

February 2013

President's Message



Phil Zlatunich

Welcome to 2013 at PTC – On behalf of all PTC members, I would like to express our appreciation to **Chris Cooke** for his leadership, commitment and contributions in 2012. As President, he carried out his duties in an organized and professional manner. The enthusiasm in which he approached each issue, including the tough ones, added much to our success last year. I look forward to working closely with Chris during 2013, as well as with our remaining energetic Board members, **Jane Percy and Tom Middlemass**.

I also want to thank each of our outgoing PTC Board members, Rob Adams, Mike Amaroli and David Marcus for their hard work and dedication. Mike and David have served for the past two years and Rob for three years. You have laid out the course for the PTC to move confidently into 2013. *Thank you!*

Please join me in welcoming our new Board members for this term, **Ken March, Jennifer Ellison, and Jim Sobel**. I know that they will bring us their innovative ideas and boundless energy necessary to make the PTC better than ever before.

Upcoming Events

•
 St. Patrick's Day Team Tennis
 Sunday, March 17th
 •

Below are listed the committee chairs:

- Membership: **Jane Percy**
- Treasurer & Secretary: **Tom Middlemas**
- Social Events: **Jennifer Ellison / Jim Sobel**
- Tennis Liaison/Events: **Ken March**
- House and Grounds: **Phil Zlatunich**
- Special Projects: **Chris Cooke**

As President, I hope to develop our vision for the future with the help of my fellow Board members and our membership support. Additional Board member collaboration will be necessary this year. We would like to raise the level of programs offered in both tennis and social events, specifically by making more programs/functions available for our diverse membership.

In addition, we will establish several committees with member volunteers to chart out work for future PTC improvements already identified in our 2012 PTC Facilities Program. For example, we already have an ADC (Architectural Design Committee) made up of member volunteers, working diligently to make-over our “big room” (clubhouse). We would like more members to come forward to begin addressing several other areas – PTC website upgrade, possi-

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ble lighting for courts 4-7, video cam/security club access cards, and the clubhouse/court sound system.

There is so much we can accomplish by working together! I am confident that if we can “tap into” our extremely talented and enthusiastic membership, we can improve our facility for everyone to enjoy!

2013 PTC Tennis Programs

Over the past year, the Board took on the task of reviewing the tennis program. The club has changed over the last few years. We have many new members (14 new families this past year) and many more diverse activities (ballroom dancing, yoga, an expanded gym), along with USTA teams. The evolution of the club requires that we evolve the tennis program as well. Our goal is to balance the many needs and desires of our membership.

The tennis program is a combination of member adult lessons, clinics, youth programs, lessons and general court usage (open play, USTA league, and tournaments). The Board strives to provide a balance of activities to reasonably meet the needs of all members. In conducting the review of the tennis program, including formal and informal member feedback, current programs that are in place, and input from an independent Tennis Pro/Consultant, we learned a great deal:

- Member's who take lessons/clinics from **Riaz** directly, are very happy, but many members feel they cannot get lessons/clinics as there is no formal tennis program access for the membership.
- The youth program (RS Academy) is very successful, but uses much more court time than typical for a club our size, and includes a significant number of non-members.
- Despite our efforts, the amount of court time dedicated to the above mentioned academy, league play and lessons/clinics restricts the amount and frequency of open play.

In reality, these are good problems to have. We are not worrying about membership levels. We do not have to recruit non-members for our 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 teams. We are simply out of balance regarding the current membership needs. As a result, we are reshaping the tennis program to create the needed balance. This process will begin immediately. Over the next several weeks, our TPRD (tennis program review and development) committee comprised of **Ken March, Rob Adams, Mike Amaroli** and I will begin working out the details with the Director of Tennis. Together we will deliver this much needed balance to the membership. We will report back on our decisions.

I am very excited and firmly believe that going forward, our PTC Membership Tennis Program will be outstanding.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Wow, what an ending to the Super Bowl. After being blown out in the first half, the 49ers came back to make it a terrific game. Unfortunately, between the Niners losing 28-6 at the half and the 33 minute black out at the Superdome, we lost most of the 104 members at our PTC Super Bowl party early in the third quarter. Ten die-hard members sweated it out until the end of the game, with it going down to the last play. To the many football bettors, congratulations to **Marsha Kunz** (\$50), **Dennis Mayer, Dan Dewitt, Ben Chew, Joe Feeney, Joe Bojues & Mickey Podolsky** for winning \$25 each on the “football squares pool.” As for the Proposition Bets sheets, congratulations to **Ben Chew** and **Bob Wren** for correctly guessing the most propositions. They each won \$100. A great time was had by all who attended.

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Manager's Corner



Lona Means

On Sunday, February 10th at 1:30 pm, representatives from Playmate will be at the PTC to demonstrate a new ball machine with the latest remote system available and the iPlaymate application. I hope you can all be present to voice your opinion on the system.

Please refrain from propping open the entry doors as this is a County Health and Welfare code violation and is a serious liability to the club.

Red Flag Rule Reminder

When Members are waiting and the red flag is up:

a. Courts must be relinquished after two sets of doubles have been played, or after singles players have completed a five minute warm-up period and played one set, or have rallied for a total time of thirty minutes.

b. A set shall be completed at six all by a tie-breaker.

Please do not hesitate to stop by my office or contact me at 650-347-1439 or manager@ptctennis.com with any suggestions or questions. Happy Tennis!

Club News

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

Bob & Pat Meyer 45 Years
Werner & Jeanette Yee 30 Years

Congratulations to the following members for their final 2012 NorCal Rankings:

-**Double Gold Ball winner**
Betty Cookson - 90's Clay & Hard Doubles
-**Senior Rankings**
Riaz Shivji - Men's 40's Singles - Rank #6

Gary Goodman - Men's 50's Singles - #11
Gerry Sydorak - Men's 70's Singles - #12
Rudy Giannini - Men's 80's Singles - #8
Chuck Callaghan - Men's 80's Singles - #10
Dyle Anderson - Men's 90's Singles - #1
Linda Benvenuto - Women's 45's Singles - #4
Jim Friedman - Men's 65's Doubles - #8
Dick Foster - Men's 75's Doubles - #7
Rudy Giannini - Men's 75's Doubles - #8
Austin Sellery - Men's 85's Doubles - #4
Dyle Anderson - Men's 85's Doubles - #8
-**Junior Rankings**
Carolyn Campana - Girls 14's Combined - #8
Anna Campana - Girls 12's Combined - #22

Tennis Activities News



Ken March

2013 brings a very enthusiastic committee led by Chairman **Kelly Kemp** and co-chair **Mark Percy**. We have a full schedule of tennis tournaments and activities highlighted by the Calcutta, and van Dillen Doubles Championships, and Team Tennis to name a few. Check out the calendar of events on the back of the upcoming PTC roster for dates.

Our tennis committee is looking forward to working with the social committee, **Jennifer Ellison** and **Jim Sobel** in hosting many of these events. Last year we participated in two inter-club events with the San Carlos Tennis Club and are looking to do the same this year. We are also looking to renew our friendly rivalry for the Peninsula Cup with PGCC. Please let **Lona** or I know if you are interested in participating.

One of the new activities we will be trying is a Friday early evening mixer complete with after or during tennis cocktails and snacks. Keep your eyes open for the dates and times in the Drop Shot.

A warm welcome goes out to our USTA captains. Thank you for your time and effort supporting all of our players here at the club. Captain's names and teams are posted in the Drop Shot throughout the year. If you're inter-

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Interested in playing competitive tennis on a team, check the Drop Shot for contact info and give the captain a call.

Our first event will be the St. Patrick's Day Team Tennis Tournament on Sunday, March 17th. The tournament is open to 48 players, 24 men - 24 women. Spots fill up fast so sign up early! A sign-up sheet will be posted by February 14th in the club room. If you're not playing that day, join us for the after party immediately following the matches (approximately 3:00 pm) for cocktails and snacks.

I would like to thank the tennis committee in advance for their support and enthusiasm, and to all members who will participate in the Club's events. Here's to a great year!

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

Current List of H&G projects:

Clubhouse roof replaced
Skylight replaced
PTC website upgrade -
New ball machine - On order
pending remote re-programming
Hydration station at Court #3 -
Plan check review

Court crack repair #4 thru #7 - Scheduled for August 5-9, 2013, start
Clay/Har-Tru Courts - #4 thru #7 - Committee selection process under way, 2015-16
Clubhouse bar area, big room ceiling/kitchen painting - Schedule pending
Flooring replacement (Women and Junior Locker rooms) - Scheduled start in March
Video cam upgrade - Cost analysis / feasibility study in progress
New lights - Development phase / Committee selection process underway
Furniture replacement - ADC review / Fiscal budgeting for 2014-15
Clubhouse library bookshelves / ACD clubhouse development / April PC review
Clubhouse/court sound system - Budget feasibility revisit for 2014-15
Seal off air infiltration @ RTU above Bar area - Completed

Membership News



Jane Percy

Greetings from Membership!

Well, after a year of coordinating the social activities at the PTC, I'm ready to recruit new families to join in the fun. I always keep an eye out for prospective members and you should too. Many people don't know that our little club is right in their back yard. PTC is looking to add tennis players to our membership, so feel free to bring interested people down for a hit or have **Lona** give them a tour. Keep in mind that there's a \$250 credit toward dues as a special "thanks" to our members when a new applicant joins the club! I hope to duplicate the kind of year we had in 2012 when Membership guru, **Mike Amaroli**, brought in 14 new members. Thanks again for your dedicated commitment to bringing in wonderful new families Mike.

I am happy to report that we have one family that has submitted their application for membership. They are: **Ernest & Julie Ruehl** (sponsored by **Brian Desler** and **David Andrews**).

Social Events News



Jennifer Ellison

The Social Committee is looking forward to a fantastic year filled with plenty of events for everyone to enjoy. But first we want to thank the outgoing social chair, **Jane Percy**, for leading the club's activities in 2012. Thank you to Jane, **Joni Amaroli** and **Marci Martinucci**

for decorating the clubhouse and putting on a great Super Bowl party. The only thing missing was a final Niners touchdown. The club was packed and the cheering could be heard 'round the neighborhood as PTC rooted for our Niners. We had some outstanding chili entries, with **Mickey Podolsky** earning top honors. Thanks to **Mark Percy**, we had a beer tasting this year, which appeared to be popular given the crowd

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hovering around the bar! Yours truly tied with **Jeff Schubiner** for first place; we both correctly identified three out of the five beers.

I am looking forward to leading the social activities this year with the help of **Jim Sobel**. We will be planning all the traditional PTC events, and may even add some impromptu fun at the club. Our first event is right around the corner....the St. Paddy's Day Tennis Mixer and Social. This was intended to be a new event last year, but unfortunately was rained out. Come join us on March 17th for a day of social tennis followed by green beer and appetizers on the patio. Erin go Bragh!

Board Member Profile

Jennifer Ellison

Please welcome Jennifer to the 2013 Board of Directors. If you didn't make the connection, she is the better half of **Anthony Paz**. Her Board responsibilities this year will focus on Social activities, along with new Board member **Jim Sobel**. You will see Jim's write up next month.

Jennifer grew up in Seattle and went to college at Seattle University. Her first career job was with Merrill Lynch. Five years later, she accepted an offer to work with Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough and moved to San Francisco. Jennifer became a partner at the firm six years ago and she manages their Silicon Valley office. She works with high net worth families, endowments and foundations, managing every aspect of their wealth (investments plus planning).

When asked how she and Anthony met, Jennifer said, "Many years ago I was captain of a team out of San Mateo. We had season-ending party at **Maggie Blumberg's** house and all the married women on the team insisted that I go meet this cute guy who opened a tennis shop in Burlingame. I refused but my friend Cathy, the only other single woman on the team, jumped

at the idea. She went in and flirted enough to convince him to play mixed doubles with us. I went along, kicking and screaming, and nervous about my tennis game. On the first point I pushed Anthony out of the way and hit a winning volley. Anthony said it was love at first site and we have been together ever since."

Two and a half years ago, they became a family with the birth of their son **Ryan**. He prefers running over walking, climbs everything in sight, has a crush on **Lona**, and miraculously has not had to be rushed to the ER with any broken limbs yet. Perhaps most importantly, he already loves tennis and can often be seen on court 3 with Dad early in the morning.

Her hobbies include tennis, golf, cooking, wine and travel - the good things in life.

When asked about her tennis game, she said, "I'd love to say I just started, but really it has been about 10 years. Unfortunately, my job gets in the way of my being able to play as much as I'd like. I'll be a 4.0 when I retire!"

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

Aussie Open

Men

- Dominant Djokovic! He just slugged everybody into the ground and looked like he could run for another 5

hours! Machine!

- Murray will win another slam this year. Which one?

- Come back Rafa, we need you out there fighting with these guys.

- Federer will still battle these guys all the way, but he cannot hit through them anymore. They are too athletic and can run down his biggest weapon. He could still win Wimby.

- The rest of the guys are GOOD...But these four are SUPER GOOD and arguably the best top quartet ever to play the game.

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Women

- Serena was on course to win it all until she rolled her ankle. When she's playing like that, nobody can beat her except herself.
- Li Na is great for the game - she is fun, refreshing, has a sense of humor and is playing her best tennis ever. She was right there but two falls, a rolled ankle and a head bump derailed her in the Final. Hope she's back to stay!
- Azarenka, I like her, she's young, fresh. She has a good all round game...but she screams like a banshee and uses gamesmanship towards her opponents when losing control of a match. Unfortunately, that's what people remember...other than she shrieks like a banshee.
- Sloane Stephens. She is already ranked inside top twenty (17) and I love that she can bang from the baseline and also come forward and end points at net. I hope she can build on her Aussie Open success and continue to get better. She is top ten material.
- I think the grunting rules are tough to change completely. However, here are a couple of rule adjustments I'd like to see. First, players should lose a point if their grunting noise continues past the ball traveling over the net. You can grunt, but your grunt can't last for 5 seconds. Second, if you need to take an injury time-out it's gonna cost you 2 points in the next game or two points in the upcoming tie-break. Let's play fair!

SAP OPEN -

I have secured exclusive PTC ticket discounts for the upcoming SAP Open on February 11-16. Contact me at the tennis office for any day or night session you'd like to attend. Here are some highlighted matches coming up -

Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm - Bryan Brothers (1st round doubles)
followed by Fernando Verdasco (1st round singles)

Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm - John Isner (2nd round singles)
followed by Alexandr Dolgoplov (2nd round singles)

Thursday, February 14 at 11:00 am. Ladies Luncheon and meet the ATP Players followed by day session tennis. 16 PTC ladies will be attending the luncheon and we just heard that we will meet John Isner and possibly the Bryan Brothers.

Thursday, February 14 at 7:00 pm - Milos Raonic (2nd round singles)
followed by Sam Querrey (2nd round singles)

Saturday, February 16 at 11:00 am - Singles and Doubles Semi-Finals, Academy Ballkids Team AND Parent/Junior trip to SAP Open

Saturday, February 16 at 7:00 pm - Mixed Doubles Exhibition featuring Stefanie Graf, Lindsay Davenport & Andy Roddick followed by a singles semi-final match

**players subject to change*

LESSON / CLINIC PROGRAM -

Top players win because they understand percentage tennis.

Are you a consistent player or team?

Do you understand the 5 consistency principles and use them?

Do you want to be more consistent and win?

Sign up for our matchplay lesson course and you will begin the road to consistency and winning!

If you would like to sign up for my Doubles MatchPlay Course and join a group clinic, please contact me at the Tennis Office. You will be placed into a group clinic which is ability based and progress along the matchplay course together. We are organizing clinics NOW! Private Lessons are available during the middle of the day midweek, and on Saturday afternoons. Semi-Private lessons also available. PLEASE CALL THE TENNIS OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE LESSON / CLINIC PROGRAM.

PRO COURT -

17 players (5 women, 12 men) on January 19th. Next Pro Court will be on Feb 23rd.

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DARTH VADER

Recently, a few ladies and I were chatting near the front courts and we were all watching a group of men playing on courts 1-3. One of the ladies noticed that on each court there was a man wearing black socks. She asked me about this trend and I told her that Andre Agassi started this fashion back in the mid 90's when he would play night matches at the US Open and I saw him wear all black tennis attire for the first time at an exhibition against Pete Sampras in Las Vegas. On today's Pro Tour, you can catch Roger Federer and sometimes Novak Djokovic trend the dark socks to match their sponsored Nike and Uniqlo outfits at almost every tournament now. However guys, a word of caution, please make sure to wear the regular calf high tennis sock in whichever color you choose as one of the ladies said, and I quote, "Riaz, black socks look just OK, but that guy wearing the short ones looks like he's riding in the Tour de France...he kind of looks like Lance! Personally, I like the black, but only if you have mad skills!

JUNIOR TENNIS

The Jr. Winter Program is currently in the 4th week of an 8 week series. The Spring program will begin as soon as all 8 weeks have been completed, as there are a few make up days for the groups. The Spring series will begin in March. Registration for Summer will be available online at www.rstennis.com, by the end of this week. We will once again be offering clinics in QuickStart, 10 and under Tennis, STAR, Jr. Academy and Academy Select.

The Summer Program will begin on June 17th and will run for 8/one week sessions.

Cheers!

Riaz

Upcoming Events

- January 14th. Winter Junior Tennis Program Begins. Register at www.rstennis.com
 - SAP OPEN WEEK:
 - February 12th. Bryan Bros First Rd.
 - February 14th. Ladies Day Luncheon at SAP Open.
 - February 15th. Evening Quarter Finals.
 - February 16th. Academy Ballkids at SAP Open Semi-Finals.
- EXCLUSIVE PTC DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ALL SAP OPEN SESSIONS!



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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar Feb 2013 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 12:30pm - Men's 3.5 2:30pm - Mixed 8.0	28	29	30 9 am - SFPTL Senior	31	1	2 12:30pm - Women's 2:30pm - Women's
3 12:30pm - Men's 3.5 1 pm - 11th Annual	4	5	6 9 am - SFPTL Courts	7	8	9 12:30pm - Men's 4.5 2:30pm - Men's 4.0
10 12:30pm - Men's 3.5 2:30pm - Women's	11	12	13	14	15	16 9 am - Pro Court #3 12:30pm - Men's 3.5 2:30pm - Men's 4.0
17 12:30pm - Women's 2:30pm - Women's	18	19	20	21	22	23 12 pm - Men's 4.0 2 pm - Men's 4.5+ 4 pm - Mixed 7.0
24 12 pm - Women's 3.5 2 pm - Men's 3.5	25	26	27 9 am - SFPTL Senior	28	1	2 12 pm - Women's 4.0 2 pm - Men's 3.0 4 pm - Mixed 8.0