

## September 2009

### President's Message



*Rob Delantoni*

#### Money News This Month

First, I am happy to report that our dispute with G&S, the contractor during our remodel last year, has been resolved and we will soon be making our final payment to them, which will be about \$48,500 less than what they demanded. Thank you **Bob Sinclair, Stuart Batchelor, Alan Klein, Jeff Tsu, Bob Zimmerman**, and all those who generously contributed time, ideas, and energy in bringing this matter to a conclusion for the club, without the need for litigation.

On the broader financial front, our operating income, as well as expenses related to repairs, maintenance, supplies and utilities, are on track and on budget. Our new member fees have more than offset our resigning member costs, resulting in about +\$25,000 to the club. Snack Bar usage is down, but Snack Bar costs are down by almost double. So despite the fact that we continue to be below our 240 membership limit, that Junior memberships are down, and the snack bar revenue is down, the club is in relatively healthy financial shape.

I am also happy to report that the PTC's

### Upcoming Events

**Cal-State Senior Tournament**  
**August 31 - September 6**

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**Club Gin Tournament**  
**September 18th**

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**Ladies Member-Guest Round Robin**  
**September 25th**

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**Mixed Doubles Tournament**  
**October 3rd & 4th**

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**Club Poker Tournament**  
**October 9th**

most popular and competitive event, the annual Calcutta, was a rousing success. Congratulations to the winning team of ... I don't know. I'm writing this before it's over. But whoever you are, congratulations. And I'm sure it was a rousing success.

Thank you to all members who attended **Eleanore Sorenson's** remembrance this past month. Eleanore was a popular and long-time club member, and will be missed.

On more trivial matters, the shower door in the men's room broke again, and we're considering whether to replace it with a more heavy duty door to accommodate our apparently heavy handed showering men.

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Also, there is talk of creating a time capsule for the PTC and burying it on the premises. Those interested in volunteering to help organize this project please contact **Glenn Mendelson** or me.

Membership is improving but we still are not quite at our 240 member capacity. Tell all your tennis playing friends. No waiting list. Have them call **Becky Showen** or **Lona** in the next 20 minutes because, as you know from that TV commercial, we can't do this all day.

Hope you're all having a good summer and the kids are on their way back to school OK. See you on the courts!

### Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

**This year's Calcutta was a tremendous success.** For those who missed it, be sure to join us next year for what's come to be most entertaining weekend of the year. **John Stone**, you were masterful in your MC duties!

**The Club Gin & Poker Tournaments will be held on September 18th and October 9th respectively.** Let's see who will get their name engraved on our perpetual championship plaques. Look for details below in Club News. We hope to see some new players join us for these two great events.

**Sad news to share** – long-time member **Bard Dowse** passed away early last week. Bard and his wife Mitzi just celebrated their 40th Anniversary as members of the PTC in July. He served on the Board as well as various committees during his membership. In

his later years, you would always find Bard spending his afternoons with the card players in the clubhouse. He was liked by

### Manager's Corner



Lona Means

everyone and will be missed. I have enjoyed my first summer here at PTC! This year, special effort was put forth to create an enjoyable environment with an emphasis on safety and fun. To ensure the rest of the season is enjoyable for you, your family and the entire membership – please:

- Check-in all guests at the podium.
- Actively supervise your children and encourage them to use their inside voices while at the Club.
- Take a few moments to pick up personal items, garbage and towels from the locker rooms, pool deck and general Club areas.
- Adhere to our phone policy. Cell phone usage is prohibited in public areas.
- PTC had lifeguards on duty through August 17th. Youths under age 14 are not allowed to swim without parent/adult supervision.
- Swimming pool closing time is 9:00 P.M.
- No glass is allowed in and around the pool/spa areas.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club

### Club News

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

**John & Holly Stone** 15 Years

**USTA Team Sign-ups** Sign-up for the Senior USTA League Teams are now being

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taken. The season runs from September 28th thru March 30th. Please contact the following captains to find out more info about the teams.

Senior Men 3.5 **Stuart Batchelor/Phil Marson**

Senior Men 4.0 **Jerry Sydorak**

Senior Men 4.5 **Ken March**

Senior Women 3.5 **Nancy Chew**

Senior Women 4.0 **Louise Tierney**

### Calling all card players – the Club Gin

**Tournament** will be held on Friday evening September 18th in the clubhouse. We will have a BBQ prior to the tournament. Grab a partner and sign up in the clubhouse.

### Look for the Annual Club Poker

**Tournament** on Friday, October 9th. Details for the tournament will be in the next Drop Shot.

### From **Betty Cookson**, Junior Co-

**Tournament Director** – What a great Junior tennis event the players, parents and spectators were treated to at the end of July when PTC hosted the USTA NorCal Boys and Girls 10–14 Novice/Challenger tournament. 112 Junior players (many of them from PTC) participated for three days of play.

Congratulations to John (Boys 12 Novice) and Cate (Girls 10 Novice) Desler, playing in their first tournament and winning the Consolation event in their divisions.

Congratulation also to Zach Martinucci for winning the USTA NorCal Sportsmanship Award. A BIG thank you to **Steve Brooks, Robert Harrigan, Ron Martinucci & Jeff Tsu** for pulling off an impromptu barbecue for the players, their parents and the Tournament Committee when matches ran late on Sunday evening due to the size of the draws.

This event would not have run as smoothly (we received many compliments from the

players and parents) if it weren't for a loyal and terrific group of volunteers led by **Karen Harrigan**, Co-Tournament Director. Thank you to the following volunteers: **Joni Amaroli, Chris Batchelor, Steve Brooks, Taylor Chaparro, Nancy Chew, Jen Desler, Marci Martinucci, Glen Mendelson, Joanie Renson, Jenny Smith, Louise Tierney & Jeff Tsu**. And, lastly, thank you, members of PTC, for so generously sharing the courts and the club with the future stars of tomorrow.

### Jean Yves will be bringing his Yoga Classes back to the PTC for three

Thursday dates September 10th, 17th & 24th. All levels are welcome to join in. The classes will run from 7:15 – 8:30 PM. To reserve your space, please call 415-336-8577 or email [jeanyvesyoga@gmail.com](mailto:jeanyvesyoga@gmail.com).

**The theme for this year's Men & Women's**

## Tennis Activities News

### Calcutta event was

“**Monopoly.**” **John Stone**, aka “the banker,” MC'd the event and entertained 80 plus guest while **Jeff Tateosian** provided the hilarious individual player walk-up music – great event, lots of food and laughs.



*Kelly Kemp*

The Men's Calcutta was dominated by team “B & O Railroad,” which included team captain **Anthony Paz, Joe Bojoues, Phil Zlatunich, Marty Funk, Alan Klein & Brian Desler**. Second place went to **Mark Percy's** team – **Dan McGee, Brian Wachhorst, John Fearn, Mike Buckmaster & Chris Cooke**. Third place went to **Steve Livingston** (captain), **Jerry Ceglia, Todd Friedman, Carl Bakhtiari, Scott With & Rob Adams**.

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Team "Chance" came out on top on the Women's side and was captained by **Jen Dessler**. Her teammates were **Michele Friedman, Marci Martinucci, Kim Cresci, Allison Mayer & Lisa Rogers**. **Shari Mayer's** team finished second along with teammates **Julie Buckmaster, Diana Ferris, Cathy Mishra, Carey Welsh, & Marissa Hauselt**.

A big thank you goes out to **Linda Pene** and the entire tennis committee, as well as **John Stone, Jeff Tateosian, Dennis Mayer** and **Riaz** for putting together another fine event.

**Attention Ladies** – The PTC Ladies Member/Guest Round Robin is set for Friday, September 25th. The sign-up sheet is posted in the clubhouse and is rapidly filling up. Warm-ups start at 8:30 AM and play will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Breakfast and a box lunch will be served. The cost of the event is \$30 per team and will be charged to the member. We look forward to seeing everybody on the courts. Please contact **Jennifer Desler** with questions ([jcdesler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcdesler@sbcglobal.net)).

**The Mixed Doubles Tournament has been changed to October 3rd & 4th.** There will be two flights – 7.5 & below and 8.0 & above. Select a partner and get ready for a fun-filled tournament. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse by mid September.

### House & Grounds News

**Spa closed, say it ain't so...** For the past three weeks the PTC spa has been closed due to a stubborn leak that we have been unable to correct. Hopefully by the time you



Stuart Batchelor

read this message the spa will again be in full operation as we are working very hard to correct the problem. Until then our apologies for those that have come down to use the spa and found it unavailable.

**Attention lap swimmers, on October 1st,** we will be turning off the heat to the pool. This has been traditionally the time when we turn the heat off as the use of the pool will have diminished, the weather will have turned cooler, and the cost to heat the pool is significant. The spa is heated year round, but I'm not sure how many laps around the spa you need to make to go a mile.

**Just in time for the back to school season the PTC Junior Room is about finished.** Many thanks go out to **Ron Martinucci, Dennis Mayer,** and **Jerry Ceglia** for their assistance in getting the wainscoting up on the walls. Ramon is now busy caulking and painting the walls. We also had a donation of a foosball table to the room by a former member. We should have the finishing touches done in the next couple of weeks.

**Keep those letters and comments coming** if you see something that needs attention. Please make Lona aware of any issues so that she can take the appropriate action.

### Membership News

Please help us welcome our new member family into the club:

**Rob Kotmel & Maja Nelson** – sponsored by **Laura Hesselgren**, seconded by **Jim Sobel**. A transplant from Flushing, N.Y., Rob was a huge N.Y Giants



Becky Showen

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fan before finding his faith in the 49ers. He put his roots down after meeting Maja shortly after she moved here from Colorado. For the last two years, Rob has been the V.P of Research & Development Sierra Surgical Technologies. Maja is the Director of Training for Actelion Pharmaceuticals. Growing up in the east, Rob biggest hobby is hockey, in which he skates competitively. Maja loves to garden and dance with her daughters. Sammy (98) just started Burlingame Intermediate and Jesse (03) just began Kindergarten at Washington Elementary.

## Social Events News



Nancy Batchelor

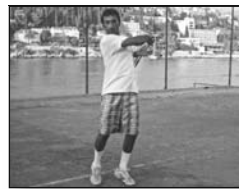
**Our final Twilight Tennis of the summer** was on Thursday, August 13, with 110 members and a few guests (potential new members) enjoying the breezy evening with fun round robin

tennis and a delicious Italian feast. Grazie to **Kim & Rick Cresci** for helping to supply the wonderful lasagnas, pastas, meatballs and bread for all to enjoy and thank you again, **Ken & Cecilia Markey**, for the generous sampling of their families award winning 2006 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel. Thanks again to the hardworking volunteers who helped set up, cook, and clean up so that Twilight Tennis can be enjoyed by our members. It cannot happen without the help of many.

**Social activities will be quiet for a couple** of months until the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12. Make sure to mark your calendars for this most popular of events and plan on celebrating the holidays with your fellow PTC members. Details and sign-ups will be in November.

**On a final note, please consider serving on the social committee next year.** Events take a lot of work to make successful and the more volunteers involved, the more fun for all. It is a great way to contribute to the PTC and a terrific way to meet new people. Ciao.

## Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

### ADULT TENNIS

Summer tennis was great here at PTC, we had many new adult members playing tennis along with the regular crew and it was great to see the tournaments and events we had over the summer filled with members old and new. I'm excited to see the energy and enthusiasm of many of the newer members and look forward to helping them in any way I can. Looking forward into the fall season, I will be making sure the Drop-In Clinics run on a regular basis and will be adding a number of 30 minute lesson openings for members that wish to take private lessons. This way I can service member needs, and help more members improve and enjoy the game.

**Below is the Drop-In Clinic schedule for the Fall:**

Thursday 12:00-1:30 MEN'S POWER DROP  
Friday 12:00-1:30 WOMEN'S OPEN DROP  
Saturday 7:30-9:00am MEN'S OPEN DROP

The Friday Women's Drop is a clinic geared towards ladies that are already playing and wish to improve their doubles play. If you need help with the basic strokes please call me to set up a series of lessons before moving into clinic and play.

All Drop-In Clinic fees of \$20 per person are payable on day of clinic. If there are 3

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players, then the fee will be \$25. For the more experienced ladies, I'm expanding my clinics to hold more players in each session. If you are interested in joining a regular clinic, try the Drop-Ins to get you up to RS speed then move into a regular clinic. Email me at [riaz@rstennis.com](mailto:riaz@rstennis.com) for more info or to book your lesson.

A big thank you to all members that donated rackets to the PTC Racket Drive. I collected over 40 rackets that were given to the Youth Tennis Advantage program which provides after school tennis and learning classes to underprivileged children around the bay area. YTA Director Loretta Conway, was very appreciative and asked me to extend a heartfelt thank you from her organization to all our members that donated rackets. Please take a moment to visit the YTA website [www.youthtennis.org](http://www.youthtennis.org).

Congratulations to PTC Members **Joni Amaroli, Lee Safran, and Susan Lynch** for helping their teams make it to Sectional Playoffs.

### JUNIOR TENNIS

The Summer Junior Program was highlighted by many young member children in the Star Tennis Program. This year we used Quickstart Tennis which is a great way to help younger Juniors learn the fundamentals of playing the game. The lower nets and smaller court help Juniors adapt to the game a lot easier than playing on the dimensions of a full size court. Lots of little tennis grippers began their tennis pathway this summer using Quickstart with RS Academy. The Academy program was highlighted by our Junior tennis teams playing and winning local division play to reach the Area League Playoffs in Clovis at the beginning of August. G15's,

B15's and B18's teams all had outstanding winning seasons and made the Playoffs. The boy's teams went down to hot and muggy Fresno and played their hearts out. Highlights included:

B18's lost in Semi's of Main Draw.  
Palmer Mendelson 13-1 lifetime at Playoffs.  
Taylor Chaparro playing #1 winning two 3 setters in one day. Graduates to college.  
Chaney playing his best during Playoffs.  
Benson plays hard every match, comes thru. Graduates to college.  
Saamy begins 18's career with wins and best hands at net.  
House brings energy and attitude to team.  
Inspirational leader .

B15's lost in Consolation Final.  
Allan V leads team at # 1 and graduates to 18's team.  
Brian K best athlete at #2 and graduates to 18's team.  
Big Easy comes thru with best win of career so far at # 3.  
Gene Cao played with heart and most effort. Skillet not intimidated with Playoff atmosphere and showed lot of potential.  
JDub plays great allround game and also wins team sportsmanship award.  
Danny P will be healthy and stronger next year and surprise everyone.

Thanks to staff and parents that volunteered their time to help our Juniors have a great experience at Playoffs (**Marci, Debbie, Glenn, Alice, Lee, Mike, Sonny, Batch, Taylor**).

Thanks to all the Juniors that played team tennis this summer and represented RS Academy with pride and respect. All our players showed the very highest standard of sportsmanship and character throughout

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the season. Thanks to parents who, drove, chaperoned, supported, fed, encouraged, and assisted RS Academy teams this summer. We couldn't have done this without you!

Good Luck to Andrew Benson and Taylor Chaparro! They are off to new beginnings and to start college life. Andrew will be at ASU while Taylor will play college tennis at U of Redlands. They were good, smart, upstanding Juniors that were very positive role models for our Juniors. I'm proud to say I had the pleasure of being around and working with you both. Best of luck lads!

Junior Academy player Robbie Harrigan won Split Step Open Challenger! Congratulations Pork Chop!

FALL STAR TENNIS REGISTRATION IS ALMOST OVER. STAR BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 9TH. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAINING, CALL RIAZ.

Looking forward to seeing you on the hard courts!



Men's Calcutta Team Captains

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Women's Calcutta Team Captains

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