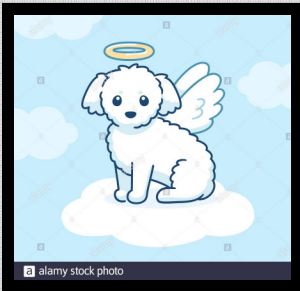




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Packed Calendar

Still feels like summer, doesn't it? Temperatures haven't dropped here much, but tennis activity has picked up nonetheless, as it should. Adult players can look forward to the start of the Greater Volusia Tennis League (GVTL) in early October as well as the Ormond Beach Senior Games on Saturday, October 19. And junior players can look forward to afternoon group lessons as well as 5 tournaments between October 01 and December 31, all here at the Trails. Something for everyone.

In other news, the Trails is still owned by the Buenner family. The first buyers for the club fell through, and now a conversation has started with the second buyer(s). Read more about them at the top of the back page.

And again the reminder that payments for your membership are now due on the 5th of every month. Members with credit cards on file in the club's office don't need to do anything and will automatically get charged on the 5th as well.

New Members

Taking advantage of the many benefits of playing GVTL, a mother-daughter combo joined the Trails last month:

◆ Kelly Brooks & Ashlee Selman. Not only are both super nice people, but they also live close to the club, which offers them unmatched convenience. Sadly, they both work during the day and are currently only available for evening or weekend

matches.

Also new is

◆ Tom Parker, a retired airline pilot. He isn't much available for your matches either as he uses his access to free flights liberally. Don't blame him. ☺

Lastly: returning from their layoffs of various lengths: Chris Livingston, Darcy Macerelli, and Tina & Bob Piejak. Welcome back, everyone.

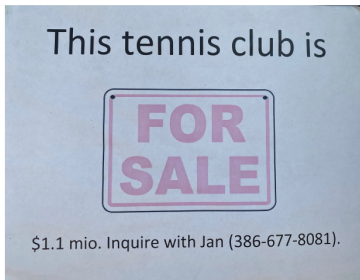
Ormond Beach Senior Games: Sat., Oct. 19

Reminder about the Ormond Beach Senior Games on Sat., Oct. 19, @ Trails. Signup officially closed on September 30, but the organizers usually allow a couple of days of grace period for paper mailings. Talk to Jan QUICKLY if you want to participate. Last year 48 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. Please also note that on that day, there will be NO COURTS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBER PLAY. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience.

Sale Of The Trails Racquet Club – Update



As you might have heard or read already, the contract for the purchase of the Trails by the owners of a tennis academy in the Northeast recently fell through. Too bad, as they were nice and competent people. Oh well. Now we are talking with an incredibly charming international couple. They have experience on the tennis pro tour and currently manage a smaller

facility. They want to keep the Trails mostly the way it is, as a membership based club. And they also want to increase operating hours and add powerful new programs to the club's offers. The couple plans on visiting the club sometime in the next few weeks. You will hear/read about it when that happens. The Trails could not be in better hands with them!



Blast from The Past

Anybody recognize the individual next to Jan on this photo? He was a teaching pro at the Trails in the late 1980s. From there, he went on to a career at Wilson Sporting Goods, among other places. Now he is boss of "Tennis Warehouse Europe", located in southwest Germany. His

name is Corv Springer. Corv and his wife Regina visited the Trails in mid September to chat and to hit some balls with Herb Branham, Fred Levkamm, and their friend - and our newest member - Tom Parker. A blast from the past.

Court Resurfacing



With all the rain that fell in our area over the last month or so, it has been a challenge to keep the courts in good playing condition. A lot of clay got washed off the courts and into the lake behind the club. Since it is pointless to add clay to a court with

more rain approaching, we will wait for a sustained period of dry weather to add clay to all courts. Expect to see palettes of clay all over the property from mid October on. Apologies in advance for the unsightliness.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

With a potentially dangerous storm behind us and cooler weather ahead, tennis will soon become even more enjoyable than it already is. Looking forward to seeing members new and old on the courts often. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

