



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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Words from “the Prez”



Bob Sinclair

August has been quite a month. For the most part, it was all about the project for all of us on the Board. Our shining moment of achievement was in acquiring our permit from the City. Our club owes a huge debt of gratitude to **Stuart Batchelor** for his tireless effort in bringing this to fruition.

Then came the meetings, two in fact, not counting the daily club room discussions. Our first was a very well attended Open House and the second, a week later to vote through the additional funding. I want to thank all the members who attended both meetings and from all of us on the Board, a big thank you for the show of support with the near unanimous vote to approve the funding.

Now we can get down to business. A lot of changes will happen pretty quickly and we should all be very aware of new fencing and signs posted for member attention. Remember, your key to the club will work on the new tennis court gates. If you lost or don't have a key, you can purchase a new one or just borrow one for the day from Bill's office.

If you have the time this weekend, come over and watch some of the Cal State Senior Tournament. The weather should be outstanding and the pool will be ticking down to its last few hours. I wonder who will be the last to swim in our pool before we close the club on Monday night and begin the drain on Tuesday morning?

Upcoming Events

• **Cal State Senior Tournament**
August 27–September 2nd

• **Construction Starts**
September 4

Editor's Note

With the big news of the month being the scheduled ground-breaking for construction, I would like to commend the Board for the way they handled the increased final costs for our CIP. Instead of an additional assessment, the Board opted to fund the loan by increasing the cost of the monthly CIP fee for an additional \$10 per month over current dues. This is much more favorable to current members, as evidenced by the 115 to 4 vote this past Tuesday. The only thing left to say is, “tractors start your engines.”

Manager's Corner



Bill Jepsen

***PARENTS: Please be advised that beginning next Tuesday, Sept 4th, the Club will be closing down with the exception of the back courts and Clubhouse so we can begin our renovation project. There is nowhere at the Club for your kids to “hang out” as the junior room and junior locker rooms will all be closed. Kids attending tennis clinics with Riaz or playing tennis on their own must be off premise NO LATER than 5 PM. Kids can be here later if, and only if, they have adult member supervision. This is all about the safety of your kids and adherence to Club policy. Thank you for your understanding and attention to this requirement.

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Ladies, Girls and Boys, please clear-out your lockers in anticipation of the work that will be done in your locker rooms during the CIP.

Our old ping-pong table needs a new home. It's **FREE** to any member who is simply willing to come pick it up and take it away.

CIP News

During the month we made two separate submissions to the City of Burlingame to provide needed information to secure our building permit. The good news is that we now have our building permit in hand!!!!

On Tuesday, August 21st the Board held an informational meeting at the Club for members to ask questions prior to the Special Meeting of the membership scheduled for the 28th to increase funding. The session was well attended and lots of questions were addressed. The focus was on where the additional expense comes from and how we were financing the project with only a \$10 increase to the monthly CIP fee. As discussed during the meeting, the expenses are not solely from the work being done on either the pool or the tennis court, but includes the basic infrastructure of the Club (e.g. sewer, electrical, plumbing, ADA, etc.). It adds up very quickly. The issue of financing is a bit more complex, but the simple answer is that instead of being able to pay off the project in 10 years, it will take closer to 20 years. We could have raised the CIP to \$75 and paid off the loan in 10 years, but the Board did not feel that was the best and fairest thing to do to all our current members.

On Tuesday, August 28th we had our “official” vote to raise the budget for the project. An overwhelming majority of votes were cast in favor (111 for, 4 against and 1 abstain) of revisions regarding the spending cap. The Board is VERY grateful for the strong support the membership has given to the project. Our commitment is to work for the betterment of the Club while working with our contractor to reduce costs where possible.

Based on the YES vote received, we will commence with the project on Tuesday, Sept 4th. Our short term schedule looks like this.

Week of Sept 4-7 Drain pools, put all furniture and fixtures into storage, take down wind screens and nets on front courts, dismantle bleachers and Riaz's shed, add security fencing blocking access to construction zone, take down 1-2 sections of fencing along Chatham/Plymouth to provide construction access to the Club, establish work space for our general contractor.

Week of Sept 10-14 Begin the demolition process, which includes taking down the existing fencing around the front courts, digging up all the walkways and decking around the pool

and BBQ area, digging out the existing pool and spa, removing the existing pine tree next to the Clubhouse, as well as the dead tree Magnolia tree in our neighbor's yard by court 7, digging out all underground plumbing and the floor in the current mechanical room, removing the water boiler and hot water storage tank, remove the exiting furnace, taking down a section of the wall between the girl's locker room and the mechanical room, removing all the existing fixture, toilets, showers from the boy's and women's locker rooms, removing the carpeting and suspended ceiling in the women's locker room, removal of the existing Chatham entrance way, etc., etc., etc. The list is very long and will take the better part of two weeks to complete.

Week of Sept 17-21 Continued work on demolition

Week of Sept 24-28 We will provide more detail as we get it. Any schedule of activity is going to depend on many factors. We hope to be able to convey to the membership what they may see happening in the month to come here in the Drop Shot. Please send any questions and comments about the project to both **Bob Sinclair** (sinclair515@yahoo.com) and **Stuart Bachelor** (batchouse@gmail.com).

Comings & goings...

Membership News

Sorry to hear that Dennis & Suzy Jackson resign from the club this past month. A member since 1991, Dennis was an active member on Saturday mornings for many years. Injuries and work have kept him from using the club over the last year. He says that he will still join us for the club Spring/Fall Poker Tournaments. **I guess in a sense, he'll still be “paying his dues.”** We will all miss them.

Please help us welcome our newest member/family to the club.

They are:

Bob Roston 342-4154

We have had **six** families submit their application during August.

They are:

Donald & Perissa Clark	Jim Sobel/Jeff Tateosian (sponsors)
Joseph & Lynn Feeney	Susan Lynch/Paul Richards (sponsors)
Robert & Randi Wren	Jenny Smith/Jim Sobel (sponsors)
Steve & Tracy Eskanzi	Pat Fallon/Brian Desler (sponsors)
Kim & Rick Cresci	Matt Colvin/Gary Capurro (sponsors)
Marty & Gabrielle Funk	Ken Post/Jeff Tateosian (sponsors)

We have had **nine** families submit their application during July.

They are:

Julie & Mike Buckmaster	Pete Ferris/Randy Wong (sponsors)
Janet & Morris Cheston	Pat Fallon/Libby O'Leary (sponsors)
Gordon & Sara Hodge	Susan Lynch/Chris Dillon (sponsors)
John & Filiz Kohli	Jeff Tsu/Glenn Mendelson (sponsors)
George & Joann Mahaffey	Bob Currie/Peter Webb (sponsors)

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Jeff & Charlotte McFadden *Kelly Kemp/Paul Richards (sponsors)*
Adrienne & Jeff Schubiner *Mark Talmadge/Kelly Kemp (sponsors)*
Elaine & Graham Smith *Erica Reilly/John Fearn (sponsors)*

Club News

Interested in keeping an eye on the construction at the club? Well, **Dennis Mayer** is at it again. He has recently repositioned his court cam so that you can take in all the day's work. Go to the PTC website and click "Court Cam" on the right side of the screen. Thank you Dennis for making it all possible.

The Yoga fall instruction series with Jean-Yves will be starting again on September 6th. The program will run through November 15th. The Thursday classes will begin at 7:15 pm and run until 8:30 pm in the PTC clubhouse. If you haven't signed up already, you may show up and pay for the class at the first session.

Linda Penn is in the process of organizing the Relay for Life American Cancer Society walk at BHS on Saturday/Sunday October 6 & 7. It is a great opportunity for PTC members to do something for the community as a group and as individuals. This is the third year the PTC will have a team of walkers. Members can participate by walking at any time over the weekend at the track or they may purchase a candle with a message that is lit at sunset all around the stadium. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the clubhouse during mid September. We look forward to a good turnout. Please contact Linda at lp10sne1@aol.com with any questions.

A Senior Men's 4.0 USTA team is being formed by captain Gerald Sydorak and co-captain Ken March. Because of the construction at the club this fall/winter, they will be using the Millbrae Racquet Club as their home base. The season starts in late September and will run through the spring. If you are interested in participating, please email Ken at kvmarch81@aol.com.

Congratulations to Dennis Huajardo for winning both the Singles and the Doubles 80's Foothill Senior Tennis Tournaments recently.

Social Events News

Club Anniversaries for September (10+ years)

Congratulations to the following member:

Patty Rossi 10 years

The 7th Annual PTC Men's Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday Sept 22nd at the Sunnyvale Muni. The event will

include a pre-tournament dinner at the club on Friday Sept 21st where the teams will be formed. After the tournament on Saturday, there will also be a post-tournament dinner at the club to hand out all of the awards. Please register on the sign-up sheet in the men's locker room. Contact **Bob Ja** at 348-1861 with any further questions.

The 4th Annual Fall PTC Poker Tournament will be scheduled shortly. If you are interested in playing, please email jeff@ptctennis.com. With all of our new members, there's bound to be a few players who haven't experienced the "thrill of victory," or is it the "agony of defeat" in our Hold'em tournament before.

Director of Tennis News

The 2007 RS Academy Summer Tennis Program started off with a very successful Junior Day on Monday, June 20th. From that day on, we had eight solid weeks of tennis camp for children ages 7-16. Every week, Juniors in each training group had fun, worked hard together, built layers of understanding, and bonded to form friendships and camaraderie. Over 50 Juniors per day filled the courts to train under the tutelage of RS Academy coaches and trainers. This summer we exceeded all expectations and it was our most successful year to date.



Riaz Shivji

Green Star Juniors learned the basic fundamentals in a relaxed, fun environment and came back week after week to enjoy games, drills, and learn from our experienced coaches. Blue and Red Star Juniors with little play experience trained to further their knowledge of the game with competitive drills and match play. They learned about team work, sportsmanship, will to win, and competitive spirit.

Junior Academy was quite possibly our most successful group this summer. Juniors in this group are younger, tournament players and excelled with our coaches' instruction and advice. These Juniors are on the fast track to high level competition and knew they had to work hard, stay disciplined, fight off fatigue, and have some serious fun doing it. Junior Academy was our largest group this summer. Academy Juniors knew what was expected of them and were already signed up for many USTA Tournaments this summer. In between each event they would join the Academy group to train for competition. These year-round tennis athletes understand the commitment, dedication, and resolve needed to excel in the world of Junior USTA competition. This group trained hard and made positive gains with their efforts, discipline, teamwork, and respect for the game and PTC.

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I'd like to acknowledge my coaches and instructors for helping make this our most successful summer tennis camp ever. Their hard work, dedication, positive attitude, enthusiasm, and non-stop energy helped PTC juniors in many ways every day. They taught not only tennis skills but also many important life skills like respect, team work, sportsmanship, building good character, keeping a positive attitude at all times, staying the course, and enjoying the process. These individuals made sure our juniors learned something every day and came away from tennis camp better for it. Thank you to Henry Hofferik, Albert Vial, Max Willis, Nick Willis, Gigi Lewis, Taylor Chaparro, Chris Harris, Chris Batchelor, and Jessica Batchelor.

Our Junior USTA League teams played hard, stayed positive, had loads of fun, and enjoyed the process of playing in the 2007 USTA Summer Tennis League. Congratulations to the G12's, G15's, B12's, B15's, and B18's for a great summer season. The B12's and B15's made it to Sectional Playoffs in Clovis with the B15's playing all the way to the finals before losing to a very good深深 Courtside Club. Congratulations to all players and thank you to all parent volunteers and chaperones. A huge thank you to **Marci Martinucci, Debbie Oldham, and Marissa Hauselt**. Without their tireless help we could not have made USTA league season happen. Thank You!

I'd also like to say thanks to **Bill Jepsen** our club manager, for his efforts in helping in any way he could to insure our Juniors had the best possible experience this summer. Thanks Bill!

In regards to Junior lesson/clinics for the Fall, we are waiting on the remodel project to get under way before scheduling Junior tennis programs. If all goes to plan, Academy and Junior Academy programs should start in September with the Star program to follow. I'll keep you updated on plans.

On Monday, September 3rd (Labor Day) I am helping run the Burlingame Community Education (BCE) Tennis Tournament at BHS courts. This event raises funds for community education which is a great cause for many PTC members to contribute to. Entries are still open in the Men's, Women's, and Mixed divisions. Call me to sign up or go to www.bcefoundation.org

Men's Boot Camp is on Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:30 am. Our Fast, Xplosive, Dynamic movement drills will help you move on the court with balance and coordination. September dates are 1st, 8th, and 15th. Boot Camp fee is \$20 per person.

On Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm, there is a Drop-In Clinic for women wanting to learn and practice playing doubles. The clinic is for ladies interested in building an understanding of the game and developing good practice habits. Clinic fee is \$15 per person.

My Head Pro Henry and I are off to New York to catch the US Open on Aug 26-Sept 2nd. We'll look for the usual suspects but will mostly be checking the many new, young, and exciting players on the outer courts and maybe the next up and coming players in both the Men's and Women's fields. We'll be courtside at the Open and will be looking to catch Serbs Novak Djokovic, Ana Ivanovic, and Jelena Jankovic as they are challenging the top players in the world right now.

Lessons and clinics will resume on Wednesday, September 6th here at PTC. Have a great Labor Day



Who Can It Be Now?

Can you guess who who was destined to be a future PTC member is? Send your response to jeff@ptctennis.com and we'll award a lunch from the snack bar for the right answer. If more than one correct answer is received, we'll have Bill pull the winner out of a hat. Good luck.