

December 2007

Words from “the Prez”



Bob Sinclair

Just as the project continues to hum along at a steady pace, the business side of the club is doing so as well. At last month's quarterly meeting, the membership confirmed our three new directors. Let me be the first to congratulate and express my gratitude to **Becky Showen, Erik van Dillen and Rob Delantoni**. This distinguished group will assume their duties on January 16th, the day after our Annual Meeting.

As quickly as Thanksgiving flew by, our Holiday Party, Christmas and the New Year's celebrations are right around the corner. If you haven't signed up yet for our Holiday Party on Saturday December 8, please do so as soon as possible. This evening gathering is always one of the most enjoyable of the year.

In closing, I want to mention the long standing tradition here at Peninsula Tennis Club of honoring our staff through member donations to the Annual Holiday Fund. This annual campaign is our simple way of thanking each of them for their dedication and loyalty throughout the year.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, our very best wishes to you and your family for a joyous holiday season.

Upcoming Events

•
PTC Holiday Party
Saturday December 8th

•
Annual Meeting
January 16

Editor's Note

No one loves a party more than your editor, and our annual PTC Holiday party is no exception. With the reduced activity at the club, it has been a few months since members have had the chance to catch up with everyone. Please plan on joining us this Saturday December 8th for a great time. You'll also have a chance to meet the new 2008 Board of Directors, say thank you to the three Directors leaving the Board, and find out who will take over as President for next year. Sign up either in the clubhouse or by calling manager Bill at 347-1439. Wednesday is the deadline to sign-up for the party.

I hope you enjoyed the new design of the Drop Shot this year. Look for some new features as time allows in 2008. As usual, I welcome all suggestions and more importantly, any club news. Best wishes to everyone over the holidays and for a wonderful 2008.

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Manager's Corner



Bill Jepsen

Members, please do your part to keep PTC financially healthy by paying your dues on-time --- when you receive your quarterly statements.

PTC is not designed as a drop-off point for unsupervised children. In

addition, the club's operating hours have been reduced during the CIP. Please make sure your children are not at PTC unsupervised.

The snack bar will continue to experiment with reduced hours of operation and menu items during CIP and during the winter season.

Remember that club operations are closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

CIP News

Steady as she goes. The PTC project marches on with significant work being completed during the month of November. The most obvious additions have been the formation and construction of our new swimming pool and spa. Our earthworks subcontractor compacted the soil around the new pool/spa and then dug out their rough design. Our pool subcontractor took the rough layout and cut the pool to its final shape. This included adding a wood structure to set the top of the pool/spa so it would be level at all points. Plumbing was installed and tested, rebar added to create a form and then a full day of two teams shooting gunite to create both the pool and spa in one day. Gunite is a process where cement and water are mixed together and forced through a gun by pneumatic pressure. Once shot out, the gunite needs to cure, which involves watering the walls four times a day for approximately 10 days. The cement starts out dry and water is only added at the very last moment. The dryer mix provides for a stronger product, but is the reason it is kept wet during the curing process so it does not dry out too fast. Workers literally carve out the steps into their final shape from a large block of gunite. You can see many of these steps in the pictures that follow at the end of the Drop Shot. During this past week the pool subcontractor was working to lay the pool/spa plumbing pipes back to the mechanical room where all the equipment will be located. The rest of this work will go mostly unnoticed, as it will all occur in the mechanical room.

In the Clubhouse we have a carpenter retrofitting one of the windows to the kitchen to make it ADA compliant. His work is to lower the current counter height by 4+". The same work will take place on the smaller of the two exterior windows and the bar as all must be made ADA compliant.

In the locker room wings we have brought all the walls down to their studs by removing all the asbestos laced sheetrock. Our contractor requested that we engage a structural engineer, which we have done to advise of additional structural work that should be done prior to re-sheet rocking. The engineer has recommended that we add sheer walls to the building. This involves putting up 4'x8' sheets of " " plywood on the walls and nailing the plywood to the walls. This helps the building withstand the lateral forces created by earthquakes. This does not necessarily save a building from a major earthquake, but is intended to make it safer for anyone that is inside the building were an earthquake to strike while they were inside. The engineer and the cost of his recommendations are another one of those "unknown" and "unexpected" expenses.

Speaking of expenses I can tell you that we have good and bad news. The bad news is that we have incurred approximately \$90K so far in unexpected costs that were not part of the original budget. The expenses range from exporting "bad" dirt, this is dirt that will not compact properly, importing "good" dirt, adding back-water check valves to the sewer lines, ripping out the juniper trees and all the planting and fencing on the BHS of the property, adding additional sewer lines, a new water line to the building, connecting the downspouts to the storm system, asbestos abatement, and additional plumbing in the locker rooms. The good news is that our contractor had negotiated lower than expected pricing on other aspects of our project to the tune of \$110k in savings. This only means that we have offsetting costs and savings with one another, but are still on budget and on time with the project.

In December our earthwork contractor will complete the installation of the remaining storm systems adding area drains to the patio area. Work will continue in the locker room wing comprised of finishing up the plumbing work, structural upgrades to the building, and electrical work should commence.

Please keep tabs on our daily progress via our web cam (www.ptctennis.com/courtcam). We do apologize as the camera was out of operation for a couple of days this past week as the router at the Club failed and had to be replaced. Please do not hesitate to contact **Stuart Batchelor** (batchouse@gmail.com) or **Bob Sinclair** (sinclair515@yahoo.com) with any questions, comments or suggestions.

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Membership News

Comings & goings...

We are sad to see longtime member **Bud & Rose Marie Bauer** resign from the club. They will be missed.

Please help us welcome our newest members/families to the club.

Robert & Randi Wren 342-8215
Marty & Gabrielle Funk 342-4590
Steve & Tracy Eskenazi 415-279-9759
Club Anniversaries for December (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Robert Ja 25 Years
Mitch Wakasa 10 Years

Club News

Dyle Anderson, who keeps in touch with long-time former member **Mike Parrinello**, tells us that he came awfully close to losing his home in one of the Southern California fires recently. They were very lucky as most of their neighbors lost their homes. Embers got under his tile roof and burned holes in the paper underneath the tiles, but that was it. It just goes to show you the importance of having a tile roof.

A reminder that the winter Yoga instruction series with Jean-Yves will be starting again this January. They are also possibly looking at offering either a daytime Yoga class and a Monday evening beginner's class. You can email our resident contortionist **Linda Pene** at lp10sne1@aol.com for details.

Social Events News

Just a reminder that our annual Holiday Party is coming up soon on December 8th and we have room for another 30 people. I want to really encourage our new members to try and make it to this event. It is a great way to get more acquainted with your fellow members, find new people to plan a tennis game with, and learn about what is going on behind the scenes as we prepare to have a beautiful new club to enjoy in the Spring. Warm wishes from your Social Directors, **Bob & Lynn Currie**.

Director of Tennis News

With 2007 coming to a close, I wanted to give all of you a recap of the Tennis Program highlights from this past year. Many great tennis memories!



Riaz Shivji

But first a big thank you to all members that participated in lessons, clinics, tournaments, socials, and parties here at PTC. An active club is a good club and we have a very active membership at the PTC. Lessons with students are special for me as we form a bond of trust over time that carries into our player/coach relationship and allows me to be open in communicating the progressive steps to help you improve. I am thankful to my always-loyal students as they make everyday special and exciting for me.

In January I became the Assistant Ballkids Coach for the SAP Open and helped train 18 Ballkid teams to work the tournament in February 2007. Our very own team will be coming up to participate for the 5th straight year. The team has grown up together and has some great moments to remember, especially working the Finals a couple of years ago. We are in training now for the 2008 tournament and will have many top pro players to Ballkid come February.

From February to early May we trained many of the Juniors trying out and playing for their school tennis teams. We have almost 40 boys and girls training with RS Academy that participate for their middle and high schools. Good Luck in '08 guys!

In May we hosted our 4th Annual Junior Tennis Tournament here at PTC. The event was a huge success as we added Junior Novice Boys and Girls divisions which helped raise the draws almost 50%. Thanks to sponsors Head/Penn, K-swiss, Allstar Awards, USPTA, and Nike for providing prizes and also to La Corneta Restaurant on Burlingame Ave for providing lunch for the players and crew.

DJ Whaat turned cool tunes in the Player Lounge. RS Academy player and BHS student Taylor Chaparro wins the 2007 Roy Evars Sportsmanship Award. Also in May, the PTC Women's Day League team coached by Academy Pro Graham Shaw and myself consolidated its position in the Wimbledon Division of the Peninsula Women's Day League. The '07/08 season started in September and we are holding our own once again with the added bonus of a few new recruits. From the very beginning we have tried to instill our philosophy of playing an aggressive, attacking, and

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enjoyable game where players relish the competition and play with passion and pride. The team plays for each other and prides itself on a winning and positive attitude on and off the court.

In June we started the 7th RS Academy Summer Tennis Program here at PTC. Word is out about the quality coaching and nurturing atmosphere that we provide for our Juniors. Our numbers increased as we had more committed junior players here than ever before and many new players began their tennis journey right here with us. USPTA Certified Academy coaches and experienced summer staff are trained to help Juniors enjoy and respect the game, work hard and show a positive attitude while exhibiting the highest level of sportsmanship and fair play.

Summer 2007 highlights include:

- Opening Day with over 75 children ages 10 and older.
- 2003 College Merit Award winner Chris Harris creates new RS Academy website with online registration for summer camps.
- Green, Blue, and Red Star sessions for Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate level children.
- Jr. Academy, Academy, and Gold Star for committed tournament players.
- 5 Junior USTA Summer League teams. (G12's, G15's, B12's, B15's, B18's)
- 2 teams represented the Peninsula in Area League Playoffs in Fresno.
- Over 30 Juniors are now ranked in Norcal.
- USPTA Certified Staff.
- Official Board Training Facility.
- Closing Day Tennis & Pizza Party.
- Ballkid team worked the Bank of the West Classic at Stanford for the 4th year. We will again be part of the 2008 Tournament.
- 2007 College Merit Awards to Kamron Farman Farmaian (SDSU) and Kris Cheng (Stanford).
- At the end of August RS Academy co-sponsored the BCE Swing for Schools Tennis Tournament. Many PTC members participated and over \$7,000 was raised for local schools. An increase by over 50% from last year!

Thank you to Academy staff for their time and effort and to US Open level sponsors of the event including Academy friends Sapore Italiano Restaurant, Access Uniforms, and Allstar Awards.

In September, Academy players *Barb Fallon, Susan Lynch* and *Lee Safran* competed in USTA League Playoffs. Barb and Susan were in Carmel Valley for Sectionals and Lee was in Palm Desert for Nationals. In

coaching these players each week, I'm impressed with their work ethic, attitude, and camaraderie. Along with Duke Blue Devil *Kirsten Gray*, they strive for excellence and enjoy the time we all spend on the court every Wednesday morning. Congratulations Gals!

October is always USTA Norcal Grand Prix month.

This is where the top 8 teams in all class divisions compete for the right to be called Norcal Champion. We have two very special Academy players that along with raising good families and volunteering their time and effort for every Academy event I have run, also compete in USTA Tournaments some weekends during the year. They gain points for each win in every event they play and for the last two years have made the USTA Grand Prix at the end of the season. *Debbie Oldham* and *Marci Martinucci* work hard, enjoy the game, display a level of sportsmanship and camaraderie that RS Academy is proud of, and always play with a smile on their faces.

I respect these Burlingame moms for laying it on the line each time!

With the remodel project underway and court space limited for Junior members,

the Junior Tennis Program only has courts available for Jr. Academy and Academy players that are committed to year-round training and tournaments. We are using Laguna Park in Burlingame at the moment but the club is looking for courts so we can start up our Star Clinics for Novice and Intermediate Juniors possibly in January.

I want to make sure I express my gratitude to

Academy affiliates and friends USPTA, PTR, Head Penn, K-swiss, Nike, Access Uniforms, Allstar Awards, La Corneta, and Sapore Italiano for their help and support in making 2007 a special year for all our players young and old. RS Academy is thankful to them and encourages PTC members to support these establishments and organizations since they have been instrumental in helping grow both our Adult and Junior Tennis Programs here at PTC this year.

My last and most important thank you is to the members of PTC that volunteer their time and effort in helping our club grow and stay active. Many members are behind the scenes working to make sure all the events, socials, parties, and tournaments are well prepared, organized, and supported so that everyone can benefit and the club continues to be active and harmonious.

Thank you members for a great year!

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Spa and pool get dug out and forms set to determine the final uniform height



Skimmers, drains and inlets set, then the rebar is formed around the outside edge and bottom for strength



Gunite shot to form walls, floor and steps. Working leveling walls and cutting and shaping steps



Shell of pool dug out, channels for pool lines in bottom



Rebar laid, water inlets sticking up through the bottom



Gunite being shot from hose forming walls, floor and steps



Dry gunite
concrete power
and water mix at
the tip of the
hose and get
shot out under
high pressure



Two separate crews
work on the pool and
spa to get the job done
in one day as this is
needed so that the pool
dries as one unit



Steps carved out of
the gunite and
shaped. Walls are
also carved out to
smooth and level
them



Roots growing around pipes and under the building



New sewer, water and storm drains line run outside of the building



100% new plumbing throughout south locker room wing

ADA changes required to kitchen windows & bar lower them by 4-6".

