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Trails Newsletter

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A Nice Start To The Year

Quite a promising start to the new year it has been. Aided by plenty of dry and sunny weather, tennis play at both the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center and the Trails Racquet Club has been very strong. Tennis continues to benefit from the fact it is a fairly safe, outdoor, contact free, socially distant activity. Great! And the roll-out of the COVID vaccine should make activities such as our sport even more attractive.

And the momentum keeps going. At the bottom of this page and the middle of the next page you will read about two upcoming events: for adults a Valentine's Social at OBTC on February 13; and for juniors the

first event of the popular Junior Futures Series on February 20 at the Trails.

You will also find an update of what's going on at OBTC, in case you haven't been there yet. Nicole, Gary, and Herb are doing a great job setting up matches for members of both facilities as well as visitors to our area. In addition, they will soon test drive a new phone app that will allow you to make court reservations, set up matches, etc. You MAY do that, but don't have to. Personal contact with any of our employees is still very welcome, too, of course.

New Members

The positive trend of the last couple of months continued. 3 players joined the Trails in January:

- ◆ Sue Thompson (GVTL 3.0)
- ◆ Jan Collier (GVTL 3.0)
- ◆ Gary Goldstein (GVTL 3.5)

All 3 are experienced tennis players with a fine local tennis history. If you want to integrate them into one of your matches, talk to Jan. Welcome to the Trails, y'all.

Valentine's Social @ OBTC On Sat., Feb. 13

Love is an indispensable part of tennis, as you all know (as in: 40-love, of course). With that in mind, the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center will host a Valentine's round robin on

Sat., February 13, 2021, 9.30 am

It doesn't matter if you are in a relationship or not, as long as you want to play some fun tennis. Player gift for all participants. No entry fee for Trails or OBTC members, \$8 for guest players. Pre sign-up is required. Talk to Jan at the Trails (677-8081) or Nicole at OBTC (872-7088).

OBTC – Update After 2 Months Of Operation



The Ormond Beachside Tennis Center has had a fabulous two months since its management was taken over by the Trails Racquet Club in early December 2020.

Its Grand Re-Opening event with round robin and pro exhibition match on January 02 was attended by 52 players and at least a dozen spectators. The event, and the much improved facility, have received great reviews from local players, visiting players, as well as the press. Business grew by more than 50% in January over the previous month. Membership almost doubled from 27 players in December to 52 in January. We hope to get to 100 members by year end. :-). Guest play was also strong in both months. OBTC also newly displays very pretty banners at its fences and has a

new website (OBTCTENNIS.COM), too.

And OBTC is not only a nice addition to our collection, and an alternate facility for Trails members at no extra cost. OBTC will also become the testing place for new things. For example, it is in the middle of selecting a new club management software. This will include an app for your phone to make court reservations, book lessons, assist in match making, and pay money if so desired, among other things. The crack staff at OBTC is currently selecting the best candidate, will then test drive the app for a while, and then invite some tech-forward OBTC or Trails players to join in the tryout. If YOU want to be one of the tech-savvy individuals to do so, let Jan know.

Junior Futures Start Sat., Feb. 20 @ Trails

Junior Futures is a highly popular series of local tennis tournaments for kids with no or little tournament experience. It is played on Saturdays mid-February through mid-April at select facilities in our county. The first of such events will take place on

Saturday, February 20

at the Trails Racquet Club. Red, orange, green, and yellow ball

divisions. First groups start at noon. Trophies for the winners and runners-ups. Cost is \$20/player/ event. Start times and other details can be found on a flyer that will be posted in the clubhouse soon, or by talking to coaches Trishna or Jan. This series is a great opportunity for juniors to play “serious” matches in a friendly environment. Usually, between 30-50 players participate.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

with the days finally getting longer, the temperatures rising (hopefully, eventually), and new tennis opportunities at both our facilities, we hope to see you on our courts often. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team