



# The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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## July 2011

### President's Message



Rob Adams

**Thanks to the Captains!** Hi everyone. The rain comes and goes, but USTA teams are forever...and ever... Did you know that in 2010 we had a record number of USTA teams and players at PTC? It took a lot of work by **Kelly Kemp, Jerry Ceglia, and Lona Means** to manage the court calendar. In 2010/2011, we are still at a high water mark for teams, which is a great thing for the club. But behind the scenes are the captains. They work the schedule, the line-ups, the snacks, and the quacks (players and opponents who are unhappy). They often limit their own play so that others on the team can get matches in. I know you appreciate your captains, but don't hesitate to thank them personally...even for seasons past. In my case, I must thank **Tom Middlemass, Ron Martinucci, and Glenn Mendelson** for their hard work on teams for which I played over the last year. I also need to go back into USTA history to identify other captains, such as **Bill Rogers and Phil Marson**, who did this same work on other teams. It can't hurt to say thank you!

### Upcoming Events

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**Twilight Tennis & BBQ**  
**July 14**

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**Quarterly Membership Meeting**  
**July 19**

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**Twilight Tennis & BBQ**  
**August 11**

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**Calcutta Dinner & Draw**  
**August 19**

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**Men's Calcutta Tournament**  
**August 20**  
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### Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

**Now, that's a party!** Our first Twilight Tennis/BBQ of the summer was a resounding success as we had over 150 members and their families join us. In the eight years we have been doing Twilights, this was the largest crowd ever. For those who were not able to attend, you missed **Lona** and her husband **Gary** demonstrating their tennis ability to everyone - very impressive. The food was delicious and our resident Tsu Chef, **Jeff Tsu**, had plenty of help (with an Italian flair) working the BBQ.

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The Italian Stallion, **Mike Amaroli**, and our PTC Godfather, **Rudy (Don) Giannini** worked their magic all night. As for the cocktails, **Stuart Batchelor** displayed his newest toy - a frozen drink machine featuring endless Pina Coladas. **Tom Middlemass** was asked to mix a vat of his famous Mai Tais (enough to serve 100 that is). They were so tasty, that I was actually told by a few people how much *I REALLY* liked them (you can fill in the rest). **Riaz** kept moving members on and off the courts until it was to dark to play. **Great Job Riaz!** Thank you to **Karen Harrigan, Nancy Batchelor, Joni Amaroli**, and the Social Committee for putting together another great event. Looking forward to our next Twilight mystery theme on Thursday, July 14th.

### Manager's Corner



Lona Means

**Lost & Found is now located** in the storage closet between the girls and boys locker rooms. Please ask **Mary, Jose** or me for access to the closet to retrieve lost items.

Please be careful not to wear any bobby pins or metal objects in the swimming pool as it will rust in less than twenty four hours at the bottom of the pool.

For wireless web access and the latest updated roster information on our website at [ptctennis.com](http://ptctennis.com), please contact me at [manager@ptctennis.com](mailto:manager@ptctennis.com) or 650 347-1439 to obtain the user name and password.

Hope to see everyone at the next Twilight Tennis barbecue event on July 14th!  
Happy Summer!

### Club News

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

**Ernie & Claudette Morrison 35 Years**

**The PTC dance lessons will continue** through the summer on Tuesday nights, with the exception of board meeting evenings. We will also offer a \$10.00/person drop-in rate during the summer. The beginner class will start at 6:00 pm, with the intermediate class starting at 7:30 pm through September. We also have "Dancing Field Trips" to the Verdi Club in San Francisco on the second Saturday evening of each month. Dinner, wine and live band for only \$35.00/person. This opportunity is available to PTC members through our dance instructor, Daniel Singer. It's a great venue to practice our steps!

### Tennis Activities News



Chris Cooke

**This past month, the news** from the Tennis Events Committee has unfortunately been all about delay. For the first time in PTC history, the Van Dillen Doubles Tournament was postponed because of rain. The new date for the tournament will likely be in September or possibly early October. Please look for a new sign-up and for news in the August Drop Shot. Likewise, the sign-up and finals date for the PTC Men's Singles Tournament, which was going to start play soon with the finals being held on July 24, is being extended. Many people have expressed conflicts with the current schedule due to summer vacations. So, we will be extending the sign up, extending the

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schedule of play over more weeks and will reschedule the date for the finals to accommodate the player's schedules.

**We still have more events on tap** and hopefully no more rain to interfere with them. The next event is the annual Woods 'N Whites Tournament which will be held this Sunday, July 3, to coincide with the Wimbledon Men's Singles Final. Please see Riaz's column below for more info on his well-attended annual event.

**On August 20th, the PTC will hold** its Calcutta Men's Team Tennis Tournament. The night before (August 19th) will feature the very popular Calcutta Dinner & Draw. For those who have not participated before, this event features teams competing against one another, combined with betting the night before on which team will come in first, second or third. The fun starts with the six team captains forming their teams by selecting names out of cups. Once the teams are chosen, the wagering begins as teams are auctioned off to the highest bidders. Teams that come in first, second and third place get paid off after the tournament, as well as the individuals or syndicates who purchased the teams. **John Stone** (emcee) and **Jeff Tateosian** (special walk-up music) always help to make this the party of the year. The sign-up sheet will go up later this month in the club house. Be sure to sign up early as it always fills up quick.

## House & Grounds News



*Ron Martinucci*

**It looks like summer is finally upon us.** We have some housekeeping issues to address. We are still finding doors propped open in the mornings. Please lock all doors on your way out. Also, when we are using the propane heaters on those cool evenings, please crank the umbrellas down & tie them off or keep the heaters away from the open umbrellas. We have had a couple umbrellas get scorched. Lastly, please be courteous to your fellow members by picking up after yourself around the pool, barbecue area and locker rooms. Thank you.

## Membership News



*Dave Marcus*

**On behalf of all PTC members,** I would like to welcome our great club's newest member - **Niteen Patkar**. Many of you already know Niteen as he has been playing for our men's 3.0 USTA team. We are very pleased to welcome his entire family including his wife, **Amita Jain M.D.**, and their two children **Neha** (2001) and **Vivek** (2004).

**The membership committee is also quite pleased** to announce that we now have three new applicants, all of whom have completed their admission and sponsorship forms, and are currently in the mandatory 30 day waiting and comment period.

The applicants are:

- **Robert and Marian Stein**
- **Brian and Kim Nappi**
- **Mary Powell and Adam Messinger**

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A number of longstanding PTC members have recently submitted requests for resignation. A couple of members are moving out of the area and a few relate to natural attrition. So although we have seen recent success in recruiting new members and interest in our club remains quite strong, we still have a few openings on our roster. Let your friends and tennis buddies know that now is the time to apply since we currently do not have a lengthy waiting list (marcusrad@astound.net).

### Social Events News



*Karen Harrigan*

**Wow! June was quite the social month** with two great events. Firstly, despite the rain and lack of tennis competition, the van Dillen Doubles Championship Weekend was hopping on Saturday night, June 4th with the traditional Cocktail/Dinner Party “Rat Pack Style.” Everyone came in festive dress, the martini’s flowed, the dinner buffet was delicious and the dance floor was packed the whole night with everyone dancing to the great sounds of the times from our beloved in-house DJ, **Jeff Tateosian**. Thank you Jeff, as well as the rest of the social committee for coordinating all of the details and making the room look perfect. Also, thank you **Erik and Barbara van Dillen** for stopping by to raise a toast and tell great stories of the history of the van Dillen Championship and tales from the past. If only those walls could talk!

**The summer was kicked off with** our 1st Twilight Tennis event – Hawaiian style. Again, record numbers of members and prospective members came for a fun evening of round robin tennis, great music

(thank you Jeff again) and great fare off the BBQ from Chef Tsu!

**July’s activities will feature our 2nd Twilight Tennis** event on Thursday, July 14. This is a great time to bring prospective members to witness our great club at its finest. Please let **Lona** know if you are bringing a prospective member in advance. Twilight tennis begins at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at approximately 6:45 pm. Everyone is to bring a side dish to share for 8–10 people. Sign up in advance please. Cost is \$7 per person or a maximum family fee of \$20. As always life-guards will be on duty for the kids.

### Director of Tennis News



*Riaz Shivji* USPTA

#### ADULT TENNIS

Wimbledon is here and we’re now in the second week of play at the All England Club. It’s been great to get up early and switch on my Direct TV and be able to choose from six different courts of action each morning. I just watched Serena lose to Bartoli and Venus just lost the first set in her match! Djokovic is cruising against Llodra and Wozniaki is in a battle with Cibulkova. Up next are Nadal, Fed, and the boys. The players know it’s the biggest event on the calendar and if you ask them they will say “that’s the one I dream of winning.” The French is probably the most grueling but Wimbledon with its history, tradition, elegance and stature is the cream of the crop!

Talking of Wimbledon, don’t forget to swing by the club and join us for our 6th Annual Wimbledon Woods ‘N Whites round robin on Sunday, July 3rd. Play will begin at 8:00 am

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and run until 12 noon. You can stop by at anytime but for the early birds, there will be "Breakfast at Wimbledon" offered from 8:00 - 9:00 am. Scones, Strawberries and Cream, Mimosa's and Pimms Cups will be the order of the day. The round robin play will move along and players will mix in with fellow members to make sure we have a fun, social atmosphere for all. After a few rounds of social play we will move to a Challenge Round format. Wimbledon whites are a must and if you have an old Jack Kramer or Tad Davis around bring it to show and play. If you don't have a racquet I'll have plenty from my collection. Wilson prizes for the best dressed Lady and Gent. This event is for adults and Juniors 16 and older and costs \$5 per person.

The Singles Tournament has a few sign-ups and maybe it's the time of year and players are away! The call is to keep the sign up open and when we have 16 players in each division the draw will be made and play will begin and continue through the summer months. Finals will all be played on one day in the early fall. In any case, please call me at the Tennis Office if you would like to play.

The van Dillen Doubles Championships will be re-scheduled for later this year, so Gentlemen, make sure your partner is set and you now have plenty of practice time ahead of the Championships!

Congratulations to **Dyle Anderson** on his 2nd Place finish in M90's Doubles at the National Indoors! He adds yet another silver ball to his large collection. Dyle consistently plays tennis at least three times per week and is a constant victor against the ball machine. *Well done Dyle!*

### JUNIOR TENNIS

Summer Tennis Camp is in full swing and we had an amazing Opening Day on June 13th with almost 100 kids of all ages joining in the fun and games. Juniors from the QuickStart, STAR and Jr. Academy programs took part and enjoyed an afternoon of fun games, drills, prizes, swimming and pizza. A really big thank you to **Marci Martinucci**, **Maya Kotmel** and **Lona**, along with the summer crew for doing a fantastic job of making sure the day ran smoothly so that all our kids had a great time!

Opening Day had more Juniors than the past three years and the sign-up for the first few weeks of Summer Tennis Camp has also been very successful. Each program has been bursting with many Juniors and our staff is busy each day making sure the kids grasp the fundamentals, but more importantly, have fun and learn to appreciate the game. Summer Camp registration is easy on our secure website and you can sign up your children and their friends at [www.rstennis.com](http://www.rstennis.com).

Along with summer camp, we have the always popular Junior Team Tennis program where our kids play on teams against other clubs home and away, much like adult USTA league. The season is under way and children in Junior Academy 1, 2 and 3 who are registered for two weeks of summer camp are eligible to play on a team. Our Juniors enjoy the camaraderie and fun of playing together and working together for a common goal - to Enjoy the sport and Honor the game!

QuickStart for children ages 4-7 has been so successful that we have added THREE more sessions this summer. July 11-15, July 18-22 and July 25-29. Registration is open NOW!

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## Junior Summer Membership

If your child has a friend that would like to become a member of PTC please look into our Junior summer membership program. Children must be over 10 years old and will have use of the club during our summer camp program: June 13th – Aug 12th. Juniors interested in improving their tennis will be able to swim, play tennis, use the snack bar, locker rooms and enjoy our beautiful club. Summer membership hours are 12:00 – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday only. Applicants must register for two weeks of summer tennis camp to be eligible. Download the summer membership form at [www.rstennis.com](http://www.rstennis.com) and send to me at the Tennis Office.

## Junior Tournament News

Sixteen of our Academy players competed in the Peninsula Golf CC Challenger Tournament on June 17–19. All our players competed very well and gained valuable tournament match play experience.

Here is a list of top finishes:

**Alex Harrigan** – G16's Champion

**Ethan Smith** B10's – Champion

**Camillo Saueressig** – B12's Finalist

**Maddie Wachhorst** – G10's Finalist

**Josh Lin** – B14's 3rd Place

**Aida Lowe** – G12's 4th Place

Boy's 16's Sectionals Tournament Sportsmanship Winner, **Sean Talmadge** showed outstanding sportsmanship en route to a Championship in doubles and 6th place finish in singles. Congratulations Sean! Parents **Kathleen and Mark** must be very proud!

Angle away!

**Riaz**



*Peninsula Tennis Club  
Congratulates  
Dyle Anderson  
65 years  
of  
Club Membership*

***Dyle Anderson***  
PTC member for 65 years this month!



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## Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

Jul 2011 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 4pm - Women's	27	28 9am - Tennis	29 9am - Tennis Pro 6pm - Men's	30 9am - Tennis Pro	1 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr.	2 1pm - Lessons 4
3 9am - Woods' N	4 3:30pm - Jr.	5 9am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons	6 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	7 9am - Tennis Pro 11am - Senior~65 3:30pm - Lessons	8 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr.	9 1pm - Lessons 4 1pm - Men's 4.5
10 1pm - Women's	11 3:30pm - Jr.	12 9am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons	13 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	14 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Lessons 5:30pm - Twilight	15 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr.	16 9am - Pro Court 1pm - Lessons 4 1pm - Women's 4.
17 1pm - Men's	18 3:30pm - Jr.	19 9am - Tennis 2:30pm - Lessons 6:30pm - Quarterl	20 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR 6pm - Mixed 7.0	21 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Lessons	22 9am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - Jr.	23 1pm - Lessons 4 1pm - Men's
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