

The Drop Shot

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President's Message



Chris Cooke

Right now, probably the last thing on your minds is having another election after we get past this year's Presidential election. But, we have another one for you in case you did not get your fix. At this month's Quarterly Membership Meeting, we will be selecting three new people to serve on the Club's Board of Directors. The nominees for directors are *Ken March, Jim Sobel and Jennifer Ellison*. If you cannot attend this meeting in person, please send in your proxy to indicate your votes on the nominees. Just in case you are wondering, yes, my vote can be bought and for a low price.

In other news, after receiving your feedback on the Cal State Senior's Tournament, the Board voted to keep it for next year, provided it will end before Friday, August 30 – Labor Day weekend. The consensus is that these types of tournaments are less popular than they once were, and this may be the last year that we host the tournament, unless more members participate. We would like to give the tournament at least one more year and hopefully increase its visibility among our members and increase the participation in the event. It is hoped that by ending the tournament before the Labor Day weekend, the tournament will be less disruptive to club members who would like to use the

Upcoming Events

Quarterly Membership Meeting (All members encouraged to attend) Tuesday, November 20th 6:30 pm

PTC Holiday Potluck Saturday, December 15th 6:00 pm

Club over the holiday weekend. Now, we shall see if the USTA agrees to this change. We will keep you posted.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Congratulations to *Brian Kott*, a member of the club for only two months, for winning the 5th Annual Club Hold'em Poker Tournament. Brian played under control throughout the night and edged out *Adam Klein* (*Alan &*

Susie's son) for the title. **Cory Ravid** and **Peter Stevenson** also finished in the money, coming in third & fourth respectively. The night was full of laughter and a great time was had by the

three full tables of players. (Editor's note: This was no way for Brian to treat his sponsor, as I lost all my chips to his untimely pair of Ace's. The good news is at least it looks like I found a new player for my neighborhood poker nights).



Manager's Corner



USTA is starting a new adult over 40 league which plays January through March. The format is two doubles and one singles match. Please let me know if you may be interested in captaining a team.

Lona Means

With the windy fall weather coming, get ready for endless leaves on the court. Please access the lightweight leaf blower behind the bar when needed for the midday buildup.

The swimming pool heater is now turned off for the winter and will be turned back on May 1, 2013. Enjoy the spa which is heated year-round.

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

Club News

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

Larry & Morli Wilson	35 Years
Barbara & Paul Chrisman	20 Years
Karen Monson	20 Years

Congratulations to *Alan Klein* and his award-winning horse, **Smiling Tiger**, for coming in 3rd at last weekend's Breeder's Cup.

The Ballroom Dancing classes continues on Tuesday nights, 7:00–8:30 pm. The cost is \$9.00 per class.

Tennis Activities News



Tom Middlemass

Now that 2012 is starting to wind down, in looking back, it has been a great year for PTC tennis events. The club enjoyed the usual mix of team and mixed team tournaments. The Calcutta event this year was particularly spirited. The van Dillen Championships had some extra

luster, polish, and excitement. We saw the reemergence of the Men's Singles Tourney. All of this adds up to a successful year of tennis events and the companion social activities. This success does not come without a lot of hard but rewarding work. There were many folks that helped throughout the year and for this I say, "thanks to all of you for the investment in time and enthusiasm!"

There are however, several people that absolutely need to be identified by name. We all owe a boatload of thanks and gratitude to Lona Means, Mark & Jane Pearcy, Steve Brooks, Jeff Tateosian, Amy Fearn, Nancy Batchelor, and Sabine Middlemass for their substantial contributions. I have saved my loudest round of appreciative applause for Riaz. Thanks Riaz for your energy, creativity, and professionalism in making these events so much fun. Cheers to you and all the volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, if there is anyone interested in getting more involved in the coordination and execution of the club's tennis events for 2013, please let me know now and we will get you involved. Happy Hitting!

House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

Current List of H&G projects:

- Clubhouse Roof Replacement
 December pending weather.
- Fencing repairs Completed.
- New ball machine Early November delivery.
- Hydration station @ court #3 Cost analysis/feasibility study,
- Court re-surfacing #4 thru 7 Budgeted for 2013, proposed July/August 2013 start.
- Clay courts #4 thru 7 feasibility study in progress.
- Clubhouse bar area, big room ceiling/kitchen painting Scheduled for January.
- Flooring replacement (Women and Junior locker rooms) Pricing/Board approval.
- Clubhouse library bookshelves/clubhouse upgrade development phase 2015.
- Video cam upgrade Cost analysis/feasibility study in progress.
- New lights Development phase/committee selection process underway.
- Furniture replacement ADC review/fiscal budgeting for 2014-15.

Membership News



Mike Amaroli

Hello PTC Friends. The weather has been holding up and the PTC has been bustling with new and old members enjoying the Club. After a very busy summer push, membership activities have slowed down a bit. We are talking with some new prospec-

tive members, but please remember to tell your friends the PTC still has a few openings. Enjoy the weather and may everyone serve an ace or two in their next match. Have fun!

Social Events News



Jane Pearcy

it's hard to believe, but the holidays are upon us! The PTC Holiday Potluck will be held Saturday, December 15th at 6:00 pm. Pull out your holiday finery, whip up a delicious dish to share and come down to the club for our most popular event of the

year. Mix with friends in a festive atmosphere filled with music, food and holiday beverages. There is no charge for the party, but please sign up in the clubhouse or with *Lona* at manager@ptctennis.com or (650) 347-1439. We look forward to seeing you there!

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

3.0 Team Clinics PTC Women's 3.0 team continues our Doubles Matchplay course on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in November, from 1:00-2:30

pm. The ladies are busy working together to create a solid team spirit and will be ready to go for the upcoming season. We continue to work on doubles strategy and improving every aspect of their games. Court position, shot selection, improving stroke consistency and movement fundamentals are some of the things that we have been concentrating on. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me for more details. We would love to have you join us and prepare for league season next spring.

Day League Team

The PTC Women's San Francisco Peninsula Tennis League Team has a full roster of 30 members and so far has played three very close matches. The team is doing extremely well with two wins and one very close loss. The SFPTL started in 1980, but before that was called the Bay Area Ladies League (BALL), and our very own *Lisa Roger's* mum played on that original team! There is a long history of committed women practicing, playing and compet-

ing in these highly competitive matches. The team home matches are usually on Wednesday mornings beginning with the first three matches being played at 9:00 am, and the second round of matches starting at approximately 10:30 am. Please come out and show your support for the PTC Women's Day League team!

USTA Team Tennis

USTA has added another exciting league. Starting in January, players 40 and older will be able to play in a league season through end of March. Teams in 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 will play against each other without the nuisance of having to compete against those feisty 18–39 year olds. What a novel idea! If you are interested in playing on a PTC team please contact *Lona* or myself. Our club should be able to field some strong teams in this category.

Pro Court

Pro court continues on the third Saturday of every month from 9:00–11:00 am. It is a drop in venue, and a fantastic opportunity to mix it up and play if you haven't been able to set up a game. I create foursomes to play together and waiting players are rotated in. It's social and always a good time for all. There may be some wait time but it is well worth it to drop in and play. This month on November 17th, Pro Court will be for the ladies only, so come out and have some fun with me on court 3.

IUNIOR TENNIS

Juniors in our fall series have been attending very regularly due to their commitment and the amazing weather we have had lately. The current series is scheduled to run until November 14th. The winter series will begin the week of January 14th. Registration will begin November 15th for PTC members and December 1st for non-members. The schedule for the winter program will be as follows:

Monday - 3:30-5:00 pm Jr. Academy 3 Tuesday - 3:30-5:00 pm Jr. Academy 2 Wednesday - 3:30-4:30 pm QuickStart /10 & U Thursday - 3:30-5:00 pm STAR Friday - 3:30-5:00 pm Jr. Academy 1

Halloween Bash

The 10th annual Jr. Halloween Bash was a huge success! The kids all came in great costumes, played tennis games and enjoyed the music and treats... a fantastic time was had by all and there were so many creative costumes! Prizes for the most original costumes went to Julian -Jack Sparrow, **Kendall-Hermione** from Harry Potter, *Malia* - Super Woman, and *Adam* - the Big Blue Monster. It is always a treat to see the kids so excited to celebrate Halloween at the same time that they are thoroughly enjoying the game of tennis! Thanks to all who came out to share the day! Many thanks to our older Juniors who helped out with the bash - Zach Martinucci, Matt Miller, Pete Mueller, Lizzie Siegle, Grant Brooks, Christopher Hu and Halle Martinucci, who all are beginning to understand the true meaning of being a positive role model and giving back to the younger players. Thanks to Lona, Alberto, Renee and *Marcie* for their help in making this another great day for the kids.

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