



Senior Tennis Times

The 50+ tennis experience

August 2013

Get ready for fall/winter!

That's right—starting September, most of us will be playing indoors. A *preliminary* fall/winter schedule is on pages 12-13.

Players—find places to play!

Old hands know the routine, but if you haven't played indoors, here are some tips to get going:

- Look at the **Players wanted** story on page 3. Here are captains who *need you!*
- Look at the fall/winter schedule. Call captains where the level of play and location looks good for you. The captain may not have an opening for a regular, but most captains will accept additional subs. (That's how I got started—subbed in 3 or 4 groups. By end of the season, I was a regular!)
- Really new to STPC? Go to our website, click Membership, and read the *Getting started* article.

Captains

- Check the preliminary schedule and send any changes. The *final* will be in the September newsletter.
- Check that all your players are members this year. You can get a current list of members on our website—click Membership.

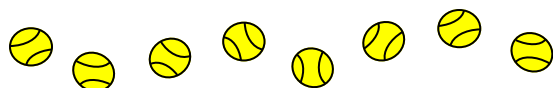
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Tennis events

By Bob Busch

Thanks to you, the volunteers from STPC, for continuing to make the St. Paul Urban, Fred Wells Tennis & Education and InnerCity Tennis some of the best youth programs in the USA. Your community service in this and other endeavors helps keep the Minneapolis-St. Paul volunteers on top of all USA cities. Also, did you know that the American College of Sports Medicine ranks the Twin Cities #1 in fitness and health? This American Fitness ranking index compares the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the nation. We rank high in the number of ball diamonds, playgrounds, golf courses, farmers markets, recreation centers and tennis courts per capita. Keep up the good work swinging!

ICT Clay Tournament

Don't delay! Register today for the InnerCity Tennis benefit scheduled for August 10-16 at Bearpath and Interlachen Country Clubs. Men's singles and doubles matches for this USTA tournament will feature play in five year increments in ages 40-85. See the registration

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Upcoming events

Grandparent/Grandchild Round Robin

August 3, 9:00-noon, Valley View Courts
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InnerCity Tennis Clay Courts Tournament

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Babolat Clinic

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Annual STPC Picnic

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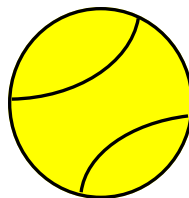
Mary Haviland



Haviland, Mary A. (Schatzlein) age 88 of Edina passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on July 1, 2013. A fun-loving and caring person who was an inspiration and example to many. Preceded in death by her husband, Douglas, parents, and 7 siblings. Mary was born and raised in Minneapolis, the daughter of immigrant father Emil and mother Catherine Schatzlein of Schatzlein Saddle Shop. She enjoyed tennis, golf, bridge, travel and many visits to the family cabin. She will be remembered for her hospitality, generosity and helpful spirit. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Roz Bernstein said, "Mary was a long-time member of STPC (since 1983) and she played in my summer Ladies group up to the time she passed away."



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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 15th of the month for publication the following month. All material submitted for publication is subject to editing. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want materials returned.

Send your submissions to:

David Sommer, 3657 17th Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Email: dsommer7@usiwireless.com.

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Mark's corner

By Mark Mudra

STPC now offers over 200 hours of free summer drills. See page 4 for a complete schedule. Now we have a map to each location—just click on the name of the location (email edition only). Three additional free summer drills have been added; we will now have the following free classes:



- Tuesday morning, 8:30-10:00, at Donaldson Park in Richfield
- Saturday, noon -1:30 in Spring Lake Park and
- Thursday evening, 5:30-7:00, at Eden Prairie Middle School
- The new location for my Saturday class is at Edina High School, noon-1:30

Look for details in this newsletter or on our website (click Play Schedule) about the new and exciting offer from Lifetime in White Bear Lake. We will have access to the courts and ball machine on Monday-Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM; our staff will also offer classes on Mondays. Lifetime is working with us to create indoor court time for our members.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the last clinic of the season. The Babolat Clinic is on Monday, August 12th from 9:00-11:00 at Baseline. The clinic will feature two hours of tennis and players of all levels are welcome for only \$12.50. The pros will move from court to court

giving participants the opportunity to work on serves, service returns, volleys and, especially, ground strokes. You will improve your game, have a great time and finish with a tasty luncheon. In addition, we will have a string tester to check the tension of your strings. If your serve is lacking pace and you are developing elbow issues, you may want to take advantage of this tester. If you plan to attend the clinic, you will find registration forms in this newsletter and on the STPC website www.seniortennismn.com. Space is limited and the sign-up deadline is August 5th.

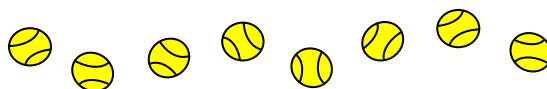
Our St. Paul members now have free summer tennis clinics at St. Catherine's Courts one day a month from 5:00-7:00 PM. The last one will be on Monday, August 5. See website or page 5 for details. We had 30+ players at the July clinic and played a great round of king-of-the-court using all seven courts.

August is *ground strokes* month. See page 4 for details.

This month's fitness tip is **sun screen**. The sun is not your friend so always protect your skin. On my legs and arms, I use a 30 SPF and a higher SPF, 70, on my face, re-applying hourly. Don't forget your ears! Always wear a hat and sunglasses.

If you have any questions pertaining to any of the above, please contact me.

Mark Mudra markmudra@aol.com



Players wanted

Mondays 7-9 AM, St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club, M+F, 3.0-3.5. Contact Peter Plagemann 651-633-0466 or plage001@umn.edu.

Wednesdays 10:30-12:00, Reed Sweatt, 3.0-3.5 women. Contact, Marsha Jarvela 612-790-1246 or Rita Welch 952-926-5789.

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Call Don Holton 952-884-2547 for a free trial.

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

Time for summer/fall project? Bathroom update, kitchen, paint, tile, lighting/electrical, plumbing. High quality attention to detail. Home improvement specialist. Eric Ostergaard, 612-710-7055 ericostergaard@yahoo.com

2 Greek homes 3BR 2.5BA near Nafplio. €770-€994/wk. MN owner Sally Howard. Details greekhomes.net.

Personal Gardener—garden help in Bloom., Edina, Richfield, S. Mpls, etc. Lee Peterson 952-270-9472.

Rent Villages FL. Activities for all. 2BR, 2BA, den, garage. \$1200/month Sep-Dec. Vernon 952-935-5670.



Free, Outdoor Summer Tennis Drills

- Drop-in drills—no reservations needed (unless noted otherwise)
- All levels of players welcome
- Certified, professional instructors at each class
- All drills are free and outdoor (unless noted otherwise)
- Free or low-cost lessons included as part of your STPC membership
- For more information visit www.seniortennismn.com.



Location	Day	Start	Time	Instructor(s) & Contact Info
Donaldson Park , Richfield. 35W W Frontage Rd, north of 76 th St.	Tue	5/7	8:30-10:00am	Mark Mudra, 952-833-1469, markmudra@aol.com
3M Tartan Park . 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	5/7	9:00-10:30am	Tom Bauman 651-738-6726 tcbauman@hotmail.com
Public Indoor 7833 Highway 65 NE, Spring Lake Park	Tue	5/7	1:00-2:30pm	Mark Mudra, 952-833-1469, markmudra@aol.com Indoor class! Cost \$7
Lions Park in Golden Valley until about 6/15. Check with Duncan. Then Breck School 123 Ottawa Ave. Golden Valley	Tue	5/7	5:30-7:00pm	Duncan Welty, 952-933-8592, idwelty@q.com
	Wed	5/8	5:30-7:00pm	Duane Ryman, 763-557-8607 dhrtennis40@hotmail.com
Williston Center , 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka. Call 952-939-8370 to reserve. Members may call 1 week in advance; non-members 4 days in advance. Tennis lessons at Gro Tonka Park	Wed	6/12 to 8/14	8:00-9:00am	2.5-3.5 Drill Cost \$10 (members), \$14 (non-members)
	Thu	6/13 to 8/15	7:30-9:00am	3.0 Mixer & Critique, Ron Allar Cost \$12 (members), \$16 (non-members)
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center , 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis	Tue Thu	5/7 5/9	9:00-10:00am	612-825-6844 Call for reservation Indoor class! Cost \$8
Aquila Park Mtka Blvd & Aquila Ave St. Louis Park	Thu	5/9	8:00-9:30am	Paul Stormo, 952-944-6286, pjstormo@aol.com
Eden Prairie Middle School 8025 School Road	Thu	5/9	5:30-7:00	Denny Wagner, 612-578-8477 dennis8477@gmail.com
Edina High School , 6754 Valley View Drive	Sat	5/18	Noon-1:30pm	Mark Mudra, 952-833-1469, markmudra@aol.com
Spring Lake Park HS 1415 81 st Ave NE	Sat	5/18	Noon-1:30pm	HP, 612-590-0181, hunghuyphan@gmail.com
Donaldson Park , Richfield 35W West Frontage Road, just north of 76 th Street	Sun	5/12	Noon-1:30pm	Dilcia Pederson, 612-824-6099 Dilcia.pederson@innercitytennis.org

Drill of the Month

August skill: Forehand ground stroke

- Target: 4' x 4' square in court corner, 2' from sideline and baseline. Left hip dictates shot

direction.

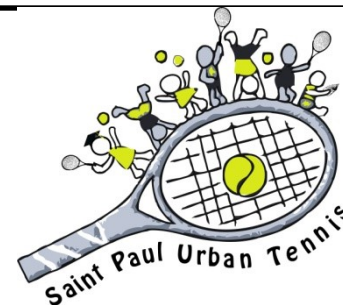
- Slight shoulder turn.
- Weight on back foot.
- Keep head down through the shot.

- Push palm through contact point.



Free Summer Tennis Clinics

Brought to you by STPC and SPUT!



Dates: August 5 (first Monday of the month)

Time: 5:00-7:00 PM

Place: St. Catherine University Tennis Courts, Saint Paul (entrance on Fairview Ave. S, just south of Randolph Ave.

Cost: Free to STPC members!

Format: Two 50-minute segments, men and women – everyone plays

Weather permitting (outside). You'll improve your game and have a good time! No prior registration needed (drop-in clinic).

Questions: Mark Mudra (USPTA professional)
Director of Training STPC
markmudra@aol.com

Saint Paul Urban Tennis
www.sput.us
651-222-2879

Registration Form

Please bring with you to the clinic!



Name:	Phone (w/ area code):
Email:	
Skill Level: <input type="checkbox"/> 2.0-2.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 3.0 <input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4.0 <input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
Release Form (all players must sign and date) 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 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 (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:

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form in this newsletter and complete your entry before the August 5th deadline. Thanks to those who already donated to help funding for ICT programming.

High school boys

Blake in Class 1A and Wayzata in 2A won championships in team play in the June State Tournament. Blake lost only four matches in their route to the championship and denied Breck a third consecutive title. Wayzata, ranked #1 all season, went through the tournament without losing a single match. They were the runner-up in both 2011 and 2012 and seemed to peak with dominate wins over all three opponents by identical scores of 7-0. Blake won its 14th boys' state tennis championship. In individual play, Blake sophomore **Charlie Adams** defeated teammate **Kavir Kumar** 6-0, 4-6, 7-5 in the championship match. The Blake doubles team of **Kai Skallerud/Taylor Parr** defeated **Brenham Wong/David Alper** of Breck 6-2, 6-4 in the championship match. In Class 2A, **Joel Richards**, Minnetonka, defeated **Tobey Boyer**, Forest Lake, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 in the singles championship. In doubles, **Nicholas Beaty/Jack Graven**, Wayzata, defeated **Maalik Konop DeFreitas/Aren Wilson**, St. Paul Highland Park, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in the championship match.

Wimbledon

Andy Murray, seeded #2, and **Novak Djokovic** #1, both 26 years old, met for the 19th time in the final. Murray won convincingly in straight sets 6-4, 7-5, 6-4. The Grand Slam win gave the British the first Wimbledon win in 77 years. Djokovic leads 11-7 in head to head matches. They have known each other since they were 11, playing the junior circuit. Djokovic was favored but Murray had the backing of the 15,000 home-town crowd. Both players fought very hard and engaged in many 25-30 stroke rallies. Murray lost a tough final to **Roger Federer** in 2012. However, later last year on the same Wimbledon court Murray won a gold medal at the Summer Olympics in London and a month later won his first Grand Slam at the U. S. Open in New York.

Some History of STPC

By Mary Kaminski, STPC board advisor

STPC has been a big part of my life these many past years and a Godsend after my husband died in 1982. My first activity was a tennis vacation with STPCers in Naples, Florida, the first one of eight for me. There were about 30 of us, and I played tennis 2 hours every

In the Women's Championship, the 15th-seeded 28-year-old **Marion Bartoli** won her first Grand Slam by defeating **Sabine Lisicki** 6-1, 6-4. It was Bartoli's 47th attempt to win a Grand Slam title. She was the first player to win without beating a top-10 seed and was also the first woman to win playing two-handed on both the forehand and the back hand. Both the women's and the men's tournaments included major upsets including #1-ranked **Serena Williams, Maria Sharapova, Rafael Nadal** and **Roger Federer**. Lisicki, the 23rd-seed, upset Serena in the fourth round. In addition, she also upset **Agnieska Radwanska** and **Samantha Stosur** on her way to the final.

Identical twin brothers, **Bob and Mike Bryan** of California, set another doubles record by defeating **Ivan Dodig** and **Marcelo Melo** 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. The 35-year-olds became the first men's doubles team in the open-era of tennis to hold all four major titles at the same time. They now have 15 Grand Slam victories. With their 3rd Wimbledon title they are improving on the record they broke at the Australian Open when they passed **John Newcombe** and **Tony Roche** as the winningest men's team of all time.

French Open

Rafael Nadal recorded his eighth championship at Roland Garros with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory over **David Ferrer**. No man or woman had ever won the same Grand Slam tournament more than seven times. Nadal is 59-1 on clay at Roland Garros. After this championship he was 43-2 after missing seven months with a left knee injury. He won a very intense four-plus-hour semi-final match against #1-ranked Novak Djokovic 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-7(3), 9-7. Serena Williams, the 31-year-old American, won the French Open for the first time in eleven years with her 6-4, 6-4 victory over Maria Sharapova. This was her second title at Roland Garros and her 16th major win overall. She extended her 2013 record to 43-2 including six championships. Bob and Mike Bryan held on to their #1 world doubles ranking by winning their 14th Grand Slam Championship. They defeated the French team of **Michael Llodra** and **Nicolas Mahut** 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(4).

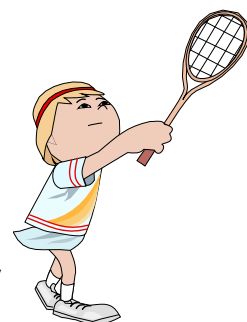
morning, afternoon (in all that heat) and then under the lights after dinner. **Jack Dow** and **Mandy Johnson** took me out for breakfast one morning and they talked me into doing the newsletter, a manual job then, typing, cutting and pasting. So that's how I got started! Andreas, you make a great president—good luck to you!

Editor's note: Mary is our oldest member!

17th Annual

Grandparent/Grandchild Round Robin

Saturday, August 3, 2013
Check in 8:30, play 9:00 AM to noon
Valley View Courts 1-6
201 E 90th St, Bloomington



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 27, 2013.

Questions? Contact Marv Schneider: marvtennis@gmail.com or 952-540-6419

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

Wanda Davies
 Grandparent/Grandchild
 767 Heinel Drive
 St. Paul, MN 55113

Grandparent _____ Rating ☐ 2.0-2.5 ☐ 3.0 ☐ 3.5 ☐ 4.0

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Grandchild _____ Age _____

Grandchild's level: ☐ 10 Under ☐ 12 Under ☐ 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 _____

Help recruit new members!

When you meet someone who might be interested in Senior Tennis, a great way to encourage them to join is to give them your STPC "business card"—see sample at right. Some Board members have done this, and find it effective. If you'd like to help this way, email your name, address, telephone, and email address to David Sommer at dsommer7@usiwireless.com. He will supply you with 10 cards. ***We need members and you can help!***

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The best book about tennis ever written

Review by Connie Waterous

A book review of Levels of the Game by John McPhee; Farrar, Straus and Giroux 1969.

If you haven't read Levels of the Game, I envy you. You'll find it an absorbing story about tennis, techniques, history, personalities and how they are reflected in a player's tennis game. One critic called it "the highlight of American sports journalism."

Levels of the Game is built around a single match: Arthur Ashe playing Clark Graebner in the semi-finals of the U.S. Open, 1968. The opening lines:

Arthur Ashe, his feet apart, his knees slightly bent, lifts a tennis ball into the air. The toss is high and forward. If the ball were allowed to drop, it would, in Ashe's words, "make a parabola and drop to the grass three feet in front of the baseline." He has practiced tossing a tennis ball just so thousands of times.

Throughout the book we return to the match: to critical decisions, to planned points, to strengths and weaknesses. This is mixed with deep background information about the players and the game of tennis. Ashe and Graebner represent contrasting backgrounds. Graebner is the son of a man who was a good college player and who still enjoys the game. His profession is dentistry and he and his wife totally support and encourage their son as his promise and skill grows.

Ashe was a product of the South, a region just beginning to stir out of the morass of deep segregation. Ashe's dad has three jobs: he works for the City of Richmond (VA); has his own landscaping and janitorial business and owns several rental homes. The Ashe home was in the middle of Brook Field, a playground for African-Americans about two miles from the heart of the city, with facilities including tennis courts. (All public facilities including playgrounds were segregated.) A good Black tennis player named Ronald Charity showed Ashe how to play and later recommended him to Dr. Robert Walter Johnson, who ran a tennis development program for Blacks out of his own home in Lynchburg, VA. Dr. Johnson was active in the American Tennis Association, the Black version of the USLTA. At his own home, he formed and trained a Junior Development Team. As Ashe developed, he was by far the best Black tennis player in the U.S. His applications to play in USLTA tournaments in locations south of the Mason-Dixon line arrived "too late" or

were not processed.

He did play in northern tournaments, and the two boys met when they were 12 at Kalamazoo, at the national championships for young players. Both experienced what McPhee likens to "the day of the *alternativa* in the life of a young bullfighter—the day of his doctorate, his confirmation, his *bar mitzva*." If a boy tennis player is good enough...a man inevitably approaches him at some moment at Kalamazoo and says, "Son I'm from the Wilson Sporting Goods Company, and I'd like to give you a couple of racquets." (It could be any racquet company).

This leads McPhee into an interesting, if not prescient, discussion of racquets. Recall 1968 was the inauguration of the non-wood racquet era. Remember those steel Wilson T-2000 racquets we all tried? Now of course it's composites and even more recently super strings. (Roger Boyer has said that the new strings make even more of a difference than the new frames). In the 1968 U.S. Open, Ashe is still using wood, while Graebner has adopted steel. "The steel racquet is the greatest thing since candy," Graebner says.

1968 is also notable in tennis as the first year of the "open" era when the Grand Slams and other major tournaments allowed professional players to compete. These matches had previously been limited to amateurs, which led to some strange financial arrangements. Both Graebner and Ashe, for example, have jobs where they earn their living—Graebner selling high grade printing papers with a corporation and Ashe as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army—with kindly bosses who let them take plenty of time off for tennis. As amateurs, neither is eligible for any prizes, although such players do receive cash gifts from tennis aficionados. For example, Ashe has received 100 shares of General Motors from a fan.

And 1968 was before the Big Money kicked in. Total prize money at the U.S. Open that year was \$100,000. In 2012, it was \$25.5 million. According to one website, Roger Federer's total earnings over his career are \$72.9 million including prizes and endorsements.

McPhee highlights certain points stroke by stroke, and examines the way the players' backgrounds affect their games. Ashe thinks that Graebner plays stiff, Republican tennis. Graebner thinks that Ashe has bold, loose, liberal Democratic tennis. Can we translate this personality analysis tennis to our own games? Probably not at as dramatic a level, but it's fun to try.

Two or three years ago, Marshall Jon Fisher wrote A

(Levels of the Game—continued on page 16)

InnerCity Tennis Men's 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 and Interlachen Country Club, 6200 Interlachen Blvd. Edina.

When: Saturday, August 10, 2013 through Friday, August 16, 2013. (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 at 4:00 p.m. or later)

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

Cost: \$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 5, 2013.

-Draws and match times will be posted on USTA's Tennis

Link for the tournament ID# 555111713 by 9:00 p.m. on

Thursday, August 8, 2013.

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Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Birth date _____ USTA# _____

My Doubles partner is:

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

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 555111713.

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:

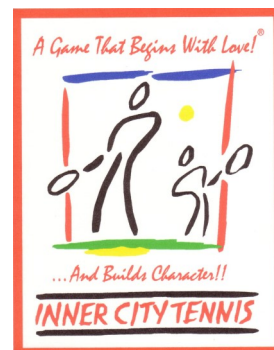
Your entry fee includes a gift from InnerCity Tennis. Prizes will also be awarded to finalists in all divisions.

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.



www.innercitytennis.com

Babolat Tennis Clinic & Luncheon

Monday, August 12 • Baseline Tennis Center
Tennis from 9:00-11:00am • Luncheon at 11:00



96 Player Limit, Register Soon!

Information

The Babolat/Baseline Clinic, led by the STPC staff plus the Baseline staff, takes place Monday August 12, 2013 beginning at 9:00 (**please arrive by 8:45 AM**) at the Baseline Tennis center. (Visit our website www.seniortennismn.com for directions and parking options—click Play Schedule, then look for “Map showing Baseline and parking”.)

You'll improve your game, have a good time, and get a free lunch, so sign up now. Features:

- Local Babolat representative Raj Keswani will be there to answer your questions on stringing, racquets, and Babolat apparel.
- Babolat will provide an assortment of wristbands, T shirts, caps, strings and dampeners as door prizes.

Registration: closes August 5, and there is a limit of 96 players, so sign up now! You will be notified only if this clinic is full.

Cost: \$12.50 for STPC members, \$15 for guests

Format: Two 50-minute segments, men and women - everyone plays!



Registration Form for Babolat/Baseline Clinic

Send your check payable to STPC (\$12.50 per member, \$15 per guest) and this form to:
Mark Mudra • 5008 Nob Hill Dr • Edina, MN 55439 • markmudra@aol.com

Name	Phone	Skill level
Member:		<input type="radio"/> 2-2.5 <input type="radio"/> 3.0 <input type="radio"/> 3.5 <input type="radio"/> 4.0
Member email:		
Guest:		<input type="radio"/> 2-2.5 <input type="radio"/> 3.0 <input type="radio"/> 3.5 <input type="radio"/> 4.0
Guest email:		

Release Form (all players must sign and date)

As a condition of my participation, 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 (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
Member:	
Guest:	



STPC new members, renewals, and changes

	Name	Rating	Primary phone	Other phone	Address, Email, Member #
Rnw	Alland, George	M 3.0	651-731-0058	651-247-2831	9049 Princeton Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125 gsa1209@hotmail.com #19
New	Alpert, Martin	M 2.0	612-926-8643		2714 W 43rd St #201, Minneapolis, MN 55410 malpert365@yahoo.com #4767
Chg	Anders, Douglas	M 3.5	239-248-3822		5839 Lake Curve Ln, Minneapolis, MN 55429 mdoug1214@gmail.com #28
New	Barkley, Rick	M 4.5	763-286-0177		2266 Langston Ct, St. Michael, MN 55376 barkrick@yahoo.com #4765
New	Borle, Diane	F 3.0	651-235-1604		367 S Lake St, Forest Lake, MN 55025 gillydi23@yahoo.com #4770
Chg	Brink, David R	M 3.0	612-288-9752		1201 Yale Pl Apt 1403, Minneapolis, MN 55403 davidrbrink@gmail.com #178
New	Campbell, Pamela	F 3.0	612-822-0567		4934 Bryant Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419 pmscampbell@juno.com #4756
Chg	Culhane, Jim	M 3.0	952-988-0830		5441 Sanibel Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55343 jdcgolfaz@gmail.com #287
New	Gustafson, Chery	F 3.0	952-933-7830	651-308-6039	16704 Lake St Ext, Minnetonka, MN 55345 acgustafson@msn.com #4760
New	Hilden, Burke	M 3.5	651-900-0099		1602 Woodlynn Ave #4, Maplewood, MN 55109 burke.hilden@gmail.com #4763
New	Jensen, Pam	F 4.0	651-207-6901	218-766-6314	5699 Dunlap Ave N, Shoreview, MN 55126 pd.jensen@yahoo.com #4764
New	Kamilar, Scott	M 3.0	763-546-6527	612-870-1242	25 Western Terrace, Golden Valley, MN 55426 scottkamilar@yahoo.com #4759
New	Laugtug, Val	F 3.0	612-751-9921		32 Irvine Park, St. Paul, MN 55102 vallaug1@aol.com #4757
New	LeNeave, Katherine	F 4.5	952-473-2008	502-435-4441	360 Wakefield Rd, Wayzata, MN 55391 kathy3842@aol.com #4771
New	Lima, Albano	M 2.5	218-298-1330		7735 Silver Lake Rd #126, Mounds View, MN 55112 allima@comcast.net #4761
Chg	Makeever, Ray	M 3.5	612-532-0846		2415 E 22nd St, Minneapolis, MN 55406 raymakeever@gmail.com #968
New	Marvin, John	M 2.5	763-425-8596	612-867-3131	9422 Annapolis Ln N, Maple Grove, MN 55369 jemconsulting@comcast.net #4762
New	Mogren, Kirsten	F 2.5	612-770-5802		PO Box 543, Stillwater, MN 55082 mscapterkirk@gmail.com #4768
Rnw	Nesbitt, Jackie	F 3.0	952-944-3384	612-716-2977	9616 Oregon Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55438 cjneffers13@hughes.net #3430
Rnw	Paige, Larry	M 3.5	763-588-5587		2672 Mcnair Dr N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422 lgaige@comcast.net #4630
Rnw	Paige, William	M 3.5	763-572-8566		4812 6th St NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421 wmp1947@comcast.net #1154
New	Radecki, Anthony (Gene)	M 3.0	612-659-1707	612-716-1190	1235 Yale Pl #1402, Minneapolis, MN 55403 pgradecki@gmail.com #4758
New	Schuster, Para	F 3.5	651-426-9556		7184 Shad Ave, Centerville, MN 55038 parawells@yahoo.com #4766
Chg	Thompson, Carol	F 3.0	952-929-0844	612-669-3684	4523 Bruce Ave, Edina, MN 55424 cthompson999@gmail.com #4173
New	Trimble, Don	M 1.0	651-216-0033	651-771-6245	721 Crescent Curve, White Bear Township, MN 55127 drtrimble2@yahoo.com #4772
Chg	Vint, James	M 3.0	651-890-2486		1277 Brighton Sq, New Brighton, MN 55112 jvint27@gmail.com #1561
Chg	Weiss, Jon	M 3.5	952-220-6510		338 Tyler Ave N, Hopkins, MN 55343 jonboy48@aol.com #1596
New	Whiteis, Tim	M 3.5	612-998-9959		3200 Gettysburg Ave N, New Hope, MN 55428 timwski@hotmail.com #4755
New	Wolf, Tweety (Charalyn)	F 2.0	952-220-6248		724 Ivanhoe Dr, Watertown, MN 55388 tweety@wiser-ins.com #4769

Fall/winter schedule 2013-2014

Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: www.seniortennismn.com

Want to find a place to play? Here's what you do:

- Locate one or more locations, times, and skill level that you'd like.
- Call the captains responsible and ask if they have any regular or sub positions available.

If this doesn't accomplish what you want, call Facility Coordinators for places you'd like to play. They may be able to help you get a new group together. If no Facility Coordinator shown, call Thue Rasmussen.

Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for Start/end Dates
For corrections or changes to this Schedule, call
Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or E-mail him at thueor32@comcast.net

●● St. Paul Area ●●

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club 600 Desoto, St. Paul Facility coordinator??	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Peter Plagemann	651-633-0466
	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Brian Kretsch	651-341-8860
	Fri	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Richard Thompson	651-645-1478
Wooddale Recreation Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury Facility Coordinator: Darlene Moynagh 651-436-8927	Mon	9:00-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Connie Huie	651-450-4580
	Tue	9:00-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614
	Wed	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Ken Simmons	651-436-8857
	Fri	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	John Booher	651-578-6794

●● Minneapolis Area ●●

Location	Day	Time	Cts	Skill	Captains	Phone
Baseline Club 1815 4th St SE, Minneapolis 612-625-1433 Facility coordinator: Thue Rasmussen 651-917-0075	Mon	10:00-Noon	4	3.5+ MW	David Sommer	612-276-1313
	Tue	10:00-11:00 AM	1	2.5 W	Brenda Zimmerman	651-645-1662
	Wed	10:30-Noon	2	3.0 MW	Louise Halverson	612-722-7132
	Thu	10:00-Noon	4	3.5+ MW	David Sommer	612-276-1313
	Fri	9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Judy Sweeney	612-866-5298
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center 100 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling 612-252-8367 Facility Coordinator??	Mon	7:00-8:30 AM	5	3.5-4.0 M	Rick Van Doeren	952-897-3888
		8:30-10:00 AM	2	3.0 + MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandra Loewenstein	651-454-3699
		10:00-11:30 AM	1	3.5 W	Mary Lund	952-929-8075
		10:00-Noon	3	3.5 + MW	Dave Fridgen	612-521-4063
		10:00-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Loren Barber	651-770-6887
	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Carrie Howes	651-406-9583
	Wed	9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0 + MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684
		1:00-2:30 PM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Mary Lou Dyrhaug	651-690-2094
	Thu	11:00-1:00	3	3.5 MW	Dave Fridgen	612-521-4063
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandra Loewenstein	651-454-3699
	Fri	9:00-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Loren Barber	651-770-6887
		9:00-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Caryl Minnetti	952-884-5136
		10:00-11:30 AM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Mary Rogers	952-927-8168
		10:30-12:30 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Connie Waterous	651-291-1610
Life Time Fitness Lakeville 18425 Dodd Blvd. 952-985-8800 Facility Coordinator: Bruce Abrahamson 952-461-2617	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
	Tue					
	Wed					
	Thu					
	Fri					
PublicIndoorTennis.com 7833 Highway 65 N.E., Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. 763-231-3109. Facility Coordinator: Diane Lehman 651-488-6147	Mon	10:30-Noon	3	3.0 MW	Lisa Nelson	763-566-6060
	Thu	8:30-10:30 AM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Mike Schleeter	651-274-2011
		10:30-Noon	4	2.5-3.0 MW	Roberta Williams	651-631-1201
					Carol Pierce	763-424-6665

Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Avenue S Minneapolis 612-825-6844 Facility Coordinator: Marv Schneider 952-540-6419	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0 MW	Carol Thompson	952-929-0844
		8:30-10:00 AM	1-4	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		8:30-10:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 W	Joan Petroff	952-893-9149
		10:00-11:30 AM	3	3.0 MW	Fred Easter	612-869-4560
		10:00-11:30 AM	1-4	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		11:00-12:30 PM	2	2.5 MW	Cleome Hennessy	763-767-9689
		11:30-1:30 PM	5	3.5-4.0 MW	Steve Keefe	612-331-0049
					Thue Rasmussen	651-917-0075
	Tue	12:30-2:00 PM	1	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		3:00-4:30 PM	1-6	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Herman Swanson	612-861-4313
		9:00-10:30 AM	2	2.5 MW	Donna Borgerding	612-721-7038
		9:00-10:30 AM	1-3	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		9:00-10:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Benton Randolph	612-889-9086
		9:00-10:30 AM	2	3.0 M	Patrick Meekin	612-874-8319
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 M	Ken Rich	612-377-4682
		10:30-Noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Dennis Moody	651-488-8124
		11:30-1:30 PM	1	3.5 M	Bill Sampson	763-566-4085
		1:30-3:30 PM	2	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-540-6419
		1:30-3:00 PM	2	3.5 W	Jean Murdock	952-941-5362
		1:30-3:00 PM	1-3	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		2:00-3:30 PM	1	2.5-3.0 MW	Mike Bosanko	952-881-0258
		3:00-4:30 PM	1-4	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
	Wed	8:30-10:00 AM	1-2	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		9:30-11:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 W	Joanne Schmid	952-474-6022
		9:30-11:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Wagner	952-938-0374
		10:30-Noon	2	2.5-3.0 W	Marsha Jarvela	612-790-1246
		10:30-Noon	1	3.5 M	Bob O'Brien	952-920-1571
		11:30-1:30 PM	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Jo Rolling	651-777-3773
		Noon-1:30 PM	1-3	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		1:00-3:00 PM	2	3.5-4.0 M	Dick Mills	952-925-5851
	Thu	3:00-4:30 PM	1-6	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		7:00-9:00 AM	4	3.0-3.5 MW	Herman Swanson	612-861-4313
					Ann Barten	612-724-0712
		8:30-10:00 AM	4	2.5-3.0 MW	Linda Wright	952-895-1142
					Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397
	Fri	10:00-11:30	2	3.0-3.5 MW	David Butler	612-798-0402
		11:30-2:30 PM	1-2	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		2:30-4:00 PM	1-6	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		7:00-9:00 AM	1-4	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		8:30-9:30 AM	1	2.5-3.0 W	Florence Halverson	952-835-5999
		9:00-10:30 AM	5	2.5-3.5 MW	Mike Bosanko	952-881-0258
		9:00-11:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Wagner	952-938-0374
		10:30-12:30 PM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Jim Uecker	763-412-7674
Williston Fitness and Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka Facility Coordinator Ed Fischer 763-550-9770	Mon	10:30-12:30 PM	2	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-540-6419
		12:30-2:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 MW	Joe Anderson	952-881-5510
		2:30-4:00 PM	1-6	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
	Tue	7:00-8:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 W	Ginny Morse	612-288-9121
		10:30-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Terry Clark	952-473-6296
		2:30-4:00 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Linda Kraft	952-934-1992
	Wed	8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Tom Shillock	952-475-2199
		11:30-1:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Patrick Hurley	952-470-2110
	Thu	2:30-4:00 PM	1	2.5-3.5 W	Peg Woellner	952-935-6187
		7:30-9:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 W	Lois Kukuk	952-495-8067
		8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Dennis Henriksen	952-475-2795
	Fri	11:30-1:00	2	2.5-3.5 W	Jeannie Rose	763-537-2455
		1:00-2:30 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Jenny Caldwell	763-473-6015
	Sat	2:00-3:30 PM	2	3.0 MW	Arnie Nelson	763-473-2089
		3:00-5:00 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-540-6419



SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM FOR STPC MEMBERS ONLY. LIMITED TIME ONLY—FOR DETAILS CALL 651-292-2312.

WHO - All STPC Members are eligible. You must contact Evelyn Swope for details at 651.292.2312 or email at eswope@lifetimefitness.com.

WHEN/WHERE - Unlimited tennis court time from 2pm-4pm Monday through Friday and a free STPC drill each week at Life Time in White Bear

STPC Membership Details:

- Pay \$0 Enrollment and \$0 Admin Fees
- \$139.95/month for Single Memberships
- \$229.95/month for Couple Memberships
- Full Onyx Athletic membership included

NOW ! Play tennis 5 Days a week for free! Monday-Friday 2:00-4:00 PM

Life Time/Senior Tennis Unlimited Tennis Pass

- For \$139.95 a month you can play unlimited tennis, 2:00-4:00 PM Monday through Friday at Life Time White Bear Lake
- Program begins Monday, September 2, 2013.
- This also includes a free weekly drill—Monday 2:00-3:30 PM taught by Mark Mudra, Director of Tennis, or his STPC/Life Time approved USPTA certified staff
- Free use of ball machine during the 2:00-4:00 PM time slot

This offer is only available to members of Senior Tennis Players Club.

Life Time White Bear Lake offers 10 inside courts all fall-spring season.

This Unlimited Tennis Pass includes free access to all services offered by Life Time White Bear Lake anytime the club is open: weight room, pool, spinning, yoga, etc.

STPC members can go inactive or drop out, with only a 30-day notice.

No initiation fees to join this program.

For questions or additional information contact Mark Mudra

Markmudra@aol.com

952-833-1469

Please sign up for this program with Life Time's Evelynda Swope

eswope@lifefitness.com

651-292-2312

Some alternate "rules"

By David Sommer

All unofficial, but sometimes useful.

Florida tennis

Play four games of doubles, then sit down for 15 minutes for cool drinks and snacks. Then play, etc.

Old man singles

Play is between the two doubles deuce courts, so each player has less court to cover than with regular singles. I think this may also be called "ghost doubles."

Sun tennis

Assuming northern hemisphere, first serve is from the south end. Switch ends of the court after the odd game, just like regular tennis. Difference is that the second team to serve does so *twice*, as does each subsequent

team. This may seem weird, but it means you are always serving away from the sun. And it is fair!

Canadian tennis (3 person tennis)

I like best these rules: only the singles player serves, and then rotate. Return of serve must go beyond the service line on server's end. Both receiving players must play back when receiving serve.

First ball in (FBI)

A way to get games going quickly when time is short. Don't abuse by hitting cannon balls until you finally get one in. *Alternative:* practice serves (limit of three). Neither method is in the Rules of Tennis, which requires warm-up to be limited to 10 minutes, and in which warm-up serves should be part of the routine. For proper warm-up, watch the pros on TV or live.

Celebrate Summer with an old-fashioned picnic at the *free* annual STPC Picnic

When: Saturday, August 24, 8:30-3:30

Where: Round Lake Park in Eden Prairie. [MAP](#)

Reservations: None needed. This event is for STPC members and spouses.

Cost: Zero! Your club is paying the reservation fee, and supplying tennis balls.

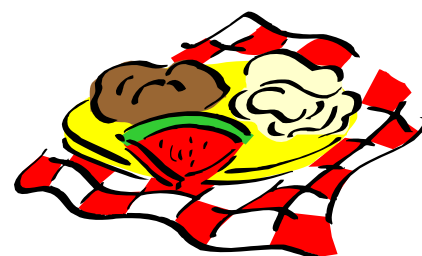
Potluck at noon: Bring your own beverages

and a dish to pass.

What's to do: Lots of tennis courts, so bring your racquet and balls. Or you can sit and enjoy friends under wonderful shade trees.

Put this on your calendar and come for a day of fun!

Questions? Call
Marv Schneider
952-540-6419.



(Levels of the Game—continued from page 8)

Terrible Splendor, a book centered around a match between **Don Budge** and **Gottfried Von Cramm**, emphasizing the American vs. German approach. Fisher says in his comments that he used Levels of the Game as a model and hoped he had succeeded halfway. It's an interesting try, and quite a compliment to Levels.

This is the perfect book for the season of majors, giving us everyday tennis players the background to make sage comments.

Tie breakers—how many?

By David Sommer

The only tie breakers you'll find in the Rules of Tennis are the 7-point set tie break, and the 10-point match tie break (used in lieu of a third set). For informal play, a 5-point tie break is useful. First server serves *twice*, as do servers two and three. Fourth server serves three times if necessary to reach 5. I use this a lot because it is *sudden death*, important when we're waiting to switch courts. Even more extreme: the 1-point tie break, used when captain blows whistle!