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Trails Newsletter

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Upcoming Improvements At The Trails

The weather in March wasn't all it was cracked up to be. But our members played a good amount of tennis nonetheless. Yay to Trails members.

And we used the time to start a couple of improvements at your club. First, the player shed by court #7 got replaced. It is a work in progress but should finish by mid-April at the latest. Read more about it on the back page.

Another item on the list is the court lights. A few have gone dead over the winter, and they will get replaced soon. In fact, the new lights will be fancy LED lights. Those are more expensive to install, but over

time should save us money on the electric bill. Once you tell us how the new lights work, possibly all old fixtures will gradually get replaced.

Last and biggest item on the shopping list is a new roof for the clubhouse. The current one is at least 20 years old, and possibly much older. It leaks a tiny bit in heavy, sideways rains. Next month we'll get estimates for a new one. At that time, the flat part of the roof, a perennial pool water and thus worry, will get replaced with a slightly slanted one,

Bottom line: plenty of capital improvements coming to the Trails in the second quarter.

New Members

No new members in March, sadly. But the month also had plenty of good news. The number of guest players stayed high both at the Trails and OBTC, providing a steady stream of new play styles. Equally good, the final 3 of our members

who had stayed away from tennis for more than a year due to the pandemic finally returned. Glad to have y'all back! And with COVID vaccine widely available now, hopefully everybody can return to their pre-pandemic routines soon.

Court Condition Camera

Have you ever been curious about the condition of the tennis courts before heading out? For example after a rain shower? Well, that info is available now. Maintenance man Mike recently installed 2 cameras that broadcast views from our courts.

Are these cameras also security or spy cameras? Neither. As you can see from the bottom picture on the left,

the camera is visibly plugged into an outlet. Unplugged, that would be a pretty useless security camera. (No worries, the club has an alarm system, too.). And it does NOT have a chip to record anything. As said before: it can give you the current court conditions, that's all. Talk to Jan if you want to know the access code. It's free.



Player Shed #7 – Sponsorship Opportunity

Many of you have seen it already: the old player shed by court #7 has been demolished and replaced with a custom-built one, like the ones by courts #5 and 8. Until the money ran out. On the picture to the right you see exactly when that happened.

So this shed offers YOU a special opportunity: you can purchase one of the boards necessary to finish the shed. To make yourself eternal (after all, this is the Easter weekend), you may even attach a plaque to YOUR board. Or you could engrave an inspirational message in it. Or commemorate a tennis player that has passed away. You can even opt for the more economical half-board version, as seen on the photo. So many options. For pricing, send an e-mail to Jan@trailsracquetclub.com.

And for some extra premium, you may also paint the shed in your favorite color. Rainbow-colored, maybe?



How long will your sponsored shed last, you ask? Well, the previous one was constructed entirely of wood around 1974. 47 years and still standing, in spite of all the hurricanes, rains, changes in ownership, and such. That's a fine age! The new shed is made of wood and new-age hard plastic, and should last even longer, we hope. No promises, though.

3+1

New Program: 3 Plus Me (Match With The Pro)

Here is an idea that comes out of OBTC. Have you ever wanted to play a match where the tennis pro is your partner or opponent the whole time? Well, you can do that now. Coaches Trishna, Kevin, and Seth are offering the opportunity where you

and 2 of your friends (or random bystanders) will play a match that includes one of the pros. Dates and times vary for each pro. If interested, talk to Jan at the front desk, he will arrange such a "3+me" match for you. Cost is \$20 per player/hour.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

The cold and windy days of the first quarter of this year are hopefully behind us, and some mild weeks are ahead before the summer heat. Join us on the courts, or on a bench, to talk and play tennis. Looking forward to seeing y'all at the Trails often. Happy Easter, and Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

P.S. Both the court condition camera as well as the new player shed #7 are real. But you can't sponsor either of them. True, they both need a bit of work to maximize their usefulness. That work will happen within a week or so, no worries.

