

## September 2011

### President's Message



*Rob Adams*

As with many businesses, it is time to start planning for 2012 here at PTC. In addition to some long-term planning we are doing at the Board level, we'd love to hear your ideas for 2012. There are a couple ways you can do this. You can attend quarterly meetings (and enjoy the snacks and beverages), email Lona (manager@ptctennis.com), or myself (robo-comp101@hotmail.com). As the club evolves, some things need to change....while others remain part of the fabric or culture of our little Peninsula gem. Do you want more or different tennis events? Do you want less formal and more open court opportunities? Do you want different social events? Are there additional amenities that make sense for us? Any ideas on how to keep our membership level up? Picture you and your family at the club over the next 3-5 years. What would make it the best overall experience possible, while insuring that the club is solid and solvent for many years to come? The Board, Riaz, and Lona are here to represent you...use us!

### Upcoming Events

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**Club Gin Rummy Doubles Tournament**  
**September 15th**

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**Mixed Team Tennis Tournament**  
**September 18th**

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**van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship**  
**September 24th & 25th**

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**4th Annual Club Hold'em Poker**  
**Tournament**  
**October 7th**

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**Quarterly Membership Meeting**  
**November 15th**

### Editor's Note



*Jeff Tateosian*

**Calcutta weekend proved to be as popular as ever.** Friday night's Dinner/Team Draw was the most attended Calcutta Draw in recent memory, with nearly 100 people attending. Using football as our theme this year, **Nancy Batchelor** and the Social Committee put on a tailgate to remember. **Stuart's** margaritas were outstanding, and probably had something to do with the strongest winning bids for the ten teams in years. **John Stone** kept everyone in stitches during the draw and

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successful team bidding. Along with some fun walk-up songs, it was a night to remember. As for the tournament itself, please read *Chris & Riaz's* articles.

**The club's last Twilight Tennis/BBQ - Italian Night** - was another rousing success. **Mike Amaroli** welcomed everyone in Italian while the sounds of Italy filled the air throughout night. Great food from the **Cresci** family and fun tennis was enjoyed by all the participants. Thank you to the Social Committee for putting on three outstanding Twilight/Tennis BBQ events this summer. We'll be back for more starting next June.

**Do you own a classic car?** The more the subject comes up, the more I find out that there are many members who are into these desired machines. If you own a classic car or have ever owned one, please share your story with me at (jeff@ptctennis.com). I am working on an article about members and their expensive hobbies.

**An end of an era** - I may be dating myself, but sad news for all Bay Area kids who grew up here in the late 50's....Miss Nancy from Romper Room passed away last week. The locally produced kid shows (through the eyes of a five year old) were both real and as far as we knew, the final word. Captain Satellite, Mayor Art, Romper Room and Captain Kangaroo (Bob Keeshan, who I hosted for a day at Marine World years ago), were most definitely from a different era. Miss Nancy was the last link to the golden age of Bay Area kids TV.

### Manager's Corner



Lona Means

As summer draws to a close, I would like to thank our part-time summer employees for their great work and smiling faces. I would especially like to congratulate **Connor Kemp** for his quick response to an incident that occurred last

Sunday afternoon at the pool while he was life guarding. A nine year old girl was attempting to snap her bathing suit top back on, and while she was doing so had a difficult time keeping her head above water. She was flopping her arms, and struggling in the water. Connor was quick to respond and jumped in and pulled her to safety. This incident reminds us all how valuable our lifeguards are to PTC and the importance of our pool rules, especially constant adult supervision.

**The pool is scheduled to remain open** through September, and, depending on the weather, the Board may decide to extend this date for a couple of weeks.

**Please contact me** at 650 347-1439 or manager@ptctennis.com if you would like me to add your name to the World Team Tennis Event on September 18th or the van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship on September 24th & 25th.

Happy Tennis!

### Club News

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

<b>Jim &amp; Lani Fregosi</b>	15 Years
<b>Stan &amp; Brenda Rockman</b>	5 Years

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### This year's Club Gin Rummy Doubles

Tournament is set for Thursday September 15th starting at 5:30 pm. Select a partner and sign up in the clubhouse. Dinner & drinks will be included with the \$30 per person entry fee. Defending champions **Craig Andrews and Ken Sorenson** are already assuring those who will listen that they plan on repeating again this year.

### The 4th Annual Club Hold'em Poker

**Tournament** date has been set. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 7th. Dinner and drinks will begin at 5:30 pm. The tournament is scheduled to run until 10:30 pm. The entry fee of \$40 will cover dinner, beer, soft drinks and prize money. The sign-up sheet is now posted in the clubhouse. We are looking to fill up three tables for a night full of surprises. Please contact **Jeff Tateosian** for questions on either the Gin or Poker Tournaments.

**The Ballroom Dancing Classes** are set for the fall. A new beginner's class will start Tuesday, September 27th from 6:00-7:15 pm, with the intermediate class from 7:15-8:30 pm. The classes will run through November 8th. Improve your footwork and social skills by learning the classic steps of foxtrot, rumba, waltz, meringue and swing, in the company of your PTC family. Teachers Daniel Singer and Geri Lee are fabulous instructors with years of experience and teach in a very non-stressful way. The cost is \$59.00/person for a 6 week session. Drop-ins are \$10.00 per person. Partners are not necessary for either the regular six week session or for drop-ins.

## Tennis Activities News



Chris Cooke

This August we had one of the most successful Calcutta Tennis Tournaments in recent memory. There were six teams that played in the Men's division on Saturday and four teams for the Women's division on Sunday.

For the men, Team Kohli, led by tall lefty **John Kohli** captured top honors for the men. My team came in dead last, (but fortunately we knew something was up and didn't bet on ourselves). For the women, Team Desler, led by phenom **Jennifer Desler**, captured the top prize. It was an excellent event and extremely well attended. Thanks very much to **Riaz, Marci Martinucci** and Tennis Events committee members **Jim Sobel and Brian Beswick** for helping to put on this event and thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks also to the Social Committee for their hard work in putting on such a great party on Friday night.

**The last week of August and continuing through the Labor Day weekend**, the Club hosted the annual Cal State Seniors Tennis Championship. Many club members participated, and new PTC member **Brian Heimbecker** won the Men's 45 Singles for the second year in a row. All of our members who played in the tournament played and represented well.

**This month will see two events.** First, the Mixed Team Tennis Tournament will be held on Sunday, September 18. This event will feature 8 teams of six players each (24 men and 24 women), playing in a round robin format. This is a fun event and the weather in September is always excellent. Put your name on the sign-up sheet which is in the clubhouse.

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**Second, the 2011 van Dillen Men's Doubles Championship** will be held on Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25. There will be three divisions, Open, Men's 4.0 and Men's 3.5, and a consolation round for those teams that lose during the first round. The cost is \$25 per player and includes the T-shirt, breakfast, lunch and a trophy. The sign-up for the van Dillen Doubles Championship is in the Clubhouse. Get your team together and put your name on the list. If you do not have a partner, please let Riaz know and he may be able to find someone who can play with you.

**Finally, we are still planning to have the Men's Singles Tournament.** We postponed it from this summer due to a low level of participation. Please look for an email blast announcing the date for the finals which will be in October or early November.

## House & Grounds News



*Ron Martinucci*

**Finally, our good weather is here** and the kids are back to school. We still have many good weekends and evenings for tennis, barbecues and swimming. Everything has been going in the right direction around the club. We have been picking up after ourselves and our guests, doors secured at the end of the evening, and chairs arranged neatly around tables and umbrellas closed. I appreciate everyone's hard work in keeping our club in top shape. Have a great September!

## Membership News



*Dave Marcus*

**Let's all give a big PTC welcome to our newest member, Jackie Sage/Cory Ravid and family.** Many of you ladies probably already know Jackie, and some of you have had the pleasure of playing a few matches with her at the club. While not yet an experienced tennis player, Cory is very athletic and has some of the quickest feet and hands I've seen on the tennis court in a while – probably a result of his regular boxing workouts. Jackie is a family therapist, though she says that (with her three girls), she gets plenty of practice at home. Cory owns a successful flooring company. Along with their daughters **Lindsey** (12), **Ashley** (10), and **Audrey** (7), we welcome Jackie and Cory and look forward to enjoying their company over the years to come.

**We also have a new applicant** on the waiting list. Their names are **Matt & Carolyn Dowling**, and children **Kenneth & Margaret**. **Carey Welsh** is their Sponsor and **Tim Latta** is their Secunder.

**A reminder for those of you out there** who have been thinking of referring your friends and tennis buddies for PTC membership....Your Board of Directors has decided to offer an incentive to our current members who successfully recruit new additions to our roster. 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 one time per year. We will monitor this new incentive program and

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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 fellow tennis enthusiasts on to PTC!

## Social Events News



**Karen Harrigan** August was a Great month at the PTC. After each event I become more impressed by the spirit of our Social committee and the fabulous community we have at OUR club. We wrapped up our Twilight Tennis series with Italian night and my friend, **Nancy Batchelor** having the Godfather himself, **Rudy Giannini** sing his rendition of Happy Birthday to her.



**The highlight for August** (and probably this year) was the Men's and Women's Calcutta Event August 20th and 21st. Here are Karen's highlights:

- Largest attendance at Friday dinner party=96 members.
- The women had more money bid on them than the men (team for team).
- Teamwork: Jeff T, every walk-up song carefully chosen, Riaz with the "picks", John S. with the killer intros.
- Humor: Be ready for a laugh and roast...thanks John for going easy on me.
- Flexibility: Last minute UPS balloons??? That was the plan J.
- Spirit: The teams came in their NFL colors and competition began.
- Recognition- **Lona Means, Nancy Batchelor, Stuart Batchelor, Jeff Tateosian, John Stone, Riaz, Jeff Tsu, Dennis Mayer, Maja Nelson, Marissa**

**Hauselt, Maggie Blumberg, Jen Paz, Erica Reilly, Natalie Fregosi, David Markey, Rob Adams** and our amazing resident tennis PRO **Riaz Shivji**.

In the end the commonality is TENNIS. The result was unadulterated FUN. And my interpretation of this is unmatched SUCCESS! With a grateful and thankful heart,

## Adult Tennis

### Director of Tennis News



**Riaz Shivji** USPTA

The always popular Calcutta was played earlier this month with a rousing party on the Friday night where members were picked into their NFL teams and

\$3,400 was bet. The ladies and gents went out over the weekend to do battle for the prize of best clutch time team...and claim their winnings of course! The play was intense and almost fair as teams strategized over which line-up would be best in order to win the most number of games. At the end of the day, the Men's Cowboys team led by **John Kohli** came out on top on Saturday winning 79 games and the Raiderettes led by **Jennifer Desler** won big on Sunday winning 60 games. Much thanks to the hard work of Social and Tennis Committees for putting on a great event!

#### Winning Teams:

- Men - (Cowboys)  
**John Kohli** - Captain  
**Scott With**  
**Dan McGee**  
**Phil Zlatunich**  
**Marty Funk**  
**Gerry Sydorak**  
Owner - **Brian Beswick** and consortium
- Women - (Raiders)

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*Jennifer Desler* – Captain  
*Val March*  
*Laura Hesselgren*  
*Debbie Oldham*  
*Marisa Wachhorst*  
*Julie Buckmaster*  
Owner – *Mike Buckmaster*

## Upcoming Events

**World Mixed Team Tennis** will be held on Sunday, September 18th. This is a very fun event and one that will prove to be social and slightly competitive. There are spots available for 24 men and 24 women. The sign-up sheet is up in the clubhouse or contact Lona to register.

## The van Dillen Men's Doubles

Championships is slated for September 24 – 25. Teams are forming now and there will again be 3 divisions – 3.5, 4.0 and Open. Play will be over two days, although if draws are large, then matches may begin on Friday afternoon (September 23.) Matches will be two of three sets with a Match Tie-Break in lieu of a full third set. Gentlemen, start your engines! Sign-up in the clubhouse or call Lona to register.

## Cal State Championships

The Cal State Senior Tournament has been going strong all week! 147 players between the ages of 30 and 85 from all over California and as far as Hawaii competed in hard fought matches throughout the week. It was great to see so many members here to watch the matches and the increased business at the Match Point Cafe was fantastic! It was particularly exciting to see PTC Members participate in this great tournament that we have hosted for over 35 years. The following members represented PTC:

*Dyle Anderson, Dave Barrows, Linda*

*Benvenuto, Chuck Callahan, Jim Friedman, Anne Giannini, Brian Heimbecker, Marci Martinucci, Conrad Mezzetta, Debbie Oldham, Anthony Paz, Linda Pene-Nagare, Austin Sellery, Rick Soss, Doug Stone, Kevin Tierney.*

Much thanks to all member volunteers listed below for all their hard work and effort making this a very successful tournament again. A lot of players expressed their appreciation in how our club ran these Championships. A big thank you to the following members!

*Marci Martinucci, Betty Cookson, Nancy Batchelor, Joni Amaroli, Jennifer Desler, Julie Buckmaster, Mitch Wakasa, Marv Charney, Stuart Batchelor, Steve Brooks, Debbie Oldham, Gabi Rondell, Torry Bryant, Rudy Giannini, Ron Martinucci, Jeff Tsu and Lona Means.*

## JUNIOR TENNIS

Fall Tennis Program

The RS Academy Fall Program will be starting the week of September 12th. All series beginning in September will run for eight 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 2 – Monday – 3:30–5:30	\$320
Jr. Academy 3 – Tuesday – 3:30–5:30	\$320
QuickStart – Wednesday – 3:30–4:30	\$160
10 & Under Tennis – 3:30–4:30	\$160
STAR – Wednesday 4:30–5:30	\$160
Jr. Academy 1 – Friday – 3:30–5:30	\$320

The 10 and under Tennis program we run

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will use the USTA format that encourages Juniors to play on 60 ft. courts using the orange and green ball to enhance the skills needed to play tennis on the big court/yellow ball. Parents please note, the USTA now does not run U10 tournaments on the big court, they use green balls on 60 ft. courts only! Juniors learn the game faster and pick up a better skill set on smaller courts, using equipment suited to their size. After a very successful summer, I'm looking forward to continuing the progress our Jjuniors have made and making sure they continue learning, practicing and having fun!



**Rob & Marian Stein  
and sons**

Chip N Charge!

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**Mary Powell & Adam Messinger  
and daughters**



**Jackie Sage & Cory Ravid  
and daughters**



**Kim & Brian Nappi**

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**2011 Calcutta Mens Champions**



**2011 Calcutta Womens Champions**

*Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Over 75 Years of Tennis*



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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Sep 2011 (Pacific Time)		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
28	29	30	31	1	2	3			
	10am - California	8:30am - California	10am - California	10am - California	10am - California	8:30am - California			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
10am - California									
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
3pm - 7.0 Mixed						9am - Pro Court #3 1pm - 7.5 Combos 3pm - Mixed 7.0			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
9am - TEAM TENNIS						8am - van Dillen 5pm - 6.5 Combo			
25	26	27	28	29	30	1			
8:30am - vanDillen 5pm - 8.5 Combo			9am - SFPTL Senior			3pm - Super 60's			