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JUNE 1998

STPC Annual Meeting and Luncheon

By Carol Hall—"In Fridley, we say 'laugh till you leak!'" joked comedienne Merrilyn Belgum, featured entertainer for the annual meeting luncheon. The capacity crowd of 200, gathered at the Bloomington Doubletree Hotel, roared in approval.

Decked out in satin, sequins, and feathers, the 74-year-old Belgum "got funnier" for nearly an hour. She delivered hilarious personal sketches of her Norwegian Lutheran family life in the north Minneapolis suburb, spent with husband "Einar" and son "Rolf." Often, when a story got an extra laugh, Belgum, in an aside to the assembled tennis players, would quip, "that one went over the net!"

Belgum, the "Queen Mother of Comedy," appeared following a brief meeting conducted by past president Dick Lidstone and treasurer Ron Liddiard. Liddiard also presented Lidstone with a plaque and gift from the board in appreciation of his year as president.

Master of Ceremonies David Brink opened the proceedings with an eloquent tribute to the late Jim Tornoe, STPC president who died unexpectedly

April 18. Everyone present was saddened by the loss of Tornoe, who was to have been introduced at the meeting. However, Brink noted that Tornoe had chosen to have his life celebrated joyously, with a jazz trio playing Dixieland tunes at his memorial service. And that Belgum's performance today was especially appropriate in that it was in keeping with that spirit.

Preceding the program and sit-down luncheon in the elegant paneled room, board member and professional pianist Jack Wallin entertained for the social hour.

A number of excellent door prizes, including tennis lessons by STPC's own Lois Nordman and Connie Custodio, were garnered and distributed by annual meeting committee members Bernice Hansen and Don Weiss. Beverly Sinniger and Carol Hall cochaired the committee, which also included Bob Western and Carol Curry. Jeanette Busch served as receptionist and Dick Pratt could be seen "every-

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Left: Merrilyn Belgum. Center: Treasurer Ron Liddiard presents a plaque and gift to outgoing president Dick Lidstone. Right: Annual Meeting Luncheon Committee: Front row, L-R: Bev Sinniger, Bernice Hanson, Carol Hall, Jeanette Busch. Back row, L-R: Bob Western, Don Weiss, David Brink.



From the President

By Firmin Alexander, STPC President

STPC began a new fiscal year on April 1—a good time to take stock of how the organization is performing. The answer seems simple enough: STPC is filled with activities and programs meeting the needs of a varied membership.

STPC is probably the largest organization of senior tennis players in the country! With approximately 1,800 members, it is certainly the largest organization in any metropolitan area—and with that size comes a challenge.

The summer outdoor tennis program has courts available at thirty different sites throughout the metro area. Reserved court time is available every day of the week, including Sunday. Each site has a captain for every time each day the courts are scheduled—over 160 hours of court time every week. Lessons and drills are available, too. Check the schedule in this issue for times and locations.

Special activities and programs abound for the summer. The summer Stecklein Team Tennis League, mixed doubles competition, begins June 16. The Hit 'N Giggle women's daytime league began June 3. Opportunities to play are still available. A Super Seniors League (over 65) plays a regular schedule this

summer. The Senior Singles Set (for those not married) has a full schedule of activities. The River Falls Adult Tennis Camp is accepting registrations now. And the Grandparent-Grandchild Round Robin Tournament is set for July 18. And of course, the Third Annual Jack Dow Senior Tennis Tournament is scheduled for September 8-12. Information on all of these activities and events is found elsewhere in this issue of the Times.

And so you can see that STPC is healthy and alive, with an abundance of tennis activities for all seniors.

The sudden death of our newly-elected president, Jim Tornoe, left a void difficult to fulfill. Because of many circumstances, I will be unable to assume the duties of president. In addition, three vacancies on the board exist. Mary Kaminski will chair a nominating committee to seek candidates for the three board positions, president and vice president, who will then serve out the remainder of this term of office. This process should be complete by September 1, if not sooner. In the meantime, I will continue to serve as president and will perform all the duties necessary to see the programs and activities will flourish as in the past.

Membership Drive Prize Drawing!

Win \$100—just bring in 2 new members
to be entered in the drawing!

Rules: The membership application must be dated in June or July, and your name listed as the referral. The contest starts now! Call Grayce Aberle for more information.

Fourth Annual Grandparent-Grandchild Round Robin

Saturday—July 18—8 a.m. to noon
Valley View Courts
90th & Portland—Bloomington *

Here's an opportunity for you to play tennis with your grandchild, share time together and most of all have fun together! Bob Eidem, event coordinator, is planning a fun round robin event.

Only \$3 per person! The deadline for reservations is July 14. Send your reservation form and your check, payable to STPC, to:

Bob Eidem
5484 Meister Road
Fridley, MN 55432

For more information, call Bob at 571-7943.

* In case of rain, the indoor courts at Nicollet Tennis Center will be used.

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Your Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Grandchild's Name _____

Grandchild's Age _____

Club Notes

Captains' Corner

By Jack Wallin—A few years ago, I checked out what indoor tennis courts might be available for fall and winter play and found that the St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club had a couple of openings. Spending a few hours on the phone that summer, I managed to line up enough players and subs for three courts. This same opportunity presents itself each year for someone to put together a few courts for the next indoor season. It does take a little time, but many players are looking for the opportunity to play regularly.

The St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club does have a Thursday morning opening for next season. There is also a new indoor facility going up in Oakdale which may have time available. Chuck Emme also hears of occasional openings in the West Metro area. Captaining, while requiring a little work to get started, is fun and rewarding. Give us a call and we'll work with you.

It Was Jim Tornoe's Idea

Last September, Percy Hughes and the late Jim Tornoe conducted a free club-sponsored eight-week course in tennis fundamentals for new or almost new players, 1.5 or below.

The level of interest was good, and so a second group was organized a few months ago. These are the STPCers in Jim's second graduating class: Marcella Baldwin, Doris Bloom, Mary Carver, Peggy King, Jane Madsen, Margaret Pearson, Jerry Rose, Yvonne Rose, and Joyce Wehrmann.

These new players have already started as "regulars." Congratulations!

Calling All Dow Tournament Players!

Everyone who is going to play in the 1998 Jack Dow Tournament in September must have an official skill level rating, whether by our verifiers (Ernie Greene, Lois Nordman, and Percy Hughes) or USTA.

Your rating from 1997 will be reviewed by the verifiers familiar with your ability, and more than likely it will remain the same. All 1998 ratings will be published in the *Times* before the tournament. If your name is not posted, contact Percy Hughes at 831-2872. You may appeal the rating by calling Percy.

Volunteers Needed for Special Olympics

The Minnesota Special Olympics Summer Games needs volunteers to help with tennis on Saturday, June 27. It is the qualifier for the International Games, which will be held in 1999 in North or South Carolina.

We need 25 to 30 volunteers to serve as scorekeepers, timers, presenters, registrars, mentors, and general supporters. This is very rewarding, not only for the participating athletes (who are of all ages) but for the volunteers.

You will receive training, a T-shirt, an ID tag, and lunch. We do offer shade under the tent for refreshing relief if it is sunny.

The tennis will be held at the Fourth Street Courts at the University of Minnesota, from 8 a.m. to about 4 p.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 7:30 a.m. There is flexibility, though, for those whose schedule needs adjustment.

If you would like to be a volunteer, call Lynn Erickson at 484-0100, or Shirley Pratt at 433-3583.

New Courts for the Indoor Season

Additional courts have been arranged at Flagship, Midwest, and Oakdale for the 1998-99 indoor season starting in September. The time slot is 7-9 a.m., Monday through Friday.

If you would like to play at these locations, call Chuck Slocum at 941-4059. New groups are being formed.

Playing Nice: Encouraging Civility on the Courts

By Bob Tischbein—Here are some rules to remember:

- If the ball is one-sixteenth of an inch out, you must call it in.
- It is not permissible to call let on line calls. The ball is either out or in. If there is a doubt, the ball is in.
- Only the player closest to the ball should make a line call. In no case may a player on the other side of the court make a line call. If no player saw the ball, it was in.
- The server must call the set score before starting a set and the game score before serving the next point.
- Never ever question an opponent's call, not even with a comment, a gesture, a quizzical look, or a raised eyebrow.

Congratulations!

Congratulation to Harry Mydra, the latest STPC member to complete twelve lessons.

Remember to keep track of your lessons and let your instructor know when you've completed the set of twelve.

In Memoriam

Emmett Frawley, 71, of Edina died May 21. Sympathy is extended to his children and their families.

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where" in his role of roving photographer.

Present as guests of the board were past presidents Sue Larson, Joe Stoutenburgh, John Stecklein, and Bob Curran. (Absent was Holger Christensen.) The luncheon also was honored with the presence of Jacqueline Tornoe, widow of Jim Tornoe.

By all accounts, the event was a huge success.

Annual meeting door prize sponsors include Twin City Tennis Supply, Decathlon Club, US Tennis Association—Northern Division, Bridges Golf Course, Moundsvew, and STPC tennis pros.

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!**

For Sale. Alpine Trek exercise machine. Movement emulates cross-country skiing. \$75. 731-5127.

For Sale. Alumacraft 17-foot canoe, \$325; Evinrude 2HP outboard, \$450; both like new. 482-8306.

Wanted. Small clothes mangle. 470-0855.

Want lipstick that stays on you rather than your cup, or him? Call LaVerne at 929-8120, Southwest Herbal Products.

For Sale. Lawnboy commercial 21" self-propelled mower, 2 bags, exc. condition. \$150. 484-4477.

For Sale. Nordic Rider exercisor, like new, was \$150, now \$50. 484-4477.

For Sale. 96 Pontiac Bonneville SE 4-dr. sedan, light tan, 42K miles. 953-0227.

Tennis Players Needed! Northland Senior Games, July 13-17, Duluth. Call 1-800-4-DULUTH.

For Sale. Wilson Hammer, 2.7 racquet, 110, grip 4.25, \$95. Call 459-6059.

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Captains' Profiles

Patricia Palmer

By Carol Hall—That Pat Palmer captains a tennis league is radical. Pat had never played the game—never even considered it—until retirement. Even then, “I had no desire to learn tennis,” she stated emphatically. However, Pat finally gave in because it’s hard to say no to Dot Guenther.



In 1995, Dot persuaded Pat to join Senior Tennis and take Virginia Morgan’s drills. “Getting started was like going for a root canal,” Pat said. “But Virginia Morgan was so encouraging, I began to think maybe I could do it.”

That Pat’s husband Tony is a tennis nut, who plays six days a week, was another incentive to learn. Pat soon discovered she enjoyed tennis so much, she took over captaining a struggling mixed doubles league which meets winters at Lilydale and summers at Valley Park. She’s been captaining now for two years, and the league is flourishing.

“We’re the ‘little kids,’ the 2.0 and 2.5s,” Pat said. “We have such a good time just for the fun of it all.” But the group of beginners is determined to improve and gets out and plays Thursday and Friday as well.

Pastimes Pat always has enjoyed are things she does alone, such as skating, swimming, and bicycling. She also loves to sew, making her own clothes, and doing alterations for friends.

Pat, who looks much younger, just turned seventy. She was reared in West Saint Paul and graduated from Saint Joseph’s Academy. After studying two years at the Catholic Teachers College in the Hill Mansion, she transferred to and graduated with a BA from Saint Catherine’s College in 1950, in English and education.

Beginning in the 1950s and through the 1970s, Pat taught in Twin Cities parochial schools, most notably Saint Leo’s in Highland Park.

Vatican II in 1965 proved pivotal for Pat. The changes that came about restored the need for the

laity to take over many roles in the church. Consequently, while teaching in the Twin Cities, Pat spent summers in Indiana, pursuing a degree in liturgical studies from Notre Dame University. She graduated in 1972 with an MA.

Pat also met Tony Palmer at Notre Dame. Tony, a teacher from Iowa, was in the same degree program. The couple, who got together “between books,” eventually married in 1980.

Using her MA, Pat volunteered with her church to teach adults to read during Mass, assist with Communion, and hold prayer services for the sick and dying.

In 1980 a new job opportunity in San Jose, California, opened up. Pat went to work for “Modern Liturgy” magazine as educational and liturgical consultant. Tony also changed occupations and worked for a microprocessing firm in the area. After a year, Pat resumed teaching and served as school principal in San Francisco area parochial schools.

Commenting on the much publicized violence in today’s schools, Pat said, “I know I couldn’t be a teacher today. I don’t know why it happens. But there is so much kids see on TV. It seems the cool thing to do.”

After 15 years in sunny California, and a daily sixty mile round trip commute to work, the Palmers decided to return to Minnesota to be nearer family during their retirement. Today they live in a townhouse in Mendota Heights. They are actively involved in Saint Peter’s Church adult education, together teaching scripture and theology.

Pat’s friends know her to be a friendly and charming person who meets people readily, “and it doesn’t hurt that she’s also a great cook and tells really funny jokes,” stated Dot Guenther. “Pat leads with grace, discipline, direction, and a great sense of humor,” added team member Mary Connors.

And Pat is the answer to Percy Hughes’ prayers: an inspiration to every reticent beginner who’s completed Percy’s drills, to get into a league and enjoy!

Tournament Rules

Fee. \$5 per event, per person.

Events. Rating 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 men's, women's, and mixed doubles, 2 out of 3 sets regular, 12 point tie breaker if necessary.

A player may enter a total of 2 events.

The 15 minute default rule will be enforced.

Starting times. Call for your starting time on Sept. 3 or 4.

Last names A-M: Ronnae Wagner, 935-9370
Last names N-Z: Winnie Lund, 930-3060

All entrants must be rated by an STPC professional or have a current USTA rating.

Upcoming rating sessions:

June 17, Wed., 10:30 a.m., Tanners Lake
June 24, Wed, 7 p.m., Breck School
July 9 & 23, Thurs. 10 a.m., Aquila Park
July 27-29, Senior Tennis Camp, River Falls, WI

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Senior Tennis Tournament

September 8-12, 1998
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

98th Street Northwest Athletic Club
1001 98th Street, Bloomington, MN

2 players may use this form. Entries close August 24, 1998.

Event	Name (Print)	Rating	Phone
Men's Doubles	1.		
	2.		
Women's Doubles	1.		
	2.		
Mixed Doubles	1.		
	2.		

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Send check for \$5 per person per event and this form to:

Senior Tennis Players Club
2888 Joppa Ave #206
Saint Louis Park, MN 55416

1998 Summer Court Schedules

Court Location	Day	Skill	Time	Captain	Phone
Outdoor Courts					
Aquila Park Minnetonka Blvd & Aquila Ave, St. Louis Park	Monday Friday		9-11 a.m.	Jim Lidstone	938-4088
	Wednesday		9-11 a.m.	Captain needed	
Augsburg Park 72nd & Blaidell, Richfield	Monday through Friday		7:30-9:30 a.m.	Lorraine McDaniel Ruth Aase	869-7392 941-7116
Brooklyn Center High School 65th & Humboldt Ave N, Brooklyn Center	Tuesday Thursday		8:30-10:30 a.m.	Bernard Ackerson	537-5061
Brookview Park Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave, Golden Valley	Saturday		8-10 a.m.	Joyce Hautman Aldean Cummings	545-4051 474-1731
Carpenter Park Minnetonka Blvd & Raleigh Ave, St. Louis Park	Monday	2.5-3.5	9-11 a.m.	Joyce Anderson	332-7417
	Tuesday Friday Saturday	2.5-3.5	9-11 a.m.	LaVerne Wilger	929-8120
	Wednesday	2.5-3.5	9-11 a.m.	Barb Webb	922-0757
Christian Park 69th & Bloomington Ave, Richfield	Monday Wednesday Friday		7:30-10 a.m.	Chad Sharkey	866-7682
City Center Courts Chanhassen	Friday		9-11 a.m.	John Goulett, Jr. Mary Goulett	445-4165 445-4165
Como Park Horton Ave near Lexington, Saint Paul	Monday Wednesday		8-10 a.m.	John Connelly	771-2664
Dred Scott Park W Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Rd, Bloomington	Monday through Friday		8-10 a.m.	Chuck Supplee Chuck Slocum (coordinators)	888-0551 941-4059
Edina Senior High School 6754 Valley View Rd, Edina	Tuesday Thursday		6-8 p.m.	Jack Reynolds (coordinator)	831-5080
	Saturday Sunday		4-6 p.m.		
Fairview Community Center Cleveland & Skillman, Roseville	Wednesday Friday	3.0-3.5 Men only	8-10 a.m.	Dan Nedoroski	645-2368
Fridley Commons 62nd & 7th Ave (northwest corner), Fridley	Tuesday Thursday	3.0-4.0	9-11 a.m.	Bob Metcalf	571-3596
Gro-Tonka Park North of Minnetonka Blvd, east of 101 & Grove- land School, Minnetonka	Monday through Friday		8-10 a.m.	Lloyd Layton	476-1298

Court Location	Day	Skill	Time	Captain	Phone
Hopkins Central High School 17th Ave SE, Hopkins	Monday Wednesday	3.0-3.5	9-11 a.m.	Ed Fischer	550-9770
Irondale High School Long Lake Rd south of Cty Rd H, New Brighton	Saturday	3.0-3.5	8-10 a.m.	Jim Vint	636-0071
Lone Lake Park Shady Oak Rd north of Bren Rd, Minnetonka	Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday		8-10 a.m.	Paul Weinreis	935-9463
Marthaler Park 1625 Humboldt Ave across from City Hall, West Saint Paul	Tuesday Thursday		9-11 a.m.	Pat Calvin	699-6899
Normandale College 96th & France Ave, Bloomington	Wednesday		9-11 a.m.	Chuck Supplee	888-0551
North Valley Park Off 70th ½ mile east of Lafayette Freeway, Inver Grove Heights	Monday Wednesday Friday		9-11 a.m.	Shirley Nelson	455-2692
Oakdale Courts 45th & Granada (½ mile east of 120 on 45th) Oakdale	Tuesday Thursday Saturday		8-10 a.m.	Betty Livingston	777-9723
Parker's Lake Cty Rd 6 & Niagara Ln, Plymouth	Friday	3.0-3.5 Men only	9-11 a.m.	Ed Fischer	550-9770
Roseville Middle School Cty Rd B2, 2 blocks east of Rice, Roseville	Saturday		9-11 a.m.	Shirley Kresko Vernon Hendrix	770-1272 483-8595
Shawnee Park 6515 Scheel Dr (Upper Afton Rd to Martha, north to Scheel), Woodbury	Monday Wednesday Friday		9-11 a.m.	Captains needed	
Skillman Courts East of Cleveland on Skillman, Roseville	Tuesday Thursday		8-10 a.m.	Pat Grames Esther Shivers	646-4776 646-4776
3M Tartan Park 20th St N between Cty Rds 17 & 15, Lake Elmo Enter picnic and sports area. If wet, play at Wooddale Indoor Club	Monday Wednesday Friday		8-10 a.m. 5/4 through 6/4 7-9 a.m. 6/8 through 10/1	Darlene Moynagh	436-8927
Valley Park Marie east of Victoria, Mendota Heights	Monday		7:30-9 a.m.	Patricia Palmer	686-6780
	Tuesday		7:30-9 a.m.	Bunny Dougherty	454-1353
	Wednesday		7:30-9 a.m.	Dot Guenther	457-4682
	Thursday		7:30-9 a.m.	Nancy Karasov	452-3172
	Friday		7:30-9 a.m.	Lee Williams	452-0152
Valley View Park 90th between Nicollet & Portland, Bloomington	Monday Tuesday Friday		7:30-9:30 a.m.	Jerry and Gigi Stangler	897-0811

Court Location	Day	Skill	Time	Captain	Phone
Wayzata Bell Courts 1 block north of Nwy 12 & Minntonka St, Wayzata	Wednesday		9-11 a.m.	Marilyn Thome	471-9813
White Bear Lake High School Cty Rd 6 & McKnight Rd, White Bear Lake	Wednesday		6-8 p.m.	Shirley Kresko	770-1272
Beginner Lessons and Drills					
Aquila Park Minnetonka Blvd & Aquila Ave, St. Louis Park One of four courts for intermediate drills.	Thursday		8:30-10 a.m.	Percy Hughes Paul Stormo	831-2872 944-6286
Bryant Courts 84th & Bryant Ave S, Bloomington 5/20-9/2	Wednesday		8:30-10 a.m.	Percy Hughes	831-2872
Lyons Park (until Breck School is available) Glenwood & Harold St, Golden Valley	Monday		5:30-7 p.m.	Connie Custodio	824-2569
	Wednesday		5:30-7 p.m.	Ernie Greene	488-6359
Tanner's Lake Century Ave near 94 (Left on Hudson Blvd. frontage road to Greenway. Left to 2nd street, left to lake and tennis courts.)	Wednesday	Intermedi- ate	9-10:30 a.m.	Lois Nordman	735-6214
Private Club Drills open to STPC Members					
Decathlon Hotel and Athletic Club 7800 Cedar Ave S, Bloomington \$6 court fee	Wednesday	2.5-3.5	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Chris Combs	854-7171
	Friday	2.5-3.5	8:30-9:30 a.m.		
Nicollet Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis \$5 court fee	Tuesday		11-noon	Varies	825-6844

Free Lessons. Twelve free lessons are offered as part of your STPC membership. New members are encouraged to take advantage of them! After twelve 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 twelve lessons! 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.

Corrections to the Schedule. If there are any errors or omissions in this schedule, please notify Jack Wallin, 457-2266 (Saint Paul and East Region courts), or Chuck Emme, 788-2824 (Minneapolis and West Region courts).

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