



Topspin News

The Official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club

CLUB SEEKING ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

The Club is currently seeking qualified applicants for Assistant General Manager. Our current Assistant General Manager, Bernadette, will remain at the Club in a part-time capacity.

The ideal applicant should have 3 to 5 years experience in small business management and experience using bookkeeping software. A college degree is desirable. Candidates must be willing and able to work weekends and have excellent problem solving skills.

The full job description and required skills and experience can be found online at:

<https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?cmp=Santa-Fe-Tennis-Club&t=General+Manager+Assistant+General+Manager&jk=7d6ead21f1bebb1f>

FEBRUARY BLOCK TIME

The third—and final—round of indoor block time for the winter starts Sunday, February 14. Application forms will be sent

concurrently with the *Topspin Newsletter*.

Members must have their applications submitted by the end of Thursday, February 11 and draws will be sent out by the end of Friday, February 12. Late applications are always accepted, but will not be given a slot until after the initial draw is confirmed.

Applicants will have until February 21 (one week) to withdraw their applications. After this date, no refunds will be given.

MEN & WOMEN'S SATURDAY TENNIS HIATUS

Due to the cold weather and the allure of the nearby ski slopes, Men's and Women's matchmade Saturday Tennis is on hiatus until the average morning temperatures are above 40° F.

Based on current long-range weather forecasts, matchmade tennis is expected to resume by the end of February.

Undaunted by cold weather? Please contact Bernadette at Bernadette@santafetennis.net to be placed on the cold weather sub list.

RULE CHANGES FOR 2021

By Christine Wantuck

Pickleball—a relatively new sport—is constantly evolving, as are the rules that govern play. Every January, USA Pickleball publishes an updated official rulebook which specifies new rules, clarifies existing definitions, and annotates any variations to previous rules.

The Official 2021 Rulebook is used as a reference for tournament play. New for this year is an Alternate Rulebook, designed to simplify how the rules are presented for any venue other than tournament play.

One of the biggest changes for 2021 is the addition of the provisional drop-bounce serve. The drop-bounce serve rule, is considered provisional because USA Pickleball will evaluate the rule for unintended or unexpected outcomes this year based on feedback.

The drop-bounce serve in contrast to the traditional serve removes rules such as: underhand swing motion, ball height and paddle position upon contact. The ball on the drop-bounce serve must be aided only by gravity, the ball must be hit after the bounce and the release must be seen by the receiver.

There is no restriction on where the ball can be dropped. I believe the drop-bounce serve

is going to be a game changer adding a whole new dimension to the serving team, as it provides the advantage of using groundstroke spins more aggressively on the serve.

The second major rule change is the elimination of the service let. Starting on January 25th if a serve hits the top of the net and lands in the proper service box it must be played. This rule should take very little adjustment, by the player, as it will be as similar to playing groundstrokes that hit the tape.

Finally, the non-volley zone has now been rebranded to the No Volley Zone to clarify that volleys are not to be made in the area we affectionately call the kitchen.

Before you hit the courts be sure to check out the latest changes to the game at:

USA Pickleball/IFP Official Rules - USA Pickleball

Christine is a pickleball pro at Santa Fe Tennis & Swim Club and the USA Pickleball Association District Ambassador for Northern New Mexico. She can be reached by email at

QUARTERLY FOOD MINIMUM

The food minimum has been reinstated as of January 1, 2021. The current quarter lasts from January 1 to March 31.

ABANDONED BICYCLE



A bicycle (pictured) has been left at the Club since last summer. If it belongs to you, please come claim it by unlocking the bike lock.

RENTAL WANTED

A Club member is currently seeking a rental in Santa Fe.

- Single Senior with 45 year Santa Fe history.
- Prefer house then casita or condo.
- Garage or storage a plus.
- 6 month to 1 year lease.
- Very quiet and self reliant.
- Can assist with projects and maintenance.
- Excellent references.

Please call Lee at 502-939-7909.

CLUBHOUSE & CAFE HOURS

As of February 1, Clubhouse hours are:

Monday—Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Café Hours

M, W, F: 10:00 AM—4:30 PM

T, Sat: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Closed Sundays and Thursdays.

Please note that the Café may close early on days that the outdoor courts are closed due to inclement weather.

Due to current State mandates, the Café is open for takeout, curbside pick-up, and limited outdoor seating.

Call 505-988-4100 to place your order.

SOCIAL/PICKLEBALL DIRECTORY COMING SOON

The online social/pickleball directory is launching online the first week of February!

Social members can expect to receive a welcome email with login instructions to the new Member's Area on our website, santafetennis.net.

There will be a contact directory and USPTA rating list, with more updates planned for the future. Those who have previously requested to be omitted from the online directory will not receive an email and do not have any contact information in the directory.

For technical help with any of our online logins, please email Bernadette at bernadette@santafetennis.net.

JANUARY TENNIS

COVID-19 Clinic Notes

- 5:1 Student to Instructor Ratio
- No-shows will be billed for missed clinics.
- Please cancel at least three hours before the clinic starts to avoid a fee.
- Register in CourtReserve or call the front desk.

Women's Night

*Mondays | 5:30—7:00 PM | All Levels
Welcome | In the Bubble*

Ralph Bolton teaches technique and strategy for players of all levels through drills and interactive playing.

\$35.00 Members | \$45.00 Non-Members

Fall Men's Night

*Wednesdays | 5:30—7:00 PM | All Levels
Welcome | In the Bubble*

Ralph Bolton teaches technique and strategy for players of all levels through drills and interactive playing.

\$35.00 Members | \$45.00 Non-Members

Beginner's Clinic

Sundays | 11:00 AM—12:00 PM | Outdoors

Whether you're a beginner or a rusty player, this clinic with Ralph Bolton teaches the basics of tennis through instruction and drill practice.

\$25.00 Members | \$35.00 Non-Members

Our Staff

David Garcia

General Manager

Bernadette Holberg

Assistant General Manager

Ralph Bolton

Director of Tennis

Stephen Hunter

Chef

Monika McKennie

Bookkeeping &

Administrative Support

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