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Trails Newsletter

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Today's The Day!

Actually, not quite. This pertains to our management of the Ormond Beach Tennis Center (OBTC), of course. And the operation will actually start on December 02, after the Ormond Beach City Commission will hopefully approve the contract on the night before. Feel free to join us attending the meeting December 01 from 7 pm at City Hall in Ormond Beach.



And in case you wondered: an excellent team of employees has been assembled for OBTC. Some you know from the Trails, some are new. You can meet them all at the WELCOMING PARTY at OBTC on January 02. More on the back side of this newsletter.

In other December news, the Trails will host a group of 15-18 year old juniors warming up for a tournament at FTC on the weekend Dec. 05/06. A sufficient number of courts will be available for our members on that weekend, though.

Happy Holidays And A Peaceful New Year to all our members and your families. Stay healthy and safe.



New Members

No new members this past month, which is normal for November. But we have a strong pipeline of prospects, at the Trails as well as Ormond TC. You'll read more about

it next month, hopefully. Tennis is one of the perfect social distancing activities in this dangerous and unusual time, and the number of new or returning players is quite remarkable. Stay tuned.

GVTL Update – New Leagues Starting In January

Match play in the Greater Volusia Tennis League (GVTL) started delayed in mid-October, and has been a good success so far. While the leagues are smaller than in past years due to the COVID-19 virus, the matches have been challenging and fun. Of our 4 teams, 2 are in first place: the ladies 3.0/60+, captained by Mary Johnson, and Steve Wonderly in the men's singles flex

league 3.0 captained by his wife Betsy. Great job, everyone!

After the cautious start in October, GVTL is offering additional leagues starting January 11: a 6.5 MXD, women's and men's singles flex leagues at all levels, and a men's 7.5 day Combo. If YOU would care to play in any of those leagues, talk to Jan. GVTL's half season runs through April and costs \$25.

Ormond Beach Tennis Center Restarts December 02; WELCOME PARTY on Saturday, January 02, 2021

After 12 years of waiting (we participated in the first RFP in 2008! And some more in the following years) and watching the decline, we have finally been asked to operate the Ormond Beach Tennis Center (OBTC) on behalf of the City. It will be an exciting venture, one with lots of fresh ideas and possible synergies between our two facilities.

The Ormond Beach City Commission will have to approve the management contract on Tuesday, December 01, 7 pm, at City Hall. If approved, our operation of OBTC will start December 02. It will start slowly, due to the upcoming holidays, with a "soft opening" in the whole month of December.

But it will get much more active after that.

A WELCOME PARTY for all is planned for

Saturday, January 02, from 9-12.

Meet the new staff, play round robin tennis with members of Trails, of OBTC, and with visitors, watch a show match of the teaching pros around 11 am, have some free drinks. And for those with extra energy and enthusiasm, we ask you to help beautify OBTC, improve the courts, and do whatever is needed to make that place more inviting. Talk to Jan if you want to know more.

And as mentioned previously, Trails players will be allowed to play at both places – AT NO ADDITIONAL COST. Take advantage of it.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Wishing all our members and friends a peaceful holiday season. **STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE!!** We want to see you again in the New Year!! Please note your Trails Racquet Club as well as Ormond Beach Tennis Center will be closed on Dec. 25 and January 01. Happy Trails, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year to y'all,

Jan Buenner & Team

