

January 2011

President's Message



Jerry Ceglia

This is my final message as your President. The new Board will be presented at the January 18th Annual Meeting, but let me congratulate **Rob Adams** and express my confidence in him to continue the tradition and to make it another great year at PTC. It is also my pleasure to thank the individuals who served as Directors with me for the past term and all the committee members that have helped make the year full of great social and tennis activities.

The main goal of 2010 was infrastructure development and upgrading the resources available to our members and manager. I want to list here, in no particular order, just a few of the accomplishments for 2010:

- Maintained membership base of 233 families during difficult economic times: including 5 new member families; 5 resignations; 3 members moving to inactive status; and adding 2 honorary members.
- Improved calendar management and communication of Club Events via the kiosk.
- Instituted a By-Law change, allowing more family member participation.
- Added 2 new tennis events: Peninsula Cup and March Mixed Madness.

Upcoming Events

•
Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday January 18th - 6:30 pm

•
Super Bowl Party / Chili Cook Off
Sunday February 6th - 2:30 pm

- Developed the avenue to provide feedback to improve our tennis programs via survey.
- Established guidelines to accommodate the growing number of Team Tennis.
- Reconciled, updated and simplified Court Rules; guidelines for Honorary Members, Stirm Plan, and the College Merit Program.
- Outsourced janitorial and maintenance service to improve the look of the club and service our membership providing 7-day/week coverage and a saving of nearly \$2,000 per month.
- Grounds improvements included court benches, 2nd court cam, clocks, spa cover, exercise equipment, barbeque repair, and on-site propane delivery.
- Implemented a policy manual for tax and other administrative needs; continued to add formality to budget process and financial reporting.

Hopefully, we will continue with other identified projects mainly based around longer-range financial planning and continued facility improvements. Thank you for your support – I've enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity.

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Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

With this being the start of our 5th year of writing the Drop Shot, I would like to shout out a big thank you to **Nancy Batchelor** and **Bob Sinclair** for their monthly proofing of the newsletter each month. Also, I cannot give enough thanks to our Webmaster **Dennis Mayer** for taking the draft and creating the final copy that you see each month. I appreciate all that you guys do for the club.

Congratulations to the Board for another fine year leading the club. Board Members **Kelly Kemp** (representing Tennis Activities & Special Projects during his two years), **Dennis Mayer** (representing Social Activities his two years), and **Rob Delantoni** (President his second year, House & Grounds and Membership in his first and third years respectively), did fantastic jobs. Thank you for submitting your monthly articles and for your service at the PTC.

As Jerry mentioned in last month's Drop Shot, we have some very enthusiastic new members joining the Board of Directors. Please be sure to view the bios of **David Marcus**, **Mike Amaroli** and **Chris Cooke** below after Club News. Thank you to the three of you for volunteering to serve the club and good luck during your years on the Board.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Mary, Jose, Riaz and I, along with our part-time/seasonal staffers, would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you for your very generous contributions to the Holiday Fund. We all very much appreciate your generosity and wish you and all your families a happy and healthy 2011!

A reminder that the most up to date roster is available online at www.ptctennis.com. Click on the "Club Roster" tab and enter **PTC** as the username and **1933** as the password.

Please continue to be diligent about turning lights off and securing the doors when using the club after hours.

Club News

Club Anniversaries for January

(5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Anthony & Jennifer Paz 5 Years

It's with great sadness that we inform our members of the passing of **Bob Ja**. He is survived by his wife **Diana** and their two daughters. Though he started out as a pharmacist many years ago, he had bigger ambitions. While in the military, he decided to learn how to fly and later became a pilot for Hughes Air West and Northwestern Airlines. A member of the PTC since 1973, Bob was very active in all tennis activities including championship USTA teams. Bob was also a member of Green Hills Country Club and played a lot more golf than tennis in his later years. The club will miss him.

The Ballroom Dance Classes have been going strong and the new class schedule has just been announced. The classes will be held every Tuesday for six weeks beginning on Tuesday January 11th. The Beginner class will run from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, the Intermediate class will go from 7:15 - 8:30 pm, and open dancing will continue from 8:45 - 9:30 pm. The cost is \$59 per person payable by check or cash at the first class. You may sign up in the clubhouse or give **Lona** a call. Individuals may sign up without a dance partner. Come join the fun as you too can be "Dancing with the Stars."

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New Board Members

David Marcus has been a regular in the Saturday morning club for years because his weekday job as a Radiologist keeps him just a little busy. David took up tennis about 15 years ago. His improvement has been a steady one, as evidenced by the fact that it has been a while since he double faulted five consecutive times like he did in a USTA match a few years back.



Dave Marcus

He and his wife, **Tracy**, joined the PTC in 1999. They met during their freshman year at UCSB. Actually, Tracy was a friend of the girl David was dating and....well, you know how that goes sometimes. They have two children, **Rachel** ('92) who attends Rice University and **Olivia** ('95) who is a sophomore at Aragon High School.

David keeps busy by playing tennis, skiing, reading, traveling, target shooting, eating and cooking. When asked about his most memorable moment while at the club, his response was swift and to the point - beating **Glenn Mendelson** once in a singles match. That might make anyone's day! David loves the members at the club and considers it an extension of his home. He looks forward to finally serving on the Board.

Michael Amaroli is well-known on the Peninsula for his involvement in many activities. Living in Millbrae, Burlingame and Hillsborough his whole life, Mike takes his heritage seriously. His friends consider him the local Godfather (with due respect to **Rudy Giannini**), because they usually go to him for advice on a wide variety of matters. Mike went to Mills High School, with his future wife **Joni** going to Burlingame. Through mutual acquaintances,



Mike Amaroli

Mike met Joni and had an instant crush on her (though he says that she had other male interests at the time). They became good friends while attending San Diego State, and according to Mike, he credits your Drop Shot Editor (and future brother-in-law) with helping him stay in contact with her afterwards because Mike would be invited over to the Tateosian house to play tennis quite often. Joni finally "came around" and as Mike always says, "thank you **Jeff** for pushing your sister in the right direction!"

Mike and Joni have two sons. **Nic** is 22 and works in the financial industry in San Francisco. He was a regular at the PTC for many years and played four years on the UC Davis tennis team. **Kevin** (19) followed his brother and is in his second year at Davis. He loves his fraternity life, playing intramural tennis, soccer, basketball and when time allows, studies Economics.

Mike's hobbies are playing tennis with all the wonderful people at PTC. He enjoys golfing with his boys, weekend basketball, and spending time in Palm Springs and Lake Tahoe with friends and family. He has played tennis for 30 years off and on and as he puts it, "I still play that way...most days I am off, but once in a while I am on." Mike has been in Real Estate sales for over 25 years with Cashin Co. (recently purchased by Coldwell Banker). Joni's official occupation according to Mike is "babysitter" - she babysits **Anthony Paz** during the day at the Tennis Station, then takes care of Mike at night!

When asked what he enjoys most about the club, Mike lists: walking in and seeing **Lona's** smiling face, **Jeff Tsu** either BBQing and/or drinking out of the red cup, **Glenn Mendelson** torturing someone in singles, the ageless wonder **Rudy** working out in the gym and gate keepers **Stuart & Nancy Batchelor** fixing or planning something....but most special are all the friendly, smiling faces, people acting themselves, laughing and enjoying tennis with each other's company. Where else can you join and make so many new friends in no time?

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Chris Cooke has been playing tennis since he could hold a racquet, as anyone who has tried to return one of his backhands can attest. He comes from a large family of tennis players. His Dad, Terry, was the original tennis fanatic who moved to California from New York to play tennis. Speaking of CSM, Chris's dad briefly was the tennis coach at the College of San Mateo, where he depended on two future PTC mainstays; **Torry Bryant** and **John Reed**. Torry confirms that not only was Terry a terrific coach, but a great guy. Torry's funniest memory under coach Cooke came during a trip to San Diego where the team played the local JC. Torry and John were looking for a little more excitement after the team dinner, so they decided to "borrow" the team bus that night and drive across the border into Tijuana. All went well until they couldn't get back into the U.S. in the wee hours of the morning. For the rest of the story, you'll probably need to discuss it with them over a beer.



Chris Cooke

Though his wife **Jan** doesn't play much tennis, you'll always see her working out and using the pool. She is the Treasurer and Finance Manager for the city of Half Moon Bay. Chris has been practicing law for over twenty years. They met at a party one night in Los Angeles. Jan was in LA auditing failing banks and savings & loans during the last big S&L crisis and Chris states that he was "goofing off" in law school. Truth has it that he was "audited" soon thereafter and they have been together ever since. Their daughter **Maddie** is a freshman at Burlingame High School. Chris says her main activities, "appear to be posting on Facebook and setting a new record for sending and receiving text messages on her cell phone." She is a casual tennis player who enjoys Riaz's summer clinic and charging items at the snack bar while she lounges around the pool afterwards. Apart from tennis, Chris's hobbies are hiking, camping and scuba diving. Chris describes his most embarrassing/memorable moments at PTC as,

"**Rob Adams** and I were playing in the van Dillen Doubles Consolation Finals (4.0) on court 1, and I think I double faulted eight times in a row to the ad side. Of course, there were no more than 50 people watching. It worked out OK as I ended up holding my serve and winning the match." Chris thoroughly enjoys the club and looks forward to working with the Board over the next couple of years.

House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

My first year on the Board has come to an end. It has been a great experience seeing how the club runs from the "inside." I have been very fortunate to have a strong committee to help out with House and Grounds issues.

I want to thank my committee member, **Stuart Batchelor**. He keeps a pulse on our facility to make sure all details are addressed. We are very lucky to have a member who looks after our club like his own home. Thanks Stuart for all you do.

The fitness center had a big jump in usage during the month of December. Usage was up 16% compared to December '09. For all of 2010, usage of the exercise room was up 12.7% as compared to 2009. The two elliptical machines accounts for 53% of total usage, followed by the bikes at 28%, and finally the treadmill at 19%. Month-over-month, the elliptical usage was up 80% in December compared to November 2009. With everyone's New Year's resolutions, 2011 is sure to be a banner year at the PTC gym!

During the cold months, in the attempt to heat our locker rooms and fitness center, it is important to keep the doors closed so the heat stays inside the rooms, rather than the heat going right out the open doors. We would appreciate your help with this costly issue.

We had Court 2's gate replaced, so now tennis balls should not leave the court between the gate and post and go into the pool.

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New court benches have enhanced the look of our facility, and a refurbished upright exercise bike has replaced the older bike in our fitness center. We also put in a new counter top for our ice chest next to the water cooler by the club room, to replace the old blue laminate table. Little by little we are trying to upgrade things as we see them.

Our roofs are starting to show their age. We have developed leaks and have lots of standing water on our upper and lower flat roofs. Our Club Room roof needs some attention to its wood roof shingles, as well. We are currently getting bids and will be looking into the replacing and repairing of these roofs in 2011. We are also investigating the possibility of solar water heating, in conjunction with the roofing project.

In 2011, we will put together a budget / planning committee to address future project expenditures.

I also want to thank Lona for all the support that she has given me throughout the year, in helping me with my position. Lastly, I want to thank **Jerry Ceglia** for guiding us as the Board President this past year. I appreciate all that you have done.

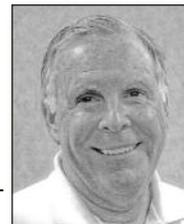
Tennis Activities News

Happy New Year to all and I'm looking forward to a great year at the PTC in 2011!

The tennis committee had a good year hosting four outstanding events. The year started off with the new March Mixed Madness event, followed by Team Tennis, van Dillen and Calcutta tournaments. A big thank you goes to Board Member **Karen Harrigan**, as well as her tennis committee members - **Joni Amaroli, Marissa Hauselt, Dan Dewitt, Doug Stone** and **Torry Bryant**. Thank you all for a memorable tennis season.

Membership News

Happy New Year tennis enthusiasts. In my last official article for the Drop Shot, I would like congratulate **Ed Brown** on becoming our second Honorary Member this year! Although he resigned a couple of months ago, our Board of Directors just didn't want to let such a long time member and great guy go. If you see him around the club, please welcome him back. If you miss seeing him, you can always admire his artwork, some of which is displayed around the club.



Rob Delantoni

I would also like to thank my loyal membership committee members for all their efforts this year. Please show your appreciation to them when you see them at the club: **Becky Showen** and **Melissa Smith** (who both served on the Board, and as the Membership Chairs, in prior years), **Ken March** (former club President), "Chef" **Jeff Tsu** (former Board Member and resident club grilling expert), **Glenn Mendelson** (former Board Member and the club's walking "fashion statement"), and **Steve Balchios** (the only PTC member with his picture prominently displayed on the wall of "Max's (Opera) Cafe" in Burlingame. This is truly one of the more excellent committees probably ever in the history of tennis clubs anywhere. Thank you all so much!

As we enter the New Year, we have one pending new application and one "hot prospect" who has just moved into the area. I am looking forward to working with the new Membership Chair to bring these people into the club soon as our newest members.

Here's hoping 2011 will be the best PTC year ever. See you on the courts!

Social Events News



Dennis Mayer

Peninsula Tennis Club celebrated 2010 with another great Holiday party. Well over 120 people enjoyed the Holiday Open House which featured pianist, Larry O'Leno, of San Francisco's famous Max's Opera Cafe. Also featured were the special talents of **Jim Fregosi**

and **Karl Bakhtiari**, who artfully served the thirsty masses with the holiday cheer. BBQ Chef, **Jeff Tsu**, worked his magic on the filet mignon. **Ken & Val March, Marissa Hauselt, Nancy Chew, and Chris Mangar** joined in to help create the festive setting. Everyone brought delicious food to share and toasts were made throughout the evening. Thank you to all those who helped make this event a grand success, as well as all the other social events throughout the year. A special thank you goes out to **Nancy Batchelor**, who directed and worked to make this event special for our membership. Thank you for being my partner in all things PTC Social these past two years.

The last "official" event for this Social team will be the Super Bowl Party and 9th Annual Chili Cook Off on Sunday, February 6th. The Chili Kick Off will begin at 2:30 pm with the Super Bowl kicking off at approximately 3:20 pm. Bring your special chili dish to share (outlets will be available for crock pots) before the game. If you are not a chili connoisseur, bring a side dish (serving 8-10) to share and enjoy the potluck party before watching the Super Bowl on the big screen TV. Beverages will be provided by the club. Please sign up in the clubroom or call Lona to let us know how many people to expect and what you plan to bring to share. To add a little excitement to the game, **Taddy's Sports Book** will once again be providing the Super Bowl pool and proposition bets. Be sure to bring those left over dollar bills from the Holidays.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

2010 has been a great year with many PTC events, and many new programs that have been added. I would like to thank the always positive **Karen Harrigan** and her fantastic Tennis Committee for all their hard work this year. We were fortunate to have many great tennis events, and this would never be possible, without the hard work and dedication of all of our staff and PTC Members who volunteer their time. The 8th Annual PTC Jr. Tournament was a huge success last May. We had 26 Junior players from PTC competing with other USTA players from Northern California. The Cal State Senior Tournament was also one that we were very proud to host again in September. There were 179 senior players in the tournament this year, and again... this event would never be the success without all of our volunteers, who worked countless hours to make it all happen, and I am very grateful to you all!

Pro Court

Pro Court, which is on the 3rd Saturday of each month, has been a huge success. The Pro Court is a great way to meet new people, and play with a variety of PTC Members. I will be continuing this in the New Year, as the feedback has been excellent. Come out and join us.

Ratings Clinics

The Ratings Clinics have also been a great addition for PTC Members. We will continue to have the ratings clinics on the 2nd Saturday of each month. I will offer this clinic to a different group each month, and will begin in January with the Women's 3.0 Clinic. The clinic will be next Saturday, January 8th, 12:00-1:30. There are six spots available for this clinic, please contact Riaz in the tennis office, to reserve a spot!

SAP Open

This year's 2011 SAP Open, being held February 7-13 at HP Pavilion in San Jose, should be the best yet! They are expecting an exciting tournament, and already a great line-up of players is confirmed to compete! These players include

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Pete Sampras in a singles exhibition vs. Gael Monfils, Fernando Verdasco, Juan Martin del Potro, Mardy Fish, Lleyton Hewitt, Sam Querrey, James Blake, Tommy Haas, Kei Nishikori.... and many more!

As a 5 year SAP Open Elite Staff member, I am eligible to receive a great deal on baseline box seats that I can pass on to PTC members. Tickets are available for the following dates:

Wednesday, February 9th. 7pm.

Verdasco and Monfils!! Tickets –\$55.00

Friday, February 11th. 7pm. Quarter Finals.

Tickets – \$65.00 (Seats are in Section 107 Baseline Box). Please call for more info.

Our Ballkids Team will again be showcased at the SAP Open in February 2011. The team has already started it's training schedule in December and will step up the schedule on most weekends in January and early February. Our Ballkids Team will be debuting at the SAP Open for the evening matches on Tuesday, February 8th. It's always fun and exciting to see our Ballkids in action at the SAP Tournament!

JUNIOR TENNIS

The 2011 Jr. Academy Series, will begin the week of January 17th, and will run for 8 weeks! The following is the schedule for the different groups:

Monday – Jr. Academy II 3:30–5:00 pm

Tuesday – Jr. Academy III 3:30–5:00 pm

Wednesday – Red/Blue STAR 3:30–5:00 pm

Friday – Jr. Academy I 3:30–5:00 pm

The fee for each of these series is \$200

QUICKSTART

QuickStart is a great program for younger children ages 5–7. Modified courts, shorter rackets, and soft, sponge balls are used to help children learn to cooperate and rally right from the start. Fun games and exercises are used to teach basic fundamentals and motor skills. A great program to get your child excited about being on the tennis court!

Our new QuickStart Tennis Program will begin on Saturday, January 23rd, and will run for 6 weeks from 1:00–2:00 pm. This group will be for chil-

dren ages 5–7. QuickStart encourages parents to also be on-court and involved in helping their children have fun and learn to love the game right from the beginning. Games and fun exercises are used to instill sound movement and coordination fundamentals. This is done in a fun, positive, engaging and dynamic setting. Give your child the gift of the best start to their tennis life. QuickStart! Space is limited! Register your child now! The 6 week series is \$115.

The Juniors in the STAR program have worked very hard, and have definitely improved on and off the court! By far the majority of the Juniors in Jr. Academy, and Academy, have started in the STAR program. The STAR program is the best way to introduce students to the RS System. The RS System, which is a progressive coaching system that I have developed, allows Juniors to improve their knowledge and understanding of the game. It is a simple system that teaches, not only aspects of playing tennis at a higher level, but incorporates the character traits needed to succeed in anything. Commitment, Discipline, Dedication, Flexibility, Teamwork, and Integrity.

We are looking forward to another great Summer Program in 2011! Please look for registration to be on our website in February. We have made a few changes, and have a fantastic program that will be announced shortly. There are a new group of Juniors coming up, who have been working very hard in the past year. I am looking forward to a great summer season of USTA Jr. Team Tennis, in which we will have many teams at different age levels. USTA Jr. Team Tennis is an exciting time for our kids to be able to compete with other local teams, and perhaps regain a spot at the playoffs in Fresno for the 5th consecutive year! We will be forwarding more details on Jr. Team Tennis very soon.

As the New Year begins I want to make sure all members know that whatever their tennis needs are, I will do my very best to accommodate them and provide the best services and programming. Making sure you enjoy your full tennis experience here at PTC is my top priority for 2011. Let's make it a great year! Respect The Game!

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 3:30pm - Jr.	27 9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr.	28 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	29 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	30 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	31 3:30pm - Jr.	1 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5
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