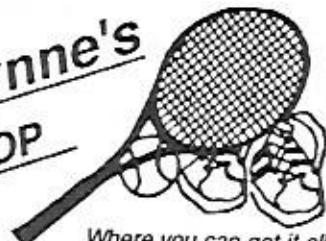
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Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the July issue of the *Senior Tennis Times* is June 20, 1994.

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