



# *JULY 2015* **Topspin News**

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## **ANCIENT CITY ADULT OPEN TOURNAMENT**

The Club will host the traditional Ancient City Open, Friday, July 17 to Sunday, July 19. This tournament attracts top players from all over from the Southwest ; the action on the courts is exciting and entertaining. Come out to watch some great tennis.

There will be open men's and women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles events and NTRP 3.0 to 4.5.

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## **TENNIS DOUBLES MIXER**

You are invited to our next doubles mixer. The mixer will take place Saturday, July 25 at 3:00 . Call the Club to reserve your place. Also there will be a doubles mixer in August on Saturday the 22nd at 3:00.

## **THE HEART AND SOUL ANIMAL SANCTUARY BENEFIT**

The Heart and Soul Animal Sanctuary is a place of refuge for abandon, abused and, sick animals who otherwise would perish. The non-profit Sanctuary, located in Glorieta, was founded by Natalie Owings, who works at the sanctuary 24 hours a day, 7 days a week caring for rescued animals.

The Sanctuary held a benefit and animal photographs sale at the Club this past Sunday. About one hundred people attended. The benefit was a success. The Sanctuary sold many of the photographs and received numerous donations from attendees .

For more information about the Sanctuary visit their web site ([www.animal-sanctuary.org](http://www.animal-sanctuary.org)).



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# THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL TAKE PLACE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The popular and perennial Club Championships Tournament will take place, as it traditionally does, Labor Day Weekend, September 5 to 7. It's not too early to line up a doubles partner for this fun event. There will be men's and women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles events for NTRP 3.0 to 4.5 players.

## JUNIOR SUMMER CAMPS



It's not too late to sign your junior up for Club summer camps. There are 4 weeks of junior summer camp upcoming. Camps for 10 year olds and up are July 13 to 17 and July 27 to 31. Camps for 6 to 11 year olds are July 20 to 24 and August 3 to 7. Call the Club or visit the camp website

([santafetenniscamps.com](http://santafetenniscamps.com)) for more information.

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## PROS CORNER - IF YOUR BACKHAND IS A WEAK LINK CONSIDER THE AD COURT FOR DOUBLES

As a pro, I often hear people say things like, "my forehand is better, so I'll take the forehand court." Of course, the implication of a better forehand is a weaker backhand. If that backhand is weak, you may be setting yourself up for trouble.

As we know, good doubles tactics involve hitting a lot of balls to the center to avoid giving the opponent a good angle from out wide. For a right hander on the "forehand" court, or "deuce" court, a center target serve goes to their backhand. If you are playing good players with sophisticated tactics, they are likely to serve to a right handers backhand quite often on the deuce court. For many players, myself included, this deuce court backhand is a difficult angle to execute, especially off of a good serve. In fact, the "ad" court backhand, a regular cross court, is an easier backhand to execute for me. I actually like

hitting that cross court angle. And, if a server chooses to serve to the middle in the left court, that gives the right hander a forehand. So, by putting the player with a weak backhand on the “backhand” or “ad” court, they not only get to hit easier backhands, but they may get to hit more forehands. By the same token, putting the player with the stronger backhand in the “deuce” or “right” court, may allow your return game to be more consistent and effective.

While many macho players have said things like “I am the strong player, so I’ll return from the ad court for all the important points”, the fact of the matter is that in tennis, you have to win on the left and the right side to be successful. The path to success may lie in putting the stronger player on the more difficult side. I often suggest that the team member who can hit the deuce court backhand the best, should play there. I have seen players build doubles careers around great deuce court backhand returns. As a server, I typically serve to that target about 70 to 80% of the time, even if they know I will do so. After having written this, I guess everyone knows. Now we can play the cat and mouse game of guessing which 20-30% will go out wide!

## JULY 4TH TENNIS MIXER

The July 4th tennis mixer was good fun. Quite a few players turned out for the tennis and the lunch that followed.



From Left to right  
Donna Spitz- Helmholz, Scott Jones, Ray from Scottsdale,  
and Sue Vinton



From left to right  
David Garcia, Assel Kussainova, Raychel Hosch, and Don Hosch



From left to right  
Susan Rehr, Lynn Osborne, Kelly Shannon , and Jill Miyagawa



From left to right  
Brent Marble, Judy Wilson, Susan Clough, and  
Lucia Kavanaugh

## CLUB JUNIORS PREFORM SUPERBLY IN THE ANCIENT CITY JUNION OPEN

The Ancient City Junior Open was held at the Club June 19 to 21. The tournament attracted top junior players from Albuquerque and Northern New Mexico.

Club member Evan Bloodworth dominated his opponents losing only 9 games in 4 matches to become the boy's 12's singles champion. He defeated the #1 seed in the boy's 12's, Alex Lumanoc of Albuquerque, in the finals 6-0, 6-2.

Club member Lily Farr advanced to the finals of the girl's 16's defeating her opponents handily. In the finals she too played a member Lumanoc family from Albuquerque, Arianna also the #1 seed. After losing the first set Lily came very close to an upset losing the second set by only one service break 7-5.

Congratulations to Evan and Lily for their hard earned achievements.

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## ROCKY'S CLINICS

Rocky has a 4.0 men's clinic every Monday evening at 6:00 . On Thursday mornings he has a 3.0 – 3.5 clinic for men and women at 11:00. The clinics are limited to 6 players. Call the Club to reserve a spot.



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