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Trails Newsletter

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An Interesting Array Of Topics

One month into the peak of hurricane season, Volusia County has been quite fortunate so far. “Isaias” stayed away from our shore, and none others made it near our area. And even the Coronavirus has shown signs of some slow down, allowing more tennis events to take place (e.g. US Open) and the local tennis league GVTL to resume play in mid-October. Read more about that at the bottom of this page.

While our “Summer Special” of discounted membership dues is over, its positive effects remain. 4 players joined the Trails after the special rate expired. Read about those players in the next paragraph.

New Members

Many good tennis matches, and the friendliness of our members have convinced 4 players to join the Trails after the “Summer Special” was over. Here is who joined the Trails:

- ◆ Sandy Gromer (GVTL 2.5)
- ◆ Connie Headley (GVTL 3.0)
- ◆ Betsy Wonderly (GVTL 3.0)

Getting more exciting by the day is also the situation at Ormond Beach Tennis Center. See article on top of the back page.

One of the benefits of OBTC’s struggles is all the new people that are introduced to the Trails. And one of them will bring an instant benefit to our members. Read about Gregg Eisele on the back page, too.

Then, the COIN SHORTAGE – IS NO MORE! Read about that in the middle of page 2 as well.

Lastly, the Junior Futures – at the bottom of page 2 for you.

Chock-full-o’news, this Trails newsletter. Read on, y’all. And Happy Labor Day!!

◆ Steve Wonderly (GVTL 3.0)

All four are former OBTC players. All are super nice, constantly looking for matches, and have flexible schedules. If you need a player to round out your lineup, call Jan at the Trails to get them involved. You’ll be glad you did. Welcome to the Trails, everyone.

GVTL Season 2020/21 Starts Monday, Oct. 12

After lengthy discussions, the board of the Greater Volusia Tennis League (GVTL) has decided to start the 2020/2021 season on Monday, October 12, about a month later than usual. Team rosters are due Monday, September 14. Already almost 80 teams are on the list of potential teams on GVTL’s website GVTL.net. That is a remarkably large number, considering that in recent seasons usually around 120 teams

participated in GVTL. Concerns about the Coronavirus seem to have subsided a bit. Also, GVTL has put robust guidelines in place for players, captains, and facilities how to conduct the matches in a safe way.

Cost to play GVTL is \$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 – Another Update



Plenty of news from our friendly tennis neighbor, the Ormond Beach Tennis Center (Casements). The Request for Proposals (RfP) to operate the tennis center is out - 34 pages of legal bliss. For \$5, the RfP is inviting everybody to look into running OBTC.

And because the Trails is a competitor yet friend to OBTC, when the City's Leisure Services Department called for help we gladly sent some of our employees over to

get their courts in presentable shape.

Proposals to run OBTC are due September 15 at 2 pm. The Trails Racquet Club plans on submitting a bid, intrigued by the potential synergies. Over the last months we have had the joy of working with some of OBTC's friendly and skilled staff and are confident those employees will be able to run OBTC in an inviting, professional way. If YOU, the Trails members, want to get involved, too, talk to Jan.



New Balance Shoes & Thorlo Socks

Have you ever been to "Spikes", the running and specialty shoe store in Holly Hill? Great store, while it lasted. Well, they are closed now, sadly. But through the connection with Kevin Tierney, one of our coaches, we recently met Gregg Eisele, the former owner of "Spikes".

Gregg is offering the remaining pairs of "New Balance" shoes and "Thorlo" socks for sale – AT A GREAT DISCOUNT. This is a great opportunity - if you have the right size! Check out the "Clearance" corner of the clubhouse in the second week of September.



Coin Shortage - Solved

THANK YOU to everybody who brought coins to the club. More than \$500 were rolled and deposited, thereby single-handedly solving the coin shortages in Volusia, Flagler, St. Johns, and Brevard counties – and in

a couple of other countries, like Canada and the Eurozone, too. THANK YOU! The collection is now over. No more fingering between the sofa cushions of your neighbors, or between the seats of cars of your friends, please.



Junior Futures – First Tournament Sat., Sept. 12 @ Trails

For junior tennis players with no or little tournament experience exists a great series of tournaments at local tennis clubs. The first of such events will take place at your Trails Racquet Club on Sat., Sept. 12, starting at 12 noon. Around 30-40 kids from all over Volusia County are expected to

participate in various age and ability groups (red, orange, green, and yellow ball divisions) for trophies and ranking points. Cost is \$20. This is a great way for kids to play their first real tournament. More events on the following Saturdays. Talk to coaches Trishna or Jan for infos.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

We look forward to seeing all the happy and healthy Trails players on the courts again. Happy Trails, and Happy Labor Day!

Jan Buenner & Team

