



# Senior Tennis Times

The 50+ tennis experience

November 2014

## Renewing your membership

To make renewal easiest for you, and easiest for Senior Tennis, please WAIT until the new website is online—coming very soon.

If you have an email address, you will receive an email giving your Logon ID. You can then go to the website, where you will be able to establish a Password. With the ID and Password, you can login as a member. Then, you'll be able to renew online. You can change anything about your information: address, phone, email address, rating, etc. And you can decide whether you want the basic membership for \$30, or you also want to add a printed and mailed newsletter (\$3) and/or a printed roster (\$2).

No email address? We have already sent you a printed renewal form, with return envelope, as in years past.

## Tennis events

By Bob Busch



Congratulations to David Sommer for leading the charge for STPC members to gather support for the "Raise the Roof, Close the Gap" campaign. David created a matching gift opportunity for our members. (See list of contributors in "Thanks" story, lower left this page.) In two steps, David offered to match STPC member contributions up to \$4,000 and successfully reached his goal of raising \$8,000 to support the ICT campaign. David took the initiative for two specific reasons: "I love the place for what it does for seniors. It's the most reliable indoor tennis facility for seniors in the Twin Cities. Staff has always been great and treats seniors well. I am also aware of what the kids are getting. I believe that tennis builds character, perseverance, sportsmanship and respect for others. These are all very good traits for kids to be learning." Thanks, David, for helping the STPC members make a significant contribution to this program. YOU made it happen!

### November fund raisers

On Friday, November 7, at 6:30pm at Target Field, InnerCity Tennis will be holding its annual benefit. It will provide an opportunity to celebrate the induction of Nick Bollettieri into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Nick has been a long-time ICT board member. Proceeds will be used for youth programming and replacement of the two tennis court bubbles at ICT. The evening will include a champagne and cocktail reception, dinner, live auction, silent auction and raffle drawing for \$100 per ticket. KFAN's Justin Gaard will be the master of ceremonies and Bollettieri will be the guest speaker. To attend, donate or volunteer go to [www.innercitytennis.org](http://www.innercitytennis.org) or call 612-825-6844.

The Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center will host their 2014 Pro Am on Saturday, November 8, from 5:30 to 9:30pm. Spectator tickets are \$40 for adults and \$10 for juniors, seniors and educators. The price includes two drink tickets, an Italian buffet-style dinner and complimentary childcare. Call 612-252-8367 to make your reservation.

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## In Memory...



### Don Bratt

Don, age 88, was among the original members of Senior Tennis, joining in 1983 and continuing through 2014. He organized trips to Florida in the early years for our members. Navy Veteran of the South Pacific in WWII and Korea. Preceded in death by his wife Vivian, who was also a member of STPC for many years.



## Thanks!

Thank you to those who contributed \$100 or more to the InnerCity Tennis' "Raise the Roof" match.

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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 additional inch. 30% less for issues after first.

2-line ad (members only), first three months free, then \$5/issue. Additional lines \$5/issue.

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## Change to Membership Contest

*How would you like to enjoy a week's vacation at a very nice resort in either Florida or Mexico and help your club at the same time?* You, along with other STPC members have the opportunity to win this great prize in our club's New Member Contest, which is just underway.

Every STPC Member who recruits at least **ONE** new member between Sept. 15, 2014 and Jan. 15, 2015 will have their name entered into a drawing for the resort week or two other fabulous prizes. For each additional new member you recruit, your name will be entered again. There are no restrictions on how many times you can earn entry into the contest.

**1st Place Prize:** a one-week vacation at a Florida or Mexico resort.

**2nd Place Prize:** a paid registration for one session to the highly-desired Tennis and Life Camp at Gustavus College, to be used in Summer 2015.

**3rd Place Prize:** top-of-the-line new tennis racquet and 3 cans of balls.

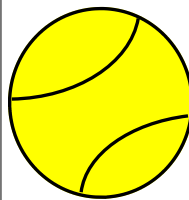
The Contest will now run through Jan. 15, 2015 and winner drawings will be held in February. The STPC Membership Committee will be the final judge of all winners.

**New member applications** are on our website, [seniortennismn.com](http://seniortennismn.com).

Have new members fill out the application and send it with their check to: Ken Landro, 1890 Hampshire Lane N, Golden Valley, MN 55427. (Tell your new member to be sure to put your name at the bottom of the form.)

Questions? Call Ken Landro at 763-544-9757.

**As a non-profit organization, the Senior Tennis Players Club gratefully accepts donations, memorials and estate gifts. Please send to Senior Tennis Players Club, P.O. Box 5525, Hopkins, MN 55343.**



### 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@usewireless.com](mailto:dsommer7@usewireless.com).

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

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## Mark's corner

By Mark Mudra

Our fall indoor season has begun. There are 11 drills, all drop in, no reservations needed, just show up and play. All levels welcome and all cost just \$8.00.



See our calendar on the website for details.

**Baseline.** The drill is on the University of Minnesota campus (see our website for instructions and parking on the street for \$3 or \$4 in a lot behind Baseline). We start this drill at 9:30 so traffic and parking is not an issue. This drill has a good court availability, so we usually have only 4 players per court.

**Williston.** This drill is in Minnetonka; our only evening offering; taught by Denny and Duane.

**InnerCity Tennis.** We offer two drills at this facility on Monday afternoon or Thursday morning taught by HP, Dil, Paul and Duncan. There are always two courts available and the coaches try to divide the class by level. There are two instructors at these classes to help you get personalized attention.

**Life Time Fitness 98th Street.** For Life Time members only. Tuesday morning at 8-9 AM. An instructional class (3.5 or lower level players) that several of our staff volunteer to coach: myself, HP, Bob, and Denny, so you have coaches feeding plus individual instruction for only \$8, the average players per court/coach is 3.

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## Players wanted

**Regulars M/W 3.0-3.5** at Reed-Sweatt. Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 and Fridays 9:00-10:30. Call Ronnae Garrity 952-938-0374.

**Subs W 2.5, Thurs. 10:00 AM at Baseline Tennis** at U of M. Call Alletta Jervey 651-917-7595 or email [ajervey7595@msn.com](mailto:ajervey7595@msn.com).

**Subs MW 3.0-3.5 Fred Wells, Fridays 9:00-11:00.** This is a great mixed-doubles group. We also need one full-time woman for January and on. We're competitive and fun! Call Caryl Minnetti 952-884-5136.

**Regulars and Subs M/W 3.0-3.5, at St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club Mondays 7-9AM.** Please contact Peter Pagemann at 651-633-0466 or [page001@umn.edu](mailto:page001@umn.edu).

**Regulars & subs, MW 3.0, Williston Fitness Center, Fridays 2:00-3:30.** Two courts, mostly men, and ladies that enjoy beating the men. Arnie Nelson 763-473-2089 or e-mail [arnie55447@gmail.com](mailto:arnie55447@gmail.com)

This Bloomington South Lifetime has a free membership program for people over 65 who have select Blue/Cross, Medica, or Healthpartners insurance plans—contact me or Cherrill—see below for details.

For less than \$110.00 a month you can play unlimited tennis 7-9AM 6 days a week Sunday thru Friday at Lifetime 98th Street Club. This includes two free weekly 3.5+ drills (during the indoor season).

STPC members can go inactive or drop out—with only a 30 day notice—great for snow birds.

You must sign up for this program with Life Time personnel: Cherrill Erickson [cerickson@lifetimefitness.com](mailto:cerickson@lifetimefitness.com) 952-830-7930.

### Focused skill for our drills in November

Ground stroke—forehand

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 thru the shot
- Push palm thru contact point

Any questions pertaining to any of the above please contact me. Mark Mudra [markmudra@aol.com](mailto:markmudra@aol.com)

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## Publicity/Marketing?

Do you have **interest or experience in publicity and marketing?** Senior Tennis needs your help. As you know, we are experiencing a slow decline in membership, a trend which we must reverse.

If you would like to consider volunteering to help, please contact Penny Ream [psream@comcast.net](mailto:psream@comcast.net) for more info.

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## Want ads

Two-line 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 project?** Bathroom, kitchen, insulate, paint, tile, lighting/electrical, plumbing. High quality attention to detail. Ostergaard Home Improvement, LLC. Eric 612-710-7055 [ericostergaard@yahoo.com](mailto:ericostergaard@yahoo.com)

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### **ICT's Mimi Rye wins**

Congratulations to **Mimi Rye** on being selected as one of ten **National Arthur Ashe Essay Contest** winners. Mimi received an expense paid trip to New York and the U S Open. She learned about the contest this past summer by playing in ICT's Summer Tennis in the Parks program at Linden Hills Park. Over 3,000 essays were submitted in connection with this program offered by the United States Tennis Association. Highlites of her trip were meeting **Jeanne Ashe**, the wife of Arthur Ashe, and hitting with the **Bryan brothers**. The title of her essay was a quote from Arthur Ashe: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

### **Gopher tennis**

Head coach Geoff Youngs' men's roster for the 2014-15 season includes five U. S. players including two from Minnesota; **Eric Frueh**, a senior from Rochester, and **Tucker Saxon**, a senior from Dellwood. The four international players include two from Germany and one each from France and Slovenia. **Leandro Toledo**, a senior and the #22-ranked singles player in the nation, reached the final in Central Region singles for the second time in October. He was defeated by **Axel Alvarez** of Oklahoma in the final of this 64 player tournament 7-6 (2), 6-4. Toledo also reached the final as a sophomore. His fall record through October 13 is 7-2. Five Gopher men reached the singles round of 16. In addition to Toledo, **Jack Hamburg**, **Felix Corwin**, **Mathieu Froment** and **Matic Spec** won several matches. After playing on the road in September and October in Pennsylvania and Oklahoma the Gopher men will host the Big Ten Indoor Championships at the U of M Baseline Tennis Center October 31 through November 2. Mark your calendar for some exciting early season tennis. The men's 2015 home play will begin on January 17 against Marquette and South Dakota State.

**Aria Lambert** from Deephaven and Minnetonka High School is the only Minnesota player on coach Chuck Merzbacher's women's roster for the 2014-15 season.

Three of the 10 roster spots are filled with players from the Czech Republic, Spain and Ontario. **Whitney Taney**, former Edina High School and University of Michigan graduate is serving as the Assistant Head Coach. In mid-October, Gopher women qualified five singles players for the USTA/ITA Central Region Championships in Stillwater, Oklahoma. **Caroline Ryba** reached the round of 16 in this 24 team tournament. Four Gopher doubles teams participated. **Birchacova** and **Safdar** won three doubles matches. The 2015 home schedule for Gopher women will begin on January 18 with matches against Milwaukee and North Dakota.

### **High school girls**

As expected, the September coaches' rankings included five of the six teams in the top three of each class for the State Tournament draw. Only Waseca in Class 1A did not make the final draw. The first round of team play in class 2A on October 21 has Moundview playing Edina, Rochester Mayo playing Mahtomedi, Princeton playing Prior Lake and St. Cloud Tech playing Minnetonka. The coaches picked Edina to win their 18th consecutive championship.

In class 1A, Blue Earth Area is playing St. James, Minnewaska Area playing Virginia, Holy Family playing Staples/Motley and Rochester Lourdes playing Breck. In class 1A the coaches picked Breck to win the title.

### **ICT Senior Clay results**

The ICT Senior Clay Sectional results from play at Wayzata Country Club on September 17-21 were as follows: **Women's Singles:** 45's—Pam Boorsma 2-0 RR. **Men's Singles:** 50's—Curtis Wright defeated William Prest 6-3, 6-1; 60's—Vern Larsen defeated Bruce Westrum 6-3, 6-2; 65's—Dave Spilseth defeated Todd Meltzer 6-1, 6-2; 70's—Steven Champlin defeated Jerry Artz 6-4, 6-4; 75's—William Robertson 2-0 RR. **Men's Doubles:** 50's—Prest/Wright defeated Buddie/Crowell 6-2, 6-4; 60's—Tom Boice/John Shannon defeated Tim Burke/Dave Mathews 6-3, 6-4; 70's—Bob Busch/Tom Fridinger defeated Jerry Artz/Wally Malewicz 4-6, 7-5, 10-7.