



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club
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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ 87 Years of Tennis

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 17th	Twilight Tennis & BBQ
Friday, September 9th	Calcutta Dinner & Team Draw
Saturday, September 10th	Men's Calcutta Tournament
Sunday, September 11th	Women's Calcutta Tournament
Friday, September 15 th	Annual PTC Poker Tournament
Friday-Sunday, Sept 29 th – Oct 1 st Championship	Betty Cookson Doubles
Saturday-Sunday, October 28 th - 29 th	Men's Club Singles Finals

President's Message: *Marty Funk*

Well, after a couple of false starts (wind, fog, bleh), it feels like summer has finally arrived! As I hear tennis camp on the back courts and "Marco Polo" echo between the wind screens, I'm reminded of how much fun it is to be a kid in the summer. It's almost as much fun as being a grown-up member of PTC.

The season is in full "swing" with some great events (which you'll read more about later). But some highlights for me certainly include the Parent Trap, a new and fun event for families, the van Dillen Doubles Championship, which showcased one of the most exciting finals in years, the Women's Doubles tournament, the Spring Fling, and the always wacky Twilight Tennis. If you haven't yet joined some of these events, you're really missing out on one of the many things that makes PTC our little treasure. But don't worry, we still have several more events in the back half of the year just waiting for new members to join.

As far as Club business goes, the members of our Board continue to impress me with their passion and commitment to the Club and its members. This has been a year, not of big projects, but of cleaning up some of our processes and codifying several items. They may not be glamorous, but essential for the Club in the near and long term.

We have switched two Board assignments recently. *Steve Livingston* will now take over as the Treasurer, and *Beth Francesconi* will finish the year as the Board Secretary.

Finally, we're going to begin to investigate a long-term solution for the condition of the front courts. As you may recall, we resurfaced courts 1-3 last summer and while this addressed some immediate and rather serious problems, many cracks have already begun to surface (new and returning). We know this is a problem with the substructure and underlying soil and water conditions unique to that section of the club, as evidenced by the complete lack of issues on courts 4-7. You, the members, have been very patient with this, and I thank you.

Enjoy the summer at PTC and if I haven't met you yet, please introduce yourself or I'll do the same. The best part of this role is how many new people I still have the pleasure of meeting.

Editor's Note: *Jeff Tateosian*

Poker at PTC is back!! For those of you who have been asking, we have set the date for PTC's Club Hold'em Poker Tournament. It will take place on Friday, September 15th. Because of Covid, this annual favorite will be the second time it's been held since 2019. The event will start at 6:00 pm. Look for more information to be announced as we get closer. Be sure to contact me at jefftat@pacbell.net or 650-867-7560 if you have any questions in the meantime.

Manager: *Paul Miller*

Have you changed email addresses? Or perhaps have an updated cell phone number? Please take a moment to review your contact information in our membership directory (found in the member's section of our

website, www.peninsulatennisclub.org). We have also added USTA rankings from the USTA database to the directory in case you would like to reach out to another member to hit with. Please send an email to peninsulatennisclub@gmail.com if information in the membership directory is out of date.

Our lost and found area is getting full, and one of our members has graciously volunteered to pack up the unclaimed items for a charitable donation. Please look through the clothing articles in the bin if you (or any members with children) may have left anything behind. Unclaimed items will be removed as of **September 1st**. Some articles that need a closer eye than the general lost and found area are kept in the manager's office. If you have lost jewelry, sunglasses or mistakenly left your club keys by the pool, please see either Steve or me to claim them.

Our Chatham door is in need of repair, specifically the connection from the keypad to the lock. A replacement part has been ordered, but in the meantime the door will be manually opened and locked at the end of the day. On Wednesdays through Saturdays, the door will be open 6:00am until 5:00pm, Sundays through Tuesdays the door will be open 6:00am until 3:30pm. We do appreciate your patience while it's out of service for after hours entry.

Pool reminders - children of members are not permitted in the pool or spa unattended if they are under 14 years of age. We ask that children under 5 not use the spa as the high temperatures can be dangerous to their health. The general rule for the use of the club grounds is that youths under 18 years of age are not permitted on the grounds after 5:00pm unless supervised by an adult member. As always, please watch those you are responsible for closely and make sure children are not running in the pool and spa area. **Remember, there is no lifeguard on duty**. Please close umbrellas after use and place wet towels in the towel bins by the men's and ladies' locker rooms.

Canceling court reservations – we are still experiencing many reserved courts not being used. Please be considerate and cancel your reserved court no matter how close it is to the scheduled time if you are unable to play your match.

In addition to his phenomenal food offerings, Tony, our snack bar manager,

has several new summer items on his menu for a limited time. Banh Mi sandwiches, delicious new salads, as well as pesto chicken pasta and pesto sandwiches. Drop by to try these while they last. If demand is strong, we will add some items to the regular menu.



Chef Tony Alfonso in front of new Match Point Café signage

If there's anything else you need, please call, or stop by and either I or **Steve Dworetzky** will be happy to help.

Club Anniversaries for April - June (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Steve & Pam Merchant - 45 years

Joe Bojues - 30 years

Louise & Kevin Tierney - 25 years
Mario & Robin Alioto - 25 years
Ron & Marci Martinucci - 20 years
Karen Harrigan & Barney Barnato - 20 years
Michael & Linda Podolsky - 15 years
Meagan & Chris Schaefer - 10 years
Ron Pang - 10 years
Dan & Kelly Mulready - 10 years
Duncan & Amy Grenier - 10 years
Karen & Nate Crawford - 5 years
Chase & Kate Rowbotham - 5 years
Gabriel & Deva Dalporta - 5 years
Craig & Paige Hedges - 5 years
Ron & Alicia Campana - 5 years
Luck & Hsian Winter - 5 years

Membership News: Kris Willig

PTC's waitlist stands at a healthy 22 applicants, 5 of whom were added this year.

Sponsors, please take an active role in the application process of your prospective members. Bring them to the club to play tennis, meet other members, and socialize. Applicants and their families may be your guests twice per month (guest fees apply); please note "Applicant" next to their name(s) on the sign-in sheet so that Membership can easily see that they've been visiting.

New Members

Please welcome these two new members to our PTC family.

The Cortina family joined PTC in April. **Lorin** and his wife **Jane** have one child, **Morgan** (21). Lorin plays at the 3.0 level and, according to his sponsor, has been taking weekly lessons to work on his game. Residents of Hillsborough, the Cortinas are looking forward to making new friends in the PTC community.

Sponsors: Cory Ravid and Eric Brand

The *Viswanathan* family also joined PTC in April. *Ravi*, his wife *Ingrid Mazul*, and their two children *Ela* (14) and *Deven* (11) are Burlingame residents. Ravi was a varsity player in high school and now plays socially at the 3.5 level. Both kids are enthusiastic players as well. Welcome, Viswanathan family.

Sponsors: *James Kim* and *Ryan Clark*

Resignations since April 2023 – we're sad to see you go!

David Marcus* and *Tracy Butler

Tom* and *Sabine Middlemass



New member family – Ravi Viswanathan/Ingrid Mazul and family

House & Grounds News: *Doug Heffernan*

A new fan has been ordered for the clubhouse to replace the old one. It is bigger and will provide greater circulation throughout the room.

We are finalizing the design and installation of a water station in the back between courts #3 and #7. It will provide clean & cold water without having to run back to the ice machine in front.

A big thank you goes to *Stuart Batchelor* for helping to upgrade the access points at the club, which should allow for better WIFI accessibility throughout. The two access points are in the clubhouse and near the exercise room.

Tennis News: *Steven Oliver*

We have had some exciting tennis times at our beloved club. We're halfway through the year, with five events in the books, and four more to go. Our events never disappoint, so I hope you have participated in one or more of them. As you know, they are all volunteer-based and many hands make light work. Please contact me at swoliver3@gmail.com if you'd like to help with one or more of the remaining events so we can keep up the awesomeness.

PRIOR EVENTS:

May 7th Parent/Child Trap (hosted by ***Jamie*** and ***Marcus Shen*** with help from their daughters, ***Abby***, and ***Ellie***) was a fabulous turnout for this inaugural family event. We had nearly 60 players, filling three flights of tennis: the Giants flight started it off, playing fun games and drills for novice players. That was then followed by the Niners and Warriors flights, in which each parent teamed up with his or her child to play a round robin of fun and entertaining doubles matches against their fellow PTC members.

Big thank you goes out to: 1) ***Nancy Batchelor*** for her help with the awesome visors for the kids; 2) ***Steven Oliver*** for all his support throughout the planning and execution of the event; 3) ***Paul*** and ***Steve*** for managing all the entries and day-of-event assistance; 4) ***Hazel Slavet***, our event photographer; and most importantly, 5) all the parents and child participants - there was such a great energy and attitude the entire day, which was really the most critical ingredient.

We got a lot of great feedback from you all, but it generally boiled down to: "my daughter/son had such a great time that they'd like to play more tennis," and "I actually had more fun playing with my kid than I expected." That is so rewarding to hear and is more than enough reason for us to do it again very soon.

The "Queens of the Court" Ladies Doubles Round Robin in May was a huge

hit. Our annual Mother's Day weekend kickoff event was enjoyed by all, as evidenced by the photos below. Entertaining outfits, fun doubles pro sets and wonderful decorations and food were highlights, but most important was the great spirit of community.



Val March, Debbie Bakhtiari, Jackie Sage & Kristen Pierce



The “Queen’s” Clubhouse Luncheon

The van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship in early June was epic... can I say epic? I guess when each of the 3.5, 4.0 and Open Divisions went three full sets to determine the winners - that is indeed EPIC. What made it even more special were the spectators who were in attendance to witness the high level of tennis that our club has to offer. We had four divisions this year, and the winners were:

Senior - **Jeff Tateosian** and **Matt Dowling**

3.5 - **Gerry Sydorak** and **Steven Oliver**

4.0 - **Christian Reilly** and **Andrew Ogilvie**

Open - **James Kim** and **Mike Ying**

Special thanks to Nancy Batchelor, Marci Martinucci, and Carey Welsh for all their help running the event, and to **Bryan Welsh** and **Ken March** for organizing and scheduling the tennis brackets. Additional shout outs to **Mike Ying, David Bressie** and **Mark Percy**, as well as all the other volunteers that made this event so successful.



James Kim & Mike Ying – Open Division – 1st Place



(Steven Oliver), Jim Frolik & Ryan Clark – Open Division – Runners Up



(Steven Oliver), Christian Reilly & Andrew Ogilvie – 4.0 Division – 1st Place



(Steven Olivier), Bob Wren & Joe Feeney – 4.0 Division – Runners Up



(Steven Oliver), Matt Dowling & Jeff Tateosian – Senior Division – 1st Place



Gerry Sydorak & Steven Oliver – 3.5 Division – 1st Place





Finals Court action



Nancy Batchelor & Marci Martinucci – Tournament Desk



van Dillen Doubles Championship Trophy

The June 22nd Twilight Tennis “Beach Ball Fun” was hosted by the men's 3.5 team, led by **Jim Sobel** and **Randy Wong**. This event was a blast, with more than 70 members in attendance enjoying fun tennis, great conversations, delicious food, and signature drinks. The beach theme was a hit with island decorations and the mellow Yacht Rock tunes filling our club with a festive environment to kick off summer.

The July 20th Twilight Tennis “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” was hosted by the men’s 4.0 team, led by **Jim Fregosi**, **Bob Wren** and their all-stars. "What a night at the PTC Yard" as 70 plus attendees enjoyed one of the best meals ever for Twilight Tennis. Perfect weather, great music, non-stop tennis, delicious cocktails, and of course, **Jeff Tsu’s** BBQ consisting of Rib Eye, Tri-Tip, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausages, along with everyone’s tasty side dishes made up for a fun night shared by all.

A big shout out to everyone who brought a great salad, Frittata, and dessert. A huge thank you to our volunteers for hitting a Grand Slam out of the Park! *Jeff "Mr. Music" Tateosian, Jeff "The Cook" Tsu, Steve "Blood Orange" Williams, Brian "The Table" Dessler, Christian "Clip Board" Reilly, Matt "Setup" Maloney, Peter "Assist" Stevenson, Joe "The Taster" Feeney, Bob "The Closer" Wren, and lastly, James "Over the Top" Fregosi.* Special thanks to our Greeting team. *Lani "Lanzinni" Fregosi, Nancy "Twilight" Batchelor, and Marci "Frittata" Martinucci.*

Photos from the July 20th Twilight Tennis & BBQ







UPCOMING EVENTS: Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:
Aug 17: Twilight Tennis - to be hosted by the Men's 3.0 Team.

Sep 9-10: Calcutta - a classic club event! Get your game in order (along with your pocketbook if you choose) to participate in this hilarious, fun, friendly, competitive event that has us all fired up, laughing our way through rounds of entertaining tennis.

Sep 30-Oct 1: Betty Cookson Women's Doubles Championship. I'll be recruiting and forming a Tennis Committee for this event in the coming weeks. If you're interested, please contact me at swoliver3@gmail.com or 415-912-0521.

Oct 29: Men's Singles Championship - this popular event will round out our tennis calendar.

OTHER NOTES:

PTC Men's 3.0 40+ team: Our team played in the USTA Sectionals at Elk Grove on May 19-21, with 11 of 13 qualified players playing at least one match. We finished 3-1 and 2nd overall in our five-team flight, only losing to the team from

Discovery Bay (overall runner-up) despite a competitive showing. Considering that our team had no prior sectionals experience and a unified team of rising players, they represented PTC well and concluded a tremendous season. Congratulations and well done!

PTC Men's 3.0 18 & Over team: With Sectionals in their rear view, our experienced group of cohesive teammates enjoyed another successful campaign, finishing in 2nd place in the regular season with a 7-3 record against 6 other local opponents. They started their playoff run on July 8th with a decisive 4-1 win over #3 San Carlos, and they face an undefeated Cubberley team next in an away match. With a win, our team would advance to Sectionals for the second time this year. Go team!

Social News: Carey Welsh

Our social season continues!

Ladies Double Queens of the Court - A very royal day was had by all the PTC tennis "queens" on the first Friday in May. We had Queens of Hearts, Queen Bees, Rock Queens, Dairy Queens, and more. This is a purely social, fun day to honor our ladies. We shared laughs and friendship on the courts and over a beautiful lunch.

Thank you to *Kate Belding* for helping me organize the breakfast, lunch, and drinks; ***Linda Nagari*** for her creative décor; ***Carolyn Dowling*** and ***Marissa Hasselt*** for baking delicious cupcakes; ***Nancy Batchelor*** for her homemade chocolate bark and gift boxes; and finally, to ***Peter Stevenson, Micky Poldolsky,*** and ***Steven Oliver*** for serving us all as part of the Queen's court.

van Dillen Men's Championship Weekend – The Social Committee was on overdrive June 4-6th starting with snacks & drinks Friday night, breakfast, lunch, and a cocktail party on Saturday, and then back to breakfast, lunch, and snacks on Sunday. It is a big event to host, and it was a huge success all around. This year we let our wonderful snack bar chef, ***Tony***, show off his skills for the Saturday lunch sandwiches and what a spread he created with the debut of his Banh Mi sandwiches. We decided to allow spectators to buy lunch on the day to share in

the delicious spread. On Sunday, Tony debuted a new Chinese Chicken Salad which was devoured very quickly. You can now find his new sandwiches and salads on our permanent Match Point Café menu.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the cocktail party food: ***Nancy Batchelor, Jennifer Dressler, Marissa Hasselt, Val March, Erica Reilly*** and ***Amanda Wheeler***. A big shout out to my right hand, ***Val March*** for her décor and food magic.

Next up: Annual Calcutta Dinner and team tennis weekend - Friday, September 8th is the big night for dinner, team draw, and betting. Be on the lookout for more information soon. If you can help with the Friday BBQ, Saturday/Sunday lunch, or set-up/clean-up, please reach out. I am so thankful for all the help I can get.

Reminder: Social and Tennis events are supported by many volunteers. If you are interested in helping or have an event you would like to spearhead, please let ***Carey*** or ***Steven*** know. The member volunteers are the backbone of all our events. Thank you to everyone who has offered already.



Tennis Pro: *Pablo Alvarado*

We are halfway through the Tennis Camp Season, enjoying every minute on the court and sharing our passion for tennis with many kids 5-18 years old of all levels every week.

We were all booked during the first five weeks of summer, and everything is running smoothly and organized thanks to the very professional work of all the coaches of our team. Coaches ***Stephanie Luk, Clayton Farac*** and ***Dan Miller*** do an outstanding job leading different groups of campers. College Players ***Johanna*** and ***Francisco*** are working with us for a 3rd consecutive summer, and we treat them as part of our family.

We are also extremely happy for offering a great summer job opportunity to many young PTC Members: ***Hazel Slavet, Joseph "Zuzu" Bikahi, Jake Druskin, Devon Schaefer, Ella Wang, Maya Kacholina, Jack Handelman*** and ***Lily Grenier***.

For those who are still finishing up summer plans, we have some openings for the last few weeks of camp, and we would love to have your kids joining us on court. More information at www.evolutionburlingame.com

Adult Lessons and Clinics: We are looking forward to resuming our regular class schedule in mid-August. In the meantime, Coaches Clayton Farac and Dan Miller are doing privates in the afternoons. Johanna and Francisco are also doing lessons and hitting sessions. Take advantage of this opportunity as both won their Conference with their College Teams.

Junior Year-Round Program: The 2023-2024 Season of the Junior Tennis Program is starting on September 5th, right after Labor Day. We will be sending all the information to register in the first week of August.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need help to get a court.

2023 SUMMER CAMPS

COURT KIDZ & COURT WARRIOR



Burlingame High School & Peninsula Tennis Club - July 5-7

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JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT



Burlingame High School & Peninsula Tennis Club - July 5-7





Congratulations to young members recognized for their behavior during camps Weeks 1 to 4



Our dedicated coaches