



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Courtside Family Members,

Courtside has always participated in league play (excluding a couple of years because of COVID). We have men's teams that play in the Sun Coast League, and women's teams that play in the Tri Cities league, USTA leagues and in a local social league.

I would like to thank our team captains for all the hard work they do to help our members participate, compete, and have fun while on a league team. A captain's job is always time consuming, a lot of hard work, and many times stressful.

League participation is very important to Courtside because it helps relieve the stress of court usage during the primetime hours, and it helps our members develop comradery and friendships.

Currently league play is on a break for the holidays but after a two-year layoff from league play, our teams are doing pretty good. Thank you again to our league captains for all the hard work that you have been doing! Most leagues have about one-third of the season completed, here is an update on how our league teams are doing:

3.0 Women's Tri-Cities (National Division), captain Gail Lanigan is in 8th place.

3.0 Women's Social League, captain Liz Morris plays weekly with the emphasis on being social and having fun.

3.5 Women's Tri Cities (Intercoastal Division), captain Sally Pym is in 7th place.

3.5 Women's Tri Cities (Continental Division), captain Carolyn Hammond is in 3rd place.

3.5 Women's 70's+ USTA captain, Joan Feldmeier were the league Champions for the fall league!

Men's Suncoast 60's 3S (Red), captain Lee Scott tied for 1st place.

Men's Suncoast 70's 2S (White) captain Rick LaClare 3rd place.

Men's Suncoast 70's 3S (Gray), captain Walt Kreidler tied for 2nd place.

Men's Suncoast 75's 2S (Purple), captain Jim Flynn tied for 4th place

Men's Suncoast 80's 2S (Platinum), captain Jim Flynn tied for 2nd place.

Courtside's league participation is another component that helps make Courtside Tennis Club The Place for Tennis in Venice!

Matt Liverman

Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

The President's Column

by Jim Flynn

As we come to the end of another calendar year, I would like to take the opportunity to call your attention to a number of important club items. They are as follows:

- * Board of Directors Elections-Candidates for election to the Board of Directors must declare their intentions to run for election **in writing** no later than January 15, 2023. Terms are for 3 years. Only Full-Time members are permitted to be candidates. The Board is the policy-making component of our organization. Interested parties should submit appropriate information to Mo or Sue in the club office. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on March 3.
- * Court Booking Change-January 5, 2023 Tennis Bookings the system that we have been using for the past two seasons is no longer functioning. Therefore, with the indispensable assistance of member, Fred Morrison, a new system named Play By Point will be operational by January 5, 2023. Relevant information will be forthcoming to members very soon. Thanks to Fred for all of the leadership and expertise that he has been providing.
- * Matt Liverman, Contract Extension-I am pleased to announce that a Contract Extension has been enacted between Matt Liverman and the Courtside Board of Directors. The extension is for a period of 3 years from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. We are very happy to have Matt continue his service and leadership to Courtside for that period and hopefully beyond 2026.
- * Holiday Party Success-The Annual Holiday Party was a very big success on December 11th thanks to the exceptional efforts of Karen Scott, Debbie Cavness, Chris Wilson, Camille Rutan and their cadre of volunteers. Since attendance at the party has grown significantly, we are looking at a larger venue for the 2023 version.
- * Holiday Donations-Please accept my sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you members have once again responded to the Employees Holiday Donations Campaign. Your generosity is heart warming and genuinely appreciated.
- * New Year Wish-Finally, please accept my sincere wishes for you and yours to have peace, good health, and fulfillment in 2023. Thanks for being members of Courtside, the Place for Tennis in Venice!

Courtside Board of Directors

Jim Flynn—President
Tom Lanigan—Vice President
Debbie Cavness-Secretary
Mitchell Betty-Treasurer

Sandy Allen-Director
Karen Scott-Director
Janet LeBlanc-Director

January Birthdays



Sally Pym 8

Joe Casale 10

Nina Bouclainville 21

MO 22

Judy Edmunds 31



Miami Open

March 27th—28th 2023

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

Day Trip—3/27

Overnight Trip 3/27 to 3/28

Call Brenda (941) 412-0781 to put your name on the list, 1st come, 1st serve.

WORKDAY

Every year around this time, Courtside plans a "Workday". Up North we call it Spring cleaning. This involves painting, cleaning, power washing & landscaping.

On the porch will be a sign-up sheet.

A light lunch will be provided.

**Saturday
February 18th**

Volunteers Needed

"Quote of the Month"

"We all get the exact same 365 days.

The only difference is what we do with them."

Hillary DePiano



Remember!

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

Wednesday— Early Bird Clinic with Matt-8:00-9:00

Wednesday—Men’s Weekly Clinic with Matt-9:00-10:00

Wednesday—Cardio Tennis with Ula 11:00-12:00

Thursday—Shot of the Week with Ula 10:00-11:00

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

\$10.00 members—\$15.00 non-members

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar!!

January 1st—New Year’s Day

Courtside’s “Workday”
Saturday, February 18th



After School Junior Tennis Program

Off during winter break Dec. 23rd through Jan. 6th

Tuesday & Thursday Ages: 8 & up \$15.00 per session per child
4:00 pm—5:30 pm

Sign up sheets are in the office or please call 941-485-2000 for more information.

On-Line Reservation

8:00 am., 9:30 am., or 11:00 am

BOOK/CALL ON

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

TO PLAY ON THE FOLLOWING:

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.

Meet Your Courtside Family!

Dennis Wertheimer

What brought you to Courtside?

I knew about Courtside from playing in the Suncoast league.

How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

I have been playing tennis since I was a teenager. My mom was a tennis player and taught me the basics.

Do you play other sports?

Tennis is my main sport and I've been lucky to become a skillful player. That's how Andrea and I met since we played at the same public tennis courts in Brooklyn, New York. She noticed my skills and asked me to help her with her serve! Over fifty years have passed and we're still playing tennis together.

I have tried Pickleball, but I did not care for it. I also play shuffleboard well. I learned this sport when my parents retired to Florida where there was a beautiful shuffleboard area. Currently I am learning to play Bocci with Andrea, since our new rental at Stoneybrook C.C. has a beautiful Bocci playing area.

Tell us about your family.

I have a younger sister who lives in Lake Worth. I also have French cousins on my Mother's side who live in Paris. We have traveled to France several times to visit with them.

Where have you travelled and where would you recommend?

Pre Covid we took lots of trips. My favorites are: Barcelona, Italy, and river cruising throughout France. I've learned about the culture of several other countries and enjoy great food.

What did you do for a career?

I was a Shop Teacher in New York City for 31 years and specialized in teaching both Graphic Arts and later, computer skills. Concurrently I had a woodworking and furniture repair business in West Orange, NJ, where we have lived for almost 50 years.

What do you wish you knew more about?

I would like to sharpen my skills in finance and the stock market.

What are some things people at Courtside don't know about you?

I used to have a dance band back in High School and college. I now use my musical talents when I play the Clavinova piano at home for my family and friends.

What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I could sing although Andrea and I sing together on the long trips back and forth from NJ to Sarasota each season.

What is the best thing about you?

I love to tell jokes and I often entertain my friends and family. I enjoy making people laugh!

The other half—
Andrea Wertheimer

I learned about Courtside when I was on a Ladies Tri-Cities Team as a member of Bath & Racquet Tennis Club. I was always impressed by the level of play and the sportsmanlike attitude displayed by my Courtside opponents. The pristine condition of the courts as compared to those at Bath & Racquet, put Courtside on my list of tennis clubs to consider as conditions at Bath & Racquet deteriorated and eventually closed in March, 2020.

I've been playing tennis since I was nine years old and my father was my first teacher and partner. Playing tennis gave me the feeling of independence because I loved being outdoors. Living in a small NYC apartment was not easy, especially when I was frequently expected to watch my younger sister and brother! Taking my brother and sister to our local park provided me with the opportunity to hit some balls and have the kids retrieve them and run around, too.

As a youngster growing up in Brooklyn, I played on clay tennis courts in a large public recreational development at Manhattan Beach. I also played at my neighborhood park across the street from my apartment building. There were eight handball courts with a net line painted across the concrete wall. The handball courts were usually available and there were older kids who liked to hit with me because I would bring the balls.

I enjoyed many sports growing up because I attended day camp and then sleep away camp during the summer. My favorites were: dodge ball, badminton, shuffleboard, and mini golf. I am now learning to play bocci and I am finding it to be good exercise and lots of fun, too.

My family loved to take "day trips" and shorter vacations. As youngsters we frequently spent a day in Manhattan at museums, had picnics at Bear Mountain State Park, or enjoyed the beautiful beaches on Long Island, such as Jones Beach and Jacob Riis State Park. Our family was lucky because my parents always had a car. Frequently I could take a friend along and those days were memorable especially when we would explore areas on our own and my parents would give us money to buy our treats. The independence and freedom of my childhood are incomprehensible as compared to how children are raised today!

My parents were very enthusiastic to have us exposed to music. We were taken to concerts and plays and studied the piano at the Henry Street Settlement Music School on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. On Saturdays we took music lessons close to where my maternal grandparents lived. It was wonderful to see my grandparents so often and we were spoiled because they allowed us to watch TV during the day while having our lunch. By the time I was fourteen I was taking my sister on the NYC Subways without my parents supervision, which is unlikely to be allowed now.

I always loved to travel and Dennis and I have been to: Holland, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Greece, Israel, Ireland and the UK, as well as to some of the Canadian Provinces. We've taken our daughters to visit California, New York State, New England, and Florida. Many of the foreign countries were unique and usually appreciative of American visitors. It's especially gratifying to learn about new cultures, their music, and language, as well as to trace back the history of our ancestors, many of whom came from Eastern Europe. We always recommend various places to our friends and urge them to read about the countries and its history before traveling.

I was a NYC Teacher for 32 years specializing in middle school curriculum in English and Social Studies for Grades 5-9. As the NY State testing craze evolved in the 1990's, I taught essay writing skills to my students as well as to the younger teachers who had recently come into the NYC school system. I enjoyed a very challenging and exciting career because I often used Manhattan as my classroom and had my students experience the museums, theater, and musical venues from which I have learned so much.

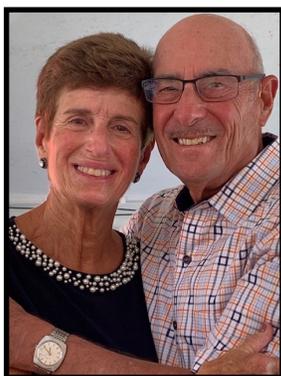
Occasionally our daughters would join my classes on special field trips and this gave them a chance to learn what their mom did when I went to work every day!

For ten years after I retired I developed a local tutoring and college advising service. This business kept my mind active as well as helped many students in my neighborhood learn how to take Standardized College Admissions Tests. In NYC I taught classes each with about 35 students. When I tutored it was a “one on one” learning situation which was very gratifying. It provided me with an entirely different sense of accomplishment to teach highly motivated students who would work hard to achieve their goal of getting into the college of their choice!

I wish I knew more about computers and technology. I received an iPhone for my birthday this past June and it’s been a challenge to learn about all its features. Fortunately, Dennis is my Resident Technician and Instructor who usually displays great patience and knowledge to help me on a daily basis. My understanding is growing slowly and I know I have a long way to go. I am now able to receive and send text messages and I feel this has been a major accomplishment.

I am a voracious reader of all kinds of literature. My favorite genres are: memoir, mysteries, and fiction where the story’s setting is in other countries. Whenever possible I read the “New York Times” and the “Metrowest Jewish News”. After retiring I became a devoted “Jeopardy”, “Wheel of Fortune”, and “CBS Morning News” fan.

I know I have been very lucky to have a healthy and happy lifestyle and share a positive attitude with my family and friends. I strongly believe that courtesy and kindness toward others will go a long way to making our world a better place for all.



Courtside Rules & Regulations

As a refresher for our new and older members of Courtside, there is a copy of the latest Courtside rules and regulations of the club on the bulletin board by the kitchen window.

LOST & FOUND—REMINDER

Our Lost & Found is located in our Conference Room on a corner shelf to the left as you enter. Please let’s keep the porch ledge surface clean.

Thank you

Courtside Staff



Want to learn the game of Mah Jongg?

Join Courtside for a fun-filled afternoon of Mah Jongg every Monday at 1:30 pm.

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



PLEASE REMEMBER

When using the outdoor bathrooms, make sure the door is completely closed and locked when you exit.

Thank you,
Courtside Staff

