



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Courtside Family Members,

I must admit this is one of the more difficult articles for me to write because I need to let you know my intent to raise the rates of the lessons/clinics that both Ula and I teach. At many clubs it is standard for the Tennis Director, or Head Pro to charge more than the assistants, however, I do not structure our lessons at Courtside that way. Ula and I will charge the same amount for the lessons we teach.

The main reason for the increase in lesson rates is because currently our rates are well below standard for the area. Most clubs/pros in our area, with our experience, charge between \$65-\$75 per hour, so our current rate is really below standard.

In addition to us being below the standard rate, we have also recently (June 2022) experienced the highest inflation rate since 1981 at 9.1% (according to the Wall Street Journal), which means we are making less money this year, than in years past.

I am planning to change the rate we charge for lessons/clinics beginning October 01, 2022 so it coincides with our "new season". Although raising rates is a difficult thing, it is necessary to bring us into "standard" for our profession. The new rate amount will be announced at a later date, but prior to October 01, 2022.

Thank you to all the members who have taken lessons/clinics from Ula and me, we hope you continue to enjoy the lessons and enjoy tennis. Courtside, does get a percentage of our lessons, so the increase in rates will also benefit the club.

As always, we are doing all we can to make sure that Courtside Tennis Club is The Place for Tennis in Venice.

Matt Liverman
Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

President's Corner

"Do Sports Build Character or Reveal It"?
from Jim Flynn

I've been very fortunate and pleased to have witnessed very few instances of poor sportsmanship during my 16 plus years of membership at Courtside and Suncoast Senior Men's Tennis Leagues. So, it might appear that I'm "preaching to the choir" with this little treatise.

Our members consistently reflect good sportsmanship. Our Pros Matt and Ula are both paragons of true professionalism as they teach the nuances of tennis at our club.

However, the number of instances of horrible behavior among parents and young athletes in our society seems to be escalating at an alarming pace. Common courtesy and mutual respect in both sport and life are extremely important in a civil society. Unfortunately, they're getting harder to find. As adults we owe it to our children and young adults to model polite behavior within a competitive environment.

Unfortunately, bad behavior is contagious and can spread quickly if we're not careful. Young people can quickly adopt examples of both good and bad behavior by adults. Adults too, often model behaviors that they see by other adults. So, when the competition ends, let's show class and dignity by shaking hands or fist bumps with our opponents.

GOOD CHARACTER CAN BE BUILT AT ANY AGE!

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.



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

On-Line Reservation

If you make a reservation and find that your party has a conflict and cannot attend, please be considerate and cancel that reservation so that perhaps someone else can reserve that court.

Thank you,
Courtside Staff

August Birthdays

Mitchell Betty 2

Art Ehlers 2

Janet LeBlanc 3

Carolyn Hammond 10

Mary Robinson 18

Chris Wilson 18

Kathi Cuddy 21

Judy Caron 24

Betsey Dale 25

Kathy Quinnan 26

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.



Ken Ansley

Bakty Barber

Annette Bell

New Members



Just a friendly reminder that our
clubhouse doors open at 8:00 a.m.



“Quote of the Month”

You only live once, but you get to serve twice.

Author unknown



Remember!

Tuesday—Ladies Clinic with Ula 10:00-11:00

Wednesday—Ladies 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

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar!!

August 10th—Board Meeting

August 16th—After School Jr. Program begins

4:00 pm-5:30 pm



After School Junior Tennis Program

Begins Tuesday, August 16th

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

(for courts 1, 2, 3, 7,8, & 9 at either 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.

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

Meet Your Courtside Family!

Jim Galbo

What brought you to Courtside?

When we moved to Venice my wife started playing at Courtside and encouraged me to start playing here. I joined Grumpy's group and since have met a lot of fun players who now are good friends.

How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

When I first met my wife Brenda among other lines I used was so you play tennis (actually I had only occasionally hit a ball back and forth with a buddy). She and I went out to play and she beat my butt. When it was over she informed me that before we played again I should take some lessons. So 31 years ago I started playing.

Yes I took lessons and clinics
Great line though it led to 30 years of a happy marriage.

Do you play other sports? Which ones?

I've always been into sports. Played football, baseball, wrestled in high school.
Still golf, skiing love to fish.

Tell us about your family

I was born and raised in Indianapolis, the oldest of 4.
My dad was an Indianapolis firefighter.
I have 3 children from my first marriage. A son in Cocoa Beach, a daughter in Indy and a son in Eagle, Colorado.

I have 2 step-sons: 1 in PA the other in Illinois.
Six grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons - ask me I'll show you their pictures.
We are a close knit family.

Where have you traveled to and where would you recommend your fellow Courtside family travel to and why?

When I graduated from high school I joined the navy and as they say "saw the world": Italy, Spain, France, Portugal, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Belgium and the Caribbean.

On a personal basis Brenda and I love to travel and have seen most of the US and been to Australia, Italy, Germany, Poland, Hungary and other European countries.
As for recommendations in the U S we loved Utah and the National Parks
Overseas loved Italy and a real gem was Budapest.

What did you do for a career?

After the Navy I attended and graduated from Purdue. I worked for AT&T over the next 31 years in management. At 40 I went to Butler and got a Masters in Counseling and finished my career as the Employee Assistance Manager for AT&T.

After retirement I started a consulting business.

What do you wish you knew more about?

Where the fish are.

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

Until recently no one knew all the fireworks were for me since I was born on the 4th of July.

I'm very patriotic. My grandfather came to this country from Sicily when he was 16.

He was so proud to be an American Citizen. He was ecstatic when my cousin (same age as me) was born on Flag Day and then I came along on the 4th of July.

What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I could play the piano.

What makes you you? What is the best thing about you?

I strongly believe that to have good relationships, both parties need to contribute. My outgoing nature gives me an opportunity to make new friends and keeping those connections.

I sincerely care about others and I am loyal.



PLEASE REMEMBER

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

Thank you,



