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# **Topspin News**

**The official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club**

## **DINNER AT THE CLUB**

Starting this month we will have DINNER AT THE CLUB and a guest speaker, twice a month. The next DINNER AT THE CLUB is Wednesday, October 12 at 5:30 pm and on Saturday, October 22 at 5:30 pm.



Miranda Viscoli

The guest speaker on Wednesday, October 12 is Club member Miranda Viscoli who is Co-President of New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence (NMPGV). NMPGV is a non-profit organization that works to promote reasonable gun laws as well as educate the public about gun safety and

the high emotional and financial costs of gun violence. "Guns to Gardens " is an NMPGV plan to buyback unwanted guns throughout the state. The guns are then forged into gardening tools and given to our community gardeners and also made into art by Santa Fe Community College students.

The menu that evening is: caprese salad; salmon Florentine with angel hair pasta and pesto cream sauce, and strawberry shortcake for dessert.



Claudia Monteiro

The guest speaker on Saturday, October 22 is Claudia Monteiro head tennis pro at Las Campanas. Ms. Monteiro played on the Professional Women's Tennis Tour for 12 years.

## **DINNER AT THE CLUB cont.**

She played in all the prominent professional tennis tournaments including Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, the Australian Open and was a finalist at the French Open in mixed doubles and ranked in the top ten in the world in women's doubles.

The menu that evening is wild mushroom bisque, steak Au Poivre, potato dauphinoise, grilled vegetable and pecan torte.

The dinners cost \$25 per person each. Space is limited for both dinners so make your reservations early.

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### **PRO'S CORNER BY ROCKY ROYER FORMER TOP 100 PLAYER**

## **HIT DEEP TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES**

One of the most important skills to have in your repertoire is to be able to hit the ball deep. In both singles and doubles this is very important. If you have good net clearance, that will help you accomplish the task of getting the ball deep. By hitting the ball deep you push your opponent back further from the net where it is more likely they will make a mistake. Often we attempt to hit the ball deep but don't hit it as cleanly or as well as we had intended. The result is that the ball falls shorter than we meant. Had we not been aiming deep these types of shots can easily turn into net

errors. Sometimes these turn in to a great short ball by accident. If we try to hit the short one before we have an easy enough shot, the results can backfire with an error or a setup for your opponent. If we do hit the ball deep we will often create an opportunity to then finish the point intentionally with a short ball. The farther back they are in the court the easier it is to produce some errors, or to get them with a short ball. So aim deep and see what kinds of opportunities arise.

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## **PICKLEBALL IS COMING**

Pickleball is a paddle sport played with a whiffle ball on a badminton-sized court and a tennis-style net. A non-volley zone (or kitchen) prevents volleys close to the net, and the serving team cannot volley the return of serve. These unique rules favor players with less mobility and allow senior players to compete successfully with younger competitors.

Pickleball is enjoyed by people of all ages and athletic abilities thanks to its ease of play and straightforward rules. In some ways it's a combination of tennis and badminton, and along with sports such as table tennis and racquetball, pickleball has exploded in popularity. Thousands of pickleball courts have been built in recent years, especially in senior communities.

These areas have benefited from increased comradery amid peers since both doubles and singles can be played. Doubles involve longer rallies, lower physical demands and more opportunities for court banter. Though easy to learn, pickleball provides endless opportunity for individual improvement and learning

## PICKLEBALL cont.

subtle techniques. Many players who initially dismiss the sport as amateurish, simplistic or noisy now find it addicting. Like golf, many fans play several hours a day either indoors or outdoors.

Pickleball is an inclusive, accessible, non-elitist sport that transcends social and economic barriers. Playing styles vary widely, even at the highest levels. Many top players have no past racquet or paddle sport experience and have limited athletic abilities. Pickleball is easy to begin but difficult to master.

The cement has been poured for our Pickleball courts. We expect the courts to open in early November.

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## BUBBLE BLOCK TIME STARTS NOVEMBER 7

The first session of bubble block time starts Monday, November 7. Bubble block time allows you to reserve the bubble for your weekly games at the same time and day each week for 6 weeks. Block time is sold in 1 1/2 hour blocks and 2 hour blocks. The cost for six weeks of 1 1/2 hour block time is \$180 and \$240 for six weeks of 2 hour block time. Requests for block time are due by Wednesday, November 2. Request forms are available at the front desk in the Clubhouse. The cost for block time is divided between the players listed on the request form. For example the cost per player for six weeks of 1 1/2 hours of block time for a doubles foursome is \$45 per person, plus tax. If two or more groups

request the same day and time the conflict is resolved by a coin flip or drawing numbers from a hat. Don't let bad weather cancel your weekly tennis games sign up for block time now.

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## MATCH POINT CAFÉ

Our chef James can cater your party or special event. He can add a special touch to your event with his remarkable fruit carvings. Stop by the café and ask James to show you his portfolio of photos of his fruit and ice carvings.



This Thanksgiving James can prepare dinner for you to-go. No matter how many people you are serving James can prepare a delectable Thanksgiving feast tailor-made to your wishes. Stop by or call the Club and talk to him about your holiday dinner plans.





## MATCH POINT CAFÉ CONT.

With the changing of the seasons in mind James is preparing a new for menu for the cooler weather. The new menu will include more appetizers and tapas.

Additionally, we are also able to deliver fare from the Café delivered to your home.

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## ROCKY'S CLINICS

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 am Rocky gives tennis clinics for 3.0 and 3.5 women. Mondays at 6:00 pm Rocky gives a tennis clinic in the bubble for 4.0 men and women. The cost is \$25 for each hour and a half clinic. Space is limited so please call the Club to reserve a spot.

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## DOUBLES MIXER

Saturday, October 29 at 12:00 noon is when this month's doubles social mixer will take place. Players of all levels are welcome. The mixer is a good way to meet and play with different members. The cost is \$5. Call the Club to reserve a spot

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## 18TH ANNUAL ANTIGUA, CURTAIN BLUFF TENNIS CHALLENGE



Once again a group of Santa Fe tennis players and pros are planning on attending the 18th annual *Curtain Bluff Tennis Challenge* on the Caribbean paradise island of Antigua. Organized by former Santa Fean, Bob Raedisch, this event brings pros and club players together for a fun week of tennis. Guests will enjoy a week with tennis legends and pros on the island of Antigua, in the Caribbean. The tennis week includes clinics, match play and Pro-Am events with something different every day. The all inclusive Curtain Bluff Resort ([curtainbluff.com](http://curtainbluff.com)) has been voted "Best Resort in the Caribbean" by Travel and Leisure magazine. Check your schedule, and plan on joining Rocky, John Silver, David Garcia and his wife Assel, as well as players from Santa Fe and all over the country for some great tennis and much more the week of November 5-12. Brochures for the Tennis Challenge and the Curtain Bluff Resort are available in the clubhouse lounge.

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