

# The Drop Shot

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## **July 2013**

## President's Message



Phil Zlatunich

The PTC summer season is in full swing and the Club is buzzing with activity! The courts have been busy with members taking full advantage of the great warm, sunny weather. PTC families have also been enjoying the pool area with swimming and sun bathing and using the BBQ for their grilling needs.

The Quarterly Membership meeting scheduled for July 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm is an important one to attend. Our agenda will address current club issues including a vote on color selection for courts 4 through 7 in August. This will be a very informative meeting so please mark your calendars and "save the date." If you cannot attend, please fill out your proxy vote and send it back to *Lona.* 

**Let's get out and play some tennis** and enjoy our club – it's still the best kept secret on the Peninsula!

## **Upcoming Events**

Quarterly Membership Meeting Tuesday, July 16th

PTC Bocce Ball Tournament Saturday, July 20th

Twilight Tennis & BBQ Thursday, July 25th

Calcutta Tennis Weekend Friday, August 16th Calcutta Dinner Saturday, August 17th Men's Calcutta Sunday, August 18th Women's Calcutta

#### Editor's Note



Bocce Ball Tournament - willing to try something new? The city of Burlingame just built three beautiful bocce ball courts behind the Washington Park tennis courts, a three minute walk from PTC. It is an easy game to play as it is a cross between

Jeff Tateosian play as it is a cross between horseshoes and shuffleboard. The tournament will be held on Saturday July 20th. Our own Earl Gustafson, a former member of the

National Swedish Bocce Ball team, has generously agreed to BBQ a light lunch for all of the players. Please sign up in the clubhouse or contact *Lona*, so that we can organize the teams and plan for the food. Contact Jeff at *jeff@ptctennis.com* with any questions about the event.

Congratulations to Stuart Batchelor for winning the summer PTC Poker Tournament.
Twenty two players battled until the final hand when Ben Chew was taken out by Stuart. Third place went to Rudy Giannini, while Joe Feeney cashed in at fourth place. For those of you who missed Friday's event, the 6th Annual Club Poker Tournament will be held in early fall.

#### Club News

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

Kevin & Louise Tierney 15 Years Joan Renson 10 Years Brian & Jennifer Desler 10 Years Marilee Brooks 5 Years

Yoga with Jean Yves in July at PTC: Join any time (all classes are on a drop-in basis). Classes happen on Wednesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm (July 10, 17, 24, & 31) and on Thursdays, 7:15-8:45 pm (July 11 & 18). For more information, please contact Jean Yves at 415-336-8577 or at *jeanyvesyo-*

ga@gmail.com.

## Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Please remember that all guests to the PTC must be signed in on arrival by the hosting member. A guest fee of \$5.00 per person will be charged for swimming, tennis, activities and barbecue guests. Barbecue guests will be charged a maxi-

mum of \$10.00 per family for barbecue only.

The PTC lost and found is overflowing! Please check the closet next to the boy's locker room for any lost items.

For wireless access while at the club or to see the latest updated roster information on <a href="https://www.ptctennis.com">www.ptctennis.com</a>, please contact me for the username and password.

Enjoy the summer.

### Tennis Activities News



Ken March

By the time you read this, PTC will have just finished off an exciting annual edition of Woods 'n' Whites. At press time, signups were strong, the weather was looking like it is going to cooperate, and *Anthony Paz*, who is running the event this year, was

polishing up all his old wood rackets for everyone's use. Read more about the big event in the August Drop Shot.

Congratulations to all of the players who participated in the 41st annual van Dillen Doubles Championship tournament June 8/9. Many members came down to watch throughout the weekend and were treated to play of the highest caliber. The competition was stiff across all 3 flights of the main and consolation draws. In addition to a great field of players, we had a record 8 teams of father/son pairs. The triumphant teams were:

3.5 Flight Jim Sobel & Scott With def. Jerry Ceglia & Robert Harrigan

4.0 Flight
Gerry Sydorak & Dick Hesselink def. Jeff
Schubiner & Steve Williams

Open Flight
Erik & Hague van Dillen def. Gary Goodman &
Anthony Paz

Thanks to all the members of the club who helped to make this such a fun weekend at the PTC.

The trial tennis ladders for the men and women have finished playing. Soon, we will be starting a four month ladder open to the entire membership. If you are interested, please see *Peter Stevenson* (men) or *Marsha Heimbeker* (women). Our first Mixed ladder will debut next spring..

Next up is our Inter Club match with San Carlos Tennis Club on July 13th. The lineup has been filled, but we still have two remaining Inter Clubs later in the year. If you are interested in playing in either one, please send me an email. This will be the last home Inter Club, so plan on coming out and cheering on your friends. Play will be from 12:30 pm-5:00 pm with a potluck following.

Lastly, please pencil in some important upcoming tennis events. Our annual Calcutta weekend will be August 16–18. Dinner and team draws on Friday night (a must attend event) with the men playing Saturday and the women on Sunday.

See you at the Club.

#### House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

Thank you to our members who answered our request for tennis court color suggestions. Those who responded stressed the importance of the visibility of the tennis ball as the primary factor when selecting our court colors.

With respect to our members' concerns, we researched the different colors and learned that a purplish/blue court color gives the yellow/green ball maximum contrast during play. The two California clubs that come to mind, and currently use this color combination, are Indian Wells and Tahoe Donner. Some members may have recently had an opportunity to play a match or two at these beautiful venues so please share your valued experience with us less fortunate members.

The tennis committee has decided to ask the contractor to provide a sample of the different proposed options for comparison. I would encourage you to do some visibility research on your own.

Selection of the court colors for the back courts will occur at the upcoming July 16th
Membership meeting. If you cannot attend,
please be sure to weigh-in on your preference:
green, blue or tour purple by filling out a proxy
vote any time prior to the July meeting and
turning it in to Lona or any Board member.

#### Current List of H&G projects:

- Flooring replacement (Women's Locker rooms) August start- (1) week duration.
- Flooring replacement (Junior Locker rooms) TBD.
- Court Crack repair Resurfacing #4 thru #7 August 5-13, 2013, start.
- Video Cam Upgrade Cost analysis / feasibility study in progress
- Club House / Court Sound System -

Committee equipment selection / budgeting - Lights - Review previous Board progress, Feasibility / Development Phase.

- Furniture Replacement ADC Review
   Fiscal Budgeting for 2014-15
- Club House Library bookshelves
- ACD Club House Development / PC Review
- Card Key entry / Security System Board Review - Pricing / Scheduling

## Membership News



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What a wonderful welcome we had for our new members at our June Twilight Tennis! Thanks to *Jim Sobel* and his team for a fantastic event. *Jeff T.* was, as usual, on top of welcoming all the new members personally and making sure that they had a nice

introduction to the PTC crew. Thanks to *Lona* for getting the scrumptious new blankets. We honored all new members from the past 12 months, but this month I'd like to introduce three brand new members since our last Drop Shot.

They are: *Kevin Smith and Carolyn Johnson* and their two children *Logan* and *Griffin*. I met the Smith/Johnson family at our "Meet 'n' Greet" and enjoyed chatting with Carolyn and playing tennis with Kevin who has a very nice game. You might recognize Carolyn as she's the anchor on ABC7 News. Let's keep the line calls clean; don't be the reason she says, "Film at Eleven."

Many of you met *Dan and Kelly Mulready* at the van Dillen and Twilight. They are in full "swing" at the club, enjoying the tennis and the pool with their two little girls, *Mila* and *Shea*. Kelly is a teaching pro at the Olympic Club and she has already worked her magic on her offspring. Both Kelly and Dan are very strong players so we look forward to many years of competition with the entire family.

Last but not least are *Duncan, Amy, Archer* and *Lily Grenier*. Amy has been spotted on the court over the past few months and has a strong 4.0 game. The Pen League and USTA teams are clamoring for Amy to join their ranks. Duncan is new to the game but with his kids already in clinics, I'm sure he'll catch the tennis bug. As of this writing, I know of two more families who are looking to join. Keep them coming. Contact *Lona* with any and all prospects.

#### Social Events News



Jennifer Ellison

Mark your calendars for the next Twilight Tennis on Thursday, July 25th. The women's 3.0 team has kindly offered to plan this event and word on the street is that it will be a Hawaiian Luau....come enjoy the Aloha at PTC. Signups will be in the clubhouse

soon.

Our last Twilight Tennis was a tremendous success with 129 members attending. Eleven new families were introduced (along with a back story or two for each). Fun tennis, good food & drink, great music, lots of swimming, and friends being with friends made for an outstanding evening.

The van Dillen post-party was a festive evening on the patio with light fare and lots of cocktails. Players, spouses and many members came down to enjoy the wonderful weather and watch some great tennis. A huge thank you goes to *Nancy Batchelor* for all her help. She pulled together a top-notch team including *Marissa Hauselt, Nancy Chew, Sabina Middlemass and Elizabeth Pratt*. Everyone pitched in to make it a great celebration of a long-standing tradition at PTC.

## **Director of Tennis News**



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ADULT TENNIS USTA TEAM NEWS

Marisa Wachhorst/Adrienne Leigh Schubiner W3.5 - For the first time in over 8 years, the Women's 3.5 team is heading to playoffs. Congratulations to all the players and to Cocaptains for organizing a fantastic team.

*Mickey Podolsky* M3.0 - Team had a tough but fun season and ended in 6th place.

*Mickey Podolsky* M3.5 - Fighting hard and currently in 4th place with 4 matches to go.

Barbara Freethy W4.0 – The PTC Ladies 4.0 team is finishing their last two matches of the season. After losing players to rankings and injuries, it's been a rebuilding year for the team, but still a tremendous amount of fun with lots of individual matches won. The captains really appreciate the ladies who stepped forward and took on singles for the team when some of our regular players got injured or were unavailable.

John Kohli M4.5 – The 4.5 Men finished with a 3–7 record in the Mid-Peninsula league this spring. We mostly held our own in what is always a tough league, but unfortunately we came out on the wrong side of too many three set matches this season. Thank you to the players from PGCC for helping round out the squad. It is a great group of players, and we look forward to improving in the future.

RS ACADEMY ADULT LESSON/CLINICS
Options available for PTC members: If you are at the club and would like a lesson, sign up on the RS Academy Adult Lesson Board where current openings are shown. You can also call the Tennis Office to see what's available and set up your lesson. We are also trying an online lesson scheduler which is live and online at

<u>www.rstennis.com.</u> Click on Adult Tennis and you'll be taken to the lesson scheduler. There are private lesson openings on Fridays and Saturdays.

Current RS Doubles Academy clinics have been running with members working on raising their doubles IQ and moving to Levels 2 and 3. New clinics for Men and Women are forming now. If you would like to join a new clinic and start the Doubles Academy Course at Level 1, contact the Tennis Office.

Our Men 5.0 rated members requested a doubles course so I have created *Drillz*. *Drillz* for 4.5–5.0 men and it is all about reps, reps and more reps. 4.5 and 5.0 rated guys, come out and join my group for a great workout and make sure to bring your super consistent A game. Players are moved through a series of my fast paced Doubles Academy drillz with the focus on consistent drilling and an emphasis on the front court. These guys are tough but want to improve their consistency. If you miss a ball, they will give you the stink eye. Drillz is on Fridays from 3:30–5:00pm. Cost is between \$20–\$35 based on numbers. Contact the Tennis Office to sign up.

Saturday afternoons from 2:30-4:00 pm is for the Women 3.5 rated group. These RS Doubles Academy sessions are for players wanting to improve their doubles skills starting in Level 1. The last few sessions have focused on poaching skills and return of serves.

RS Summer Camp runs weekly Monday-Friday until August 16th. For camp details and to register please visit <u>www.rstennis.com</u>.

Don't forget to register your children and their friends for our exciting summer tennis program. Weekly tennis camps began June 17th. Register here:

RS ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP 2013.



Duncan & Amy Grenier Lily & Archer



#### **NEW MEMBERS**



Kevin Smith and Carolyn Johnson Griffen & Logan



Dan and Kelly Mulready Mila & Shea

Women's 3.5 Team



Open Flight van Dillen Doubles Championship Winners Erik & Hague van Dillen def. Gary Goodman & Anthony Paz



**Junior Tennis Fun!** 





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