



# The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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## October 2008

### President's Update



Stuart Batchelor

It has been approximately five months now that we have had our Club back in full operation. While most has gone as hoped, we have experienced a few hiccups. If you see something array, please bring it to Lona's attention and she will work to have it corrected.

The Club completed work on our new fitness facility in September. We added an additional elliptical cross-trainer and an additional recumbent bike to our facility. There is also a new HDTV in the room as well. Lastly, the new room also provided space for stretching and floor work. The feedback has been very positive from our regular users. Come check it out for yourself.

In a couple of weeks we will begin the final phase of our expanded CIP with the work on the back courts. *For approximately three weeks, the back courts will be unavailable.* The remaining fence that

### Upcoming Events

#### Mixed Doubles Championship

November 8-9

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#### Quarterly Membership Meeting

November 18

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was not previously worked on will be replaced, along with re-coloring the courts. The back courts will match our front courts when completed. During the time the back courts are unavailable, we will need to move all of our regular activities (e.g. member play, league play, lessons, etc.) to the front three courts. We ask for your patience and considerations of others until we get back to "normal."

Lastly, a **BIG** thank you to all involved and all who attended our Club's 75th Anniversary Gala. We had approximately 130 members attend the celebration. It was great to hear **Erik van Dillen and Dyle Anderson** tell their stories and for old and new friends to share in them. Here's to the next 75 years!

**Please see the Editor's Note concerning upcoming Drop Shot distribution change.**

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## Editor's Note

Starting with this October issue, there will be a change with the distribution of the Drop Shot. Future editions of the Drop Shot will now be printed quarterly and mailed to members along with their invoices. A shorter, one or two page newsletter detailing upcoming events, changes & general announcements will continue to be emailed during the "off-months." Both versions will continue to be available on the PTC website monthly.



Jeff Tateosian

Since the Drop Shot has been sent by e-mail versus mail, readership has dropped. This is evident by the number of members who said they found out late or altogether missed sign-ups for various club tournaments and functions. When asked why if they read the newsletter where the information was published, most responded that they didn't. Reasons vary, but the reasons most given are that they simply procrastinate and never get back to it on the computer, are too long to read by email, or say they don't receive it. More important than missed events, we are concerned that important general announcements are not fully being received.

**Dennis Mayer (PTC's webmaster) backs this up as he has data that shows** the number of Drop Shot emails not opened by members. The 75th Anniversary Drop Shot edition that was sent to all members was extremely well received – and well read. The Board agrees that it would be nice to be able to send all monthly editions by mail, but also agrees that the cost would be prohibitive. When proposed that the Drop Shot be printed and accompany the quarterly invoice mailing, the incremental cost

was unanimously agreed to by the Board.

**One final note on the 75th Anniversary Drop Shot**, I would like to thank long-time PTC member and photographer **Henry Guilmette** for allowing us to use so many of his club photos from the years past. Most of the photos were from his large collection. The club salutes you Hank.

## Manager's Corner



Lona Means

It's been 30 days since our new manager **Lona Means** has been on the job and the results are in... members are unanimous in their support for her. If you have had the opportunity to sit down with Lona, you'll understand why. She's always accommodating, very personable and always has a smile on her face. Born in Vancouver, Canada, Lona's family moved to the South Bay when she was four. "Growing up in Campbell was very rewarding. It was a very clean city, just like in Vancouver, and there was a very close sense of community" says Lona. She began her career in the restaurant and catering industry in the early 1990's while attending college. After working at the popular Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino for three years, Lona became the general manager. This is also where she met her future husband Gary, who was the general manager before her (talk about passing the bread sticks).

Today Lona & Gary live in the hills of San Carlos with one of her two sons and two dogs (golden retriever and beagle). Gary is a history and guitar teacher at Ralston Middle School in Belmont. He is a member

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of the San Carlos Tennis Club and loves to play singles. Her youngest is a senior at Carlmont High School and is looking forward to going off to college next year. The oldest son is finishing his firefighter/paramedic training and is currently interning at Kaiser Hospital.

Lona herself plays a little tennis, but fitness is her priority. She gives thumbs up for the PTC's new exercise room (I'm not sure she saw the old one), but don't expect to see her breaking a sweat on the equipment. She was a founding member of the Pacific Athletic Club where she still trains 4-5 days a week. She has a passion for exercising and really enjoys the club environment.

When asked about her taking the manager's position at our club, she replied, "becoming the manager of the Peninsula Tennis Club is an honor for me. My experience running a restaurant and my love of fitness has led me to this ideal position." It has been an active first month for her as summer was coming to a close and preparation for the 75th Anniversary Celebration week. She said that the best part of the job so far was being able to meet so many of the long-time members who were around the club for the Anniversary. She looks forward to meeting everyone else and working with the staff to create the best club experience for our members and guests.

Lona can be reached by email at [manager@ptctennis.com](mailto:manager@ptctennis.com) or by phone at 650-347-1439. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself to her if you haven't already. She has been a tremendous addition to the club and we look forward to seeing her even more involved as she takes on new responsibilities. Welcome, Lona.

## Tennis Activities News



Becky Showen

**The September 13th Gala Team Tennis Tournament proved to be wildly successful and fun.** Both the Men's and the Women's sides were "sold out" with a wait list for each. I hope that some of you who didn't participate were able to come down and watch the final playoff round where **Chris Mangar's** Team Peridot (the theme was "Anniversary Gemstone Bling") faced off against **Jane Percy's** Team Onyx. Team Peridot (**Chris Mangar, Captain, Jim Friedman, Alan Klein, Mario Alioto, Lisa Rosenthal and Maggie Blumberg**) took home first place and the coveted PTC blanket prizes. Team Onyx (**Jane Percy, Captain, David Marcus, Stuart Batchelor, Melissa Smith and Kay Coskey**) came in a close second. Thanks to everyone who participated.

**The final Tennis Committee event of the year is the Mixed Doubles Championship** which will be held the weekend of November 8th and 9th. The sign-up sheet will be posted by mid October. Here are the details: it is a two day tournament (please be sure you are available to play both days before signing up) with both a main draw and a consolation round; there will be two flights: 7.0 and below and 7.5 and above (we will check ratings so please enter in the correct category); sign up with a mixed doubles partner; come prepared to play hard for the bragging rights that will go to the victors. If you have any questions or need clarification, please call or email **Becky Showen** ([theshowens@comcast.net](mailto:theshowens@comcast.net) or 348-8446). See you on the courts!

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## Membership News

### Comings & goings...

Please help us welcome our newest member/family.

Doug & Debbie Heffernan.

Doug is a 3.0 player and always looking for a good game. He is the Director of Business Development for JSI Shipping and is the co-President of McKinley School's Dads Club along with current PTC member **Scott With**. He and his wife Debbie have three kids; Samantha (11), Maxwell (9) and Olivia (7). Welcome Doug & Debbie.



BBQ dinner to help put us in the proper frame of mind (although the beverages might have had something to do with that). Five hours later, the veteran team of **Dick Hesselink and Rudi Giannini** beat **Maris and Doug Detata** in the championship game. A great time was had by all.

**On Friday, the men went at it in a high-stakes Poker Tournament.** The action was furious with two of the top four seeds going out earlier than expected. At the end of the tournament, Mutt (**John Stone**) and Jeff (**Jeff Tateosian**) were the last ones at the final table holding chips. Time expired and John became our champion. The winners of all three tournaments will have their names engraved on the newly purchased championship plaques that will be displayed in the clubhouse.

## Club News

We have had three families submit their applications during September.

They are:

- Liz & Cristos Goodrow

**Brian Wachhorst/Tom Shea**

- Rick & Carole Soss

**Glenn Mendelson/Gary Goodman**

- Todd Friedman

**Jeff Tateosian/Brian Wachhorst**

The Gala Week Celebration for our 75th Anniversary was a tremendous success. We ran five events within a four day period. Our initial event was the first-ever Backgammon Tournament. Long-time member **Bob Meyer** was crowned champion with **Alan Klein** finishing a close second.

The next night we saw the return of the Gin Rummy Tournament. **Steve Brooks and Maris Laipenieks** put on a wonderful

**Congratulations to all of our Gala Week Champions** and a big thank you to everyone who participated in each of our events.

### Club Anniversaries for October (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

<b>Steve &amp; Pam Merchant</b>	<b>30 Years</b>
<b>Teri Gregory</b>	<b>5 Years</b>
<b>Troy &amp; Tracy Otus</b>	<b>5 Years</b>

The Yoga series is in its second week of the fall session. If anyone wants to join in, please drop by the clubhouse on Thursday nights.

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## Social Events News



*Nancy Batchelor*

**Wow! The 75th Anniversary Gala was a very special night.** The warm evening was perfect for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the patio as many of our long standing members shared their experiences over the years with

everyone. A BHS jazz quintet kept the cocktail hour lively and we thank this talented group for their music. The clubroom was beautiful, creating a wonderful setting for members new and old to mingle and share their common love for the PTC. Fun dancing capped off the Gala celebration. This event was long in the making and took a dedicated group to make a reality. Firstly, thank you **Jeffrey Tateosian** for your dedication and leadership. You took the helm and kept us on track over the months! We are grateful. Thanks also to **Bob Sinclair, Dennis Mayer, and Rob Delantoni** who contributed to the success of the celebration week in so many ways. The Gala evening was the crowning event due to the leadership of **Lynn Currie and Heather Sinclair**. It was beautiful. Here's to another 75 years of the PTC!

Watch for details soon of the Holiday celebration scheduled for December 13th.

## House & Grounds News



*Rob Delantoni*

Many members have been asking about how long the club planned on heating the pool during the off-season. I am looking into the costs of keeping it heated and will let everyone know soon.

**The issue of leaves on courts 1-3 has been addressed,** but please let me know if it continues to be a problem or a hazard. The club gets better looking every day!

## Director of Tennis News



*Riaz Shivji* USPTA

Riaz is on vacation and will return later this month.

## October 2008 Court Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b><u>28</u></b></p> <p>1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC 7.5 Women's Combo</a></p> <p>1 PM - 4 PM <a href="#">Membership Meet &amp; Greet</a></p> <p>3 PM - 5 PM <a href="#">PTC Men's 3.0</a></p>	<p><b><u>29</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>30</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>October 1</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Star Tennis</a></p> <p>5:45 PM - 7:45 PM <a href="#">PTC Senior Women's 4.0 Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>2</u></b></p> <p>7:15 PM - 8:30 PM <a href="#">Yoga</a></p>	<p><b><u>3</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>4</u></b></p> <p>1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC Men's 4.0</a></p> <p>3 PM - 5 PM <a href="#">PTC Senior Women's 3.5 Tennis</a></p>
<p><b><u>5</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>6</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>7</u></b></p> <p>7 PM - 8:30 PM <a href="#">Tennis Committee Meeting</a></p>	<p><b><u>8</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Star Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>9</u></b></p> <p>7:15 PM - 8:30 PM <a href="#">Yoga</a></p>	<p><b><u>10</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>11</u></b></p> <p>1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC Senior Women's 3.5 Tennis</a></p> <p>3 PM - 5 PM <a href="#">PTC Senior Men's 4.0</a></p>
<p><b><u>12</u></b></p> <p>1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC Senior Women's 4.0 Tennis</a></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">PTC 7.5 Women's Combo</a></p>	<p><b><u>13</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>14</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>15</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Star Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>16</u></b></p> <p>7:15 PM - 8:30 PM <a href="#">Yoga</a></p>	<p><b><u>17</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>18</u></b></p> <p>1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC 7.5 Women's Combo</a></p>
<p><b><u>19</u></b></p> <p>1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC Men's 3.0</a></p>	<p><b><u>20</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>21</u></b></p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM <a href="#">Board Meeting</a></p>	<p><b><u>22</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Star Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>23</u></b></p> <p>7:15 PM - 8:30 PM <a href="#">Yoga</a></p>	<p><b><u>24</u></b></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">Jr. Academy Tennis</a></p>	<p><b><u>25</u></b></p> <p>1 PM - 3 PM <a href="#">PTC Men's 4.0</a></p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM <a href="#">PTC Senior Women's 3.5 Tennis</a></p>
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