



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Hello Tennis Enthusiasts!

I hope you're all doing well! Courts remain my top priority as we continue to fine-tune the watering cycles and add any necessary material to keep things in top shape.

March is shaping up to be a fantastic month with some exciting events on the horizon! We've got our **Annual Meeting** scheduled for **March 8th** and don't forget about **First Friday** on **March 7th**. It's always a great time, and I'd love to see you all there!

On the stringing front, I'm offering a limited stringing service. I've got some great options, including **Wilson NXT**, **Luxilon**, **synthetic gut**, and some fun **polyester strings**. So if you need a fresh string job, feel free to reach out!

Additionally, I'm running an **online pro shop** where you can find rackets, shoes, grips, strings, and other tennis accessories-all at a discounted rate. If you're in need of any gear, come see me, and I'd be happy to hook you up with something great!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events, and as always, let me know if there's anything I can do for you on the courts or in the pro shop.

Working on Winning,

Daniel Manieri

Tennis Director-Courtside Tennis Club

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News from the Board

After reviewing four bids and proposals, we are pleased to announce that we have signed a contract with Superior Fencing & Rail Inc. to replace our broken and rusty fence surrounding courts one through nine. The new fencing will be made of black American steel, secured with 120 pounds of cement footings for enhanced stability and security.

As part of the improvements, we will be extending the fence height to 10 feet along the entire east side of Courts 3, 6, and 9. Additionally, a bottom rail will be installed to prevent future holes in the fence, and the 6-foot fence between courts will be extended to prevent balls from rolling onto adjoining courts. We will also have new gates that close securely.

The total cost for this project is \$101,381.50. While this is a significant expense, the board believes it is necessary for the safety, security, and future of our tennis courts. Given the current condition of the fence, a strong wind could potentially bring down an entire section, so these improvements are crucial.

We are planning to start the project the first week in June, with an anticipated construction period of 4 to 5 weeks, weather permitting.

During construction, we will have 6 courts available, except for 3 to 4 days when the fence between courts one and six is being removed. The project will begin on courts 1, 2, and 3, which should take about four days. After that, they will take down the middle fence, which will require three days to reinstall. During this period, only courts 7, 8 and 9 will be available.

For the entire project duration we should have 6 clay courts available, except for the mentioned days. However, please note that one clay court will be designated as the teaching court, per contract requirements, leaving 5 clay courts available for members throughout June.

We have also discussed staging areas for materials and equipment to ensure minimal disruption to members and our nightly watering schedule will remain unaffected. We will provide you with more information as we get closer to the June project date.

March is going to be a busy month.

First Friday Social: Join us on the first Friday of March for our monthly social gathering.

Annual Meeting and Lunch: Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 8th. We will have lunch followed by our annual meeting right after mixed doubles.

Triples Tournament and Social Event: On Saturday, March 22nd, we will host a new triples tournament, coordinated by Daniel. This will be a fun social event with lunch included. Keep an eye out for more details!

We are excited about these improvements and events.

Let's 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

Annual Meeting

Saturday

March 8th

There will also be a complimentary lunch.



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.

March Birthdays

David Greenfield 4

Pam Aber 6

Leo Chausse 10

Karen Scott 10

Dan Minior 19

Christine Cully 20

Sandy Allen 21

Jennifer Arbaugh 21

Alicia Heslop 23

Jack Colvin 25

Chuck Beall 28

Amy Chausse 30

Chris Thomassen 31

Quote of the Month

“You play the ball. You don’t play the opponent. Be free in your head. Be free in your shots. Go for it.”

Roger Federer

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**

All donations will be matched from the capital improvement account.

Thank you !!

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!!

March 7th-First Friday @ 5 pm

Saturday March 8th-Annual Meeting, Tennis & Lunch

March 17th-St. Patrick's Day

**Saturday March 22nd, Courtside Social Event
Triples Tournament**



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!

Grace Mahoney

What brought you to Courtside?

After losing my husband in 2012, I stopped in to see the club and Mo talked me into taking clinics to see if I would like it. Courtside was the best thing that ever happened to me! This club is a wonderful place to be and I cherish the friendships, exercise and fun our club offers. We are all lucky to be here! My thanks to those people who are in charge and do the work-they are SUPER HEROS!!

How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

My husband gave me tennis lessons when we met at age 35 and I haven't stopped yet, I love it!!

Do you play other sports: Which ones?

A little golf, & walking. Have played many other sports (except underwater basket weaving) but stick with tennis.

Tell us about your family.

I am the middle child of seven and they are all still alive and most still kicking! I love them all. I have a son who lives with his wife in Salt Lake City and the visits both ways are always special...and I love them too!

Where have you traveled and where would you recommend.

USA, Europe, the Caribbean, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, it is such a treat to find new places to see. My beau is an historian so I'm enjoying learning new/old things! I would only say to travel while you can. Go anywhere, have fun!!

What did you do for a career?

I taught school for 37+ years along with a myriad of other jobs in the summer and over my life (including chambermaid, waitress, cook, nurse's assistant in lobotomy facility, babysitting, referee, lifeguard, selling diet plans, coaching, playing piano & organ in churches, data entry, selling medical alert systems, temp jobs), admin. assistant & temp recruiter, all of which were interesting, informative and fun!

What do you wish you knew more about?

My brain is getting pretty full-will only take what comes along!

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

Not much! I talk a lot. One of the things I love the most is volunteering for hospice.

What talent do you wish you had?

I'm a jack of all trades and have done a lot of different things (sports, music, art, etc.) and have no regrets, they've all been great.

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

Life hands you lemons and I've learned to make a LOT of lemonade. My ability to bounce back is my favorite and best strategy. And when I quit learning and asking questions...I'm gone!!



Remember!

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

Monday Men's Double Clinic (Two Court Clinic) 12:00-1:00
With Daniel & Isaac

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

Wednesday-Men's Double Clinic with Isaac 11:00-12:00

Thursday-DST-Doubles strategy & tactics with Daniel 9:00-10:00

Thursday-WOW-Working on Winning with Daniel 10:00-11:00

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

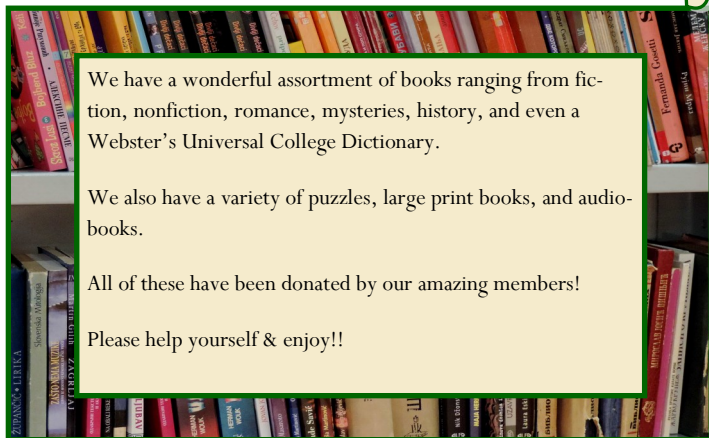


You can now follow us on Instagram @ courtsidealley
See all the newest additions to our Courtside shop!



Just in at the Alley, spf 50 sun hats and unisex
Cushioned socks.

Courtside's Library



Thi Nguyen

Tom Probert

Terry Revoyr

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, 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:

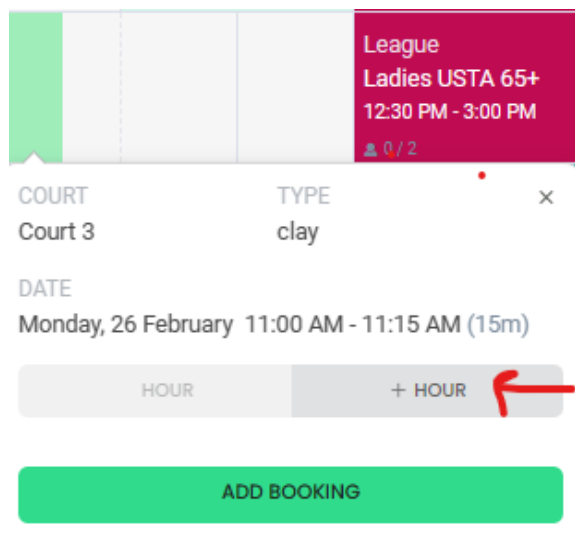
1. Select Add Guest User
2. Guest will appear
3. Select the Edit Pencil and type in the name of the guest and Select Save
4. Continue to Book the court

How to reserve a court in 15 minute/half hour increments for courts reserved at 11am:

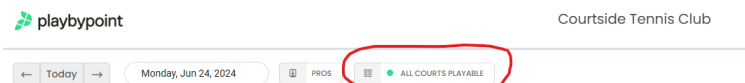
Via PBP cell phone app-If you want to reserve a court from 11am-12:30pm, select each half hour increment (11-11:30am, 11:30am-12pm, 12-12:30pm), then select the Court #, Next, add players names, Next, Book.

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".



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.

MANAGING YOUR FRIENDS LIST ON PBP

You can add players to your Friends list by going to your Directory and clicking on your SEARCH FRIENDS cell. This will take you to your members list. Once in the members list you can click the FOLLOW cell for each member you want to add to your Friends list.

To remove players from your Friends list, go to the members list and click UNFOLLOW for each player you want to remove from your Friends list.

Six of your Friends are displayed below the Find Players cell when you are making reservations and can be added to your reservation by clicking on the ADD cell below your friend's name.

Once names are permanently deleted they will no longer appear on your member list and cannot be UNFOLLOWED or removed from your Friends List.