

January 2018

President's Message



Kim Cresci

2018 is here and I can't wait to see all that comes our way in the new year. Looking back at 2017 for me is a great reminder of how wonderful we all have it at the PTC. 2017 kicked off with starting a significant club renovation project and finished by hiring a new director of tennis, **Pablo Alvarado**.

A terrific thanks to the Board members and **Lona Means**, who have spent the year working and giving their time to make us a great club. Hats off to **Duncan Grenier**, who was an invaluable support to myself and the entire Board throughout this exciting year. In the best and worst of times, it was good to hear from a club member who cares so deeply for our membership. There are not enough words to communicate how wonderful **Jeff Eliason** was with the finances over the past couple of years. **Matt Maloney** has gifted the club many hours over the past two years and the club is a better place for it. **Keith Pratt** was a champion about taking down our minutes and making some sense of it all - not always easy. Both **Sheila Druskin Higgins** and **Peter Stevenson** worked tirelessly to make our social and tennis events something to remember. They truly have made this year a blast despite the hurdles. I will miss this group and wish the new Board all the best in the new year.

Upcoming Events

- January 16th 6:30pm
Annual Membership Meeting
- Sunday, February 4th 3:00 pm
Annual Super Bowl Party
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Editor's Note

by Jeff Tateosian



I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's Board members (**Kim Cresci, Duncan Grenier, Peter Stevenson, Matt Maloney, Sheila Higgins & Jeff Eliason**), as well as **Lona Means**, for writing a year's worth of informative articles for this past year's Drop Shots. We all appreciate their time and effort. A big thank you also goes to **Nancy Batchelor, Kate Belding** and **Lona** for proofreading the newsletters each month. Finally, thank you to **Dennis Mayer** for his work in formatting and printing the newsletters that are mailed to members every quarter. **Both Nancy and Dennis** have volunteered their time helping to produce the Drop Shot over the past eleven years.

As we enter 2018, I'd like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to **George Parker** and **Dyle Anderson**, the two oldest members at PTC. Please see their stories at the end of the newsletter.

Manager's Corner



by Lona Means
The generosity of the PTC members is amazing! Loel, Tony, Joanie and I would like to thank PTC members for their very generous contributions to the holiday fund. Your kindness is very much appreciated. We all wish you and your families a very happy and healthy 2018.

The next USTA 40+ Men's and Women's and 55+ Mixed teams are now forming. Play begins January 13th through March 18th. Please contact the captain or me at peninsulatennis-club@gmail.com if you are interested in playing on a team this season.

Club News

by Jeff Tateosian

Club Anniversaries for Jan – Mar (5+ years)
Congratulations to the following members:

Dennis & Claudia Argyres	35 Years
Werner & Jeanette Yee	35 Years
Ryan & Caroline Clark	5 Years

Congratulations to Kate Desler, daughter of **Brian** and **Jennifer Desler**, for being named West Bay Athletic League Foothill Division Most Valuable Player, as well as being named the Daily Journal Volleyball Player of the Year. As a senior at Sacred Heart Prep, she helped to lead her volleyball team to the Nor Cal State Championships. During her outstanding season, she led the state in total volleyball kills – quite an amazing accomplishment for this gifted athlete. Next year, she plans on attending Tufts University in Massachusetts.

Celebrity Sightings – Can you guess which current PTC members are pictured with Stan Smith and Arthur Ashe on the photo page below? The PTC member is on the right. Answers will be in the February newsletter.

Tennis Activities News



What a fantastic year of tennis at the club! From the Fling and van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship in the Spring to the end of season Men's Singles and Women's Doubles Championship – the play was

impressive, and the competition spirited. I hope that everyone who participated in one or more of the 10 events this past year had a blast and are already looking forward to this year's slate.

There are so many people who helped throughout the year to plan, organize and run these tennis events.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank Lona for the countless hours she put in across each event as well as for her "sage" advice and guidance to me and the Tennis Committee members. As with many of the wonderful events and experiences here at PTC, Lona's impact and contributions can't be underestimated. Thank you, Lona.

I'd also to give special thanks to Sheila Druskin and the members of the Social Committee. As most of you know, many of our events have integral themes that are a big part of the fun for participants. In addition, all events involve setting up food and beverage for dozens of people over extended timeframes. Sheila and her team really outdid themselves this past year as each of the events were just as much fun off the court as they were on. Thank you, Sheila and all the members of the Social Committee.

The old adage that "it takes a village" was particularly true when it came to the success of all of our tennis events. Whether it was planning an event, recruiting players, setting up a bracket, managing operations, or officiating a match, the Tennis Committee members came together throughout the year and helped to put on a really excellent set of tournaments. Many thanks to **Mindy Wong, Steve Brooks, Victoria**

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Culas, Kris Willig, Nancy Batchelor, Jeff Schubiner, Marissa Hauselt, Jeff Tateosian and Whitney Murphy for all of your contributions and support.

Finally, I'd like to offer a special thanks to our House and Grounds custodian **Loel**. On several occasions over the year, Loel jumped in to help set-up for a tournament and/or prepare the courts for play. Thank you, Loel.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing everyone on the courts in 2018.

Our new tennis pro, Pablo Alvarado, has a vast

Tennis Pro Facts

experience and an expert coaching eye. Pablo has been teaching recreational and professional players for over 20 years. He has trained two members of the Argentinian Fed Cup Team and has introduced hundreds of juniors to the joys of tennis. Pablo is also a PTR clinician, and he has been training coaches in several countries. In 2014, he was named Argentina's Coach of the Year. He is looking forward to getting to know everyone and hopes to see you in his clinics and lessons.

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It's been an eventful year and as you've heard,

House & Grounds News



by Matt Mahoney

the completion of the clubroom upgrades is the culmination of many years of hard work by many members. I'd like to send another big thank you to all who contributed in big and small ways. It wouldn't have happened without you.

Security: While there are always repairs and maintenance taking place, we are looking into adding two security cameras that will allow us to better monitor the grounds, particularly for after-

hours "visitors." We will update you once installation is completed.

It has been my pleasure to serve the last two years in this capacity. I now have a true appreciation for the people, often in the background, that make PTC work and make it so special. Special thanks to **Lona** and **Loel** who are making it happen every day.

Membership News



by Duncan Grenier

Please help me welcome our newest member family:

Chris & Katy Krook
(Kelsey '92), Matthew ('94), Riley ('97)

Resignations

Jill & Tom Pulley

Social Events News



by Sheila Druskin

Happy New Year! Thanks to our wonderful membership for a great year of events. Your enthusiasm, camaraderie and support at each of our events made my role as Social Chair a lot of fun and a really lovely way to get to know more of you.

Our holiday party had a record turnout and was a great night of good tidings. Special thanks to **Phil & Tery Zlatunich, Theresa Delosada, Mary Eliason, Cris Mangar, Jackie Sage & Kim Cresci** for helping transform the clubroom with elegant and festive cheer. Thanks to **Brian Wachhorst** and his band for keeping everyone's spirits bright, and to **Jim Fregosi** and his merry band of bartenders for keeping the other kind of specialty spirits flowing. Extra special thanks to **Loel** and **Tony** for their help before, during and after the

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party, and of course to our one and only *Lona*, the true Santa without whom none of the magic could happen.

Our next official social event will be the Super Bowl party on Sunday Feb 4th – keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet later this month.

Celebrating Two PTC War Veterans

Dyle Anderson

In June, Dyle Anderson will be celebrating 72 years at PTC. At 96 years young, he is the longest tenured member at the club.

Dyle's family were homesteaders in the small town of Circle, Montana. He and his sister, Marjorie, attended a one room school house. Although sports and music led him to attend USC from a young age, Dyle's dream was to fly. He saved money from his earnings (high school band) to take flight lessons. He became a pilot and ended up serving in three wars (Aleutian Islands in WWII, Korea and Vietnam). He ended his career flying for Pan American World Airways for 39 years.

After joining the PTC in 1946, he started his quest to excel in tennis. He won tournaments at all levels – local, state and national – often with the help of many PTC members. A few of his past partners were: **Ken Sorensen, George Young, Jim Delahanty, Austin Sellery, and Fred Darling.** Besides his numerous Singles and Doubles Tournament titles, Dyle has eight Gold Balls (National Titles) and more than ten Silver Balls (Finalist/Runner-up), on a variety of hard court, grass and clay court surfaces. He played tournaments until age 92. He continues to play weekly with friends and with his pro, Ray Smith at The Remington Club in San Diego. Dyle has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren who are proud of him. We are all continually amazed at his tennis skills, life lessons, and his competitive spirit.

George Parker

Recently, the lovable George Parker celebrated his 99th birthday. He is the oldest member at PTC. Along with his wife *Cari*, he has lived a few houses away from the club on Lexington Way since 1975. They joined the club a few years later. George was very athletic and a very good player, winning many tournaments.

Living almost a century exclusively in California, he is an encyclopedia of knowledge. Most of it comes from his real-life experiences. George was a graduate student at the Stanford School of Business when he first learned of the attack at Pearl Harbor on that fateful Sunday in 1941.

Having been inducted into the Marine Corps Reserve just weeks earlier, George suddenly became aware it was only a matter of time until he would be ordered to report for service. He said the draft for military service loomed over many of his peers in the months prior to the attack, and that he took the advice of a friend who urged him to enroll in an officer's school.

Upon being called for duty, he went through weeks of anti-aircraft and seacoast artillery classes in Quantico, Virginia. Shortly thereafter, he was teaching new Marines how to use heavy artillery guns at the same base.

By 1944, George found himself stationed in Hawaii and traveling to islands in the Pacific including Saipan and Tinian as a part of artillery efforts. There, he fought with an artillery battery against the Japanese.

Though George and his fellow Marines had been planning where they would land in Japan for a future invasion, he said the dropping of atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 marked an end to his time in the Pacific, leaving him to return back to Stanford to finish his business degree. Upon receiving his degree, he worked at a public accounting firm and other financial positions.

For anyone who has known George through the years, his love of music has been what has set him apart. You never had to twist his arm to get him to sing at PTC Holiday Parties, or in between matches on the upper deck area. When he reaches his 100th birthday in October, I hope our members will give back and celebrate that special day with a song to celebrate a century of service and dedication to his family.

Please help me thank Dyle and George for their service to our country, for their life accomplishments, and for being the type of members at PTC we all strive to be.

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New PTC Members



Chris & Katy Krook Family



*New Tennis Pro
Pablo Alvarado*



Dyle Anderson



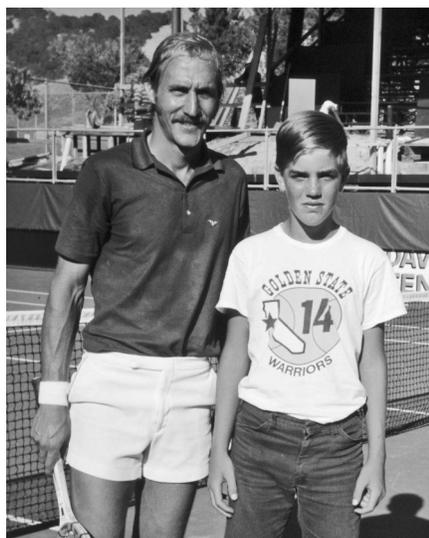
George and Kari Parker



Arther Ash and what current member?



PTC 40+ 3.5 Team at Districts



Stan Smith and what current member?