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Trails Newsletter

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Trails Momentum Continues

Momentum is a great thing when you have it. Your tennis club is currently experiencing excellent momentum, generated by its wonderful members. Some new members have joined, and other players are trying us out. Great. As a result, courts at prime time might occasionally be a bit difficult to get. But y'all's flexibility is a great help in avoiding problems.

Helpful in that regard is also the fact that the local tennis league GVTL is about to wind down for the season. Some leagues are already in the

playoff stage, while others just have a couple of matches to play. Trails teams are not doing as well as in past years but will still make the playoffs in each league. Once those matches are done, even more courts will be available for our players.

All of the above is conditional on no major health threats. It remains to be seen if the Coronavirus will force everyone to adjust their routines. You will hear about that when/if something changes here at the Trails. Your health and well-being is ALWAYS our #1 concern!

New Members

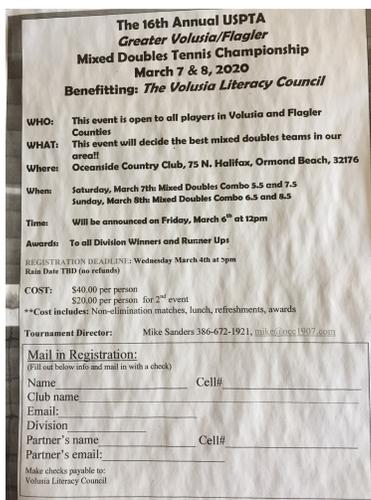
February was an unusual month at the new membership desk: 3 new players inquired about tennis, and all 3 then came and played a match with our members. Even better, 2 of them then joined the Trails; and the third would have probably, too, hadn't he injured his foot. Speedy recovery, Alex.

Still: YOU, our members, are such a welcoming group of people. THANK YOU! Here is who joined in February:

- ◆ Steve Olson (approx. level: 3.0)
- ◆ Roger Duvernoy (level: 3.0)

Steve has outgrown his tennis neighborhood of Ormond Lakes; Roger comes from FTC. Alex came out of Palm Coast. Welcome to the Trails everyone.

With these 2 new members the Trails now has the same number of female as male players. Equally interesting is the fact that there are now more than 20 (!!) men who actively play in weekday morning matches. What a nice group of players the Trails has!



Champion Of Champions: Mixed Doubles March 7/8

High quality Mixed Doubles – it has its fans. And money raised for a good cause – even better. The USPTA/Greater Volusia/Flagler MXD Doubles Championship, formerly known as the “Champion of Champions Cup”, has a fairly long history here in Volusia. Its format has changed a number of times. But with a morning full of good quality tennis, awards for the top teams, lunch, refreshments, and all of that benefitting the “Volusia Literacy Council” that teaches reading and writing skills to adults in our county,

this event is worthy on so many levels. It is being held next weekend at Oceanside Country Club here in Ormond Beach. The schedule is as follows:

Sat, March 07: MXD 5.5 and 7.5
 Su, March 08: MXD 6.5 and 8.5.

If you are interested in playing but don't have a partner, talk to Jan, or to organizer Mike Sanders at OCC (386-672-1921). Sign-up closes Wed, March 04. Draws and schedules available Friday, March 06, at noon. Cost is \$40 pp.

Junior Futures



Junior Futures is a series of tennis tournaments at local facilities for kids with little or no tournament experience. Many of the kids in coach Trishna's “Trailblazers” program are ready for this type of friendly competition. Here is the full calendar for the spring series 2020:

- Feb. 29: Trails
- March 07: Florida Tennis Center
- March 14: Nova Park
- March 21: Port Orange
- March 28: Palm Coast TC

- April 04: Oceanside CC
- April 11: Plantation Bay

Kids play in various age and ball color groups. Each group plays for about 2-3 hours on a Saturday afternoon. Cost is \$20 per player/event. Awards for the top 3 players in each category. Talk to coaches Trishna or Jan if you want more information. The first event at the Trails just ended and had more than 50 kids in it, many of them complete rookies.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

While the Coronavirus has the potential to be quite disruptive to our lives on and off the court, we hope to see you all happy and healthy here at the Trails – every day. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team