



Courtside Chatter

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Dear Courtside Members,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you all well and invigorated for the year ahead. I am thrilled to kick off 2025 by announcing our upcoming team event on January 18th. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to gather, connect, and have some fun together!

I'm excited to share that we've made some significant upgrades to our irrigation system. These improvements have really helped with the dryness of our courts, ensuring a better playing experience for everyone. Additionally, we've applied new material to the courts, enhancing their quality even further.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Women's 65 and over 7.0 division USTA Team for their outstanding achievement in coming in first place this fall! Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring, and we are all so proud of you!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions, concerns, or even if you just want to chat. My door is always open for you all.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 18th!

Warm regards,

Daniel Manieri

News from the Board

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday season surrounded by family and friends. As we step into 2025, I hope you set resolutions that inspire you. One resolution that I hope many of you have made is to spend more time at Courtside enjoying the game of tennis!

The board continues to work on improvements to our watering and sprinkler system for the courts. We've faced ongoing issues with solenoids that have not been shutting off consistently. To address this, we have decided to install five new solenoids to ensure our sprinkler system operates properly, at a cost of \$3,000. Additionally, we have purchased two filter baskets for the pond to filter the water before it reaches the courts, at a cost of \$2,000.

We are in the process of our quarterly heavy scarification of the courts. We are using the recently repaired "Venus machine" (Thank you Dennis Hayes) and putting down new material. You will be also happy to know we have ordered three new windscreens to replace the ones that were damaged in the hurricane.

Mark your calendars for some exciting upcoming events! On January 18th, we will host a "New Year/New Pro Team Event" and lunch. There will be team tennis and prizes. We are thrilled to welcome Isaac Howes as our new Assistant Tennis Director.

On February 8th, "Workday and Lunch", which is always a favorite. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members while contributing to the upkeep of our club. We will be grilling out hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone! If you are unable to work, but still want to contribute any donations to our Capital Improvements Fund are gladly accepted.

A reminder that in March, we will have three vacancies on the Board of Directors. Our board consists of seven members who meet once a month for a couple of hours to conduct the business of Courtside. If you have the time and a vision for the direction Courtside should take, please consider applying for a three-year term.

Also, I am proud to announce that Courtside has been actively participating in the "Tennis Ball Recycling Program" for about two years. Thanks to your support and effort, Courtside has kept over 28,800 tennis balls out of local landfills! Let's continue our commitment to making the world a better place, one tennis ball at a time!

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

Congratulations!!

The Courtside Women's USTA 65 and over team had an outstanding fall season, clinching first place in their division. Although the season was shortened due to the two hurricanes, they never lost a match and ended the season with a 6-0 record. Their dedication and hard work paid off and they demonstrated exceptional prowess by winning each and every tiebreaker they had to play. This victory strengthened their bond as a team and also sets up a promising tone for the upcoming spring season. This fall team will have a playoff against the winner of the winter team in late March. The winner of that will move on to USTA Sectionals in Orlando.

All team members were present for this photo taken when they were given 1st place medals. From left to right in the back row: Linda Pinder, Judy Breton, Lorraine Lynn, and Sally Pym, captain. Front row: Tami Roadarmel, Kathi Cuddy, Chris Wilson, Dale Cole, Sandi Gayheart, Jenny Spencer, and Brenda Mike, co-captain.



Jennifer Shepard 6

Karen Lahn 8

Sally Pym 8

Joe Casale 10

Rosie Greenfield 19

Nina Bouclainville 21

MO 22

Charlotte Latta 30

Judy Edmunds 31



Happy
Birthday

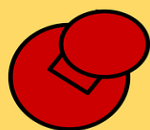


For your Information

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.

A NEW YEAR
A fresh start
and infinite
possibilities.



Remember!

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

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

Clinics with Daniel 8:00 am—12:00 pm

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

\$15.00 members—\$20.00 non-members



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**

Thank you !!

All donations will be matched from the capital improvement account.

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!!

January 3rd-First Friday @ 5:00 pm

January 6th-Board Meeting

January 18th-"New Year/New Pro Team Event"
& Lunch

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!

Shelley Griffin & Dan Joyal

What brought you to Courtside?

When we were looking for a Florida residence to buy we wanted to join a community run tennis club similar to the one we belong to in Massachusetts. We were thrilled to discover Courtside located a short fifteen minute drive from our potential Florida home. Although Courtside is bigger and newer than our MA tennis club (our club in MA was founded in 1850) the vibe is just the same. Both clubs have a friendly, close-knit feel. We relish being able to play tennis outdoors yearlong.

How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

We have been playing tennis regularly for the past twenty years. Shelley has been playing in tennis leagues for years. Our outdoor tennis club in MA is only open for six months, afterwards you need to find a place to play indoors. We love the sport of tennis for its health and social benefits. Also, it's fun.

Do you play other sports? Which ones?

We also play pickleball. In the past we enjoyed both Alpine and Nordic snow skiing. Although Dan has hung up his skis, Shelley has not yet. We enjoy casual bicycling, especially in flat Florida.

Tell us about your family.

We have one 31 year old daughter, Katelyn, who earned her PhD in neuroscience from the University of Iowa last December. She is currently pursuing a post-doc at Tufts University Medical Center in Boston while living in our Waltham townhouse with her two cats. Dan's siblings live in Western MA and Shelley's siblings live in Georgia and Wisconsin.

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

We have travelled to many places including Croatia, Morocco, Tanzania, Japan, Cambodia, Vietnam and more. Coming up this year is a visit to Ireland and a bicycle trip in Provence, France. Our safari in Tanzania was amazing and we would recommend to anyone who is able to do a safari. We saw the world's five most dangerous animals safely from a Land Rover.

What did you do for a career?

Dan was a software engineer for almost his entire career. He retired in 2022. Shelley worked as the conference manager for the Archeological Institute of America for ten years. Afterwards, she had a long career as an independent meeting planner, also retiring in 2022. Dan enjoyed accompanying Shelley on some of her meetings where he was wined and dined. He especially liked the Sheraton Hotel box at Fenway Park.

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

Dan's first, short, career after earning a BA in Psychology, was a mental health tech in an unlocked Psych unit in a local hospital. That experience led Dan to go back to school to study Computer Science. Shelley met Dan when she crashed a small house party. They immediately clicked as they both had degrees in Psychology.

What talent do you wish you had?

Dan would love to be able to play a musical instrument. He still has hopes of mastering the ukulele. Shelley is an aspiring potter and strives to become an expert at throwing pots and vases on the wheel. We both wish we had a spin serve!



Toys for Tots

Thank you, Courtside, for your incredible generosity. We collected \$120.00 and over 120 toys for Toys for Tots of Sarasota County. The toys you donated will be distributed locally to Venice area children. The money we collected will be used for personal hygiene products. The staff at Montgomery Floor and Tile were beyond thrilled with our donations.

Again, thank you for your extreme kindness and generosity!

The Social Committee

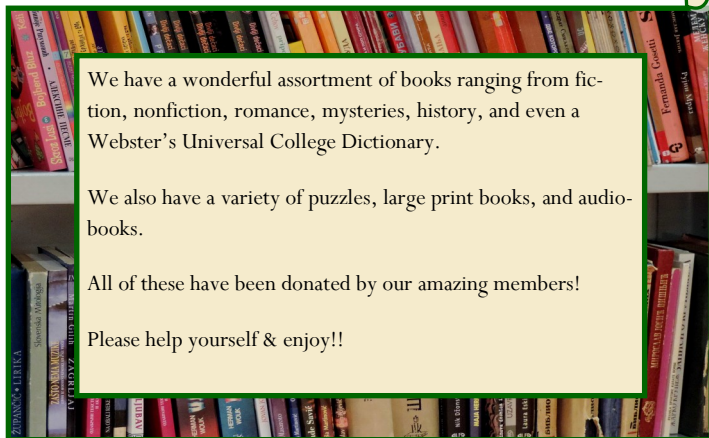


The Courtside staff would like to thank all of our members who contributed to the Employee Christmas Fund. Your generosity is beyond words. Again, thank you for this incredible gift!



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

Courtside's Library



Karen Balerno

Joan & Larry Eisenberg

Sheila Marshall

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) 4:00 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

(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".

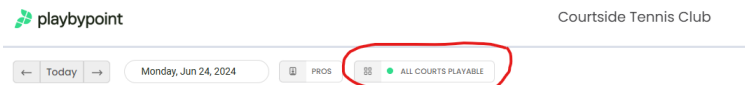
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DATE
Monday, 26 February 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (15m)

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.

