

December 2013

President's Message



Phil Zlatunich

Thank you all for attending the November membership meeting and special thank you's to **Eric Brand, Lisa Rogers, and Kelly Mulready** for their concise and informative presentations. The meeting was well attended and the positive feedback was greatly appreciated.

I would like to congratulate the confirmed members of next year's Board, **Kay Coskey, Jeff Schubiner, and Stuart Batchelor**. This distinguished group will assume their duties following our Annual Membership meeting in January.

PTC has a long standing tradition of honoring our staff through member donations to the Annual Holiday Fund. This is our way of thanking each of them for their dedication and loyalty throughout the year, so please give generously.

In closing, on behalf of **Lona**, our PTC staff, and the members of the Board of Directors, best wishes for a joyous and memorable holiday season.

Upcoming Events

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- PTC Holiday Party
Saturday, December 14th
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- Annual PTC Membership Meeting
Sunday, January 21st 6:30 pm
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- 12th Annual Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 2nd
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Editor's Message



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 2013, I would like to take this moment to thank those members who provide the club news, proofread each edition and of course, produce it. Board Members, **Phil Zlatunich, Jane Percy, Jennifer Ellison, Kenny March**, as well as **Lona Means**, 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 current version of the Drop Shot seven years ago, **Nancy Batchelor** has proofread each and every monthly newsletter. Ex-President and long-time proofreader, **Bob Sinclair** resigned his mem-

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bership a few months back, and his help with reviewing each newsletter was taken up by **Kate Belding**. They are pretty good at catching most of my mistakes. 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. Dennis, also a former Board Member, gives a great deal of his time to the club working behind the scenes on projects most members are unaware of. I appreciate all of the contributors and hope our members give a word of thanks next time they run into them. And to all members, I wish you the very best during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Congratulations to the following USTA PTC teams for qualifying for the playoffs and hopefully continuing to Districts and Sectionals!

PTC 6.5 Combo captain **Whitney Murphy**

- Second Place

PTC 6.0 Mixed captain **Marsha Heimbecker**

- Second Place

PTC 7.0 Mixed captain **Jerry Ceglia**

- Third Place

Please join me in thanking Teddy Bernardo who donated the lost and found bounty to the disaster relief mission in the Philippines.

Check out the conceptual computer drawings on display in the clubhouse and send any input you may have for the clubhouse renovation to me at manager@ptctennis.com. I will forward them to the committee for review.

Happy Tennis!

Club News

Club Anniversaries for December (5+ years)

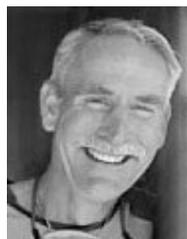
Congratulations to the following members:

Sam & Thea Leavitt 50 Years

Austin Sellery 10 Years

Steve & Donna Balchios 10 Years

Tennis Activities News



Ken March

We held our 4th and final Inter Club for the year with PGCC playing for the Pen Cup. Some spirited tennis was played throughout the day followed by food, beverages and socializing. Unfortunately, PGCC's tennis was a little better that day and they recaptured the Cup that we have held for the past three years. Thanks to all who participated, with special thanks to **Maggie Blumberg** for her help organizing this event. Inter Clubs are a fun experience and a great time to meet new people from our club and others in a socially competitive environment. Players play in and out of their ratings, getting good exposure to different styles and levels of play. Interested? Keep an eye on the Drop Shot each month next year and check the PTC roster for the schedule of all of the Inter Club matches.

As our tennis events year winds down and our holiday spirits ramp up, it is a great time to be around family and friends. Friends at PTC are like extended family. It is such a good feeling to walk into the Club and see everyone sharing the same passion for tennis. We are looking forward to next year's tennis events calendar with a lot of enthusiasm built on the success of this year.

Thanks again to all Tennis Committee members for a memorable year and we are looking forward to a successful 2014!!

Pro Search Committee



Kelly Mulready

The search for the new **Head Tennis Pro** is officially underway! We have posted the job opening on both the USTA and USPTA Norcal websites. We also sent an email blast to the entire membership last month with the job posting. If you did not receive the email, there is a

poster in the clubhouse along with hard copies for you to take and pass along to any pros you may know that might be a great fit for the club. All referrals are welcome and highly encouraged!

Right now, we are in the process of tracking and reviewing resume submissions. We have already received quite a range of applicants, one from as far as Serbia! Ideally, we would like to find someone a little closer to home.

Soon, we will begin narrowing our search to the top candidates and begin the formal interview process, which will consist of an on-court instructional review. We will ask candidates to give a couple of lessons and clinics to members of varying ages and abilities to observe their teaching style, presence and how well they interact with members.

Our goal is to have a Head Pro in place at PTC by early 2014 so that he or she can prepare for the spring and summer programs. We are excited to reach the next phase as it represents a fresh start in the new year. Here's wishing "the best is yet to come!" Cheers, everyone.

Membership News



Jane Pearcy

Happy Holidays from Membership! I'm happy to introduce our newest members, **Scott and Karen Lang**, and their children **Elizabeth and Victoria**. The Langs are sponsored by the **DeWitts** and the **Bartuses**. Karen volunteers at her children's school and Scott plays golf, but both are looking to get their priorities straight and get out on the courts more often. Victoria is a gymnast and competitive cheerleader and Elizabeth is a rider, but they enjoy tennis and hope to get involved in some clinics. All who know the Lang's describe them as outgoing and positive. We are so happy to welcome them to the PTC! Thank you all for bringing such wonderful members into the club this year. Let's keep rolling in 2014!



*Karen and Scott Lang
Elizabeth and Victoria*

Social Events News



Jennifer Ellison

Please plan on joining us for the Annual Holiday Party on December 14th. This year, we will also be celebrating the club's 80th anniversary so it will be a truly special event. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be catered by Joshua Charles and cocktails will be mixed by our expert bartenders, **Jim Fregosi** and **Steve Williams**. We will be featuring live music by our very own **Brian Wachhorst** and his band, so that you can dance the night away. Please sign up in the clubhouse or by emailing Lona_manager@ptctennis.com so that we will have an accurate headcount. The cost will be a modest \$15 per person.

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar		Dec 2013 (Pacific Time)					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3 8 am - Back Court	4 9 am - Masters	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11 9 am - Wise Aces	12 9 am - Swinging Aces	13	14 5:30pm - Holiday	
15	16	17 8 am - Front Court	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	