

July 2008

President's Update



Stuart Batchelor

With the club effectively back in full operation, we have no lack of things to be proud of. Since mid-May we have had all seven courts in service and there is hardly a day that goes by that we haven't seen them all in use at one time or another. It has been great seeing all the members again socializing on the upper patio and enjoying all the different elements of the club.

We kicked off our club activities with the annual van Dillen Doubles Championship. This year we expanded the event to include both men & women. The format proved to be a success. The Saturday evening cocktail party was a hit as well. In mid-June Riaz's summer tennis program kicked off in grand style. This past weekend we held our annual Junior tennis tournament and held the finals of the men's singles tournament as well. All of these events brought large spectator crowds to the club and we were rewarded with some great tennis to watch.

The new swimming pool has proven to be a great attraction for our family mem-

Upcoming Events

Woods 'N Whites

July 6

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Calcutta Dinner

July 11

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Men's Calcutta

July 12

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Women's Calcutta

July 13

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Quarterly Membership Meeting

July 15

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Twilight Tennis/Dinner

July 24

bers. The new pool is getting a daily work-out and all seems to be running well. We ask that everyone review our pool & spa rules that appear in this addition of the Drop Shot so that we can all enjoy the club facilities. The rules are also posted at the club.

On July 15th at 6:30 PM we will be holding our quarterly membership meeting. We encourage you to attend as we will be discussing at least three important issues, all of which will require a vote by the membership. A separate email will be sent out regarding this meeting, the issues to be

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addressed, and a request that you either attend or submit your proxy.

There are ongoing projects that are nearing completion at the club. The current focus is on getting the new exercise room completed. The final coat of paint should go on this week and then we will get the new floor covering installed. We should have the room functional by the quarterly membership meeting. We still have some painting to complete and will soon be erecting our new maintenance sheds. We hope to minimize any disruption or inconvenience to the members while we work on these items.

Editor's Note

Mark Friday July 11th on your calendars to join us for the most anticipated night of the year. If you have never attended a Calcutta dinner/team draw, you'll be in for a pleasant surprise. All men and women Calcutta players are encouraged to participate in the evening "selection of the teams." Spouses are invited to share in the fun (adult members only please). The night gets a little crazy when, after each player is chosen, they join their team on stage to their very own (DJ chosen) "walk-up" song. **John Stone**, the event's emcee is masterful with his introductions (John & I should both apologize in advance for our own brand of evening humor). After all of the teams are formed, he will start the bidding and auction off each team. Be sure to bring a few extra dollars as you have the opportunity to find some real buys and a nice profit if your team finishes in the money (1st through 3rd place). The evening is open to all members regardless if you are playing in the tournament. It's also one that you don't want to miss!

I would like to thank my Drop Shot partner **Dennis Mayer** for pushing out the Drop Shot even while he's vacationing up in the mountains. This is the third edition in two years he's done while away. Thanks again Dennis.

Manager's Corner



Bill Jepsen

The Board of Directors has made changes to the rules associated with pool and hot tub use by children 14 and under.

Please see below...

1. Kids under the age of 7 are not permitted in the spa at any time. We are concerned about their exposure to the higher temperatures and their proper supervision.
2. Kids 7-14 may use the spa, but only with direct adult supervision. This means that an adult is in the immediate area and paying attention to the kids in the spa.
3. Kids 14+ may use the spa without adult supervision.
4. During the first 15 minutes of every hour (e.g. 1:00-1:15), both the pool and spa will be cleared and only adults may use the facility. If no adults care to use either the pool or spa, they will still be vacated. This will be the case from opening until 5:00 PM seven days a week.
5. During the week, Mon-Fri from 5:00-7:00 PM the spa is reserved for adult use. No kids are permitted to use it during these hours.
6. During weekend, the only restriction will be #4 above.
7. At no time may kids take toys, food, or beverages into the spa.

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8. Kids need to be respectful to others in the spa. They may not jump into the spa, etc...

9. No glass containers (bottles, wine glasses, etc) are permitted in or near the pool area, the tables and chairs around the pool area, or spa, at any time. Please transfer your beverages to paper, plastic, or styro-foam cups, before entering the pool/spa area. Someone left a wine glass on a table in the pool area and it either blew over or was dropped on the decking and broke.

Your July 1st statements may show snack bar charges with incorrect dates during the week of 6/13 thru 6/19. The charges are valid and correct, but the dates may be off by several days, as we were having system problems with our snack bar

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computer.

What a great month it has been for tennis activities at the PTC! The first ever combined van Dillen Men's and Women's Doubles Tournament took place the weekend of June 7 & 8. We had a record 98 participants this year and the Club was hopping all weekend with players and many spectators. Kudos to everyone who participated and especially to those who made it to the semi-finals and finals. In the Men's Open level, **Mark Campana and Dave Barrows** defeated **Anthony Paz and Gary Goodman** in a hard fought match. In the Men's Open level consolation match, **Steve Livingston and Gerry Sydorak** defeated **Jim Fregosi and Garrett Smith**. In the 3.5 Men's division, **Ron Martinucci and Kelly Kemp** defeated **Bob Currie and Mark Showen**, while **Ben Chew and Werner Yee** won the consolation round over **Robert Harrigan and Matt Maloney**.

The Women treated us all to some excellent tennis as well. In the Women's Open division, **Mindy Wong and Becky Homan** held off **Shari Mayer and Anne Giannini** to take the championship. And in the 3.5 division, **Eileen Lewis and Teri Gregory** defeated **Joan Renson and Natalie Vasiliev**.

The Men's Singles Tournament began May 24th and culminated with the finals on June 29th. In the Open division, defending Club champion **Anthony Paz defeated Dan DeWitt** in three sets, and what a treat it was to watch this very close excellent match. In the 3.5 division, **David Andrews defeated Bob Wren** in another excellent match.

Thank you to all who came to watch the van Dillen and Men's Single's matches and many thanks to those of you who gave endless hours of your time to make these events possible.

Our next tennis event is the ever-popular Calcutta Tournament. The Calcutta is an all-doubles tournament consisting of six teams with six players each. The Tournament weekend begins with a lively dinner on July 11th at which teams are announced and bets are placed on those teams. Please sign up for dinner in the clubhouse or call Bill to sign up please. The men play on Saturday June 12th followed by the women's teams on Sunday July 13th. Sign up sheets (one for the tennis tournament and one for the dinner) are posted in the Clubhouse; the men's sign-ups are going well but more women are needed to play. So PTC women, next time you are at the PTC be sure to sign up. The tournament sign-up sheets will be taken down July 8th so you have until then to sign up.

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Membership News

Comings & goings...

Please help us welcome our newest member/family to the club.

They are:

Greg & Rose Land 343-9951

We have had two new families submit their application during June.

They are:

- Steven & Robin Hurwitz

Pete Ferris/Larry Coskey (Sponsors)

- Kan & Kerry Mahrer

Club News

Alan Klein/Nancy Batchelor (Sponsors) **USTA 7.5 Women's Combo Team** - If you'd like an opportunity to play on PTC's Women's 7.5 Combo Team, please email **Sharon Marson** at sharon.marson@gmail.com or call her at 348-7066. You can also register on the USTA Norcal website. USTA ratings are NOT impacted by Combo league results. The Combo season runs from July 14 to October 26.

Congratulations to the Ladies 4.0 team captained by **Barbara Freethy**, who placed 3rd in league play. They will be in the playoffs starting in July.

Congratulations to Dyle Anderson for representing the PTC at the Nationals. Last month he was the runner-up in the National Senior Indoor 85's Doubles in Vancouver Washington and won a silver ball. He also came in third place during the National Senior Hardcourt 85's Doubles in

Del Mar, receiving a bronze ball.

Congratulations to Spencer Talmadge for winning the Boys 18 Doubles Sectional.

Club Anniversaries for July

(5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Ken & Monica Seeger 25 Years

Louise & Kevin Tierny 10 Years

Brian & Jen Desler 5 Years

Social Events News

Marci & Ron Martinucci

5 Years

On Saturday evening, June 7th we held the van Dillen Doubles Championship Cocktail Party in honor of the great doubles play from both the men and women at the PTC. Cocktails and canapés kept everyone who attended very happy. It was a lovely event made possible by the hard work of: **Marissa Hauselt, Boo DeWitt, Laura Hesselgren, Erica Reily, Amy Fearn, Teri Gregory, Eileen Lewis, Anne Giannini, Lynn Currie and Becky Showen.** Kudos to our bartenders, **Bob Sinclair and Dennis Mayer** who swizzled up fabulous cocktails all evening.

The surf was up at our 1st Twilight Tennis of the summer on Thursday, June 26. Fun social round robin tennis and a great BBQ was enjoyed by a big crowd. Thanks for the yummy side dishes that rounded out our feast. Again, these events are very labor intensive and cannot come together without the help of your social committee. Please thank the following people when you see them next for their continued service to social events at the PTC: **Bob Sinclair, Marissa Hauselt, Joni and Mike Amaroli, Amy Fearn, Teri Gregory,**

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Eileen Lewis, Marci Martinucci, Becky Showen Lynn Currie, Lisa Rogers and our music mix-master, **Jeff Tateosian**. Thanks also to our BBQ'ers who kept everyone fed: **Bob Sinclair, Teri Gregory, Jerry Ceglia, Ron Martinucci and Stuart Batchelor**. In addition, big thanks are due **Riaz Shivji** and his top notch staff for helping to facilitate fun, social tennis all evening.

Our next social event will be Twilight Tennis on Thursday, July 24th. Watch for the sign up mid-July in the clubhouse. We'll also send you an email reminder. *It is very important that everyone who wants to come RSVP in advance so we can accurately buy food for the evening.* (Our 1st Twilight turnout was nearly double the RSVP's prior to the event.)

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji

Men's Doubles Clinic on Saturday mornings has got off to a really good start. I have had some great feedback from the

guys regarding our fast paced drills and games and look forward to seeing you bright and early on Saturdays. Our next clinic is this Saturday, June 5th. 7:00-8:30 AM. Call or email to sign up.

The Women's Doubles Clinic will run every other Wednesday starting on July 2nd, 9:00-10:30am on courts 4 and 5. This clinic is for ladies who wish to improve their general doubles play and meet other women to play with. Drills and games will be used to help your court positioning, movement, shot selection, and reflexes. Contact Riaz to sign-up.

Sunday, July 6th I will host the 4th Annual PTC Wood 'N Whites Round Robin. Dust off your old woodies and bring out those tiny white shorts of yesteryear and come out nice 'n early to see if you can hit the sweet spot! Play will start at 7:00 AM in conjunction with the Wimbledon Men's Singles Final (6:00 AM). Eight games total per set and players will swap partners each round. Play will be continuous till noon. Breakfast munchies will be available for Woods 'N Whites players. Please sign up in clubhouse. There will be a \$5 fee per person.

Also coming up in July we have the Bank of the West Classic Women's Tournament at Stanford. We will again have tickets for members at a reduced group rate. Our bal-

Junior Tennis News

lkids team will again work the Finals and is busy practicing for the show. **The 5th Annual Junior Tennis Tournament was a resounding success** here the weekend of June 27-29. Over 50 juniors competed in 12, 14, and 18's Divisions. In the 18's Final, #1 seed **Taylor Chaparro** got by #2 seed **Palmer Mendelson** 6-2, 6-4. In the 14's Final, **Daver Refioglu** defeated **Gene Cao** 6-3, 6-1. For the 12's Finals, **Jeff Liu** beat **Madeleine Becker** 6-1, 6-1. A huge thank you to my tournament staff and crew. It was a great team effort!

Congratulations to the Roy Evars Sportsmanship award winner Zach Martinucci. The award was presented by the entire Evars family at the player BBQ. Zach always displays the very highest stan-

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dards of sportsmanship and fair play and thoroughly deserved the award. His court demeanor and presence are always top rate and I know his parents **Ron and Marci** are very, very proud of him.

Our Junior summer tennis camps are in full swing and the kids are doing great out there on the back courts. Our staff of enthusiastic and positive coaches are doing a great job of keeping things moving and making sure the kids are well motivated and challenged. There are a few remaining spots open in the final few sessions of the summer.

Please check our website at www.rstennis.com for opening and to register.

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A Heritage Perspective – 75 Years

This Month:

Henry “Hank” Guilmette

If you have been in the clubhouse during the last six months, you may have noticed hundreds of photos of PTC members taken years ago. In fact,



some of our veteran members were looking quite spry in those black & whites. Our feature article this month is on Henry “Hank” Guilmette, the member responsible for preserving much of our club’s history as seen through his eyes.

While living in San Francisco in the late 20’s, Hank began playing tennis after his father bought him his first tennis racket. As an outstanding athlete, he quickly took to the game and became quite proficient at it. He never had a national ranking, but was well known in the Bay Area and California, playing in tournaments in L.A., Monterey, S.F., Oakland, San Leandro and many more. By the time WWII began, he had won numerous local singles titles.

I spoke with two of his long-time PTC opponents and they gave me some interesting tidbits. **Tom Brown**, U.S. Open and Wimbledon singles finalist, as well as Wimbledon doubles and mixed doubles champion, used to play Hank at the courts in Golden Gate Park back in the late 20’s/early 30’s. Hank was six years older than Tom and would usually beat him, though even as a young adolescent, Tom would give Hank a pretty good game. Hank was one of the top two players in San Francisco during the 30’s, winning the city championship 4 years. Tom said that they used to play for a buck and the cost of tennis balls.

Dyle Anderson, National Indoors Doubles runner up for the 45’s and 65’s, and Champion twice in the 80’s and recently in the 85’s, started playing with Tom more than 50 years ago and had many monumental matches. Dyle remembers Hank at the top of his game when one year he won the San Francisco championship early on a Sunday, then boarded a ferry to Oakland where he played in and won the Oakland

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Championship that afternoon.

Hank joined the PTC in 1955 when they moved to Millbrae. His wife Elizabeth was a very good tennis player and was well liked within the club. Together, they won many mixed doubles titles over the years.

Besides being one of the top players, Hank was very involved with the club. Dyle remembers that he was House & Grounds Chairman one year and that he was responsible for removing the big cyclone fence in front of court #1. This allowed the spectators to get a proper view of the courts from the patio area and the clubhouse. He was also instrumental in dealing with the back-courts, upgrading the P.A. system and the Juniors dressing room area.

But what he will most be remembered for is being the unofficial photographer of the club from the 1950's through the 1980's. He enjoyed tennis of course, but photography was his love. He had a darkroom in his house and it was only natural that he took all of the photos for the PTC and for publication in the local papers. Many of the framed photos in the clubhouse and exercise room are his. **Rob Delantoni** is currently cataloging all of the photos in the clubhouse and together with **Dennis Mayer**, will create a storied presentation of the history of the PTC.

When asked how he got into photography, his son Paul told me that it actually started on December 7th, 1941. During WWII,

Hank was a civilian contractor to the military working as steamfitter and refrigeration tech on Naval vessels in Honolulu. During the morning of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he and his best friend had driven up to the top of a mountain and as they stood there enjoying the view, a half dozen Japanese fighters flew right over the top of them. They rushed back to Honolulu and Hank quickly bought a camera and some film. He knew that immediately after the bombing no one would be allowed to buy a camera or film for quite some time. He was not able to take pictures of any of the damage, (as anyone caught doing so might quickly be shot), but he was able to take and sell pictures of individual soldiers, sailors and airmen for their own use. Censorship of the outgoing mail prevented anyone from being able to tell stateside family of their location, but they could enclose a picture of themselves, not including any landmarks, to reassure their families that they were still alive and well. Hank developed the 3x4" negatives in a closet and printed them just using the 'contact' printing method with a light bulb. He sold these photos for a buck or so - and so began his "professional photographic career."

I'd like to thank Hank's son Paul for sharing his Dads' information with us. Today, Hank is 95 years old and unfortunately is blind. We all owe Hank a debt of gratitude for sharing a big part of the club's history with all of us - as seen through his eyes.

July 2008 Court Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>29</u> 8 AM - 6 PM Jr. Tourny & Mens Sngls	<u>30</u>	<u>July 1</u> 6 PM - 8 PM 8.0 50 Mixed, Courts 1-3. 6 PM - 8 PM 8.0 50 Mixed, Courts 1-3.	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> 11 AM - 2 PM Woods & Whites, All Courts	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 4 PM - 8 PM Calcutta Dinner	<u>12</u> 9 AM - 3 PM Mens Calcutta. All courts.
<u>13</u> 10 AM - 2 PM Womens Calcutta, All courts.	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 5 PM - 6:30 PM Board meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Membership meeting	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 5 PM - 9 PM Twilight Tennis	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
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