



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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Words from "the Prez"

I have to begin by offering some big thank you's. **First, thank you to all the members who came to the Quarterly Meeting.** I think everyone in attendance would agree that the time spent hearing from each Director is valuable...even if we were adjourned in a snappy 35 minutes.

Second, thank you to all of the Team Tennis participants last week. Once again a full field turned out for what has consistently been our best event for members new and old to meet and compete. Big kudos to **Melissa Smith** and her tennis committee for another great day.

And lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all who attended the President's Reception last Saturday night. "007-Shaken Not Stirred" was another **Lynn and Bob Currie** production done to perfection. Too bad we can't find a way to generate some revenue from this talented social committee.

April was a very busy month and May looks to be no different. The best tennis of the year takes place this month. The doubles specialists square off in the annual van Dillen Tournament followed up by the Men's Singles Championships. Check the sign up sheets and participate or just come by for lunch and watch; it's the best tennis of the year.

I was asked a very unusual question the other day, "How's the project coming along?" Rather than the typical "coming along fine," I said, "think of it as one of those 1000 piece puzzles that you used to start and never complete." Well, I figure we've finished the border pieces a while ago (you always do the border first, right?) and now we're having a grand old time putting together the other 900 or so pieces that all look identical but have to fit together just right to make the picture perfect. You'll be seeing a monthly update from Stuart Batchelor on all the exciting happenings throughout the summer.

Upcoming Events

**van Dillen Men's Doubles
Championship Tournament
May 5-6**

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**van Dillen Tournament BBQ
May 5**

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**Men's Singles Tournament
Finals
May 20**

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**Junior Open Tournament
Finals
May 18-20**

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**Twilight Tennis/Dinner
June 14**

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Editor's Note

I would like to echo Bob Sinclair's comments about the **President's Ball**. **Bob & Lynn Currie, Nancy Batchelor** and the rest of the Social Committee created one of the finest themed parties that I have participated in at the club. It truly was a classy event and a pleasure to be associated with. Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped make it a special night for Bob.

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Manager's Corner



I would like to personally thank all of the PTC members who volunteered a great deal of their time and energy to the Bonnebell Cup. It was a terrific tournament!

The heated pool will be drained, repainted and heated before Memorial Day weekend. Lifeguards will be on duty from Memorial Day thru Labor Day.

If you know of any young person certified and trained as a Lifeguard that is interested in a summer job, please have them contact Bill.

Check-out the Ken Beer Gold & Silver Ball award in the clubroom trophy case. A big thank you to *Oksanna Sydorak* for her help.

Tennis Events News

Last weekend was the almighty Team Tennis at PTC. *Linda Pene* kicked off the event with a "007 Spy Theme" to go along with President's Reception theme, "Shaken, not Stirred." The participants were all given a mustache and dark glasses for a disguise, although some wanted to mask their tennis that day. The games began under dark clouds that threatened play all day. But alas, the "Spy Gods" were with us and held off to the very end. The teams that battled for the top seat were, "Dr. No versus "Thunderball." In typical nail-biting PTC form, the matches came down to the last game. And the winner was.....Thunderball! The team included *Tom Middlemass, Ken Cox, Kelly Kemp, Marcia Kunz, Amy Fearn and Marissa Hauselt*. The runner-ups included *Alan Klein, Dave Kwan, Rob Delatoni, Val March, Erica Reilly and Jane Percy*. After the prizes were awarded, the heavens opened up and the rain came down in buckets. Thank you for all who participated. Great food, great prizes, great fun and great job *Linda!*

The always popular van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship Tournament will be held on Saturday May 5th, with the finals of both flights on Sunday morning May 6th. Pick a partner and sign up in the clubroom. We will have two brackets; 4.0 and above, and 3.5 -3.0. The winners are forever acknowledged on the perpetual van Dillen Trophy that is on display in the clubhouse trophy case.

The Men's Single Tournament begins the first week of May and culminates with the championship final on Sunday May 20. All players signing up will be given a first round match to be completed within a week. Every subsequent match will be posted on the draw sheet with the players agreeing to a mutual time to play the match. This format allows for some flexibility in scheduling and is used to encourage play by our very busy members.

Sign-up sheets are up in the clubroom for both tournaments. Stop by to sign-up or contact *Bill Jepsen* at 347-1439.

Membership News

Comings & goings...

Please help me welcome three new member/families to the club.

They are:

Cathy & Dev Mishra 349-5519
Kay & Larry Coskey 343-0427
Erikka & Mark Molumphy 347-0603

We have had three members resign over the past month.

They are:

Bill & Faye Dashiell
Russ & Mary Beth Hagey
Ed & Sharon Drucker

We have two new families that have submitted their application during April. They are:

David & Jill Andrews *Mike Amaroli & Pat Fallon (sponsors)*
Kris & Ed Willig *Lisa Rogers & Debbie Bakhtiari (sponsors)*

Club News

Summer is just around the corner and Bill and his team are working to get things spruced up for the upcoming season. The big pool is in the process of being drained in preparation for receiving a fresh coat of paint. A BIG thank you to *Jim Fregosi* for lending his expertise with the painting project. The deep pool will remain closed for the summer. The cost to make the necessary repairs is not warranted. We are also reviewing our summer menu items at the snack bar. *Marci Martinucci* has stepped up to run a focus group on what we could improve upon to meet the needs of our summer visitors to the Club. If you see anything that is in need of attention, please bring it to the attention of *Bill* or send *Stuart Batchelor* an email (batchouse@gmail.com).

USTA Tennis Teams – April Match Play

Men's 3.0	Won 3, Lost 1
SS 65 Men's 6.0	Won 2, Lost 1
Women's 3.5	Won 1, Lost 3
Women's 4.0	Won 3, Lost 1

Club Anniversaries for May – In a new feature, club anniversaries will be recognized for members who have been with the club for at least ten years (listed on five year intervals).

Congratulations to the following members:

George Kromhout	50 years
Harvey Small	40 years
Torry Bryant	35 years
Michael Podell	35 years
Bill Campana	30 years
Bob Whitehill	30 years
Larry Wilson	30 years
Craig Zimmerman	30 years
Gordon Nagare	20 years
Hank Stumpf	20 years
Ron Leavy	15 years
Chris Mangar	15 years

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Capital Improvement Project News

April was a very busy month for the Club as we progress towards groundbreaking in the late summer. **Stuart Batchelor** reports that he and **Bob Sinclair** spent many hours meeting with our landscape architect, civil engineer, pool designer, bathroom ADA designer, structural engineer and project manager. Most importantly, they interviewed three potential general contractors. The BIG news is that if all goes as planned, we will be delivering to the City of Burlingame our initial set of plans for permit review on Monday, April 30th. This is an important step for the Club. At the same time, plans will be sent to our prospective general contractors for their review, bidding and comments. By mid-May it is our goal to select a general contractor who has as much experience as possible for what we are planning to do. Most general contractors are focused on commercial or residential construction, not in building tennis courts and large pools. So, picking the right general contractor is of paramount importance to the Club.

Club member **Mark Percy** lent his architectural expertise to improve the look of the Chatham entrance as part of the project. His design concepts will be worked into the overall plan. Member **Phil Zlatunich** has been advising on plumbing issues the Club has been experiencing. The PTC is aging and not necessarily gracefully. There are several new issues that will need to be incorporated into our overall project plan that were not previously expected.

Lastly, the question on most people's mind is, "**When will the project break ground?**" The general contractors we have spoken to all believe they could start the project in mid-August (2007). The big concern all the contractors have expressed is that it is vital to get as much of the project completed prior to the winter rains as rain has a negative impact on construction and standing water can bring a project to a stop in a hurry. The Board will be reviewing the overall timeline as we select our contractor for the project. This will eventually determine when we

break ground and our ability to host the Cal State Senior Tournament in late August. The Club has been in contact with NorCal about the tournament and its status.

Please do not hesitate to drop **Bob Sinclair** (sinclair515@gmail.com) or **Stuart Batchelor** (batchelorhouse@gmail.com) a note if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Social Events News

van Dillen Doubles Tournament BBQ. Please join us for a BBQ following the event on Saturday, May 5th play and celebrate the van Dillen Tournament tradition. The BBQ will begin about 5 PM and cost \$10 per person. RSVP by Friday, May 4 either in the clubhouse or by calling Bill Jepson at 347-1439.

For those members not participating in either the van Dillen Doubles Tournament or the Men's Singles Tournament, we encourage you to stop by and cheer on the players. Come enjoy the tennis and camaraderie of our membership.

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Junior Tennis Program

The 5th Annual PTC Junior Tennis Tournament will take place on May 18-20, 2007.

Presented by RS Tennis Academy, the levels of play will be Boys 18's Open, Boys 14's Open, Girls 14's Open, and Boys/Girls 12's Novice (12's Novice may be Round Robin). The entry fee is \$35, which includes Singles and Doubles (make check payable to Peninsula Tennis Club). Please call Tennis Director, Riaz Shivji to sign up at 347-1440.



PTC / RS Tennis Academy Summer Program

June 18th-August 2nd. Sessions run Monday Through Thursday, 1:30-5:30pm. Member sign-up opens March 26th. Non-member sign-up opens April 30th

Academy (Ranked Juniors only)

Juniors must be self-motivated, dedicated, and committed to improving. Program content includes: Dynamic Warm-up, Competitive Drilling, High Performance Match play, Video Analysis, Speed/Footwork Training, Strength/Conditioning, Tournament Prep, and Challenge Ladder. Build successful strategies on and off the court. 1:30-5:30pm Academy is Mon-Fri. Members \$400 / Non-Members \$450

Junior Academy (USTA Novice and Challenger Tournament players)

Juniors must have at least USTA Novice level experience and be looking to raise their level of play. Content includes: Dynamic Warm-up, Learning to compete at a higher level, Improving Modern Strokes and Skill Base, Honing Fundamentals, Conditioning/Stretch, Match play, Tournament Prep, and Challenge Ladder. This is a great program for the younger 10-15 year old Novice and Challenger tournament players. 2:30-4:30pm Junior Academy is Monday-Friday. Members \$250 / Non-Members \$275

Red Star (Intermediate level juniors ages 10-16)

Juniors must have taken instruction in the past and be able to serve, rally and score. Content includes; Dynamic Warm-up, Drilling, Modern Fundamentals, Stroke Improvement, Match play, Conditioning/ Footwork and Teamwork. Competitive game-based drills from positive and experienced coaches. Interclub matches are included.

This is for juniors wishing to improve their level of play and understanding of the game. 1:30-2:30pm Members \$100 / Non-members \$125

Blue Star (Novice/Intermediate Level ages 10-14)

Juniors must have some tennis experience and be able to serve and rally. Content includes: Dynamic Warm-up, Drilling, FUNDamentals, Footwork and Movement Training, Teamwork, Sportsmanship. Challenging game-based drills with an emphasis on improvement and fun. Interclub matches are included. 3:30-4:30pm Members \$100 / Non-members \$125

Green Star (Beg/Novice juniors ages 7-12)

Juniors that have had little or no tennis experience will start in this great learning environment. Fun and innovative games and drills are used to help children with their Movement and Balance, Motor Skills, Athletic Foundation, beginning Modern Stroke development, and working together. Great way to start your child on the road to loving the game! 3:30-4:30pm Members \$100 / Non-members \$125

Full payment for all programs is due by May 15th. All fees are non-refundable once accepted in the program. PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO RS TENNIS ACADEMY.

Riaz Shivji-USPTA. As a former Club player on the European Satellite tour and over 15 years teaching experience, Riaz has developed a unique program that encompasses all facets of the game from competing while having fun, developing sound practice and play habits, having a positive outlook to coaching and mentoring, and using modern training methods while sharing his unique RS Training system to teach life skills through the sport of tennis.

RS Tennis Academy Mission:

To build a true love and respect for the game Develop positive tennis and life skills Build Champions on and off the court.

For more information on the Star and Academy programs, detailed info on the summer tennis programs, and other tennis news, please go to www.rstennis.com

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Meet Steve Wong



A member of the PTC for eleven years, **Steve Wong** is one of the most recognized faces at the club. Born in India, he went to high school in Hong Kong, college in England and became an attorney in London.

Steve's wife, **Melinda** was born in San Francisco. They met in London at a mutual friend's house. When he first met her, Wimbledon was being shown on the "telly." It was very distracting for Steve. On the one hand, he was trying to watch the tennis and on the other hand he was trying to make an impression on a beautiful woman. Steve somehow succeeded in doing both.

They moved to the Bay Area in 1978. Steve and Melinda have two great kids; Kimberly who is a high school math teacher in Palos Verdes and Jessica is a junior at UCLA. Steve is currently an attorney doing corporate and real estate work.

As a kid, his main sport was field hockey. In college, he was a "hooker." For those non-Rugby players, a hooker is the guy who tries to gain possession of the ball in the scrum by "hooking" or "kicking" the ball to his teammates. Steve took up tennis when he moved to the Bay Area. He joined the PTC in 1996. His proudest tennis achievements were: Twice winning the van Dillen Tournament and going to the USTA Nationals a few years ago. In the strange but true category, he has actually held serve all year on court 1, and has never been asked to play in the back courts.

An interesting member, his hobbies include being a Philatelist, amateur magician and an aspiring humorist. Just this weekend Steve was overheard re-telling jokes he heard at the President's party the night before. Asked about his most popular joke, Steve responded with his famous "PTC Ring" joke. As he tells it, "Marriage is a three ring circus. First, there is the engagement ring. Next, comes the wedding ring. After that, comes the SUFFERING."

Always "on board" with extraterrestrial activities, Steve's weirdest experience was when a client revealed to him that he is an alien from outer space. He has seen dozens of photographs of his spaceship and other aliens. Steve professes that his is a true story.



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PTC Court Calendar

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