



# Trails Newsletter

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## Another Storm Survived

Whew – that was pretty close! Hurricane Idalia missed our area, fortunately. But it wasn't by much. Hopefully this was one of the last scares of the hurricane season for us. Luckily, only one day of tennis was lost in all this. 8 windscreens still need to get rolled up, but we'll wait for the next storm to do that.

Other than that it has been fairly quiet. Temperatures are 10 degrees down from what they were some weeks ago, and it feels more bearable. About half a dozen of Trails members who were recently on "heat break" have said they will return on September. Welcome back.

In other NO NEWS, your Trails Racquet Club still does not have a new owner. There is a general agreement with a buyer, but that

person is slow with paperwork and funding. No big deal. Running the club is a joyful experience, and there is no rush to get a deal done.

More exciting than the Trails is the situation at the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center (OBTC). Our contract there is up at the end of November. Read more about the most recent developments there on the back page.

Happy Labor Day weekend y'all.



## New Members

A new member in hot August? That's rare. But tennis fan Michael Stern moved to the Trails subdivision recently, and joined our club immediately. We love guys like Mike! Mike likes to play tennis multiple times per week, whether

doubles or mixed doubles. Talk to Jan if you want to invite Mike into your matches. Then you can also talk about Siberian huskies with him, of which Mike has 2 and walks them through the neighborhood daily.

## Senior Games @ Trails On Saturday, October 21

If you are over the age of 50, and enjoy good fun and friendly competition from all over the state of Florida and beyond – then the Ormond Beach Senior Games are your thing. It's a bunch of different sports, INCLUDING TENNIS, all organized by age groups. The tennis event takes place

am. men's/women's doubles at 10 am, and mixed doubles around 1 pm. Senior Games fee for Trails/OBTC members is \$20 for one event of 2-3 hours round robin fun, and \$5 for each additional one. Non-Trails/OBTC players pay an extra \$10 court fee per event. If you want to play but don't have a partner, let us know. Partners are always needed for out-of-town visitors.

Sat., Oct. 21, 2023. @ Trails.  
Men's/women's singles starts at 8



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## Update On The Sale Of The Trails Racquet Club

No real news here. Still trying to find a good balance between the right buyer, the right price, and the right vision. You'll get updates when something new is to report.

With real estate prices in our area continuing to climb, there has been a renewed interest from parties where we are not sure if they are REAL tennis players and what their

ultimate goals are. Most of these candidates are from out of state, and their intentions aren't fully known. Maybe they want to wait until hurricane season is over. Fine with us, we are waiting for that, too. ☺ So for the time being, the Buenner family still owns the club. And continues to service its members and make improvements. You will hear about it if things change.



## Ormond Beachside Tennis Center – Clock Is Ticking

It has almost been 3 years since Trails started managing the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center (OBTC). And like every 3 years, the City recently bid the place out again. It is called a Request for Proposal (RFP), and anybody is invited. Proposals are due by Sept. 21. While 3 years ago we were the only party interested in managing the place, as of this writing 11 individuals or firms have downloaded the brochure!! Under

Trails' management, OBTC has become a vibrant, active, and thus attractive facility again. Quite a change from the many previous years of mismanagement. By early October the new operator will be known. Trails will bid on it again, too.

This BTW also means that the benefit of playing at OBTC at no charge will most likely come to an end for Trails members. Enjoy it while it lasts!



## Junior Programs Have Started

Reminder that the junior programs here at the Trails started in late August. Class sizes are still small, the instructors are great, and class fees are low. The schedule:

Mo+Wed 3.45-4.30 pm: RED ball  
Mo+Wed 4.30-5.30 pm: ORANGE & GREEN balls  
Mo+Wed 5.30-7 pm: YELLOW ball

All classes are taught by qualified, certified, insured, and Safe Sport certified instructors. Cost starts at \$60/month for 45 minutes/week, with discounts for a second/third class and/or a second/third child. A flyer with all the information is at the front desk.

## Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Lots of things going on between now and the end of the year. We hope you will be part of that and see you at your tennis courts often. Now that the hottest weather of the year is past us, outdoor activities should be more fun again. Happy Labor Day weekend, and Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

