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# Trails Newsletter

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## Wet And Wetter

Remember a year ago? Hurricane Ian had just blown through here and dumped 15 inches of rain on our area. Unprecedented flooding for many residents, and staggering losses for some.

And so, while it's been quite wet and rainy recently, and it seems it is getting wetter all the time, this is nothing compared to a year ago. And other than losing some clay from the courts, the club is currently in very good shape. The new rooftop is holding up nicely, the air conditioner has been repaired, and the ball machine will receive a new pair of transport wheels next week. It's all good. By comparison, this year has been a blessing.

With no real focus needed on weather, we can look at what is

ahead on the tennis calendar. Two items stand out: the Ormond Beach Senior Games on October 21, and the City's decision on the new operator of the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center on October 03. Read about both at the bottom of this page and the top of the next.

Both of these are one-off events. Ongoing on a weekly basis is the new men's night tennis on Tuesdays. More on that on the second page, too.

With one event at the beginning of the month, one at the end of it, and a weekly one in between, October looks like a fun month for tennis at the Trails. Read on.



## New Members

No new members last month. But a bunch of guests have joined the Tuesday night men's group (more on that on the back page), and hopefully a few will join the Trails at

some point. Giving them good matches will be key to that. Trails 3.0-4.0 males are invited to make these new players welcome and happy in our place.

## Senior Games @ Trails On Saturday, October 21

Reminder about the Ormond Beach Senior Games on Sat., Oct. 21, @ Trails. Signup officially closed on September 30, but the organizers usually allow a couple of days of grace period. Talk to Jan QUICKLY if you want to participate. Last year 56 players from all over the state participated. Some were even pretty good players!

For your planning pleasure:

men's/women's singles will start at 8 am, men's/women's doubles at 10 am, and mixed doubles around 1 pm. Senior Games fee is \$20 for one event of 2-3 hours of round robin fun, and \$5 for each additional one. Non-Trails/OBTC players pay an extra \$10 court fee per event. If you want to play but don't have a partner, let us know. Partners are always needed for out-of-town visitors.



## Ormond Beachside Tennis Center – Winner

By the time you read this, the winning bidder for the management of the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center (OBTC) will (almost) have been picked. The City has convened a meeting for Tuesday, October 03. Out of the 17 parties which had downloaded the package, only 3 dared to make an offer: coach Trishna Patel, a new female tennis pro out of Palm Coast, and the Trails

Racquet Club. The evaluation is public and will take place at 10 am at City Hall. IF Trails wins the bid again, you will receive an instant e-mail update. If Trails doesn't win, the news will come later in some form. Or you can talk to Jan at the front desk any day after 10/03, of course. Either way, the new contract for the winner will start December 01 and run for 3 years.



## Update On The Sale Of The Trails Racquet Club

Not too much news here. A well liked repeat visitor stopped by the club and asked more questions. And an advertisement in "RSI Magazine" will run in their mid October issue. By that time, hurricane season is nearing its end and potential buyers out of other parts of the country might be less scared of what's

coming, weather wise. In general, we are still trying to find a good balance between the right price, the right buyer, and the right vision. You'll get updates when something newsworthy happens. For the time being, the Buenner family still owns the club.

**Men's  
3.0-4.0**

## 3.0-4.0 Men's Night Tennis Tuesdays 5.30-7 pm

A surprise success has been the new weeknight men's tennis. It's every Tuesday 5.30-7 pm. Between 4-10 players participate regularly, and that in spite of the sometimes rather unfavorable weather. It's singles and doubles. Free for Trails and OBTC

members. \$15 guest fee for everyone else. On average, about a third of the players are guests, which makes for interesting diversity and unusual matchups. Talk to Jan if you have that level and want to get involved.



### Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

as Florida's hurricane season meanders through its second half, downpours are subsiding, and temperatures cool, tennis is becoming a lot more fun again. Let us know if you want to get involved in matches, we LOVE to set those up for you, both at the Trails Racquet Club as well as OBTC. Happy Halloween, and Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

