



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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President's Message



Chris Cooke

The big news for this July is that we have a quarterly member's meeting and you are going to be asked to vote on some very important repairs. Specifically, we are looking to repair/replace the roofs along with a few other items. I want to congratulate and thank **Phil Zlatunich and Rob Adams** for all of their hard work in researching, planning, scoping and making concrete recommendations for everyone to consider, both as to repairs that our club will be needing in the near future and for possible improvements. The members' meeting will be on Tuesday, July 17th starting at 6:30 pm. We will send out the specific proposals in writing and an agenda (via email) at least 10 days before the meeting. I want to encourage everyone to attend or to at least send in their ideas and votes before the meeting. As **Jeff** is fond of reminding us, "remember, it is your club."

This past month, we had the first of three Twilight Tennis/BBQ parties, which I am told was a great time by all who attended (unfortunately, my vacation was scheduled for then). The next Twilight will be on Thursday, July 19th. Although I missed the last one, I definitely plan to attend this upcoming Twilight Tennis and will look for some guests to invite. This event in particular, is a great way to show

Upcoming Events

- **Quarterly Membership Meeting**
Tuesday, July 17th
- **Twilight Tennis/BBQ – "Octoberfest"**
Thursday, July 19th, 5:30 pm
- **van Dillen Doubles Championship Weekend**
Saturday/Sunday, July 28th/29th
- **Twilight Tennis/BBQ**
Thursday, August 9th, 5:30 pm
- **Calcutta Tennis Weekend**
Friday, August 17th – Calcutta Dinner
Saturday, August 18th – Men's Calcutta
Sunday, August 19th – Women's Calcutta

off our club to prospective new members. You can pick up a guest pass from **Lona** to waive the normal guest dues for this event. And, speaking of new members, and in response to some very diligent recruiting of members by **Jeff & Adrienne Schubiner**, the Board voted at the last meeting in June to eliminate the limit on the number of financial incentives that any member can receive in a year for successfully recruiting new members. So, yes, now you can earn \$250 for each new member you recruit and joins the club, and there is no limit on the number of times you can receive this incentive. While this incentive is never anyone's primary motivation, the Board believes it is important to recognize and say thank you to our members who help bring in new members.

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As for tennis, I want to encourage people to sign up for the van Dillen Doubles Championships which will be held on July 28th & 29th (see Tennis News below). For those looking to get in some great doubles, or even to watch some great doubles, this is one of the premier events at the Club. Well, that is it for me for this month. If anyone has any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to catch me on the courts or via email (christopher.cooke@gmail.com).

dream machines at the end of the newsletter. Additional members will be featured in next month's Drop Shot. If you own a classic car, be sure to contact me so that we can add your photo/story next month.

Congratulations to club pro Riaz Shivji for helping the USA to rout Mexico in this year's Osuna Cup, winning 18 out of 27 matches. Rotating venues between the two countries, this year's Cup was played in Palm Springs. This is the fourth year Riaz has played for the U.S. team (yes, he's too modest to write about himself - I found out about it reading Inside Tennis). Way to represent, coach!

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

We are fully aware that the viewership of the Drop Shot isn't quite as good on the months where we email it versus the four times a year when it is mailed out with the invoices. The reasons we hear most are busy schedules, procrastination, or for some, simply not receiving the email. Please contact **Lona** at manager@ptctennis.com to add your updated email to the monthly Drop Shot blast list if you have not been receiving it each month.

Congratulations are also in order to **John Stone, Greg Silveria, Karl Bakhtiari, Laura Heselgren, Tery Zlatunich, & Bryan Welch** for guessing the most correct answers in last month's "Summer of Love" quiz. They all received CD's of the music played at the June Twilight Tennis & BBQ event featuring the 60's theme. John & Greg were the only ones to guess all 15 correct, which begs the old counter culture phrase, "if you remember the 60's, then you weren't really there." Thank you to all the members who attended this outstanding first Twilight of the summer.

Every month, we try to present topical articles on PTC members and/or family members. Please get in touch with me at jeff@ptctennis.com if you have any story ideas either on another club member or anyone in your family. So far this year, articles have been written about **Karl & Debbie Bakhtiari's** son signing a contract with the 49ers, **Mindy Wong** and **Phil/Tery Zlatunich's** sons being recognized for serving in the Middle East, **Anthony Paz** and Tennis Station, **Ken & Teresa Post** living in Singapore, and this year's new Board Members, **Tom Middlemass, Jane Pearcy and Phil Zlatunich**. Be sure to visit the club website at www.ptctennis.com to read any past issues.

From the love-line, **Melissa Smith** has a new man in her life and is actually relocating to just outside of Dallas, Texas. Her fiancé, Joe Harwood, actually lived around the corner from her back in Highland Park, Illinois and was in her older sister's class all through school (yes...the boy-next-door). She plans to be back in the fall to get married at St. Matthews Church in San Mateo. Melissa said that though she usually listens to her accountant (and PTC member) **Matt Colvin**, she's not heeding his advice to (as he puts it) "wait, wait, wait to get married!" Hoping not to lose contact with many of her PTC friends, Melissa is inviting everyone to join her on Facebook.

This month's feature article is about PTC members and their muscle cars. Be sure to read about **Rob Adams** and **Tom Blumberg's**

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Manager's Corner



Lona Means

The San Carlos Tennis Club has invited PTC to participate in a friendly interclub tournament on August 5th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please see me if you would like to participate. I am looking for two men and two women in the following categories: 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0.

The USTA 7.0 Mixed league begins on July 2nd. Please contact the following captains if you are interested in playing this season: 6.0 Mixed **Mickey Podolsky** mbpodo@aol.com, 7.0 Mixed **Phil Zlatunich** philz@cmihvac.com, 8.0 Mixed **Mindy Wong** rmmrz@pacbell.net

Lifeguards, Grace Stevenson and Conor Kemp will be on duty from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm through mid August. For the safety of your children, please follow the PTC rules and actively watch children under 10 years old at the spa and pool when a lifeguard is on duty.

Snack Bar attendant needed: Must be over 16 years of age, would prefer some food experience and able to work weekends from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please stop by my office to apply.

The PTC lost-n-found is overflowing! Please check the closet next to the boy's locker room for any lost items.

Club News

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

Dyle Anderson	65 Years
Betty Cookson	50 Years
Chuck & Arlene Callaghan	45 Years
Matt Colvin	35 Years
Alan & Susie Klein	10 Years
Ben & Nancy Chew	10 Years
Matt & Yana Maloney	5 Years

The PTC Mixed Senior 8.0 team will begin their season starting in September. It runs through December and they are asking anyone interested to sign up on the USTA website. **Gerry Sydorak** and **Linda Nagare** will be captaining the team.

The Zumba class was a big hit last month at PTC. We had to sweep all the excess pounds off the floor after their first session. It continues through July on Monday evenings. The price is only \$5 per person and runs for two hours starting at 6:00 pm.

In Memoriam

We are sad to report the passing of long-time member **Sardis Farmer**. Sardis joined the club in 1960 and was a very active member through his 52 years at PTC. He is survived by his wife **Nieta** and son **Richard**, who used to play regularly at the club.

Many of you will also remember **Burt Newmark**. He had been a club member since 1992 before resigning a few years ago. He passed away on June 11th.

Tennis Activities News



Tom Middlemass

The Tennis Committee is eager to remind you that the annual van Dillen Men's Doubles Championships will be held on July 28-29. The sign-up sheet has been posted in the clubhouse so please register as space is limited. Alternatively, you can email **Lona** at manager@ptctennis.com to reserve your team's spot. In addition to identifying your team, please designate your desired division: Open, 4.0 and 3.5 based on USTA ratings. Players can play up but not down. There will be 16 teams in each division. Juniors and ex-family Juniors 16 years and older can play with any Senior member in the Open Division. The first round matches will start Saturday at 8:30 am with the second round to follow. The Semi's and Finals will be played on Sunday with the action starting at 9:00 am and the main draw finals at 1:00 pm.

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Of course the van Dillen Club Championships always includes a special social event. This year is no exception. There will be a party Saturday evening with Wine Tasting (see Social News below) and recognition of past champions (you know who you are)! So please reserve your space by signing up in the clubhouse or call **Lona** to sign you up. Sunday will have a post tennis awards presentation with drinks and snacks. This promises to be an excellent weekend of tradition, fun, and competitive tennis. If you have any questions, please e-mail our Tournament Director **Riaz** at rstennisacademy@gmail.com. Come join the fun!

House & Grounds News



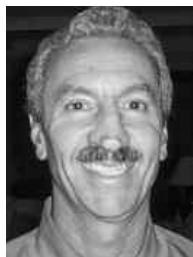
Phil Zlatunich

This month I would like to acknowledge and personally thank **Lona** – our wonderful club manager, for all her hard work and patience in keeping the PTC running smoothly. Lona seamlessly handles all kinds of situations which largely go unnoticed by the membership. Things like handling court availability concerns, replacing and upgrading the new pool basketball hoop after the first one was destroyed within hours, calling for service when the water heater malfunctions, dealing with all the added summer “scheduled chaos,” and so much more. These are just small examples of what Lona handles for us daily, and always with grace and a smile. Please take time this month to stop for a moment and say hi and let her know how much you appreciate her efforts as well!



Paige and Robert Austin

Membership News



Mike Amaroli

Hey Dudes...what's happening? That was one far out Summer of Love bash! I'm still a little spaced out from the love potion **Tom Middlemass** was pouring at PTCStock (that's a play on Woodstock for you old hippies). Speaking of old hippies, **Phil & Tery Zlatunich** looked totally cool and DJ Superstar **Jeff Tateosian** was the man (as usual) spinning one great song after another.

Ok, now back to Membership! As is tradition at our first Twilight of the year, we introduced a large contingent of PTC's newest members and applicants. Everyone seemed to be having fun playing tennis and mingling with new friends. A special thanks to all the sponsors and seconders for introducing so many wonderful families to the PTC.

I am pleased to welcome our three newest members to PTC:

Mark Woollen, his wife **Liz Horner**, daughters **Samantha and Lara** – Mark played High School and College tennis and is anxious get back his "A" game. Liz and the girls are excited about taking up tennis and running Dad around the court.



Mark Woollen, Liz Horner

Paige and Robert Austin, daughters **Charlotte and Rider** – The Austin's live behind the club and are looking forward to their membership. Paige is a 3.0 and looking to improve her rating. She is hoping that husband Robert, an excellent squash player, will finally make the transition to tennis.

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Matthew and May Bartus, sons **Jack and Luke** – **Matthew** is a 3.5 player and is looking forward to meeting the competition on the courts. They are anxious to get the kids involved in tennis classes and the many club activities.



Matthew and May Bartus

We currently have four new families who have submitted their applications.

They are:

– **Andrea & Rich Moore**

(Sponsored by **Adrienne Leigh Schubiner & Erica Reilly**)

– **Jill & Tom Pulley**

(Sponsored by **Kirsten Gray & Mike Amaroli**)

– **Steve Williams**

(Sponsored by **Adrienne Leigh Schubiner & Scott With**)

– **Gene & Barbara Trainor**

(Sponsored by **Carey Welsh & Mike Amaroli**)

Middlemass and Joe Feeney for the sweet Love Potion #9, to **Riaz** for coordinating the mixed tennis, to **Mike Amaroli** for the New Member Welcome, to **Sabine Middlemass** for handling check-in, and to **Mark Pearcy, Marci Martinucci, Christian & Erica Reilly, Joni & Mike Amaroli, & Stuart Batchelor** for clean-up. Despite the gray weather, a good time was had by all. *Far out man!*

Our next Twilight Tennis/BBQ theme will be Oktoberfest (yes, in July) and be held on Thursday, July 19th starting at 5:30 pm. Women, wear your sportiest “dirndl” and men, your spiffiest “lederhosen” for a festive evening of beer, sausages and tennis. German ancestry is not required. Sign up in the clubhouse or with Lona and bring your favorite appetizer, salad, starch or dessert to share for 8-10. German themed food is appreciated! Any members with accordion playing skills are urged to perform! See you there!

As you have read by now, the van Dillen Men's Doubles Championships will be held July 28th and 29th. This Champions weekend wouldn't be complete without a party! The van Dillen Wine Tasting and Cocktail Party will be held Saturday, July 28th at 6:30 PM. \$25.00 per member for a delicious light buffet, wine tasting and open bar! Don your summer cocktail attire, raise a glass to past Champions, and try your hand at blind wine tasting. Prizes will be awarded to those with the most discerning palates. Sign up in the clubhouse or contact **Lona** at manager@ptctennis.com or 347-1439.

Social Events News



Jane Pearcy
Wow! That Twilight was out of sight! Thanks to Kenny & Val March for leading the awesome set-up team of Nancy Chew, Kim Cresci, Natalie Vasiliev, Linda Podolsky, Maggie Blumberg, Kay Coskey & Kim Nappi. Thanks to Jeff Tsu and Ron Martinucci for BBQing, to Jeff Tateosian for the Summer of Love music, to Tom

Director of Tennis News



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ADULT TENNIS

WOODS N' WHITES

What a gorgeous day we had for our annual homage to Wimbledon. Fed versus Murray (more on that below) playing on the big screen and over 45 members

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enjoying the eight game, round robin mixer that is Woods N' Whites at PTC. Our courts and lovely grounds made for a beautiful setting while members played together with Jack Kramer's, Dunlop Maxply's, TAD Davis', Chrissie Evert's and other wood frames from another era. Considering the weight and size of those wooden racquets, play was very good with many matches tied at 4 games all. When members were out of the rotation they were watching the Wimby Final and enjoying the wonderful faire of strawberries and cream, scones and jam, and mimosas laid out beautifully by our hosts **Nancy Batchelor, Marissa Hauselt and Marci Martinucci**. A big Thank You to them for their assistance in making this a great event!

van Dillen Doubles Championships

Gentlemen of the club, please sign up for our annual Doubles Championships to be played on July 28-29th. It's sure to be another outstanding event here PTC. If you need help finding a ringer partner let me know. Juniors age 16 and older can play with an adult member.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Summer Junior Team Tennis has begun and the teams are off to a great start. The B15's have had two very tough matches so far. The team has traveled to Sacred Heart in Atherton, and San Francisco, where they played at Golden Gate Park. All of our guys played well and represented RS Academy in a stellar way. The G15's played their season opener on June 28th against Peninsula Power in Belmont, and took home the win! We are looking forward to a great Junior Team Tennis season this summer, with many exciting, competitive matches to be played!

The RS Tennis Academy Summer Program is in its fourth week and is going full force!

The QuickStart group can be found daily learning to play and love the game of tennis. There has been quite a bit of squealing and excitement coming from the QuickStart court as they learn the game of tennis using smaller rackets, slower and lighter balls, shorter court dimen-

sions and modified scoring, all tailored to the age and size of the child. Give your child the best start to their tennis life, QuickStart!

The 10 and Under, STAR and Jr. Academy groups are all offered weekly and Juniors of all ages and abilities are playing, learning and having a great time while doing so! The energy at the club is fantastic as the Summer Program continues!

There are still Tennis Camp openings in all of the groups, as well as extra Junior lessons, which are available with our staff. Please let Marci know if you are interested in additional lessons for your Juniors. That's it for this month, short and sweet like a good angled volley!

Cheers! Riaz

Members and their Muscle Cars

On July 28-29th, the Burlingame Lion's Club will be holding their annual "Cars in the Park" event at Washington Park. Board Member **Rob Adams** will have his original powder blue 1974 Dodge Challenger on display. Last year during this event, over twenty members made the short pilgrimage from PTC to the park to see Rob and his Challenger, who ended up winning the Sponsor's Award for Best Muscle Car.

I sat down with Rob to discuss (with apologies to **Beth & Katie**) his "true love." Asked why he bought this particular car, he stated, "*I always wanted a real muscle car, but got my license the year of the Oil Embargo. Beth and Katie were very supportive, and I found a car that I love.*

Growing up, my experiences with muscle cars were all about other guy's hot rods. Most guys had cars that never ran right. None of my best friends were car guys, so we all drove our parent's cars. For me, they were a 1973 Chrysler and 1966 VW bug.

Before I owned the Challenger, I never knew how much a classic car made people smile. I

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get waves from people who are kids to grandparents. For many, the car brings back memories of another car or era or both. The car people I have met are really nice. They share information, provide tips, and are very welcoming. These are people with serious machines. I have a nice muscle car, somewhat rare, but not at the high end. I can drive it, show it, and not worry too much about it.

I have also learned a ton in the last year about cars....original condition, rotisserie restoration, replica, tribute and resto-mod. It is an entire world that I was never a part of - very cool stuff."

Rob belongs to two car clubs: Mid-Peninsula Muscle Cars and Golden Gate Street Machines. He says that, "they are very nice people, just like my tennis friends and my wine/food friends, but not much overlap between groups."

Tom Blumberg is the proud owner of a Superformance Cobra. It is a factory made (in South Africa) replica of the famous 1965 Carroll Shelby 427 Cobra roadster. Asked about the engine, Tom said, "because it is a replica, I had a choice of engines and transmissions (but little else since it comes fully fabricated except those items). I went with a Roush small block 427 motor and 5 speed transmission - the original cars had big block 427's and 428's and a four speed transmission. The engine produces over 500 HP and foot pounds of torque; this for a car that weighs under 2500 pounds."

"Purchased eight years ago (hence the beard), the car currently has about 22,000 miles on the it. I am a member of the Bay Area Cobra Club and both Maggie and I participate in numerous rallies and gatherings each year. We have taken the car to Tahoe many times as well as Reno, Santa Barbara, Monterey, Fort Bragg and various points between. As with PTC, the members of this club make car ownership (like tennis) a real pleasure. The Cobra is the latest of several sports cars that I have owned. It's been a passion since high school; however, this has clearly been the most fun to own."



Rob and the Challenger



Tom's Cobra



Phil and Tery Zlatunich

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Jul 2012 (Pacific Time)		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1 pm - Mixed 8.0 3 pm - Mixed 6.0		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	6:30pm - Quarterly 5:30pm - Twilight	9 am - Pro Court #3 3 pm - Mixed 8.0	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	6 pm - Mixed 7.0	9 am - vanDillen	
29	30	31					1 pm - Women's 4.0 9 am - vanDillen	2 3 4	