
SENIOR ❖ TENNIS ❖ TIMES

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Renewals are Rolling In

By Nancy Kaminski—Much to my mail carrier's dismay, the renewals are pouring in from promptly-acting STPC members. So far, the week of November 16–20 has brought 546 renewals! Thank you, one and all.



That still leaves a whole bunch of folks who haven't responded yet, though, so please return your invoice with a check for \$20 as soon as you can. Quick response guarantees that you will appear in the 1999 Membership Roster.

And here are a few requests from the person who processes your renewal (me!). When you send in your renewal, please:

- Send back the entire invoice, not just a portion of it. We need the whole sheet of paper!
- Remember to sign the bottom of the form—your renewal is not valid without your signature.
- Be sure to check your membership information (especially your area code!) and make any needed corrections.

And while my mail carrier won't be, I'll be looking forward to getting all those envelopes!

December–January, June–July Times Issues to be Combined

You'll note that we've started something new—reducing the number of issues of the *Times* from 12 to 10. This December/January issue is the first one; the next one will be the June/July summer issue. **The deadline for the February issue is January 10, 1999.**

This move has been taken because these months have been light in the news departments in the past. Combining them will help save money for the club.

Please let us know what you think! Call editor Nancy Kaminski at (612) 672-6882 or email her at nancykam@pioneerplanet.infi.net.

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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: 1,792

December/January 1999: Volume 11, Number 12

Court Notes

Report from the President

By Bob Tischbein—It has been some kind of year for STPC. First, to our sorrow, our president-elect Jim Tornoe died very suddenly. Firman Alexander, vice president, took over as president. Firman, because of other commitments, did not feel that he could provide the necessary time and commitment the presidency would require. A nominating committee was selected and after several months, my name for president and Bill Connell's for vice president were submitted to the Board. We were elected and presided at our first meeting in October.

I can report that all is going well. Jan Hagen, social chairman, held the first tennis party at Normandale on October 24. Attendance was very good and the party was enjoyed by everyone. Future parties are scheduled for January 16 at Highway 100 Athletic Club and on March 20 at Lilydale. You should join us for a fun evening.

May I remind you that each year STPC loses 250 members. This is due to moving, sore knees, shoulders, and backs, death, and other legitimate reasons. We must replace these members to maintain our membership and try to increase our base by an additional 10 percent. Your help is needed to accomplish this, considering that 85 percent of our new members are recruited by the membership.

Finally, be sure to send in your membership renewal before January 1 to ensure that your name appears in the 1999 membership roster.

Have fun on the courts!

Roger Boyer's Christmas Drills Return

Roger Boyer's Annual Christmas Drills will be held Thursday, December 17 at the Nicollet Tennis Center from 8:30-10 a.m. All STPC members are invited to attend this fun annual event!

It's Time to Nominate Board Members

The Bylaws state that each year a Nominating Committee shall be appointed to prepare a slate of candidates to fill those directorships about to expire. The President shall name two persons other than himself or herself to the committee. The Immediate Past President shall name one person and the Board, excluding officers, shall name two persons.

After the Nominating Committee submits the slate of candidates, the Board will elect candidates to fill vacant Board positions by secret ballot at its regular February or March meeting. New Board members terms begin the following April 1.

The chairman of the Nominating Committee is Dick Lidstone. If you would like to have your name submitted to the Nominating Committee, or someone else's name, please call Dick at 941-4724, or fill out the form included in this newsletter.

Tennis Party Schedule 1998-99

Oct. 24..... Normandale

Nov. 21 98th Street
Athletic Club

Jan. 16..... Highway 100
Athletic Club

Mar. 20 Lilydale

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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—no partners needed!

\$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 _____

Enjoy Fun in the Sun!

Join pros Ernie Greene & Lois Nordman
for tennis in Las Vegas (or vicinity)

March 14-20, 1999

Call for details/application:

Pat Williamson 738-6953 (h) 624-2878 (o)

or Karla Sand 739-7397 (h)

Paid Advertisement

Senior Tennis: Day One

A poem by Patricia Roberts

We are back.
Curved down legs,
swollen knees,
feet carrying
so much history.

We are back.
Rustier,
freer
closer.

Players Wanted!

Decathlon

At least two regular players, male or female, skill rating 2.5-3.5, will be needed for play at the Decathlon Club on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., beginning January 6 for the winter/spring season. If you're interested, call Mike Bosanko at 881-0258.

David Zimmer is seeking players for two sessions at Decathlon for the winter/spring season running January 4 through April 28:

- Mondays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., skill rating 3.5
- Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., skill rating 3.0-3.5

If you're interested, call David at 588-2554 and leave your name, rating, phone number, which day you'd like to play, and whether you'd like to be a regular or sub.

Williston

Henry Flesh is looking for subs to play at Williston this winter in the 3.0 mixed doubles session of Tuesdays, 11:30-1 p.m. and for 3.0 men's doubles on Thursdays, 8-9:30 a.m. If you'd like to sign up, call Henry at 546-7317, or Fred Wright at 938-1242.

Christmas Dance!

Everybody is invited to the free annual Christmas Dance! It will be held at Edinborough Park, 77th and York Avenue South, Edina, on Friday afternoon, December 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. Music will be provided by our own Percy Hughes and his quartet.

And remember—no foot faults!

Civility on the Courts

By Ron Liddiard—One of the things that show that you are playing with civility is to remember that the warmup is a *warmup*, not a chance to practice your fancy shots.

I want to have a question and answer section as part of these articles. I have access to the umpire association for the correct answer to any question about the rules of tennis. Call or send your questions to:

Ron Liddiard
9713 Dorset Ln
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
(612) 829-7530

Thank you, and keep playing with civility!

Tennis Schedule Changes

Decathlon

- Mondays, 1-3 p.m., new captain is Don Stuart (3.5), 935-6105
- Wednesdays, 11:30-1:30 p.m., new captain is Jim Anderson (3.0v), 474-7333

Nicollet

- Friday, was 2:30-4:30 p.m., is now 12:30-2:30 p.m., and has 5 courts, not 4.

In Memoriam

Willard Williams, 77, died peacefully in his sleep November 14. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Joyce, and his daughters and their families.

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 Rent: Condo, Cable Beach, Nassau, Apr 3-10, Oceanview, sleeps 6. Call Jerry for details/pictures, 949-2120 or 476-3537.

Found: At Bass Lake Park, St. Louis Park. Woman's white jacket w/pink & blue-green trim. Call Elvin Kolstad, 869-7277.

Wanted: Violinist for chamber music group. Call 771-6120.

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

For Rent: Timeshare Marco Island FL. 2BR-2BA condo, Jan 15-22. Beaut. sunsets, beach, pool, tennis, golf, etc. \$1700/wk. Call Gary at 545-4996.

For Sale: Electric snowblower w/100-ft. outdoor cord. Used once. Call 721-2039.

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

Application for STPC Board Membership

The Nominations Committee will soon be meeting to select new directors for STPC for the year beginning in April 1999. We are seeking qualified candidates who would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors. The term of a Director is three years. Competent directors are needed to make thoughtful and responsible decisions on behalf of the membership and to take leadership roles in the organization.

**Would you be willing to
be a candidate for director?**

Yes Maybe No

If "yes" or "maybe," please answer the following questions in as much detail as you may need, and submit this form to the **STPC Nominations Committee, c/o Dick Lidstone, 6800 Sally Ln, Edina, MN 55439.**

1. What leadership roles have you performed for STPC? (Don't be modest—write on the back if you need more space) _____

2. What leadership roles have you performed for other organizations? Be specific. _____

3. Would you be able to attend monthly meetings? Yes No

4. In your judgment, what are your three greatest strengths? _____

5. What is your greatest weakness? _____

6. In which of the following areas would you have an interest in serving? Check one or more.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> membership recruitment | <input type="checkbox"/> newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dow Tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> tennis parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> facility coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Team Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> public relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> captain | <input type="checkbox"/> finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> historian | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> special events | |

7. Your ideas of what STPC can do to better serve its membership? _____

Thank you for your response!

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

Stan Hill

At 84, Stan Hill is STPC's oldest captain. But advanced age hasn't slowed Stan's powerful serve. If anything, it heightened his appetite for a new challenge: when he turned 80 he began writing books.

Stan's first, his autobiography, is aptly titled *Confessions of an 80 Year-Old Boy*. Structured as "a blueprint for true happiness and successful living," *Confessions* traces Stan's route there, guiding the reader along the same path.

And Stan unquestionably is a happy man. Upbeat and optimistic, unfailingly polite, he clearly delights in a long life well lived: a demeanor that often mistakes him as a clergyman! Stan is, however, a retired executive of a Fortune 500 company, which is where his business success began.

He was hired by Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Co. in 1930, when he was sixteen. Starting as an actuary, earning \$52 a month, Stan eventually rose to senior vice president.

Retiring from MML in 1968, Stan began a new career. He founded a firm to help small companies set up computer systems. "I entered the field at a very opportune time. Clients actually came to me," said Stan. "I enjoyed helping people, and I made more money than as a senior vice president!"

The pinnacle of Stan's career came in 1980 when he began serving on the board of Hadco, a small printed circuit manufacturer. "It greatly expanded my business horizons. The board had intelligent, knowledgeable men from so many dif-

ferent walks of life. I learned so much from them. Of course I held stock in the company, which greatly enriched my estate."

The profits also enhance Stan's practice of "generous giving," outlined in *Confessions*.

Not bad for a poor farm boy from Ontario. Stan's family emigrated to Minnesota when he was nine, settling in White Bear Lake, where he makes his home today. Stan graduated from high school at fourteen, having skipped several grades. In 1938, he married a pretty White Bear Lake girl he met at a Presbyterian church meeting. He was an officer in the Army during World War II, serving in Italy.

Celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in August, Stan and Doris treated their five children and grandchildren to an 11-day Vancouver to Anchorage cruise. Describing the highlight of the cruise, Stan said, "We were one quarter mile off the Hubbard Glacier, which is five and a half miles wide, 300 feet high, a virtual wall of blue-white ice. I got an action shot of calving, as huge chunks broke off to make little icebergs."

Stan thoroughly enjoys every aspect of travel. Another recent trip took him to Singapore for a Hadco board meeting at the world-famous Raffles Hotel and to oversee a startup plant in Kuching, Borneo. Not only did Stan rave about his exotic destinations, he somehow managed to enjoy the forty hours of flying it took to get there and back!

Volunteering brings Stan a different sort of enjoyment. Over the years he's donated hundreds of hours as an investment advisor to schools and foundations and to serving on the board of United Hospital.

The aftermath of *Confessions'* success absorbs another large chunk of time. To Stan's delight, it sold 2000 copies, which encouraged him to write a novel. Both books spawned his publishing company, Red Oak Press, a going business that takes on other clients. And the books were responsible for yet another new discipline, public speaking. Following tennis, Stan draws whistles from his players, having changed into suit, tie, stylish wide brimmed fedora and trench coat, as he's off to a civic club or church group to hype his books!

As for tennis, Stan believes "old age doesn't cause inactivity, inactivity causes old age." Consequently he gets in as much tennis as possible, playing Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. (He pumps iron Tuesdays and Thursdays!) Stan also makes one winter trip to Vail to downhill ski. Summers find this octogenarian bicycling and windsurfing on White Bear Lake—once, in formal attire for a magazine photo!

Like the Energize Bunny, Eldercaptain Stan Hill just keeps on going and going and going!



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	8-9 am	2.5-3.5 m/w	\$6.00	Barb Meyer	854-7171
	Friday	8-9 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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