

## October 2009

### President's Message



*Rob Delantoni*

Our club continues to improve every month.

The fitness room sports two new art paintings (compliments of **Ed Brown**, our resident artist) and a new Nautilus Universal Gym. Thank you to **Stuart Batchelor, Dennis Mayer and Jerry Ceglia** for making it all happen. In the Junior room, check out the great wainscotting job. Thanks again to **Stuart** and his team of volunteers, including Ramon. Finally, see the new TV for the kids, the new (to us) futon (donated by **Kelly Kemp**) and Foolsball game (donated by friends of **Stuart**).

Our next quarterly membership meeting will be held on **November 17th at 6:30 PM**. Come on down and meet the Board, get a "State of the PTC" report, and tell the Board what you think of the club. This is the fourth and last time this year the membership will have the opportunity to address the whole Board and other members in a group setting. We often get good suggestions and constructive criticisms that help us make the club a better place to be.

Finally, your trivia question of the month: Who was the only woman threatened with

### Upcoming Events

**Club Poker Tournament  
 October 23rd**

**Woman's Doubles Tournament  
 October 24th & 25th**

**Quarterly Membership Meeting  
 November 17th**

**Annual Holiday Party  
 December 12th**

expulsion from a Wimbledon match for wearing "purple squiggles?" Hint - as a Junior, she played tennis tournaments every year at the PTC, but was never a member. The answer, and her picture at the PTC, will appear on the wall in the Junior room in October.

### Editor's Note



*Jeff Tateosian*

As the summer tournaments and activities have passed, the fall brings my favorite time of the year - the annual card tournaments. The Club Gin Tournament was held a couple of weeks ago with last year's champions **Dick Hesselink** and **Rudy Giannini** hanging on to win their second Doubles Championship in two years.

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The tournament young guns **Stuart Batchelor and Jeff Tateosian** edged out the veteran team of **Torry Bryant and John Stone** for second place. **Maris Laipeniaks** treated all of the players to a fabulous steak dinner prior to the tournament. It was a talented field of players and we hope to have others join us next year.

**Due to a scheduling conflict, the Annual Club Hold'em Poker Tournament** scheduled for next week has been switched to **Friday October 23rd**. The four hour tournament will start at 6:00 PM for dinner. The entry fee is \$40. Be sure to sign up in the clubhouse. We look forward to having a full field of 27 players. Please contact Jeff at [jeff@ptctennis.com](mailto:jeff@ptctennis.com) if you have any questions.

**On a fun note, history was made last week** when the unthinkable happened. After nearly five years of continually being reminded that his wife wears the pants on the tennis courts, **Christian Reilly** finally beat his wife **Erica** in singles. According to stunned onlookers, the 6-2, 6-2 win wasn't as close as the score indicates. His record with Erica now stands at an impressive 1-79 - way to go Christian!

### Manager's Corner



Lona Means

It's impossible to believe that I've passed my year anniversary here at the Peninsula Tennis Club. I have been so fortunate to have made so many new friends and look forward to many new adventures at PTC in the future.

As summer is quickly winding down, the staff is making every effort to provide the best service and environment that is safe

and fun for everyone. Your attention to a few guidelines will help to ensure everyone has a great time here.

- \* For health and safety reasons, children under the age of seven are not permitted in the spa at any time.
- \* Please remember to closely supervise your children, as it is very important to our membership to maintain a relaxing environment.
- \* Please adhere to our cell phone policy; there shall be no cell phone usage on Courts 1-3 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 to both players and spectators. Please set your cell phone to a non-ringing status prior to entering the club.

Finally, I hope you will join me in thanking the Board of Directors in their tireless efforts in making the fitness room and Junior rooms such fabulous places for our members to enjoy.

### Club News

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

<b>Bill &amp; Joan Palmer</b>	15 Years
<b>Rob &amp; Dian Delantoni</b>	5 Years

**Sad news to report.** **Ted Davis**, a member at the club since 1960, passed away recently. He is survived by his wife **Ruth**. Ted was a no-nonsense guy who was known as the "keeper" of the By-Laws. He made sure the Board of Directors consistently followed the rules without any variance set forth by our original members. Ted held many impressive positions during his career. He

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was a naval pilot in the Marine Corp, attorney, worked for the FBI, and finally, headed up the local auto dealership association.

**Jack Biederman**, another long-time former member passed away during within the past few weeks. Our sympathy goes out to both families.

### Tennis Activities News

#### The Women's Doubles

**Tournament** is scheduled for October 24 & 25th. The sign-up sheet is posted in the clubhouse. We will have two flights - 7.0 and below & 8.0 and above. Grab a partner and support the long running tradition of the van Dillen Doubles Tournament.



*Kelly Kemp*

#### Unfortunately, the Mixed Doubles

**Tournament** was canceled due to limited sign-ups. There were conflicts with USTA league matches, kids soccer matches and home games for the Stanford & Cal football teams. We look forward to putting on this popular tournament on again next year.

**Sunny skies greeted the 18 teams who participated in the Ladies Member/Guest Round-Robin** held on Friday, September 25th. There were lively rallies, spirited competition and great camaraderie demonstrated on all courts. Thank you to the following members who made this event possible and successful; **Steve Brooks, Marci Martinucci, Mark Pearcy, Joni Amaroli, Heidi Carey, Marissa Wachhorst and Kim Cresci**. Thank you as well to all the participants for coming out and making this a great club event. A special thank you goes to **Riaz** for his aid with forming the draws and to **Lona** for her hospitality. Ladies, we'll see you next year! (submitted by

**Jennifer Desler**) Thank you **Jen** for putting together this fabulous event.

### House & Grounds News

**Getting fit at the PTC.** The Club acquired a new Nautilus Universal Gym and rearranged all the equipment in the exercise room over the past couple of weeks. The Board had approved buying a new Nautilus Gym and with the shrewd eye of Board Member **Becky Showen**, we were able to acquire a two-year old model on Craigslist at approximately 30% of the cost. At that point, members **Dennis Mayer, Jerry Ceglia**, and myself got our exercise by disassembling the unit, transporting the parts to the PTC, and then reassembling it. We finished our workout by rearranging all the equipment to get the maximum utilization from the space. We hope that everyone will get good use out of the new Nautilus and the exercise room in the months to come.



*Stuart Batchelor*

**Back in business.** The PTC Spa was out of service for approximately a month due to a stubborn leak. Just when we thought we had found and corrected one problem, the spa continued to lose water. After multiple inspections, we noticed that the tile grout had worn very thin and our pool contractor agreed to replace all the grout in the spa. Once this was done, so was the leak. The spa is again heated and back in full operation.

#### Polar Bear Club now forming at the PTC.

Just a reminder that the pool is no longer being heated as of the first of the month. While we don't expect any ice to form, the pool is maintained all year long as far as keeping the water clean and usable if you're willing to take a cool dip.

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**Court #1 had some maintenance work done** to remove some “bubbles” from the surface. The bubbles were caused by excess oil mixing with the asphalt, which did not allow the asphalt to set up as expected. The affected areas were cleaned out and a synthetic patching material was used to fill the void. The new paint should fade quickly and the patched area will soon blend in with the rest of the court surface.

### Membership News

Please help us welcome two new member families into the club:

**Arron & Eniamor Saludo** sponsored by **Gary Goodman**, seconded by **Anthony Paz**.



Becky Showen

Aaron has grown up with a racquet in his hand and brings a nice 4.5+ game to the club. He is a Business Analyst from Salesforce.com where he has been for the last five years. His wife **Eniamor** is a full-time mom with their two-year old daughter Imojinn. Aaron's hobbies include tennis (naturally) and fixing things (I think we have a future House & Grounds Chairman waiting in the wings).

**Shelly Puterman & Shal Jacobovitz** sponsored by **Carey Welsh**, seconded by **Maggie Blumberg**.

Shal is the President of Actelion Pharmaceuticals and Shelley manages their three kids. Jared, their oldest, is attending college in Arizona and Samara & Evan both go to BHS. They lived in Montreal for many years until they got board. After relocating to Toronto, Switzerland, and Costa Rica, they finally found an offer in the Bay Area that they couldn't refuse. Shelly played USTA for PAC before landing at the PTC.

During September, we had two new families submit their application to the club: Kelly & Mark Bradley – **David Andrews** (Sponsor) & **Pat Fallon** (Secunder)

Brian & Jennifer Beswick – **Karen Harrigan** (Sponsor) & **Rob Adams** (Secunder)

### Social Events News



Nancy Batchelor

The air is getting crisp, Fall is finally here and before we know it, the Holidays will be upon us. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12 for the annual PTC Holiday Party. Plans will get underway in November and a sign-up sheet will be posted. The final social event for this Board will be the 8th Annual Super Bowl Chili Cook Off on Sunday, February 7th. A new Board will then take the reins for all activities in 2010. Why don't you consider serving on the social committee next year? When the new Board takes place, the person in charge of Social Activities would love to have a strong committee in place ready to go. Please contact **Dennis Mayer** at [dennis@ptctennis.com](mailto:dennis@ptctennis.com) for more information.

### Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

#### ADULT TENNIS – NEW LESSON OPENINGS IN OCTOBER!

Members, I've managed to carve out some openings in my schedule for new adult member lessons. My methods and coaching system are effective and easy to learn. I love to help members young and old, experienced and novice, to improve,

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become better players and understand the game. More importantly, I want to nurture a love for the game and foster tennis good-will throughout the club.

These lessons will be in a group setting to accommodate more members and below are some of the concepts we will work on together:

- \* Offensive and defensive doubles strategy
- \* Learn how to work with your partner to set up the point and execute winning patterns of play
- \* Choose the right shot at the right time, improve your shot selection options
- \* Learn to use spin to create opportunities
- \* Court position
- \* Match play analysis

All Clinics run for 1 1/2 hours and are ratings based. Available days are Tuesday (10:30 am), Thursday (10:30 am), and Friday (10:30 am). Once I get a list of members interested, I will form the groups based on ability/rating and let you know what day your clinic will be on.

**These clinics will run every other week.**

*Fee Structure:*

- 3 players – \$40
- 4 players – \$30
- 6 players – \$25

I'm really excited to be able to work with you and have fun on the court with more members.

### **JUNIOR TENNIS –**

Star Tennis has started really well and the Green, Blue, and Red Star Juniors are learning the RS System from Academy Head Pro Albert Vial and our newest instructor, Palmer Mendelson who learned his craft under Riaz for many years. These Juniors are using the Quickstart and RallyBall Program to help their tennis games improve.

Nineteen RS Academy Juniors played in USTA Tournaments in September which is a great showing for our program. I believe playing in USTA Tournaments help our Juniors understand that their dedication, hard work, and perseverance can pay off long term. I make sure Juniors training in the program understand they are responsible and accountable for their actions on and off the court. Our current batch of Junior players are doing an outstanding job of representing PTC and RS Academy.

Congratulations and well done to all the Juniors that played this month.

### **Lafayette –**

Gordon Barrows  
(B14 Novice Winner)  
Brendan Barrows  
(B14 Novice 3rd Place)  
Eric Dennis  
(B12 Open Doubles Finalist,  
B12 Open Singles Semi)

### **Seascape –**

Alex Harrigan  
(Sportsmanship Award winner)  
Stoddy Carey  
Zach Martinucci  
Danny Pantuso  
Nick Yee  
Lyndsey Pantuso  
(G12 Challenger 2nd Place )  
Steven Pantuso  
(B14 Challenger Doubles Winner)  
Robbie Harrigan  
(B10 Challenger 2nd Place)  
Halle Martinucci  
(G10' Challenger 2nd Place)

### **Canada College –**

Austin Carey  
John Desler  
Josh Lin  
Garrett Schubiner

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## Niru Novice –

Zach Wong  
Stoddy Carey

## Courtside Junior Championship

Eric Dennis (B12 Doubles Semi's)

## Split Step Open –

Allan Verkhovski (16's Open Semi's)

## Bay O Vista Novice –

Megan Reilly



## KIDS HALLOWEEN TENNIS PARTY!

**October 30th. 3:30–5:30 pm.**

Open to all Juniors in costume! It will be a fun-filled afternoon of tennis, games, prizes and Halloween festivities! If you are interested in signing up, please contact **Marci** at 347-1440, by Monday October 26th.

## *Riaz Shivji*

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## New Member Families



Rob Kotmel & Maja Nelson



Arron & Eniamor Saludo



Shal Jacobovitz & Shelly Puterman



Ladies Member/Guest Tournament

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Junior Academy	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 11 AM - 12:30 PM Wednesday Women's Drop-In 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Junior Academy	<b>October 1</b>	<b>2</b> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Junior Academy	<b>3</b> 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Mixed Doubles Tournament
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