



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Courtside Family Members,

This is just an update of the many good things that have happened or will be happening this summer season. We had the trees trimmed, and more trees are slated to be trimmed in a month, we had the parking lot light installed, the parking lot resurfacing is also slated to be done, a new ball machine shed is going to be delivered, and we had the ice machine serviced.

Ula will be on vacation June 01-18, so we will not be offering her clinics during that time. We are working on the rules for a Courtside Doubles Ladder that we will be starting in the fall, we are continuing to update the Courtside website, our Summer JR Tennis Program will be starting on June 07, 2022, we will also be having a fun social event July 09, 2022 so save that date! Also look for cool/iced towels being offered to members this summer! Again, many positive things are in the works!

Additionally, our Recycle Balls program is still going strong, however, we do need donations to purchase new ball bins. The Cardboard ball bins (which we collect the balls in and ship back to the company) cost \$200. If a member would like to contribute to the cost, please bring your donations in to the clubhouse. If you'd like to contribute the entire amount, it is tax deductible, but you need to see Matt so he can assist you so it's done properly.

We are doing what we can to help make Courtside Tennis Club "The Place for Tennis in Venice"!

Matt Liverman

Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

President's Corner

"Men's Teams to Reenter Suncoast Leagues"

At its May 11 meeting, the Courtside Board of Directors approved the re-entrance of its Men's Teams into the Suncoast Senior Men's Tennis Leagues for the 2022-23 season. Courtside Men's Teams have not participated in the Suncoast Leagues for the past two seasons due to precautions related to the COVID Pandemic.

As one of the founding members of the Suncoast League, Courtside has been conspicuous by its absence for two years and is looking forward to the renewal of spirited competition with other area clubs which the league provides.

The Suncoast League will convene its 2022-23 season in late October for a period of 18 weeks with recesses during the holiday season.

Courtside expects to field league teams in 4 age groups with the following captains:

Age Group: 60+ Upper Division-Captain, Lee Scott
70+ Upper Division-Captain, Rick LaClare
70+ Lower Division-Captain, Walt Kreidler
75+ Upper Division-Captain, Jim Flynn
80+ Upper Division-Captain, Arthur "Q" Quinby
Teams will play each other on a home and home basis.

IN ORDER TO PLAY ON A SUNCOAST LEAGUE TEAM A PARTICIPANT MUST BE AT LEAST A 3 MONTH MEMBER OF THE CLUB.

Each team will field three courts per match. Standings will be kept, so the atmosphere will be friendly, by also highly competitive. EACH MEMBER OF A TEAM WILL NOT NECESSARILY PLAY IN EVERY MATCH.

Any Courtside Member meeting the three month requirement who feels capable of competing within the described atmosphere should contact the appropriate team captain as soon as possible. Please be ready to provide the captain with the following information: Name, Year of Birth, E-mail address, phone number.

In next month's column, I hope to be able to provide information concerning Courtside's external league women's Teams.

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

June Birthdays

Bruce Irish 2

“Q” Quinby 4

Elsa Dempsey 6

Walt Kreidler 6

Leon Weatherall 8

Bill Pixley 8

Nancy Byrne 16

Carol Soracin 17

Sally Miller 23

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



Eric Behning
Judy Breton
Lorrie Friedman
Robert Howe
Judy Scher

New Members

“Quote of the Month”

“Not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do is the secret of happiness.”

J. M. Barrie



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!!

June 8th—Board Meeting @ 1:00

June 19th—Father's Day

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



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!

Ed Sherman

What brought you to Courtside?

I was a member of Bath & Racquet and it closed. My tennis partner there (Fred Morrison) recommended we try Courtside for the summer as they were offering summer memberships so we decided to give it a try.

How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?

I played some tennis in High School. I picked it up again at the ripe old age of 66. I was looking for something to provide more cardio than I was getting from golf.

Do you play other sports? Which ones?

I played baseball, basketball, football and golf in High School. Continued with golf after HS until I got too busy with my career.

Tell us about your family.

I have three children. Two sons and a daughter, and 6 grandchildren. Three of my grandkids are currently attending Michigan State where my dad played football. I met my wife while playing at Courtside. That was a happy day!!!

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

Throughout my career I've lived in 5 countries and traveled to or done business in 42 countries. I often get the question "if you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?" Well, I've been to a lot of places and I always say the best place to live is Venice Florida. Otherwise, I'd live someplace else.

What did you do for a career?

I've always called myself an entre"manure"! I started out in the computer/technology business while investing part time in real estate. With the globalization of the technology business I developed a company, which I ended up selling to Dupont, then bought a boat manufacturing company with my brother, then went back to my first business love which was real estate.

What do you wish you knew more about?

I wish I knew more about human behavior so I could be more of a positive influence on people's lives.

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

I try to keep it a secret, but most people do not know that I am tall. Seriously...while working in real estate in Grand Rapids MI, I developed a program that became the foundation and original roadmap that created Habitat for Humanity. I am proud of that. Most people also don't know that I sold the first computer system to the Chinese government.

What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I had a singing voice and could remember the words to songs. Growing up dyslexic is a tough way to go through life, which is why you never want to ask me the score during a tennis game!

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

I've been told by several people that after talking with me, they always feel better about themselves. I guess you can take that a couple different ways. Maybe they see my life and realize they have it so much better...(lol) or maybe I make them feel better about life in general. I guess the best thing about me is that Nothing bothers me.. I put a positive spin on most everything. I wake up happy each day, and go to bed happy every evening. Life is good. I truly appreciate and admire the Courtside family. I'm happy to be a part of it.



July Field Day at Courtside

WHEN: Saturday, July 9th, 2022

Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Please join us for a fun-filled exciting event filled with tennis, of course, and new competitive activities with your friends.

Who will be the Grand Champions, the Green Team or the White Team, and win the Grand Prize?

Stay tuned for more information!

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.

