

August 2009

President's Message



Rob Delantoni

How fast time flies.

It's already August but the club continues to see many little improvements. Try out the new water fountain near court 7, admire our partially remodeled snack bar, and newly stained fences. The Junior room is being painted, furnished, and finished, and there are plans for including a wall mural inside. A PTC time capsule project is being discussed, and a member survey may be coming out soon.

Reminder: please remember to sign in your guests at one of our new podiums as soon as you enter the club (NOT when you're leaving).

On a cautionary note, we received a complaint from a neighbor south of court 7 about noise and balls in his yard. To help address his concerns, we ask that members try to limit early morning play (before 9:00 AM) on the back courts. And, if you're a beginner, or if you're playing with adults or kids who lack good ball control, please avoid playing on court 7 if you can.

I am glad to report that the overall financial health of the club is sound and our operating income is on track. We still have room

Upcoming Events

Member Guest Twilight Tennis

August 13

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Memorial in Clubhouse for Ellie Sorenson

August 15

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Calcutta Dinner

August 21

Men's Calcutta Tournament

August 22

Ladies Calcutta Tournament

August 23

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Cal-State Senior Tournament

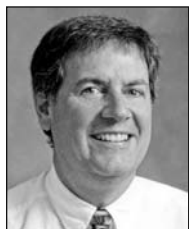
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for a few more new family members, however, so keep telling all your tennis playing friends about us.

Our disagreements with our CIP contractor (G&S) remain unresolved, however, and we have sought the advice of an attorney who specializes in this area to explore our options.

A big thank you goes out to *Riaz* for organizing and collecting used tennis rackets during the Bank of the West Tennis Classic in July. The rackets will be donated to the Youth Tennis Advantage Programs in the Bay Area. Also, I want to thank *Adrienne Schubiner* for suggesting this project last spring.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Mark Friday August 21st on your calendars to join us for the most anticipated club evening of the year. If you have never attended a Calcutta dinner/team draw, you'll be in for great night of camaraderie and laughter. After dinner, we will select both the Men's & Women's teams with team captains literally pulling names out of 'special' cups. The night gets a little crazy when, after each player is chosen, they join their team on stage to their very own 'walk up' song. The only caveat is that the players don't get to select their song, I do. We are lucky to have veteran emcee **John Stone** back in the fold to host the evening's festivities. This is an adult-oriented event and both John and I would like to apologize in advance for our own brand of evening humor. After the teams are formed, we'll start the bidding and auction off the teams to the highest bidders. Be sure to bring a little extra green to get in on the fun. This is open to all members and spouses, regardless if you are playing in the tournament (adults only please). You will not want to miss it. See the Tennis News section for more details.

A special thank you goes to Board Member (House & Grounds) **Stuart Batchelor** for saving the club a big chunk of change by personally installing the water fountain by court 7. He used a local landscaping company to do some special trenching under the concrete, and then installed the rest himself. Thanks from all of us, Stuart.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

The clubhouse will be closed on Sunday August 15th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM for a memorial for **Ellie Sorenson**.

The lifeguards will be on duty for the first two weeks of August afternoons at 1:00.

With school starting early this year, the lifeguards will be working on weekends only starting the last two weeks of August and ending at the completion of the Labor Day weekend.

Club News

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

Lisa & Bill Rogers

20 Years

Last month **Paul King** reached the quarterfinals of the Men's 65's singles at the USTA National Indoor Tennis Championships held in Vancouver, WA. He eventually lost to the #2 seed in the quarters who went on to win the tournament. Paul was the only participant from Northern California to reach the quarterfinals.

Congratulations to **Phil Zlatunich & Kelly Kemp** for winning the Santa Clara Bronco NTRP 3.5 Doubles Championship in late July. They upset the top ranked team 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Ellie Sorenson passed away in early July. She and her family were members of the PTC since the early 1960's. She had twin sons, Bob and Dick, and a daughter, Linda. Ellie and her husband Hank were avid tennis

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and bridge players. She was a part of the bridge group that played every Tuesday afternoon for decades at the PTC. Ellie was an elementary school teacher, and paid a lot of attention to her children's education. Her daughter's academic accomplishments were legendary on Winchester Drive. Her sons were good tennis players, both played on their high school team. She enjoyed canning, cooking and gardening. One neighborhood story is that she and her husband took the kids on a road trip to Alaska one summer. All the way up and back, they stopped on the road, picked berries, and Ellie canned them in their trailer. Everyone in the neighborhood received a couple of jars of "Ellie's Jellies" that year for Christmas. She was a kind and thoughtful lady, and will be missed. (Thank you to *Lisa Rogers* for writing the above article).

Another long-time PTC member also passed away this month. *Olive Elizabeth Offield* and her husband Archie joined the PTC in 1956 and were members until 2006. They had lived in Burlingame since 1939. Olive was an avid tennis player where she enjoyed playing well into her 80's. She also was a regular at the Bridge table. Archie had passed away in 2001.

Tennis Activities News

The Men's and Ladies Calcutta will take place on Saturday August 22nd (Men's) and Sunday August 23rd (Women's). The Men's sign-up filled up quickly and we are now working on a waiting list. The Women's sign-up still has room. Please sign up in the clubhouse or call Lona to sign you up.



Kelly Kemp

As custom, the Calcutta Dinner will take place prior to the tournament on Friday August 21st starting at 6:30 PM. The cost will be \$15 (billed) and **all members, especially the players & spouses are encouraged to attend.** Please sign up in the clubhouse or call Lona to sign you up. The purpose of the dinner is to select the teams through a random draw by the appointed captains. Once the teams are formed, bettors (often groups of members forming syndicates) can view the team's members which are displayed on the big boards. Our auctioneer, **John Stone** will take the top bids for each team. That purse will be split up between the 'owners' of the top three finishers with a split of 50% for 1st place, 30% for 2nd place, and 20% for 3rd place. In addition, each player will put in \$20 (\$120 per team) for a total of \$960. These winnings will be split between the teammates on the top three teams using the same percentages above. The rules & format for the tournament will also be explained after dinner. Please try and make what many consider the best party of the year.

Attention Ladies! Mark your calendars for Friday, September 25th. We are pleased to announce the formation of the Ladies Member-Guest Round Robin Tournament. Play will start at 8:30 AM and lunch will be served. All levels are welcome. Look for the sign-up sheet in mid August in the clubhouse. Tell your friends...grab a partner...and get ready to have a great morning. Please email Jen Desler with questions (jcdesler@sbcglobal.net).

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Mixed Doubles Tournament has been moved to the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. Also, the Women's van Dillen Doubles Tournament will be moved to late October

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with the date to be determined.

House & Grounds News



Caltrans announced that they have completed the multi-month project of excavating, tunneling, and laying hundreds of inches of

pipng to bring fresh water to PTC's Court 7! Believe it or not, we now have a water fountain next to Court 7. The project was fraught with delays, redesigns, multiple bids, and differences in opinion (sounds just like a Caltrans project), but it is officially complete. We ended up bringing the project in-house and the Club saved in excess of \$1,000-\$2,000 by doing this. We hope that you enjoy the new water fountain.



Stuart Batchelor

The PTC web cam is again bringing you live action from the front courts. Thanks to the efforts of **Dennis Mayer**, the web camera had its internal software upgraded and is now working and bringing us crisp and clear pictures of the front courts.

Take a look at our wood fences around the perimeter of the Club. All the fences were scrubbed clean to remove staining and tanning. We then applied a coat of an oil based stain with a cedar tint. Thanks to **Jim Fregosi** and **Bob With** for the ongoing advise with this project.

The Junior Room is undergoing a makeover. Just when you thought we were done painting and building we are working to improve the Jr. Room. We've begun to paint the room and will be adding wainscoting. Soon, a TV will be hung on the wall as well as a recently donated foosball

table. This project will be completed in the near future.

The patio umbrellas are looking a bit worn. We recognize that the blue patio umbrellas all are getting or past their useful life. We are looking into the situation and will be purchasing new umbrellas soon.

Membership News

During July, we had one family submit their application. They are: Shelly Puterman & Shal Jacobovitz - **Carey Welsh** (Sponsor) & **Maggie Blumberg** (Seconder).



Becky Showen

Social Events News



Nancy Batchelor

Join in the fun at the last Twilight Tennis of the summer on Thursday, August 13. We'll be "Twilighting" Italian Style! This last Twilight Tennis will also be a member/guest event so bring

along potential members to add to our wait list and show them how great the PTC is. Festivities begin at 5:30 with fun, Round Robin tennis scripted with the help of Riaz and his team followed by great Italian eats at 7:00 pm. Entree, bread and beverages will be provided by the PTC. All families are to bring a salad or dessert for 10 people. Please RSVP to the evite or let Lona know you will be coming and let us know what you will be bringing. This will allow us to make sure we have enough food for all. \$8 per person (members are responsible for paying for their guests) with previous RSVP. \$10 per person at the door without RSVP. Kids under 6 are free.

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Calcutta weekend is coming and you won't want to miss passing Go and collecting \$200 as Calcutta goes Monopoly! Dinner, team assignments, and friendly wagering will take place on Friday, August 21 starting at 6:30 pm. Men's Calcutta Tennis play will take place on Saturday, and Women's Calcutta play on Sunday. The dinner and evening's entertainment is one not to be missed. Please sign up in the clubhouse for the dinner and the tournament or call Lona to RSVP.

The Social Committee would like to thank new members Ken & Cecilia Markey for donating three cases of their award-winning 2006 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel (Markey Family Vineyards) to the club. You'll be able to 'sample' a few glasses at the Calcutta dinner and the next Twilight. You can drop a line to them at mfvineyards@gmail.com after your tasting.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

Wimbledon Woods-N-Whites was a great day for over 30 members who came to enjoy a Round Robin using the traditional wood rackets from yesteryear. Players decked out in all white and looking very dapper played for over three hours as Riaz mixed and matched up the pairs so the tennis was fun and semi-competitive. If you were not playing, you were probably in the clubhouse watching another amazing Wimbledon Final between Roger Federer and Andy Roddick (16-14 in the fifth set)! Strawberries and cream, scones and jam, Mimosa's, and breakfast munchies were available for the players thanks to Jane, Marci, Debbie, and Erica! A great July 5th event at PTC! Thanks to all

that participated and congratulations to **Mike Amaroli** who won the prize of a Wilson back pack for best dressed!

The courts are busy everyday here at the club. Most days you will find the regulars playing on their set days. More members are coming out to play mainly in part to the terrific weather we are lucky to have here. In the afternoons we have the Junior Tennis Camp running and we are two weeks away from Closing Day which will be on Friday, August 14th 1:30-5:30pm. All member Juniors ages 6-15 years are invited to come out to enjoy an afternoon filled with fun tennis games, drills, match play, prizes, swim, and pizza! Please email Marci at the Tennis Office to register for the Closing Days festivities.

ADULT TENNIS

Members wanting to improve their games are encouraged to participate in the Drop-in Clinics that are running through the summer. Members that participate regularly may be able to join year-round regular clinics at their USTA level. Call Riaz for details.

DROP-IN CLINICS

Women

Wednesday 11am-12:30pm (3.0-3.5 level)
Friday 12:00pm-1:30pm (Stroke and Game Improvement By appointment)

Men

Thursday Power Drop 12:00-1:30pm (Men's 4.0. Will start up again in mid August)
Saturday 7:30-9:00am (Open)
All clinics are \$20 paid at clinic to Riaz

CAL STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

PTC will be hosting the Cal State Senior Championships Aug 31-Sept 6. This tour-

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nament is a Men's and Women's age group level event. The divisions you can play in start at age 35's to 85's. You can register for Singles and/or Doubles and play right here at PTC. Members are encouraged to register online at the USTA Norcal website. www.ustanorcal.com

Starting in September, I will be running my on-court Boot Camp for adults who wish to get into tip-top tennis shape. This camp will consist of dynamic warm-up, agility drills, stroke simulation exercises, resistance band, medicine ball, and ball-machine hitting. Call me for details.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Summer Tennis Camp has been going great! Lots of little Grip N Rippers running around PTC with tennis rackets learning to play and love the game. My philosophy is to encourage and nurture a love for the game by making a child's first tennis experience fun and entertaining while showing them the FUNdamentals. Then down the line I'll show them some more advanced stuff, but first kids gotta have fun! Sign up for the remaining 3 weeks of tennis camp online at www.rstennis.com

Our Junior Tennis Teams have played hard and fair all season long. The kids are eager to finish the season strong and make Playoffs in Fresno on August 7-9.

B15's had their first loss in a tight see saw battle with Alpine Hills. Allan Verkhovski and Gene Cao battled for almost two hours in an 8 game pro-set but lost in a tie-break 10-8. I named this team Band of Brothers because they are very tight and play for each other. If they win the rest of the way they could squeeze into Playoffs.

B18's has one match remaining and must win against Alpine Hills to make Playoffs. Every year it comes down to either us or Alpine. This is the final year this group of boys that I've coached since they were in middle school will play together as a couple of the guys will have graduated High School and will start college in September. Let's go out in style, fellas!

G15's has strolled into Playoffs with ease. The Swing Sisters have not lost a match and are rolling to Fresno! Eggy, Sid, Laura, Julia, Syrup, Hodges, Megan, and HaliBUTTS have played great all season and thoroughly deserve 1st place. Brilliant season girls!

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents that volunteered their time to drive and chaperone our kids to matches home and away. Our program could not have functioned without your time, efforts, and assistance along the way. THANK YOU!

Congratulations to Junior Member, Eric Dennis for making the USTA Norcal U12 Zonals team that will be playing against other USTA sections in Arizona. Eric has worked extremely hard this summer with extra footwork and serve sessions. The hard work has been paying off and Eric will have a grueling three week spell where he will play Zonals, West Coast Championships, and then Junior Team Playoffs with his Band of Brother teammates in Clovis. Eric is one of my most committed and dedicated Juniors. He is an extremely hard worker and deserves all the credit for making the Zonals team. Congratulations Eric and his dad Mike.

Our Ballkid Team has been down at Stanford this week to work the matches at the Bank of the West Classic. Our team

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consists of a few veterans sprinkled in with some Young Guns. The kids are having a blast catching up with Serena, Venus, Maria, Jelena, and Elena on the Stanford courts. The tournament has its best ever draw and the play is of a very high standard. The kids are loving being part of the crew and have been hitting the courts after each session to practice. Well done to Chap, P, House, Benny, Big Al, Skillet, Pink, Egg, Freedo, Noodle, SamSam, and Rudy!

Hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!

Cheers!
Riaz

2009 Woods-N-Whites



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