

January 2017

President's Message



Duncan Grenier

Happy New Year! The start of the year is always a fun time for me. I get to look forward to the coming year and all of the opportunities in my life that lie ahead. But, this year I also get to look back at a really good year at PTC. I had a great time as President of this wonderful club and thank everyone for their support throughout the year. We had a few challenges along the way, but also made great progress improving the club, mostly through the efforts of our member volunteers.

As we move into the new year, I want to thank those that helped along the way. There are too many personal contributions for me to list everyone. However, there are a few that stand out for me.

First to the Board of Directors, your tireless efforts to make the PTC special need to be recognized.

To the three Board Members retiring from service this year: **Kay Coskey** – Over the last three years, Kay served the Board first as Social Chair, then as President and finally as Tennis Liaison. Kay brought an unrelenting positive perspective to the Board and always provided

Upcoming Events

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Tuesday, January 17th
Annual Membership Meeting

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No Super Bowl Party This Year
Due to Construction

an upbeat perspective. She led the Board as President with an open attitude with primary concern for the members' and employees' happiness. Kay, thank you for your three years of service to the Club.

Ron Pang – Ron served the last two years as head of the Tennis committee. Ron grew participation in all of our events, brought back the Women's Calcutta and delivered first class tournaments and events. Ron brought a passionate and thoughtful approach to our Board, and always provided us with a clear perspective. Thanks Ron for your guidance and for delivering us a great tennis program.

Mindy Wong – Mindy served us first as Social Chair, then as Chairperson of the Membership Committee. As a Board member, Mindy always provided a clear, no nonsense approach to decisions, focusing on the club first. As Social Chair, Mindy delivered first class social events and upped the game for the Holiday party. As Membership Chair, Mindy did a great job balancing the needs of our USTA tennis teams, providing us with a solid program from top to bottom. Thanks Mindy for your clarity, candor and hard work.

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To the three members who will continue on the Board: *Jeff Eliason* – Jeff brought true organization to the Finance role on the board and did a phenomenal job in support of the upcoming Club Upgrade Project. Thanks Jeff for crunching the numbers so well.

Matt Maloney – As House and Grounds Chair, Matt worked daily to make sure members were able to enjoy all of the PTC facilities. He also guided the CIC to deliver the final plan and proposal for the Club Remodel Project – no small feat. Thanks for keeping us on track.

Kim Cresci – Our incoming President started her PTC Board career as Social Chair. Kim brought a new level of organization and thought to our social events. She maximized our budgets to deliver more fun for less money. She also inspired her committee to personally make a lot of the food and decorations in-house. Thanks Kim for bringing us all of the great events. Best of luck as President in the coming year.

To the Club Improvement Committee: I want to thank the Club Improvement Committee for all of their effort getting the Club Upgrade project plan and proposal together. This was a multi-year process that needed to carefully balance the varied needs of our club – certainly not an easy job. This last year was especially challenging, as some failing infrastructure greatly increased the scope of work that was required.

To our wonderful Manager: Lona is a true asset to the PTC. She does a phenomenal job managing the daily operations and working with the members. As President, I am asked to make many small decisions on behalf of the club. Lona is always there to provide a historical perspective, give me the pulse of the membership, and provide her thoughtful personal perspective to guide those decisions. Lona, I can't thank you enough for your friendship and dedication to the PTC.

To everyone else that makes our club awesome: There are countless other contributions from members and staff that make positive differences in our daily experience at the PTC. So,

thank you to all of the members, staff and our wonderful tennis pros, Milosh and J.P. All of you make the PTC a great place to play tennis, enjoy friends, and create life-long relationships.

Here's to 2017!

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's Board members (*Duncan Grenier, Ron Pang, Mindy Wong, Matt Maloney, & Kim Cresci*) as well as *Lona Means*, for writing informative articles for this past year's Drop Shots. We all appreciate their time and effort. A big thank you also goes to *Nancy Batchelor, Kate Belding* and *Lona* for proofreading the newsletters each month. Finally, thank you to *Dennis Mayer*, for his work in formatting and printing the newsletters that are mailed to members every quarter and keeping the court cameras updated and working. Both Nancy and Dennis have volunteered their time helping to produce the Drop Shot over the past ten years.

Congratulations to Adam Klein, son of *Alan Klein*, for winning this season's Survivor on CBS. For 39 days, he and nineteen other competitors "survived" on the Mamanuca Islands in Fiji, before ending up as one of the final three contestants. A couple of weeks ago, the "Live Finale" aired and he beat out his two worthy opponents to win season 33. It was the first time in show history that the verdict was unanimous, garnering all ten votes from his fellow castaway jurors. He walked away with a cool million dollars in doing so.

Most of you know by now that his mother, Susie Klein, was ill after contracting lung cancer months before Adam left for the Survivor filming. He was understandably torn as to whether to go on the show because of her illness. After all, once he left, he would be gone for over six weeks with no access to internet or communication with his family. Susie gave him her blessing, as she wanted him to fulfill the

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dream that he had had since he was nine years old.

As soon as he arrived in Los Angeles after the filming, he took the first plane home. He was able to see Susie and tell her about the show shortly before she passed away. After winning the contest, Adam donated \$100,000 from his winnings to Stand UP 2 Cancer. He continues to raise money for her cause, and, through his efforts, has raised over \$350,000 to date. In knowing the Klein family for over 20 years, I'd like to mention how proud I am of what Adam accomplished, especially considering the impossible circumstances. Congratulations again for making all of us at PTC very proud.

Manager's Corner



by Lona Means

Many sincere thanks from **Loel, Tony, Daisy** and me for your very generous contributions to the holiday fund this year. We all very much appreciate your generosity and wish you and your families a very happy and healthy

2017.

The upcoming Adult 40 & over USTA season is scheduled to run from January 2nd through March 26th. Please contact the captain or me if you would like to play on a PTC team this season.

Please contact me at 650-347-1439 or peninsulatennisclub@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Club News

by Jeff Tateosian

Club Anniversaries for
January-March (5+ years)

Congratulations to the following members:

Chuck & Arlene Callahan	50 Years
Craig Zimmerman	40 Years
Hank & Jeannette Stumpf	30 Years
Mark & Jane Pearcy	15 Years
Patrick & Laura Somers	15 Years
Mark & Cathy Strem	15 Years
Pat & Kate Belding	15 Years
Grace & Steve Voorhis	5 Years

Happy New Year! PTC finished the year strong with our 55 mixed 7.0 team advancing to Sectionals while our 55 Mixed 8.0 team narrowly missed out after a close 1-2 loss in the second round of playoffs.

Congratulations to **Chuck & Arlene Callahan** for celebrating their 50th year at PTC. They joined PTC in 1967, and their membership is the 5th oldest in the club. Additionally, **Craig Zimmerman** is celebrating his 40th year at the club.

Congratulations to **Carolyn Campana**, daughter of **Mark & Adele Campana**, and granddaughter of **Bill and Nancy Campana**, who recently won the Girl's 18 Doubles Winter National Championship in Scottsdale, Arizona. For the national win, she was awarded a gold ball.

Tennis Activities News

by Ron Pang



Congratulations to our Men's 6.5, 7.5 and 9.5 and Women's 6.5 Combo teams for qualifying for playoffs.

Along with the New Year comes a new USTA season. Matches for the 40+ Adult season began this weekend. Please contact the captain if you are interested in signing up for the team.

House & Grounds News

by Matt Mahoney



With the impending start to the main building update project, we will endeavor to keep the members informed of its progress. We currently plan to start demolition the second week of January which, as noted elsewhere, will close the kitchen, Men's locker room, and Clubhouse to member access until further notice.

The repair of the spa tub with a new transformer and control box has been completed and it is fully operational.

The new court cameras have been installed.

Throughout 2016, we had numerous people contribute to keeping the house in order and moving forward. First is the Club Improvement Committee that gave significant time and effort to spearhead the effort to create the plans to commence the Club construction update. The most recent committee members included **Stuart Batchelor, Adrienne Leigh, Whitney Murphy, Joe Feeney, Mindy Wong, and Jerry Ceglia**. Behind the scenes, people like **Ken March, Rudy Giannini, Jim Fregosi, Phil Zlatunich and Dennis Mayer** are always there to chip in or offer advice. And of course, **Lona** and **Loel** are the backbone that hold things together day in and day out. Thank you to all of you and the others that I have forgotten to mention.

Finally, I'd like to thank the many nameless/unidentifiable people who lend a hand or take it on themselves to do things without being asked and act like owners. This is one of the things that makes PTC so great.

Membership News

by Mindy Wong



During December, we had a new family join PTC. Please help me in welcoming **Jennifer & Riyad Salma (Mason '05 & Rhys '08)**.

Leaving the club after many years is **Rick & Carole Soss**. We wish them well.



Social Events News

by Kim Cresi



Thank you for a wonderful journey as the Social Board Member. We set sail with a wonderful Regatta trip for a rowdy visit to Havana, Cuba. Returning home to enjoy the van Dillon Doubles Tournament and finally, the Holiday party. I am grateful to my wonderful committee **Jane Percy, Marisa Wachhorst, Nancy Batchelor, Peter Stevenson, Victoria Culas, Maggie Blumberg, Christina Ching, Erica Reilly, Marissa Hauselt, Teresa Piazza, Scott With and Denee Burliner** for making each event a spectacular adventure.

Twilight tennis was entirely created and executed by USTA captains/ teams' members. Thank you to **Gene Trainor, Marissa Hauselt, Elisabeth Pratt, Kristen Nisewaner and Lona Means** for leading the efforts and making Twilight the most fun.

A spotlight of gratitude to **Lona Means** for entertaining all my silly ideas and being my life preserver throughout the year.

The club will not be hosting the annual Super Bowl party this year due to the construction of the clubhouse and kitchen. Please tune in next year in our new digs.