



# Trails Newsletter

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## A VERY Good Quarter - For Tennis

This headline was stolen from last year's newsletter, as it is so appropriate again. With great weather, great courts, and plenty of new players, the Trails has had some really fine months. Read all about it in the paragraphs below.

On everyone's mind is also the future of your tennis club, of course. A lot of exciting ideas have already been floated around, from the plain vanilla to the out-of-the-box. Read more about those ideas at the bottom of this page and the top of the next page.

Looking ahead, play in the local

tennis league GVTL will come to an end very soon, allowing those players to join our social matches. Stress free tennis, finally. :-)

Happy Easter everyone.



## New Members

Finally a month with no new members. Whew! Our new membership department had been dizzv with all the activities earlier this year. Well, they got a break in March.

But it might not be for long. Florida Tennis Center in Davtona Beach will soon introduce a new rule that players need to groom their courts

after each match! Now your match there will only be 1:20 hour long. and you will broom and line the court afterwards. A great idea. because it gives the plavers of the "second shift" a freshlv groomed court. And in the event one of their plavers doesn't like this decision. they might come to the Trails. We'll find out pretty soon. :-)

## The NEW Trails – ALF With Tennis!

Among the many ideas that have been introduced for the future of your Trails Racquet Club (see back page for more details) one stands out: the Trails Racquet Club Assisted Living Facility (TRCALF). Here is why.

Do you know the average age of the Trails membership? Well. it is 69 years. no kidding. And many plavers will tell you that the Trails Racquet Club is their "home away from home". Thank you, Trails plavers!

A local entrepreneur has taken this idea to the next level: why not LIVE

at the Trails Racquet Club? This man. IF he buys the club. plans to extend the clubhouse to the east and convert it into a BOUTIQUE ALF. Instead of tennis with social part it will now be social part (= living) with tennis. The entrepreneur has also suggested to convert courts 7 and 8 to pickleball. the fastest growing sport in America. Whv not. right? Detailed drawings to come soon. Let us quicklv know your early thoughts by e-mailing [Jan@Trailsracquetclub.com](mailto:Jan@Trailsracquetclub.com). Thank you! Your input will guide us in the future.

## Update On The Trails Racquet Club



What is the status of your Trails Racquet Club, you ask? Fair question. Here is an update for you.

Interest in the club has been surprisingly strong already. After all, the only advertising done so far is the 8.5x11 sign at the front door, pictured left. And while our initial plan was to sell the club to a local tennis player or group of players, we will now rather wait what happens when the club is being advertised nationally, which will happen in

May. The offers so far, beyond the appealing idea of an ALF as outlined on the previous page, include renting the club (but not the real estate), a 1031 exchange (we don't know what that is), and even a cash bid. Sadly, that bid is coming from a developer, and we don't want to sell to that industry unless absolutely necessary. Bottom line: the next months here at the Trails will be very exciting. You will hear about new ideas as they develop.

## Club Maintenance - Update



The Trails maintenance staff, recently strengthened by the addition of Dan Januszko (see paragraph below), is currently in the middle of painting, weeding, raking leaves, and making small repairs. At some point later this year the replacement of the roof is planned – the part that wasn't done previously. Further plans, for this

year or next, include replacing the remaining four player sheds with new model ones. Recently we also made contact with the company that currently repairs the hurricane damaged fences at the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center. Repairs of the Trails fences may start as soon as the company has provided a cost estimate.

## New Employee: Dan Januszko

He is so new that we haven't even had the chance to take a picture from him. Be that as it may: Dan Januszko has joined the club not only as a player, but also our maintenance staff of Mike, Gary, and Lance to make the courts and

landscape at the Trails even better. Dan has already taken over many of the daily routines, and he has refurbished court #6 all by himself. Thank you, Dan! Please welcome Dan The Man to the Trails Racquet Club's crack maintenance team.

## Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

With new staff, new courts, and new ideas, your Trails Racquet Club is charging with full speed into the future. You will receive updates as that happens. Now use the opportunity to play as much tennis as you can. It will get hotter soon. 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 often. Happy Easter, and Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

