

December 2011

President's Message



Rob Adams

2011 is winding down, and like many, I wonder how it went to so fast. I want to focus this message on being thankful; in this case, to the Staff, Board, and members of PTC. Every good thing about this club, except for *Erik van Dillen's* volleys (wow!) is a product of the entire PTC family. As to the Staff, 2011 was unbelievable compared to prior years. *Lona* is a fabulous Manager, our two Jose's have done a tremendous job, and *Mary* remains an institution...and knows everyone by name. Our summer teenage workers and volunteers were as good as any group we have ever had. The Board worked very well together, and continued to focus on representing the members in the best way possible. We say goodbye to *Karen Harrigan*, *Ron Martinucci*, and *Jerry Ceglia*, welcome back to *Mike Amaroli*, *Chris Cooke*, and *Dave Marcus*, and welcome on board to *Jane*

Upcoming Events

•
PTC Holiday Party

December 10 6:00

•
Monday Night Football at the PTC -

49ers vs. Steelers

December 19th

•
Quarterly Membership Meeting

November 15th

•
Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook Off

February 5th

Pearcy, Phil Zlatunich, and Tom Middlemass.

When I wrote my first President's message, I asked members to both volunteer and provide solutions to issues. Well, you delivered both in spades! From the tennis committee to the social committee to the plumbing committee (unofficial), everything went well, was fun, and got done. Who's got it better than us? NOBODY!

And finally, I want to thank Riaz and his staff (*Marci & Albert*) for a world-class Tennis Academy. From little kids to adult groups, from events to volunteering, you did it all in 2011. To all members and staff, have a wonderful and healthy Holiday Season. More tennis awaits us in 2012!!!

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Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

At the beginning of each 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 2011, 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 Adams, Chris Cooke, Ron Martinucci, Karen Harrigan & Dave Marcus**, as well as **Lona Means, Riaz Shivij, & Nancy Batchelor**, submit outstanding articles for us each month. Without these fine members sharing their thoughts with club members, the Drop Shot wouldn't be nearly as interesting. Thank you, guys.

Ever since we introduced the new version of the Drop Shot five 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 again for proofing the last sixty Drop Shots.

My biggest thank you goes 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 five years ago. Thanks, partner.

I appreciate the above contributors and hope our members give a word of thanks next time they run into them.

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

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

I understand parking can be a challenge at times, but please be good neighbors and park only in PTC designated spaces to avoid having your car towed away.

Back by popular demand, we will once again reduce our court washing schedule to once per month. We appreciate your patience on court washing days as this is necessary maintenance to keep the courts in the condition expected by our PTC members.

Proper tennis attire is required on the courts at all times. This means proper tennis only footwear, shorts & shirts with sleeves for men.

I want to wish you and your families a happy & safe holiday season! Look forward to seeing you at the Holiday party on December 10th!

Club News

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

Wes & Linda Petit	15 Years
Paul & Catherine Richards	10 Years

Are you ready for some football? If you don't have tickets to the upcoming Monday night 49er / Steeler game on Dec 19th, then the next best place to watch the game will be at the PTC! Both teams are battling

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for home field advantage in the forthcoming playoffs. If both teams win their games leading up to this match-up as planned, the 49ers will be 12-2 and the Steelers 11-3. For those 49er aficionados that go back to the 80's, it was Pittsburgh who defeated San Francisco during a regular season game at Candlestick Park in October '84 to spoil the 49ers undefeated season. The 49ers ended that year at 15-1 and won the Super Bowl vs. Miami at Stanford Stadium. Only one team has more Super Bowl victories than the five the 49ers have and that of course would be the six the dreaded Pittsburgh Steelers have won. Be sure to wear your colors, (our red & gold or their black & yellow), and root on your favorite team. Please sign-up in the Clubroom or call Lona. The game starts at 5:30 pm. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre, side dish or dessert to share with your friends.

Tennis Activities News



Chris Cooke

With the nice weather, the pro at the Peninsula Golf and Country Club has asked if we would like to hold the "Pen Cup" which was cancelled earlier in the year because of rain. **Riaz** will be contacting

the original participants to see if there is any interest in playing and if so, to schedule the match. So, if you were originally slated to play, look for an email in your inbox. We are hoping to get the match played by the New Year.

Regardless, I have very much enjoyed serving as the Chair of the Tennis Events Committee. The Club had some excellent events this year, starting with the Spring

Fling Team Tennis Tournament in April, the PTC Junior Invitational in May, the Woods N' Whites in July, Men's Calcutta and Women's Calcutta Tournaments in August, the Cal State Senior Tournament in late August, the Mixed Team Tennis in September, and the final event, the Van Dillen Men's Doubles Tournament at the end of September (won by our own **Erik Van Dillen** and son **Hague**). These events were well attended and well-staffed because of the interest that everyone in our club has in playing some excellent tennis. It has been my pleasure to be a part of these events and to help Riaz, the Tennis Committee and Lona in putting them on this year. See you on the courts.

House & Grounds News



Ron Martinucci

Happy Holidays Members!

With winter tennis upon us, it is important that we take all the necessary steps to make playing tennis safe for all of us. The early morning players typically have to deal with damp courts. Please take the time to squeegee and roll the playing surfaces until they are playable. Also, please put back the court drying equipment on the east side of the fences.

Guys, one more reminder; please remove your shoes from the top of the metal lockers in the Men's locker room. Either put them in your locker or bring them home. We will be donating any shoes or clothing left on top. Thank you.

Membership News



Dave Marcus

Please welcome our newest members, **Matt & Carolyn Dowling**, to the club. Matt is VP Operations for Cronos Group in San Francisco. Carolyn owns a business called Peninsula English Language Training, which

teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) to young professionals on the Peninsula. They met in college at UC Santa Barbara. Carolyn says, "Matt was a gorgeous surfer and an accounting major - who knew one could be both?"

They have lived in the Bay Area since 1987, with a short six-year break in England. Their hobbies are bicycling, traveling, cooking and, of course, tennis. Matt & Carolyn travel to see their children **Kenneth** (1989), who just graduated from UC San Diego and now lives in Washington, DC, and **Margaret** (1990), who is a senior at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

Carolyn says their children are surprised to see how much they are enjoying the empty nest. They told them that the PTC is their solution to that. Though they are probably both 3.0's right now, they have played since they were young. They plan on taking that up a notch and look forward to league play, club tournaments and our social events. Please welcome them into our PTC family.

2011 has been a good year for the PTC Membership Committee. While faced with a very weak economy and despite declining levels of membership at many neighboring clubs, we have been able to maintain a strong and nearly full membership roster at PTC. During 2011, eight new Senior members joined our ranks and there are two more whose applications which have

recently been approved but have yet to formally join.

I want to thank the committee members who enthusiastically assisted this year, especially during the various Meet & Greet events which were held in 2011. Special thanks go out to **Marci Martinucci**, **Jeff Tsu**, and **Rob Delantoni**. These individuals formed the backbone of our efforts. Many thanks to all of you who stepped up to the plate as friends and sponsors of new members.

As we move forward into 2012, I am confident that we will continue to attract great families, individuals, and tennis enthusiasts in general to PTC. We still have a small number of openings and we continue to rely upon all of our current members for referrals and sponsorship. Don't forget the incentive program your Board instituted earlier this year - a \$250 credit for successfully recruiting to our ranks. Have a very happy and safe holiday season and a super New Year!

Social Events News



Karen Harrigan

Our Holiday Party is rapidly approaching! Come join us this Saturday night, December 10th at 6:00 pm to enjoy some Holiday spirit with our PTC friends and family! This will be the last event of 2011,

so let's prepare to have a lot of fun! PTC will host the bar, have our favorite pianist scheduled to entertain and the social committee is working on some fun holiday décor. All you need to do is mark the date on your calendar, sign-up in the clubhouse or with Lona and bring your favorite pot-luck nibble to share. We look forward to sharing a great night with you all.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

League news

Lona and husband **Gary** advanced in sectionals and are going to the 7.0 mixed Nationals in March

2012! Congratulations and good luck at Nationals!

Great 7.5 combo match played at PTC on November 6th. The deciding match came down to a tiebreaker in the 3rd... **Jane Percy and Adrienne Schubiner** victorious!

PTC USTA League Update:

Mixed 7.0 – 5–9 record

Senior 60 Men's 7.0 – 4–6 record

Senior 60 Women's 7.0 – 6–2 record!

Lost 1–2 in playoffs!

Women's 6.5 Combo – 3–6 record

Women's 7.5 Combo – 7–2 record

Currently in 2nd place!

Women's 8.5 Combo – 3–6 record

Upcoming teams starting in January –

Senior Men's 4.0, Captain **Dennis Argyres**

and Senior Women's 3.5, Captain **Linda**

Podolsky. These teams are online and ready for registration.

Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm will be the PTC Morning League and Wise Aces team Holiday Party and Ornament Exchange – which will be held in the PTC clubroom! This is an exciting event for the teams involved to celebrate a great season so far, as well as to toast the holiday season. Most importantly, it is the night for the very popular, very competitive and always extremely fun ornament exchange. It definitely promises to be a good time with lots of poaching and switching!

We also have another exciting event on the horizon in February! The 2012 SAP Open will be in San Jose for the week of February 13–19. RS Academy has made arrangements for our Women's Day League Team to attend Ladies Day on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14th. Ladies Day includes tickets for the Day Session beginning at 9:30 am and a delicious luncheon featuring La Crema wines at 11:30 am, followed by the ATP Tour Player Reception. Our team will meet and mingle with tour players including Gael Monfils, Sam Querrey, James Blake, Lleyton Hewitt and Jack Sock. The team is a little excited! I will also be arranging another fun club member outing to the SAP Open so look out for details in next month's newsletter. The SAP Open promises to be another blockbuster pro tennis event!

JUNIOR TENNIS

It was great to have the older Juniors back for Thanksgiving break and out to play some fun tennis! I arranged for **Steven Benvenuto, Chris Batchelor, Palmer Mendelson, Erik Chaney, Matt Hauselt** et al to come out and play together for a couple of hours the day before the holiday. It's great to have them back together and enjoying their time on the court again. We've got another great bunch of stars coming up that will follow in their footsteps and play some great tennis for years to come. I'm excited about this next group of neighborhood kids coming together and making great lifelong friendships through tennis and PTC.

ACADEMY NEWS

Jr. Academy 2 and 3 have completed their Fall Program. After many rain make up days, Jr. Academy 1 is scheduled to be completed on December 23rd! The Winter Program for all of the groups will begin the

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week of January 9th and will run for 8 weeks. Registration is open now, and will be open to non PTC members December 1st. Please contact Marci now to register your child. The session days and fees are listed below:

Monday: Jr Academy 2
(upper middle school tennis level)
3:30-5:00 pm \$240.

Tuesday: Jr Academy 3
(upcoming match players)
3:30-5:00 pm \$240.

Wednesday: QuickStart
(5-8yrs, just starting)
and 10 & Under Tennis
(8-10 yrs, learning to rally)
3:30-4:30 pm \$160.

Thursday: STAR
(11-14 yrs, starting to rally and play points)
3:30-5:00 pm \$240.

Friday: Jr Academy 1
(High School Upper Varsity)
3:30-5:00 pm \$240.

Saturday: Academy
(USTA Open and higher)
2:00-4:00 pm. Contact Riaz.

Non PTC member registration began
December 1st.

A reminder to all parents that Juniors playing in our Junior Academy 1, 2 and 3 groups are eligible to play on the RS Academy tennis teams that travel and play in the local USTA Summer League. Now is a great time to prepare your child for league play. Sign up for the upcoming winter series starting on January 9th.

Jr. Tennis – The Jr. Academy 1, 2 and 3 Challenge Matches are continuing, please check the Junior notice board and rsten-nis.com for updated results and rankings!

Give The Gift of Tennis

With the holiday season upon us why not give the gift of Tennis to your loved ones. Gift certificates are available for lessons and clinics with RS Tennis Academy. Contact the Tennis Office for details.

We always continue to offer the following programs:

- *Adult Private Lessons*
- *Adult Group Clinics*
- *Full Junior Program*
- *Junior Challenge Ladder*
- *Team Coaching*

Looking forward to a great Holiday tennis season! ABC – Always Be Closing!

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**New Members
Matt & Carolyn Dowling**



**Karen Harrigan
Robbie and Alex**



Riaz & Marci



Riaz & Future Stars

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Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar

Dec 2011 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1 pm - 6.5 Combo
3 pm - 8.5 Combo

9 am - SFPTL Senior

9 am - SFPTL Team

6 pm - SFPTL Holiday

11 am - BHS Teacher

1 pm - 8.5 Combo
6 pm - Holiday Party

9 am - Pro Court #3