



Words from "the new Prez"

Becoming the President of your club reminds me of something Yogi Berra once quipped, "I never said most of the things I said." I remember joining the club and saying to my wife *Heather*, "I know one thing for certain, I'll never be on the Board," and then there was my reply to the Board last year "I really have no interest in being President, the CIP is enough for me." Well, here we are after *Mark Strem's* sudden resignation; I get to recite Yogi's quote almost on a daily basis.

The reality, however, is that serving as your President is an honor. Not a day goes by when I don't run into a fellow member that inevitably says something like, "thank you for doing this, we know how much time it takes" or "we're so happy that the club found the right person at the right time." Comments like these have had a profound effect on me just as I'm sure they had on any of our past Presidents. We serve because we think we can make a difference. In my case, I am very fortunate to have individuals on the Board of Directors, any one of which would make for a terrific President. In fact, we are very lucky to have gained the service of a past President, *Torry Bryant*, to complete the remaining term of the vacated seat. Torry's experience and dedication to the club are invaluable while we prepare for the largest remodel in the club's history.

On that note, as you read through this edition of the Drop Shot, take a few extra minutes to capture the magnitude of the effort by Director *Stuart Batchelor* as he drives this project of ours to the starting gate. I have been able to accompany Stuart to most of our meetings this past month and I can attest to the fact that we are VERY fortunate to have him at this place in time. And lastly, if I can finally talk about tennis, if you haven't made it to the club this past week, you'll be missing something very special. The **BONNEBELL CUP** (currently ongoing) is a big feather in our hat and we owe a great deal of gratitude to *Steve Rogers*, *Nancy Batchelor* and the entire committee.

Our quarterly meeting is right around the corner on Tuesday, April 17. I hope to have some exciting news on the progress of the CIP. Please try to attend; it's our best venue to share the information and activity from the Board.

I want to wish everybody a very Happy Easter and hopefully I'll see you all at the President's Reception on April 28.

Upcoming Events

Bonnebell Cup
March 27 - March 31

Quarterly Membership Meeting
April 17

Team Tennis Tournament
April 21 (new date)
Sign-up is posted

President's Reception
April 28
Sign-up is posted

van Dillen Men's Doubles
Championship Tournament
May 5-6

Men's Singles Tournament
May 20

Boy's Open Tournament
May 18-20

Editor's Note

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome **Bob Sinclair** as PTC President. I've known Bob for many years and he has both the background and the personality to make a fabulous President. Our members appreciate him stepping up when it counted and will continue to give him their support.

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If you haven't had a chance to visit the club during the **BONNEBELL CUP Tournament**, please do yourself a favor and take in a match or two. These talented players are the top ranked 14 year-old players in both the U.S. and Australia. They are putting on quite a show for our members. Opening ceremonies and matches began on Thursday March 29 and will continue Friday. They will wrap up on Saturday March 31, followed by the closing ceremonies and the awards banquet.

Thank you to **Dennis Mayer** and **Bill Jepsen** for putting together the new Club Roster. A few sections have been updated and it looks great. You can pick up your copy at the snack bar. The book is limited to one per family please.

Manager's Corner



PTC parents, please remind your children to collect their clothing items accumulating in both junior locker rooms. We will be making a trip to the Goodwill soon, so please take a look within the next few weeks.

Summer is just around the corner, so we will be heating the pool no later than Memorial Day. At that time, our lifeguards will be on duty from noon until 5:00 pm everyday.

As a reminder, non-members are not allowed to use the club grounds as a short cut to Burlingame High School, Caltrains nor Burlingame Avenue. Also, non-member BHS students are not allowed to enter the club for lunch. We would appreciate your cooperation in both areas.

Tennis Events News

Due to some conflicts, the Team Tennis Tournament that was originally scheduled for April 15th is *now going to be held on Saturday April 21st* starting at 9:00 am. **Saturday morning tennis players, please note that the courts will not be available until the afternoon on that Saturday.** The theme for the tournament will be "spy tennis." Your guess is as good as mine as to the theme, so you'll just have to sign up to find out.

The Ladies Double Tennis Tournament was held in March on a beautiful sunny morning. In the 4.0 division, the winners were: **Becky Homan & Cathy Mishra**. The runners-up were **Barbara Freethy & Jane Pearcy**. In the 3.5 and under division, the winners were: **Becky Showen & Sue Peletta**. The runners-up were **Sharon Marson & Natalie Vasiliev**. A great day was had by all who participated. A big thank you goes out to **Riaz** for the prizes as well as **Marissa Hauselt, Ken & Val March, Nancy**

Batchelor, Steve Brooks and the rest of the Tennis Committee for their help in making this another grand event.

The always popular van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship Tournament will be held on Saturday May 5th, with the finals of both flights on Sunday morning May 6th. Pick a partner (sorry, I'm taken) and sign up in the clubroom starting the last week in April. We will have two brackets; 4.0 and above, and 3.5 -3.0. There will be a cocktail reception on Saturday evening May 5th in the clubroom. More details of the evening will follow.

For all of our newer members, the van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship Tournament was started in 1974 following the gracious gift of the "van Dillen Cup Trophy" from **Babes, Paul Jr., and Erik**, in loving memory of **Paul van Dillen, Sr.**

Paul and Babes became members of PTC in 1950, following arrival from their native Holland in 1945. Paul was an avid player who loved competitive men's doubles as well as sharing tennis with his wife, Babes and young sons Paul and Erik. His untimely death in 1964 was a great loss to his family and many friends and PTC tennis players.

The van Dillen Cup is an exquisite, hand-crafted silver trophy of historic lineage in Great Britain, discovered by Erik during one of his tournaments in London. It is a fitting tribute for the van Dillen Cup to reside in the PTC clubhouse, and that the names of the winners of this tournament are inscribed on its base. The winners truly embody the finest and highest level of tennis competition and sportsmanship within Peninsula Tennis Club.

Membership News

Comings & goings...

We have three new families who have submitted their applications during March. They are:

Dennis & Shannon Wong
Jenny Smith & Kirsten Gray (Sponsors)

Rebecca & Bill Homan
Mindy Wong & Steven Benvenuto (Sponsors)

Brad & Suzanne Craig
John Flygare & Pete Ferris (Sponsors)

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Club News

House & Grounds - The following Club members have agreed to serve on the H&G committee for 2007; **Ron Martinucci (Chair), Tim Latta, Pam Stroud, Earl Gustafson, Phil Zlatunich, & Stuart Batchelor (Board representative)**. The H&G committee will be reviewing a list of issues currently impacting the Club and working to resolve those issues in the months to come. Please email any comments or suggestions to Stuart at batchouse@gmail.com.

Capital Improvement Project – **Stuart Batchelor** reports that a significant amount of progress has been made on the CIP plans over the past four weeks. Stuart & **Bob Sinclair** have met with the following groups; 2/22 Matrix (project manager) on the project timeline, 3/2 meeting with Guzzardo (landscape architect), 3/8 meeting with SM County Health (lighting and pool fencing), 3/21 meeting with Burlingame Fire Department (access/egress, chemical storage), and 3/23 meeting with Guzzardo (final resolution on all design issues). We are now waiting on Guzzardo to provide the final landscape drawings. This will then permit use to finalize the civil engineering and pool plan. The goal is to have the final plans in our hands by April 15th. This will permit the Club to go out to approximately five general contractors for bidding and to the city of Burlingame for permitting. Special thanks goes to **Pam Stroud** for helping set up the meeting with SM County Health inspector. Issues around ADA improvements to the bathrooms are still under review.

Cal State Senior Tennis Tournament – Members have been asking the status of the Club hosting the Cal State Senior Tennis Tournament. **It is the sincere desire of the Board to host this tournament in our traditional manner over Labor Day weekend.** However, the Club as you know has yet to fully engage the selection process of hiring our general contractor. It would be imprudent and fiscally irresponsible of the Board to limit the bidding to only those who are free to begin the work on or after Sept. 4. We hope to make our decision on the general contractor in May, and will know the status at that time for the Cal State Senior Tournament.

Congratulations to the 4.0 Senior Men's Team for reaching the second round of the playoffs. In the first round Sunday March 4th, they beat University Club by a score of 2-1. They then went up to San Francisco for their 2nd round playoff match on Sunday March 18th with the winner moving onto the Fresno regional. Though our men put up a fierce fight, they lost 2-1 to San Francisco Tennis Club in a very tight match. Great season guys.

Congratulations also go out to the 8.0 Mixed team for once again reaching the playoffs. They went up against a tough Pacific Athletic Club team and came out on the short end of a 2-

1 match in their first round playoff match.

On March 11th, Paul King won the men's 65-69 men's singles event held at Stanford University as part of the 2007 Bay Area Senior Games. This qualifies Paul to play at the CA State Senior games to be held in San Diego in 2008. The National Senior Games will be contested back at Stanford.

Tom Brown and Lee Tyler (Bradford) have just completed their book on Tom. It is available for purchase at the snack bar (no need to carry cash as you can charge it to your account). The title of the book is "**As Tom Goes By.**" It's the story of this veteran player's journey from boyhood in San Francisco (where he challenged his mother to his first game -- she beat him 6-love); to becoming a Wimbledon winner (twice); fresh from serving in the army in World War II; through marriage, parenthood, divorce, legal career, retirement and travel; with tennis all along the way fulfilling his competitive urge.

Co-author Lee Tyler (aka: Lee Bradford, former editor of the Drop Shot), reports that the book is receiving very gratifying responses. Jack Kramer phoned Tom to say, "It's a helluva informative book." Other personalities checking in with enthusiastic comments include Pancho Segura, Gardnar Mulloy, Peter Talbert (son of Billy), Margaret Osborne duPont, Fred Kovaleski, Bud Collins, Barry MacKay, and Europe's most renowned tennis writer, Gianni Clerici. What will you think of it? Why don't you grab a copy of it and find out yourself? By the way, feel free to grab Tom anytime you see him to sign your copy.

New members **Maggie & Tom Blumberg** were accidentally left off of the 2007 club roster. Please note that the home phone is 342-7550 and Maggie's email is maggers51@yahoo.com. She's always looking for a game.

Dyle Anderson's most recent achievement was also left off of the club roster. While in Vancouver Washington during May 2006, Dyle won the National Indoor 85's Doubles Tennis Tournament. This is the 3rd gold ball all for Dyle, as he also won in 2001 and 2006. The win helped him to reach a current ranking of #4 nationally in the 85's. Great job Dyle.

Social Events News

Won't you please join us for the President's Reception coming up Saturday, April 28th at PTC!

The theme is "James Bond 007...Shaken, not Stirred." Cocktail attire is the dress of the evening, although feel free to break out those vintage tuxes to dress like Bond. The speeches will be short and the cocktails will be tall. Look for the sign up sheet in the Clubhouse the first week of April or call in your reservation to Bill Jepsen.

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Director of Tennis News

I was in Palm Desert this month for the first week of the Pacific Life Open. What a great fan friendly event that is. I must have seen almost all of the top twenty men and women on tour practicing and working out with each other and their coaches.



All the guys have their shirts off, showing how ripped they are and just cracking the ball. You know that sound that is made when someone really pops it. The girls are also sunning themselves while working out and leave little to the imagination with their dress code if you know what I mean! Many fans from all over the world stop both at this event and the next one in Miami to see the best players in the world. I highly recommend it if you like to watch tennis and are into checking out the workouts and matches all day long. Plus it's Southern California in springtime...mid 80's and early 90's, perfect. I was in the Fila suite in the main stadium and got to witness something very rare; Roger Federer losing in the first round! He lost to Guillermo Canas from Argentina in a HUGE upset. Following his loss on Saturday, the big seeds went tumbling out one by one. Rafael Nadal stayed the course and beat Novak Djokovic in the final 6-2, 7-5 for his first tournament win this year.

What impressed me the most is watching the players practice with each other. They really make the most out of their limited time on the practice court. They have about one hour to hit with each other and after some light dynamic warm up they would hit some short court and then start hitting from the baseline. They hit a little cross-court or down the line practice and then onto some volleys and overheads before finishing with serves, and then maybe some competitive points to finish off the workout. This really works for them and could work for you as most members play sets and sets and sets. Next time you go out to play, maybe do some cross-courts and down the lines, then work on your net game for ten minutes before hitting some overheads and then finish with serves before playing out a couple of tie-breaks. You really will get the most out of your play or practice time if you work out this way while having fun and enjoying your time on the court. Next month I will give you some games to play other than sets to help you with your practice time.

PTC Members that wish to order K-Swiss shoes can do so right here from the tennis office. Come on in and try on a style that suits you. We have great member pricing for adults and juniors. For more information, please call the tennis office at 347-1440. This month's featured K-Swiss shoe is the Ascendor. (Unique Duraflow upper, TPU Cushion Board, provide the optimal balance between lightweight and stability. The Durawrap LT high abrasion toe guard and DragGuard create a durable barrier between the court and the foot. Great breathable, lightweight tennis shoes). Bill and I are wearing ours this month!

Junior Tennis Program

Summer Junior Membership:

The Summer Junior membership is for interested junior tennis players only. The process to join is similar to the Junior membership process. The membership fee is \$300 (which goes to the PTC fund). This fee entitles the Junior access to the club from 12-5 (lifeguard hours) for tennis, swimming, Junior room, cash purchases at the snack bar, etc. These juniors must agree to take at least three weeks of tennis instruction with RS Tennis Academy. These weeks do not have to be one after the other. A portion of the summer membership fee (\$25) goes towards a t-shirt, prize, and the Summer Opening Day for Juniors. As with Junior membership, Riaz has a great deal of discretion with who may participate. Similar criteria for Junior membership is required. Both are designed for ages 10 and above. Riaz and Bill are very selective when offering membership to those under the age of 12.

Summer Tennis Program:

The 2007 Summer Tennis Program will run from June 18th-August 2nd in weekly sessions. PTC members and Summer Junior members have first priority in signing up for sessions. If there are spots open after this sign-up period, these spots are given to interested non-members. Non-members can only come for their lesson and cannot stay and use club facilities.

Green and Red Star tennis sessions are coming to the end of the current session. A new session will start in mid April and sign ups for the Star clinics are open now. Star clinics are taught using the RS System to juniors. This system of modern games based coaching enables juniors to learn the true fundamentals of the sport in a very positive environment. RS Academy coaches will also teach, encourage, and reinforce values like respect, fair play, good character, and honoring the rules and ethics of the game.

Tuesdays

- Blue Star (Novice/Intermediate ages 9-12) 3:30-4:30pm.
- Red Star (Intermediate ages 10-16) 4:30-5:30pm.

Thursdays

- Green Star 1 (Beginner ages 7-9) 3:30-4:30pm.
- Green Star 2 (Beginner/Novice ages 7-9) 4:30-5:30pm.

A reminder to Junior member's parents, please make sure to pick up your child from the club at 5:00pm. Unless they are in a scheduled clinic or lesson, they must be off club grounds or directly supervised by an adult member.

Thank you for your assistance.

Upcoming Junior Events

- Summer Camp sign up (April)
- Boy's Open Tournament (May -20)

For more information on the Star and Academy programs, detailed info on the summer tennis programs, and other tennis news, please go to www.rstennis.com.

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Meet Bob Sinclair



Bob was raised in Torrance, CA and attended North Torrance High. Although his life was consumed by football, baseball, basketball he was enticed to play tennis after his freshman year by his high school coach Dan Braden, brother of the more famous Vic. After two years at #1 singles, a college tennis career seemed likely but upon attending UCLA with no available scholarships (they had this other freshman kid named Jimmy something), Bob decided to go the academic route. Gaining admittance to either dental or medical school was the goal. A BA degree in Psychology from UCLA in 1974 and a

BA degree in Biology from Cal State Northridge in 1977 only served to direct Bob away from medicine to his real passion, the financial markets. It was then on to USC for an MBA in Finance in 1980 and a very rewarding 21 year career in institutional bond trading, retiring in 2000. For the last 6 years, real estate development with occasional bursts of active day trading has kept him busy.

In the fall of 1983 Bob met his wife Heather on a PSA (remember the “smile”) flight that she was working. To this day there remains a considerable difference of opinion as to who approached who, but the end result is two daughters, Kendall, 18, currently a freshman at USC and Kelsey, 14, a freshman at BHS. Both girls attended Riaz’ summer clinics which drop volleyed them straight into dance, theater and cheerleading...way to go pro, your emphasis on footwork paid dividends again.

The Sinclair’s moved to Burlingame in 1992 and joined PTC in 1998. They are also members of The Olympic Club and Pasadera CC (Monterey) for Bob’s passion in that other sport. If asked, Bob would describe the perfect day as; a couple sets of doubles in the morning, 18 holes of golf in the afternoon followed by dinner with friends and family...a Beefeater martini is a must...of course, shaken, not stirred!

Did you Know? - Answers

Answers for March’s question (How well did you know you’re past five Club Presidents?)

2002 Ken March is the grandson of Missionary/Doctor captured by Mao Tse Tung’s army.

2003 Jim Fregosi actually swam from Lanai to Maui in a relay race.

2004 John Stone first met his future wife Holly at a Girl Scout Camp.

2005 Jeff Tateosian rode a two-ton killer whale at Marine World as well as on dolphins & elephants.

2006 Gordon Nagare was born and raised on a farm in Fresno until the age of 18.



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PTC Court Calendar

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