



# Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. May 2010

## Captains—your help please!

The April issue of this newsletter contained the *preliminary* spring/summer schedule. We've received several changes, which we've shown in the updated schedule on our website [www.seniortennismn.com](http://www.seniortennismn.com). We need you to be sure we've got it right—please review and report changes:

- Minneapolis area to Rod Johnson at 763-588-2107 or E-mail him at [r-john@umn.edu](mailto:r-john@umn.edu)
- St. Paul area to Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or E-mail him at [thueor32@comcast.net](mailto:thueor32@comcast.net)

The *final* schedule will be printed in the June/July newsletter.

We also need your help to insure that *all your players* are members of Senior Tennis. You've received your 2010 Roster—take a few minutes to check that your players have joined. If not, speak to them and explain that they must join to play. **Thanks!**

Of course, the Roster doesn't include members who renewed/joined since February. To get a current list of members, go to our website [www.seniortennismn.com](http://www.seniortennismn.com), and click on Membership, then look for "To see a list of our members - Click Here!"

## Annual spring luncheon

It's coming May 15! Captains have received a mailed invitation. Others should sign up using the form on page 7 of this newsletter. This is a great chance to get together with all your tennis friends. You get to see what we look like *OFF* the court!

**Important:** if you make reservations and then can't come, please be sure to cancel. Every year several captains, who attend free, make reservations and then don't show. That costs the club \$22. You can cancel as little as 24 hours ahead. **Thanks for helping!**

## Early newsletter deadline!

**By David Sommer, Newsletter Editor**

I will leave for a three-week vacation on May 14. Therefore, I must ask that all submissions for the June/July newsletter reach me by May 11.

**Thank you for your help!**



## Tennis Events

**By Bob Busch**

The outside nets are up and the smells of spring are in the air. What perfect conditions to spend time with your grandchildren hitting the tennis ball and preparing for the Grandparent/Grandchild tennis event sponsored by the STPC on July 17. Look for more information in this and June newsletters.

Be sure to commit to play several times a week and if necessary call a Captain to play on one of the courts in your area. We appreciate the time our dedicated captains devote to coordinating play at the many courts in the Twin City area. Express your appreciation at the Captains Annual Dinner on May 15 at Town & Country Club in St. Paul.

### Roddick wins

USA players finished 1st and 2nd in the Sony Ericsson Open in Key Biscayne, Florida in early April. Andy Roddick has a record of 26-4 in 2010 after defeating Tomas Berdych 7-5, 6-4 in the championship match and Raphael Nadal in the semi-finals. Venus Williams lost to Kim Clijsters 6-2, 6-1 in the Womens final. Clijsters returned to the professional tour in 2009 after giving birth to her first child. She also won a very

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## Upcoming Events

### **Captains Dinner & Annual Meeting**

May 15, 2010 11:00-2:30

Town & Country Club, St. Paul

Details and signup on page 7

### **Boyer-Hughes Clinic**

June 7, 2010 9:00-1:00

Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center

Details and signup on page 9

### **Grandparent/Grandchild Event**

July 17, 2010

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### **Racketeer Challenge**

Virginia, MN

July 23-25, 2010

Details and signup on page 5

## Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

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### Senior Tennis Times

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### Advertising

Send by email or USPS to the newsletter editor by the 15th of the month for publication the following month. **Please send all payments to the newsletter editor.**

Ad rates (first month/additional months):

Full page (7.5x10).....\$165/135

Half page (7.5x4.9) .....110/85

Half page on back cover.....125/100

Quarter page (3.7x4.9) .....70/50

Eighth page (3.7x2.4) .....45/30

Business card special.....30/20

Horizontal strip ads: \$55 first two inches;

\$20 each additional inch. Vertical: \$75

first two inches; \$25 each add'l inch.

4-line ad (members only)..... \$10

2-line ad (members only) First three months:

free, then \$5/issue.

### Membership information changes,

### newsletter delivery problems, etc.,

can be made by writing Senior Tennis Play-

ers Club, P.O. Box 5525, Hopkins, MN 55343

or email to Ronnae Wagner:

[howard5326@aol.com](mailto:howard5326@aol.com)

Membership total: 1387

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## Golden rules of Gopher doubles

By Tyler Thomson

*Editor's note: Tyler Thomson is the Gopher women's tennis coach. I listened to his talk at the Tennis Festival of the North, a wonderful event. I saw several of you there; if it's repeated, I recommend it. My comments appear in italics.*

1. When 1 up 1 back, never hit down the line unless you are trying to avoid a poacher. *Why? Opposing player at net has easy angle winner.*
2. Middle solves the riddle when both opponents are at the net or baseline. *You must hit with conviction to take advantage of the potential confusion.*
3. Lifted volleys always go to the baseliner. *A "lifted volley" is one you hit from a low position. So you can't hit it hard, and if you hit it at the net person, she has an easy put-*

*away.*

4. When serving at 30-30, that point and every point thereafter, take pace off the serve and make it. *In doubles, you don't lose much by taking a little off the serve. Make the first serve and pressure is on opponents; miss it and it's on us!*
5. When we're both at the net and we get lobbed, one person yells "mine" and tries to hit an overhead straight ahead. Her partner immediately goes to the net strap and crouches. *(Crouch to avoid being hit by partner!) If the lob bounces, the retriever must yell "back!"*
6. When we are 1 up 1 back and we get lobbed, the baseliner has to yell an instruction (**stay**, **switch**, or **back**).
7. Two back on all first serve returns. *(This applies only if the*

*(Golden rules—continued on page 10)*

*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](mailto: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.

## Percy's tennis rhythms

By Percy Hughes

Well, dear friends and fellow club members, I'm back with messages for you, tennis-wise, with health issues about loved ones in mind. Yes, it's been quite a while—having a very sick wife quickly changes your whole world, please believe me. Fortunately, she's home now, and she is improving health-wise. A long hospital stay, then the same with a long nursing-home stay, and now she's home with me. She's improving, so back to tennis



involvement and my musical instruments. I've really missed both, very, very, much.

Tennis for me will be teaching beginners as soon as outdoor season begins. I'll be using the courts at 85th and Bryant Ave So. One thing for sure...our instructors are the **greatest!** Believe me—I'll name them all in my next issue. I'm quite a **happy camper** because of my dear wife's change of health, so I promise you good lessons and a great attitude. So meanwhile,

**No foot faults!**

Perc

## St. Paul Urban Tennis Program seeks racquets, shoes, balls

The St. Paul Urban Tennis Program (SPUT), which this summer will reach about 3,500 youths, can use any old equipment (racquets, shoes, balls, etc.) that's collecting dust around your house and is still serviceable.

That includes any kids/junior racquets that the grandkids have left behind, tennis shoes of all sizes and used tennis balls that still have some life. St. Paul Urban Tennis is one of the beneficiaries of the Senior Tennis Players Club, for which it is very grateful.

If you have equipment you would like to donate (they'll take new stuff, too!), please contact SPUT executive director Marc Miller at 651-222-2879 or by e-mail at [mmiller@sput.us](mailto:mmiller@sput.us) or contact SPUT board member (and STPC member) Gregg Wong at 612-374-2463 or by e-mail at [wonggregg@comcast.net](mailto:wonggregg@comcast.net).

## Tennis special for STPC!

Tennis and Life Camps (TLC) is offering a \$40 discount to STPC members for any adult or family camp. Claim the discount when you register. It cannot be combined with other discounts. **This offer expires May 15.**

Tennis and Life Camps:

- Ranked nationally in the top ten by Tennis magazine.
- 33 years of tennis experience.
- Guarantees improvements in skills, strategies, motivation, and attitudes.
- Offers individualized instruction, competition, and fun for 12 hours each day.

For more information go to [www.gustavus.edu/tlc](http://www.gustavus.edu/tlc). Click on the 2010 registration form for dates and cost. Download the form, fill it out, and mail it with a \$150 deposit to Tennis and life camps, Gustavus, St. Peter, MN 56082. Direct questions to Steve Wilkinson at 507-931-1614 or [swilkins@gac.edu](mailto:swilkins@gac.edu).

## Want ads

These two-liner want ads are available to all STPC members. Your ad is free for three issues. After that, there is a charge of \$5 per publication.

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

**For Sale:** My 2003 **Harley Sportster** motorcycle. Beautiful slate-blue Anniversary Edition. Perfect for a beginning woman biker, a low rider. Only 6632 miles. \$5500 or best offer. Barb Hicks, 651-503-4688.

**Pastel & oil painting classes.** Edina Art Center. Thursdays: Apr 15-May 20. Judy Lieber 952-884-1815



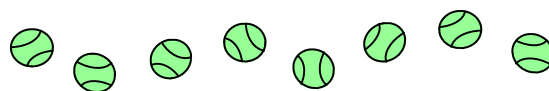
**Condo on lake** sleeps 6, Big Sky, MT. available 8/29-9/5 Enjoy mountain top or Yellowstone. 612-374-2860

Perfect gift for someone who played high school tennis: Tennis in the Northland—a History of Boys' High School Tennis in MN. \$30 (tax & shipping included). Call Jim Holden 507-645-5313. **\$5 from each sale donated to Senior Tennis Players Club.**

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

**2 Greek homes** 3BR 2.5BA near Nafplio. €585-€780/wk. MN owner Sally Howard 612-340-9706 for details.

**For Rent: 3+ BR Lake Home.** Sleeps 10. Whitefish Lake. [www.vrbo.com/231747](http://www.vrbo.com/231747) 651-343-5931



## ●● STPC lessons and drills—all levels ●●

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

Location	Day	Start	Time	Instructor	Phone
<b>Aquila Park</b> Mtka Blvd & Aquila Ave St. Louis Park	Thu	5/6	8:30-10:00 AM	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
				Paul Stormo	952-944-6286
<b>Bryant Courts</b> 85 <sup>th</sup> and Bryant Ave. S., Bloomington <b>Especially for beginners!</b>	Wed	5/5	8:30-10:00 AM	Percy Hughes	612-866-1102
<b>Breck School</b> 123 Ottawa Ave. Golden Valley	Tue	5/4	6:30-8:00 PM In June 5:30-7:00 PM	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
<b>3M Tartan Park.</b> 20th Street N between Cty Rds 17 and 15, Lake Elmo. Enter through picnic/sports area. Follow sports complex signs to end of road.	Tue	5/4	9:00-10:30 AM	Tom Bauman	651-738-6726

**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.

Location	Day	Cost	Time	Information
<b>Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center</b> 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis	Tue Thu	\$8.00	9:00-10:00 AM	612-825-6844 Call for reservation.
<b>Williston Center</b> , 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345. Call 952-939-8370 to reserve. Members may call 1 week in advance; non-members 4 days in advance. All classes are \$8 members; \$10 non-members.	Mon	\$8/\$10	3:00-4:00 PM	Senior Clinic 2.0-2.5
	Wed	\$8/\$10	8:00-9:00 AM	Senior Clinic 3.0-3.5
	Fri	\$8/\$10	8:00-9:00 AM	Senior "Focused Play &

## March 13 Tennis Mixer

**By Carol Brant**

We had a fairly good turnout for the March Mixer held at Fred Wells Tennis Center. Thanks to Marv Schneider for arranging for the place and time. He also sets the player schedule, checks the mix every half hour of play, and Saturday he filled in and played both sessions. We were missing some players, and at the last minute Marv recruited Ronnae Wagner. Thank you Ronnae. Also thanks to Duncan Welty who showed up in case we needed an extra player and we did. Thanks to Mary Ann McGuire who helped set up even though she had other plans for the evening, and to Louise Halverson for keeping the food trays filled. A special thank you to Joanne Schwartz who came early and stayed late, helping with set up and clean up.

## Justice Stevens & tennis

Recently we heard that Justice John Paul Stevens is retiring from the Supreme Court at age 90. He was appointed in 1975 by Gerald Ford. He gave a rare interview recently, in which he said he was starting to feel his age on the tennis court, where he's a regular. "I have to notice that I get arthritis in my left knee now and then... That wasn't bothering me before. I'm conscious of changes."



Someone asked him if he ran while playing tennis. "How else do you play?" he replied.

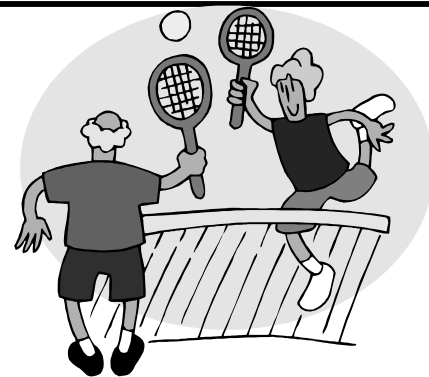
# Racketeer Challenge

## Round Robin

July 23-25, 2010 (Friday-Sunday)

Quad Cities Tennis for All

Virginia, Minnesota



The honor of Senior Tennis is at stake! Former STPC member George Erickson insults us: "having experienced the wimpy level of tennis played by STPC members, I hereby challenge said members who are still able to move and can remember where they parked their cars, to a round robin doubles and singles tournament in the fine, new, 4-court, indoor tennis facility in Virginia, MN, that I and others have created... Categories will be men's, women's and mixed doubles and singles, with trophies to be furnished by the **Iron Range Racketeers**, which is only fair because we expect to keep them."

Combine a vacation in northern Minnesota with the opportunity to put those rangers in their place! Just \$5 entry fee, plus modest cost for indoor play (free on outdoor courts). Schedule:

Friday 2:00-9:00 — registration & informal play.

Saturday 9:30-noon & 1:30-4:30 — Tournament play.

Saturday 5:00 — dinner at one of the area's fine restaurants, followed by informal play, golf, a Lake Vermillion pontoon boat tour, or other activities.

Sunday 9:00-noon — Competition continues. Informal play, golf, etc. remainder of Sunday.

Schedule tentative, will adjust to accommodate number of players, and on your preferences. (Space for your comments below.) Sign up now, but look for more details in the June/July newsletter.

Info on the facility: <http://www.quadcitiestennisforall.com/>

Virginia, Minnesota: <http://www.virginia-mn.com>

Event restricted to the first 30 persons who register. Send this reservation form with your check for \$5/person, made payable to Quad Cities Tennis. Send to:

George Erickson  
4678 Cedar Island Drive  
Eveleth, MN 55734

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Space above provided for two players as a convenience only. You do not need a partner to register.)

Your comments:

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exciting semi-final against Justine Henin, also from Belgium.

### **Taney returns**

Former undefeated Edina High School player Whitney Taney returned with her #6-ranked team to shut out the Minnesota Gopher Women 7-0 on March 28. Taney is the junior captain of the Michigan Wolverines. Michigan is in contention for the Big Ten Championship and has victories over several highly ranked Division I teams. The Michigan team has all USA players except one from Alberta, Canada. Five of the nine members of the Minnesota team are from foreign countries.

### **Edina/Breck favorites**

Edina High School Boys, defending Class 2A Champs, are again the preseason favorite. After graduating eight players, the new lineup will include many new faces. Breck is the top pick in Class 1A with a strong returning team. Burnsville, Mahtomedi and Minneapolis South were also included in the Metro Top Ten reported by Jim Paulsen of the Star Tribune. Plan to attend a spring high school match in your area. The top-ranked Minnesota high school players in the Metro Area are: Dusty Boyer, Forest Lake; Hamish Weerasinghe, Edina; and Justin Abrams, Egan. The top two players in the USTA's Northern Section for players 18 and under are not playing high school tennis. Wyatt McCoy, Shoreview and Nelson Vick, Stillwater, ranked #1 and #2 by the USTA are playing national tournaments.

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## **Summer tennis on weekend afternoons**

### **By Marv Schneider**

For those of you interested in playing a pickup type of game on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons, we will be playing at Central Middle School (CMS) in Eden Prairie from 3-5 PM on both days starting the third weekend in April, and continuing into September.

The easiest way to find the CMS tennis courts is to drive about 2 miles west on Hwy 5 from I-494 in Eden Prairie, exit Mitchell Road, go left on Mitchell about 3 blocks, then right on Technology Drive about one mile to Wallace Road where the eight tennis courts are right in front of you. Questions? Call me at 952-975-1895.

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## **Team Tennis season**

### **By Marv Schneider**

With summer rapidly approaching, many of us are looking forward to another entertaining season of STPC Team Tennis. Besides a lot of competitive fun, this is an excellent way to meet a lot of other players (both men and women) who play your level of tennis.

Last year the league had five teams, each consisting of four men and four women. Each team played 2 matches against each of the other teams in the league. Matches were 8-game pro-sets (2 men's doubles, 2 women's doubles, and 4 mixed doubles). All matches are played on Tuesday mornings, between 9 and 11am, from mid-June through mid-August. Court locations for the matches are in the southwest suburbs.

Most of the players in this league are rated 3.5 or above. If you are interested in joining this fun group as either a captain, a regular, or a sub, or you have any questions about it, you can call either league manager Marv Schneider at 952-975-1895 or any of the other captains, including Don Harnish, Ken Landro, or Ronnae Wagner.

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### **Change your water, change your life**

Thirty-five years ago, a Japanese scientist developed a machine with platinum-coated titanium plates that makes 2.5 pH acid water to disinfect and clean, 4.5 pH beauty water, to 9.5 pH alkaline, the best drinking water that alkalizes the body, eliminates acid waste, etc. I have 20 pages on the great benefits of acid/alkali water and an explanatory brochure on the automatic unit I bought. One page has a list of 106 common acidic disorders.

There are 5 machines priced from \$1,280 to \$5,980. With time payments up to 16 months, additional cost \$10 per month. Most fluids, especially sodas, are very acidic, as are many white foods, bread, flour, potatoes, sugar.

For 37 years, we've used distilled water (DW) for all drinking and cooking, which healed my calcified knees and right elbow. According to experts, subtle changes in the pH of the body's "inner sea" can affect overall health, level of fatigue, pain, weight and athletic performance. pH balance and acid buffering are crucial to human health and slowing the aging process. Info, Al Holter 763-537-1843, [ajholter@earthlink.net](mailto:ajholter@earthlink.net)

[www.WaterCoast2Coast.com](http://www.WaterCoast2Coast.com)



# STPC Annual Spring Luncheon

- Captains' Recognition
- Jack Dow Trophy

Saturday, May 15, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

Town & Country Club • 300 Mississippi River Boulevard N. • St. Paul, Minnesota

## Schedule of Events

- 11:00 am Social Hour
- 12:00 pm Luncheon
- 1:00 pm Annual Meeting, Introduction of new Board members, and Jack Dow Trophy award. Thank retiring Board members.
- 1:45 pm Musical entertainment

## Luncheon Menu

*Steak Diane—sautéed medallions of beef tenderloin with shallots, new potatoes*

**Alternate:** *Butternut squash ravioli*

*Salad of mixed greens, peppercorn ranch or balsamic vinaigrette dressing*

*Raspberry sherbet and cookies*

*Regular or Decaf Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea*

### Directions to Town & Country Club

From I94: Take the Cretin Avenue/Vandalia Street exit (exit 237) and turn south onto Cretin Avenue. Turn right onto Marshall Avenue. Turn right onto Otis Ave, then left into parking.

From south suburbs: I494 east to Hwy 5. East across river and exit to Edgumbe. Follow Edgumbe to left on St. Paul Ave, which becomes Cleveland by Ford Parkway. Cleveland to Marshall. Turn left onto Marshall. Turn right on Otis Ave. Clubhouse parking is first driveway on left.

From Minneapolis: Take Lake Street east across river. It becomes Marshall. Take left on Otis Ave (one short block from river). Clubhouse parking is first driveway on left.

**Send reservation form by Monday May 10 with check for \$22 payable to STPC to:**  
Ronnae Wagner • 5326 Rogers Dr • Minnetonka, MN 55343 • 952-938-5785

**Please call to cancel if unable to attend.**  
(Cancellations accepted up to 24 hours prior to event)

**Captains:** you will receive a mailed invitation—**do not use this reservation form!**

**STPC Luncheon Reservation form for Non-Captains and guests only**  
**Saturday, May 15, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm. Cost: \$22 per member or guest**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if want ravioli

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if want ravioli

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** Butternut squash ravioli is the *alternate* entrée.

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## **STPC new members, renewals, and changes**

Name                      Rating   Primary phone   Other phone   Address / Email

**Member information is not included on the web version of the newsletter.**



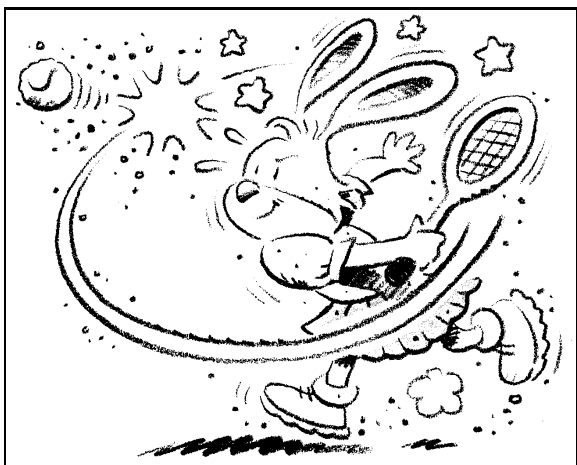
# Boyer-Hughes Clinic

**Don't wait!** The Boyer-Hughes Clinic **with an improved format**, led by Roger Boyer, takes place **Monday June 7**. You'll improve your game, have a great time, and get lunch too, all for \$12.50. Bring a guest for just \$15.

Registration closes **June 2** and there is a limit of **96** players, so sign up now and be sure you're included.

Nearly 3 hours of lessons, drills, clinics with Minneapolis' best instruction staff (according to the US Commerce Association for 2009).

**Boyer-Hughes**  
Tennis Clinic & Luncheon  
**Monday, June 7, 2010**



**Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center**  
4005 Nicollet Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55409  
612-825-6844

Tennis at 9 a.m., luncheon at **noon**  
**Please arrive by 8:45 am**

**Format:** 3 50-minute segments  
Men and women, everyone plays!

\$12.50 per STPC member, \$15 per guest

**96 Players Only**  
**Register by June 2, 2010**

## Boyer-Hughes Clinic & Luncheon Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w/ area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Level:  1-1.5     2-2.5     3-3.5     4.0

Send your check payable to STPC (\$12.50 per member, \$15 per guest) and this form by **June 2, 2010** to:

Ronnae Wagner  
5326 Rogers Drive  
Minnetonka, MN 55343  
952-938-5785

All players must sign the Release Form below:  
**RELEASE FORM**

As a condition of my membership, I agree that any participation by me in the activities of, or sponsored by, the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. (STPC), a nonprofit 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Financial review

By Marv Schneider, STPC Treasurer

The following Financial Review compares the finances

of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. (STPC) for the year 2009 to that for year 2008. I will be available at the Annual Meeting and Captains Luncheon on Saturday, May 15, to answer any questions on it.

	12/31/09	12/31/08	Comments
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$26,249	\$11,475	
CDs, Money Markets	75,696	91,134	
Prepaid Postage	737	262	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$102,682</b>	<b>\$102,871</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Prepaid Membership	\$30,200	\$28,300	
Retained Earnings	74,570	80,890	
Net Income	(2,088)	(6,319)	See Note 5
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$102,682</b>	<b>\$102,871</b>	

	2009	2008	Difference	Comments
Paid Members	1399	1399	0	
<b>INCOME:</b>				
Dues, Interest, Misc. Inc.	\$38,481	\$42,039	(\$3,558)	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Newsletter	\$14,400	\$14,325	(\$75)	
Lesson Program	13,294	11,850	(1,444)	See Note 1
Special Events	1,422	3,575	2,153	See Note 2
Membership	5,177	5,194	17	See Note 3
Contributions	4,500	10,657	6,157	See Note 4
Administration	1,776	2,757	981	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,569</b>	<b>\$48,358</b>	<b>\$7,789</b>	
NET (Income - expenses)	(\$2,088)	(\$6,319)	\$4,231	See Note 5

**Note 1.** There were more lessons given in 2009.

**Note 2.** Special events include the Annual Meeting and Captains Luncheon, Jack Dow Tourney, Boyer-Hughes Clinic, Grandparent-Grandchild Tourney, 2 tennis parties, and the annual picnic. Most of these are run on a break-even basis.

**Note 3.** Membership expenses include printing and delivery of the roster.

**Note 4.** Contributions in both years went to Inner City Tennis, St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, and Fred Wells Tennis and Learning Center. A defibrillator went to Fred Wells in 2008. Larger donations went to all three in 2008.

**Note 5.** The two biggest differences in the two years were the smaller Contributions and better financial results on Special Events in 2009.



(Golden rules—continued from page 2)

server has a strong first serve, which we don't see much in Senior Tennis!)

- Immediately come together at the T after every point and then cheer for your teammates, encourage your partner, or talk strategy. *May seem hokey, but the pros do it. I've tried it, and it helps. If I or partner has just missed a shot, this is reassuring that we're still together. Also, have a plan for next point!*
- Always bouncing on the feet when waiting for the point to begin. *Avoids falling asleep! My most frequent reason for missing a shot is that my mind wandered, instead of keeping focus. My mantra: "watch the ball".*
- Always attempt to hit a regular overhead instead of a high backhand volley. *The high backhand volley is the toughest shot in tennis. Instead, use your feet to move so that you can hit a regular overhead. I've been doing this lately, and was surprised how often there really is time to do this. Speaking of feet: Andy Roddick has greatly improved his footwork, and his results are better. Little steps.*

## In Memory...



### Jim Crawford

Jim was a member of Senior Tennis from 1995. He graduated from Patrick Henry High School, where he was a star athlete and excelled on the tennis team. Jim met the love of his life, Joan Geiger, when he was 20. They were married on June 25, 1955 at St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Chicago. Much of his career was in sales; in time he managed sales teams in the food brokerage business. He recently retired from his part-time job of twelve years at Cub foods in Minneapolis.

Jim loved kids and anything to do with sports. "Mr. C" coached all of his five children and countless other kids on athletic teams over the years in north Minneapolis. He always encouraged them to do their best and never be a "giver-upper."

*15th Annual*  
**Grandparent/Grandchild**  
**Round Robin**  
**Saturday, July 17, 2010**  
**9 AM—Noon**  
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Grandparent \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchild \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchild's level:     Beginner     Intermediate     School varsity

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