



# Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

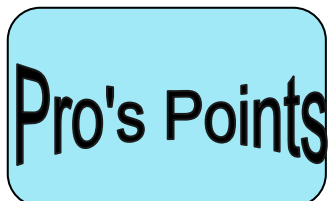
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Courtside Members,

Everyone has heard the idiom "the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence," however, I do not think that is true at Courtside. I think Courtside is already on the greener side of the fence.

When we look at everything that Courtside Tennis Club has to offer our members and the Venice community, how can you not think that? Courtside has more members than ever before, we have more league teams playing (and some are winning their league), we have social events like round robins and the very popular First Friday Happy Hour for our members, our courts are in top condition, and our grounds in general are in good shape (our grounds committee is still hard at work). We also have a good group of member volunteers who do an amazing job helping Courtside with social events, landscaping, court maintenance, and more.

Courtside members can also boast about how we are servicing the Venice community with things like our newly started JTAP program which aims to help assist kids in learning and improving their tennis skills and love for the game. Courtside also participates in the RecycleBalls program that keeps used tennis balls out of landfills by recycling them. Courtside allows two local schools, Sky Academy and Venice Christian school, to practice and play their home matches here, and once a season we host a Venice High School match. We have a growing After School and Summer Junior Tennis program. Some of you may also have watched the group of high school kids that I have on Sundays...did you know that I have been donating my time and running that clinic, for over two years, and it is free?

Of course, we are always still trying to improve and make things better for our members and the Venice Community, I think we have it pretty good at Courtside. I think Courtside is on the greener side of the fence, and why Courtside is The Place for Tennis in Venice.

Matt Liverman

Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

## News from the Board

I wanted to thank all those who braved the chilly weather and participated in our recent Snowball Round Robin and cookout. We had a great turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many members come together for a fun day of tennis and delicious food. A special thank you goes out to our grill masters, Lee Scott and John Wilson for their fantastic cooking skills and to the Social Committee for all their work.

I also want to thank all the members who have commented on the excellent condition of our grounds and courts. It is truly a testament to the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers who help with landscaping, cleaning, and grooming our courts. We appreciate your efforts in keeping our club looking its best.

We soon will be installing ball valves on the sprinklers on each court. This upgrade will provide us with more control over watering individual courts, as each court has its own unique needs. This will help us maintain the best playing conditions for everyone.

We have been experiencing plumbing and drainage issues in the clubhouse. Some of you may have noticed that our sinks, vanities, and toilets have been draining and flushing slowly. After conducting an inspection with two different plumbers, we have determined that the cause of this problem is the age of our cast iron pipes, which are now 50 years old.

Over time, sediment has built up in these pipes, causing clogs and restricting the flow of water. In order to address this issue, we are bringing in a professional plumber to jet out the pipes and clean them thoroughly. We are hopeful that this process will help restore proper drainage and alleviate the current issues.

However, there is a possibility that the cast iron pipes may not hold up to the cleaning process. In such a scenario, we would be required to replumb the entire building, which could potentially cost us \$40,000. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

I would like to encourage all members to mark their calendars for our upcoming workday on February 10th. We have some special projects that need to be completed, and we would greatly appreciate your help. Lunch will be provided, and it's always a fun time when we come together to improve our club.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone about our Annual meeting, which will be held on Saturday, March 9th. The business meeting will start at noon, and lunch will be provided. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Our directors will be present to address your questions.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our club. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Tom Lanigan

## Courtside Board of Directors

Tom Lanigan—President  
Debbie Cavness—Vice President  
Lee Scott—Treasurer  
Liz Morris—Secretary

Jim Flynn  
Sandy Murphy  
Sally Pym



**Tom Anderson**

**Nancy Klucher**

**Joseph Kromdyk**

## February Birthdays

**Joan Feldmeier 1**

**Brenda Galbo 1**

**Vladimir Klimontov 1**

**Darlene Betty 9**

**Martin Rosenberg 10**

**Warren McBride 13**

**Lucy Troutman 19**

**Karen Kennedy 24**

**Byron Aber 25**

**Pat Kormondy 27**

**Teresa Toole 28**

**Bunny Hartwick 29**



## New Members

### 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.

### REMINDER

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



### “Quote of the Month”

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

Albert Einstein



# 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

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

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 2nd-Happy 1st of the Month Friday!

February 10th-Volunteer Work Day & Lunch

February 14th-Valentine’s Day-wear red day



## After School Junior Tennis Program will resume Tuesday, January 9th

Tuesday & Thursday  
4:00-5:30

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!

**Sally Miller**

## **What brought you to Courtside?**

When my husband, Ed Hurley, and I moved to Venice in 2005, I played a few times at the public courts downtown when my body told me I didn't like playing on hard courts anymore. Lo and behold, Courtside Tennis Club had a booth at the Sun Festival where I met Barb Vendemia and Laurie Mooney and, then tennis pro, Ken. I joined the very next day.

## **How long have you been playing tennis and why tennis?**

I started playing tennis in the late e1980's as a form of exercise. I HATED exercise, but loved tennis.

## **Do you play other sports? Which ones?**

At the same time, I started tennis, I began snow skiing, social softball, scuba, sailing and running 5K races. Recently, I learned to play Pickleball and enjoyed it very much, at which time I began to teach lots of my friends up north how to play. I don't play well, but I teach well.

## **Tell us about your family.**

Ed had two daughters from his first marriage. I've had no children of my own. Together we had two Tonkinese cats, Scarlet and Gray. Now I have two Tonkinese cats, CoCo and Vito. I have three older brothers and lots of nieces and nephews. I never had a sister, but always wanted one. So I have adopted Vicki Putt (former long time member of Courtside) as my sister; she's a very special person.

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

I've been to England, France, Spain and Portugal, Costa Rica and numerous Caribbean Islands. My trip to Portugal and Spain was a Camino de Santiago walking trip from Porto to Santiago. It was a personal accomplishment I needed to do after my husband passed away. I highly recommend it.

## **What did you do for a career?**

I was a Labor Relations Professional in both the public and private sectors. However, my favorite job ever was as a bartender, which got me through college.

## **What do you wish you knew more about?**

Seriously?...Everything!

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

Not much. My life is an open book.

## **What talent do you wish you had?**

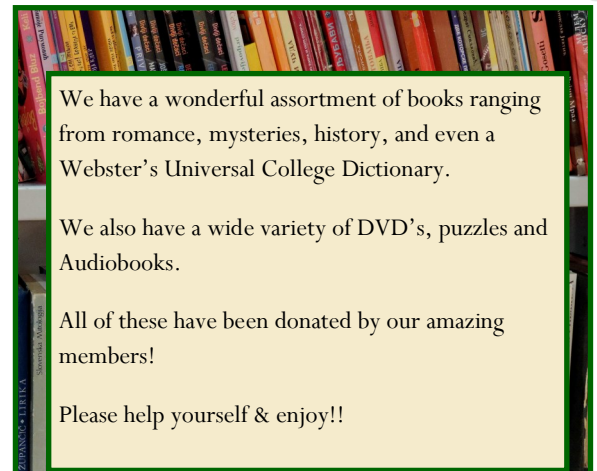
I have always wanted to fly. With, or without, an airplane.

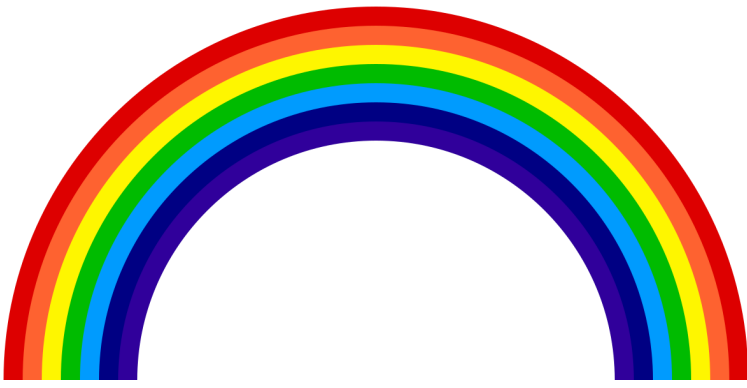
## **What makes you you? What is the best thing about you?**

Nothing very special, I guess I'm pretty generous, loyal and definitely fun loving.



## **Courtside's Library**





## Miami Open

**March 25th-26th 2024**

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

Day Trip—3/25

Overnight Trip 3/25 to 3/26

Call or e-mail OFFICE ASSISTANT, Diane McDonald (941-356-9398) [DLMcdonald@gmail.com](mailto:DLMcdonald@gmail.com) to put your name on the list, 1st come, 1st serve.

Deadline: February 14th



### Informal Groups at Courtside

(M, T, W, Th, F) 8:00 am Contact Steve Robbins  
[venicewild@gmail.com](mailto:venicewild@gmail.com) phone: 941-416-5684

(M) 4:00 pm. Contact Kathryn Moen [kpmoen@comcast.net](mailto:kpmoen@comcast.net)

(M, T) 9:30 am 3.5 Women Contact Judy Edmunds  
[judied31@gmail.com](mailto:judied31@gmail.com) or phone/text: 518-361-1453

(M, T, Th & F) 9:30 am 3.0-3.5 Men (November to May) Contact Joe Casale [joecasale@att.net](mailto:joecasale@att.net)

(F) 9:30 am Men Contact Jim Clark  
[Clarkjm2521@gmail.com](mailto:Clarkjm2521@gmail.com) or text 224-656-3214

(T) Women 3.0 level Contact Liz Morris  
[maryelizabethmorris1@gmail.com](mailto:maryelizabethmorris1@gmail.com)

(Sun) Mixed doubles 8:00 am-social play. Contact: Frank Christman [frank.christman@verizon.net](mailto:frank.christman@verizon.net) 941-497-2904

(W) Mixed doubles 3.0 level and above, various times, all levels. Contact Steve Meyers [Stevembakes@gmail.com](mailto:Stevembakes@gmail.com)

Happy First of the Month Friday!!

February 2nd-5:00 p.m.

“Happy Hour”

BYOB & an appetizer to share

We will be celebrating January Birthdays!

**Dessert will be provided**



### Monday Mashups



Name of Group: Monday Mashups

Date: Mondays

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Meet: Courtside near court #1

Contact: Katy Moen, if you would like to participate.

Email: [kpmoen@comcast.net](mailto:kpmoen@comcast.net)

Phone: 360-931-1490

### 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**