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# Trails Newsletter

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## Hurricane "Dorian" And Beyond

It seems a bit frivolous to think and write about activities after a hurricane that hasn't even hit yet. As of this writing (Su, 09/01, 7 pm), the storm is forecast to pass just east of the Florida east coast without a direct hit to us here in Volusia County. Amen. Time will tell.

Either way, we want to make plans for the time after the storm, assuming and hoping the damage from it is manageable. Over the next couple of paragraphs, you will read what is planned at your tennis club once the storm is over.

It's not only that the Greater Volusia Tennis League (GVTL) will (hopefully) start on Monday, September 09. Right on the following weekend, our juniors will have the opportunity to play against other local kids for trophies and

points: in the Junior Futures on September 14. And coming up for the older adults are the popular Ormond Beach Senior Games on Sunday, October 27. More on both events on the back page.

And don't forget: help will probably be needed and welcomed at your club once Dorian has passed. A functional, "Crossfit"-type workout for you, free of the usual class fees. Yay. :-))



This photo is before hurricane "Irma" in Sept. 2017.

## New Members

This is the last month of the "Summer Special" for new members at the Trails. A dozen players are currently trying us out, and we hope

YOUR (= our members') great personalities and varied games will entice many of the newcomers to stay. We'll know more in a month.

## Court Resurfacing & Repair

Talk about great timing. As seen on the photo on the left, the annual resurfacing project of all courts had just started. Well, in light of the current storm(s), that project has been put on hold. If past experience is any indication of the future, the courts might lose a lot of clay in "Dorian". Most of that actually not during the rain in a hurricane, but in the days after when the courts have dried up but power is still out, and thus no way to water the courts. A lot of clay blows away after a hurricane. Hopefully FPL's statements are true that they have sturdied up

their grid. By the end of this week we'll know.

100+ bags of clay are stored in the golf cart shed and might get diverted to hurricane repairs. Clay on courts, and quickly, that's the main goal.

And while they are at it, courtmeister Gary, his son Erik, and new maintenance helper Mike will also work on weed control on all courts. If all goes well and the storm isn't too bad, all work should be near finished by the beginning of GVTL league season in mid-September.



## Su, Oct. 27: Ormond Beach Senior Games @ Trails

If you are over the age of 50 and enjoy good fun and friendly competition from all over the state - the Ormond Beach Senior Games are perfect for you! It's a bunch of different sports, divided by age groups, INCLUDING TENNIS AT THE TRAILS. Which takes place

Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Men's/women's singles starts at 8 am, doubles at 9 am, mixed doubles

around noon. Cost for Trails members is \$12 for one event, and \$5 for each additional one. Non-Trails 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. Signup closes on Oct. 05, but late entries are often accepted – at the expense of not getting a “Senior Games” t-shirt.



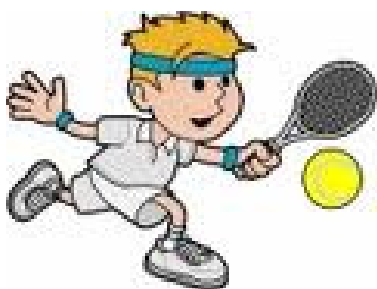
## Junior Futures – First Tournament Sat., Sept. 14

For junior tennis players with no or little tournament experience exists a great series of tournaments at local tennis clubs. The atmosphere is friendly, the pressure is low, parents are invited courtside, and the events are inexpensive: for \$20, players get an afternoon full of tennis matches against players of similar age and ability, and a tournament t-shirt. The first of such events will take place

at the Trails Racquet Club

on Sat., Sept. 14, starting at 12.30 pm

Around 30-40 kids from all over Volusia County are expected to participate in various age and ability groups (red, orange, green, and yellow ball divisions) for trophies and ranking points. This is a great way for our kids to play their first real tournament. More events on the following Saturdays. Talk to Jan at the front desk if you want more information.



## Junior Group Lessons

Coach Trishna's fall program for the “Trailblazers”, the junior afternoon program here at the Trails Racquet Club, has started. These are the class times:

- red and orange ball kids play on Tu and/or Thu 4-5.30 pm.
- green and yellow ball kids play on Mo and/or Wed 5-6.30 pm.

To assist coach Trishna in her ever-growing program, she has help from two excellent players from Bethune Cookman University, Alejandra and Jose. This will allow Trishna to include more “college-type” training in her programs, appealing to the competitive players in her groups. Talk to coach Trishna at 917-362-2536 if you want more information.

Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Let's hope to all get through “Dorian” without too much damage, and enjoy our favorite game afterwards. Good luck everyone in the next couple of days. Stay safe. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

