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Trails Newsletter

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Virus & Hurricane – A Bad Combo

So, in addition to the worries about the coronavirus, we now also have to worry about a hurricane blowing up Florida’s shores. Can it get any worse?

Sure it can. After all, while we all are worried about the above issues, most of our members are happily playing tennis. On Mondays and Fridays, for example, all 8 courts are booked twice: at 8/8.30 am and again at 9.30/10 am. That’s a total of 60+ players on one morning. So, while we might think we are in trouble, in reality we are still doing pretty well. Yay to our members.

That said, hurricane season just started, and the virus is also nowhere near an end. Your Trails Racquet Club will continue to do whatever it can to mitigate the risks of the virus.

Part of that wave of new play is the continued success of the “Summer Special”. Another 5 players joined in July, bringing the total to almost 30. **THANK YOU!**

Rounding out the local tennis news in this issue are articles about GVTL, OBTC, and coach Trishna’s junior programs at the Trails. Read on.

New Members

The “Summer Special” proved successful again even in its second month. 5 new players joined the Trails, bringing the total of new players to 29. Welcome to the Trails everyone.

Many of those players are from the

still closed Ormond Beach Tennis Center. Once that facility reopens (more on that on the back page), it will be interesting to observe how many players will stay at the Trails and how many will return to OBTC. Stay tuned.

GVTL Season 2020/21 Starts Monday, Sept. 14 - Maybe

This will be a season unlike any other in the Greater Volusia Tennis League (GVTL). As of right now, the season is scheduled to start on the Monday after Labor Day, September 14. Team rosters are due August 13.

But there are obstacles. To address the health concerns that arise from the coronavirus, GVTL has formed a committee that will develop guidelines for all players and facilities to follow. Once those guidelines are out around August 07, players can decide if they want to participate in

the league. At the Trails, we might have 2-6 teams, and the captains are eagerly awaiting the publication of the COVID rules. Watch GVTL.net for updates, or talk to Jan.

If YOU want to be on a GVTL team, now is a great time to talk to the captain(s) of your preferred team(s). Cost to play GVTL is only \$40 for the entire season. Active Trails membership is required. Talk to Jan if you want to get involved but don’t know who your captain might be.



Ormond Beach Tennis Center - Update

Since it is always good to know what goes on in the neighborhood, here is an update about our friendly tennis neighbor, the Ormond Beach Tennis Center (Casements).

As many of our readers know, the facility was closed in March – first to address the coronavirus, then to address their poorly maintained courts. Well, the courts will reopen on August 03, with 4 out of their 8 courts completely refurbished (from YOUR taxpayers’ dollars). It is

unknown at this point what will happen to the other 4 courts.

As said here previously, the City will look for a new operator for OBTC as of October 01. An RfP (Request for Proposal) should get posted any day now. The Trails Racquet Club might or might not be interested in also running OBTC, intrigued by the potential synergies, but with an eye on not negatively effecting Trails play – and depending on the conditions the City sets, of course. More on this interesting topic soon.



The Coin Jar; And Small Price Adjustments

This isn't really important on the scale of magnitude of the Coronavirus pandemic. But we wanted to tell you about it anyway. And it influences pricing here at the club in a small way.

As you might have read elsewhere, the U.S. is currently experiencing a shortage of coins of all denominations. To help alleviate the shortage in our home city, your Trails Racquet Club has established a COIN JAR. If you have spare coins in your home, please bring them to the Trails FOR A CREDIT TO YOUR ACCOUNT. We will roll the coins regularly and bring them to a local

bank.

And somewhat tied to the idea of the coin shortage, and to COVID-19 concerns, most prices at the Trails will see small adjustments up or down to let them end in full dollar amounts when tax is included. E.g.: overgrips will go down from \$3 to \$2.82 which is \$3 incl. tax. Balls prices will go up from \$3.50 to \$3.76 which is \$4 after taxes. Etc.

Lastly, coach Trishna will increase the price for adult group lessons and Cardio Tennis at the beginning of August to \$20 (members) and \$27 (non-members) incl. tax for 1.5 hours.



Junior Group Lessons Have Started

With great care and extra precautions has coach Trishna recently restarted her junior program. The groups are as follows:

- Red ball: Mo and/or Wed 3.30-4.30 pm
- Orange ball: Mo and/or Wed 4.30-5.30 pm
- Yellow ball: Mo and Wed 5.30-7 pm.

All groups are strictly limited in size to adhere to social distancing and group gathering guidelines. For details, prices, etc., please contact coach Trishna directly at 917-362-2536.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

More than ever is it important to stay healthy and safe. Please STAY AT HOME WHEN YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL. Everybody gets nervous when you cough or sneeze. With that in mind, we look forward to seeing all the happy and healthy Trails players on the courts – once “Isaias” has passed. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team