

## March 2009

### President's Update

Greetings all PTCers.

The 2009 Board members are forming their committees and invite all of you to pick up the phone (or sit down at your keyboard) and volunteer to help on one of the committees this year.

**The committees are:**

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**Thank you Riaz for facilitating a few of the matches for the "President's Challenge"** (see last month's Drop Shot), and thank you all who took up the challenge. I will announce the winner soon. Let's all see if we can continue this process, in the spirit of welcoming our newest members, and commit yourselves to calling them up dur-



*Rob Delantoni*

### Upcoming Events

**Membership Meeting**  
**April 21**

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**Spring Fling**  
**Presidents Reception**  
**April 25**

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**Team Tennis**  
**April 26**

ing the next few months to "hit a few." In other words, to paraphrase another well known President, "I believe that this Tennis Club should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this winter is out, of landing a match with a new member on court one, and returning him safely to the snack bar." *We can do it!*

### Manager's Corner



*Lona Means*

**We are currently accepting applications for summer snack bar helpers and certified lifeguards.** Lifeguards must have a current certification and be at least sixteen years old. Please pick up an application at the manager's office.

#### Reminders:

1. Please only bring water onto courts and dispose of cups and bottles.

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2. Burlingame High School is enforcing closed campus rules.  
3. We have seen an upswing in litter over the past couple of months outside the Chatham entrance.  
PTC parents of BHS students who park there during school hours are encouraged to pass this on.

<b>Austin Sellery</b>	M85's Doubles	#4
<b>Dennis Huajardo</b>	M80's Doubles	#8
<b>Rudy Giannini</b>	M75's Singles	#9
<b>Chuck Callaghan</b>	M75's Singles	#14
<b>Paul King</b>	M65's Singles	#10
<b>Gerry Sydorak</b>	M65's Doubles	#14
<b>Erik van Dillen</b>	M55's Doubles	#19
<b>Anthony Paz</b>	M40's Singles	#13

## Editor's Note

Members, this is my annual request for your help in sharing newsworthy items for the Drop Shot. Examples might include someone doing well in an offsite tournament, awards or other positive things happening to a member, something comical that may have happened at the club or basically anything that other members might find interesting. This is your newsletter, so help me continue to offer a better product. Please send all tidbits to [jeff@ptctennis.com](mailto:jeff@ptctennis.com).



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## Tennis Activities News

The much anticipated Team Tennis will take place on Sunday April 26th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted in the club house the week of March 23rd. As one of the clubs most popular events, you are encouraged to sign up early as participation is limited to the first 24 men and 24 women.



Kelly Kemp

**USTA Spring leagues are forming.** Sign up and represent your club in one of our many teams: (Men's 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, Women's 4.0, 3.5) Please contact Lona or Riaz and they can direct you to the appropriate captains.

## Club News

**Club Anniversaries for March (5+ years)**  
Congratulations to the following members:

<b>Ellie &amp; Jeff Byrd</b>	5 Years
<b>Ruth &amp; Jim Shannon</b>	5 Years

USTA Northern California 2008 year-end rankings are in and the PTC is well represented again. Congratulations to the following members:

### Senior Rankings

<b>Tom Brown</b>	M85's Singles	#9
<b>Dyle Anderson</b>	M85's Singles	#10
<b>Dyle Anderson</b>	M85's Doubles	#3

## Membership News

The following applicants have applied to join the PTC: Carter Beim, Mark Bradley, Todd Friedman, Liz Goodrow, Ken Markey, Bill Myers and Ford Sibley. The Membership Committee welcomes member's comments on all prospective applicants. If you wish to provide any information about or comments on these applicants, kindly forward them to



Becky Showen

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**Becky Showen** (theshowens@comcast.net). A gentle reminder to sponsors of these applicants....we would love to have you bring them down to the PTC for some tennis and to meet existing PTC members! In addition, please plan to attend the next Meet 'N Greet with your applicant on Saturday March 14th from 3 to 5pm.

## Social Events News



*Dennis Mayer*

**Kicking off our tennis social events for this year is a Spring Fling Presidents Reception on Saturday April 25th.** This is the night before the very popular Team Tennis event on Sunday. Both events

are an opportunity to meet and play tennis with someone new. Look for the details and sign up in April.

**At the end of this months Drop Shot you will find this years calendar of events.**

## House & Grounds News

**Parking - As you should be aware, the PTC does not "own" any parking spaces.**

The spots located along side BHS belong to the high school district. The PTC and BHS have a long standing relationship which permits us to use these (yellow outlined) spots and only these spots. Members must refrain from parking in spots that are reserved for faculty, staff, students, and visitors (white lined spaces). They have told us that tickets will be issued. A second issue concerns high school students of PTC members. Students of members may NOT park in any of the spaces reserved for the PTC. In



*Stuart Batchelor*

addition we ask that students refrain from parking within 100 feet of the Chatham entrance. While the spaces are "public", we have older members who need to park closer to the club. We ask our members with BHS students to mention these issues to them.

**Water Fountain** - House and grounds has been working on a number of issues, most go unnoticed as we hope they do.

However, one that is on the minds of many is the status of adding a water fountain

back by courts 3 & 7. I am happy to report that after a long search we have found a fountain that we feel will meet with our long term needs. On the right is a picture of the fountain that we have ordered.

Due to manufacturing lead times, we do not expect to receive the fountain until late March. Once it arrives we will work to have it installed, but this too requires us to install the water and drain lines and pour a concrete pad. One thing you may noticed from the picture is that the fountain

does not provide for "chilled" water. The Board discussed this and based on comments received and a cost that is a factor of 4x to provide a chilled water fountain, the decision was to move forward with a fountain that will provide water directly from the city line. In most cases we expect this will be cool enough.



**Pool / Spa** - There have been requests to increase the temperature of the spa. This issue has been investigated and the spa is currently set at its maximum temperature. We are unable to increase it further. Our pool consultant is contacting the heater manufacturer to see if anything can be done.

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## Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

### ADULT TENNIS

PTC Members that attended the SAP Open were treated to some great tennis. Radek Stepanek sliced and diced his way to the title beating top seed Andy Roddick in the semi's and Mardy Fish in the Finals. He also took the Doubles title with Tommy Haas. A very productive week for the savvy Czech player. Congratulations to our ballkids team for another great showing at this event. This is our 6th year and the veteran team stepped up again. Ballkid tryouts for Junior Academy players will be held in the spring.

### TEAM NEWS

Our Women's Day team which plays in the SF Peninsula Tennis League has one match remaining and is currently in 3rd place in the Masters Division. Thank you to all players on the team for their dedication and commitment in producing another stellar season so far. A BIG thank you to Co-Captains **Lisa Rogers and Nancy Batchelor** for getting our team organized and structured so we are ready for take-off each season. Thanks to Academy Head Coach **Albert Vial** for his assistance at every practice.

The men's PTC senior (50 and over) 4.0 team finished a hard fought season in 1st place. In the first round of the playoffs, against Alpine Hills TC, they prevailed with a 3-0 victory. Even though, there will still be a second round playoff for a final 1st and 2nd place standing the weekend of 3/7-3/8, this advances the team automatically to the regional playoffs in Elk Grove the weekend of 4/17-4/19. The Upper Peninsula league was the largest one in

Northern California and as a result, the top two teams advance. Congratulations to Captain **Gerry Sydorak** and Co-Captain **Ken March** and the entire team for their efforts and support throughout the season.

Congratulations also goes to our men's PTC senior 3.0 team for advancing to the second round of the playoffs. They defeated Fremont Hills CC 2-1 last Saturday at the PTC. They will also be playing their second round match in Elk Grove April 17-19. Captain **Stuart Batchelor** and Co-Captain **Phil Marson** have had a nice run over the recent years. Good luck and let's keep that train moving.

From Captain **Eileen Lewis**, "We've had a very wet season that has put us four matches behind schedule, but this has given our skiers some great powder! To date we are 2 and 0. Not bad for a start! We are a bit soggy but having fun."

**The Women's Drop-In Clinic** has had some minor hiccups due to the wet weather but we are up and running now every **Friday from 12:00-1:30pm**. Come out to practice and enjoy meeting fellow members. Academy Head Coach Albert Vial will be on hand to give you some valuable doubles insight and also make sure all players get plenty of hitting and exercise.

**The Men's Drop-In Clinic** is running strong every **Saturday morning from 7:30-9:00am**. Anyone wishing to be placed on the email list, please contact Riaz at [riaz@rstennis.com](mailto:riaz@rstennis.com)

### JUNIOR TENNIS

The Winter Star and Academy Programs are half way through their 12 week sessions. Spring sign up will be open at the end of March. Anyone wanting to get their children started should contact Riaz.



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2009 Summer Program information is on the RS Academy website at [www.rstennis.com](http://www.rstennis.com). Member Registration is now open. Non-member registration starts in April.

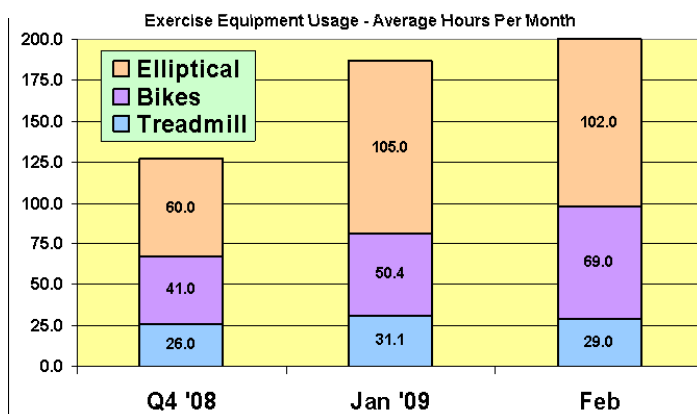
Junior Memberships are also on offers, as the name applies, for the summer months only. Juniors must sign up for three weeks of tennis camp and will be allowed access to the club Monday-Friday from 1:00-5:00 PM. They must be at least 10 years old and interested in improving their tennis. Contact Riaz for more info.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

Well this month the TOTM is a way to show good sportsmanship and tennis etiquette. My dad used to do this when we played and he never told me to do it but I just picked it up from him.

Whenever an opponent hits one of those outstanding shots that you marvel at just tap your racket strings twice with your non playing hand like you are clapping. This is old school but I think we should bring it back. I don't do it every time someone hits a winner but if I feel that the shot was just way too good then it deserves a little more than the customary "good shot." I'll either raise my racket about head high or just clap waist high. To me there is a little too much of the fist pumping bravado of the modern game going on. Show a little respect for your opponent's good tennis and you may even be prepared to handle the quality of their play down the line.

## Exercise Equipment Usage



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC Mixed Doubles 7.0</a> 3 PM - 5 PM <a href="#">Men's 3.0 Tentative</a>	<b>2</b> 7 AM - 9 AM <a href="#">Court Washing - Courts 4-7</a> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a>	<b>3</b> 7 AM - 9 AM <a href="#">Court Washing - Courts 1-3</a>	<b>4</b> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Star Tennis</a>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a>	<b>7</b> 1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC Mixed Doubles 7.0</a> 3 PM - 5 PM <a href="#">Men's 4.0 Playoffs</a>
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

April 21, Tuesday	Quarterly Membership Meeting
April 25, Saturday	Spring Fling Presidents Reception
April 26, Sunday	Spring Team Tennis Tournament
May 4 - 20	Men's Club Singles Playoffs
May 21 - 24	PTC Junior Invitational Tournament
May 24, Sunday	Men's Club Singles Championship Finals
June 6-7, Sat-Sun	van Dillen Men's Doubles Championships
June 15, Monday	Junior Summer Opening Day
June 18, Thursday	Twilight Tennis & New Member Welcome
July 5, Sunday	Woods `N Whites
July 16, Thursday	Twilight Tennis & BBQ
July 21, Tuesday	Quarterly Membership Meeting
July 31 - Aug 2	USTA NorCal Junior Challenger Tournament
Aug 14, Friday	Junior Summer Closing Day
Aug 13, Thursday	Twilight Tennis & BBQ
Aug 21, Friday	Calcutta Dinner & Draw
Aug 22, Saturday	Men's Calcutta Tournament
Aug 23, Sunday	Women's Calcutta Tournament
Aug 31 - Sept 6	California State Senior Championships
Sept 19 - 20	Mixed Doubles Tournament
Oct 3-4, Sat-Sun	van Dillen Women's Doubles Championships
Nov 17, Tuesday	Quarterly Membership Meeting
Dec 12, Saturday	Holiday Party
Jan 19, Tuesday	Annual Membership Meeting
Feb 7, Sunday	8th Annual Super Bowl Party