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Trails Newsletter

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The New Normal = Plenty Of Changes

In the last 3 months, the world has changed a lot. And that means, we all have to adjust to those changes. Beyond the social distancing, hand washing, extra cleaning, etc., your Trails Racquet Club is doing that in the following ways:

- to provide contactless water and ice, we have ordered a brand-new water fountain and bottle filling station. Read more about it on the back page.
- paying can now be done contactless via "Apple Pay" or "Google Pay" (or via credit card, as in the past)
- more and more of our members are opting to receive their monthly tennis invoice contactless via e-mail.

Part of the above upgrades were made possible by a "Facility Grant" from the U.S. Tennis Association. THANK YOU, USTA! That was an unexpected help. We also applied

New Members

Towards the end of last month, a number of Trails players who had locked down at home came back to their Trails tennis courts. While they aren't really "new" members, we

for a \$3,000 grant for small businesses from Volusia County and are waiting for an answer. And we tried to get some federal money, too, but were too small for the "Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)" and too late for the "EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loan)" program. Oh well, some money is better than no money. Some of the funds were used to pay employees – not just their usual hours, but giving them extra hours to make up for other part time jobs they may have lost. Hopefully it helps everybody recover faster.

In other news, a very attractive SUMMER SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DEAL is at the bottom of this page. Spread the word. Last year, more than 20 players tried it out.

Lastly: NO summer camps for kids this year, and NO group lessons (adults or juniors) until the fall. The risk of large group settings still seems too great. More on the back page.

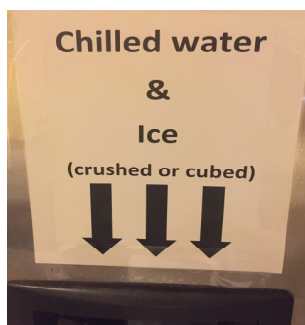
were still happy to see them back. And we expect some NEW players in the next months as a result of the "Summer Special" in the paragraph below.

Adult Summer Trial Membership \$40/Month

Do you know someone who might be interested in trying out tennis but who doesn't want to spend a lot of money for it? Now might be a good time to talk to that person! For the months June - August, the Trails is offering a 3-month trial membership for \$120 (= \$1.33/day). It includes unlimited day or night matches, free match making, and YOUR well-

known kindness! Please feel invited to promote this. After those 3 months, usual membership dues apply, including all discounts (senior, prepay, etc.). If you know someone who might be interested, give them one of the flyers from the clubhouse, or tell Jan to contact that person. This offer is for NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS ONLY.

SUMMER SPECIAL !!



Chilled Water & Fresh Ice

One of the most frequent topics in our conversations with Trails tennis players is the return of the water coolers and the ice machine. Here is the current situation.

The U.S. Tennis Association strongly recommends players bring their own water/drinks to the tennis courts. Shared appliances like old style water fountains, ice machines with scoopers that are accessible to everyone, and shared water containers on each courts are strongly discouraged. And while this might sound like a temporary reaction to the COVID-19 virus – frankly, it feels like those recommendations will stay with us for years to come.

In response to this changing world, your Trails Racquet Club has done the following:

1. a touchless, chilled water fountain and bottle/cup filling station for the outside wall of

our clubhouse has been ordered, replacing the old model next to the ice machine. It is a customized fountain and will take about 6-7 weeks for delivery and installation. (We wanted to get the water filtered, too, but outdoor filters are illegal.)

2. for fresh and untouched ice - crushed or cubed -, an ice maker has been installed inside the clubhouse, next to Jan's office. Look for the sign on the left.

Both the water from the outdoor fountain as well as the ice from the indoor refrigerator are free, of course. The Trails also sells bottled water and sports drinks, as in the past. The big ice machine on the back deck of the clubhouse will be retired. It is for sale once it has seen its annual maintenance by a factory-trained technician. Price is \$700 or best offer.

No Summer Camps This Year

Due to the many risks associated with group gatherings, the Trails will NOT offer summer tennis camps for children this year. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause

many parents. Coach Trishna does offer private and semi-private lessons instead, though. Call or text her at (917) 362-2536 if you want further information or want to book a lesson.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

June 01 marks, among other things, the begin of hurricane season. Just what was needed after 3 months of virus pandemic! May y'all be spared of further damages this year, please. Hopefully you will be able to play your favorite sport every day this summer. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts soon. Happy Trails to y'all.

Jan Buenner & Team

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