

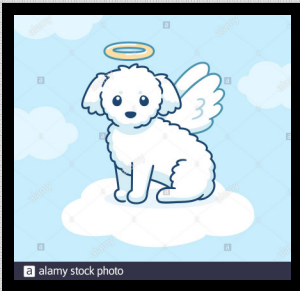


Trails Newsletter

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Planning For June And Beyond



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Early summer heat finally arrived here at the Trails. Nice. And it didn't seem to stop anybody from playing tennis. Our courts were busy as usual. Great.

On a global level, this is an incredible period for tennis players and viewers. French Open (05/26-06/09, on clay), Wimbledon (07/01-07/17, on grass), Olympics (07/27-08/04, on clay), and the US Open (08/26-09/08, on hard courts) all take place in a short period. 2 continents, 3 surfaces, 15 weeks – awesome. Lots of action to follow even when you are NOT on a court yourself.

On a local level, we are preparing for the future, too: with hurricane season now starting June 01, the club will roll the windscreens up earlier than usual. Not only because of the

expected highly active hurricane season, but also to reduce the amount of work needed once a storm is on its way. It takes about 25 person/hours to get the club ready for a storm. Your understanding is appreciated.

On a personal note, Jan will travel to Germany in the second half of June for two weeks to visit his parents. At 89 and 87 years old, they are getting “up there”. They haven't seen their son in 6 years. You want to spend time with them while we all still can. Maintenance experts Mike and Dan will staff the tennis clubhouse while Jan is out.

With all that in mind, a decision about the Trails Racquet Club's future is drawing closer, too. More on that on the back page.

New Members

No new members this month, but again some returning ones. Welcome back. Lisa and Sallie. It is impressive that all these players are coming back during the warmest part of the year.

Yav to them! Both ladies have already found their respective groups to play in. Thank you for returning to the Trails, ladies.



Wayne Bussey †

One of Trails' all time favorite members passed away April 29 at age 87: Wavne Bussev. Wavne was a Trails member for decades and was an active player in various men's and mixed doubles groups. He was also a great help in maintaining the courts and the landscape. Wayne is pictured

on the left with his partner of the past 16 years. Caroline. Wavne played tennis here at the Trails until age 84. His mild manners, kindness, and charm will be sorely missed. A poster with more information about Wayne is at the front desk.

Update On The Sale Of The Club



Recently there have been some interesting developments about the sale of the Trails. Here is an update for you.

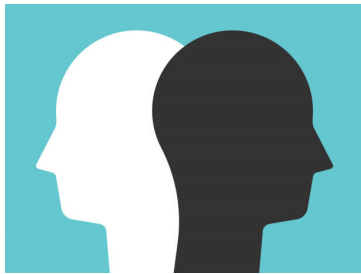
Twice in the last couple of months it was pretty close to selling the place. Once, to two non-Americans with incredible tennis resumes. One of them played for his country in the Barcelona 1992 Olympics! With them there was an understanding to sell a large portion of the club, with the Buenner family retaining a small share. But when it became clear that the large portion would be owned by Chinese investors, we pulled out of the deal. Having owners who presumably mostly care about the return on their investment (and thus the value of the land) didn't seem right.

With the second buyers, a friendly U.S. couple, a tentative agreement was reached as well. But that came to an impasse when we requested that the club remain a tennis facility for at least 7 more years. They wouldn't guarantee it, even at a discounted price.

There are currently conversations with yet another person who wants to put a group together of tennis players/investors. This person seems very well connected and has plenty of ideas for the club. It will be interesting to see where that goes.

Bottom line: you might not see it, but below the surface there is quite a bit of activity. The Buenner family is protecting tennis at the Trails as much as possible. But eventually the club will go into new, less predictable hands.

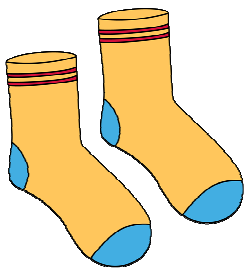
New Staff - Not



Finding good staff is hard. In fact, it is so difficult, you can't even find bad staff these days! Last month we twice interviewed people to work at the Trails: one young individual, one older one. Both conversations went well (or so we thought), and the guys were very nice. Well, the older person worked exactly 6 hours before quitting. The younger person

– didn't even bother to show up on his first day. ☹

This experience made us even more appreciate the employees we have, Mike Miller and Dan Januszko. They are great individuals and hard workers. Both of them are taking well deserved vacation right now and will be back by mid June. THANK YOU, DAN & MIKE!



Clearance Sale: Socks for \$3/Pair

Hand in hand with the eventual sale of the tennis club is the sale of some merchandise. First up is our remaining inventory of athletic socks. Nike, Head, and Thorlo/Experia are some of the brands for sale. Most of the inventory is not tennis specific but rather athletic gear. After all,

many of our members are active not only on the court but also joggers, bridge/beach walkers, pickleballers, etc. There are many dozens of pairs to choose from, in many colors and sizes. \$3/pair incl. tax, while supplies last.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Get on the courts before the weather gets too hot or too windy. If you want to get involved in tennis matches, talk to the front desk, we are always interested in helping. Happy Summer, and Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team