



Chickee Chatter

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Dear Royal Palmers,

As I write this edition of the Chickee Chatter on the eve of Thanksgiving, I recognize that the world is grappling with some really difficult matters. But we can't let such clearly weighty issues distract us from the big picture and the many life-sized things we can be thankful for. In that connection, let me tell you a story (I have changed the names to protect people's privacy): I came to the Club to hit some singles with a friend. We were unpacking our gear and this friend (call him Paco Comparini) got an anguished look on his face. I saw some dark clouds in the sky and offered: "Paco, are you worried about the weather?"



"No, much worse."

"Is the post-election clown show getting you down?"

"Even worse."

"The pandemic?"

"Thankfully not, and a vaccine is around the corner."

"Well, then what has caused such anguish?"

Here is what he said: "Andy, we've been friends for years. You've been there for me in the tough times and I used to think you were one of the best people on the planet. But you have the gall, the temerity, the HUBRIS . . ."

"What, what, what have I done?" I pleaded.

"What is that in your hand?" Paco spat.

I looked down. "A can of PENN balls!!" :) :)

In all seriousness, we ARE facing challenging times. And our Board and the staff are doing such a great job to make Royal Palm an oasis where we can all escape for a while. That is something for which we can all be thankful. And given all that is going on in the world, I'm doing all I can to not sweat the small stuff, and to focus on what really matters: my friends, my family and Wilson US Open balls.

Happy Holidays to all!

- Andy Herron



Events



- **Holiday Round Robin Social** - Saturday, December 5th, 10:30am-12:30 pm
Tennis & Lunch To Go \$10pp.....Mixed Doubles & Parent/Child Doubles
- **Holiday Kids Match Day** - Saturday, December 12th, 12:30pm-2:30pm \$20pp
- **Holiday Kids Tennis Camp** - December 21st-24th & Dec 28th-31st

Call the Pro Shop for details or to sign up.



Happy Holidays



- If you are looking to do some Holiday shopping and spoil someone, the pro shop now carries Babolat, Wilson, Yonex & Tecnifibre tennis rackets. Demos are available.
- We have long-sleeved Mens & Ladies Royal Palm logo shirts.
- We also offer Gift Certificates for a lesson which comes wrapped for the Holidays.



Thank you!



All our Staff and Tennis Pros at Royal Palm would like to wish you all a very

“Happy & Healthy Holiday Season” and hopefully a great 2021.

- Thank you for all being so attentive and patient with all the Covid rules, and being respectful to your fellow members, in order to keep us all safe.
 - Thank you for your patience when the courts are busy and you may have to wait.
 - Thanks to the Board of Directors who continued all meetings via Zoom during this time.
- Things have been a little different this year, but at least we are still able to still play tennis!

See you around the courts!



Out on the Courts!



The Club Championships Ladies results are:

Ladies "A" Singles: Winner - Rita Thiemann & Finalist: Donna Fales

Ladies "B" Singles: Winner - Tracy Courtney & Finalist: Ana Thompson

Thank you for playing and displaying such good sportsmanship!



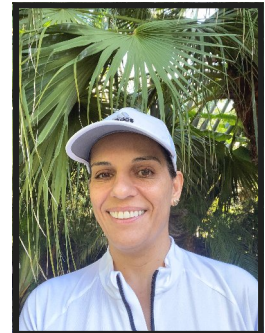
Rita Thiemann



Donna Fales



Tracy Courtney



Ana Thompson



Board Nominees



The nominees below are listed alphabetically for the Board of Directors for 2021.

Their resumes will be posted on the website soon www.rptc.org and go to Member Section and put in password rptc2019 to access their bios and a notebook will also be available in the pro shop.



Cindy Augustyn



Liliana Cook



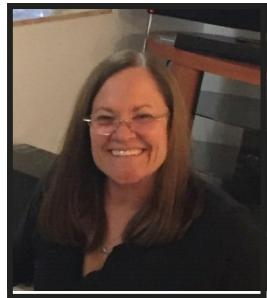
Diana Eldridge



David Elkins



Bruce Hornik



Celeste Miller



Steve Rigl



John Sullivan



Thanksgiving R.R.



Thanks for joining us on Thanksgiving morning for a little tennis,
and to Coach Anna for playing and running the event!



Stay Safe



Just a little note of concern from some of our members.....
If you have been travelling, hosting out-of town guests, attending functions or parties or possibly been exposed to virus it is a courtesy to let other players know so they can excuse themselves from a game or get a sub if they are not comfortable.

Stay smart, stay wise and stay healthy!



Happy New Year to all!!!

