

May 2009

President's Update



Rob Delantoni

I'd never been to Indian Wells. So when I went there in March with two college buddies to see the Pros play, I didn't know what to expect. First, **Torry Bryant** invited us to play tennis on his court at the Resort he lives in. He has a beautiful house on the first tee, by the way. Then **Torry** and **Anthony Paz** gave us free tickets to the Fila luxury suite to watch the matches. Then I bumped into **Riaz**, who bought me a Pimms. Then **Marci Martinucci** promised to bring **Ron** next year, so I'd have a foursome for doubles every day. **Rudy Giannini** and **John Stone** left the day I got there, so they didn't have a chance to give me anything. I did bump into **Mark & Jane Percy**, but they inexplicably forgot to give me anything, so next year they can buy me all my tickets. So what does all this mean?

- 1) Rob had a good week, and
- 2) It pays to be President.

Volunteerism and committee membership with your fellow PTCers can lead to Board membership and, even better, becoming Mr. (or Mrs. or Ms) President. Then, other members give you stuff. This is great!

Upcoming Events

Men's Singles Tournament Begins
 May 14

PTC Junior Invitational Tournament
 May 22 - 24

PTC Junior Invitational Finals
 May 24

van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship
 June 6 - 7

Twilight Tennis/New Member Welcome
 June 18

Men's Singles Championship Final
 June 28

Continued good news for parents with teenagers. The two month trial of allowing children 14 and over in the fitness room (under direct parental supervision) has been successful so far, so the Board has extended the trial period to the end of May. The details are posted on the fitness room door. See Lona for questions.

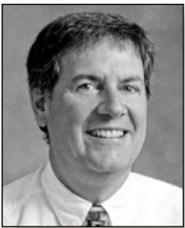
Bad news for members sneaking unpaid guests into the club ... we know who you are, and we're watching you! The good news - we still have one of the lowest guest fee schedules of any club in California. So as the busy summer months approach, please remember to sign in your guests when entering the club, *BEFORE* using the

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facilities. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated by Lona and the PTC membership.

I am writing this to you as I look out the window at yet another beautiful spring day. It's time for everyone to come out of their winter hibernations and begin playing again at our beautiful club. The pool is now heated, the Junior Room remodel is well underway (although it doesn't show yet), our new drinking fountain has arrived, the snack bar hours will be extended soon, and "Big Ben" (the big clock near the spa) is telling the correct time again! So come on down. See you there!

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

We got off to a great start to our Tennis/Social event schedule with the President's Reception/Spring Fling last weekend. The Team Tennis tournament was well organized and everyone had a ball.

The night before, we were treated to an outstanding live band and dinner at the party. If the enthusiasm at both events was any indication as to how this year's activities will be received, it's going to be a banner year for membership. A big thank you **Dennis Mayer & Nancy Batchelor** and the Social Committee (Dinner/Dance) as well as **Kelly Kemp & Ken March** and the Tennis Committee (Team Tennis) for making this weekend's events a huge success.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Summer is right around the corner and we are looking forward to a busy and event-filled spring and summer season with member club usage expected to be at an all time high. With that said, I think it is a good time to review the PTC swimming, spa and guest rules:

Pool & Spa Rules:

1. Youths under age 7 are not permitted to use the spa at any time.
2. Youths under age 10 require attentive adult supervision at all times when in and around the pool & spa area
3. Youths 7-14 may use the spa, but only with attentive adult supervision.
4. Youths ages 10-14 require attentive adult supervision if using the pool when a lifeguard is not on duty
5. From 5:00-7:00 PM the spa is reserved for adult use only. No one under 18 is permitted to use the spa during these hours regardless if the spa is being used by adults or not.
6. Kids need to be respectful, especially when in the spa (e.g. no jumping, no splashing, no throwing of objects, no food or beverages, etc. etc. etc.).
7. Lifeguards and all Senior PTC members have full authority and are requested to see that all swim/spa rules are enforced.

Note: Attentive adult supervision implies that an adult is in the immediate area and paying close attention to their kids in the pool and/or spa. This applies regardless if a lifeguard is on duty or not.

Guest Fees: Please sign in guests at podium on arrival.

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Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make your experience at the PTC more enjoyable. I look forward to spending the season with all of you.

Club News

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

Steve Rogers	15 Years
Barbara & Terry Freethy	10 Years
Jim & Patty Kunse	10 Years
David & Tracy Marcus	10 Years

Alfred & Jean Chamberlain have a new address that they would like to share. It's 1708 Devereaux Drive in Burlingame. Their phone number remains the same.

Congratulations to Betty Cookson for being honored by the USTA and the International Tennis Hall of Fame last month in Palm Desert. The award recognizes her long and outstanding service, and her personal unselfishness and devotion to tennis. **Bob Cookson**, her late husband, former USTA President and PTC mainstay, received the award in 1994. Betty has been volunteering her services for the USTA as well as the PTC for the last fifty years. Take a look at the April 2009 Inside Tennis magazine for more detail.

Tennis Activities News

Our first tournament of the year was a resounding success. 48 players divided into eight teams took to the courts for a few hours of spirited play. Team Pink, consisting of



Kelly Kemp

Karan Harrigan, Eileen Lewis, Cathy Mishra, Phil Zlatunich & Mike Buckmaster edged out Team White represented by **Ron Martinucci, Joe Bojues, Brian Desler, Diana Ferris, Laura Hesselgren & Amy Fearn**. After the first two matches ended in a tie 2-6, 6-2 it came down to the final match as Team Pink pulled out a 5-3 victory. Congratulations to both teams for another great event.

The Club Men's Singles Tournament is our next tennis event. Play will begin on May 14th and *conclude with the finals on Sunday June 28th (Please note that due to a scheduling conflict, the original finals date of May 24 has been changed to June 28)*. The sign-up sheet has been posted in the clubhouse. There are two divisions, 4.0 and above, and 3.5 and below. The entry fee is \$15.00, which includes tee shirt, awards for 1st & 2nd place, and a consolation round which guarantees at least two matches. Entries close on Wednesday May 13th. Matches will be posted on the draw sheet with players agreeing to a mutual time to play each match. This format allows for some flexibility in scheduling and is used to encourage play by our very busy members.

Coming up during the first week of June is the always-popular van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship. Signup sheet will be posted the week of May 4th. The winners become part of history as one of the clubs most distinguished events. Who knows, you might even meet **Erik van Dillen** in the finals of his own family tournament. Just like the Men's Singles Tournament, the two doubles flights will be 4.0 and above and 3.5 and below.

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House & Grounds News

Your home is your castle, but so is your club. It is imperative that all members treat the club as if it were their own home (e.g. clean-up after yourself, lock-up, etc.). Most importantly for those of you that are at the club **after normal business hours please make sure that all the doors to the locker rooms and the entrances are closed.** Our staff will lock all the doors, but if they are left propped open, it defeats the few security measures we have. Remember, last one out is responsible to make sure the club is secure!



Stuart Batchelor

Work Party For the last couple of weeks of April, Ramon our maintenance man, has been on leave. This is pushing back some planned work including hanging the wind-screens, staining the fence, and other projects that need to be done. The plan is to organize some work parties in hopes of getting these tasks accomplished. A note when this will occur will be sent out shortly.

Water Fountain The new water fountain has arrived! Now we will work to get it installed. There is some plumbing and concrete work that needs to be scheduled to complete the project. We hope to have this done in May.

Pool/Spa The swimming pool is now heated! The temperature should be approximately 80° during the day. During the night the heaters are shut down along with the pumps and filters. Each morning the system automatically starts up and brings the pool back up to temperature in short order. The normal season for the PTC pool is from May 1st to Oct 1st. During the off

season it costs the club in excess of \$1,200/month to heat the pool. While we have a number of lap swimmers, our budget cannot support heating the pool year round.

Last month we asked if anyone had scuba equipment, but received no replies. Please let us know if you do, otherwise we will be hiring a scuba diver to make some required changes to our pool.

Tennis Courts We are aware of the crack on court 5 and some other miscellaneous issues with the courts. We will work to get these issues corrected.

Suggestions Box If you see something that needs to be fixed or spruced up, please bring it to Lona's or my attention. We will do our best to keep the club beautiful and running the way we all expect it too.

Membership News

Please welcome these two new member families into the club:



Becky Showen

Mark & Dianne Bradley Sponsored by **Susan Lynch & Cathy Mishra.** Mark is an e-Commerce executive at Nextag.com. A 3.5 player, he would love to start playing regularly (hint). Dianne traded her career for raising their three kids. She was a very good player until she gave it up at the age of 21. She also would love to get back into steady play. They have three kids; Austin (12), Caroline (10) and Allison (6).

Ken & Cecilia Markey Sponsored by **Anthony Paz & Rob Adams.** Recently moving to just a block from the club, Ken

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says he's ready to get back into the sport. He is a Marketing/ Advertising consulting currently helping run a creative boutique ad agency in SF called Engine Company One. Cecilia is a Neonatal intensive care nurse at UCSF and also has vowed to get back into the game she loves. Their children are David (14) and Caelan (2) and Estella (just 10 days old). I understand that David plays a mean game of Texas Hold'em. Looks like he'll be in the clubhouse before we know it.

Social Events News



Nancy Batchelor

The Spring Fling was a great success and fun was had by all who attended on Saturday, April 25th. Spring had sprung in the Clubhouse and the live band kept every-

one on their toes. The evening wrapped up around 11:00pm allowing everyone who was participating in Team Tennis the next day to get some good shut eye. Thank you to the wonderful group of volunteers who helped set up, bartend and clean-up this event.

On to the next event. The van Dillen Doubles Championship weekend will be June 6-7 and we will have a cocktail party on Saturday night (June 6th) to raise a toast to this long standing tradition at the PTC. Look for an RSVP sheet in the clubhouse in a few weeks.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

First off I'd like to take a moment to welcome my new assistant **Marci Martinucci**. She has been a tremendous volunteer over the years and will

now officially work for RS Tennis Academy. Marci will take care of office administration for RS Tennis only and her current office hours are M/W/F 11:00am-1:00pm. If you have any questions regarding RS Programs please contact Marci at 650-347-1440 or email her at marci@rstennis.com

Tennis at the club is beginning to pick up as the weather has warmed up over the last month. There were a few hot, muggy days there mixed in with the howling winds we had in late April. Hopefully the start of May will see the weather warm up as we head into summer.

ADULT TENNIS

In order to service member tennis needs, I have started a number of Drop-in Clinics that you can come out and join. Drop-in highlights include meeting fellow members, receive great doubles instruction and improve your game, as well as having fun on the court! All Drop-In's are \$20 per player paid on day of clinic and are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday 11:00am-12:30pm
Women's RS Drop-in
- Thursday 12pm-2pm
RS Power Drop (Men's 4.0)
- Friday 12:00pm-1:30pm
AV Drop (women's drop-in)
- Saturday 7:30am-9:00am
Men's Early Bird Drop-In (Open)

Looking for feedback on a new program - "**Pro Court**" would run on Saturday mornings and for many members could be a great way to come down to the club as a single player (or doubles team) and sign up for court time, find a partner, receive instruction, and hit with the Pro. This would take up one doubles court on Saturday mornings, times TBD. If you are interested in this program please let me know.

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We have a new remote for the ball machine that works from about 150ft!

Much better than the last remote where you had to literally be about 6 feet away to work the bloody thing! Please make sure to check the machine out and back in from the snack bar. Also remember to put the remote back into the Control Box. I will be placing a small guideline on ball machine use inside the shed for ease of use.

A reminder about Red Flag rules. Round Robin play amongst members where you play a set on one court and then change courts and mix partners does not respect our Red Flag rules and is discourteous to fellow members waiting to play. Most notably this has occurred on the weekends and on the back courts. Please follow our Red Flag rules and respect your fellow members.

USTA League Tennis Teams

The Men's 4.0 Senior Team competed in the divisional playoffs the weekend of April 17-19th at Elk Grove, Ca. The team consisted of **Matt Colvin, Rudy Giannini, Brian Johnson, Steve Livingston, Ken March, John Stone, Gerry Sydorak (Captain) and Mark Talmadge.** The competition was of high quality and many close points. Unfortunately, our team came up short on a couple of tight third set tie-breakers, especially in our 1st match against Gold River, the eventual winners of our division. We lost 2 out of 3 3rd set tie-breakers, one on a questionable match point line call. In any event, the team members all played solid tennis and a good time was had by all. My own personal gratitude goes out to the whole team, their efforts and support throughout the entire season. This coming fall, the tentative plan is to form both a senior 4.0 and 4.5 team.

The Men's Adult 4.0 Team's last match was against Highlands Rec. Things got going positively for us when **Glenn Mendelson** (#1 singles) quickly dispatched his quite youthful, big hitting opponent 6-3, 6-0. Our #2 doubles team of **Fallon/Desler** then fell to a very solid team (very tight first set). Soon after, our #1 dubs team of **Argyres/Cooke** took care of business with a straight sets victory to regain the momentum. **Bob Wren**, playing #2 singles and debuting for the team, came up a little short in a very competitive match to one of the stronger 4.0 singles players I have seen. At this point, we are all even at 2-2 and it all comes down to the #3 dubs match. Originally **Tom Middlemas** was going to play #3 dubs with **Mark Percy.** However, he pulled his calf muscle (slightly) and **David Andrews**, stepped up to play with only 3 hours notice. The team of **Andrews/Percy** proved to have excellent balance and chemistry as they efficiently won the decisive match in straight sets. These guys really came through in a must win situation. Many kudos to Mark for his court leadership and to David for handling his high pressure debut like a cool 4.0 veteran.

Brian Peletta/Mark Showen report that their Men's Adult 3.5 Team has many members and is looking forward to gaining some momentum as the season progresses. They are still looking for their first win but in the last match all 5 matches went to 3rd sets. Good Luck guys!

The Senior Men's 3.0 Team finished their regular season in 1st place with a 9-3 record affording them the opportunity to play in the District Championships in Sacramento last month. The team was comprised of 10 PTC members and 1 non-member. Leading the charge for PTC was

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co-captains **Stuart Batchelor & Phil Marson** along with their team comprised of **Mark Lewis, Karl Bakhtiari, Bill Rogers, Dennis Mayer, Mickey Podolsky, Jerry Ceglia, Mark Metcalf, Jim Rothaus,** and non-member Don Roberts. At districts, the PTC team fought mightily, but the larger squads from Pleasant Hill & Gilroy prevailed. It was a good year as this is the first time since pre-CIP in 2006 that PTC fielded a Senior Men's 3.0 Team. The team already has its sights on repeating its performance next year despite knowing that they will be losing a few players to 3.5 statuses, but they have some very solid replacements ready to fill those shoes.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Spring Star Tennis has started and our current session has filled up which is great! We have a new bunch of little grippers coming out on Wednesday afternoons to have fun and use our Quickstart Program to learn how to play. We have been using Quickstart games and drills since 2006 as it's a great way to introduce your child to tennis as it helps them rally quickly and actually play with each other. The emphasis is placed on learning to rally as opposed to strokes first. For more info check our website.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. PLEASE VISIT WWW.RSTENNIS TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN.

JUNIOR DAY!

Opening Day for the Summer Tennis Camp Program is Monday, June 15th. 1:30-5:30pm.

This is a great, fun-filled afternoon for children of all ages. Come out and enjoy a great time with our team of enthusiastic RS Academy Coaches. The afternoon will be

filled with playing fun tennis games, hitting for prizes, swimming, and pizza! There is a \$10 fee and registration is open now. Contact Marci at 347-1440 or marci@rstennis.com. Tennis Games Include: Graveyard, Jail, Cardio, Round The World, Tug O War, Bank of England, and Touchdown. Also included are hitting for Wilson & K-swiss prizes, swimming and pizza.

Peninsula Tennis Club is offering 30 Summer Junior Memberships. Non-member juniors can apply to become summer members from June 15-Aug 14th. Fee is \$325 and Juniors must take 3 weeks of summer tennis camp to be eligible. If you have any friends of your children that may be interested please have them visit our website at www.rstennis.com or contact Marci in the office.

The 7th Annual PTC / RS Tennis Academy Junior Tennis Tournament will be held here on May 22-24. Some matches may be played after school on Friday, May 22nd. Finals on May 24th. Divisions include: B/G 12's Novice, B/G 14's Challenger & B/G 18's Open.

This is a great event for first tournament players in the 12's Novice division. Assistance will be given to players who need help with scoring and/or serving. Juniors will enjoy the camaraderie of meeting fellow players and learn the basics of tournament play and etiquette. Singles and Doubles are offered to all participants. Riaz will find you a doubles partner if you don't have one. There will be a player's lounge with Music, Xbox, a Ping Pong Tournament, lunch for all players, a Family BBQ, and raffle prizes from Wilson, K-Swiss, and Nike. Please register at www.rstennis.com.

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PLAYING NOT JUST HITTING

To be able to master your opponent/s you need to develop a better sense of depth (short or deep) on your shots and balance (core footwork and body position) to control those shots. The ability to hit balls and move into many different positions on the court will enable a player who understands the different angles and depths to perform better.

One of the systems I use to coach my players to improve sense of depth and balance is The RS Zone System. This helps the player understand the different areas in the court and the variety of shots played from those areas. First we'll work on the variety of shots from different areas of the court and then we'll work on when to use them and how to follow up that particular play.

My players then begin to realize that it's a battle, a battle of territory. Moving forward creates opportunities to hit approaches, angles, and droppers. Based on balance they are either defending, controlling, or finishing.

When you combine all the facts and add in consequence and solutions, you get what I call "active patience." In this phase of play you are working and building a point by aggressively working a player back, keeping your balance, making sure your feet stay within the playing area by not getting pulled beyond your shots, and understanding the heights and angles of the court. You make your shot selection based on balance – you're either defending, controlling, or finishing.

When you play with these tendencies you become a smarter, more complete and accomplished player.

New Members



Ken & Cecilia Markey



Mark & Dianne Bradley



1st place Team Tennis



2nd place Team Tennis

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