

# PTC Drop Shot

October 2023

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Singles Tournament Semi-Finals

Men's Club Singles Tournament Finals

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Holiday Party

Annual Membership Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Bowl Party/Chili Cook Off

## President's Message: *Marty Funk*

To our wonderful PTC community, what a terrific summer we had at the club. Between the tennis camps, lessons, member play, family swimming, and some great events, it felt like there was always something happening at PTC.

In a short three months we managed to squeeze in another Twilight Tennis, our PTC Poker Championship, Men's, and Women's Calcutta, and of course the annual Betty Cookson Women's Doubles Tournament. The Betty Cookson reminded me of not only some of the incredible women tennis players we have at PTC, but of the incredible history of women who've come through our doors and impacted the game of tennis for women everywhere. After a terrific finals match, I felt so proud to stand and toast those women past and present.

On the business side, the Board, thanks to the tireless efforts of *Steve Livingston*, has made major steps in sorting out our books, our finances, and recruited a finance committee to help the Board make near and long-term financial decisions. Separately, *Doug Heffernan* is forming a committee to look at all options for a long-term fix for courts 1-3. It's not an accident that both committees are being formed at nearly the same time. The fix may be expensive.

I'm looking forward to a terrific Fall at PTC and seeing all of you at the club and about town.

## Manager: *Paul Miller*

As autumn progresses, we will have more debris on the courts from the falling leaves. Loel works hard to have the courts cleared every morning and will continue to clean them as needed when they are free. Scheduled times for Loel to wash the courts will be noted in Skedda.

Please make sure to collapse any umbrellas around the club when not in use. We will be removing most umbrellas around the pool area this year to preserve their lifespan.

Our pool heater will be turned off in November. Please enjoy the remaining few weeks when the weather is nice to use the pool. After the heater is turned off, the court screenings will be changed. We will update Skedda with the dates & time for those changes shortly.

Towels....if you have extras in your locker or tennis bag, please remember to return them to be washed.

For those who have misplaced sunglasses, there is a sizable collection in the manager's office. Please drop by & look if you're missing a pair.

## **Editor's Note: *Jeff Tateosian***

The middle of September saw the club host the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hold'em Poker Tournament. Congratulations to **Pat Belding** for holding onto the biggest swing we've ever seen at PTC. Pat was the first player to go "all in" out of the 22 players as he was down to his final chips. He won the hand and managed to play well enough to make it to the winner's circle. **Marty Funk** ended up in second place, and **Cory Ravid** came in third. As usual, a great time was had by all the players.



**Poker Champion – Pat Belding (with Cory Ravid giving him a “thumbs up”)**



**No bluffing in with this crowd...**

## **Club Anniversaries for July - September (5+ years)**

*Congratulations to the following members:*

*Glenn & Kristie Mendelson* - 35 years  
*Phil & Sharon Marson* – 30 years  
*Steve Livingston & Terry Sprague* – 25 years  
*Brian & Jennifer Desler* – 20 years  
*Chris & Molly Dillon* – 20 years  
*Marilee Brooks* – 15 years  
*Doug & Debbie Heffernan* – 15 years  
*Ken & Kerry Maher* – 15 years  
*David Crawford & Angela Kwan* - 10 years  
*Ken & Teresa Post* - 10 years  
*James & Cristina Funk* - 5 years  
*Todd & Karen Gemmer* - 5 years

## **Finance News: Steve Livingston**

**I thought I would give a quick summary** of the most common finance questions at Peninsula Tennis Club (PTC). You may have noticed that the quarterly statement has three recurring lines: Quarterly dues; Building Capital; Reserve Dues. For simplicity, PTC specifies these items, so that money can be allocated into three separate bank accounts that make managing the funds simple and accountable. “Quarterly dues” and the miscellaneous Point of Sale, event, locker fees all go into an account that pays our operating expenses to keep the club open and operating. “Building Capital” is designated for the monthly payment to the 2008 remodel loan, which was refinanced in 2017 at a favorable interest rate. This loan will be paid off at the end of 2033. The “Reserve Dues” account sets aside savings for capital improvements. Anything that can be depreciated is paid for out of this account. When we purchase new equipment, we are using our Reserve Dues. The other source for the capital improvements is new member initiation fees less the equity payout to the resigning Senior Members.

**I assumed the position of Treasurer in July 2023** and decided there are a few opportunities to help with this position. The first opportunity is striving for improved continuity and knowledge. Every year, Board members take a new position, and key information can be lost in the transition. The second opportunity is to have counsel on important financial decisions within a given year. I decided that it is time for an ongoing Finance Advisory Committee with a team of people to provide continuity, help with specific finance projects, and provide counsel. I am pleased to announce the members of the new Committee and which specific work efforts they are assisting and leading. These members were selected with some simple criteria: Previous PTC experience, finance domain knowledge, and dedication to spending time to help.

**Bryan Welch**, a former PTC Board member and Treasurer, is helping with our forecast modeling for both Operating Budgets and Capital Reserves Budget. **Gene Trainor** also a former PTC Board member and Treasurer is working with Bryan. Both individuals in their previous roles developed budgeting and forecast models for operations and capital improvement. **Jennifer Ellison**, a former PTC President and Board member, whose career is in money management, has joined and is immediately helping us maximize interest income in the current favorable interest rate period while also insuring our savings are in safe accounts. **Matt Colvin**, a PTC member for over 55 years, former Board member and Treasurer and owner of a CPA firm, will help in many ways where we need the counsel of a current CPA. The committee has met and has been working hard on specific work streams for PTC.

At the member meeting on November 21, I will present more details on the health of PTC Finances, the budget forecast, and plans for 2024.

## **Tennis News: Steven Oliver**

We've had some tremendous tennis events during late summer and early fall. We all appreciate the involvement and enthusiasm of membership.

### **Men & Women's Calcutta Tournament**

On Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, the club gathered for the biggest party of the year – the Calcutta Dinner & Draw. A beautiful evening allowed for fun and a “lively” outside party. Thank you to **Carey Welsh**, her Social Committee, and many other volunteers for providing a great theme and a delicious dinner. The team draws were hilarious as always.

The Men's Tournament saw the team “Rolling Stones” come out on top with a very strong performance. The team included **Ric Fenton** (Captain), **Aaron McCoy**, **Gerry Sydorak**, **Doug Heffernan**, **Peter Stevenson** & **Ed Willig**. Team “Billy Joel” led by Captain **Dan Mulready**, finished second. His teammates were **Zev Handelman**, **Jeff Tateosian**, **Chris Geheran**, **Adam Chall** & **Jeff Tsu**. Captain **Steve Livingston**, **Marty Funk**, **Steve Voorhis**, **Mike Shaffer**, **Bob Wren** & **Cory Ravid** representing team “Journey” finished a strong third.

The Ladies Tournament was very competitive and a lot of fun to watch. This year's winner was team “Donna Summer,” consisting of **Lexi Slavet** (Captain), **Mei Chen**, **Lisa Rosenthal**, **Kris Willig**, **Kristen Pierce** & **Amanda Wheeler**. Second place this year representing team “Madonna” went to **Amy Grenier** (Captain), **Shannon Foster**, **Jamie Shen**, **Davina Chall**, **Grace Voorhis** & **Meaghan Schaefer**. Congratulations to all our winners.

### **Betty Cookson Doubles Championship (by Nancy Batchelor)**

The Tennis Committee hosted the 6th annual Betty Cookson Doubles Championship, and it was another awesome event. The tournament was enjoyed by all who participated, and many more who came out to cheer for the finals matches.

**Marci Martinucci** and **I** managed the registration desk, deftly coordinating court assignments and tracking match scores. **Loel**, **Tony**, **Steve**, and **Paul** were all instrumental in pulling the event together, as usual.

**Sheila Druskin** was the Tournament planner extraordinaire. Not only did she organize the tournament and prizes, but she also personally reached out to many PTC women who have left a mark on our club and gave them special recognition. A giant thanks to Sheila for her boundless energy, time, and effort to make this tournament so special year after year.

Kudos goes out to **Carey Welsh**, **Val March** and their Social team for the beautiful décor and breakfast and lunch spreads as well as the lovely reception with a toast to Betty on Sunday.

It was a competitive weekend of ladies' tennis, with great points, tie breaks, and wonderful camaraderie. We are already looking forward to next year! The results of the tournament are as follows:

#### **Open division**

Champions: **Jen Desler** and **Christina Ching**

Runners up: **Amanda Wheeler** and **Erica Reilly**

Back draw winners: **Amy Grenier** and **Lexi Slavet**

### **7.0-8.0 division**

Champions: *Carolyn Dowling* and *Carey Welsh*

Runners up: *Kate Belding* and *Laura Hesselgren*

Back draw winners: *Davina Chall* and *Jennifer Ellison*

### **6.5 & under division**

Champions: *Tami Dewitt* and *Delyn Simons*

Runners up: *Beth Francesconi* and *Kim Kletter*

**Note there was no back draw** match for 6.5 & under division. That division was one and done, winner take all, and they showed UP. It was an epic three full set, three-hour battle.

*(Please see all the tournament photos later in newsletter)*

## **Membership News: Kris Willig**

**New Members** - PTC has welcomed two new members in the past few months.

*Andy Leventhal* and his wife *Suzanne Nakamura* live in San Mateo. Suzanne is new to tennis, but Andy grew up playing and is now picking it back up after a long hiatus. Andy played on a few PTC USTA teams in 2022 and 2023 as a 3.0. Sponsors: Cory Ravid and Jason Kletter

*Jeffrey Thomas* is a cerebrovascular neurosurgeon living in Hillsborough. Jeffrey is a strong 4.0 and an enthusiastic player who enjoys USTA and playing singles. His son Oliver (15 years old) is an intermediate player. Sponsors: Jane Percy and Anthony Paz

**Note to sponsors:** please take an active role in the application process of your prospective members. Bring them to the club to play tennis, meet other members, and socialize. Applicants and their families may be your guests twice per month (guest fees apply); please note “Applicant” next to their name(s) on the sign-in sheet so that Membership can easily see that they’ve been visiting. Additionally, sponsors should ensure that their applicant has reviewed and understands the By-laws, Club rules, and dues schedule. that their applicant has reviewed and understands the By-laws, Club rules, and dues schedule.

**Recent Resignations** – goodbye and farewell!

*Brian & Jennifer Beswick*



**New Member - Jeffrey Thomas & son Oliver**

## **House & Grounds News: *Doug Heffernan***

**During the last couple of months**, we've made various repairs and additions. The water fountain between courts 3 and 7 has been installed and is functional. In the clubhouse, a new fan has been installed and is functioning. Additionally, we have compiled a list of maintenance items that need to be addressed and will slot in projects as the budget allows.

**The club is in the process** of putting together a tennis court committee to start the process of making decisions for the many cracks on courts 1-3. There are several routes to consider, and a committee will help get perspectives from several different backgrounds.

## **Social News: *Carey Welsh***

**Summer ends with a bang.** The Calcutta Weekend kicked off with a very fun and spirited Friday night as usual. A delicious dinner was followed by the team draw and betting. The Social Team nailed it with the Rock 'n Roll theme and décor and the amazing BBQ spread. It's It ice cream sandwiches for dessert rounded it all off.

**Thank you to *Jeff Tateosian*** for the song choices and keeping everyone entertained, and ***Kate Belding*** and ***Becky Showen*** who decorated for the night and helped with food. Dinner and everything else for the evening came together with the help of ***Marissa Hauselt, Kris Willig, Cris Mangar, Davina Chall, Gabrielle Funk, Perissa Clark, Devi Ananda, Nancy Batchelor, and Kristen Neiswaner.*** Thank you to all who helped make this a memorable night once again.

**The Betty Cookson Women's Championship Weekend.** The club was all about the ladies on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. The clubhouse was turned into a ladies' retreat with the décor, breakfast, and lunch food. After the finals on Sunday, we raised a toast to PTCs beloved ***Betty Cookson.*** She was a special person and it is an honor to celebrate her for the 6<sup>th</sup> time with this tournament. This year we included some

of the other special members who made an impact on the club and sport. It was wonderful to see so many people cheering on the women and staying for a glass of bubbly and appetizers.

**Thank you** to *Alyssa McCoy* for all her help with the set up and *Val March* who lends a hand with everything from set-up to food prep, to clean-up. I could not do the job without her. Also, a big thank you to Tony for the delicious salads and his lumpia.

**Next up: Annual Holiday Party.** Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for our annual holiday party. Be on the lookout for more information soon. If you can help with the set-up/clean-up, please reach out. I am so thankful for all the help I can get.

**Reminder:** Social and Tennis events are supported by PTC volunteers. If you are interested in helping or have an event you would like to spearhead, please let Carey or Steven know. The member volunteers are the backbone of all our events. Thank you to everyone who has offered already.

## **Tennis Pro: Pablo Alvarado**

PTC year-round program is all set and rolling providing many playing opportunities for Adults and Juniors.

We are proud of having an amazing coaching team for the 2023-2024 season:

- Coach Pablo Alvarado: Tennis Director - USPTA & PTR Elite Professional
- Coach Stephanie Luk: Head Pro - USPTA Elite Professional
- Coach Clayton Farac: Instructor - USPTA Tennis & Pickleball Professional
- Coach Dan Miller: Instructor - USPTA Elite Professional

### **Adult Lessons / Clinics:**

With kids back in school, it's a great time for adults to get back on court! We have listed and open for registration in the player's portal Drop-In clinics for Women levels 3.0, 3.5 & 4.0 & over. There are private lesson openings to book online as well.

In case you can't find a time that works for you or if you are looking to schedule lessons on a regular basis, please email me at [pablo@evolutionburlingame.com](mailto:pablo@evolutionburlingame.com) and I will help you to get all squared up. We are usually available for adult lessons and clinics Monday / Friday 7:00am-3:30pm & 6:00-7:00pm.

For those who are open only during weekends, we have started an **Adult Co-Ed clinic at BHS** on Saturday afternoons with the following schedule:

- Adult Beginner: Saturdays 2:00-3:00pm
- Adult Levels 2.5 & 3.0: Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm
- Adult Levels 3.5 & 4.0: Saturdays 4:00-5:00pm

These clinics are open to PTC members and non-members. If you want to join, or know someone interested this is the registration

link: <https://evolutionburlingame.gotimmy.com/pages/class?sessionId=0&programId=1284>

### **Junior Playing Opportunities:**

The **Evolution-PTC Tennis program** is the best way to get your child into tennis. It combines expert instruction in tactical and technical skills, supervised practice, athletic skill development, competitive skills



training plus exciting events and competitions. Our pathway is to split into 12 stages based on age and skill level. If you are interested in joining, please email me to schedule an assessment: [pablo@evolutuionburlingame.com](mailto:pablo@evolutuionburlingame.com)

### **USTA Junior Local League: October 15th - November 12th**

We are excited about offering more and better playing opportunities to players in the area. This Fall we will be hosting at BHS a five-week Local League at Burlingame High School on Sunday afternoons for the following levels:

- 10U Orange Ball
- 12U Green Ball
- 16U Yellow Ball

Local League is a great way to get a lot of singles & doubles match experience in a friendly environment. Matches count towards the ITF International Tennis Number. Registration and details: <https://playtennis.usta.com/ntcburlingame/Coaching/Junior>

### **PTC is well represented at the USPTA NorCal Board of Directors**

Coaches Pablo and Stephanie had been selected to be part of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Northern California Board of Directors until 2025. Pablo joined the Board in 2022 and Stephanie in early 2023, and both will continue serving the association of Tennis Professionals with the same commitment and passion they have on court.

## **Men's Calcutta Tournament**



**First Place: Aaron McCoy, Ric Fenton, Gerry Sydorak, Doug Heffernan, Peter Stevenson & Ed Willig.**





**Second place: Dan Mulready, Zev Handelman, Jeff Tateosian, Chris Geheran, Adam Chall & Jeff Tsu**



**Third place: Marty Funk, Steve Vorhis, Mike Shaffer, *Steve Livingston*, & *Cory Ravid* (not pictured – *Bob Wren*)**

## Women's Calcutta Tournament



**First place: Mei Chen, Lisa Rosenthal, Kris Willig, Lexi Slavet, Kristen Pierce & Amanda Wheeler**



**Second place: Shannon Foster, Jamie Shen, Davina Chall, Grace Voorhis, Meaghan Schaefer & Amy Grenier**

## Betty Cookson Doubles Championship



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**Tournament Director Sheila Druskin shared a tribute to Betty Cookson.**



**Former tennis professional - Ann Kiyomura-Hayashi.**



**Bob & Betty Cookson. Bob was PTC President in 1963.**



**Lunch served at the Betty Cookson Tournament.**



**Betty Cookson Trophies on display**