# PRACTICE POINTS

## Our Product

The latest version is TheP(s)

#### **Fixes**

As per the existing documentation, the printing of scheduled consultations and accounts forms now correctly substitutes the name of an associated guarantor. This is an option, as when the corresponding schedule address is flushed out in the system preference settings.

#### **New Features**

The ability to send batch emails from a list of a person's records is now implemented, as limited to 20 records at a time.

The consultations listing now has two additional buttons which will allow you to send appointment reminders to your clients, either as emails or as SMSs to their mobiles.

#### Reminder:

These newsletters can be downloaded from our web site.

Support for **Leopard** is currently under consideration.

## Some neat utilities to try (personal opinions!)

**SheepShaver** Allows you to run Mac OS9 applications on the latest Macs.

**Quicksilver** The best applications launcher, bar none.

**MediaCentral** If you do not have **FrontRow**, this utility is a multimedia interface on steroids.

**StickyWindows** This finder enhancement may suite your work style, by collapsing windows into little tabs along the edges.

**BootChamp** Allows you to easily boot into Windows... see http://www.macosxhints.com/article.php?story=20070717081026402

## Mac OSX

Mac OSX - **Leopard** is now delayed until October, in deference to the **iPhone**.

Apple have released their **iPhone** on schedule and to great acclaim, seemingly living up to most of the intensive hype that was building up prior to the release. A couple of my clients have already had a chance to see and try an **iPhone** and have also been impressed.

In support of the **iPhone**, Apple have also released **Safari** for the Windows platform. It is reported to be at least twice as fast as any other browser which is native to the Windows platform.

New MacBooks are now shipping, having faster chips and improved screen technology. They can now address a full 4Gb of RAM.

Rumors are starting to build with regard to new and improved **iPods** leading up to the Christmas season.

Apple is shipping one in every seven laptops worldwide

- Go Apple!-

## What are we doing?

**VHS Tapes** Converted for streaming to the lounge room TV via the new **AppleTV**.

iTunes All re-imported at 128 / 256 for full quality transmission to the lounge Hi-fi sound system,.

**Airport Extreme Base Station** Provides 802.11n performance with the **iiMac** 24", **AppleTV** and **iTunes**.

We have now taken delivery of an **AppleTV**, and after 6 hours of sychronisation, all the multimedia on the iiMac is now available through the lounge room TV and Hi-Fi systems. The system works flawlessly and to enjoy almost instant access to all that multi-media, it is not necessary to have the computer running, nor to have the TV set top box activated. Just the Hi-def TV screen turned on with its input set to the **AppleTV**.

It would be nice to be able to just click on the floating album art - which is quite soothing by the way - to select it for playing. It would also be good to be able to find any music that I might not have played or just forgotten about.

Aha!... I have a smart play list called **Favs Forgotten**, so I could create a new smart play list for never played songs (e.g. **Never Played**) and give that to the **AppleTV**, which if selected, would only ever play songs never played... a diminishing list which would serve that purpose. After that I guess I could redeploy it as a **Played Once** list.

#### **Accessing Music**

Going for physical CDs in the lounge is a visual effort and tends to focus on familiar CD cases. Playing music on the iiMac is a cognitive effort, either choosing music to fit the work activity, or using the **iTunes** capability of typing a few letters to find things.

These two approaches generally only covered about 45% of the available material.

Playing music on the **AppleTV** is a more random effort as one tends to scroll through the albums at will, or until bored. In any case, the **AppleTV** has opened up a whole new listening experience.

# Where are things going?

**Parallels** Now up to version 4128. Full 3-D support, and direct access to the graphics cards.

## July 25th

**Apple** will be announcing its quarterly results. Note the share price at \$143.75 is at an all time high.

Until the next issue...

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