

**MAY 2016**



# **Topspin News**

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

## **DINNER AT THE CLUB**



This month's Dinner At The Club (Friday, May 27 at 6:00pm) guest speaker is Tim Garcia. Tim is a New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge, President of the USTA Southwest Section, a former professional tennis player, winner of a Silver Ball in doubles with our own Rocky Royer at the National Clay Court Championships in Savannah, Georgia in 2013, a local tennis legend, a Club member and generally a "good guy". (I heard that he also did well at the

French Open). His topic that evening will be "Tim's Fifty Year Historical Perspective of Tennis in Santa Fe and Our Club". He will start with Dick Mechem's creation of the Sangre de Cristo Racquet Club in the 1960's when Tim was a competitive junior tennis player. Tim's unique perspective on Club property, the evolving changes that have occurred in Santa Fe tennis and generally with tennis clubs over the last 50 years will provide for some very interesting dialog. Additionally Tim hopes to get in some stories about the USTA and "tennis and the law".

The menu for the evening will be caprese salad, lemon chicken breasts or vegetarian zucchini au gratin, string beans, potato salad and raspberry sundae. The cost is \$25 per person.

The guest speaker for the June ,Dinner at the Club is David Garcia. Mr. Garcia is a registered pharmacist and also earned a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin. His talk that evening will be, "What You Should Know About Generic Prescription Drugs".

# PRO'S CORNER

BY ROCKY ROYER, FORMER TOP 100 PLAYER

Use psychological tricks to your advantage. Sometimes psychological tricks can help in a tennis match. Not a trick you play on your opponent but one you use on yourself. When we get ahead in a tennis match it is common to let up a little bit. Perhaps we feel sorry for the opponent who may be a friend. Or maybe we feel like it is a done deal already when we get close to the finish line. Our concentration and level of intensity often diminish. But good players who are experienced will usually get better when they are behind. Therefore it is not uncommon for an experienced player to start playing their best when they are behind. For this reason we must get tough when we are ahead. We must expect the player to start finding their best form when behind. Consequently one way to deal with this is to pretend like you are behind when in fact you are ahead. If you are ahead forty love, you had better get tough right at that time. You can pretend that you are behind 40-love so that you dig deep and stay focused and tough. Or if you are serving for the set just to stay in the set. Sometimes these psychological ploys can help us find a peak performance at the most opportune time. Many players have the ability to get ahead of a good player but closing them out is another story. Concentrating well and

getting tough while ahead can be difficult but these techniques can help you closeout a good experienced tennis player. Matches can turn around on forty love games that either turn in to a long game or get closed out authoritatively. So next time you are serving for the set against an experienced player, pretend you are behind so that you sense the urgency and rise to the occasion for the victory.

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## JUNIOR SUMMER CAMPS

Camps are filling up quickly. Sign up now for the best availability. Tennis Camps for 10 to 18 year olds start Monday, May 30. Super-Stars Day Camps for 6 to 11 year olds start Monday June 6.

Visit the Camps website for more information and to sign up for camps ([www.santafetenniscamps.com](http://www.santafetenniscamps.com)).



# MONITOR YOUR FOOD PURCHASES ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE

# POOL OPENS FOR THE SEASON THIS MONTH



Sign-In

## Food Purchase Report

Purchase Date	Food Bought	Dollars (\$)
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## Quarterly Report

You will soon be able to monitor your food purchases from the Match Point Café. The Food Purchase Report will provide you with a quarter-by-quarter list of food purchases as well as amount spent. All members will be receiving, by email (or snail mail), a temporary password so they can access their report for the first time. Detailed instruction on how to access your food purchase and how to change your password will be provided in the email.

Thank you for your patronage of the Club's Match Point Café

The pool will open for the 2016 season on Friday, May 27. The pool will open daily for lap swimming from 8:00am to 9:00am; close from 9:00am to 10:00am for maintenance. It will reopen at 10:00am and close for the day at 7:00pm. Red Cross Certified lifeguards will be on duty during pool hours.

A limited number of Seasonal Pool Passes for non-club members are available for the 2016 season which goes from Memorial Day Weekend (Friday, May 27) to Labor Day. The cost for a season Pool Pass is \$900. Please stop by the Club to fill out an application and purchase your 2016 Pool Pass.



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## **SUMMER TOURNAMENTS**

This summer the Club will host two USTA sanctioned tournaments. The Ancient City Junior Tournament for 8 to 18 year olds will be Friday to Sunday, June 17 to 19. July 15 to 17 will be the Ancient City Adult Tournament. Both tournaments are open to Club members. The Club Championships Tournament, open to Club members only, will take place September 3 to 5. If you are looking to play competitive tennis this summer consider playing in one of the summer tournaments.

## **MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday, June 11th the Club will host a member-guest tournament. There will be men's, women's, and mixed doubles events for all levels. Get a friend to be your partner who is not member and sign up for this fun event. Tennis will be from 9-12:30 with lunch to follow. Prizes will be awarded to winners in all events. The cost is \$50 per team and that includes lunch. The entry deadline is Wednesday, June 8.

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## **CLUB USTA LEAGUES**

The Club will field three USTA League teams this season, two 55 and over men's doubles 9.0 teams and a 40 and over mixed doubles 9.0 team. There are some openings on these teams. Call Rocky for more information. There is still time to enter a team in the 55 and older leagues. Does anyone want to form a team for the men or women 7.0 or 8.0 levels? If so contact Rocky ASAP!

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## **DOUBLES MIXER**

This month the doubles mixer will be Saturday, May 14 at 1:00 pm. Call the Club or sign up at the front desk to reserve your spot. We hope you will join us.