



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Courtside Family Members,

Since we have so many new members, I want to take a minute to welcome them to Courtside and I would also like to remind our family members about the other activities that we have at Courtside for members to participate in. These activities are organized by members and are a great asset in helping members meet others.

Janet LeBlanc has Mah Jongg on Mondays at 1:00 pm, if you'd like to play, please contact Janet.

James Graham will have a yoga class starting Thursday Feb 02 at 2:00 pm. It is open to all levels and abilities, and will be held near the pond at Courtside (south side of the clubhouse building). No need to sign-up, just drop in if you are interested.

Tom Lanigan will be organizing a Drop-in group starting on Tuesday Feb 07 at 2:00 pm open to anyone who wants to play and meet people. There is no need to sign-up just meet at the grandstand near Court #7 and he will organize the play.

Sandy Murphy organizes our Saturday Mix Doubles. You can contact her and play as a team or as a single and she will match you with a partner. It is every Saturday, and she has different time slots depending on the number of people.

Courtside will be having a Work Day at 9:00 am on Saturday Feb. 18th. Volunteers can help us freshen up the courtside property, have fun, then eat lunch around noon. There is a sign-up sheet on the porch for volunteers.

Courtside also has a club Doubles Ladder that members can participate in. If you are interested, just ask our front desk staff and they can give you all the details.

We hope our new members get involved and have fun at Courtside! We are always striving to be The Place for Tennis in Venice!

Matt Liverman

Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

The President's Column

"What's Goin On: At Courtside"

by Jim Flynn

With a genuine apology to Marvin Gaye who coined the phrase in a song, I will try to update some matters of interest at Courtside Tennis Club. One issue is related to the current demand for memberships at the club. The Courtside Board of Directors has taken the matter under serious consideration since the announcement by Jacaranda West Tennis Club that it would cease operations at the end of 2022.

Since that announcement, Courtside has seen a notable increase in demand for club memberships to the intent that a waiting list has been created while the situation is further analyzed. If all those on the Waiting List were admitted to membership at Courtside, it would undoubtedly impinge on court time availability for our current members and new members as well. Although there is no easy solution to the problem, please rest assured that the Board of Directors has seriously taken the matter under advisement.

The Annual Meeting of the club will be held on Saturday March 4th at 12:00 Noon. The meeting is required under our Non-Profit Corporate Status and provides members specific information regarding the club's financial status and past and future accomplishments and activities. Even though only Full Time Members of the club may vote at the meeting, **ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

The Annual Club Work Day will be held on Saturday February 18th. This event affords the club with an opportunity to clean and spruce up around the grounds and facilities. Volunteers are needed, so please consider signing up on the porch. Start time will be 9:00 a.m. with lunch and beverages to be provided to those who participate around 12:00 Noon. I hope to see many of you there.

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



Miami Open

March 27th—28th 2023

Don't miss the chance to see the greatest tennis players in the world at the **New Hardrock Stadium** in Miami.

Day Trip—3/27

Overnight Trip 3/27 to 3/28

Call Brenda (941) 412-0781 to put your name on the list, 1st come, 1st serve.

February Birthdays



Joan Feldmeier 1

Brenda Galbo 1

Fabienne Perry 6

Martin Rosenberg 10

Warren McBride 13

Karen Kennedy 24

Byron Aber 25

Pat Kormondy 27

Teresa Toole 28

Bunny Hartwick 29



WORKDAY

Every year around this time, Courtside plans a "Workday". Up North we call it Spring cleaning. This involves painting, cleaning, power washing & landscaping.

On the porch will be a sign-up sheet.

A light lunch will be provided.

Start time: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday

February 18th

Volunteers Needed

"Quote of the Month"

Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important
capture the good times, develop from the negatives,
and if things don't work out, take another shot.



Remember!

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

Wednesday— Early Bird Clinic with Matt-8:00-9:00

Wednesday—Men’s Weekly Clinic with Matt-9:00-10:00

Wednesday—Cardio Tennis with Ula 11:00-12:00

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!!

February 8th—Board Meeting @ 11:00

February 14th—Happy Valentine’s Day

Courtside’s “Workday”
Saturday, February 18th



After School Junior Tennis Program

Tuesday & Thursday
4:00 pm—5:30 pm

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.

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!

Karen Pasternak

What brought you to Courtside?

After I sold the house in Maine, I moved full time to Florida and needed a place to play tennis in the summer. Two friends already belonged to Courtside so it made sense to join here. I have never regretted that decision because everyone has been so nice and welcoming.

How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

I learned how to play in college. The instructor was also the dance instructor, thus my graceful serve. I didn't play seriously until we retired in 1996.

Do you play other sports? Which ones?

No. I have tried pickleball but prefer tennis.

Tell us about your family.

My daughter and son-in-law live in New Jersey. She currently works at a shooting range and he is the president of a small insurance company. My 22-year-old granddaughter is in a Masters of Art Education program at MICA and my 19-year-old grandson is in his second year at Loyola in Baltimore. My brother lives in north Sarasota and is a professor at New College.

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

I have been to all seven continents and 68 countries. My goal is to visit 80 countries before I turn eighty in a few years. My recommendation is for everyone just to get out and travel. It teaches you to appreciate what we have in this country, including clean water and flush toilets., and helps one to understand that, basically, all people are the same and desire a peaceful life with their children.

What did you do for a career?

I began as a sixth-grade teacher in Ohio and ended my career teaching high school math in Westchester County, New York.

What do you wish you knew more about?

Everything. The more I learn, the more ignorant I feel.

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

I volunteer at the Venice Library bookstore. All the items are donated and the proceeds are used to further library programs.

What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I could sing. One morning after my fiancé moved in, I exuberantly burst into song in the shower. He started pounding on the bathroom door asking if I were OK. He thought I was screaming in pain.

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

Deb: I can't respond to this question. I just can't talk about myself in that way. I asked my friends for help and their responses were so kind, they were embarrassing.



Yoga Class

Starting the first week of February, February 2nd to be exact at 2 pm, Jim Graham a member of Courtside will hold its first Yoga class. The class will be approximately one hour and held outside next to the pond. All that is required is a yoga mat, patience, and a sense to embrace the journey.

During that hour we will work on asana (yoga poses) that will benefit the muscles we constantly use daily. Especially the ones when playing tennis. The class will incorporate beginner to advanced poses.

We will incorporate breathing techniques, and meditation to help improve your health, welfare and happiness. Some benefits but not all will include increased flexibility, improved respiration, circulatory health, balance and vitality. At the end of class, we will incorporate quiet time and feeling of your body as it moves through space and time moment to moment.

I invite all of you to join me to enjoy feeling the length and strength of your muscles as you listen to your breath and discover a sense of calm.



SAVE THE DATE

**The Annual Courtside Board Meeting
will be held Saturday March 4, 2023 at
12:00 p.m.**

All members are welcome to attend.

All Full-time members will be receiving in the mail, a ballot, to vote for 6 of the 10 candidates. Ballots can be returned to the Courtside office. The candidate Bios will be available on the porch in a folder as well as in the office. Copies will be available as well.



Kathy Adams

John & Cathy Harper

Vladimir Klimontov

Lucy Sherman

Thomas Sherman

Keith & Michelle Usiskin

New Members

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.

LOST & FOUND—REMINDER

Our Lost & Found is located in our Conference Room on a corner shelf to the left as you enter. Please let's keep the porch ledge surface clean.

Thank you

Courtside Staff



REMINDER

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



Want to learn the game of Mah Jongg?

Join Courtside for a fun-filled afternoon of Mah Jongg every Monday at 1:30 pm.

Willing to teach new people. Sign-up sheets are on the porch.



PLEASE REMEMBER

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

**Thank you,
Courtside Staff**



We still have available the Venice High School community discount cards that are valid until May 2023.

The businesses range from all kinds of restaurants, oil changes, nurseries, car washes etc.

It's only \$20.00 and most importantly it helps the Venice High School tennis team.