

March 2010

President's Message



Jerry Ceglia

It seems that activities get started earlier every year. The Super Bowl-Chili Cook-off was a fun-packed, well-attended event. A new event, the Peninsula Cup, was an inter-club competition with Peninsula Golf & Country Club and was held this past weekend. Lastly, another new event, March Mixed Madness is quickly approaching.

League play is in full swing with the Mixed Leagues (4 teams) winding down, and the Spring Leagues (7 teams) starting up along with the Super-Senior Team and the SFPTL (2 teams). With daylight-savings time not allowing evening league play until mid-April, our home match scheduling meeting held last weekend resulted in only two weekends with log-jams needing to utilize off-

Upcoming Events

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
(How & when to use the Defibrillator Class)
Saturday March 20, 2pm

•
March Mixed Madness
Saturday March 27

•
Spring Fling Party
Saturday Evening April 17

•
Team Tennis
Sunday April 18

site courts which the board feels is a better option to limiting the number of teams. We appreciate the cooperation of all players to accommodate a record number of league teams at PTC as well as social players to balance out the court usage as much as possible.

The club is a busy place and it's a difficult task to balance the social, league, lessons and Junior programs. We plan to add a back-court camera to be able to communicate all the activities and court availability more completely and effectively. We would appreciate any input you may have during the process.

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One final note – we have decided to outsource our janitorial, maintenance and landscaping activities.

Not only do we feel the service will be greatly improved, the bids have proved to be a fiscal reduction and will allow us to re-allocate funds to complete other projects more timely. More details will be shared in the next Drop Shot.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the March Mixed Madness.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Jenny Smith came to me with an important request to help one of our members. It is a touching story that most of us know about, and now

there is something we can do to help out. Thank Jenny for your efforts over the past year.

On a Sunday afternoon, about one year ago, PTC member Holly Rogers and her 7 year-old daughter, **Caroline**, were selling Girl Scout cookies in front of Mollie Stones and were hit by a car. Their lives and the lives of husband, **Rich Schoustra** and sister, **Mackenzie**, will never be the same.

Caroline suffered a broken leg, large wounds on her thigh, two bro-

ken ribs, a bruised lung, bumps and bruises on her face. She spent five days at Packard Children's Hospital, then came home, first in a wheelchair and gradually progressing to a walker and then to walking on her own again. With hours and hours of physical therapy, Caroline was pretty much back to her normal activities after several months. However, in December, she had to go back in to have some hardware removed from her leg, and then, re-heal again.

Holly's injuries were very severe.

Her left leg had to be amputated above the knee and her right leg had compound fractures, large wounds and knee damage. After nearly a month at Stanford Hospital, including five days in the ICU, Holly was transferred to a San Mateo inpatient Physical Therapy facility. Two months after the accident, Holly was able to finally come home.

Holly has made a lot of progress.

She has a prosthetic leg and is able to walk with crutches, but the massive damage to her right leg has made her rehab slow and extremely challenging. In spite of being able to drive, her mobility is seriously compromised. Holly goes to physical therapy 3-4 times per week and is asked to do at-home exercises on top of that. As Rich put it, "the time drain is unfathomable." She will be having more surgeries in the future; one this month to gain more range of

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motion in her right leg. Once that is improved, she still has more repairs to be done on her amputated leg to improve mobility with the prosthesis.

Since the week of the accident, family and community have rallied to give support. One of the clearest examples of support has been the dinners that have been delivered 4 to 5 times a week. Using a website called Food Tidings, friends and neighbors can sign up to bring meals. Many PTC members have already been doing this, but we would love to invite more to participate. Even if you don't know Holly & Rich personally, they would be incredibly happy and appreciative to have your support. The address for the website schedule is:

<http://tinyurl.com/cn9xdo>. Once on this site, please scroll down until you reach March/April of 2010. To make sure your sign-up is saved, click the green checkmark after entering your meal. Usually the website sends an email to remind you of your date, but as experienced, this isn't always reliable. For any other questions you can email Jenny Smith at jennyasmith@yahoo.com.

Thank you in advance for your generous help. To quote Rich once again, "every one of those meals is a gift of time and togetherness for our family."

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

PTC will be holding a class in instruction in the latest in *Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation* and the use of the Automated External Defibrillator on Saturday,

March 20th at 2:00 PM. It is hoped that members who are at the club frequently will take advantage of this training. Men are especially encouraged to participate since the risk of cardiac arrest is higher in men. In prior training sessions men have participated to a lesser extent than women. A person trained in CPR and AED, who is on the court or at the club at the time of an event markedly, improves survival. A sign-up sheet is posted in the club room. The more people trained in CPR-AED the better chance of a positive result. There is nothing one can do for someone else that is better than saving their life.

We have a few more valuable lost and found items.

They are as follows:

-Lobos Elsie Allen High School ear ring or tie clasp

-Diamond Earring

-Honda Keys

Please check with Mary in the snack bar if you are missing any of the above items.

Club News

Club Anniversaries for March (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Kent & Lynn Dorwin | 10 Years |
| Cecillia & Bill Sharer | 10 Years |
| Julie & Rocky Allen | 10 Years |
| Heidi & Ward Carey | 5 Years |
| Kelly & Natalie Kemp | 5 Years |
| Libby & Bill O'Leary | 5 Years |
| Jim Rothaus | 5 Years |
| Mark & Kathleen Talmadge | 5 Years |

Correction from Febuarys Drop Shot
Robert Millhauser passed away last month and it was written that he was a former member. Robert was a current member in good standing. We apologize for the error.

Tennis Activities News

Our first tennis event of the season is coming up later this month. It is a new event, called March Mixed Madness and will take place on Saturday



Karen Harrigan

March 27th starting at 3:00 PM. It is open to all members and will feature mixed doubles play. Games will be 8-game pro-sets and you will have a chance to play against many new members. There will be a cocktail party in the clubhouse right after the

event. You will need to sign-up in the clubhouse or contact Lona to do it for you. Details of this exciting new tournament will be emailed to all members shortly.

House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

With winter tennis comes plenty of squeegee and sponge rolling of the wet courts. Please remember to put the equipment back and

HOOKED onto the fence when finished using the equipment. The sponge rollers will dry with a flat side on the bottom if left on the ground. I know we are excited to get out and play, but please take the time to hang up the court drying equipment so it can be ready to go the next time we need to use them. It also helps to prolong their useful life.

We are currently updating our weathered umbrellas in the club.

Also, we are going to replace the flags that are situated along the roof line on the inside of the club.

Please remember that we have limited parking. Our designated parking spots on the BHS side of the property are for our members that are using the club and not for the children of members to park in while attending school. In addition, albeit public

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parking, we ask that student drivers please be courteous and park beyond the Chatham entrance so our members can park closer to the entrance.

dennismayer@gmail.com and come join in.

Membership News

Membership Status

Current membership: 235

Membership goal: 240

Waiting list: 0

Applicants pending: 1



Rob Delantoni

Jeff and Mary Eliason and Family
Sponsors: **Chris Cooke & Rob Adams**

Junior member applicants: 0

Junior member applicant inquiries: 1
(Stormy Maddux - age 9)

Social Events News



Dennis Mayer

As mentioned in Tennis Events, our next social event will be **March Mixed Madness**, a mixed doubles event followed by the after party social.

Hope to see you there, Sign Up!

The Social Committee is having a **planning meeting** on Thursday March 11th, at 6:00 PM in the clubhouse and we are looking for those of you interested in being involved in the club in some way. This is a great way for you new members to become involved. Please drop me an email

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

Peninsula Cup -

On the afternoon of Saturday February, 27th, a very good-

looking, well-dressed (all team members wore Navy Blue Pen Cup tee shirts), high-powered team of 12 PTC members made the trip to Peninsula Golf CC to play in the inaugural Peninsula Cup. The format was one 8-game Pro Set of doubles at the USTA 3.5 and 4.0 level, followed by another Pro Set of Combo doubles. Each match win counted as one point won for your club, and the winner of the cup would be determined by who had the most points at the end of the day. It was time to put game faces on, dig deep into our hearts and pull together using some of our PTC values like Good Sportsmanship, Team work, Communication, and SKILL!

After the first round, the PTC held a slim 4-2 edge with another 6 matches to play in the Combo Round. Just before the line-up for round two was announced, I gathered the team together and gave them my most resounding pre-match, positive reinforcement speech. The pressure was on, but I told our team we were one set from glory. The PGCC would

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throw everything they had at us to test our resolve, our nerves, and our mettle. We had to weather the storm and break their spirits. Be prepared, breathe, stay loose, have a plan. The Combo Round was intense...two matches went to the tie-breaker and we split one for us, one for them. After some very high caliber tennis, and some comedy tennis too, the PTC came through winning 4-2 for an overall score of: PTC 8 - PGCC 4. The tennis was good but the spirit from both teams was even better. After the match we collected the Pen Cup and shared drinks and food together. Hopefully, a great tradition has started and will continue for many years to come. Next year, we will host PGCC and tryouts have already started! I want to thank these players for accepting the invitation to play and bringing the Cup to PTC!

***Marissa Hauselt & Devi Ananda
Linda Benvenuto & Mindy Wong
Mark Showen & Rik Kasuga
Rob Adams & Teddy Bernardo
Mike & Julie Buckmaster
Mark & Jane Percy***

A big thank you to ***Karen Harrigan***, (Tennis Chair), ***Mark Percy, Doug Stone, Lona, and Marci Martinucci*** for their help and support in planning and organizing the event. The Pen Cup will be displayed proudly in the trophy cabinet in the clubhouse.

RANKINGS

Inadvertently missing from our rankings issue last month: ***Paul King*** - Norcal Sectional M65's - #9
US National Ranking - M65 singles - #35. Congrats on a great year, Paul!

Below is a list of our USTA League teams and Captains:

Mixed Teams - 1/4/2/10 -
5/31/2010 -

MX 7.0 - Captain - ***Stuart Batchelor***

MX 8.0a - Captain - ***Mindy Wong***

MX 8.0b - Captain - ***Eileen Lewis***

MX 9.0 - Captain - ***Jennifer Desler***

Teams - 3/15/2010 - 7/31/10

M S65 - Captain - ***Ben Chew***

M 3.0 - Captain - ***Mickey Podolosky***

M 3.5 - Captain - ***Phil Marson***

M 4.0 - Captain - ***Tom Middlemass***

M 5.0 - Captain - ***Riaz Shivji***

W 3.0 - Captain - ***Kristin Nisewaner***

W 3.5 - Captain - ***Kim Cresci***

W 4.0 - Captain - ***Barbara Freethy***

PRO COURT

Pro Court will continue on the third Saturday of every month. Show up and drop-in for a doubles game on court 3, from 9:00-11:30am. Please check in with me when you arrive. The idea behind Pro Court is to entice members to come down to the club to meet and play. You can come solo and it's free!

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DROP-IN CLINICS. \$20

Women:

Every Wednesday 11:00am-12:30pm

Men:

2nd Saturday of month 7:30-9:00am

JUNIOR TENNIS

Members enjoyed two great nights at SAP Open. Tuesday 2/9 was Parent/Junior night and 20 adults and Juniors watched our ballkids team shag balls for Tommy Haas, Sam Querrey, and the Bryan Bros! Friday 2/12 was Couples Night at SAP Open and ten couples enjoyed drinks at the Old Wagon Saloon in downtown SJ followed by some great Quarter Final tennis. Our ballkids also displayed their skills on 2/13 during the Roddick vs Querrey semi final. A great week of tennis capped off by Fernando Verdasco winning his first SAP Open title.

STAR TENNIS

The Junior STAR Tennis Program is about begin its Spring and Summer swing. Juniors that register for the upcoming series will get a great head start using our popular and successful QuickStart and Rally Ball Programs. QuickStart helps younger children play on smaller courts with smaller rackets. Using a softer, slower ball, Juniors can learn to rally from a very young age. Rally Ball is a program designed to continue the progress made from QuickStart and helps Juniors understand that rallying and working together will aid in over-

all tennis development. All Juniors should try these programs to instill skill sets and fundamentals that will last a lifetime. I have had great success coaching Juniors thru QuickStart and into Rally Ball.

The start date for the Spring Junior tennis STAR series is Wednesday, March 24th and will run for eight weeks, until May 12th. Riaz will be the Head Coach for this group.

Green Star is 3:30-4:30pm

Blue Star will be 4:30-5:30 pm

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

Contact Marci at the Tennis Office to register.

If parents are not sure which group to register for, it is important that their children attend the Star Testing Session on Tuesday, March 9th from 3:30-4:30pm. All Juniors will be evaluated here and placed in the appropriate level.

USTA JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

PTC will again host a USTA Junior Tennis Tournament on May 22nd-23rd. The tournament will be a U12/U14 boys and girls Novice and Challenger Event. Register online at www.norcalusta.com. Juniors looking to prepare for tournament tennis should contact Riaz for lessons and training in the Junior Academy and Academy Programs.

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SUMMER PROGRAM

Opening Day for the summer will be Monday June 14th, 2010! The summer program will run for nine weeks, with closing day being Friday, August 13th, 2010. Registration will be open on the website shortly. www.rstennis.com

Looking forward to a great Spring tennis season!



PTC Peninsula Cup Team



PTC Ball Kids at SAP

Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

Mar 2010 (Pacific Time)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 28 1pm - Mixed 8.0 1-3 3pm - Mixed 8.0A 1-3 | 1 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 2 8am - Tennis Pro | 3 8am - Tennis Pro 9am - SFPTL @ Courts 11am - Ladies Drop In 1pm - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 4 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior ATP | 5 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 6 1pm - Mixed 7.0 1-3 1pm - Tennis Lessons 3pm - Mixed 7.0 1-3 |
| 7 3pm - Mixed 9.0 @ | 8 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 9 8am - Tennis Pro | 10 8am - Tennis Pro 11am - Ladies Drop In 1pm - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 11 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior ATP | 12 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior 3:30pm - Junior | 13 7:30am - Men's Drop 1pm - Mixed 8.0 @ 1pm - Tennis Lessons |
| 14 1pm - Mixed 9.0 1-3 | 15 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 16 8am - Tennis Pro | 17 8am - Tennis Pro 9am - SFPTL League 11am - Ladies Drop In 1pm - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 18 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior ATP | 19 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior 3:30pm - Junior | 20 9am - Pro Court #3 @ 1pm - Tennis Lessons 3pm - Mixed 8.0 1-3 |
| 21 1pm - Ladies 3.5 3pm - Mixed 7.0 1-3 | 22 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 23 8am - Tennis Pro | 24 8am - Tennis Pro 11am - Ladies Drop In 1pm - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 25 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior ATP | 26 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior 3:30pm - Junior | 27 1pm - Men's 5.0 1-3 1pm - Tennis Lessons 3pm - Mixed March 6pm - March Madness |
| 28 1pm - Men's 4.0 CTS 3pm - Women's 4.0 | 29 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 30 8am - Tennis Pro | 31 8am - Tennis Pro 9am - SFPTL 1-3 @ 11am - Ladies Drop In 1pm - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior | 1 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior ATP | 2 8am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Junior 3:30pm - Junior | 3 1pm - Men's 3.5 Cts 1pm - Tennis Lessons |