



Trails Newsletter

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Tennis Ambassadors?

My wife and I regularly play tennis on public courts in Port Orange where we live. As we play, we also keenly observe the activities around us. And it has been remarkable to see how many new players are on the courts these days. Not a single day passes without seeing new faces. You know them: some random athletic clothing, athletic (but not tennis) shoes, new racket from a mass merchant, with fresh logo still on the strings. Great to see! And while we watch these new players hit, we also realize how much help they need. If not guided to correct tennis play, they will lose interest quickly. **PLEASE HELP THEM WHEN YOU SEE THEM.** Help rookie players

among your family and friends, too. It will make lifelong friends of our sport. Be a tennis ambassador. Tennis is on a huge upswing in the U.S. and around the world, and now is a great time to be successfully involved.

With the cold weather hopefully mostly behind us, it is time to start planning the events of this year. A Junior Futures tournament is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 19. The Senior Games are scheduled for Sat., Oct. 22. And a "Wimbledon Woodsticks" Round Robin is tentatively planned for the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center (OBTC) on Sat., July 02. More details and events to come, of course.



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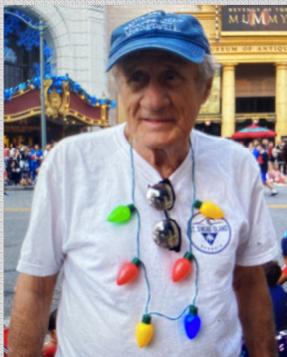
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New Members

Membership was stable at the Trails last month, with no new members and no departures. Strong growth continues to take place at OBTC, though, where another 5 players joined the club in January after the 9 new players in December. OBTC now has 71 members, its highest number in many years. And this success is also great news for Trails

players, as many of those OBTC players are also available as opponents for Trails members. Talk to Jan at the Trails or Denise at OBTC if you want to get involved in matches on either side of the Granada Bridge. ☺ Many of OBTC's matches also start much earlier than the Trails' (think 8/8.30 am) and are ideal for our early birds...



In Memoriam: Ed Burr

It is with sadness that we have to report the passing of Ed Burr. A long time member of the Trails, Ed passed away on January 11 at age 82 from COVID. Ed was already a Trails member when Jan's family bought

the Trails in 2003. Due to health reasons, Ed had to end his membership in late 2018. Ed is survived by his wife Barbara and some family. Ed's dry humor will be missed.

Painting The Club



Many of our readers might have noticed already, the Trails is in the midst of painting many areas of the club. The clubhouse deck was finished already in the summer of last year. The golf cart shed and the player shed by court #7 were completed in the fall. Currently fresh paint is applied to the wall around

the parking lot (see picture at left). That job would already be finished had it not been for the recent cold weather. Then, last but not least, will follow the outside of the clubhouse. Thank you to our staffers Lance Mayer, Mike Miller, and Matt Wheaton for doing such a nice job.

Junior Futures Sat., Feb. 19 @ Trails



Junior Futures is a highly popular series of local tennis tournaments for kids with no or little tournament experience. It is played on Saturdays mid-February through mid-April at select facilities in our county. The second of such events will take place on

Saturday, February 19

at the Trails Racquet Club. Red, orange, green, and yellow ball

divisions. First group start at 11 am. Trophies for the winners and runner-ups. Cost is \$25/player/ event. Start times and other details can be found on a flyer that will be posted in the clubhouse soon, or by talking to Jan. This series is a great opportunity for juniors to play "serious" matches in a friendly environment. Usually, between 40-50 players of all age groups participate every weekend.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Now that the cold days are (hopefully) past us, go out and enjoy your tennis matches in great weather again. Both of your clubs offer plenty of playing opportunities, and their match arranging will get most players in as many matches as they want (if they are realistic about their playing abilities). Looking forward to seeing you on the courts often.

Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team