



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Dear Courtside Family,

It's difficult to talk about anything this month other than the current crises our country and the world is going through and how the pandemic is affecting Courtside.

In an effort to keep as safe of an environment as possible at Courtside, we have implemented some policy changes and restricted access to areas.

I hope that everyone stays healthy and safe during this trying time. You must do what you feel is correct for your family and your health. With that said Courtside still has bills that need to be paid and we hope that our family members continue to support the club through this difficult time.

On a positive note, this past/current season Courtside had two league teams, a men's team and a woman's team, that won their leagues!! Congratulations are offered to both teams!

The Men's 70-2 team won the Suncoast League 2019-20 Championship. Members of the team are: Rick LaClare, Dan Minior, Mike McCarthy, Chuck Beall, John Hammond, Jeff Avrasin, Jim Flynn, Bruce Irish, Bill Yopp, Mike Malott and Dave Fischer.

The Woman's 3.5 team won the Tri-Cities National Division league. Members of the team are: Belinda Alexander, Beverly Bollman, Mary Lou Callahan, Deb Cavness, Betsey Dale, Judith Edmunds, Joan Feldmeier, Becky Kiene, Julie Koch, Carol LaRocca, Zoe Moore, Sandy Murphy, Angie Overdiek, Joan Penta, Sally Pym, Anne Rauthe, Trish Robbins, Karen Scott, Sunny Seabrook, Marla Steiner, Judy Trafton, Kim Trudeau, and Jennifer Wiseman.

Matt Liverman

Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

President's Corner

"Maintaining Social Distance During A Pandemic
In Order to Flatten the Curve Toward An Aspirational Date"
by Jim Flynn

As we attempt to safely work through the challenges presented by the Coronavirus Pandemic, I have been favorably impressed by our members' conscientious attention to sound, established safeguards against the virus.

While continuing to play the sport that we all love, I have witnessed on court participants maintaining acceptable amounts of social distance. Judging by the amounts of antibacterial soap and hand sanitizer being used, it seems appropriate levels of hand washing is occurring. Courtsiders have responded favorably to steps taken to keep the clubhouse and porch as virus-free as possible.

My humble non-scientific opinion is that the pandemic is nowhere near to peaking! I hope that I'm wrong and that Courtside continues to remain open for play for those who want to do so. Let's hope and pray that our decision to remain open is the correct one and that the pandemic does not come to our facility. I am confident that you will all do your part.

Club Membership

I'd like to remind everyone that we are all owners of our tennis club and if everyone suspends membership for the duration of this pandemic, the club will not be able to pay its staff salaries, water, electric bills etc. To my knowledge, we are the only self-owned tennis club around and the only one that has low fees and a cancel or suspend at any time policy. I assume that that policy is to make belonging to the club fair to those who are here part time and those who may need a prolonged absence for medical reasons. This policy (like health insurance for all, or any insurance) depends on the majority supporting the minority. Think of how expensive your car insurance would be if it were not mandatory. For the good of our club and all its members, I urge everyone to continue the monthly payment and thereby keep our club safe from the ravages of this pandemic.

Stan Forward

Courtside Board of Directors

Jim Flynn—President
Sam Vendemia—Vice President
Tom Lanigan—Secretary
Mitchell Betty—Treasurer

Sandy Allen—Director
Karen Scott—Director
Janet LeBlanc—Director

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar!!

April 12—Easter
April 22—Earth Day



April Birthdays

Mary Lou Irish 6

Frank Gallagher 21

Joseph Schuhriemen 7

Renee Ayers 22

Elaine Bucci 13

Marla Steiner 26

Jim Flynn 18

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversation with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci



No new members

BUT

We love the members we
have!!!

New Members

“Quote of the Month”

Positive thinking will let you do everything better than
negative thinking will.

Zig Ziglar

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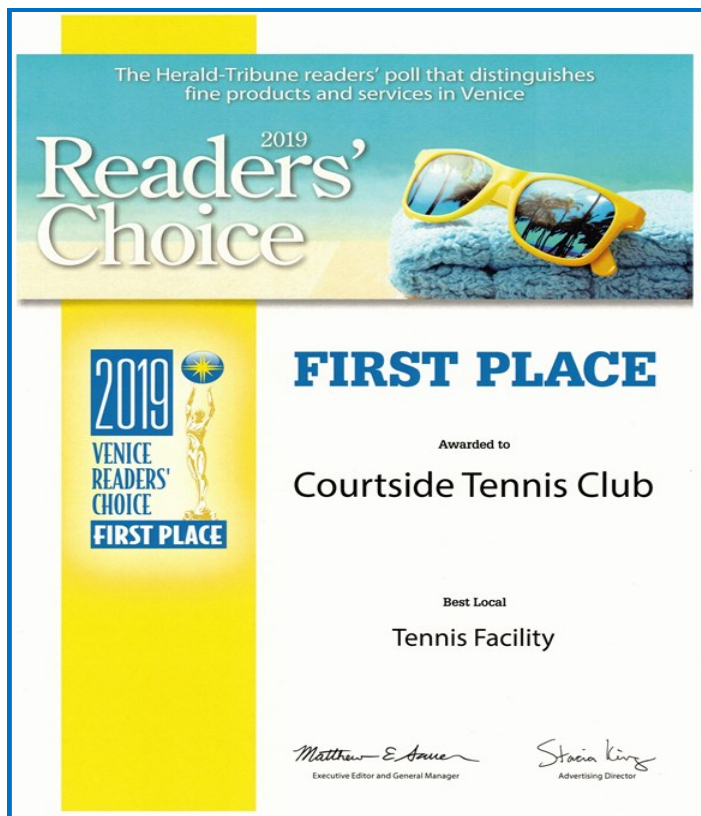
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LOST & FOUND—NEW LOCATION

Our Lost & Found has moved and is now located in our Conference Room on a corner shelf to the left as you enter.

Thank you

Courtside Staff



Venice High School Discount Cards

In support of the Venice High School tennis team, the community discount cards are again available in the office. The cards are \$20.00 each and are good through June of 2020.

Pick one up to support the team and enjoy the benefits!!



COURT RESERVATION SCHEDULE

(for courts 7, 8 & 9 at either 8:00 am, 9:30 am., or 11:00 am)

CALL ON

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

TO PLAY ON THE FOLLOWING:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

If the office is scheduled to close on any of the "Call On" days, you may call the day before. For example, if Monday is a holiday then you may call on Saturday to reserve for Monday,

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.