

SENIOR ♦ TENNIS ♦ TIMES

NEWSLETTER OF THE SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB, INC. FEBRUARY 1997

1996 STPC Financial Report

by Jim Tornoe, Treasurer

The table below shows significant numbers for our club's activities in the 1996 calendar year:

As you know, our primary source of income (89% of it) is from our \$20 annual dues. We also invest our equity in a Fidelity money market account, which pays interest of about 5.2%. Rounding out our revenue are any memorials we receive in the name of members who passed on during the year.

On the expense side, we continue to spend the bulk of our income on the newsletter and our lesson program (over 2,200 students in 1996). Other expense items are self-explanatory, with perhaps a little note of the special events line. The line shows a total cost of only \$88 for the year, but it is a net cost: we actually had 13 separate events, with income of \$10,212 and expenses of \$10,300. How's that for great management by our many events coordinators?!

Finally, our modest surplus of \$555 for the

year adds to our club's equity which stands at almost \$48,000 at year-end.

Your Board recently approved a break-even budget for 1997 again, with no dues increase.

Please call me if you have questions, comments or need more information. ■

Playing Nice: Encouraging Civility on the Courts

There are rules and customs governing the playing of tennis that promote fairness and civility. Some of you might not be aware of them—after all, how many of you have read the USTA Rule Book?

Here are a few "rules of the road" that are frequently violated. Look them over and mention them to your playing group if you think they're being ignored. Playing nice makes tennis so much more enjoyable for everyone!

Returning a serve that is out. Returning a serve that is obviously out, accompanied by an out call, is a form of rudeness. When the receiver knows that in making these returns he bothers the server it is gamesmanship ("...the use of aggressive, often dubious tactics, such as psychological intimidation or disruption of concentration, to gain an advantage over one's opponent." American Heritage Dictionary, 3rd ed.).

At the same time, it must be expected that a fast serve that just misses the line will frequently, with justification, be returned as a matter of self protection even though an out call is made.

Calling "First ball in." First ball in is not an acceptable tennis procedure. It provides the server with a definite advantage. Warm up serves should be taken prior to play.

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Revenue		
Dues	\$31,500	
Interest	2,504	
Misc. Income	1,285	
Total	\$35,289	100%
Expense		
Newsletter	\$15,524	44%
Lesson Program	11,076	31
Special Events	88	—
Contributions	1,015	3
Captains' Dinner	2,649	8
Administrative	4,382	12
Total	\$34,734	98%
Surplus of Revenue to Expense	\$555	2%
Year-End Equity	\$47,978	
Year-End Membership	1,700+	

Changes Proposed for TeamTennis 1997

by John Connelly

The 1996 TeamTennis captains are proposing expanding the TeamTennis program in 1997.

1997 TeamTennis, coordinated by John Connelly and assisted by Deni Sahr, will be a ten-week program scheduled to run from June 17 through August 19, 1997. The major goals of this program (besides providing good exercise for members) are to encourage forming lasting friendships and promoting comradeship among STPC members throughout the metropolitan area.

The major change for the 1997 program is there will be two levels of play instead of one. Level A will be for players in the 3.0-4.0 range, and Level B for players in the 3.0 and under range. Each level will have eight teams.

In order for the captains to design a program that meets your needs, they would like to hear from people who are interested in playing TeamTennis in 1997. If you're interested, fill out this little form and send it to the appropriate coordinator. Indicate if you're willing to be a captain next year. ■

TeamTennis 1997 Sign Up

Yes! I would like to participate in
TeamTennis 1997!

- Level A (3.0-4.0)
- Level B (3.0 and under)
- I would like to be a captain

Name _____

Phone _____

If Level A, send this form to Janice Hagen,
7510 Cahill Rd. #315B, Edina, MN 55439
(phone) 941-4789

If level B, send this form to Jack Wallin,
1258 Ohio St., West Saint Paul, MN 55118
(phone) 457-2266.

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Conflicting Calls. In doubles, when one partner calls a ball out and the other calls it good, the doubt that has been established means the ball must be considered good. The reluctance of some doubles players to overrule their partners is secondary to the importance of not letting your opponents suffer from a bad call.

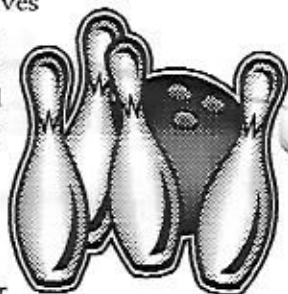
The tactful way to achieve the desired result is to quietly tell your partner he has made a mistake, and then let him overrule himself. If it comes to a showdown, untactful honesty is preferable to tactful dishonesty. ■

Singles Plus Bowls a 300

by Carol Brown Robertson

A good time was had by all at the January meeting of Senior Singles Plus at Bryant Bowl. Almost everyone who attended had bowled sometime in their lives but were rusty. However, two people must have been moonlighting as pros! Carol Curry took 1st and 3rd place with scores of 175 and 173, and Mary Ellen Jarnes captured 2nd place with a score of 174.

It was a delight to chair this event with such a fun group! Thanks to all who attended. ■



Ad In

by Sue Larson, STPC President

Attention, jazz lovers! I had a real "light bulb" experience last week when I should have been concentrating on my tennis game. Ric Robles, a star member of our sixteen-member 7 a.m. tennis group, shared with me and others on the court his recent experience in Chicago at the International Jazz Show. Yes, I thought, there must be other jazz lovers who are STPC members and would love to listen to jazz together.

So all you jazz lovers out there—call me at 929-4673 or Lloyd Layton at 476-1298 if you would like to join our group. Our tentative first stop will be the Dakota Bar and Grill. Picture yourself sitting close to the action, sipping a glass of wine or beer, or a cup o' java, enjoying the company of other like-minded music lovers. So call!

The current board's last meeting is March 6, and they need to be acknowledged by all of us for their nearly perfect attendance, carefully-constructed new ideas, and their willingness to make

this the very best senior tennis players club in the world. The retiring members are Al Uhl, David Brink, Don Bratt, Chuck Slocum, Matt Little and Dot Guenther. Give them a high five for their leadership!

A letter from Kent Dickerman warmed my heart recently. He stated our sparkling membership chair, Grayce Aberle, had found seven replacements for his Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. group at Decathlon. Kent writes "Thanks loads, Grayce!" and we all join in recognizing Grayce's extraordinary services.

This issue carries a column written by Jim Tornoe, Treasurer, showing what a fiscally responsible organization STPC is. It is important that members are fully informed about our finances. Jim goes an extra mile to provide this information and make it understandable. Thanks, Jim, from all of us.

See you at the April 19 Annual Meeting. Bev Sinniger has great plans for providing the best of food, entertainment and socializing. ■

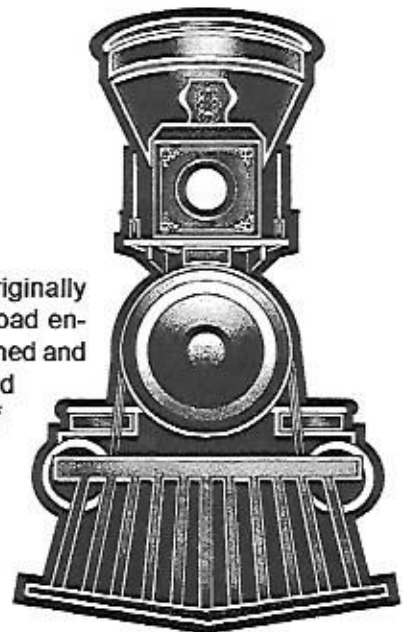
STPC Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting Historic Bandana Square in Saint Paul Saturday, April 19, 1997

Social at 11:45 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bandana Square originally was built in 1885 as the maintenance shop for Northern Pacific Railroad engines. In its redevelopment, the two-story archway entrances were retained and the interior now features a banquet center, unique shops, restaurants and the must-see Twin Cities Model Railroad Club exhibit. It's located off Snelling Avenue, just north of I-94, and there is plenty of free parking.

After lunch, just five minutes away, another must-see is the magnificent spring flower show at the Como Park Conservatory.

Your reservation form will be in the March *Senior Tennis Times*.



Love Stories

by Norm Diamond

A Dutch Destiny: Intrigue, Suspense

The odds are virtually infinitesimal that in all of our life's experiences we have never, or will ever, encounter a woman so fascinating as Dr. Eva Keuls



Eva Keuls

(pronounced "Aiva Kools"), 73, who among other countless darings entered college at age 36 and in five years achieved a BA, an MA and a Ph.D. Shakespeare probably said, "This is the stuff dreams are made of."

Now Professor of Classics in Latin and Greek at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Eva is also a member of Princeton University's Institute for Advanced Study and a Fellow of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study. This is only part of an earlier adventurous life like a Tom Clancy plot or

secret information from the X-Files.

Briefly recounting her past in a recent interview, she wittily referred to the present by saying, "I'm too old to conceal my age, but not old enough to brag about it." She actively engages in STPC tennis, skiing, reading, theater and classical music. What's more, she does each with the panache of European artistry.

From the land of windmills, Edam cheese, tulips and picturesque dikes and canals comes this amazing nonconformist born in Amsterdam. Her intriguing past history reads like chapters from Mata Hari's memoirs. Twice wed to Americans, she shed both spouses to concentrate on her two children and two grandchildren and to carve out a career.

In the World War II period, 1941-45, Eva, then 15, was in the Dutch Resistance with two older sisters helping to channel Allied soldiers through escape routes to France and Spain. The

risk was staggering and at one interval she and one sister were captured by the Nazis and imprisoned in a German detention camp for two months. In the confusion, the Nazis never got around to questioning the sisters. Her parents also harbored Jews trying to escape from the Holocaust horrors. Even with the underground adventures, she managed to take a secretarial course in business school to prepare her for job eventualities following the war.

After war's end Eva returned from her dangerous operations to Amsterdam to attend the University, "but foolishly I got married and started raising two children." With her command of languages, she worked for the US Army Intelligence Corps as a translator, researcher and part-time agent. She could take shorthand in four languages and was invaluable to the Americans with her multifaceted talent. In 1957, Eva and her brother opened up a literary agency that became very successful. She longed to come to America and build a new life and in 1959 left Amsterdam for the "promised land."

She entered Hunter College in New York City as an undergraduate student, achieved her three major degrees in five years and also ran an international literary agency.

Eva taught at Brooklyn College, Emory College in Atlanta and Howard University in Washington, D.C. With the highest of credentials, the University of Minnesota engaged her as an Associate Professor to teach the classics. In three years she became a full Professor and for the next 23 years distinguished herself internationally for her brilliance in Latin and Greek studies. Her retirement this June will certainly be a great loss to the U's prestige and her position demanding to fill. Her main objective after retiring is to educate herself better in the sciences. Who knows but what she might discover there really is life on Mars!

A handsome and attractive-looking 5'8" ash blonde with gray eyes, John Barrymore profile and slender hands, Eva's athletic figure denotes strength and agility. What with the special Dutch lilt to her otherwise perfect English, she stands out in a crowd. Above all direct, she will not hesitate if asked to tell you she's an atheist. It

follows her philosophy remonstrates "There's no sense of purpose to life. Many people would have you believe God created man but I'm convinced evolution was the creator." It's entirely possible that events of World War II manifested her beliefs—the useless slaughters and man's inhumanity to man.

Eva remains perplexed by America's two-party political system. "I just wind up by voting for the lesser evils," she rejoins. With the frenetic life she has lived, she still has a delicious sense of humor. When Marion Murphy signed her up to the STPC some four years ago, she was pleased by the aura of friendship and not overly competition on the courts. ■

(To be continued next month.)

Volunteer Opportunity

Pete Ross, longtime STPC member, believes that Hennepin County's guardian ad litem program could be of interest to other STPC members.

A Guardian Ad Litem, also known as a court-appointed special advocate (CASA), is an individual appointed by the court to represent the interests of a child during court proceedings. Volunteers work on cases of individual children who might be involved in child abuse, neglect or custody disputes.

The most important qualification you need to be a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer is life experience and good common sense. All volunteers participate in an intensive 30-hour training program before being assigned a case.

Please call Pete Ross at 831-7528 if you are interested in giving a real service to children who have gotten a bad shake in life. ■

Attention Seniors!

Will you be at least 50 in 1997? If so, please join us for a summer of fun with USTA/NWTA Senior League Tennis.

Special News!! The 2.5 level men's and women's Senior League inaugurated in 1996 will continue in 1997!

Extra!! The Super Seniors Mixed Doubles League will start their second season. To participate, you must be at least 65 years old in 1997.

To register, call 333-6030 and leave your name and phone number with your message. ■

Coming soon...

John Bolger Tennis Clinic & Luncheon

Tuesday, May 20, 1997

**tennis – 9 a.m.
luncheon – noon**

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39th and Nicollet Ave S**

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**Watch for your
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Captains' Corner

by Dick Lidstone

One of the problems that can be most frustrating for the captains as well as the players I suspect is that when players who have signed up to play on a regular basis for indoor tennis and have to get a substitute, sometimes the payment arrangements go awry. Normally, after the substitute has agreed to play for the regular, it is up to the sub to see that the regular gets reimbursed for the court time. For some reason this isn't always clear, even though it sounds simple enough. There may be a number of good ways to handle this but one that seems to work well is the following:

1. The regular player arranges the time and place agreeable with the substitute.
2. The regular player writes the name of

the sub, the time of play and the amount of money due from the sub on the face of a plain envelope and gives it to the captain prior to the agreed upon play.

3. Coincidentally, the regular gives, sends if necessary, a copy of the same info to the sub.

4. Some time before, during or after the time of play the sub pays the captain.

5. The captain places the money (check preferred) in the envelope and holds until the next time he or she sees the regular player.

On occasion a substitute may be reluctant to pay based on the feeling that the sub is doing the regular a favor by playing for him or her. Really, the favor is to the substitute, who gets extra playing time at a most reasonable rate. ■

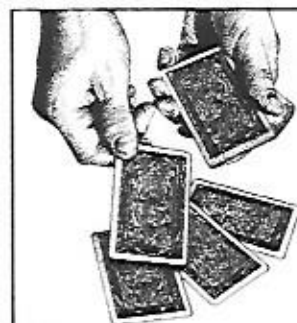
Tennis Notes

New Courts at Decathlon

Courts are available at the Decathlon Hotel and Athletic Club. We need captains and players for all these sessions. If you're interested, please call Chuck Supplee at 888-0551.

The new sessions are as follows:

Monday	3 5 p.m.	4 courts
Tuesday	3:30-5:30 p.m.	4 courts
	5:30-7:30 p.m.	3 courts
	7:30-9:30 p.m.	3 courts
Wednesday	1:30-3:30 p.m.	4 courts
	7:30-9:30 p.m.	3 courts
Thursday	7:30-9:30 p.m.	3 courts
Friday	11:30-1:30 p.m.	4 courts



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Captains' Profiles

by George Erickson

Mike Bosanko

Mike, like many of us, was a Depression Era baby. Fortunately, he was spared the worst economic troubles because his father was able to continue teaching at Blake School, which Mike later attended. After getting a BA from the University of Minnesota, Mike worked in sales for a while, then returned to the U for a BA in education. Moving away from his Lake Calhoun area roots, he taught in the prairie town of Redwood Falls, about the same time marrying Sally Head, a Twin Cities girl.

Mike and Sally's roots were apparently made of rubber, for they soon drew the Bosankos back to Bloomington. There, Mike taught at Breck for three years then moved to the Bloomington Public Schools for the balance of his career. In the interim, Mike earned a master's degree in American Studies to bolster his American History teaching field (and salary).

Too young for World War II, and in the reserves during the Korean Conflict, Mike was fortunate in not having to risk his life abroad. During those years, three children arrived—two boys and a girl. The sons now live in Colorado and New York, the daughter in the Twin Cities.

Mike began playing tennis during his college years, but he dropped out until he was forty, then began playing regularly. Mike joined Senior Tennis in 1987, and after a few years began captaining an all-male, Wednesday group at the Decathlon Club. Still hard at it, Mike likes to play at least twice a week.

Like many of our members, Mike has not shirked community service. He's worked on the Metro Parks Service Board, which advises the Metro Council, as well as on the Minnesota Parks and Trails Council and the Bloomington Natural Resources Commission.

Mike, who shares my love of classical music, also enjoys cross-country skiing, and has traveled in Europe. Because of Sally's part-time work with an adult literacy class, the Bosankos don't

get away for very long during the winter, but they do manage to sneak off to Puerto Vallarta or Florida for a week or two.

As for his captaining job, Mike likes his players to try to use a variety of subs so that everyone gets to play. When I asked if he had any complaints, Mike, like most of our captains, replied, "Not really."

Near the end of our conversation, I asked if he'd worked at a variety of summer jobs during his college years. "Oh, yes," he said. "Before Hove's Market became Lund's I trimmed lettuce in the produce department. At other times I drove cabs and unloaded railroad cars of lumber."

When I asked Mike if he remembered what his first teaching job paid, I wasn't surprised that he did. "\$3,100 per year," he replied, and we both began to laugh. "I bought my house in Bloomington for \$13,000. We still live in it, and today it's valued at close to ten times that much."

Mike, like most of us, has come a long way. One of the reasons that our trips have been more pleasant and rewarding than they otherwise might have been, is because people like Mike take the time to serve their community, and through captaining, help keep our slowly aging minds limber and our sometimes reluctant bones on the go. Keep it up, Mike. ■

New Member Lessons and Member Drills

Day	Time	Who?	Cost	Skill rating	Instructor	Phone
Nicollet Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis. 825-6844.						
Mon	4:30-6 pm	M/W	\$2.00	all ratings	Ernie Greene	488-6359
					Jason Sowder	966-5133
Thurs	8:30-10 am	M/W	\$2.00	all ratings	Percy Hughes	831-2872
					Paul Stormo	944-6286
Williston Fitness & Sports 14509 Minnetonka Dr, Minnetonka. 935-8638						
Tues	5:30-7 pm	M/W	\$2.00	all ratings	Connie Custodio	824-2569
Wooddale Recreation Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury. 735-6214						
Mon	8-9:30 pm		\$2.00		Lois Nordman	735-6214

Private Club Drills Open to STPC Members

Decathlon Hotel and Athletic Club 7800 Cedar Ave S, Bloomington, 854-7171						
Wed	9:30-10:30 am	M/W	\$6.00	3.0	Brian Christensen, Chris Combs	854-0322
Fri	11:30-12:30 pm	M/W	\$6.00	3.0	Brian Christensen, Chris Combs	854-0322
Nicollet Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis. Note: Phone 825-6844 no later than the day before to sign up.						
Tues	9-10 am	M/W	\$5.00	3.0 and up	Rod Vaught	825-6844
Thurs	12-1 pm	M/W	\$5.00	2.5-3.0	Rod Vaught	825-6844
Wooddale Recreation Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury. Note: Space is limited. You must sign up.						
Wed	12-1 pm	M/W	\$7.00	All levels	Lois Nordman	735-6214

There is a \$2/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. **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.



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