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*Thank you...  
to the participants, staff, and  
volunteers of the Classic  
Pickleball Tournament!  
We couldn't do it without you!*

**Check out our Winter Registration forms enclosed!**



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## **2023 Courtside Classic Pickleball Tournament Successful**

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By Kathleen Seelig

The 2023 Courtside Classic pickleball tournament proved to be a smashing success, raising \$1,000 in support of behavioral health services and programs at Hunterdon Medical Center. Thanks to generous sponsors Cortez and Hayes Title Agency, Inc. in Flemington, and Courtside Racquet Club, the tournament showcased the power of the community and sportsmanship while contributing to a vital cause.

Held on September 30th, the 2023 Courtside Classic was originally



scheduled as part of the annual Clinton Community Day at Bundt Park. However, due to unforeseen weather circumstances that led to the cancellation of Clinton Community Day, the tournament was relocated to the Courtside Racquet Club in Lebanon, New Jersey.

The Courtside Classic brought together 25 pickleball teams, with a total of 50 players from the local community and beyond, competing in an exhilarating display of skill and camaraderie. The tournament not only provided participants with a day of fun and friendly competition, but also served as an opportunity to raise funds and awareness of Hunterdon Behavioral Health.

The \$1,000 raised during the tournament will directly benefit behavioral health services and programs at



***Congratulations to our  
2023 winners!***

Hunterdon Health, helping to improve the mental well-being of individuals within our community. These funds will support a range of initiatives aimed at providing essential care and resources to those in need.



# Investing in Sports for Your Child Provides a Lifetime of Benefits

A FRIEND ASKED ME...

*Why spend so much money and time for your child to train in tennis, karate, swimming, volleyball, soccer, basketball or any other sport?*

I replied: I don't pay for my child's training and playing. You know what I'm paying for?

- Paying for my child to learn to be disciplined.
- I pay for my child to learn to take care of his body and mind.

- I pay for my child to learn to work with others and be a good teammate.
- I pay for my child to learn to deal with disappointment when he doesn't get what he expected, but he knows he has to work harder.
- Paying for my child to learn how to achieve his goals.
- I pay for my child to understand that it takes hours and hours of hard work and training to win a championship / race / competition, and that success doesn't happen overnight.

- I pay for the opportunity my child has to make lifelong friendships.
- I pay for my child to be on the playing field and not in front of the television.
- I pay for all the teachings that sport offers you: "responsibility, humility, dedication, friendship, coexistence, etc. Etc."



## WINTER PROGRAMS

### JUNIOR and ADULT CLINICS

Participating in clinics at Courtside is a great way to learn the sport, advance your level, or develop new skills. We offer JUNIOR and ADULT CLINICS each day of the week for all levels (beginner, intermediate, and advanced).

Junior clinics begin at age 4 with our **PUPPY POUND** classes and go until age 18.



If you are looking for team play without the travel to other clubs then our round robin league is perfect for you. We organize this round robin style doubles league for levels: 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0. Contact Bobby at the club to register.



**There is no Substitute for Match Play.**

Getting organized match experience as a junior player is much more difficult to come by compared to other sports. The Junior Challenger Circuit is a great way to get junior players match experience. They will be playing against many different types of opponents and will be better prepared in future match-ups. Match play at a young age is important to help implement skills learned through lessons, clinics and practice.

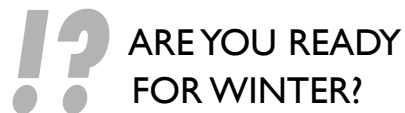
### MEN'S LATE NITE ACTION

Join the guys on Wednesday nights from 9:00 pm–10:30 pm. We have open doubles play with no commitment to attend every week. A new can of balls is provided each week.



Have fun at our "Social Pickle" open to all levels. Call to sign-up. Or if you're new to the sport, or want some lessons in how to beef up your game, check out our **PICKLEBALL CLINICS**.

We also offer Parent/Child Classes.



Registration is open now – use the forms enclosed in this mailing. Sign-up by stopping by the front desk at the club, calling the club, or registering online at [www.courtsideracquet.com](http://www.courtsideracquet.com). And, as always, please feel free to contact us with any questions, at (908) 713-1144.

## STEVE'S TENNIS TIP

### HOW TO DEAL WITH THE ROCK STEADY BASELINER

*I have recently gotten a lot of inquiries from the juniors on how to play against players that are rock steady from the baseline so here you go!*

These types of players are pretty common at every level of play. They win the majority of their matches on their opponents errors.

They try to lure you into over hitting because you become impatient. They are successful against players who have weak to average put away shots. This type of player also prefers playing their matches from the baseline.

#### HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO DEAL:

- Be patient! Try to hit 5 to 7 shots before you try to do anything with the ball. Work the point, you may get a chance to hit your big shot later when the time fits.

- Look for opportunities to get to the net and finish. This type of player will not give you anything, so take it to them.
- Use drop shots or chips to get them off the baseline. Take them out of their comfort zone.
- Serve and volley. This will keep you from being drawn into a baseline marathon.
- Be aggressive on their second serves. Attack!
- Mix up your groundstrokes. These players love to hit with rhythm.
- Do not play them side to side. These players are Golden Retrievers moving side to side! Play them up and back.

#### NOW, QUICK WAYS TO LOSE:

- Avoid becoming impatient and pounding the ball. This is what they want!
- Don't get lured into a marathon. If it becomes obvious they are stronger from the baseline, change your strategy!
- Make sure the game plan you use is a game plan you own! Don't serve and volley if you never have before.

*Go get 'em!*



**Steve Bork,**  
GM and Director of Tennis

## Free Tennis & Pickleball Over the Holiday Breaks!

- Thanksgiving Free Tennis is November 24, 25, 26.
- Winter break/Holiday Free Tennis begins December 24 and runs through January 1.

*All Courtside VIP members are welcome to book court time and play for free during these periods.*

Courtside program members, Courtside Team members, and non-Courtside members are welcome to play but must pay the regular court fees for tennis and pickleball.

Booking privileges are the same as always: you are allowed to book 3 weeks in advance; however, if you book and do not cancel your court time 24 hours in advance, you will be charged for the time you booked and the money will be donated to Courtside's charity of choice.

*Please note, the Club is closed November 23, December 25 and January 1.*

