



Courtside Chatter

THE PLACE FOR TENNIS IN VENICE

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Pro's Points



Dear Courtside Family Members,

I want to take some time to thank a few of our members who have been a tremendous help to our club and who may not know how much we appreciate their contributions. We have many great members who donate their time, energy, and money to help with various needs that Courtside has.

We do have three members who really help Courtside with attracting new members and with keeping current members engaged in play and participating. The members I am speaking of are Steve Robbins, Larry (Grumpy) LeBlanc, and Belinda Alexander.

Steve, organizes a group that meets to play Monday through Friday mornings from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. It is a group that welcomes all new members and non-member who are thinking about joining Courtside. I can't emphasize enough how having a welcoming group like this helps Courtside. It helps us attract potential new members and also helps new members get to play immediately even if they do not know anyone.

Even though we hate to compliment Larry LeBlanc too much, we must admit that Grumpy's misfit group is also a big benefit to Courtside. Grumpy organizes a group of guys to play every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and they all seem to have a good time. Organizing a group of misfits every day takes a lot of time and energy so we thank Grumpy for enduring the pain.

Belinda Alexander has taken over organizing the mixed doubles play on Saturday mornings, with play starting at 9:00 am. I have heard from a lot of prospective members that they want to play mixed doubles so the fact that we are able to offer the Saturday morning mixed group is also invaluable to Courtside. Anyone can sign up for mixed doubles by emailing Belinda, whether you have a partner or not, she will try to get you a competitive match. We very much appreciate Belinda for taking on the responsibility and organizing a fun and much need group.

So please join me in thanking Steve, Grumpy and Belinda for doing the hard work, the work that may not be glamorous, or may not seem like it is appreciated. We do appreciate them (yes even you Grumpy), for helping Courtside day in, day out, week after week, to be the Place for Tennis in Venice.

Matt Liverman

Tennis Director/Head Tennis Professional

President's Corner

"Len Alpaugh: R.I.P."
by Jim Flynn

Recently, Courtside Members and Staff received the shocking, devastating news of the death of Len Alpaugh, one of the club's staunchest, well-respected members.

Len Alpaugh was not just a Past President and Board Member: **HE WAS THE SOUL OF COURTSIDE!** I knew Len as a fellow Board Member, tennis player and friend. His tenure as President was one of unprecedented growth and prosperity with increases in membership and financial stability with the club becoming mortgage-free near the end of his Presidency.

Len reflected the true spirit of Courtside with his hard work and devotion to the club. His behavior demonstrated the most essential characteristic of any leader: to never expect any commitment from anyone that you do not exhibit yourself!

In recent years, Len experienced a number of serious health misfortunes. Through it all, he maintained his smiling, sunny disposition, never showing any self-pity or regret.

Courtside will sorely miss Len Alpaugh as a devoted member and wonderful friend. The club is a better place because of his presence and leadership. I feel blessed to have known him as a treasured colleague and friend.

We are hoping to have a fitting ceremony to honor his memory at a later date acceptable to his family.

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

September Birthdays

Jennifer Wiseman 7

Bonnie Anderson 7

Hein Erdmann 14

Cyndi Vanzandt 22

John Vancamp 23



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



Greg Anderson
Janet Rosenkrantz
David Valentino

New Members

"QUOTE OF THE MONTH"

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Gandhi

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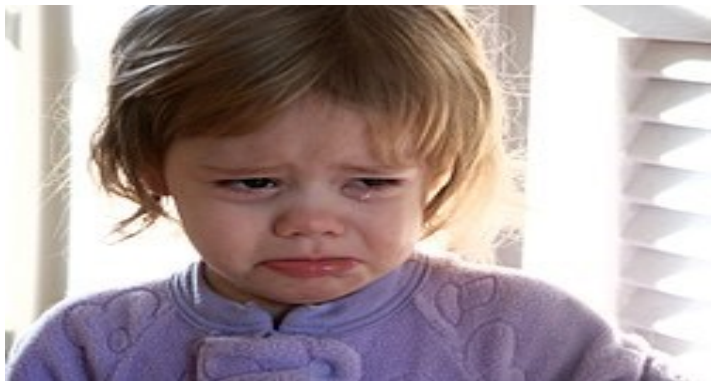
In support of the Venice High School tennis team, the community discount cards are again available in the office. The cards are \$20.00 each and are good through June of 2021.

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

Handyman Services
Landscaping
House Cleaning/Sitting
Computer Repairs/Upgrades/Building New
Network Setup
Electronics Setup
Automotive Services
Very Reasonable Rates
Just Ask Me If I Can Help You...

Thanks to all who advertise with us. We appreciate your business.

It's lonely in here!



While still practicing social distancing and wearing your mask, knock on our porch door and give a wave and say "HI"!

Sue & I miss seeing & talking with our wonderful Courtside Members!

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**

Fall Junior After School Tennis Program

Starts Tuesday, Sept. 8th

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.

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.