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Trails Newsletter

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Perfect Tennis Conditions

Hey, October is behind us and not a single big storm has even come near our coast for the entire fall season. Great! This area has been blessed with wonderful weather. And now the cooler temperatures make our sport even more fun.

November will be the last period in which your Trails Racquet Club offers activities before the holiday rush sets in. Here is what is left on the calendar:

Sat., Nov. 13: Junior Team Tennis (JTT)

Sat., Nov. 20: UTR Tournament

Read more about the UTR tourney on the back page. Then we'll take a break for the holiday weeks and

resume in the New Year on Saturday, Jan. 01, 2022 with a big party and social mixer at OBTC.

And to keep all these programs running, Trails and OBTC will increase their dues by a small amount. It's the Trails first price increase since 2013. Read more about it on the back page, too.

And what is happening with your dues, you ask? Some of it will be spread out. In the form of fresh clay on your courts, that is. A surprising supply shortage of clay delayed this important work for two months, but it will be performed now. After all: player safety is ALWAYS our #1 concern.

New Members

Now that the weather has finally cooled down a bit, Northerners are arriving by the bus loads every week, it seems. That has filled the membership ranks at OBTC nicely. Much less so at the Trails, where the

number of snow birds had always been very small. Instead, we enjoy our own company very much and welcome the occasional guest player from OBTC as they explore their sister facility.

Ormond Beach Senior Games - Results

The help from our members was critical in making the 37th Ormond Beach Senior Games a big success. 60 players participated, about a quarter of which came from the Trails/OBTC. And with Tina & Bob Piejak, Celia Hartnett & Tony Frangione, and Judy Reed & Joe Friend, all in Mixed Doubles (different age groups), Trails members brought home plenty of

GOLD from the games. Take a picture with the winners next time you see them on the court. Their hard work and dedication has paid off! Plenty of silver medals, too. It was a day of wonderful tennis fun over at OBTC.

Come think of it: maybe Trails should offer more opportunities to play Mixed Doubles. Let us know YOUR thoughts, too.



UTR Singles Tourney Sat., Nov. 20

“UTR” stands for “Universal Tennis Rating”. It is a new, more precise, and global form of calculating everybody’s player rating. The geniuses from “Oracle” are behind this development.

To get a globally accepted rating, a player needs to play a UTR tournament. One such opportunity

presents itself in the form of John Hudson’s singles and doubles UTR tournament here at the Trails on Saturday, November 20 from 8 am on. If you want more information, go to this link: <https://app.universaltennis.com/events/59155>, or talk to Jan at the front desk.

Small Price Increase In December



Membership dues at the Trails have been unchanged since 2013. Since that time, our cost of doing business has gone up drastically. We were able to absorb most of the cost through better efficiency and adjustments in service and operating hours, but now a small increase of your dues is unavoidable. Dues will go up \$5 for each category. For example, adult dues will go from \$82 to 87, seniors from \$72 to 77, etc. The new prices will go in effect December 01.

And here are two ways you can save money:

1. If you prepay your membership for 12 months, you’ll receive a 20% discount. For 6 months, it is 10%.
2. ALL prepayments in the month of November will lock in the old rate.

Combine those two and you can lock in the old rate of your dues at a 20% discount for up to 12 months if you pay by November 30. Take advantage of it.



Staff: Still More Help Needed

Good help is hard to come by. And while we have had some success in hiring great people for both OBTC and Trails, the increased play activity at both places means even more staffing is needed. If you know someone who is available weekday evenings 6-8 pm at the Trails, or weekday mornings 7-9 am at the

Trails, or weekday mornings 8-12 at OBTC, please talk to Jan. The jobs include a bit of front desk work as well as light court maintenance, and they pay \$12/hour, significantly above minimum wage in Florida. Let Jan know if there is a candidate among your family or friends.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

As you plan your tennis matches in the month of November, please keep in mind Trails and OBTC will be closed on Thanksgiving (Nov. 25), and are open 8-2 pm on the day after. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team