

September 2010

## President's Message



*Jerry Ceglia*

Summer is winding down with the completion of the last Twilight Tennis event and PTC's most popular social and competitive event, the Calcutta. Thanks to those who contributed to such a great summer of tennis and camaraderie headed up by **Karen Harrigan** and **Dennis Mayer** along with the many people that contributed to the committees.

Thank you to all that returned the Tennis Program Survey. About 25% of the members returned the surveys and half of those provided comments. The survey has offered the opportunity that many have requested to better communicate and help us work together to identify and address any issues in the Tennis Program – I applaud **Riaz** for initiating the activity. The feedback has provided some ideas for some immedi-

## Upcoming Events

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**Club Gin Doubles Tournament**  
**Thursday, September 9th**

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**Holiday Party**  
**December 11**  
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ate implementation while other activities will take more time to realize. In addition, for several months we have been monitoring court usage as well as researching more detailed tools to interact with our calendar/website to more clearly identify lesson/clinic times available. All of this with the goal of meeting the tennis training needs of as many members as possible. **Riaz** will go into more detail of the programs in his section of this issue. Please feel free to continue to return the surveys; the more input, the better.

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 heated through the end of September.

### Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Combine a great dinner with a large, loud and active crowd, superb stick work by **John Stone**, provocative "walk-up songs" for the players, along with the auctioning off all ten teams and you get one of the most spirited parties we've had at the club in years. As for the tennis, both of the Men's & the Mixed tournaments were very competitive, making for an extremely successful Calcutta weekend. Thank you and **Nancy B, Dennis M,** and **John S.** for a fabulous dinner/draw event on Friday evening and **Karin H, Marci M, & Riaz** for arranging the tennis side of the tournament.

**The Annual Club Gin Doubles Tournament** will take place on Thursday evening, September 9th. The Godfather & Tricky Dickie (**Rudy Giannini & Dick Hesselink**) are back to defend their back to back titles. Let's see who can knock off the big guns this year. I don't want to be writing about a three-peat in next month's Drop Shot!

**We are working to finalize the date for the annual Club Poker** Tournament to be held on an evening in October.

### Manager's Corner



Lona Means

**Please be advised that youths under the age of 18** are not allowed on the grounds after 5:00 pm unless supervised by an *adult member*. Please do not allow access to the club to children, or provide club keys to children at any time.

**The snack bar hours going forward** will be from 10:30-4:30 pm daily.

**Please remember not to take any food or beverages** on the courts as we have had our share of "spills" lately.

**The swimming pool heater will remain** on through September 30th.  
*Happy Tennis!*

### Club News

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

- Jim & Caroline Friedman** 10 Years
- Roger Trinkner** 10 Years
- Jeff & Marianne Guttas** 10 Years
- Randy & Mindy Wong** 5 Years

**Calling all Gin Rummy players.** The 3rd Annual Club Gin Doubles Tournament will be held on Thursday, September 9th starting at 5:30 pm. The \$30 entry fee per player includes dinner, drinks and the prize pool. Be sure to

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grab a partner and sign up in the clubhouse. If you would like to play, but don't have a partner, please contact Jeff at [jeff@ptctennis.com](mailto:jeff@ptctennis.com).

**Ballroom Dancing classes** have been organized and will be given in the clubhouse starting Tuesday, Sept. 28th. The classes will run for a six week period and are currently scheduled for 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Please sign up in the clubhouse. The cost will be \$59.00/person payable by check or cash at the first class. Individuals may sign-up. Please contact **Linda Pene Nagare** at ([lp10sne1@aol.com](mailto:lp10sne1@aol.com)) should you have any additional questions on the classes.

**Congratulations to Dyle Anderson & Austin Sellery** for achieving the #2 USTA National Ranking in the Men's 85 Team Doubles. *Nice job, fellas.*

### House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

**Members, August has come to a close.** Summer is over and our kids are back in school. We really didn't have much of a summer, weather wise.

Hopefully, September and October will have some good warm days for us so we can play tennis without wearing warm ups!

**We have a couple of issues with our propane gas barbecue.** **Lona** and **Stuart** are working with the manufacturer to get them resolved. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but this will give you an opportunity to brush up on your

real barbecue skills by using charcoal and mesquite. Be sure to allocate enough time for the coals to get hot before cooking.

**The pool area, locker rooms and Junior room have had a tough summer.** We need for all parents/members to make sure to clean up after ourselves and our children. If you or your family use any of the above facilities, please double check each area before leaving the club. Again, be sure that the club doors are locked when you leave. Think of the club as an extension of your home.

**If you see something that needs repair** or service, please let Lona know. She will coordinate that task with Jose or the appropriate vendor.

### Membership News

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Current Membership: 235

Membership Goal: 240

Resignations: **Shelley and David Kneapler**



Rob Delantoni

New Members:

**Louis & Susan Somme** (pronounced "Sum - EE").

Louie (as he prefers to be called) and Susan have three children - LJ (age 9), Elly (age 6) and Katie (age 3). Louie & Susan lived in New York City before moving to California 7 years ago. He is the founder and CEO of a San Francisco software company, and Susan was a corporate attorney for many years. They

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both enjoy collecting wine, and are releasing their own label (a Cabernet) this fall called "Geenbrier," named after the street Louie grew up on. They are looking forward to playing tennis and joining in on the club activities. Louie is a good 3.5 player, and Susan is enthusiastically learning the game.

**Herald and Mei Chen.** The Chens have 3 children – Avery (6 1/2), Henry (almost 4) and Julia (15 months). While Mei is a rapidly improving beginner, Herald is a strong 3.0 and we all hope to see them on the courts soon. They grew up on the East coast and came to California in the late 1990s. They both enjoy golf as well as tennis, like to travel, and are active in volunteering. Herald is an accomplished gin rummy and poker player (Jeff will love this), so we hope to see him involved in the many PTC card games.

Membership Status Changes:  
**Paul King, Jim Friedman, and Julie Allen** have all received Board approval to change their membership to Inactive.

### Social Events News



Dennis Mayer

**Grazie Molto** to the **Kim Cresci** family for the fine Italian fare and **Ken Markey** for the wine at our last twilight tennis of the season. The evening was organized by **Kenny March**. Thanks also goes out **Jeff Tateosian** for the great music! Thanks for sharing your talent.

The Calcutta Dinner featured **Jeff Tsu** Tri-Tip. Your core team of young, dynamic, and flexible volunteers were **Nancy Batchelor, Marrison Hauselt, Nancy Chew.**

Add the **PTC Holiday Party** to your December 11 calendar now. It's a busy time of the year we hope that you'll plan to be here with us at our party.

### Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

#### ADULT TENNIS Men's Singles

Singles Championship Update:

3.5 Men's Singles –

**Todd Foster** defeated **Jeff Schubiner**

6-4, 2-6, 10-8

4.0 Consolation Singles –

**Bob Wren** defeated **Chris Cooke**

6-4, 6-0

3.5 Consolation Singles –

**Jim Sobel** defeated **Chuck Callaghan**

6-1, 6-1

Congratulations and well played to all participants!

#### Calcutta News

One of the finest Calcutta weekends in recent times was held here on August 20-22 as teams of men and women got together to out-hustle, outplay and out-wit each other to win bragging rights and cold hard cash! The Baseball themed event started with a great pre tournament bash in the clubhouse on

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Friday night as six teams of six players each were picked randomly by the selected Captains. Every player received a personal walk up song played by our resident DJ extraordinaire, **JT-in-da-house!** After a delicious steak dinner and drinks, all teams were auctioned off with assistance from emcee, **John Stone**, who added plenty of spice to the mix! John does a great job of telling people how their tennis games could improve and how he really feels about them! The betting decides who owns each team and really adds to the excitement on match day.

Saturday saw the Men compete over five rounds of play and in the final run-in, **Dave Barrow's** team (Red Sox) came in 1st with a total of 68 games won. 2nd place went to **Anthony Paz's** team (Yankees) with 61 games, and **Dan Dewitt's** Dodgers came in 3rd with 60 games. They were very close matches and it went down to the final round as to where they would all place.

Sunday saw the Women and Men (two Men per team were placed in the line-up to make up the numbers) compete with four teams playing each other over three rounds of ten games per round. This event went right down to the wire, as two teams were tied after all rounds had been played, so they had to play the Super Tie-Break Playoff against each other. Finally, the Dodgers (**Heidi Carey**) prevailed and beat the Giants (**Jen Desler**) in the Playoff to take 1st place and move the Giants into 2nd place. 3rd place went to the Cardinals (**Shari Mayer**). They were only three games away from being in the Playoff.

A great day to be at PTC to play and watch some terrific do or die tennis with all levels of members playing with and against each other. Pressure tennis and a great atmosphere here was the order of the day. Many thanks to the team of volunteers that made this weekend such a great happening. PTC Tennis Chair **Karen Harrigan** and her small but dynamic Tennis Committee, **Dennis Mayer/Nancy Batchelor** and their hard working Social Committee for putting on a first class Calcutta Dinner. Thanks also goes to **Jeff Tateosian** for his relentless energy, **John Stone** for his stand up routine, **Lona, Steve Brooks and Marci** for their invaluable help in all areas. Thank you all!

### Cal State Senior Championships

Starting Monday, August 30th our club will be hosting over 200 players in the Cal State Senior Championships. We have 26 events running throughout the week and many members have entered so please come out to cheer on your fellow members and support our tournament. Don't forget to check the Notice Board and/or call in to Lona, for possible court openings for member play. Many thanks in advance to our very important band of volunteers that have signed up to help throughout the week.

### SURVEY NEWS

Thanks to those members for turning in their tennis program survey. 25% of the club answered questions and provided great feedback on tennis programming. In response we will try a new ratings based women's clinic one Saturday per month and a drop-in Cardio Tennis class is also being planned.

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## JUNIOR NEWS

Our Summer Tennis Program which ran for nine weeks just flew by! Green Star (ages 6-8) was not attended well, but Blue / Red Star (8-14 Intermediate), and Jr. Academy (10-14 Adv) was full for many weeks and many Juniors experienced the RS Training System for the first time. Our USTA Junior Teams did very well with all of them making Playoffs. A big thank you to all staff, parent volunteers, chaperones, and helpers that made our summer here another successful and positive experience for our Juniors (future of the club)!

## Fall Tennis Program

Junior Evaluation Day was a huge success! Many Juniors came to try out for the upcoming RS Academy Fall Tennis Program. The program will start the week of September 20th and run for eight weeks. Here are the scheduled days for the program.

*Monday* – Jr. Academy II – 3:30-5:30 pm

*Tuesday* – Jr. Grippers – 3:30 – 5:30 pm

*Wednesday* – Red/Blue Star –  
3:30 – 5:00 pm

*Thursday* – ATP – 3:30-5:30 pm

*Friday* – Jr. Academy I – 3:30-5:30 pm

For a description of each group please visit [www.rstennis.com](http://www.rstennis.com).

Member registration is open now! Space is limited and the group training sessions fill up fast! Sign up now by contacting Marci at the Tennis Office.  
[marci@rstennis.com](mailto:marci@rstennis.com)

## TIP OF THE MONTH

### *Practice –*

When I get on the court for practice, I try to incorporate as many different fun games into the limited time I may have with my practice partner. I use short point games like Tug of War, 11's, 7-11, 74, Ping Pong, Alley Drop, Criss Cross, U Got No Guts, Lobster, Below 7 and Depth Charge. These games keep me focused and motivated for my entire practice session and help reduce the lull in just playing games and/or sets. If interested in learning and practicing these games sign up for a lesson and I'll show you how to get the most out of your practice time.

*See you on the courts!*

## NEW MEMBERS



***Herald and Mei Chen***



***Louis & Susan Somme***

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## Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

Sep 2010 (Pacific Time)

| Sunday   | Monday                                       | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                     | Thursday                       | Friday   | Saturday                   |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 29   | 30   | 31   | 1   | 2                              | 3  | 4                          |
| 3pm - 8.0  | <b>California State Senior Championships</b> |  |   |                                |  |                            |
|  | 8:30am - Cal                                 | 8:30am - Cal<br>6pm - 7.5                                      | 8:30am - Cal<br>6pm - Men's                   | 8:30am - Cal<br>6pm - Mixed    | 8:30am - Cal                                   | 8:30am - Cal               |
| 5  | 6  | 7  | 8   | 9                              | 10   | 11                         |
| 8:30am - Cal   | <b>Riaz Vacation September 6th-19th</b>      |  |   |                                |  |                            |
|  |  |  | 6pm - 8.0                                     |                                |  |                            |
| 12   | 13   | 14   | 15  | 16                             | 17   | 18                         |
| <b>Riaz Vacation September 6th-19th</b>              |  |  |   |                                |  |                            |
|  | 7am - Back                                   | 7am - Front  |   |                                |  | 3pm - 7.5                  |
| 19   | 20   | 21   | 22  | 23                             | 24   | 25                         |
| <b>Riaz Vacation</b><br>8:30am - Mixe<br>3pm - Mixed | 9am - Tennis<br>3:30pm - Junio               | 9am - Tennis<br>3:30pm - Junio                                 | 9am - Tennis<br>3:30pm - Junio                | 9am - Tennis<br>3:30pm - Junio | 8:30am - Wom<br>9am - Tennis<br>3:30pm - Junio | 1pm - Lessons<br>3pm - 7.0 |
| 26   | 27   | 28   | 29  | 30                             | 1  | 2                          |
| 3pm - 8.0  | 7am - Back<br>3:30pm - Junio                 | 7am - Front<br>9am - Tennis<br>3:30pm - Junio<br>7pm - Ballroo | 9am - SFPTL<br>9am - Tennis<br>3:30pm - Junio | 9am - Tennis<br>3:30pm - Junio | 3:30pm - Junio                                 | 1pm - Lessons<br>3pm - 7.5 |