



Trails Newsletter

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The Tennis Court As Your Sanctuary

This is not a space to make political statements. And I won't. But on Tuesday, the world's tennis governing bodies released a statement: "A deep sense of distress, shock and sadness has been felt across the entire tennis community following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in the past week." Some of the best tennis players in the world are Russian (Daniil Medvedev ATP #1, Andrey Rublev ATP #6) or Ukrainian (Elina Svitolina WTA #15) and are well respected by their peers from either country.

Russian invasion has not extended to that part of the country, luckily. But that can change quickly.

In the meantime, let the tennis courts be sanctuaries in this completely bizarre world. With the weather in our home state currently so pleasant, use the opportunity to play as much tennis as you can. Our staff at the Trails and the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center (OBTC) is always interested in setting up matches for you. And with the weather turning warmer and the days getting longer, now is the perfect time to enjoy some matches – and distract yourself from the world around you.

On a positive note, read on page 2 about a brand new software that is fascinating the market for tennis apps: "Swing Vision". Intelligence for your game! Who couldn't use more of that?

But it doesn't just affect world class players. Ellen Casey, a local tennis teaching pro who coaches and plays at Florida Tennis Center, is from the Ukraine. I talked with her on Sunday night, 02/27. She said her dad and her uncle are both still in Odessa, in the south of Ukraine. So far the

New Members

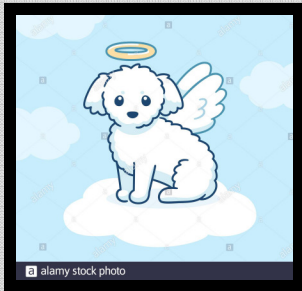
Membership was once again stable at the Trails last month, with no new members and no departures. And strong growth continues at OBTC where another 4 players joined the club in February. That facility has also rolled out a new set of programs, and Trails members

interested in playing new people or participating in novel programs should contact the front desk at OBTC at 386-872-7088. The cooperation between the Trails and OBTC has worked excellently and continues to benefit players from both clubs.

GVTL Update - Playoffs About To Start

The Greater Volusia Tennis League is on the home stretch of its 2021/2022 season. This season hasn't exactly been our very best. In fact, for the first time in many years, Trails does not have a team in first place at the end of the regular season. Granted, the playoffs still have to be played, and one or more of our teams might

win those after all. But mostly we are happy that everybody stayed healthy, nobody got seriously sick or hurt, and the season is almost over. All matches should be done by early to mid April. The biggest damage, it seems, will be to some players' self-esteem once the new ratings will get published in mid May. ☺



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“Swing Vision” Tennis App



If there was ever a phone app you wanted to analyze and improve your tennis game – “Swing Vision” is it! Artificial intelligence for your tennis, directly on your Apple i-phone. This brand new software tracks every shot of yours (placement, speed, spin, etc.), offers excellent video analysis (for example, you can watch your entire match without all the dead time like ball pickup, breaks, chatting, etc.: or you can watch your top 5 longest rallies: and A LOT more). The software was created by some A.I. (artificial intelligence) geniuses from Apple and Tesla. Not that it matters much, but it is promoted by former greats Andy

Roddick and James Blake, both of which also own a part of the company. And who is our local representative? None other than Reilly Opelka’s dad George (photo on left)! THIS IS IT! A sample station will be set up at one of our courts soon, and you will be invited to try it out, completely free. If you like it as much as we do, the annual cost of the app is \$150. That breaks out to \$12/month – a lot less than basic score keeping apps are currently charging. Details to follow in the next couple of weeks. (And yes, in the very near future that app will also offer free line calling as part of the package!) No more funny calls in your matches, ever. 😊



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

The events in Eastern Europe are highly worrisome, and we hope for - but don't expect - a quick end to this conflict. Consider ourselves lucky to live in a more peaceful part of the globe. Enjoy your tennis matches while you can. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts often.

Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

