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# SENIOR ❖ TENNIS ❖ TIMES

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## Renewals Are Pouring In!

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**By Nancy Kaminski, Keeper of the Membership Database**—The 1998 renewal project is running full blast, and STPC members have been sending in their renewal forms in a constant stream.

I am pleased to report that to date, 825 of our 1650 members who were sent invoices have returned them and renewed their memberships.

But we need to hear from the rest of you! Please send in your dues as soon as possible. All you have to do is check the membership information on your invoice, sign the bottom, and send it back to me, with your check for \$20. Simple!

And please, don't cut up your invoice—we need to have the entire invoice returned, not just portions of it. Also, remember to sign it, because your renewal isn't valid without your signature.

The deadline for sending in your renewal is **January 1, 1998**. This guarantees you appear in the 1998 Membership roster. Later returns might not make it.

I hope to hear from all of you soon. Thanks for making the whole renewal project easy to manage! ■



*Season's Greetings!*

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# Line Calls

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By Dick Lidstone, STPC President

## Tis the season to be...

**Thankful:** for our player development programs. In talking to a member a few days ago, she reminded me of the wonderful system we have to help our members grow in tennis. She started out taking beginning lessons at the Nicollet Tennis Center, moving on to drills, becoming a substitute, and now is playing regularly. That is how the process is supposed to be. It couldn't be scripted better.

The process continues with those having slight or more experience taking practice drills geared to phases of total tennis play. The aim there is to learn how to execute, do it consistently, and gain confidence in doing so.

A special thanks to STPC and private club instructors: Ernie Greene, Percy Hughes, Paul Stormo,

Jim Tornoe, Connie Custodio, Lois Nordman, Roger Boyer, Chris Combs, and Rod Vaught.

**Grateful:** for our members willing to stand in for other members when those members are unavailable or have left their position of responsibility for one reason or another. I am thinking of Mary Wenz acting as secretary this past month, and Jack Wallin as Director of Facilities for the Eastern Region. Both are class acts.

Also to our Board members for their willingness to take assignments or volunteer to help out on the numerous projects and programs during the past year.

Certainly, to the other volunteers—coordinators, captains and activity planners—who are so essential to our club and critical to our success.

**And to all:** a joyous holiday season and a prosperous and healthy New Year! ■

## STPC Member Badges For Sale

Now's your chance to purchase a Senior Tennis Players Club Member badge. These embroidered green, purple and gold badges can be attached to hats, jackets, tennis bags, or anything else you can think of! They are available to members for \$3 each, or two for \$5.

To order one, just complete this form and send it, with your check made payable to STPC, to **Bob Tischbein, 5471 Rowland Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55343.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number Ordered \_\_\_\_\_



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# Start the New Year Swinging... Your Racquet!

Normandale Racquet, Swim & Health Club  
6701 West 78th Street, Bloomington

Saturday, January 17

- Play 6–8 p.m. or 8–10 p.m. Players matched by skill for first round. Rotation every half hour, based on win/loss. **Registration with partners is not necessary.**
- Bridge and cribbage available
- Cost \$10 for players, \$5 for nonplayers
- Light meal follows play
- Registration deadline, January 12



*Directions: From Highway 100, exit on West 77th Street. (77th becomes Edina Industrial Boulevard.) Go west to West 78th Street and turn right. Continue west to Normandale Club, on your left. The club is 1½ miles west of Highway 100.*

Send this reservation form with your check for \$10 per person, made out to STPC, to:

**Kent Dickerman**  
955 Fairmount Ave  
Saint Paul MN 55105

For more information, call  
Ronnae Wagner, 938-5785 or  
Barbara Webb, 922-0757

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Time (6 or 8) \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: (6 or 8) \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Club Notes

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## Roger Boyer's Christmas Drills Return

Roger Boyer's Annual Christmas Drills will be held Thursday, December 18 at the Nicollet Tennis Center from 8:30-10 a.m. All members are invited to attend this fun annual event. ■

## Gift Memberships Available

Here's an idea for a Christmas present—a membership in STPC! Yes, you can purchase a gift certificate for the senior tennis players on your list. To get your gift certificate, call Grayce Aberle at 938-9097. ■

## New Pros on Board

### Lucille Bryant Little

Congratulations to Lucille Bryant Little, who recently passed the United States Professional Tennis Association certification test. She will be joining the STPC pro staff.

Lucille, a regular STPC player, was inspired to take up tennis when her youngest son became a top junior player and she was required to chauffeur him to various tournaments. (Her son later became the number one collegiate player at Howard University.)

Lucille met her husband, Matt, on the tennis courts, and they were married on the tennis court at Decathlon by a tennis playing judge.

### Dave Earlewine

Percy Hughes, Director of Training, is happy to announce the addition of a new USPTA teaching pro to our staff, Dave Earlewine. He will be teaming up mostly with Ernie Greene. ■

## New Facilities Director

The STPC Board has unanimously approved Jack Wallin to become a Director and handle the facilities and programs in the Saint Paul/Eastern Region. Jack has the experience and knowledge of STPC which will be a real asset to our organization. We welcome him to the Board. ■

## Christmas Dance!

Everybody's invited to the free annual Christmas Dance! It will be held at Edinborough Park, 77th and York Avenue South, Edina, on Friday afternoon, December 19, at 1 p.m. Music will be provided by our own Percy Hughes and his quartet. ■

## Congratulations

Mary Carver is the latest member to complete twelve lessons. Congratulations, Mary.

Members, remember to notify your instructor when you've completed twelve lessons. ■

## Players Wanted

### Decathlon

David Zimmer is seeking doubles players of skill level 3.0-3.5 to play at Decathlon for the winter season running January 7-April 29. Play is on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. He is also seeking regular and substitute doubles players of skill level 3.5 to play Mondays, 8-10 p.m., January 5-April 27.

If you're interested, call David at 588-2554 and leave a message with your name, phone number, skill rating, and if you'd like to be a regular or sub.

Willy Prawdzik is looking for permanent players, two men and two women rated 2.5-3.0, to play Tuesdays 1-3 p.m., beginning January 6. If interested, call Willy at 869-1989.

## Single Senior Set Schedule

| Mo. | Event                 | Coordinator   | Phone    |
|-----|-----------------------|---------------|----------|
| Dec | Bridge/card games     | Karen Knutson | 888-9450 |
| Jan | Old Log Theatre party | Carol Brown   | 935-9370 |
| Feb | Garrison Keillor      | Carol Curry   | 920-2222 |

### Williston

One regular player as well as substitutes rated 3.0 are needed at Williston on Fridays from 2-4 p.m. Call Ralph Fuller at 593-1620 if you want to play.

There are openings for regular and substitute players on Tuesdays, 12-1:30 p.m., for men and women rated 3.0, and on Thursdays 8-9:30 a.m. for men rated 3.0. Call Henry Flesh at 546-7317 or Fred Wright at 938-1242 if you're interested. ■

### In Memoriam

**Chester Schullo**, retired Minneapolis fireman, died October 2 of cancer. Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife, Joanne, to his sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

**Marian Versen**, a lifetime member of STPC since 1987, died November 11. She was STPC's first treasurer and a captain at Nicollet Tennis Center. Our sympathies go to her five children and their families.

**Robert Owens**, husband of STPC teaching pro Ginny Owens, died November 8. Our condolences are extended to Ginny and their children. ■

### Senior Single Set Events

#### January: Old Log Theater

Join the Senior Single Set at the Old Log Theater on Wednesday, January 7, to see "Radio Gals," a nostalgic musical comedy set in a radio station in the 1920s. The curtain goes up at 12:30 p.m., and tickets are \$11 each. If you're interested, call Carol Brown at 935-9370 for reservations. ■

### Save Those Balls!

**Attention, Captains:** Percy Hughes asks that you hold onto your used tennis balls. They will be needed next spring for tennis instruction and drills. Arrangements will be made to collect them at a later date and turn them over to Percy. ■

### Captains' Corner

**By Chuck Emme**—As Christmas approaches, this is the time to be jolly and filled with joy. It is also time to show appreciation to the facility coordinators and captains who have struggled to provide courts for us to play on.

I don't mean sending them presents, but wishing them the best of health and happy holidays, and congratulating them on a job well done. May all of you have a special place in heaven's tennis club!

To the snowbirds who have left or are leaving, don't gloat, those of us who stay behind love cold weather and snow. To all STPC members, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. ■

### Playing Nice: Encouraging Civility on the Courts

**By Bob Tischbein**—*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!*

Let's talk about subs again. Last month there was an editorial error. It should have read as follows:

When a sub has agreed to fill in for us the sub has an obligation to play as agreed and to be on time. The regular player has an obligation to the sub. On occasion we find at the last minute that we can play and the sub is not needed. To call the sub who has arranged their day to assist you and possibly passed up other opportunities to sub and advise them that they are not needed is very inconsiderate. A sub who agrees to play for you should play for you. ■

# Captains' Profiles

## Marv Schneider

**By Carol Hall**—Marv Schneider is in superior health. At 61, he exhibits the stamina and agility of a man twenty years younger.

It wasn't always that way. "I smoked and drank a lot," explained Marv of his younger years, spent in the Army and working as a laborer. "Then I began to realize other people who did likewise were dying early."

Marv decided to reverse course. In 1967, upon returning to college on the GI Bill, he cut out booze and cigarettes completely. Some time later he discovered tennis and basketball. Hooked, Marv played at every opportunity. And voila! Exercise combined with abstinence worked its magic, gradually transforming him into the model of good health he is today.

Marv hasn't smoked or drank for thirty years. He credits early abstinence for effecting yet another turnabout that changed the course of his life: by spending time studying instead of partying, he finished college. Marv graduated in

1970 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a BS in electrical engineering.

The degree ended Marv's days as a laborer and led to a challenging career in engineering. He began work as a project engineer for a small firm in Racine. Job changes took Marv to Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. Attending night school, he completed several credits toward an MBA at the Universities of Wisconsin, Marquette, and Iowa. Marv began married life as well as his career in Racine. His wife, Ramona, an RN, had three teenage children that they reared together.

In 1978, Marv made his final career move to the Twin Cities, Honeywell, and tennis.

Honeywell organized employee leagues. Upon starting work as a test engineer in the production department in Hopkins, Marv joined a doubles league. With a working knowledge of tennis, he gradually built up his skills, and soon was playing three times a week, and captaining.

It was Marv's first real venture into sports. His youth spent on a farm in northeastern Wisconsin, there wasn't much chance to get involved. However, Marv did learn chess. While stationed with the Army in Kittengen, Germany, he won the area chess championship in a tournament between army bases.

Marv spent his last five years at Honeywell assigned to the combined munitions program in New Brighton. Earlier, he'd designed test equipment and software for the torpedo program. He was laid off in 1990.

Today, Marv is in business for himself as an independent securities broker. Ramona is a contract manager with Allina Health Care. The couple shares a townhouse in Eden Prairie, where Marv is active in Eden Prairie Jaycees and president of his townhouse association. The Schneiders celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

Marv's win-win experience with tennis convinced him it is *the* game for seniors. To prove his point, he joined STPC in 1991 and got into Roger Boyer's clinics and several leagues. Today he captains four courts of mixed doubles at Flagship.

Competitive and rated 3.0, Marv's recruited like players for his league. This proved difficult, as he discovered players' ratings often were way off base. But eventually he pulled together a "fairly uniform" group that plays hard and fast.

In addition, Marv still enjoys tennis twice a week with his former Honeywell pals. STPC monthly tennis parties often find him in hot competition. Marv is also learning to teach tennis. In about six months he'll complete the Roger Boyer program for instructing inner city youngsters.

And he's just as involved in basketball. For several years, Marv has played regularly on an "over forty" church team. Although the oldest player, he has no trouble keeping up.

Ramona laments that Marv spends more time on tennis and basketball than on his business of selling mutual funds, IRAs, life insurance, and annuities to seniors.

Maybe so. But in all likelihood, long-term care insurance, a product Marv has just begun peddling, is one he'll never need! ■



**Marv  
Schneider**

## Two-Liner Want Ads

These free two-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 100 spaces long, so be brief!**

**Winter Vacation.** Meet Ernie, Lois, and Connie in San Antonio, March 10-17. Sign up—Early Bird Special! Call Chuck Supplee, 888-0551.

**Naples, FL House.** 1950 ft. \$196,000 includes golf equity and tennis. Call 941-353-1143.

**Naples, FL.** Share a condo at World Tennis Center for one, two weeks or more. Call Jim Erler, 471-9750.

**Captiva Is. FL.** South Seas Plantation beach condo. 2 BR, BA, sleeps 6. Available all weeks in Feb. 920-7909.

**For Sale.** Retirement/investment property 4 condo unit, 25 acres adjacent to Gooseberry Falls, North Shore. \$299K/BO. Must sell. Don, 426-3568

**For Sale.** Luxury Wayzata townhouse. Premier location, only complex with private tennis court & pool. \$299K, by owner. 449-6979, 954-564-1111.

**For Sale.** Brass fireplace set. Grate, andirons, screen, tools, basket. \$40. 698-4102.

**Make 1998 a winner!** Schwinn tandem bike, \$200. A steal for 2 seniors. Lew Workman, 869-9162.

**Wanted.** Good running 4-door midsize car, AT, AC, no rust, 6 cyl., under \$2500. 476-1298.

**Wanted.** Regular player, 3.0-3.5, for tennis at Oakdale Fridays 7-9 am. Call Sue, 929-4673.

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## World Tennis Center, Naples, Florida

Join us for 2, 4, or 6 weeks 1/31-3/14/98—fabulous location!

**Location:** Our 82.5 acre resort is located in Naples just 2.5 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, 5 minutes from I-75; exit 16, west 2 miles to Airport-Pulling Road, left (south) 1 mile to resort on left.

**Who Should Come?** Tennis players of all ages and abilities and their nonplaying spouses and friends are welcome to join the fun. We'll find roommates for singles if needed. Plan to attend our pretrip information meeting in December.

**Reserve Now!** Act soon! Reservations for Naples Tennis 98 are on a first come, first serve basis. A \$200 deposit per person guarantees your reservation. Deposits are refundable until December 1, 1997, at which time the full balance is due.

**Airfares:** If you are planning to go as a frequent flyer or senior ultra fare, we strongly recommend you make early reservations.

### Naples' Premier Family & Tennis Resort!

**Accommodations:** 148 fully furnished 2 bedroom/2 bath apartments, completely equipped kitchen and washer/dryer in every apartment.

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City/State/Zip

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New Brighton MN 55112

**Questions?**

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| Circle Session   | Cost    | Date      | No. Days | Deposit/ Person        | No. Persons | Total \$\$ |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| A  | \$550   | 1/31-2/14 | 14       | \$200                  |             |            |
| B  | \$550   | 2/14-2/28 | 14       | \$200                  |             |            |
| C  | \$550   | 2/28-3/14 | 14       | \$200                  |             |            |
| A/B  | \$925   | 1/31-2/28 | 28       | \$200                  |             |            |
| B/C  | \$925   | 2/14-3/14 | 28       | \$200                  |             |            |
| A/B/C  | \$1,420 | 1/31-3/14 | 42       | \$200                  |             |            |
| All prices are per person and based on 4 persons/condo plus 9% tax due with the final payment. |         |           |          | <b>Total enclosed:</b> |             |            |



## New Member Lessons and Member Drills

### Nicollet Tennis Center

4005 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis. 825-6844

|       |            |     |        |             |                |          |
|-------|------------|-----|--------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Mon   | 4:30-6 pm  | M/W | \$2.00 | All Ratings | Ernie Greene   | 488-6359 |
|       |            |     |        |             | Dave Earlewine | 470-4041 |
| 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.

|     |         |     |        |         |             |          |
|-----|---------|-----|--------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Wed | 9-10 am | M/W | \$6.00 | 2.5-3.5 | Chris Combs | 854-7171 |
| Fri | 9-10 am | M/W | \$6.00 | 2.5-3.0 | Chris Combs | 854-7171 |

### Nicollet Tennis Center

4005 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis. Note: Phone 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 |
|------|---------|-----|--------|------------|------------|----------|

### Wooddale Recreation Center

2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury. Note: Space is limited. You must sign up.

|       |        |     |        |             |              |          |
|-------|--------|-----|--------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| Thurs | 1-2 pm | M/W | \$7.00 | All Ratings | Lois Nordman | 735-6214 |
|-------|--------|-----|--------|-------------|--------------|----------|

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.

If there are any errors or omissions in this schedule, please call Chuck Emme, 788-2824, or Jack Wallin, 457-2266, with your corrections.