

December 2012

President's Message



Chris Cooke

Members, for those of you who did not make it to the members' meeting in November, we announced the new Board of Directors and a new President. **Phil Zlatunich**, who did such an excellent job on the House & Grounds, will be our new Club President. Past President **Ken March** (2002), **Jim Sobel** and **Jennifer Ellison** are the new members of the Board. I would like you all to join me in congratulating and thanking each of them for agreeing to serve on the Board next year. They will make an excellent group, together with **Jane Percy** and **Tom Middlemass**, who are continuing on the Board for one more year and we are very fortunate to have them (I will be on the Board also, working on whatever projects they ask me to do).

Also, I want each of you to join me in thanking our three departing Board Members, **Mike Amaroli**, **Dave Marcus**, and **Rob Adams**, for their years of dedicated work. Mike headed up the Membership committee this year, during which we brought in an amazing thirteen new member families. Dave did a phenomenal job as the Finance director making sure our club is financially sound. Last but not least, Rob, completed his third year on the board, and worked on special projects related to the club's infrastructure and budgeting as well as examining court usage issues. Thank you guys, you were

Upcoming Events

•
PTC Holiday Potluck
Saturday, December 15th 6:00 pm

•
Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 15th 6:30 pm

•
11th Annual Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 3rd

great. If you see them around the club, please make sure to thank them personally. Your thanks can be as simple as hitting a powder puff return of serve to one of them, double-faulting a key point, or something similar if you happen to play doubles with them (I have been giving thanks like this for a while).

Finally, I wanted to thank each and every member who has given me feedback about the club, the ways it is working and the ways we can improve it; each volunteer on the Tennis and Social committees who helped Tom and Jane put on great events this year; **Jeff Tateosian** and **Dennis Mayer**, for helping us keep you all informed with the monthly Drop Shot; and our great staff, **Lona**, **Riaz**, **Mary**, **Jose**, **Albert**, and everyone else who keeps things running smoothly for us. If you agree with me, I would also ask that you consider making a Holiday contribution to the staff of the club, to let them know you think they are doing a great job.

Hopefully, I will see you all at the Holiday party on Saturday, December 15 in the clubhouse. If not, I am sure I will see each of you around the courts.

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Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

At the beginning of each month, most members take for granted that they will be sent the Drop Shot. Producing a six to eight page edition every month doesn't happen without a lot of help. As we come to the end of 2012, I would like to take this moment to thank those members who provide the club news, proof read each edition and of course, produce it.

Board Members **Chris Cooke, Mike Amaroli, Phil Zlatunich, Tom Middlemass, Jane Percy,** as well as **Lona Means** and **Riaz Shivji**, submit outstanding articles for us each month. Without these fine members sharing their thoughts with club members, the Drop Shot wouldn't be nearly as interesting to read. Thank you, all.

Ever since we introduced the new version of the Drop Shot six years ago, **Bob Sinclair** and **Nancy Batchelor** have proof read each and every monthly newsletter. I've come to find out that six eyes are a whole lot better than just two. Thank you again for proofing the last seventy-two Drop Shots.

My biggest thank you goes to **Dennis Mayer**, the club's webmaster and the member responsible for taking the final news copy and producing the Drop Shot in the format that members read. I wouldn't have taken on this responsibility if Dennis hadn't agreed to work on it with me six years ago. Thanks, partner.

I appreciate the above contributors and hope our members give a word of thanks next time they run into them. And to all members, best wishes during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Please note that the Club House will be closed on Wednesday, December 12th from 9:00 am until approximately 2:00 pm for the annual Burlingame High School holiday staff appreciation day.

As a reminder, non-member guest activity fees are collected for bridge, swimming, yoga, dance and fitness and are the responsibility of the member host to collect or sign in at the guest podium. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

On behalf of the PTC staff, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Holiday season!

Club News

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

Mitch & Arlene Wakasa 25 Years

Tennis Activities News



Tom Middlemass

As we wind down the year and reflect upon a great year of tennis events, I can't help but think that we can provide our members with more and/or improved club tennis events. So in the spirit of continuous improvement, if you have any suggestions how we can tweak existing activities; add or subtract events; and generally enhance the level of service, please make yourself heard. If you have input, feedback, ideas, etc., then email me at tmiddlemass@gmail.com. Any and all submissions will be considered by

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the tennis committee and, if needed, the entire Board. Let's work together to make 2013 the best year for Tennis Events ever. Happy Hitting and Happy Holidays.

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

Season's greetings to all PTC members! Looking on the bright side of the recent rainy season, we are saving money on the court washing budget that can be applied elsewhere. Thank you, Mother Nature! House and Grounds made some very impor-

tant strides this year in identifying the future PTC facility needs along with a focus on budgeting. This body of work will allow future PTC Boards to focus on making the necessary improvements within a reasonable time frame, which ultimately will benefit the entire membership. This year has gone by quickly and there is still so much to accomplish. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few members whose assistance this year was invaluable. They are, and in no particular order: **Ron Martinucci, Rob Adams, Chris Cooke, Tom Middlemass, Mike Amaroli, Dave Marcus, Jane Percy, Stuart Batchelor, Jeff Tateosian, Kelly Kemp, Anthony Paz, Brian Heimbecker, Rob Delantoni, Jerry Ceglia, Ken March**, and especially the two most important people who handle all the day to day club operations and emergencies with such grace and calm, **Lona Means, and Jose Rodriguez**. Thank you all, for making my time this year as House and Grounds Director enjoyable and productive. Happy Holidays and I will see you out on the courts.

Current List of H&G projects:

- Clubhouse roof replacement - Cal Pac Roofing Scheduled in December - pending weather.
- Skylight replacement - Burlingame Glass scheduled in December.
- New ball machine - On order pending remote re-programming.
- Hydration station at Court #3 - Cost analysis/feasibility study, review in progress.

- Court resurfacing #4 thru #7 - Budgeting for 2013, proposed July/August 2013 start.
- Clay/Har-Tru Courts - #4 thru #7 feasibility study in Committee 2015-16.
- Clubhouse bar area, big room ceiling/kitchen painting - Scheduled for January.
- Flooring replacement (Women/Men's and Junior locker rooms) - Pricing/Board approval.
- Video cam upgrade - Cost analysis/feasibility study in progress.
- New lights - development phase/committee selection process underway.
- Furniture replacement - ADC review/ fiscal budgeting for 2014-15.
- Clubhouse library bookshelves/clubhouse Upgrade Development Phase - 2015.
- Clubhouse/court sound system - Budget feasibility revisit for 2014-15.
- PTC website upgrade - Committee selection process underway in January.

Membership News



Mike Amaroli

Welcome PTC friends! I noticed on the PTC Court Cam there were a few open courts this weekend. I guess five inches of rain will keep even the most diehard tennis nuts away. Quite a storm! I called **Lona** to say hello, figuring she was bored to death (but she was actually busy with two members in her office talking about new USTA teams, etc.). As Yogi Berra would say, "even when there's nothing going on there's something going on." No new applications this month but we have three families who seem serious about joining. Keep spreading the word and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

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Social Events News



Jane Percy

As we approach this most festive time of year, get ready to celebrate with your PTC friends at our Holiday Party on December 15th, 6:00 PM. Show off your culinary talents by preparing your favorite dish to share, enjoy our open bar and some lively conversation, then dance the night away to the sounds of our own member, **Brian Wachhorst**, and his band, "All Star Jukebox."

The Social Committee has been hard at work all year long. I would like to thank the members of the committee for their awesome help and event leadership. Each member of this outstanding committee was ready, willing and able to jump in when I needed them. A big thanks goes to **Joni Amaroli, Jennifer Ellison, Yana Maloney, Mary Eliason, Marci Martinucci, Chris & Tim McMurdo, Beth Beisecker, Maggie Blumberg, Kerry Mahrer, Kim Nappi, and Kenny & Val March**. I could NOT have done it without you. An honorable mention goes to **Jim Fregosi**, bartender extraordinaire, **Stuart Batchelor**, all around good guy, **Nancy Batchelor and Marissa Hauselt** for putting on Woods 'n' Whites and for setting the social events bar so dang high, and all of the other members who either offered to help or stepped in to set up or clean up. Thank you all!

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

I wanted to begin my final newsletter of the year by extending my deepest gratitude to all of the volunteers who helped the tennis program run our club events this past year. Without their continued commitment, enthusiasm and effort our events could not have run effectively and come close to achieving what I believe to be the true goal for our program, bringing members together through our love of tennis. Many of you faithful volunteers sacrificed your own enjoyment to help

with the needs of others and my warmest thanks and heartfelt appreciation goes out to you all. My apologies if I have inadvertently missed your contribution to our tennis program success this year – **Maris Laipenieks, Devi Ananda, Cris Mangar, Ken March, Mitch Wakasa, Marv Charney, Marilee Brooks, Mickey and Linda Podolsky, Bill Sharer, Jim Sobel, Peter Stevenson, Doug Stone, Jeff Tateosian, Dennis Mayer, Betty Cookson, Phil Zlatunich, Lona Means, Ron and Marci Martinucci, Del Nichols, Brian and Marsha Heimbecker, Lee Bradford, Nancy Chew, Jen Desler, Nancy and Stuart Batchelor, Jeff Tsu, Torrey Bryant, Steve Brooks, Debbie Oldham, Marissa Hauselt, Mark and Jane Percy, Joni Amaroli, Marisa Hauselt, Jen Desler, Mary Eliason, Kay Coskey, Terry Yee, Rob Kotmel, Maya Nelson, Rob, Beth and Katie Adams, Craig Andrews, Steve Benvenuto, Julie and Mike Buckmaster, Chris Cooke, Brad Craig, Rob Delantoni, Amy Fearn, Dennis Huajardo**. Thank you for sharing your love of the game and for always showing your willingness to assist in making our events at PTC enjoyable for all.

Each tennis event was run and managed by your super duper Tennis Committee which did the grunt work for every tennis event this year. Amazingly, the committee was comprised of only two and a half people, **Tom, Sabine and Elena (Coco) Middlemass**. The club owes them a huge debt of gratitude for the above and beyond efforts they put into each and every club tennis event. Sincerest Thank You!

Our club staff, **Jose and Mary**, and led by our ever present, hard working club manager, **Lona**, was always at hand to take care of any issue that arose and made sure the club was running smoothly each and every day. Thank you for your caring attitudes and ever present dedication to helping make the club a great home away from home for our members.

To **Marci** and **Albert**, my cohorts in the tennis office and courts 4 and 5, your terrific attitude, work ethic and support day in day out, have brought the club lesson program to new heights. Efficient and timely communication and billing, regular lesson scheduling, creative event organization, clear and fundamental instruction for all levels and sharing our love of the game, has meant more members are being served than ever

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before. Our goal at the beginning of the year was to step by step improve the club lesson program and bring members together. We have created time for more member private lessons along with new group and team clinics, where members have met and are now socializing and playing together. Thank you for your attentiveness to details and day in day out work ethic throughout the year. We make a great team and your unreserved support throughout the year with its ebbs and flows have helped us become a tight, well oiled trio ready to begin another great year together. Go RAM!

And finally to our wise and honorable Board Members and President, our most humble thanks for your time, dedication and well meaning leadership throughout the year. Your ever present commitment to managing the club helped bring thoughtful ideas and recommendations forward in the best interests of PTC. The Members gratitude go out to you all.

Junior Tennis

I'd like to thank all our parent supporters and helpers in making this another exceptional year for RS Academy and our goal of bringing the sport of tennis into the lives of our club member youth. That has been our mission from day one and we continue to provide dynamic programming for children ages 5-18 and at various ability levels. A very big thank you our Leadership kids, **Zach Martinucci, Halle Martinucci, Nick Yee, Matt Miller, Lizzie Siegle, Elena Middlemass, Andrew Olson and Ethan Smith**, for their commitment and willingness to always help the younger Juniors in the program....this is the true definition of giving back! These outstanding kids help out with the QuickStart, U10 and STAR programs and are always willing to lend a helping hand. Their assistance and dedication is greatly appreciated and plays an instrumental role in the success of our Academy Programs!

Have a very Happy Holiday Season!

Riaz

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Dec 2012 (Pacific Time)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 1 pm - 7.5 Combo 2 pm - 7.5 Combo 1	26	27	28 9 am - SFPTL Senior	29	30	1 1 pm - Mixed 7.0	2 1 pm - 6.5 Combo	3	4	5 9 am - SFPTL	6	7	8 1 pm - 6.5 Combo
9 1 pm - PTC vs. San	10	11	12 10 am - BHS Holiday	13	14	15 9 am - Pro Court #3 1 pm - Ladies 6.5 6 pm - Holiday Party	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5