



# The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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### President's Message



*Rob Adams*

**The weather is awesome and the pool is heated....come on down!** And bring some guests too. Why? We need new members! PTC weathered the economic downturn very well, but over the last few months we have received an uptick in resignations. They are for all types of reasons, none of which are displeasure with our wonderful club. But in order to keep our financial health strong and to pay out the equity to those leaving, we need new members to join. I know you read the Drop Shot cover to cover, but please pay special attention to what **Lona** has for you on guest passes, and what **Dr. Dave Markus** is sharing on membership. We have found that other clubs along the Peninsula are in a marketing mode due to membership decline much worse than ours. We need your help to continue to draw new members to PTC, so read those articles and feel free to pass along any ideas you have regarding membership. As always, our goal is to make joining the club attractive, but not at the expense (literally or figuratively) of any of our current members.

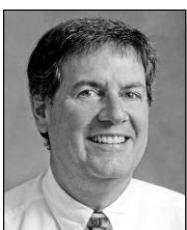
### Upcoming Events

- **May 21-22**  
**PTC Junior Invitational Tournament**
- **van Dillen Cocktail Party**  
**June 4**
- **van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship**  
**June 4 - 5**
- **Twilight Tennis**  
**June 23**

**Now back to the fun.** The Social and Tennis committees are off and running, with a slew of events coming up this summer. League action is very active, and many thanks to fellow members who come out to watch our teams. Your support and your enthusiasm are appreciated greatly. There is also an upswing in new players, new foursomes, etc, on the courts. This is the lifeblood of our club, seeing members make new friends, climb the tennis rankings, and get their spouses and kids into tennis. I remember when I was new to the club and started working my way from a 3.0 to a 4.0. Now, the **Rob Kotmel's**, the **Brian Beswick's**, the **Matt Maloney's** and many others are doing the same....and kicking my butt in the process! Shouldn't they be nicer to the President? Have a great May, and see you soon at the Club.

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## Editor's Note



*Jeff Tateosian*

**The club got off to a great start of the “Season” with the Spring Fling Team Tennis Tournament and wrap party afterwards. It was evident that a good time was had by all!**

**In speaking with members at random,** it often seems as though many take the club’s activities for granted. In addition to great tennis, there is so much more to do at the club. Our hope is that the entire membership will take advantage of the myriad of activities happening at the club throughout the year. There is something for everyone. Listed below is a partial list of club activities available throughout the remainder of the year:

- PTC Junior Invitational Tournament (May)
- van Dillen Men’s Doubles Championship Weekend (June)
- van Dillen Doubles Championship Cocktail Party – Rat Pack Style (June)
- Twilight Tennis/BBQ family evenings (June, July, August)
- Woods ‘N Whites Tournament (July)
- Men’s & Women’s Calcutta Tournament (August)
- Calcutta Team Selection and Wagering Dinner (August)
- Cal State Senior Championship (August)
- Mixed Team Tennis (September)
- Ladies Round Robin & Luncheon (October)
- PTC Junior/Senior Tournament (October)
- Holiday Party
- USTA League play (10 teams currently)
- Inter-Club Tournaments
- Monthly Poker Tournaments
- Weekly Yoga lessons
- Weekly Ballroom Dancing lessons

**Our next evening event will be the van Dillen Doubles Championship Cocktail**

**Party** on Saturday June 4th. If you enjoy the music of the Rat Pack, you are in luck. The evening will feature a mix of dancing music, from the Standards to your favorite hits. This is an evening open to all club members. Check out the Social column for more details. I hope to see you on the van Dillen as well as our many other events.

## Manager's Corner



*Lona Means*

**Now is a great time to show off the club to your friends who may be interested in joining the PTC. Please stop by my office for a complimentary guest pass.**

The PTC has wireless access for members **use**. To access the WiFi, please use the “set point” network and password: 6060606060 (that’s five sets at six love!)

**Please join me in thanking Dennis Mayer** for repairing the ailing air hockey machine.

**The nice weather is right around the corner** and the swimming pool is heated!

A few pool and spa use reminders:

1. Youths under age 14 are not allowed to swim without parental/adult supervision.
2. Youths under age 10 require parent /adult supervision when a lifeguard is on duty.
3. Youths under age 7 are not permitted in the spa at any time.
4. From 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm the spa is reserved for adult use only.
5. Lifeguard on duty has full authority to enforce all spa/pool rules.

Please see me at my office or contact me at (650) 347-1439 or [manager@ptctennis.com](mailto:manager@ptctennis.com) if you have any suggestions or concerns.

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## Club News

### Club Anniversaries for May (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

<b>Tim &amp; John Latta</b>	10 Years
<b>Eileen &amp; Mark Lewis</b>	5 Years
<b>Jennifer &amp; Wayne Heath</b>	5 Years

**From Betty Cookson:** *Bea Brownson*, a longtime member of the Peninsula Tennis Club, passed away following an accidental fall while she was in Oregon visiting her son, Jim, and his family. She was concluding a wonderful visit which included many happy walks, playing games with her grandchildren and enjoying all of her favorite foods. Bea filled her 98 years painting beautiful watercolors, oils, photography, canoeing, hiking and playing her favorite sport, tennis. She hit a mean forehand down the line and was always a fierce competitor. She cherished her many friendships made both on and off the court and will be missed by all of those who knew her. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Sunday, May 15th, 2011 at the Harborside Recreation Center in Foster City from 3:00–5:00 pm. It is located at the corner of Forrestal Lane and Lord Nelson. For more additional information about the memorial service, you may contact Betty Cookson at (650) 344-9411.

More sad news to report: *J'Nan Sellery*, wife of *Austin Sellery*, passed away on April 28th of a stroke. She was an intellect who published many articles for Harvey Mudd College. Austin has three kids, two living abroad.

## Tennis Activities News



*Chris Cooke*

We had a great start to this year's tennis season with the Spring Team Tennis on Sunday, April 17. This event was very well attended, with 48 people grouped into eight teams. **Team Pearcy** emerged victorious, eking out

**Team Marcus**. The Social Committee hosted a very popular post-match margarita mixer, that afternoon, which helped the losers forget that they did not receive one of the highly prized towels awarded to the winners. Thank you very much to **Riaz** and to members of the Tennis Events Committee --- **Jane Pearcy, Julie Buckmaster, Jim Sobel, Teddy Bernardo, and Brian Beswick**---for all of their hard work in putting on such a nice event.

**Our next members' event is the annual van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship**, which will be played on June 4 and 5. The van Dillen Tournament will feature either two or three divisions depending on the sign-ups. The sign-up sheet for the tournament and the party will be in the Club House this week. Please get your partner, put your game together, and sign up. It is always a popular event.

**Later this month** on May 21 and May 22, the PTC will be hosting the PTC Junior Invitational Tournament. Some of the best Junior players in the Bay Area are expected to compete, so please stop by to check out the action.

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## House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

**Hey everyone – it's May,** so let's get out and play some tennis! I'm hoping the rain is behind us and I'm praying for some warm weather. There's not a lot happening with H & G this month, except it's time to turn on the pool heater and put up the full screens on the front courts. Let's start enjoying this fun club that we joined. Just a reminder – please close all the doors once you leave the club. Thanks!

If any of you have friends and/or tennis acquaintances who may want to apply, please tell them about our new limited time, initiation payment option. Additionally, if you would like to bring a potential new member to the club for an informative visit and a friendly game, or if you would like them to attend one of our upcoming Twilight Tennis events, please feel free to share your guest information in advance with Lona. She will be happy to offer them a guest pass. On behalf of the Membership Committee, thank you for all of your help in recruiting new members.  
*(marcusrad@astound.net)*

## Membership News



Dave Marcus

We currently have a number of vacancies on our roster and we are looking for potential new members. It has come to the attention of your Board of Directors that our PTC initiation fee of \$10,000, while quite reasonable compared to fees charged by other local and regional equity membership clubs, might be too large a chunk of change for some to come up with in a single lump sum. Given the current state of our economy, and given our current number of membership vacancies, we have decided to offer a deferred payment option for a limited period of time. Specifically, over the next 3 months, any new Senior Member applicant may be allowed to join after an initial payment of \$5,000 followed by quarterly payments of \$1,250. We hope that this payment option will enable some potential applicants who have thus far been "on the fence" to join us and become our newest PTC members.

## Social Events News



Karen Harrigan

The PTC kicked off the Spring Season with the Tax Day Team Tennis and Spring Season Opener wrap party immediately afterwards. It was all great fun and a most successful event. Thank you to the social committee members who all pitched in to make the event fun. The décor was fabulous, the food delicious and the margaritas were flowing. Rave reviews from the membership!

**Mark your calendars for the next big event on Saturday, June 4th at 6:30 pm.** The van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship Weekend will feature the traditional Saturday night party – Rat Pack Style! This event is for the entire membership and we hope you all will come celebrate the great tennis going on over the weekend while dancing to standards of the Rat Pack as well all time favorites. Don your cocktail dress and get out your skinny ties and join us for cocktails, light buffet and dancing. Whether it be a two finger

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pour or a dry martini, come celebrate like the Kings of Cool ala Frank, Dino and Sammy on Saturday, June 4th! Sign-ups required in advance. The cost will be \$30 per person.

## Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

### ADULT TENNIS

Our first tennis event of the year, Spring Fling Team Tennis, was a huge success and as always the credit for preparing, organizing and managing this popular event goes to our great team of club members and staff who volunteer their time and effort so our events run smoothly and are enjoyed by those who participate and compete in them. Thanks to **Karen Harrigan** and her dedicated Social Committee, **Chris Cooke** and his dynamic Tennis Committee and also **Lona**, our faithful club manager who is always on hand and ready to help in any way she can. I also want to give much thanks and appreciation to my trusted assistant **Marci**, who is always a constant and ever present help for every event, social, reception, tournament and function that the Tennis Office takes part in.

Tennis Chair **Chris Cooke** has details of this event but thanks to all those that participated and played in the true social spirit of team tennis. Congratulations to the winners Team Credit, led by **Mark Pearcy** and the runner up Income Tax team governed by **David Marcus**. Winners received club logo beach towels and logo hand towels went to the runner ups.

### Van Dillen Doubles Championships

Gentlemen, now is the time to get out and start fine tuning your doubles skills as

coming up June 4-5 is the always popular and competitive van Dillen Doubles Championships. If I were you I'd call the best player you know and offer to pay his dues for a month if he plays with you! This event is big and competitive! There will be a 16 team limit in each division. Grab a partner and sign up as soon as possible this is a popular event that will fill up fast!

### Womens 3.0 Team

The drop-in clinic for the Women's 3.0 Team has been very well attended and will continue into the month of May. Albert and I are on hand to help the team improve with dynamic doubles drills and games to increase court position awareness and shot selection. Members interested in attending this clinic are encouraged to join the team and participate in practices and matches. Ladies, if you are interested or have any questions please contact Captains **Kristen Nisewarner** or **Kathleen Egan**.

Our PTC Men's USTA Teams are all sporting brand new club Nike Dri-Fit shirts when playing in league matches this season. The guys look great and show great team spirit and unity while representing PTC with their stylish kit! Thanks to **Anthony Paz** and **Joni Amaroli** at Tennis Station!

Congratulations to long time PTC Member, **Dick Hesselink**, for being on the SoCal 4.0 Team that won the Nationals in Surprise, Arizona held on April 15-17. A great accomplishment, way to go Dick!

### JUNIOR TENNIS

BHS Boy's Tennis Team had a successful season! BHS played in the final round of the PALS, but lost in a close match against Carlmont. Several PTC Members were on the team, and it was exciting to see the unity of this group. **Forrest Tsu, Zach Martinucci, Matthew Miller, Will**

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**Stevenson, Greg Pratt, Nick Yee, Clay Schubiner, Garrett Schubiner, Alec Guttas, and Robert Hauselt** all competed and enjoyed playing team tennis.

**The PTC/RS Tennis Academy Junior Novice/Challenger Tournament** is May 21st -22nd! This exciting Junior Tournament is geared toward the young developing tennis player! All efforts will be made to ensure Juniors have a positive tournament experience. The event will include: Players Lounge with Xbox, Music, Ping Pong, Raffle, Wilson Prizes, and snacks! There will also be a tournament BBQ for all players on 5/22 from 12:30-2:30 pm. Friends & family are welcome @ \$5 per person.

There will be Challenger and Novice levels for boys and girls ages 12-14. This will be a great experience for your new tournament player at the novice level or Challenger level!

The RS Academy QuickStart program will continue with another three-week series starting April 30th. The dates for this series will be August 30th, May 7th and May 14th. If your child is unable to make all three dates, you can also participate on any of the days. The fee is \$60 for the series, or \$20 per day. Please contact Marci in the tennis office if you are interested!

Summer Camp Registration is open and members are encouraged to sign up their children! We have a very exciting program this summer, with the STAR program being from 1:30-3:30 pm, and Jr. Academy from 3:30-5:30 pm. All summer sessions are M-F. Summer Camp Opens with KIDS DAY, on June 13th from 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm! All children ages 5-16 are welcome. There will be a \$5 fee and it is sponsored by Wilson and Tennis Station.

Looking forward to a great summer of tennis at PTC!

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## Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

May 2011 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3:30pm - Jr. 6pm - Women's3.	2 9am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons & 6pm - Men's5.	3 9am - Tennis Pro 1:30pm - 3.0 Team 3:30pm - STAR 6pm - Men's3.	4 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Lessons & 6pm - Men's3.	5 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr. 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Women's4. 4pm - Men's3.	6 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr. 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Women's4. 4pm - Men's3.	7
8 3:30pm - Jr. 6pm - Men's4.	9 9am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons & 6pm - Men's3.0	10 9am - SFPTL 9am - Tennis Pro 1:30pm - 3.0 Team 3:30pm - STAR 6pm - Women's4.	11 9am - Tennis Pro 1pm - Senior~65~Co 3:30pm - Lessons &	12 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr. 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Women's3.	13 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr. 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Women's3.	14
15 1pm - Women's3.	16 3:30pm - Jr. 6pm - Women's3.	17 9am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons & 6pm - Men's3.	18 7:30am - BHS 9am - SFPTL 9am - Tennis Pro 1:30pm - 3.0 Team 3:30pm - STAR 6pm - Women's3.	19 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Lessons &	20 3:30pm - Jr. 8:30am - Junior	21
22 8am - Junior	23 3:30pm - Jr. 6pm - Women's3.	24 9am - Tennis 1:30pm - 3.0 Team 3:30pm - STAR 6pm - Men's3.	25 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Lessons &	26 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr. 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's5.	27 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr. 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's5.	28
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