



Senior Tennis Times

Newsletter of the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc.

June-July
2011

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This is a **DOUBLE ISSUE**, for June and July. It is just packed with events and stories:

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And much more, to entertain you and increase your enjoyment of our great game of tennis.

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 6, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Hughes Clinic with Roger Boyer

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Saturday, July 16, 7:30-11:00 AM

Grandparent/Grandchild Round Robin

Signup P. 5

July 29-31, Statewide Senior Tennis Open

at Virginia, Minnesota

Signup P. 8

August 6-12, InnerCity Tennis

Clay Court Championship

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Tennis events

By Bob Busch

Thanks to Gary Rother and the Dow Tournament Committee for delivering another great STPC doubles tournament. It was great to see more members participate in this annual event. Be sure to mark your calendar for this tournament which will again be scheduled for May in 2012.

Grandparent/Grandchild event

Start hitting the ball with your grandchildren and get ready for the annual Grandparent/Grandchild tennis Round Robin, scheduled for July. This year’s event will accommodate more players. It will be played on 13 Richfield courts on July 16. See the registration form on page 5.

ICT Clay Championships

Are you tired of competing with male players who are much younger? Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to play against players in your age bracket on clay at Bearpath or Interlachen Country Clubs in Eden Prairie or Edina in August. For the 10th consecutive year, Bearpath Country Club is hosting this USTA Adult & Senior Men’s Northern Sectional Tournament. Play begins on Saturday, August 6 and will be completed by Friday, August 12. This tournament is a benefit for the InnerCity Tennis Foundation and grossed over \$12,000 in 2010. It will offer men’s singles and doubles in the 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 & 85 age brackets. A portion of the entry fee and all donations are considered tax deductible. We are planning for over 125 players who will compete against players in their own age bracket. Complete the application in this newsletter or register online—see page 12.

Gopher tennis

Congratulations to men’s coach Geoff Young on a very successful Big Ten season. The men, ranked 19th nationally, finished second to #3 ranked Ohio State in the Big Ten post-season tournament, after completing the conference schedule in 3rd place. For the first time since 2003 they competed in the final Big Ten title match. Gophers are scheduled to face Fresno State, a

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Eighth page (3.7x2.4)45/30

Business card special.....30/20

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Letters to the editor

Editor's note: no letters this month, so instead here are some Tennis Peeves, gathered from friends and relations. I invite readers to submit their own Peeves. It's OK to be peevish—*anonymity protected if you wish.*



Peeve: bad position of receiver's partner

I'm waiting for serve in deuce court. My partner is on the service line, but **way over** to the left—most of the way to the alley. I try to hit a good cross-court return, but if it is a little too close to server's partner (at the net), that player may hit a volley right between us. **Correct position:** there are at least two. The most common is on the service line, but **just to the left of the center.** Then if server's partner hits a volley, my partner at least has a chance to get his racquet on it. If server is very good, my partner can instead play back, almost to the baseline.

Peeve: cowardly receiver's partner

Again, I'm receiving serve in the deuce court. My partner might be in proper position (see previous Peeve). I crack a strong cross-court return, and start to move forward. Server looks like he'll have trouble making a good return. **But my partner moves back!** What is he afraid of? Instead, he should move forward, ready to knock off the return.

Peeve: failure to call "switch"

I am near net. Opponent lobs over me. My partner moves behind me to

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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.

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handle the lob. **But he doesn't say "switch!"** So I hold my ground, maybe get hit in the back, and in any case am not ready to handle the return.

Peeve: failure to call "mine" or "yours"

Ball hit between partners. If I want it, I should say "mine." If I can't handle it, I say "yours." Related situation: opponent hits lob which partner **may be able to handle as a smash**. I can help partner by moving well behind him, saying "got it." (When I do this, it doesn't mean partner should refrain from hitting a good smash. It just means that he can let it go to me if he wants—I have his back!)

Players wanted

We may be able to have early morning indoor court time on Saturdays and Sundays starting next September. If interested, please contact Joan Thomas: thomasjoan@comcast.net.

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.*

Time for spring/summer project? Kitchen, bath, paint, lighting/electrical, plumbing, tile. High quality attention to detail. Home Improvement Specialist 612-710-7055 ericostergaard@yahoo.com

Garden help for Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, So Mpls, & nearby areas. Lee Peterson 952-270-9472.

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Will Djokovic pass Nadal?

Novak Djokovic has defeated Rafael Nadal three times in a row at 1000 level tournaments, the last time on clay. In that last match (Madrid Open final), we saw something extraordinary: Nadal was looking discouraged! As of 5/12, Nadal has 12,470 ATP singles

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team they defeated 4-2 in January, in the first round of the NCAA tournament in California in mid-May. Young recruited four players from Europe and two from Colombia for the team that has only one singles player ranked in the top 100 nationally. Tobias Wernet from Germany is ranked 98th in singles. Young's team places a high value on academics with an overall 3.375 GPA in the fall semester. The Gopher women's season came to an end in the second round of the Big Ten Tournament as #1 seeded Michigan shut out the Gopher Women. Coach Tyler Thomson's team finished the year with 8 wins and 16 losses.

High school boys

The State Coaches Association ranked Blake, Breck and Rochester Lourdes as the top teams in Class 1A and Hopkins, Wayzata and Mahtomedi as the top teams in Class 2A. Based on early season results the best teams appear to be in Class 1A. Mark your calendar for the State Tournament in early June. The Class 1A tournament will again be played at Reed-Sweat Family Tennis Center and the Class 2A tournament will be played at the U of M Baseline Tennis Center. The tournaments start with two days of team competition followed by individual competition in singles and doubles.

Butorac/Rojer win in Portugal

Eric Butorac, a Rochester native and former Gustavus player, and his partner Jules Rojer won the Estoril Open in Portugal in early May. Ranked #4 in the world rankings, they defeated Lopez and Marrero, the defending champs, 6-3, 6-3 in the final. Butorac and Rojer recently helped organize and deliver a very successful fundraising event for youth tennis at the Fred Wells Tennis and Learning Center.

Eric's coach at Gustavus, Steve Wilkinson, provided this personal note: "I am pleased by my continuing relationship with Eric after he graduated from Gustavus. He continues to seek advice on strategy and attitude. I was honored when he asked me to come to Wimbledon this year to assist with scouting and strategy. Barb and I are thrilled that we can share with Eric and his parents the greatest of all tournaments!"

points, and Djokovic 10,655. Djokovic has won six titles and 35 straight matches this year. If he continues his winning streak against Nadal through this week's Italian Open and at the French Open later this month, he will pass Nadal in the rankings. If not that soon, it could happen later in the year as play switches to grass and hard courts. Stay tuned.

●● STPC lessons and drills—May through August—All levels ●●

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

Location	Day	Start	Time	Instructor	Phone
Aquila Park Mtka Blvd & Aquila Ave St. Louis Park	Thu	5/5	8:00-9:30 AM	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592 idwelty@q.com
				Paul Stormo	952-944-6286 pjstormo@aol.com
				Duane Ryman	612-865-9517 dhrtennis40@hotmail.com
Donaldson Park , Richfield 35W West Frontage Road, just north of 76 th Street	Sun	5/8	Noon-1:30 PM	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
				Paul Stormo	952-944-6286
				Duane Ryman	612-865-9517
Eden Prairie Middle School . Wallace Road at west end of Technology Drive	Sat	5/7	Noon-1:30 PM	Mark Mudra	952-833-1469 markmudra@aol.com
				Dilcia Pederson	612-824-6099 dilcia.pederson@innercitytennis.org
Lions Park in Golden Valley until about 6/15. Check with Duncan. Then Breck School 123 Ottawa Ave. Golden Valley	Tue Wed	5/3	5:30-7:00 PM	Duncan Welty	952-933-8592
				Paul Stormo	952-944-6286
				Duane Ryman	612-865-9517
3M Tartan Park . 20th Street N between Cty Rds 17 and 15, Lake Elmo. Enter through picnic/sports area. Take first right to 4 courts.	Tue	5/3	9:00-10:30 AM	Tom Bauman	651-387-2373 tcbauman@hotmail.com

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 \$7 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	Information
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. Call 952-939-8370 to reserve. Members may call 1 week in advance; non-members 4 days in advance. Lower price listed is for members.	Tue	\$10/\$12	7:30-9:00 AM	3.0-3.0+ mixer w/critique. Runs mid-June thru mid-Aug.
	Wed	\$8/\$10	8:00-9:00 AM	Senior 3.0-3.5. Runs mid-June thru mid-Aug. Location is GroTonka Park, 17003 Prospect Place, Minnetonka

Drills for June and July

Note: each month all our instructors will place greater attention on one subject.

Ground stroke

The **June** drill is **forehand ground stroke**. **July** is **backhand ground stroke**. For both:

- Target: 4' x 4' square in court corner, 2' from sideline and baseline.
- Slight shoulder turn.

- Keep head down through the shot.
- Push palm through contact point.

WOW! Evening/weekend drills!

Outdoor drills are May through August. The schedule, shown above, has early evening drills on Tuesday and Wednesday, and mid-day drills on Saturday and Sunday.

We're trying hard to make our entire program more accessible to those working 9-5. **Take advantage!**

16th Annual Grandparent/Grandchild Round Robin

Saturday, July 16, 2011
Check in 7:30, play 8:00-11:00 AM
Richfield High School Courts
7001 Harriet Ave S, Richfield



Here's an opportunity for you to play tennis with your grandchild, share time together, and most of all, have fun!

Only \$4 per person. Deadline for reservations: postmarked by July 9, 2011.

Send this reservation form with your check for \$4 per person, made out to STPC, to:

Gary Rother

Grandparent/Grandchild

5208 16th Ave S

Minneapolis MN 55417-1814

Grandparent _____ Rating _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

Grandchild _____ Age _____

Grandchild's level: ☐ 10Under ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ School varsity

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 contractors 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, non-feasance 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 _____

Be a better returner!

By Laurie Kozlak, USPTA tennis pro

"Practice, Practice, Practice" and then "Focus, Focus, Focus"! First, practice your returns outside of your match against as many different servers as you can. Next, learn both the low cross-court return as well as the lob return to give you an ability to "mix it up" and keep your opponents guessing as to what return to expect. The "lob return" over the net player in senior tennis is undoubtedly one of the most effective returns a player can make, so if you don't "own" a lob return

then make it a goal to learn it. The straight ahead return is a distant third choice of a return but it is used primarily against a net player who is "asleep on the job" or to "keep them honest" in their ability to volley. When you've learned the returns, then your next job is to choose which return you're going to hit before the serve and then focus on executing it. Keeping your backswing compact, moving forward into the return, and following through to the target will help improve your return success. Finally, being ready **after** your return will help you to "return the return"!

Jack Dow event

The 2011 Jack Dow was our most

successful ever, with more divisions allowing for more participants. For example, the "6.5 Women" allows

for a 3.0 and a 3.5 woman to team together. Pictures below.

Event	Champions	Finalists	Consolation
6.5 Men	David Eby, Lee Peterson	Whitey Brodtmann, David Sallee	George Burbie, Bill Kruckeberg
7.0 Men	Larry Miller, Pat O'Halloran	Bruce Blado, Steve Bruell	Norman Ledeboer, Larry Nelson
7.5 Men	Lowell Gillette, Frank Segerstrom	Don Harnish, Jerry Kneisl	David Fridgen and Robert Fridgen
8.0 Men	Duane Hoecherl, Joel Johnson		
5.0 Women	Margret Prawdzik, Steph Ruppert		
6.5 Women	JoAnne Christensen, Patti Kondziolka	Dottie Gardner, Laura Stromgren	Patricia Dahlman, Ruby Rott
7.0 Women	Annette Adam, Becky Beck	Adrienne Alexander, Ardie Hollenbeck	Jan Dubois, Helen Waddick
6.0 Mixed	Jack Richman, Judy Sweeney		
6.5 Mixed	Kay Lawton, Herman Swanson	Larry Bordsen, Irmi Habeck	Fred Jurewicz, Mary Rogers
7.0 Mixed	Pat Eckelberry, Rita Lusk	Annette Adam, Brian Kretsch	Jan DuBois, Larry Nelson
7.5 Mixed	Jim Dale, Jo Rolling	Larry Miller, Barb Richied	Jerry Kneisl, Norma Schaefer



6.5 Men champions and finalists.



7.0 Men champions and finalists.



7.0 Men consolation.



6.5 Men consolation.



7.5 Men champions and Finalists.



7.5 Men consolation.



8.0 Men champions.



5.0 Women champions.



6.5 Women champions and finalist.



7.0 Women champions and finalist.



6.5 Women consolation.



7.0 Women consolation.



6.0 Mixed champions.



6.5 Mixed champions.



6.5 Mixed consolation.

7.0 Mixed champions & finalists.

7.0 Mixed consolation.



7.5 Mixed champions & finalists.

7.5 Mixed consolations.

In Memory...



Chuck Emme

Emme, Charles W. Age 80 of Columbia Heights, passed away May 6, 2011 after a 3-year battle with cancer. Preceded in death by parents, Arthur and Katherine; and brother, Arthur, Jr. Survived by wife, Carol; sons, Mark, Steve and Tom; daughter, Diane (Jim) Johnson; 3 grandsons, Thomas, Andrew and Matthew; also many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to American Cancer Society. Chuck was a member of Senior Tennis since 1991.

Tennis Mixer March 19

By Mary Ann McGuire, Events Chair

20 members registered to play in this mixer on a Saturday evening. We changed the format to only one session for a 6:00-8:00 duration on five courts. This was well received by the players.

A special **thank you** goes to **Richard Brandt** who organized the matches and coordinated final plans with Fred Wells staff.

Volunteers who gave their time and talents to make this party fun and successful were **Ardelle Hansen**, **Chris Hennessey** and **Joanne Schwartz**.

Special recognition and appreciation to **Marv Schneider** for his ongoing assistance, with **all our tennis parties** this year. He gave many hours to schedule, assist and then organize all the matches.

Richfield tennis lessons

Richfield Recreation will be hosting a Senior Tennis Mixer for those 50 and over. Scott Raskiewicz, a tennis teaching professional with over 35 years playing and coaching experience, will organize round-robin play and offer tips on technique, strategy, equipment, off court training and other information vital to maximizing one's enjoyment of Senior tennis.

Date & time: June 8, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. (In case of rain, the event will be held the next day, same time and location.)

Location: Augsburg Park, 72nd and Blaisdell.

Fee: \$10 (new balls provided)

Call 612-861-9385 with questions or to register. You may also register on line at www.richfieldrecreation.com

New seniors combo mixed doubles league

USTA Northern will offer a combo mixed doubles league for those 50-plus! There will be three positions played at the combined 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 levels. The local league will be played from mid-August through September at various sites around the Twin Cities area. Matches will happen in the evenings during the week with 6.0 and 8.0 playing Thursdays and 7.0 and 9.0 playing Mondays. Perhaps the best part about the new league? League fees are only \$10!

Come to Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center, Thursday, June 23, 5-8 PM for **happy hour and tennis** as we kick off the new USTA senior mixed doubles league! There will be **free** food and drink for all in attendance. You can register for the new league at that time, and if you get a friend who has never played USTA League Tennis before to register, both you and your friend will receive a \$25 Dining Dough gift card good at assorted restaurants in your area. Please RSVP to Kelley Okerman at Okerman@northern.usta.com or 952-887-5001.

Serve gone bad?

Much serving difficulty is because your toss isn't high enough, and you're not swinging **out** on the ball. Try this. Standing on the baseline, try to hit the ball **over the fence**. To do that, your toss must be high, and you must swing out. It doesn't matter if you can actually hit it over that fence—the important thing is to try. After a dozen attempts, then try your serve: **nice high toss**, and **swing out**. But of course direct it lower. It works!

Senior Tennis Open Tournament

Quad Cities Tennis for All at Virginia, MN is pleased to announce our July 29-31, **First Statewide Minnesota Senior Tennis Open Tournament**.

In 2010, our **Iron Range Racketeers** challenged the Twin Cities **Senior Tennis Players Club** to come for a tournament. Although we prevailed, everyone had such a good time that we have decided to host the first Statewide Senior Tennis Open.

Play at our 10-court facility (4 indoor) will begin at approximately 3:00 Friday, July 29 and end Sunday afternoon. A welcoming "cook out" is planned for Friday evening, plus a banquet for Saturday evening with a brief awards ceremony scheduled for Sunday.

There will be three age categories: 50-62, 62-74 and 74 and up. Participants may register for men's or women's singles and doubles plus mixed doubles. Please help spread the word, and sign up to play if you will be 50 or older on July 29. For an overview of our facility and for examples of some of our programs, please visit www.qctfa.com.

Come early or stay longer to enjoy golf at the Virginia and Eveleth municipal courses or at the highly rated courses at Giant's Ridge near Biwabik or at Fortune Bay on Lake Vermilion. The Quad Cities have many fine motels, and the Coates Hotel will be offering a Quad Cities tennis

tournament rate of \$60.00 per night. Like to camp? There's a beautiful public campsite on the west end of Ely Lake, which is just four miles from the courts.

Fill out the form below and mail it with your \$35.00 registration fee, which covers balls and unlimited interior court time, to George Erickson. Make check payable to **Quad Cities Tennis**. Use the mailing label. Please print. Questions? Reach George at tundracub@mchsi.com or 218-744-2003. **Note:** your doubles partner(s) must also send a form and payment.

George Erickson
4678 Cedar Island Drive
Eveleth, MN 55734



Name _____ Age _____ Tel _____ ☐ M ☐ F

Street, City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Events: ☐ Singles ☐ Doubles ☐ Mixed

Name doubles partner _____ Tel _____

Name mixed partner _____ Tel _____

I agree that my participation in the 2011 Quad Cities Senior Tennis Tournament shall be at my sole risk; and I hereby release and hold harmless **Quad Cities Tennis for All** and its officers and employees, including independent contractors, for all claims of damage arising out of, or occurring in connection with, said tournament.

Signature _____ Date _____

Rebuild Linden Hills courts

By Scott Raver

Tennis is missing at Linden Hills Park in Minneapolis, but the neighborhood and the tennis community are working together to bring tennis back.

The four courts at Linden Hills Park have fallen into disrepair and desperately need to be resurfaced. Long cracks and crumbling asphalt have rendered the courts unplayable. Hundreds of junior and adult tennis program participants will not be using the Linden Hills courts this summer; programs that will need to relocate include a hugely popular InnerCity Tennis children's program, Southwest High School tennis, and all Minneapolis park board junior tennis activities. Sadly, the courts will remain largely unused for the summer.



Fortunately a volunteer, grassroots effort to rebuild the courts is underway. Our ultimate goal is to build great tennis courts that will benefit the neighborhood and tennis enthusiasts for many years. The reconstruction project will include excellent-quality resurfacing of the four tennis courts, replacement of the practice back board and basketball court, and installation of new fencing. The courts will be striped for USTA Quickstart, an exciting new program designed for children ten and under available at very few public courts in the Twin Cities. We hope that construction will begin in the fall of this year.

Both the Linden Hills Community and the broader tennis community have been incredibly supportive of our efforts. The United States Tennis Association recently awarded a \$10,000 grant. Fundraisers have attracted significant donations from neighborhood families and the tennis community. The Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge donated the proceeds from their spring Pancake Breakfast. A 2nd grade class at Lake Harriet

Community School is donating \$500 raised at an Earth Day event. All sales from a neighborhood garage sale hosted on the courts, as part of the Linden Hills Festival, will be donated to the cause.

Most recently, Mark Mudra, Coaching Liaison for STPC, has generously agreed to offer lessons and donate all proceeds to rebuild the courts.

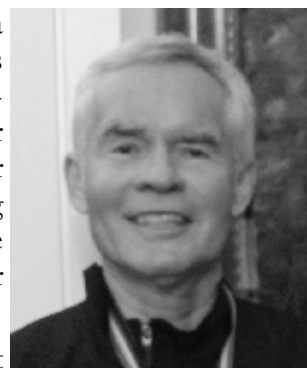
This summer we will host many more fun activities, including a raffle for tickets to attend the US Open in the box of the President of the USTA!

The project is off to a great start, but we have a long way to go. As someone who cares about tennis in our community, we need your help! If you would like to learn more about the project, volunteer your time or make a tax-deductible donation, please visit <http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Linden-Hills-Tennis-Courts> or our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Linden-Hills-Tennis-Courts/121542951242833>. You can also call us at 612-370-4913.

Lessons by Mark Mudra

By David Sommer

Our own Mark Mudra, a USPTA certified tennis pro, is helping the Linden Hills fundraising by teaching lessons over the next several weeks. Other STPC members volunteering on the Linden Hills cause are Ray Ranallo and Roger Montgomery.



Here's the information about Mark's lessons:

Improve your tennis game with lessons from a Pro while helping raise funds for the rebuilding of Linden Hills Tennis Courts. Win-Win!

Lessons will be conducted in groups by skill level with an instructor ratio of approximately 1:10. Work on your game this spring and improve for summer at a great value. 100% of all funds go to Linden Hills Neighborhood Council's efforts to rebuild the courts!

Lessons taught by Mark Mudra, USPTA Certified Teaching Professional. He is an instructor for Inner City Tennis and the Senior Tennis Players Club. He has trained under Roger Boyer and Nick Bollettieri.

Dates: Wednesdays and Sundays, May 11th to June 12th (No lesson on Sunday, May 29). Another set of

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Celebrate Summer

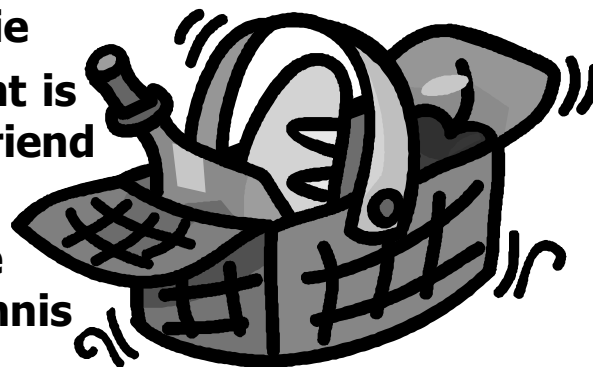
At the *free* annual STPC Picnic

When: Saturday, August 13, 8:30am to 3:30pm, rain or shine.

Where: Round Lake Park in Eden Prairie

Reservations? None needed. This event is for STPC members and spouse or friend only.

Cost? Zero! Your club is paying the reservation fee, and supplying tennis balls, plates & utensils.



Eat at noon. Bring your own beverages and a dish to share.

What's to do? We'll have tennis, volleyball, and cards.

Get this on your calendar and come for a fun day! Questions, call Marv Schneider 952-975-1895.

Directions: from I494 in Eden Prairie, go west about 3 miles on Hwy 5. Turn right on Eden Prairie Rd (Hwy 4) for about 1/2 mile. Turn left on Valley View Rd. Park is on your left with several large parking lots.

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lessons will begin Wednesday, June 15.

Times: Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Sunday 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Location: Linden Hills Tennis Courts

Ages: 12 and older

Cost: \$100 for all 10 lessons, or \$15 a lesson

Give as a gift for birthday or Mother's/Father's day!

Questions? Call Linden Hills Park during park hours at 612-370-4913 or linden hills@minneapolis parks.org, or stop by the park—3100 W. 43rd St., Minneapolis, MN.

Signup form ➡

Detach here and mail in with check for \$100, or \$15 per lesson you would like to attend.

Please indicate dates of individual lessons paying for here _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Skill level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)

Please make checks payable to Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) and mail to:

Linden Hills Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 24049, Minneapolis, MN 55424.

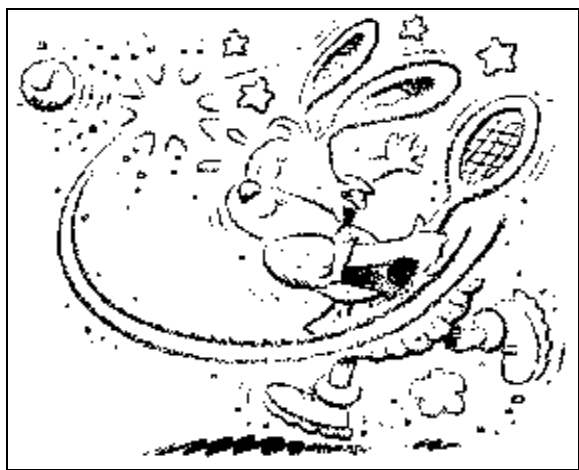
Hughes Clinic

Don't wait! The Hughes Clinic, led by Roger Boyer, takes place **Monday June 6**. 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 **May 27**, 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).

Hughes Tennis Clinic & Luncheon
Monday, June 6, 2011
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 May 27, 2011

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 May 27, 2011** 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 contractors 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: _____

InnerCity Tennis Men's Adult & Senior Clay Court Championships

A Benefit for the InnerCity Tennis Foundation

What: Northern Sectional event sanctioned by the USTA.

Where: Bearpath Country Club, 18100 Bearpath Trail (off Dell Road), Eden Prairie.

When: Saturday, August 6, 2011 through Friday, August 12, 2011.

(Weekday matches will start at 11 AM, and when possible, all matches in the 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 age groups will be scheduled after 4:00 p.m.)

Who: All men 40 and above with divisions at 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85.

How much: \$50 for singles and \$80 for a doubles team payable to InnerCity Tennis.

Additional contributions to help InnerCity Tennis are greatly appreciated!

InnerCity Tennis is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



REGISTRATION FORM

- Entries must be received by Monday August 1, 2011.
- Draws and match times will be posted on USTA's Tennis Link for the tournament ID# 555111711 by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2010.

____ Men's 40 Singles	____ Men's 40 Doubles
____ Men's 45 Singles	____ Men's 45 Doubles
____ Men's 50 Singles	____ Men's 50 Doubles
____ Men's 55 Singles	____ Men's 55 Doubles
____ Men's 60 Singles	____ Men's 60 Doubles
____ Men's 65 Singles	____ Men's 65 Doubles
____ Men's 70 Singles	____ Men's 70 Doubles
____ Men's 75 Singles	____ Men's 75 Doubles
____ Men's 80 Singles	____ Men's 80 Doubles
____ Men's 85 Singles	____ Men's 85 Doubles

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date _____ USTA # _____

My Doubles partner is: _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date _____ USTA # _____

Waiver: I, hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release all rights and claims for damages against the InnerCity Tennis Foundation, the USTA, and Bearpath and Interlachen Country Clubs, and/or their respective agents, representatives, successors and assignees for any participation in this event.

Signature(s) Required:

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

1. Register and pay online with USTA's Tennis Link access to the tournament at www.northern.usta.com. The tournament ID # is 555111711.

2. Complete the form and mail with payment to:

ICT Clay Court Tourney
5229 Duggan Plaza
Edina, MN 55439

Format:

Best two out of three sets will be played with regular scoring. There will be a first match consolation bracket unless division play is a round robin. A 7-point tiebreaker will be used at 6 games all in each set. The 15-minute default rule will be strictly followed. Scores must be reported immediately after each match.

Gift and Awards:

Your entry fee includes a gift from InnerCity Tennis. Prizes will also be awarded to finalists in all divisions.

Restrictions:

All entrants must be USTA members.

To join the USTA call: 1-800-990-8782. Please contact Tournament Director Bob Busch with any questions at 952-941-1204.



2011 Spring/Summer Court Schedule—Senior Tennis Players Club

Play is usually May-August. Check with captains for start/end dates
Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: www.seniortennismn.com

●● St. Paul Area ●●

For corrections or changes for St. Paul and suburbs call the Area Director:
Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or E-mail him at thueor32@comcast.net

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Irondale High School Long Lake Road south of Cty Rd H, New Brighton	Sat	8:30-10:30 am	4	3	Jim Vint	651-636-0071
Mendota Heights Marie St, between Victoria & Lexington	Tue	7:30-9:00 am	2	2.5-3.0	Bernice Dougherty	651-454-1353
North Valley Park Hwy 52 So to 70 th , left ¼ mile Inver Grove Heights	Mon Wed Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.5-3.5	Jan Machacek	651-455-5236
Roseville Middle School 15 County Rd. B2 E; Little Canada; 2 blocks E of Rice St.	Mon Wed Fri	7:00-10:00 am	8	3.0-3.5	David Howard	651-353-8564
Skillman Courts, Roseville East of Cleveland on Skillman	Mon	8:00-10:00 am	4	2.5-3.0	Anne Carchedi	651-494-9050
	Wed				Lois Nedoroski	651-645-2368
		Tue Thu	8:00-10:00 am	4	3.0	Svetlana Shavzin
3M Tartan Park 20 th Street N between Cty Rds 17 and 15, Lake Elmo. Enter through picnic/sports area. Follow sports complex signs to Pavilion #1.	Mon	9:00-11:00 May & Sept	6	3.0-3.5	Darlene Moynagh	651-436-8927
	Wed	8:00-10:00 am June-Aug			Sandy Barstad	651-777-7582
	Fri				Rudy Jensen	651-738-9152
Walton Park 1584 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale	Tue Thu Sat	8:00-10:00 am May 10 thru October	3	2.0-3.5	Jack Kovacs	651-777-1769
White Bear Lake High School Cty Rd E and McKnight Rd White Bear Lake	Wed	6:00-8:00 pm	7	3.0-3.5	Shirley Kresko After May, ask Shirley for time	651-399-9431

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●● MINNEAPOLIS AREA ●●

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Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Aquila Park, St. Louis Park Not drop-in. Call Rick.	Mon	7:15-9:30 AM	5	3.5-4.0	Rick Van Doeren	952-897-3888
Augsburg Park 72 nd and Blaisdell, Richfield	Mon Wed Fri	8:00-9:30 am	5	Open	Carol Ogden	612-869-9062
Bryant Park 85 th and Bryant, Bloomington	Mon Tue	8:30-10:30 am	4	All levels	Chuck Supplee	952-884-2575
	Wed Thu				Irmi Habeck	952-881-6852
	Fri				Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397

Brookview Park Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave Golden Valley	Sat	8:00-10:00 am	6	2.5 – 3.5	Gloria Kumagai	763-377-5602
					Rod Johnson	763-588-2107
Central Middle School, Eden Prairie. Technology Drive and Wallace Rd. Behind the school	Thu	6:30-8:00 pm Start May 26	2	1.0-2.0	Kate Tucker	612-810-6694
	Sat Sun	3:00-5:00 pm	7	3.0+	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
Donaldson Park 75 th and Humboldt Richfield	Mon	7:00-9:00 am	4	3.0-3.5	Ann Barten	612-724-0712
	Wed					
	Fri					
Dred Scott Park West Old Shakopee Rd & Ferry Bridge Road, Bloomington	Mon thru Fri	8:00-10:00 am	5	Open	Robert Ostlund	952-934-6306
Fridley High School 61st Ave & 7th St (park behind Community Ed Building). NOTE: during June-July, play will be at the Middle School courts – north across 61 st Ave, just beyond water tower.	Tue Thu	9:00-11:00 am	6	3.0 - 4.0	Connie Metcalf	763-571-3596
Holasek Park Call first – subs may be needed	Mon	7:30-9:00 am	2	3.0-3.5 W	Libby Hargrove	952-941-1313
			2		Susan Rosenberger	952-473-7939
Holy Family School 8475 Kochia Lane, Victoria	Tue Thu	8:00-11:00 am	8	Open	Steve Nelson	952-443-2989
Kenwood Trail Middle School 19455 Kenwood Trail (Kenwood Trail & 192 nd St), Lakeville	Mon	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.0-3.0	Warren Porter	952-431-5850
	Tue	6:00-8:00 pm	4	3.0-3.5	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Wed	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.0-3.0	Rick Specht	952-423-5974
	Thu	8:30-10:30 am	4	3.0-3.5	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.0-3.0	Warren Porter	952-431-5850
Lone Lake Park No walk-ons. Call Skip Pederson at 952-831-0684 or sapederson11@earthlink.net	Mon Tue Wed Fri	9:00-noon	4	3.0-4.0 MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684
Monterey Courts 36th Street and Monterey St. Louis Park	Mon Wed Fri	June-August: 9:00-11:00 am May, Sep, Oct 10:00 am-noon	2	2.5-3.0 MW	LaVerne Wilger	952-929-8120
Minnetonka Junction Park Excelsior Blvd ½ mile west of Shady Oak	Fri	8:00-10:00 am	2	3.0-3.5	Herb Bacal	612-750-8318
New Hope Park 4300 Xylon Ave N (behind swimming pool), New Hope	Mon thru Fri	8:00-10:00 am	5	2.5 – 3.5	Richard Brandt	763-533-0579 612-821-4070
Parkers Lake County Rd 6 & Niagara Lane Plymouth	Mon thru Fri	8:30-10:30 am	4	2.5 – 3.5	Ed Fischer	763-550-9770
Pershing Courts 48 th St & Chowen Ave S, Mpls	Tue	8:00-10:00 am	4	3.5-4.0 MW	Jean Murdock	952-941-5362
	Thu				Mark Mudra	952-833-1469
Rivers Bend Park in Ramsey 14200 Waco Street	Tue Thu	9:00-11:00 am	4	2.5 – 4.0	Donna Mueller	763-421-8436
Terrace Oak Park ½ mile E of Cty 11 on Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville	Tue Wed Fri	9:00-10:30 am	2	3.0+ W	Ann Listug	952-890-9643
Utley Park, Edina ½ mile east of Hwy 100 on 50 th . After July 19, play will move to Pershing Park.	Tue	8:00-10:00 am	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Mark Mudra	952-833-1469
	Thu				Jean Murdock	952-941-5362

Valley View Park 90 th St between Nicollet and Portland, Bloomington	Mon Wed Fri	7:00-9:00 am	4	3.0+ MW	Ken Gjerde	612-827-2073
Team Tennis Organized team play at various west metro locations. Contact coordinator Marv Schneider or any of the team captains for information.	Tue	9:00-11:00 am	4	3.5+ M/W	Don Harnish	651-227-8387
					Ken Landro	763-544-9757
					Marty Plitnick	612-247-7412
					Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
					Ronnae Wagner	952-938-5785
					Jon Weiss	952-220-6510
Women On Wednesday June-August team play. Courts in New Hope and Golden Valley. Call Jane Tischbein or Al Simcoe.	Wed	9:00 am	6	2.5-3.5 W	Al Simcoe	763-315-0657
					Jane Tischbein	952-938-9348
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