

July 2009

## President's Message



*Rob Delantoni*

**This may be the last  
chance for a few lucky families!**

Yes, the Peninsula Tennis Club is approaching its 240 member limit, but there are a few (very few) memberships still open, and with no waiting list, all applicants are immediately considered for membership after they go through our review process.

This is a unique period for the PTC. There has never been a time in recent PTC history when there wasn't a waiting list, usually a year or more. Once we reach our membership limit, we cannot admit additional members until someone vacates a membership.

So *Liz & Cristos Goodrow, Bill & Cheri Myers, Ford & Cindy Sibley, Todd & Michele Friedman, Ken & Cecelia Markey, and Mark & Dianne Bradley* are all part of club history now. As our newest members this year, we have all been pleased to welcome them to the club without having to put them on a long wait list first.

## Upcoming Events

**Woods-N-Whites**

**July 5**

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**Twilight Tennis**

**July 16**

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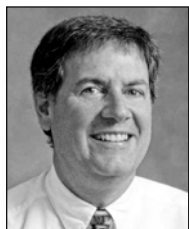
**Quarterly Membership Meeting**

**July 21**

Your Board of Directors is looking forward to having our membership roster reach its maximum limit, currently 240 members. We therefore encourage all current members to inform all well qualified candidates not to "dilly-dally" in submitting their applications for membership. That's right, no "dilly-dallying." If any member has questions or needs clarification with sponsorship requirements, seconds, application fees, tennis ability level, club policies and procedures, or any other matter that may be presenting an obstacle to a well qualified potential applicant, please feel free to contact our friendly membership chair **Becky Showen**, our manager **Lona Means**, or any Board Member. We are all here to help!

I hope you're all having a great summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our Quarterly Membership Meeting on July 21.

## Editor's Note



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Congratulations to **Eva & Sabrina Lau, Betty Cookson, Dyle Anderson, and Austin Sellery** for their recent accomplishments in the just-concluded Nationals (see Club News). **Your efforts help maintain the PTC's reputation as the country's best small tennis club!**

My congratulations also goes out to **Rosemary Marcinak, Tom & Gladys Callan and Bard Dowse** for reaching their 50th, 45th & 40th respective Anniversaries at the PTC this month. I doubt I have that much tennis left in me, though you might still see me at the card tables 30 years from now.

On a sad note, I must acknowledge the passing of a popular former member of the club, Graham Shaw (54). Though he was only in the PTC for four years, he was very involved with the club. He played on the Men's 4.0 USTA teams and most of the club tournaments, participated in all of our social activities, and even worked with **Riaz** teaching tennis. Many of our members (and former members) played against Graham while he was at Aragon High School. We remember because he had a bad habit of lobbing everything back. I know that **Glenn Mendleson** was so impressed with that shot that he created his always-irritating (Mendle lob.) Graham's son Greg also played tennis at the PTC and did well in Riaz's Academy. Graham was a good guy and will be remembered fondly.

## Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Please welcome our new summer staff as we could not operate in the summer without them. Our Snack Bar employees are Samantha Hoobyar, Amy Showen, Jessica Delantoni, Charlie Rogers and Alex Fearn. Our Lifeguards

this summer are Marissa Savoie, Molly Lynn & Samantha Fallon.

We now have lifeguards on duty from 12:30-5:00 PM. Lifeguard (Marissa Savoie) is available for private swim lessons before or after her scheduled shifts. A couple of reminders: #1 Children under age 10 require adult supervision at all times with or without a lifeguard on duty. #2 Adults only in spa from 5:00-7:00 PM.

It has been suggested that we do some spring cleaning in the men's locker room. Please remove all personal items so we can determine which items to donate. We will also be donating the unclaimed items in the lost & found located in the ladies locker room, so please check for any lost items prior to the end of July.

*Enjoy the fun in the sun!*

## Club News

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

<b>Rosemary Marcinak</b>	<b>50 Years</b>
<b>Tom &amp; Gladys Callan</b>	<b>45 Years</b>
<b>Bard Dowse</b>	<b>40 Years</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Naomi Newman</b>	<b>5 Years</b>

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**Congratulations to Dyle Anderson and Austin Sellery** for their strong showing in their last two National Tournaments. Dyle & Austin both received gold balls for coming in second in the 2009 Men's National 85's Indoor Doubles Championship the first part of May in Vancouver, WA. They also received silver balls for placing third in the 2009 Men's National 85's Hard Court Doubles Championship. Great job guys.

**Congratulations also to Betty Cookson** for finishing second in the 2009 Women's National Indoor Championships held in Overland Park, Kansas. She played in the Women's 85's Doubles with Phyllis Adler of Studio City, CA and won a silver ball. They were defeated by the same team that defeated them in the National Clay Courts. Betty is going to try again in the National Grass Courts this month in Philadelphia.

**Finally, congratulations to Paul King** for reaching the fourth round of the USTA National Men's 65's Singles Hardcourt Championships. He upset one of the #9 seeds, a former #1 player for Pepperdine, in the third round before bowing to the #4 seed in the fourth round (round of sixteen). No one else from Northern CA reached the fourth round. Nice going Paul!

As shared by **Linda Penn: Louise Tierney, Celia Sharer** and several PTC members are walking the AIDS Walk, Sunday, July 19 as a team with several tennis players from Washington Park. It is 6.2 miles thru Golden Gate Park and the cost is whatever you want to donate. One of our good tennis friends, Cassie Roa, died of AIDS in Aug 2000, so we are finally getting our act together to do something to honor her! If you knew her and would like to join our walk, please contact Linda, Celia, or Louise for further details.

**Ten-year members, Ken & Teresa Post** have resigned from the club as they relocate their family to Singapore. Ken is being transferred by his company and will be there for 3-5 years. Always popular around the clubhouse, I asked if they would like to say goodbye to their Burlingame friends. Their note reads:

*As we prepare for our move to Singapore, we want to take a moment and reflect on our life here in Burlingame. What we will miss most is our friends and the good times that we have shared as well as the tougher moments that we have supported each other through. We treasure the life-long friendships that we have made through school, sports, the PTC, and other community activities. We will always be connected to Burlingame and feel so fortunate to call it HOME as we begin our ex-patriot journey. All our best.*

*Ken & Teresa Post*

### Tennis Activities News

**This has been a great month for PTC Tennis!** The traditional van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship was held the weekend of June 6th & 7th. This year's event was dominated by the lefties. In the open division, the team of **Anthony Paz & Gary Goodman** (lefties) defeated the defending champs **Mark Campana & Dave Barrows** 6-1, 6-2 in a hard fought and highly entertaining match. The 3.5 final was equally entertaining as **Peter Ferris & Christian Reilly** (also lefties) upset the defending champs **Kelly Kemp & Ron Martinucci** 7-6, 6-2. Please note that next year's event will now have three divisions, the 3.5 and below, open, and a separate division for lefties.



*Kelly Kemp*

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The consolation matches also provided a high level of tennis as the team of **John Stone & Steve Livingston** came out on top in the open division by defeating **Chris Cooke & Rob Adams** 6-1, 6-3. In the 3.5 division the father and son team of **Brian/Austin Peletta** out lasted **Mario Alioto & Mark Lewis** 6-2, 7-6.

The Men's Singles Tournament concluded on Sunday June 28th. After a month of outstanding matches, the finalists endured record heat to provide the spectators with great tennis and amazing points. In the open division, **Reynold Harbin** defeated the two time defending champion **Anthony Paz** 6-4, 7-6. In the 3.5 division **Bob Currie** outlasted **Alan Klein** in a grueling three-setter 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

In the consultation finals, **Rudy (aka superman) Giannini** defeated **Dave Andrews** in a marathon match 6-4, 7-5 and **Ron Martinucci** held on to defeat **Jerry Ceglia** 7-6, 6-1.

Congratulations to all participants of both the van Dillen Doubles Championship and Singles Tournament for an exciting month of outstanding tennis at the club. A special thank you goes out to the tennis committee: **Eileen Lewis, Kim Cresci, Jill Andrews, Jennifer Ellison, Marisa Wachhorst, Nancy Chew, Ken March, Mark Percy, Steve Brooks, Steve Wong, and Torry Bryant**, who gave countless hours of work to provide these great events. Also a big thank you to our chair umpires **Rob Delantoni, Steve Wong, John Stone and Riaz**. Great job guys.

Our next event is the ever popular Men's & Women's Calcutta Tournament coming August 21st - 23rd.

## House & Grounds News

### PTC Public Works Projects in the News

The Big Dig is underway to get water to the new fountain. When the project completes, please be sure to attend the grand ribbon cutting ceremony to be immediately followed by fireworks and a lottery to see who will get to use the fountain first. Remember to bring your own water to the outer courts until the new fountain is up and running.



Stuart Batchelor



**Exercise Room Universal Gym** - some repairs were performed to the Universal and it is operating much smoother. The Board is still considering upgrading the current equipment to provide further benefits to our members.

**Kitchen Upgrades** - If you haven't noticed, there have been some subtle changes to the kitchen. The old candy counter and storage cabinet were removed and replaced by a new wall. A new ice cream freezer along with a display refrigerator for beverages and salads was installed. The new layout provides more room in the kitchen and easier access to some of our most popular items. Continued changes to the snack bar menu are planned to offer more options to our members. My thanks to the gang for helping in the removal of the old cabinet (**Dennis Mayer, Rob Delantoni, Ron Martinucci, Jerry Ceglia, & Kelly Kemp**). A further thank you goes to Ron for his assistance in the installation of the new wall and refrigeration equipment. Your efforts on behalf of the club are much appreciated.

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**BHS Donation** – Last month the Club donated two sets of bleachers to the Burlingame High School. The club still has one remaining set of bleachers in our maintenance area. These were unused bleachers that the club can no longer use since the remodel. BHS was very appreciative of our donation and we expect that they will be used for the new athletic field next to the BHS pool.

## Membership News

**The Membership Committee would like to encourage you** to "dig deep" and continue to propose new applicants (your relatives, neighbors, business associates, acquaintances) for membership in our wonderful Club. We have a few openings that we would really like to fill and get back to the days of having a waiting list for membership. Your help in keeping our membership strong is very much appreciated.



*Becky Showen*

**During the month of June**, we had two applicants submit applications for membership. The first is Olivier and Liz Gindraux. They are sponsored by **James Fregosi**, and **Jane Percy** as their seconder. We also had Aaron Saludo submit his application. His sponsor is **Gary Goodman** and his seconder is **Anthony Paz**. If anyone has questions about the membership process, please feel free to contact me at any time!

A few other changes for membership: **Scott Parsons** has resigned from the Stirm Plan Membership, **Ken/Teresa Post** have resigned their Senior Membership and finally, **John & Laura Saidy** have transferred their Senior Membership to Inactive Status.

## Social Events News



*Nancy Batchelor*

**Summer is here and the days are getting hot....so you won't want to miss this month's Twilight Tennis event, *Hot Arabian Nights* on Thursday, July 16.** Go for a magic carpet ride to PTC for some fun round robin tennis at 5:45pm (adults only) and dinner at 7:00pm. The PTC will provide the entree and beverages. Everyone should bring a side dish or dessert to share for 10 people. It is imperative that everyone bring enough food so that we don't run out! An **Evite** will be sent to all members shortly. Please make sure to respond and indicate what you will be bringing by July 15th so we can plan on preparing enough food for all. The cost will be \$8 per person with advance RSVP, \$10 per person without advance RSVP at the door. If you can help out on this event, please let **Dennis Mayer** (den-nis@acestudio.com) or **Nancy Batchelor** (nmb@yahoo.com) know. Many thanks to **Linda Pene**, our resident genie in a bottle, for taking the lead on this month's event. Our first Twilight was a big success with over 110 people participating. The weather should be even warmer (Arabian trade winds) this month.

## Member Spotlight

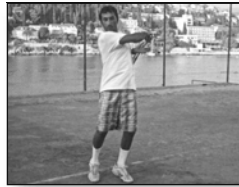
**Along with the recent tournament success** of Dyle, Austin & Betty, twenty-eight year member **Eva Lau** and her daughter **Sabrina**, won the Senior Nationals Mother/Daughter Indoors in Vancouver, Washington a few weeks back. This was their first National Title (Gold Balls) playing together. I asked proud papa **Guy Lau** about his daughter and he told me that

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Sabrina grew up wading in the old kiddie pool at the PTC and learning how to play tennis at the club. After growing into an outstanding high school player, she went on to play four years on the USC Trojans' Women's Tennis Team (where Eva played). In her sophomore year at USC, she convinced Eva to play the USTA National Open Mother/Daughter Indoors Championships in Portland, Oregon. They made it to the finals and they each came home with Silver Balls for second place. Sabrina moth-balled her tennis rackets for basketball and volleyball after graduating from USC.

Some 12 years later, she decided that it may be a good time to walk down memory lane with Mom by playing in the National Senior Mother/Daughter in Vancouver, WA. Literally two months before the tournament, she dusted off her tennis racket to try and get her game back on track. This is when the PTC Family kicked into action. There were many members who gave Eva and Sabrina unlimited practice games. Guy said, "it was just like in the old days when we had all the tennis we could handle as well as BBQ's by the pool." He mentioned, "there are so many people to thank at PTC. Winning the tournament was really just a destination. What really mattered was the great journey to get there. The journey was completed because all of the ingredients to deliver this milestone experience were there." He closed with, "Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." Guy wants everyone to know what a special place the PTC is committed to doing what it takes to keep it that way.

## Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

### ADULT TENNIS

Beautiful weather graced PTC on the weekend of June 6th and 7th for the van Dillen Doubles Championship. Precise serves, low returns, reflex

volleys, and great teamwork were the order for the day as teams battled it out for a place in the finals. A beautiful Sunday for the finals saw **Peter Ferris** and **Christian Reilly** beat **Ron Martinucci** and **Kelly Kemp** for the 3.5 Championship. A repeat of the 2008 Final took place in the 4.0 and up division, but this time **Gary Goodman** and **Anthony Paz** got the better of **Mark Campana** and **Dave Barrows**. Congratulations to all of the finalists, and a big thank you to all of the players that competed over the two days. Thanks also to **Kelly Kemp** and his Tennis Committee for organizing a top class event.

**Anthony Paz** was going for a 3-peat in the Men's 4.0 + Singles Championship on Sunday, June 28th. Unfortunately he came up just short as a determined **Reynold Harbin** played a great match to edge out the 2007/8 Champ 6-4,7-6 (3) in a slugfest in almost 100 degree temperatures. The tennis was great considering the heat and the players gave everything they had in front of a good crowd here at PTC. These two will have more battles to come! In the 3.5 Championship, two-time Champ **Bob Currie** outlasted **Alan Klein** in a long, energy sapping, cramp filled marathon. The players played steady, controlled, high percentage points and showcased their individual strengths. Currie slicing and dicing on the way to the net, and Klein using all his

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athletic prowess to combat his net rushing opponent. Finally after almost 3 hours, Bob Currie came out victorious 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Congrats to the Consolation winners:  
3.5 - **Ron Martinucci def Jerry Ceglia**  
4.0 - **Rudy Giannini def David Andrews**

## TEAM NEWS

The PTC Women's 3.5 Team has one match left before wrapping up this year's season. We won some, lost some and had a GREAT time along the way. Lots of laughter, a few frustrating moments, good camaraderie with our opponents, great snacks, a glass of wine or two....all add up to another great season. **Lisa Rogers and Nancy Batchelor** thank all of the ladies for joining the team, playing their best, and making sure that FUN was the ultimate goal. Lastly, thanks to our singles players, the unsung heroes. Without you, we could not field a team. Cheers! Nancy.

The Women 4.0 Team is rolling along with a successful season. They have two matches left and then will be on their way to play-offs. Good luck!

The Men's 4.0 Team survived the blistering San Carlos heat to prevail over Carlmont 3-2. The #1 and #2 doubles teams (**Sydorak/Middlemass** and **Pearcy/Cooke** respectively) won both of their matches in comfortable straight sets. The drama of the day was saved for **Glenn Mendelson's** #1 singles match. After trading lopsided sets it came down to a 10 point breaker to determine the match. Glenn saved his best play for the end and his victory won the match for the team. The 4.0 team is now 5-6 on the season with two matches to go. The team is pumped up to win out and capture a winning record to what has already proved to be a very competitive and fun season.

***A reminder that Woods N Whites is coming up on Sunday, July 5th.*** Dust off your old Jack Kramer or Dunlop Maxply and come out to join me and my friends Rod, Jack, Pancho, Chrissie, and Billie Jean in a social tennis event on Wimbledon Finals Day. The All England Club Finals will be televised from 6:00am and our courts will play homage to the tradition of Wimbledon by hosting Woods N Whites. Registration begins at 8:00am and the first 24 players signing in will begin play at 8:30am. If you come in after this time you may have to wait until one round of 8 games is over to enter play. The event is \$5 per person and breakfast munchies will be included. There will be a prize for the best dressed old school player!

**THANKS TO RS STAFF FOR WORKING A GREAT TWILIGHT TENNIS!**

## DROP IN CLINICS

Wednesdays - 11:00am-12:30pm

(Women's 3.0-3.5)

Thursday - 12:00-1:30pm

(Men's Power 4.0)

Friday - 12:00-1:30pm

(by appointment only - call Riaz)

Saturday - 7:30-9:00am

(Men's open Drop-In)

## K-SWISS SHOES

Junior Tennis shoes are available by ordering from the Tennis Office. Please make sure your Juniors are wearing tennis specific shoes on our courts. Cross trainers, basketball sneaks, and running shoes are dangerous to wear as players can roll their ankles, AND, they make terrible marks on our brand new courts. Contact Marci at the Tennis Office.

## BANK OF THE WEST TENNIS CLASSIC

A plethora of the world's top women's tennis players are scheduled to appear at

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the B of West Classic at Stanford, the last week of July. If you are interested in tickets, please contact Riaz at the Tennis Office.

## JUNIOR NEWS

We sent a large contingent of Academy players to Peninsula Golf CC for a Novice/Challenger Tournament on June 19-21. Our players showed a great team spirit along with outstanding sportsmanship and play. I'd like to thank all the players for competing well and representing our club in a very positive way. The tournament organizers were very impressed with our players and the way they handled themselves. Thanks also to the parents for coming out to support our Juniors!

## JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Our season has just begun and we are rolling with a winning start. Our B15's team is 2-0 (wins against Golden Gate Park and Foster City) and our G15's went south and beat Alpine Hills in their opening match. This week will see the B18's go at it against a tough Mt. Tam team. The season runs from June 22nd to July 31st with Playoffs in Clovis on August 7-9.

**A reminder to all our Junior players** that PTC is hosting a Novice/Challenger Tournament on July 31-Aug 2. Entries are open now.

We are entering our third week of summer tennis camp. There are openings in the STAR program in various weeks remaining this summer. Please check online for availability. [www.rstennis.com](http://www.rstennis.com).

Cheers!  
Riaz

## van Dillen Championship Finalist



Anthony Paz, Gary Goodman, Mark Campana, Dave Barrows



Kelly Kemp, Ron Martinucci, Christian Reilly, Peter Ferris

## PTC Singles Championship Finalist



Anthony Paz, Reynold Harbin, Bob Currie, Alan Klein



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> 11 AM - 1 PM <a href="#">Men's Club Singles Championship Finals</a> 1 PM - 5 PM <a href="#">Men's 3.5 Spring League</a>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6 PM - 8 PM <a href="#">Men's 3.0 Spring League</a>	<b>July 1</b> 11 AM - 12:30 PM <a href="#">Wednesday Women's Drop-In</a> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Star Tennis</a> 6 PM - 8 PM <a href="#">Women's 4.0 Spring League</a>	<b>2</b> 12 PM - 1:30 PM <a href="#">Men's Power Drop-In</a> 6 PM - 7 PM <a href="#">Men's 4.0 Spring League</a> 6 PM - 8 PM <a href="#">PTC POKER EVENT</a>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>19</b> 1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">8.0 Mixed League</a>	<b>20</b> 7 AM - 9 AM <a href="#">Court Washing - Courts 4-7</a>	<b>21</b> 7 AM - 9 AM <a href="#">Court Washing - Courts 1-3</a> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM <a href="#">Quarterly Membership Meeting</a>	<b>22</b> 11 AM - 12:30 PM <a href="#">Wednesday Women's Drop-In</a> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Star Tennis</a>	<b>23</b> 12 PM - 1:30 PM <a href="#">Men's Power Drop-In</a>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">Women's 7.5 Combo</a> 3 PM - 5 PM <a href="#">Women's 6.5 Combo</a>
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