



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Courtside family members,

2021 is finally here and with the new year, new things will be happening at Courtside. I am very excited about one of the new things that will be happening, and I wish it was my idea but it wasn't.

In mid-2020 one of our members, Grace Mahoney, approached me and said that she would like to "sponsor" a junior player who would like tennis lessons, but whose family could not afford it. I thought it was a great idea, but the difficult part for me was identifying someone who was *truly* in need. It can be a touchy thing to figure out who might be struggling financially and I never want to embarrass someone, or make assumptions. I felt that Grace's generosity, and willingness to help was a great thing but I didn't know how to make it work, so I stuck the idea in the back of my mind.

In late 2020 Courtside partnered with Sky Academy School to have their school tennis team practice and play their home matches at our courts. Another one of our members, Kathryn Moen (who's son CJ was on the team and is in our Jr. tennis program), identified another Sky Academy student, who loved tennis but is being raised by a single parent and couldn't afford to take additional tennis lessons. As luck would have it, Kathryn and Grace got together talked, worked out the details and spoke to me about it. So now as the new year is starting, Grace's offer to pay for the lessons of a Jr. tennis player, who otherwise could not afford it, will be happening in 2021.

Grace will be paying for the lessons and Kathryn has offered to help the student get from school to Courtside for our after-school program once a week. I truly believe that what they are doing goes above and beyond to help a student and to help promote tennis so I will do all I can to assist. If any other members would also like to help Grace, please contact her or Kathryn Moen.

I wish I could take credit for this great idea, but I simply get to tell you about it. The generosity and selflessness of our members is one reason why I believe Courtside Tennis Club is the place for tennis in Venice.

Matt Liverman
Head Pro/Tennis Director

President's Corner

"Here's to 2021"
from Jim Flynn

Many of us are anxious to bid "good riddance" to the year 2020, a period of substantial tragedy and challenge for our society.

Despite the Coronavirus's terrible toll, the worst may still lie ahead due to holiday travel among Americans. There is hope on the horizon in the form of the vaccines. Nevertheless, we will be wise to continue to engage in protocols at Courtside designed to mitigate the spread of the virus.

We are looking forward to 2021 as another year full of laughter, joy and unforgettable memories that tennis can bring. We must, however, be smart about and not let-down our guard against the virus.

Thomas Jefferson once said: "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." May the new year bless all of you with good health and happiness in 2021!

Face Masks Required

Please remember to wear your face masks at Courtside except while playing.
Thanks for your cooperation.

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!

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January Birthdays

Sally Pym 8

Joe Casale 10

MO 22

Judy Edmunds 31

CLINICS

Just a reminder that we have several clinics that Matt and Ula teach every week.

Every Monday Ula has a Ladies "Late Bird" clinic for those who like to sleep in, starting at 11:00 and goes to 12:00 with 8 spots available.

Every Wednesday Matt holds a Ladies "Early Bird" clinic for those who want to get a jump on their day, which starts at 8:00 and goes to 9:00 am.

Matt also holds a Wednesday Men's Weekly Clinic which starts at 9:00 and goes to 10:00 am. Both Wednesday clinic's have 8 spots available.

For the safety of everyone during this time, the sign-up sheets are kept in the office. Just call MO or Sue to reserve your spot.

Courtside Staff



Douglas Leu
Jorge Munoz

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*Just a friendly
reminder...*

Now that our snowbirds are returning and Courtside is getting busier, you **must** call the office to sign up for Ula & Matt's clinics. Please don't assume that there would be an opening, as the 8 spots are starting to fill up.

Thank you,

Courtside Staff

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar!!

Friday, January 8th—Board Meeting @ 1:00



Fall Junior After School Tennis Program

Starts Tuesday, Sept. 8th

Tuesday & Thursday
4:00—5:30

Ages: 8 & up

\$15.00 per session per child

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

TEMPORARY COURT RESERVATION SCHEDULE FOR ONLY 1 HOUR PLAY (for courts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 during hours 8:00 am to 3:00 pm)

CALL ON

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

TO PLAY ON THE FOLLOWING:

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Monday

If the office is scheduled to close on any of the "Call On" days, you may call the day before. For example, if Monday is a holiday then you may call on Saturday to reserve for Monday,

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.