



Topspin News

The official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club

DINNER AT THE CLUB

With the renovation of the clubhouse nearing completion we invite members and neighbors to attend the first Dinner at the Club event on January 24, 2015. The dinner, with refreshments, will feature authentic Texas barbrque from the Salt Lick Bar-Be-Q, Driftwood Texas. Additionally, David Garcia will be speaking on: Insights on Generic Pharmaceuticals— the FDA Approval Process. Members and neighbors are encouraged to attend this inaugural event at the newly renovated clubhouse. Since seating is limited we urge you to sign-up early by either calling the Club or through email. The cost is \$19.50 per person.



CLUB MEMBERS EXCEL AT FIESTA BOWL TOURNAMENT

The Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club, was well represented at this year's Fiesta Bowl tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona. This USTA national level Category II Tournament has attracted top players from all over the country for years. Besides Rocky, club members Everette Darnielle, Tim Garcia, Don Hosch, Rich Klein, Bill Mueller and Claire Zoeller all played. Several of them brought back trophies. Everette Darnielle won the 55 Mixed Doubles with Phyllis Zilm from Colorado. Claire Zoeller was runner-up in Women's 75 Doubles with Angele Ray from Phoenix, and she won the Women's 80 singles beating the experienced Janet Hubbard from Huntington Beach, California. Rocky took 2nd place in the Men's 55 singles, and then after a 3 hour singles final, rallied to come back and win the Men's 55 doubles with Tim Garcia. Congratulations to all these club members who pursue fun and personal excellence through tournament play!

TENNIS WINTER CARVINAL

Please join us for a fun time, rain or shine, on Sunday, December 14 in the bubble; we will have tennis drills and games and, prizes. Weather permitting there will be out door match play too. **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** is for **juniors** and **12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** is for **adults**.

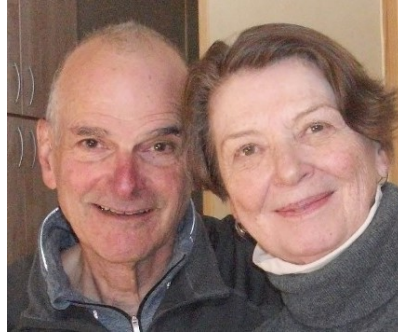
BLOCK TIME ENDS DEC. 22 NEW BLOCK TIME BEGINS JAN. 5

The Current session of block time ends Sunday, December 21. There will be a 2 week hiatus in block time, for Christmas and New Years weeks. During those two weeks you can reserve the bubble as usual. The next session of block time begins Monday, January 6. Requests for the next session of block time must be in by Thursday, January 2.

DECEMBER 4.0 MEN'S LEAGUE

This league will play every Saturday in December. Each week 3 matches will be played in the bubble at, 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and, 4:00 p.m. The league is limited to 12 players. Call the club to sign up.

MEET OUR NEIGHBORS



This month the Club neighbors are Raphael and Karen Benjamin who were members of the Sangre de Cristo Racquet in the 70's and 80's. Raphael grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Karen is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Raphael graduated from Louisiana State University Medical School in 1963 and then served with the Army in Vietnam as a battalion surgeon with the 101st Air Borne Division at a Battalion Aid Station. A Battalion Aid Station is located near the front line and it's primary mission is to stabilize the wounded before sending them behind the lines to a MASH Unit.

Karen received her under graduate's degree at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin and her master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin. She worked in New Orleans as a social worker after graduation and later when she and Raphael moved to Santa Fe in 1970 she volunteered at The Santa Fe Family Center. In the 1980's Karen decided to go to art school at the College of Santa Fe where she earned an Art Degree.

Raphiel and Karen now enjoy spending their days walking and riding electric bikes, made by their son Richard's company, (www.icargobike.com)

They think that having a tennis club in the neighborhood is a wonderful asset.

Happy Holidays

Happy New Year



FROM ALL OF US AT SANTA FE TENNIS AND SWIM CLUB