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Topspin News

The Official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club

DINNER AT THE CLUB

Saturday, September 29

Elizabeth Inman

Purple Adobe Lavender Farm



September's guest speaker is Elizabeth Inman, entrepreneur and owner of the Purple Adobe Lavender Farm. Established in 2004, the farm is tucked away in the beautiful Chama River Valley of Abiquiu, New Mexico, about an hour north of Santa Fe.

The farm is most famously known for its eponymous, organically grown lavender, which produces a higher quality oil due to the

unique environment and high altitude of Northern New Mexico.

Besides the farm, Elizabeth is engaged in additional enterprises, including a bath and body skincare line (Belle Essence) and has authored several books.

Chef Tim Lopez will prepare the dinner. A four course meal will be served, beginning with an appetizer of baked Portobello mushroom with goat cheese, tomato bruschetta, and balsamic glaze. An arugula, shaved fennel, and fig salad with raspberry vinaigrette will follow. For the main course, attendees will have the option of braised lamb chop or roasted butternut squash, served with caramelized mint apples, garlic buttered green beans, and parmesan potato cakes. To finish the evening, a lemon lime tart.

The dinner is \$29 per person. Beer and wine are extra. Reservations are required.

Call the club and reserve your spot today!

PICKLEBALL PARTY!

Starts Friday, September 7

5:00 P.M.



Victor will be hosting a Pickleball Party, pickleball play and coaching by Victor, on Friday, September 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Meet new opponents, find new players, and play against Victor to improve your game! Victor will be coaching and offering PP tips.

Everyone is welcome! Fee is \$5.00 for club members and \$10.00 for non-members.

Contact Victor to sign-up at 505-795-3049, or speak with Bernadette at the front desk.

POOL CLOSING SOON

With the end of summer rapidly approaching, so too are the club's seasonal offerings. Most notably, the pool is slated to close for the summer at the end of the month, weather permitting. Don't miss the opportunity to take

one last dip in the pool!

Clubhouse hours are also changing. Beginning September 3, the club will be open 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily, and the pool will close at 5:45 P.M. Likewise, the Match Point Café & Lounge will be open 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. daily.

The club would like to extend a special thanks to all our seasonal pool and out of town members for making this such a great summer. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



SEPTEMBER TENNIS MIXER

You are invited to join us for this month's tennis mixer on Saturday, September 22 at 3:00 P.M. Players of all levels are welcome.

Stay a bit after and treat yourself to a tasty beverage from the bar .

Please call the front desk, or swing by the clubhouse to sign up for some fun doubles.

FALL CLINICS

Our Tuesday 3.0 - 3.5 tennis clinics will continue into the fall, with a new focus on USTA match play. The clinic price will be \$25.00 per attendee, with an additional \$5.00 guest fee for non-members. Similarly, the 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Stroke-of-the-Week clinics will continue, but now require **reservations 24 hours in advance**. A minimum of two players are needed for the clinic to make.

Victor's regular pickleball clinic is now *only* on Thursdays, 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. The fee is \$15.00 for club members and \$20.00 for non-members. Furthermore, Victor is now offering singles/doubles match challenges in a modern twist on the old "Beat the Pro" game. Play with or against Victor to improve your game play! The cost is \$15.00 per player non-members \$20.00. Contact Victor to schedule a match time.

Clinics are a fun, affordable way to improve your game, learn new techniques and meet other players. Queries can be directed to Rocky or Victor or sent to the club email at club@santafetennis.net.



MEN'S MIXED DOUBLES

Our Saturday morning men's 3.5 - 4.5 mixed doubles is in full swing! Play begins every Saturday at 10:00 A.M. and will continue through fall and winter. It will move into the bubble in November.

Players must sign up each week by Thursday night in order to confirm a spot. A maximum of 12 slots are available.

Call the club at 505-988-4100 or send an email to club@santafetennis.net to get your name on the roster!

NEW SAFETY ADDITIONS

In the interest of safety, the club has placed additional security cameras on club premises, the installation of which was completed this past month. The new cameras overlook the front gate and indoor tennis court in the parking lot.

In addition, there is a new bicycle rack for member and visitor usage, which is along the walkway to the bubble, and concealed from view to any passer-by on Cristobal Lane.

However, these security additions are no substitute for safe practices and the club strongly encourages members to conceal valuables left in vehicles and secure all bicycles with a lock.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Now that school is back in session, so too is the ***Santa Fe Tennis Academy's*** after school program.

We offer weekly group training for ages 5 to 18, Monday through Friday. If you are interested in excelling and earning a college scholarship, or if you are a recreational player, this is the place to hone your skills. Groups are organized by age group and skill level and sessions are one hour. Currently, lessons are available from 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. (Friday's, 3:30 to 4:30 only). The cost is \$70.00 per athlete, which includes four one-hour lessons.

To sign up contact Victor at 505-795-3049

(text okay) or by email.

(victor@santafetennis.net)

LOST/FOUND ITEMS TO BE DONATED SOON

Over the spring and summer, the Club has acquired a rather eclectic collection of lost and found items. Sunglasses, hats, beach towels, bathing suits, sweaters, water bottles, and underwear, to name a few, are currently being held at the front desk in several large boxes.

Unfortunately, the boxes are getting too numerous, so the Club will be donating all items lost prior to August 1 at the end of September.

At your leisure, please consider perusing the lost and found for items left behind on the tennis courts or by the pool.

2018 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 2018 Club Championships finished this weekend with just one or two glitches. A rainy Friday night made for some wet courts on Saturday morning, but by the end of the day we were back on schedule. Karen Lawrence won the "Ladies A Singles," and the mixed doubles with her husband Jeff. Bob Helmholtz was the 2016 Singles Champion, but he was not able to defend his title last year. However, he did win again this year, while Dary Sulich took second place.

In the Men's Championship Singles Flight, David Fries took first place and David Friedland was the runner-up. In the Lady's Championship Singles Flight, Jennifer Brookover was the winner and Markay Nutter was the runner-up. In the top Men's Doubles Flight, Roger Hamilton and Mark Roosevelt went undefeated to take the title. In the "A" Flight, Dennis Carlton and Harry Majors were also undefeated on route to their victory.

Overall, the weather was good after that rough start Saturday morning. The Lady's Doubles Final has been postponed until October. One of the participants was injured, and her opponent is off on a European bike ride for a month. Consequently, the Lady's Doubles Finals between Maggie Odell and Jane Clarke, and Alia Benammar and Elizabeth Reed will not be completed until October.

Thanks to everyone who played and to Chef Tim for preparing the players lunch on Saturday. The winners and runner-ups are listed below, and we will have pictures of all the winners in the clubhouse lounge shortly. Congratulations to everyone who played!

Women's Championship Singles

Winner: Jennifer Brookover

Runner-Up: Markay Nutter

Women's A Singles

Winner: Karen Lawrence

Runner-Up: Wendy Davis

Men's Championship Singles

Winner: David Fries

Runner-Up: David Friedland

Men's A Singles

Winner: Bob Helmholtz

Runner-Up: Dary Sulich

Women's Doubles

Maggie Odell-Jane Clarke VS Alia Benammar-Elizabeth Reed

To be played in October

Men's Championship Doubles

Winners: Roger Hamilton & Mark Roosevelt

Runners-Up: Vahl Jackson & Jeff Pine

Men's A Doubles

Winners: Dennis Carlton & Harry Majors

Runners-Up: Dary Sulich & Ken Reid

Mixed Doubles

Winner's: Karen & Jeff Lawrence

Runners-Up: Katherine Hillier & James West



Jennifer Brookover
Women's Singles Champion



David Fries
Men's Singles Champion



Roger Hamilton & Mark Roosevelt
Men's Open Doubles Champions



Karen Lawrence
Women's Singles A Flight Winner



Bob Helmholtz
Men's Singles A Flight Winner



Jeff & Karen Lawrence
Mixed Doubles Champions



Dennis Carlton & Harry Majors
Men's Doubles A Flight Winners