

November 2013

## President's Message



Phil Zlatunich

The important upcoming event in November is the PTC quarterly membership meeting on Tuesday the 19th. At this meeting, you will be asked to vote for three members to serve on next year's Board of Directors. Your nominating committee, consisting of the last three PTC Presidents, has recommended **Jeff Schubiner, Kay Coskey, and Stuart Batchelor**. If you are unable to attend in person, please send your proxy vote to **Lona** indicating your vote on the nominees.

Members in attendance will receive a status update of the Tennis Pro Search, as well as a brief update from the Architectural Design Committee on the Club House remodel project. You will be able to review the proposed "Conceptual Clubhouse Design Drawings." These preliminary drawings are currently available in the manager's office for member viewing. The ADC has worked hard to develop these conceptual renderings and firmly believe that the project is on track to meet the needs of the club, our long range goals, and financial constraints. We encourage any and all constructive member comments. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

## Upcoming Events

•  
Quarterly Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, November 19th 6:30pm

•  
PTC Holiday Party  
Saturday, December 14th  
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## Editor's Message



Jeff Tateosian

Almost every member knows that **Erik van Dillen** is the most celebrated tennis player in the club. His tennis accomplishments include: playing and winning the National Junior Hard Courts at every age division - 12's, 14's, 16's, 18's, playing #1 singles & #1 doubles at USC, the #1 college team in the country during his four years there, turning pro and winning one singles title and seventeen doubles titles, and beating six of the then-top players at the time (John McEnroe, Stan Smith, Arthur Ashe, Jimmy Connors and Guillermo Vilas).

The pinnacle of his career however, would be his 1972 Davis Cup match with partner, Stan Smith, in Bucharest, Romania. It will long be remembered as one of the most emotional and exciting pro matches ever played, especially under the extreme circumstances they endured. The New York Times ran a front page story about the 1972 Davis Cup Team a couple of weeks ago. It still gives me chills hearing Erik tell the story firsthand. Take a few minutes and read the article using this link.

<http://tinyurl.com/njm425p>

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## Manager's Corner



Lona Means

The design committee wants your input!

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with any clubhouse or bar area design suggestions.

The interim tennis program is up and running smoothly. If you are interested in booking a lesson/clinic with either **Jon Toney** or **Tracy Houk**, I am happy to assist you or you can contact them directly: [treyllily21@gmail.com](mailto:treyllily21@gmail.com) or [tony.papa@gmail.com](mailto:tony.papa@gmail.com). If you prefer to bring your own pro, a certificate of insurance and a signed waiver of liability are required to teach lessons/clinics at PTC.

Please claim your lost valuables found at the PTC before they are donated. Items included are: Kindle, gold bracelet, keys etc.....

Reminders: The pool heater was shut down on October 31st and will be up and running on April 1st. Please lower umbrellas, close doors and shut off lights when leaving the club.

Happy Tennis!

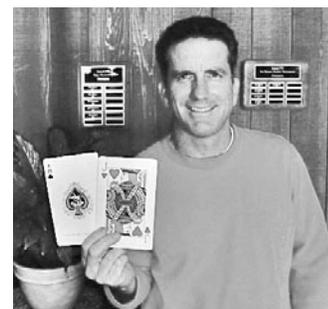
## Club News

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

Congratulations to the following members:

<b>Peter &amp; Mary Jane Packard</b>	45 Years
<b>Ken &amp; Val March</b>	15 Years
<b>John &amp; Paula Flygare</b>	10 Years
<b>Marisa Hauselt</b>	10 Years
<b>Jeff &amp; Adrienne Schubiner</b>	5 Years

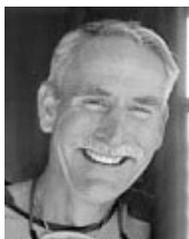
Congratulations to **Joe Feeney** for coming out on top of a strong field and winning the 2013 Club Hold'm Poker Tournament. He and **Adam Klein (Alan & Susie's son)** went head to head before Joe finished him off. Alan went out in 5th place, ruining the first time father/son combo which would have cashed in (top four players). Third place went to **Jim Sobel** and fourth to **Cory Ravid**. A great time was had by all twenty players.



Congratulations to 14 year old **Carolyn Campana**, daughter of **Mark and Adele**, who was the finalist this past Monday at the National Girls 16's Regional Segment tournament held in Aptos, California. Girls from around the United States participated with the top 32 qualifying. Grandpa, **Bill Campana** has been seen with a bigger than usual smile on his face lately.

Congratulations to **George Parker** on his 95th birthday. You'll still see George and his lovely wife, **Cari**, on courts during weekdays. Once a Lieutenant in the military and a lumberjack up in the Sierra's, he settled down and became a successful accountant. Never missing a PTC social event, George still sings whenever possible. I'm not sure that the "Lumberjack Song" qualifies as a "Standard," but he'll always be known for being PTC's "crooner." He has his own website detailing his military life and more. [www.georgewashingtonparker.com](http://www.georgewashingtonparker.com).

## Tennis Activities News



Ken March

The weather has been great, the tennis even better. Special thanks to **Tom Middlemass** for his enthusiasm, energy and especially his time in directing this year's Men's Singles Championship (see his article below).

Our year of tennis events is finishing up on Nov. 16 with an interclub at PGCC from 1:00-4:00 pm. This will be for the Pen Cup, which goes to the winner each year. The Cup is currently in our Clubroom, so let's go team!

Lastly, our very own **Dave Barrows**, who is captaining a 9.0 55 Men's team out of Millbrae Racquet Club, has led his team to the Nationals. After dominating the regular season 8-0, and only losing one individual match (23/1), the team finished in 1st place and qualified for sectionals. They swept their matches this weekend at Sectionals in Alameda, going 4-0, winning their final three matches 2-1. Also on this team were **Rick Soss**, **Dan Dewitt** and **Kelly Kemp**. Congratulations to all and good luck at Nationals!

(Submitted by **Tom Middlemass**)

PTC Men's Singles Championship concluded in October and was a rousing success. This year's event had one of the strongest, deepest draws ever seen at our club. The always impressive **Brian Heimbecker** defended his title as the club's "Open" champion competing in a high quality final against the excellent **Ryan Clark**, one of our newest members. In the "Open" Consolation Draw final, **Glenn Mendelson** defeated **Joe Feeney** via default. This year's Men's 3.5 Champion is the tenacious **Bob Currie** who defeated the surging, **Doug Heffernan** in a spirited and entertaining final. The 3.5 Consolation Draw final had big **Rich Schoustra** defeating runner-up, **Marty Funk**. Congratulations to all of the finalists for your achievements in a very dangerous field of players.

## Pro Search Committee



Kelly Mulready

The Tennis Committee would like to recognize the following individuals for their contributions: **Mark Pearcy**, **Kelly Kemp**, **Lona Means**, **Steve Wong**, **Ken March**, and **Tom Middlemass**. Special thanks to **Brian Heimbecker** for all his efforts, calm, and enthusiasm.

A huge "thank you" to everyone who took the time to take our Pro Search Survey. We sincerely appreciate and value all your opinions and comments, as they provide great guidance in our Head Pro search. If interested, the full survey results will be made available in **Lona's** office. However, here are a few key highlights from the survey:

**Over 60% would prefer to take lessons or clinics at PTC** under the right circumstances. Strongest interest is Adult clinics, especially from women members. 68% are open to more than one pro as long as there is sufficient demand to support lessons and clinics, with the future possibility of one pro dedicated to Adults and one to Juniors.

**85% prefer a full-time Club Pro.** Members who used "BYOP" (Bring Your Own Pro) have been very happy, but there seems to be a greater overall demand for a more permanent situation.

**Member survey quote:** "The perfect pro (in my vision) is involved in all tennis activities (including match making, especially with new members), and is the most popular person at the club (like a summer camp counselor). But a pro that just gives instructions (available to ALL members, of course) is OK, too, if that's what the members want."

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**Our next step** is to finalize the job description with the Board's approval and officially post the position to the broader network of tennis professionals. Although, there have already been several applications and recommendations, we are looking to field a wide range of applicants to give the Head Pro position the careful consideration it deserves. Thank you for your support and patience

advantage of the courts and the facilities. Their friends who have joined recently have been thrilled with the experience.

**We have another new applicant.** The **Lang** family, sponsored by **Tami DeWitt** and seconded by **May Bartus**, will soon be new members pending the thirty day waiting period. Keep those new members coming!

## House & Grounds News



**Phil Zlatunich**

**Fall has arrived** and along with it shorter days, longer nights and generally damp conditions on the courts. Jose will be installing the shorter screens along the pool side of the front courts. This will allow for more sun and air circulation to dry the courts during the winter months.

### Current List of H&G projects:

- Flooring replacement (Women's Locker rooms) Pending start (1) week duration.
- Flooring replacement (Junior Locker rooms)
- Video Security Cam System - Board voted to move forward on installation.
- Club House / Court Sound System - Committee presentation RFP for Board review.
- Furniture Replacement - ADC Review / Fiscal Budgeting for 2014-15

## Membership News



**Jane Pearcy**

**Membership would like to welcome the Selcher family** to the PTC! **Joel** and **Melissa** both played tennis competitively when they were young and are excited to play more and participate in leagues. They and their children **Jackson**, age 7 and **Lily**, age 5)

take weekly lessons. Joel and Melissa say they've been interested in PTC for some time, living down the street from the club. They feel that their kids are now the right age for their family to be able to enjoy the club and take

## Social Events News



**Jennifer Ellison**

**Mark your calendars for December 14th** as you will not want to miss the annual PTC Holiday Party along with a celebration of the club's 80th anniversary. The addition of **Brian Wachhorst's** live band at last year's party was such a hit that we have invited them back again. Put on your dancin' shoes and get ready to celebrate the holiday season and club history! This party will be catered, so please sign up in the club house or with **Lona** when the details are posted later this month.



**Selcher Family**

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**Singles umpire - Steve Wong**



**Singles winner - Brian Heimbecker  
Singles finalist - Ryan Clark**



**Singles 3.5 finalists - Bob Currie & Doug Heffernan**



**Carolyn Campana**

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar							Nov 2013 (Pacific Time)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	1	2
27 1 pm - 6.5 Combo	28	29	30 9 am - Masters	31			1	2 1 pm - MX 8.0 Courts 3 pm - MX 7.0 Courts
3 1 pm - MX 9.0 Courts 3 pm - 7.5 Combo	4	5 8 am - Back Court	6	7			8	9 1 pm - Combo 6.5
10 1 pm - Mixed 9.0	11	12	13	14 9 am - Swinging Aces			15	16
17 1 pm - 7.5 Combo 3 pm - Mixed 9.0	18	19 8 am - Front Court 6:30pm - Quarterly	20	21			22	23
24	25	26	27	28			29	30