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Trails Newsletter

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Picking Up The Pace In Spring

After the quiet first two months of the year here at your tennis club, the pace is finally picking up. The first tennis event of the year will take place at about the time you read this. Many more events are scheduled for later. And that is, of course, in addition to the usual things like GVTL league matches or round robins. See a partial calendar of planned 2019 events to the right.

What's new this year? A promising new concept comes out of GVTL: the top 2 rated players at each Volusia/Flagler club at each rating level (2.5, 3.0, etc.) may play in a tournament on May 4/5 for a big trophy and bragging rights. Sounds like a fun event. Ask Jan for details.

In other news, please see at the bottom of this page an article about a gift from member Jim Cassidy who recently passed away.

And don't forget: Junior Futures tournament at the Trails on March 02!

Big Tennis Events at the Trails 2019

Sat, March 02, 12.30 - 7 pm	"Junior Futures" @ Trails
Wed, April 24, 12.30 pm *	GVTL Team Captains Luncheon at "Frappe's Italian Grille"
Sat + Su, May 04 + 05	USTA Adult NTRP Tournament
Sat + Su, May 04 + 05	GVTL Year-End Championships
Fri, May 31, 6 - 9 pm *	Wine Tasting & Mixed Doubles
Mo, June 03 - Fr, Aug. 02	Junior Summer Tennis Camps (during select weeks)
Sat + Su, Aug. 03 - 04	USTA Junior (L7) Tournament
Sat, Sept. 07, 10 - 1 pm *	Bethune Cookman University Tennis Social @ Trails
Sat, Sept. 14, 12.30 - 6 pm *	"Junior Futures" @ Trails
Sat + Su, Sept. 28 + 29 *	MACDATA Mixed Doubles Prize Money Tournament
Sat + Su, Oct. 12 + 13	USTA Junior (L7) Tournament
Sat + Su, Oct. 26 + 27 *	Ormond Beach Senior Games/Tennis @ Trails
Sat, Nov. 02, 10 am - 1 pm *	"Food Brings Hope" Charity RR/Raffle/Lunch
Sat + Su, Nov. 09 + 10 *	USTA Adult NTRP Tournament
Sat + Su, Dec. 28 + 29	USTA Junior (L7) Tournament

* tentative

All data as of March 01, 2019

New Members

No new adult members this past month, but more juniors joined the Trails. Coach Trishna's Trailblazers program continues to grow. If you want to see a lively youth group, come to the Trails on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon and watch.

Almost 40 kids are taking lessons from coach Trishna and her helpers Jodi and Dave right now. Latest addition in Aurelia Jones, who comes from a tennis family. Welcome to the Trails, Aurelia.

Jim Cassidy Passed Away; Makes Lasting Donation

After a long, brave battle with leukemia, Trails member Jim Cassidy passed away on February 08 at age 74. Jim will be remembered for his calm demeanor on court and his coaching ability. Many of his tennis partners benefitted from Jim's insights. Jim played his last GVTL match on March 31, 2018, and his last social match at the Trails on August 24. A memorial service for Jim was held at the Casements.

Jim has left a unique legacy here at the Trails. He had a prepaid annual membership. When it became clear to him that he wouldn't be able to play any more tennis, he donated the remainder of his prepaid dues, around \$500, to our junior program. The Trails is highly appreciative of Jim's unusual act of kindness and generosity and will use the money for deserving juniors. With this, Jim has created a lasting memory here at the Trails.



Cardio Tennis & Group Lessons: SIGN UP REQUIRED!

May we ask you for a favor? Many of you participate in our group lessons and Cardio Tennis classes. But attendance is unpredictable, to say the least. So, if you plan on taking any of our clinics or Cardio Tennis sessions – PLLLLLEEEAAAZZZE sign up in advance. It makes coach Trishna's life a lot easier. She recently had to drive home again – and so

did the players - a couple of times because attendance was too low, sadly.

As a general rule, at least 3 players are needed to make it worth Trishna's while. And if you sign up but something comes up last second – no worries, those things happen. But please sign up in advance. THANK YOU!

Junior Futures – First Tourney March 02 @ Trails

The first tournament of the 2019 Junior Futures series of friendly, local tourneys for kids with little or no match play experience will take place this

Saturday, March 02, at the Trails.

More than 40 kids from all over Volusia and Flagler Counties have signed up already to play in the various age groups and ball colors. Start is at 12.30 pm for the first groups.

The preliminary calendar of the other events so far:

March 09: Nova Rec.
 March 16: Palm Coast Tennis Ctr.
 April 06: Plantation Bay

More tournaments will get added to the list in the coming weeks. Cost to participate is \$20 per event. These tournaments are a great opportunity for our good novice and intermediate kids to play their first competitive matches in a friendly environment. Coach Trishna and her staff are working hard to get the kids match-ready. Talk to Trishna or Jan if you want your kid(s) to participate in the tournaments or to know if they are ready for it.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

now go out and play tennis while the weather is still so pleasant. It will probably get hotter pretty soon. And if you need a match, call Jan at the club so he can set one up for you. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team