

## December 2010

### President's Message



*Jerry Ceglia*

Thank you all for attending the Membership Meeting and allowing the Board to share some of the accomplishments and plans of 2010/2011. The meeting was well attended and I appreciate all the positive feedback.

Let me congratulate and express my gratitude to *Mike Amaroli, David Marcus & Chris Cooke* who were confirmed by the membership as our three new directors for 2011. This distinguished group will assume their duties following our Annual Membership Meeting in January.

As the year winds down, we will look at responsible ways to spend a little of the money we have saved over the year with changing some of our business practices, such as new court benches. Ron will share more in his report.

## Upcoming Events

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**PTC Holiday Party**  
**Saturday December 11th**  
**6:00pm**  
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As quickly as Thanksgiving flew by, our Holiday Party, Christmas and the New Year's celebrations are right around the corner. If you haven't signed up yet for our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11th, please do so as soon as possible. This evening gathering is always one of the most enjoyable of the year. Please see the Social Committee report for more details.

In closing, I want to mention the long standing tradition here at Peninsula Tennis Club of honoring our staff through member donations to the Annual Holiday Fund. This annual campaign is our simple way of thanking each of them for their dedication and loyalty throughout the year.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, our very best wishes to you and your families for a joyous holiday season.



# *Holiday Open House*

## *Potluck & Piano Bar*

*Saturday, December 11*

*6pm - 9pm*

*Featuring a pianist playing  
Holiday favorites and classic standards*

*Bring your favorite nibble to share  
(for 8 - 10 people)*

*Beverages Provided*

*No Charge*

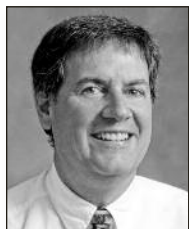
*(Adults only please)*

*An RSVP by Wednesday, December 8 would be appreciated*



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## Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Do you ever wonder how much of the information that is passed on through the Drop Shot? It's actually a variety of members who email tidbits about other members, or even themselves. If you come across any member or their children accomplishing something worth sharing, an upcoming event that might be newsworthy, or anything else that might be interesting for other members to read, I would appreciate you doing your part to contribute to the Drop Shot. After all, we here at the Drop Shot can only print what is shared with us.

## Manager's Corner



Lona Means

During the winter months, court washing will be reduced to once per month. Courts 1-3 will be washed on the second Monday of the month, while courts 4-7 will be washed on the second Tuesday of the month. We appreciate your patience on court washing days as this is necessary maintenance to keep the courts in the condition expected by PTC members.

**Please check the Junior room for lost and found items** as we will be donating any unclaimed items to the Goodwill by December 31st.

**On behalf of the PTC staff,** I would like

to wish you and your family all the best throughout this upcoming holiday season.

## Club News

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

*Congratulations to the following members:*

**Bob & Karen With**                      **15 Years**

**The Ballroom Dance Classes have been going strong** and the new class schedule has just been announced. The classes will be held on every Tuesday for six weeks beginning on Tuesday, January 12th. The Beginner class will run from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, the Intermediate class will go from 7:15 - 8:45 pm, and open dancing will continue from 8:45 - 9:30 pm. The cost is \$59 per person payable by check or cash at the first class. You may sign up in the clubhouse or give Lona a call. Individuals may sign up without a dance partner. Come join the fun as you too can be Dancing with the Stars.

**Many will remember that prior to his resignation** a few years ago, **Gordon Murray** was a popular member at the club. Some of you might not be aware that his health has been declining steadily. After working on Wall Street for over twenty years, he recently completed a book along with Dan Goldie (former professional tennis player) on a new investment philosophy, called "The Investment Answer". His story was featured in the New York Times and is well

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worth reading (see link below). Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gordon and his wife Randi.

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### House & Grounds News



**Happy Holidays !**  
**Last week our new court benches arrived.** They have been assembled and placed on the courts. We are very pleased with the quality and overall look of these benches. They are heavy duty and durable benches. ***Please do not attempt to tilt these benches to drain the water and moisture.*** They will not stay up and are very heavy. They will be wiped down in the mornings to remove any wetness. The way they are designed, very little water will sit on them. Please do not attempt to move them on your own. If you feel a bench is not situated properly, please contact Lona.

**Since we have outsourced our landscaping/gardening and janitorial services,** our grounds have maintained a sharp, clean look all year long. Not only does the club look great, we have also saved money in the process.

### Membership News

#### New Members:

As we enter the holiday season, I am pleased to welcome our newest members, **Brian & Marsha Heimbecker.**



Rob Delantoni

Brian is a Systems Analyst with Lockheed-Martin in Sunnyvale. He was the #1 player at Bellarmine High School for four years, then sort of "retired" from tennis for a few decades until picking it up again about seven years ago. He has become a very strong player (5.0 - 5.5+) and plays leagues and tournaments now around the Bay Area.

He has been married for 17 years to his beautiful wife Marsha, who is keenly interested in improving her game at the club. She is



also an accomplished artist, and has recently been painting such subjects as trains, planes, and automobiles, and elephants(!) She has recently been commissioned to paint some of the cars in the "Candy Store" auto store in Burlingame. Perhaps we may soon see one of her oils or other paintings on display at the PTC?

Brian and Marsha have lived in San Mateo for 16 years, and are certain to be valuable and popular new members at our club. Please make them feel welcome when you see them.

**Resignations:** **Ed Brown,** long time member, part of the history of our club for over 50 years, accomplished artist, and contributor of much of the original art work hanging on our walls, has resigned. We will all miss him and his gracious wife **Claire.**



## Social Events News



**Our Holiday Open House** is this coming Saturday Night, December 11 at 6pm. Center stage will feature Nordstroms pianist Larry O'Leno. This is a holiday potluck, so please bring your personal specialty

plate to share with others. I'm looking forward to sampling your holiday culinary talents. See you Saturday night.

## Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

### ADULT TENNIS

A BIG thank you to the 48 members that were signed up and ready to go on November 20th

for our Mixed Team Tennis event. Unfortunately, the weather just would not cooperate and we had to cancel due to the rain that came in the night before. The Tennis Committee will be in discussion to see if/when we can reschedule this event in the near future. Thank you **Karen Harrigan** and her Tennis Committee, for the time and effort put in to organize and prepare for this event. We almost made it!

### TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to the PTC Women's 7.5 Combo team for winning the local league playoffs! They are now headed to Districts in Fresno on Dec 3-5. Good

luck team!

### PRO COURT

The next Pro Court will be held on the third Saturday of the month, December 18th, from 9:00 -11:30 am. Please join myself and your fellow PTC members for a morning of great tennis on court 3.

### RATING CLINIC

On November 5th, six 3.5 women trained with me in the art of doubles movement and court position. The ladies were well matched and we worked on improving volley skills, as well as using the right set up play. It was great to see some new faces, and to observe all of you improve your movement and volley work. I'll look forward to seeing your new skills in match play! The next clinic will be on December 4th. Contact Riaz at the Tennis Office to register.

### BALL MACHINE

We have a new Ball Machine box and the remotes are in working order! If you need assistance with machine set up or just want to learn how to use it just call in and I'll help you get up and hitting balls. The Ball Machine is a great way to hone your strokes and gives you a fantastic work out!

### JUNIOR TENNIS

Congratulations to all our Junior members that competed on school tennis teams this year. Our tennis program helps Juniors learn the skills so they advance to at least school tennis level and hopefully continue playing our great sport of tennis later in life. Tennis builds strong character, can instill work ethic, and promotes sportsmanship and integrity.

The 2011 Junior Tennis Program will

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begin the week of January 17th. These groups will each run for 8 weeks, the hours and fees are listed below:

**Monday 3:30–5:00 – Jr. Academy II**

– \$200

**Tuesday 3:30–5:00 – Jr. Grippers**

– \$200

**Wednesday 3:30–5:00 – Red/Blue Star**

– \$200

**Friday 3:30–5:00 – Jr. Academy I**

– \$200

Please visit [www.rstennis.com](http://www.rstennis.com) for a full description of each level and more Junior news and info.

The goal of our program is to instill sound fundamentals and help children enjoy the game of tennis. We use our weekly training sessions to help Juniors play with and for each other to improve teamwork and cooperation. Our goal is to help these Juniors prepare for the 2011 USTA Summer Junior League.

### SAP Open Tennis

SAP Open coming in February 2011  
Our Ballkids Team will again be showcased at the SAP Open in February 2011. The team will start it's training schedule in December. Junior Academy I Juniors will be selected.

This year's 2011 SAP Open is being held February 7–13 at HP Pavilion in San Jose, and should be the best yet! They are expecting an exciting tournament, and already a great line-up of players are confirmed to compete! These players include Pete Sampras in a singles exhibition vs. Gael Monfils, Fernando Verdasco, Juan Martin del Potro, Mardy Fish, Lleyton

Hewitt, Sam Querry, James Blake, Tommy Haas, Kei Nishikori.... and many more!

Tickets for the SAP Open are available for these dates.

Wednesday, February 9th. 7:00 pm.

Verdasco and Monfils!!

Friday, February 11th. 7:00 pm. Quarter Finals.

(Seats are in Section 107 Baseline Lower Box)

PTC Members will receive a great ticket deal when ordering through **Riaz** at the Tennis Office. Call now for more info.

### Give The Gift of Tennis

Give the gift of tennis this holiday season! Gift certificates are available for private lessons, clinics or summer camps! Contact Riaz or call the tennis office at 650-347-1440.

Have a great Holiday Season!  
*Riaz*

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Dec 2010 (Pacific Time)

Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - SFPTL Women 9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr.	1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's 3.5 3pm - Women's 3.5
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1pm - Men's 4.0	3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	9 am - BHS Holiday 3:30pm - Jr.	1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's 4.0 3pm - Women's 4.0 5:30pm - Holiday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1pm - Women's 4.0 3pm - Women's 3.5 6pm - JR AWARDS	7 am - Court 3:30pm - Jr.	7 am - Court 9 am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Tennis Pro 11 am - Ladies Drop 3:30pm - STAR	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Pro Court #3 1pm - Lessons 4 or 5 1pm - Men's 3.5 3pm - Women's 3.5
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr.	1pm - Lessons 4 or 5
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Tennis 3:30pm - Jr.	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - STAR	9 am - Tennis Pro 3:30pm - ATP	3:30pm - Jr.	1pm - Lessons 4 or 5