

December 2009

President's Message



Rob Delantoni

Merry Holidays PTC'ers!

Here we go into the holidays, and what better way to start than having a rousing November quarterly meeting at the PTC! If you missed it, you missed a good "party." Our new Board members were voted in (congratulations **Ron Martinucci, Karen Harrigan, and Rob Adams**), there were a lot of enthusiastic comments and input from the members, and (I hope) a good time was had by all.

By now, you all should have received the annual PTC Holiday Fund contribution request form. I hope it answers the questions brought up at the quarterly meeting, and encourages you all to consider thanking our staff and tennis pro with something extra for their "holiday stockings" this year. Individual gifts or contributions to the PTC Holiday Fund (with or without special instructions) will all be appreciated and welcomed as an expression of our traditional PTC holiday cheer.

As pointed out at the quarterly meeting, PTC members have a long tradition of leadership in demonstrating tennis court courtesies and decorum. All members, whether

Upcoming Events

**Annual Holiday Party
 December 12th 6:00 PM**

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**Annual Membership Meeting
 January 19th 6:30 PM**

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**Super Bowl Party &
 8th Annual Chili Cook Off
 February 7th 2:00 PM**

young or old, new or not new, short or tall, should be attentive to proper court courtesy, behavior, and manners at all times. So if you're guilty of throwing your racquet over the fence, or playing in Levi's, or knocking over umpire stands, or even chasing balls into, or crossing through, occupied adjacent courts, please bear in mind these cautionary words from an old holiday tune:

*You better watch out,
 You better not scream,
 You better not shout,
 You know what I mean?
 Rob may be lurking around!*

*He's making a list,
 He's checking it twice,
 He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice
 Yes, Rob is watching the town!
 So be good, for goodness sake.*

Happy Holidays and New Year to all. See you "next year."

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Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

At the beginning of the month, most members take for granted that they will be sent the Drop Shot. Producing a six to eight page edition every month doesn't happen without a lot of help. As we come to the end of 2009, I would like to take this moment to thank those members who provide the club news, proof read each edition and of course, produce it.

Board Members **Rob Delantoni, Stuart Batchelor, Kelly Kemp & Becky Showen** as well as **Lona Means, Riaz Shivij, & Nancy Batchelor**, submit outstanding articles for us each month. Without these fine members sharing their responsibilities & efforts with club members, the Drop Shot wouldn't be nearly as interesting. This is Stuart's third year submitting articles and the second year for Becky, both of which are leaving the Board next month. Thank you both.

Ever since we introduced the new version of the Drop Shot three years ago, **Bob Sinclair** and **Nancy Batchelor** have proof read each newsletter every month. I've come to find out that six eyes are a whole lot better than just two. Thank you for the last three years.

My most heartfelt appreciation goes out to **Dennis Mayer**, the club's webmaster and the gentleman responsible for taking the final news copy and producing the Drop Shot in the format that members read. I wouldn't have taken on this responsibility if Dennis hadn't agreed to work on it with me three years ago. Thanks partner.

I appreciate the monthly commitment from all these contributors and hope our members give a word of thanks to them next time they see into them.

And to all members, best wishes during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

As we approach the end of 2009 and reflect on this year, I am grateful for many things. First and foremost, you our members, have remained supportive and I am thankful for your commitment to our club. I would like to wish you and your family all the best throughout the upcoming holiday season.

Mary and Ramon will both be on vacation through December 8th, so your patience will be appreciated!

We want to remind everyone that the PTC parking places in the BHS parking lot are for members while they are attending the club. It has come to our attention that someone may be parking in one of the places and then taking the train to another destination. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tennis Etiquette Reminder of the Month - When walking to a court to play, you must use the entry door closest to that court. Do not at any time walk across courts that are occupied.

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Club News

Club Anniversaries for December (5+ yrs)
Congratulations to the following members:

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| Bob & June Randolph | 35 Years |
| Whitney Simonds | 35 Years |
| Craig & Priscilla Andrews | 15 Years |
| Rick & Aria Kasuga | 15 Years |
| Rob & Beth Adams | 5 Years |

Congratulations to **Sharon Marson & Carolyn Friedman** for playing on USTA League teams that won their Sections and went to the Nationals in Palm Springs.

Looking for a great gift idea this Holiday Season? Anthony Paz, owner of Tennis Station, is offering to embroider our PTC logo on any apparel purchased at the Tennis Station free-of-charge. He is also offering this service for anything not purchased at the Tennis Station for a \$10 fee per item. This includes shirts, shorts, sweats, vests, bags, etc.

House & Grounds News

No news is good news. All systems have been running on auto pilot for the past month. This is not to say we don't have our day-to-day issues, but nothing major has occurred.



Stuart Batchelor

We have turned on the heat to the exercise and ladies locker rooms. We hope you find the temperature within your comfort zone. We lose a lot of heat out of the open doors and windows, so it will not always be as warm as you might prefer.

Looking to the future, the club is planning

on updating the flat roof in the spring as we know it is nearing the end of its useful life. We've had some minor leaks, but there are lots of "bird baths" after each rain and needs to be corrected to prevent future damage and rot.

Please keep Lona apprised of any maintenance or safety issues that you see in and around the Club.

Tennis Activities News

Wow, I can't believe the year is over. It seems just like last week when we were planning our first event. This year, the tennis committee hosted five events; Team Tennis, Men's Singles Championship, van Dillen Doubles, Calcutta and the very successful Women's Member Guest. All events had large member participation and were very successful.



Kelly Kemp

I would like to thank the entire tennis committee for their commitment. Without their dedication and hard work, these events would not be possible: **Eileen Lewis, Jennifer Desler, Jennifer Ellison, Jill Andrews, Ken March, Kim Cresci, Linda Pene, Mark Percy, Mickey Podolski, Nancy Chew, Steve Brooks, Steve Wong, Tory Bryant and Marisa Wachhorst.** In addition, I would like to thank **Dennis Mayer** for his usual services above and beyond the call of duty.

The new board will soon be forming committees for next year. We especially encourage newer members to consider volunteering as it's a great way to get involved in the club activities and meet other members. If you would like to participate on the Tennis committee or any other committee, please give our manager **Lona Means** a call and she can assist you in contacting the new committee directors.

Membership News

With the completion of our last Meet N' Greet in November, I would like to give my sincere thanks to our five members that make up the Membership Committee. A big thank you goes out to **Mark Showen, Dennis Argyres, Mindy Wong, Jane Percy and Val March**. We have brought in a lot of fine members this year. I appreciate the commitment of each of our Membership Team.



Becky Showen

Social Events News



Nancy Batchelor

Celebrate the Holiday season with your fellow PTC'ers at the Holiday Open House Potluck & Piano Bar. Festivities will take place on Saturday, December 12th from 6pm to 9pm.

Gather round the piano featuring a live pianist playing both holiday favorites and classic standards throughout the evening.

Everyone should bring their favorite nibble to share for 8-10 people. Beverages will be provided. There is no charge for this event and we hope to see you all there (Adults only please). Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 9. Sign up in the clubroom or call/email **Lona** (347-1439 - manager@ptctennis.com) with your RSVP.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

2009 has been a challenging and rewarding year for the Tennis Program. With the influx of many new and enthusiastic members over the past few years, the goal was to incorporate more people into the instructional program. I have created a new format of bi-weekly clinics to help with the demand and am still looking for ways to include more members. Many of these new members have expressed how much they enjoy being able to participate in the Clinic/Lesson Program, where they can receive instruction from our certified coaches, meet members to share good tennis times, and have FUN! Win, Win all around!

Moving forward I would like to ask members who are or have been interested in lessons in the past to contact me at the Tennis Office and I will do my best to accommodate your needs. My goal is to be on the court with you sharing my knowledge, helping you improve, and having fun!

CLINIC NEWS

The Men's Saturday AM Drop In has been very well received and attended. Many regulars in those clinics have met and are now arranging to play regular games with each other. During the Winter months of December, January and February, the Saturday AM Men's Drop will begin a once a month run. We'll do the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:30-9:00am.

The Ladies Wednesday Lunch Drop-In has continued to grow and each week there have been a good number of women coming out to enjoy their time on court. I use a

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Matchplay format so ladies pair up and play competitive points before switching partners. The goal for this clinic is to help members meet people, receive instruction, play points, and enjoy the game of tennis!

At last count, over 140 Members are able to enjoy the weekly Clinic/Lesson Program.

TEAM NEWS

2009 is the first year that PTC has fielded a 4.5 Men's Senior team. The competition is of a super high quality as this is the top level available for the Senior men in league play. Most of the players are really at a 5.0 level. Our team has been competitive but remains solidly in last place. We have lost all but one our matches by a 2-1 score. Of note, is the fact that the team of **Dan DeWitt** and **Steve Wong** are undefeated. Hopefully, next year we can attract some of the other good senior players who are members of PTC. The Men's Senior 4.0 team is in competition for a playoff spot, if we can solidly win our last 3 matches. This is a definite possibility, as those matches involve the three weakest teams in our league of 11. Unfortunately, the team lost two of it's strongest players, **Matt Colvin** and **Ken March** to the 4.5 division, and President **Rob Delantoni** has been on the injury roster all season long, unable to compete in even one match. The rest of the team members have been very supportive and have played some exciting, nail biting tennis matches. We are still trying to recruit one or two eligible club members, in anticipation of a very challenging playoff round. Two teams from our league advance to the regional playoffs.
(**Gerry Sydorak** - Senior Men's 4.5 Captain)

We ended the season at 7-6 this year, which put us in 7th place out of 14 teams. This is a result we can all be proud of. Another way to look at our record is that we

were only two wins away from being a play-off team (9-4 is 4th place). This is truly an excellent result considering that this was, in some ways, a rebuilding year for the team. It was great to see that most of our players received solid playing time and experience this season. This will position us to be even more competitive next season. I am already looking forward to it! (**Tom Middlemass** - Men's 4.0 Captain)

The Senior Men's 3.5 Team has had a fun year ending with approximately as many wins as we've had losses. There were 17 PTC Members who participated on the Senior 3.5 Team. While we will not be going to the District Playoffs this year, we will continue to work on our game and get ready for next year. (**Stuart Batchelor** - Senior Men's 3.5 Captain)

JUNIOR TENNIS

The RS Academy Junior Program continued the success of 2008 as it again showcased our progressive developmental program with many kids learning and enjoying tennis in our STAR, Junior Academy, and Academy Programs. Many of the Juniors (ages 12-18) that are now playing in middle school, high school, USTA Tournaments, or just playing regularly, began learning to play in the RS STAR (ages 6-12) Program. Give your child the best tennis start by registering for the next STAR Program which will begin early next year.

The Junior Academy Program now has 3 levels, Junior Grippers (ages 9-11, playing tournaments), Junior Academy II (ages 9-14, playing usta novice), and Junior Academy I (ages 12-15, playing USTA challenger). All Juniors in these programs are practicing and competing in USTA events on a regular basis. All Junior Academy players will play a minimum of 6 tournaments per year, play middle or high school tennis, and

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most importantly, learn valuable life skills through the sport of tennis. Building character, becoming a good sport, being responsible, being part of a team, and learning to win with class and lose with dignity.

After a year of tournament play, PTC had many Juniors who ended 2009 with USTA Norcal Rankings – our congratulations goes out to all of them!

G10U

Anna Campana – 14
Halle Martinucci – 72
Aida Lowe – 81
Cate Desler – 125

B10U

Robby Harrigan – 64
Camillo Sauersessig – 84
Clark Safran – 184

G12U

Carolyn Campana – 34
Lindsey Pantuso – 117

B12U

Peter Campana – 43
Eric Dennis – 60
Danny Pantuso – 222
Nate Safran – 249
Josh Lin – 269
John Desler – 310
Zach Wong – 332
Peter Lowe – 436

G14U

Alex Harrigan – 128
Brooke Butterworth – 151
Julia Arnett – 221

B14U

Matthew Campana – 39
Forrest Tsu – 124

Steven Pantuso – 289
Nick Yee – 371
Zach Martinucci – 394
Reed Smith – 416
Garrett Schubiner – 433
Gordon Barrows – 487
Brenden Barrows – 523
John Wilson – 555

G16U

Brooke Tsu – 36

B16U

Sean Talmadge – 43
Bryan Kyaw – 108
Matthew Campana – 150
Allan Verkhovski – 156
Saamy Phan – 206
Jack Waldsmith – 512

B18U

Spencer Talmadge – 29
Steve Roston – 38
Palmer Mendelson – 216
Bryan Kyaw – 324
Kevin Amaroli – 328

I hope that members understand AND SUPPORT the goal of the RS Tennis Academy which is based here at PTC. We are not just giving tennis lessons, but trying to have a positive impact on children's lives. We are using the sport of tennis to help our Juniors learn many life skills such as character, integrity, sportsmanship, teamwork, and how important academics is to them. I have a fully engaged staff that understand and live the RS Academy mission 100% everyday.

Along with *Executive Assistant, Marci Martinucci*, and *Head Tennis Pro, Albert Vial*, we are here to make this a very special place for all Juniors and parents who wish to join the program. Parents should under-

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stand that with the limited amount of space available, the program cannot be geared to an individual's needs but has been structured to help the majority. With Marci's organizing, scheduling, administrative, management, communication, and people skills (that's a lot of skills!) in the Tennis Office, I can focus on running a great program.

I would like to make one thing clear, Marci is a volunteer! Volunteer being

the operative word! Marci does not get paid for her time, but we barter for court time. Marci is on the Admin side, I am in charge of programming, and on court instruction. Marci does not give lessons, or feed balls, but she will at times be on court to supervise juniors. I am lucky that Marci believes strongly like I do that youth is the future of our club.

Have a great holiday season!
Riaz

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