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Trails Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019 !!!

What a way to start the New Year: spring like weather in late December - what more can you ask for. Hopefully y'all are able to take advantage of it.

New Year's wishes always include health and happiness, the former of which is in really high demand right now. About a dozen of our members currently are suffering from health problems, from fairly mundane foot injuries to the most severe, life threatening illnesses. WISHING ALL OUR SICK AND/OR INJURED MEMBERS SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERIES! We miss you and would like to see you again soon, on the courts or off them.

Below and on the back page, you will read about what went well and what not in the old year, whom we lost, and what the plans are for the New Year.

At this time, not only would we like to thank you for your business and

New Members

New members are always nice, and we hope to get some in the New Year. For the moment, it would be perfectly sufficient if the 10+ support, but also for the big and small signs of your kindness and generosity. Many thanks to those of you who sent us cards or gifts. That is very sweet of you! All of us here at the Trails Racquet Club appreciate your generosity and enjoyed the treats. This club really has a wonderful membership!

Once again: Happy New Year 2019 to you all!



members currently on the DL (Disabled List) had full recoveries. We really miss you! Hopefully you'll be back soon!

Job Openings: 1. Assistant Coach; 2. Court Person

Hiring high schoolers or college kids has the advantage that they usually are good, polite, honest, hardworking people. Downside is they often have limited availability. So at the beginning of the New Year we are looking to refill 2 positions:

1. Assistant Tennis Coach. Coach Trishna's Trailblazers program continues to grow, and she needs help after her previous assistant coaches have different plans for the New Year. The new assistant(s) should ideally be skilled tennis players - of any age. The programs will restart in mid-January and run mostly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

2. Evening Maintenance Person. This individual would work mostly the courts from around 6-8 pm on Mondays through Thursdays. No special skills required.

If you are interested, or know someone who might, please talk to coach Trishna or Jan.

Review 2018 & Preview 2019

<u>Review 2018</u>

In many, many ways 2018 wasn't exactly a good year. And we are not talking politics or the stock market! As the weather becomes ever more unpredictable, that makes court maintenance ever more challenging, too. Luckily, courtmeister Gary Heatwole has a handle on things and will keep the courts in good shape. He sure did in 2018!

As mentioned earlier, many of our members suffered a variety of health problems last year. The past year also saw the passing of long time Trails tennis players Bobby Frappier and Bill Dean in the fall. Both are sorely missed by all.

Some good news was the lack of hurricanes, at least in our area. Mexico Beach thinks differently, of course. Nonetheless, we will continue to gradually replace the existing player sheds with new, hard plastic ones, among other capital projects.

Preview 2019

What are the plans for the New Year? So far, your club will host 2 USTA adult tournaments, 4 USTA junior tournaments, 3-4 non USTAtournaments, the Ormond Beach Senior Games, and an assortments of smaller events. All the while leaving plenty of courts to our treasured social players.

In the bigger picture, we hope the dozens of new condos currently going up on the site of the old Ormond Hospital will bring us some new tennis players. Do we need to add pickleball courts to attract them? You let us know.

Another 2019 project is the inside of the clubhouse, where the social area and the pro shop will get modernized. This was supposed to happen last year and has not been forgotten. You'll get a preview as soon as possible, at which time you'll also have the opportunity to express your thoughts on that.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Thanks for all your support in 2018. We look forward to seeing you again in 2019. Happy Trails, and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year to you and your families. Jan Buenner & Team (Addison, Isabella, Trishna, Alex, Gary,

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