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Award Winning Women's Barbershop Quartet to Highlight Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting on May 1

Singing at its finest! That's how critics describe this women's barbershop quartet who will perform at the spring luncheon and Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 1 at the Midway Sheraton in Saint Paul.

They're called the *4-Star Collection*, and this entertaining group not only excels in the classic interpretation of the barbershop style, but also does an outstanding job with traditional popular and secular a capella music.

*Reservation
Form Enclosed!
Sign Up Now!*

International recognition came to them in 1996 when they won the Sweet Adelines International Quartet contest in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They have been entertaining audiences throughout the country with their warm, rich sound since 1987. This month they are performing in Killarney, Ireland.

All STPC members, spouses, and friends are welcome. Bring your friends and introduce them to the idea of tennis.

A reservation form for the May 1 Luncheon and Annual Meeting is on the enclosed colored flyer.

Sign up early! Last year we had a sellout and had to turn people away.



The 4-Star Collection barbershop singers L-R: Connie Miller, tenor, Pat Rygg, lead, Denise Baber, baritone, and Marcia Starnes, bass.

Here's Your 1999 Membership Roster!

Inside this issue of the *Times* is your 1999 STPC Membership Roster. It contains the names, addresses, phone numbers, skill ratings, and new this year, email addresses, of everyone who is a current 1999 member. There are 1,568 of you!

Take a look at your entry. If you find an error, please call Nancy Kaminski at (612) 781-3271 or email her at

nancykam@mediaone.net. We'll correct the database and publish a correction in the following month's *Times*.

Thank you, everyone, for making this year's renewal season so easy! We appreciate you returning your invoices and dues as promptly as you did.

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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
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editing.

Address Corrections

Please notify the Editor with any address
corrections.

STPC Membership

Membership Total: 1,568

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Report From the President

By Bob Tischbein—Following is our annual audit and a cover letter by Bob Metcalf. Bob, a member of Senior Tennis, provides this service gratis to our club. We are grateful for this and Bob, we thank you.

Audit Report

By Bob Metcalf, Audit Committee—The books kept by the Treasurers, Jim Tornoe and Ron Liddiard, for 1998 were thoroughly checked. The records of all transactions were monitored and deemed to be reasonable. Statements from the bank and Fidelity Investments show that the assets of the club are indeed \$54,997 including \$5,242 in the club's checking account and \$49,755 in the Fidelity account. The Fidelity amount actually includes an \$18,000 deposit which was in transit at the time of the audit.

During the year both Treasurers did an excellent job of maintaining accuracy. Both were well-qualified for this position. The Board and the recruiting volunteers should be commended for their spending decisions and increasing income, which have earned the club a very sound financial position. Assets are now 1.5 times the actual annual expense.

When the Treasurer reviews the 1998 income statement with the Board, you will see a net profit of \$10,000 for the year. This is due primarily to timing of the deposits rather than an actual profit. This is borne out by the fact that the fourth quarter dues payments were \$9,700 greater than planned.

Balance Sheet as of 12/31/98

	Actual 12/31/98	Budget 12/31/98	Prior Year 12/31/97
ASSETS			
Cash	5,242.45	2,000.	2,225.07
Fidelity Cash Rsv Fund	49,754.61	31,803.69	42,683.62
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Total Assets	54,997.06	33,803.69	44,908.69
LIABILITIES			
General Fund	27,047.06	5,853.69	16,958.69
Reserve	20,000.	20,000.	20,000.
Life Memberships	7,950.	7,950	7,950
Total Liabilities	54,997.06	33,803.69	44,908.69

Rating Verifications Removed from 1999 Roster

By Bob Tischbein—The letter "v" ("verified rating") no longer appears next to ratings in the 1999 Membership Roster. The purpose of the rating verification was essentially for the Jack Dow Tournament.

USTA ratings are established by a rating clinic and are maintained by the individual's competitive record.

If you have any questions, call Percy Hughes at (612) 831-2872.

Club Notes

Register Now 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.

Fill out the form on this page and send it in today!

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

USTA USA League Tennis

Shirley Pratt is now organizing the USA League Tennis 2.5 women's league. In the past there have been two teams; this year they're hoping to expand that to four teams. New members are welcome!

To play, you need to be a member of USTA, have an official NTRP rating of 2.5, and be age 50 or over. If you're not rated, you can attend one of the various upcoming rating clinics.

The last two years, the league has played at Saint Louis Park Senior High School on Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. However, the day, hour, and location can be changed; USTA reserves the courts. There's a nominal league fee which helps cover court costs. The season can run 8, 10, or 12 weeks—that's up to the group to decide—and there's the chance of competing in the Area or Sectional finals.

If you'd like to play, call Shirley Pratt, coordinator, at (651) 433-3583. There will be a gathering of those interesting in playing at the end of May.

University of Minnesota Gopher Tennis

By Shirley Pratt—Let's forget impeachment for a while and get some relief! Here's one way—attend a University of Minnesota Gopher tennis match. The men's and women's teams play at the 98th Street Northwest Athletic Club, just off 98th Street and 35W South in Minneapolis.

These teams are well worth watching—they're winners, refreshing entertainment, and they need spectators. The matches are a great place to meet folks, and they're free. Here's the upcoming schedule:

Women

Feb. 20, Sat. 5 p.m. Illinois
Feb. 27, Sat. 5 p.m. Indiana
Feb. 28, Sun. 10 a.m. Purdue
Apr. 4, Sun. 10 a.m. Northwestern
Apr. 16, Thurs. 2 p.m. outdoor, 6:30 p.m. indoor Michigan
Apr. 18, Sun. 10 a.m. Michigan State
May 14–16 NCAA Regionals TBA following Big Ten championships at Michigan

Men

Apr. 9, Fri. 6 p.m. Wisconsin
Apr. 10 Sat. 6 p.m. Iowa
Apr. 22 Thurs. 6 p.m. Penn State
Apr. 29–May 2 Thurs.–Sun. Big Ten Championships at Ann Arbor
May 14–16, Fri.–Sun. NCAA Regionals TBA.

Playing Nice

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*

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.)
Food and beverages follow play.

Registration deadline Monday, March 15
\$10 per player—no partners needed!
\$5 per nonplayer

Send your check, payable to STPC, to Jan Hagen,
7510 Cahill Rd #315B, Edina, MN 55439
(612) 941-4789

Directions: From the West: Go east on 494 (past Mall of America) to 35E. go north to Exit 102. go right on Sibley Memorial Hwy (Hwy 13). Take a quick left at Lilydale Garden Center sign (club shares driveway with garden center).

From the North, Mpls. or St. Paul: Take either 694, 394, or 94 to 35E. Go south to Exit 102. Go left on Sibley Memorial Hwy (Hwy 13). Take a quick right at Lilydale Garden Center sign (club shares driveway with garden center).

Tennis Party!

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 _____

Player 2 _____

Phone _____

Skill Level _____

Play at 5-7 _____ 7-9 _____

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Senior Tennis Players Club Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting

The STPC Social Event of the Year!

social hour • sit-down lunch • entertainment • fun • music

Program
Social hour with the piano music of STPC member Jack Wallin, lunch, then a brief meeting to introduce the president and new board members, award the Dow Trophy, followed by the featured entertainers, the 4-Start Barbershop Quartet.

Where
Sheraton Inn Midway, Saint Paul, 400 Hamline Avenue and I-94

Right on the freeway—plenty of free parking.
Traveling east on I-94, exit at Snelling, cross Snelling straight ahead on service road (one-way) about 2 blocks to Hamline, turn left and cross freeway. Traveling west on I-94, exit at Hamline.

**All STPC members, spouses, and friends are welcome!
Bring your friends and introduce them to the idea of tennis!**



Performing at the luncheon are the 4-Star Collection barbershop singers. Left to right: **Connie Miller**, tenor, **Pat Rygg**, lead, **Denise Baber**, baritone, and **Marcia Starnes**, bass. All are medal winners and are involved in a number of local singing groups. Connie and Pat sing with their husbands in a barbershop group called Friends. Marcia has been singing barbershop since the age of six, when she sang with her father and two brothers in a quartet called Three Chips & the Block. Denise is the newest member of the group and also performs with the Valle de Croix Chorus.

When
Saturday, May 1
11:30 a.m. social hour
12:30 p.m. sit-down luncheon

Cost
\$15 per person until April 24.
\$15.50 per person thereafter.
Reservation deadline April 29.
No advance table reservations.
Come early to select our seating.

Menu
Charbroiled ribeye steak marinated with fresh herbs and spices, or champagne chicken, a sauteed boneless breast of chicken topped with a champagne mushroom cream sauce, both with Caesar salad and fresh fruit compote of seasonal berries and fruit for dessert.

Reservation Form

Send this form with your check, payable to STPC, to **Jack Wallin, 1258 Ohio St, West St. Paul, MN 55118-2053**. Questions? Call Jack at (651) 552-7962 or (651) 457-2266.

Names _____

Menu Choice: _____ Steak _____ Chicken _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Cost: \$15/person until April 24, \$15.50/person thereafter. Reservation deadline April 28. No advance table reservations.

Summer Tennis Camp at River Falls, Wisconsin

*Sign up and pay deposit early
to receive discount!!*

Directed by Connie Custodio with pros Ernie
Greene, Lois Nordman and other experienced
tennis professionals

— *Brrr!! It's time to start* —
— *planning for summer tennis!!!* —

Camp 1 July 26–29. Monday a.m. thru
Thursday afternoon (recom-
mended for but not limited to
2.0–2.5 ratings).

Cost approx. \$250

Camp 2 July 30–Aug. 1 Friday a.m.
through Thursday afternoon (all
ratings welcome).

Cost approx. \$195

Camp 3 Aug. 2–5. Monday a.m. thru
Thursday afternoon (recom-
mended for but not limited to
3.0–3.5 ratings).

Cost approx. \$250

New this year! If you register and pay
\$125 deposit postmarked by May 1
you will receive a \$20 discount. Rooms
are double occupancy with a/c, small
refrigerators; towels, and bedding provided.
Single rooms are available for an additional
\$5/person per night. *Look for registration
form in the next issue.*

Questions?

Call Summer Tennis Camp
Coordinators

Pat Williamson, (651) 738-6953
or Karla Sand, (651) 739-7397

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Coming soon...

John Bolger Tennis Clinic & Luncheon

Tuesday, May 18, 1999



**tennis—9 a.m.
luncheon—noon**

Nicollet Tennis Center
40th and Nicollet Ave S

\$10 per member
\$15 per guest

Watch for your reservation
form in April!

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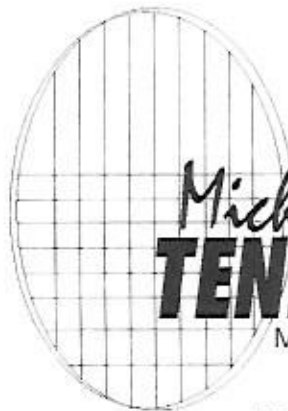
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have read the USTA Rule Book? Here are a few "rules of the road" that are frequently violated. Look them over and mention them to your playing group if you think they're being ignored. Playing nice makes tennis so much more enjoyable for everyone!

- Returning a serve that is obviously out, accompanied by an out call, is a form of rudeness. When the receiver knows that in making these returns he bothers the server it is gamesmanship. At the same time, it must be expected that a fast serve that just misses the line will frequently, with justification, be returned as a matter of self protection even though an out call is made.
- First ball in is not an acceptable procedure. It provides the server with a definite advantage. Warm up serves should be taken prior to play.
- To eliminate arguments about the score, the server should announce in a voice audible to the players and spectators, the set score prior to the first serve in each game, and the game score prior to serving each point. This is important.
- It is not permissible to call a let on line calls. The ball is either in or out. If there is doubt, the ball is in.
- Never ever question an opponent's call—not even with a comment, a gesture, a quizzical look, or a raised eyebrow.
- After the match, shake hands with your opponents and congratulate them on their play and never make excuses for losing.

As seniors, we should set an example and play by the rules!

Congratulations

Ruth Breining is the latest STPC member to complete twelve lessons. Congratulations!

In Memoriam

Merle Vokaty, 78, of Edina, died after surgery. Our sympathy is extended to her daughter, Kathryn McCracken, and her family.

STPC Member Honored



Alice Preves

Alice Preves, violist and three-year member of Senior Tennis, was recently named the 1998 "Master Teacher" by the Minnesota chapter of the American String Teachers Association for her work with junior and senior high viola students. She was chosen for the award because her students have consistently shown a high level of excellence in performance. Some of her students have won local, national, and international viola competitions.

Preves says "the greatest excitement in teaching comes when I can work with a student who others have labeled as hopeless, and help them to become an accomplished musician."

Preves recently performed in Hong Kong and Singapore in her work as a musician with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. In addition to performing in the orchestra and her teaching, she is embarking on a new career as a personal and professional coach. She is moving swiftly toward certification in this profession in order to "help others—not just musicians—to discover their full potential. Right now is the very best time to be fully alive."

Preves enjoys many interests in life, and she finds tennis to be very challenging and great fun. Taking private tennis lessons is her latest attempt at increasing her skill level. She plays regularly on Monday mornings at Nicollet Tennis Center in the 7-9 a.m. Senior Tennis group.

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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