

January 2014

President's Message



Phil Zlatunich

Welcome to 2014 at PTC. As my term as President winds down, I would like to express my appreciation for all of the member support which the Board received during the past year. PTC is very dear to my heart and judging from the positive comments I continue to receive when I am at the Club, I know you feel the same passion.

I would like to acknowledge each of our remarkable 2013 PTC Board Members, **Chris Cooke, Jennifer Ellison, Jane Percy, Ken March, Tom Middlemass, and Jim Sobel**, for their hard work and dedication. Jane and Tom have served for the past two years and Chris for three years. They will be replaced by the newly elected Board members at the January membership meeting. Thank you all for your vision and for helping set the course for the PTC to move confidently into the future.

Kudos also goes to Lona Means for her outstanding patience, leadership, commitment and contributions in 2013. As Club manager she carried out her duties in an organized and professional manner. The enthusiasm with which she approached each issue, including the tough ones, added much to our success and accomplishments last year.

Upcoming Events

•
 Annual PTC Membership Meeting
 Sunday, January 21st 6:30 pm

•
 12th Annual Super Bowl Party
 Sunday, February 2nd

Please join me in welcoming our new Board members for the 2014 term at the January membership meeting.

Editor's Message



Jeff Tateosian

I trust that everyone had a happy Holiday season. The holiday party was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended (see Social column below). **Brian Wachhorst** and his band were outstanding for a second year in a row. Nice encore cover of Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven."

As I was leaving the club over the weekend, President/House & Grounds chair, **Phil Zlatunich**, was repairing the Chatham Road fence leading into our storage area behind court #1. The Club was effectively open to the public after damage was done to the fence, and we caught two teens squeezing through the fence on Friday evening. Along with **Stuart Batchelor**, we are lucky to have two guys on the Board this upcoming year who take upon them-

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selves to keep the Club in full repair 24/7. Add returning Board member, **Ken March**, and this might be the first Board ever to include four current and past Presidents.

Welcome back to sunny California.

Karl & Debbie Bakhtiari left for Chicago, to see



their son David (left tackle for the Green Bay Packers), play his final regular season game. Green Bay won, which earned

them the 4th seed in the playoffs. They decided to remain back east, traveling to Green Bay to watch Sunday's thrilling game with the 49ers. Karl said that they started preparing an hour before they were to leave for the stadium, which included seven layers of clothing, battery powered heated socks, and anything else they could find (see photo page). Not surprisingly, they still froze. If the game would have been played the next day, it would have been the coldest NFL football game ever played (minus 17 degrees at kickoff & minus 48 degrees with wind chill). No wonder they couldn't get a flight home for four days. We all know what a great day it turned out to be. David left the game with a concussion, but had no symptoms the day after. He had a terrific year as a rookie. Karl's closing salutation to me was, "who's got it colder than us.....noobody!" Nice!

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

The generosity of the PTC members is unbelievable! **Mary, Jose, Adriana and I**, along with the part-time summer employees, would like to thank all of the PTC members for their very generous contributions to the holiday fund. We all very

much appreciate your generosity and wish you and your families a very happy and healthy 2014.

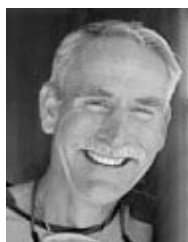
Please contact me at manager@ptctennis.com if you are interested in signing up to join an adult over 40 or adult over 55 league playing out of the PTC this winter. Also, if you are interested in the adult over 18 league, play begins in April with the mixed leagues playing simultaneously this year in the summer.

Club News

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

Thomas & Gladys Callan 50 Years

Tennis Activities News



Ken March

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those responsible for the success of the tennis events/tournaments this past year. All these events were made possible by the commitment of the tennis committee. On this year's committee, we had **Erica**

Reilly, our silent voice who brought great energy to the team, **Whitney Murphy**, as busy as she was with her children, finding the time to help out on tournament days, **Carey Welsh** and **Kay Coskey** always there when needed with their wide grins and infectious personalities, and **Jeff Tsu**, our consummate cook (always on the BBQ, no questions asked). I would also like to thank **Marsha Heimbecker** and **Peter Stevenson** for their countless hours putting together and running this year's tennis ladder (look for a mixed ladder in the spring).

Ron Martinucci got in the act by directing an Inter Club with ease and grace. Thank you to **Scott With** for always finding time, even with his busy schedule to lend a helping hand and bringing his son, a 3rd generation **With** at the Club, to help. **Tom Middlemass** was in his element again and did a terrific job running this year's Men's Singles Tournament. **Thank you**

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to **Kim Cresci** for her spirit and determination to help make these events run smoothly and **Natalie Vasiliev** for the great photography at our events and her willingness to pick up loose ends whenever necessary.

Maggie Blumberg and **Nancy Chew** were indispensable to the committee, and we could not have done it without them. Spreadsheets for Inter Clubs, more phone calls to players for tournaments than you can realize, and just never ending enthusiasm helped make these events run smoothly. **Lona**, you are the best. Thank you for always being there, whether for set up, take down, or shopping for supplies. As always, your smile and positive nature are comforting. A special thanks to **Steve Brooks**, a great mentor over the years, is the essence of the PTC Tennis Committee. Lastly, thank you to the glue that keeps things together, **Kelly Kemp, Mark Percy and Brian Heimbecker**. Your selfless contributions to the Committee are too numerous to list. Your countless hours working hard to make each and every event a success are appreciated.

Thanks again to all Committee members for a memorable year and we are certainly looking forward to a successful 2014.

Pro Search Committee



Kelly Mulready

Last month, we began scheduling candidate interviews at the club. We invited our top local applicants to meet in person with the Pro Search Committee to discuss the opportunity, ask questions and get a better sense of each person. There is a lot of great talent and experience from

all our candidates, but finding the perfect fit for PTC is no small feat.

Next, we will narrow the field of contenders and begin the on-court instructional interview, which involves giving lessons and clinics to members. From there, we will decide on our top candidate(s) for Head Pro and present our endorsement to the presiding Board.

We are diligently working to meet our goal of hiring a Head Pro in the first quarter of 2014. Hopefully, we will have more exciting news to report in the next Drop Shot. Many thanks for your patience.

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

2013 has come to an end and we begin anew in 2014 with new Board assignments. I would like to express my sincere gratitude particularly to the PTC staff, **Lona, Mary, and Jose** and to all of the members who shared their suggestions, patience,

encouragement and support which enabled me to carry out my duties as Director of House and Grounds.

Those deserving of special mention, and in no particular order, are as follows:

Ken March, Mark Percy, Mickey Podolsky, Adrienne Schubiner, Eric Brand, Joe Bojues, Kelly Kemp, Brian Heimbecker, Rob Delantoni, Jeff Tateosian, Ron Martinucci, Teddy Bernardo, Stuart Batchelor, Jim Fregosi, Joe Feeney, Steve Brooks, Jeff Tsu, Gary Goodman, Steve Balchios, Brian Wachhorst, Dan and Kelly Mulready, and last but not least, **Anthony Paz** for donating a steady supply of balls for the ball machine.

Thank you all for helping to make my House and Grounds assignment a little easier and much more enjoyable in 2013.

Membership News



Jane Percy

Happy New Year from Membership! 2013 was quite a year for membership with several longtime wonderful members leaving the fold, but 15 new member families bringing fresh energy to our club. Thanks to all of you who brought new people in to take a look or who helped me entice them

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into the club with your good cheer and inclusive attitude. I appreciate your help and I truly appreciate the role **Lona** played all year in keeping me on task with membership procedures, giving tours to interested families, and representing the club so well with her welcoming, friendly demeanor. We have one more family joining the club in early January so 2014 is off to a great start.

Social Events News



Jennifer Ellison

The annual holiday party was a huge hit with over 130 members in attendance, dancing the night away. A huge thank you to **James Fregosi**, head bartender, and his crack team of extremely fun guys, **Steve Williams, Karl Bakhtiari** and **Brian Nappi**, for keeping the libations flowing all night long. **Brian Wachhorst's** band was fantastic as always, and the dance floor was packed all night long.

I want to thank **Val March, Tery Zlatunich** and **Nancy Chew** for their help all year long. They all had a huge hand in planning, decorating, setting up and tearing down the holiday party, along with every other party we held this year.....I cannot thank you gals enough!

My final hurrah as social chair will be the annual Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook Off on February 2nd. I don't want to jinx anything so I won't write a word about the Niners.... the party at PTC is sure to be fun no matter which two teams are playing that day. Feel like competing yourself? Bring a pot of your best chili and challenge **Jeff Tsu** for his long-reigning title of chili master. Food and drinks will be provided by the club and chili contestants. The festivities will start around 2:30 pm. As usual, **Jeff Tateosian** will have all the football pools and proposition bets available for your entertainment. *Be sure to bring some cash to help make the Super Bowl a little more interesting.*

