

# Senior Tennis times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

## Team Tennis League Starts Summer Play

The new Team Tennis League got off to a great start. The results of the first two matches are listed below, as well as the team standings. The format, as you may remember from earlier stories, is that each team has four women and four men. The four women's and four men's doubles teams play an eight-game pro set, and then the four mixed doubles teams play an eight-game pro set.

Although the teams have enough players at this time, there will be a need for subs with the summer coming on. The season lasts till August 16th. If you want to be involved in the Team Tennis League, call Larry Bordsen at 781-3289 and he will try to place you on a team.

### Results

Date	Match	Score	Place	Team	Wins	Losses
6/14	Team 1 vs. Team 2	6-2	1	Team 1	13	3
	Team 3 vs. Team 5	4-4	2	Team 4	11.5	4.5
	Team 4 vs. Team 6	7.5-.5	3	Team 3	11	5
6/21	Team 1 vs. Team 6	7-1	4	Team 5	8	8
	Team 2 vs. Team 3	1-7	5	Team 6	6	10
	Team 4 vs. Team 5	4-4	6	Team 2	3	13

## Greene Helps St. Paul Youngsters

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Ernie Greene can never be accused of being a quitter. Nearly 25 years ago, Greene failed two or three times to start an urban tennis program for St. Paul, MN children. For whatever reasons, he'd start off with 20 or 25 players but would end up with only a handful by the end of the program.

But Greene didn't give up, and because of his determination and persistence, hundreds of inner-city minority children have been introduced to tennis. Because he believed so strongly in his cause, many of those children avoided a troubled life and went on to become productive citizens. A few even excelled in tennis.

Greene's cause, of course, was to introduce them to a lifetime sport while instilling some basic moral values, like taking care of your body, avoiding drugs and alcohol, excelling in school, pursuing a college education and, above all, being a good person.

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## A New Look for the Times

Nancy Kaminski, Editor

You've probably noticed that your copy of the *Senior Tennis Times* looks different this month. You're not imagining things — yes, we've done some redesign work.

I went to a PageMaker (that's the software I use to do the newsletter) Design Conference in Atlanta this May and got all inspired to try to put some of the nifty things I learned to good use. Getting new board members added some impetus to making the change. We've got a new Newsletter VP, so why not a new-looking newsletter?

The main new features are the banner, the masthead inside, and some new typefaces. The general intent is to get a more professional-looking and readable newsletter for you.

I'd be interested to hear any comments you might have on the new look. Please don't blame Al Uhl, VP Newsletter, for anything you don't like, though. It's all my fault!



July 1994



## Baseline

**John Stecklein**  
STPC President

Since this is the summer season, this column will be short! The Team Tennis Summer doubles program is off and running. Each of the six teams has played two matches so far, and most team members indicate that they are enjoying the experience. The team scores and standings are reported on the front page. Larry Bordsen has been gracious enough to volunteer to supervise Team Tennis activities for the rest of the season, so inquiries should be addressed to him from now on. His phone number is 781-3289.

The Board met on June 7, and considered a proposed policy for advertising in the newsletter; asked the investment committee to review our experience to date regarding the reserve funds; approved the final section of the revised by-laws; and heard the proposed agenda for social activities for the coming year, among the usual informational business. The next meeting of the Board will be September 8 at 1:30 p.m. The location will be announced in the August newsletter.

I also want to acknowledge Lee Patten's generous offer to take over the sale of the STPC tennis caps. If you want to purchase a cap, send a check payable to STPC to **Lee Patten, 313 Vincent Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55405**. The cost is \$7 each if you can arrange to pick up the cap, or \$8 each if you want the cap mailed to you. About 20 caps are on hand, so orders received now can be filled promptly. When these caps are gone, orders must be accumulated until at least 24 are in hand, then it will take about two weeks to receive the caps from the manufacturer. For additional information, call Lee Patten at 374-3468.

I hope you are all having a fun-filled, enjoyable summer!

## Making Super Tennis Shot Keeps Pete Ross Young

by Pete Ross, reprinted from *Minnesota Senior News*, June 1994

Because *Senior News* was considering features on use of leisure time, the word got around that Pete Ross is an avid tennis player. That's true. Because of his enthusiasm the presumption may follow that Pete has had a long history of playing tennis. That's not true.

The fact is that I never had a lesson or played any organized tennis until 1990, the year I retired from the Soo Line Railroad Company. So how did a 62-year-old ex-corporate tax man fall in love with a vigorous sport like tennis? Read on.

The answer can be pretty well summed up by citing the name of an organization, Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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## Arthur Ashe Foundation Round Robin

Percy Hughes, our pro, and Jack Roach of the Northwest Racquet Clubs are the cohosts of an Arthur Ashe Round Robin fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, August 13, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Northwest Racquet Club on Cedar Lake Road in Minneapolis.

The entry fee is \$20, with the proceeds going to the Arthur Ashe Foundation. Included in the cost are court time, tennis balls and refreshments.

No reservations are necessary — just show up! Watch the August *Times* for more information.

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#### STPC Membership

As of June 1994, STPC membership totaled 1,304.

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His message hit home with some but missed with others. Overall, it's been a nice run, he says.

Not bad for a 75-year-old retiree from New Jersey.

The program he started some 20 years ago was called the Martin Luther King Urban Tennis Program. After failing a couple of times with children, he directed his attention to adults, starting a club called the Martin Luther King Tennis Buffs. He then started recruiting the Buffs' children for a summer program, which finally caught on.

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Every year he'd have 25 to 30 children for the summer program, which ran twice a week on two courts. Greene and at least one other instructor would teach players of every ability level ranging in age from 7 to 17.

"Some kids would keep coming back; they got pretty good," Greene says. "I'd let them take a few kids across the freeway to some of the other courts to hit with."

Greene's programs held its own ever the course of 20 years. At the end of each summer, he'd have a big picnic for the children, with the help of his adult players. He'd give out ribbons to the beginners and some "recycled" trophies to the more advanced players.

Two years ago, the program merged with the St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, which had similar objectives to Greene's. Last summer the St. Paul program had 750 children at 16 sites. This year program leaders expect to have about 800 players.

Was it tough for Greene to let go of a program he started and ran for 20 years? Not really, he says. "I could see that the MLK program was expanding. The same kids have the same opportunities through the St. Paul program. That's what's important."

The St. Paul program takes the urban tennis concept one step further. It offers tennis instruction year-round for the children who show the most desire and effort. After the six-week summer program, a select group of players have another three-week program in the fall, followed by weekly winter sessions at the St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club.

"We don't want to lose these kids over the winter months to some of the glamour sports like basketball, football and baseball," Greene says. "We want to keep their interest."

The most advanced players get winter instruction through the Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Clubs, including classroom information that covers everything from nutrition to tournament play to moral issues such as drugs. "We try to work with the total person, not just tenniswise," he says.

Greene is one of the program's coordinators when he's not teaching tennis during the winter. Last spring he traveled around the city to recruit players for the program through the schools, churches and other organizations, targeting minorities for the program. He's also looking at ways to raise money to send some of them to tournaments.

"I know how much tennis has helped me as an individual," he says. "I sometimes wish I'd started at a younger age, but I didn't have the opportunity. I'd like for all young people to have that opportunity. Maybe not only in tennis but to get them interested in postsecondary education, too. We want to give them every opportunity to succeed in any walk of life."

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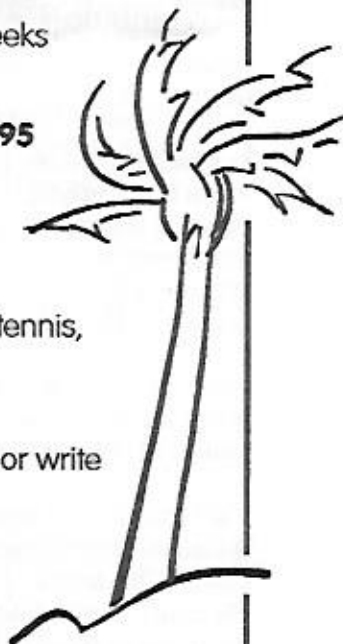
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## Volunteers Needed for New Member Contacts

Would you like to help new members become oriented to our club? If you can help by receiving a phone call from a new member and giving out information about STPC, please call Char Hall at 474-5873.



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STPC is an organization made up of approximately 1,200 to 1,300 senior tennis players. Dues, which are \$20 per year, entitle a person to play in outdoor sessions, to receive professional group lessons, to receive the monthly *Senior Tennis Times*, etc. Membership opens the door to a number of tennis and social activities, including parties, clinics, tournaments, etc., throughout the year.

I normally confine my participation to the regularly scheduled tennis times, playing or practicing two or three times a week. However, one of the highlights of my tennis participation was attending a three-day senior tennis camp on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls campus. It really raised my game a much-needed notch.

There are also camps and get-togethers in Arizona and Florida if you are one of the snowbirds. The camps are not STPC-sponsored, but many of our members attend.

The focus of senior tennis is on the Twin Cities area. Some of the indoor facilities used this past winter by the Senior Tennis Players Club are the Daytona Club, Decathlon Athletic Club, Flagship Athletic Club, Nicollet Tennis Center, Northland Fitness Centers, Wooddale Recreation Center, and the Williston-Sagedahl Club.

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Many players don't concern themselves with location as much as they do with the level of play, type of instruction, etc. Outdoor courts this summer will blanket the Twin City area. Many, many thanks go to those senior tennis officers who do such a great job of perpetuating the work begun by the founding president.

I don't know how long my bad knees will carry me. I had to give up racquet ball and my dearly beloved volleyball some time ago. So I appreciate every tennis outing. The fact that the program focuses on doubles play should extend my career somewhat. I've enjoyed tennis so much I've given up on golf after 35 years. I can play that when I get old. Nothing makes me feel younger than making a super tennis shot. Even the worst of us occasionally come up with a shot that David Wheaton would admire.

Would you like to join this outstanding organization? It's easy to do. Prior tennis experience is not required. A patient group of teaching professionals will teach you the game or improve it if you now play.

If you're mildly interested in joining senior tennis, I suggest you call Charlotte T. Hall, VP of Membership at 474-5873. She will address any questions you have and will tell you how to join if you so decide. Maybe you'll be my partner some day and carry us to a doubles victory.

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# Tennis Rules & Sportsmanship Guidelines

by Steve Wilkinson, Tennis and Life Camps. Reprinted with permission.

1. Avoid cocky behavior such as bragging, putting your opponents down, or treating them lightly. Instead, show a sincere interest in your opponents and genuine respect for their ability.
2. Do not question your opponents' line calls, even if you are sure they have cheated you. Avoid unpleasant accusations against your opponents. Work to build an atmosphere of harmony and trust rather than conflict and suspicion.
3. Eliminate accusing body language. Stares, head shaking, smiling or laughing in disbelief, and hands on the hips are all inappropriate. Indeed, they are worse than being verbal with your accusations.
4. Know the rules well so that you do not unknowingly try to take advantage of opponents. Strictly apply the rules against yourself, but be flexible when your opponents do not know a rule that penalizes them. Give up points, but do not take points when you know the rules and they do not.
5. You are obligated to help your opponents make calls if they request assistance and you clearly saw where the ball landed. Never say, "It is your call." If you are not sure, you may say so, and then your opponent should call the ball good.
6. You are required to call your own shots "out" without being asked, unless it is a first serve which your opponent returns successfully. This obligation exists only when you are absolutely sure.
7. For a ball to be out three conditions must exist. First, you must be 100% certain that the ball was out. Second, you need to call the ball "out." Third, you need to make the call immediately, just after the ball bounced. You should not delay, inspect for a mark, and then make an "out" call.
8. If you mistakenly call a ball "out," and then realize that it was good, give the point to your opponent.
9. Never ask spectators for assistance. If you were not sure of a call, it was good. If you are not sure of the score, go back to the point where you can both agree. Call the score before every point.
10. Lets must be called while the point is still in progress, not after the point has ended. Never wait to make a let call or ask, "did you hear a let?" At that point it is too late.
11. Do not call rule violations on your opponents. Such infractions as double bounce or touching the net must be called by your opponents on themselves.
12. Compliment your opponent after good shots and be positive with yourself after all points. End matches with a smile, a firm handshake, and praise for your opponent. Compliments for excellent points, a strong stroke, or a good attitude is always appropriate.
13. Avoid excuses before, during, or after your match. They detract from your opponents' accomplishments. You are unintentionally saying that their success was due to your shortcomings, not their strengths. Some of the worst excuses include "I was cheated." Or "I have never played so poorly." Or "He got all the breaks."
14. Poor behavior (swearing, racquet abuse, ball abuse) is always inexcusable. Impose the USTA point penalty system (warning, point, game, and match) against yourself, but ignore the behavior of your opponent. Default matches to your opponents if their behavior becomes intolerable. Keeping tennis fun is far more important than winning a tennis match.



## 1994 Schedule for Outdoor Courts (rev. 6/20/94)

Location	Day	Time	Captain(s)	Phone
<b>Augsburg Park</b> 72nd and Blaisdell Richfield Courts not available on 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
<b>Bell Courts at the Water Tower</b> Old Highway 12 and Minnetonka St Wayzata	Wed	9-11 A.M.	Sylvia and Ernie Blanchard	471-7121
<b>Brooklyn Center Senior High</b> 6500 Humboldt Ave N Brooklyn Center	Tues, Thurs	8:30-10:30 A.M.	Captains needed	
<b>Brookview Park</b> Hwy 55 & Winnetka Golden Valley	Sat	9-11 A.M.	Joyce Hautman Mary McNeil	545-4051 545-7142
<b>City Center Courts</b> Chanhassen	Fri	8:30-10:30 A.M.	Barb & Craig Freeman	474-8070
<b>Como Park</b> Horton Ave near Lexington St. Paul	Mon, Wed	7-9 A.M. 9-11 A.M.	Lenore Patneau	644-4208
<b>Donaldson Park</b> 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
<b>Dred Scott Park</b> W. Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Rd	Mon-Fri	8-10 A.M.	Lois & Paul Lokensgard Chuck Supplee	831-1171 844-8848
<b>Edgewood Middle School</b> 5100 Edgewood Drive Moundsview	Mon-Fri	9 A.M.-noon	Captains needed: call Dick Pratt at 433-3583	
<b>Edina Senior High</b> 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
<b>Fridley Commons</b> 61st and 7th Ave Northwest corner	Tues, Thurs	9-11 A.M.	Bob Metcalf	571-3596
<b>Lone Lake Park</b> Shady Oak N of Bren Rd Eden Prairie	Mon-Fri	8-10 A.M.	Chuck Beshear Paul Weinreis	938-3694 935-9463
<b>North Valley Park</b> Inver Grove Heights	Mon, Wed, Fri	9-11 A.M.	Dome Davis	457-3940
<b>St. Anthony Central Park</b> Silver Lake Rd. & 33rd St. Anthony	Thurs	9-11 A.M.	Mary Kaminski	781-3271



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<b>South Campus</b> Co Rd E & McKnight White Bear Lake Dates: 6/11-8/26	Daily	8-10 A.M.	Bob Hinz	771-4480
<b>Sunrise School</b> Cedar & Cedarbrook White Bear Lake Dates: 5/1-6/10	Daily	8:30-11 A.M.	Bob Hinz	771-4480
<b>3M Tartan Park</b> 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
<b>Valley Park</b> Marie, east of Victoria Mendota Heights	Mon-Fri	7:30-9 A.M.	Dot Guenther Nancy Karasov	457-4682 452-3172
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<b>Breck School (until 8/31)</b> 123 Ottawa Ave N just east of Hwy 100 & Glenwood Pkwy	Mon Wed	5-6:30 P.M. 5-6:30 P.M.	Connie Custodio Ernie Greene	824-2569 488-6359
<b>Wolfe Park</b> W 36th St. off #100 Saint Louis Park	Thurs	8:30-10 A.M.	Percy Hughes Ginny Owens	545-7696 546-9666
<b>Woodbury Senior High</b> 2665 Woodland Drive Woodbury	Tues	6-7:30 P.M.	Virginia Morgan	459-6059

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