

February 2009

President's Update



Rob Delantoni

WELCOME ALL TO 2009 - THE BEST IS YET TO COME.

But first, **THANK YOU STUART!**

For the past 12 months, our outgoing President **Stuart Bachelor** has guided our club through the biggest reconstruction project in PTC history. His energy, commitment, devotion, and constant attention to all the details, big and small, of the completion (almost) of this huge CIP project have been unmatched in the annals of PTC lore. All of us PTCers owe Stuart a hearty "well done" for his stewardship of the club during the past year. I am looking forward to working with him in 2009 as we complete the final tweaking of all the changes that have happened during the last 12 months.

It is also my pleasure to thank the outgoing Board members who have served the club so well this past year: **Bob Sinclair, Alan Klein, and Melissa Smith**. It can truly be said that history was made during their watch, and I am very proud to have worked with them this past year.

Stuart, Becky Showen, Erik van Dillen, and I have been joined in 2009 by incoming

Upcoming Events

**Membership Meeting
 April 23**

Board members **Dennis Mayer, Kelly Kemp,** and **Jerry Ceglia**. The committee chairs have been set up as follows:

Becky Showen	Membership
Kelly Kemp	Tennis Events
Stuart Bachelor	House and Grounds
Dennis Mayer	Social Activities
Jerry Ceglia	Secretary/Treasurer
Erik van Dillen	Special Projects

Many new members have joined the PTC during the past year, but many of the new members (you know who you are) have not met or had a chance to play with many of the more established players. So I would like to decree, as my first official Presidential Decree, that February be designated "Play Tennis with a New Member" month. You "older" members out there - call up a newer member or two that YOU DON'T KNOW, and invite them down to play tennis with you (singles or doubles), have lunch, and introduce them to other members. Come on, - I dare you! The member that plays with the most new members gets a free lunch! Yes, I'll be watching.

Let's make this the year when the PTC returns to its normal operating mode, a

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place where friendly active tennis enthusiasts can come to make new friends, play tennis, enjoy themselves with their families, and relax in a new, stress-free, beautiful, first class tennis club.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

"Learn how to save a heart for Valentine's Day" is Saturday February 14th @ 1:00 PM given by **Dr. Bob Cody**. On the agenda will be basic CPR training and AED instructional training.

The new court washing schedule will be on the first and third Mondays (back courts) and Tuesdays (front courts) of each month at starting 7:00 a.m.

If you use the BHS parking lot please park only in our PTC designated parking spots.

Please review your club roster booklets for any updates or changes as we are currently working on 2009. If you don't have last year's roster on hand, go onto the PTC website (ptctennis.com) and check the online roster. Please email or call Lona with any changes.

Editor's Note

As we welcome our new Board Members into their new positions, we all must also offer our help. The PTC depends on the membership to volunteer their time and talents to make our committees strong. If you are a newer member, or



Jeff Tateosian

if it's been a while since you last volunteered, please consider serving on a committee. Contact the board member of the area(s) of your interest. Please contact:
Dennis Mayer - Social
dennis@acestudio.com
Kelly Kemp - Tennis
kaknca@comcast.net
Becky Showen - Membership
theshowens@comcast.net

The new Board thanks you in advance.

Club News

Club Anniversaries for February (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Ted & Peggy Myers 20 Years

Updated Red Flag Rules

If you are on a court when the Red Flag is raised, limited play rules apply.

- Doubles players are limited to two sets.
 - Singles players are limited to one set.
- Singles players that have been rallying for over 30 minutes should open their court immediately.

When the red flag is raised, singles players in their second set and doubles players in their third set may complete their set or relinquish their court, at their discretion. All players must relinquish their court after their limited play. They may immediately register on the chalkboard for the next available court.

USTA Teams Forming - Please contact the following PTC league captains for information regarding the upcoming USTA Spring season:

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- Men's 3.0 Bill Rogers/Stuart Batchelor:
bgameboy1@yahoo.com
- Men's 3.5 Mark Showen/Brian Peletta:
theshowens@comcast.net
- Women's 3.5 Lisa Rogers/Nancy Batchelor:
lrogers@454@rcn.com
- Women's 4.0 Barbara Freethy:
bafreethy@astound.net

Membership News

My apology to Sam & Julie Marty for mistakenly writing that they had resigned from the club. Instead, they have moved from the Emeritus membership to an Associate member.

Frank & Nancy Carraro (Associate Members) have submitted their resignation. They have been members of the club since 1984. The club wishes them the very best.

Social Events News



Nancy Batchelor

A great time was had by all at our 7th Annual Super Bowl party at the club. It was a surprisingly close game with unparalleled endings to each half. We had eight chili creations entered into our chili cook-off contest. The voting was very tight and the PTC's Master Chef, **Jeff Tsu** was the member's choice. This year he came in with a fabulous meat and shrimp dish that was to die for. I hear that I wasn't the only one dying later at home. Congratulations to **Cecile Coar, Lisa Rogers, Dennis Mayer (twice), Patty Rossi, Jonathan Delantoni, Steve Balchios, and Kelly Kemp** for having the winning squares in our "unofficial" PTC Super Bowl pool. Thanks to the whole Social Committee for putting on a great party as our last official event. Thank you all.

House & Grounds News

While you might think that **H&G would be an easy job** in 2009, I can assure you that the club is always in need of attention. In late January we did a walk-around the club to create a list of items that needed attention. To no surprise we easily found 200+ things that need to be done. While some of the action items can be easily done, others will take some time to complete. My thanks to **Bob Sinclair, Dennis Mayer, Jerry Ceglia, Lona, Nancy Batchelor, & Ron Martinucci**, for their help in this exercise.



Stuart Batchelor

In late January we had a small work party to clear the maintenance area of a large amount of debris that had been collected over the past three months. My thanks to **Steve Brooks, Brian Peletta, Rob Adams, Ken March, Ron Martinucci, Dennis Mayer, Bob Currie, Mark Lewis, Mark Percy, Jeff Tsu, & Jeff Tateosian** for their help and time to get this done.

In February we will again be assembling a crew to work on the perimeter wood fences. The plan is to clean and prep them to be stained. Once this is done we will apply a stain to help preserve the fence so that it will maintain its color and last as long as possible. This is currently planned for the weekend of February 7/8.

One of the outstanding items on the H&G list is getting a water fountain back by court 7. While we got the process started, unfortunately, we ran into some problems. The most pressing is that the fountain we had hoped to reuse was deemed at the end of its life. The Board is currently selecting a new fountain that will best fit the Club's

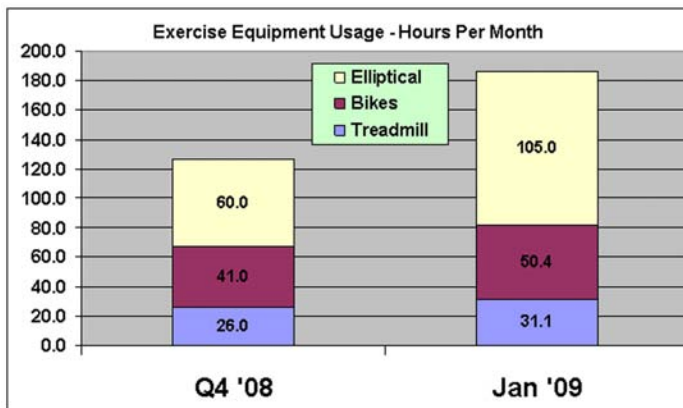
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long term needs.

For 2009 **Ron Martinucci** has agreed to act as the chairperson for H&G to work along with myself to help keep the club up to shape. I very much appreciate Ron agreeing to take on this task. Lastly, if you have any questions or see something in need of attention, please send me an email or speak to Lona.

I have posted a chart showing interesting facts on the usage in the exercise room since relocating it to the old Junior room.

The chart shows the average monthly usage of the equipment in the exercise room. The first bar chart is the average monthly usage for Sept - Dec., 2008. Going forward we will try and capture this data monthly to show a better trend. In January we saw a 47% increase in usage over the previous average. In January the elliptical machines were used twice as much as the recumbent bikes.



Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS:

Congratulations to the following PTC teams for making it to the Senior USTA League Playoffs.

Come down to the club to support our fellow members in their quest for a Championship.

- **Men's Senior 4.0**

(captained by **Gerry Sydorak**) Playoffs at PTC on Feb 21st at 3pm.

- **Men's Senior 3.0**

(captained by **Stuart Batchelor**) Playoffs at PTC on Feb 22nd at 3pm.

- **Women's Senior 4.0**

(captained by **Louise Tierney**) will be on the road for their first playoff game.

- **Mixed Senior 4.0**

(captained by **Mindy Wong**) have gotten off to a great start with an impressive record of 3-0.

Women's Drop-in Clinic will start on Friday, February 6th. 12:00-1:30 PM - \$20 fee.

If any member is interested in private lessons or clinics with my USPTA (United States Professional Tennis Association) certified coaching staff please contact me to be put on the lesson / clinic ladder.

SAP OPEN COMES BACK TO SAN JOSE.

FEB 9-15:

Here is a list of the players scheduled to appear.

ANDY RODDICK, JUAN MARTIN DEL POTRO, JAMES BLAKE, MARDY FISH, RADEK STEPANEK, PETE SAMPRAS,

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TAYLOR DENT, KEI NISHIKORI,
LLEYTON HEWITT, GUILLERMO CANAS,
TOMMY HAAS, MARCOS BAGHDATIS,
SAM QUERREY, JARKKO NIEMINEN,
NICOLAS KIEFER, IGOR KUNITSYN,
ROBBY GINEPRI, ERNESTS GULBIS,
FLORENT SERRA, STEVE DARCIS,
BEL GUILLERMO GARCIA-LOPEZ,
CHRISTOPHE ROCHUS, BOBBY REYNOLDS,
VINCENT SPADEA,

It's not too late to get tickets to see some fantastic pro tennis right here in the Bay Area.

- **Monday, Feb 9th. 7pm** – Former World # 1 and holder of 14 Grand Slam Singles titles Pete Sampras will be playing an exhibition match against World # 10 James Blake. Plus another feature 1st Rd match.
- **Tuesday, Feb 10th. 7pm** – World # 9 Andy Roddick and top American duo the Bryan Bros.
- **Wednesday, Feb 11th. 7pm** – James Blake and World # 6 Juan Martin Del Potro.
- **Friday, Feb 13th. 7pm** – PTC Love All night at the SAP Open. Come celebrate Valentine's Day together with other happy PTC couples. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers before sitting back in your baseline seat to watch great Quarter Final action.

Contact Riaz for ticket info.

Attention: Please make a note to read the Red Flag Rules that govern use of our tennis courts. We use the honor system here at PTC. Top Class Tennis Etiquette and Great Sportsmanship should be of the highest standard.

JUNIOR TENNIS:

The RS Academy ballkids team is working the SAP Open by shagging balls for the Quarter-Final matches on Friday, February 13th. Chap, P, Frosty, Benny, Chanes, BTsu, Zig, Eggy, Home Skillet, House, BKyaw, and Saaaamy. The kids are primed and ready! No dodgy Aussie Open ballkid hats either!!

STAR TENNIS is a games based program that teaches children the fundamentals of the game using a system of coaching developed by *Tennis Director Riaz Shivji*. Positive, enthusiastic, Professional Certified coaches that know how to help and motivate young children learning the sport.

**Green Star is for 6-8 year old Beginners
Blue Star is for 8-12 year old Beginner / Novice**

Juniors that have had little or no tennis experience will start in this great, positive, learning environment. Fun and innovative games and drills are used to help children with their movement, coordination, balance, and racket skills. QuickStart balls are used and the Rally-Ball program is emphasized to get Juniors rallying quickly and learning to enjoy the game.

We have just started our Winter 12 week STAR TENNIS series. Next series begins in March.

RS Academy Summer Camp info will be on the RS Tennis Academy website at the end of February. A reminder that there will be a member's only registration period and then it is open to non-members.

Pro Tennis update and Tennis Director Coaching Tip will be in the next Quarterly Newsletter.

Cheers!
Riaz

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