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Renewal Time is Here!

You're going to receive a renewal invoice in the mail soon!

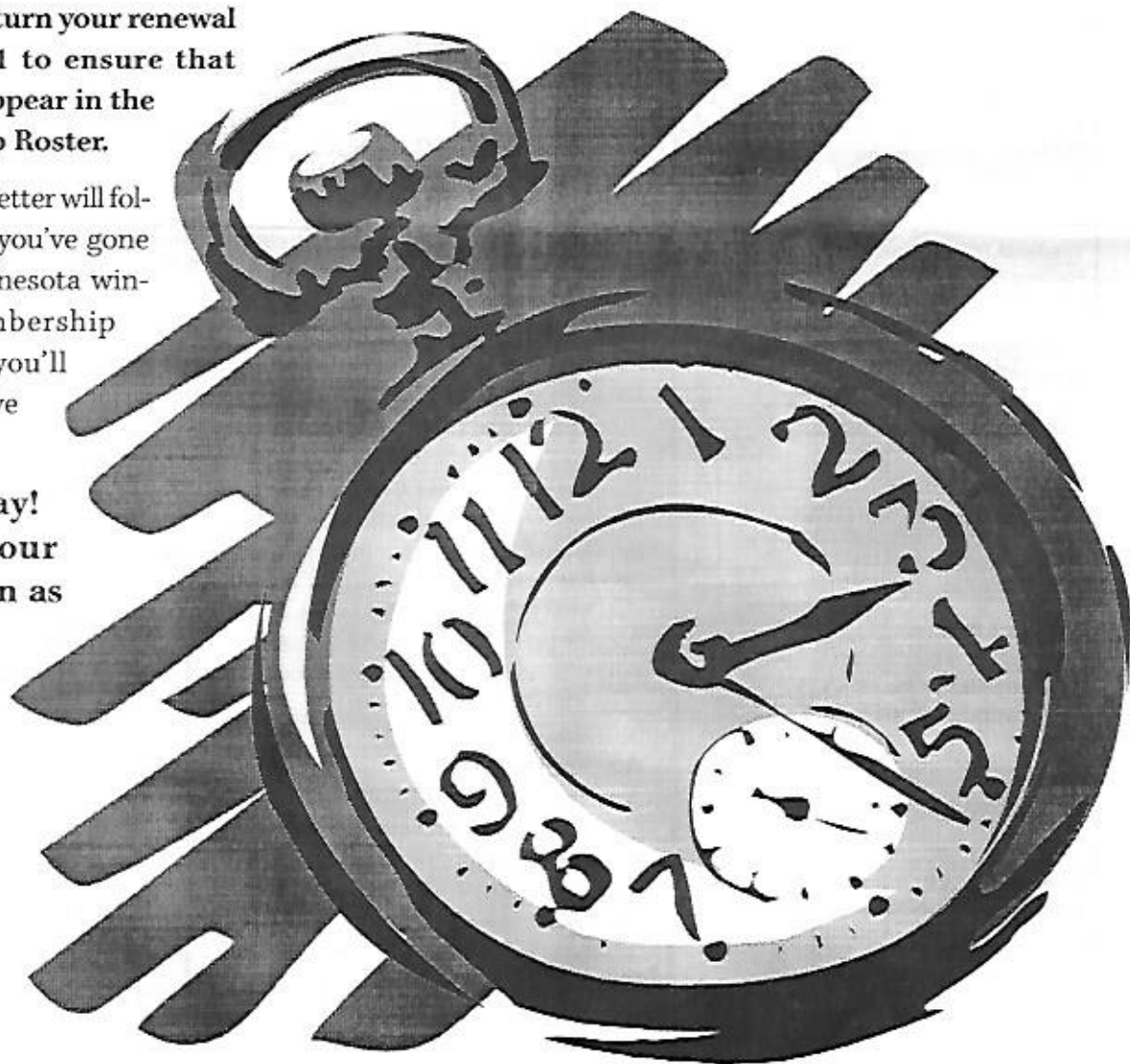
Like last year, this invoice shows your name, address, phone number, skill rating and other data, all of which is stored in the STPC database.

Verify the information and return the form with your check for \$20.

You should return your renewal before January 1 to ensure that your name will appear in the 1999 Membership Roster.

This first-class letter will follow you wherever you've gone to escape the Minnesota winter, so your membership won't lapse and you'll continue to receive the *Times*.

**Don't delay!
Send in your renewal as soon as you receive it!**



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Advertising

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

full page (7 x 9 in)	\$100
half page (7 x 4.5 in)	\$75
quarter page (3.5 x 4.5 in)	\$50
eighth page (3.5 x 2.5 in)	\$30
classified ad (members only, max. 4 lines)	\$15
2-line ad (members only, 50 spaces/line)	free

Publication Deadline

Submit articles to the editor by the 10th 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

Membership Total: 1,769

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Court Notes

Report from the President

By Bob Tischbein, STPC President—The STPC board of directors met October 1 at Hosmer Library for a two-hour meeting. The following are highlights from the meeting. (Next meeting: November 19 at the Roseville Public Library.)

Officer Report

Bob Tischbein introduced two new board members, Jan Hagen and Mel Baken.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Liddiard)

Current Balance	\$35,659
Expenses, Oct-Dec. 98	8,600
Income, bonus membership offer	3000
Dues, Nov 98-Jan 99	32,000
Projected operating expenses, 1999	35,000

Old Business

Jack Dow Tournament (Percy Hughes). The third year of the tournament was a success except for some no-shows. The 98th Street Northwest Tennis Club was ideally suited for the tournament.

Membership (Grayce Aberle). Membership on Oct. 1 was 1,771. Projected total, Nov. 1 is 1,800 and 1,900 for Jan 1, 1999. To achieve these goals she requested board assistance; help from the membership is also needed. 85% of all new members come through current members efforts. An appeal for aid from members should appear in the Times.

Parties (Jan Hagen). Jan announced the tennis party schedule (see schedule, page 2, this issue).

Facilities (Jack Wallin). Jack reported that both St. Paul and Minneapolis facilities are more than adequate for current club needs.

Newsletter (Bev Sinniger). Bev met with editor Nancy Kaminski to discuss cost cutting and improvements. Board discussion included condensing captain profiles, using less white space, and limiting function announcements to a half page. Also under consideration is combining the December/January issues. The deadline has been moved from the 20th of the month to the 10th. The board praised the *Times* as a quality publication but said improvements should be considered.

New Business

A motion was made that STPC functions cannot have expenditures other than those pertaining to and for the sole purpose of the function. It was passed unanimously on a hand vote.

Bob Tischbein announced that chairpersons are needed, and received a good response:

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Tennis Party Schedule 1998-99

Oct. 24	Normandale
Nov. 21	98th Street Athletic Club
Jan. 16	Highway 100 Athletic Club
Mar. 20	Lilydale

Pre-Holiday Tennis Party Saturday November 21

98th St. Athletic Club

1001 W. 98th Street, Bloomington

Play at 5-7 or 7-9 p.m.

\$10 per player

\$5 per nonplayer

Light food and beverages follow play

Deadline Monday, November 16

Send your check, payable to STPC to

Jan Hagen
7510 Cahill Rd 315B
Edina MN 55439
941-4789

Directions: West of 35W at 98th St.

Pre-Holiday Tennis Party Registration Clip and send this form in with your check!



Player 1 _____

Phone _____

Skill Level _____

Play at 5-7 _____ 7-9 _____

Player 2 _____

Phone _____

Skill Level _____

Play at 5-7 _____ 7-9 _____

Tennis Parties!

New Year Tennis Party Saturday January 16

Highway 100 Athletic Club

4001 Lake Breeze Ave, Brooklyn Center
535-3571

Play at 5-7 or 7-9 p.m.

\$10 per player

\$5 per nonplayer

Light food and beverages follow play

Deadline Monday, January 11

Send your check, payable to STPC to

Syble Nordstrand
1688 Wexford Way
Woodbury, MN 55125
731-8281

Directions: Highway 100 and France Ave N,
Brooklyn Center

New Year Tennis Party Registration Clip and send this form in with your check!



Player 1 _____

Phone _____

Skill Level _____

Play at 5-7 _____ 7-9 _____

Player 2 _____

Phone _____

Skill Level _____

Play at 5-7 _____ 7-9 _____

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Public Relations	Syble Nordstrand
Facilities Coordinator, West	Open
Annual Spring Luncheon	Bev Sinniger, Jack Wallin
Captains Dinner	Jan Hagen, Bob Tischbein
Bolger Clinic	Bill Connell, Ron Liddiard
Grandparents Tournament	Bob Eidem
Asst. Chair, Membership, East	Open

Thanks!

By Matt Little, Jack Dow Tournament Committee Chair—I would like to take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the hardworking members of the 1998 Annual Jack Dow Senior Tennis Tournament Committee.

As a person with a 30 year history of volunteer organization participation, I have never seen a more cooperative, energetic committee, whose total focus was the completion of the mission, without regard for personal recognition or credit.

Civility on the Courts

By Ron Liddiard—Calls that you can make against yourself are one of the following:

- The ball touches any part of you or your equipment
- The player's racquet touches the ball (a "tick")
- The player touches the net. You have to stay clear for two bounces of the ball; the first bounce determines in or out, and the second determines that the ball is unplayable.
- The player hits the ball before it crosses the net.
- The ball takes a double bounce.

Have a great game when you play with civility!

Bryant Park Drills a Success

Percy Hughes is happy to report that the first-ever regularly scheduled drills in the Bloomington area were a great success. The drills, held Wednesdays at Bryant Park May through August, were well-attended, with twenty-plus players every week. This location was very convenient for STPC members living in Lakeville, Burnsville, Bloomington, Richfield, and Saint Paul. The drills were so well received that they will most likely be repeated next year.

Participants were: Gloria Barry, Linda Becker, Doris Bloom, Ruth Bonstrager, Carol Bragen, Marion Brattland, Kay Bryant, Jean Carey, Mary Carver, Marian Congdon, Ruth Degenstein, Mary DeLong, Tom Fischer, Colleen Foster, Bob Gilbert, Annette Grad, Vera Heinig, Trudy Hughes, Phyllis Klatt, Elvin Kolstad, Leona Kolstad, Bernie Larson, Katie Malone, Anne Nash, Lucy Nord, John Ritter, Judy Solomonson, Al Sonnelfeld, Toni Spreeman, and Merle Vokaty.

Tennis Court Schedule Corrections

Decathlon

New session: Monday, 11-1 pm, 3.0-3.5 w, 2 courts, Laurene Wastveldt, 935-2369. They are looking for substitutes.

Midwest

Change: Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 a.m., not 7-9 a.m.

Change: Wednesday, 7:30-9 a.m., not 7-9 a.m.

Nicollet

New session: Wednesday, 10:30-12 pm, 2.5-3.0 w, 2 courts, captain Shirley Pratt, 433-3583.

Wooddale

New session: Thursday, 1-3 pm, 2.5-3.0 m/w, 2 courts, captain Tom Quitter, 779-1861.

Correction: Friday, 8-10 a.m. There are 3 courts, not 2.

Williston

Correction: Wednesday, 11-1 p.m. Skill level should be 3.0-3.5.

Congratulations

Bob Gilbert is the latest STPC members to complete twelve lessons. Congratulations!

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!**

Naples FL. World Tennis Center. Share villa; available 1-6 wk periods. Jan 2-Mar 24. Jim Erler, 471-9750.

For Rent: Condo in Sarasota FL area, Nov. 16-Jan. 5. Deluxe 2BR, 2BA, tennis programs, golf, etc. \$1500. 929-4673.

U of M Elderhostel: "Art and Architecture in Splendor." Come as resident or commuter. Dec. 6-11. 593-1117.

Free Tennis with Carefree, AZ townhouse, 2 BR, heated pool, near golf, avail. Jan & after 4/4/99. Call St. Paul owner, 612-631-1044. seasonal rates.

Ballroom Dancing. Refreshments, every Thurs. 1-3:30, Dick Macko's band. Lennox Comm. Ctr, 6715 Mtka Blvd. Questions? Call 428-2052.

Let Captains' Profile writer Carol Hall write your family history: preserve precious memories for your grandchildren. 731-5127.

The Racqueteers, a Senior Tennis jazz band, is available for private parties gratis, subject to availability. 476-1298 or 933-7175.

15th Annual Winter Tennis Vacation

World Tennis Center, Naples, Florida

Join us for 2, 4, or 6 weeks 1/30-3/13/99—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 '99 are on a first come, first serve basis. A \$200 deposit per person guarantees your reservation. Deposits are refundable until December 1, 1998, 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, One of Florida's Choice Spots for Vacation Fun!

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

Recreation: 16 tennis courts (11 clay, 5 hard, 10 lighted for night play), 2,500 seat stadium court, heated pool, outdoor jacuzzi, saunas, basketball court, low impact & aqua aerobic classes, tai-chi class.

Dining/Amenities: Le Petit Cafe, poolside restaurant and bar, full-service pro shop, USPTA professional tennis staff offering instructions, programs, and tournaments. Tennis calendar of activities for all ages and 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.

Note: Reservations can also be made for 3/13-3/27/99!

Fill out this form and send it with your check (payable to Naples Tennis 99) to

Don Bratt
3044 18th St NW
New Brighton MN 55112

**Questions?
Call Don at 636-7083.**

Circle Session	Cost	Date	No. Days	Deposit/ Person	No. Persons	Total \$\$
A	\$550	1/30-2/13	14	\$200		
B	\$550	2/13-2/27	14	\$200		
C	\$550	2/27-3/13	14	\$200		
A/B	\$950	1/30-2/27	28	\$200		
B/C	\$950	2/13-3/13	28	\$200		
A/B/C	\$1,420	1/30-3/13	42	\$200		
All prices are per person, based on 4 persons/condo + 9% tax, due with final payment.						Total Enclosed

Captains' Profiles

By Carol Hall

Ronnae Wagner



Although comfortably settled in Minnetonka, Ronnae left her heart in south Minneapolis. It's where she spent her childhood and much of her adult life.

"I had a tiny house in the wonderful Linden Hills area, near the lakes," said this pleasant woman with the uncommon name. "I loved living there."

Then Ronnae was into her career. Starting in 1965 as an administrative clerk, she eventually

was promoted to Director of the Admitting department at Metropolitan Medical Center and in charge of thirty-two people.

"Every day was interesting," she said. "But it was a tough job because there weren't many rewards. The patients think you take too much information, the business office, not enough. At the same time, it was extremely important work."

Ronnae, who is 65, took early retirement in 1990. That same year she married Howard Wagner, a lab salesperson for Methodist Hospital. "Everyone assumes we met through Senior Tennis, as Howard's also an STPC member," Ronnae said.

Actually, their first meeting took place in a very unlikely setting. Each, sadly, had a spouse with terminal cancer, and they attended the same cancer support group. Ronnae's husband succumbed in 1982, Howard's wife in 1985.

Having lost spouses to cancer, Ronnae and Howard have forged a unique bond. "We share things most people couldn't understand," she said. "We feel lucky to have found each other."

Ronnae was no stranger to tragedy when she lost her husband. "So many other people in my life have died," she said. "And they died so young, in their twenties and thirties. No one else in my family ever reached my age."

Ronnae's bravely weathered it all, remarkably with no visible scars, but rather with a deep appreciation of her longevity and the good life she shares with Howard.

A life that finds her still bowling with an MMC league. Involved in many other activities, she spends time with her son and grandchildren, Erin and Conor Garrity. Serving her church, Westminster Presbyterian, Ronnae assists with dinners and refreshments for special functions.

Aside from a yearly October stay at romantic Naniboujou Lodge on the North Shore, Ronnae and Howard are not much for travelling. Homebodies, they live in Howard's large house,

where he reared his eight children. But they do enjoy entertaining and the house is ideal for their big parties. "We give at least one Christmas party for all the people we play tennis with," Ronnae said. "And every year we host Breakfast at Wimbledon for about thirty people." This event, complete with the traditional Wimbledon strawberries and cream, is always held on a Saturday morning during the Wimbledon women's finals.

Senior Tennis figures heavily into Ronnae's schedule. More "a helper than a leader," she volunteered for phone duty for the recent Jack Dow Tournament, making two hundred calls to participants, with their starting times. Ronnae also worked the October tennis party.

"I'm willing to help," she said, "and I'm extremely committed, and always do what I say." She believes everyone should follow suit, for without volunteers there'd be no STPC.

Ronnae plays tennis four times a week. This includes co-captaining 3.0 and above leagues at Nicollet Wednesdays and Fridays. The last two years she also captained for Team Tennis. Winning gold and bronze medals at the July Duluth Northland Senior Games qualified her for the Orlando Senior Olympics in 1990. Not bad for one who "never touched a tennis racquet" till age 56. But Ronnae loves sports. She played softball and—unusual for the late 1940s—lettered in girls' basketball at her alma mater, West High.

Ronnae finds much to like about suburbia. But she'll always miss Linden Hills, and the sounds of Lake Harriet band concerts drifting through her windows on summer nights.

As for her name, she can't explain the spelling, which appears a misspelled version of 'Rene'—but she can with grandson Conor. "One N instead of the usual two," Ronnae says, "means he's Irish!"

New Member Lessons and Drills

Court Location	Day	Time	Skill	Cost	Instructor	Phone
Nicollet Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis. 825-6844	Monday	4:30-6 pm	all ratings, m/w	\$2.00	Ernie Greene	488-6359
	Thursday	8:30-10 am	all ratings, m/w	\$2.00	Percy Hughes Paul Stormo	831-2872 944-6286
Williston Fitness & Sports 14509 Minnetonka Dr, Minnetonka. 935-8638	Tuesday	5:30-7 pm	all ratings, m/w	\$2.00	Connie Custodio	824-2569
Wooddale Recreation Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury. 735-6214	Wednesday	2:30-4 pm		\$2.00	Lois Nordman	735-6214

Private Club Drills Open to STPC Members

Court Location	Day	Time	Skill	Cost	Instructor	Phone
Decathlon Athletic Club 7800 Cedar Ave S, Bloomington.	Wednesday	8:30-9:30 am	2.5-3.5 m/w	\$6.00	Barb Meyer	854-7171
	Friday	8:30-9:30 am	2.5-3.5 m/w	\$6.00	Barb Meyer	854-7171
Nicollet Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis <i>Note: phone no later than the day before to sign up.</i>	Tuesday	9-10 am	3.0 and up, m/w	\$5.00	Rod Vaught	825-6844

New members are welcome to take 12 free lessons, after which you will receive a free can of balls, a certificate of accomplishment, and congratulations from the STPC president. **Notify the instructor when you have completed 12 lessons!** Members are encouraged to attend lessons and drills to improve your game.

Skill Ratings: To determine your skill rating, attend one of the lessons/drills and ask the instructor to rate you.

Schedule Corrections: Call Jack Wallin, 457-2226 for Minneapolis/West Region with your corrections.

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