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Topspin News

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DINNERS AT THE CLUB AND A GUEST SPEAKER

This month we have two Dinner At The Club events: Jacques Paisner on Wednesday, October 11th and Glenn Thornton on Saturday, October 28th. Both events start at 5:30pm.



Jacques Paisner is the Executive Director of the Santa Fe Independent Film Festival. He also currently serves on the Executive Board of Directors for the Santa Fe Railyard Community Corporation. He is the author of Albuquerque Blues 2007, and was writer and director of the 2009 feature film, *Rejection*. In 2016 he was asked to serve on the City of

Santa Fe's Film and Digital Media Commission.

The Santa Fe Independent Film Festival, which Mr. Paisner co-founded, began as a fringe film festival in 2009. By 2011 it was the biggest event of its kind in New Mexico, screening over 100 films during a 5 day Festival. The Santa Fe Independent Film Festival was recognized nationally by *IndieWire Magazine* as "a young Sundance" and *Moviemaker Magazine* named The Festival one of the 25 Coolest General Film Festivals on the planet. Santa Fe Independent Film Festival has grown from humble beginnings to becoming one of the top annual events in New Mexico. This year the Festival runs from October 18th to 22nd at different venues around the city and will present lifetime achievement awards to John Sayles and Maggie Renzi. Mr. Paisner will talk about this years Festival..

The menu: *Appetizers- spinach mushroom walnut pate, crudites with oriental dip, and apricot wings; Soup- cream of cauliflower; Entrée- grilled salmon with Asian glaze on a bed of steamed spinach jasmine pineapple rice, with whipped squash or vegetarian*

DINNERS AT THE CLUB **CONT.**

butter nut squash ravioli with brown sage butter; Dessert- chocolate bread pudding.

The cost \$35.00 per person; beer and wine are extra. Reservations are required. Call the club to make a reservation.



Club member Glenn Thornton came to Los Alamos in 1981. In his over thirty years at the Lab, he worked on projects ranging from diagnostics on underground nuclear tests, to space probes to the Moon and Mars. Starting

as a high level electronics tech, he worked his way up to senior technologist and took on major design projects for satellite instruments the Lab flew on NASA space probes, such as Lunar Prospector and Mars Odyssey.

The title of Glenn's speech is " My Journey To Mars". Glenn will talk about how his electronics career eventually led him on a journey to Mars. Some entertaining puzzles and a whimsical, but accurate introduction to the basics of digital electronics will show that our digital world is not really that hard to understand.

The menu: *Appetizers– shrimp scampi skewers, spanocapit triangles, eggplant caviar; Soup– green chili corn chowder; Entrée– roasted prime rib au jus with horseradish cream sauce, green bean almandine, baked acorn squash slices, scalloped potatoes or vegetarian cheese and spinach manicotti with red and white sauce; Dessert- pumpkin cheesecake.*

\$39.50 per person, beer and wine are extra. Reservations are required. Call the Club to make a reservation.

ANCIENT CITY PICKLE BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS OCTOBER 27

The Club will hold the inaugural Ancient City Pickle Ball Championships which will be played the weekend of October 27th to the 29th. We are hoping that some of our tennis-playing members who have not tried pickle ball yet will give it a go. Starting October 3rd registration for the tournament is available online at: (pickleballtournaments.com).

Participation may be limited so sign up early to be sure you can get in the tournament. The fee is \$20 for the first event and \$5 for each extra event. Players are divided into different levels that correspond to the ratings that tennis players have. The less experienced players are 2.5 and 3.0 and the more experienced players are 4.0 4.5 and up. Contact Rocky or Victor if you have any questions about this event.

THE MATCH POINT CAFE

The Match Point Café has undergone a complete kitchen make-over and would like to cordially invite all our members to stop in and taste the difference. David Jacoby our Director of Food and Beverage who is better known as the Soup Rabbi has hand-picked our Club's newest team member, Charles

Williams as the Chef/Kitchen Manager. Together they bring a vast amount of experience, expertise, and a passion for the art of cooking like never before seen. Stop in check out the new menu, introduce yourselves to David and Charles, and enjoy lunch in the café or on the patio.

The Match Point Café is ready for autumn and preparing for winter with daily soup specials!

Keep a look-out for upcoming events like Football at the Club. David & Charles will be serving hot food and cold draft beer on Sundays while you watch NFL football on two large HDTV screens.

Remember to book your Holiday events with David or Charles in advance because space is filling up quickly!

If you would like to order Carry-Out during the lunch hour call the Club.

If you appreciate all the great changes in the café you can show your appreciation by tipping the Café staff.

WATCH FOOTBALL

Attention football fans. The Club is a great place to watch football on Sundays and Monday nights too. We have two large HD TVs, draft beer and food is available too. It's always more fun to watch football with other fans. Come to the Club on Sundays and join the fun.

POKER NIGHT AT THE CLUB

The inaugural Poker Night At The Club is Friday, October 20th at 6:00pm. The cost is \$5 and includes snacks. Beer and wine are extra. Call the Club to sign up and reserve your spot. Space is limited.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH COOKOFF

On Saturday, October 21 at 2pm the Club will have the first "Recipe of the Month Cook-Off": "Chili!", not to be confused with salsa, or a chili pepper. You know, that stuff that Texans brag about! Members are invited to bring their dish/item to the Club where it may be judged by all who attend. The winning entry will be featured in the following month's newsletter plus the cook will receive a dinner for two at the Café. So dust off your favorite chili recipe (beans or not, tomatoes or not—all is good!) and get ready for this afternoon of fun. If you plan on entering a dish please call the Club and let us know.

BUBBLE BLOCK TIME STARTS IN NOVEMBER

The first session of bubble block time starts Monday, November 13. Bubble block time allows you to reserve the bubble for your

weekly games at the same time and day each week for 6 weeks. Block time is sold in 1-1/2 hour blocks and 2 hour blocks. The cost for six weeks of 1-1/2 hour block time is \$180 and \$240 for six weeks of 2 hour block time. Requests for block time are due by Tuesday, November 7. Request forms are available at the front desk in the clubhouse. The cost for block time is divided between the players listed on the request form. For example the cost per player for six weeks of 1-1/2 hours of block time for a doubles foursome is \$45 per person, plus tax. If two or more groups request the same day and time the conflict is resolved by a coin flip or drawing numbers from a hat. Don't let bad weather cancel your weekly tennis games sign up for block time now.

CLUB MEMBERS EXCEL AT PINEHURST

Jim Parker is continuing his winning ways, which comes as no surprise to anyone. He just broke his own record of most National Championships by a male player. He has broken his own record a few times this year. This month he won the 70 and older Clay Court National Singles Championships, beating the top seed in the finals. Club member Don Clark also played this tournament where he upset the number 9 seed and made it to the quarterfinals for the first time in a national championship. Next,

CLUB MEMBERS EXCEL CONT.

Jim goes to the new USTA National Campus in Lake Nona Florida for the World Championships. Jim is one of the four players representing the US in the Jack Crawford Cup. This is a Davis Cup style competition between countries from all over the world. The cup competition is the week of October 8th and the individual World Championships is the following week at the same venue. Jim will be gone for several weeks playing all of these tournaments but you can keep up with his

results by going to the ITF website: <http://www.itftennis.com/seniors/world-team-championships/super-seniors/2017.aspx>

Congratulations to Jim and Don for these peak performances!

PRO'S CORNER BY ROCKY ROYER

Have you seen or heard about players these days who hit the ball with what they call the open stance? Players like Rafael Nadal are famous for this powerful way to hit the ball, where they don't turn their feet sideways. They still turn their shoulders and create a lot of power and topspin. The old school closed stance may require some agile footwork, but it can help us with smoother shot production. The graceful way that Rodger Federer hits the ball is often due to

his closed stance. This way of hitting can be easier on our body. It puts less burden on the lower back. By turning the feet sideways like a golfer or baseball batter would do, our shoulders also get turned and we are prepared to step in and apply our body weight to the ball. It is true that sometimes you will have to hit an open stance shot when your opponent hits the ball very hard or very deep. Either of these can force us to hit open stance because we are so rushed. So if you have time turn those feet sideways for efficient shot production, and strokes that we can do for years without hurting ourselves.

9.0 TEAM HEADED TO THE NATIONALS



Pictured in the above photo: Tim Garcia (left), Jeff Pine, Jim Parker, Key Sanders, Bernie Brandon, Matt Barker, Ralph Bolton, Jon Bloodworth, Paul Wantuck, Richard Bechtold and Rocky Royer. After

9.0 TEAM cont.

winning the Northern New Mexico District, our men's 55 and older 9.0 league team recently won the Sectional Championships and qualified for Nationals in November. They went to El Paso where they beat the top teams from Tucson and Phoenix. Now they will be traveling to the new USTA National Campus outside of Orlando Florida. They will play the Nationals on clay courts the weekend of November 15th to the 18th. Congratulations to captain Jon Bloodworth and the whole team of Santa Fe all stars for such a dominating performance in El Paso! They won 8 out of 9 matches during the weekend. Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club players also include Vahl Jackson, Jim Parker, Jeff Pine, Rocky Royer, and John Silver.



devastating hurricane season. For years, The Old Road Fund at Curtain Bluff has provided opportunities for the locals to receive an education and participate in tennis camps in America, now they are focused on helping the residents of their sister island Barbuda. The entire island is virtually destroyed, and you can help rebuild by signing up for the fundraising tournament for The Old Road Fund. Sign up with a partner , or if you need a partner let us know and we will find you one. The entry fee is \$20.00 per person. The Match Point Café will provide lunch for all participants. Sign up at the front desk by October 19th to secure your spot in the tournament and help the people of Antigua.

HURRICANE RELIEF TOURNAMENT AT THE CLUB IN OCTOBER

Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club will host a fundraising tournament Saturday, October 22nd. Play will begin at 10 a.m., and will conclude about 2 p.m.

There is a large group of players and pros from Santa Fe going to the island of Antigua for tennis week in November. While we are fortunate to be able to play tennis in the Caribbean, the locals have endured a

NOTABLES



US Senator from New Mexico, Tom Udall (*left*),
Club Receptionist, Sharon Begay,
and former NM State Attorney General, Paul Bardacke



Tristan Gress (*left*), Hollywood film actor, director and,
screen writer , James Franco , Hewitt Farr, Ian Watson, and
Jamie Clemens