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Trails Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW DECADE, EVERYONE !!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Y'ALL!! Hopefully you will all have a great start into a fabulous 2020. Your Trails Racquet Club is certainly happy to see you here.

And the old year ended with a bang. Volusia County's Sheriff Mike Chitwood visited us for a "meet & greet" early in December. Two days later, 60 kids and their families participated in a large junior tournament. And another, smaller junior tournament closed out the year.

Below and on the back page, you will read about what went well and

what not in the old year, whom we lost, and what the plans are for the New Year: "Trails 2020".

And since this is the beginning of a new decade as well, we have also looked at what issues concerned us a decade ago. For your reviewing pleasure, in case you can't find the paper copy of that newsletter in your files, the complete "Trails Newsletter" of January 01, 2010, is posted on our website "Trailsracquetclub.com" under the tab "Members Only".

Once again: Happy New Year everyone.

New Members

Between all the holiday activities, shopping, cooking, and such - and not to forget the remarkably wet weather -, there wasn't much time to look for new players. A promising

prospect walked in the door the last day of the year, though, and we'll see what comes out of that. You'll read about him next month, hopefully.

Job Opening: Court Maintenance Helper

This isn't exactly new, but we are still looking for a helper in the evening to groom the courts after the last matches and lessons are done. 6-8 pm Monday through Thursday, approximately. With the increase in

the minimum wage in Florida, this job now pays \$9/hour. And the gratitude of the players the next morning comes on top of that, tax-free. Let us know if you know anyone.

Review 2019 & Preview 2020

Review 2019

On many levels, 2019 was an interesting year at your Trails Racquet Club. With no major natural disasters to deal with, the main focus was on further improving the quality of the courts. As surrounding facilities struggle with that issue, your Trails Racquet Club was lucky to have 2 hardworking maintenance experts, courtmeister Gary and Mike The Frisbee Dog, to take care of the courts and the landscape. The courts improved throughout the year. That sentiment was validated when the Trails was selected to host two large USTA junior tournaments in the fourth quarter. And another one will take place in mid January 2020.

Both adult and junior membership increased slightly in 2019, which is welcome. It more than offset the sad passing of 3 long time members: Jim Cassidy, Phyllis Pain, and Linda Mallory, all in the first half of the year. All of them left many lasting memories here at the Trails, both as players as well as human beings.

Preview 2020



With membership increasing and the courts being in fine shape, attention will turn to two areas: 1. the updating of the clubhouse, albeit at the usual glacial pace. A much enlarged shoe department, a "closeout" corner, and modernizing of the large clubroom are the main structural projects. Hosting a few USTA adult and junior tournaments, some non-USTA junior tournaments, maybe a new UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) tournament or two, the Ormond Beach Senior Games, of course, and an assortment of smaller events, will all take place over the year - all while leaving plenty of courts to our social players, too. Another of the aging player sheds is scheduled to get replaced with new, hard plastic, among other projects.



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Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

Thank you for all your support and business in 2019. We look forward to seeing you again in 2020. Happy Trails, and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Decade to you and your families.

Jan Buenner & Team (Trishna, Isabella, Victoria, Gary, Mike, & Cookie)

