



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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News-Leagues, Lessons, Men's Groups & More!

Hey Courtside Members,

We're excited leagues are in full swing-Go Teams! Whether you're out there competing or cheering from the sidelines, we hope you're enjoying the action and energy.

Lessons with Isaac Are Here!

We're thrilled to announce that Isaac is now offering lessons for all levels. Whether you're looking to refine your skills or just get some extra practice in, Isaac's your guy! Reach out to book your spot.

Men's Groups Are Up & Running

Our Men's Groups are back in action! Join us on **Mondays at 12 PM** and **Wednesdays at 11 AM** for a great workout and some serious fun. It's an hour-long session, and at just **\$15 per player**, it's a great way to stay active and improve. Hope to see you there!

Courts Are Looking Good!

We've been working hard to make sure the courts are always in top shape. New material is being added and maintenance is ongoing to ensure your playing experience is nothing short of excellent.

As always, thanks for being a part of the Courtside family. Let's keep the momentum going!

Working on Winning,

Daniel Manieri

Tennis Director-Courtside Tennis Club

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News from the Board

As we bid farewell to January, we reflect on what has been a long and busy month. The chilly Florida winter, with its ten days of cold, rain, and wind, has certainly taken a toll on our courts. Our team, led by Daniel and Company, is diligently working on scarifying, applying new material, and rolling the courts to ensure they remain in top condition.

In addition to court maintenance, the board is currently reviewing bids for new fencing. As many of you have noticed, the existing fencing has become unsafe, with broken sections, rust, and numerous holes. Unfortunately, replacing and improving the fencing will be costly and make a dent in our Capital Improvement Account. While this is a significant investment, it is essential for the safety and enjoyment of our members.

A reminder that February 8th is our designated workday, complete with lunch! We have several projects planned that extend beyond our usual maintenance duties. Sign up on the porch. If you are unable to participate but would still like to contribute, donations to our Capital Improvement Account are always welcomed and appreciated.

Looking ahead, March 8th will be our Annual Meeting, which includes a complimentary lunch. During this meeting, we will review our financial reports and introduce new board members. Please remember to sign up on the porch if you plan to attend.

A big "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers who continue to dedicate their time and talents to our club. Special thanks to those working on the grandstand by court seven, making it safer and more efficient for everyone.

Let's keep enjoying the game we love!

Tom Lanigan

President

Courtside Board of Directors

Tom Lanigan—President
Debbie Cavness—Vice President
Lee Scott—Treasurer
Sally Pym—Secretary

Jim Flynn
Sandy Murphy
Liz Morris

Annual Meeting Saturday March 8th

February Birthday

Joan Feldmeier 1

Brenda Galbo 1

Darlene Betty 9

Mary McBride 13

Marcy Burth 15

Lucy Troutman 19

Karen Kennedy 24

Byron Aber 25

Pat Kormondy 27

Teresa Toole 28



There will also be a complimentary lunch.



For your Information

The monthly Courtside Board of Directors Meeting Minutes is posted every month on the bulletin board next to the kitchen window marked Board Meeting Material.

Also, there is a copy of the latest Courtside rules & regulations of the club on the bulletin board as well.

Quote of the Month

“You have within you, right now, everything you need to deal with whatever the world can throw at you.”

Serve Up Support

Help us renovate the grandstands and install new fencing to improve Courtside!

Please give generously!

Cash or check

Make checks payable to: **Courtside**

All donations will be matched from the capital improvement account.

Thank you !!

REMINDER

Just a reminder that there is a defibrillator on the porch next to the office door in case of an emergency.

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar!!

February 7th-First Friday 5:00 pm

February 8th-Volunteer Work Day & Lunch

Also

Board Meeting @ 1:00 pm

February 14th-Valentine's Day!



On-Line Reservation
8:00 am., 9:30 am., or 11:00 am

BOOK/CALL ON

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

The on-line reservation system will now be open all year around including all holidays.

Sunday (Office is Closed)

*Court 4 is reserved for lessons & clinics

*Court 5—when available

*During League Play ladies and men will use designated courts as assigned by the Director of Tennis, beginning at noon.

TO PLAY ON THE FOLLOWING:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

GUESTS

When you have a guest playing at Courtside, please remember to register them in the office. If the office is closed at the time you are scheduled to play, please let Mo or Sue know that you had a guest after office hours. The guest fee is always \$10.00. Thank you for your cooperation.

Meet Your Courtside Family!

Ray & Elinor Uhlhorn

Ever wonder if blind dates work???? Well, thanks to good friends, Elinor and Ray met on a blind date, got married 4 months later and still enjoy each other!

Elinor's mom, who was a speed skater and local tennis champ, taught her tennis at a young age. Her tennis journey took her from college tennis to playing USTA events, both local and national (including 4 times to USTA league nationals (40, 55 and 65) and USTA sectionals. Tennis always helped her feel comfortable in the 15 different places she's lived.

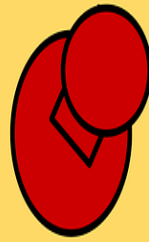
Ray decided, after retiring, at the age of 80, for the third time, maybe tennis looked less stressful than golf. Tho' he's never taken a tennis lesson, his ice hockey, college and semi-pro baseball experiences aided in his quickness, reactions and visual learning of the game.

Their work experiences, which were very different, managed to bring them together. Ray followed a medical path, from physical therapist (Mayo Clinic) to hospital CEO in Omaha, Boston, Denver and Philadelphia. After 45 years of managing hospitals, he joined the Dept. of Justice to investigate and litigate healthcare fraud. In the early years of his career, as president of the local and state school board, he was interviewed by Mike Wallace on Minutes 60. Meanwhile, Elinor took an eclectic path—teacher, coach, tennis program director, human resources director, HR computer systems sales and creator of an elementary after school activity program (so she didn't have to drive the kids all over the place).

After getting married twice (to each other) (wanted to make sure it stuck), they relocated from Denver to Philadelphia where they still split time. While living in Colorado, on a ski lift with icicles attached to their faces, they decided on a warmer sport! Ray voted for golf so they played some nice courses and took golf vacations. When they decided to adopt 2 young kids, half brother and sister, 3 hour baseball/softball games, swim meets and field hockey placed golf!

These two kids plus Ray's son and daughter from his first marriage multiplied from 4 to 13 grand kids, with one family accounting for 8 of them. Ever try to babysit 8 kids??? Ever try herding cats??? Ray and Elinor miss having them close but their kids/grand kids live in some interesting places (Colorado, Montana, Arizona, South Carolina).

Though they were sad to see Jacaranda close, they thoroughly enjoy their time at Courtside.



Remember!

Monday—Late Bird Clinic with Ula 11:00-12:00

**Monday Men's Double Clinic (Two Court Clinic) 12:00-1:00
With Daniel & Isaac**

Wednesday—Shot of the Week with Ula 11:00-12:00

Wednesday-Men's Double Clinic with Isaac 11:00-12:00

Thursday-DST-Doubles strategy & tactics with Daniel 9:00-10:00

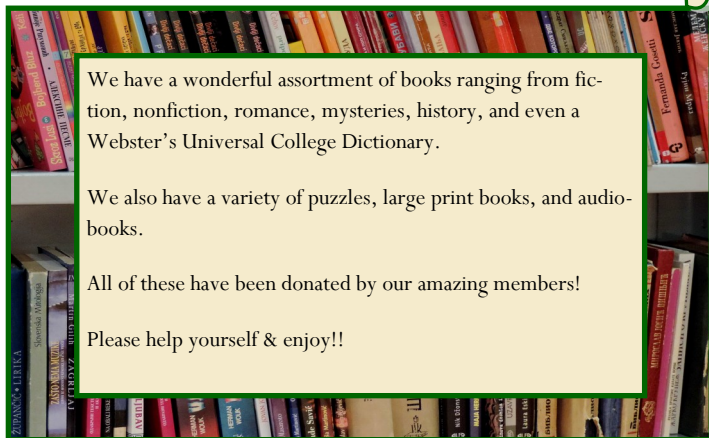
Thursday-WOW-Working on Winning with Daniel 10:00-11:00

Call the office and reserve a spot or sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.



**You can now follow us on Instagram @ courtsidealley
See all the newest additions to our Courtside shop!**

Courtside's Library



Sally & Dale Bishop

Anne Schrock

Sandi Shriner

New Members

Want to learn the game of Mah Jongg?

Join Courtside for a fun-filled afternoon of Mah Jongg every Monday at 1:00 pm.

Willing to teach new people. Sign-up sheets are on the porch.



Reminder

All full-time members can pay their monthly membership dues through their bank's Bill Pay Option. Once you set that up with your bank, the bank will send a check directly to Courtside each month on the date you specify.

Informal Groups at Courtside

(M, T, W, Th, F) 8:00 am Contact Steve Robbins
venicewild@gmail.com phone: 941-416-5684

(M, T) 9:30 am 3.5 Women Contact Judy Edmunds
judied31@gmail.com or phone/text: 518-361-1453

(F) 9:30 am Men Contact Jim Clark
Clarkjm2521@gmail.com or text 224-656-3214

(Sun) Mixed doubles 8:00 am-social play. Contact:
Frank Christman frank.christman@verizon.net 941-497-2904

(W) Mixed doubles 3.0 level and above, various times, all levels.
Contact Jim Clark-Clarkjm2521@gmail.com or text 224-656-3214

(F) Everyone Welcome 3.0 Mixed doubles, various times. Contact Mary Jane (MJ) Obrien 949-290-7853
maryjane.obrien@gmail.com

(S) Saturday Mixed Doubles, all levels, various times. Contact Sandy Murphy 443-735-9699 slmurph1060@gmail.com



Don't miss the chance to see the greatest tennis players in the world at the **New Hard Rock Stadium** in Miami.

Day Trip—3/24

Overnight Trip 3/25 to 3/26

Call or e-mail OFFICE ASSISTANT, Diane McDonald (941-356-9398) DLMcdonald@gmail.com to put your name on the list, 1st come, 1st serve.



PlayByPoint (PBP) Tips

Here is this month's PBP tip:

How to Add a Guest User when making a reservation on your phone.

1. Select Guest
2. Fill in Guest Name and Select Accept
3. Select Done

How to Add a Guest User when making a reservation on your computer:

1. Select Add Guest User
2. Guest will appear
3. Select the Edit Pencil and type in the name of the guest and Select Save
4. Continue to Book the court

How to reserve a court in 15 minute/half hour increments for courts reserved at 11am:

Via PBP cell phone app-If you want to reserve a court from 11am-12:30pm, select each half hour increment (11-11:30am, 11:30am-12pm, 12-12:30pm), then select the Court #, Next, add players names, Next, Book.

Or once you have selected 11:00am-11:15am, left click on the reservation, hold the clicker down and drag the reservation to where you want the reservation to end. Release the clicker.

Via PBP website-select the time you would like to start (11am in the example on the right), then select "+ Hour" for each additional 15 minutes. Select "Add Booking", Enter player names, Select "Book".

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Court 3

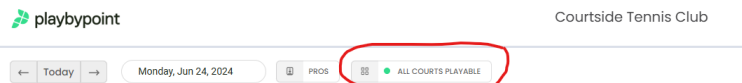
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DATE
Monday, 26 February 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (15m)

HOUR + HOUR

ADD BOOKING

Did you know that you can check the availability of the courts by logging into PlayByPoint and seeing the status of the courts when we have inclement weather? If using your laptop/computer, don't forget to refresh the screen for current updates.



For your information

- ⇒ Every night, PlayByPoint (PBP) is refreshed/updated from the day before. To make sure you have the most accurate and up-to-date information on court playability, be sure your web page or app has been updated or refreshed from the night before.
- ⇒ Also, when PBP does system updates, the always logged on users do not get the update and not having the update can cause the user to be cancelled so that reservations cannot be made. Please log off and on each time you use the system.

Check your shoes

As we continue to prioritize safety with additional watering, regular maintenance, scheduled scarification, and adding new material, it's crucial to remind our members about the importance of wearing proper footwear.

We kindly ask all members to check if their tennis shoes are suitable for our Har-Tru courts. Look for that trusty zigzag or herring-bone pattern on the soles-it's a game-changer for maintaining traction and preventing slips.

Ensuring you have the right shoes in good condition doesn't just keep you safe, but it might also give your tennis game a little boost!

Let's all play our part in staying safe.

