



Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. October 2009

Membership renewal

Late in October you'll receive a very important letter from Senior Tennis. It's your annual renewal. **Don't put it away in the "deal with sometime" pile!** Every year some members do that, and then discover after January 1 they are no longer members! That means they can't play in STPC groups, can't come to STPC events, their name doesn't appear in the Roster, and they don't get a Roster. So why be late? Send it in right away!

A few notes on filling in your renewal:

- Some members have been getting their **Roster** by email. They get it in March, followed by updated Rosters in June and September. The email Roster has several advantages **and** you save the club money. There is a full explanation on the reverse of the renewal form. Try it!
- Consider getting your **newsletter** by email. You get it quicker, and this saves the club money. (Not recommended for dial-up users.)

Take advantage of twice the tennis fun!

The Senior Tennis Players Club and the United States Tennis Association/Northern Section have teamed up for twice the tennis fun! Now you can join both organizations for only \$50 (a \$15 savings), while receiving all the great member benefits from each organization. USTA benefits include the opportunity to play Senior leagues and tournaments, discounts to selected tennis retailers and restaurants, tennis magazines, and advance ticket sales to such premier events as the US Open. Look for more details in the October renewal mailing! For more information about this great offer, please contact Sandy Smith of USTA Northern at ssmith@northern.usta.com or 952-358-3288. **Note:** This offer does not apply to players who are already members of both organizations.

Upcoming Events

Fall Tennis Social

October 10, LifeTime Fitness Oakdale

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Tennis Events

By Bob Busch

ICT Benefit

The fifth Annual Benefit for InnerCity Tennis is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, at Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center. The evening program schedule:

6:00-7:30 Silent Auction & Cocktails

7:30-9:00 Dinner Program hosted by Belinda Jensen
with Keith Fahnhorst as featured speaker

9:00-10:00 Nick Bollettieri Tennis Exhibition

You may make reservations by calling InnerCity Tennis at 612-824-6099.

Unranked Woman Wins Open

Kim Clijsters of Belgium defeated 19-year old Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark at the US Open. Clijsters, an unranked wild-card entry left the pro game two years' ago to start a family and came out of retirement approximately four weeks ago.

Clijsters, at 26, became the first tennis mother to win a Grand Slam title since Evonne Goolagong won Wimbledon in 1980. This was her second US Open victory. After achieving the #1 world ranking in 2003, she won her first US Open Grand Slam in 2005.

In her semi-final victory over Serena Williams, the match ended after Williams lost her composure on an official call at match point and was assessed a penalty resulting in the final point and victory for Clijsters.

Juan Martin del Potro

Juan del Potro, in the championship match lasting over 4 hours, upset #1 seed Roger Federer 3-6, 7-6(5), 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-2. He is the first man from Argentina to win the US Open since Guillermo Vilas in 1977. The 6th-seeded del Potro used his powerful forehand and serve to defeat the normally cool and consistent Federer for his first Grand Slam title. The 20-year-olds' powerful shots pushed Federer deep into the backcourt and prevented him from winning his 16th Grand Slam title. Federer was 6-0 over del Potro until this US Open championship match.

King to Hall of Fame

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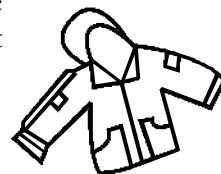
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Lost and found

On August 31, 2009, someone left their navy blue pants at the New Hope tennis courts where I had placed my navy blue jacket. If you

have my jacket and/or want your pants back, please contact Gloria at 763-377-5602.



Suzanne Rachel Flore Lenglen

(May 24, 1899 – July 4, 1938) was a French tennis player who won 31 Grand Slam titles from 1914 through 1926. A flamboyant, trendsetting athlete, she was the

first female tennis celebrity and one of the first international female sport stars, named La Divine (the divine one) by the French press. Prior to Lenglen, female tennis matches drew little fan interest.



As a non-profit organization, the Senior Tennis Players Club gratefully accepts donations, memorials and estate gifts.



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 well-being; and to support the growth of tennis.

Newsletter Submissions

To help make the newsletter as correct as possible, please submit all items in writing only, by mail or email. The deadline is the 17th of the month for publication the following month. All material submitted for publication is subject to editing. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope if you want materials returned.

Send your submissions to: David Sommer, 3657 17th Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55407-2805.

Email: dsommer7@usiwireless.com.

Opinions expressed in articles or letters are those of the author, and do not necessarily represent views of the newsletter editor or the Board or officers of STPC.

Bad Serena, good Roger?

By David Sommer

Many of us saw two incidents in US Open singles matches:

Serena Williams was called for a foot-fault on second serve at deuce with the score 5-6 in the third set. That made the score ad out. She strode towards the linesperson, holding a ball in outstretched arm, and said something like "If I could, I would take this ball and shove it down your throat." She was called for a second code violation (earlier she'd smashed a racket), which resulted in a point penalty. That gave the game, set, and match to her opponent, Kim Clijsters.

In the men's singles final, Juan Martin del Potro took a long time to decide he wanted to challenge an out call. By the time he did so, Roger Federer was already seated on his bench, thinking he'd won the game. Federer began complaining to the chair umpire that del Potro should not be allowed to challenge a line call so long after the point had ended: "I wasn't allowed to challenge after two seconds. The guy takes like 10 every

time." The umpire told Federer to be quiet, and this did not sit well with the tennis champion: "You have any rules? Don't tell me to be quiet, ok? When I want to talk I'll talk, all right...I don't give a what he said, ok?" While saying this, Federer was sitting in his chair, looking up at the chair umpire.

The point penalty system, for most infractions, calls for a warning on the first offense, loss of point on the second, and loss of game on the third. The rules also say "any flagrantly unsportsmanlike act may result in immediate Default."

My comment: Serena's behavior should be seen as flagrantly unsportsmanlike, meaning immediate default. The umpire and referee didn't have to declare that, since a mere point penalty ended the match. I believe they should have stated the obvious—that Serena's behavior was flagrantly unsportsmanlike.

Federer's behavior should have drawn a warning (use of profanity). However, the chair umpire was probably tolerant because he realized that he (the chair) was dead wrong—he should not have allowed del Potro to challenge the line call after so long a delay.

Players wanted

Women, 3.5-4.0

3.5-4.0 women to play at the Fred Wells Tennis Center on Monday mornings from 9:30 -11:00. Contact Mary Lund at 952-929-8075.

Men & Women 3.5-4.0

Looking for two regulars at Reed-Sweatt 8:00-9:30 Saturday mornings, September through April. Contact Keith Madison 763-458-3040.

Women, 3.5-4.0

Wanted subs, 3.5-4.0 women to play on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:30 at the Fred Wells Tennis Center. Please contact Georgia

Mroska at 612-724-4909.

Men & Women 2.5-3.5

Regulars and subs wanted for play at Reed-Sweatt Friday mornings from 9:00am to 10:30am. Contact Bob Hokanson at 612-961-2148.

Men & Women 3.0

Regulars and subs wanted for play at Reed-Sweatt Fridays 10:30-12:30. Contact Roy or Amy at 612-724-4623.

Men & women 3.0-3.5

Regulars and substitutes wanted for group at 98th Street Lifetime Fitness 8:00-10:00 AM Wednesdays starting October 7, 2009. Call Caryl at 952-884-5136.

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Interested in Head racquets & clothing? Consult Percy Hughes 612-866-1102 for what's best for you.

Expert Racquet service. Fred Jurewicz 952-496-1018 (H); 612-250-3185. *10% STPC discount.*

Handyman: Get that To-Do list taken care of. Basic



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Rent: Villages FL. Activities for everyone. 2BR 2BA house \$1100/mo & up. Avail Mar-Dec. 952-935-5670.

For sale: 2BR 2BA condo (55+). Approx 1400 sq ft. 1st floor unit. 9600 Portland Ave S. 612-243-1300.

Personal Gardener. Garden help in Bloomington, Edina & surrounding areas. Lee Peterson 952-270-9472

For sale or rent: Spacious Carefree, AZ townhouse. Free tennis. Interested? Let's talk. 651-631-1044.

●● STPC lessons and drills—all levels ●●

Some court locations are subject to change during the season. No reservations necessary.

| Location | Day | Time | Skill | Cost | Instructor | Phone |
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| | | 1:30-3:00 PM Start 9/14/09 | All | \$5.00 | Dilcia Pederson Duncan Welty | 612-824-6099 952-933-8592 |
| | Thu | 8:30-10:00AM | All | \$5.00 | Percy Hughes | 612-866-1102 |
| | | | | | Duncan Welty | 952-933-8592 |
| | | | | | Paul Stomo | 952-944-6286 |
| | Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center. 100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis | Tue | 11:00-12:30 | All | \$5.00 | Tony Rodriguez |
| Williston Fitness & Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 952-939-8370 | Wed | 5:30-7:00PM | All | \$5.00 | Duane Ryman | 612-865-9517 |
| PublicIndoorTennis.Com 7833 Highway 65 N.E. Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 | Fri | 1:00-2:30 PM | All | \$5.00 | Tony Larson | 303-808-7809 |

Free or low-cost lessons* are offered as part of your STPC membership. New members are encouraged to take advantage of them.

* Lessons are free during outdoor season; they cost \$5 when indoor (to pay for court time). You may continue taking lessons as long as you are a member of the club.

●● Private Club Drills Open to STPC Members ●●

| Location | Day | Cost | Time | Phone |
|---|------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis | Tue Thu | \$8.00 | 9:00-10:00 AM | 612-825-6844 Call for reservation. |
| Williston Center , 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345 | Thu | \$8.00 (\$7 members) | 3:00-4:00 PM Band-aid bunch | 952-939-8370 Pat Allar |

***Additional classes for all skill levels available, open to seniors and younger players.**

Reed-Sweatt open courts

Mike Vidmar advises us that he has several courts available for Senior Tennis groups:

- Monday: Noon-1:30pm (1-3 courts)
- Tuesday: 10:30am-12:30pm (1-2 courts)
- Wednesday: 9:00-10:30am (1-3 courts)
- Thursday: 9:00-10:30am (1-2 courts)

Call 612-825-6844 if you'd like to start a group in any of these available time slots.

Team Tennis: another great season

By Ken Landro

We had a good season with five teams, all from the Minneapolis area playing in parks in the western suburbs. We started June 9 and ended August 25th, due to a couple of rain outs. The first-place team, captained by Don Harnish, was a new team and proved to be very strong. It is a fun league and more teams are encouraged to enter next summer. For more information, please contact Marv Schneider, 952-975-1895.

Pictured upper right is the first-place team. Left to right: Dave Appelhof, Evelyn Wagner, Jerry Kneisl, Linda Aasen, Ed Hollenbeck, Sheila Bjore, Capt. Don Harnish, (missing, Barb Hagen, Diane Appelhof).

Middle right is the second-place team. Left to right: Ghulum Quraishi, Gary Molnau, Rita Waletski, Carol Rothe, captain Ken Landro, Norma Schaefer, Larry Nelson, Kris Long, Roger Junker, (missing, Jan Du Bois).

Bottom right is the third-place team. Left to right: captain Marv Schneider, Barb Schmit, Bill Peter, Jeanne Holm, John Richardson, Marlys Markeson, Rita Lusky, and Pat Eckelberry. Holm and Richardson were subbing for regulars Jan Hadley and Bruce Williams.

The remaining two teams were captained by Ronnae Wagner and Larry Miller/Ken Lucas (co-captains).



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John King of St. Paul is one of six selected for induction to the USTA Northern Hall of Fame on October 2nd at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Tickets are available by contacting Lisa Mushett at 952-358-3282.

John's life-long dedication to the sport of tennis started in high school and as a college player at St. Thomas. In 1970, he was one of the founders of the Minneapolis Urban Tennis Program, which preceded the InnerCity Tennis program. The founding group included Hall of Famers Jack Thommen and Bob Speed. He developed inner-city youth tennis programs in the Twin Cities from 1970 to 2006. He left the Minneapolis program in 1989 and initiated the St. Paul Urban Tennis Program and served as its Executive Director from 1991 to 2006. John and his sometime-doubles partner and also Hall of Famer, Fred King, built the program from 125 youth to over 3,000 at 30 St. Paul sites.

John competed at the highest level in the Northern Section for over 50 years. As a junior player in 1960, he

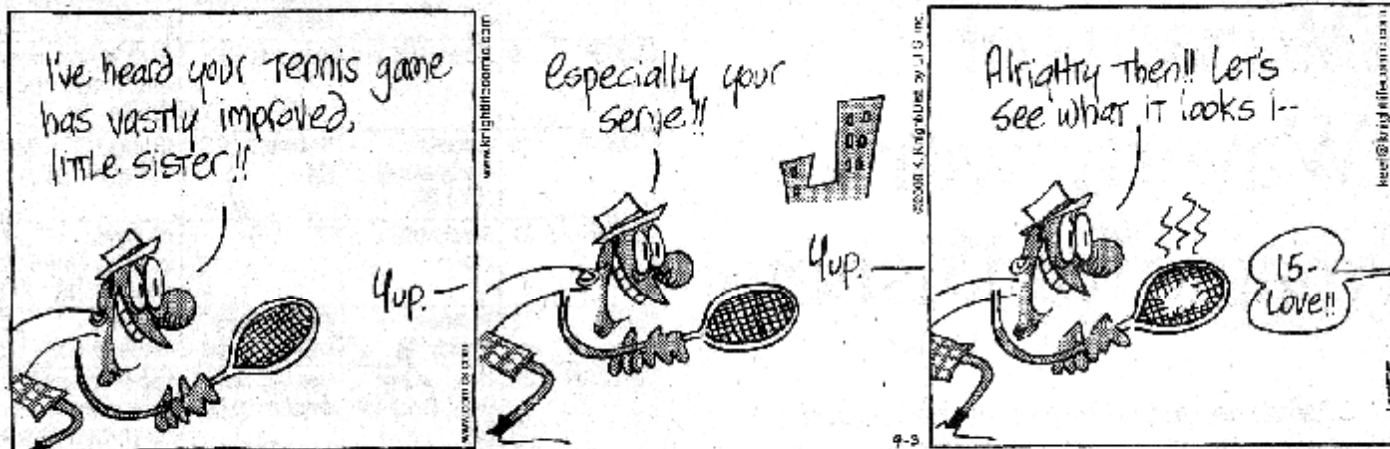
ranked in the top 10 in both singles and doubles, and as a college player was a MIAC conference runner-up twice. He won many Northern Sectional Championships over the years and his team won a National championship at the 5.5 rating in USTA League Tennis.

High School Girls / Metro Rankings

Edina, the defending state high school champion, is again the team to beat in Class 2A. During the first two weeks of the girls' tennis season they traveled to Madison, Wisconsin and won a tournament that included some of the best teams in the Midwest. Then, returning to Minnesota, they soundly defeated traditional powers Eden Prairie, Rochester Mayo and Mounds View by scores of 6-1 on three consecutive days. The Metro Ranking in the August 31 Star Tribune ranked Edina #1 followed by Eden Prairie and Mounds View.

Be sure to include a few girls' high school tennis matches in your fall sports schedule and watch for the State Tournament schedule in early October.

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Oakdale Fall Social

Mixed doubles. Rotating partners. 48 players only! You do not need to bring a partner.

Time: Saturday October 10, 6:00-9:00 PM. Play one 90 minute session (either 6:00-7:30 or 7:30-9:00).

Place: LifeTime Fitness Oakdale—see directions below.

Cost: \$13/person. Guests welcome.

Light snack food and beverages. Bring your own water bottle.

Limited to first 48 who sign up. No refund for no-shows.

You will be notified as to the time you are scheduled to play. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If you can help, please call Carol Brant 612-627-0464 or Mary Ann McGuire 612-929-2038.

The Oakdale facility is also offering the following amenities for the tennis players: an exercise room with a treadmill, showers and towels, and a big screen TV.

Directions: LifeTime Fitness Oakdale is at 1201 Ford Rd, Hopkins, MN 55305. This is just west of Hwy 169 and just south of I394.

From the east: Go west on I394. Take exit 3 for General Mills Blvd. Turn right at General Mills Blvd. Turn right at Wayzata Blvd. Turn left at Ford Rd.

From the west: Go east on I394. Take exit 3 to merge onto US-169 S. Exit onto W 16th St. Turn right at Ford Rd.

Fall Social Tennis Party Reservation Form

Name: _____ Phone (_____) _____

Skill Level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0

Send check, payable to STPC, and this form by **October 5** to:
Carol Brant 110 Bank St. S.E. #1403 Minneapolis, MN 55414

All players must sign the Release Form below:

RELEASE FORM

I agree that any participation by me in the activities of, or sponsored by, the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. (STPC), a non-profit organization, including, but without limitation, activities such as tennis lessons, clinics, drills, rating sessions, camps, trips, playing in or attending tennis games, tournaments, groups or social events, shall be at my sole risk; and I hereby release and hold harmless STPC and its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, tennis pros, tennis clubs, courts and facilities used or licensed by STPC, and all independent contactors with STPC (all being "Associated Others") for all claims of damage, whether due to injuries to person or property; to any direction, conduct, scheduling or claimed discrimination, nonfeasance or malfeasance, or otherwise, arising out of, or occurring in connection with, any such activities or conduct of STPC or such Associated Others.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

USTA Code on court etiquette

By Steve Keefe

Editor's note: Steve wrote this some time ago. We published the first of his three articles, but didn't have space for several issues to include his second and third. At last, here are those two.

"1. Courtesy. Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy from all participants. Make tennis a fun game by praising your opponents' good shots and by not ... losing your temper, using vile language, throwing your racket, or slamming a ball in anger; or sulking when you are losing."

You heard your mother! No sulking!

"3. Warm-up is not practice. A player should provide the opponent a 5 minute warm-up (ten minutes if there are no ball persons) ... Some players confuse warm-up and practice. A player should make a special effort to hit shots directly to the opponent."

"15. Audible or visible calls. No matter how obvious it is to a player that the opponent's ball is out, the opponent is entitled to a prompt audible or visible out call." Probably calls in Senior Tennis should be pretty loud since not all of us hear as well as we once did.

"19. Lets called when balls roll on the court. When a ball from an adjacent court enters the playing area, any player shall call a let as soon as the player becomes aware of the ball. The player loses the right to call a let if the player unreasonably delays in making the call."

"23. Server's request for third ball. When a server requests three balls, the receiver shall comply when the third ball is readily available. Distant balls shall be retrieved at the end of a game." Better players usually strive to avoid delay and don't take time to pick up all 3 balls and pass them to the serving team after every point unless that can be done without delaying the server. Three people can pick up three balls about as fast as one can pick up one, and fewer people are standing around waiting.

"30. Delays during service. When the Server's second service motion is interrupted by a ball coming onto the court, the Server is entitled to two serves. When there is a delay between the first and second serves:

- the Server gets one serve if the Server was the cause of the delay;
- the Server gets two serves if the delay was caused by the Receiver or if there was outside interference."

(But!) "The time it takes to clear a ball that comes onto the court between the first and second serves is not considered sufficient time to warrant the Server receiving two serves unless this time is so prolonged as to constitute an interruption. The Receiver is the judge of whether the delay is sufficiently prolonged to justify giving the Server two serves." This is a good rule for receivers to

be liberal about.

Sadly, our role models on television don't always follow these rules. Still, they are just impulsive kids and they are playing in very important matches. (And many have been raised by tennis parents!) Only the delusional think any of these excuses apply to us.

"2. Counting points played in good faith. All points played in good faith stand. For example, if after losing a point, a player discovers that the net was four inches too high, the point stands. If a point is played from the wrong court, there is no replay. If during a point, a player realizes that a mistake was made at the beginning (for example, service from the wrong court), the player shall continue playing the point. Corrective action may be taken only after a point has been completed." According to USTA (ITF) rules this also applies if one's doubles partner serves out of turn. The error should be corrected as soon as it is noticed but points played stand.

"7. Ball touching any part of line is good. ...A ball 99% out is still 100% good."

"9. Calls when looking across a line or when far away. The call of a player looking down a line is much more likely to be accurate than that of a player looking across a line. When you are looking across a line, don't call a ball out unless you can clearly see part of the court between where the ball hit and the line. It is difficult for a player who stands on one baseline to question a call on a ball that landed near the other baseline." This is particularly true when a ball lands right at one's feet, usually at the baseline. The trajectory of the ball viewed from above is very close to a straight line with no obvious visual cue when it bounces. Several times I have had partners who are scrupulously honest insist a ball was out when I saw it clearly good from another angle. I try to play the ball and hope my partner will see if it is out. The Code adds later:

"25....In doubles the Receiver's partner should call the service line, and the Receiver should call the sideline and the center service line. Nonetheless, either partner may call a ball that either clearly sees." I am a little skeptical about this "should" because the receiver has a lot to think about right then. Of course it is true that when a ball lands just outside the center line the space will be hidden from the receiver's partner by the ball. But I have missed returns trying to watch the line. I try to hit the return so even if I miss the out call I still have a chance to win the point.

"12. Out calls corrected. If a player mistakenly calls a ball "out" and then realizes it was good, the point shall be replayed if the player returned the ball within the proper court. Nonetheless, if the player's return of the ball results in a "weak sitter," the

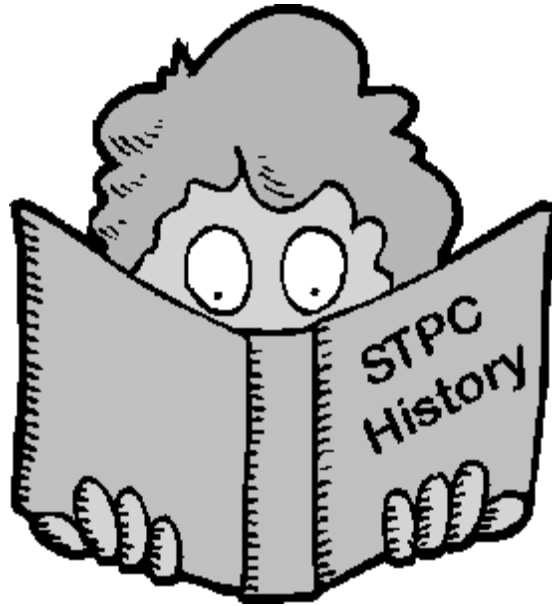
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History of the Senior Tennis Players Club

By Carol Hall

The organization came about in 1982 when Twin Cities businessman Jack Dow brought a small group of senior tennis enthusiasts together to form a club exclusively for their age group. These 60-and 70-somethings incorporated under the name of Senior Tennis Players Club, and proceeded to organize doubles matches for themselves at the old Parade Stadium courts near downtown Minneapolis. Their numbers quickly swelled. Today, the STPC membership exceeds 1500 members, aged 50 to 80-plus, who participate regularly in organized leagues, playing year-round at outdoor courts during the summer and racquet clubs in the winter. Their playing venues are scattered throughout the greater Twin Cities area.

Jack Dow is credited not only with founding the STPC, but also with its long-term success. An entrepreneur and go-getter who thrived on tennis, Dow, of Edina, was inducted into the Minnesota Tennis Hall of Fame, served as president of the Northwest Tennis Association, and, at his peak, was ranked No. 6 in Minnesota. He initially got the club off the ground by snagging members from among his tennis-playing friends, even giving out some free memberships to increase the numbers. Somewhere along the way, Dow decided that novices



should be admitted to this group of seasoned players and hired senior tennis pros, including Percy Hughes, Virginia Morgan and the late Ernie Greene, to provide them with beginner lessons.

Through the years Dow expanded club activities. Senior tennis camps, parties, drills, clinics and trips were added to the established leagues. Some of these trips saw Dow leading groups to Wimbledon, French Open, and U. S. Open, others to a Florida tennis resort where they played tennis daily.

Jack Dow died in 1996. The club thereafter initiated a tournament in his name, which is held annually. The programs and lessons that Dow began are going strong still today. A program for members to teach tennis to inner city youngsters was added to the list, as was a yearly grandparent-grandchild competi-

tion.

Each year the Jack Dow traveling trophy is presented to a member whose attitude, character, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and service best typify the organization. Long-time member Mary Kaminski of Saint Anthony, who serves on the STPC Board of Directors, was the 1998 trophy winner. Kaminski says of the STPC: "It does much more for seniors than offer tennis. The club creates the opportunity for new friendships; I've made so many good friends through Senior Tennis. Why, many members who've met on the courts have even found romance, and we've had a number of marriages."

Promoting the sport he so loved for the enjoyment and social opportunities it offers seniors was important to Dow, but more important was its benefit of improved physical health, of which he was keenly aware. Jack Dow played tennis five to seven times a week, continuing well into his eighties, and he lived to be 89.

Because the Senior Tennis Players Club is a nonprofit organization, members volunteer to handle all of its activities. They also serve as team captains for leagues. The STPC Board of Directors elects board members for three-year terms; board officers serve one-year terms. Members are encouraged to volunteer for activities and board positions, and to captain league teams.

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player should give the opponent the point. If the player failed to make the return, the opponent wins the point. If the mistake was made on the second serve, the server is entitled to two serves".

"42. Catching a ball. *If a player catches a ball before it bounces, the player loses the point regardless of where the player is standing.*" Many players are far too casual about this. If you get in the habit of catching a ball when you are

standing behind the baseline, then soon you'll do it when **on the baseline**, and then when **inside the court**. Like many other crimes and misdemeanors, the problem can start with "just a little violation." I had a partner who would do this. I urged him to stop, but he didn't. We played in a tournament and lost a critical point because of his habit.

Hopkins Thursday morning

By Rosalyn Bernstein

Here's a picture of my Thursday Morning Tennis Group that plays at the Hopkins Central Courts during the summer. There are four courts of ladies and some of us have played together for over 10 years. The picture was taken on our last day of summer tennis on August 27, 2009, after a season-ending "Ice Cream Social and Root Beer Float" celebration.

Bottom Row: Mary Haviland, Sally Browning, Julia French, Marilyn Karasov, Ronnae Wagner, Helen Jackson.

Middle Row: Phyllis Gelinis, Virginia Belford, Kay Sheehan, Anice Flesh, JeanAnn Durades, Winnie Lund.

Top Row: Captain Rosalyn Bernstein, Vi Schaber, Pat Fleming.

Regular players not shown: Betty Cadotte, Marilyn Cuneo and Betty Western.

