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Topspin News

The official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club

Holiday Celebration

On Saturday we held our Holiday Party. Chef Leonard along with help from Lawrence and Jonas put together an amazing spread of food. Having this party was our way of showing how much we appreciate you being members of the most beautiful tennis club in New Mexico!



Curtain Bluff

By Ralph Bolton

Tucked away on a rocky promontory on Antigua's south side, Curtain Bluff coaxes visitors from life's blink-and-you'll-miss-it pace into a tranquil and enchanting island paradise. Flanked on both sides by the stunning Caribbean sea, this welcoming repose beckons visitors with breathtaking views, impeccable amenities and unparalleled hospitality.

The above is all true but I am afraid it does not quite do justice to how beautiful and how much fun one has during the first week of November during the Curtain Bluff tennis week. Members from our club and players from as far away as Great Britain were on hand for tennis clinics, private lessons, playing, and a great Pro-Am that finished a wonderful tennis week.

The tennis, water sports, and food, but most of all the camaraderie made this a fantastic week to remember.

I was down there teaching and Jonas, my son, came down as an assistant pro. Jonas ended up winning both the pro-am mixed A and B division. Member Wilson Scanlan carried me to victory in the Men's A pro-am with a finals victory over Dick Stocton, formerly ranked number 8 in the world, and his partner, Michael Gradon, who spent 15 years as a board member of the Wimbledon Championships.

Curtain Bluff Tennis Week was certainly one of the highlights of my year! If you like tennis, water sports, great food and tons of fun come join us in 2022.





December Pickleball



Pickleball players this section is just for you! Please send any pickleball info you would like to see in our newsletter to: club@santafetennis.net

12 Pickleball Tips for the Holiday Season

1. In pickleball serving aces are rare. New players should aim to just get their serve in play. As skills improve, start developing spin and pace.

2. Give yourself margin for error on all shots in pickleball; by not aiming for the lines.

3. After returning a serve, move up to the No-Volley Zone. Strategically it gives your team the greatest opportunity to execute an offensive shot.

4. Balls that are hit from below your knees are generally not attackable.

5. When dealing with such a low ball it is best to hit a soft, defensive shot to your opponent.

6. If presented with a high ball, hit it at the opponent's feet or away from them, not at their body as they may have their paddle up ready to defend.

7. Always be ready to hit one more ball.

8. In competitive play, use your strengths to attack the opposing team's weakness.

9. In recreational competition, play the

stronger player to improve your game.

10. During a match focus on what you can control, stay emotionally engaged, live in the moment with full attention on the ball in front of you.

11. Believe in yourself and be a positive, supportive partner on the court.

12 Give credit for good shots and take responsibility for bad shots.

Most importantly, have fun, make friends and spread the joy of pickleball.

Merry Dinking to All

Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve: 8am to 1pm

Christmas Day: Closed

New Years Eve: 8am to 1pm

New Years Day: Closed

December Tennis

Block Time

**Our first Block Time ends Saturday,
December 18.**

**From December 19 thru December
31 please call the front desk to re-
serve the bubble.**

**Our second Block Time starts on
Sunday, January 2.**

**Please get your Block Time
applications in by December 28.**

**Block Time is a 6-week commit-
ment for a regular day and time on
the indoor court as well as a com-
mitment to your fellow players
who have booked this time. Play-
ers must notify their teammates of
any changes, withdrawals, or can-
cellations.**

**Need additional players? Contact
the club at 505-988-4100 so that
we can assist.**

PRO TIP OF THE MONTH

By: Ralph Bolton

1. Warm-Up

**When you get on the court a warm
-up is a good way to start. A lap of
skipping can get the legs moving.
Then play some mini-tennis, you
can warm up watching the ball in-
to the strings as you are warming
up your muscles.**

2. The Serve

**Think about the placement, spin,
and speed.**

**Placement, where in the service
box are you aiming is as easy as
ABC - Alley, Body, or Center.**

**Spin, what type of spin are you
going to hit?**

**Speed, going big, or taking a little
off to get your first serve**

**Remember to always use your
wrist to accelerate at contact.**

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ADULT CLINICS

Sunday Beginner's Clinic

11:00am—12:30pm

Whether you're a beginner or a rusty player, this clinic teaches the basics of tennis through instruction and

Monday Evening Women's Clinic

5:30pm—7:00pm

Teaches technique and strategy for players with drills and interactive playing.

Tuesday Evening Men's Clinic

7:00pm—8:30pm

Teaches technique and strategy for players with drills and interactive playing.

Wednesday A.M. Women's Clinic

7:00am—8:30am

Teaches technique and strategy for players with drills and interactive playing.

Wednesday Mixed 4.0 Clinic

7:00pm—8:30pm

Teaches technique and strategy for 4.0 players with drills and interactive playing.



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