



# The Drop Shot

Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Tennis Club

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## Words from "the Prez"



As our Capital Improvement Project rapidly makes the transition from demolition to construction, I have to say that so far the "discovery" portion of the job has gone about as expected. Yes, as you read Stuart's CIP message, you will hear about asbestos removal, the Girl's and Boy's shower walls and a few other minor things, but in total our situation is manageable and might easily have been so much worse. We will be very happy to get through the last of the demolition so the main thing we have to worry about is the weather.

It was great to hear that familiar voice out there on the courts this week. Riaz returned safe and sound from his vacation and has begun his fall programs. We will monitor the court activity and make any adjustments on a monthly basis. Thank you all for your patience and understanding with court and lesson availability.

It is November, and with that comes our Quarterly Membership meeting on Tuesday, November 20th. The feature of this meeting is to vote and confirm the three member candidates to serve new two-year terms on your Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is hard at work narrowing down their list of potential members

## Upcoming Events

**QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Tuesday November 20th**

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**PTC Holiday Party**  
**Saturday December 8th**

to arrive at the final three candidates. Please try to attend this meeting as we will also bring you up to date on all the most current happenings with the project.

And of course, Thanksgiving, that special family holiday encourages us to do just that, give thanks. It's also that wonderful day when our kid's are hugged and kissed by relatives who inevitably ask, "How's school going?" or "Any boyfriends yet?"

Have a Great Thanksgiving!

## Editor's Note

The construction project started out with one or two construction workers and maybe one piece of equipment during the first couple of weeks. Now as you can see [www.ptctennis.com/courtcam](http://www.ptctennis.com/courtcam) there are twenty construction workers and three or four pieces of equipment working at it at one time. The full scale demolition is music to my ears. Speaking of music, I must let you in on a little secret. These "manly" construction workers not only take pride in

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their work, but also in their machines. You might be surprised to find out that the most played artist/song at the PTC construction site this month was Country music artist Kenny Chesney singing, "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy." Leave it to those Country artists - if their not singing about their horses, they're singing about their equipment! Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Manager's Corner



Bill Jepsen

Obviously, the club's operation is not "business as usual" these days. Your patience and understanding is vital as we navigate through the long, messy and complicated CIP. Please use your best judgment when at the club. Please be cordial to and considerate of your fellow members. And please remember appropriate club and tennis etiquette. We will get through this construction period soon enough and return to our "full-service" club shortly.

**The PTC is a small, private, member-owned tennis club with a very small staff.** The club can only succeed and service the membership with the help of volunteers. Our seven Board of Directors take on three new members every year. Our various committees always need new and committed members to lend their time. There's a small, core group of dedicated PTC members who help out regularly and do much for the club --- social, tennis, membership, etc. But we need more members to step-up and help out. Every little thing accomplished by way of volunteer support means that much less of a need to open a discussion between myself and the Board on the topic of additional new, staff. Please let me or a Board Member or a committee member know if you are able and willing to serve. After all, it's your club.

**I'd like to give a big personal "thank you" to the PTC Membership.** It's hard to believe I have entered my 3rd year here. I'm happy to be your club manag-

er. It's a good fit for me and I enjoy running your club. It seems like only yesterday when I was interviewed in June 2005, just a couple months after Pam Stroud decided to take the Alpine Hills job. I have good memories of the early days --- Steve Brooks training me to write checks and prepare bank deposits or making a Safeway run. I've come a long way since then, and I look forward to continuing to meet the needs of the members of PTC as we close-out 2007 and enter 2008.

## CIP News

**If a picture is worth a thousand words, then please see the photos in the Drop Shot.** Remember to check out the court cam on our website at [www.ptctennis.com/courtcam](http://www.ptctennis.com/courtcam) to see what is happening on a daily basis.

**As of the end of October, we have completed the majority of our demolition work.** The concrete from the pools and the decking were carted off to another construction site in Redwood City where the concrete has already been recycled into a new project. Excavation work was started and then temporarily impacted by the rain we had in early October. While compacting the soil, it was determined that we needed to import soil so we could obtain the needed compaction required around the pool area. Approximately 400 cubic yards of soil were brought in. We will most likely need to bring in additional soil as we begin the fine grading work.

As we approach the end of the month, the new pool is beginning to take shape. As it gets compacted and then dug out, the dirt is then used to fill the old cold pool. At the same time new storm drains are being installed around the site.

**Work is also progressing in areas you can't see.** The women's and boy's locker rooms and the new mechanical room were sealed off for an entire week to permit our asbestos abatement sub-contractor to eliminate asbestos. We have also removed the concrete floor in the mechanical room only to find a concrete walkway underneath. **Torry Bryant** told us

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this was an old walkway prior to being the mechanical room. This portion of the structure was simply built on top of the walkway. This is yet another example of one of those “unknowns” we knew we would have. We had another discovery in the form of dry rot in the boy's shower area. Much of the underlying wood framing will need to be replaced. Based on this, we decided to check the wood in the walls behind the girl's showers. Similar rotting was found. We've made a decision that the prudent way to proceed is to repair the walls and replace the showers in the girl's locker room as well. This is another unplanned expense that we will be factoring into our budget.

**The two doors leading into the Junior Room** will need to be replaced as they are made from particle-board and are falling apart at the bottom from absorbing water. We will also be replacing both doors into the mechanical room to make them wide enough for the new equipment that will be installed in the room.

**Two weeks ago, we sent out an update to alert you that the Men's locker room** was about to lose its hot water. The hot water storage tank and boiler were disconnected and removed to permit work to proceed in the mechanical room. We are being told that it will be at least until the first of the year before we can have the hot water turned back on. A small 2 gallon hot water heater was installed in the kitchen to permit us to keep it functional.

**In November, Mary will be leaving for a visit to Ireland and will be gone for three weeks.** During this time we expect to be upgrading our fire suppression system in the kitchen. This is work that is completely separate and distinct from our project that is code required. The snack bar will be closed during much of this period. We will reopen it as soon as we can once the work has been completed. Please do not hesitate to contact Bob at [sinclair515@yahoo.com](mailto:sinclair515@yahoo.com) or Stuart at [batchouse@gmail.com](mailto:batchouse@gmail.com) if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the project.

## Membership News

### Comings & goings...

We are sad to see longtime members **Bruce & Gayle Snyder and Ed & Rose Marie Bauer** resign from the club. They will be missed.

Please help us welcome our newest members/families to the club.

<b>Don &amp; Perissa Clark</b>	<b>343-3958</b>
<b>Kathleen Egan/Rodney Ferguson</b>	<b>343-7555</b>
<b>Kim &amp; Rick Cresci</b>	<b>343-2527</b>
<b>Rick &amp; Lisa Deming</b>	<b>343-5480</b>
<b>Joe &amp; Lynn Feeney</b>	<b>344-2325</b>
<b>Janet &amp; Morris Cheston</b>	<b>401-8775</b>
<b>Reynold &amp; Michelle Harbin</b>	<b>931-4652</b>

We have had two families submit their applications during October. They are:

Ford & Cindy Sibley	<b>Karen Harrigan/Tom Shea</b>
Michael Podolsky	<b>Rob Adams/Scott With</b>

## Club News

**For all our members with High School students, or those about to soon,** be sure to pay attention to your ballots as they arrive in the mail. Our very own **Steve Rogers** is running for the San Mateo Union High School District Board. Let's support him in a big way. As a great parent, he'll do an outstanding job for our kids.

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

Congratulations to the following members:

<b>Larry Wilson</b>	<b>30 Years</b>
<b>Karen Monson</b>	<b>15 Years</b>

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## Social Events News

**Greetings from your social directors.** We are so excited to tell you the construction will not pre-empt our annual PTC Holiday Party this year. We are on for an evening of celebration Saturday, December 8th in the clubhouse! Watch your mailbox for an invitation arriving mid-November. Save the date and don't hesitate to RSVP. Seating will be limited. See you on the dance floor! **Bob & Lynn Currie**

## Director of Tennis News

**Just got back from a fantastic vacation in Europe.** I visited Croatia on the Adriatic Coast and spent time with my family in London. Croatia is beautiful and has many recreational facilities. Gabi and I found two great red clay courts overlooking the ocean and slid around on the dirt almost every day. The coastline is breathtaking and Dubrovnik is wonderful to see.



Riaz Shivji

**In London I played tennis at the club where I grew up as a junior, Parsons Green Club.** It is very similar in character to PTC and is in the beginning stages of redevelopment like we were over two years ago. The courts there are synthetic grass, which is a great surface to play on as the bounce of the ball is very even and it gets up around waist high. I played with friends from my junior days and chatted with the old timers about how they used to run me around the court! Good Tennis, Good Times!

**Back here at PTC, we have started lessons** again and my adult clinics are on every morning from 9:00 AM till noon on court 5. The divider nets between the courts will be pulled across as a safety precaution so balls do not roll onto adjacent courts where members are playing. This is a safety issue so we must insist that this be done at all times during clinics and lessons.

**The PTC Women's Day League** (Fightin' Tulip's) team has started their season very well and just had a great win against the Grand Slams. Our girls played hard and won 15-3. Next up are the Challengers on November 9th.

**Ladies if you are interested in a Women's Boot Camp** let me know. This would be in the afternoon during the week. The Men's Boot Camp has been very successful and will continue on Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:30 AM. Call Riaz for the start date (347-1440).

**The 12 week Junior Academy and Academy Program** has started and will run until November 23rd. We will then begin another series through the winter time and into the new year. Juniors are working hard right now to continue the improvement and progress made over this past summer. I am most excited about the new tournament players in our groups as these players just started their competitive play after participating in RS Academy this summer. Fall and winter is the time to knuckle down and hone our core fundamentals along with learning new techniques and placing much emphasis on footwork and conditioning. The kids are committed and will work hard rain or shine!

### RS Academy mission -

To build true love and respect for the game  
Develop positive tennis and life skills  
Build Champions on and off the court

**My good friend Bill Rapp (tournament director) just sent me the line-up for the 2008 SAP Open** in February. Our ballkids team will again be running some of the matches and I will be arranging for members to purchase tickets closer to the tournament date. Below is the line-up:

**2008 SAP Open** featuring top American ANDY RODDICK, fan-favorite JAMES BLAKE, world's #6 FERNANDO GONZALEZ, German #1 TOMMY HAAS, world's #1 doubles team THE BRYAN BROTHERS, fast rising American JOHN ISNER, 2004 singles finalist MARDY FISH & 50 Other World-Class Players!

And finally, a quote from one of my old coaches back in London who now sits at the club bar most of the day and dwells on the last time he beat me when I was fourteen! He used to tell me, "The secret to winning at doubles is to acquire, at all costs, the best possible doubles partner."

Cheers!

Riaz

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