



Chickee Chatter

Royal Palm Tennis Club

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Hello everyone,

Summer is rapidly approaching and most of the league play is winding down. What is also winding down is the fence project on courts 1 – 16. The staff and I so appreciate your patience during this time. For the next few



weeks, the fencing company will be doing the final touches to the fencing: cutting down the poles, capping them, tying the poles etc. This will not impact play as much the main construction. The company will be starting 17 – 18 in the next few weeks. The fencing at the Macy and hard courts will not be done at this time, but will be put in our long term

We are also expecting the windscreens to be delivered at the end of this month. I know that many of you were concerned about the screens that have been put up in the interim (several of you came up to me very nicely, mentioning that the screens were a little short ☹). We will have beautiful and bigger new screens soon!

One positive thing about the fence construction is that since I noted the deep holes were deep enough to bury a body, Andy is making himself scarce when he sees me.

Over the summer months, the board will be working on the HR projects, planning for next year's tennis teams, identifying funding sources for new LED lights throughout the club etc. Stephanie and Eric are getting ready for summer camps and preparations for hurricanes. Royal Palm still has a significant number of applications for membership, which bodes well for our future.

See you on the courts!

Joan

ARE YOU A



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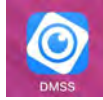
We are developing a pickleball only mailing/email list, so you pickleballers (or people who are interested in learning pickleball) can have the resource of a pickleball-specific group list of RP members who are interested in the game. This will enable pickleballers to contact other RP members that they may not know from tennis. The club will be able to inform you of specific pickleball events (such as the occasional Drink and dink Friday night get togethers) and clinics.

If you are interested in pickleball, please call the Pro shop or Stephanie, and let them know your level (beginner/novice, intermediate and experienced) and also if you are available this summer, as many people go away for the summer.

If you haven't played pickleball yet, try it! It is a lot of fun

CAMERA

Download the *updated* DMSS app



Once app is downloaded, you'll be required to create a *personal* login in

After login is created and you are signed into the app go to the top right hand corner and press the plus sign with a circle around it (+)

A drop down will appear and click the "IP/Domain" option then click the "Wired Camera"

Input the following information:

Port: 37777

Address: 96.85.238.22

Device Name: member (case sensitive— make sure to use a lower case "m")

Username: Royal (case sensitive—make sure to use a capital "R")

Password: 12345

Save settings, and then press live view! You will now have access to the Rain Camera

A screenshot of the DMSS app's settings screen for a camera named "member". The status bar at the top shows "AT&T", signal strength, Wi-Fi, 5:32 PM, and battery level. The screen has a back arrow on the left and a home icon on the right. The settings are as follows:

Register Mode:	IP/Domain
Name:	member
Address:	96.85.238.22
Port:	37777
Username:	Royal
Password:	•••••
Live Preview:	Extra
Playback:	Extra

Start Live Preview



HISTORY

Edna Salichs



Edna Salichs and her husband, Frank were Royal Palm Founding Members and part of the original group that organized the club and purchased the property. They held meetings at their Coral Gables home to plan a tennis club in the “Southwest Dade Estate Area”. At first it was going to be called the ‘Palmetto Tennis Club’, then the ‘Royal Palm Racquet Club’ and finally after the purchase of the Gautier property, ‘the Royal Palm Tennis Club’.

Many of Royal Palm’s rules and methods of operations can be traced to the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, NY, where Edna played for many years. Whenever a question of club policy came up, Edna’s opinion always began with, “well, this is the way it was done at West Side”.

Edna was a great player in her own right, playing professionally as a top ranked player in the East. In her later years, when her right hand was crippled with Carpel Tunnel Syndrome, she started playing with her left!

Edna was an authority of rules, leagues, and etiquette. Many Royal Palmers can remember being told by Edna where to stand in doubles and how to say thank you when retrieving their ball from the next court. Playing with Edna was for many years a rite of passage for Royal Palm’s new members. She was a fixture at the club; everyone looked up to her and she was a guiding light in so many ways.

Many people remember Edna for her “infamous” potluck round robins. They were very popular for a long time. Everyone played with everyone. People would draw a court and partner to start. This allowed for many members to meet and play with members that would not normally play with. After each round, winners would advance and split, losers would stay and split. The suppers were enjoyed by all in the old clubhouse. Everyone sat at two long tables and enjoyed all the homemade dishes. These dinners really brought the members of the club together.

Outside of Royal Palm, Edna made many important contributions. She started the Women’s League Teams in Miami, is a member of the Dade County Tennis Hall of Fame, actively participated with Recording for the Blind and was an accomplished bridge player.

Even after mobility issues stopped Edna from playing tennis, she often came to the club to watch matches and have lunch with friends. She died in 2001, after 40 years of devoted membership at the Club. A scholarship fund at Royal Palm was founded in her name.

We all love our pets but as a reminder.... Pets are *not* allowed on Royal Palm property, this includes leashed pets.





PROS CORNER



Creating a match plan

Creating a match plan as a coach and or a player is a crucial part to achieve your maximum level of success on the tennis court. At the club, whether you see me coaching an adult, a junior, Yannik, or Genie Bouchard, I'm always working to improve somebody's game from technical to physical and even the mental aspect of practice. Therefore in practice you can learn what you are strong at, what you are weak at, and what is realistically possible under pressure conditions.

I feel like everybody has a lucky number or a favorite number and my number is 3. Therefore when creating a game plan I focus on technical, tactical, and mental. In each category in order not to give too much to focus on I also allocate three things. These three things should suit a player's strength while at the same time on a tactical end attempting to break down an opponent's weaknesses.

An example could be: technical: (1) stay low (2) exaggerate footwork (3) finish your swing.
Tactical: (1) use the deep middle ball (2) play with height from the corners, and (3) approach down the line. Mental: (1) focus on one shot at a time. (2) don't show negativity (3) vocalize positivity when fear creeps in.

Enjoy competing and try creating a simple plan for yourself before heading out to the courts. You'll notice it will make a world of difference. "By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail" -Ben Franklin

- Eric

RACQUETDESK TIPS

Most of our members have verified their raquetsedk account....THANK YOU!!! If you have not already, below you will find helpful tips

1. We **strongly** recommend for the first time setting up the account to use a desk top or select Desktop option on the mobile phone. The app is more user-friendly once all the information is already inputted.
2. All Bond holders received a log in email. If a member in the house would like their own log in please send a request to Sabrina@rptc.org. If you did not receive the original email with the sign up link we can resend. Please reach out to Sabrina@rptc.org
 - > The bond holder will still receive the monthly statement of all parties linked to the account
3. If you would like to sign up for ACH you will need to add your account information manually for the first time on the website (we **strongly** recommend using a desk top or desktop version on the mobile phone).
 - > Once logged on — go to the my account tab
 - > Once on the account tab > click Bank Account
 - > Fill in the banking account information
 - > Check the agreement then click save
 - > As of right now, ACH payment is only offered as an auto pay option via the website. Meaning the money will be taken out of the account the 15th of every month. The bond holding member will still receive a bill on the 2nd of every month to review any items on the statement prior to any money being taken out.
4. If the bond holding member *does not* want auto pay, currently the only way to pay ACH not via auto bill is through the **app**
 - > Go to the app store
 - > Search royal palm tennis club (download)
 - > Open app and log on—remember if this the first time we **strongly** recommend to use desk top or desktop version on a mobile phone to confirm log in prior to downloading the app
 - > On the home screen click make payment
 - > you will see two options “credit card” or “bank account”

5. Cash and Check is still accepted

- > If you plan on paying this way, please do not save any banking information or credit card information on the website so you don't get double billed
- > Remember to bring in the cash or check prior to 15th to avoid any late fees

6. Monthly statements automatically show what the credit card fee would be if someone would use a credit card. If you plan using a credit card the system automatically adds it, no need to manually input the fee amount. The statement is just showing what it will cost.

7. If you are paying via cash/check/ACH—please do not include the CC fee when inputting the amount owed

8. We will continue to send emails informing members of clinics and events happening around the club, however, sign up has move over to RacquetDesk. We will include the link on the email for convenience

- > Keep in mind you do not need to wait for the email to sign up for clinics. We have put all clinics on RacquetDesk for the next few months if you would like to sign up ahead of time

We will continue to send updates as we improve the software... thank you!

As always if you have any question please do not hesitate to reach out to Sabrina or Stephanie

