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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE – WE NEED YOU

In my last message, I talked about the Club's purpose. In this one I want to talk about the primary guardians of that purpose: the FCTC Board of Directors.

The Club's work is planned, organized and funded by the Board, and much of that work is also executed by Board members and other Club volunteers. There are some 17 of us, often times a few less than that, who offer Club members tennis-related activities and work with the City of Foster City to stimulate interest and participation in tennis. We try to have a relatively large Board so that no one Board member is over-burdened, and we try to keep it fun.



Each year several Board positions turn over, so we are always looking for new Board members. I have always believed that this kind of turnover is positive for a volunteer Board like ours – it brings fresh ideas, renewed energy and new leadership.

We have five Board positions coming available over the next several months. Each one has someone who can provide on-the-job training for the new Board member. Let me briefly tell you about each of them:

**Vice President** – This leadership position acts in the stead of the President when necessary, helps organize the calendar, edits publications, and generally is a “jack of all trades” who often assumes the Presidency when the President's term expires. We have one candidate for VP but are willing to consider others. Contact me [I was the last VP] for more information. My home email address is [jckarmendy@comcast.net](mailto:jckarmendy@comcast.net).



**Social Director** – This role organizes all the Club’s social functions, including the Annual Meeting and Mid-Summer Night’s Bash, and works directly with the Inter-Club and Fun Days Directors. Scarlett Wood is our current Social Director and can be reached at [scarlett@nextlevelcoach.org](mailto:scarlett@nextlevelcoach.org) .

**Peninsula Club Challenge Tournament Director** – This key leadership position plans and runs the only USTA-sanctioned tennis tournament on the Peninsula, held every June in Foster City. This position is time-intensive in May-June. Dale Russell has done a great job over the past 3 years and is now looking to train his replacement. His email is [russell5237@sbcglobal.net](mailto:russell5237@sbcglobal.net) .

**Membership Director** – This very important role maintains membership rosters, collects new applications, and works with other Board positions to generate new membership. We have a candidate for this position but will consider others. Jim Bjorge is the current Membership guru, and can be reached at [fctcmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:fctcmembership@yahoo.com) .

**Inter-Club Director** – This Board position plans, advertises and coordinates the inter-Club tournaments we have against other tennis clubs on the Peninsula. We typically have 3-5 of these each year. Kathryn Chou has been our Inter-Club Director this year – contact her at [kathryn.chou@oracle.com](mailto:kathryn.chou@oracle.com) .

If you have a little bit of free time, some leadership skills, and an interest in serving on the Board, please contact me or one of the Board members above for more information. We need you!

**Jake Karmendy, FCTC President**

# 2008 PENINSULA CHALLENGE CUP

On one of the hottest June weekends on record, the 2008 Peninsula Challenge Cup played out over 3 days and was deemed a grand success by players and spectators!



All players received a commemorative T-Shirt.

The tournament hosted a record number of entrants (158) who participated in 135 matches held at the Edgewater, Boothbay, and Shell courts arriving from as far away Gilroy, Mill Valley, Berkeley, Santa Cruz, and Sacramento! Competition was held in 15 levels from 3.0 to 4.5 including Men's and Women's singles and doubles, and Mixed.

Edgewater Park, the new home for Club activities, was the site of tournament headquarters. Members and staff celebrated the convenience of the newly constructed green and white storage shed, and on Saturday we christened the club's new gas grill with a hamburger and chicken BBQ for volunteers and fans.

Our wonderful volunteers were the hallmark of our successful tournament!

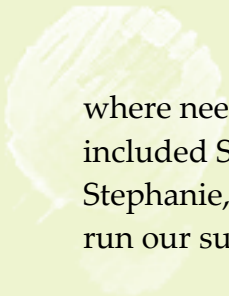
Coordinated by Scarlett Wood, they worked tirelessly and met every challenge with a smile. Players received a tournament t-shirts/tank tops, bottled water, and fresh fruit. Bob Wood, Ed Weiss, and Vivian Poblete, helped run the Club BBQ on Saturday to great reviews. Our USTA Officials, Wendy Chow and her umpire staff Shaun Lanihan and Ali Estragh were outstanding. Jake, our smiling president, kept each court site fully stocked of water and ice throughout the warm weekend. And Olive Ebert was a welcomed sight when she arrived with late Friday with pizza for the volunteers!



Lisa, Janet and Vivian at the tournament desk.

Gust Zumas and Jackie James did their usual great job managing the Boothbay courts, while Karen Chew and George Porzio kept Friday organized at Shell, as did Sheila Cooper on Sunday. The hub of action at the tournament desk was wonderfully staffed by Chris Mangar, Suzanne, Janet, Steve, Vivian, and others (as long as they kept the Tournament Director out of their way, the operation ran smooth!!) Lisa Chang, Mona Simpson, Jim Bjorge, and Betty Lam provided seasoned help for the weekend too.

The FCTC Board of Directors; Vikki, Mona, Ken and Ken, Barby, and even Richard Olsen, were seen during the event lending help



where needed. Other great volunteers included Sheryl, Steve, Judith, Suzanne, Stephanie, Joan, Chris, and Mike who helped run our successful show!

Competition ran well throughout the tournament with minimal delays or complaints. Winners and finalists received engraved wine glasses at the end of the competition. Our goal next year is to continue the long successful history of the Peninsula Challenge Cup!

Thanks to all for another great PCC!

*Dale Russell*  
2008 PCC Director

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## **THANK YOU TO FCTC PCC VOLUNTEERS**

We survived another 3-day PCC! 158 Players, 135 matches, 14 events, 3 sites, and 22 cases of water! Nice job!

I want to graciously thank and congratulate all the FCTC Volunteers for their long hours and personal effort in making the 2008 Peninsula Challenge Cup a grand success! I have received many compliments that our tournament ran smoothly, and that our volunteer staff was very friendly and helpful. A special thanks to Scarlett Wood, our 2008 PCC Volunteer Coordinator, who organized and staffed our event!

Our continued success is attributed to your outstanding work as great volunteers! All your many hands of help made the 2008

PCC a pleasure to manage. Thank you!

Our USTA Officials, Wendy Chow, Shaun Lenihan, and Ali Estragh provided friendly and professional service to our tournament, we are in deep appreciation of their effort and their tennis knowledge! Great job!

Thanks to the FCTC Board in approving and purchasing our new gas grill! Our BBQ Pro's, under guidance of Bob Wood, christened the grill and declared it 'burger' ready! Thanks also to Jake Karmendy, our president, for the many early morning runs to all the courts for ice, water, and supplies; we thank your pickup too!!

Thanks also to Kevin Miller, Manny Hernandez, and Todd Badger, our Foster City Officials, who provide the wonderful tournament venues, and were instrumental in approving and installing our new storage shed at the Edgewater Courts just in time for the first PCC match!

I have probably missed a few folks that helped out too. Please thank them for their help and support.

Thanks again for your contribution to the 2008 PCC!

*Dale Russell*  
2008 PCC Director

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 PENINSULA CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS!

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**Men's 4.5 Singles:**

N. Bagga



**Men 4.5 Doubles:**

J. Santiago / G. Tower




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**Men's 4.0 Singles:**

S. Smith

**Ladies 4.0 Singles:**

S. Laskey



**Men's 4.0 Doubles:**

Y. Yamamoto /  
A. Yang

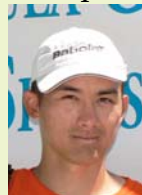


**Mixed 4.0:**

J. Jung / P. Baty

**Men's 3.5 Singles:**

L. Lopes



**Ladies 3.5 Singles:**

K. Fairty



**Men's 3.5 Doubles:**

C. Quan / D. Whitten



**Ladies 3.5 Doubles:**

J. Lim / K. Chou



**Mixed 3.5:**

N. Kuan / L. Tsang




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**Men's 3.0 Singles:**

H. Teano

**Ladies 3.0 Singles:**

E. Hsia



**Mixed 3.0:**

T. Hanson / L. Hanson



# MID-SUMMER NIGHT'S BASH

SATURDAY NIGHT, JULY 26TH, 2008

The Mid-Summer Night's Bash was again held at the El Torito Restaurant in Foster City to celebrate the thirteenth successful year of the PENINSULA CHALLENGE CUP (PCC) tournament and to honor all those who volunteered their time and energy. Fifty one FCTC members, their guests and honored volunteers enjoyed the delicious Mexican buffet and free Margaritas!!



President Jake Karmendy welcomed all who attended and introduced Scarlett Wood, PCC Volunteer Coordinator, who acknowledged all twenty nine people who committed to various tasks and duties to contribute to the smooth operation of the two and one half days duration of the PCC.

Dale Russell, PCC Director, who was playing tennis at a USTA sanctioned Tournament, was acknowledged in absentia, for committing to PCC Directorship for a second year. A gift for Dale will be presented to him at a later date.

An after dinner drawing included raffling two gift certificates from Zalles Sports and four dinner certificates contributed by El Torito. The evening was concluded with more tennis talk and a good time was had by all.

*Scarlett Wood  
Gust Zumas  
Event Coordinators*

## UPDATE ON BOWDITCH TENNIS COURTS

The Bowditch Middle School tennis courts have been resurfaced!

For the past several months, the FCTC Board has worked with interested groups to work with the school to complete the resurfacing. The groups include the Middle School and District Office, the USTA funding Grants, the FCTC, the adjacent condos homeowners association, Reynaldo Zalles of Zalles Sports, as well as several, behind the scenes, hard-working individuals. The Foster City Parks and Recreation Department and City Council provided guidance and history also.

These courts are the property of the Bowditch School, and they have jurisdiction over the use and facilities. Please contact the school for reservations.

*Dale Russell*

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## PLAY IN STYLE

WEAR & WIN WITH THE FCTC SHIRT



**\$25.00**

*includes  
Shipping & Handling*

*"Antigua" Polo  
Embroidered*

Limited inventory. White w/ green logo.  
Specify (men's sizes) M, L or XL.  
Send check to: FCTC Shirt, P.O. Box 4024 Foster City, CA 94404. Allow 10 days for delivery.



# FCTC 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Foster City Tennis Club membership offers year-round activities.  
For more information, check our website at [www.fostercitytennisclub.org](http://www.fostercitytennisclub.org)  
For membership information, email: [fctcmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:fctcmembership@yahoo.com).

*All members must be 18 years of age or older.*

**Membership Fees:** Foster City Resident - \$30.00 Non-Resident - \$45.00  
Family Plan: First member pays full rate. Deduct \$5.00 for each additional family member.  
Submit ONE application for each family member. Each member must sign his or her form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Current NTRP Rating \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCLAIMER:** Intending to be legally bound, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims and damages I may incur against Foster City Tennis Club and all sponsors / producers for any and all injuries that may be suffered by any en route to or from and during events. I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for competition. I acknowledge and understand that I have read and understand all of the above.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must be a current FCTC member to participate in any League Activities – no exceptions!**

All FCTC Newsletters will be sent via email. If you want a paper version instead, check here:  
We publish a FCTC Membership Directory annually with names, ratings, phone numbers, and email addresses. We publish all member names; if you do not want something published in the directory besides your name, please specify here what you **do not** want published:

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*Please indicate why you joined the Foster City Tennis Club!*

\_\_\_ Meet other tennis players \_\_\_ USTA League Tennis \_\_\_ Fun Days  
\_\_\_ Inter-club Tournaments \_\_\_ Board of Directors position

**MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:**  
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