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# Topspin News

The official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club

## **DINNER AT THE CLUB** **S.F. Garden Club** **Jackie McFeely, Co-Chair** **Wed, May 5**



On Wednesday, May 9, we welcome Jackie McFeely, Co-Chair of the Santa Fe Garden Club's Horticulture Committee, to Dinner at the Club.

The Santa Fe Garden Club is a non-profit organization that contributes to the local community in fields of civic improvement, conservation, horticulture, community outreach, and educational scholarships. Since 1940, the Garden Club's fifty members have hosted home and garden tours to

support grants and various community projects. Currently, *Behind Adobe Walls* and *Pequeño Home and Garden* tours yield more than \$20,000 annually.

McFeely will be discussing: "The Joys and Challenges of Gardening in 'The City Different'."

Dinner will be provided by the Match Point Café's Head Chef, Tim Lopez. The menu for the evening is as follows:

Appetizer - black bean corn cakes with cilantro pesto, salad-edible flower, Yucatan spinach salad with honey citrus vinaigrette, fresh spinach, pineapple, orange, and jicama, adorned with pansies and orchid, Entrée - grilled salmon or vegetarian baked polenta with Gazpacho of garden fresh vegetables and chipotle crema and basil jasmine rice, Dessert - strawberry and blueberry tart.

Reservations required. Non-vegetarian \$29 and Vegetarian \$22.50 per person. Beer and wine will be available at an additional charge.

# **DINNER AT THE CLUB**

## **Los Alamos Labs: History**

### **Sat, May 19**



Our speaker for Dinner at the Club on May 19, will be Alan B. Carr, Historian for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

Before coming to Los Alamos, Carr completed his graduate studies at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. His thesis, [The Long Road to Kursk: The Development, Abandonment, and Relearning of Soviet Military Strategy](#), traces Soviet operational art from its roots in the early 1920s, through its employment in the first half of World War II.

During his tenure at LANL, Carr has produced several publications pertaining to the Manhattan Project, nuclear weapons testing, and the Laboratory's development during the

Cold War. He has lectured for numerous professional organizations and been featured as a guest on many local, national, and international programs.

Carr will cover a variety of topics of historical interest, including the Manhattan Project and general history of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Chef Tim Lopez will prepare the dinner, which is as follows: Appetizer-cheese manicotti with sundried tomato pesto, Salad- Caprese salad with sliced mozzarella, sweet basil, and fresh tomato, drizzled with a balsamic glaze, Entrée- chicken or vegetarian eggplant Parmigiana served with house-made marinara on a bed of linguini pasta with sautéed zucchini, , dessert -tiramisu.

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## **THE CHILE CUP**

### **INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT**

#### ***Austin Courtyard Invades Santa Fe!***

The inaugural *Chile Cup Tournament* will take place this summer from Aug 9th to the 12th. Santa Fe with the challenging Courtyard team traveling to Santa Fe. Thursday, Aug 9th will be optional for the Austinites (and Club members) which will focus on practice-time in Santa Fe's 7,000 ft elevation, where the air is thin and balls fly quicker.

Rocky and Rosie Garza, who are the Directors of Tennis at the Club and Courtyard

## **CHILE CUP** cont.

respectively will design the format of the tournament and will provide coaching prior and during play to their respective team.

The winner of the tournament will take home the “Chile Cup” and have bragging rights for at least 6 months at which time the Santa Feans invade Austin!

*The Chile Cup Inter-Club Tournament* is a formal tournament between the Santa Fe Tennis & Swim Club and the Austin based, Courtyard Tennis Club that will be heavy on social and fun elements. Considering that both Santa Fe and Austin are destination cities the idea is to provide some great fun on the tennis court while affording the participants fun and exciting social elements along with the city attractions. The competition will take place in Santa Fe during the summer months and in Austin during the winter months because of the obvious favorable weather conditions and the city attractions at offered by both venues.

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## **POOL OPENING ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND May 26**

On Saturday, May 26, we’re kicking off summer with the seasonal opening of the pool. The club will be offering a poolside barbecue on the patio from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The cost is: \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 10 years old.

Seasonal pool passes are available for purchase online or in-person at the front desk. Full-season membership is \$900; monthly and weekly membership options are also available.

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## **HIT YOUR TARGETS WHILE SERVING BY ROCKY ROYER**

As you play matches and work on becoming a better player, be sure to work on hitting your targets while serving. Serving well in a match is more than hitting some good shots. The most effective servers mix up their repertoire so that the receivers cannot establish a good rhythm while returning. By hitting different targets with different spins, you can prevent the returner from predicting your shots.

While serving, there are three basic targets on each side. You can hit to your opponent’s forehand, their back hand, or straight at their body. If you can employ two or three different spins, then you have six to nine ways of mixing up your delivery.

Fortunately, if you have not mastered hitting these three targets at will, they are easy to practice. Just be sure to choose one of these targets every time you step up to serve. Even if you are not good at landing the target, trying to do so is the primary way in which you will improve your serving techniques. In doubles, we like to hit a lot of serves near the center line. This reduces the angles

## **HIT YOUR TARGETS** cont.

available to the returner, and helps set up the net player for a put-away volley. In contrast, serving wide in singles takes the opposing player off the court, and therefore is a great way to set up an open court winner.

Once you learn your opponent's weak side, you can exploit this vulnerability at key moments in the match. If your opponent had a good forehand and a good backhand return, hitting right at them may jam them up and prevent them from aggressively swinging away.

By staying aware of which targets and spins are working against a given player, we can make good choices about how and when to mix up our serving. If you are at a critical juncture in a match and don't know where to hit your serve, it is usually best to hit your favorite, most confident shot. Practicing the different targets regularly will allow you to find out which are your best.

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## **COURT REPAIRS, RESURFACING May 9th**

On Wednesday, May 9th repair work will begin on the outdoor courts. The cracks will be filled and the courts totally resurfaced. The work is expected to take over a period of about one and a half weeks. To avoid disrupting Club member games as much as

possible, courts 1, 2, 4, and 5 will be rotated through repairs one at a time. Be sure you reserve your court!

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## **LEAGUE SEASON WINDING DOWN**

Our league teams are entering the home stretch for the 2018 Spring season. The matches have been very entertaining thus far, with some great drama unfolding on the courts. Although none of us are in first place at this time, the Men's 3.5 team have a good chance to make the playoffs in June.

There are several home matches remaining this month before the season concludes. Club members are encouraged to come out and watch our teams take on competitors from all over Northern New Mexico.

The upcoming match schedules are listed below.

Sunday, May 6 - 1:00 P.M. ,Men's 3.5

Saturday, May 12- 1:00 P.M., Women's 4.0  
and at 3:00 P.M. , Men's 4.0

Saturday, May 19 -1:00 P.M., Women's 4.0  
and at 3:00 P.M., Men's 4.0

Sunday, May 20 - 1:00 P.M., Men's 3.5

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## **TENNIS MIXER**

You are invited to join us for the May tennis mixer, Saturday, May 19th at 1:00 PM. Players of all levels are welcome. Call the Club and sign up for some fun doubles .

# MAY CLINICS

The “Stroke of the Week” clinics were a big hit in April. Thank you to all members that signed up last month.

The shots for upcoming clinics are:

May 2nd, return of serve, with Victor Avila

May 9th, overhead, with Victor Avila

May 16th, drop shot, with Victor Avila

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## YOUR EVENT AT THE CLUB!

Have your party or other special event at the Club. Weddings, anniversary and birthday parties, family reunions, or whatever your event needs let our professionals take care of the details so that you can enjoy yourself and spend valuable time with friends and family. Executive Chef, Tim Lopez and his staff will cater your special event, big or small, indoors our outdoors or both. Contact Bob or Rachel to set up an appointment to discuss the details for your special event.

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## IN MEMORY

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to long-time club member Nora Hillier of Santa Fe who passed away on April 30. The Club wishes to extend its condolences to family and friends during this difficult time.

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