



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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President's Message



Chris Cooke

As my first official action as President, I would like to thank **Rob Adams**, our out-going President, for a splendid job this past year. The Club ran smoothly in no small part due to his great efforts. Thank You Rob! I will especially appreciate having his continued guidance and help this year. And, let us also not forgot the outgoing board members, **Ron Martinucci, Karen Harrigan, and Jerry Ceglia**. Ron did a great job as head of the House and Grounds, Karen headed up a superlative crew as chair of the Social Committee, and Jerry helped provide us with important guidance for his third and final year on the Board as head of Special Projects. Thanks to all three for a job well done and for your service on the Board. I would also like to introduce this year's committee heads:

Tom Middlemass – Tennis Events Committee,
Jane Pearcy – Social Committee
Phil Zlatunich – House & Grounds
Mike Amaroli – Membership
Dave Marcus – Finance/Secretary
Rob Adams – Special Projects

For those of you who enjoy the club and the many events that we put on each year, I would ask you to consider volunteering to help Tom, Jane or Mike with their committees. One new

Upcoming Events

- **Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook Off**
February 5th - 2:30
- **St. Patrick's Day**
Mixed Team Tennis & Member Mixer
Saturday, March 17th

idea, for this year is to have more events jointly sponsored by the Tennis and Social Committees. This has worked out well in the past, with Calcutta, Van Dillen and Team Tennis events having both fun parties and great tennis. Anyway, I know that all of us on the Board will appreciate getting as many volunteers as possible for the new tennis, social and membership committees.

On slate this year for the Board, we will be considering how to keep the Club in good shape physically and financially. In the short term, we plan to look at maintenance and improvements, such as a new roof over the Clubhouse. We are already in the process of implementing some small but important improvements, such as painting the kitchen and bar areas and installing a new heater in **Lona** and **Riaz's** offices. Other ideas that members have mentioned to me are; renovating the men's locker room, purchasing a new tennis ball machine and looking into putting lights on some of the courts (a perennial issue). Regardless, my most important agenda this year will be to listen to each of you for ideas on what we should be doing. So, I would urge all of you to give the new Board your feedback on what is important to you. I am out on the

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courts every weekend and, when work permits, on Thursdays at lunch, so please feel free to let me know your concerns and ideas. If you can't catch us on the courts, I would also urge you to consider attending the next members' meeting, which will be on Tuesday April 17th. At the last members' meeting, we had some good ideas from the members that attended, such as posting an agenda for what we plan to implement at each new member's meeting. But, we all need your help in making the club run smoothly and in addressing your needs.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

A big welcome to our new Board Members. As you know, Chris Cooke is taking over as PTC President for 2012. I've known Chris & his wife **Jan** since his daughter **Maddie** entered Washington Elementary eleven years ago. He's a guy everyone enjoys being around, unless you are trying to deal with one of Chris' tough cross-court returns. The club looks forward to a productive year from our new Board.

Congratulations to club manager **Lona** & husband **Gary** for appearing (photo) in this month's Inside Tennis magazine representing the San Carlos Tennis Club for the 50MX7.0 team. Maybe the PTC can do a little recruiting in the manager's office for next year's league team!

With the Academy Awards coming later this month, I thought it would be interesting to see what members had to say about their favorite movies. Be sure to check out the Question Man at the end of the Drop Shot to see how they measure up.

No one is more disappointed the I am that our beloved 49ers are not playing Sunday. Plan on attending the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, and we can all commiserate together. Bring your chili/side dishes and \$\$\$ for the various pools and proposition bets that will be available.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Another fun-filled busy spring is just around the corner at the PTC! The USTA Adult League season play begins March 26th and ends on July 1st. Please contact the following captains if you are interested in playing on a USTA team this season:

- Women's 3.0 **Kristin Nisewaner** knisewaner@yahoo.com
- Men's 3.0 **Mickey Podolsky** mbpodo@aol.com
- Women's 3.5 **Kim Cresci** kim@crescimail.com
- Men's 3.5 **Jeff Schubiner** drjschubiner@comcast.net
- Women's 4.0 **Barbara Freethy** bafreethy@astound.net
- Men's 4.0 TBD
- Men's 4.5 **Ken March** kvmarch81@att.net
- Men's 5.0 **Riaz Shivji** rstennisacademy@gmail.com

Please contact me at 650 347-1439 or manager@ptctennis.com if you have any questions or concerns. Happy Tennis!

Club News

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

Mark & Kathy Strem	10 Years
Melissa & Chip Smith	10 Years
Patrick & Laura Sommers	10 Years

It is with great sadness that longtime club member **Stuart Coxhead** passed away on January 24th. Some of you may have known Stuart off of the tennis courts, from when he was the rector of St. Paul's Church in Burlingame where he worked for many years. Stuart is survived by his wife - **Anne Breck Peterson**, and his sons **Christopher and Andrew Coxhead**.

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Tennis Activities News



Tom Middlemass

I am honored to have been asked to serve as Chair of the Tennis Events Committee. I'm not sure how well my experience as the Captain of the 4.0 Men's Team for the last five years translates into this assignment. However, I am quite sure, with the help and guidance I have

been getting, that we will have a successful year of Tennis events that will give opportunities for everyone to participate, be competitive, and have fun. Speaking of fun, I will be working closely with my fellow Board Member **Jane Pearcy**, Social Committee Chair, to ensure that our tennis events and social activities are tightly coordinated. Critical to this success will be contributions from Club Members interested in getting involved. So to this end, I will be reaching out to various folks to help plan and execute throughout the year. If you see my caller I.D. ringing, please answer the phone with a "how can I help?" You know who you are! For those not yet "speed dial ready" on my phone and would like to get involved, please call me at 415-902-8751 (mobile) or email me at tmiddlemass@gmail.com. Thanks in advance to all you helpers.

Our first tennis event of 2012 is the ever popular Mixed Team Tennis on St. Paddy's Day. This event usually runs in September but this year we're bringing it front and center to get the year kicked off with a bang. Of course, the club's St. Paddy's Party will be almost immediately following the Mixed Team Tennis and I suspect that means plenty of libations for thirsty players. Also in March, after a year's hiatus, we will also be starting the Men's Singles Tournament. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Club House on February 5th. Here's to having a great year of Tennis Events. Cheers!

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

The weather has been spectacular this January for all of us die hard tennis fanatics! My heart goes out to our skiers and snowboarders. I am hoping that this fantastic weather continues through March, at least on the weekends, so that we can get all the USTA matches played.

Curiously, we did experience some water intrusion around the door in the Junior room during the last storm. **This may have been a puddle** from a crying 49er fan, or could potentially be another roof leak. We will be inspecting the roof and closely monitoring this location and all of the previous known roof leaks as future storms pass through. If you see water dripping or puddles on the interior floors throughout the club, please bring it to **Lona's** or my attention immediately. Currently the Board is evaluating the repair or replacement of the roofing on the pitched clubhouse, as well as the flat roof areas. This major repair should be approved and completed sometime by late spring.

We are also working down the "comprehensive club repairs list," generated by my predecessors **Stuart, Ron** and **Big Rob**. We will be painting the kitchen and bar areas in the very near future. The kitchen and bar area will need to be closed during the "makeover" so dust-off your lunch boxes. Lona will give you plenty of advance notice of when to bring your own lunch & beverages once we have worked out the painting schedule.

During my tenure on House & Grounds, I will be striving to maintain and improve the club facilities and experience for all members wherever possible. Please feel free to pass on any comments or suggestions that you might have to help us make the PTC a more enjoyable facility for all club members.

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Membership News



Mike Amaroli

Welcome PTC friends. What a start to the New Year! The summer-like weather already has the club running with fun, high energy. I had a most enjoyable year as the Finance Chair and now I am moving on to head up Membership. Filling the shoes of the wonderful

David Marcus will be a difficult task. That is why I am reaching out to my fellow members for a little assistance. PTC is always looking to add fun families to our membership, so please keep this in mind. Bring them down for a hit or have our fantastic *Lona* give them a tour. There is also a \$250 credit toward dues as a "special thanks" to our members when a new applicant joins the club.

I will also be recruiting a few members to hit with applicants going through the process, so don't be surprised if I sneak up on you one day!

Social Events News



Jane Pearcy

The 10th Annual PTC Chili Cook Off and Super Bowl Party will be held this Sunday. The Chili Cook Off begins at 2:30 pm with the Super Bowl Kick Off at 3:20 pm. Come down to the club and enjoy football and chili with your PTC pals. Enter a crock of your favorite chili/BBQ in our 10th annual competition. For non-chili participants, please bring a dish (serves 8-10) to share with your fellow football fans before the game.

I'm really looking forward to another fun-filled year of social events at the club. Our tennis and social committees will work closely together to make each tennis event competitive and festive! Our social committee is starting to gel but we welcome anyone who likes to put on a party. I guarantee that even the meetings are going to be fun! Contact me at

mjpearcy@sbcglobal.net or (650) 348-3822 if you'd like to join us.

Our next event after the Super Bowl is on Saturday, March 17th. It is a St. Paddy's Day Mixed Team Tennis followed by a mixer with all things green including snacks and drinks. String up your lucky racket and stay tuned for event details!

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

I'd like to welcome our new Board members **Phil Zlatunich, Tom Middlemass and Jane Pearcy**. I'm very excited about the new alliance

between Social and Tennis Committees and am looking forward to working together and helping make this another banner year for our club events.

Our upcoming events include St. Paddy's Day Mixed Team Tennis and Men's Singles Championships.

USTA League - Did you know?

There is one new USTA tennis rule from last year that many captains may not have heard. Be the first on your block to understand it, and share it with your opponents: As you all know, if partners disagree on a line call during a match, (one sees it in and one sees it out) the benefit always goes to the opposing team. In the past, there was a possible exception to this rule if the conflicting calls came on a serve and the receiver returned the ball into play then you played a let. The new rule simplifies this. If the receiving team players disagree on a line call on a serve, the point goes to the serving team, regardless of whether the receiving team returns that serve into play or not. No let, no takeover, no argument. Point over. Keep in mind that if the serve is a let and the receiving players disagree on the call, that serve is taken over. Got it?

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The PTC W3.0 team captained by Kristen Nisewaner and Kathleen Egan is eager to get started with their team clinics that will begin in February and run through to the end of the USTA season. If you are interested in joining the team and meeting the ladies for some exercise, doubles instruction, team building and fun, please contact Kristen or Kathleen. The team is looking to build on the fun and camaraderie we gained last season.

SAP Open Tickets

The Men's Professional Tennis Tour is coming to the Bay Area in early February and I'm really excited to organize a group outing to the SAP Open for club couples on Friday, February 17th. Viewing from the baseline is the best way to see the action and we've got baseline lower tickets that are waiting to be snapped up! This will be a fun evening of fine dining. We'll start at the Firehouse Bar & Grill from 5:30–6:45pm, then take a short walk to HP Arena and watch world class tennis. Quarter-Finals start at 7:00 pm. Space is limited, so reserve your couple's tickets now! Seats are in Section 109, Baseline Lower rows 23/24. Ticket prices are \$70 each.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Side Door Motivation – This is a sneaky tool I use to help your Junior stay motivated and keen on tennis year-round. You already know the benefits of this great sport and what life lessons it can teach your child on a day to day basis. Playing, practicing, taking lessons and clinics are a great way to improve and enjoy tennis with friends. One of the ways I use the Side Door to motivate is to take Juniors out of their regular tennis environment and enjoy a slightly different tennis experience. Coming up in February is the SAP Open and I am planning a great night out for you and your Junior to join me during one of the feature tennis evenings. On Friday, February 17th at 7:00 pm, two of the Quarter Finals will be played. It should be a night of great tennis and indeed, motivate your Junior. Trust me they will be pumped!

These matches will be great and showcase the joy and benefit of playing tennis! A must for

your Junior tennis player. We will get six months of motivation for him/her after this one night of tennis!

Winter Program has begun.

The 2012 RS Academy Winter Program has gotten off to a fantastic start! From QuickStart/10U to Jr. Academy, it has been great to see so many Juniors working on their strokes and learning to love the game. Students focus each week on a specific theme which can include; ground strokes, net play, and serving or concepts such as; quickness on the court, mental toughness, depth and consistency. Students are grouped based on ability and work on drills, point and match play, all focused on the central theme for the week. The Program is half way through the 8 week series and we will begin registration for the spring Program soon. The kids are all working hard at improving, and having an incredible amount of fun while doing so. Thanks to **Jim Friedman** for volunteering his time to assist our coaching staff during the QuickStart and U10 series. He has been a valuable asset to our crew and brings incredible amounts of energy and enthusiasm every Wednesday. Much Thanks Jim!

The following are the dates and times for the RS Academy Winter Groups:

Monday: 3:30–5:00 pm – Jr. Academy 2
Tuesday: 3:30–5:00 pm – Jr. Academy 3
Wednesday: 3:30–4:30 pm – QuickStart/10 & U
Thursday: 3:30–5:00 pm – STAR
Friday: 3:30–5:00 pm – Jr. Academy 1

The weather has been remarkably good so far this year, but if there is a day that is rained out, it will be made up at the end of the series. If you are unsure of the court conditions, it's always best to check the message board on the RS Academy website at www.rstennis.com or call the club between 2:30 and 3:00 pm the day of a scheduled clinic. Please also check the website for information regarding summer camp programs, registration for the Summer Program will be available online in February!

The RS Tennis Academy Ballkids Team has been given the prestigious assignment of work-

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ing the Finals at the SAP Open Tournament in San Jose on February 19th, 2012. This is a very big honor and one that the team has earned as a result of their training and commitment to being on the team. Juniors with tennis match playing experience and who are at least in Jr. Academy 1 make up the 2012 Ballkid Team. The following list of ballkids that have excelled in training sessions and will represent RS Tennis Academy at the SAP Open.

Zach Martinucci, Alex Harrigan, Nick Yee, Matt Miller, Will Stevenson, Gordon Barrows, Brenden Barrows, Brooke Butterworth, Camillo Saueressig, Andrew Olson, Brooke Tsu.

How about that Aussie Open! What an incredible two weeks of Men's and Women's Grand Slam tennis ending with one of the most grueling, intense, emotionally draining Men's Finals of all time. The Ladies draw had some really exciting tennis and ended with Victoria Azarenka taking her first Slam in a scream fest over Maria Sharapova 6-3, 6-0. I don't mind the decibel level but many are put off by it. I don't think you can stop it...the girls yell and play loud. Better get used to it!

In the Men's Draw, Djokovic, the No. 1 seed and the defending champion, defeated the second-seeded Nadal, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-5. The match lasted 5 hours 53 minutes, making it the longest Grand Slam men's singles final in recorded history. The quality fluctuated, and both players finished with more unforced errors than winners (69 to 57 for Djokovic; 71 to 44 for Nadal). But that was also a tribute to Djokovic's and Nadal's level of commitment and defensive skill; a reflection of the quality and risk required to strike a winner past either of these supreme athletes. Numbers do not sum up the emotional power of this duel, which deserves a place among the most riveting matches in the game's history. The exchanges in the final two sets were spectacular, with both men digging into the corners for just one more shot. Djokovic has now amassed 5 Grand Slam singles titles, well behind Nadal's 10 and Federer's 16, but he is on an amazing roll hav-

ing won four of the last 5 slams and could hold the career slam if he wins the French Open in May. 2012 is going to be good!

Someone asked me about my advice in the last issue, **ABC. Always Be Closing**. I'll reiterate...good things happen when you're balanced and moving forward.

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Upcoming Junior Tennis Events:

January 9th:
Winter RS Academy Program begins.

Friday, February 17th:
Parent/Junior and Couples Night at SAP Open.

Sunday, February 19th:
SAP Open Finals – RS Academy Ballkids Team

PTC Question Man

"What was your favorite movie of all time and why?



Rob Adams: Patton – I saw it on the big screen with my Dad. George C. Scott won Best Actor. Amazing script, scenery, and intensity.

Marsha Kunz: Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid – Loved Robert Redford & Paul Newman together.

Jon Fearn: The Searchers – John Wayne's finest.

Stuart Batchelor: Lawrence of Arabia – The grandeur of the time and location, the adventure of travel, and making the most of one's situation.

Rudy Giannini: Saving Private Ryan – It was the most realistic war movie I've ever seen.

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Bob Currie: **Forrest Gump** – The sense of history during my childhood, the irony that his mental issues gave him a unique intelligence in an insane world, the comedy elements...saving Lieutenant Dan when he really wanted to die, and his special love for his son despite his emotional issues.

Suzanne Tateosian: **The Notebook** – No explanation needed. Ask any female.

Jane Pearly: **The Emperor's New Groove** – Thought it was a real funny movie.

Don Clark: **Back To School** – Nothing beats the Triple Lindy

Bill Campana: **Stagecoach** – (Cause he was an extra in it – sorry Bill, editor's embellishment).

Nancy Batchelor: Way too hard to pick just one.....I agree with Jeffrey that mob movies are fab – **Godfather I & II** (not III), **Goodfellas**, **Casino**. But the softer side of me loves **Holiday Inn**, **The Wedding Date** and of course **The American President** (of course the dashing Michael Douglas reminds me of my handsome husband!)

Lee Bradford: **Sleepless In Seattle** – Great romantic story.

Jeff Schubiner: **Caddyshack** – Because it has my favorite comedians: Bill Murray, Chevy Chase, and Rodney Dangerfield and the movie is about golf!

Bob Wren: **Goodfellas** – Liotta, De Niro, and Pesci, you could truly connect with the characters and the lives that they lived. Pesci's performance won him an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor. All three main characters painted a clear picture of the story Scorsese depicted.

Joni Amaroli: **Toy Story** – I can see it over and over again. Very funny movie.

Anthony Paz: **Raiders Of The Lost Ark** – Saw it when I was 12 years old and it was so believable that I went home and dug a huge hole in

the back yard. Still looking for that treasure.

Brian Beswick: **The Godfather** – Just beats out **Godfather 2** and **Goodfellas**.

Marty Funk: **The Bridge On The River Kwai** – It's not just the great whistling, it's a great story of honor, struggle, loyalty and redemption. The heroes and villains are not easily sorted out and each has admirable qualities as well as serious flaws.

Jim Sobel: **Searching for Bobby Fisher** – I can't explain why but I love every aspect of this movie. As a parent I think it embodies everything we hope and dream for our kids.

Pat Belding: **Pulp Fiction** – It has it all – suspense, hot actors/actresses (Uma), edgy, well written, clever, memorable and quite twisted!

Riaz Shivji: **Godfather** – The story told runs through generations within the Corleone family. A pure epic.

Torry Bryant: **To Kill A Mockingbird** – It was a classic, great period piece, told out of the eyes of a young woman.

Steve Brooks: **King Kong** (1933) – It means more to me because it was the first movie I ever saw.

Jeff Tateosian: If you look on my DVD shelves at home, you'll see every Mob & War movie ever made. I would have to give the nod to **Goodfellas/Casino/Godfather** and **Saving Private Ryan/Apocalypse Now/Platoon**.

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Feb 2012 (Pacific Time)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		9 am - SFPTL Senior			12:30pm - Women's 2:30pm - Men's 3.5	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12:30pm - Men's 4.0 2 pm - Annual Super		9 am - SFPTL Team			1 pm - Women's 4.0	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		9 am - SFPTL			9 am - Pro Court #3 1 pm - Men's 4.0	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					1 pm - Men's 4.0	
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
1 pm - Men's 3.5		9 am - SFPTL Senior			1 pm - Men's 3.5	