



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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President's Message

Was that the Sun I saw outside this week?

Wow....it seems like forever since we had tennis weather!! But the rain did not keep our PTC diehards off the courts. Over the last couple of weeks I have seen a who's who of PTC out there with squeegees and rollers. Key league matches were played between storms, and congrats to the Men's 4.0 Senior team for winning the league playoffs. They now head off to Elk Grove for the sectionals.



Rob Adams

And speaking of storms, we had the great flood of 2011 hit the club in March. You can get all the scoop in **Ron Martinucci's** report, but let me give a huge shout-out to **Zach Martinucci** for a) calling his Dad from the club when the water was rising, and b) taking pictures we now have for the record!! And thanks to Ron and **Stuart Batchelor** for taking quick action to minimize the impact. I stopped by that afternoon, and am happy to report that the flooding did not interfere with the card game

Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, April 17th**
Spring Fling Team Tennis & Season Opener Wrap Party
- **Tuesday, April 19th**
Quarterly Meeting – 6:30 pm
- **May 21-22**
PTC Junior Invitational Tournament

going on in the clubhouse... thank goodness for that.

On the tennis front, Spring Fling sign-ups are going very well. It is our first tennis event of the year, so sign up now. I want to end this month's note by thanking people for doing the two things I asked for at the beginning of the year; offering solutions for issues/concerns and volunteering.

The Tennis and Social Committees have both met, and the energy is awesome. I know that **Chris Cooke** and **Karen Harrigan** are thrilled with the mix of people who have stepped up. We can always use more help, so look for your opportunity to participate.

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Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Did anyone catch our illustrious President on KTVU a couple of weeks ago? No, not that one. I was referring to the President with the sky high approval ratings – **Rob Adams.**

He and my wife **Suzanne** (who also gets high approval ratings), were filmed for a story concerning earthquake preparedness. We brought reporter Mike Mibach to Rob's house and somehow, though the story had nothing to do with automobiles, he persuaded Mibach to film his classic powder blue 1974 Dodge Challenger and use it in the report. He even got them to film under his hood, where he could show off his pristine engine. Only Rob could take a disaster preparedness story and turn it into an avenue to showcase his pride and joy.

If you enjoy great music, check out member, **Brian Wachhorst**, as he performs twice this month. He'll be at Medallion on Rollins Road from 5:00–8:00 pm on Thursday, April 14th, and at Broadway Prime on Broadway Burlingame on Thursday April 28th from 7:00–10:00. Brian is a talented guitarist and singer who has even recorded a few CD's. I've seen him many times and you'll love his cover versions of your favorite songs.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Please respect your fellow members by following PTC's cell phone etiquette rules: Cell phone usage at the club is limited. Please set your cell phone to a non-ringing status prior to entering the club. There shall be no cell phone usage on Courts 1, 2, and 3 and the corresponding patio area. Any cell phone usage that may occur elsewhere at the club shall be done in a respectful manner with due consideration of both players and spectators.

Summer Employment Opportunity at Peninsula Tennis Club: Part Time Life Guard Position – A minimum of 16 years old and hold current CPR and Life Guard certifications. Please come by my office to apply.

Please remember the PTC has limited staff and relies on its members to pick up towels, dispose of trash, straighten chairs and monitor their children in the Junior locker rooms. Thank you for making the Peninsula Tennis Club a warm and inviting place for all of our members.

The 2011 Club Rosters and hot off the press and available at the snack bar. This year it has been updated to include cell phone numbers.

Club News

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

Bill & Nancy Campana 35 Years
Jill & John Thomas 5 Years

Swing into Spring at the PTC Ballroom Dance Party Saturday, April 30th at 7:00 pm. *NO DANCE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!* Come and enjoy DJ dance music, potluck style buffet and libations. Just like every Tuesday evening here at PTC. Our dance instructor, Daniel Singer, will be on hand for an introductory lesson starting at 7pm, and after that dancing for the rest of the evening. We will be collecting a \$10 per person cover charge at the door to cover the music costs. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, as well as the beverage of your choice. Please contact **Lona, Teri Gregory or Linda Pene Nagare** if you have any questions on the event.

Anyone interested in bridge lessons? We've got a good and enthusiastic ACBL certified teacher with very reasonable rates. She is available for group lessons at PTC or for smaller groups in your home. Any level of experience is accepted, including those who have never played before. She's also available for supervised play for those with previous experience. Please call **Sharon Marson** at 348-7066 or email (sharon.marson@gmail.com) if you are interested. Let Sharon know even if you wouldn't be available until after the summer vacations are over.

House & Grounds News



Did you hear about the great PTC flood of March 24? Maybe you were taking care of your own water problems around your home or business at that time. On Thursday, March 24, at 12:32pm, I got a call from my son, Zach, who explained how deep the water was in the parking lot outside the club (on the backside of the high school), and the water on court 1 had come up to the top of the first step outside of the Club Room. He also told me how Jose was squeegeeing water out of the Fitness Room. I got down to the club and saw that we were flooded from the Women's locker room all the way to Court 4. The heavy rains all morning long and the days prior caused the parking lot storm drains to back up. The drains couldn't keep up with the heavy rains of the morning. This caused the parking lot to flood and storm water to back up into the club. Our planter boxes overflowed and we had dirt and bark everywhere. You know how sand is when you go to the beach. You find it in some hard to get to places. The courts were covered with dirt and bark as well as all of the lower breezeway areas and the fitness room. The parking lot still has bark remnants all over from the front area flooding and floating all over the place. Jose found one of our wooden parking bumpers that also floated across and down the parking lot.

That afternoon, we had a crew come out to extract water from all the carpets, clean and deodorize them, and pick up

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water from the Junior Room and Fitness Room rubber floors. We left blowers running 24 hours a day for four days. Everything seems to have dried out pretty well. Our flat roofs held up, but we noticed a couple of new leaks in the clubroom from our pitched roof. We have a baseboard to re-glue and some minor issues to address. But we were very lucky that this was the only damage. The reason I say this is that this storm happened at low tide. If this had happened at high tide (5:00 pm), we wouldn't have drained as quickly as it did. I also want to thank **Stuart Batchelor**, who came down to help me assess our next steps to recovery, and Jose, who worked diligently to get things back to normal, like nothing ever happened!

After all this rain, we finally have some good weather and I want to remind everyone not to prop open doors. If you are in the fitness room and are the last to leave, please take a minute to close and secure all the doors on your way out. I appreciate your cooperation. Thank you!

Tennis Activities News



Unfortunately, the first tennis event scheduled for this year, the Peninsula Cup, was cancelled because of rain. We are going to reschedule the event for later in the year. We have more events in store however. The next one is the always popular Spring Fling Team Tennis, on Sunday, April 17. This

event will pit 8 teams of 6 players, 3 men and 3 women, in a round robin format. The fun should last from 8:30 am until about 3:00 pm. This is a nice mixture of the competitive and the social. The signup sheet is on the board and, last I checked, there were still some Women's spots open. Please sign up if you are interested in this well-attended event.

May brings the PTC Junior Invitational Tournament on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22. We will have some of the best Junior players in the SF Bay Area competing against one another at our club. Please plan on stopping by and checking out the action.

We will also be posting the sign-up sheet for the van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship early in May, with the tournament scheduled for June 4 and June 5.

One final note: during our initial Tennis Events Committee meeting, we discussed having more events for Women. Our tentative ideas are to see if enough Women are interested in participating in a Women's Calcutta, which we may add to the Calcutta event scheduled for the weekend of August 20. We are also open to other ideas for Women to ensure that they have the type and number of events that interest them. We may be sending out a survey via email through survey monkey to get feedback. But, please feel free to tell me or other Tennis Events committee members of your ideas.

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Membership News



Dave Marcus

The membership committee would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest PTC members, **Elizabeth and Keith Pratt**. Keith is a CFO for a local company and Elizabeth was a CPA prior to starting their family. She has been actively playing tennis for nine years and has been enjoying league play over the past five years. Keith has more recently been getting in to tennis and has been rapidly improving with his weekly lessons. The Pratts have four children – all boys



Elizabeth and Keith Pratt and the Boys

Their elder son, Gregory (15) plays tennis for Burlingame High School. Nicholas (13) is an avid basketball and baseball player. The twins, Alexander and Spencer (12 in a few weeks), are both picking up tennis. The whole family is excited to join the PTC. We look forward to seeing all of the Pratt's at the club for many years to come.

We still have just a few openings on our membership roster and we are looking for some friendly tennis enthusiasts out there who may be interested in joining our club. If you have any friends or acquaintances who might be interested, please feel free to share their contact information with either Lona or myself (marcusrad@astound.net)

Social Events News



Karen Harrigan

The planning has started and we are excited for a year's worth of fun events for all. Join me in thanking our committee for their enthusiasm and commitment to keep our events fun and fresh. This year **Nancy Batchelor** is still sharing her experience with our team of **Beth Beisecker, Yana Maloney, Jennifer Ellison, Andrea Sobel, Catherine LaSasso, Jenifer Beswick, Maja Nelson, Marissa Hauselt, Sabine Middlemass** and **Erica Reilly**. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, we can always use more helping hands. Please contact me at Karen.Harrigan@ymail.com for more details.

The Social Committee is looking to kick off the 2011 Season on Sunday, April 17th with the "PTC Spring Season Opener" immediately following the Team Tennis Event (approximately 2:30 pm). All members are welcome to join for appetizers, Margaritas and more as we relive the best shots of the day and enjoy time with our PTC friends. Only

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\$5 per person. Please sign up in the clubroom or call Lona (347-1439) to let us know you are coming!

The van Dillen Doubles Championship Soiree - Rat Pack Style will be an event to remember! Save the evening of June 4th to enjoy Cocktails, Light Buffet, Music and Dancing.

Looking forward to a great year and seeing everyone on the courts.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

This year's Pen Cup was an unfortunate victim of the heavy rain we had in March. The event was postponed and will

be rescheduled for later this year. We get to hold on to the Cup just a little longer! Thanks players for being available!

Here is a list of our USTA League teams this season. If you are interested in joining a team please contact the Captain listed.

Senior (65) Men- **Ben Chew**

Men's 3.0 - **Mickey Podolsky**

Men's 3.5 - **Bill Rogers**

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**

For members taking morning lessons

please call in to the Tennis Office for an update on court conditions. You can also check Riaz' website at www.rstennis.com and check the Message Board.

Spring Fling

Sign ups for the Spring Fling are going very well. There are still a few Women's spots available. Please call the tennis office if you would like to sign up.

Pro Court is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th from 9:00-11:00 am. The weather will be fabulous and in readiness of the USTA League season. I will be adding a Challenge Court aspect to promote a little more competitive play. Drop in to see if you make the grade!

JUNIOR TENNIS

RS Tennis Academy Spring series registration is now open for the following groups:

Jr. Academy 2 - Mon, 3:30-5:30 pm

Jr. Academy 3 - Tues, 3:30-5:30 pm

Red/Blue Star - Wed, 3:30- 5:30 pm

Jr. Academy 1 - Fri, 3:30-5:30pm

* The fee for each of these groups is \$250. Please contact Marci in the tennis office to register.

Summer Program registration:

Registration for the RS Tennis Academy Summer Program is now open online! To register, please visit our website, www.rstennis.com.

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New Options available for this year's RS Academy Summer Program –
One Day Drop In – \$40
Three Day Option – \$120
Register for 3 weeks get \$100 off 4th Week

Jr Tournament dates and info:

Peninsula TC /RS Tennis Academy
Novice and Challenger
Date- May 21–22, 2011
Divisions: Novice: BG (14–12)s
Challenger BG (14–12)s
Format: First Round Loser Consolation
This is a great chance for your Juniors to compete on their home courts at Peninsula Tennis Club. It will be an exciting weekend! Please visit our website www.rstennis.com, go to the Calendar and click on the PTC/RS Tournament for more information on registration.

Junior Interclub Team

For all Juniors interested in joining our Summer USTA League Tennis Team and/or our Inter Club Team, please contact the tennis office.

For any and all information regarding our programs, please visit our brand new website at www.rstennis.com.

See you on the courts!

The Great PTC Flood of March 24, 2011



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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

Apr 2011 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
1 pm - Men's 5.0 3 pm - Mixed 7.0 5 pm - Men's 4.	9 am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons & 6 pm - Men's 4.0	9 am - Tennis Pro 1:30pm - 3.0 Team 3:30pm - STAR	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Lessons &	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr.	1 pm - Lessons 4 or 5 3pm - Mixed 8.0	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 pm - Women's 4. 4 pm - Men's 4.0	3:30pm - Jr. 9 am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons &	9 am - SFPTL Women 9 am - Tennis Pro 1:30pm - 3.0 Team 6 pm - Men's 5.	9 am - Tennis Pro 1pm - Senior~65~Co 3:30pm - Lessons &	3:30pm - Jr.	1 pm - Lessons 4 or 5	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1 pm - Women's 3. 4 pm - Men's 3.	7:30am - Court 3:30pm - Jr. 6 pm - Women's 3.	9 am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons & 1:30pm - 3.0 Team 3:30pm - STAR	9 am - Senior SFPTL 9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Lessons &	3:30pm - Jr. 9 am - Pro Court #3 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's 4. 4pm - Women's 4.	9 am - Pro Court #3 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's 4. 4pm - Women's 4.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30am - Spring 3 pm - Mixed 7.0	7:30am - Court 3:30pm - Jr. 6 pm - Men's 3.	9 am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons & 6 pm - Men's 4. 6:30pm - Quarterly	9 am - SFPTL 9 am - Tennis Pro 1:30pm - 3.0 Team 3:30pm - STAR 6 pm - Men's 3.	9 am - Tennis Pro 1pm - Senior~65~Co 3:30pm - Lessons &	3:30pm - Jr. 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Women's 3. 4pm - Women's 4.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30