

# The Drop Shot

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# President's Message

Summer may be coming to a close, but there is still a lot happening at the Club. Our last Twilight Tennis event is sched-



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uled for September 12th, and the search for our new tennis professional(s) is in full swing. We have also defined an interim lesson/clinic program for the membership during this selection process (see Pro article below). Board Member *Jimmy Sobel* will provide oversight for this member-driven committee.

In the meantime, our dry "Indian Summer" days should prevail through October, making this the best time for tennis. Be sure to go out and enjoy the newly surfaced courts at the Club.

# Editor's Message



Jeff Tateosian

Last month's Calcutta turned out to be a tremendous event. Friday night's dinner and team draw was once again highlighted by emcee *John Stone's* unusual brand of humor. Backed by individual player "walk up" music, the good times and laughter

were over the top. Saturday's tournament went off without a hitch and everyone had a wonder-

## **Upcoming Events**

Inter Club Match - San Carlos Tennis Club Sunday, September 8th

> Monday Night Football Party Monday, September 9th

Twilight Tennis & BBQ Thursday, September 12th

Annual PTC Gin Rummy Tournament Thursday, September 19th

Men's Singles Tournament 1st Round Saturday/Sunday, September 28/29th Semi & Final Rounds Saturday/Sunday, October 19/20th

Annual PTC Poker Tournament Friday, October 25th

ful time. Special thank you goes to *Val March* and her committee for organizing the food, drink and decorations for the Friday party, and to *Ken March* and the tennis committee for putting on yet another top-notch tournament.

Thank you to those who have responded to the survey email concerning the Drop Shot. We will continue to send out individual emails asking your opinion in shaping the newsletter going forward.

## Manager's Corner



The PTC relies on the honor policy when it comes to signing in any non member guests. Club rules dictate that any member who brings a guest(s) for any activity or party at the PTC must sign in on arrival. Please be respectful of your fellow mem-

Lona Means

bers and sign in all guests at the sign in podium.

Please contact the following PTC USTA team captains if you are interested in playing on a team this fall:

Women's 6.5 Combo Whitney Murphy whitney 1103@yahoo.com

- Women's 7.5 Combo Kay Coskey klcoskey@earthlink.com

- Mixed 6.0 *Marsha Heimbecker* marsha.heimbecker@gmail.com

- Mixed 7.0 Jerry Ceglia
Jpceglia@gmail.com

- Mixed 8.0 Erica Reilly ereilly@pacbell.net

- Mixed 9.0 Mindy Wong rmrmz@pacbell.net

Summer is winding down and the pool heat will be turned off mid-October. Please stop by the lost and found closet located next to the boys' locker room to pick up any lost items prior to our end of the season goodwill donation.

Happy Tennis!

### Club News

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

Glenn & Kristie Mendelson25 YearsRon & Marci Martinucci10 YearsDoug & Debbie Heffernan5 Years

PTC Gin players, we have set this year's Club Gin Rummy Doubles Tournament for Thursday, September 19th. Dinner and drinks will start at 5:30 pm, followed by the tournament at 6:00 pm. Grab a partner and sign up in the clubhouse. The tournament fee will be \$30 per player, which will cover dinner, drinks and prize money. If you have any questions, or would like to play and don't have a partner, please contact *Jeff T*. We look forward to another great evening of Gin Rummy.

**Are you ready for some football?** The first Monday Night Football evening on September 9th features an opening week doubleheader. The first game starts at 4:10 pm with Philadelphia vs. Washington. The second game between Houston and San Diego starts approximately at 7:20 pm. New club members lav **Penn** and **Duncan Grenier** (you'll remember them both from the Calcutta Tournament) have graciously offered to supply a keg of beer for those who attend. They have enjoyed their first half year at the club and wanted to reach out to everyone who has made their families feel very welcome. We will order pizza to be delivered at 6:30 pm. A \$5 contribution will be asked for those who will be there to help cover the cost of the pizza. Finally, we'll run a couple of football pools featuring the popular squares & proposition bets (just like you see at our Super Bowl party each year). Bring your thirst, appetite and betting dollars and join us for a great night out with your PTC friends. Contact **Jeff T.** if you have any questions on the event.

#### PTC USTA teams reach playoffs -

Congratulations to the Men's Adult 55 & over 8.0 and the Women's Adult 55 & over 7.0 teams for reaching their respective playoffs. The Men's team, captained by *Gerry Sydorak* and *Ken March*, finished in first, winning their last five matches. The Women's team, captained by *Nancy Chew*, finished in third, winning three of their last four matches. Good luck to both teams in the playoffs.

Congratulations to our wonderful manager, Lona Means, for going 9-0 for the season with her San Carlos Women's 3.5 team. They won

both of their playoff games and played in Districts last weekend. San Carlos beat two of the three teams, but lost to the eventual winner who will be going to Sectionals.

Congratulations also goes out to *Brian Heimbecker* (5.0) and *Sharon Marson* (4.0)
who played on outside teams that recently went onto sectionals.

#### **Pro Search Committee**



Hello PTC members. As a member of your Board, I have been asked to be the liaison to the Search Committee and wanted to fill you in on our progress towards finding a new Tennis Pro/Pros.

In short, the process is underway. We have formed a Search Committee, which represents a wide range of our member base. The team consists of *Dan DeWitt, Rob Kotmel, Kelly Mulready, Lisa Rogers and Linda Podolsky.* In addition, *Erik van Dillen* has generously offered his support to be a resource and help counsel the committee. My role will be to provide support and advice, but I will not be a voting member of the committee. It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that we thank all these fellow members for being a part of this important undertaking for our Club.

The task of the committee will be to determine the needs of our Club, what type of tennis programs best fit those needs, and outline the job description. They will then look for a qualified candidate or candidates to fill the role.

So, what do we do until this new Tennis Pro is hired? To address our interim needs, we have established BYOP, or "Bring Your Own Pro." To meet members' needs for lessons and clinics, Court 5 will continue to be used as a teaching court.

Lona will post a first-come, first-served signup calendar in her office. She has the names of several Pros who are willing to help. Members can also bring their own Pro, as long as they follow the established guidelines to be posted (also in her office). These guidelines include: current insurance, 24-hour advance sign-up, adherence to both the Court 5 scheduled hours and Club rules, and a signed indemnification agreement. There will be no guest fee or charge for teaching court usage during this interim period.

We all thank Lona for taking on this additional responsibility during this transition period and I ask that we all do our best to make it as seamless as possible for her.

The Search Committee and I will continue to keep you posted on our progress and thank you for your patience.

#### Tennis Activities News



Ken March

Our summer tournament schedule finished with a flourish. This year's Calcutta had a unique twist as the Men and Women played on the same day in the same tournament. We had two Men's doubles and one Women's doubles team to round out our tournament.

Spirited tennis was played all day with Ron Pang's team - Amy Grenier, Marisa Wachorst, Jeff Tateosian, Jerry Ceglia and Todd Friedman coming out on top over Brian Nappi's team - Valerie March, Sharon Marson, Jay Penn, Craig Andrews and Mark Lewis.

September 8th will be our next to last Inter Club, hosted by San Carlos Tennis Club at Arguello Park. Rounding out our tournament schedule for this year will be the Men's Singles Championships. The tournament's first round begins September 28 and 29th. The semifinals and finals weekend is scheduled for October 19 and 20th. Please sign up in the clubhouse and have fun competing for the club championship. See you all at the club.

#### House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

The resurfacing of courts 4, 5, 6 & 7 went off without a hitch and are now ready for play. The installation of a new gate separation of courts 4 and 5 was accomplished at the same time. The courts really look great and the response from the membership has been overwhelmingly

positive. Please be sure to wear a worn pair of shoes until the courts "wear in" a bit, as they tend to "grip" a little.

We are considering lining court # 4 with the U10-60 foot USTA tennis striping plan for our Junior members. Take a look at the proposed diagram and if you have any thoughts or care to comment, please send your input to *Lona*.

The Architectural design committee has been diligently at work for the past six months on our Clubhouse Renovation Capital Improvement Project. I would like to take this opportunity to thank committee members Adrienne

Schubiner, Eric Brand, Mark Pearcy, Mickey Podolsky, Joe Bojues, and Ken March for their continued dedication and hard work in preparing a design development master plan for the renovation. Presentation of several concept designs and preliminary pricing for membership review and discussion are anticipated before the November membership meeting. Thank you all for your time devoted to addressing this beautification project.

### Membership News



Jane Pearcy

We would like to introduce David Crawford, Angela Kwan and family to our PTC family. Speaking of which, I'm sure they already feel like family as Angela is the daughter of David and Daisy Kwan. David bleeds blue as a Cal Berkeley graduate. He

also received his masters at Michigan. David is a CFO for a non-profit organization, and Angela is Recreational Therapist. Their kids are Kyle ('07) and Lily ('11). David is a 4.5 player and looking to meet new players. Please help me in welcoming them to the club.

#### Social Events News



Iennifer Ellison

Summer is winding down at PTC, but the social fun continues. Our next and last Twilight Tennis of the year will be held on September 12th at 5:30 pm. Come on down for some fun tennis and tasty Italian fare. The weather should be fantastic and the food, drink

and socializing at Twilight never disappoints!

I want to give a huge THANK YOU to Valerie March for taking the lead on planning the Calcutta dinner in August. I was away on vacation but have heard nothing but wonderful things about what a fun evening it was. Thanks to Val and everyone who pitched in to make it a great event.

We tend to have a break in social activities as we move into the fall, but we are open to any ideas for fun gatherings that may not already be on the calendar. The next big event is the annual Holiday Party on December 14th. Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss this one. In the meantime, we would love your ideas and help in planning some low-key events for the fall (think Halloween party and Niner's games in the Clubhouse). If you have ideas or are interested in helping with an event, please call or email me anytime.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**



David Crawford's family Pictured is Angela, Kyle & Lily



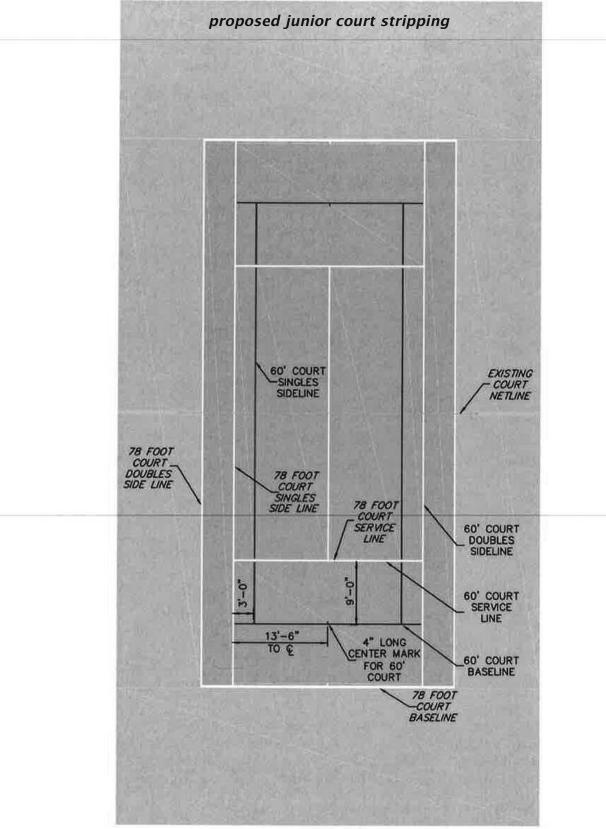
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SECOND PLACE TEAM



THIRD PLACE TEAM



60 FOOT BLENDED LINES ON A 78 FOOT COURT

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