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DINNER AT THE CLUB AND A GUEST SPEAKER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11



The guest speaker for the dinner is Ted O. Harrison, managing director of the conservation based community development nonprofit organization, Commonweal Conservancy. Mr. Harrison will talk about the Commonweal Conservancy which owns the Galisteo Basin Preserve, a 9,500 acre expanse of Puebloan relics, wildlife habitat and panoramic scenery. Located 14 miles south of Santa Fe, the

preserve has 28 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails that wind across arroyos, through willow and cottonwood groves and along ridges that have soaring views of three mountain ranges. The Conservancy began acquiring land for the preserve in 2003, to set an example as a model for limited development and open space preservation through out the Galisteo Basin. Our chef Tim Lopez will prepare the dinner. The menu: appetizer- smoked salmon or vegetable confetti on French baguette with chive cream cheese; salad- arugula peach and goat cheese salad with strawberry vinaigrette; Entree-grilled ribeye steak with steamed vegetables and grilled red chile spiced potatoes; vegetarian entree- fettucine with fresh basil, parmesan, olive oil and fresh vegetables; dessert-strawberry cheesecake. The dinner starts at 5:30pm. The cost is \$29 per person for the ribeye steak entree and \$22.50 for the vegetarian entree. Beer and wine are extra. Reservations required. Please call the Club to make your reservation.

DINNER AT THE CLUB AND A GUEST SPEAKER SATURDAY, APRIL 28th



Joseph Karnes will be the guest speaker at the Dinner At The Club on Saturday , April 11 at 5:30. Mr. Karnes is a retired professional marathon runner who qualified for the 1996 U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon and won the 1994 Napa Valley Marathon. In 2010, he co-founded Global Running Culture (globalrunningculture.org), which will be the topic of his talk, in Mew Mexico as a 100% volunteer non-profit organization to continue the mission of Margaret Kosgei. In 1967 Margaret Kosgei founded the Kipkalwa School to give the children of a remote Kenyan village a head start on life. Perched almost a mile and a half high on the edge of the storied Great Rift Valley, the people of Matunget, Kenya must rely on one another to provide what is needed.

Margaret's son, Abraham Kosgei and Mr. Karnes co-founded Global Running Culture, and the organization is now preparing to honor Margaret's ingenuity, foresight, and dedication to brightening Matunget's future by building a new Kipkalwa School. The land has been purchased, plans have been drawn, and heavy machinery for building the school and providing income for the school are in place.

Mr. Karnes also created the Santa Fe Thunder Half Marathon as a destination event and the primary funding source for Global Running Culture. The Race annually attracts over a thousand participants from over thirty five states and several countries. The race will be run later this year on September 18th. Joseph also practices land use and real estate law with Sommer Karnes & Associates.

Our chef Tim Lopez will prepare the dinner. The menu: appetizer—polenta cake with sautéed shrimp or vegetable confitti and chipotle garlic butter; salad— heirloom tomato spinach and salad with balsamic vinaigrette; entrée-grilled pork tenderloin with apple chutney, grilled yellow squash and grilled maple sweet potatoes; vegetarian entrée—Portobello mushroom Stroganoff, grilled yellow quash and grilled maple sweet potatoes; dessert- lemon cheesecake. The cost is \$29 per person for the pork entree and \$22.50 for the vegetarian entree. Beer and wine are extra. Reservations required.

DINNER AT THE CLUB Needs Speakers!

The Dinner at the Club program has been such a hit with our members that we are now offering the experience twice a month. However, we need your help identifying individuals (or groups) that can enlighten and entertain us after a fine Dinner at the Club! Please consider recommending someone that you know or know-off to be a featured presenter (speaker, poem reader, performer, dance or yoga instructor,...etc.) that would be of interest to our membership. If we your recommendation makes a presentation you will receive a free dinner for two at the Match Point Café.

Thank you to Maggie Odell for suggesting Ted Harrison, the guest speaker at the April 11th dinner. Maggie and a guest will receive complementary dinners.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

At the Wednesday, May 9th Dinner at Club the guest speaker is Jackie McFeely. Jackie McFeely is Co-Chair of the Santa Fe Garden Club's Horticulture Committee. Jackie will be discussing the joys and challenges of "Gardening in the City Different".

On Saturday, May 26th the guest speaker is Alan B. Carr. Alan serves as the Historian for Los Alamos National Laboratory. He will

talk about The Manhattan Project and the history of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

PRO'S CORNER BY ROCKY ROYER

Most players hit their first serve with about as much power as they can comfortably muster while also staying consistent. For second serves many club players hit a much softer weaker serve. This is an invitation for the returner to attack. In fact you could probably decide before a match that you are going to have attack every second serve on a given day. There are probably not too many players who can hit it good enough second serve that they will prevent you from attacking it. By attacking a weak second serve either by blasting it for chipping and charging and approaching the net you can put pressure on the server. After a while they start hitting softer first serves so they can be sure to get it in. While this can be a risky play it is also very rewarding. All but the good players tend to crumble under this type of pressure. So when you get a chance attack a second serve so that hopefully your opponent becomes scared of having to hit one.

USTA LEAGUE TEAMS

Our league teams have had a good start to the season. None of them are undefeated but they are all in the midst of winning

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trends. The men's 3.5 team lost an early match but has won everything since. The men's 4.0 team had a rough start but have now started to win some of these very close three to two matches. The ladies 4.0 team is currently in second place with some of the best teams on their schedule in the next week or two. Their star singles player Claudia Phillips is still undefeated this season. Below you will see the rest of the schedule of home matches that are played here at the club. Come out and support our teams and watch some of these great matches featuring your fellow club members.

Sat., April 7, 1:00 pm, men's 3.5
Sun., April 8, 1:00 pm, men's 3.5
Sat., April 28, 1:00 pm, men's 3.5
Sat., April 28, 3:00 pm, men's 4.0
Sun., April 29, 1:00 pm, women's 4.0
Sun., May 6, 1:00 pm, men's 3.5
Sat., May 12, 1:00 pm, women's 4.0
Sat., May 12, 3:00 pm, men's 4.0
Sat., May 19, 1:00 pm, women's 4.0
Sat., May 19, 3:00 pm, men's 4.0
Sun., May 20, 1:00 pm, men's 3.5

SINGLES CLINIC AND STROKE OF THE WEEK

We are adding two new clinics to our weekly mix of instructional classes. On Wednesdays at 10 AM will offer the stroke of the week class. Each week a different stroke will be the focus of attention. We will set up drills

and games that will allow us to practice the shot of the week. The schedule for the shot of the week is listed below. Many players have expressed interest in a singles clinic so Rocky will be doing a singles Clinic on Fridays at 11 AM. The one-hour class will focus on singles tactics and skills required for successful singles play. These clinics are being added to the rest of our Clinic schedule which includes a 4.0 workout on Monday nights at 6 p.m. and 3.0 to 3.5 clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11. Advanced sign ups are required as class sizes are limited.

April 11th Forehand Volley
April 18th Backhand Volley
April 25th Serve
May 2nd Return of Serve
May 9th Overhead
May 16th Drop Shot

POOL PASSES ON SALE NOW

The swimming pool will open for the season on May 26th. The full price for a seasonal pool pass is \$900. Seasonal pool passes are on sale at 10% off until April 30th. That is a savings of \$90 off the full price. Call the Club to sign up or stop by and fill out an application.

THE CLUB IS YOUR EVENT VENUE

Have your party or other special event at the Club. Weddings, anniversary and birthday parties, family reunions, whatever your event

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needs let our professionals take care of the details so that you can enjoy yourself and spend valuable time with friends and family. Our head chef, Tim Lopez, can cater your special event, big or small. Indoors our outdoors or both. Call Bob to set up an appointment to discuss the details for your special event.

CLUB MEMBER TRAVELS TO FRANCE TO SUPPORT US FED CUP TEAM

Last year the US Fed Cup Team won the world title. The Reigning Champions will travel to France to compete on an indoor, clay court in Aix-en-Provence, on April 21-22, 2018. As a way of supporting the Fed Cup Team when playing away matches, the USTA selects 10 women and their guests to attend the event as Cheerleaders. If you saw the Fed Cup Finals last year in Belarus, there was a rowdy group of Americans behind the player's box waving flags and blowing obnoxious horns. This year if you tune into Tennis Channel or ESPN, you may see Club member Claudia Phillips in the bleachers, on the USA sideline cheering for the Fed Cup Team.

CLUB HOSTS CHILE CUP

This summer the club will host the Chile Cup Tennis Tournament. We are inviting tennis players from Austin to come to Santa Fe and play Club members in the Chile Cup Tournament. A date has not yet been set.

We are looking for Club members who would like to host visiting tennis players from Austin and have them stay in their homes. If you would like to host visiting tennis players please contact Rocky.

Look for more information about the tournament in future newsletters.

TENNIS MIXER

You are invited to join us for the March tennis mixer, Saturday, April 21 at 1:00 PM. Players of all levels are welcome. Call the Club and sign up for some fun doubles .