



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Courtside Family Members,

Just a quick update on our courts and court conditions. We have been observing our courts and an annual punch list was completed. Without going into too much detail, last week, we started working on the courts to correct some less than desirable areas.

As the weather and tennis play beat up the courts year around, we try to do the majority of the work to revitalizing them during the summer months when we have less members on the courts.

Leon will be taking a much-needed short vacation, so when he gets back, we will be working on more of our courts. We will be putting down some more clay material in July, this is a normal process that we do to try and keep our courts in good condition. Most clubs only put down a large amount of material one time a year, but we try to keep our courts more consistent year around so we put less material down but we put it down quarterly.

There are many factors that we need to consider: sun, wind, rain, watering schedule, court usage, cost of material, age and slope of the courts, and manpower hours, when we decide how to maintain our courts. I feel that we have a good plan in place at Courtside regarding our court maintenance. The Board of Directors and myself talk about it and Leon and myself (along with other member volunteers) try to implement the plan. Not everyone may agree with our plan, but considering all the factors, I feel we are doing well. We also modify our plan, if needed, when we find something is not working or if something works out.

If you have any questions or comments about the conditions of our courts, or about our maintenance procedures, please feel free to talk to me or to fill out one of the "Hey Matt" sheets at the front desk.

Remember, we are doing what we can to help Courtside be the Place for Tennis in Venice.

Matt Liverman
Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

President's Corner

"Volunteers Help to Keep Courtside Moving"
from Jim Flynn

As I enter my 17th year of Courtside Membership, the spirit of volunteerism at the club continues to amaze and gratify me. There's a wonderful array of individuals who exemplify a positive synergy to give of their time and talents to keep Courtside moving ahead. Their efforts are shown in different realms: programmatically, physically, recreationally and aesthetically. Courtside continues to maintain its "Old Florida Charm" because of the time and effort that they expend at the club.

Although I know that it's dangerous to do so, I would like to recognize the following individuals who have shown extreme generosity with their time volunteering in various areas: Tom Langan-Leadership & New Shed; Mitchell Betty (Picnic Table Construction); Janet LeBlanc (Kitchen & Food Arrangements); Sandy Allen (Horticulture); Karen Scott (Interior Design & Special Events); Debbie Cavness (Board Secretary, July 9 Field Day, Mixed Doubles); Arthur "Q" Quinby (July 9 Field Day); Sam Vendemia (Ball Machine Maintenance & Sprinkler Repair); Jim Hester (Pond Maintenance); Sandy Murphy (Mixed Doubles); Belinda Sherman (Mixed Doubles); Steve Robbins (Super Seniors Play); Lee Scott (Sunday Tennis); Gary Sibley (General Maintenance).

If I have forgotten anyone who should be on the list, please accept my apology and let me know.

Perhaps, the next time you see any of the above members, it would be appropriate to offer them a word or two of thanks for all they do to keep Courtside as "THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE!"

July Field Day at Courtside

WHEN: Saturday, July 9th, 2022

Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Come one come all and join in the fun for a morning filled with Tennis Round Robin, Corn Hole, Tennis Bocce and other fun-filled activities.

Get your competitive side going as the Green and White teams compete against each other.

Sign-up deadline is Friday, July 1st, 2022.

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

July Birthdays

Jim Galbo 4
Bill Yopp 7
William Behning 10
Lee Scott 12
Tami Roadarmel 13
Jim Quinnan 14
Linda Pinder 18
Jeff Avrasin 20
Barbara Vendemia 28
Matt Liverman 28

Summer Tennis Membership

4 months for \$267.50 single & \$342.40 for family
(includes tax)

Valid May through August

AMENITIES INCLUDE

- *9 Clay courts
- *Junior Tennis Program
- *Players for all levels
- *Private & Semi-Private Lessons
- *Social Events
- *Round Robins
- *Weekly Group Clinics



Leo Brown
Malena Calderon
Megan George
Vincent & Karen Ingrando
Jerry Murphy

New Members

“Quote of the Month”

Nothing is impossible.
The word itself says “I’m Possible!”

Audrey Hepburn



Remember!

Tuesday—Ladies Clinic with Ula 10:00-11:00

Wednesday—Ladies 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

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar!!

July 4th—Independence Day!
(clubhouse is closed)

July 9th—July Field Day
9:00 am—1:00 pm

July 16th—45th Anniversary of Club



Junior Summer Tennis Program

Begins Tuesday, June 7th

Tuesday & Thursday
11:00 am—12:30 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

(for courts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, & 9 at either 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.

*During League Play ladies and men will use designated courts as assigned by the Director of Tennis.

Meet Your Courtside Family!

Fred Morrison

What brought you to Courtside?

Played at Bath and Racquet from 2005 until it closed. A number of people I liked to play with moved to Courtside and it was close to where I live, I had also been invited to play at Courtside in the past.

How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

Since 2005. Had to have my shoulder rebuilt because of lacrosse injury, my ortho said no more contact sports, you are too old, try tennis, so I did.

Do you play other sports? Which ones?

Now just tennis and work out to support tennis. In the past I played football, hockey (re hockey until 50), track, lacrosse (National level until 62). Also did a lot of coaching football, hockey, lacrosse.

Tell us about your family.

Wife Kathy exceptional artist, taught pottery and portrait at college level, one son is associate professor of Computer Engineering at Notre Dame, is a Navy Vet and Nuclear Power School Grad, received many awards for technical achievement and work with pre University students and Veterans. Second son is a mechanical engineer Lead Engineer for international construction firm, projects include Legacy High Rise in Chicago, new US Embassy in Norway, and the rapid build multi hospital near Soldiers Field in Chicago supporting COVID victims. Was captain of the university lacrosse team, played at international level and coached in the World Games. Currently have two grand children and a third on the way.

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

England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, a number of the Soviets of the Soviet Union, Philippians, Australia, New Zealand, Marshall Islands.

Favorite is Italy, great food, all the Roman History sites to visit.

What did you do for a career?

Since 1966 Missile Supersonic and Hypersonic design, development and in-service support engineering. Worked on Navy Poseidon Missile, Trident I Missile, Trident II Missile. More recently worked on the Army/Navy Hypersonic Missile effort. Served in Senior Executive Service as Chief Scientist for Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles and Director of NSWC, Washington DC, Engineering Detachment. Also served in US Army.

What do you wish you knew more about?

Just about everything I come in contact with, but especially wish I knew more about art.

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

Since 2004 I have run a three-credit course for University of Notre Dame called the Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP). SSLP bring students to Sarasota for 8 summer weeks to work with those in need. Every year we have had rising senior pre-meds who would work at the Senior Friendship Center (med clinics out of business since covid) and now work at CenterPlace Health (6 local clinics). My job is to get them ready to participate, starting in January, with meetings dealing with the difference between academic and real-world environments, how to identify adverse situations and how to respond to the identified adversities. We also work on planning and the students create their own career and life plans.

Once in Sarasota I set the students up with surgical observations such as open-heart surgeries, OBGY Oncology with DaVinci Robots, Orthopedics, etc, and a chance to observe the County Medical examiner do autopsies. The observations accelerate the students learning process so they can make increasingly more significant inputs at CenterPlace Health. David and Rosie Greenfield and Ed Sherman have provided support to SSLP in the past. I currently have two pre-meds in town. In the past, in addition the pre-med students, we have also had students supporting the Grade Level Reading Program supported by the Sarasota Community Foundation and Sex Trafficking Victims re-emersion program supported by Shela.

What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I was a good cook.

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

The things that I have experienced making it to this point in my life. I have an exceptionally great wife and family.



On-Line Reservation

If you make a reservation and find that your party has a conflict and cannot attend, please be considerate and cancel that reservation so that perhaps someone else can reserve that court.

Thank you,
Courtside Staff

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



Courtside Family Members,

I want to let you in on a secret about Courtside that most of you are probably not aware of. This past year, Roland Ontog, told me that his son Jason was in town, and he asked me if Jason could hit at Courtside with a woman who he coaches. My response was of course, yes, his son was welcome to hit at Courtside in the afternoons while he was in town.

Some of you may know that Roland's son is a decorated student athlete who played tennis at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, and is the Associate Head Women's Tennis Coach at Ole Miss. Jason is also coaching a former Ole Miss player, Arianne Hartono, who won the NCAA Women's Single's Championships in 2018, and who is now on the professional tour.

Arianne Hartono's parents are from Indonesia, but she was born and grew up in the Netherlands. Arianne has won two singles and 12 doubles titles on the ITF Circuit. On March 07 2022, she reached her best singles ranking of world No. 162 and on February 28, 2022 she peaked at No. 146 in the WTA doubles rankings.

This year Arianne has played in all of the major tournaments. She lost her singles match in the first round at the Australian Open and she lost her singles match during the qualifying rounds at the French Open, and she is scheduled to play doubles in the first round at Wimbledon this year on June 29, 2022.

Tennis is a small community, so you never know who might be hitting on the court next to you, or who might be hitting on the court after you! Arianne and Jason hit on our courts at Courtside this past year, so we wish both of them good luck on the tour this year!

Matt Liverman
Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional
Courtside Tennis Club



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.



Ice Cold Towels

Just a reminder on these hot summer days, that by the porch entryway is a cooler with ice cold towels to use for your convenience.

Please return the used towels in the bin next to the cooler.



PLEASE REMEMBER

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

Thank you,
Courtside Staff

