

PTC Drop Shot

April 2023

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 8th

Tuesday, April 18th

Sunday, May 7th

Friday, May 12th

Friday-Sunday, June 2-4

Saturday, June 3rd

Thursday, June 22nd

Tuesday, July 18th

Thursday, July 20th

Thursday, August 17th

Spring Fling Tournament

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Parent/Child Trap

Ladies Doubles Tournament

van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship

van Dillen Happy Hour

Twilight Tennis & BBQ

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President's Message: *Marty Funk*

Spring has arrived! I trust you've all weathered the weather without any serious challenges. What a crazy couple of months we've had. But the buckets of rain have not dampened the spirits of our membership. The 17th Annual Super Bowl Watch Party and Chili Cook-off were as popular as ever. And the only thing better than the game (a classic) was the winning chili provided by *Andrea McMahan & Andi Sobel*. *Jeff Tateosian* and his friendly football squares and prop bets are always the icing on a great day.

Speaking of buckets of rain, I want to thank the membership for your flexibility as, due to so much weekend rain, we had temporarily extended the start times for weekend USTA matches to 11:00am. Weekends are busy, so without this flexibility, many/most USTA teams would not have been able to finish their seasons.

In February, we said goodbye to *Lona Means*, our long term and beloved manager who decided to retire and spend more time with her family. After an exhaustive search, we feel very lucky to have found *Paul Miller* to step into the Club Manager role. Who knew we only had to look down the street? Paul has been busy learning the ropes and modernizing. If you haven't already, please stop in and introduce yourself to Paul the next time you see him at the club.

We have an exciting quarter ahead with the following events - Spring Fling, the Parent/Child Trap, Women's Doubles Tournament, and the van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship. I hope to see many, most, or all of you at the Club as the weather warms and the pool heater turns on beginning April 15th.

Editor's Note: *Jeff Tateosian*

Please help me in welcoming *Paul Miller* joining PTC as our new Club Manager. Paul and his family moved to Burlingame in October of 2019 from Toronto, Ontario (Canada) for a work relocation for his wife, *Tori*. After an extensive search for housing in the Bay area prior to their move, they found the incredible community of Burlingame thanks in part to club members *Delyn Simons & David Jones*.

Paul & Tori have two boys currently at Washington Elementary & BIS who have developed a love of baseball after quickly abandoning their hockey roots (and hopefully a soon to be appreciation for tennis). Although not a tennis player himself, he has fond memories of watching tennis with his grandparents and developing an understanding and love of the game at an early age. The closeness of those friendships and a desire to become an active member within our community are what drew him to the PTC. Paul brings a wealth of knowledge to the club from the insurance field having previously worked as a commercial insurance broker in Canada. He is excited to join the PTC and to be a part of the treasured history that the club has within the Burlingame community. Welcome, Paul.



In Memoriam - PTC lost two well-liked members during March – *Kent Dorwin & Arlene Callaghan*. Please read my story about Kent's fascinating life later in the newsletter. *Arlene Callaghan* resigned a few years back, but was a long-time member, joining in 1967. They will be missed.

Super Bowl Party - A great time was had by all at the 17th Annual Super Bowl party. The Social Committee did their usual great job of setting up the clubhouse for what turned out to be one of the closest Super Bowl games ever. **Congratulations also go out to** the many winners of the sports betting contests. Members who cashed in were *Steve Williams* (big winner), *Jim Sobel, Kay Coskey, Peter Stevenson, Don Clark, Lynn Feeney, Laura Hesselgren, Bob Wren, Mike Shaffer, Alyssa McCoy, Joe Bojues, & Kristen Strem*.

Manager: *Paul Miller*

General 'Spring Cleaning' Notes:

Our ball machine has been fixed, but a gentle reminder that if the court surface is wet or dewy from the night before, please do not put damp balls back in the hopper as they will clog the machine for the next member.

If you have accidentally left club towels in your locker or taken them home, please return them back to our towel bin as we've noticed a drop in supply over the past few months.

The swimming pool heater has been turned on and will be ready for use as of the release of this issue. Please remember to reserve the swim lane on Skedda for lap swimming. As always, please no glass or breakables around the pool deck and always supervise children.

Our spa is meant for relaxation, please do not bring toys or flotation devices in while you are enjoying it.

You will notice our parking spaces have cones in place in the mornings on weekdays. BHS would like to make sure students are not parking in our spaces so please feel free to move the cone to park if a spot is available.

The upcoming USTA Mixed 40 and over doubles league from June 19 - August 27 opens for registration on April 24th. There will be 3 doubles matches for each level (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0). As always, we will field one team per level. If you would like to be a Captain/co-Captain, please reach out to me to advise.

Club News:

Club Anniversaries for January - March (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Dennis & Claudia Argyres - 40 years

Werner & Jeanette Yee - 40 years

Ryan & Julie Clark - 10 years

Chris & Katy Krook - 5 years

Aqua Fit Classes – Mark Your Calendars!!

Would you like to strengthen and tone a wide variety of muscles in a low-impact environment? PTC will be introducing AQUA FIT classes in our heated pool starting Monday, May 15th. Classes will be scheduled for 11:00am - noon. This will be an ongoing class on Mondays throughout the summer (no class on 7/3/23) and hopefully into autumn.

The initial class fee for Monday, May 15 will be \$10.00 per person. For future classes, there will be a 6-class punch card (\$60.00) valid until 7/17/23. This gives you flexibility if you need to miss a couple of classes. There will also be a drop-in fee option at \$13.00 per person. Class fees are payable to our teacher, Ellen Bauer, who teaches Aqua Fit at both CSM and Canada Colleges.

Class size at this time will be limited to 20 participants. Please secure your spot by emailing our manager, Paul @ peninsulatennisclub@gmail.com. If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Olive Ebert** (olivejebert@hotmail.com) or **Linda Pene Nagare** (penenagare@gmail.com).

Tennis News: Steven Oliver

We are going to have a fun year of Tennis events that will continue to build our PTC community!

This past Saturday, April 8th, we were off and running in our inaugural event, the Spring Fling. The tennis was friendly and fun, with a bit of our PTC competitive spirit.

To build more community, we had numerous newer members (*Paul Felton, James Taylor & Amy/Ric Fenton* to name a few) there to mingle with. I hope you had a chance to connect with these newer members.

Special thanks to Nancy Batchelor, Sheila Higgins Druskin, Dave Bressie, & Ken March for helping me provide a wonderful tennis event.

Oh, and for the Spring Fling FINALS: The Champions were the WHITE team: *Erica Reilly - Captain, Ron Pang, Marilee Brooks, Jyoti Palaniappan, Beth Francesconi, & James Taylor*. The Runner-Ups were the GREEN team: *Amanda Wheeler - Captain, Ric Fenton, Olive Ebert, Randy Wong, Carey Welsh, & John Garner*. Well Done to ALL Participants.



Spring Fling Champions



Spring Fling Runner-Ups



Spring Fling – “Building the PTC Community”

Next up is the Sunday, May 7th Parent/Child Trap, which will be a fun event for parents and their children to enjoy tennis together. This event will showcase our PTC junior's tennis skills on the courts in multiple brackets. Family fun is the focus of the event, which will include, outside of tennis, games, swag, and food/beverages. Spectators are encouraged to check out the up-and-coming PTC Junior talent. Thanks to **Marcus Shen** for running this event. Please email Marcus with questions: mjshen@gmail.com.

On Friday, May 12, we'll be featuring another staple for PTC, the Ladies Doubles Tournament. Details including sign-ups will be emailed out soon, so please keep an eye out for it.

In the beginning of June, we will hold the highly competitive van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship. Look for announcements shortly detailing the schedule and sign-ups. I anticipate that this well-attended event will be bigger than ever.

Get ready to welcome back new TGIF events to PTC. Time, date & details to follow.

Did you know that most PTC events are supported by volunteers? If you're interested in volunteering or have a tennis event you would like to spearhead, please let me know at swoliver2@gmail.com (415-912-0521). The volunteers are the backbone of all our events. The next time you participate in an event, please be sure to thank the volunteers.

Congratulations to the PTC Men's 40+ 3.0 USTA Team for reaching Sectionals (May 19-21).



Pictured from the playoff team - James Taylor, Denis Murphy, Chad Partridge, Tom Treanor, Steve Voorhis, & John Garner

Membership News: *Kris Willig*

PTC's current waitlist remains strong, with 23 applicants eager to join our club.

The Membership Committee considers many factors when evaluating applicants for membership. In addition to the applicant's passion for and commitment to playing tennis - the primary consideration - other criteria include (in no particular order): frequency of the applicant's attendance at PTC as a guest; the applicant's participation on PTC's USTA teams while on the waitlist (so long as there is space available – note that guest fees *do not* apply to applicants playing in a USTA match or practice); the applicant's ability to maintain the spirit and camaraderie of the club; the applicant's willingness to participate in club events; the current needs of our USTA teams; unsolicited input from other club members; and sponsor involvement/promotion.

Sponsors, please remember that you are responsible for and should take an active role in your applicant's path to membership at PTC. Bringing your applicant to the club to play tennis, socialize, and meet other members is strongly encouraged. Our rules state that:

- Sponsors may bring an applicant to the club twice per month to play tennis or attend social gatherings (Twilight Tennis, TGIF's, etc.); normal guest fees apply.
- Additional days can be arranged for play with members of the Board or Membership Committee, but with no fee.

In all cases, applicants must be signed in, whether fees are due. Please make sure to sign them in as guests and note "Applicant" next to their entry on the sign-in sheet.

The current applicant waitlist is always posted on the outdoor bulletin board. The Guidelines used by the Committee are now posted there as well. All Club members are encouraged to provide feedback to the Club manager in writing regarding applicants they recognize.

This year's Membership Committee members are *Kerry Mahrer, Andrea Moore, Meaghan Schaefer,* and *Jeff Tateosian*. Please let me or any Committee member know if you have any questions about the membership process.

The Membership Committee has hit the ground running. Please join us in welcoming our newest PTC members:

The Hopkins family, residents of Burlingame, they joined PTC in February. *David* and his wife *Rebecca* have three children – Sam (21), Henry (12) and Nathan (10). David, who was ranked as a Norcal Junior and played one year of DIII college tennis, has jumped right in, and is already playing on PTC's Men's 40 & Over 4.0 team. Both David and Rebecca are active volunteers and look forward to becoming part of the PTC community. (*Sponsors: Grenier, Harbin*)

The Beerle family became PTC members in March. *Tom* and his wife *Jennifer* have two children, Cameron (12) and Dylan (10). A 3.5 player, Tom plays several times a week and is already participating in PTC's 40 & Over 3.5 team. The Beerles live in Burlingame, not far from the club, and are excited to become active members of PTC. (*Sponsors: Palaniappan, Geheran*)

Resignations (since January 2023):

Marian FitzGerald
Lori and Scott Langmack
Patti and Travis Poindexter

We will miss you!

Social News: Carey Welsh

As a kick-off to our social year, we had a fun turnout at the Social Meet & Greet to recruit help with events last month. If anyone is still willing and able to lend a hand with any of our upcoming events, please contact Carey Welsh careywelsh@yahoo.com. Many hands will make for lighter work and greater events.

Spring Fling Flower Frenzy

What a fun spring day on the courts! Teams were decked out in their bright colors and flowers were everywhere. The day went off without a hitch due to the amazing efforts of *Nancy Batchelor* and *Valerie March*, who took the lead on the food, decor, and prizes. The after-party was great fun with lots of food, drink, and music to celebrate the beginning of Spring at the club. The gathering may go down as one of the best we have had in a while. The food spread by Nancy will be talked about until the next party and *Peter Stevenson* created two flower-powered specialty drinks to complete our bar. Fun giveaways, PTC magnets, and gift cards, were raffled off - hope you enjoyed it all!

Thank you to the social team who helped make the after party a huge success: *Nancy Batchelor, Val March, Peter Stevenson, Marissa Wachhorst, Devi Ananda, Grace Voohoris, Gabrielle Funk, Micky Podolsky, Kay Coskey & Kris Willig.*

Next up: Ladies Doubles Tournament and Lunch

Friday, May 12th is the annual Ladies Day themed "Queens of the Court" this year. Grab a partner and watch for an email with more details soon. Calling all men who are available to help on the day as the ladies will all be on the court. Let Carey know if you want to be part of the "Queens' Court" that day.

It takes a lot of teamwork to put on these wonderful social events PTC is used to. If you are interested in joining our very “social” team, please contact me at careywelsh@yahoo.com. We would love your help. Thank you to everyone who has offered already!



Spring Fling After-Party



Tennis Pro: Pablo Alvarado

We are more excited than ever for this Spring season. We are working hard to have playing opportunities for everyone in the PTC family.

We are thrilled to introduce you to our two new coaches, *Daniel Miller* and *Clayton Farac* who will be completing the PTC Coaching Staff along with *Stephanie* and myself. Dan is a USPTA Elite Professional with 20+ years of experience. After growing up in Santa Barbara and spending many years directing Tennis Academies on the East Coast, he is enjoying being back in California. When he is riding his bike, he is on court and sharing his broad knowledge and passion for the game. Clayton was born and raised in Burlingame and after playing high school tennis and going to Canada for college he decided to make his path

in the tennis industry, becoming a USPTA Certified Tennis Professional. Clayton has worked for important clubs and country clubs in different states, and he is happy to be back home doing what he loves. As Clayton also has a very solid stringing background, if you don't see him on court, you will find him at Tennis Station doing great stringing jobs.

Adult Clinics / Classes

We know that a new USTA season is coming, so don't hesitate to contact us if you want to fine tune your game before getting on court. We are updating the players portal with more drop-in clinics and private lessons openings that you can book and sign up from there and we will be sending those out through club emails as well. As always, if you don't find a time that works for your schedule just send me an email and we will make it happen.

For the first time we are running a Co-ed Adult Tennis Program on Saturdays at BHS. This is perfect for those who have busy schedules over the week and are looking to find a group clinic. There are 3 levels:

- **Adult 101:** for Beginners and players returning to the sport after a break - Saturdays 2-3pm
- **Adult 201:** for players up to 3.0 level - Should be able to Serve and Rally - Saturdays 2-3pm
- **Adult Intermediate:** for players 3.5 and above - Saturdays 3-4:30pm

There are still spots available for the Spring II season (May 6th-June 10th) book your spot now [HERE](#)

Junior Program & Summer Camps

The PTC Evolution tennis program is available for kids of all levels ages 5-18yrs. We offer clinics every weekday after school at PTC and over the weekends at BHS. If you are interested in having your kids join our clinics during the spring, contact us at info@evolutionburlingame.com and I will be happy to schedule a free assessment.

If you are still organizing summer activities, Evolution Summer Camps are the best tennis option in the area. Our camps deliver all the energy, instruction, camaraderie and fun that our campers have come to love. We offer children 5-18yrs the finest of sports programming with experienced and qualified coaches and counselors. This year we are introducing the Summer Pass, the BEST DEAL for multiple week registrations. With the Summer Pass you can book up to 5 weeks of camps, saving about 40% off the registration fees! Check out more about our summer camps at www.evolutionburlingame.com.

PTC Junior Travel Teams:

We are glad to announce that PTC is having three Junior teams competing in the Junior Travel Team League this season. Teams are all formed by members / Junior members who have shown dedication and commitment to the Junior Program. Here is the list of the players who are participating in the teams:

- **PTC 14U Yellow:** Ryan & Allison Newman - Aaron Lo - Cameron & Gavin Liu - Arthurs Scholom - Maya Kacholiya - Ana Yang
- **PTC 12U Green 1:** Cort Harbin - Bryce Taylor - Connor Kim - Grant Partridge - Liku Inaba - Landon Rokovich - Alexander Beldock
- **PTC 12U Green 2:** Oscar Chung - Jack & Thomas Warren - Emily Matt - Ethan Huang - Madison Beldock

PTC Junior Teams play on Sunday afternoons at BHS. You are welcome to swing by and cheer for them.

Racquet Drop for Restrings at PTC

For those who love to play with fresh new strings and prefer to do it from the comfort of PTC, I will be opening a Racquet Drop station in my office in the next few days - more info to come.

In Memoriam - Kent Dorwin

Kent was one of the more popular members of the club during his two decades at PTC. He passed away in March at the age of 88 years old. Forever an encyclopedia of Bay Area sports, Kent could share the latest stats, injury reports, and even the betting line on any team, especially the San Francisco 49ers. His wealth of knowledge kept him quite relevant in the clubhouse even though he had to give up tennis many years ago due to his sports injuries.

Kent grew up in Oakland and attended Fremont High School where he excelled in Basketball. An All-League player, he played on the California All Star team alongside the likes of Bill Russell. Kent received a basketball scholarship to the University of Oregon where he earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees. No one at the club was prouder to represent the green and gold colors of the Ducks than he.

Following several years in the military as a pilot for the U.S. Air Force, Kent enjoyed learning a new sport – volleyball. He eventually made two U.S. National Volleyball teams and won a Silver Medal at the 1963 Pan American Games in Brazil.

Kent joined PTC in March of 2000 after being an Honorary Member of the Olympic Club for many decades. Besides his enjoyment in discussing sports, he loved nothing better than to brag about his grandkids, both of whom were top athletes. Recently, his grandson Drew and granddaughter Delaney were both named Co-Athletes of the Week by the San Mateo Daily Journal. In fact, Drew's Half Moon Bay High School team played for the State High School Basketball Championship last month. Kent even enjoyed hearing the play by play of the game prior to his passing. It's apparent that the apple never fell far from the tree in Kent's family. He will be missed.



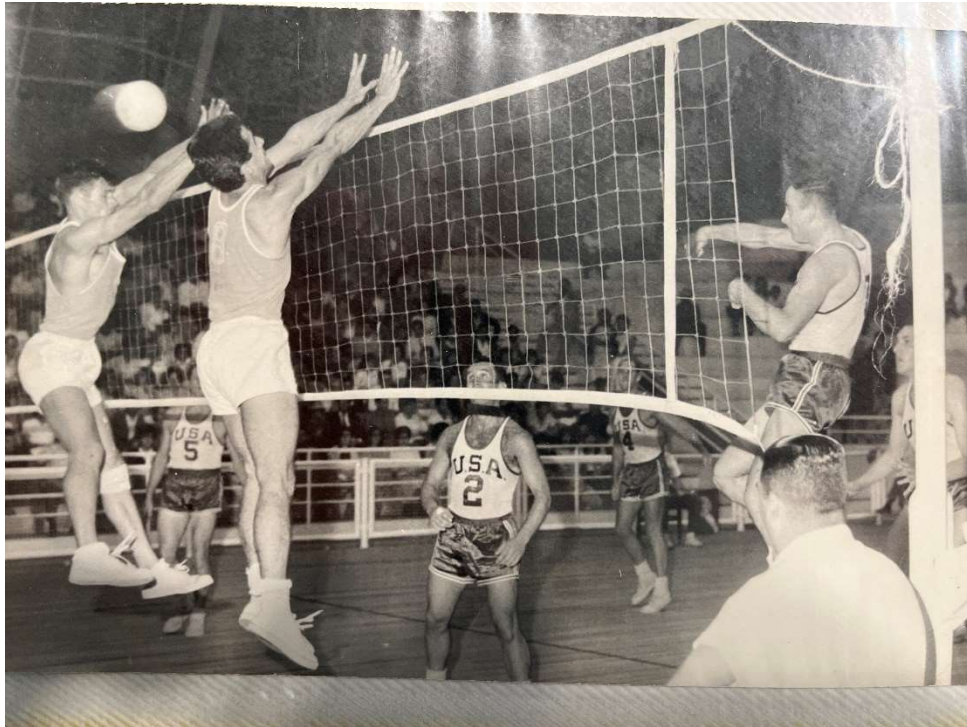
Kent Dorwin



Kent & his grandson at NorCal Championships



Kent is driving for the layup.



Kent just spiked the ball at the Pan Am Games.