



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Courtside family members,

This month I'll bring you up-to-date on some of the new things that we have happening and a brief update on some of the old projects & things that are continuing on.

New Court Lines:

You should have received an email from me informing you that in August 2020, Courtside will be getting new court lines on courts; 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9. In June 2019 the lines were already replaced on courts 1, 2 & 3.

Kitchen Remodel:

Most of you know that currently our kitchen area is being remodeled. Soon we will have a more up to date looking, and more user-friendly kitchen. This project is being headed by Karen Scott, so thank you Karen for taking the lead.

Hand Soap:

We had a member very generously purchase and donate antibacterial soap to the club, so we have it available in the member used exterior bathrooms. We will make sure that the hand soap (orange or green) in the bathrooms is refilled with antibacterial hand soap.

Hand Sanitizer:

We also still have hand sanitizer in the bathrooms and between the courts for members to use.

Masks:

Courtside has requested that members and guests wear a mask when not on the court, and we thank all of you for complying. Additionally, we have purchased single-use 3-layer masks and have them in the clubhouse. If you forget your mask and would like one, please ask Mo or Sue and they will gladly give you a mask. We are providing this as a service to our members, so please do not abuse it. We care about you, so if you need one just ask and one will be provided.

Recycling Tennis Balls:

The recycle tennis ball program that we participate in is still going strong. I recently purchased some more bins (boxes) with money collected by Laurie Mooney. She collected money from several members a number of months ago, so we would like to thank them for contributing. Thank you: Dottie & Jim Gauvreau, Mike Malott, Mary Robinson, Judy Caron, Zoe Moore, Laurie Mooney, Sue & Malcolm Heslop, Linda Pinder, Bonnie & Norm Anderson, Belinda Alexander, Vince Castillo, David Fischer, Janet LeBlanc & her husband (Grumpy), Lorraine Lynn, Maria & Bill Pixley, Sally Pym, Karen & Lee Scott. I will quickly fill the bins up and ship them off to be recycled. Please keep in mind that it takes about 400 years for a tennis ball to decompose in a land fill, so recycling them makes perfect sense. Each bin that we send back to be recycled contains about 200-225 tennis balls. If anyone would like to contribute to the purchase of recycle bins, please contact Mo or Sue in the clubhouse.

Reminder:

Also please remember to keep proper social distance while at the club. Even though you are outside, we request that you wear a mask and you remain six feet apart when socializing. I know this is especially difficult during change-overs when playing but please try to stay diligent and safe.

Thank you for helping us make Courtside Tennis Club the place for tennis Venice.

Matt Liverman

President's Corner

"Sounding Like a Broken Record"
by Jim Flynn

I realize that in making the above statement, I am showing my age.

Nevertheless, there are some well-established procedures that we can all adhere to during the current COVID19 Pandemic that can keep us safe. I beg your indulgence as I take the liberty of repeating them.

The current spike in Coronavirus cases is graphically illustrated in states that have unsystematically "opened" and where people have become careless in practicing social distancing and other sanitary procedures such as wearing masks. Florida is unfortunately one such state.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, it is genuinely heartening that Courtside Members seem to be practicing proper procedures while at the club to mitigate the risk factors associated with the spread of the virus. I urge you all to "trust the science" and to continue well-documented safety procedures as our country works its way through this dangerous time period. We don't want to lost any of you! Please stay safe.

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CLINICS

Just a reminder that we have several clinics that Matt and Ula teach every week.

Every Monday Ula has a Ladies "Late Bird" clinic for those who like to sleep in, starting at 11:00 and goes to 12:00 with 8 spots available.

Every Wednesday Matt holds a Ladies "Early Bird" clinic for those who want to get a jump on their day, which starts at 8:00 and goes to 9:00 am.

Matt also holds a Wednesday Men's Weekly Clinic which starts at 9:00 and goes to 10:00 am. Both Wednesday clinic's have 8 spots available.

For the safety of everyone during this time, the sign-up sheets are kept in the office. Just call MO or Sue to reserve your spot.

Courtside Staff



Sandi Gayheart

Bob Howe

Chris & John Wilson

Jack Wolfe (Jr. Member)

New Members

"QUOTE OF THE MONTH"

Be thankful for what you have;
you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on
what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

Oprah Winfrey

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KITCHEN UPDATE

While the Covid virus has put a damper on our Courtside social activities, we have found a silver lining. The much needed kitchen remodel is proceeding without interfering with any plans we might have had. We are replacing cabinets, counters, lighting and floors with durable, long lasting materials. Water pipes that were running through the middle of our lower cabinets are now inside the wall where they belong. Both refrigerators will now be located in the back part of the room allowing us to have a long uninterrupted expanse of counter space. We have a beautiful extra large farm sink that will be located in front of the window that will accommodate all those large serving dishes. The utility sink will be moving outside near the ice machine giving us some breathing room in the back. I won't give away too many more details, you'll have to wait for the big reveal!

Hopefully we will have many events in the coming year and the new kitchen will be ready for all of our members to enjoy.

Karen Scott

Courtside Summer Membership

We've had great success in our Courtside Summer Membership program. Our new members have blended in beautifully and are an asset to Courtside. We hope that many will continue to play at Courtside this Fall.

Find it all at Courtside!

Fitness **Friends** **Fun**

MIXED UP DOUBLES! FUN

Who wants to join in on the fun on Saturday mornings!?? Whether you are a couple or a single, you can sign up for mixed doubles on Saturday morning. We will pair you with your significant other, or we can pair you up with another single. If you'd like to participate, please email Belinda Alexander at: belinda8855@gmail.com She can give you further details or answer any questions you may have. Come out and join us! It's a great event!

Belinda Alexander

Reminder

Updated phone lists are always available in our office. It's a great way to stay in contact with Courtside members. They are accessible by knocking on the porch office door.

Also, if you would like to leave a suggestion, Observation, Compliment, Concern etc., just ask for the "Hey Matt" forms which you can receive through the office as well.

TEMPORARY COURT RESERVATION SCHEDULE FOR ONLY 1 HOUR PLAY (for courts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 during hours 8:00 am to 3:00 pm)

CALL ON

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

TO PLAY ON THE FOLLOWING:

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Monday

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.