

## October 2007

## Words from “the Prez”



*Bob Sinclair*

The summer season at PTC came to an abrupt end on the Tuesday following Labor Day Weekend. Project preparation went into full swing as the pool was drained, tables and chairs stored away and the front courts disassembled. As expected, one week later the construction fences went up and the club has really gone into a state of anticipation as the big demo work has begun.

A very wise and seasoned member of our club gave me a piece of advice the other day (I must look like I need advice because I sure seem to get a lot of it these days), he said, “Make sure you tell the membership to NOT expect to see work every day...there will be days when nothing happens.” OK, those of you who sit and stare at that web cam, nothing may happen from time to time so go out and get some exercise.

During this past month your Board has grappled with the two issues most immediately impacted by the project; court allocation and the snack bar. We emphasized at both of our informational meetings that we would try to ease into the process, let the club’s activity dictate the changes that are necessary. The snack bar has slowed considerably but is hanging in there now that the general contractor has opened a tab for all his work staff. As for courts, assessing on a monthly basis seems to be the right course. When Riaz returns from his vacation in mid October, we’ll address the court situation again.

In closing, I want to give my sincere appreciation to all of you who sponsored the dozen or so families that are becoming the newest members of our club. Our membership drive this summer was very successful. We will for the first time since enacting the Emeritus Class be at full membership by the end of October. The Peninsula Tennis Club is truly alive and well and now preparing for a fresh new look...I for one can hardly wait.

## Upcoming Events

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**PTC Men’s Golf  
Pre-Tournament Dinner  
Friday October 19th**

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**PTC Men’s  
Golf Tournament  
Saturday October 20th**

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**PTC Holiday Party  
Saturday December 8th**

## 2008 Board Members Needed

It’s that time of the year when we must start looking to replace three of our departing Board Members for next year. The Nominating Committee (consisting of the last three Club Presidents) must make three recommendations to the Board. If you would like to discuss being on next year’s Board, please contact *John Stone, Gordon Nagare or Jeff Tateosian.*

## Editor’s Note

Well, the tractors have started to demolish the pool area. With demolition in full swing now, news around the club is getting a little hard to find. I welcome any news to share with our membership. After all, I can only put so many photos of tractors in the winter Drop Shots. Let’s keep this club interesting during our construction period.

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## Manager's Corner



**Bill Jepsen**

**We are now in demolition mode at the club. The front courts and pool area are off limits to members,** and the Chatham gate is no longer a member entrance to the club. The rear (BHS lot) entrance is still unlocked during operation hours, but you will need to use your member key to access the back courts along the public walkway behind the courts.

**The snack bar hours of operation are changing.** Effective Monday October 1st, service hours will be 10:30 to 3:30. All unsupervised Juniors must be off property by 4:00 PM.

**Ramon and Mary will be handling the janitorial duties** for the club during the slow/off season.

**Our lost & found (in the snack bar) is filling up.** Very soon, we will be donating to charity any unclaimed items.

**Finally as a reminder, on the 10/1 statements many snack bar charges** from early July will appear dated in mid and late July. Our POS system experienced some malfunctions, and these charges were re-posted manually later in the month.

## CIP News

Like an iceberg, much of the work currently going on at the Club is going unseen to those watching via the web cam or from the Clubhouse.

**We broke ground on our long awaited Capital Improvement Project (CIP) in September.** A hole was cut into the exterior and interior fences to permit equipment to enter our property. Heavy metal plates have been placed across court #2 to protect it from the trucks that will be hauling away the debris from demolition. The construction fences have been erected. The pine tree next to the Clubhouse & the dead Magnolia tree in our neighbor's yard have been taken down. With the exception of the hot water system, all of the equipment in the mechanical room has been removed. A temporary electrical panel has been installed to provide power to the south wing and to our contractor. The women's locker room has been mostly cleaned out of its partitions. Our general contractor has completed converting the old storage room to a base operations office. This is one of those little innocuous decisions that saved us the expense of renting a trailer for them for the duration of the project. Both the sanitary and storm sewer systems have been mapped out to find trouble areas. A large hole was found in the City of Burlingame sewer system and we have notified them of the issue. And as you can

see from a couple of the photos, the heavy equipment has finally arrived. They are working on taking out the pools and decking. They will initially dump the debris into the deep pool and will then excavate it from there into trucks to be taken to the recycling processor.

**We have been working to finalize the selection of our tennis court sub-contractor.** Revised bids were requested and received back. We expect to make our final selection by the second week of October.

**There has also been considerable work done with our banking partner Comerica.** We are going through the needed steps to put our loan package in place. The decision by the Fed to lower rates has already had a beneficial effect on our potential terms. We will not be drawing on our loan until approximately January 2008 and we would only expect further rate reductions to help our cause.

**We also continue to meet with our landscape architect to make the final refinements to our plans.**

**Bob Sinclair (sinclair515@yahoo.com) and Stuart Batchelor (batchouse@gmail.com) remain focused on driving the project** through the known and unknown hurdles. As a result, intermittent announcements of modifications to club, snack bar or men's locker room hours of operation may be forthcoming. Please check your emails for these updates as they may occur. Please do not hesitate to contact Bob or Stuart if you have any questions.

**You can check out some of the changes going on at the Club via our "project cam" at: [www.ptctennis.com/courtcam](http://www.ptctennis.com/courtcam)**  
**The link is also on the ptctennis.com home page.**

## Membership News

### Comings & goings...

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

#### **They are:**

<b>George &amp; Joann Mahaffey</b>	<b>685-0582</b>
<b>Gordon &amp; Sara Hodge</b>	<b>685-1767</b>
<b>Julie &amp; Michael Buckmaster</b>	<b>375-0713</b>
<b>Elaine &amp; Graham Smith</b>	<b>375-1514</b>
<b>John &amp; Filiz Kohli</b>	<b>401-8896</b>

We have had two families submit their application during September.

#### **They are:**

<b>Reynold &amp; Michelle Harbin</b>	<b>Anthony Paz/Gary Goodman (sponsors)</b>
<b>Kathleen &amp; Rodney Egan</b>	<b>Marsha Kunz/Lisa Goodwill (sponsors)</b>

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## Club News

The PTC Golf Tournament was somehow scheduled for the only rainy day of the summer/fall. Good news though, it has been rescheduled for Saturday October 20th at the Sunnyvale Muni. The event will again include a pre-tournament dinner at the PTC on Friday October 19th where the teams will be formed. Please register on the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Contact **Bob Ja** at 348-1861 with any further questions.

Our ladies 7.5 Combo clinched a playoff birth last night. Captained by **Sharon Marson**, they are playing out of San Mateo High School due to construction.

Congratulations to **Linda Penn & Dennis Huajardo** for winning their divisions in the Cal State Senior Tournament that was held at the PTC over Labor Day weekend. Linda won the Women's 40's Singles and Dennis won the Men's 80's Doubles.

Speaking of **Dennis Huajardo**, he won the 80's Singles Division of the Foothills Mid-Peninsula Senior Championship in Palo Alto. He beat the #4, then #2, then the #1 seed to gain the trophy. By the way, he also won the 80's Doubles Division with his partner Robert Johnson. Way to go Dennis!

Congratulations to **Ken Post & Garrett Smith** for winning Men's Doubles Division for the BCE Tennis Tournament on Labor Day. Garrett continued the winning tradition by teaming up with his wife Jenny to capture the Mixed Doubles Division. Finally, **Marissa Hauselt & Joan Renson** outlasted the field and won the Women's Doubles Division. All in all, a pretty good day for the PTC. As a side note, **Don Clark**, one of our applicants on the PTC waiting list, was the organizer of this fundraising event for Burlingame Schools. I think I see a future Tennis Committee volunteer.

**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. We look forward to a good turnout. Please contact Linda at lp10sne1@aol.com with any questions.

Congratulations to **Scott With** for correctly guessing our mystery child in last month's Who Can It Be Now. Scott's name was drawn out of the handful of members who correctly guessed that the photo was a very young **Mark Strem** (he probably could have taken half the club even at that age!) However, the correct answer wasn't a slam dunk as members incorrectly guessed **Steve Brooks, Jim Fregosi** and **Steve Balchios**.

## Club Anniversaries for October (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

<b>Steve Merchant</b>	25 years
<b>George Thomas</b>	20 years
<b>Mark Showen</b>	15 years
<b>Pat Belding</b>	5 years
<b>John Saidy</b>	5 years

## Social Events News

Please save Saturday December 8th for our annual Holiday Party.

## Director of Tennis News

Hi members!! I am on vacation in Europe but the Drop Shot never stops running, right? By the time you will be reading this, I will have spent time in London playing on the grass courts at Roehampton Club. Following that, I will be sunning on the Adriatic coast of Croatia in Dubrovnik where I will hit the red clay courts with my wife Gabi and some local friends. Good Tennis, Good Times!



Riaz Shivji

Anyway, enough about my vacation, here is club tennis news... Congratulations to **Barb Fallon** and **Susan Lynch** for making the Sectionals in Carmel with their ladies 4.5 team. They fell just short of going to Nationals but gave it all they had. Good Luck to **Lee Safran** as her 5.0 team is heading to Nationals at Indian Wells. Lee plays singles and is pumped about trading shots with the best women in the nation. We have worked out a few times and she is ready to rock! Good Luck Lee!!

Our Women's Day League team started the new season with a win over the Crush. Well done team – It's a great start to the season. Welcome new team members, **Eileen Lewis, Teri Gregory**, and **Kate Belding**. Looking forward to a great season ahead!

While we are under construction we still have some valuable member services coming out of the Tennis Office. Racket restringing is available at a reduced cost to all members. We have Gamma TNT and Gamma synthetic gut along with Luxilon Big Banger for all you hard hitters out there. I would recommend Gamma TNT for most members as this is a much softer, very playable string than Big Banger which is popular on the ATP and WTA Tours. We also order K-swiss tennis shoes at a serious discount for members. K-swiss is a proud sponsor of many of our club tournaments and events as they provide prizes and

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gifts to our club. Thanks for supporting our club services and sponsors.

Thank you to all PTC members that participated in the BCE Swing for Schools Tennis Tournament over Labor Day. Last year the event raised almost \$1000. This year the total was almost \$7000!

Congratulations to our winning members already mentioned under Club News. RS Academy was proud to be a US Open level sponsor along with Gryphon Investments, Access Uniforms, Sapore Italiano, and Allstar Awards.

## Junior Tennis Program

\* Jr. Academy is running every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 pm starting on September 18th. This series runs for 12 weeks.

\* Academy is at Laguna Park in Burlingame every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30-5:30 pm. Starting in late October it will run here at PTC on two courts on the same days.

\* Star Program may start in November.

**Chris Batchelor** is playing Junior College tennis at Sierra College near Sacramento. Chris has got his head around the game now and is working hard at improving his level of play. He started this thing late and is making up for lost time. We have spent many hours together on and off the court and I'm happy to see him focus on school and tennis.

The Junior College Merit Award this year went to two very deserving BHS seniors that will be attending college starting late September. **Kamron Farman Farmaian** and **Kris Cheng** have put many hours of volunteer work and effort in helping our Junior Program and being positive role models for our youngsters here at PTC. They are smart, hard working, helpful, and have grown and matured right here at our club. Kamron will be attending UC San Diego while Kris is closer to home at Stanford. Congratulations Kris and Kamron, I am proud to award you the Junior College Merit Award for 2007. I look forward to seeing you both here at PTC on your breaks from school. Good Luck! That's all from me folks. See you in October!

Zdravo! (Cheerio)

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