

The Drop Shot

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President's Message



Rob Adams

I hope you all had a chance to read the email that Erik van Dillen sent out last week. What a fabulous family and club history report! I remember the first time I saw Erik on the courts at PTC. He was wearing belted. seersucker shorts...I remember thinking how nice it was that this man was going to TRY and hit with his son...and then, BAM, he hit his first forehand...then BOOM, he hit his first backhand, and finally WHAM...he hit his first volley. I asked Karen Harrigan who he was, and I was like. *WOW!* And you know, we are so lucky to have Erik and all the other great veteran players (Tom Brown, Dyle Anderson, etc.) not only as members, but as real people we can we talk to and play tennis with. And this spirit works all the way through the ranks, where members are willing to play down so that others can play up. So, I invite you to invite some new people into your tennis circle.

Upcoming Events • van Dillen Cocktail Party June 4 • van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship June 4 - 5 • Twilight Tennis June 23 •

The van Dillen tournament really kicks off the summer, with Calcutta and other events to follow. And I'm not just taking about the men. We have many more women playing than before, including a group who are getting into tennis for the first time. This is what we want at PTC. because you can feel the energy. I grew up during the great tennis boom of the late 60's and early 70's, and it was so fun to have tennis families instead of tennis widows/widowers. And if tennis is not vour cup of tea, we have the gym, the pool, yoga, ballroom dancing, and poker tournaments. Heck, we may even put in a zip line from the Harrigan's house to the clubhouse....kidding. Have a great June.

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Editor's Note



Come rain or shine, we'll be celebrating the van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship and its rich tradition with a cocktail/dinner/dancing party on Saturday evening. We will be showcasing the "Rat Pack"

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be showcasing the "Rat Pack" theme which should be fun for all. Besides signature cocktails and a buffet, we will be featuring dance music from the last five decades. Get ready to hit the dance floor for an evening that shouldn't be missed. You'll never know what crooners may reappear.

Manager's Corner



Summer is just around the corner and we are all looking forward to some warmer weather and fun in the sun! A few reminders as we expect the club to be very busy this

Lona Means

summer:

- Please follow all pool and spa rules
- Sign in guests at the sign in podium
- Children under the age of eighteen require adult supervision after 5:00 pm.
- Please secure the club prior to leaving in the evening

Congratulations to all of our families with students graduating this year.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 650-347-1439 or manager@ptctennis.com

Happy Tennis!

Club News

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

Jeff & Suzanne Tateosian	10 Years
Dave Barrows	5 Years

Tennis Activities News



The PTC hosted the Junior Invitational Tournament on May 21 and 22 which was well represented by several Junior members. *Harrigan, Martinucci, Delantoni, Wachhorst, Safran and Barrows* were some of the

Chris Cooke

familiar names among the Junior players who competed in the Novice and Challenger brackets. I was very impressed by the play and in particular, by the sportsmanship showed by the kids who competed hard but played fair. Thanks to *Riaz* and to numerous volunteers for putting on such an excellent tournament which continues a long tradition of hosting Junior tournaments, and to our Junior members for making this a successful event.

On tap for this Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5, is the club's annual van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship. Due to a high level of participation, we may open this up to 3 divisions, 3.5, 4.0 and Open. This event is always a classic with excellent tennis by some of the best players in the club. Please stop by to catch the action this weekend.

We also have the Woods and Whites tournament set for Sunday, July 3 to coincide with the Wimbledon finals. The

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event is great fun---strawberries and cream, white classic attire and lots of classic wooden rackets and some time to watch the Wimbledon Men's Singles Final in between play. Start scouring e-Bay for a vintage Jack Kramer, Wilson, or T.A. Davis. After Woods and Whites, the PTC Men's Singles Championship begins. Play takes place over the month of July, with the finals on July 24. Again, expect to see some great tennis. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Club House later this month.

House & Grounds News



This month saw the club getting a partial face lift. We painted some of the weathered areas that were in desperate need of a fresh coat. I would also a reminder every-

Ron Martinucci

one about picking up after ourselves around the club with the summer months soon approaching. The pool area, barbeque. Junior room and locker rooms are our heavily used areas. Please help in keeping our club beautiful, clean and safe.

Membership News



lust a brief note from the Membership Committee this month. On Saturday, June 11th at 4:00 pm, three new applicants will be joining the Membership Committee for our traditional Meet & Greet.

We look forward to welcoming these applicants and showing all three just how wonderful it is to be a member of PTC. Keep an eve on the bulletin board for the posting of applicant names during the mandatory 30 day comment period.

We still have a few openings on our roster, although the level of interest and inquiry from potential new members seems to be accelerating. As this issue of **Drop** *Shot* goes out, there is no waiting list. So, tell your friends and acquaintances that the moment to apply is now.

In early May, we had a new family submit their application. *Niteen Patkar* and *Amita* Jain have been sponsored by Don Clark & Mickev Podolsky.

Social Events News



The van Dillen Doubles Championship Weekend is coming up (June 4 & 5) which will feature the traditional Saturday night cocktail/dinner Karen Harrigan party. This year, the PTC will

be partying "Rat Pack Style"

on Saturday, June 4. Make sure you're there to enjoy the fabulous cocktails (martinis included), catered hors d'oeuvre buffet, and dancing to the best of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. Your favorite songs will also be played so there is something for everyone! Party starts at 6:30 and sign-ups are required in advance. \$30 per person. Any questions, call *Karen* Harrigan (344-7864 or Nancy Batchelor (344-8944).

Also coming up in June will be our 1st Twilight Tennis Night on Thursday, June 23. We will also be welcoming our newest PTC members so make sure you have your calendar marked for this very popular event. Fun round robin tennis starts at 5:30 pm and BBQ dinner at 6:30 pm. Please sign up in the clubhouse with your selection of dish to share.

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Director of Tennis News



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ADULT NEWS Attention Gentlemen! Coming up on June 4 and 5 is the always competitive and entertaining van Dillen Doubles

Championships. Many

teams are already signed up and practicing their teamwork and communication. We've had a great sign up and it looks like we will be having three divisions - 3.5, 4.0 and Open. If you'd like to play please call me at the Tennis Office. Start your engines!!

Upcoming Events:

Pro court will be on June 18th this month. Come on out to "mix in" with fellow members.

Woods N Whites is set for Sunday, July 3rd. Breakfast at Wimbledon! Dust off that old Jack Kramer or Maxply Fort and come play in our Round Robin doubles where players of all levels will mix in before we begin the more competitive "Challenge Round". Strawberries & Cream, Tea, Scones and Mimosas will be served!

Men's Club Singles Championships - July 24th.

Sign up to compete and become our Men's Singles Champion! Matches will begin in mid June and each round you'll be able to arrange your match for a convenient time for both you and your opponent. The Finals will be on July 24th.

JUNIOR NEWS

75 young players competed in the **10th Annual PTC Junior Tennis Tournament** held here on May 21–22. Novice and Challenger level players ages 12–14 played over two days with lots of great matches taking place in boys and girls divisions. The success of this tournament is always due to the large group of volunteers that help each year, from set up crew, court monitors, tournament desk, BBQ chefs and tennis committee help. Thank you to the Tennis Station and to Wilson for providing player gifts as well. Thanks to all! I'm really excited about the direction this tournament has taken over the last couple of years. I'm trying to forge ahead with bringing more grassroots tennis to PTC and this event helped as many kids from our local schools participated and enjoyed coming to our club for the first time. Congratulations to PTC Juniors Brendan Barrows (B14 Challenger Champion), Nathan Safran (B14 Challenger Finalist), Joshua Lin (B14 Novice Champion), Safe Tinatztepe (B14 Novice Finalist), and Halle Martinucci (G14 Novice Finalist). Once again thank you to PTC' s Board of Directors for supporting Junior tennis.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

The RS Academy Summer Tennis Program will be kicking off with **Junior Day** on Monday, June 13th from 1:30–5:00 pm. **Junior Day** is a fun-filled day of tennis games like Graveyard, Jail, Lobster, Cardio, Gladiator, Davis Cup, DropBall, and Frozen etc. Kids older than 10 years old will also be able to swim and splash in the pool. Once the games end we will also be hitting for cool Wilson prizes before feasting on yummy pizza to round out the FUNFUN day. The cost will be \$5 per child. Sign up for Junior Day by contacting *Marci* at the Tennis Office. All Junior members and their friends welcome!

Register your child and maybe their friend too for tennis this summer at PTC. Juniors can take weekly (Mon-Fri) clinics available in two-hour sessions. Register at www.rstennis.com.

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Below is a brief description of each program:

QuickStart (ages 4-7) Monday-Friday 1:30-3:30 pm. \$200

RS Academy QuickStart will be part of our summer camp this year for children ages 4– 7. We have small nets, rackets, progressive development balls and all the enthusiasm to encourage love of the game.

Star (ages 8-15) Monday-Friday 1:30-3:30 pm. \$200

Beginner and Novice Juniors who want to learn the fundamentals and improve to a level where they can actually play the game will thrive in this team oriented program. Our fully qualified staff will energize and motivate all players to help them learn to rally and play with and against each other. A great, fun-filled games-based program! Junior Academy I, II, III. Monday-Friday 3:30-5:30 pm. \$200

Juniors playing middle, high school and USTA Tournaments will train together to improve in this high energy and competitive program. We offer a comprehensive program of fundamental instruction, live ball drilling and matchplay. Juniors registering for two weeks of this program will automatically be enrolled in one of our USTA Junior Tennis Teams.

FOR MORE INFO ON ALL PROGRAMS AND TO REGISTER VISIT WWW.RSTENNIS.COM

Junior Team Tennis

Players ages 10–18 who are registered for two weeks of our Summer Junior Academy program will be able to play on our teams that compete in the USTA Junior Tennis League. Our teams have won division championships every year since 2003 and our program is geared toward participation in this competitive tennis league where Juniors play in both singles and doubles matches against other clubs on the Peninsula. Team spirit is emphasized along with Sportsmanship and working together to improve on and off the court.

Junior Summer Membership

If your child has a friend that would like to become a member of PTC please look into our lunior summer membership program. Children must be over 10 yrs old and will have use of the club during our summer camp program: June 13th - Aug 12th. Juniors interested in improving their tennis will be able to swim, play tennis, use the snack bar, locker rooms and enjoy our beautiful club. Summer membership hours are 12:00-5:00 pm, Monday to Friday only. Applicants must register for two weeks of summer tennis camp to be eligible. Download the summer membership form at www.rstennis.com and send to me at the Tennis Office.

NCAA Tennis Championships

Our youngest ever team of ballkids worked the Semi's and Finals down at Stanford on May 29–30. We had one day of training and were thrown in at the deep end to work the feature matches. Amazing things can happen when you show young kids a difficult skill and ask them to handle it under pressure. They thrive and perform their best! I'm so proud of these kids for coming through and showing their skills at the highest level. Thanks to Marci and the parents who helped drive and chaperon our kids for two days. To see a photo of our team check out the Junior Notice Board by the kids locker rooms. Well Done Team!

NCAA Results:

Men's Team Champion – USC Women's Team Champion – Florida Men's Singles Champion – Steve Johnson USC Women's Singles Champion – Jana Juricova CAL

Men's Doubles Champions – Austin Krajicek & Jeff Dadamo Texas A & M Women's Doubles Champions – Hilary Barte & Mallory Burdette Stanford

WE ALWAYS CONTINUE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS YEAR-ROUND.

- Private Lessons
- Adult Clinics
- USTA and Pen League Team Coaching
- Group Training
- Junior Program
- Conditioning Program (Beginning in Fall)

Looking forward to a great summer here at PTC!

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