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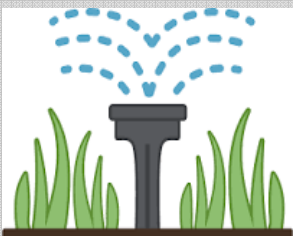
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# Trails Newsletter

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## Springtime Tennis

Greetings from New Orleans. The author is currently enjoying a couple of days of vacation in the deep south. The transit there delayed your newsletter a bit. Our apologies.

It's been a good month at the Trails in March. The switch to daylight saving time and the mostly pleasant weather filled our courts nicely. On most Fridays and Mondays all 8 courts are booked. That's a good sign. The other days of the week still offer court choice.

This year for the first time in a while the club has had a couple of snowbirds among its treasured members. As those return to their homes, court time will open up. This will also offer you the opportunity to play with new players that now lost their snowbird partners. Talk to Jan if you want to get involved in

such matches.

Further down on this page you will read about which repairs to the facility got done and which are still waiting to happen.

Another highlight of the coming month will be the visit of a tennis teaching pro looking at the club. Fingers crossed. Jan is liking the idea of taking more time off. 😊

All that being said, enjoy your time on the courts while the weather is pleasant and the opponents are plentiful. Hopy Easter y'all.



## New Members

No new adult members in March. And while some players made their expected return from a long stay on the injured list, others entered that list, sadly. Good luck to everyone currently fighting health problems!

And while the adult program

stagnated somewhat, coach Herb's junior program continues to grow nicely. Not only is number of kids in his groups increasing. He has also entered the first two of those kids into their first ever tournaments. What an exciting time for them. Good luck, kids!

## Repair Update

What a month it has been. Every time one problem got solved another one popped up. The sprinklers proved the most formidable foe. After our own multiple efforts at repairs failed, we called the pros from Sikorski Landscaping. Their expertise, and many hours of literally working in the trenches, finally got everything working again. THANK YOU! Those \$1,600 were worth spending. 😞 At

long last, all courts can be watered again.

While the sprinklers were out of commission and the wind was blowing, a lot of clay departed from the courts, sadly. Our maintenance crew will replenish the clay on all courts over the first weeks in April.

Other ongoing maintenance was the repainting of the player sheds and the clubhouse deck, and the usual wood repairs.



## New At The Trails Garden Center: Century Plant

Just when you thought you had seen it all, nature reminded us that you hadn't. At least not in the 22 years the Buenner family has owned the Trails. Sometime in mid March, just after the last cold front of the season had passed, the giant Blue Agave plant in the club's back flower bed started developing a stalk. This only happens once in its life time. By May

or June, the stalk will be up to 30 feet tall and be covered with flowers. Those flowers will produce baby Agave plants, says botanical literature. Then the stalk will collapse and the mother plant will die. Circle of life completed. Luckily for us, there are already about half a dozen offspring in that flower bed. Great to observe the beauty of nature at work.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Longer days, warmer yet pleasant temperatures – us tennis players are blessed these days. Let us know if you want to get involved in matches. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts often. Happy Trails, and Happy Easter,

Jan Buenner & Team

