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Trails Newsletter

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“Welcome To The Trails”

That is how you usually get greeted at your favorite tennis club, right? Well, one of our gifted artist members, Gina Menez, has taken that motto to a completely new level. Look at the fabulous cookies she brought to a match recently:



THANK YOU, GINA!!!! Great cookie! But who is that guy with the glasses and the green shirt?? Anyway, that was a great day here at the Trails. Another example of Gina’s artistry is on the back page.

And while we are still cautiously living our lives, mindful of the omnipresent health threats, and anxious about the political landscape over the next 4 years, the tennis courts are our sanctuary. They are currently undergoing some smaller repairs in preparation for an adult and a junior tournament to take place in early November and early December. More on that on the bottom of this page and the top of the next. Read on.

New Members

Another nice month in the new membership department. 3 players joined in October:

- ◆ Divya Pingle (GVTL 3.5)
- ◆ Susan Singh (GVTL 3.5)
- ◆ Swapna Singireddy (GVTL 3.5)

Susan and Swapna are well known

and liked around here and have finally returned to tennis from life’s other demands. Their friend Divya is new to the Trails. All 3 have joined multiple Trails GVTL teams and are also looking for social matches. Welcome to the Trails, ladies.

USTA Adult Tourney Nov. 07/08

For those of our members and guests looking for truly competitive tennis matches, an opportunity will present itself this coming weekend. Tournament Director and courtmeister Gary Heatwole will host a tournament for state ranking points here at the Trails. The groups are divided by level of play (aka NTRP), not age. Women’s singles/doubles for ratings 2.5-4.5, men’s

singles/doubles for ratings 3.0-5.0, and MXD for combined ratings of 7.5 and 8.5. Cost is \$48 for singles and \$23 per player for doubles. Main draw and consolation. If you are interested in playing this event, talk to Gary or Jan no later than Thursday, Nov. 05. They are always looking for a couple of players at certain levels.

Ormond Beach Tennis Center - Restart Delayed To December 02 - Start With A Bang!



Wasn't this the month when Trails would take over the Ormond Beach Tennis Center, you ask? Yes, somewhat. But it got delayed by plenty of red tape. Between incorporation, Tax ID, insurance, fire inspection, City business license, and County business license more than a month passed. Now the ball is in the court of the City's attorney who will draft a contract, which will then hopefully be approved by the Ormond Beach City Commission on the evening of Tuesday, December 01. Our operation of OBTC could start December 02. Who knows. Your friendly staff here at the Trails Racquet Club is a patient observer and will let you know when/if

something moves.

And IF it moves, it will do so with a BANG. OBTC will receive a share of a big junior tournament that is being held in the area on the weekend December 5/6. The Trails will also get some of those matches. And some time after that and after the holidays, you will get invited to the official reopening party of OBTC. You'll read about it here.

And as mentioned in a previous issue, a great benefit for Trails players will be the opportunity to play at both places – AT NO ADDITIONAL COST. Additional ways of cooperating between Trails and OBTC will be laid out in a future newsletter.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

With all the uncertainty in this world - retreat to a tennis court and enjoy the company of friends as well as the beautiful cooler weather and the occasional rainbow above the Trails clubhouse. Looking forward to seeing you on our courts often. Happy Trails,



Jan Buenner & Team