

August 2011

President's Message



Rob Adams

August....already? What happened? Did I sleep through a month? Is it already August. Wow! That means we have one more Twilight Tennis (8/11) and the Calcutta (dinner 8/19, tournament 8/20). And for some of us, we have kids heading back to school mid-month. So, I hope you maximize these next few weeks on the courts, in the pool, and at the events. Come on down! And while you are at it, invite your non-member tennis playing friends. We are looking for new members, and need your help in addition to the great work of Doctor *Dave Marcus* and members who have been sponsoring. New members = new energy!! PTC remains the jewel of the Peninsula!

Upcoming Events

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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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Women's Calcutta Tournament
August 21

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Men's Calcutta Tournament
August 20
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I also want to thank the small, but vocal group of member who attended the recent quarterly meeting. You know who you are, and you know you made some great recommendations. The Board will be discussing them in the August meeting. For you other members, please feel free to make any suggestions to Lona and myself that you think improve the club for its members. For example, if you think the President should have a parking space and free BLT's, let us know.....ok, I'm kidding. But we have had many great suggestions and we encourage you to keep those cards and letters coming.

I hope to see you all soon at Le Club.

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Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

August brings us two of the year's favorite events - Men's & Women's Calcutta Tournament/Dinner & our Italian-themed Twilight Tennis/Dinner.

If you have never attended a Calcutta Dinner/team draw, you'll be in for a great night of camaraderie and laughter. After cocktails and dinner, we will select both the Men's & Women's teams with team captains literally pulling names out of 'special' cups. The night gets a little crazy when, after each player is chosen, they join their team on stage to their very own 'walk up' song. This year, players will be able to select their own walk up song should they choose. If players prefer their song to be chosen for them like in the past, I'll be happy to oblige. We are lucky to have veteran emcee **John Stone** back in the fold to host the evening's festivities. This is an adult-oriented event as you'll see by our own brand of evening humor. The evening is open to all members and spouses, regardless if you are playing in the tournament. Please see Tennis & Social News below for more details about the tournament & dinner.

Don't miss out on the last Twilight Tennis/Dinner of the year. Our Italian theme will feature great food provided by **Kim & Rick Cresci**, as well as fun tennis, great Italian music, and words of wisdom (and maybe even a song) from the Godfather, **Rudy Giannini**.

Check out the front page business article in the SF Chronicle recently about member **Cristos Goodrow**. Cristos is YouTube's head engineer for Search & Discovery and has been working on ways to find high-

quality videos for the site. Yes members, you can thank Cristos and his team for helping to keep the kids (and probably some of you) on YouTube for hours on end rather than doing homework, playing tennis, etc. Read the article: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/07/28/BUQS1KFCUB.DTL>

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

It's that time again our lost and found is overflowing! Please check the lost & found closet next to the boy's locker room for any lost items.

Lifeguards Conor Kemp, Natalie Fregosi, Grace Stevenson, David Demartini & Hannah Wren will be on duty from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm daily through August 14th and weekends through the end of August.

An enthusiastic group of women have been taking bridge lessons this year at PTC from local bridge teacher, Carol Knowles. Carol is a certified ACBL instructor (American Contract Bridge League) and offers lessons at very reasonable rates. She is available to teach groups of 4 or 8 in the evenings as well as during the day. She is happy to teach beginning, intermediate or advanced players and can provide ACBL lessons in bidding, play of the hand, or defense. She is also available for supervised play. If interested, please contact **Sharon Marson** at Sharon.marson@gmail.com, or you can contact Carol directly at 650 342-4681 or carolknowles@yahoo.com.

Enjoy the fun in the sun!

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Club News

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

<i>Scott & Phyllis Bedford</i>	20 Years
<i>Bob & Lynn Currie</i>	15 Years
<i>Dennis & Shari Mayer</i>	15 Years
<i>Blair & Amy Sanford</i>	15 Years
<i>Eric & Elise Brand</i>	5 Years

The club's **Ballroom Dancing lessons** will be taught on a drop-in basis for all levels during the month of August on Tuesday nights for \$10.00 starting at 7:00 pm. The regular schedule of beginners at 6:00-7:15 pm and intermediate at 7:15- 8:30 pm will begin in September.

Tennis Activities News



Chris Cooke

The next Tennis event is the always popular annual Calcutta Tournament, on Saturday August 20. This year, men and women will be participating. The betting will be fast and furious and, as

always, the fix will be in for some team to come up with the big bucks. Look for the sign-up this week.

On July 4th, we hosted the annual Woods N' Whites tournament. Although I did not attend this event, I am told that it was quite fun and that **Steve Wong** took the best dressed prize with a white tuxedo. **Riaz** and crew put on a fantastic event as always. Many thanks.

In September, we anticipate holding the delayed Van Dillen Doubles Tournament and, possibly, the Men's Singles Tournament. Both are great events so

stayed tuned for more information as we set the dates and post the sign ups.

House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

I hope everyone's summer is going as planned. August at the PTC is usually a quiet month with many on vacation and going back to school. It's a good time to get your fill of tennis and swimming. In part of our continuing improvements at the club, we have replaced the court caddies (where you put your cup of water or misc. items on at the net post) on courts 1, 2 and 3. We will see how they hold up before we do the same for the back courts. The old ones were made of a cast metal that were coated. We may ask some of our own club experts to see if we can recondition them. We are also going to get the carpets cleaned in the women's locker room. They were damaged from the flood in March, were cleaned, but never returned to their original condition. We are budgeting to have these carpets replaced with a more durable surface. I will keep you updated on this. All for now, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Membership News



Dave Marcus

First of all, I would like to welcome our club's two newest member families. Robert & Marian Stein and their children, William (2003) and Landon (2004), are our newest neighbors on Bloomfield Road. Rob is an

Account Manager for Polycom and he and Marian are looking forward to getting back onto the courts again.

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Mary Powell & Adam Messinger and their children, **Sophia** (2004) and **PJ** (2007) live in San Francisco, but can't wait to enjoy our Peninsula weather at the club. Mary is an attorney and Adam is a VP with Oracle Corporation. We look forward to seeing both of these new families playing some tennis, swimming, and socializing during the rest of this summer and beyond.

Our newest applicant is Jackie Sage along with her husband, **Cory Ravid**. Jackie has completed her application and sponsorship forms and her name is currently posted on the bulletin board for the mandatory 30-day waiting and comment period.

In keeping with similar practices already in place at neighboring tennis clubs, your Board of Directors has decided to offer an incentive to our current members who successfully recruit new additions to our roster. Specifically, beginning with applications received September 1, 2011 and until further notice, a credit of \$250 will be awarded to any PTC member who recruits somebody new - the credit will be applied once the new member has fully joined PTC. Current members are eligible for this credit just one time per year. We will monitor this new incentive program and assess its effectiveness over the months to come. At some later date, the Board may decide to end the incentive program. So now is the time to turn your tennis buddies on to PTC!

Social Events News



Karen Harrigan

Despite less than ideal weather, our July Twilight Tennis Fiesta was enjoyed by a nice crowd of members. Thank you to all of the social committee volunteers who pulled all the details together

to make a great evening for all. Mark your calendars for "That's Amore" Twilight Tennis on Thursday, August 11th. This will be our third and final Summer Twilight Tennis event and always proves to be a really great evening. Fun round robin tennis begins at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at approximately 6:45 pm. The club will provide pasta, meatballs, and garlic bread. Wine, beer, soda and the ever popular special cocktail will also be provided. Everyone is to bring a side dish or dessert to share for 8-10 people. Sign up in advance please. Cost is \$7 per person or a maximum family fee of \$20.

Another great social evening will be the Calcutta Dinner on Friday, August 19th. The fun begins at 6:30 pm with drinks and dinner and then the team selection process begins followed by the betting of teams. The dinner is open to all members and is included in the Calcutta entry fee for all players. For non-players, the Calcutta dinner fee is \$15. A sign-up sheet for the Calcutta tournament and RSVP for the dinner will be posted in the clubroom.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

A beautiful, warm, summer Sunday was the setting for our 6th Annual Wimbledon Woods N' Whites tennis round robin held on July 3rd. Over 35 members participated and enjoyed a delightful breakfast of scones, jam, tea, coffee, strawberries and cream, mimosas and Pimms Cup cocktails, followed by a terrific tennis round robin where players moved up and down courts and rotated partners. The wood rackets

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and Slazenger tennis balls inspired all to place their shots and play with precision instead of power and brute force. What resulted was a round robin filled with touch shots, deft placement, excellent crisp volleys, and old school fun doubles!

Everyone was in all white a la Wimbledon style and best dressed prize went to **Steve Wong** who came out in a Roger Federer inspired sport coat and long white pants. He actually played like the great one for about five minutes before retiring to sample the delicious refreshments presented for all in the clubhouse. After making an appearance he headed off to his next Sunday engagement! Thanks to my wonderful Woods N' Whites crew of **Marci Martinucci, Nancy Batchelor, Marissa Hauselt and Jane Percy** for helping put out a great spread and making sure the event was a resounding success.

Calcutta Tennis Event

Don't forget to sign up for the always popular PTC Calcutta Tournament on August 20-21. This year's theme is the NFL and teams will be announced at the Calcutta Dinner on Friday, August 29th. That's where all the important info you need to participate is announced including, players, teams, uniform etc. But, the most fun that night is the unbelievable back and forth banter and wagering going on as members bid to own their own teams and possibly other teams too. Sign up to play and come to enjoy the dinner and wagering!

I'm looking forward to continuing the 3.0 Ladies Clinic starting in mid September. This group clinic will run in early to mid afternoon. If you are interested in joining the team please drop me a line.

Bank of the West Classic – Stanford

Putting the finishing touches on a dominating week, Serena Williams notched a 7-5, 6-1 victory over third-seeded Marion Bartoli on Sunday afternoon to capture the singles title at the 2011 Bank of the West Classic. Competing in only her third tournament since winning her 13th Grand Slam title at Wimbledon last year, Williams claimed her 38th career singles title. Sunday's victory was even more memorable considering Williams is slowly returning to action following a layoff due to injury. Despite being unseeded in the draw and carrying an uncharacteristically low world ranking, Williams proved to everyone she is still capable of returning to top form. In her five matches during the week, Williams was taken to three sets only once and surrendered just 13 games combined in her other four straight-set victories. Williams was honored as the Bank of the West Classic champion for the first in her career. In her two previous appearances, she reached the quarterfinals in 2009 and advanced to the semifinals in 2008. In a battle of No. 1 vs. No. 2, the second-seeded duo of Victoria Azarenka and Maria Kirilenko defeated the top-seeded tandem of Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond 6-1, 6-3 on Sunday afternoon, claiming the doubles championship at the 2011 Bank of the West Classic.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Junior Team Tennis

We had four teams play a very successful Junior Team Tennis season in the months of June and July. The B12's, Coed 12's, B15's and G15's all played hard and represented throughout all of the matches this summer! The level of play and sportsmanship achieved by our young players was fantastic! The team camaraderie was evident, and a good experience was had by all who participated! Congratulations to the B12's and G15's on undefeated seasons!

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Summer Tennis Program

The RS Academy Summer Program at PTC will be coming to an end next week. It was a very exciting summer and we will be going out with bang on closing day next Friday, August 5th!

The schedule for Closing Day is:

5:00-6:00pm - Jr. Swimming

6:00-7:00pm - Pizza for all!

Please note - If Juniors under the age of 10 would like to swim, they must be accompanied by a parent and watched at all times. For children over 10 yrs old, there will be a lifeguard on duty from 5:00-6:00 pm. To register for Closing Day, contact **Marci** at the Tennis Office.



New June Members, Nitten Patkar & Family

Fall Tennis Program

The RS Academy Fall Program will be starting the week of September 12th. All series beginning in September will run for 8 weeks, ending the week of October 31st. Registration is open now for PTC members only until September 1st. The schedule and fees are listed below, and space is limited... please contact **Marci** in the tennis office to register now!

Jr. Academy 1	Fri - 3:30-5:30	\$320
Jr. Academy 2	Mon - 3:30-5:30	\$320
Jr. Academy 3	Tues - 3:30-5:30	\$320
STAR	Wed - 3:30-5:30	\$320

Cheers,
Riaz



July 4th Wood's N' Whites

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Aug 2011 (Pacific Time)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 pm - Men's	6 pm - Mixed 7.0			3:30pm - Lessons &		1 pm - Women's	
				3:30pm - Lessons & 5:30pm - Twilight	1:30pm - Junior		
1 pm - Men's			6 pm - Mixed 7.0	3:30pm - Lessons &	6 pm - Calcutta	8:30am - Men's	
				3:30pm - Lessons &			
1 pm - Women's	6 pm - Mixed 7.0			3:30pm - Lessons &			
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