



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

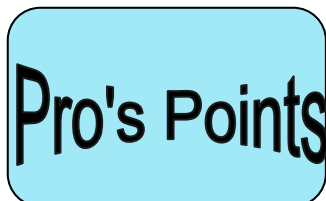
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Courtside Family Members,

Another season is approaching, and as it does, that means more and more members will be returning from vacation or from time spent up north. As the club becomes more and more crowded it is important that we consider other members feelings and work together to help make Courtside "The Place for Tennis in Venice".

Earlier this summer, I sent an email asking members to be conscious about how you are parking, so you aren't taking up two spots in the parking lot, and in the past, I have sent an email reminding members that cutting across a court is considered rude by a lot of members, so please use the gate that is on the court that you are on.

Other things to consider are: make sure you sign up for a court, don't expect to come out and just play, we may be using the down time to do court maintenance work (especially in the afternoon and early evening), please take used towels and tennis balls to the porch area to be washed or recycled, do not leave them on the court or put them in the court garbage cans. If you notice something that needs to be fixed or addressed, please let me know.

By working together, we can make Courtside a fun, enjoyable, relaxing club for members and guests and the Place For Tennis in Venice.

Matt Liverman
Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

News from the Board

We are currently in the midst of an exciting resurfacing and laser leveling project. With a cost of just under \$70,000, the project involves removing the top layer of Har-tru from each court, then scarifying, and treating with algicide. Then approximating 5 tons of new Har-tru is applied to each court and laser leveled to make sure the courts have the correct slope for drainage. Additionally, all the lines are being replaced and new net anchors are being installed. Despite a slight delay caused by rain, the work is progressing well, and we look forward to the completion of the project. Thank you for your patience during this time.

The dedication of the club's employees is commendable, with Joe Schmeltz and Maverick Shepler working diligently in the mornings to prepare the courts for the day. In the afternoons, Brian Cierniak and Bobby Ferreira take over, brushing and lining the courts as well as getting fresh water and ice for the next day.

The club also values the contributions of Diane O'Brien, who has been with us for 20 years. Alongside her daughter Jade, Diane works to clean and maintain the building and bathrooms, ensuring a pleasant experience for all members.

In the office Sue Hebert and Michelle Orzechowski efficiently handle the administrative tasks, managing phone lines, newsletters, and finances, while assisting members from Monday to Saturday. Matt Liverman, the Tennis Director, plays a crucial role in overseeing the smooth operation of the club's tennis activities, working diligently to provide a good experience for all members.

Save the date! Our Social Events committee is already hard at work planning a round-robin for Saturday, November 11th. We look forward to a fun-filled day of friendly competition and food.

Keep enjoying the game we 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

In Memory

Courtside has some very sad news. Dr. Vince Costello, a long time member until a couple of years ago, has passed away. Dr. Costello practiced internal medicine and was always there for Courtside members helping with any health questions that may occur. He was also extremely generous when Courtside was raising money. Dianna, his wife and their two daughters held a private service for him. He will be very much missed.



Tom Carlsen

Frank Christman

Larry Henderson

New Members

October Birthdays

Bob Koch 2

Debbie Cavness 9

John Hammond 2

Sandy Murphy 12

Wayne Otsuka 3

Jean McAdam 15

Sam Vendemia 4

Gary Sibley 18

Jorg Rauthe 6

Prudence Bell 18

Joan Penta 8

Tom Carlsen 30

Belinda Alexander 9

Gail Lanigan 31



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.



“Quote of the Month”

Once you replace negative thoughts with
positive ones, you'll start having
positive results.

Willie Nelson



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!!

October 6th-First Friday at Courtside
5-PM Happy Hour

October 31st—Halloween-wear orange & black or
costume day!



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!

Steve Robbins

Hello Courtsiders:

I was born in Brooklyn, New York, went to the University of Pennsylvania undergraduate, The Pritzger School of Medicine of the University of Chicago. Then back to Philadelphia for Pediatric and Allergy training at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Next was 2 years in The Navy during the Vietnam war. I practiced in Delaware County, Pennsylvania for 33 years. Then retired and moved to Venice.

I have been a member of Courtside since 2004 when my wife Trish and I wanted to play more often. We moved here from West Chester, Pennsylvania. We played a bit of tennis up there but wanted more regular play.

We lived in Sawgrass, just a stones throw from Courtside.

Trish played with a wonderful group of ladies and also played team tennis for many years.

Sadly, she died from colon cancer in May of 2021.

Trish has two sons and I have one son. We visited with them as well as having them visit us in Sawgrass.

We have traveled to China, Thailand, France, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal plus three trips to Italy where we stayed with Trish's sister and brother-in-law. Trish and I loved to drive to many of the towns in those countries meeting people on our way. Since my son and daughter-in-law are in the San Francisco area, we have traveled up and down the west coast of Washington, Oregon and all of California and loved each area visited.

After Trish passed away, I was lost emotionally and was very thankful for the friendship of the players in my group for being there for me during that difficult time. I am also thankful for my close neighbors plus friends of the Venice Camera Club (my hobby). In Sawgrass I was chairman of our Landscape Committee for 18 years as well as a member of the Finance Committee and ran the medical portion of our Disaster Recovery Team. Trish and I also ran the Clubhouse Art Wall where artistic homeowners displayed their art works for a month at a time. Trish was a master quilter (winning many ribbons) and was selected to have some of her quilts travel nationwide in quilt shows. She was also a good artist. We both had shows of her works and my photography at numerous venues in the area. And, sold some of our artworks.

I run the 'AGED 8 A.M.' group. The ages are from late 60's to the early 90's. We are not just players but are dear friends and help each other with our problems. We have coffee at the club on occasion and pot luck parties at our homes.

What makes me, me? I went into medicine to HELP people and I carry that within me, to be there for those around me. It makes life much more meaningful.

From EW: As a physician, we know he is brilliant, insightful and organized. As a leader of our tennis group, he is caring, helpful and tries very hard to keep us behaving positively.

From BB: Punctual Steve scheduled court 7 for his grateful, aged group Monday thru Friday. He is a benevolent cheerful master of scheduling and organizing our group of gregarious very senior seniors with consideration of our infirmities-allowing us to play 1 1/2 hours to begin our days.

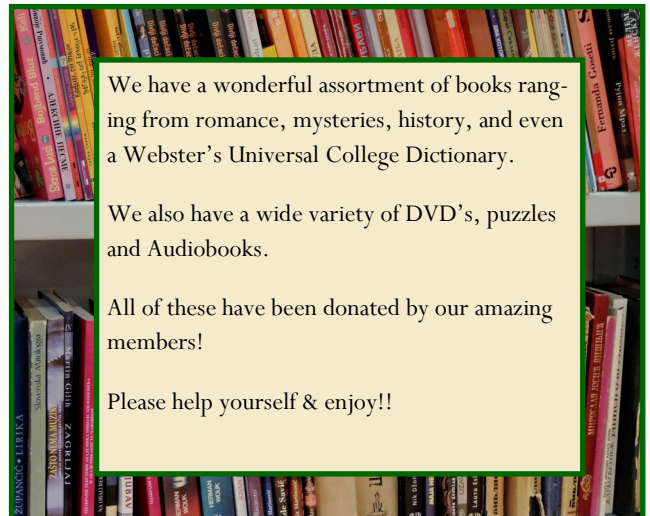
From PK: I met Steve 14 years ago when my husband, Al and I joined Courtside as virtual newbies to the sport. Steve is the captain of the 8 AM court 7 group and welcomed us with open arms. He graciously accepts all players and makes the new Courtside members feel at home while giving them a jumping off point to assimilate themselves into club play with other members, if they wish to do so. Over the years he has become a true and valued friend. Al and I got to know Steve and his wife Trish, and enjoyed their company on and off the court. Can't imagine Courtside without him! You are our expert photographer, as well as our medical advisor.

From Daisy O: I have been playing with Steve for a few years now. He is always a pleasure to be around. He is always helpful and guides us when needed. Because of him, I get to enjoy my tennis without any stress. Because of Steve, we are like a small family and enjoy each others company.

From FG:
Steve's the man with all the shots
Can hit the ball to all the spots
May use the chop 'cause he's no saint
May hit the topspin where you ain't



Courtside's Library





Tai Chi for Health
Starting Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Every Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm

I am a certified Tai Chi instructor in Traditional Yang Short Form and would like to offer free Tai Chi sessions to interested Courtside members.

Depending on the number of participants, we can meet outside either under the trees or on the cement area by the swimming pool. Each class will begin with Qui Gong breathing exercises and focus on practicing Yang style traditional short form.

Tai Chi originated in ancient China as a marshal art form. Today it is often practiced at a slow speed to promote health and wellness. Clinical studies have shown consistent Tai Chi practice improves strength, flexibility, balance, and overall fitness through low impact easily learned choreographed movements.

Tai Chi integrates the mind, body and spirit. It emphasizes harmony, balance, and change while helping us use our breath and movements to promote relaxation and a sense of wellbeing. For me Tai Chi is meditation in motion.

Tai Chi can be practiced anywhere. You don't need any special equipment. Wear comfortable clothes you can move freely in and secure footwear.

Join us on Tuesdays at 2:00. Beginners are always welcome. Call Gail Lanigan (815) 494-8507 for more information.

Informal Groups at Courtside

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

(M) 6:00 pm. Contact Kathryn Moen kpmoen@comcast.net

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

(M, T, Th & F) 9:30 am 3.0-3.5 Men (November to May) Contact Joe Casale joecasale@att.net

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

(T) Women 3.0 level Contact Liz Morris
maryelizabethmorris1@gmail.com

(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 Steve Meyers Stevembakes@gmail.com

Happy First of the Month Friday!!

Oct. 6th -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)



Monday Mashups



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

Phone: 360-931-1490

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.



Think Christmas

"Our Fundraising Committee is working on a Courtside 2024 Calendar. The goal is to have it completed for sale by mid to late November. We are excited to offer this and will keep you posted".

Thanks,

Sandy Murphy

