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Trails Newsletter

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Night Tennis & Senior Games & Hiring Spree

Now that the temperatures have cooled off a bit, tennis kicks into even higher gear than before. Not only do the daily matches increase because the “snow birds” are returning to FL. To witness, here are other events about to take place at one of our facilities;
 Sat., Oct. 23 Senior Games @ OBTC
 Sat., Oct. 30: Junior Team Tennis (JTT) @ OBTC
 Sat., Nov. 13: JTT @ Trails
 Sat., Nov. 20: UTR Tourney @ Trails

In addition, a men's doubles series will get added to the mix on select weekends in October and

November. And “Wildcard Wednesday” offers tennis under the lights for Trails/OBTC members and non-members at OBTC every Wednesday night from 5.30-7.30 pm.

In addition to all that playing, lots of painting is going on as well: clubhouse deck and golf cart shed, then parking lot wall and clubhouse outside wall. Most of that painting should be done by Nov. 12, but some might linger beyond that. Your patience is appreciated.

For all those new endeavors, we are hiring a bunch of new people: Read about that on the back page.

New Members

7 new members in one month? What a month!! And not only do we like the number, we like the individuals, too. Here is who joined the Trails in September:

- ◆ Melanie & Alan Rasmussen with Finn, Liam, and Noah
- ◆ Trish O'Dwyer (novice)
- ◆ Tony Frangione (3.5)

The Rasmussen family lives in the Trails and uses their bicycles to get to the tennis club. That alone makes them super endearing. For the time being, the family members just play with each other. Trish and Tony are from up north and just bought a piece of land in Ormond Beach. Both are interested in getting into matches. Welcome to the Trails, everyone!

Ormond Beach Senior Games Sat., October 23 @ OBTC

Final call to sign up for the Ormond Beach Senior Games. Signup closes October 01 (and 3-4 days later if you hand the form in person to Jan at the front desk, who happens to be neighbors with the organizer). It's a bunch of different sports, organized by age groups, INCLUDING TENNIS. Which takes place

Sat., October 23, 2021, @ OBTC.

Men's/women's singles starts at 8 am, doubles at 10 am, mixed doubles

around 1 pm. Cost for Trails/OBTC members is \$15 for one event, and \$5 for each additional one. Non-Trails/OBTC players pay an additional \$7 court fee per event. The competition offers advancement to the Florida State Senior Games Championships in December. Talk to Jan if you want more information. Oftentimes players from out of town are looking last minute for a partner. Let Jan know if YOU are interested in partnering with them.



Men's Doubles 4-Weekend Tournament

Here is a novel tennis concept that hasn't been tried in Ormond Beach before: an in-house men's doubles league. Here is how it works: over 4 weekends in October/November, a number of men's doubles pairs will play against each other. 3 pro set matches per day, from 8-11 am. Same partner every week. The

winners will be determined in the final weekend's playoffs. Winner receives a championship belt. Total cost \$50 per person for the entire series. For more details, exact schedule, etc. go to "Kingdoubles.com" or talk to Jan or organizer John Graham (727-314-2327).

New Payment Methods At The Trails



In light of more players, more activities, and two facilities to manage, the Trails Racquet Club will streamline its operations. It also wants reduce the use of paper. This will be done over the next months. The first steps:

2. For those still paying their Trails bill by check, please switch to electronic payment methods such as credit card, Apple Pay, or Venmo (@Jan-Buenner).

1. Your monthly Trails invoice will come via e-mail.

More steps on this way to modernization are in the works. Your feedback and cooperation are highly appreciated.



New Staff: Matt Wheaton; More Help Needed

The increased play activity at both of our clubs means more staffing is needed. One excellent helper has already been hired: Matt Wheaton. But we are still looking for more helpers, particularly for the weekday evening hours 6-8 pm at the Trails, and weekends 8am - 12 pm at

OBTC. High schoolers with a tennis background would be the preferred choice. The job includes front desk work as well as court maintenance, and it pays \$12/hour, significantly above minimum wage in Florida. Let Jan know if you know a candidate among your family or friends.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

As the temperatures cool, our favorite sport will become even more fun. If you want to get involved in more matches at either the Trails or OBTC, or know someone who wants to help with the work load, please contact Jan at 386-677-8081, or OBTC's front desk at 386-872-7088. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team