



The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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President's Message



Chris Cooke

I always know that summer is almost over when the U.S. Open gets underway and the high school students crowd the parking lot in front of Burlingame High School. This past month, we wrapped up our summer tennis events at the PTC with the Calcutta Team Tennis Tournament, the last Twilight Tennis, and the Cal State Seniors Tournament. As always, these events were a great success, with much thanks going to **Lona, Riaz, Tom and Sabina Middlemass, Jane Percy** and the other members of the Tennis and Social Committees, and to **Jeff Tat, John Stone, Mickey Podolsky, Stuart Batchelor**, and others who helped with the food at the Twilight Tennis and the Calcutta party. I know there were some grumblings about the Calcutta betting warping the results, but that is what makes the event fun and unpredictable. I especially appreciated playing against teams that had bet on my team in the final round, which I think helped my team reach its third place finish. Please give thanks to everyone who helped put on these events.

The membership situation at our club continues to improve, with the waiting list to resign now down to four persons. Thanks again to **Mike Amaroli** and to everyone else who have worked so hard to recruit new members.

Upcoming Events

•
Mixed Team Tennis
Saturday, September 15th

•
5th Annual Club
Hold'em Poker Tournament
Friday, October 12th 6:00 pm

One final item on which I need everyone's input: based on some feedback from some members, the Board is currently examining court usage issues and which tennis events our club should host next year. However, I would like to get a better sense from additional club members. So, in particular, I would welcome your feedback on whether we have too many events or too much court time taken up with tournaments, clinics and so forth and whether you think we need to make changes or not. For example, we recently hosted the Cal State Seniors Tournament. Do you think we should continue to host it? Is the timing a problem (spilling over to Labor Day)? Is there anything we, the Board, can do to make this event run more transparent or should we leave it alone? Please feel free to catch me on the courts or via email (**christopher.cooke@gmail.com**) to give me your thoughts on these issues. Thank you.

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Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Friendly competition between members is the cornerstone of our various tournaments. We've had four outstanding tennis events thus far this year, with the Mixed Team Tennis coming up in a couple of weeks. The fall

months are also when the much anticipated card tournaments take place. The Club Gin Rummy Doubles Tournament was held last week with two-time winners **Craig Andrews & Ken Sorensen** outlasting **Ben Chew & Jim Fregosi** in a closer than expected match. A great time was had by all, including a delicious steak dinner put on by **Maris Laipenieks**.

Next up is the always popular Club Hold'em Poker Tournament. It will be held on Friday October 12th. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse mid September. Additional details will follow in the October Drop Shot.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

Women's USTA combo teams are now forming. Please contact the following team captains if you are interested in playing on a combo team this fall:

- Women's 6.5 Combo:
Whitney Murphy - whitney1103@yahoo.com
- Women's 7.5 Combo:
Sharon Marson - sharon.marson@gmail.com
- Women's 8.5 Combo:
Becky Homan - beckhoman11@yahoo.com

The swimming pool is scheduled to remain open through September. There is always a chance that the Board may extend the date through the middle of October, depending on the weather.

Cell phone usage at the club is limited.

Please set your cell phone to non-ringing status prior to entering the club. There shall be no cell phone usage on courts 1, 2, and 3 and the corresponding patio area. Any cell phone usage that may occur elsewhere at the club shall be done in a respectful manner with due consideration of all members.

Please remember to thank your hard working Board Members and committees for a fun filled active spring and summer tournament season. Happy Tennis!

Club News

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

Phil & Patty Rossi	15 Years
Mark & Jane Percy	10 Years
Mike & Julie Buckmaster	5 Years
John & Filiz Kohli	5 Years
Graham & Elaine Smith	5 Years

Lady Players Wanted! We are several women's doubles groups with regular weekday morning games, and often in need of subs. Our playing ability is 3.0 or better. Who may we contact to come out and try us, and, if you like us, be on our back-up list? If interested, please call **Lee Bradford** or **Shirley Mezzetta**. Our phone numbers are in the club book. Thanks! Hope to hear from you.

Dance Class - The new dance classes begin on Tuesday, September 11th. The cost is \$59.00 per person and the class time is 7:00-8:30 pm. Contact **Linda Nagare** for further details.

Congratulations to Dyle Anderson for winning two recent Senior Tournaments. He was victorious in the Foothills Senior Tournament, winning 90's Singles and 85's Doubles. He also won the 90's Singles in the Cal State Senior Tournament. *Don't stop now Dyle, seems you're just getting a second wind.*

Tennis Activities News



Tom Middlemass

The annual Men's and Women's Calcutta Tournament was a rousing success. It all started with the outstanding Friday evening Calcutta Dinner & Draw hosted by our Social Committee. Of course there were big wagers flying with a couple of lucky big win-

ners/owners. Saturday's Men's Calcutta event came down to the wire and was ultimately won by Team White led by **Brian Heimbecker**. Team "owner" **Steve Wong** helped guide the team and enriched himself in the process. Congrats to Team White and Mr. Wong.

Sunday's Women's Tourney was also another highly competitive affair with Team Red led by **Mindy Wong** prevailing. Mindy's husband, **Randy**, was the team owner so the Wong's had much to celebrate. *(Steve Wong commented that after owner Randy Wong's Women's team won, this was one day where two Wongs actually made a right).*

The Tennis Committee has another great event coming on Saturday, September 15th with the annual Mixed Team Tennis event. The sign-up sheet has been posted in the clubhouse, so please reserve your spot in this fun and spirited day of PTC competition.

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

Summer is the time of year when 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, please respect your fellow shareholders by cleaning up after yourselves, your guests, your children and anyone else you have signed in that are sharing in all

the wonderful amenities the PTC has to offer.

Unfortunately, the above paragraph from my August H & G article has had no impact on our Junior members or their guests. On Saturday morning, August 11, **Jose** and I found the Junior girls locker room in a completely unacceptable condition. Jose spent most of the morning cleaning and disinfecting the carpet, walls, floors, fixtures and all solid surfaces in the room. This time it was the girls, but the boy's locker room has been equally unacceptable.

I am shocked, disappointed, and at a loss as to how we can solve this recurring problem in the Junior rooms. Other than keeping the boys and girls locker rooms locked at all times with a key available only at the snack bar during supervised hours, I am open for your suggestions. If you have any ideas, please share your thoughts with Lona or myself.

Current List of H&G projects:

- Clubhouse roof replacement - in progress
- Court #3 net replacement - in progress
- Fencing repairs - in progress
- New ball machine - in progress
- Hydration station @ court #3 - cost analysis/feasibility study in progress
- Court repairs / court #1 - completed
- Court resurfacing #4 thru 7 - reviewing proposals / fiscal budgeting for 2013
- Clubhouse bar area, big room ceiling, kitchen painting - under review
- Flooring replacement (Women and Junior locker rooms) - pricing / Board approval
- Clubhouse library bookshelves/development phase
- Video cam upgrade - cost analysis/feasibility study in progress
- New lights - development phase
- Furniture replacement - ADC review/fiscal budgeting for 2014

Membership News



Mike Amaroli

Thanks to our wonderful members, I have the privilege of announcing two new families to the PTC! Please welcome **Steve Williams** and his two daughters **Ashley** and **Katelyn**. Steve is a strong 3.5 player and I am sure he will be moved up to a 4.0 very

soon. Ashley and Katelyn will first enjoy the pool and workout room before taking to the courts. Many thanks to Steve's sponsors: **Andrienne Leigh Schubiner** and **Scott With**.

Also joining the Club is **Barbara Kott** (husband **Brian**) and their 3 young children **Rowan**, **Kelsey** and **Sean**.

Barbara is an accomplished player and once battled Jennifer Capriati in a Juniors Match. Yes,

I know who won but you can introduce yourself to Barbara and get all the details. Great job sponsors, **Phil Zlatunich** and **Jeff Tateosian**.

More good news! I will be announcing at least 3 new members next month. Continued thanks for all your support.



Steve Williams



Barbara & Brian Kott

Social Events News



Jane Pearcy

We had a couple of fun social/tennis activities in August. Many thanks to **Kay & Larry Coskey** and their crew for a fabulous Twilight "Down Under." **Mickey Podolsky** fired up the "Barby" and grilled up some delicious shrimp, **Maggie Blumberg** and **Lona** helped get the setup done and **Jeff T.** kept the party hopping with the usual great selection of tunes.

Close on the heels of Twilight was the infamous Calcutta tennis event with the Friday night party that included betting, feasting and musical tributes to our players. A big thanks goes to **Chris McMurdo** for taking an afternoon off from work to set up the party, create beautiful flower arrangements, and place, (with an assist from **Nancy Chew** and **Linda Podolsky**), "Olympic rings" on the cupcakes baked by **Marci Martinucci** and **Mary Eliason**. **Stuart Batchelor** kept the margaritas and beer flowing. The entertainment combo of **John Stone** and **Jeff Tateosian**, as usual, produced a fantastic set of introductions and inspirational "walk up" songs for our players. Thanks to **Bob Wren's** daughter, **Hannah**, for her awesome help in the kitchen.

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Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

2012 PTC Senior Sectional Championships
Another exceptionally successful PTC Senior Sectional Championship held the week of August 27th -

September 2nd. We had over 120 players enter in singles and doubles age events ranging from 35-90 years old. Eighteen of our very own match tough members put their games on the line to compete against each other and the top senior players in NorCal. We appreciated the support and attendance of many of you that came down to watch the fantastic matches. These Sectional Senior Championships would not be possible without the help of our incredible staff and PTC volunteers. Your dedication and love of the game made it all possible. I'd like to list the people that helped make this event another successful team effort:

Betty Cookson, Lona Means, Mitch Wakasa, Marv Charney, Linda Podolsky, Del Nichols, Lee Bradford, Nancy Chew, Jen Desler, Nancy Batchelor, Stuart Batchelor, Jeff Tsu, Torrey Bryant, Steve Brooks, Debbie Oldham, Marissa Hauselt, Marci Martinucci.

Members who played:

Riaz Shivji, Dan Dewitt, Gary Goodman, Rick Soss, Kevin Tierney, Jim Friedman, Maris Laipenieks, Steve Benvenuto, Dick Foster, Rudy Giannini, Chuck Callahan, Dyle Anderson, Linda Benvenuto, Mindy Wong, Julie Buckmaster, Marci Martinucci, Debbie Oldham, Anne Giannini.

Club Winners:

Gary Goodman - M50S Champion
Rudy Giannini - M80S Finalist
Dyle Anderson - M90S Champion
Linda Benvenuto/Mindy Wong - W45D Champions
Riaz Shivji - M40S Champion

CALCUTTA

The 2012 Olympic Calcutta was an exciting and competitive event as always! Both the Men's and Women's came down to last round matches to decide the outcome. The Men's first place White Team, led by **Brian Heimbecker**, came out on top but just barely by 5 games. Just to give you an idea of how close it was, one team in the Men's division went from 2nd to 4th place in the space of one game! 2nd place went to the Blue Team led by **Ken March** and 3rd place went to the Green Team, led by **Chris Cooke!**

The Women's Calcutta was a four team event with the top two teams playing off in the Finals. After the Round Robin matches, **Mindy Wong's** Red Team was pitted against the Blue Team led by **Linda Benvenuto**. The Final was super close with the Red Team edging it by one game!

Our next club event will be Mixed Team Tennis and will be played on Saturday, September 15th! This event is always a favorite and one that is social, competitive and and extremely fun! This is a great opportunity to meet and play with members that you may have not yet had a chance to play with before. The sign-up sheet is in the clubhouse, or you can sign up by contacting **Lona**.

JUNIOR TENNIS

The Fall RS Tennis Academy Junior Program will begin the week of September 10th. Once again we are offering a full comprehensive Junior Tennis Program to cater to our young member needs.

- Monday - 3:30-5:30pm Jr. Academy 3 (Juniors playing USTA Novice Tournaments)
- Tuesday - 3:30-5:30pm Jr. Academy 2 (Juniors playing USTA Challenger Tournaments)
- Wednesday - 3:30-4:30pm QuickStart/10 & Under
- Wednesday - 4:30-5:30pm STAR (Begin/Inter Juniors)
- Friday - 3:30-5:30pm Jr. Academy 1 (Juniors playing USTA Open Tournaments)

Full details and registration are available on the website at www.rstennis.com.

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Calcutta Winners



3.5 Mens League Champs



*Gin Rummy Winners
Craig Andrews & Ken Sorensen*

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar **Sep 2012 (Pacific Time)**

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