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CLUB HIRES EXEC CHEF



Mary Guzman

We are pleased to announce that the Club has hired Mary Guzman as Executive Chef. Mary brings many years of experience in the culinary arts as well as in the running a restaurant. With her sister she opened and operated the Gypsy 360, in Taos which offered an eclectic mix of cuisine from around the world. Mary brings to the Club a wide variety of culinary offerings from sandwiches, salads, soups to sophisticated dinner menu items. The plan is to initially offer brunch/lunch (9-2pm) later this month. Dinner will follow as she determines what our members fancy for dinner items. Please send her an email with your preferences. Mary is very enthusiastic about the possibilities and says the Club restaurant “ is going to be good and fun!” Mary’s email address is mary@santafetennis.net.

COME TASTE MARY’S CULINARY CREATIONS

On Saturday, November 7 from 4-6 PM Mary will be preparing some culinary treats for the Club membership. This will not only give you the opportunity to sample some of Mary’s tasty appetizers but also to meet Mary. Mary is very excited about meeting the Club membership and is very keen to get some insight into the membership’s culinary preferences. Please RSVP by either calling the Club or by emailing Mary at mary@santafetennis.net. Please make plans to attend!

SANTA FE “STARS” GOING TO NATIONALS

Five Club members, Jon Bloodworth, team captain, Everette Darnielle, Tim Garcia, Jeff Pine and, Rocky Royer play on a USTA men’s 55 and over 9.0 doubles team that is going to the nationals, October 31st, in Surprise, Arizona. They defeated a team from the Ahwatukee Tennis Club from Phoenix in the Southwest Section Championships held in El Paso, Texas.

SANTA FE “STARS” -Cont'd

In the first team match against the team from Phoenix all three doubles matches went to a third set tie break and the Phoenix team won two out of the three doubles matches to win the team match. Rain postponed the next team match scheduled to be played that same day. The rain delay gave the Santa Fe team time to gather their vigor and the next day they played the team from Phoenix and won both team matches to win the Sectional Championships two team match wins to one and advance to the National Championships.

AUSTINITES TO INVADE CLUB

David Garcia and his wife Assel Kussainova will be hosting a couple of their tennis friends from The Courtyard Tennis and Swim Club, Austin. Cliff Hoagland and Paul Jensen and their wives Win and Kathi, respectively will be in Santa Fe to celebrate Cliff's birthday. The plan is to play tennis at the Club on Nov 6 and 7, (Friday & Saturday). The Austin group is challenging our members to some doubles and/or mixed doubles! The level of the Austin folks is 3.5-4.0. If you are interested in some great fun in this our first inter-club event please let Rocky know.

THE PRO'S CORNER ***EARLY PREPERATION IS KEY!***

One of the most important elements for our strokes is to have very good racket preparation. If our racket is back and we are in the right position waiting for the ball, we should be able to hit a pretty good shot. This requires both footwork and racket preparation. As soon as we determine whether the ball is going to our forehand or backhand we want to get the racket back immediately to start getting ready to hit our shot. The more this preparation can be initiated in the shoulders and footwork the more burden is kept off of our arms. We need to take the racket back early by turning our shoulders and feet sideways. While many players hit shots from an open stance position now, without turning their feet sideways, if we have time to turn sideways it is often a more efficient shot. If we don't have time to turn our feet sideways we still need to turn our shoulders in order to get the racket back. Even the best players will still run the tape loop in their head which says take the racket back early. As you play against stronger players, they will hit the ball deeper and faster, both of which require very early preparation. Consequently, our ability to improve is directly related to the quickness with which we can prepare for another tough shot by a strong opponent. Especially during the warm up as we start the day and we are starting to find our rhythm again it is good to remind ourselves of this basic stroke technique, *early preparation is key!*

PLEASE SIGN-IN AT FRONT DESK

As we are a members only club it is Club policy that Club members and their guests sign-in at the front desk prior to taking a court or proceeding to the swimming pool. This will not only allow our staff to better manage court utilization, thereby avoiding the potential for court assignment conflicts but also allows the staff to determine what Club members and their guests are on the premises. Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to this important Club policy.

DOUBLES MIXER

The tennis doubles mixer will be on Saturday, October 24th at 2 pm. Please call the Club to sign up.



We would greatly appreciate if you could go to facebook and make a comment or two (santafetennis.net) about the Club.

LANDSCAPING NEAR COMPLETION

Phase I of the landscaping plan is scheduled to be done by Tuesday of this week. If you have not been to the Club lately you will be totally impressed on how the landscaping has changed the appearance of Club. Olivas Landscaping & Irrigation has done a fantastic job!

