

January 2015

## President's Message



Kay Coskey

**Happy 2016!** There's something very exciting about starting a new year. Perhaps by looking in the rearview mirror and saying goodbye to 2015, we optimistically move forward. Recently, I took some time to look back and review my past year at PTC. What a great year it's been. Something was always happening at the club: numerous social and tennis events, swimming, grilling, card playing and more. What's my PTC New Year's resolution? I plan to serve on the Board and improve my game with help from our terrific tennis pros, **Milosh** and **Jean Paul**. What's yours?

During this past year, I have thoroughly enjoyed working closely with our Board Members; **Stuart Batchelor, Jennifer Ellison, Duncan Grenier, Ron Pang, Jeff Schubiner** and **Mindy Wong**. I want to take this opportunity to thank them all for their time and dedication to our club. Their commitment to PTC consistently went above and beyond attending the Board meetings. Duncan, Mindy, and Ron will continue to serve on the Board, and Stuart, Jennifer

## Upcoming Events

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Tuesday, January 20th, 6:30 pm  
Annual Membership Meeting

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Sunday, February 7th, 2:30 pm  
Super Bowl Party

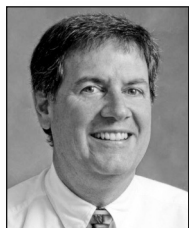
and Jeff will be leaving the Board. I wish to welcome our new Board members, **Kim Cresci, Jeff Eliason** and **Matt Maloney**. I look forward to serving on the Board this coming year with this fine group. Congratulations to Duncan Grenier, our 2016 President!

**This is not new, but it is really a pleasure to work with our club manager, Lona Means.** Lona's extensive knowledge of the club's finances, facilities, events, and community makes her a very special part of our club. We appreciate all your dedication and hard work with PTC! I also wish to thank **Jeff Tateosian** and his staff for creating our Drop Shot and stirring up excitement with his music and voice at our events.

**Looking past the dashboard and into 2016,** I wish good health and much laughter for all of you in the coming New Year.

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## Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's Board members (*Kay Coskey, Ron Pang, Duncan Grenier, Stuart Batchelor, Jeff Schubiner & Mindy Wong*) as well as *Lona Means*, for a year's worth of informative articles for this 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 proof-reading 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. Both Nancy and Dennis have volunteered their time helping me out for the last nine years. Thank you to all associated with producing the Drop Shot.

<i>Bill &amp; Nancy Campana</i>	<i>35 Years</i>
<i>Dennis &amp; Delores Huajardo</i>	<i>20 Years</i>
<i>Steve &amp; Melinda Wong</i>	<i>20 Years</i>
<i>Jeff &amp; Jacki Lindstrom</i>	<i>20 Years</i>
<i>Kristin Nisewaner</i>	<i>20 Years</i>
<i>Doug &amp; Joan Stone</i>	<i>15 Years</i>
<i>Gayle Hansen</i>	<i>15 Years</i>
<i>Gene Sullivan</i>	<i>15 Years</i>
<i>Stuart &amp; Nancy Batchelor</i>	<i>15 Years</i>
<i>Marsha Kunz</i>	<i>15 Years</i>
<i>Anthony Paz &amp; Jennifer Ellison</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Holly Rogers &amp; Rich Schoustra</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Jonathan &amp; Amy Fearn</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>David &amp; Laura Elmore</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Phil &amp; Teri Zlatunich</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Peter &amp; Diana Ferris</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Mark &amp; Debbie Metcalf</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Earl &amp; Audrey Gustafson</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Chris &amp; Jan Cooke</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Jerry Ceglia</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Jim &amp; Andrea Sobel</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Spencer Lowe &amp; Devi Ananda</i>	<i>10 Years</i>
<i>Keith &amp; Elizabeth Pratt</i>	<i>5 Years</i>

## Manager's Corner



by *Lona Means*

*Eli, Loel, Daisy* and I would like to thank all the members who participated this year in the annual employee holiday fund for their very generous contributions. Your kindness is very much appreciated.  
Happy New Year to you and your families!

**The USTA mixed over 40 team and adult over 40 team playing season begins January 4th.** Contact me at [peninsulatennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulatennisclub@gmail.com) or 650-347-1439 if you are interested in joining a team this season.

## Club News

by *Jeff Tateosian*

**Club Anniversaries for January - March (5+ years)**  
**Congratulations to the following members:**

**Kyle Crawford gets a second chance** - Please take a moment to either watch the YouTube video, or read the San Mateo Daily article on the amazing story, of Navy Lieutenant Kawika Segundo meeting Kyle for the first time after he donated his matching bone marrow. Kyle had severe aplastic anemia and needed the transplant to survive. It's a heartwarming story that the parents **David Crawford**, and **Angela Kwan-Crawford** are pleased to share.

(YouTube)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnehef0Lt0c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnehef0Lt0c)  
(San Mateo Daily)

[www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/lnews/2015-10-29/theres-always-hope-boy-with-rare-condition-finds-perfect-bone-marrow-match/1776425152684.html](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/lnews/2015-10-29/theres-always-hope-boy-with-rare-condition-finds-perfect-bone-marrow-match/1776425152684.html)

**Congratulations to the Senior Mixed 8.0** for advancing once again to Sectionals in mid-January.

**PTC Bowling Night** - Get ready for PTC's 2nd Annual Bowling Night coming up in February. Last year's event turned out to be one of the club's best of the year.

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## Club Improvement Committee

by *Stuart Batchelor*



**From a financial standpoint, the PTC is healthy.** Let me share a few facts with you as we head into 2016. The day-to-day operational fund will finish in the black for 2015. The club

has not raised the \$95/month operational fee since 2007 despite the cost of most everything going up. Through ongoing efforts by *Lona*, lower water costs, and using *Loel* for most of the ongoing maintenance issues, we have been able to offset many cost increases with savings in other areas.

**We are currently working on the 2016 operational budget** and will present an update on how we finished 2015 and an outlook for 2016 at the January Membership Meeting. The Capital Reserve Fund is used for ongoing improvements to the Club. The new patio heaters, pool furniture, future men's locker room upgrades, etc. are all paid from this fund. As we end 2015, the Capital Reserve Fund will have over \$500k.

**Finally, we have the Capital Loan Repayment Fund** which is used to pay the monthly mortgage on the Capital Improvements completed in 2008. The Capital Loan Fund currently has \$400k. The current loan has a balloon payment due in Dec. 2018 at which time should be closer to \$450k. When the loan comes due, the club will apply the excess funds to pay down the current balance prior to refinancing the balance. Each of these three funds is unique and

## Tennis Activities News

by *Ron Pang*



managed independently.

**I would like to thank everyone for making last year so fantastic.** I especially want to thank members for helping out to make our

tournaments such a success this past year.

**USTA league matches are starting this week.** If you are interested in joining a team, please contact the team captain. Due to the number of teams and short days, the club is allowing matches to be played a bit earlier so you will see match start times of 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Be sure to come out and cheer on our teams.

I am looking forward to another great year of PTC tennis tournaments and events in 2016.

## House & Grounds News

by *Duncan Grenier*



**Happy New Year!** 2015 was an interesting year for the PTC House and Grounds. We successfully weathered a challenging drought year where we were

required to cut back on our water consumption at the expense of washing our courts. Through thoughtful management, we were also able to cut back on our landscape water usage without sacrificing our garden setting.

**We also saw a lot of improvements to our equipment and facilities.** Some of the improvements are easy to spot, such as the new pool/patio furniture, redesigned website, and the heaters on the upper patio.

**Some other improvements are not so easy to spot.** In 2015, we upgraded the WiFi and CourtCam network for more reliability and ease of use. Hopefully you have noticed an improvement in service.

**Just before Christmas, we began to replace the aging exercise machines, purchasing an upgraded treadmill and two new elliptical machines.** Other improvements to the exercise room will follow this year.

**2016 will be a big year for improvement projects at the PTC, as our infrastructure is**

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aging and requires attention. Over the next month or so, you will hear more about these projects and will be asked to participate in the decision process. Please keep an eye out for emails with more details.

The PTC is an incredible place to play tennis and enjoy time with friends and family. I hope you share my feeling that over the last year it has become an even better place to be.

## Club Improvement Committee



by *Stuart Batchelor*

**2015 was a successful year for the CIC.** The CIC is made up of six club members who report to the club Board of Directors. The CIC is tasked to look at various areas around the club that need to be updated. In 2015 this

included replacing the last of the old patio furniture, working on the installation of the new natural gas heaters on the upper patio, and updating the painting of the exterior exposed beams. As we move into 2016, the current focus is on the men's locker room. Due to some significant maintenance issues, the men's locker room has been moved to the top of the priority list. The project entails replacing all the sewer pipes in the locker room, rebuilding the showers, and possible ADA considerations. Essentially, 100% of the tile work will be replaced along with upgrading the carpeting to tile as well. We expect to present the issues and plans in greater detail at the January Membership Meeting.

## Membership News

by *Jeff Schubiner*



**We didn't bring in any new members** during December, but we did have eleven wonderful families join the club in 2015. Moving into 2016, the Board has approved two new families that

will become members in January.

I would like to take this time to thank our outstanding membership committee in helping to meet and identify our new member families. The committee consisted of **Marisa Wachhorst, Jeff Tsu, Kelly Kemp, Laura Hesselgren, Jim Sobel** and **Maggie Blumberg**. Thank you all.

## Social Events News

by *Mindy Wong*



**Greetings from the social desk.** Our year ended with a very well attended holiday party. **Brian Wachhorst** and his band kept the crowd entertained while the drinks were flowing. All of the

members truly enjoyed the event. It was a great way to end the year. Thank you to all who brought appetizers and food to share. Special thanks go to **Maggie Blumberg** for helping out with all of her baked goods. The desserts were fantastic. Also thank you to **Kim & Rick Cresci** for the lasagna.

**Our next event**, and last on my watch as social director, will be the Super Bowl party on February 7th. A club-wide email will be going out soon with details. The sign-up sheet will be posted shortly thereafter. As in years past, we will have our annual Chili Cook-Off in conjunction with the party. Get your recipes out and join in.

**Last but certainly not least**, I must thank my amazing committee members. None of the events of the past year could have occurred without each and every one of them. Thank you **Denee Berliner, Peter Stevenson, Kim Cresci, Maggie Blumberg, Ken and Val March, Kim Nappi, Nancy Batchelor, Nancy Chew, Jeff Tsu, Amy Fearn, Kim Nappi, and Teresa Delosada**. A very special thank you goes to **Eli, Lona & Loel** for their work behind the scenes. You are all spectacular!