

# **Topspin News**

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

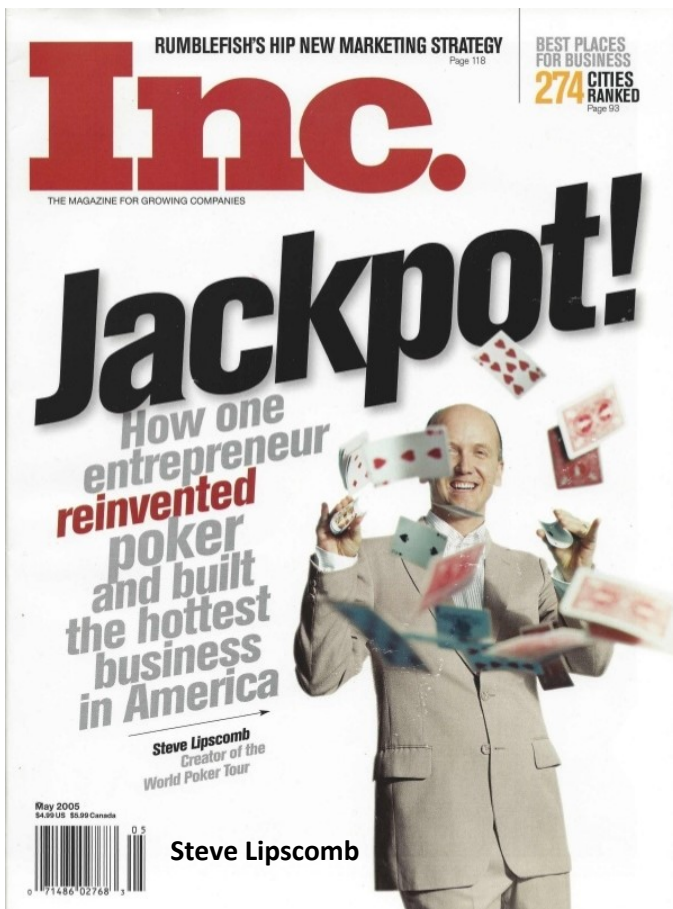
## **DINNER AT THE CLUB**

Please join us for Dinner at the Club on Friday, February 26 at 6:00 pm. The menu this month, inspired by Mardi Gras, is traditional gumbo, vegetable gumbo, potato salad, French bread, dessert. The cost is \$25 a person.

The guest speaker is Club member Steve Lipscomb.

Steve conceived, founded and launched the World Poker Tour, recreating poker for television and launching the worlds first poker league. As CEO of the World Poker Tour he launched the first televised poker tour in the history of China and one of the worlds most successful mobile phone games. Prior to the World Poker Tour, Steve worked closely with luminaries Norman Lear and Alvin Toffler, creating television and film projects. Currently Steve is running for President in the New Hampshire primary election to help launch his next project FixItAmerica.org. The Fix It America Constitutional Amendment empowers US Representatives to limit the influence of money on elections and end the practice of drawing election districts lines to favor or disfavor a political party. Additionally he is Managing Director of Harvest Angles, a local group that organizes families to pick fruit and vegetables from private and public land that would otherwise rot and in turn delivers it to the local Food Depot.

Please call the Club by Wednesday, February 24 to make your dinner reservation.



# VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Treat your sweetheart to a Valentine's Day dinner at the Club on Saturday, February 13. Seating will be from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

## *The menu*

*Appetizer - Shrimp Cocktail*

*Your choice of entrée—*

*Filet Mignon with Chive Butter or*

*Asian Salmon or*

*Coq au Vin*

*Agnolotti with Artichoke Sauce*

*Dessert—Chocolate Covered Strawberries*

*\$40 per person*

Please call the Club by Wednesday, February 10 to make a reservation.

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## SANTA FE—AUSTIN TENNIS CHALLENGE

We still are looking for a few more tennis players to travel to Austin for an inter-club tennis tournament at The Westwood Country Club. At stake is the coveted Virtual Tex-New Mex Challenge Cup. The tournament takes place Friday and Saturday, April 1-2. Please call the Club if you would like to play for Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club.

# PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

Photographs by Club members Joan Gentry and Don Kirby will be on exhibit in the Clubhouse from February 19 to March 31.



Joan Gentry grew up in New Mexico and studied photography at the University of New Mexico. After joining forces with Don Kirby they moved to Santa Fe in 2003 and continued exploring and photographing throughout New Mexico. This exhibit presents photographs of New Mexico from 2003 to present. There is a reception at the Club on February 19 from 5 to 7 pm. Light fare will be served by the Match Point Café

# Pro's Corner

*By Former top 100 player, Rocky Royer*

This week on the Tennis Channel there is a rare treat for the tennis players in Santa Fe. We finally get to see tennis played in a geographical condition similar to ours. The ATP Tour event in Quito, the capital of Ecuador is played at an altitude of 9300 feet above sea level. This drastic geographical condition, like ours, makes the tennis ball fly differently than at low altitude. It goes far and fast. We take these conditions for granted because we live here and we are accustomed to it. In fact it is so different than the way the ball flies at sea level, that you will see the pros on TV making mistakes they normally would not make. The announcers will observe how far the ball sails on the pros and how they have a difficult time controlling the ball. By going to the net at high altitude, it puts pressure on the base line player because it is difficult to hit a passing shot when the ball comes at you so quickly. In Quito they are playing on a clay court which is slow and can temper the effect of the high altitude. Still, we are likely to see some players chipping and charging, and going to the net to put pressure on their opponent. I should know , because in 1982 I got to the

finals of this tournament in doubles. We were going to the net on everything. Having grown up in California in the era of serve and volley tennis and the land of serve and volley tennis, this enabled me to feel right at home. So if you get a chance this weekend , stop by the club or check on the Tennis Channel at your house to see how the pros play at an extreme altitude like we play at all the time. And if you want to take a glance back at the nostalgic results of years gone by, check the web address below to see the results of the 1982 Quito open doubles where miraculously I got a controversial victory over top 10 player Jose Higuera, and ended up getting to the finals!

<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/scores/archive/quito/353/1982/draws?matchType=doubles>

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## DOUBLES MIXER

This month the tennis social mixer will be on Saturday, February 13, weather permitting. Please call the club to sign up for this event.

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## WINDY SESSION OF BLOCK TIME STARTS THIS MONTH

The current session of block time ends Sunday, February 14. The new windy session starts the next day, Monday, February 15 and will go for six weeks and end on Sunday, March 27. Requests for block time are due by Wednesday, February 10.