

MAY 2012

President's Message



Chris Cooke

Spring is finally here and people are playing tennis again. We had a great turnout on Saturday, April 21 for the Mixed Team Tennis, Spring Fling event, which was hosted by the Tennis and Social Committees. I want to acknowledge the great job performed by **Tom & Sabina Middlemass, Jane Percy, Riaz, Lona** and the other Tennis and Social committee members who helped put on this event. My last place team is the proud guardian of a very special monkey trophy, which I will return to Riaz, because I don't really have a decor that matches its style (the yellow dress throws off the color scheme in my living room). I think some interloper named **Mark Percy** headed a team that, allegedly, had a few more games than my team. Anyway, it was an outstanding event. The tennis was good, the players had fun, and the margaritas afterwards were excellent. For this month, be sure to check out the Men's Singles Tournament on Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13.

I also want to acknowledge and thank all of the members who participated at the quarterly meeting in April. About 30 people attended this meeting. I think we broke an attendance record for a meeting where the Board is not

Upcoming Events

•
Men's Singles Championship Semi-Finals
 Saturday, May 12th

•
Men's Singles Championship Finals
 Sunday, May 13th

•
**PTC USTA Junior Novice/Challenger
 Tournament**
 Saturday/Sunday, May 19-20th

•
Twilight Tennis & New Member Welcome
 Thursday, June 21st

asking for money or deciding anything controversial, such as the colors of the tennis courts. For those of you who could not make the meeting, we discussed the club's financial state (pretty good), a membership drive (we need more people), upcoming tennis events and plans for the future (**Rob Adams** and **Phil Zlatunich** are working on a special projects list). There are some upcoming items we may have to ask the members to approve at the next quarterly meeting on July 17th. We will circulate an agenda for that meeting so that you will have a better idea of what will be discussed. Please feel free to ask any of the Board Members or **Lona** if you would like more information about what was discussed during the April meeting. All in all, the Club is in good shape, financially and socially, but we could use some new members to replace those who are waiting to resign their membership. We need to get the word out to any friends you have who are looking to join a club to consider ours.

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Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Congratulations to Mindy Wong's son, Sgt. Ryan Sotelo, for being awarded the Silver Star Medal recently. It was in recognition of actions he took as squad leader November 25th when his squad was ambushed in Afghanistan. Ryan's squad was under machine gun and small arms fire, which killed their platoon commander. He immediately took charge of the group and moved his unit to a nearby canal. He then ran through heavy fire to retrieve a fallen commander's body. Ryan called for additional support and then began to assault the enemy position. Thanks to his training and quick actions, his squad was able to return to safety. Asked about his bravery, Ryan responded, "I was just doing my job, doing what Marines do every day in Afghanistan."

Mindy says that Ryan has always wanted to go into the Marines. From the time he could walk he was interested in all things military. He graduated from Aragon High School in 2000 and attended CSM, where he got his firefighter I certificate. Because the job market was very difficult at the time, Ryan enlisted in the Marines in 2005. He was part of the fleet anti-terrorism security team for the first two years and then became an explosives specialist. In September of 2010, he was deployed to Afghanistan and served a seven month tour (during which the incident above occurred). After his last tour, Ryan decided to apply for sniper school because he was interested in the reconnaissance aspect of this job and elite status of this group within the Marine Corp. He will deploy again in September on an expeditionary training mission to Asia and the Middle East.

Ryan has been married to his wife Wendy, for three years. They currently reside in San Juan Capistrano. Mindy summed up our conversation by saying that, "I am honored to call this young man my son, not only for his accomplishments but also for the compassionate, kind

and loving person he is. Parents could not ask for more."

Phil & Tery Zlatunich are the proud parents of **Ian**, their son, another military vet of the Middle East conflict. He served eight years in the military, some of which included a tour in Iraq. Ian was tasked with providing security for high ranking officers. Driving vehicles during convoys provided for a high level of alert for each trip. That experience was something that Ian says he will never forget. Other than the obvious danger of that part of the world, he says being so far away from home and especially the heat were the hardest things to get used to. While stationed in Kuwait, Ian says that "hot days" there would range from between 130-140 degrees, and staying hydrated was the number one priority. He says that it didn't take too long for uniforms to turn white due to the salt and heat. Ian's tour ended four years ago and he is currently working as a 4th year sheet metal trade apprentice with Phil's company.

I know I can speak for all of the members when we say thank you to both of these fine men for all that they do for our country.

Congratulations to Lona Means & husband Gary for representing Northern California at the Nationals in San Antonio earlier this month. Lona & Gary were playing on the outstanding 7.0 Fifty Mixed team from San Carlos. Though the team didn't fare as well, Lona & Gary won two out of their three matches. They played teams from New Jersey, Arizona & Louisiana. San Antonio was warm, beautiful and very lush. After their match, they were able to visit with their oldest son, Aaron, in El Paso, where he is a firefighter/paramedic. Lona raved about what a great experience Nationals were and hopes the PTC is able to send a team to represent soon.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

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

A few pool and spa use reminders:

1. Youths under the age of 14 are not allowed to swim without adult supervision.
2. Youths under the age of 10 require parent supervision even when a life guard is present.
3. Youths under the age of 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.

Summer Employment Opportunity

Part Time Life Guard Position: Candidate must be at least sixteen 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 close doors, shut off lights, pick up towels, dispose of trash, straighten chairs, and monitor their children in the girls and boys locker rooms. Thank you for making the Peninsula Tennis Club a warm and inviting place for all of its members.

Please see me at my office or contact me at (650) 347-1439 or manager@ptctennis.com if you have any suggestions or concerns. Happy Tennis!

Club News

Club Anniversaries for May (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Torry & Diane Bryant	40 Years
Bob & Marie Whitehill	35 Years
Gordon Nagare	25 Years
Cris & Harold Mangar	20 Years
Brian & Joan Johnson	10 Years
David Hyman & Michelle Goller	5 Years
Rebecca & Bill Homan	5 Years
Brad & Suzanne Craig	5 Years
David & Jill Andrews	5 Years

Jofit Trunk Show

Ladies, Tennis Station will be hosting a Jofit Trunk Show at Tennis Station on May 23rd. All PTC members will receive a 20% discount on all regularly priced apparel, and an additional 10% discount on all sale apparel. Come enjoy an evening with your friends from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine & Appetizers will be served.

Ballroom Dance Classes

The current session ends at the end of May. A new drop in format starts on June 5th. It will cost \$12.00 per person or you can purchase a "punch card" good for six classes for \$59.00, which can be used at any Tuesday class offered over the summer. Classes offered are beginner classes (6:30-7:30 pm), and the advanced classes (7:30-8:30 pm). Open dancing will begin after 8:30 pm.

Zumba Classes

Zumba classes are coming to PTC! What is Zumba? Zumba is a dance fitness workout to fun, upbeat Latin and pop music. No dance experience is required! **Marian Percy**, a PTC Member, will be leading an hour of Zumba every Monday night at 6:00 pm from June 18th through mid-September. Sign up in the clubhouse or e-mail **Jane Percy** at mjpearcy@sbcglobal.net if you're interested in trying this fun, energetic dance workout. Great conditioning for tennis! Cost will be \$5.00 per class drop-in, or \$25.00 for six classes, paid in advance.

Lap Swim Clinic

Need some stroke coaching or how to share the lane with other swimmers? **Jim Fregosi** will be holding (4) drop-in swim clinics on Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:70 pm, starting May 10th. Clinics will be limited in size to the first six to show up due to the size of the lap lane. If you have questions email Jim. jnfr1224@sbcglobal.net

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Tennis Activities News



Tom Middlemass

April's Spring Fling Mixed Team Tennis event was a huge success and great fun for all who participated. After raining out St. Paddy's Day, Mother Nature came through with a perfect, if not a tad warm day to set the stage for some great tennis. It all started with **Steve**

Brook's precedent-setting Pancake Breakfast to get the players fueled for a full day of competition. In the end, it was perhaps fitting that the Red Robins team prevailed in this round "robin" event. Congratulations to the following Red Robin players for their decisive victory: **Mark Percy, Craig Andrews, Amy Fearn, Marci Martinucci, Chuck Callaghan, and Sharon Marson**. Be sure to check out the PTC Facebook page for Spring Fling pictures and comments.

Moving along, the Tennis Committee is excited to report that the PTC Men's Singles Championships have progressed nicely with semi-finals "Super Saturday" coming this May 12th with the finals held the following morning. So please come to watch some great tennis and support this important event. Cheers and Happy Hitting!

Finally, the popular van Dillen Doubles Championship is needing to being rescheduled. We will have a firm date by the next month's Drop Shot.

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

The weather has been spectacular the last few weeks and club usage has increased dramatically. The old red flag is being raised early and often, so please have some consideration for your fellow members who are waiting to play. Speaking of consideration, the men's and women's locker rooms have

needed special attention lately as members have decided to just throw their towels on the floor instead of the designated, and appropriate "dirty towel basket." Our club is not your college dorm, rather PTC is your home away from home. PLEASE tidy up after yourselves in the locker rooms, exercise room, club house and on the courts as well.

Since January, the Junior bathrooms have had several instances, including last week, of being trashed and disrespected. I am extremely disturbed by this trend. As a member of the Board in charge of House and Grounds, I am seriously reconsidering any value at all in allowing Juniors, members or non-members, access to the club without strict parental supervision. I urge parents to stress respect in regards to their children's behavior and compliance with all club facility rules. Failure to do so shall result in unwanted and immediate consequences.

Membership News



Mike Amaroli

Hello fellow Chipmunks, Hummingbirds, Raccoons, Bunnies, Robins and Foxes!Yes, I am an animal lover but I am also acknowledging the players that enjoyed The Spring Fling Event April 21st. From the tasty pancakes prepared by chef **Brooks** to the "Wooden Monkey"

trophy, good times were had by all.

Speaking of good times, we have a new family that will be enjoying all that PTC has to offer. Please welcome our newest member **David Scheible**, his wonderful wife **Jean**, and their two boys **Luke** (2004) and **Matthew** (2006). After living in the fast pace of New York City, the Scheibles moved to Hillsborough last June and are very excited about being members. I've had the pleasure of



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playing with David several times (3.5 and soon to be a 4.0). Jean plays to a 3.0 and is ready to hit the courts. Luke and Matthew are already veterans of the club as members of **Riaz's** QuickStart clinics. Now let's give a huge round of applause for their Sponsor...**Mike Amaroli** (alright no applause needed, just a pat on the back next time you see me so I know you are reading the Drop Shot), and Seconder **Kirsten Gray** (my she has been busy promoting the PTC).

We currently have one applicant in the process and room for more, so get out there and tell your friends about our wonderful Club!

Social Events News



Jane Pearcy

The Spring Fling Team Tennis post-party was a great success due to the awesome work of the social committee! I would like to thank **Joni Amaroli** for her beautiful floral arrangements and help with décor, **Marci Martinucci**, **Chris McMurdo** and **Kay Coskey**

for their setup help, **Mary Eliason** for her scrumptious deviled eggs, **Jennifer Ellison** for the delicious hand-crafted margaritas, and most of all, to **Lona**, with an able assist from **Jose** and **Jose**, for pretty much everything and anything you can think of! The weather made for a spectacular day of tennis. I'm glad so many members made it down to the club for this fun event.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

After many dramatic matches, tears shed, upsets galore and almost all the seeds going through, we are now at the Semi-Final stage

of our Gentlemen's Singles Championships. All Semi-Finals will be played on Saturday, May 12th with Championship Finals Day on Sunday,

May 13th. Draws are posted in the clubhouse and match schedule will be available online.

Most days you'll notice 90 year-old Dyle Anderson practicing his signature slice forehand, drop shot, dip drive, and wicked angle serve on court 4. The dedication he gives to his "craft" is amazing and he and I are constantly comparing notes on styles of play, tennis anecdotes, shot patterns and how/why we should finally fix the ball machine! Below are Dyle's very impressive 2012 rankings so far:

M90 Doubles - #5
M90 Hard Courts - Runner Up- Nationals
M85 Doubles - #12
M90 Singles - #7
M90 Individual Doubles - #9

Congratulations on another great year Mr. A!

Women's Team Clinics

The 3.5 Women's Team just started my Doubles MatchPlay Course this past month and enjoyed the structure and progressive learning that I am beginning to implement with players wanting to improve. That means I'm not just giving tips here and there which I believe do not cement themselves to a deeper learning and habit, but making sure members receive a systematic, layer upon layer of understanding of how to improve and what specific drills and exercises to use in practice in order to make a serious change in skill level. Foundation...building from the ground up I call it. Join the team, join our clinic!

The 3.0 Team is in session 3 of their Doubles MatchPlay Course every other Wednesday. This past session, we reviewed our doubles communication and poach/switch formation fundamentals. Players are working together to reach their performance goals. Team clinic will continue in May. Join the team, join our clinic!

If you have not heard already, the bad news came through that the SAP Open, which is the second longest running tennis tournament in the country, will no longer run after 2013! It will move to Memphis and after the two events

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there, it will move to Rio De Janeiro. The SAP Open began in 1889 as the Pacific Coast Championships at the Old Del Monte Lodge in Monterey, California. As mentioned, it is the second oldest tennis tournament in the United States, second only to a predecessor tournament to the modern US Open. The tournament predates the Australian Open and the French Open. It was held at the Berkeley Tennis Club in Berkeley for a number of years and at what is now the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco for a number of years. The tournament came to San Jose in 1994, shortly after the HP Pavilion was built. Before tennis' Open era, the tournament had both men's and women's events. Earlier title sponsors include Redwood Bank, Fireman's Fund, Transamerica, Volvo, and Comerica. More recently, it was the Sybase Open from 1994 through 2001 and the Siebel Open from 2002 through 2004. The tournament has been known as the SAP Open since 2005. The tournament is owned by Silicon Valley Sports and Entertainment who bought half of it from Barry MacKay when the tournament moved to San Jose and the other half in 1995. SVS&E also owns the San Jose Sharks.

JUNIOR TENNIS

PTC co-sponsored a very impressive Kid's Play Day with USTA on Saturday, April 14th and what a successful afternoon it was. Over 35 local children, most who had never picked up a racket before, were here at PTC to enjoy an action packed couple of hours of games, drills, music, prizes, snacks and FUN! USTA Norcal gave away a free Wilson racket to each child and Juniors in the RS Academy Leadership Program were on hand to assist our coaches with the busy program. The children were split by age/level and exposed to our QuickStart and 10 & under tennis lesson plans. It was a great day that allowed these children to begin the path to learning and loving the sport for a lifetime. Local, non-member parents were exposed to our club for the first time and expressed their satisfaction in seeing a place for families to come together. Christine Ferry, the USTA Community Tennis Representative said this was one of the most organized and fun Play Days

she has attended.

A very big thank you goes out to our team of volunteers, both parents and Juniors, who helped to make this day such a fantastic experience for all. We never could have done it without you, thank you! Play Day Volunteers: ***Marci, Lona, Sabine Middlemass, Devi Ananda, Halle Martinucci, Nick Yee, Tyler Yee, Lizzie Seigle, Aida Lowe, Haley Shaffer, Brooke Butterworth, Katherine Wilson, Ethan Smith, Elena Middlemass, Andrew Olson, Katie Adams, & Martin Montes.***

Junior Tennis Tournament

Coming up on May 19-20th is our annual PTC Junior Tennis Tournament. Divisions are Boys and Girls ages 12-14, Novice and Challenger levels. This tournament is geared towards the young developing tennis player. It is a great opportunity for our Juniors to play in a tournament on their home PTC courts! Juniors in our Academy 1 and 2 programs should register to play and gain valuable match experience. To register please go to USTA Norcal - Junior Tournaments at www.ustanorcal.com.

Academy Leadership Program

Our Juniors have assisted in QuickStart and 10 and under weekly programming as well as the USTA Play Day this past month. Almost all of our Academy Leadership Juniors are playing Middle School and High School tennis and representing our club, academy and themselves with the highest standard of sportsmanship and integrity.

SPRING JUNIOR PROGRAM UPDATE

The Spring Program is well underway and here is a quick recap of the remaining sessions per group:

QuickStart - May 2, May 9

10 and Under Tennis - May 2, May 9

STAR - May 3, May 10

Jr. Academy 1 - April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18

Jr. Academy 2 - April 30, May 7, May 14

Jr. Academy 3 - May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22

Please make a note of the final day in the series for your child's group.

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SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

Summer registration is currently online at www.rstennis.com. We will again offer nine, one week sessions in the following levels:

– QuickStart

M–F, 1:30–2:30 pm and/or 2:30–3:30 pm

– 10 and Under Tennis

M–F, 1:30–2:30 pm and/or 2:30–3:30 pm

– STAR

M–F, 1:30–2:30 pm and/or 2:30–3:30 pm

Jr. Academy 1 M–F, 3:30–5:30 pm

Jr. Academy 2 M–F, 3:30–5:30 pm

Jr. Academy 3 M–F, 3:30–5:30 pm

Juniors in our Junior Academy groups who take at least three weeks of summer tennis camp are eligible to play on our Academy Tennis Team. The USTA League season runs from mid June to early August.

Please visit us online at www.rstennis.com for details including fees, dates and times. Register your child while space is still available! If you have any questions as to which group your child should be placed in, please contact me in the tennis office, 347-1440.

Junior Day

We will be kicking off the Summer Tennis Camp Program with Junior Day on Monday, June 11th from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. It's always an exciting day of fun tennis games, prizes, swimming, player camaraderie and FUN! We'll wrap it up with pizza for all at the end of the day! This is open to children ages 5–18. Please note, children ages 5–9 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Looking forward to a great summer!

Cheers!

Riaz



Team Tennis Champs



Debbie & Chris holding the Wooden Monkey Trophy



Team Tennis Gallery

