

APRIL 2016



Topspin News

The official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club

DINNERS AT THE CLUB AND GUEST SPEAKERS

suitable for Santa Fe gardens. Also he will have tips for gardening in Santa Fe.



Clayton Bass

The next Dinner At The Club is on Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 pm. The guest speaker that evening is Clayton Bass President and Chief Executive Officer of The Santa Fe Botanical Garden. He lead a multi-phased campaign to build The Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill. Phase One of the Garden opened in July 2013 and Phase Two is scheduled to open this year. Clayton will have a power point presentation about the Botanical Garden and will also highlight plants that are well

APRIL 12th MENU

APPETIZERS

GRILLED SHRIMP CAESAR SALAD

CHICKEN MARSALA
ROAST GARLIC MASHERS
OR
VEGETARAIN PASTA PRIMAVERA

CHOCOLATE TORTE

\$27.50 PER PERSON

WINE \$9 BY THE GLASS
BEER \$5 BY THE BOTTLE

DINNERS AT THE CLUB CONT.



John Silver

Charter Club member, *Le Grand Senechal* of the New Mexico Burgundy Society, a knight in the international Order of *Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin* (an order dedicated to promoting Burgundy, it's wines, cuisine, and traditions), bon vivant, and all around good guy John Silver will be the guest speaker and sommelier for the April 29 Dinner At The Club. The dinner starts at 5:30pm.

John has selected four Spanish wines to be paired with each course of the dinner and he will talk about each wine served.

Seating is limited . Please call the Club and make your reservations early.

APRIL 29th MENU SPANISH WINE DINNER

*ROSE WINE WITH
HORS D'OEORVE*

*AMARERO WINE WITH
AVOCADO AND SCALLOP
CEVICHE*

*TEMPERANILLO WINE
WITH COQ AU VIN
SAFFRON RICE
SPRING VEGETABLES
OR
VEGETERIAN ROAST
VEGETABLE RISOTTO*

*RIOJO WINE WITH TRIPLE
CHOCOLATE MOUSSE*

*\$35 PER PERSON
INCLUDES WINE*

EASTER BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT



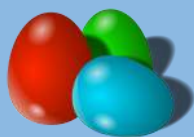
*Easter Brunch
At The Club*

Sunday, April 16

Seating at 11am and 12:30pm

*Brunch Featuring Chef James Special
Creations*

Reservations Required



*Easter Egg Hunts
At 10am and 11:30am!*



PLAYIN' THE ODDS BY JIM PARKER USPTA MASTER PRO

Whether or not the term "percentage tennis" means anything to you, the concept is really pretty simple: hit shots that have a good chance of being successful. But it ain't that easy is it? How we select the shots we hit is a complex brew involving habit-patterns, psycho-motor link-ups, confidence levels, et al. But when we're in the flow, we can surprise even ourselves with our amazingly intuitive and appropriate decision-making!

Unfortunately, we're not always brilliantly "in the flow" and may in fact be playing like a dog. So we need to consider some numbers. On the Pro Tour, the winner of a match wins an average of only 53% of the points, and the loser 47%. So if you and your sparring partner(s) are roughly equal, raising your game a few percentage points might make the difference between being drubbed and doing the drubbing!

How can you raise your game a few percentage points? Oh, how about taking a little off your first serve and get it in more often - your odds of winning the point just went up by a whopping 25%. Or try to hit *every* return of serve in, even if you have to hit it down the middle. (40% of the shots hit in a set are serves and returns)

What about aiming the first three balls of the point somewhere where you can actually get them in? Statistics show that over 75% of the points played end before each player or team has hit three balls! Give your opponents a chance to shoot themselves in the foot before you go for that flashy (albeit low-percentage) winner. (About 80% of points played end in an error!)

The key is to be appropriate. Just as you don't bet the farm on a pair of deuces, you don't try for winners when the odds are stacked against you. But do seize the opportunity when the stars align and do go for your big shots when you've got a good chance to make them. The trick is in recognizing the difference!

JIM PARKER AND OTHERS EXCEL AT INDOOR NATIONALS

Jimmy Parker only got one National Championship at the 70 and older National Indoor tournament in Houston. He had a chance to break his own record twice that weekend but was unable to pull out a victory in the finals of the singles. He lost the first set but had a set point and feels like he should have won it. He was down a service break in the second set and doesn't feel like he should have won that one, but he did in a tie breaker. The third set he lost 6 -2 in a heartbreaker. Jimmy did easily win the national championships in doubles for the umpteenth time, breaking his own record with a hundred and twenty nine national championships. He and his partner Brian Cheney only lost 10 games in four matches in route to their victory. Two other club members also excelled at the same event on top of a parking garage in downtown Houston. Don Clark and Vahl Jackson won the consolation doubles, and Vahl also won the consolation in singles. Congratulations to all these players who's hard work and practice has paid off in the form of personal excellence and victories at the national level.

IN HOUSE LEAGUE STARTS APRIL 19TH

Our in-house Ladies League will be starting on Wednesday April 19th. Matches will be played on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m.

You can sign up to play on both days or just on one day. Unlike USTA league, all matches will be played right here at the club. There is no traveling required. Each week you will play with a different foursome so there is no need to sign up with a partner. A league fee of \$10 will cover the cost of balls and snacks. Sign up by Friday April 14th.

MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE STARTS IN MAY

During the summer here in Northern New Mexico, it is the season for 40 and older USTA Mixed Doubles League. We have registered a 9.0 team and an 8.0 combined team. We are hoping to have a 7.0 team as well although we don't have many players committed yet. Are there any 3.5 players who are interested? If you would like to join the 7.0 team or one of the other teams please contact Victor or Rocky at the front desk as soon as possible. Matches will be played in Santa Fe and Albuquerque on the weekends and sometimes in Santa Fe on weeknights at 6 p.m. The season will run from May until early July.

USTA TEAMS START OFF STRONG

Both of our men's USTA League teams have gotten off to great starts this season. With a 4 -1 record Paul Hodapp's 3.0 team is in first place. Also with a 4-1 record, the men's 3.5 team is in second place in a large flight. Both teams are well positioned to make it to the playoffs and possibly on to the sectional championships. If they can stay focused and play some more tough matches it should be a

USTA TEAMS cont.

dramatic conclusion to the season whether our team's move on to the next level or not. Come out to support our teams and watch the matches scheduled for the next few weekends!

SANTA FE TENNIS ACADEMY OPENS JUNE 12

This summer we are proud to inaugurate the Santa Fe Tennis Academy. Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club will be host to this program for elite players. It is designed to prepare them for junior and adult tournament play and college tennis. Consequently it is an in-depth regiment that will touch on all aspects of player development. This will include stroke development tactics, fitness, nutrition, mental toughness, and peak performance training. The Santa Fe Tennis Academy program runs from June 12 through August 4. For more information go to santafetennisacademy.com If tennis is a big part of your life this could be the way to take it to the next level!

PAY YOUR CLUB STATEMENT BY CREDIT CARD

We are accepting credit cards for paying your Club statement. There is a 3% service charge. If you wish to pay your statement with your credit card please fill out a credit card authorization form available at the Club.

THE MATCH POINT CAFÉ IS OPEN FOR DINNER FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

The Café is open until 8:00 pm every Friday and Saturday for dinner. The Café is a great choice for last minute dinner plans : no lines, no waiting for a table. On the menu are nightly dinner specials and now you can enjoy some wine or beer with your meal. Soon you will be able to dine outside on the patio in a beautiful setting under the large pinion tree. No reservations required . If you like you can call ahead (988 4100) and ask about the nightly specials.

The Café is now open Sundays and closed Mondays.

The new Café schedule is:

Sunday open 11am to 5pm

Monday closed

Tuesday open 11am to 5pm

Wednesday open 11am to 5pm

Thursday open 11am to 5pm

Friday open 11am to 8pm

Saturday open 11am to 8pm

CAFE FOOD MINIMUM

There has been a little confusion about what counts towards the Café food minimum. We are sorry for any confusion and want to make clear to our members what counts and what does not count.

Only food prepared in the kitchen by our chef count towards the food minimum. Therefore drinks, snacks, alcohol, and tax are not

CAFÉ FOOD MINIMUM CONT.

included in the food minimum.

We are working on a system that will allow members to check their up to date quarterly food minimum balance on line. There are still a few bugs to work out.

In the meantime you can call the Club and Rock and Bob can tell you your current quarterly balance.

Also if you ask you can get a receipt at the Café when you purchase food.

Thank you for your support that made the Café a success. In doing so it added value to your membership and increased convince for members.

SEASONAL POOL PASSES ARE FOR SALE

2017 Seasonal Pool Passes are now available for sale. A Seasonal Pool Pass costs \$900, plus tax. New this year pickleball is included in your Pool Pass for no additional cost. Two new pickleball courts were constructed at the Club last Fall. Contact Victor Avila for more information about pickleball.

2017 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE



The schedule for summer camp is here and we have started taking sign-ups. Our summer camps go from May 29th through August 4th. We offer two different camps that alternate weeks all summer long. The **Superstars Day Camp** for 6 to 11 year olds combines a variety of activities to engage the camper's attention as they develop physically, emotionally, and intellectually. This camp can be attended in full day sessions or half day sessions.

The afternoons focus on tennis, swimming and arts and crafts. This mix of activities provides a good balance of "go time" and "down time" as campers take part in athletic and creative endeavors. The morning session will touch on these activities but will also consist of a wide range of other activities. These include other sports, games, nature activities, group projects and more. These activities are designed with an integrated curriculum theme in mind. The campers will

2017 SUMMER CAMP CONT.

SESSION 4 7/17-7/21

SESSION 5 7/31-8/4

use and develop math, reading and creative skills, as they take part in the various games, activities and sports. Our **Tennis Camps** for children 10 and older meet 5 days a week, all day (with half day options available), and offer hours of daily training in stroke production and preparation for match play. These camps are led by former top 100 touring pro Rocky Royer. His unique international experience and years of coaching have taught him how to keep training and hard work, fun and engaging for young tennis enthusiasts. Daily drilling, repetition and game play situations help players progress on a steep learning curve, as they develop an appreciation for the game of tennis and all it has to offer. By going through this process players get to develop important characteristics like patience, work ethic, sportsmanship, conflict resolution and more.

\$319 per session or \$299 for club members

Half day \$169 or \$149 for club members

2017 TENNIS CAMP

Ages 10 – 18

SESSION 1 5/29-6/2

SESSION 2 6/12-6/16

SESSION 3 6/26-6/30

SESSION 4 7/10-7/14

SESSION 5 7/24-7/28

\$449 per session or \$429 for club members

Half day: \$229 or \$209 for club members

USTA HOME MATCH SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

The summer kicks--off May 29th with tennis camp for the older group, and then on June 5th, the Super Stars camp begins. These camps alternate weeks, all summer until August 4th. The entire schedule is below.

Saturday April 8, 1pm 3.5 Men

Saturday April 15, 1pm 3.5 Men

Saturday April 30, 1pm 3.0 Men

Saturday April 30, 3pm 3.5 Men

5 courts are used for matches . Matches last about two hours.

2017 SUPER STARS DAY CAMP

Ages 6-11

SESSION 1 6/5-6/9

SESSION 2 6/19-6/23

SESSION 3 7/3-7/7