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Topspin News

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DINNER AT THE CLUB



The guest speaker at this month's DINNER AT THE CLUB on September 24 is Ana Pacheco. Ms. Pacheco is the Historian for the City of Santa Fe. She is the author/editor of seven books on New Mexico history and was the founding publisher and editor of *La Herencia*, a quarterly magazine on New Mexico history that she published from 1994 through 2009. From 2007 to 2013, she wrote the weekly column A Wonderful

Life for the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, documenting the oral histories of the local elder community. Her new book *A Santa Fe Snapshot* will be published in the spring of 2017 by Arcadia Publishing. Ms. Pacheco has received numerous awards during her publishing Career from organizations such as PEN New Mexico and the National Association of Press Women.

Her topic for the evening of the dinner, "Only in Santa Fe", is about unique tidbits of Santa Fe history.

The menu that evening is: appetizers, New England clam chowder, chicken Oscar, crab, asparagus with hollandaise sauce, roast rosemary potatoes, and chocolate mousse. The reception/appetizers is at 5:30pm and dinner is served at 6:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Please call the Club by Wednesday, September 21 to make your reservation.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT

The Club Championships singles events were played August 27-28, and the doubles events were held over Labor Day weekend. Jennifer Phillips defeated Virginia Henry in the women's 4.0 finals. Deborah Speyer defeated Clair Zoeller to win the women's 3.5 singles for the second year in a row. David Friedland defeated Paul Bardacke in a very close match (5-7, 6-4, 6-4) to become the men's 4.0 champion, and Bob Helmholz defeated Alexis Johnson in the men's 3.5 finals. In Ladies 3.5 Doubles, Carolyn Albin and Gail Allen beat Claudia Sherman and Shelly Smart in the finals, while Claudia Phillips and Lisa Wynne snuck out a victory over Ellen Parker and Molly Boyd in the 4.0 level. In Men's Doubles Rick Luiz and Steve Lipscomb beat David Fries and Dary Sulich in the finals.



Debora Speyer (left), Claire Zoeller



Bob Helmholz (left), Alexis Johnson



Jennifer Phillips (left), Virginia Henry



David Friedland

MATCH POINT CAFÉ

The café can cater your party or special event either at the Club or away. No matter how big or small your special occasion, Our Chef, James, is up to the task. This past Saturday he prepared 350 sliders for an event for one of our members, Rae Hoffacker. Rae said the slider sandwiches were delicious and that they ate every last one. Starting September 6 the Café will be closed on Tuesdays. The Café will be open from 10 am to 5:00 pm six days a week. Breakfast is available upon request, as is dinner to go six days a week and Dinner At The Club will be on the last Saturday of each month. Now that summer is waning James is preparing a new menu for the coming cooler weather.

CLUB HOSTS AUSTIN PLAYERS

Assel Kussainova invited six women from The Courtyard Tennis and Swim Club in Austin to come to Santa Fe and challenge our ladies to a tennis showdown. In a round robin doubles format where each team plays one set with the other 3 teams the ladies from Austin came out on top 6 sets to 3. It was all in good fun though and after tennis all the ladies enjoyed lunching together at The Match Point Café. The ladies from Austin were Belva Courts, Cath Polito, Sue Hatch, Win Hoagland, Marcie Merrell, and Belle Middagh. The Austinites were impressed by the Club's beauty and truly appreciated Assel's gracious hospitality.



Club members Debora Seyer, Maggie Odell, Linda Marable, Susan Clough, Assel Kussainova, and pro Rocky Royer with the ladies from Austin

BRING IN A NEW MEMBER

After years of renovation our Club is now the grandest tennis club in Santa Fe. Yet we are still short of the number of members necessary to assure financial vitality. We encourage you to promote the Club to people you know and meet. Spread the word about our beautiful and newly renovated Club. Bring in a new member and we will show you our appreciation and treat you to dinner for two at the Match point Café.

FALL CLUB HOURS

Starting Tuesday, September 6 the Clubhouse will be open from 8:30am to 6:00pm.



The Austinites

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAMS

After school tennis programs are under way. Victor Avila has tennis programs every week Monday through Friday. Programs are from 3:30pm to 4:30pm and 4:30pm to 5:30pm daily. Groups vary based on playing level and age. Contact Victor to find the right class for your child (795 3049). Programs are for 5 to 16 year olds. The cost for members is \$55 for 4 lessons and \$70 for non-members.

DOUBLES MIXER

Saturday, September 17 at 12:00 noon is when this months doubles social mixer is. Players of all levels are welcome. The mixer is a good way to meet and play with different members. The cost is \$5. Call the Club to reserve a spot

18TH ANNUAL ANTIGUA, CURTAIN BLUFF TENNIS CHALLENGE



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, 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 for the Tennis Challenge and the Curtain Bluff Resort are available in the clubhouse lounge.

PRO'S CORNER BY ROCKY ROYER

FORMER TOP 100 PLAYER

INTRA-CLUB LEAGUES START 9/21

When you are playing against effective net players, hitting a good lob will be one of your best ways to get out of a difficult situation. In singles or doubles you do not want to let a net player hit more than a couple of volleys before you throw up a lob and make them go back and reset. Even if they have a good overhead, you want to make them do the work of coming in and going back over and over. It is tiring. If you can make them hit an overhead from halfway between the service line and the baseline it is very difficult to hit a winner. And when you hit that lob, it is often best to really penetrate into the height. By getting it high, it will also tend to give it some good depth. The higher you hit a lob, the faster it will be coming down when the net player has to try to hit the overhead. Even the best players will sometimes miss these. Often, you get back into the point under better circumstances and your chances of winning it are better than they were before you hit the lob. In conclusion, get those lobs up high so that you have plenty of time to reset and hopefully, take the control of the point.

This fall season we do not have any teams playing in USTA leagues. Most of our players were ready for a break after the Summer USTA League season. The commitment required for USTA league requires availability for playing in Albuquerque. This is not everyone's favorite way to spend a weekend. Playing our in house Intra-Club League, you get to play one match per week here at the club, either with friends and players you know, or club members you have not met yet. There is no travel needed and if you can't play one week you can get a sub. Starting the week of September 21, and continuing through October, we will have ladies league on Wednesday and Friday at 10 am, and men and co-ed league on Saturdays at 10. Sign up by September 20 if you want to join in. The \$25 League Fee includes a season ending luncheon presented by Chef James, and new balls for each match. Sign up in the clubhouse by Monday 9/19.