



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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**Peninsula Tennis Club
invites you to the
2009 President's Spring Fling**

Saturday April 25, 2009

7:00 in the evening

PTC Club House

cocktails ~ lite fare ~ dancing

\$30

Upcoming Events

Membership Meeting

April 21

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**Spring Fling
Presidents Party**

April 25

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Team Tennis

April 26

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

With our rainy season behind us, it's time to break out your "social attire" and get involved with all our club activities. Our first club tennis event is a few weeks away as well as our first party. The Spring Fling will double as the

President's Reception, welcoming our new President and honoring last year's President and Board members. This will be a casual event that includes a "live band." Weekend tennis is doing brisk business and our many newer members are looking for new challenges. The exercise room is open for business and busier than ever. For our growing number of swimmers, the pool will be heated in a few weeks. Besides daily Gin & Bridge card games in the clubhouse, you can even hear the sound of "I'm all in" a couple times a month at our Poker

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Tournaments. Hope to see you all at the club soon.

Spring has sprung and it's time to review the club's rules and policies so we can all be safe and enjoy the upcoming season. A copy of

the Peninsula Tennis Club Rules will be posted on the bulletin board in the Club Room for your reference.

Summer Employment Opportunities:

- **Part Time Life Guards:** Need to be at least sixteen years old and hold a current certification.
- **Part Time Snack Bar Help:** At least sixteen with preferably some work experience.

Please see Lona for an application.

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Club News

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

Dick & Deanna Foster	40 Years
Dan & Karen McGee	15 Years
George & Carolyn Parker	15 Years
Ken & Teresa Post	10 Years
Erica & Christian Reilly	5 Years
Debbie & George Oldham	5 Years
Dave & Chrissie Lyons	5 Years

Congratulations to **Louise Tierney, Oksanna Sydorak & Karen With** and their USTA Ladies 60's team for playing in the Nationals in Arizona the last week of April. Their team plays out of Millbrae Racquet Club.

Corrections - For the USTA Northern California 2008 year-end rankings published last month, we listed **Paul King** as #10 for the M65's Singles. He actually ended up at #6. Also, **John Stone** was inadvertently left off the list altogether. He ended up as #18 for M60 Singles. (No John, I didn't leave you off because you knocked me out of the last poker tournament-JT).

Tennis Activities News

Our first Team Tennis event is just around the corner. It will take place on Sunday, April 26th. There will be an entry fee of \$25.00 per person, which will include breakfast, lunch, tee shirt, and prizes for the 1st and 2nd place teams. Check-in and warm-ups will start Sunday morning at 8:30 AM, with play beginning at 9:00 AM. Please



Kelly Kemp

remember to sign up on the clubhouse bulletin board as this event is limited to the first 24 men and 24 women.

Attention Men's singles players, the Men's Singles Tournament will begin the first week of May and culminate with the championship final on Sunday May 24th. More on this event will follow shortly.

House & Grounds News

Spring has arrived and the club is getting spruced up. Ramon has been busy painting and repairing wood beams and posts on the upper patio in preparation for summer. Our new plants seem to have made it through the winter months in fine shape and soon the roses will be blooming.



Stuart Batchelor

Windscreens - Towards the end of April we will replace the current half windscreens with the regular full size screens. An email will go out to seek help from members to help execute this change. It is a sizable job - one that Ramon cannot do by himself.

Pool / Spa - While the spa was down for a couple of days last month, it is now back up and running. We also replaced the drain grates in the spa to bring the spa up to code for a new federal law that went into effect this year. Be careful when removing the new spa cover, it is attached on one side to keep it from circulating out of position. We've had inquires as to when the pool will again be heated. We estimated that the cost to heat the pool is a minimum of \$1,200 per month in utility costs. Our current plan is to begin heating the pool on or about May 1st, although I have seen a few brave soles take a dip in it already. The

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current water temperature of the pool is approximately 55°. We will also be replacing the drain grates in the pool in May.

Scuba Equipment – Does anyone own a scuba tank and regulator? The club either needs to hire a diver or we need to borrow some equipment so that we can replace the drain grates at the bottom of the pool. The alternative is if someone is good at holding their breath. Please let Lona or me know.

Water Fountain – We are still waiting on the delivery of our new water fountain. This is expected within the next two weeks. Once it arrives we will work to get it operational. The hope is to have this completed by the end of April.



Exercise Room – Usage of the exercise room remains strong. It is common to see 3 or 4 members in it at a time. The usage for March was comparable to February, which was our busiest month so far. We are looking to acquire some additional free weights.

Suggestions Box – If you see something that needs to be fixed or spruced up, please bring it to Lona's or my attention. We will do our best to keep the club beautiful and running the way we all expect it too.

Membership News

Following a successful and well-attended mid-March Meet N' Greet, the Board voted to extend membership to a number of wait-listed applicants, including those listed below. Sponsors, please encourage your newly accepted applicants to come join us all on the courts.



Becky Showen

On a related note, we are actively seeking new membership applicants and we need your help in seeking out prospective new members. Please give some thought to whether your tennis-playing neighbor, business acquaintance or family friend might be a good addition to our Club. If you know of a good prospective member, please get in touch with Lona to pick up a membership application and get the process rolling. If you have any questions about the membership process, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Please welcome these four new member families into the club:

Todd & Michele Friedman – Sponsored by **Brian Wachhorst & Jeff Tateosian**. Todd has been playing tennis since he could hold a racket. His dad has been coaching for 40 years and is in the New Jersey Coaches Hall of Fame. Todd is an Investor Relations Consultant for the Blueshirt Group (no relation to the Blue Man Group). He is married to Michele, who used to be quite a Junior player. Now all she plays with is their four children; Talia (6), Liam (4), Daphne (2) and Peter (2 months). *It appears that they are on the every-other-year "date" plan.*

Ford & Cindy Sibley – Sponsored by **Karen Harrigan & Tom Shea**. Ford is a General Contractor here in Burlingame. His wife Cindy is a Marriage Family Therapist. He has been playing tennis his "entire life" and looks forward to playing with our members. They have three children; Cole (6), Blake (3) and Miranda (2). *They live on Chatham, so be sure to wave when you park in front of their house.*

Bill & Cheri Myers – Sponsored by **Kirsten Gray & Jeff Tateosian**. Bill is a 3.5 player that looks to move up to a 4.0 soon. He is a Partner for the international law firm of

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Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. His wife Cheri used to be an attorney, but now she presides over the household. They have two children; Catherine (6) and Alexander (1).

Liz & Cristos Goodrow - Sponsored by **Tom Shea & Brian Wachhorst**. Liz was an outstanding player in High School in Arizona. Between their four children (in less than a 5 year span) and building a new house, Liz is anxious to regain her old tennis rating. Cristos is a mathematician with Google and is working on the next breakthrough for the internet. Their children are; Corgan (8), Isabelle (7), Brendan (5) and Eve (4). *Good thing our mathematician stopped counting at 4.*

We say farewell to **David & Aya Spievack** this month as they have resigned from the club.

Rosemary Marcinak has transferred her Emeritus membership to an Associate membership.

Join us for the Spring Fling at the PTC!

Social Events News



Nancy Batchelor

It's time to shake off our winter slumber at this year's PTC Spring Fling Party, featuring a live dance band. The Saturday night bash starts at 7:00 PM with light fare and beverages provided. This is a great time to mingle with new members, old friends and get your game face on for the team tennis events the following day. We will also be honoring last year's Board. The party kicks it up a notch at 9:00 PM when we start up the band. All participants will be charged \$30 per person. Clothing should consist of "Spring Party" and "Dance Attire." So dig out the dance shoes, find a

babysitter and come have some fun at this popular PTC event. RSVP in the clubhouse, email or call Lona at 347-1439 to sign up.

PTC JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The 7th Annual PTC Junior Tennis

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

Tournament will be held on May 22-24.

Singles and Doubles

Divisions include:

B/G 12's Novice

B/G 14's Challenger

B/G 18's Open

Please visit www.rstennis.com for more info and to register. This tournament is open to members and non-members.

STAR TENNIS

The next Green and Blue Star clinic series for Beginner / Novice and Intermediate juniors will begin on April 22nd.

Green Star - age 6-8. Beg / Novice Level
Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm

- 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.

Blue Star - age 8-10. Intermediate Level
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

- Juniors will learn basic serve and rally skills and enjoy 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 is

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required to join this group. This will be an 8 week series and fee of \$200 per Junior must be paid at beginning of session. Contact Riaz to register.

SUMMER JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

RS Tennis Academy Programs are games based and coached by enthusiastic, positive, USPTA certified coaches. Academy Director Riaz Shivji has developed a system of progressive coaching that will instill sound fundamental techniques, balanced movement, and core strategies for on-court and off-court improvement. Our Academy philosophy is to help young children build skills, habits, and positive attitudes that will last a lifetime.

Please visit www.rstennis.com to register.

ADULT TENNIS – Lessons & Clinics

Members please call or email me to get on the lesson/clinic list. I will make every effort to accommodate you and your group. Or, if you are interested in being a sub for a lesson or clinic let me know and I will put you on the sub list. If you cannot make a regular clinic below are the days and times of our Drop-Ins:

Ladies Drop-In

Wednesdays 11:00am–12:30pm

Fridays 12:00–1:30pm

Men's Drop-In

Saturday 7:30–9:00am

Team News

Lisa Rogers and *Nancy Batchelor*, captains for the SFPTL team (morning league) report that the season has come to an end and the ladies from the PTC finished in 3rd place behind 2 very strong teams in the Masters division (2nd highest level division). The

SFPTL (San Francisco Peninsula Tennis League) has been in existence for many years (Lisa's Roger's mother used to play for the PTC) and we are very proud to continue PTC's participation and fine play. Lisa and Nancy will once again captain a 3.5 team in the upcoming USTA season and have a roster full of PTC ladies who are ready to take on their opponents and participate in some competitive and fun tennis.

After a hiatus due to the court reconstruction project, the SFPTL senior team has commenced again with *Sharon Marson* and *Cris Mangar* as co-captains. The PTC Wise Aces had a good start to the season with an 11–1 win, which was also the score of their most recent win. However, the biggest win of the season might be the recent 6–6 tie against the league's 1st place team who brought three 4.5 players while our team had many big guns missing that day—huge moral victory!

PRO TENNIS

Fourth seed Vera Zvonareva completed the sweep of the singles and doubles titles at the 2009 BNP Paribas Open as she defeated defending champion Ana Ivanovic 7–6(5), 6–2 on Sunday in Indian Wells. The Russian, who teamed up with Belarusian Victoria Azarenka to clinch the doubles title Saturday, is the second player after Lindsay Davenport to win both women's titles during the same tournament week at Indian Wells. The American accomplished the feat in 1997 (w/Zvereva) and again in 2000 (w/Morariu). "I've been watching this tournament since I was a kid," said Zvonareva. "It's been on TV back home so many years. It's basically one of the biggest events after the major. I think it means a lot to everyone who is able to win it, because you have to beat so many top players on the way to get the title."

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Andy Murray was blown away by world number one Rafael Nadal as the Spaniard triumphed in the Indian Wells Masters 1000 final with a 6-1 6-2 victory. Strong gusting winds in the Californian desert provided testing conditions, and rather spoilt the game as a spectacle. Nadal settled the quicker of the two players, running away with the first set in 41 minutes. World number four Murray mounted a sterner challenge in the second set, but was again broken twice. "He definitely deserved the win, he played great in difficult conditions and dealt with it incredibly well," said British number one Murray. "Unfortunately I couldn't get the job done but I've had a great start to the year and hopefully I can keep it going and push up the rankings. Nadal was delighted with his victory - his second Indian Wells title after his triumph in 2007 - which continued his great start to the season after his maiden Australian Open crown in January. "I win in Australia, I win here," said Nadal. "I'm very happy with everything."

Americans Mardy Fish and Andy Roddick clinched the doubles title at the BNP Paribas Open after saving three match points in a 3-6, 6-1, 14-12 win over defending champion Andy Ram and partner Max Mirnyi on Saturday in Indian Wells. Fish and Roddick sent the doubles final into a Match Tie-break after winning the final five games of the second set, and saved match points at 8-9, 9-10 and 11-12 in the decider to the approval of the home crowd.

TIP OF THE MONTH USING THE SHORT ANGLE

The ability to drag an opponent off the court through the use of the short angle is one of the main tactics I use when playing singles against a very steady baseliner. I like to aim this shot to a shorter and wider target on the court than the regular groundstroke, luring my opponent away from the centre of the court into a less familiar position. When played effectively, this shot allows me to finish the point in a number of ways, including using the sneak attack volley, drive swing volley, and shoulder-high groundstroke attack. I like to play the short angle with either slice (chippa) or topspin (grip n rippa).

The short angle slice (chippa) can be used to great effect if the ball stays short and low enough. When I play this shot it can cause my opponent two particular problems. First, it forces them to move diagonally up the court - a line of movement that is rarely practiced and often proves problematic. Second, the slice keeps the ball low and forces them to hit 'up' over the net, thus preventing any real threat of aggression. I'll often approach or sneak in to the net after building pressure through the use of this shot and take the ball out of the air to give my opponent less time to get back into the court.

The short angle topspin (grip n rippa) can be hit from the forehand or backhand side. I need to hit the ball with fast racket head speed and a sharper brushing action up the back of the ball to create the necessary spin and angle. The "shape" (if u don't know what this means come and ask me) of my swing is different than a regular groundstroke. This shot presents a different problem to my opponent in that the topspin 'kicks' the ball out and away from the court, pulling the player off the court and thus leaving the rest of the court exposed. When

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hit effectively, the grip n rippa creates many attacking opportunities for me and I can either come in or delay my attack and then hit to the open court or behind my opponent. It is important to note that it is harder for a player to create a short angle from the middle of the court because fewer angles are available. Therefore, most angled groundstrokes are hit from wider positions. Call me for a lesson on the chippa or grip n rippa!

PTC Celebrity Look-a-likes

As you look around the club, do you ever think to yourself that a particular member reminds you of a celebrity? Well, I have a few in mind. Send me an email if you have any PTC celebrity look-a-like suggestions for future issues. Let's start out with my friend **Jim Sobel**. I couldn't decide if he looked more like KTVU's Sal Castaneda or Jared, the guy who lost 240 pounds by eating Subway sandwiches. What's your vote: Sal, Jared or "try again next month."

New Members



Todd & Michele Friedman



Bill & Cheri Myers



Christos & Liz Goodrow



Ford & Cindy Sibley

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