
SENIOR ♦ TENNIS ♦ TIMES

NEWSLETTER OF THE SENIOR TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB, INC.

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Line Calls

by Dick Lidstone, STPC President—It's a start of another year. 1997 was a full year, though. Every event seemed to go as planned with the exception of the Grandparent-Grandchild Round Robin. Rain was the culprit, just as it was in the 1996 Jack Dow Tournament. Capping off 1997 on a pleasant note, Board member Carol Hall offered to take on the role of Historian for the club, which was most welcome and accepted. All in all, 1997 was a vintage year.

To start off 1998, what could be more appropriate than perpetuating the STPC organization? Mary Kaminski and her committee of Mary Wenz, Firmin Alexander, and yours truly (although not as available as other members) have been very busy sorting through and finding candidates interested in becoming Board members in April. Determining candidates who have an interest, wish to serve, and have abilities useful to the planned activities of the Board for 1998 and beyond is a big job. The screening pro-



cess takes time and persistence. Once the process has been completed, the committee will present their recommendations to the Board for further consideration and action.

I am also very pleased that some members have volunteered to chair committees for a number of events planned for 1998. So far we have:

- Annual Meeting—Bev Sinniger and a cochair
- Captain's Dinner—Jim Tornoe and Bob Tischbein
- John Bolger Clinic—Bill Connell and Ron Liddiard

Other chairs will be announced as they occur. Incidentally, if anyone wishes to serve on these committees, they may contact the chairpersons above. Other ongoing projects and activities will be communicated as they progress. 1998 should be another busy year, so stay in good health and stay active!

Important!

This will be your **last newsletter** if you haven't renewed your membership in STPC for 1998!

If you want to continue receiving the *Times* and have a listing in the 1998 Membership Roster, send in your invoice and dues now. The final deadline is January 31, 1998.

If you can't find your invoice, call Nancy Kaminski at 672-6882 (day) or 781-3271 (evening) for a duplicate. **Act now!**

Club Notes

New Club Historian Named

by Dick Lidstone—For some time STPC has been without a club historian. Carol Hall, in addition to her other contributions to STPC, has volunteered to take on the historian's duties and responsibilities. As president, I couldn't be more pleased! She has shown us what she can do and does it. Thanks, Carol.

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.

Mike Bosanko needs one, and possibly two, 3.0–3.5 regular players to play at Decathlon on Wednesdays, 9–11 a.m. from January 7 through April 22. Subs are also welcome! If you're interested, call Mike at 881-0258.

Senior Single Set Events

February: Garrison Keillor

Join the Senior Single Set to watch Garrison Keillor and "A Prairie Home Companion." Contact Carol Curry at 920-2222 for details. ■

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!*

Review for 1998

Here are some basic rules to keep in mind as we head into the 1998 playing season:

- When the first service is obviously out, it is discourteous to return the ball across the net.
- In doubles, when one partner calls the ball in and the other calls it out, the ball is considered in.
- "First ball in" (FBI) is *not* an acceptable tennis procedure.
- The server should announce the set score before his first serve, and the game score before each game.
- Talking or loud noises during play are disruptive and inconsiderate.
- When returning balls to the server, make sure he is ready to receive them.
- And remember, use courtesy and consideration at all times! ■

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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. ■

In Memoriam

Bud (Leonard) Lilyquist, 79, of Shoreview, died in December. He is remembered by his fellow players as an excellent tennis player with an unbelievable twist/spin shot and a really nice man. Our sympathies go to his family.

Donald Gilbertson, of Edina, a recently-joined STPC member, passed away several months ago. Our deepest sympathies to his family.

Ruth Reid, 83, of New Brighton died December 11 of cancer. She and her husband of 60 years, Bob, were long-time members of STPC. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bob and their four children and their families.

Norm Diamond, 80, died in late December of cancer. Norm, the author of many *Tennis Times* member biographies and other stories, and a former Board member, was a US Army WWII veteran who served in Italy, where he received three Purple Hearts, and the Silver and Bronze Stars. Norm was best known and loved for his humor and story telling. Our sympathies go to his wife, Barbara, also an STPC member, and their children and their families.

Coming soon...

John Bolger Tennis Clinic & Luncheon

Tuesday, May 19, 1998

Watch for Details!

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 _____



Captains' Profiles

Kent Dickerman

by Carol Hall—Kent Dickerman is a ham-radio operator, that is. He regularly communicates in Morse code with other ham radio hobbyists around the globe.



**Kent
Dickerman**

But sending out dots and dits is Kent's only sedentary pastime. An avid sportsman, he windsurfs, sculls, hikes, sails, skis, and plays tennis.

"I've downhill skied all my life," Kent said, "and I'm going to ski this winter."

Slaloming down a mountain was out of the question last winter. In February, Kent underwent surgery to replace a leaking heart valve. His mitral valve replacement was an experimental procedure using a valve not approved by the FDA. According to Kent, this valve,

the ATS, is more efficient than the one commonly used.

The seriousness of the surgery gave Kent a scare, but the results are impressive. Following extensive rehabilitation, Kent came back to tennis in September. Despite a nasty scar running from collarbone to stomach which still gives him some discomfort, Kent captains an early morning men's league at Decathlon.

Kent, who is 67, was born in Saint Paul. His father's involvement in the technical field of the paper industry took the family to the mill town of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, where Kent was reared.

He earned a degree in chemistry from Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, a school specializing in paper technology.

Kent's career path zigzagged from Europe to Saint Paul, Wisconsin Rapids, Plattsburgh, New York, and back to Saint Paul. He first worked on various paper mill projects while in Europe on a student visa. From there, he became a chemist for 3M, a process engineer and technical supervisor for Consolidated Pa-

per, Inc. and later Collins and Aikman Co. He retired in 1987 from Summit Packaging as a salesman of corrugated shipping containers.

Retirement found Kent building a vacation home on the site of his family's lake home on Love Lake near Danbury, Wisconsin. Here he seriously pursues tennis, using the family court, sailboarding, and sculling. "I'm up every morning at 7 a.m., and row two miles up and down the lake," Kent said. "I have a single man shell. It's narrow and very tippy, but I haven't tipped over yet."

Kent and wife Ariel are volunteers in a DNR project to discover the trends for the lake. The long term goal is to get the lake, which has become weedy, back to pristine condition.

The Dickermans split time between their lake home and their Saint Paul Crocus Hill home. They have no children, but do have a pet yellow lab, Corky. Ariel retired after twelve years as a savings consultant and loan officer at Twin City Federal. A graduate of Smith College, she is from Boston, and grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. The Dickermans have been married 40 years.

Kent serves on the STPC Board of Directors. He is treasurer of the Saint Paul Radio Club, and a member of the Downtown Saint Paul Lion's Club. A 'people person,' Kent once was shy, particularly in groups, but overcame shyness considerably through another organization, the Toastmasters Club. Today, when asked to speak, "Ariel says I talk too much."

He's no slouch on the subject of amateur radio, either. Although he began just five years ago, Kent's invested \$3,000 in the best equipment. An "amateur extra," he's a top level operator, which, he says "allows me to do anything."

'Chatting' in the universal language of Morse code, Kent's gotten to know operators in the US, Mexico, Argentina, Sweden, and Japan. A certain 'Herm' in Maryland is Kent's regular—they connect every week.

"It's like fly fishing," Kent said of seeking out operators who want to communicate. "I keep casting till I get a bite."

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. For registration blanks, call Lois, 774-3782 or Chuck, 888-0551.

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

World Tennis Center, Naples, FL. 1/31-4/14/98. 2 wk or longer sessions in Florida's #1 city. Call Don Bratt, 636-7083.

Wanted: 1 or 2 to share 2-BR, 2-BA house, World Tennis Center, Naples. 1-6 wk, Jan, Feb, Mar. Low \$\$\$. Jim Erler, 941-403-8243.

Your Friend in Real Estate. 27 years experience. John Cummins, Counselor Realty, 566-4111.

For Sale: Nordic Track WalkFit. New, \$350. 938-4088.

For Sale: Cardioglide exercise machine, for seated aerobic workout. Like new, \$125. Call Edna Bernstein, 544-7229.

For Sale. Book "Caboose Tenants"—ages 8-13. Delightful kid's story, \$7.95. Call 937-1709.

Wanted. Small accordion with piano keys. Call Pete, 571-0254.

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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.

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

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Dining/Amenities: Le Petit Cafe, pool-side restaurant & bar, full-service pro shop, USPTA professional tennis staff offering instructions, programs, and tournaments. Tennis calendar of activities for all ages & ability levels. Golfing arrangements made for you at over 20 local golf courses.

Name 1

Name 2

Address

Address

City/State/Zip

City/State/Zip

Phone

Phone

Register early if you intend to rent a condo alone or plan on staying more than 2 weeks.

Fill out this form and send it with your check (payable to Naples Tennis 98) to

Don Bratt
3044 18th St. NW
New Brighton MN 55112

Questions?

Call Don at 636-7083.

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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.				Total enclosed:		

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
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Wooddale Recreation Center

2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury. 735-6214

Mon	8-9:30 pm		\$2.00		Lois Nordman	735-6214
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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
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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
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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.

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eighth page (3½ x 2¼ in)	\$30
classified ad (members only, max. 4 lines)	\$15
2-line ad (members only, 50 spaces/line)	free

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