



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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A Message From The Board

As the Board of Directors settles into their respective roles for 2007, it is inevitable that with fresh faces come new ideas and renewed vitality. This natural occurrence is positive not only for the Board but for all the members of PTC. Occasionally, however, the demands of today on our personal life trumps what seemed so important yesterday.

It is unfortunate that we have to announce that our new President, Mark Strem, is resigning from the Board effective immediately. This very difficult decision for Mark resulted from two important developments: 1) a significant change in his work schedule, and 2) a coincidental and significant change in the health of his parents. The confluence of these two factors convinced Mark that he would no longer be able to spend the time and energy he felt was necessary in helping provide direction and oversight to the PTC as a member of the Board. For any of you who know how much effort Mark has given to the Club over the past year or so, you will understand his difficulty. While we may lose the "serve and volley" approach he brought to the table to make PTC a better place, I'm sure we will still see it in action on the courts. Mark - we hope all goes well and we thank you for all that you have done for the club.

The remaining board members are working hard to ensure there is a fluid transition as positions are re-assigned and that current momentum keeps moving forward. **Bob Sinclair** has stepped into the role of President. As many of you know, Bob has been instrumental in working on various subcommittees for the Board, most notably that of the Finance Committee. **Alan Klein** will use his strong financial background as Club Treasurer overseeing club finances. Second year Board member **Bob Currie**, as Social Director, will assume Bob Sinclair's Vice President title. The other positions on the Board remain as they were. Action to replace Mark's vacated seat on the Board will be discussed at our March meeting.

"It is our full intent to maintain the momentum built over these last few months with respect to the CIP." As Mark stated last month's Drop Shot, "Progress is sometimes followed by a comma, but never a period."

Upcoming Events

Women's Doubles Tournament Sunday March 11

Sign-up in clubroom

Bonnebell Cup March 27 - April 1

Top Junior Girls Tennis from Australia vs. USA's Best

Team Tennis Tournament April 15

Sign-up to be posted soon

Quarterly Membership Meeting April 17

President's Reception April 28

van Dillen Doubles Tournament May 5-6

Men's Singles Tournament May 20

Editor's Note

Dennis Mayer and I would like to thank you for all the nice compliments on the new Drop Shot. We look forward to adding new features during the upcoming months. Remember, we are always looking newsworthy items.

We are looking to add the email address of your spouse to the club email database. When we built our member email

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address list five years ago, we just asked for the email of the proprietary members. By adding your spouse's email, they will automatically receive the monthly Drop Shot, as well as other club announcements. Please send the email address to jeff@ptctennis.com.

Manager's Corner



Thank you to the members who supported PTC's efforts to get fans in the stands at the recent SAP Open in San Jose. Riaz put out a great marketing effort, and the club sold all but one ticket purchased at a discounted-price.

Please check your club roster book to make sure that your family data is up to date. We will be publishing the new roster book within the next few weeks. Please contact Bill immediately if you have any changes.

There are a number of household plates and glassware on top of the refrigerator in the ladies locker room leftover from social events and league matches. Ladies, please take a look to see if they are yours.

Speaking of lost and found, we have many personal items that have been left at the club since our last lost and found "donation" to the Goodwill. The items currently in the lost and found bin in the snack bar are: reading glasses, sunglasses, hats, shirts, knee and elbow braces. Please see Mary or Kim to see if any of these "valuables" are yours.

Tennis Events News

The Annual Women's Double's Tournament will take place on Sunday, March 11 from 9AM to 3PM.

We will have two tiers, 3.0 – 3.5 and 4.0+. There will be a \$15.00 entry fee, which will include breakfast, goodies, lunch and a raffle (prizes provided by RS Academy). Please sign up either with a partner or as an individual. If signing up as an individual, you will be paired with someone of equal ability that is mutually acceptable to both. Please sign up either in the clubhouse or by calling Bill Jepsen.

The Millbrae Racquet Club is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Mixed Round Robin on Saturday March 17. Play will start at 11:00 AM in Millbrae. Starting around 2:00 PM after tennis, the club will be supplying an early supper consisting of corned beef and cabbage. The cost is \$12 per person at the door. Sign-ups will be in the clubhouse shortly.

The PTC will host the Bonnebell Cup Tournament March 27 - March 31. Come watch the top 6 Australian 14 and under girls compete against the top 6 American 14 and under girls for the Bonnebell Cup! You will get to see great high level singles and doubles play and meet the future stars from Australia and the U.S. Wednesday, March 28 will be a practice day with opening ceremonies and official match play beginning Thursday, March 29. Finals will take place on Saturday followed by an awards dinner at the PTC.

The PTC is very proud to be selected for a second time to host this event and **Steve Rogers** and his dedicated committee is working hard to ensure that it will be a grand success. But they need your help! Financial underwriting is needed to fund the tournament. Donations large and small will make a difference. Volunteer help is also needed in the following areas: transportation, tournament staffing, dinner prep and player housing. **Please contact the area lead if you can lend a hand.**

Steve Rogers	(roges57@yahoo.com)	Tournament Chair
Karen Harrigan	(Karen.harrigan@genzyme.com)	Housing Chair
Nancy Batchelor	(nmb@yahoo.com)	Hospitality Chair
Glenn Mendelson	(glennm1@ix.netcom.com)	Transportation Chair
Doug Stone	(dstone0429@aol.com)	Underwriting Chair

Members can attend the evening dinners (Wed. – Sat) for a small fee. Sign ups will be posted in the clubroom at the start of the tournament. Let's show our PTC pride as hosts of this great event.

USTA Spring league play begins this month. Sign-up and represent your club on one of our many teams: (Men's 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, Super Senior Men's 3.0, Women's 4.0, and 3.5.) Please contact **Bill or Riaz** and they can direct you to the appropriate captains.

The much anticipated Team Tennis Tournament will take place on Sunday April 15th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. **Linda Penn**, our illustrious tournament director, will post the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse a few weeks before the tournament. It will be open to the first 24 men and 24 women to sign up.

Membership News

Comings & goings...

We have two new families who have submitted their applications during February. **They are:**

Mark & Erikka Molumphy
Hank Stumpf & Marv Charney (sponsors)

David Hyman & Michele Goller
Karen Harrigan & Jeff Tateosian (sponsors)

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Club News

Stuart Batchelor writes that February has been a busy month for House & Grounds. The month began with the reconfiguration of the exercise room making it more functional. The change makes for better TV viewing as well as easier access to the ice machine. This was quickly followed by the acquisition of the new HDTV for our clubroom. Items of focus for the next several weeks include adding fresh flowers to our planting beds and pots in the front of the club and painting the back fence along court 3. Most importantly, considerable effort is being made to move the Capital Improvement Project along. Multiple meetings were held with our Project Manager as well as with club members to review various aspects of the project. Our goal is to have completed drawings that can be submitted to the City of Burlingame in March and can be sent out to contractors for bid. Please send any comments or suggestions concerning House & Ground issues you want the Board to discuss to batchouse@gmail.com.

Congratulations goes to Mark Safran for receiving the USTA 2006 Tennis Educational Merit Award. This prestigious award is given to an individual who has made notable contributions in the tennis educational field at the national level and has demonstrated leadership and creative skills in such areas as instruction, writing, organization and promotion of the game of tennis.
Nicely done Mark.

Let's give a big thank you to Dennis Mayer for creating the PTC court cam. It is working intermittently until the right hardware can be purchased. If you haven't seen it yet, go the PTC website (www.ptctennis.com) and click the court cam link on the right hand side. It's a great way to view the weather at the club during foul weather days, as well as gauging the activity on the front courts. Helpful hint: bring your "A" game if you are playing on court #3 as the court cam will be broadcasting your game over the internet. Smile, "You're on Candid Camera."

Looking to volunteer for tennis activities, social activities or for house & grounds? Dennis has also added a volunteer link on the left hand side of the PTC website. You will be able to send a direct email to **Melissa Smith** (tennis activities), **Bob Currie** (social activities) or **Stuart Batchelor** (house & grounds). They would love to hear from you.

Social Events News

Bob Currie would like to thank everyone for coming out for the annual Super Bowl Party in the clubhouse. He writes that the

Bears made it interesting but it was the Colt's destiny to win! We had over 75 revelers and everyone had a wonderful time, thanks in no small part to Stuart Batchelor & Bob Sinclair's efforts to secure a beautiful new 67" hi-definition television. Nice job as usual from **Nancy Batchelor & Lynn Currie** on the decorations and efforts to orchestrate the event. The chili entrants were all delicious and the assortment of party trays from our new Board member, Alan Klein, and his lovely wife Susie were over the top. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish. Lastly, our favorite emcee and wagering organizer, **Jeff "Tat"** was in rare form and kept everyone up to date on the quarter-by-quarter winnings! Congratulations to **Stuart Batchelor and Jim Fregosi** for winning two quarters each on the football pool.

For those many members who had requested the recipe for the SF Chronicle award winning Almond Cake that new member, **Maggie Blumberg** brought to the Super Bowl party, send an email jeff@ptctennis.com and it will be forwarded to you. Great job Maggie!

Our next big social event is the President's reception on Saturday Night, April 28th. The theme is set for James Bond 007 baby...so dust off your favorite cocktail attire and get ready to party. We look forward to a great event. You may sign up for this popular event next month. Please contact **Bob Currie** if you would like to help the social committee on this one! The blender will be full for you!

Director of Tennis News

The SAP Open ended on February 18th with Brit Andy Murray taking the title with a three set win over 6' 10" Croat Ivo Karlovic. The tennis was great all week and over 60 members took advantage of our ticket program to see the tennis at HP Pavilion.



Riaz was down in San Jose all week and got a close look at the players practicing on the very fast surface this year. He said that everyone looked good but Blake and Murray impressed him the most with their shot making and feel for the game. Blake just played one bad game against Karlovic at the end and was out. Murray has beefed up a bit and his footwork and endurance is much improved. Riaz says that he deserved to win.

The PTC ball kids team worked the matches on three separate occasions including the Semi Finals on Saturday night and did a great job again this year performing above par as usual. The team voted **Erik Chaney** MVP this year. Well done to all team members on another great SAP Open.

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Junior Tennis Program

Congratulations to Junior Academy player *Alec Guttas* for winning the Seascape Boy's 12 and Under Novice Singles. He then teamed up with his Crocker pal Glenn Baxter to win the 12's Doubles too!

Another Jr. Academy player in the news is *Alex Harrigan*. She was a finalist at the Danville Community Classic in girl's 12's division. Great job Alex!

RS Academy Star Clinics started on February 12th and will run for six weeks. These group clinics are for novice/intermediate Juniors and are supervised by *Academy pro Albert Vial* on Tuesdays (Blue and Red Star) and Thursdays (Green Star) every week. There will be another session starting mid April.

Chris Batchelor (Foothill), *Steven Benvenuto* (Santa Clara), *Nick Amaroli* (UC Davis), and *Hague van Dillen* (Sacramento State) are Junior members playing college tennis right now. These guys are doing great and would love your support so please take some time and get out to cheer them on. Check out the school website for tennis schedules.

Meet Kim from the Snack Bar



Five months into her weekend position at the Snack Bar, Kim Green is feeling quite comfortable behind the counter. She says that after putting in long hours during the week, the weekend shift is a nice change of pace. Preparing tuna and egg sandwiches (the two most requested meals) are much favorable to pulling all nighters before exams.

Kim is currently a Junior at San Francisco State. Her major is criminal justice and she hopes to become a prosecuting attorney. She grew up locally, graduating from Taylor Elementary and Mills High School in Millbrae. Kim was a multi-sport athlete, lettering in Water Polo, Soccer, and Swimming.

Asked what she likes best at the club, she revealed that it would have to be the card players. Her "regulars" as she calls them, treat her with respect and are on a first name basis. Likewise, she returns the respect by watching out for them on Saturdays. Kim says that if any of them has a heart attack over their Gin hand, she is CPR certified and can get them back to their game quickly.

If you haven't had a chance to meet her yet, be sure to stop by and introduce yourself.

Did you Know?

How well do you know your past five Club Presidents?

• *Can you match all five of these true-life events with these ex-Presidents.*

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| 2002 Ken March | 1. First met his wife at a Girl Scout Camp (you can finish the story). |
| 2003 Jim Fregosi | 2. Rode a two-ton killer whale in a theme park whale tank. |
| 2004 John Stone | 3. Swam from Lanai to Maui in a relay race. |
| 2005 Jeff Tateosian | 4. Grandson of Missionary/Doctor captured by Mao Tse Tung's army. |
| 2006 Gordon Nagare | 5. Born and raised on a farm until the age of 18. |

Answers will be in next month's issue.



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PTC Court Calendar

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