

February 2014

## President's Message



Jennifer Ellison

**This is the time of year** when we look both forward and back, assessing accomplishments while planning for future progress. It is with great pleasure that I step into the role of President at PTC and I look forward to a positive and productive year ahead. Before looking forward, however, I want to say thank you to some important members.

**First, I want to thank** three Board members who have completed their terms and who are surely looking forward to spending more of their time at the club on the courts. **Jane Percy, Tom Middlemass** and **Chris Cooke** all served the club well and it was a great pleasure working with them last year. I personally enjoyed getting to know each of them better and I have the utmost respect for them and their service to the club.

**Next, thanks to the** returning Board members, **Jim Sobel** and **Ken March**. Jim provided strong leadership to the Search Committee and Kenny did a fantastic job organizing a full schedule of tennis activities at the Club. Ken pulled together a strong committee, many of whom will continue to help **Jeff Schubiner** in this effort next year. We held more tennis events than usual

## Upcoming Events

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Spring Fling Mixed  
Tennis Tournament  
March/April  
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last year, with additional team tennis and inter-clubs.

**Last, but not least,** my hat is off to **Phil Zlatunich** who played two huge rolls at the club last year, both as President and House and Grounds chair. Either of those roles requires a great commitment and an enormous amount of time. Phil gave the club everything he had last year and then some. And although he deserves a break, past-Presidents serve a third year on the Board and he has kindly agreed to lead the House and Grounds efforts again – we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his efforts and continued service to the club.

**I would like to extend** a warm welcome to our new Board members, **Kay Coskey, Jeff Schubiner** and **Stuart Batchelor**. Kay has kindly stepped up to lead the Social Committee and she will be seeking lots of help. She will work closely with Jeff Schubiner who will lead the Tennis Committee. Stuart will handle the club's finances as our Treasurer and will also lead the clubhouse remodeling project, arguably the biggest issue on our plate this year. Thanks in advance to all three of you for your service to the Club.

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I'm excited about the progress we have made in securing our next Tennis Pro and it could not have happened without the relentless effort of the Search Committee, led by **Jim Sobel**. The Board approached members representing various constituencies at the club asking them to drive this process in a manner that would result in a Pro who could meet many needs. I'm grateful to **Rob Kotmel, Lisa Rogers, Kelly Mulready, Bob Wren, Dan Dewitt, and Erik van Dillen** for all the time and diligence they spent combing through resumes and managing the interview process. We are all very excited to complete the contract process and welcome our new Pro! Once in place, we will have several welcome events so that everyone has a chance to meet **Milos** and provide input on the tennis program.

For those who missed the last membership meeting, we presented three special awards to members. **Mark Percy** and **Jeff Tateosian** were both presented with the PTC Award. This is an award the Board gives to members in recognition of excellent service to the Club. It's been several years since a Board has given out this award and we felt it important to recognize both Mark and Jeff this year. Mark is so understated that you may not be aware of all the time he gives to the club. For several years he has donated his time creating the graphics for the social and tennis committee (sign ups, posters, etc.), he has been a member of the tennis committee helping with many events, and he gave an enormous amount of time, energy and architectural prowess to the clubhouse remodel project.

**Jeff is another deserving recipient** of this award, having donated countless hours over the years. Most notably, Jeff compiles and edits the Drop Shot every month. He also plays a key role in virtually every social event we hold by acting as our in-house emcee and DJ, as well as putting on the club poker, gin rummy and bocce ball tournaments. I cannot begin to count how many hours these two gentlemen have given to the Club over many years.

Additionally, the Board awarded an Honorary Membership to **Betty Cookson**. Betty has been

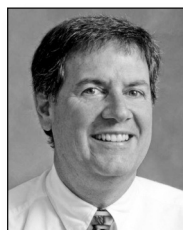
a PTC member since 1959. During her time in the club, she has received the Service to Tennis Award (three times), the James B. Moffet Award, and the Family Achievement Award. Betty became chairman of the National Junior Hard Courts held at the Club and high school in the 70's and helped turn the tournament into a National event. She has also been heavily involved with running the Nike Junior, Cal State Senior, and Bonnebell MCB Cup.



*Betty Cookson*

**These club achievements dwarf** in comparison to her tennis achievements. There are too many to list, but some highlights include being inducted into the Norcal, Tennis Hall of Fame 1997, being nationally ranked #1, 2, or 3 in 55D, 60D, 65D from 1072-1989, becoming a Double Grand Slam winner 2008 W85, a Double Gold Ball winner in 2012 for W90 Clay & Hard Court Doubles, and most recently, becoming the current 2013 W90 National USTA Champion. Betty is still going strong on the courts, and we are very lucky to have her as part of PTC during the last 55 years.

## Editor's Message



*Jeff Tateosian*

**Starting next month**, we are going to change the way we deliver information about the Club. Getting the "important news" across to members has always been somewhat of a hit and miss. In the random survey we conducted a few months back, members enjoyed hearing what was going on at the club, seeing photos, and getting to know more about individual members a little better. The problem is that there are plenty of members who either work long hours, or just don't find the time to stop and read an eight page monthly newsletter.

**Six months ago**, we tweaked a few things and made the Drop Shot a shorter newsletter, with

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less duplication between Board member articles, and added more photos. It was well received, and we were still not getting the important information to as many club members as possible.

**After tossing around some ideas**, we have decided to continue to mail out a full six to eight page Drop Shot every three months along with the quarterly invoices. For the other eight months, we are going to email a streamlined, one-page update of upcoming activities and pertinent news, called "Monthly PTC News." It will be in the form of the PTC email blasts that you receive once or twice a month. In three minutes, you can find out what you need to know about Club news and upcoming activities. Again, our quarterly Drop Shots mailed with the invoices will include personal stories along with other Club information and lots of photos. Thank you for your continued support.

## Manager's Corner



Lona Means

**Congratulations to our 6.5 combo team**, captained by **Whitney Murphy**, for taking her team to the second round of playoffs and just barely missing district championships. Nice playing ladies!

**The next Adult 18 & Over** USTA season is rapidly approaching with play from March 31st through June 22nd. Captains must register their team by March 3rd. Please contact me with any questions regarding signing up a team.

**PTC depends on the honor system** when signing in guests at the club. Please respect your fellow members and be sure to sign in all guests who participate in activities at the club.

**Finally, please join me** in congratulating **Betty Cookson** on her "Honorary Membership Award" and **Jeff Tateosian** and **Mark Percy** who share the "2013 PTC Award!"

## Club News

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

**Peggy Myers**      **25 Years**

**Congratulations to member Cristos Goodrow** for winning an Emmy last month in Las Vegas.

He is a Senior Director of Engineering, responsible for search and recommendations at YouTube, (owned by Google). Cristos is in charge of the engineering team that won the Emmy. After the Emmy banquet at the Bellagio. They visited several night clubs to celebrate. When asked about the celebration, he said, "it turns out that even I can attract some attention in a Vegas club if I'm carrying an Emmy." They ended up at the LIGHT club, which was hosting a post-CES party for Beats by Dr. Dre, where he got to spend 30 minutes talking with Will.i.am, about YouTube, Google, and technology in general. Cristos confessed that his kids, naturally, were more impressed with Will.i.am than winning an Emmy!



**It pays to play** - at least to the following members who were winners in the various PTC Super Bowl pools. Congratulations to **Joe Bojues, Sonia Moss, Marsha Kunz and Ben Chew** for winning \$25 each in the Football Squares pool, and to **Jim Michalko (Beth Cody)** and **Jerry Ceglia** for correctly picking the most right in the Proposition Bets pool. A great time was had by all.

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## Tennis Activities News



**Jeff Schubiner**

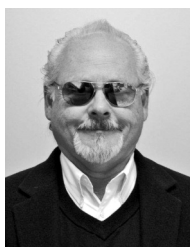
**I am honored to serve** as the chair of the Tennis Events committee. I plan to work hard and try to emulate our past chairs, **Ken March** (2013), **Tom Middlemass** (2012) and **Chris Cooke** (2011). We hope to have

a fun committee with many members returning from 2013 and many new members joining the group. If you would like to join our "work hard/play hard" committee, please contact me by email at [drjschubiner@comcast.net](mailto:drjschubiner@comcast.net).

**We have fun events planned for this year** including events including, Team Tennis, Calcutta, Interclub Matches and Twilight Tennis. These are great events that encourage team camaraderie, competition and new friendships. We will also have competitive events such as the Van Dillen Doubles Championship Tournament and Singles Championship. We look forward to putting on these events with the help of **Kay Coskey** and her outstanding new Social Committee.

**Our first event of 2014** will be the Spring Fling Mixer in mid April. I encourage everyone to sign up, especially our new members. It will be a fun-filled day of tennis, food and drinks. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the club house next month.

## House & Grounds News



**Phil Zlatunich**

**The women's locker room** upgrade project is nearing completion. The new tile flooring and bench have been installed and the room is looking really great. The new bench seat covers are a nice touch and really dress up the room. The damaged mirror is on track for replacement next week, as well as the installation of a new full

length mirror to complete this project. Next up, the Men's locker room.... Stay tuned.

## Membership News



**Ken March**

**New Year, new position.** I am excited to be this year's membership director of the PTC. Over the past two years, we have welcomed twenty-eight new members to our PTC family. Times are good here at our Club. We are starting off the year strong.

We have five new applicants who have submitted applications in the last month. They are:

- **Andrea & Robert Irvin**  
(**Mei Chen & Duncan Grenier**)
- **Timothy & Christina Luceno**  
(**Barbara Kott & Anthony Paz**)
- **Zara & Lani Fritts**  
(**Jay Penn & Duncan Grenier**)
- **Linda & Haitham Ballout**  
(**Brian Heimbecker & Elizabeth Pratt**)
- **Sheila & Steve Drvskin**  
(**Duncan Grenier & Matthew Bartos**)

**There are still a few memberships available.** If you are looking to sponsor someone, please be sure to contact **Lona** or myself. Interested in joining the membership committee? Send me an email [kvmarch81@att.net](mailto:kvmarch81@att.net).

## Social Events News



**Jennifer Ellison**

**The rain didn't keep our members** away on Super Bowl Sunday. Though it wasn't much of a game, we had a fun time eating, drinking and enjoying the day with friends. Congratulations to **Jeff Tsu** for winning the chili cook off...again. Jeff is happy to

share his recipe with you, as long you promise not to make it for next year's competition.

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Also, congratulations to **Jeff Schubiner** for winning the beer tasting competition. It only took him three tries and a little help from **Chris Cooke**, but he managed to guess four out of the five beers – what a palate!

Is this the year for you to become more involved at PTC? If so, come and join the social team. **Kay Coskey**, our new social chair, is gearing up to throw some lively events at PTC. Please email Kay at [klcoskey@earthlink.net](mailto:klcoskey@earthlink.net) if interested.

Finally, I want to highlight the tireless hours that **Tery Zlatunich**, **Valerie March** and **Nancy Chew** put into our social events last year. Tery and Val provided endless creativity and were the reasons behind the “wow” factor you might have felt when entering the clubhouse for any of the parties. And Nancy was a committed work-horse, willing to do anything from set-up to clean-up and everything in between. There were lots of people to thank for their help on the social committee last year and I hope I recognized them all in past Drop Shot columns.



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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Feb 2014 (Pacific Time)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
26 1 pm - Men's 3.0 3 pm - Women's 4.0	27	28 8 am - Back Court	29	30 9 am - Swinging Aces	31	1 10 am - At BHS 12 pm - At BHS 1 pm - Men's 4.0 3 pm - Men's 4.5+		
2 12th Annual Super 1 pm - 3.5 Ladies	3	4	5 9 am - SFPTL	6	7	8 1 pm - Women's 4.0 3 pm - Men's 4.0		
9 1 pm - Women's 3.5 3 pm - Men's 3.5	10	11 Front Court Washing	12 9 am - SFPTL Courts	13	14	15 1 pm - Men's 4.0		
16 1 pm - Men's 4.5+ 3 pm - 3.5 Ladies	17	18	19	20	21	22 1 pm - Women's 4.0 3 pm - Women's 7.0		
23 1 pm - Men's 3.0 3 pm - Women's 3.5	24	25 Back Court Washing	26 9 am - Wise Aces	27 9 am - Swinging Aces	28	1 10 am - At BHS 12 pm - At BHS 1 pm - Womens 3.5 2 pm - At BHS Men's 3 pm - Women's 3.0		