

January 2008

Words from "the Prez"



Bob Sinclair

This is my final message as your President. The new Board will be presented at the January 15th Annual Meeting and will assume duty the next day. At the Holiday Party held back on December 8, I announced that **Stuart Batchelor** would be your President for 2008. Although Stuart was traveling and was absent for that announcement, I will repeat here my congratulations and add my complete confidence in him to make this coming year one of our most memorable in years.

It is also my pleasure to thank again the individuals who served as Directors with me for the past term. **Melissa Smith** and **Alan Klein**, your first year was certainly a learning experience and I look forward to working with both of you next year. **Torry Bryant**, thank you again for stepping up and joining the Board when you did. Your experience was invaluable and your devotion unmatched. **Bob Currie**, you and your committee have set the bar very high for future social committee's to aspire. Thank you for giving tirelessly these past two years. **Gordon Nagare**, as usual, the club has been the big winner in having received the three years of your devotion. Thank you again for your year as President and for your guidance during this past year helping me during my term. The club owes all of you, like all who have served before you, a huge debt of gratitude for all the little unnoticed things you do to make things better at PTC.

Although the main feature of 2007 was certainly the beginning of the CIP, there were a host of other achievements by this Board during the past year.

Upcoming Events

Court Availability Announcement

Beginning Monday, January 14th, backcourts #5, 6 and 7 will be closed to replace the fencing.

It could last up to 10 days.

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Annual Meeting
January 15 6:30pm

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Super Bowl Party
Sunday February 3rd

I want to list here, in no particular order, just a few of the more significant accomplishments for 2007:

- 28 new family members to bring the club back to full membership in December.
- Raised the initiation fee to \$10,000 and kept the operation dues unchanged.
- Recompiled the By-Laws in January.
- Instituted two very valuable changes to the By-Laws, which will serve our membership well for years to come. The first allows for the spouse of the shareholder to serve on the Board and the second allows for the feeless transfer of shareholder status between spouses when necessary.
- Established for the first time, manuals and protocol for the Club manager, the kitchen staff, the social chairman, and the finance chairman and for future Directors.
- And of course, new fitness equipment, the large screen TV and the Court cam.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your support. In just a few short months spring will arrive and with it will bring a brand new beautiful Peninsula Tennis Club.

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Editor's Note

Thank you to all of our members who attended this year's Holiday Party. It was a tremendous success. The clubhouse/decorations looked outstanding, the food was top notch, and members danced well past midnight. Thank you to our social committee once again.

I would like to echo Bob in thanking our departing Board members. **Gordon** and **Torry** have done a great job while on the Board. The same goes for **Bob Currie**, who along with wife **Lynn, Nancy Batchelor** and **Heather Sinclair**, has hosted many tremendous parties these past two years. Finally, let's give props to **Bob Sinclair** for doing an unbelievable job as President this year. Being in his position a couple years ago, I can really appreciate the time and effort Bob, as well as **Stuart Batchelor** have put into the CIP project. Thank you for leading us through the critical months leading up to, and through the start of construction. We are fortunate to have Bob serve on the Board for one more year so that he and Stuart, our new President, can keep the continuity of the project rolling until completion.

Be sure to show your appreciation to all of these fine members next time you see them.

Manager's Corner



Bill Jepsen

PTC Members, please join me in welcoming our new weekend snack bar employee, **Wendy Huber**. Drop by and introduce yourself and make her feel welcome at PTC!

A big personal "THANK YOU!" from **Bill, Mary, Ramon** and the part-time/seasonal staff. Once again, the PTC employee holiday fund drive was an example of your kindness and generosity. It is very much appreciated. Best wishes to you and your families for a fabulous 2008!

CIP News

Mother Nature has been good to us during the month of December permitting work to continue virtually uninterrupted at the Club. The work around the pool has been focused on finishing the storm drain system and on raising and completing the fine

grading of the deck area. Our electrical contractor is currently trenching to bring power out to the pool area for lighting.

Within the locker room wing, a new concrete floor has been poured in each of the bathrooms covering up the new sewer lines that were previously installed. The floor in the mechanical room was raised by approximately 6" to match the floors in the adjacent rooms. We were requested by our general contractor to engage the services of a structural engineer to advise us on upgrades that should be done to the locker room wing since all the walls have been exposed down to their studs. Based on the engineer's recommendations we have moved forward to add anchor bolts to the foundation, replaced several walls that could buckle in a major earthquake and we are adding plywood shear walls to a number of areas within the building.

In January we will continue to work within the locker rooms to complete the structural upgrades, add insulation, start on additional plumbing work and install electrical circuitry. We should complete the exterior electrical work, the fine grading and hopefully begin the installation of the pool and spa tile.

Lastly and of direct impact to Club members is work that is needed to replace the fencing on the north side of the backcourts. This work is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 14th. This closure of courts #5, 6 and 7 will last for approximately 10 days. Court 4 will be available for some instruction and/or ball machine use. During this time our tennis court contractor will take down and replace the entire section of fencing. See back page for diagram.

Once the old fencing is removed, the contractor will bore new holes into the concrete retaining wall, cut the corner on a 45° angle, pour a new retaining wall to support the new angle, set the new poles, add a new gate between courts 6 & 7, and hang new fence fabric. Weather should not adversely impact this work, so we hope that it will be completed on schedule. We are sorry for the inconvenience this will cause our regular tennis players, but this is necessary work that must be performed at this time.

Please keep tabs on our daily progress via our web cam (www.ptctennis.com/courtcam). We do apologize as the camera was out of operation for a couple of days this past week as the router at the Club failed and had to be replaced.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Stuart Batchelor (batchouse@gmail.com) or Bob Sinclair (sinclair515@yahoo.com) with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Membership News

Comings & goings...

We had a quiet month with Membership. There were neither any new members nor applications submitted. One family has been offered membership, but has not yet accepted. As it stands today, we have 229 proprietary members, just one opening short of our 230 limit.

For the year, we had 28 new members join, second only to last year's 36 new members for most new members in a year.

Club News

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

Richard Dwyer 35 years

Have you been by the Tennis Station recently? If not, you'll see a brighter, roomier tennis shop. **Scott Parsons & Anthony Paz** (store owners and PTC members) have doubled the size of their tennis shop by taking over the recently vacant store next to them. With business doing well, they have taken on club members **Joni Amaroli and Marci Martinucci** (and their purchasing backgrounds) to help with the newly expanded women's apparel section. Scott is a 3rd generation PTC member (on both sides of his family) and Anthony recently became the new club neighbor (he purchased the home next to court #3). They are both big supporters of the local tennis community. Stop by and check out their new digs near the corner of Oak Grove & Carolyn Avenue (www.tennisstation.biz).

The Court Cam set up by Dennis Mayer has already paid for itself. Last month, our contractor reported to Bill that someone got onto the CAT tractor over the weekend and damaged a portion of the back fence. Thanks to Dennis time-stamping the Court Cam photos, it showed still photos of the

tractor's position at 5:59 PM Friday and then Monday morning a 7:00 AM. It was quite evident that the tractor had not moved. The result was that the club did not have to pay for the damage to repair the fence. If there is damage to the back fence, then it had to either have been done by the sub-contractor or by some other means. Nice going Dennis!

Thanks to Duncan Beardsley and Dennis Mayer, you can always access current membership information (phone #'s, etc.) on the PTC website. With the many changes as well as 64 new members over the last two years, the Roster on the website is continually kept up to date. Due to the privacy element, you will need to type in a Username and Password to access the Roster on the website. The **Username is "PTC"** and the **Password is "1933"** (the year PTC was founded). Most browsers will "capture" that the first time you type them in so you won't have to enter it again. Thanks for keeping things timely gentlemen.

USTA Team Captains, just a reminder to check in with Bill before signing up for league play. Remember that until the frontcourts are completed, we will not hold home matches at the PTC. The league team/captain's meeting will be scheduled soon.

The World Poker Tour stops at the PTC on Friday

Social Events News

January 11th. Our fall/winter poker tournament has nearly filled up the three tables through our pre-registration, but there are four seats still available at the time of this writing. The buy-in is \$50 and the structured tournament starts at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in participating, please contact **Jeff Tateosian** at jeff@ptctennis.com. Respond quickly as the remaining seats will fill up fast.

The annual PTC Super Bowl party will take place on Sunday February 3rd in the clubhouse. Details will be announced soon.

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Director of Tennis News

Well here we are at the end of another great year and even with the remodel in full swing, we have plenty of serves and volleys out there on the backcourts. The courts are busy almost every morning and even when it has rained, active tennis members are out there drying off the courts to get ready to play. No warm weather softies in this bunch, just die-hard all-weather players!



Riaz Shivji

I'm really excited about where the club is heading and feel a strong move back to its tennis roots is on the way with lots of activities, events, and socials based around playing tennis. I know we have many experienced members playing an active role in our club and now we need to help our newer members follow our great traditions and values.

2008 will be the club's 75th Anniversary and I am looking forward to some special events for members.

First we have the SAP Open on February 18-24 and I can arrange tickets for members who wish to go. The line up is fantastic and you should do your best to get down to San Jose to watch some great tennis! Ticket orders must be in by end of January.

Springtime brings in Middle and High School tennis season. Many of our Juniors participate and compete for their schools and it would be great to have PTC members go out to cheer on a PTC Junior. Matches are played at local schools mostly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Tennis events for the rest of the year will be arranged soon and count on some very fun, exciting, organized, and competitive events for all. Below is a short list of events that I am looking forward to this year.

van Dillen Doubles Championships
Singles Championships
Team Tennis
Calcutta Tournament
Junior Senior
Cal State Senior Championships
Junior Tournament
Mixed Troubles
Twilight Tennis

Finally a big thank you to Stuart Batchelor and Bob Sinclair for a tremendous job of getting the CIP up and running. I'm not sure where we would be without them. They are great servants of PTC!

Bob S, thanks for everything!

Looking forward to a great year!

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Below is a diagram of where the contractor will take down & replace the entire section of fencing around courts #5, 6, and 7 as outlined in red.

