

March 2013

President's Message



Phil Zlatunich

Welcome to Spring at the PTC! If you haven't been playing during one of the driest winters on record, it's time to get out and fill up the courts. There are many members around on weekends looking for pickup games. Please come on down and join us. We have many great events coming up, so it's time to get the rust off.

Spring is also a time of revival and of new possibilities. My Drop Shot message last month spoke of our hope of revitalizing our current tennis program. Our Board wants to provide a member accessible, transparent program which is open to all members regardless of age or ability. Thank you to those members whose response to that message reinforces that our Board is moving in the right direction. Our contract dialogue with *Riaz* continues in hopes that our new program, suited for all members, can be developed and reviewed by the Board early next month.

Upcoming Events

•
St. Patrick's Day Team Tennis
 Sunday, March 17th

•
Quarterly Membership Meeting
 Tuesday, April 16th

•
Spring Fling Mixer
 Saturday, May 4th

•
Inter-Club PTC vs. PGCC
 Saturday, May 11th

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

I would like to congratulate *Jim Friedman* for his final 2012 NorCal Senior Ranking of #3 in the Men's 65 Singles. It was accidentally omitted in last month's listing of all member rankings. It was the second highest ranking by a club member, and just missed the #2 ranking by a couple of points. Small world: I was a student in Jim's business class at Burlingame High School during his first year of teaching exactly 40 years ago, and have been friends ever since.

Good luck to *David Bakhtiari*, the other football playing son of *Karl & Debbie*, who performed well at the NFL Combine for all draft-

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eligible rookies. He has been rated between #57th & #84th best overall prospect depending on which football rating service you read.

Be sure to check out the short bio of Jim Sobel, our third new Board member, towards the end of the Drop Shot. *Welcome, Jim.*

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Please be advised you are welcome to play adjacent to USTA team play when there is a court available. Also, captains will not ask members to vacate courts prior to match start time.

Please contact the following captains if you are interested in playing on a USTA adult league team this spring:

- 3.0 Ladies: **Kristin Nisewaner**
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- 3.0 Men: **Mickey Podolsky**
mbpodo@aol.com
- 3.5 Ladies: **Marisa Wachhorst**
wachh@hotmail.com
- 3.5 Men: **Mickey Podolsky**
mbpodo@aol.com
- 4.0 Ladies: **Barbara Freethy**
bafreethy@gmail.com
- 4.0 Men: TBD
- 4.5 Men: **John Kohli**
jkohli@frk.com

Club News

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

Garrett & Jenny Smith 10 Years

There will be two Yoga classes offered this spring at PTC. The first is the regular Thursday class from 7:15–8:45 pm. This class is an all-levels class. The series will begin this Thursday, March 7th and end on April 18th. There will be a total of seven weekly classes. The fee for this series is \$135 (regardless of the

number of classes you take). Please note that drop-ins will not be allowed for this series. The class will be tailored especially for those in the group, so that you may advance your understanding of the practice. The second class is on Wednesdays from 4:00–5:30 pm. This class is targeted to those who are new to Yoga. Classes are opened to drop-ins in March. Class starts March 13th and runs for three weeks. New and old students can drop in for \$25.

Tennis Activities News



Ken March

Wow, what a beautiful winter we are having. We have had so many nice days to enjoy our club. Our first tennis event of the year – the annual St. Paddy's Day Team Tennis, will be Sunday, March 17th. Play begins at 9:00

am and finishes around 2:00 pm. If you haven't already signed up, please do so in the clubhouse. This event generates a lot of enthusiasm, so if the tournament is full or you were busy, keep your eyes open – our next team tennis tournament will be in May. Check the calendar events so that you can plan accordingly in advance if you are interested in any of these tournaments.

I would like to thank all of you who have sent emails regarding court usage and USTA teams. The Board appreciates your concerns and suggestions. As this is the first year of 40+ teams being run during the winter, and with many leagues now overlapping, we are trying to work out the correct balance between league play and open play. Please feel free to email any additional thoughts on the subject.

That's it for this month. Hope to see you at the club! If you're around but not playing – feel free to drop by Sunday, March 17th during or after the St. Paddy's Day tournament for some snacks and/or cocktails. Last match of the day starts around 1:00 pm.

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

Current List of H&G projects:

- PTC website upgrade - Under construction in March.
- Existing ball machine - Remote reprogramming completed, new remote currently missing.
- New machine is expected to arrive mid-March.
- Flooring replacement (Women's locker rooms) Delayed. Scheduled start in April.
- Flooring replacement (Junior Locker rooms) - Tentative schedule start date in May.
- Court crack repair - painting #4 thru 7 - Scheduled for August 5-9, 2013 start.
- Video cam upgrade - Cost analysis / feasibility study in progress.
- Clubhouse / Court sound system - Committee equipment selection / review / budgeting, underway.
- Hydration station @ court #3 - Plan check review.
- New lights - Development phase / process underway.
- Clubhouse bar area, big room ceiling / Kitchen painting - Scheduled discussions - pending.
- Furniture replacement - ADC review / Fiscal budgeting for 2014-15.
- Clubhouse library bookshelves / ACD clubhouse development / April PC review.

Membership News



Jane Pearcy

Hello from Membership. I am pleased to announce the addition of a new family to PTC! They are **Ernie Ruehl**, his kids **Henry** (high school sophomore) and **Elizabeth** (7th grade), and his lovely wife **Julie**. The Ruehl family is sponsored by **David Andrews** and

Brian Desler. Ernie is a former college player (Princeton) who has a very nice game and is passing his skills onto his kids who both play at school. *Welcome!*

We have two more families who have submitted applications. They are **Jay** and **Ginger Penn**, sponsored by **Jim Sobel** and **Todd Friedman**, and **Ryan** and **Caroline Clark**, sponsored by **Marcus Shen** and **Jim Fregosi**. Our Junior membership has a new member, **Scott Taggart**, sponsored by **Anthony Paz** and **Will Stevenson**. Scott is the #1 varsity player for BHS and will be a great hitting partner for Seniors and Juniors alike. *Welcome Scott!* As always, if you know anyone who is interested in joining our PTC family, contact **Lona** at the club or me at (650) 348-3822 mjpearcy@sbcglobal.net. We're always happy to chat with prospective members.

Social Events News



Jennifer Ellison

Come on down to the PTC on March 17th to share in the luck of the Irish! Cheer on the various teams playing in the mixer while enjoying a green beer and some Irish guacamole. For those who enjoy a little off-court competition, join in the search for the hidden leprechaun or guess the number of tennis balls in our pot o' gold...special prizes await the winners! You don't have to play in the mixer to enjoy the after-party...come on down and raise a glass!

The "social-season" awaits and we have lots of parties to plan. If you are interested in helping with the social committee this year, please let me know. The only requirements are that you want to have fun and meet some new members. I'm happy to provide more information to anyone interested. The social committee is looking forward to a fantastic year of fun...and will be kicking it all off on March 17th!

Board Member Profile



Jim Sobel is a tennis nut! He says he loves playing tennis beyond anything! With the exception of his beautiful family, I know this to be true. Jim and his wife **Andrea**, joined the club in 2006. Prior to that, Jim played 2-3 times a week on the Washington Park courts.

In fact, the twelve guys that played semi-regularly together during Tuesday and Thursday evenings, all joined PTC during a three year period.

Jim is a commercial real estate broker in downtown San Francisco. (Editor's note: good thing Jim has been very successful in real estate, as he has or is set to pay for three Bat Mitzvah's, three college tuitions and three weddings - obviously the wrong side of the Brady Bunch!). Andrea is a part-time freelance public relations & communications consultant, and full-time mother of three. **Alana** is a Junior at BHS, **Mollie** is an 8th grader at BIS and **Tovia** is a 6th grader also at BIS.

Jim met his future wife on a blind date, which was set up with Andrea after the friend ascertained that she was both Jewish and single. As the story goes, "Andrea heard Jim's last name, and after saying to herself, "Andrea Sobel" and thinking it had a nice ring, agreed to meet me." They had a great time, and a couple of years later, Jimmy proposed to her in Bangkok. The rest of course is history. *Please welcome Jim to the board!*

Director of Tennis News



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JUNIOR TENNIS

The RS Academy ballkids did an incredible job at the SAP Open Tournament at HP Pavilion this past month. They were given the task of two qualifying rounds at

Courtside Club in Los Gatos, as well as the prestigious semifinal rounds at HP Pavilion! The camaraderie of the group was fantastic, as they proved to be one of the best ballkid's teams in the entire tournament! Thank you and congratulations on a great job to the following PTC Member Juniors.



Zach Martinucci, Halle Martinucci, Alex Harrigan, Nick Yee, Matt Miller, Camillo Saueressig, Elena Middlemass, Andrew Olson, Sammy Kotmel, Lizzie Siegle, Brooke Butterworth, Ethan Smith.

I wanted to congratulate one of our Juniors, **Zach Martinucci**, on an impressive award that he received in February! Zach is a senior at BHS and was awarded the CBS Jefferson award! This award is given to "ordinary people, who do extraordinary things." Zach devotes much of his time to the American Cancer Society and Relays for Life. It was incredibly exciting to see Zach on the channel 5 news, describing all that he has done for the last four years as the lead high school volunteer for all of California, training other students to put on Relays at more than 60 campuses across the state. Congratulations Zach!

Spring and Summer tennis info can be found by visiting our upgraded website at www.rstennis.com

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Mar 2013 (Pacific Time)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	1	2
24 12pm - Women's 3.5 2pm - Men's 3.5	25	26	27 9am - SFPTL Senior	28	1	2 12pm - Women's 4.0 2pm - Men's 3.0 4pm - Mixed 8.0	8	9 12pm - Women's 4.0 2pm - Men's 4.5+ 4pm - Mixed 8.0
3 12pm - Men's 4.5+ 2pm - Women's 4.5+	4	5	6	7	15	16 9am - Pro Court #3 12pm - Women's 3.5 2pm - Mixed 7.0	22	23 12pm - Women's 4.0 2pm - Men's 3.0 4pm - Mixed 7.0
10 12pm - Women's 3.0 2pm - Women's 4.5+	11	12	13	14	20	21	28	30
17 9am - St. Paddy's 3:30pm - Mixed 8.0	18	19	20	21	27	28	29	30 2pm - Mixed 7.0
24 12pm - Men's 3.0	25	26	27	28	3	4	5	6
31 2pm - 7.0 Mixed	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	