

November 2011

President's Message



Rob Adams

As some of you know, **Tom Brown** recently passed away. One of my favorite stories about Tom was his epic match against another PTC legend, **Erik Van Dillen**. Both these greats were attendees at the 2010 PTC Holiday party....we were amongst greatness that night.

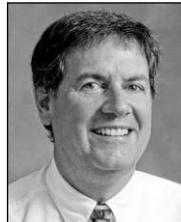
We have lost a number of members during the last year, all important parts of the PTC fabric (**Ed Brown, Bob Ja, Peggy Spurgeon, Bea Brownson, Gordon Murray**). This is all part of the circle of life, but it hurts to lose any fellow member. In Tom's case, many members did not know of his exploits...and Tom was not one to boast! What a proud man, who was still whipping the ball around the court many times over the last year. So take a minute to introduce yourself to fellow members, young and old. We are really one big family. And by the way, you can find much about Tom's tennis history on our wall of fame in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Events

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**Quarterly Membership Meeting
 November 15th**

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**Holiday Open House
 December 10th**

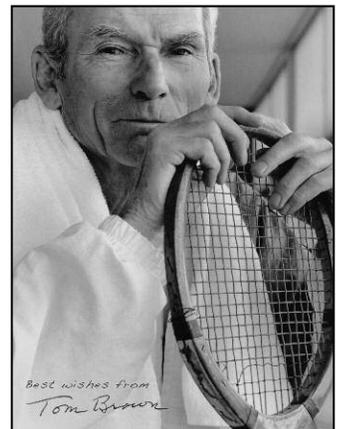
Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Tennis legend **Tom Brown** passed away on Oct. 27 of complications from Alzheimer's disease at the age of 89. He was **Lee Bradford's** soul mate. Prior to 2008, Lee wrote the Drop Shot over a ten year span at the club. My thoughts and prayers go out to both Lee and Tom's family.

Tom was a familiar figure around the PTC, coming down from San Francisco for many years to play in the California State Senior Championships. And for the past seven years, he was here nearly every day with



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Lee (Tyler) Bradford, a dear and longtime friend, feasting on *Mary's* sandwiches. Together they wrote his book, "As Tom Goes By."

His appetite for tennis was whetted at the age of nine by his mother beating him six-love at the Golden Gate Park tennis courts. He showed her, and how! At 11, he won the San Francisco Playground Championships, and was then on his way to titles galore. After serving with the 20th Armored Division in Europe during World War II, he gave himself a couple of years off for tennis pleasure before settling down to law school and earning a living. In 1946, at age 23, he came out of nowhere to win Wimbledon in two events - Men's Doubles (with Jack Kramer), Mixed Doubles (with Louise Brough). He was also finalist that year against Kramer at the National Singles (now part of the US Open), and was named to the first Davis Cup Challenge played after the war in Australia. U.S. won 5-0 to everyone's surprise. But it was as a senior, after retiring from 36 years as a San Francisco lawyer, that Tom really shone. In 1987, he achieved the Singles Grand Slam in the 65 age group -- winning the Hard Court, Grass, Clay, and Indoor. That same year, with Bobby Riggs as a partner, he won the 65 doubles titles for all but the Clay. Six times, the United States Tennis Association named him the #1 singles player in the 65-age group. In 1988-89, the International Tennis Federation named him #1 in the world. He once estimated he'd played 3,750 tournaments in his lifetime. His last major wins were in 1998 -- the National Men's 75 Singles Hard Court and Indoor. He was 76 at the time.

Tom leaves behind a son, Mark, of San Ramon; three daughters, Wendy, a vet in Colorado; Sue, a doctor in San Diego; Sally, an entrepreneur in Cool, CA. He also had six grandchildren; a nephew, Joe Brown, a

writer who lives in Maine; and, of course, Lee. It is for him that our flag has flown at half-mast. He will be greatly missed.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

The USTA has changed the Adult Senior season from the fall to winter and is now scheduled from January 2nd through March 25th with sign-ups in December. To be eligible to play you must be at least 50 years old. Please

contact me if you need captain contact information or have any questions at 650-347-1439, or manager@ptctennis.com.

Once again the fall leaves on the court will drive us crazy! If our maintenance crew is not available please access the light-weight leaf blower available behind the bar.

The swimming pool is now turned off for the season and will be turned back on in May. Please enjoy the spa which is heated year round.

I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Club News

Club Anniversaries for November 5+ yrs
Congratulations to the following members:

Bob & Leslie Reisfeld	25 Years
Brian & Marissa Wachhorst	5 Years
Tom & Maggie Blumberg	5 Years
John & Alice Wilson	5 Years
Paul Nelson & Cathleen Pearson	5 Years
Chris & Carol Palmer	5 Years

Congratulations to Jeff Tateosian for last-ing out the qualify field of players at the

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PTC Annual Hold'em Poker Tournament in mid October. Past champion **John Stone** finished in third, with relative newcomers **Kevin Tierney** (2nd place) & **Peter Stevenson** (4th place) rounding out the final four. **Stuart Batchelor** provided dinner & drinks and a great time was had by all.

Calling all dancers – the winter Ballroom Dancing sessions will begin on Tuesday November 22nd. A new beginners class will go from 6:00 – 7:15 pm, with an intermediate class following. Singles are welcome and the cost is again \$59 per person for the six week session.

The winter Yoga Classes are back with new sessions on Thursdays starting November 3rd. Drop-in's are welcome as well as full session participants. The drop-in classes are \$20 per session and go from 7:15 – 8:45 pm. Please contact Jean at jeanyvesyoga@gmail.com with any questions.

Tennis Activities News



Chris Cooke

I do not have any news about upcoming events because the club organized tennis events are finished for the year. I especially enjoyed serving as the chair of the Tennis Events committee and

want to personally thank everyone who served on the committee with me and helped put on the events. So, on behalf of myself and the Board, thank you to committee members **Julie Buckmaster, Jane Percy, Brian Beswick, Jim Sobel, Brad Craig, Matt Maloney, Teddy Bernardo, and Val March** for your ideas, ordering and getting the food, ordering the prizes, remind-

ing me of the need for decorations and putting them up, notifying players, and the myriad other tasks that have to be done for each event. Every event was great fun and a success, thanks to your efforts. I also want to thank our wonderful club manager, **Lona**, for chipping in when others were not available, and keeping us on budget, and **Marci Martinucci**, who was a frequent last-minute helper; **Dennis Mayer** and **Mark Percy**, for their help with creating and printing the sign-up sheets; and, of course, our great club pro, **Riaz**, who organizes the events, encourages members to participate in them, and continuously comes up with new ideas about events and how to make them competitive, new, and fun.

I also would like to thank the many members who played in the events and provided me, Riaz and others with their ideas about improving the events. Since I joined the board in January, I have gained a new found appreciation for how much people contribute towards our club, making it a great place to play tennis and hang out. Please feel free to tell me what we did right, what we can do to improve the tennis events for next year, and any ideas you may have for events that we should hold next year. See you on the courts.

House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

With November upon us, there is not a lot happening in the H&G world. One big project that was completed in October was the diverting of roof rain water that used to end up on court #4. This court would stay wet and unplayable, while the other courts would dry and be playable. Our resident plumbing professional, **Phil Zlatunich**, met with me and I explained to

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him what I needed to have done. Thankfully he didn't listen to my idea. He designed, fabricated and installed a scupper to catch the roof drainage and diverted the water through a smaller downspout system that went between the fence and the block wall to an outside drain. I want to give him a big thank you for installing this drainage system. **Jose** will also be pressure washing the green wind screens around the courts as we do periodically.

A few reminders: please turn off all lights & lock all doors when leaving club; put back sponge rollers and squeegees to the east side of the court fences when used on wet days. Thank you!

Membership News



Dave Marcus

I am pleased to introduce two new members to the club. **Whitney & Denis Murphy** met in Boston at a club and said that it was love at first sight. They moved to Burlingame 12 years ago. Denis is Sales Vice President for Riverbed Technology. Whitney is a housewife, managing their two boys. **Devin** (97') is a freshman at Saint Ignatius and **Finbarr** (99') is a 7th grader at BIS. Both boys are quite active in local sports. The family enjoys camping, skiing, travel, "date night" at the Sharks, and of course, tennis. Whitney is currently playing on the Combo 6.5 team at the PTC.

Our second new member is Matt & Carolyn Dowling. Their background and photo will appear in the December Drop Shot.

Social Events News



Karen Harrigan

The Halloween party was a Monster Smash! Over 40 people came dressed in costume and a great time was had by all. Kudos to **Gordon & Linda Nagare** and **Ken & Val March** for the most notable costumes! Gordon's taco truck was not the easiest to dance in but he gave it a good go! Thanks to **Riaz** for getting the Halloween party buzz going and to the social committee for the ghoulish decor.

Now onto the next social event...the annual Holiday Open House will take place on Saturday, December 10th starting at 6:00 pm. Celebrate this Holiday season with your fellow members at the potluck Open House. Pianist, Larry O'leno, will once again be featured at the piano bar playing both holiday favorites as well as classic standards throughout the evening.

Everyone should bring their favorite dish or nibble for the potluck buffet to share for 8-10 people. Beverages will be provided. There is no charge for this event and we hope to see everyone there (adults only please). A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubroom and RSVP's would be appreciated by December 7th so we can plan accordingly.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

Congratulations to members **Dave Barrows** and **Susan Lynch** for placing at USTA League Nationals. Dave was playing for the Olympic Club

4.5 team at Mission Hills CC in Rancho Mirage. Here is a recap from Dave. "It was a great venue for the event (despite 105 degree temperature) with 16 men's and women's teams competing. It was a wonderful year for our team with good friends that ended with a successful but bittersweet finish results at Nationals. Despite one of our best players disqualified before Nationals, our team competed well. On day one, we beat Northern and Caribbean sections placing us in the deciding match with Florida to qualify for the semi-finals. We won the first set of all their matches, with my partner and me winning our match. Unfortunately we lost one of the other matches due to an injury in the 2nd set and lost the deciding match after serving for it 5-4 in the second set, match point at 5-6 and up 6-5 in 3rd set super tiebreaker. It was a great time and we look forward to going back in two years.

Susan Lynch plays on the Stanford 4.5

team and they were in Tucson, Arizona against teams from Florida, Utah and Minnesota. Just in from Susan..., "All of us except Minnesota had two victories, so it came down to a set count between us and Florida. We won by three sets. We also advanced from Districts and Sectionals this way! Words of wisdom from the season are if you're going to lose a match, do it in a tiebreaker third set because these sets gave us the advantage to advance out of our round robin at Nationals and competitions

leading up to the Nationals. We played Atlanta in the semis and Texas in the finals. My match was the third match clincher in both of these rounds which was great because my partner and I had lost three third set tie break matches coming into Nationals. Redemption!" We can now call Susan a National Champion! In the meantime please take a moment to congratulate both of these members for their outstanding play during a memorable season.

More good news! Our club manager, Lona has advanced to the sectionals in Sacramento with her 7.0 Mixed team! She has had a great season and much success with her partner, husband **Gary!** Good luck and way to go Lona!

Here's another reminder to members (the guys) of our club policy on tennis attire. No sleeveless shirts, cargo shorts or dress shirt you bought on your trip to Maui! Running shoes leave serious marks on our courts that cannot be scrubbed off, plus they do not have the ankle support needed for the twisting and turning your foot has to deal with when playing tennis. That's a sprain or worse waiting to happen! If you want to wear a sleeveless shirt and show your guns...you better have some 6.0 plus game to back it up! Otherwise go curl in the gym!

JUNIOR TENNIS

Over 30 Juniors took part in our annual Halloween Monster Mash on Friday, October 28th. The kids played fun games of Jail and Graveyard and took part in our costume contest which was won by **Tate Nelson** (Harry Potter), **Braden Baleix** (Cowboy), **Alex Oechsle** (Pirate) and **Robby Harrigan** (Vending Machine). Juniors won the brand new Navy RS Academy training shirts as prizes and first grab on candy! Thanks to **Marci, Nancy, Karen, Jennifer B. and Lona**

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for the great decor. Thanks also go to **Gabi** for her terrific photos, **Alex Harrigan** (Eggy) and **Zach Martinucci** (Nooch) for always helping and understanding the true meaning of our giving back to the young-ins philosophy. A great time was had by all!

Speaking of Alex Harrigan, there is a great article on this sophomore who is making waves with her tennis game and positive attitude on and off the courts. Alex is currently on a 14-0 season so far! Congrats Eggy! Here is the link. http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=210494&title=It'sallinHarrigan'shead&eddate=10/12/201101:01:00

ACADEMY NEWS

While I was away on vacation, the Jr. Academy group played two rounds of challenge matches. The matches played by Jr. Academy members are used to establish the Jr. Academy rankings. The players receive one point for playing a match, and one point for winning a match. There were singles, doubles and team singles matches played with points being earned for all!

CHALLENGE MATCH RESULTS:

Jr. Academy 1

October 14

Zach/Matt def Nick/Will 6-0,6-2

Camillo def Andrew/Aislinn 8-2

October 24

Matt def Reed/Will 8-2

Nick/Andrew def Camillo/Aislinn 7-5, 6-0

Jr. Academy 2

October 17

Ethan def Bjorn 8-1

Christopher def Halle/Marie 8-6

October 24:

Christopher def Halle/Bjorn 8-2

Ethan def Bobby 6-3, 6-4

Jr. Academy 3

October 18

Maddie/Saskia def Alex O. 8-1

Maddie def Saskia/Alex O. 8-1

Connor/Darren def Owen/Alex H. 6-2, 2-6, 1-0 (10)

October 25

Connor def Kathryn/Maddie 8-4

Darren/Alex O. v Owen/Saskia 7-5, 4-6

CHALLENGE LADDER RANKINGS

Jr. Academy 1

	Points	Matches
Matt Miller	4	2
Nick Yee	3	2
Camillo Saueressig	3	2
Andrew Olsen	3	2
Zach Martinucci	2	1
Aislinn Oka	2	2
Reed Smith	1	1

Jr. Academy 2

Ethan Smith	4	2
Christopher Hu	4	2
Halle Martinucci	2	2
Bjorn Antell	2	2
Marie Blukher	1	1
Bobby Goldie	1	1
Robby Harrigan	0	0
Aida Lowe	0	0

Jr. Academy 3

Maddie Wachhorst	5	3
Connor Clark	4	2
Saskia Rohde	4	3
Darren Jian	3	2
Alex Oechsle	3	3
Owen Dillon	2	2
Kathryn Wilson	1	1
Alex Hsu	1	1

The RS Tennis Academy Fall Program will be ending in November and December. The following are the end dates that are scheduled for each group:

Jr. Academy 2 – November 21

Jr. Academy 3 – November 15

QS/10U/STAR – November 9

Jr. Academy 1 – Dec 2nd

We will start the Winter Tennis Program after the first of the year. Please look for dates and schedules to be posted on the website soon!

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Win with Spin!

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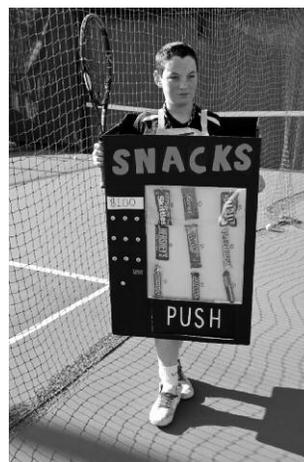
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New Members
Whitney & Denis Murphy
Devin & Finnbar



Junior Halloween Bash



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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Nov 2011 (Pacific Time)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 pm - 6.5 Combo						1 pm - 8.5 Combo	
2:30pm - 7.5 Combo					12pm - Briage	2:30pm - 6.5 Combo	
1 pm - 7.5 Combo		6:30pm - Quarterlv	9am - SFPTL Team			9am - Pro Court #3	
1 pm - 8.5 Combo							
			9am - SFPTL Senior				