



Chickee Chatter

Royal Palm Tennis Club

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Well, it doesn't take a TV

weatherman or Captain Obvious to know that it is very, very hot and humid outside. The most popular chairs under the chickees are those in direct line with the fans (thank you, Javier and Andy!). I am in awe of how our maintenance



staff and pros labor in such extreme temperatures without complaint during the summer months. I play for two hours and can barely move afterwards, yet this staff and our pros are outside for 8 hours or more every day. They are heroes – please let them know we appreciate them!

Construction is still on-going (shocker). Courts 17 and 18 will be getting the new fences soon. The roof on the storage shed will be done soon. The windscreens for all the courts will be delivered soon. Do you notice a trend? If I hear the terms “chain supply issues”, “permit issues” and “Andy issues” one more time, I might get violent. Hopefully, everything will be done SOON.

In the past few weeks, Royal Palm has lost two Presidents: Merrill Crews and Richard Dowling.

Merrill and his late wife, Peggy, were the only husband and wife Presidents (Peggy was President in 1998) in Royal Palm history. Merrill was President in 2007 and was a true character. I was fortunate to serve on both of their boards. Richard was President in 1972, but perhaps more importantly, he was the driving force behind junior tennis in Dade County. He spent countless hours developing young players. Richard also created the Wimbledon Wall at Royal Palm, at his own cost, to celebrate Royal Palm members who played at Wimbledon.

Our staff is getting ready for hurricane season and summer camp. Both rank as disasters on different levels (just joking, campers!). The camp is an affirmation of our RPTC mission – and helps a lot with our bottom line!

See you on the courts,

Joan



Upcoming events

July 4th Family Round Robin & BBQ — Tuesday July 4th starting at 9:30

Sign up via email: royalpalmtennis@gmail.com

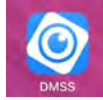
Price: \$ 23 per person

Summer Camp—June 12—August 11



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



Women's A

Winners: Ellen Malherbe & Joanne Carroll

Finalists: Monica Morin & Andrea Potash

CLUB DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S



Women's B

Winners: Jen Levin & Sandy Hayes

Finalists: Eve-Alice Stoller & Jeanne Bashein



Women's C

Winners: Marla Ferreira & Maritza Marchand

Finalists: Monique Rosenthal & Nancy Ware



Men's A

Winners: Ricardo Donoso & Rodrigo Arrangoiz

Finalists: Tony Baumer & Danny Van Der Reis

CLUB DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S



Men's B

Winners: Michael Wong & David Elkins

Finalists: Tim Battle & Raul Moskovitz



Men's C

Winners: Raul Moskovitz & Doug Shapiro

Finalists: Eduardo Thompson & Marco Olivera



PROS CORNER



Summer travel destinations for Tennis in Europe

With the summer months coming up and the kids out of school, I have so many people that ask me, “what’s the best place to travel to in Europe and play tennis?” To answer that question is very difficult because there are so many great choices. In this article, I will mainly stick to Western Europe.

Overall, my favorite country for tennis is Italy. They have incredible clay courts in their biggest cities such as Rome and Florence as well as courts in almost every small town and city. The majority of courts are red clay and almost every tennis club (not just in Italy) has a restaurant where they serve food, drinks, etc. Austria, Germany, and Switzerland are two very underrated spots to visit and play tennis. Typically they have very mild weather, beautiful scenery especially in Austria with the mountains. Again most of these clubs are red clay so come prepared with the proper shoes.

If you want a different experience across the pond in the UK there are plenty of Grass courts everywhere. All through the UK expect the rules to be a bit stricter, court conditions can be a bit dicey on the grass; and grass court shoes are an absolute must! But having the different experience of a grass court tennis club is worth the trip for those tennis enthusiasts.

Overall, I love the US and we have incredible tennis opportunities; however the European tennis experience is more picturesque, it has the dining opportunity, and is simply more abundant. Wherever you go, you can’t miss it if you see me around. Feel free to ask for recommendations. In the meantime... if you decide not to travel, you have the best tennis club vibe in the county in your own backyard right here at Royal Palm.

- Eric