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SUMMER SPECIAL !!

Trails Newsletter

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24 New Players - In One Month!!

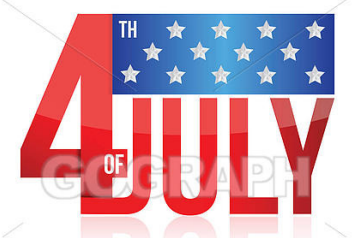
What a month June has been! The overall mood is still somber, of course, as the Coronavirus spreads ever farther and continues to put restrictions on our lives. It seems the situation will get much worse before it gets better. Your Trails Racquet Club will continue to do whatever it can to mitigate the risks of the virus.

Yet, the month also offered a nice surprise: a WAVE of new members. Mostly they are friendly folks that got displaced by the surprise closing of the Ormond Beach Tennis Center. More about that on top of the back page.

So, while the fight against COVID-19 continues, and the professional tennis tours WTA and ATP are still on hold,

tennis at the Trails is going well. Thank you to all Trails members for being so accommodating. 24 new players joined so far, and a handful more are expected to join in July. See the paragraph below with information about them all.

Other than that, we hope that viruses and hurricanes stay away from us and all our members for the rest of the summer and fall.



New Members

As stated above, 24 new members have joined the Trails for the summer so far. So many, in fact, that it would take too much space to list all their names. The large majority of the players came from Ormond Beach Tennis Center. And those folks are known for one thing in particular: they like to play their matches EARLY. Some of their

matches start at 8 am, and the majority at 8.30 am. Which is good news, as it allows many Trails players to keep their preferred 9.30/10 am start times, for the most part. With a little bit of flexibility by everybody, we should be able to offer an abundance of tennis opportunities for anybody who is looking for them over the next months.

Summer Special - Update

The Trails Summer Special offers new members the opportunity to play tennis for \$1.33/day (= \$40/month), which is about a 50% discount off our standard rates. This offer has been a wonderful success in its first month, and it has two more months

left on it. It will run through the end of August. Feel free to spread the word among your tennis friends. After the trial period, standard rates of \$72 (seniors) and \$82 (non-seniors, under 65 years old) will resume.

Ormond Beach Tennis Center



As stated earlier in this newsletter, the Ormond Beach Tennis Center (Casements) is currently shut down. The City of Ormond Beach owns it and had rented it out to an operator, but that individual resigned. Third resignation in 6 years! The courts are currently unusable and will require plenty of your taxpayer funds to get restored to a playable condition.

the City on more than one occasion cooperation between Trails and OBTC to the benefit of both clubs and all players (more choice among players, more GVTL teams, choice of facility, etc.). No response, ever. Thirdly, it would mean less crowded courts at the Trails, allowing for a bit more scheduling flexibility.

How does this affect YOU, the Trails player? In three ways. For one, you'll find a lot of new faces on courts next to your court. Many of those people are from OBTC. Give them a warm smile. Second, we have suggested to

Well, the City will look for a new operator for OBTC as of October 01. An RfP (Request for Proposal) should get posted soon. We might or might not be interested in running OBTC, depending on the conditions provided. You'll read more about it here soon.

Weather And Court Conditions – And a Job Offer



(Note that this article was partially copied from last year, with some updates added.)

many matches already start at 8 and 8.30 am, much earlier than previously.

As weather patterns become more extreme all the time, the maintenance of your tennis courts has become more challenging, too. After downpours it takes a while to get the courts smoothed out and in good playing condition again. We work hard to make that happen quickly every time, and on many mornings are on the courts already by sunrise. This has become particularly important now that

Still, there is always room for improvement. One of the consequences of the earlier start times is the Trails might need an extra helper for the early morning hours. A great job for all insomniacs! Let us know if you know one! The job pays above minimum wage, is COVID-friendly outdoors, and is done by the time the daily heat kicks in. And it even offers a free Trails membership!

Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,



In the midst of a pandemic, and at the beginning of the hurricane season, it doesn't feel like there is much to celebrate these days. Let's make the tennis courts our sanctuary, where for a little while the worries of the world remain silent. And we'll do that by keeping good physical distance from everybody, washing our hands frequently, and staying at home when not feeling well, of course. Of some help will be the new contactless water fountain that was shipped recently and will get installed in the second week of July. Happy Trails, and Happy Fourth Of July to y'all!

Jan Buenner & Team

