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# *Topspin News*

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## **DINNER AT THE CLUB**

***Dance Lessons!***  
***February 10th***



Sherie Hartle and Bob Payton will be providing dance lessons on February 10 at 5:30. They began dancing together soon after they met in Santa Fe in the Spring of 2012. Both have resided in Santa Fe for some thirty years, Sherie has practiced Therapeutic Massage since 1979 and Bob has worked in the

Building Trades since 1974. When they met, both had been dancing their whole lives and had been keeping their eyes open to find "that perfect partner." The night of the dinner they will cover the basic salsa step, the cha cha, the Texas two-step and time permitting swing dance.

The dinner will be prepared by our new executive chef Tim Lopez.

The menu -Hors d'oeuvres : Thai Shrimp Cakes with Mint Aioli; Salad: Arugula & Warm Duck Confit Salad; Entrée- Grilled Beef Tenderloin with Portobello Mushrooms, Roasted Red Pepper, & Spinach, accompanied by Garlic Buttered Steamed Asparagus, Fresh Herb Roasted Fingerling Potatoes or Citrus Steamed Fresh Salmon with basil Roasted Garlic Butter, Harti Covert Almandine, & Maple Wild Rice with Vegetable Confetti.; **Vegetarian**- Pan Seared Balsamic Glazed Portobello Mushroom with goat Cheese Zucchini Crisps, choice of Wild Rice or Fingerling Potatoes; Dessert- Crème Brule with Chocolate Truffles. Dinner includes a glass of sparkling wine. The price is \$39.50 per person with beer and wine extra. Please RSVP.

# **DINNER AT THE CLUB**

## ***CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE FOR NM***

### ***FEBRUARY 24TH***



On February 24, at 5:30 Mariel Nanasi will be delivering a message on New Mexico's plan to transition to clean energy. Mariel Nanasi, is the Executive Director of New Energy Economy – a climate justice organization that works to transition New Mexico to a clean energy future. Ms. Nanasi is a civil rights and criminal defense attorney by trade, she is licensed to practice in both the state and federal courts. Legal cases she has won and settled have been featured in the major national and local media. Since 2008,

Mariel has used her legal expertise and organizing skills to demand corporate accountability and promote clean energy alternatives in New Mexico as a model for the rest of the country.

Ms. Nanasi has represented New Energy Economy in successful legal battles before the NM Supreme Court, the NM Public Regulatory Commission, and the NM Environmental Improvement Board. New Energy Economy is currently challenging the Public Service Company of New Mexico's ongoing investments in coal at the San Juan and Four Corners Coal Plant and nuclear at the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant before the NM PRC and NM Supreme Courts.

As we enter into the biggest civilization shift ever attempted - the global transformation from fossil fuels to clean energy - it's an epic power struggle .

Lawyer-activist Mariel Nanasi, is leading a David-and-Goliath fight for clean energy here in New Mexico.

The dinner will be prepared by our new executive chef Tim Lopez and will include:

Appetizer- Crispy Chile Spiced Shrimp; Soup- Cream of Potato & Leek Soup; Entrée- Baked Salmon en Croute or Vegetable Penne Pasta with Basil Pesto both with Honey Butternut Squash and Basil Jasmine Rice; Dessert:- Apple Pecan Cobbler with Carmel Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream. The cost is \$39.50 per person with beer and wine are extra. Please RSVP.

# **ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR**

## ***USTA SOUTHWEST SECTION***

for our work and for the historical significance of the club.

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### **PRO'S CORNER**

***BY Rocky Royer***  
***Director of Tennis***



Early in January, Bob McLaughlin and Rocky Royer traveled to Phoenix to attend the USTA Southwest Annual Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony. They were there on behalf of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club to accept the award for "Organization of the Year". This prestigious award is given to a club or organization that exemplifies the spirit of supporting and growing the sport of tennis. Previously, we won this award for the Northern New Mexico District, and also for the entire USTA section, which encompasses all of New Mexico, Arizona, and El Paso. We are honored to receive this award to be recognized

As we go through our tennis careers we have various opportunities to practice our different skill sets. Many of us play either more singles or doubles. This could be due to availability reasons such as all my friends play doubles or it's easier just to find one person, or it could be due to a preference. "I like running a lot so I want to play singles." Whichever one you like to play, by playing the other game you can practice the skills for your preferred venue. In other words, playing singles is good for your doubles and playing doubles is good for your singles. Singles tends to be a baseline and groundstroke oriented game. It can be a little bit risky to go to the net in singles because there is a lot of court to cover. By the same token doubles is more about volleys at the net. By playing doubles and getting better at volleys, you can raise your confidence in net play and thus be more comfortable taking the risk and going to the net in singles. Conversely playing singles and having to run and hit all the shots, more serves and more serve-returns, you become a better tennis player and that makes you a better doubles player. In the old days, our scouting reports on opponents would usually classify players as either a "serve and volley" player, or a "base liner".



## PRO'S CORNER CONT.

The Bryan brothers are probably better at volleying than they are at ground strokes. They decided early in their careers to focus on doubles. That paid off pretty well for them. So if you have the opportunity to play singles when you normally play doubles, take the opportunity to practice some different skills that will come in handy when you get back on the doubles. Or if you usually play singles, doubles can be a great way to practice hitting some different angles and replies to aggressive net play. By going a little outside of your comfort zone you can increase your skill-set so that your comfort zone is larger.

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## NEW BUBBLE BLOCK TIME STARTS FEBRUARY 19TH

The current block time ends Sunday, February 18. The windy season and maybe a late winter will be here soon. You can't do anything about the bad weather but you can get block time.

Requests for the next block time are due by Wednesday, February 14. With block time the bubble is reserved for your weekly game on the same day and time for six weeks. The cost for six weeks of block time is \$160. For a doubles foursome that is \$40 per player. Requests are available in the lounge or make your request by phone

## OUR NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF



Tim J. Lopez is a native to Santa Fe and has been in the field of Food & Beverage for many years, holding chef positions in establishments such as Old Mexico Grill, Ponce de Leon, Cow Creek Ranch, plus Rancho Encantado, during the ownership of Betty Egan. He is the father of two wonderful daughters and enjoys outdoor & the wilderness, for recreation in his personal time. Tim carries a high passion in culinary area and creating all styles of cuisine in an array of ethnic selections. The plan is to offer our membership more sophisticated cuisine and Tim is the chef that can deliver!

# **FEBRUARY TENNIS MIXER**

The tennis mixer is on Saturday, February 17 from 1pm-3pm. Call the Club to sign up.

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## **PICKLEBALL PLAYERS**

It feels more like spring than winter. When the weather is warm like it has been we want to be outside and what better way to spend your time outside than to play pickleball. Victor is starting a pickleball clinic. He is looking for few more players. Call the club today and sign up for the pickleball clinic with Victor.

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## **SPRING LEAGUES Forming Now!**

*Play Starts in March*

Teams are now forming and recruiting for the upcoming season. After last year's successful team play, we expect to field teams in the 3.5 and 4.0 levels for both men and women. Some of our players are being recruited by other squads so we need to start getting commitments now. We are also looking for captains for each of these teams. Please consider being a captain if you are an avid league player. If you are available to play and you want to improve your match play, then give us a call and let us know you that you want to join one of the teams.