

Words from "the Prez"



Bob Sinclair

June was quite the busy month for the PTC. We began all of the junior summer tennis instructional programs, had an unbelievable attendance at Twilight Tennis and just last weekend the Calcutta Tournament once again reigned supreme. A great start to a super summer that will now continue into July as the club prepares for the busiest month of the year. To better meet some of that summer demand, the snack bar will extend its weekday hours until 5:45pm to accommodate those last session players.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank all the members who took the time to come to the club on June 20th for our "Open House" on the project. All of the important issues and most of the tangential ideas were discussed. If nothing else, I think the majority in attendance left with a better understanding of how complicated this project is and how daunting is the task of making the best decisions for years to come. Having said that, we are on track to begin the demolition process on or about August 20th. Please read *Stuart Batchelor's* CIP message for more detail.

By now you all have heard about the Board's decision to raise the Initiation Fee to \$10,000 effective September 1, 2007. As a point of clarification on this Membership Drive, I would hope that everybody understands the spirit behind the Board's decision to "pre-announce" this increase. The intention is to provide some incentive for the club to reach 230 members as soon as possible. It is not designed to produce a flood of new applicants before the August 31 deadline all locked in at the current fee of \$7,500; as the email announcement may have mistakenly implied. As of today, there are just 15 memberships available. After those are filled, all applications will be processed at the higher initiation fee. Simply stated; it's first come, first serve to reach 230.

I want to wish you all a very safe and joyous Independence Day.

Upcoming Events

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Woods-N-Whites
July 8

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Twilight Tennis/Dinner
July 12
5:30pm

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Quarterly
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, July 25 6:30pm
(New Date)
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Editor's Note

A personal thank you to all the members who attended the first Twilight Tennis/Dinner event of the year. We had a record 160+ attendees who played tennis, swam, ate a delicious dinner and genuinely had a great time. *Riaz* organized the tennis activities, *Jeff Tsu* cooked up a mean BBQ, and the Social Committee (*Bob & Lynn Currie, Nancy Batchelor, Marisa Hauselt & Heather Sinclair*) put on a creative Pirate-themed event. I was able to spend a lot of time with many newer members who had never been to one of the Twilights before. It was a great introduction to our membership for them and everyone genuinely had a great time. Thanks to everyone for joining in.

Big props for the committee who put on the Calcutta dinner last Friday evening. If you weren't able to attend, you missed the best Calcutta dinner in years. The energy was high, the dinner was tasty and the "costumed" captains were full of spirit in choosing their teams. *Steve Wong's* King Tut and *Jeff Tsu's* Elvis costumes were the night's big hits. I would also like to thank all of the team members for being good sports and having fun with their walk-up music. An all around fun night was had by all.

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Manager's Corner



Bill Jepsen

We are now once again in the busy summer season. Our snack bar, a modest food & beverage operation is typically able to handle the normal, day-to-day amount of orders members place. But we can tend to get behind when we have a rush of more than a few members placing orders at the same time. I ask you all for your patience when our staff is responding to the busier times. Please thoroughly and accurately fill out your order form with your name legible at

the top. Once your order is submitted, please make room in front of the snack bar to allow the next member to place their order.

PTC has a long history of volunteerism. Our club simply cannot survive and thrive with our small staff. The select few members who volunteer a great deal of their time to support and promote the social and tennis events, the efforts of the membership committee, as well as the day-to-day operations of the club, keep things running. Please reach-out to me or any Board/committee members to offer your time.

Some reminders to parents and juniors: children under age 8 are not allowed at the club without adult supervision. Children under 14 should not be in or near the pool unless the lifeguard is on duty (noon-5:00 pm) or directly supervised by a parent. All juniors under age 18 need to be off the premises by 5:00 pm unless supervised by an adult or with Riaz and his staff.

With the beginning of the CIP now imminent, I would like to extend a big personal thanks to **Stuart Batchelor and Bob Sinclair** for all of their time and energy to get us to this point.

This month marks two full years for me as Manager of PTC. The job is much more demanding than I was expecting, at least in part due to the large membership turnover and our aging facility. But it is also much more rewarding than I was expecting, and that is primarily due to the really terrific members PTC has. Thank you for being so pleasant to serve. Enjoy your tennis!

CIP News

By Stuart Batchelor

We are working to pull together all the different elements that will permit us to break ground at the PTC in late August.

Here is the time-line that we are currently working towards:

- July 6 – Resubmit our revised plans to the City of Burlingame for permits
- July 6 – Obtain final pricing for our project from our general contractor
- July 25 – Next membership meeting to discuss the status of the project
- August 1 – Install new gates on back courts to permit members access during construction

- August 10 – Final day of the summer programs at PTC
- August 13 – During this week, the Club will be draining the pool and spa, taking down the windscreens and nets on the front courts, storing the summer furniture, disassembling bleachers, moving lockers in the girl's locker room, etc. There is much to be done in this one week to permit work to begin the following week
- August 20 – Anticipated start date of demolition
- April 1 – Project estimated completion date

Since our last update, **Bob Sinclair** and I have been busy meeting with our various architects and contractors.

A quick review of our activities includes:

• May 30 – PTC and G&S met with Randy Montbriand of Guzzardo to go over what we expected to be the last set of changes to our plans. The changes included finalizing the new Chatham entranceway to bring it to ADA compliance and enhance its overall appearance.

June 1 – PGSoils did an additional soil boring at the Club. This particular boring went down 13' and was done to provide information to our pool contractor of the soil conditions that exists at what will be the deep end of the new pool. The boring also served to provide supporting information on the soil condition directly beneath our current tennis courts. The soils engineer indicated in his report that the Club does not need to totally remove our existing courts, but can instead utilize a Petromat overlay and add 1-2" of new asphalt to bring our courts to like-new condition.

• June 4 – A phone conversation with John Saviano of Saviano Construction was held to obtain his opinion of the Club using a Petromat type overlay with 2" of new asphalt versus a complete reconstruction of the front courts. John fully agrees that the front courts are in relatively good condition and not in need of total replacement.

With the input from both our soils engineer and one of our potential tennis court contractors that our courts do not need to be rebuilt, the Club is moving forward with a plan to augment the current surface with 1-2" of new asphalt over a Petromat-type overlay. This should give us years of use. The 2" of new asphalt is more than all the asphalt currently on our courts which have been augmented at least twice over the past 30 years.

• June 7 – I met with Kavanagh Engineering to update them on the changes made to our plans so that the civil plans can be modified.

• June 12 – PTC and G&S met with Ackerman-Practicon. Ackerman-Practicon has been retained to provide all the necessary recommendations and detailed plans as it pertains to our mechanical, electrical, and plumbing requirements. The Club will need to update our electrical service in our new pool mechanical room. We need to correct the on-going sewer issue that has been plaguing the women's locker room. They will be looking at the current furnaces serving the women's, girl's, boy's and junior rooms. We also will be replacing our current water boiler and storage tank system. Lastly, we need to have our gas supply evaluated to make sure we have enough service into the pool mechanical room to support the requirements of our new pool and spa.

• June 14 – A group of PTC members traveled to the Tiburon Tennis Club to evaluate the DecoTurf courts. A different group of PTC members have also played on the Plexicushion courts at Alpine Hills. Almost all agreed that a cushioned surface was desired, but the main issue will be determining the amount of cushioning and the speed to which they play that we desire at PTC. The same members also spoke very highly of the blue/green color combination of the courts at both Alpine and Tiburon. The review of a cushioned surface and the possible color of the courts is an on-going process. We believe that all seven of our courts should have the same playing characteristics and look. Additional courts are going to be evaluated during July to find the right recommendation for PTC.

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- June 20 – PTC and G&S met with Pool Scenes. Pool Scenes was selected to provide the complete pool design plans and will be the sub-contractor for the construction of the pool. Their plans are needed to complete our reply to the City of Burlingame.
- June 20 – The Club held a meeting with interested members to update the status of the project. Paul Grishaber of PGSoils, John Saviano of Saviano Construction, and Omar Adham of G&S Construction were in attendance to answer questions. The first half of the meeting focused on the decision to not replace the existing courts, but to instead use a “Petromat” type overlay and 2” of new asphalt. Paul, John, and Omar were all in agreement that this was the best solution for the Club. The remainder of the meeting focused on the new pool, ADA upgrades, and changes to the Chatham entrance way.
- June 26 – PTC met with Securetech Fence Systems who will install new gates with keyed locks to permit access to our rear courts once construction begins.
- June 27 – PTC received our first set of pool drawings from our pool contractor. These are needed for our resubmission to the City of Burlingame.

Over the next couple of weeks, the Club will be working with all of our architects and G&S (our general contractor) to complete our response to the City of Burlingame.

Please do not hesitate to contact either **Bob** (sinclair515@yahoo.com) or **Stuart** (batchouse@gmail.com) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Tennis Events News

What a glorious weekend for tennis. Friday night, June 22nd started the weekend with a terrific Calcutta dinner party. The men got things started on Saturday with the closest tournament in years. It came down to the final match with **Anthony Paz's team** playing **Steve Wong's team** which would decide first, second, third & fourth place. The team of **Anthony Paz, John Stone, Tom Middlemas, Rob Harrigan, David Hyman, David Andrews** won which secured first place for them. The team of **Dan Dewitt, Rob Delantoni, Dennis Jackson, Christian Reilly, Joe Bojues, Chuck Callaghan** came in second. Just edging out **Steve Wong's team** for third place was **Jim Fregosi's team, which featured Teddy Bernardo, Jeff Tateosian, Bill Parmer, Dennis Mayer & Brian Desler.**

On Sunday, the women had a tough act to follow, but ended up even closer. The “Queen Bees,” captained by **Lee Safran** won handily. Her team included **Debbie Oldham, Cathy Mishra, Teri Gregory, Laura Hesselgren & Kris Willig.** The remaining four teams ended up just 2 games away from each other. Tied at 47 games, the “Queen of Hearts” featuring **Karen Harrigan, Erica Reilly, Gabi Rondell, Sharon Marson, Marsha Kunz & Natalie Vasilliev** outlasted the “Dairy Queens” for second place. The third place “Dairy Queens” consisted of **Susan Lynch, Marci Martinucci, Libby O’Leary, Val March, Karen With & Jennifer Ellison.** Congratulations to our winners and to all 66 players. The Tennis Committee did a fabulous job on the event from start to finish. Thank you for your effort.

Membership News

Comings & goings...

We have had two families submit their application during June. They are:

Janet & Morris Cheston *Patrick Fallon & Libby O’Leary* (sponsors)
Bob Roston *Glenn Mendelson & Debbie Oldham* (sponsors)

Club News

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be taking place on a new date and time – Wednesday, July 25th starting at 6:30. We will update membership on the CIP project that will be scheduled to commence less than a month later. Please plan on attending.

Club Anniversaries for July (10+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Dyle Anderson	60 years
Bob Cookson	45 years
Chuck Callaghan	40 years
Matt Colvin	30 years
Michael Economou	15 years
Jim Nelson	10 years

The 4.0 women’s team finished in 4th place and their first playoff game will be on July 14 at Ladera.

We currently have two league teams forming. The first is a Combo 7.5 team captained by **Sharon Marson.** The second is a 7.0 Mixed captained by **Eileen Lewis.** Please sign up in the clubhouse if you are interested in joining either of the teams.

If you have been thinking about joining the PTC yoga class, Jean Yves will be offering a complimentary class on both July 19 and July 26 for those who have not tried it yet. The class starts at 7:15. The fall series will resume in September.

Social Events News

Our last Twilight Tennis/Dinner will be on Thursday July 12th.

Come “Bungle in the PTC Jungle” and enjoy some Safari Fun. Social tennis will begin at 5:30 pm with a buffet dinner served around 7:00 pm. The Social Committee will provide the grilled fares, soft drinks, adult beverages and dessert. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the clubhouse or **R.S.V.P. with Bill Jepsen.** Also, please bring an appetizer, salad or side dish for 10-12 people to share. As usual, music will be provided. Try and make a point to attend the last organized event prior to the start of the CIP.

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Director of Tennis News

Summer has finally arrived and the weather has been great to us so far. Many of you are ramping up your games and working out regularly which is great to see. Take advantage of this time and get out to play this great game.

I have a new program that I started last month that is going very well and open to members.

Men's Fitness Boot Camp is "running" every Saturday morning from 7:00-8:30am.

This exciting new program is for all of our men players that wish to supplement their tennis play with a high impact, energizing, conditioning work out. You will improve your foot-speed, agility, balance, coordination, strength, and focus. There is one hour of conditioning followed by 30 minutes of hitting encompassing live ball drills and games designed to improve your reflexes and skills. The feedback has been great and I plan to run Boot Camp all summer. It is a drop-in session but the benefits will be greater if you can commit to it on a regular basis. The fee is \$20. Come on out and give it a try, you'll love it!



Riaz Shivji

Put Sunday, July 8th on your calendar folks. That is Wimbledon Woods-N-Whites morning here at PTC. Starting at 8:00 am I will be using the Challenge Court system to move players up and down the courts. All white is a must and if you do not have a wood racket then I can provide you one from my collection. A sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse so you can register for this fun event. Strawberries & Cream will be served and play is on all courts until 12 noon.

This month I'm wearing a great new tennis shoe from K-swiss available from the Tennis Office. The Glaciator has been remodeled and is a sleek looking, very comfortable court shoe. I would recommend it for you in both women's and men's. Of course we still have the Defier (durable and comfortable), the Ascendor (lightweight), and the Ultrascendor (classic). Members that have purchased K-swiss shoes from the Tennis Office this year will be assisting the Junior Program as a portion of your purchase price goes towards the end of summer junior BBQ. Great deals and helping Juniors enjoy their last day of summer tennis. Cracking!

Junior Day (Monday, June 18th) kicked off our summer tennis program and a great day was had by all. Over 100 children were here playing tennis games, hitting for prizes, swimming, and having fun. Thanks to **Marci Martinucci, Nancy Batchelor**, and my summer crew for their efforts in making this day special for all our Juniors.

Many PTC Juniors played the USTA Norcal Sectionals the week of June 25th. Congratulations to all of them for putting in the time, effort, commitment, and dedication needed to get into and succeeding in this high caliber junior event. RS Academy players have also just begun playing USTA Junior Team Tennis. This is a team event run through the beginning of August where most of our Juniors play against other Bay Area teams. This year RS Academy has five Junior teams participating to reach our team goals.

Using the RS Academy S.T.A.R slogan (Sportsmanship, Team Work, Attitude, Respect) our teams will give their all, work together, and have a great time. Our teams are B12's, G12's, B15's, G15's, and B18's.

The RS Academy Summer Tennis Camps are under way and the first couple of weeks have been most successful with over 50 Juniors per week in programs during the afternoons. My staff is certified, positive, enthusiastic, and energized. We are ready to work closely with all Juniors and intend on making this the best possible tennis experience for your children.

I hope to see many of you on July 8th for Woods-N-Whites!

Meet Dyle Anderson

As the elder statesmen of the PTC, it is fitting to run this month's biography on Dyle Anderson. On July 3rd, Dyle celebrates his 60th anniversary as a member of the club. He has seen it all during his lifetime, both inside the club and out.



He grew up in a small town (500 pop.) in Montana. He left for the big lights of California when he went to college at USC. After graduating, Dyle flew DC-3's during WWII. After the war, he relocated to Fairbanks, Alaska where he flew to Point Barrow, the northernmost point back in those days where they built the oil pipeline. From there, he joined Pan American Airlines where he started with DC-3's then moved up to DC-4's, DC-7C's, 707's and finally 747's. He retired from Pan Am at the age of 60. On his days off from flying, Dyle kept busy as a general contractor.

When he moved to the Burlingame, he bought a charming house at 447 Marin, just a block from the club. He raised four lovely children who went to Burlingame High, all of whom turned out to be pretty good tennis players. Prior to joining the club sixty years ago, Dyle hadn't played tennis, but picked up his racket and hasn't put it down since. His first "tournament win" was with our very own Tory Bryant in a 1965 NCTA event in Fremont. From there his accomplishments included: 1967 USTA National Indoor "55" Doubles finalist, 1988 NCTA Player of the Year, 1992 NCTA Ranking of #1 in both singles and doubles, 1993 USTA National Intersectional "70" Doubles (went undefeated), 1995 NCSTA Player of the Year, finalist in 1996-1998 for USTA National Indoor "75" Doubles, the winner or finalist in 2001-2004 in USTA National Indoor, Hardcourt, Clay & Grass "80" Doubles, held the #2 National Ranking for "80" Doubles in 1992-1993. Today he is ranked #4 in "80" Doubles. If his tennis accomplishments weren't enough, Dyle was both President and a PTC Award winner at the club. Asked when he is ready to "retire" from tennis, Dyle says, "not unless it's forced on me." In speaking with some of our older members, they say that if you keep beating up on the 70 year old tennis players, that day may come sooner than you think!

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PTC Court Calendar

July 2007

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