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## Trails Newsletter

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What a difference a month makes. 30 days ago our lives were on their usual track. A month later, the COVID-19 virus has disrupted everybody's routines massively, has killed thousands of people in the U.S. and tens of thousands more abroad, and has no end in sight.
For now, we all have been lucky to live in an area that hasn't seen many infections - yet. Hopefully it will stay this way. We have also been lucky that our sport is one of the safer activities to do, and we are still allowed to enjoy it. Maybe it is because, as someone put it:
social distancing $=$ tennis

## New Members

How busy was the new membership department at your Trails Racquet Club last month? About as busy as a bar or gym owner these days. No surprise here. Hopefully the COVID-

Maybe? We look forward to peaceful times on the tennis courts again soon.
In other news, the month of March was also one of the driest on record in our area. Not a drop of rain all month. Your tennis courts at the Trails were busy, in spite of the health threat.
So, while we hope for the best and expect the worst from the $v$ irus, let's enjoy that we are healthy and able to exercise in the outdoors. Happy Easter to y'all.

19 threat will eventually pass and our lives will return to normal. Until then, the staff at the new membership department has been furloughed.

## GVIL - Season Prematurely Over

More than $90 \%$ of the GVTL matches of the season were already done when the Coronavirus struck in early March. GVTL decided to end the season prematurely. Which wasn't too big of a deal for Trails teams, as all of them were in $6^{\text {th }}$ place in their respective leagues, thus
with not too much hope to win the league in the playoffs. Oh well, a moot point now.
So, rather than focusing on the past, let's look at the future: AFTER THE MATCH IS BEFORE THE MATCH. In other words: the preparation for the new season has begun. Go Trails!


## Trails \& Coronavirus

Media coverage of the COVID-19 virus is extensive enough that we don't need to add a lot. Just let it be pointed out that the paper supplies at the Trails Racquet Club are guarded by one of the toughest veterans in the industry. See picture on the left. In a sign what high quality our members are, not a single roll of TP has disappeared from the extra supplies in the women's or men's bathrooms so far. THANK YOU! In these extraordinary times,
small signs of civility make us happy and are one of the few spots of brightness in these tough times.
Bottom line: between regular cleaning of all high-touch areas, washing our hands regularly, social distancing, and the close guarding of the paper supplies, your Trails Racquet Club feels confident it will survive this crisis, like so many before it. Let us know if we can be of any help.


## Where are The Positives?

We understand - these are uncertain times. Are there any positives nonetheless? There are.

- We aren't forced to stay at home (yet).
- The weather is great.
- The tennis courts are open; we can exercise in fresh air.
- With not much else to do, our
homes, yards, attics, etc. get cleaned nicely. After all, what else is there to do?
- No traffic on the roads.
- Excellent health care professionals in case we need them.
In times of these we need to be thankful for little things. At the Trails, we are happy to see many of you every day.

Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,
Between the Coronavirus, the risk of fires from the warm and dry weather, and the hurricane season later this summer, this isn't exactly a great year so far. That said, we appreciate all our members' loyalty to the Trails. As a special "thank you" to our members, A FREE ROLL OF TOILET PAPER FOR EVERYONE WHO PAYS THEIR TRAILS BILL BY APRIL 05!
And now go out and play tennis here at the Trails, thankful that you are healthy to do it and your courts are still open. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts soon. Happy Easter, and Happy Trails to y'all.

Jan Buenner \& Team


PS. No April Fool's jokes this year, of course.

