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Trails Newsletter

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New Offers For Adult And Junior Players

Two months into hurricane season, and not a whiff of turbulent air so far. Yav! Mav it stav this way for the rest of the summer and fall. Thank vou Sahara dust and El Nino. Well, the tvpicallv worst storm months are still to come. Hope for the best.

In the summer heat, play activity here at your tennis club has been muted. But that's ok. Our staff enioved the easier work load. It will get busier soon again.

The status of your Trails Racquet Club hasn't changed. The Buenner familv still owns it. But there continues to be good interest in the club, and we continue to talk to interested parties. Read more about the most recent offer on the back page.

Speaking of activities, After years of limited offers, the Trails will now increase its evening play opportunities again. For details, see

the paragraph at the bottom of this page about men's night tennis.

As far as the Ormond Beachside Tennis Center (OBTC) is concerned, the City of Ormond Beach will soon bid out the contract for its operation. Three different parties have already expressed interest, we heard. A fun bidding war seems ahead. Whoever wins, it looks like maior changes will be on the horizon for the facility.

And those changes do NOT pertain to the suggested addition of a clubhouse or modern LED lights at OBTC. Both were voted down by the Ormond Beach City Commission recently and will not be part of the City's capital improvement plan for the next five years. Too bad. Maybe the commissioners weren't convinced that 40-50 tennis players (0.1% of Ormond Beach's population) deserve such a lavish expense, and that the money could be spent better elsewhere.

New Members

Once again no new people to introduce to you. Can't blame them. It requires a special kind of person to join a tennis club in Florida in the middle of summer. Who would do

that if you can play p-ball air-conditioned, indoors for \$45/year? Hopefullv that trend will reverse itself as autumn rolls around.

Men's 3.0-4.0 Tennis On Tuesday Nights

Evening tennis has in recent years been fairlv quiet here at the Trails. But that will change soon. The club will offer a men's night of tennis EVERY TUESDAY 5.30-7 pm. Level is 3.0-4.0, and singles as well as doubles will be offered. Mostlv singles, actuallv, iudging by early indications. Play is free for members,

\$15 guest fee for non-members. Advance sign up is required. If you care to be part of the group, one time or regularlv, or know someone who might, let Jan at the front desk know. Matches will start Tuesday, August 15. Brewed beverages after the matches are optional.

Update On The Sale Of The Trails Racquet Club



First things first: the Buenner family still owns the club. And continues to service its members and make improvements. The most recent one is placing landscape timbers around courts 7 and 8. They will serve as a weed barrier and hopefully prevent grass and weeds from growing into the courts. Young staffers Liam and Finn Rasmussen are doing an outstanding job with that project, supervised by Mike Miller and his dog. Weather permitting, that project should be done by mid August. If successful, the other 6 courts will get those weed barriers, too – over time. ☺

While all of that happens, conversations about the club's sale are also ongoing. In fact, a verbal offer is on the table. It is lower than

we had hoped for, but it is straight cash from an out of-state tennis pro. Negotiations are ongoing. The conversations with those sophisticated investors and tennis players have been highly enjoyable. We look forward to those almost as much as we are interested in selling the club. You learn something new every day.

Another thing to keep in mind: the continuance of the Trails as a tennis club. We REALLY want to find a buyer who wants to operate the place as a tennis club. It is too unique of a property to become town-homes. Hence, finding the right buyer at the right price is critical. The new out-of-state cash buyer might be. You will hear about it as new info becomes available.

Junior Programs Start Monday, August 21



The kids will finally go back to school in mid August after a long and hot and wet summer. We can't wait for it. Hooray to Volusia County teachers!

Soon after, the Trails Tennis Junior programs will start on Monday, August 21. The following classes will be OFFERED MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS:

3.45-4.30 pm: RED ball
 4.30-5.30 pm: ORANGE & GREEN balls
 5.30-7 pm: YELLOW ball
 All classes will be taught by qualified, certified, insured, and Safe Sport certified instructors. Cost starts at \$60/month for 45 minutes/week, with discounts for a second/third class and/or a second/third child. A flyer with all the information will be at the front desk next week.



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

As peak hurricane season approaches, we hope the members of Trails Racquet Club will stay healthy and safe. Drink plenty of water and apply sunscreen generously when you play your tennis matches. We look forward to seeing you here. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

