



# Trails Newsletter

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## Hot Tennis News

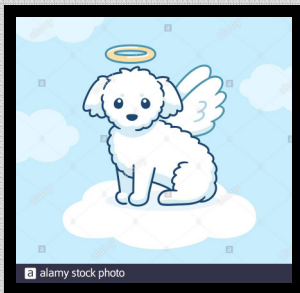
This week marks two small milestones in my life. 1. It is the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary since purchasing the Trails Racquet Club. Yup, that happened in the summer of 2003. 2. For the first time since then, my family has no children in the public school system. The youngest one, Victoria, born 2003 here in Daytona Beach, graduated from high school earlier this year. Now one child is at the University of Florida, one at Florida State University, and one is a small business owner here in Ormond Beach. What an amazing journey this has been!

unusual month for our operation. It also says that play in the second half of the previous month must have been pretty light. And it was.

As much as we might want to complain about the heat and humidity in Florida right now – at least we don't have wildfires, floodings, hurricanes, or other natural disasters. That little bit of heat is nothing to worry about. Just apply sunscreen and drink lots of water and you'll be alright.

With that in mind, enjoy your matches in this worry free environment where open tennis courts are plentiful, they are in great shape, and the kids have only two more weeks until public school starts again on Monday, August 15. Happy Summer, everyone!

Sentimental thoughts aside, it has been a quiet last couple of weeks here at your Trails Racquet Club. After all, if this newsletter and the member invoices all go out on the first day of a month, that's an



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## New Members

As expected in this heat, no new members in the month of July. But we talked to a variety of people who have either moved into the area, or are not happy at their current local clubs. While it seems unlikely that any of them will join in August, we are fairly optimistic for the fall once temperatures have cooled off a bit.

And then there are quasi new members: Kelly Williams and her 3 grown children moved their residence from Ormond beachside to the Trails, and also switched clubs from OBTC to the Trails Racquet Club. Welcome to the Trails, Kelly & family.

## Tennis Balls – New Prices

As you know, supplies of tennis balls have been scarce since the pandemic, and the price has gone up drastically. At "Walmart", a can of standard balls that used to cost \$1.77 is now \$2.77.

While we try to keep prices as low as possible here at the Trails, Head/Penn recently notified us that

their mandatory minimum price has gone up. So, after 20 years of almost unchanged prices for balls, at the Trails the price for a can will be \$5 incl. tax. A better deal is \$9 incl. tax for 2 cans. And even better deals are these: half a case (12 cans): \$50 incl. tax. Full case (24 cans): \$96 incl. tax. The latter equates to \$3.76/can before tax.



## Ormond Beach Senior Games Sat., Oct. 22 @ Trails



If you are over the age of 50, and enjoy good fun and friendly competition from all over the state of Florida and beyond – then the Ormond Beach Senior Games are perfect for you! It's a bunch of different sports. INCLUDING TENNIS, all organized by age groups. The tennis event takes place Sat., Oct. 22, 2022. @ Trails.

Men's/women's singles starts at 8 am. men's/women's doubles at 10 am. and 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 extra \$7 court fee per event. Signup closes October 01 (and 3-4 days later if you hand the form in person to Jan at the front desk). 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 might be available to partner with them.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

A summery light newsletter, appropriate for the season. As you venture outside, hydrate well and apply sun screen generously. The staff at the Trails Racquet Club and OBTC is always interested in setting up matches for you. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

