

April 2008

President's Update



Stuart Batchelor

Upcoming Events

•
 Quarterly Meeting
 April 15 6:30 PM

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 Opening Day
 May 17th
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What's your favorite color?

This is the question on which the PTC Board is asking the membership to share their thoughts. As we complete the construction of the new front courts, we will need to paint them. We have several options to choose from. A number of members have expressed a desire to see the courts painted US Open Blue on US Open Green, while others favor Florida Dark Green on Light Green, or we can keep them their current color.



To help make this decision, our tennis court contractor has painted samples of the above two colors on our frontcourts. The Board is requesting that over the next 10 days those interested in expressing a preference stop by the club, view the samples and fill out a comment card that will be available in the clubroom. The colors in the pictures above while close do not truly represent the real colors.

Color Options are:

- A. Keep the courts their current color
- B. US Open Blue (interior), US Open Green (outside)
- C. Dark Florida Green (interior),
Light Florida Green (outside)
- D. No particular preference

Much has been written about which color may be the "best" to play on. Major tournaments are using blue on green, as it is believed to highlight the ball the best for TV. The dark green will do a good job too in highlighting balls and some see the green on green to be a more traditional color combination. For most, any of the three-color combinations would be acceptable.

While stopping by the club is the best way to see the colors and to express your preference, you can also email your preference to our Club Manager (bill.jepsen@ptctennis.com). The Board will review all the comment cards and emails submitted to help them make the final decision.

Following is a selection of comments from members regarding color preferences. Please make sure to let the Board know your thoughts.

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Dark Green on Green

1. Dark Green on Green is the classic color combination for tennis courts at traditional, premier tennis clubs like the Peninsula Tennis Club. The modern standard Blue/Green that you are hearing about now is a trend that could change again anytime the tennis tours wish. Peninsula Tennis Club should set the Gold Standard which is and always will be Dark Green on Green tennis courts.
2. Dark Green on Green highlights the optic yellow tennis balls that we use today and maintains the traditional, elegant, and classic look that we should uphold for our club members young and old for years to come.
3. Dark Green on Green would compliment our club buildings and surrounding areas much better than any other color combinations. Our facility is being modernized but should still reflect the classic and traditional feel that we are proud to offer our members and visitors.
4. Peninsula Tennis Club should set the standard and not follow the trend.

US Open Blue on US Open Green

1. As tennis is played with yellow balls, and since blue paint has no yellow in it as green paint does, yellow balls are easier to see coming off a blue surface than a green one.
2. Having a better color contrast between the playing surface and balls is more essential at the PTC due to the placement of our courts and the need to reduce sun glare.
3. The US Open blue and green colors are becoming the modern "Classic Colors" for tennis hard courts now that the US Open, the US Open Series of tournaments before the US Open, the Athens and Beijing summer Olympic Games and many Division 1 universities have adopted them for their tennis courts.
4. Aesthetically speaking the green/green and blue/green court colors are quite comparable, soothing and calm. The nod thus should go to choosing the blue/green court colors because the color blue provides better optical advantages over green on the playing surface.

Please read the CIP update for more information on the many developments taking place during the past month. The Club is on track to fully re-open in May and there is a list of planned activities planned over the next several months so everyone can enjoy our new surroundings.

Editor's Note

We are just a month away from the club coming alive again – and just in time. The lack of activity makes it a little more difficult to come up with interesting tid-bits and stories about our club members. Please remember that I am interested in any feel-good news and to email me at jeff@ptctennis.com.

Manager's Corner



Bill Jepsen

The new 2008 PTC Member Rosters are here! Drop by the snack bar and say hello to Mary or Wendy, who will give you your copy. One per membership, please.

CIP News

March has been our busiest month for outdoor work since initial demolition back in September. A variety of contractors have been on site finishing the installation of drain lines, compacting the soil, starting work on a new gas line and most notably pouring lots and lots of concrete.

We are almost complete with the pouring of the concrete decks and walkways. Only the area around the Chatham entrance needs to be completed and this will happen in late April. Our tennis court contractor is fully engaged and has erected almost all the new fence posts. Over the next two weeks they will be completing the new curb that is going around the courts and preparing the courts for new asphalt. The actual laying of the new asphalt is planned to take place on or about April 14th. This will be followed closely by erecting the new fence

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fabric and then around the 28th, the courts will undergo final finishing and coloring. If all goes as hoped, the front courts will be back in service the week of May 12th.

In the south wing we are now in the process of painting and installing fixtures. The locker rooms should be fully completed by the end of April. We also expect the new Junior and exercise rooms to be ready for use in May. We are still working and waiting on PG&E to provide us with the new gas service we need. This ongoing delay is preventing us from re-establishing hot water service to the club. The last activity to take place will be repainting the exterior of the buildings.

Since a picture is worth a 1,000 words, check out the construction photos of what has occurred over the last month. Take a look at our web cam www.ptctennis.com/courtcam to check up on the progress. Please do not hesitate to contact **Stuart Batchelor** (batchouse@gmail.com) or **Bob Sinclair** (sinclair515@yahoo.com) with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Tennis News

Restraining those rackets and line up that perfect doubles partner, as tennis activities will soon return to the PTC! 2008 tennis activities will kick off the weekend of June 7-8 with both the van Dillen Men's Double Championship AND the Women's Doubles Championship. The PTC Men's Singles Championship Finals will follow shortly after on Sunday June 29. Sign up sheets will be posted in the club house in late April or early May. More event details will be provided later. Additional tennis activities will occur throughout the summer - including the ever-popular Calcutta Tournament - so get ready to play!

Membership News

Comings & goings...

We have had one new family submit their application during March.

They are:

Doug & Debbie Heffernan **Chris Cooke/Jeff Tateosian**

We are sad to see short-time members **Shannon & Dennis Wong** resign from the club. We wish them well.

Tennis News

Club Anniversaries for April (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Dick Hesselink	25 years
Peter Webb	25 years
Al Chamberlain	15 years
Joe Bojues	15 years
Gayle Etienne	15 years
Kirsten Gray	5 years

USTA Team Updates

Just as the fall/winter league season has ended, the spring summer/summer league season is about to begin. The 8.0 Mixed featuring **Ken March** as Captain finished with 6 wins & 3 losses, good enough to make it into the playoffs. Unfortunately, they recently lost 1-2 to the Pacific Athletic Club.

Our 7.0 Mixed team featuring **Eileen Lewis** and **Joan Renson** as Co-captains, finished with a very respectable 8 wins & 6 losses, just missing the playoffs. Congratulations to both of these teams for their winning records.

The PTC is well represented in USTA this upcoming season. Our 2008 spring/summer Adult League teams & Captains are:

Super Senior 65 Men's 3.5 **Gary Capurro**

Men's 4.0 **Tom Middlemass/Ken March**

Men's 3.5 **Mark Showen/Brian Peletta**

Men's 3.0 **Phil Marson/Bill Rogers**

Women's 4.0 **Barbara Freethy/Linda Benvenuto**

Women's 3.5 **Nancy Batchelor/Lisa Rogers**

Good luck to all of our teams this season and be sure to get out and support them.

Congratulations to Paul King for winning the Men's 65's Singles division on March 30th at the Las Vegas Senior Open Tennis Championships.

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Social Events News

There is a lot going on at the PTC, just not social activities...yet. Social activities will ramp up with the re-opening of the club in mid-May and then before we know it, summer will be here. We will keep you posted as events draw near.

In the meantime, our social committee will be getting together to start planning. Several members have responded verbally with interest to volunteer their time and talents. So we don't miss anyone, would you please email **Nancy Batchelor** (nmb@yahoo.com) if you wish to be included in planning social activities. We will contact you with planning dates. ~Nancy Batchelor, Social Committee chairperson.

Calendar of Events for 2008/2009

April 15	Quarterly Membership Meeting
May 17	Opening Day Ceremony
June 7-8	van Dillen Men's Doubles
June 8	Women's Doubles
June 16	Junior Summer Opening Day
June 26	Twilight Tennis
June 27-29	PTC Junior Invitational
June 29	Men's Club Singles Finals
July 6	Woods 'N Whites
July 11	Calcutta Dinner
July 12	Men's Calcutta
July 13	Women's Calcutta
July 15	Quarterly Membership Meeting
July 24	Twilight Tennis
Aug 1-3	USTA NorCal Junior Tournament
Aug 15	Junior Summer Closing Day
Aug 21	Twilight Tennis
Aug 25-Sept 1	California State Senior
Sept 13	75th Anniversary Gala
Sept 21	Team Tennis Tournament
Sept 25	Twilight Tennis
Oct 11-12	Mixed Doubles Tournament
Nov 18	Quarterly Membership Meeting
Dec 13	Saturday Holiday Party

Jan 20 Annual Membership Meeting

Feb 1 8th Annual Super Bowl Party

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji

I spent four great days in Palm Desert at the Pacific Life Open again this past March and saw all the top men and women players practicing and playing. It's probably the best spectator tournament in the US as all the pros are there enjoying the great setting and top class competition. For the fan it is a great way to see your favorite players up close and personal. I had a bunch of Academy Juniors with me and they had so much fun running around getting autographs and photos of the pros. A great time for all of us.

Congratulations to Academy player **Brooke Tsu** for winning the Johnson Ranch USTA G14's Championships. Brooke is 13 yrs old and in her first year in the 14's. We will be heading to Palm Springs for the Easter Bowl in mid April. Her game is developing, her attitude is much improved, and she is getting smarter and faster on the court. Brooke plays Wilson.

I will be ordering K-swiss shoes at the beginning of each month for members interested in a great deal on this brand of tennis shoe. They are a great club court shoe and there are different styles for all sorts of foot shapes. Call the Tennis Office to order. Member price is a substantial savings off retail. Tennis Office - (650) 347-1440

The club is beginning to take its shape and I like the color scheme and feel of the place. I can see the finish line and am very impressed with the way things have been ticking along. **Bob Sinclair** and **Stuart Batchelor** have done a fantastic job of keeping things on track and making sure we are on schedule. I personally am very grateful for their hard work and dedication to this project and think we owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Thanks Bob and Stuart!

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Tennis Rule – A player cannot make contact with the ball if it has not reached their side of the court. The only time a player can reach over the net (without touching the net) is if the ball has so much backspin on it that it bounces on their side first then spins back over the net. The player can then reach over the net and tap it back into the net for an un-returnable winner. I have personally experienced this a few times and was ready and sure when it happened. Just be ready to explain this rule when it happens to you.

RS ACADEMY SUMMER TENNIS

STAR PROGRAM

This is for Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate level Juniors. Coaches will use fun, modern games to help Juniors improve. Our emphasis is for Juniors to improve their rallying and play skills in this group training program. Juniors will train and play together and enjoy the group format.

S.T.A.R (Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Attitude, and Respect) represents the core values that we teach in all our programs. The Star Program is the best format for your child to have fun and learn in a safe, healthy, games based training environment from positive, enthusiastic, qualified coaches.

Green Star (Beginner/Novice juniors ages 6–8)

Juniors that have had little or no tennis experience will start in this great, positive, learning environment. Fun and innovative games and drills are used to help children with their movement, coordination, balance, and racket skills. QuickStart balls are used and the Rally-Ball program is emphasized to get Juniors rallying quickly and learning to enjoy the game.

- Schedule: Monday – Thursday 3:30–4:30pm
- Summer Fee: Members: \$100 / Non-members: \$125

Blue Star (Beginner/Novice juniors ages 9–12)

Juniors should have basic serve and rally skills to enter this fast paced, energetic group. Games and drills are used to develop balance, consistency, technique, and footwork. Juniors will begin to score and play games and short sets to help with rally skills and match play. Self-motivation required to join this group.

- Schedule: Monday – Thursday 3:30–4:30pm
- Summer Fee: Members: \$100 / Non-members: \$125

Red Star (Intermediate juniors ages 10–15)

Juniors that can serve and rally consistently will use this games based training session to work on developing better stroke skills along with modern footwork and match play tactics for Singles and Doubles. Juniors will play competitive individual and team games and work on developing new strokes including spin serves, slice shots, drop shots, and overheads.

- Schedule: Monday – Thursday 3:30–4:30pm
- Summer Fee: Members: \$100 / Non-members: \$125

Junior Academy (Ages 10–14)

(Juniors playing B/G10–14's Novice, Challenger, and Open)

Junior Academy players are up and coming USTA Tournament players. This high intensity group will train and compete with each other to improve their consistency, shot selection, match play tactics, technical knowledge, endurance, foot-speed, flexibility, and teamwork.

- Schedule: Monday–Friday 1:30–4:30pm
- Summer Fee: Members: \$325 / Non Members \$375

Academy (Ages 14–17)

(Juniors playing B/G 14's Open/Championships & B/G 16–18's Opens)

Players will practice to improve all aspects of their games under the guidance of Academy Coaches. Players will train and compete with intensity, focus, and a desire to improve with the right attitude. All players will be evaluated at the start of the week and be given specific technical, tactical, and training goals to accomplish. Self-motivation and desire to improve rapidly required.

- Schedule: Monday–Friday 1:30–5:30pm
- Summer Fee: Members: \$425 / Non Members \$475

Registration begins April 15th.

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A Heritage Perspective – 75 Years This Month: John Schroeder

The next time you turn on American Classic Movies and see “A Bridge Too Far,” or “The Longest Day” playing, close your eyes and try to replace the pilot of the lead planes that towed the gliders over France & Germany with our very own **John Schroeder**. One of the nicest guys at the club, John flew for two years in the European Theatre. He was a 2nd Lieutenant with the Army Air Force. As the war ended, John flew C-47 cargo planes and picked up U.S., English & Canadian POW’s in Germany.

After the war, John moved back to Burlingame, where he had been renting prior to going into the service. He met the love of his life at Burlingame High School. Though he was four years older than Alice, it was still love at first sight. Once married, they lived in Burlingame, San Mateo, and San Carlos before settling on John’s current home, four houses down from the club. John and Alice were happily married for 63 years before Alice’s passing four years ago. Together, they raised three wonderful kids.

John joined the PTC in 1946 and has seen and done it all. John served as President twice and has been on the Board many times. He has chaired all of the Board committees as well as volunteering on them. He remembers his biggest expenditure as President, having to get approval from membership (because it was over \$10,000) to install all new tennis fences. Stuart has just a bit bigger budget to work with as the new fence posts go up this week. That was a very big deal back then though John says.

Speaking of his participation, John has been involved with many of the tournaments that used to be held at the club. He also donated a lot of time to outside tournaments as well. He was sorry to see the National Junior Championship tournaments end during his last tenure as President. The National Junior Championship was relocated back East. John even remembers a tournament he worked on had local crooner Bing Crosby actually attending and presenting the championship trophies to the winners.

John has competed in many tournaments both in California and Nevada. He once told his wife that he would stop going to play in the Tournaments in Nevada that he and other club members routinely played in the year he didn’t bring home a trophy. Twenty years later, he was still going and bringing home the championship trophies. (Personally, I would have been buying engraved trophies at the trophy store if I could get my wife to believe that!) He continued to play in his later years, winning many senior events. John remembers playing in the Merv Griffin Senior Tournament at the Peninsula Golf & Country Club and winning the Mixed Doubles Championship. When asked about his trophy, he said that they actually won a new can of balls. John said that times were tough back then. His fondest tournament memory was when the PTC senior team made it to Arizona for the Nationals in 1990 (check out the photo behind the bar in the clubhouse of that outstanding team). A very young **Gordon Nagare** is the only member of that team still at the club.

“Schroed”, as some members of the club used to call him, has many memories over the past 62 years. John misses playing tennis with all of the wonderful families and having great BBQ’s at the club. It was quite social in the older days, yet there was always high caliber tennis going on. Some of the young players he’s seen at the club include Stan Smith, Jimmy Connors, Michael Chang, Pete Sampras, John McEnroe and a youthful **Erik van Dillen**.

John looks at all of the work being done at the club today and remembers how there used to be large shrubs lining the backside of front courts. Members actually parked behind those courts, as the pools had not been installed yet. He can hardly wait to see the newest makeover of the club.

Today, John is nearing his 90th birthday (December) and has gone through two knee replacements. He says that his tennis days may be over, but his love for the club is still strong. I know that I can speak for the PTC in saying that our admiration towards you John will always be just as strong.

Construction Work



Concrete Work

