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## Have You Renewed?

If you haven't sent in your STPC membership renewal, this will be your last newsletter! There are only 360 1998 members who haven't—so join the crowd of 1,400-plus fellow STPCers and send in that invoice. We need to receive your renewal by February 5 if you wish to appear in the 1999 Membership Roster.

We sent out final notices the week of January 15. This final notice is a duplicate of the first invoice you received. If you renewed and still receive the final invoice, please just ignore it. They probably crossed in the mail.

The 1999 Membership Roster will be published with the March newsletter. Remember, the deadline to appear in the roster is February 5.

## Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting Set

The Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, May 1, at the Sheraton Midway Hotel in Saint Paul, at I-94 and Hamline Avenue (easily accessible, and plenty of free parking).

Entertainment is by the 4-Star Collection, a women's barbershop quartet and 1997 champions of the International Quartet contest in Fort Lauderdale.

Mark your calendars, because last year's luncheon was a sell-out with a waiting list!

This is a great chance to introduce a friend to STPC. Look for the reservation form in the March *Times*.

## New Service for Members

Are you a participating member of our cyber-age? Do you surf, chat, and IM? In other words, do you have email?

If you do, you can join the new STPC Mailing List (STPC@onelist.com). This mailing list will act as another way to get club news out to the members. It won't replace the newsletter, but it will be an additional source of news.

If you join, you'll receive about one message a month detailing social events, schedule changes, and other items of club news (that will also appear in the newsletter).

To join, send me a message at [nancykam@mediaone.net](mailto:nancykam@mediaone.net) and I'll sign you up. Or, go to the OneList website at [www.onelist.com](http://www.onelist.com). Search for "STPC" and then click on the link that says, "Subscribe to this list." The instructions on the website are easy to follow—you'll be a part of our list in no time at all!



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### Publication Deadline

Submit articles to the editor by the 10th of the  
month for publication the following month. All  
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### Address Corrections

Please notify the Editor with any address  
corrections.

### STPC Membership

Membership Total: 1,452

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# Court Notes

## Report from the President

**By Bob Tischbein**—The December board meeting was held on Wednesday the 16th at Hosmer Library.

The treasurer reported that renewals for 1999 have reached 1,038 as of December 14. Those members who have not renewed by January 15 will receive a second notice advising that their renewal must be in by February 1 in order to be listed in the 1999 directory. Please send your renewal in today.

There is one remaining tennis party, March 20 at the Lilydale Club. Attendance has been very good but there is room for more of you to have fun.

A meeting was held with Bev Sinniger, Ron Liddiard, Nancy Kaminski, and myself to discuss the *Senior Tennis Times*. Our objectives are to make the publication more cost-effective, entertaining, and informative to the members. It was suggested we search our database for members with talents and backgrounds who could be contributors to the *Times*. Accounting procedures were discussed. Ron Liddiard, treasurer, has suggested that charges are being placed against the *Times* that should be placed against other activities of the club. These adjustments will be made in the financial statement. This meeting and its recommendations were reported to the board.

The annual luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 1 at the Sheraton on I-94 and Hamline in Saint Paul. Details will be in the *Times*.

Membership on December 31 was 1,835, the most ever. Many thanks to Grayce Aberle and all the members who have made this possible.

Have fun on the courts, and watch your foot faults—right, Percy?

## Captains' Corner

**By Jack Wallin**—This is a reminder that, if you wish to be rated, all you have to do is attend one of the drill sessions sponsored by STPC. The tennis pro in charge will work with you and rate your play. It's a good idea to call the pro in advance so he or she is prepared for you.

Williston Courts in Minnetonka are being substantially upgraded. Improvements include new lighting and heating, a new playing surface, new nets, mesh, and backdrops.

As of now, we have a new west metro coordinator, Rod Macpherson. You can reach him at (612) 474-9346.

## STPC Mission Statement

*The primary purpose of the  
STPC is to provide tennis playing  
opportunities to people 50 and  
older for their mental, physical,  
and social wellbeing.*

# Tennis Parties!

## Final Fling Tennis Party Saturday March 20

### Lilydale Tennis Club

945 Sibley Memorial Highway  
(651) 457-4954

Play at 5-7 or 7-9 p.m. (players matched by skill for 1st round; rotation every half hour based on win/loss)  
\$10 per player—no partners needed!  
\$5 per nonplayer

Light food and beverages follow play  
Deadline Monday, March 15  
Send your check, payable to STPC to

Jan Hagen  
7510 Cahill Rd #315B  
Edina, MN 55439  
(612) 941-4789

**Directions:** 35E to Sibley Memorial Hwy (Exit 102), left at Lilydale Garden Center sign (the club shares a drive with the garden center).

## Final Fling Tennis Party Registration Clip and send this form in with your check!

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Level \_\_\_\_\_

Play at 5-7 \_\_\_\_\_ 7-9 \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Level \_\_\_\_\_

Play at 5-7 \_\_\_\_\_ 7-9 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Register Early for Stecklein Team Tennis

By Carol Hall—Interested in competitive tennis? Willing to drive a ways to play? Available Tuesday mornings? If so, Stecklein Team Tennis is for you.

Form your own team (four men and four women of like skills) or we'll assign you to a team in your locale, and prepare to enjoy summer, competing in this traveling league.

Matches are played Tuesdays, 9–11 a.m., at outdoor courts throughout the Twin Cities. Play commences June 15 and winds up August 17 (ten weeks).

Each team has a captain. A roster of like-skilled substitute players is available to the captains.

Originated by former STPC president John Stecklein, Team Tennis began five years ago. It's structured as a summer-long tournament with playoffs at the end. Games are divided into mixed doubles, men's doubles, and women's doubles.

Last year eleven teams competed. **Organizers are hoping for even more teams in 1999, as larger numbers make it possible to arrange play in courts closer to home, cutting down travel time.**

Organizers also encourage you to register early, so they can assess the need for courts and reserve them ahead of other groups. To register, complete the form on this page and mail it to the appropriate coordinator, listed at the bottom of the form.

Last year's players are urged to contact their captain should they wish to compete on the same team in 1999.

Don't delay—competition, fun, and new friendships await you on the summer courts!

## Interested in a Singles League?

There has been some interest in forming a singles league to play during early morning or evening. If you're interested, call Ron Liddiard at (612) 829-7530, and let him know your skill rating, and if you'd serve as a captain or coordinator.

If there is enough interest, we'll start working on a program. The league probably wouldn't start playing until next summer.

## Players Needed

The Monday 7–9 a.m. session at Nicollet needs a male player, skill level 2.5–3.0, to be a regular player. If you're interested, call Nancy Lindeman at (612) 823-0304.

## Schedule Changes

**Decathlon:** Wednesday, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Delete Chuck Mercer, add Pat Nolan, (612) 929-8124.

**Nicollet:** Monday, 11:30/01:30 pm. Delete Glen Gullikson and Don Bratt, add Jim Jensen, (612) 922-3435 and Chuck Emme, (612) 788-2824.

## Civility on the Courts

By Ron Liddiard—**Question:** When is a stroke a double hit (sometimes known as a "carry")?

The USTA rules say a stroke is a double hit when "in playing the ball the player deliberately carries or catches it on his racquet or deliberately touches it with his racquet more than once."

The USTA then goes on to comment, "Only when there is a definite 'second push' by the player does his shot become illegal, with the consequent loss of point. The word 'deliberately' is the key word in this rule. Two hits occurring in the course of a single continuous swing are not deemed a double hit."

This is a self-call by the player, or the player's opponent can ask if he or she sees it happen.

From personal experience, I know that it is not always easy to play with civility, but keep trying. It makes the game more fun to play!

### 1999 Stecklein Team Tennis Registration

Tuesdays 9–11 a.m., June 15–Aug. 17  
for Men and Women

- I play at Level A (3.5 or above)
- I play at Level B (3.0 or below)
- I will be a captain or co-captain
- I will be a substitute

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Register as soon as possible! **Deadline 5/1/99.**

#### Level A players send this to:

Janice Hagen, 7510 Cahill Rd. #315B,  
Edina, MN 55439. Phone (612) 941-4789

#### Level B players send this to:

Jack Wallin, 1258 Ohio St, West St. Paul,  
MN 55118. Phone (651) 457-2266

## In Memoriam

**John Brooks**, 71, of Eden Prairie, died November 29 while on a hunting trip in Wisconsin with his two sons and his best friends. A gun was accidentally discharged, hitting John and killing him instantly. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Sonja, and his six children.

**Rali Retzler** of Wayzata died suddenly August 13, after an operation. Our condolences to her husband, member Kurt Retzler.

## Another Good Harvest

STPC member Don Hartley, who grows vegetables to donate to the needy, reports that this summer's harvest of tomatoes weighed in at a hefty 6,881 pounds! That's a lot of salad, Don. Congratulations on a job well done.



## 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!**

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**For Rent:** Condo, Naples, FL. On golf course, 2 BR, 2 BA, 1st floor. \$1,200-1,600/mo. (612) 935-5670.

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**For Sale.** 6-drawer walnut desk, \$50. (612) 789-8338.

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Have 2-BR condo to share at Hilton Head, 3/27-4/3/99. Tennis, pool, and A+ Atlantic beachfront. Divide costs. Maria Brink, (612) 332-8742.

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**Ballroom Dancing.** Refreshments, every Thurs. 1-3:30, Dick Macko's band. Lennox Comm. Ctr, 6715 Mtka Blvd. Questions? (612) 428-2052.

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Let Captains' Profile writer Carol Hall write your family history: preserve precious memories for your grandchildren. (651) 731-5127.

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**For Sale.** 2-dr file cabinet, \$15; pager, \$20; cell phone, \$100; zip-it, \$100; fax machine, \$200. Call (651) 459-6059.

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# Captains' Profiles

By Carol Hall

## Bob Thoreson

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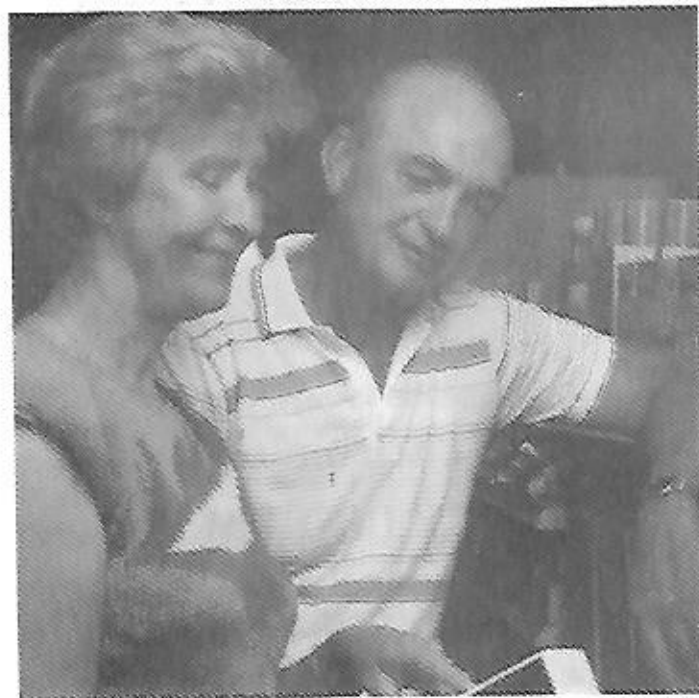
Good genes, in part. Inheriting his Scandinavian parents' easygoing attitude spared Bob frown lines. A lifetime of hunting, skiing, bicycling, and tennis accounts for his good color and tip-top physical condition.

Sports also helped Bob cope with a stressful career. A commercial artist, he was doing work he loved. However, the pressure of meeting deadlines became overwhelming. Burned out, Bob retired early, in 1990, after 40 years in the business.

He ended his career as art director for Lawrence Sign Co., a Saint Paul firm that designs illuminated signs. Bob sketched drawings for fluorescent and neon signs, of the kind used in Las Vegas. He worked there 26 years.

Bob began in the 1950s as a sign artist. Working for Halloran Sign Co., he could be found up on a hoist, hand painting on a bulletin board a giant bottle of Jim Beam whiskey, or a four-foot image of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival Queen of the Snows. Bob also did lettering on buildings. "Henley Furniture Co." in six-foot letters on the side of this three story furniture store in South Saint Paul, is an example of his work. (Bulletin boards are not to be confused with billboards, on which images are wallpapered.)

"Then, if you were artistic you could make it in the business," Bob said. "Now it's all done by computers."



In a perfect world, Bob would have gotten a job with his favorite company, NSP. "I'd get their benefits of six weeks vacation, hospitalization until death and paid holidays," he said. "Then I could have had art not as a career, but a hobby."

Once retired, Bob put away his brushes and pencils and dusted off his tennis racquet. Having already learned the rudiments, he joined STPC and began polishing up his game, playing at Wooddale. This led to his captaining there during "prime time" on Mondays, 10-12 a.m.

"I wish I could play tennis as well as I ski," laments Bob (who incidentally is rated 3.5). A downhill skier and racer for 42 years, Bob loves the sport. Indeed, skiing is a Thoreson family passion. Two grown sons and three daughters are all accomplished skiers, who have taught skiing locally at Afton Alps. One son presently lives in Utah, and is an instructor at Snowbird, having learned from 'the best instructors in the world.'

Bob, who's skied both local hills and mountains, has no preference. "The fun is all in making nice crisp turns," he declared.

Archery has been a part of Bob's life as long as skiing. He's been active in a local archery club and has bow hunted throughout the West, Midwest, and Canada. "I've shot countless deer, elk, and moose," he said. "And I like to be outdoors in the woods." By avoiding the gun hunting period, he also is able to find solitude there.

Our mild December weather allowed for another of Bob's favorite summer pastimes, bicycling!

Growing up in West Saint Paul in a happy family of two brothers and three sisters, Bob attended Humboldt High. In 1945 he joined the Navy and was based in Pearl Harbor. "I raised a little heck there!" he declared, flashing his ready smile.

Once home, Bob got serious. Using the GI Bill, he embarked on a four-year art program at the Minneapolis School of Art and the Saint Paul School of Art, graduating in 1952. "I always kinda liked to draw," said Bob, who preferred sketching "cowboys, horses, active stuff, not landscapes."

Mendota Heights is home to Bob and Bev, his wife of 47 years. "We're very happy together," he said. "If I had it to do over, I'd get the same girl." Indeed, Bob's tennis league is social tennis rather than heavily competitive, as he enjoys having the opportunity to play tennis with Bev. Bob also appreciates Bev's help organizing the league. Calling her his co-captain, he said, "We do everything together."

Marital bliss further explains the Thoreson fountain of youth. But Bob sums it up in three words: "I think young!"

## 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	all ratings, m/w	\$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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