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Trails Newsletter

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Celebrities At The Trails; And One In Heaven

As you all know, at the Trails EVERYBODY is a celebrity. We love you, and you are FAMOUS - to us, anyway.

And then there is that other level of celebrity. Two from THAT level visited the Trails in July. First, ATP World Tour player Reilly Opelka stopped by with his family. He had started his junior career here under coach Gene Paul Lascano and was kind enough to revisit. You will not find a nicer individual than Reilly! And - the guy is REALLY tall! See picture on the right.

Later in the month former world #4 Roscoe Tanner visited the Trails for a serving clinic. More about that event on the back page.

Inbetween those happy events for



the Trails and its members was an event of enormous heart break: mascot dog Cookie passed away unexpectedly on July 06. Her little heart just stopped beating. She was loved by everyone and will be missed forever. At the bottom of this page is information about her filled life.

New Members

It goes without saying that we tried to get Reilly and Roscoe as new Trails members. Sadly, neither of them could do it at this point. Well, we'll keep sending them reminders.

An individual who did join is
♦ Theresa Schultz (self rated 3.5)

Theresa moved to Ormond from Palm Coast (and from Michigan before that). She is looking for matches, clinics, and might also join a GVTL team. Welcome to the Trails, Theresa.

Cookie B. * 08/08/2010 - † 07/06/2021

A wonderful friend left our planet much too early. Cookie, the mascot dog of the Trails Racquet Club, passed away from congestive heart failure on July 06, a month shy of her 11th birthday. She was the club's greeter, security dog, golf cart passenger, and so much more.

To give Cookie an appropriate sendoff, a final farewell drive around the tennis club's premises on the golf cart, her favorite spot, will take place with her urn after Cookie's cremation. The date will be

announced soon. Also, a memorial table with some mementos and photos is in the clubhouse under the TV in the main room.

Will the Trails get another dog? Unlikely. Cookie was one-in-a-million and is impossible to replace. Two of her most memorable moments are captured at left: talking (public safety) shop with Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood, and guarding the Trails' precious paper supplies at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Roscoe Tanner Clinic A Success

10 players from 3 different clubs participated in a serve clinic conducted by former world #4 and fastest server in the world Roscoe Tanner. Roscoe lives in Orlando now and brought his daughter and his girlfriend with him for 3.5 hours of tennis drills, talks, video analysis,

pictures, and autographs. It was a fun afternoon, and players added a combined 32 mph to their serves, anecdotally. A picture of the participants is on the left. Two more photos, one from an earlier visit Tanner did decades ago, are at the bottom of this page.

New Employees: Courtney Smith And Lance Mayer



2 new employees have recently been added to the staff at the Trails and OBTC.

Courtney Smith is a life time tennis coach and owned her own tennis academy in Rhode Island. She replaces popular coach Seth Shreve who earlier this month moved to

Virginia to take a non-tennis job. Courtney will teach mostly at OBTC but also at the Trails. She will teach Cardio Tennis, Ball Machine Clinic, as well as group and private lessons.

Lance Mayer will strengthen our court maintenance department. An avid public courts player, Lance also deals in motorcycles, boats, and all types of recreational vehicles. Please welcome Courtney and Lance to the Trails/OBTC team.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

So many events this past month, it is difficult to put them all into two pages. But no matter if you like celebrities around you, or if you prefer to play with your less famous buddies – the Trails Racquet Club has something for you. Stay healthy, stay hydrated, and apply sunscreen generously. Happy Trails,

Jan Buerener & Team



Reilly 2021



Young Reilly



Roscoe Tanner & John Hudson
(late 1990s)



Roscoe & Jan
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