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Trails Newsletter

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A NEW YEAR, FINALLY!

Hello, Trails tennis members and friends. You are receiving this newsletter a bit earlier than usual, for two reasons. 1. The Grand Re-Opening of the Ormond Beach Tennis Center (OBTC) takes place on Saturday, January 02, and we want you and your tennis friends to participate in the festivities. A round robin and a pro exhibition match are two of the highlights. The full schedule of events of that day is at the bottom of this page. 2. While the Trails will be CLOSED on New Year's Day, OBTC will be open and will gladly welcome Trails tennis players - and everybody - there.

Clearly, we want to start the New Year on a positive note. Opening a new facility for our members and the visitors to Ormond Beach seems like a great way of doing that. Creating extra tennis play opportunities for all

does that, too. Welcome 2021!

That said - glad the year 2020 is over. It has been an absolutely miserable year on so many levels. The coronavirus has led to disruptions on a scale none of us has ever experienced before. Below and on the back page, you will read about what went well and what not in the old year, and what the plans are for the New Year.



New Members

In a month filled with stress, excitement, family time, and a lot more, 2 players planted the seeds for a healthy 2021:

- ◆ Jean Trotter (GVTL 3.0)
- ◆ Jeff McCollum (GVTL 3.5)

Both Jean and Jeff have already played a number of matches at the Trails and are sought after partners. Call Jan if you want to integrate them into one of your matches, too. Both are really nice folks.

OBTC: Grand Re-Opening on Sat., January 02

After some weeks of "soft opening", the Ormond Beach Tennis Center (OBTC) will celebrate its Grand Re-Opening on

Sat., January 02, 2021.

The schedule of events is as follows:
 9-11 am round robin
 11-11.30 am pro exhibition match
 11.30-12 pm "Beat The Pro" and ball machine demonstration
 12 - 2 pm beautification work

All are invited to this morning of fun

tennis at the greatly improved OBTC. Refreshments will be served. And for those staying beyond noon and helping us with small landscape improvements (tools provided), sandwiches will get served. The local press has been invited. An article in this week's "Ormond Beach Observer" is here: <https://www.ormondbeachobserver.com/article/tennis-center-to-reopen-in-ormond-beach> Looking forward to seeing many of you on Saturday.

Review 2020 & Preview 2021



Review 2020

The art on the left sums up what many of us think about the old year. Good riddance! What an awful year it has been for the U.S. and the world.

Which is not to say the local tennis world felt that way, too. In fact, tennis is a wonderful social distancing sport, played outdoors, and became one of the favorite pastimes of many in 2020. Your Trails Racquet Club benefitted nicely from that trend, adding more than a dozen members and many guest players over the course of the year.

And while social matches were going well, most official tournaments from juniors to adults to Senior Games did not happen in 2020, significantly reducing the number of new players, pro shop visitors, etc.

Thankfully, many tennis facilities in the area received support from the federal government, Volusia County, and the U.S. Tennis Association, allowing for facility upgrades, in our case the contactless water fountain and the contactless credit card

machine, among other things.

On a personal level, Jan had a health scare in the spring but was fortunate to recover completely. During that time, our players showed wonderful support and cooperation between members and staff. Bottom line: Trails had a good year in 2020, but we are still glad to see it disappear.

Preview 2021

After a year as bizarre as 2020, wishes and hopes are for everybody's lives to gradually return to normal again. Vaccine for the COVID-19 virus is here and seems to get distributed fairly quickly. And hopefully after the virus is past us, tennis will remain a popular sport. Which will be even more important now that the Trails also manages the Ormond Beach Tennis Center. Our goal will be to integrate OBTC better into the local tennis community and provide more benefits to both Trails and OBTC players. The staff at the Trails as well as OBTC will work hard to make that happen.



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Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Thank you for all your support and business in his unusual year. We look forward to serving you at two facilities in 2021. A safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year to you and your families.
Jan Buenner & Team (Trishna, Isabella, Victoria, Gary, Mike, & Cookie)

