

November 2010

President's Message



Jerry Ceglia

It is November, and with that comes our **Quarterly Membership** meeting on Tuesday, November 16th. The feature of this meeting is to vote and confirm the three member candidates to serve new two-year terms on your Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee has recommended **Mike Amaroli**, **Chris Cooke** and **David Marcus**. The Board is also introducing a resolution to amend By-laws defining the family of a shareholder. The proposal is to change the words "and children 21 years and those under the age of 24 attending college" to "and children under the age of 24." Please try to attend this meeting as we will also bring you up to date on all the most current happenings.

November brings our final tennis event, the Mixed Doubles Turkey Tournament and Thanksgiving. The special family holiday that encourages

Upcoming Events

**Quarterly Membership Meeting
 Tuesday November 16th**

**Mixed Team Tennis
 Saturday November 20th**

**Holiday Party
 Saturday December 11th**

us to do just that, give thanks. See you for the quarterly meeting on the 16th.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

I would like to personally thank the over 50 members who participated in the **Teddy Bernardo** member fundraiser last month. We raised nearly \$4,000 to help pay Teddy's invoices at the club for the next six months, as well as various restaurant and gift cards. It was quite touching when he received the gifts this past Saturday afternoon at the club. He was shocked that so many members would actually make the effort to do this for his family. We gave him the names of members who participated, and I'm sure he'll thank you in his own way.

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I would also like to thank eight year old **Talia Cresci**, daughter of **Rick & Kim Cresci**, for her fundraising efforts. Talia was determined to have a bake sale and make a donation to those in need who were affected by the fire. She went door to door with cookies in her neighborhood in order to raise money. She ended up earning \$50 and with Rick/Kim matching amount, she was able to donate \$100. It's nice to hear these types of stories of support coming out of the recent tragedy.

Congratulations to Doug & Barbara DeTata and Guy & Eva Lau for their valued membership on their anniversaries at the PTC. They have a combined 70 years of service between them.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Summer has come to an end, and with the chilly wet weather coming soon, the pool heater has been turned off. Enjoy the spa which is heated year round.

Do fall leaves on the courts bother you? A new light weight battery operated leaf blower is located by the ice machine in the Club Room. It's available for member use when our maintenance staff is not available. The battery charger is located next to the phone.

Due to pool and spa safety regulations, all doors around a public pool must be self closing. Please do not prop open the entry doors as this is a viola-

tion of the code and puts the club at risk.

The Team Tennis Tournaments sign up sheet is posted and I'm looking forward to watching this fun tennis event on Saturday, November 20th, it starts at 9:00 am. Please call me if you would like me to sign you up.

Club News

Club Anniversaries for November (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Doug & Barbara DeTata	40 Years
Guy & Eva Lau	30 Years
Mark & Adele Campana	10 Years

Congratulations to Bill Campana for besting **Alan Klein** during the showdown at the 3rd Annual PTC Hold'em Poker Tournament.

Twenty players playing on three tables made for a great night of action. **Joe Feeney** came in 3rd and **Marty Funk** finished 4th.



Congratulations to Brooke Tsu, Alex Harrigan and Natalie Fregosi for leading the Burlingame Panther ladies tennis team to the Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division title recently.

The Ballroom Dancing classes were so successful during the past six Tuesday evenings, that they will be offered again

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to beginners starting January 11th. A second class for the "advanced" class will be held right after the beginner class. Additional info will be forthcoming in the December Drop Shot.

One of Alan Klein's horses ran in the Breeder's Cup Saturday. With Russell Baze as his jockey, "Smiling Tiger" finished in 3d place. The horse drew post position No. 5 in a field of 12 for the Breeders' Cup Sprint and was the third choice at 6-to-1 in the morning line. To read an excellent article from the San Francisco Chronicle on Alan and his stable of horses, please go to the following link:

[Click here for more info.](#)

House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

With wet weather approaching, many mornings will start out with standing water on the courts. We have squeegees and sponge rollers hanging on the back (east) side of the fences on courts 3 and 7. *When you finish using the equipment, please return them to the back side of the fence.* With a little breeze and sunshine, you could be playing in 45 minutes. The half screens on the back side of the front courts will promote ventilation for quicker drying.

Just a reminder, the pool heater is off, so if you decide to take a dip, be forewarned that it is quite chilly. I went in last weekend and it took my breath away.

We are getting quotes for various roof repairs above the barbecue area, painting of our picnic area tables and exterior painting around the club.

One last note: I've noticed that some **members** are not accessing courts properly. Please use the gate associated with the court you plan on using. Do not walk across a court being used by others. If a point is being played on an adjacent court, please wait until their point is finished before opening the gate. At that time please walk in with your entire group and close the gate behind you. Thank you for your help.

Tennis Activities News

Come join us for the last tennis event of the year. It's the Mixed Doubles Team Tennis on November 20th. The sign-up sheet is now posted in the clubhouse.



Karen Harrigan

Membership News

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members: 0

Resignations: 0

New Applicant: 1

Brian Heimbecker and family, sponsored by:

Gary Goodman & Ed Brown,

and they are completing their 30 day comment period. The Board will vote on their membership at its upcoming meeting.



Rob Delantoni

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Change to Inactive Status: 1
The Board approved a request from **Gordon & Sarah Hodge** (who have moved to Seattle) to become inactive members.

Social Events News



Dennis Mayer

Annual Holiday Party festivities will take place on Saturday, December 11th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Celebrate this Holiday season with your fellow members at the

Holiday Open House Potluck, we again will be featuring a Piano Bar. Pianist, Larry O'leno, will be playing both holiday favorites and classic standards throughout the evening.

Everyone should bring their favorite dish or nibble to share for 8-10 people. Beverages will be provided. There is no charge for this event and we hope to see you all there (Adults only please). More information will be presented in next month's Drop Shot.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS Mixed Doubles Team Tennis - Saturday, November 20th. This is a favorite event at PTC... sign up, and

come out to play great mixed doubles with your fellow members. It is a great opportunity for a day of fun and competitive tennis, and a chance to mix it

up with new players! Sign-up sheet will be posted on November 1st in clubhouse or call Lona or Riaz to sign up.

Pro court has been going well, and will continue to be on the 3rd Saturday of every month. This month, the Mixed Doubles Tournament will have priority and there will not be a Pro court session this month. Please come out for good tennis with myself, and your fellow members next month on Saturday, December 18th starting at 9:00 am.

Another addition to the Tennis Program will be the new ratings-based doubles clinic that is scheduled to run on the first Saturday of each month from 12:00 -1:30pm. 4-6 players each month will be able to sign up and take a doubles clinic where court position, movement, shot selection, and match-play will be addressed. The drills and games used to help you improve are fast paced, competitive and fun! The first clinic will be on November 6th and is for 3.5 Women. There is one spot open in this clinic. December clinic will be for 3.5 Men and sign up is now open.

TEAM NEWS

The 7.5 Women's Combo team, captained by **Sharon Marson** and **Julie Buckmaster**, defeated Ladera Rec 3-0, in the first round of playoffs on Saturday, October 30th at PTC! Congratulations to all and best of luck in the next round!

Jim Friedman, captain of the **Men's 60's 4.0 team**, reports on their incredible season! This team of remarkable

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and committed players, all having years of experience, are going to Sectionals! They are one of eight teams throughout Norcal, that have advanced to Sectional play, from a group of over 40 teams! The team is comprised of **Dennis Argyres, William Alexander, Jerry Sydorak, Gordon Nagare, Steve Benvenuto, Maris Laipendis, Dick Hesselink, Brian Johnson, Rudy Giannini, Werner Yee** and captained by **Jim Friedman** and **John Stone**. Jim feels that the competition will be tough, but that they will play tough, and have a great opportunity to advance to Nationals! The sectionals will be held in Carmel at the end of October. GO PTC!

Phil Marson, captain of the Men's 3.5 Senior Team, reports in about the team's season so far. The men's 3.5 team has played three matches. There have been four tie breaks and one 7-6, 7-6 match. We stand 1-2 but remain convinced nationals are in our future! With four of our first five matches away, we look forward to the friendly confines of PTC, a loud cheering section, and, hopefully, leftover food from the women's matches.

NEW TENNIS PROGRAM

- LESSONS

The first new ratings based clinic, will be a Women's 3.5 group and will take place on Saturday, November 6th from 12:00 -1:30 pm.

Players will work on strokes, court position, shot selection, and doubles match play. Fee is \$20-\$30 per person depending on how many players. Every

month the rating level of the clinic will change to allow all members to participate. There are 4-6 openings, please contact me to register each month. On December 4th the clinic will be for 3.5 Men. Sign up is now open!

A one hour private lesson spot will be open for adult members every Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Each week, a different member can take this lesson spot. If you would like this spot next week please contact me or **Marci**, at the Tennis Office.

- JUNIOR TENNIS

Winter Academy Programs - The Winter Program, for Jr. Academy I, II, and Jr. Grippers will begin in January. For your scheduling purposes the days for each group are listed below:

Monday - Junior Academy II

3:30-5:00 pm

Tuesday - Jr. Grippers

3:30-5:00 pm

Wednesday - STAR

3:30-4:30 pm

Thursday - ATP

3:30-5:00 pm

Friday - Jr. Academy I

3:30-5:00 pm

NEW JR TENNIS PROGRAM

- QUICKSTART TENNIS PROGRAM

An opportunity often overlooked in our highly scheduled society is spontaneous play. This is where kids can learn and play either by themselves or with other kids. It could be hitting balls against a wall or garage door, or by setting up modified courts that fit into smaller or more restricted spaces.

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Kids in other youth sports shoot baskets, kick or throw balls in the backyard or skateboard down the sidewalk and off the curb. Playing tennis with foam balls on a modified court can provide endless hours of activity and fun. It is interesting to note that champions in many other sports spent most of their developmental years learning from others and playing spontaneously.

Previously this was difficult because kids only had options of playing on the same-sized court and with the same ball that the pros use. The QuickStart Tennis Play format uses equipment that is scaled to the size of the child. Racquets are shorter, lighter and have smaller handles. Balls are softer, lighter, bounce lower and move slower through the air. Courts are smaller and the net is lower. This makes it possible for kids to learn by playing rather than having to learn all the strokes before they even play the game.

QuickStart Tennis **will begin in January** and run on Saturday afternoons. My philosophy has always been to bring positive, fun, and creative games to children so that they enjoy tennis from the first day they step on our courts. QuickStart helps children enjoy a little success almost immediately, and gives them a great foundation to improve and play the game. Parents are encouraged to join their children on the court for some great family tennis fun (ages 4-7).

HALLOWEEN BASH

A great time was had by all at the 8th Annual PTC Junior Halloween Bash, on October 29th! Forty plus kids arrived in great costumes, enjoyed tennis games such as Jail and Graveyard, music was blaring, and candy a plenty, of course! Prizes were awarded for the top three costumes, it was a tough decision, as all of the kids did a fantastic job with their creative costumes! The Wilson tennis bag prizes were awarded to: **Ashley Bruins**, who came as a little cowgirl, **Elena Middlemass**, as an amazing Avitar, and **Robby Harrigan** with the incredibly creative Facebook costume! Excitement was in the air, as the Halloween Bash is definitely a favorite PTC event for the Juniors!



MANY THANKS to the outstanding crew of volunteers who put up with the ever changing plans, due to the weather! Thank you **Jane Percy, Sabine Middlemass, Molly Dillon, Lona** and **Marci** for all of your help in setting up the event, which included turning the back courts into a Halloween extravaganza! Sabine, thank you also for taking the great pictures! Thanks for making the day possible for the kids, we could have never done it without you. Cheers! **RS**

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 1pm - Men's 4.0 3pm - 7.5 Combo	1 3:30pm - Jr.	2 9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr. 7pm - Ballroom	3 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	4 7:15am - Yoqa with 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	5 3:30pm - Jr.	6 12pm - Ladies Clinic 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's 3.5
7 1pm - Women's 4.0 3pm - 7.5 Women's	8 3:30pm - Jr.	9 9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr. 7pm - Ballroom	10 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	11 7:15am - Yoqa with 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	12 3:30pm - Jr.	13 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's 3.5 3pm - Women's 3.5
14 1pm - Men's 4.0	15 3:30pm - Jr.	16 9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr. 6:30pm - Quarterly 7pm - Ballroom	17 9am - Senior SFPTL 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	18 7:15am - Yoqa with 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	19 3:30pm - Jr.	20 9am - Mixed 9am - Pro Court #3 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5
21 1pm - Women's 4.0 3pm - Men's 3.5	22 3:30pm - Jr.	23 9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr. 7pm - Ballroom	24 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	25 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	26 3:30pm - Jr.	27 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5
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