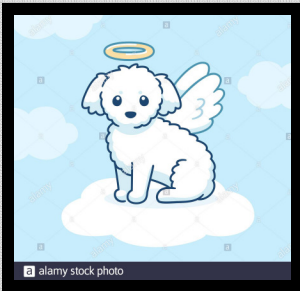




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A Hurricane, Lots Of Action, And Potential Buyers

The big event of the past month was hurricane Milton, of course. While the club didn't seem to have too much damage, a detailed view shows a different picture: not only did the club lose A LOT of clay (see court #3 on the right). Some of the tall court lights also took a good hit, as did the clubhouse roof. See pictures at the bottom of page 2. The plan for the repairs is outlined on the bottom of this page.

Among the exciting events for November is the visit of a young international couple interested in potentially purchasing the club. They will arrive around noon on Saturday, Nov. 09. Feel free to meet them.

There is no obligation for them to buy the club, but if you are curious, feel invited to swing by.

Lastly, please note that the club will be closed on Thanksgiving, Nov. 28. It is one of 3 days of the year when the Trails is closed. To make up, the club will open 8 am - 5 pm on Nov. 30 and Dec. 01 when some of the top juniors in the state practice here.



New Members

Nothing new this past month. But with the increased play activity, it

should only be a matter of time until new players join.

Hurricane Repairs

As had to be expected, hurricane Milton inflicted some damage to the club. The courts, court lights, and



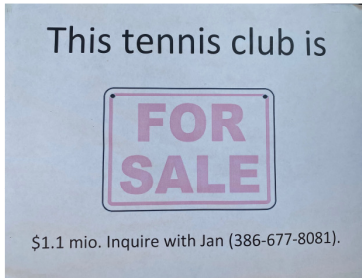
Courts: they lost most of their clay. All of them have been repaired professionally. See a before/after comparison of court 5 on the left. Still, all courts will get completely resurfaced once hurricane season is over. 6 pallets of new HarTru clay are gracing the landscape already.

Lights: Surprising development here. There is a lot more night play than last year. Last fall/winter it was sufficient to have 2 courts with functioning lights. This year, on some nights up to 5 courts are in use at the same time. All defective lights on courts 5-8 will get repaired in early November.

the roof all took a hit. How will each get repaired?

Roof: has been patched to prevent leaking. A full replacement should be done by the new owners.

Sale Of The Trails Racquet Club – More Potential Buyers



The sale of the club is quite an adventure. Conversations with potential buyers lead into all kinds of different directions. You may want to come to hear the membership-based vision of the young international couple on November 09. Both played briefly on the pro tour and are very charming.

A surprise walk-in prospect visited in late October, offering his vision of air-conditioned indoor pickleball in a building on some current tennis

courts. He is the brother of a former world class tennis pro.

And then there is the former baseball pro out of the Northeast who wants to offer more programming, tournaments, events, and youth camps, among other things. In other words: make better use of the facility. Sounds smart, too.

Bottom line: we still hope and expect the club will sell before the end of the year. Stay tuned.



Helping Hands

As you know by now, the Trails club after the hurricane got in good shape again very quickly. Mostly because of our hard-working staff, of course. But also because of the help of some volunteer members. Mike Jones helped clean up the outside of the property. Huge mounds of tree debris had piled up, courtesy in good part of our Lake Walden Trail neighbors who liberally dumped their debris onto our property. Not nice! Thank you, Mike, for helping with the cleanup!

And inside the clubhouse our security cameras picked up the image of a surprise “helper” who has yet to be identified. The individual was captured by our camera as she tried to break into the cash register. Had she known the register opens from the front and doesn’t have cash in it anyway, she would have probably picked a different loot. Oh well. To the best of our knowledge, nothing of value went missing and just a couple of court reservations were entered.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Cooler weather and longer nights are ahead of us, hopefully meaning more play opportunities in pleasant climate. We look forward to seeing you on our courts often. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

