

## August 2012

### President's Message



*Chris Cooke*

The theme for this month is renewal. We are renewing many aspects of the club, from the physical facilities to the membership roster, to our club's many traditional tennis and social events. This past month we had a quarterly member's meeting at which you, fellow members, voted to authorize the Board to replace the roofs. I think the vote was 32-0, (fortunately, I didn't have to resort to any ballot box stuffing tactics). We will be scheduling work for replacing the clubhouse's roof in the near future, ideally after the summer has ended, but before the rainy season begins. I will leave the weather predictions up to *Phil Zlatunich* and the roofers. We may also replace, if necessary, the flat roofs over the gym and the women's, boy's and girl's locker rooms, depending on what the roofing contractors tell us about their condition.

Another "renewal" of sorts is the club's membership. As *Mike Amaroli* can attest, we have had some recent success in getting more families to join the club. The upshot is that we are holding steady at 235 families, out of an authorized 240 family memberships. So, all in all, we are in pretty good shape. Thanks to Mike and other club members for doing such a good job in getting the word out about our club.

### Upcoming Events

•  
 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

•  
 PTC Senior Sectionals Championships  
 August 27th - September 2nd

•  
 Club Gin Rummy Doubles Tournament  
 Thursday, September 6th

•  
 Mixed Team Tennis  
 Saturday, September 15th

*The last "renewal"* we have seen is the continuing success in holding our club's annual tennis and social events. This past month we had a very successful van Dillen Doubles Championship---including an especially fun van Dillen Cocktail & Wine Tasting party on Saturday, the Woods and Whites' wooden racquet tournament and another great twilight tennis event. Thanks is owed to *Tom* and *Sabina Middlemass, Jane Percy, Riaz, Lona* and the members and volunteers of the Tennis and Social Committees, who worked very hard to put on these events. We will also be holding the Calcutta Tournament, which is a fun "tournament" featuring tennis teams that compete against one another while also encouraging players to bet on who will win. For those not

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familiar with this tradition, let it suffice to say this event makes the recent scandal involving the Olympic badminton teams (which deliberately threw matches) look like the work of rank amateurs. Finally, we will also have our third Twilight Tennis, on Thursday, August 9th.

**One final note,** I have received some questions and concerns from members about the court usage by the RS Summer Academy. This program is using courts 4-7 from 1:30 to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. It is ending on August 10th. I have spoken to Riaz about your concerns and we plan to discuss them at the next Board meeting. In the meantime, Riaz will make every effort to accommodate any members who need to use one of the back courts, if possible, by consolidating his court usage. He may not be able to do so, depending on how many kids are on the courts, but please feel free to ask him if he can accommodate you.

## Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

**The upcoming Calcutta Tournament** weekend (like the recently concluded van Dillen Championship Weekend) is one of the most popular events at PTC. Besides two great days of tennis, plan on attending the Calcutta Dinner & Team Draw on Friday August 17th. 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. Veteran emcee **John Stone** has agreed to host the evening's festivities again this year. This is an adult-oriented event as you'll see by our own brand of evening humor. The evening is open to all adult members, regardless if you are playing in the tournament. Please see Tennis & Social News below for more details about the tournament & dinner.

**Gold Medal for PTC water polo player** – well maybe not the Olympics, but the next highest level. **Jon Fearn** and his Santa Barbara Masters Team (55 age group) brought home the gold medal for the 2012 FINA World Master's in Water Polo. The big event was recently held in Riccione, Italy. Jon's team featured 2 ex-Olympians and several National Team players. They beat a tough Netherlands team (which had 4 ex-Olympians) 6-5 in the gold medal game. They competed against 11 other teams from around the world.

**Be sure to read** the continuation of **Members and their Classic/Muscle Cars** at the end of the newsletter. **Karl Bakhtiari & George Parker** are featured this month.

## Manager's Corner



Lona Means

**Please join me in congratulating** the PTC USTA Women's Super Seniors 7.0 team captained by **Nancy Chew** for qualifying for the sectionals in September at Pebble Beach. Also, our PTC Women's 4.0 team captained by **Barbara Freethy** and our PTC Men's 3.5 team captained by **Jeff Schubiner** both played exciting play off matches to qualify for the districts on August 10th-12th at Sunnyvale Tennis Center. **Go PTC Teams!!!**

**Our tennis courts are very porous** and will stain easily, please remember only water is permitted on the courts at all times.

**We would love to host** any potential members at the upcoming **"Down Under"** Twilight Tennis on Thursday August 9th at 5:30 pm. Please let me know if you plan on bringing any guests that may be interested in becoming members.

*Happy Tennis!*

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## Club News

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

<b>Ken Sorensen</b>	<b>40 Years</b>
<b>Maris &amp; Prudy Laipenieks</b>	<b>25 Years</b>
<b>Beth Cody</b>	<b>5 Years</b>
<b>Rob Roston</b>	<b>5 Years</b>

**Congratulations to our very own Betty Cookson** and her long-time partner, DoDo Cheney, for winning the prestigious USTA Women's 90 Clay Court Championship held in Los Angeles recently. *Way to represent, Betty!*

**Three Burlingame High School Juniors** were selected by the faculty and local American Legion District 26 to represent BHS at the 75th annual California Boys State recently. It is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. **Alex Richards, Garrett Schubiner, and Zach Martinucci** (left to right on the photo page) received the honor to attend the weeklong program in Sacramento. All three are sons of members and who have just completed their Junior year at BHS.

**Ballroom Dance lessons** will continue until after Labor Day: Tuesdays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

## Tennis Activities News



**Tom Middlemass**

**What a summer so far!** This year's van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship was an enormous success with extremely high quality tennis and huge spectator participation. Congrats to all the winners of the three flights in both the main and consolation draws! In the 3.5 main draw, **Brian Beswick** and **Rob Kotmel** were victorious in a tight two sets, while **Brian Nappi** and **Brian Desler** went the distance in their 4.0 main draw victory. The open draw saw fathers and sons battling for the coveted title. In the end it was

**Erik & Hague van Dillen** besting **Mark & Matt Campana** in two compelling, pro caliber sets. It was a glorious championship weekend at the PTC with the excellent tennis and superb dinner event.

**The Tennis Committee is excited** to announce the upcoming Calcutta Tennis weekend beginning with the dinner and team draw on Friday August, 17th. The Men's and Women's Calcutta Tournaments on the 18th and 19th respectively. The cost is \$20 per player (includes Friday dinner, Saturday tennis & lunch). Spouses and non-players can join Friday night's Dinner/Draw for \$10. The sign-up sheets for both the tournament and Friday night's Draw are posted in the clubhouse. You may also contact Lona to sign up.

## House & Grounds News



**Phil Zlatunich**

**A big thank you goes to Anthony Paz** and Tennis Station for agreeing to donate two cases of balls a month for the ball machine. The newer balls have been disappearing from the ball machine. Thanks AP.

**Summer is the time of year that Club usage** is at its peak. The PTC at large, including RS Academy, the pool deck, tennis courts, workout room, BBQ area, Junior activities room, locker rooms and the clubhouse "big room" all take a beating. So please, as you're enjoying this special time at your club, respect your fellow shareholders by cleaning up after yourselves, your guests, your children and anyone else you have signed in who are sharing in all the wonderful amenities the PTC has to offer.

**In other news, Ron Martinucci** and I have completed the installation of new divider nets between courts 4-5. These new nets are heavier than the old ones to help safely stabilize the nets on windy afternoons. Please secure them to the middle net post to optimize this function. However, being that they are heavier, pulling them back and securing them to the fence is

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going to be a bit of a challenge and will take some patience, and maybe a little help from a willing PTC associate.

**The net on court #1** has also been replaced and the old net will be donated to BHS for use on their courts. Special thanks to **Brian Heimbecker** for helping me install the new net prior to the 4.0 women's initial playoff match.

**A precautionary warning** - operating the ball hopper in a reckless manner by maneuvering over the power cord may result in serious shock and possible electrocution. This also may cause damage to the court surface requiring an unnecessary repair or replacement of the damaged surface.

## Current List of H&G projects:

- Roof replacement / membership approved - pending construction schedule review
- Divider net replacement - completed
- Court #1 netting replacement - completed
- Fencing repairs / WITH Fencing - scheduled
- Court repairs - court #1 / Vintage - scheduled
- Court resurfacing # 4 thru 7 / reviewing proposals - fiscal budgeting for 2013
- Clubhouse bar area, ceiling / Kitchen painting
- Design Committee approval - scheduling
- Flooring replacement (Women and Junior Locker rooms) / proposal review - Board action item
- New ball machine upgrade / approved - Board action item
- Club house library bookshelves - design development
- New lights / development phase - city permitting impact investigation
- Furniture replacement / design committee review - fiscal budgeting for 2014
- Match point café remodel - kitchen consultant design development
- Men's locker room ADA upgrade - design development

## Membership News



**Mike Amaroli**

Hello PTC friends, I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer. Our wonderful members continue to keep me busy. This month we are welcoming two new families and we've accepted three new applications. New members include **Andrea Moore**, husband **Rich**, and sons **Zachary, Nicholas and Cameron**.

Andrea has played for three years on the PTC 3.0 Team and Rich and the boys hope to start playing more tennis.

Thank you to Sponsors

**Adrienne Leigh Schubiner** and **Erica Reilly**.



**Rich & Andrea Moore**

**Most recent into the club**, please welcome **Gene & Barbara Trainor**, and their daughters **Caitlin and Grace**. Gene is a 3.0 player and looking to play several times a week and Barbara is a 2.5/3.0 and improving with each outing. The girls will first enjoy the pool, yoga and the gym...and then take to the courts. Thank you to Sponsors **Gene & Barbara Trainor** **Carey Welsh** and Yours Truly. Congratulations to our newest members!



**Our three new applicants include:**

- **Joan Holland**

(Sponsors **Nancy Chew** and **Laura Hesselgren**)

- **Barbara & Brian Kott**

(Sponsors **Phil Zlatunich** and **Jeff Tateosian**)

- **Ashley Stirrup**

(Sponsors **Eric Brand** and **Marisa Wachhorst**)

## Social Events News



Jane Percy

All things social are happening at the PTC! Our "Oktoberfest in July" Twilight Tennis was yet another fun event due to the hard work of our Dirndle-clad hostesses lead by **Yana Maloney**. A huge thank you goes out to this crack team of **Tery**

**Zlatunich, Mary Eliason, Kerry Mahrer, and Elizabeth Pratt, Carolyn Dowling, Sonja Moss & Kristen Nisewaner** for a job well done.

The other big July event was our well-attended van Dillen wine tasting and cocktail party. We had past van Dillen champs pouring wines selected by our in-house "cork dork," **Jennifer Ellison**. There surely was some competitive & fun wine tasting going on which created an electric social atmosphere. Congratulations to **Brian & Jenifer Beswick and Rob Kotmel** for demonstrating the best wine palates. Our makeshift wine tasting room was adorned with gorgeous floral arrangements by **Joni Amaroli**, big brother **Jeff Tateosian** spun the tunes, and **Jim Fregosi** kept the bar humming. The food was absolutely scrumptious and our young team of **Susanna Percy and Brooke Butterworth** kept things running smoothly in the kitchen. We appreciate **Teddy Bernardo's** brother who supplied much of the wine. Thank you to those mentioned above as well as **Marci Martinucci**, who helped with the party planning but more importantly, sharpened 80 pencils! *Great job!*

Next up is **Twilight Tennis** on Thursday, August 9th, where we will "go down under" to Aussieland. Tune up your didgeridoo, saddle up your wallaby and get down to the PTC for tennis and shrimp on the barbie! The sign-up sheet is in the clubhouse or call **Lona** to RSVP.

Following closely on the heels of Twilight is the Calcutta Tennis Weekend. Plan to attend the Calcutta dinner on Friday, August 17th, for one of the craziest social events of the year. Between the selection of teams, walk-up songs

and the betting, you're sure to enjoy this fun evening. Sign up in the clubhouse or contact **Lona** at [manager@ptctennis.com](mailto:manager@ptctennis.com).

## Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

### ADULT TENNIS

**Congratulations to our USTA League** teams that will represent PTC at Districts. The W4.0 Team, Senior W3.5 and M3.5

teams are through and are getting ready for the rigors of Playoff Tennis. Good luck to the players and know that your club is proud of all of you.

**The Peninsula Tennis Club Senior Sectionals Championships** (formerly the Cal State Senior Championships) will be hosted August 27th – September 1st at PTC! This is a fantastic tournament open to all adults over 30 years of age, and a great opportunity to play fun, competitive tennis on your home courts! We will have Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles for ages 35–85 and Mixed Doubles for age groups 45, 55 and 65. The tournament, which is a great tradition for PTC, could only be better by having PTC Members represent our club and compete against the best senior players around. Whether it's your first tournament or one of many that you play, it promises to be a great event and one we hope you come out to play and support. Please note that all PTC Members will receive \$10 off of their own entry fee. To register for this tournament, please contact **Riaz**.

**The van Dillen Championships again showed us** all the best that PTC has to offer. We had 56 gentlemen playing this year and it was one of the most competitive and open tournaments seen for a long time. Over the two days we had everything; father/son combos, incredible sportsmanship, camaraderie, great attitudes, bad calls, major foot faults and **Erik & Hague van Dillen** repeating as Open Champions. Congrats to all players for competing and put-

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ting it on the line again for this our 40th Championships.

-3.5 Division - **Brian Beswick / Rob Kotmel**  
Def **Jeff Schubiner / Matt Maloney** 6-3, 7-6  
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-4.0 Division - **Brian Nappi / Brian Desler** Def  
**Brad Craig / Ken Maher** 6-2, 3-6, 10-6

-Open Division - **Erik van Dillen / Hague van Dillen** Def **Mark Campana / Matt Campana** 6-1, 6-1

## JUNIOR TENNIS

The Summer Junior Team Tennis season has come to an end and a great year it was! The B15's had a great season, played hard and brought in some good wins. The G15's also played very well, won their division and were invited to the playoffs in Fresno. Unfortunately, we did not have enough girls available to play, so will not be going this year. I am very proud of each and every player as they played with incredible integrity all season and represented in the most outstanding way.

Our summer camp program has so far had over 100 more registrations than last year which tells us we are doing a great job of offering quality tennis programs for the Juniors of our club. The staff here have been incredible and I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of them for their hard work, enthusiasm, energy and mentoring. Just so you all know who is in and around the club teaching, nurturing and mentoring our youth:

-**Albert Vial** has been our Associate Tennis Professional for over 12 years. He is a USPTA Professional and is very experienced with Juniors of all ages and abilities.

-**Matt Hauselt** is 20 years old and was on the RS Academy Junior team during middle and high school. He is now playing club tennis at the University of Oregon and has shown great leadership skills this summer.

-**Palmer Mendelson** is 20 years old and attends the University of Arizona. He was also on the RS Academy team for over 10 years and represented very well over his teen years here. He plays Club Tennis at ASU and also played on

our PTC 5.0 team.

-**Brooke Tsu** is 18 years old and has been a valuable member of our Junior team since she was 10 years old. She played number one at BHS and will be attending Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburg where she will also be playing tennis. Good Luck Freshman!

-**Brooke Butterworth** is 16 years old and attends Santa Catalina where she plays varsity tennis and varsity soccer. She has been a Junior PTC member for over 4 years and works very hard at her game on and off the court.

-**Lizzie Seigle** is 16 years old and attends San Mateo High School where she plays varsity tennis and is in Leadership. She is very positive and a great role model for our Juniors. She wants to be a teacher when she is older.

-**Marci Martinucci** is a 4.0 doubles player and helped the W4.0 Team reach Districts this year. She uses the Wilson K Pro Open racket and is in charge of registration for all our Junior programs. She is a great part of the support staff and our Academy runs smoothly because of M.

In Junior Tournament news, there were lots of great tournament results to report in the month of July! **Gordon & Brendan Barrows** lost in the finals of the B16's Doubles division of the Fremont Junior Open. **Brooke Butterworth** was the consolation winner in the Girls 18's division of the Copper River Junior Open in Fresno! **Halle Martinucci** lost in the Girl's 12's final of the De Anza Jr. Challenger in Cupertino. Way to go RS Academy players!

## Summer Tennis Camp

There is one week remaining in the Summer Camp Program! We do have openings in QuickStart 10 & Under Tennis, STAR and Jr. Academy for the week of August 6-10th. Closing Day will be on Friday, August 10th from 1:30 - 5:30 pm. We will have Closing Day activities with tennis games, music, prizes etc. All members' children are welcome to join in for a fun day to help us close out another great RS Summer Program at PTC. Please contact Marci to register for Closing Day.

\* Note to all members:

For members waiting for a court in the after-

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noons, please feel free to check in with me to see if a back court could be made available for play during the Academy Summer Camp. We generally have 16-20 of our top Academy Juniors in training camp from 3:30 - 5:30 pm, but if possible, we can adjust the training format and open up a court to accommodate waiting members. By the way, thanks for your support of our summer tennis camp this year. Many of you have expressed your admiration of our camp, staff and program. It's great to know we have plenty of member support for our work with your children.

## Member's Profile

### Members and their Classic/Muscle Cars

In a continuing story of PTC members & their prized cars, we start off with **Karl Bakhtiari** and his passion for Chevrolet Corvettes. He proudly owns a 1959 Corvette, as well as a 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Split-Window Coupe. Known as the "Vette guy," he says they are "pure Americana - fun to look at and even more fun to drive." After years of research in the mid-1980's, he finally found the cars he wanted. Karl has owned each for about 25 years.



He purchased his 1959 Corvette from Richard Hart of Evening Magazine (Richard worked with Jan Yanehiro back in the late 70's if you recall). "He didn't know much about cars but he was fun to talk to. Debbie loved the car so we bought it." The '59 was off the road for 5 years. During that time, a complete body transformation took place including: A Paul Newman chassis - independent front and rear suspension, four wheel disk brakes,

rack and pinion steering, a new LT4 corvette engine with a 6 speed manual trans, 8 cylinder fuel injector calibration, custom stainless steel headers and exhaust system, Sid Chavers custom interior upholstery, and finally, comprehensive fiberglass finishing and paint by our own **Kenny March**. ("His work made this car take 1st place when I showed it at the Cow Palace in 2005.") Karl concluded our conversation with "the '59 looks like a '59 through and through, but performs like a 21st century Corvette."

94 year-old **George Parker** has been a car buff all his life. "My first car was a 1928 Falcon Knight. I lost it on the San Francisco Bay Bridge one Saturday night. Had to tow it back the next day from S.F. on a car ferry, park it behind my rooming house in Berkeley where I pulled it apart and put in replacement parts from a junk yard. It was so tight it required a 30 mile-an-hour push to start it and you could not have designed a better smoke machine. I paid \$12 for the parts and sold the car back to the junk yard for \$20."

Through the years, he went through a 1932 Buick, 1930 Model A Ford roadster, Rockne (free-wheeling), 1936 Dodge sedan, 1937 LaSalle (opera coupe), 1946 Ford coupe, and when I got married, my first new car - a 1951 Buick sedan. That was followed by a 1955 Pontiac station wagon, 1955 Chevrolet convertible, a couple of 1960 Ford Falcons, and then the Model that would become his favorite car - the Ford Galaxie convertibles. He had a '62, '64, '66 and the one he still owns



today, a 1969. More than a few parts have been replaced through the years. He says, "I still drive it every day and get a lot of attention around town. I've had a few cars in my life, but I think this '69 Galaxie convertible is the prettiest."

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**van Dillen Championship  
Open Division Finalist**



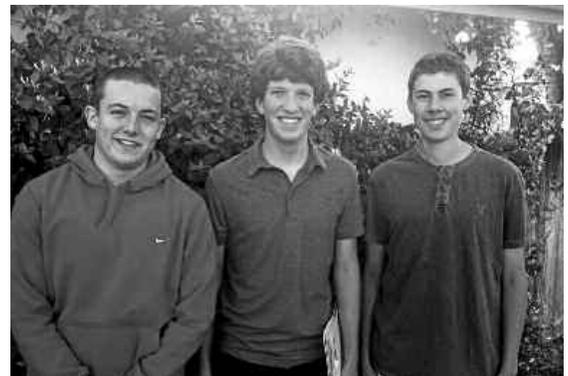
**4.0 Finalist**



**3.5 Finalist**



**John Fearn's Gold Medal Team**



**Alex Richards, Garrett Schubiner, &  
Zach Martinucci**

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar Aug 2012 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9 am - vanDillen	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 1 pm - Mixed 8.0	6	7	8 5:30pm - Twilight	9 1:30pm - Junior	10 1 pm - Mixed 6.0	11
12	13	14 6 pm - Mixed 6.0	15 6:30pm - Calcutta	16	17 8:30am - Men's	18
19 8:30am - Women's	20	21	22	23	24 1 pm - Mixed 7.0	25
26 1 pm - Mixed 8.0	27 8:30am - California	28 8:30am - California	29 8:30am - California	30 8:30am - California	31 8:30am - California	1 8:30am - California