

JUNE 2012

President's Message



Chris Cooke

Ah yes, summer is almost here. That means school is out for most kids, the weather is getting nicer, the swimming pool is heated, and members will start the barbecues and informal dinner parties at the PTC. Also, the tennis season is really in "full swing," both at the club and elsewhere (I am writing this watching the French Open). As a warm-up to the summer tennis season, we had a really fantastic Gentlemen's Club Tennis Tournament (see Tennis Activities below). Everyone played great and we owe much thanks to **Tom & Sabine Middlemass, Riaz, Lona**, and all of the other volunteers for putting on such an excellent event. Also, thank you to all of the mothers who did not protest having their husbands play tennis on Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day) or come to the Club to watch the tournament. Be sure to check out the new plaque listing the champions, which is a new tradition that Tom put together.

One drawback to this summer is the scheduled construction at Burlingame High School. Specifically, the parking lot in front of the Club will be torn up and resurfaced between June and August. The scheduled start time is Monday, June 4th. This means that you will have to park your cars on the Chatham Road side once the work starts rather than the school

Upcoming Events

•
**Twilight Tennis/BBQ &
 New Member Welcome**
 Thursday, June 21st

•
Woods 'N Whites Tournament
 Sunday, July 8th

•
Quarterly Membership Meeting
 Tuesday, July 17th

•
Twilight Tennis/BBQ
 Thursday, July 19

•
**van Dillen Doubles
 Championship Weekend**
 Saturday/Sunday, July 28th/29th

lot until the work is completed. Lona has posted signs around the Club as a reminder and we will also send out (thanks **Dennis**) a separate reminder announcement.

In terms of construction, we may have work done this July or August at the Club on some or all of the roofs. Prior to the July 17 Quarterly Meeting, the Board will formulate a proposal to send to the members to obtain member approval for the roofing work that needs to be done. So, keep your eyes out for the proposal later this month and be sure to let us know of your views.

Speaking of improvements, good things are happening at the club. For example, did any of you notice the change in the water fountain by the Clubhouse door (specifically, the new metal

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spigot that replaced the cheap plastic one)? I think this has been the most popular improvement since the courts were resurfaced. A big thank you goes out to **Phil Zlatunich** for this. Other changes are in store too, both large and small. We are looking into buying new screening nets to screen the singles court from courts 5-7. We are also planning to buy some non-dead balls for the ball machine, and to re-paint the bar area (once the color selection has been decided). And, one member has proposed that we consider purchasing bookcases for the Clubhouse. Regarding the bookcase, we thought we would first ask the members if any of you have one or more bookcases you do not need and might be willing to donate to the Club. If so, please let Lona know the specifics. In short, things are looking up and you have Phil and some of your fellow members to thank for it. And if you have any ideas on further improvements please let us know.

Nice to see three new families have submitted their application for membership. **Mike Amaroli** has been doing a great job spreading the word around and getting multiple visits by perspective applicants. But I am sure that Mike can also use your help. With summer arriving, now is the perfect time to invite guests to show off our club. So, if you know anyone who might be interested, such as a player on one of our teams, or on an opposing team, by all means invite them to the Twilight Tennis events, which will be held on the third Thursdays in June, July and August. See you on the courts.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Be sure to join us for the summer's first Twilight Tennis/BBQ on Thursday, June 21st. Our theme will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Summer of Love, complete with the music, food and tie-dye apparel from 1967. To help get you in the spirit of the theme, be sure to take the "Summer of Love" quiz at the end of the Drop Shot. The top five answer sheets will each

receive a CD of the night's music featuring songs from the greatest era of Rock 'N Roll!

For football fans, the 49ers recently signed Eric Bakhtiari, the rather large son of members **Karl & Debbie Bakhtiari**. Eric was an All Star at Burlingame High School and at the University of San Diego. In 2008, he signed as an undrafted free agent with the San Diego Chargers. Since then, Eric has played for five other teams, including two short stints with the 49ers. The Bakhtiari family is hoping that it will be different this time because of Eric's relationship with 49er coach Jim Harbaugh. As many of you know, Harbaugh coached at the University of San Diego during the years Eric played there before becoming Head Coach for the Stanford Cardinal. Eric has a long way to go in order to make this team, but we've seen long shots make it before.

I asked his proud papa about Eric's days at Burlingame High School and at the University of San Diego. He had the following tidbits to share. Karl said that "even though Eric was on the BHS football team all four years, he sat on the bench for three of them. He was average height and skinny (his growth spurt didn't hit until his Junior year). As a Junior on the varsity team, he wasn't put in to play except for one game during the final minute of play where the team took a knee to kill the clock. That next summer, Eric vowed to get stronger and have a bigger role on his team. He kept his word and grew to almost 6'4" and 193 pounds of muscle. It wasn't until the parent/team dinner prior to the first game of Eric's senior year that they were approached by the new head football coach and said, 'your son is going to be a star.' I looked at him and said, "you must be mistaken, I'm Karl Bakhtiari, Eric's dad." Up to this point, our son had never really played a down on the varsity team. Well, the first game was against Robert Louis Stevenson and BHS killed them. Eric was defensive player of the game. BHS went 12-0 until their first defeat in the CCS final that season in 2002. Eric went on to receive many honors including 1st Team All-League, 1st Team All County, and Defensive MVP. He collected 76 tackles and 14.5 sacks at the defensive end position. He led San Mateo

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County in sacks and became known as the 'Sack Man.' Eric graduated from high school thinking his football days were over because he thought no college team would want a player who had just one year of experience. Little did he know what lay in store."

When asked what it was like playing for Jim Harbaugh at San Diego, Karl said that "Eric loved playing for Harbaugh. Harbaugh expected a lot from each player and demanded commitment, discipline, excellence and toughness at a completely higher level. Coach Harbaugh was and is intense to this day. He knows how to motivate his players, how to create a sense of brotherhood and close teamwork, and he knows how to win. Of course, he is plenty competitive too. Eric told me Coach Harbaugh used to run up the hills with the team during the practices (puking alongside them in some cases). The players either loved him or hated him. Most loved him and it showed in the camaraderie and winning attitude which translated into back-to-back Division 1-AA Mid-Major National Championships for USD in 2005 and 2006. Eric walked on to the football team and became the Pioneer Football League's first three-time defensive player of the year."

Asked about his NFL experience, Karl said, "We were blown away when we were told that Eric had a shot at the NFL. We were told he had the size, speed, and strength to play in the NFL. We met with agents and helped Eric decide which one to represent him. The 2008 college draft was exciting. Eric signed with the San Diego Chargers as a free agent. He was like a little kid when he went to his first NFL mini-camp with the Chargers. The speed of the game is so much faster than college. We will never forget the 2008 Chargers versus the Niners pre-season game at Candlestick park (along with about 40 of our friends and relatives). It was one of the proudest moments of our lives. Watching your son play on the same football field that you took him as a child to watch Joe Montana and Jerry Rice play and now he is playing.....priceless." And now, he is back with Coach Harbaugh and the 49ers. Eric is home and he plays for the love of the game as he did in college and high school.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Get the most out of the nice summer weather by playing on a USTA Mixed Doubles team. The season begins on June 2nd and ends September 23rd. Please contact the following captains if you would like more information:

- 6.0 Mixed Doubles
Captain: **Mickey Podolsky**, mbpodo@aol.com
- 7.0 Mixed Doubles
Captain: **Phil Zlatunich**, philz@cmihvac.com
- 8.0 Mixed Doubles
Captain: **Mindy Wong**, rrmrmz@pacbell.net

For wireless web access while at the club or to see the latest updated roster information on www.ptctennis.com, please contact me for the username and password.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the "Summer of Love" Twilight Tennis & Barbecue on June 21st!
Happy Tennis

Club News

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

David & Cecile Coar	25 Years
Travis & Patty Poindexter	25 Years

Congratulations to the Women's 4.0 team who wound up undefeated and in first place. They will host their first playoff game at PTC on the weekend of June 10th.

The drop-in Ballroom Dancing begins Tuesday, June 5th with a Beginner class at 6:00-7:00 pm, and an Intermediate session from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Zumba is almost here! Beginning June 18th, **Marian Percy** will be dancing us into shape every Monday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the

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clubhouse. No dance experience is required and all ages are welcome. The cost is \$5.00 per session, \$25.00 for six sessions. It will be the most fun workout you'll ever have!

In Memoriam

We are sad to report the passing of long-time member **Doris Stirm**. Doris joined the club in 1951 and was a very active member through her 61 years at PTC. Many of her contributions are still felt at the club today. She is survived by her son **Larry Preston**, who grew up playing at the PTC, and her long time companion (and former Club member), **Al Shapiro**.

Tennis Activities News



Tom Middlemass

The Tennis Committee is pleased to announce the winners and finalists of this year's PTC Men's Singles Championships. In the Open Main Draw, our Club Champion this year is **Brian Heimbecker**, who bested **Reynold Harbin** in an extremely competitive, hard hitting and entertaining match. The Open Consolation Final had our club President **Chris Cooke** edging a courageous **Christian Reilly**, who played through an on court muscle injury. The 3.5 Main Draw saw **Brian Beswick's** big forehand make the difference in his tough match with **Mark Showen**. The 3.5 Consolation match had **Ed Willig** topping **Charles Callaghan** in another spirited match. Congratulations to all the winners and finalists. Please make sure you check out the champions names engraved on the new perpetual plaque in PTC clubhouse.

The van Dillen Men's Doubles Tournament has been rescheduled for July 28th and 29th. Tournament information will be forthcoming in next month's Drop Shot.

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

This month H&G is currently working on replacing the divider nets and hardware between courts 4 & 5. Please be careful if the nets are drawn for ball machine practice. The bottoms of the nets are frayed and you could easily get your foot caught up in the net. In addition, for

those who use the ball machine regularly, please refrain from running the ball hoppers over the extension cord. Doing so damages the protective shielding on the wiring and may result in serious electrical shock.

I would like to extend my best wishes for a fun and memorable summertime. I encourage all PTC members, families and friends to enjoy our beautiful club and all it has to offer.

Membership News



Mike Amaroli

Hello PTC friends! It's been another busy month at the Club. There have been many USTA team matches (mostly PTC victories!) and even a 12-14 Challenger and Novice tournament. So what else is new you ask? **Tami Dewitt** and family,

that's what...or who! Please join me in welcoming our newest member Tami DeWitt, a strong 3.0 player, her husband **Stephen** (a potential 4.0 if we can get him off the golf course) and their children **Jonathon, Schyler, and Cassidy**. All are very athletic and looking forward to spending time at the PTC.



Hopefully, they will make the first Twilight Tennis event so we can all get acquainted. Thanks very much to

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Heidi Carey, Dave Barrows, and Jackie Sage
for sponsoring our newest members.

We currently have three new families who have submitted their applications in May. They are:

Mark Woollen & Liz Horner

(sponsored by **David Marcus & Jackie Sage**)

Andrea & Rich Moore

(sponsored by **Adrienne Schubiner & Erica Reilly**)

Matthew & May Bartus

(sponsored by **Bill Myers & Louis Summe**)

Keep spreading the word to friends as we still have a few openings.

Social Events News



Jane Percy

PTC's big social event for June is our "Summer of Love" Twilight Tennis & BBQ and New Member Welcome on Thursday, June 21st at 5:30 PM. Put on your tie-dye, whip up a dessert, salad or appetizer, grab the kids and come on down to the club for some

round-robin tennis and dinner. Cost is \$7.00 per member, \$5.00 per child, \$20.00 maximum per family. The main dish and drinks will be provided by the club. Thank you to the men's 4.5/4.0 teams, who will be putting on this fabulous party. **Jeff Tateosian** will be spinning tunes from his "Summer of Love" collection. Sign up in the clubhouse or contact **Lona** at manager@ptctennis.com or 347-1439.

Our next two social events after this one will be the July Twilight Tennis & BBQ on Thursday July 19th, and the very popular van Dillen Tournament party, which has been rescheduled for Saturday evening, July 28th.

Director of Tennis News



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ADULT TENNIS

PTC MEN'S SINGLES

It was the year of Brian! Congratulations to **Brian Heimbecker** and **Brian**

Beswick for winning the Open Division and 3.5 Division respectively. Both matches were high in quality and super exciting. It was wonderful to see many PTC members come out to watch and support the men as they competed for the Gentlemen's Singles Titles. Thank you to all the Gents that competed and made this tournament a success.

TEAM CLINICS

The 3.0 and 3.5 Women's USTA Teams have ended their MatchPlay 1 Course and are on their way into summer with a solid practice and play regimen. The teams were given set plays and drills to practice and help with their court positioning, movement, and shot selection. Players from both teams expressed their enjoyment of the MatchPlay 1 Course and are looking forward to practicing with each other and new friends they have met during the course. A new MatchPlay 2 Course will begin in the fall for both teams. Contact me for info on joining the teams and participating in the next round of team clinics.

WOODS 'N WHITES

Please join us for Breakfast at Wimbledon! Our annual homage to Wimbledon is the PTC Woods 'N Whites Round Robin which is set for Sunday, July 8th. We will start out playing Round Robin doubles with all levels mixing in, and of course using only the traditional wood racquets. After a few rounds of play, we will then begin the more competitive "Challenge Round." In keeping with tradition, we will be serving the ever popular Strawberries & Cream, Tea, Scones and Mimosas! The Woods 'N Whites event is scheduled for 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

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JUNIOR TENNIS

The PTC/RS Academy Annual Junior Tournament was, once again, a huge success! We had over 125 Novice/Challenger level Juniors between the ages of 9 and 14 participating in this great event. It is a tournament that is geared toward the young developing tennis player, and our efforts are to ensure they have a positive tournament experience. For many of the Juniors, it was their first tournament ever, and the feedback from most everyone was unbelievably positive. We were very lucky to have many Juniors from PTC and our own Academy play in this year's tournament. They all played hard and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. Congratulations on a great tournament to each of the following players.

Maddie Wachhorst - Jr 3, Riley Wachhorst - Jr 2, Halle Martinucci - Jr 2, Natalie Somers - Jr 2, Ethan Eliason - STAR, Tyler Yee - STAR, John Desler - Jr 2, Kathryn Wilson - Jr 3, Ashley Coskey - Jr 3, Connor Clark - Jr 3, Andrew Olson - Jr 1, Aida Lowe - Jr 2, Camillo Saueressig - Jr 1, Alex Hsu - Jr 3, Christopher Hu - Jr 2, Max Heffernan - Jr 3.

A successful event such as this would never be possible without the support and dedication of the outstanding volunteers. My sincere gratitude goes to **Lona, Nancy Batchelor, Jane Pearcy, Joni Amaroli, Marisa Hauselt, Jen Desler, Mary Eliason, Kay Coskey, Ron Martinucci and Terry Yee.** In addition, I would like to thank my assistant, **Marci Martinucci,** for her input and enthusiasm. Thank you all for helping to make this such an incredible experience for our new Junior tournament players.

A huge thank you also goes to the *Tennis Station* for supporting the Junior Tournament! The donation of tennis balls and coupons for the store were much appreciated, and it means a lot to have your support of Junior tennis. I'd also like to thank *Sapore, CrepeVine, Kabul* and *La Corneta* restaurants for their donations of the incredible food that supplied the kids with lunch, on the first day of the tournament. Players and families raved about the lunch that we were able to provide, thank you. Please visit

these fine establishments as they were kind enough to donate their goods and services for our event.

JUNIOR DAY

Junior Day will be held on Monday, June 11th 2:00-5:00 pm. Tennis games, prizes, swimming and pizza will be included in an exciting, fun day for the Juniors kicking off the Summer Program. The energy at PTC will be phenomenal as the kids get ready to start our 9 week Summer Camp Program. Ages for the program are 5-17 years old.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

Summer Camp Registration is open online at www.rstennis.com. We will be offering nine weekly sessions in QuickStart, 10 and Under Tennis, STAR, Jr. Academy and Academy. We will also have teams competing in the Summer Junior Team Tennis League. This is an incredible experience for Juniors to compete and share in the camaraderie of being on a team. Junior Academy 1, 2 or 3 players who are registered for three weeks of camp are eligible to participate.

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

There are 30 Junior Summer Memberships available. Peninsula Tennis Club Summer Membership is \$325. Juniors must be at least 10 years old, and registered for at least three weeks of the Summer Program. A summer membership gives Juniors the privilege of using PTC facilities between the hours of 12:00-5:00 pm Monday-Friday. It is a great program for friends of your children to belong to PTC for the summer.

Looking forward to a great summer of tennis!

Cheers!
Riaz

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Summer of Love Quiz

Print this page, answer all the questions, and submit it to Lona. The top 5 responses will receive an 80 minute CD of the Summer of Love music that will be played during the Twilight Tennis/BBQ event.

In what city did the "Summer of Love" originate in?

Which San Francisco music venue was made famous by Bill Graham and was considered the heart of the "psychedelic" movement?

Which Beatles album released in 1967 has widely been recognized as one of the most influential albums of the rock era?

Who spoke to over 30,000 hippies at Golden Gate Park in January 1967, encouraging them to "turn on, tune in, & drop out?"

In Scott McKenzie's 1967 song "San Francisco," where did he suggest you should wear your flowers?

What do you call the followers of the greatest band of all time – the Grateful Dead?

What famous San Francisco corner was the epicenter of the hippie movement?

Credited as the being the first "Boy Band," this group was also starred on their own TV show from 1967–1969. Who were they? (hint: their "heartthrob" lead singer passed away three weeks ago)

What color were the eyes in Van Morrison's debut single in 1967 (and most recognizable song)?

"He likes to keep his fire engine clean, it's a clean machine" were verses from which popular Beatles 1967 song?

In 1967, the Ed Sullivan Show asked the Rolling Stones to change the lyrics of what song they planned on singing?

What was the name of Janis Joplin's band before she went out on her solo career?

This 1967 California music festival was the first of its kind and second biggest only to 1969's Woodstock. What was its name?

What Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame guitarist was a member of "The Yardbirds," "Cream" & "Blind Faith?"

"For What It's Worth" was a powerful anthem song by which band?

"One pill makes you larger, and one pill makes you small" were the lyrics of what Jefferson Airplane hit?

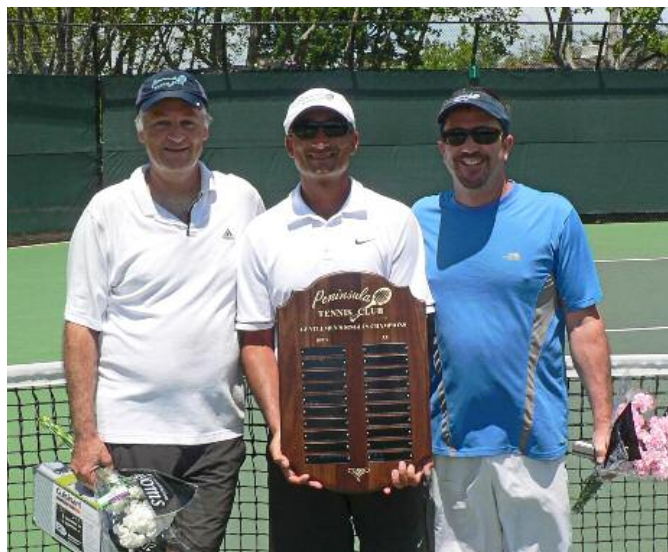
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2012 Mens Champions



2012 3.5 Consolation Finalist



2012 Open Consolation Finalist

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Jun 2012 (Pacific Time)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	1	2
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	1 pm - Women's 3.5	
		6 pm - Men's 5.0 6 pm - Women's 4.0	9 am - Chrisman & Cos 6 pm - Women's 4.0	6 pm - Women's 7.0				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1 pm - Women's 3.0		6 pm - Men's 4.0	6 pm - Women's 3.5					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	9 am - Pro Court #3 1 pm - Men's 3.5	
	1:30pm - Junior							
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	1 pm - Men's 3.0	
				5:30pm - Twilight				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1 pm - Men's 3.5	
		6 pm - Women's 3.5						