

March 2011

President's Message



Rob Adams

Welcome to spring! I am writing this while watching the Oscars....too bad I only saw one of the nominated films. But we have many Oscar winning performances everyday at PTC, and over the coming months we will present some awards via my monthly article. Our first award is for Greatest Improvement in Employee Contribution. The winner is **Jose Rodriguez** for his efforts to keep our club looking good! Please take a minute to thank Jose when you have a chance.

Meanwhile, we have a lot of tennis ahead of us. Spring Leagues, Spring Fling, and our first Shallow End Water Polo Tournament.....**Peter Stevenson** will coach.... OK, just kidding on the tournament. It won't be until July. Many thanks to the members who have stepped forward to volunteer (gee, somebody actually read my article in February)! We can use more, but we kick off the year in good shape. Finally,

Upcoming Events

Peninsula Cup – PTC vs. PGCC
Sunday March 20th

•
Spring Fling Party
Saturday April 16

•
Team Tennis
Sunday April 17

your Board is hard at work looking at long term planning. Expect to hear some recommendations in the coming months. Can we make every member happy? Heck no....but I think we can be more united than Wisconsin! Take care, and make good line calls.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Thank you to everyone for joining us at the 9th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Super Bowl party. We had over 100 members stop by to see a thrilling game with Green Bay edging out Pittsburgh. It appears that the luck my Steelers jersey usually provides me disappeared (along with a little green in my wallet). Congratulations to the Chili Cook-Off

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winner (**Marci Martinucci** and **Jeff Tsu**), as well as our Football Pool winners (**Alan Klein, Jonathan Delantoni, Craig Andrews and Nancy Batchelor**) and our Proposition Bet winners (**Steve Balchios and Mark Strem**). Steve guessed an amazing 20 out of 26 correct (those picks would have been a big payday for me in Vegas) and it should be pointed out that Mark had both the second highest correct (18) AND the lowest number (10) on his two sheets. It looks like he was getting his picks from Freddie, the Chimp at Marine World, who used to pick football games correctly against me at an amazing rate. Finally, a big thank you goes to **Dennis Mayer, Nancy Batchelor** and their talented Social committee for putting on another wonderful party at the club.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Our 3.0 USTA teams are searching for a few more enthusiastic and fun tennis players. Please contact **Kristin Nisewaner** (knisewaner@yahoo.com) or

Mickey Podolsky (mbpodo@aol.com). If you are interested in joining a team this spring.

Please respect your fellow PTC member's by signing in all guests at the entry podium and following the PTC guest policies:

- 1. The hosting member must accompany his/her guest, register the guest, and pay the applicable fee.
- 2. No person may be a guest at the

club more than two times per month. This rule applies to those guests residing in the nine Bay Area counties.

- 3. A maximum of three tennis playing guests are allowed at any given time, and the hosting Member must play on the court with them.

PTC parking spaces in the BHS lot are reserved for adult members only; please remind your Juniors members that they are required to park in non-designated spaces.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can help you with. Happy Tennis!

Club News

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

Bob & Karen With	15 Years
Kristin Nisewaner	15 Years
Nancy & Stuart Batchelor	10 Years
Marsha Kunz	10 Years
Jerry Ceglia	5 Years
Chris & Jan Cooke	5 Years
Earl & Audrey Gustafson	5 Years
Spencer Lowe & Devi Ananda	5 Years
Debbie & Mark Metcalf	5 Years
Jim & Andrea Sobel	5 Years
Stan Vistica & Lisa Happich	5 Years
Scott & Leslie With	5 Years

Tuesday, March 1 began the new session of both beginning and intermediate Ballroom Dance Lessons. The times will remain the same; 6:00 for beginning and 7:15 for the intermediate class. The

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cost is \$59.00/person for 6 lessons. Dances covered will be the Waltz, Foxtrot, Rumba and Swing. New dances being introduced this month are Salsa and the Nightclub Two-step. New singles or couples are welcome.

With the passing of long-time member **Ed Brown** last month, he left quite a legacy in the art world. Besides the paintings that he had donated to the club, check out his extensive art gallery at <http://www.edbrownstudio.com>.

House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

After much discussion with our roof evaluation committee, (**Stuart Batchelor, Mike Amaroli, Joe Feeney, Lona Means and myself**), along with

recommendations from our roofing contractors, we have decided *not to replace* the flat roof at this time. The contractors bidding the project told us that we have some life left on the flat roof sections and the pitched roof (club house) is serviceable. So at this time we are going to have the wood shingled roof repaired and hold off on the flat roofs since we do not have any leaks. We know that within five years all of our roofs will need to be replaced. This also means the discussion on solar water heating project is on hold. Thank you to the committee for all of your time and effort on this topic.

Also, thank you for keeping our club locked up and not propping the doors open. Everyone is doing a good job.

Tennis Activities News



Chris Cooke

The Tennis Committee now has members!

Thanks very much to **Jim Sobel, Brian Beswick, Matt Maloney, Teddy Bernardo, Brad Craig, Val March, Julie Buckmaster and Jane Percy** for agreeing to help

out. Of course, please let me know if anyone else is interested. The first tennis event of the season will be the Peninsula Cup on Sunday, March 20. This event will pit 12 players from the PTC against 12 players from that other "Peninsula" Club, the PGCC (the one with the nice golf course and dining room) in a battle of 3.5 - 4.5 doubles. We won last year so I am sure they will be out for revenge this year. It should be fun and the play will begin at the PTC at 1:00 pm. Stop by if you want to cheer on our team.

Membership News



Dave Marcus

We had a new member join the club at press time. Their names are **Elizabeth & Keith Pratt**. Information about them will follow in next month's Drop Shot.

Over the years, PTC typically has had a **waiting list** of people eager to join our club. Right now, there is no such list. This unusual and sure to be temporary situation represents a fantastic opportunity for tennis players out there who may be interested in becoming our newest members. Spread the

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word....tell your friends that we are currently able to consider new applicants to our club, without the historically and often lengthy wait. Feel free to bring them by PTC for a visit/tour and be sure to let **Lona** know when you do. She will be happy to provide prospects with specific information about the club as well as a membership application.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

We have plenty of USTA League Teams for you to consider this year. If you are interested in joining a team this

spring, please sign up on the USTA website, or contact the team captain for more information.

2011 USTA Teams/Captains:

Men's Senior 3.5 – **Ben Chew**

Men's 3.0 – **Mickey Podolsky**

Men's 4.0 – **Tom Middlemass**

Men's 5.0 – **Riaz Shivji**

Women's 3.0 – **Kristin Nisewaner**

Women's 3.5 – **Kim Cresci**

Women's 4.0 – **Barbara Freethy**

Mixed 7.0 – **Stuart Batchelor**

Mixed 8.0 – **Mindy Wong**

USTA Results

Congratulations to **Kelly Kemp and Phil Zlatunich** for winning the Lafayette 4.0 NTRP Championships in late January. Phil and Kelly won the first set pretty handily but their opponents fought back to win the second set and forced a third set super tie-break which our guys pulled out 10-8. What a great result!

Peninsula Cup

PTC will host the 2nd Annual Peninsula Cup on Sunday, March 20th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Courts 1-7 will be used by the teams vying to win the cup. PTC brought home the cup last year and now it's time to defend the trophy against a PGCC team eager to win it back! Come out to support our PTC team, as they take on Peninsula Golf and Country Club and go for a repeat of last year's victory!

PTC Pen Cup Team:

Dan DeWitt, Matt Colvin, Mark Percy, Gordon Nagare, Mark Showen, Mark Lewis, Devi Ananda, Jill Andrews, Linda Pene, Linda Benvenuto, Jane Percy, Libby O'Leary.

Pro Court

Come out and join your fellow PTC members for the next Pro Court on Saturday, March 19th at 9:00 am. For those curious about this format, I arrange foursomes on court 3 and players rotate in and out after a set number of games. This is not an instructional clinic but a way to meet other members without arranging to play beforehand. Feedback on Pro Court has been great, so come out and join us next month!

Women's 3.0 Clinic

The Women's 3.0 Clinic will run every Wednesday, 1:30-3:00 pm. Contact Captain **Kristin Nisewaner** for details in joining the team, or myself if you are interested in taking part in the team clinic every week.

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JUNIOR TENNIS

February was a great month for our Juniors! The Academy Ballkids Team was in top form on Tuesday night at the SAP Open. The team worked matches involving Fernando Verdasco and Gael Monfils! Our kids showed great poise and skill under pressure on a feature night down in San Jose. Next up is a possible work date at Stanford during the NCAA's! Juniors are selected based on participation, effort, teamwork, and match play knowledge.

Alex Harrigan was the winner of the Seascape President's Day Junior Open in the G16's division! Alex played tough opponents, and was able to bring in the win...way to go Alex!

Maddie Wachhorst was also a big winner in the G10's Lafayette Challenger Tournament on February 13th. Maddie played a great match in the final round, and was able to win it 12-10 in a third set tiebreak! Great job, Maddie!

Congratulations to both girls for playing tough and competing, but most of all representing our program with great sportsmanship and honor!

QuickStart

We got off to an incredible start on Saturday, February 26th! The future tennis stars had a great time, with plenty of structured activities to help them learn the fundamentals. The Quick Start series will run for the next 5 weeks on Saturdays, from 1:00-2:00 pm. There is no better way to have your child learn the game of tennis and more impor-

tant...have fun and gain a love for the game! QuickStart will also be a part of our Junior Summer Tennis Program this year. Please contact **Marci** (marcirstennis@gmail.com) for more details.

Junior Team Tennis

For the 8th straight year, RS Academy will compete in the USTA Summer Junior League which starts in the beginning of June. Junior Team Tennis is a great way for Juniors to get match play experience, and a have a great time enjoying being a part of the team. The playoffs at the end of the season will be held the first weekend of August in Fresno. The Junior Team Tennis players will have a match or two a week from June until the beginning of August. Team members will also practice once a week. Please look for the Parent's Jr. Team Tennis meeting date that will be announced soon.

Tennis Training

With the USTA spring season almost upon us (March 21st), players always ask me what they can do to prepare their games and be match ready for the season and maybe even playoffs. I'll tell them that preparing for a competitive season takes time, a diligent practice plan and knowing what shots and game style they will need when the going gets tough. Currently in my lessons and clinics we have been working on the tools needed to do battle against opponents with different playing styles and shots. Using the 5 Zone System to understand court position and where/when to attack and defend, players have been learning to use a smarter

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shot selection to open up court space and end points with savvy team play as opposed to just powering through opponents.

I've watched members here playing doubles against the same opponents and look great, but when it comes to USTA match play, where they play opponents with different styles and strengths, they have difficulty adjusting their games because of a lack of confidence in using a new style of play in order to win the match.

If you are interested in really improving your strokes, learning how to adjust using different game plans, and getting match tough, please give me a call to set up a series of sessions to take your game to the next level.

Game, Set, Match!
Riaz



Alex Harrigan



Maddie Wachorst



2011 SAP Ball Kids

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar		Mar 2011 (Pacific Time)				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2:30pm - Mixed \$0	3:30pm - Jr. 28	9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr. 6pm - Ballroom	9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr. 4	1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 5
6	3:30pm - Jr. 7	9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr.	9am - SFPTL Women 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr. 11	12:30pm - Lessons 4 2:30pm - Mixed \$0 12
13	7:30am - Court 3:30pm - Jr. 14	9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr. 15	9am - Senior SFPTL 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr. 17	9am - Pro Court \$3 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 18
19	7:30am - Court 3:30pm - Jr. 20	9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr. 21	9am - SFPTL Women 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr. 24	1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 3pm - Mixed \$0 25
26	3:30pm - Jr. 26	9am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr. 27	9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr. 31	1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 3pm - Mixed \$0 2