



Chickee Chatter

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Dear Members,

As incoming president for 2014, I am impressed with the legacy handed down to us by our founders and prior leaders, and with the warm and friendly atmosphere we nurture at our club. We are quite a diverse group, so it is impressive how kind and respectful we are with each other. Royal Palm is a healthy and comforting oasis in our very busy world.



Our club is running very smoothly under the leadership of Beverley Crane (Club Manager), Ann Cofield (Accounting), Eric Hechtman (Head Pro) and our dedicated Board of Directors. Five new Board members were elected at the Annual Meeting Jan 28: Carol Crabtree, Tom David, Corinne Kayal, Jim Perry, and Javier Siu. The BOD Officers for 2014 are Wally Lord (President), Jorge Hernando (Vice President), Lou Johns (Treasurer), and Cynthia Augustyn (Secretary).

Website: The Board voted to engage Tom Weinkle (a former President) and his company Vortex Communications to redesign and improve our website. Head Pro Eric Hechtman is already managing a social media page for Royal Palm. Within 6-8 weeks we will have better website functionality and a more beautiful presentation to attract new members.

New Clinics for Upper Level Home-Schooled Juniors: Eric Hechtman will begin a new clinic in the 11:30 am to 2:00 pm slot for upper level juniors who are potentially seeking college or professional tennis careers. This should add some additional excitement at our club without imposing on our members' use of the courts. We are always conscious about protecting court availability for our members.

Financial Condition: I am happy with the financial condition and cash reserves of our club, and we expect it will allow us to carefully invest in lighting for additional courts, improved walkways and drainage, and other valuable improvements. We have room for 17 more active members, so I encourage you to invite your friends to join us.

I look forward to meeting all of you I don't know yet, so please introduce yourselves when we cross paths.

Wally Lord

Notes From The Pro Shop

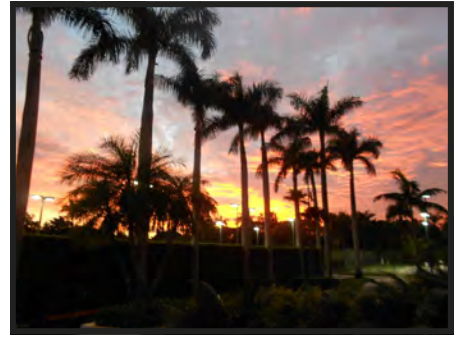
February Events: Sat 1st & 15th: Kids Match Day 12 noon

Sat 8th: Bagels, coffee & goodies 10am

Fri 14th: Wine Tasting & Tapas Party 6:30pm

Sat 22nd: Club Championships Singles Finals

Fri 28th: Mixed Doubles Social 6:30pm



Sunset at Royal Palm

Welcome New Members



Julia & David Bianchi

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Brenda & Peter Salgado

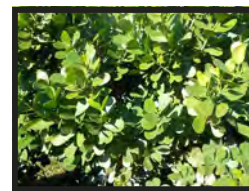
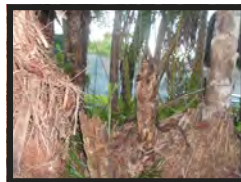
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Benjamin Spiegelman (Junior)



Palm Foliage

Just to keep you updated on our trees that surround the perimeter of the Club. For years, we have watched the Phoenix Reclinatas grow taller and taller. A few years ago, we noticed some of the plants looking unhealthy and losing their crowns. After extensive research and expert advice from Fairchild Tropical Gardens, University of South Florida and Leigh Livesay, we heard the unfortunate diagnosis of Ganoderma. This is also known as “Butt Rott.” Once the conch forms on the base of the tree, the tree is nearing its end. Sadly, all palms are susceptible to this lethal and incurable disease. It is transmitted in the soil and airborne. Thus the end result is, slowly we will lose all the palms surrounding the Club. The recommendation at the time was to use a bush called “Clusia,” which was resistant to any diseases and hardy and would fill in the gaps and flourish into an attractive border around the club. These have since become very popular and you will probably see them around the neighborhood (and, of course, now the price has gone up too). So for anyone who wondered why we would be changing and removing the Reclinatas ...this is the sad story.



Annual President's Party



Thank you for a great Year Greg Barnes!



“Thank You”
Royal Palm Tennis Club



The Junior Orange Bowl Tennis Committee would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to all the Volunteers from the Royal Palm Tennis Club that graciously gave of their time and energy to support The Junior Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship! Many of you have given your friendship and support to our Event over the last several years and we want you to know that our success is directly tied to your hard work. The Junior Orange Bowl Tennis Championship is one of the premier Junior Tennis Tournaments in the world, we enjoy participation of over 1400 boys and girls from more than 74 Countries. This not for profit organization depends on the support of the Community and from Volunteers like you to be successful. A special “Thank You” goes out to Barbara Goldin, Judy Fuller, Lisa Leventhal, Adrienne Vynne and Sharon Johnnides!! Other members on the committee from Royal Palm are Cathy Nordlund, Carol Crabtree, Don Petrino & Abby Dresnick.



We appreciate our Team Captains

Once again the tennis teams at Royal Palm are well represented and one cannot thank the captains enough for all the endless hours of hard work that goes on behind the scenes to organize the players, follow the guidelines and put forth teams in the true sense of good sportsmanship. It is much appreciated by your teammates, the tennis committee and the Club.

The captains are as follows:

A-Alpha - Barbara Cabassa, A - 2 #1- Chrissy Padron, A-2 #2 -Viola Lake, A-Beta - Adrienne Jacobson, B-1 Francoise Gribbon, B-2 & USTA 3.0 - Carmen Garcia-Velez, Night A - Gail Sterner, USTA 3.5 Sr. ladies - Chau Pyatt, 3.5 USTA ladies - Susan George, 3.5 USTA Night - Siriporn Burke, and yes we have a few men’s teams too. USTA 4.0 - Javier Siu and USTA 4.0 Sr. - Raul Moskovitz.



We would like to remind you that if you have an interesting article to submit to the Chickee Chatter, please let us know.

We also have a Facebook page....So look out for us on Facebook at Royal Palm Tennis Club Inc.

