



# Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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## Pro's Points



Courtside Family Members,

As I monitor the approaching storm, I am reminded that it will also soon be our busy season with many of our part time members returning from the north soon. With the new season, Courtside will have even more changes.

As usual this year, Courtside will be offering a club ladder, and league play, along with social events, a holiday party, a charity event, and other social and competitive events.

Courtside has added more league teams this year and will hopefully be adding a mixed doubles league team on the weekends. Courtside also will have two ladies 3.0 social league teams that play against other local clubs (this has grown and is very popular).

Courtside also has "informal" groups that organize social play at Courtside. These groups are open to members who would like to play and just need to contact the group organizers. If there are any informal group organizers who would like their information promoted, just contact me and I'll be happy to email your contact information to the Courtside members.

Also new this year is the Courtside website. Have you seen the updates and changes that Philippe Bouclainville has made? He has put in a lot of time and effort and the website looks great!

This year Courtside is also expanding and growing our Junior Tennis Assistance Program (JTAP). For those of you who don't know, our JTAP program needs donations from generous members, the money then goes to help kids who are accepted into the program and are in need of assistance and would like tennis lessons. Board member, Sally Pym, is leading our JTAP program.

And don't forget Courtside will also be having our courts resurfaced at the beginning of this season, so the courts should be in new condition. This too might be inconvenient, but we will do the best we can so it will impact the members as little as possible.

This coming season is expected to be our busiest season in years and there will be even more changes coming to Courtside.

Matt Liverman  
Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

## News from the Board

Here are the highlights from the meeting:

### Court Resurfacing:

We continue to work with Welch Tennis Courts, Inc. and are still scheduled for October 16th to resurface all 9 courts. While there may be some inconvenience due to the construction, every effort will be made to minimize the impact on members.

### Defibrillator Training:

The club is planning to provide defibrillator training. Look for more information on this initiative, as it will equip members with life-saving skills and knowledge.

### Addressing Drainage Concerns:

Board members met with the City of Venice to address concerns raised by our neighbors and the City regarding the drainage behind courts 3, 6 and 9. We will be taking steps to try and rectify the drainage issue. We continue to look at ways to prevent wet balls on the East side of courts 3, 6, & 9, no action was taken.

### Hurricane Emergency Fund:

Given the high deductible of the club's hurricane insurance, the board has taken a proactive step by establishing a \$10,000 hurricane emergency fund. This fund will provide financial support in the event of any damages caused by hurricanes.

### Membership Dues Increase:

During the meeting, after months of research the board approved a membership dues increase. This decision will help support ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and the overall sustainability of the club.

### Fundraising Committee:

To further support the financial needs of the club, a fundraising committee was established. This committee will work towards organizing events and activities to generate additional funds.

### 2023-2024 League Captains:

Tri-cities	
3.0 Gail Lanigan	3.5 Patti Rauer
3.5 Kathi Cuddy	4.0 Karen Kennedy
USTA	
55+ Karen Kennedy	70+ Joan Feldmeier
65+ Mary Lou Irish	
Suncoast	
60-2 Lee Scott	75-2 Rick LaClare
60-3 Vladimir Klimontov	75-3 Vladimir Klimontov
70-2 Rick LaClare	80 Jim Flynn
70-3 Walt Kreidler	
Social	
3.0 Ladies Liz Morris	
USTA Mixed	
7.0, 7.5, 8.0 Dennis Hayes	
Ultimate	
Singles, Jill Pitman	

As a reminder, the Tri-Cities league home matches will start at 12:00 noon (league requirements), all other leagues will start at 12:30 or later.

We want to thank these captains for organizing these various leagues and wish them good luck for the upcoming season. Keep enjoying the game we all love!

Tom Lanigan  
President

## Courtside Board of Directors

Tom Lanigan—President  
Debbie Cavness—Vice President  
Lee Scott—Treasurer  
Liz Morris—Secretary

Jim Flynn  
Sandy Murphy  
Sally Pym

### 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.



Tom Carlsen

Frank Christman

Larry Henderson

## New Members

### 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.

### REMINDER

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



### September Birthdays

Ula Cierniak 1	Patti Rauer 11
Jim Hester 4	Nancy Smith 14
John Wilson 6	Sue Hackney 15
Bonnie Anderson 7	Jeff Ludwigson 17
Jennifer Wiseman 7	Sue Hebert 18
Liz Vieira 7	Cyndi Vanzandt 22
Liz Morris 10	



### "Quote of the Month"

"September tries its best to have us forget summer."

**Bernard Williams**



# Remember!

Tuesday—Late Bird Clinic with Ula 10:00-11:00

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

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

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

Ula will be out of town Sept. 13th—Oct. 10th (No classes)

## Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar!!

September 1st-First Friday at Courtside  
5-PM Happy Hour

September 4th-Labor Day

September 13th Board Meeting



## After School Junior Tennis Program

Starting August 15th

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

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!

## Janet & Larry LeBlanc

### What brought you to Courtside?

We had a good friend named Art Russo who belonged to Courtside and when he knew we were coming down from CT. he said we just had to play at Courtside where he was a member. We loved it from the first day and bought our house just across the street so we could get there quickly!

### How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

Janet has played tennis from age 11. It was her school summer sport played on grass courts.

Larry took up the game at about age 20 and played with friends up in Maine where he lived near Bates College and used their courts.

### Do you play other sports? Which ones?

We both played golf, Larry is no longer able to play, the only time I play now is when our daughter visits. All my golf cohorts have gone up North for the Summer. Larry played racket ball and squash.

### Tell us about your family.

We have a daughter, and a son. Lisa who is a CPA and although she just retired she will still work with a few clients. She and her husband Mark are building a house in South Sarasota so we will see more of them in the future. They have two boys Andrew and Michael. Our son Adam is retired from his job as a Civil Engineer with the state of CT. and lives with his wife Joanne in Murrells Inlet South Carolina.

### Where have you travelled and where would you recommend your fellow Courtside family travel and why?

We have travelled to many European countries including France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Belgium and of course England where Janet is from. We have also been to Mexico, Costa Rica, St. Martin, Puerto Rica, Dominican Republic and Canada.

We would recommend England and France, there is so much history there.

### What did you do for a career?

Larry was an insurance agent with Metropolitan Life for 20 years and then opened his own agency.

Janet worked for The Hartford Insurance Co. and was a Supervisor in the Special Risk Life and Health Dept.

### What do you wish you knew more about?

Janet wishes she knew more about her mother's side of the family, but we only got so far because a couple of centuries ago, family birth and death information was kept in the local churches and everything about my mother's family was lost when their church burned down.

Larry wishes he knew more about all the countries we visited.

### What are some things people at Courtside do not know about you?

Janet emigrated alone from England at age 20 and has dual nationality.

Larry is an Umpire Emeritus. He belonged to The New England Lawn Tennis Association. He officiated at the US Open and other tournaments all over New England for 22 years.

Together we ran the biggest public parks tournament in New England called of course, "The New England Public Parks Tourney" for many years. During the years when tennis was big, we had over one hundred entries and farmed players out all over town. We also ran many junior tournaments. We ran the tennis programs for the town and had a pro and a great junior program. Also, we took care of the towns 4 har-tru and 4 red clay courts.

### What talent do you wish you had?

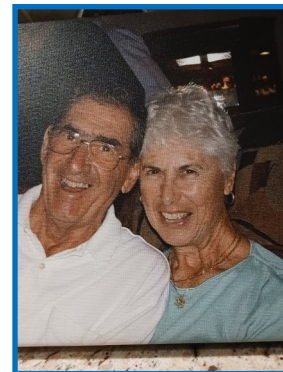
Janet wishes she were better at the piano, she gave up after a few years of trying!

Larry always wanted to play the saxophone but had to settle for watching Adam playing sax in the high school band.

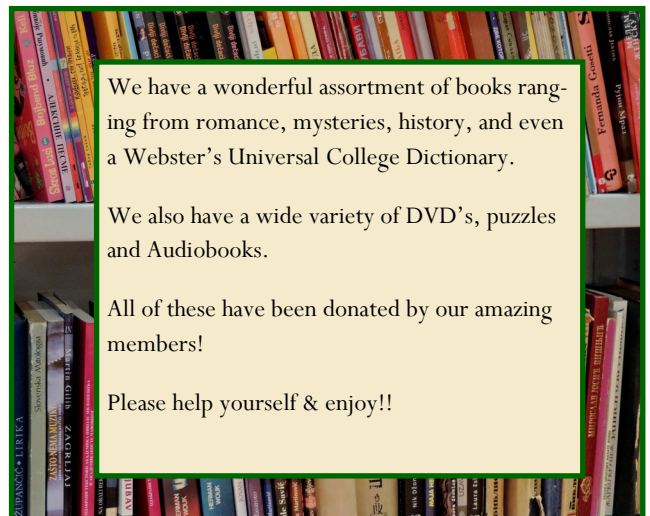
### What is the best thing about you?

Janet: I try to see both sides of a story and try not to judge.

Larry: He has a good sense of humor.



## Courtside's Library



# Tai Chi

Due to the extreme heat this summer, our Tai Chi class will take a break. Tai Chi classes will not meet in August or September...and will resume again in October. Look for more information as we get closer to the starting date.

Once the weather cools down, we look forward to seeing you again practicing Tai Chi.

Remember to breath.

## LOST & FOUND—REMINDER

**Our Lost & Found is located in our Conference Room just to the left as you enter. Please let's keep the porch ledge surface clean.**

**Thank you**

**Courtside Staff**



## Monday Mashups

Meet Members

Play

Socialize

**Name of Group: Monday Mashups**

**Date: Mondays**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Meet: Courtside near court #1**

**Contact: Katy Moen, if you would like to participate.**

**Email: [kpmoen@comcast.net](mailto:kpmoen@comcast.net)**

**Phone: 360-931-1490**

**Happy First of the Month Friday!!**

**Sept. 1st -5:00 pm**

**“Happy Hour”**

**BYOB & an appetizer to share**

**We will be celebrating September Birthdays!**

**Dessert will be provided**

**We will also have a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds to go to the Junior Tennis Assistance Program. (JTAP)**

# Ice Cold Towels

Just a reminder on these hot summer days, that by the porch entryway is a cooler with ice cold towels to use for your convenience.

Please return the used towels in the bin next to the cooler.

**YOGA**

**WILL RESUME**

**IN**

**OCTOBER**

**Namaste**



**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.**

