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DINNER AT THE CLUB



This month's Dinner at the Club will be on Saturday, August 27 at 6:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Henry Monahan, Director of Morning Star Gallery. Morning Star Gallery, located on Canyon Road, is renowned for carrying artistic treasures from over fifty Native North American tribes. Mr. Monahan, a leading expert in the field, will talk about "1,500 Years of Pueblo Pottery".

The menu that evening is: grilled romaine salad, chicken marsala, fettucine pesto cream, eggplant caponata, and tiramisu. The cost is \$25 per person. Please call the club to make your reservation by Wednesday, August 24.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT

The annual Club Championships Tournament will take place over two weekends this year. On August 27 and 28, Saturday and Sunday respectively, will consist of all singles matches; the following weekend, (Labor Day Weekend), all doubles matches will be played, including parent/child doubles. Events will be grouped by NTRP ratings from 3.0 to 4.5. No matter what your level may be there is an event for you. Entry forms are available in the lounge or you can call the Club to enter by phone. The deadline for entering the singles competition is August 22 and August 29 for doubles. The cost is \$20 for singles and \$15 per person for doubles.

The tournament is open to Club members only. Become part of the tradition and play in the Club Championships!

PICKLEBALL IS COMING!

Pickleball is one of America's fastest growing sports. It's a paddle sport for all ages. The rules are simple, it's easy for beginners to learn, it can be played outdoors all year round, and it's lots of fun.



Quite a number of members and potential members have expressed interest in Pickleball. Therefore we are planning to construct two Pickleball courts where the practice wall is. The plan is to have the courts open this fall.

The courts will generate more interest in the Club and additionally will add value to your membership.

DOUBLES MIXER

Saturday, August 20 at 11:00 am is when this month's doubles social mixer is scheduled. Players of all levels are welcome. The mixer is a good way to meet and play with different members. The cost is \$5 per person. Call the Club to reserve your spot.

18TH ANNUAL ANTIGUA, CURTAIN BLUFF TENNIS



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) has been voted "Best Resort in the Caribbean" by Travel and Leisure magazine. Check your schedule, and plan on joining Rocky, Jim Parker, John Silver, David Garcia and his wife Assel, and 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 of the Tennis Challenge and the Curtain Bluff Resort are available in the clubhouse lounge.

TENNIS JEWELRY



The Club is teaming with Villarreal Fine Jewelers of Austin, Texas to offer a line of high quality tennis jewelry. The jewelry is being designed exclusively for the Club and is available in 24ct. gold and silver (non-tarnish) with diamonds or colored semi-precious stones. The first item is a tennis ball pendant. If you are interested in viewing the tennis ball pendants please see Rocky.

ECO-TECH INVENTOR WINS PATENT APPROVAL

We just know him as an inventor and local legend who always plays tennis in his Hawaiian shirts. According to the August Green Fire Times magazine, club member Andrew Ungerleider is also known as an Ecopreneur. He has been awarded a U.S. patent for the invention of a non-flammable, energy-absorbing material that, when placed at the end of an airport runway, can help bring an out-of-control

jet to a quick, safe halt, potentially saving lives. A third of all airplane runway accidents are the result of planes that overshoot runways upon landing. Ungerleider, a graduate of the College of Santa Fe, is the founder of the Santa Fe based Earthstone International and its sister company, Growstone, Inc., which manufacture abrasive cleaning products and agricultural soil amendments using recycled glass from landfills. The products are sold in major retail outlets across the country and online. The same green technology utilizing waste glass is used to manufacture the runway arrestor system's foamed silica bed. The "geomimicry" process inside a large kiln mimics how nature creates abrasive materials from volcanic lava. In 2015 the Federal Aviation Administrator (FAA) issued a compliance order for all U.S. airports that don't have the required amount of clearance to install arresting systems at the end of runways. Congratulations to Andrew!

PARKER ATTEMPTS TO BREAK RECORD

Jimmy Parker is headed to the Men's 70 USTA grass court championships in Philadelphia this month, in his quest to break the all time record he holds with Bob Sherman. They have each won 125 National Championships, more than any men in history. The tournament starts Aug 19; see USTA 350000316 for draws and results on Tennis Link system.

HUNDREDS ATTEND THE CLUB OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Over two hundred people turned out to celebrate the transformation of Old Santa Fe's First Tennis Club to a beautiful tennis and family oriented facility that is a source of pride for Club members and the City of Santa Fe. Husband and wife owners Dr. David Garcia and Assel Kussainova acquired the Club in 2014 which was in an extreme state of disrepair. They had a plan to transform the Club into a beautiful first class tennis facility. After a \$2 million plus investment and two and a half years of reconstruction their plan came to fruition and a celebration was in order. On July 30 an open house was held at the new Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club. Over two hundred guests were delighted with the live music, dancing, food, raffle, and ribbon cutting ceremony. At the ribbon cutting ceremony Mr. Garcia addressed the guests, among them were many city and state political luminaries. Among the dignitaries were: Tom Udall, US Senator; Jill Cooper Udall, Member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities; Tim Garcia, State Court of Appeals Judge; Stuart Bluestone, former State Chief Deputy General; Paul Bardacke, former State Attorney General; Joseph Maestas, Santa Fe City Councilor, and Carmichael Dominguez, Santa Fe City Councilor.

David spoke of the importance of the Club to the community and the affection, devotion and passion that members and staff have for the Club.



Verna Mechem, (left); Rocky Royer; Adrianne Mechem Carter



Assel Kussainova, (left); Joseph Maestas; Rocky Royer; Bob McLaughlin; Tom Udall; David Garcia; Simon Brackley; Jim Parker



Tom Udall, (left); Jill Cooper Udall; Tim Garcia; Judy Naumberg; Stuart Bluestone; Paul Bardacke; Lisa Enfield