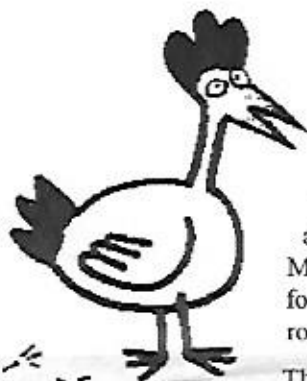


# Senior Tennis times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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## Renew your membership!

This is your last chance to renew your membership and get your name listed in the exclusive 1995 STPC Membership Roster. We must receive your renewal form by February 1 in order to have time to put the roster together.

The Roster is your friend. It is your link with other members of STPC. It lists everyone — their name, address, phone number and skill rating — so you can easily find someone to bat the ol' tennis ball around with. Or organize a party. Or any other fun thing that STPC does.

So please, if you haven't already done it, fill in the renewal form you'll find in this issue of the *Times* and send it with your check to David Brink.

## What's ahead? The Annual STPC Get-Together!

*what* ----- STPC Annual Get-Together, with featured speaker, popular *Star Tribune* columnist, **Jim Klobuchar**

*where* ----- Crown Sterling Suites, Saint Paul

*when* ----- Saturday, noon, April 29, 1995

*why* ----- Some business, some fun.

Watch the February issue of the *Times* for all the details!

## The score really was love-love

It's another STPC romance. Winnie Lund and Bill Connell, who met as members of STPC playing at Wolfe Park, were married in September. They honeymooned at Sea Pines, Hilton Head, South Carolina and enjoyed lots of tennis there with a group of STPC people. They are now living in Edina. Congratulations, Winnie and Bill!

## Upcoming Events

Crosstown  
Tennis Party..... Jan. 28

Membership  
renewals due ..... Feb. 1

White Bear Singles  
Tennis Party..... Feb. 18

STPC Annual  
Get-Together ..... Apr. 29

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# January 1995



## Baseline

**John Stecklein**  
STPC President

From all reports, a wonderful time was had by all who attended the Holiday Dinner Dance at the Bluffs of Mendota. The German band played a wide variety of music, encouraging dances ranging from jitterbug to rumba to waltz to polka, and including many nostalgic tunes of our era. Special thanks and appreciation go to Shirlee Puelston Waltz (ably assisted by her husband, Dick) and to Dottie Guenther who organized and supervised the event. Well done, ladies.

The typical good time for all was had by attendees at the annual Christmas Clinic hosted by Roger Boyer, our local Prince representative. New and old drills and play for prizes made the hour and a half whiz by. Thanks, again, Roger, for your hospitality and generosity.

The STPC 2000 Committee and the Committee on Administrative Organization have been meeting and working diligently on their tasks. Both jobs are quite complex but we hope to have a preliminary report of their progress and proposals by February or March. Action on their suggestions will probably not be feasible until the new board is formed.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors has been set for March 7 at the Norwest Bank Branch in St. Louis Park, but a special meeting may be scheduled for February, if work demands it. Contact any Board member to find out if a February meeting has been set.

The Nominations committee met in December and proposed a slate to the

Board for consideration at the January 10 meeting. Final outcome is not known at the time that this is written, but new board members should be announced in the February issue of the Times. New officers probably will not be announced until March.

Finally, I do not want to end this column without commending Nancy Kaminski for the conscientious and thorough job she has been doing with the Directory and newsletter. I, for one, am very pleased with the new format she developed, and the way in which she has developed new articles and features. Frequently an editor only receives complaints or objections and not enough compliments. If you like the new Times give Nancy a call or drop her a line. Good work deserves to be recognized. Thanks for your zealous efforts, Nancy.

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### Advertising

Send camera-ready art and payment to the editor by the 20th of the month for publication the following month. We can create an ad for you for a \$10 fee. Ad rates are:

full page (7 x 9 in)	\$100
half page (7 x 4½ in)	\$75
quarter page (3½ x 4½ in)	\$50
eighth page (3½ x 2¼ in)	\$30
classified ad (members only, max. 4 lines)	\$15
1-line ad (members only, 45 spaces long)	free

### Publication Deadline

Submit articles to the editor by the 20th of the month for publication the following month. All material submitted for publication is subject to editing.

### Address Corrections

Please notify the Editor with any address corrections.

### STPC Membership

As of December 1994, STPC membership totaled 1,434.

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# New Year Bouncer

tennis party at 494 Crosstown  
Saturday, January 28, 1995

62 Crosstown, just west of 494  
playing times 6–8 P.M. and 8–10 P.M.  
\$10 per person  
snacks and beverages follow play!



we request that  
lower-rated  
players sign up  
for the 6 P.M.  
session and  
stronger players  
take the 8 P.M.  
session.

**Registration is due by  
Monday, January 23!**

Send your check, payable to STPC,  
and your completed form to:

**Fremont or Betty Fletcher  
6566 France Ave S, #208  
Edina, MN 55435  
922-1685**

name	phone	(1.5 & up) rating	(6 or 8) time	amount
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1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Crosstown Tennis Party  
January 28, 1995**

## Court News

### Playing times available

Williston-Sagedahl has one or more courts available for play at these times:

Sundays	10 A.M.—noon
Mondays	1–4 P.M.
Tuesdays	2–4 P.M.
Saturdays	2–4 P.M.

Form a group (beginners, intermediate or advanced) and call Pat Allers at Williston (935-8638) or Char Hall (474-5873) to reserve court time. Let's take advantage of this opportunity!

### Schedule change

Harold Kranz, 935-6656, will replace Frank Locke as captain on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Williston-Sagedahl.

### Nicollet needs players

Nicollet needs regulars and subs for Mondays and Fridays, 7:30–9 A.M. Call Cliff Northfield at 884-6617 if you're interested.

### Northland North needs mixed doubles

3.0–3.5 men or women players are needed for mixed doubles at Northland Fitness Center North. Call Bob Metcalf at 571-3596 if you want to sign up.

### Northland North needs substitutes

Substitutes are needed at Northland Fitness Center North. They need men and women, rated at 2.5–3.0 on Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. There is 80 minutes of play and 40 minutes of drill. Call Anita Schenk at 571-3667 if you're interested.

## Captain's Corner by Chuck Slocum

Here is the proper procedure if you need a substitute to play for you: call the members of your group's sub list first, and if you aren't successful, then resort to the STPC roster. Try to find a player of comparable skill level. When you arrange for a sub, send him or her a note to this effect clearly stating the time, the date, and the place, and by copy please notify your captain in writing so he knows what to expect. Then, wherever you are, call the sub the night before the sub is to play and remind them of their obligation to be there on time. Whenever a regular or sub fails to show, it ruins the set for all the other members of the group. So, follow the proper procedure, be on time, and be courteous!

## Tennis Tips by Ginny Owens

In good doubles, each player will instinctively know what his partner will do in most situations.

To acquire this rapport, practice calling your own intentions when in confusing situations. You should call when you want to play the ball or when you want your partner to play it — whenever there may be some confusion. If you see that a ball may be deep and out of court, let him know. If you want your partner to change court positions, tell him.

Using only one word simplifies the call. Be sure both of you agree on the words to use. If you want to play a ball because of better court position, call *mine*. Use *yours* if you want your opponent to play it.

If a ball will land out of court, call *out*. If you must change sides of court, use *switch* or *change*. Using *up* and *back* will assist your partner to go to the net or retreat. The word *stay* tells him to remain where he is and not to cross back if he has crossed to play a ball. *Recover* will prompt him to return to the original position.

Develop a calling code with your partner, and court position and ball play confusion will be reduced.

## The Hartley's harvest

For years, Don and Ev Hartley have been raising fresh fruit and vegetables by the hundredweight and giving it to local foodshelves. Their hard work and loving gifts are inspirational to us all. This year they harvested 7,672 pounds of fruits and veggies for the hungry.

## Whose hat?

On December 7 at the Holiday Dinner Dance at the Bluffs of Mendota, someone mistakenly took Jim Keegan's gray flannel Kangol hat and left a Royal Ascot gray flannel hat. Jim would like to get his hat back! Please call him 939-0865 and leave a message.

# Singles Tennis Party

Saturday, February 18

play doubles at the  
White Bear Racquet Club  
for only \$8.00!

After tennis, plan for dinner at Ricci's in Hugo, north of White Bear Lake on Highway 61. Choose from a moderately-priced variety menu or a buffet for \$7.95. There will be fun for everyone with entertainment, live music, dancing, pool, and darts!

Tennis play will be from 5 to 7 p.m. We will do our best to match you with other players of similar level.

Mail your check, payable to STPC, with the registration form below to:

Bev Siniger  
1940 Fairmount Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Send your check in early! Call Marge Northup, 735-3482 if you have questions.

Directions: Going north on 35E, exit on 96 and go east (right) a block to the stoplight, which is White Bear Parkway. Turn left. The club is just a few blocks off 35E, at 4800 White Bear Parkway.

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**The deadline is February 6! Mail now!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Skill rating \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on dinner at Ricci's    yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ernie Greene receives Humanitarian Award

Ernie Greene of St. Paul received the United States Professional Tennis Registry's Humanitarian Award at its annual awards banquet recently.

The awards were presented to persons who have displayed outstanding professionalism in both the USPTR and in their support of tennis.

Greene is coordinator of the St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, and is a member of the teaching staff of the Senior Tennis Players Club.

## In Memoriam

### Bernice Britzius

Bernice Britzius, wife of Charles W. Britzius, age 79, of Deephaven died December 27 of cancer. We extend our deepest sympathy to Chuck, his daughter, Linda, his sons Fred, Dale, Scott and Glenn and their families in their great loss.

### Maria Johnson

Maria Johnson, formerly of Plymouth, died December 5. A member of STPC for many years, she married Curt Nelson, who she met in STPC. Because of their love of tennis, they moved to Saint Augustine, Florida in September. Maria suffered an aneurysm while sitting by the swimming pool.

Maria had a sincere interest in inner city tennis, so contributions are being solicited as a memorial in her honor. You can mail your check to Florence Habegger or Emily Day.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Curt and to Maria's son, Victor Raymond, and to all her family.

### Help Wanted at Lilydale

Looking for two seniors to work 3-4 hours a day, Monday through Friday keeping the club looking nice. Could be a couple or two individuals. Play plus a membership.

Call Marge at 457-4954.

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*Michael Lynne's*  
**TENNIS SHOP**

Miracle Mile Shopping Center  
5007 Excelsior Blvd. - St. Louis Park, MN 55416



Fax: 612-926-1595

You will appreciate our friendly service.

# 1995 Senior Tennis Players Club membership renewal form

Complete this form by **January 2, 1995** and send it with your check for **\$20** (payable to STPC) to

David R. Brink, Treasurer  
2200 S. Pillsbury Center  
220 S. Sixth St  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-1498  
phone 332-4989 or 340-2704

## home address

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_

state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

what was (is) your career? \_\_\_\_\_

## vacation address

Are you away for 2 or more months? We'll send the *Times* to you! (Bulk mail is *not* forwarded — we need your address!)

address \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_

state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

from (date) \_\_\_\_\_ to (date) \_\_\_\_\_

## membership conditions

As a condition to my application, I agree to participate at my own risk in the activities of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc., which may include tennis lessons, clinics, weekly scheduled tennis, social events and any scheduled tennis trips or extra activities. Further, I waive and release the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc., a nonprofit organization, and its officers and members providing services on behalf of the club, and all claims for damages due to injuries that I may incur as a result of my participation in any of these events.

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one person per form!  
please print!

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## tennis self-rating

definitions are on the back of this form

- |                              |                              |              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1.0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.5 <input type="checkbox"/> | beginner     |
| 2.0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2.5 <input type="checkbox"/> | intermediate |
| 3.0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3.5 <input type="checkbox"/> | advanced     |
| 4.0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.5 <input type="checkbox"/> | expert       |

## multiple mailings

Each STPC member is entitled to our mailings, but if there are 2 members at one address, you might want to receive just one! Check here if you want to eliminate multiple mailings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we want to receive only 1 copy of each mailing!

The name on the mailing label should be \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# self-rating categories and definitions

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## **beginner**

- 1.0 ..... This player is just starting to play tennis or has limited playing experience and is working primarily on getting the ball over the net; may have some knowledge of scoring, but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for doubles play.
- 1.5 ..... This player has more experience than the above player and can keep score.

## **intermediate**

- 2.0 ..... This player can place shots with moderate success, has achieved stroke dependability and direction on shots within reach, including forehand and backhand volleys, but lacks some control when trying for power; seldom double faults on serves.
- 2.5 ..... This player has achieved more stroke dependability and shot control than the above player.

## **advanced**

- 3.0 ..... This player has begun to master the use of power and spins; has sound footwork; can

control the depth of shots and has the ability to use a variety of shots, including lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys; is able to place the first serve with power and accuracy and serve and volley with some success; is seldom out of position in a doubles game.

- 3.5 ..... This player can execute most of the above strokes better than the 3.0 player.

## **expert**

- 4.0 ..... This player can execute all strokes offensively and defensively with power and consistency; can hit dependable shots under pressure; has good shot anticipation; can regularly hit winners or force errors off short balls; successfully executes lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes most of the time; can hit winners or force errors with both first and second serves. Return of serve can be an offensive weapon.
- 4.5 ..... This player has mastered most of the above skills.
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There is a \$1.50/session court rental fee for indoor lessons and drills.

**New members** are welcome to take 12 (or more) lessons. After 12 lessons you will receive a free can of balls, a certificate of accomplishment, and congratulations from the STPC president. *You must notify the instructor when you have completed 12 lessons!* The lessons are offered free, as part of your membership.

**Members** are encouraged to attend lessons and drills at any time. If your game needs improvement, here is your opportunity.

**Skill rating:** If you need to know your skill rating, attend one of the lessons/drills and ask the instructor to rate you. If you have any questions, call the instructor.

### 1994/95 Winter Schedule for New Members Lessons/Members Drills

Location	Day	Time	Instructor	Phone
<b>Nicollet Tennis Center</b> 4005 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis, 825-6844 Begins 9/15/94	Thurs	8:30-10 am M/W, all ratings	Percy Hughes Ginny Owens	545-7696 546-9666
	Fri	5:30-7 pm M/W, all ratings	Ernie Greene	488-6359
<b>Williston-Sagedahl Club</b> 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka, 935-8638 Begins 9/13/94	Tue	5:30-7 pm M/W, all ratings	Connie Custodio	824-2569
<b>Wooddale Recreation Center</b> 2122 Wooddale Drive Woodbury, 735-6214 Begins 10/3/94	Mon	8-9:30 pm	Virginia Morgan	459-6059
<b>Combination Play and Drill Sessions</b>				
<b>Northland Fitness Center North</b> 7624 Boone Avenue N Brooklyn Park, 425-5880 These sessions are combination drill/play: one 20 min session doubles drills, and two 40 min. sessions doubles play.	Mon	11-1 pm M/W, 1.0-2.0	Ted Kopren	425-5880
	Fri	9-10:30 am M/W, all ratings	Connie Custodio	824-2569
<b>Decathlon Athletic Club</b> 7800 Cedar Avenue S Bloomington \$5.00 per session	Tues	10-11 am M/W, all ratings	Brian Christensen	854-0322

**Don't forget to send  
in your membership  
renewal form!**



## One-Liner Want Ads

These free one-liner want ads are available to all STPC members. If you would like to place a free ad, call or write the Editor, Nancy Kaminski. **Your ad can only be about 50 spaces long, so be brief!**

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Half Chicago condo: for sale/rent, best location. Carol, 920-2222

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Ski rack, \$45, for car w/ rain gutter. Mike Bosanko, 881-0258

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Wanted: kennel for a Labrador dog Ginny, 459-6059.

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Sanyo AM/FM/cassette boombox, detach spkrs. 781-3271

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