



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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What a month it has been at Courtside Tennis Club!

On March 9th, we gathered for our Annual Meeting right after our Saturday Mixed Doubles and lunch from Gold Rush Barbecue. With 65 members in attendance, the directors highlighted many of the accomplishments of the past year. The major project completed last year was the October Resurfacing and Laser Leveling project for a cost of \$70,000.

During the meeting, our treasurer reported on our financial status.

Checking Account Balance	\$ 43,024.21
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 2,768.70
Money Market Balance	\$121,226.14
Total	\$167,019.05

One of the topics of discussion was the list of upcoming capital projects and improvements. It was noted that a new roof will be needed soon, with an estimated cost exceeding \$40,000.

As we reflected on the past year, it was noted that we ended 2023 with a total of 184 memberships and 235 members. Following the open forum for member questions and comments, the directors held an organizational meeting to elect new officers. We are thrilled to announce our new leadership team: Tom Lanigan as President, Debbie Cavness as Vice President, Lee Scott as Treasurer, and Sally Pym as Secretary.

In other news, we bid farewell to Matt Liverman, our Tennis Director, who has accepted a new tennis and teaching opportunity. While we will miss Matt, we wish him the best in his future endeavors. The directors have already begun the search for a new Tennis Director, outlining the job description and initiating the recruitment process. In the interim, Ula will continue to provide lessons and clinics, ensuring continuity in our tennis program.

We hosted our 2nd Annual Charity Event on March 22nd and 23rd, benefiting Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota. While our Friday night exhibition was unfortunately rained out, Saturday brought sunshine and excitement as tennis teams came together to compete in support of a great cause. The day was filled with friendly team matches, raffles, 50-50 drawings, and the opportunity to use mulligans while playing tennis.

Beyond the tennis matches, there was plenty of food and refreshments, creating a festive atmosphere where members could come together to enjoy good company and contribute to a meaningful cause. It was great to see everyone come out to support of Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota.

A special thank you goes out to the Rutan/Buggy Team and all the volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to make this event possible. Their hard work and dedication were instrumental in the event's success, and we are grateful for their commitment to giving back to the community.

As we look ahead, we are focused on finding the right candidate to lead Courtside. Your continued support and involvement are what make our club special, and we are grateful for each and every member who contributes.

Keep playing the game we all love!!

Tom Lanigan-President

Season Closer

Round Robin & Lunch

Saturday, April 27th

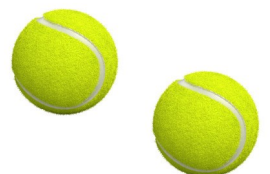
Round Robin starting at 9:00 am

Lunch following

Sign-up sheets are in the office

\$10.00

Per person



Courtside Board of Directors

Tom Lanigan—President
Debbie Cavness—Vice President
Lee Scott—Treasurer
Sally Pym—Secretary

Jim Flynn
Sandy Murphy
Liz Morris



Karen Balerno

Dan O'Shaughnessy

New Members

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.

REMINDER

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



April Birthdays

Bruce Spottswood 1
Mary Lou Irish 6
Stan Forward 8
Lynda Schuepp 12
Tom Lanigan 12
Elaine Bucci 13
Jim Flynn 18
Jorge Munoz 19
Frank Gallagher 21
Joan Penimpeto 24

“Quote of the Month”

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”



Remember!

Tuesday—Late Bird Clinic with Ula 10:00-11:00
 Wednesday— Intermediate Clinic with Ula-8:00-9:00
 Wednesday—Beginner Clinic with Ula-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!!

April 5th-First Friday at Courtside
5 PM Happy Hour

April 10th-Board Meeting

April 27th-Season Closer Round Robin & Lunch

On-Line Reservation
8:00 am., 9:30 am., or 11:00 am

<p>BOOK/CALL ON</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Saturday</p>	<p>TO PLAY ON THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Saturday</p>
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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.

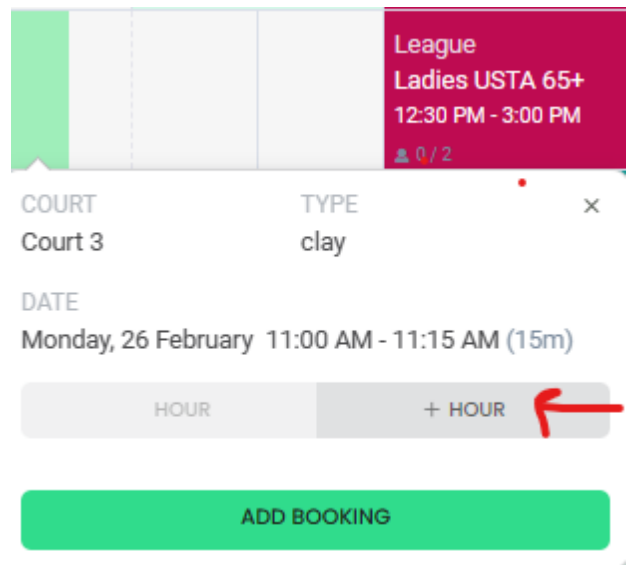
PlayByPoint (PBP) Tips

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".



League Ladies USTA 65+
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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COURT Court 3

TYPE clay

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

HOUR + HOUR

ADD BOOKING

Meet Your Courtside Family!

Dennis & Joan Hayes

What brought you to Courtside?

Our friends, Pam & Byron Aber and Karen Kennedy.

How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

Joan began playing tennis in high school. They were trying to start a girls team. I had never played before but picked it up quickly. It was one of the best decisions, as it has been a lifelong enjoyment of mine! While raising kids, I didn't play much, but then joined a recreational team which we turned into a USTA team. Dennis didn't play much until we moved into Grand Palm in Venice 10 years ago. We played every Sunday morning with a group. We then joined Jacaranda and then Plantation before joining Courtside. We have met many wonderful people in Venice through playing tennis!

Tell us about your family.

We are blessed with 3 sons and 10 grandchildren (ages 12-1). Our boys kept us busy! They were into soccer, basketball, tennis and track. We did a lot of traveling with soccer! Our middle son played soccer all through college, as well. Dennis coached many of their teams, both indoor and outdoor. Joan was the true "soccer mom"! We now have 7 granddaughters and 3 grandsons. We are enjoying watching them learn what interests they have. Different for us going to dance competitions and gymnastics.

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

We grew up in Holliston, Massachusetts. Joan's family had a cottage on a lake in Bridgton, ME and Dennis' family always vacationed on Cape Cod. Our kids got the best of both worlds. We took them snow skiing in the winter and water skiing in the summer! We moved to Michigan in 1994 and explored that beautiful state with them. Snowshoed in the UP at Tahquamenon Falls, biked around Mackinac Island, enjoyed Lake Michigan and beautiful Traverse City. We went to Mexico 3 times-took each son on a senior spring break trip. Glad we did it then because I would not want to go to Mexico these days! When our youngest was a senior his soccer team did a Europe soccer tour. We took all our boys...went to London, Belgium, Germany & Holland (Amsterdam was quite interesting with teenage boys)! Dennis and Joan have been to Hawaii five times-explored each island. We have been to the Bahamas and Aruba. We have enjoyed exploring our country...Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Badlands, Little Big Horn, Sedona, Petrified Forest, Grand Canon, Hoover Dam, Las Vegas, New York, Chicago and of course, New England. Much more to see! This fall we are taking a Danube River cruise from Budapest to Prague...Hope to keep adding to our travels.

What did you do for a career?

Dennis started off his career as a builder. Then took a job at North American Manufacturing-a window and door manufacturer. This started his window and door career. In 1994 we moved to Michigan as he was offered a job. He ended up working for Midwest Door & Window in 1996 and eventually bought out his 2 partners. We now run this with 2 of our sons who will be taking it over. Joan started out as a Medical Assistant but left to raise our 3 boys. When they were all in school she worked part time at a local appliance store for 12 years until joining Dennis in the business. We both look forward to full retirement.

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

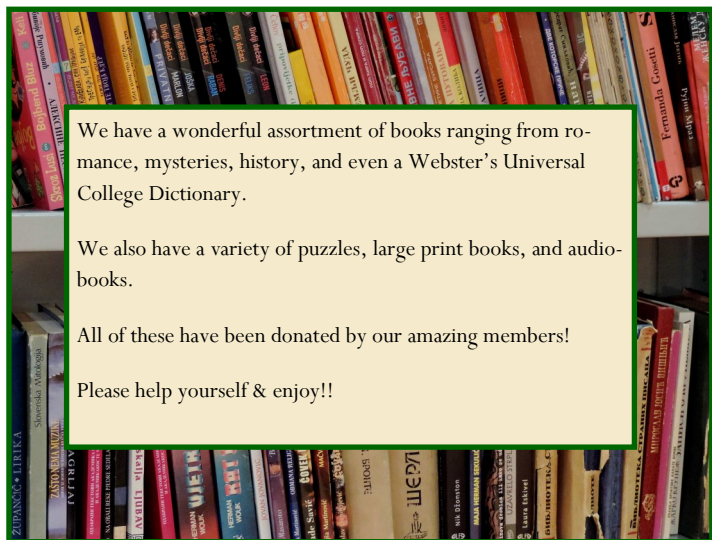
Dennis and Joan have the wrong date inscribed in our wedding bands! We were planning to elope on 11/23/1979 until his father talked us out of it. We got married on 12/23/1979 in the church with our families. (p.s. we didn't have to get married)

What talent do you wish you had?

We both wish we had been more musically inclined!



Courtside's Library



We have a wonderful assortment of books ranging from romance, mysteries, history, and even a Webster's Universal College Dictionary.

We also have a variety of puzzles, large print books, and audio-books.

All of these have been donated by our amazing members!

Please help yourself & enjoy!!

Informal Groups at Courtside

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

(M) 5:00 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!!

April 5th-5:00 p.m.

“Happy Hour”

BYOB & an appetizer to share

We will be celebrating April Birthdays!

Dessert will be provided



Monday Mashups



Name of Group: Monday Mashups

Date: Mondays

Time: 5:00 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.



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

Below are the lists of individuals and area businesses that generously gave to the Tournament.

Thank you,
Camille

Businesses and Foundations that gave \$500 and up:

Agility Physical Therapy
KT Initiatives
JP Wiseman Construction
Robertson Gruters and Roberts (CPA)
Venice Fine Wines & Spirits

Individual Courtside Members who gave \$500 and up:

Brenda Mike and Gil Kelling
Jim Flynn & Malcolm Heslop
Karen and Lee Scott
Philippe and Nina Bouclairville
Sam & Barbara Vendemia
Anonymous (several)

Business who provided Food and Beverages:

BrewZaBagles (5 dozen bagels and 5 tubs of cream cheese)
Gold Coast BBQ (3 trays of salad)
Gold Coast Eagle Distributors (15 cases of beer and hard seltzer)
Marco's Pizzeria on Shamrock (10 pizzas)
Starbucks near Jacaranda circle (5 gallons of coffee and fixins)

Businesses who have provided prizes for the raffle:

Angelo's Italian Market and Restaurant
Asaro's of Venice
BrewBurgers
British Open Pub
Café Venice Restaurant & Bar
Cassariano Italian Eatery
Daiquiri Deck
Dana Tyler
Darrell's Restaurant
Duval's Fresh Local Seafood
Food + Beer
Gecko's
Island Gift Nook
Made in Italy
Moulin Blanc Café
Prime Steakhouse
Ristorante San Marco
Spotlight Theatres
Sprouts
Stretch Zone Venice
Tarpon Point Grill
The Dockside Waterfront Grill
The Soda Fountain/Vinnie's Pizzeria
Things I Like Boutique
Venice Fine Wines & Spirits
Walmart Venice