



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Courtside Family Members,

We have had some big changes happen already this season, Courtside is already getting busy, busy, busy.

The Board of Directors recently voted to add the remainder of our courts to our Tennis Bookings court reservation system. **This means that court #5 & #6 will no longer be "Open Courts", you will be able to reserve them for play.** Our clay courts are reserved in 1.5-hour increments, except during league season. During league season, the courts beginning at 11:00 am will be reservable for 1.0 hour, so 11:00 am—12:00 pm.

We had a hurricane and are still trying to clean up from that. Hopefully all of you made it through safe and sound and with minimal damage. Our courts are in pretty good shape, all things considered, but we still need to do our quarterly maintenance work on them. We may be closing courts periodically to get the maintenance work completed.

Most league play has been delayed due to the destruction to the area courts and to the community in general. League's will be starting up soon which will also mean that Courtside will become even busier.

We are planning a 45th year club anniversary for Courtside to take place in November. Courtside is celebrating being 45 years old this year having been open since 1977.

We will keep pressing on and doing what we can to help Courtside continue to be The Place for Tennis in Venice!

Matt Liverman
Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

President's Corner

"COURTSIDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATES"

from President Jim Flynn

The Courtside Board of Directors has been meeting regularly throughout the summer months under the capable leadership of Vice-President, Tom Lanigan. I have participated via telephone.

At its most recent meeting on September 14, there were a number of noteworthy decisions enacted. They were as follows:

COURTSIDE'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 45th Anniversary of Courtside's founding by Phillip and Harriot Baker will be noted on November 5th with a Ceremonial Recognition, a Round Robin Tennis Event beginning at 9:00 am and a cookout. **PLEASE BE ALERT FOR FURTHER UPDATES AND PLAN TO PARTICIPATE.**

COURTSIDE'S HOLIDAY PARTY

The Annual Holiday Party will again be staged on the club grounds. The date of the event will be **SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th**. Music and dancing will follow a cookout. Widely acclaimed "CLASSICS IN CONCERT" whose music was so popular at last year's event, will provide the tunes.

ALL COURTS RESERVED

Beginning October 01, 2022, Court 6 will join the array of full-time "Reserved Courts". Court 5 will also become a "Reserved Court" when not used for lessons or clinics. **THIS INITIATIVE IS BEING ENACTED IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY TO SECURING COURT RESERVATIONS** which has become more challenging in recent months.

Respectfully submit to the membership,
Jim Flynn, Courtside President

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

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

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.

October Birthdays

Bob Koch 2
Wayne Otsuka 3
Sam Vendemia 4
Jorg Rauthe 6
Belinda Alexander 9
Debbie Cavness 9
Sandy Murphy 12
Jean McAdam 15
Gary Sibley 18
Prudence Bell 18
Gail Lanigan 31



Bill Chapman
Anne Corrao
Edwin Gentzler & Jenny Spencer
Bianca & J. Mark Kiely Family
Mary Ann McNutt
Jill Pitman
Monika Sykorova

New Members

Just a friendly reminder that our
clubhouse doors open at 8:00 a.m.

“Quote of the Month”

“You don’t always need a plan.

Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go, and see what happens.”

Mandy Hale



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!!

Oct. 12th—Board Meeting @ 11:00



After School Junior Tennis Program

Begins Tuesday, August 16th

Tuesday & Thursday

Ages: 8 & up

\$15.00 per session per child

4:00 pm—5:30 pm

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!

A Look Back

Jean McAdam

As I look back on my long life, I realize how important tennis and tennis friendships have been. However, growing up in a small rural village in New York State, attending one room schools—graduating 8th grade in a class of three, I didn't know the joy of playing tennis until later in life.

I completed high school in a class of 150 students at Wappingers Central School. There were no competitive school sports for girls, but I participated in what were called play days, games with other schools. I made cheerleading and Honor Society, became President of my class and loved it all.

Later I entered the University of New York at Cortland as a physical education major, completing a master's in physical education and elementary ed. in 1957. It was there I met Phil McAdam, who would become my husband. We have been married almost 68 years and have two adult children—our daughter's family of four live in Manhattan while our son's family reside upstate near Lake George. Those four adult grandchildren and two great grands live nearby.

After living and teaching in the Syracuse N.Y. area, in 1969 our family moved to Pawling N.Y. where Phil was Athletic Director, and where I had a teaching position in Poughkeepsie allowing me the freedom to teach a Movement Education course at Vassar College and teacher training in area nursery schools. In time I would make a career change to the Wappingers Central School District as an Adaptive Physical Education Specialist. They were the most challenging and rewarding years of my teaching and remained so until my retirement in 1992.

One of the bravest things I ever did was to volunteer in 2013, in a group from the Venice Presbyterian Church, and travel with equipment like balls, balloons, and a parachute donated by my Bird Bay tennis friends, plus lesson cards for developing motor perceptual skills and activities that had been translated into Guatemalan Spanish.

After a morning session discussing a well-balanced program with Eliseo, the physical education man, and Lapita, the college student translator, we moved to the playground with the parachute. What fun it was when the teachers and neighborhood kids unexpectedly joined in!

At the end of the four days, Eliseo led a faculty training session, where the staff, including women teachers in their long traditional skirts, participated in a variety of grade appropriate activities; laughing and playing like kids.

One afternoon we climbed a steep muddy mountain trail to visit Maria Gomez, a young grandmother and skilled weaver. With a loom in front and three plastic chairs set on the dirt floor inside her tarp covered home, the neighborhood women and children gathered around. After much laughing and sharing, I sensed unease and guessed it was a question about my age. Because life expectancy is about 47 years, they see few elderly people and have great respect for age; all of this I appreciated. I shared that at eighty years old I felt blessed to be with them. On leaving, I purchased one of Maria's beautiful tapestries and came away with much admiration for these strong women. Sadly, I recently learned Maria died of diabetes; she couldn't afford insulin.

In May 2018 I joined Courtside and what a joy it has been! During that first season, I remember many who reached out to me. First, it was a warm welcome from Mo and Sue in the office as well as from Eric Dove, the tennis pro. One morning he called over the fence asking me to be a part of a Tri-Cities team. That 3.0 team, with Carol LaRocca as captain, proudly accepted our first-place trophy at a luncheon at the Sarasota Yacht Club in 2018.

I also remember other welcoming gestures—Judy Trafton inviting me to evening play, connecting with the summer league thru Debbie Cavness, games set up by longtime friend, Judy Edmunds, and regular 8:00 AM play with leader and organizer, Steve Robbins, (plus Trish Robbins women's groups). All this was appreciated, made me feel welcome and allowed me to be involved.

It seems unbelievable that I will be ninety years old this month and am still playing the game I love. I am especially grateful for those early morning games where the relaxed play not only encourages new friendships but continues to give me hope for a better backhand! With patience from all and a little bit of luck, I hope to enjoy tennis on Court #7 for much longer.



PLEASE REMEMBER

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

Thank you,
Courtside Staff

