



# Trails Newsletter

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## Mixed Start

We hope you all had a fabulous start to 2024 and have enjoyed getting out on the courts this month. The weather wasn't exactly the greatest: too cold, too wet, too varied. Nothing that Floridian tennis players like very much. As a result, play here at your Trails was a bit subdued on those cold and wet days. Oh well, soon we will complain about too much heat again...

And the reduced activity had some upside, too: it allowed us to work on some maintenance projects on and off the courts. All courts have been resurfaced; the player sheds have been repaired, re-roofed, and repainted; about half of the fences around the courts and the property

have been repaired and repainted, too; and we are in the middle of unweeding all courts as well. Never a lazy moment around here. Maintenance experts Mike Miller and Dan Januszko are doing a heck of a job with that. Thank them next time you see them, please.

And then there is the future of the club. Observant players have noticed that the "For sale" sign is gone from the front door. It is. The club is still for sale, though, secretly. And as we are looking at various scenarios how to take your club into the next 50 years with new owners, improvements to the property are ongoing. Read on.

## New Members

The steady inflow of new members continued in January. Trails resident Jens Fagerlund joined the club. Jens still works during the day and is only available for evening matches. What

makes Jens extra sympathetic is that he rides his bicycle to the tennis club. Cross training at its best. Welcome to the Trails, Jens.

## Trails' Coaching Team

Over the last months the Trails has had the luck of acquiring a stable of highly qualified tennis coaches: GARY HEATWOLE, KEVIN TIERNEY, and BRUNO DEL GRANADO all relocated from OBTC. They join the group of HERB BRANHAM and ANDY HARRISON that was already here. All of them offer private as well as group lessons. Talk to Jan if

you want to try any of them out. Cost is the same for everyone: \$60/hour or \$30 per half hour. Bruno also has a lock on our Spanish speaking tennis population: no less than 4 of his customers from Central or South America. At this rate, the Trails might soon offer one tennis night every week just for the Latin folks...



## Only Fence

A long overdue project at the Trails is in the midst of renovation. The fences that run around the courts as well as the entire property are currently being repaired as needed and repainted everywhere. Courts 5-8 are done and small parts of other courts have also already received their first coat of green paint. The project has taken 6 weeks so far and is projected to finish around mid to

late March. Next project after the fences is the resealing and restriping of the parking lot. A bid for that is out.

As you can see, this gem of a tennis club continues to get polished. By late spring, your club should have a really nice appearance. Your membership dues at work!



Dear members of the Trails Racquet Club,

With longer days, warmer weather, newer players, greener fences, and a prettier parking lot, spring here at your Trails Racquet Club should be a great place to play. Let us know if you want to get involved in matches. Happy Trails,

Jan Buenner & Team

