

Happy
New Year!
2022



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Topspin News

The official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club

New Heated Outdoor Seating

By Hope Munoz

Over the past week, Manuel Vasquez has been hard at work assembling six outdoor propane heaters to provide comfortable and safe outdoor seating for our members.

The heaters will make for a more comfortable environment for those members who wish to dine outdoors. Not only will the heaters provide warmth and comfort in the patio but they will also help to reduce the possibility of exposure to Covid-19 while dining at the Club.

Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club is committed to keeping our members warm, comfortable but most importantly, safe while dining at the Club.



Welcome 2022



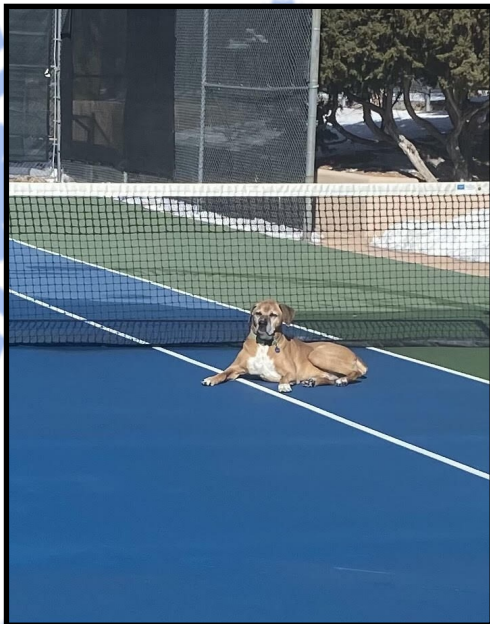
January 1st– Snow coats the tennis courts as we bring in the New Year.



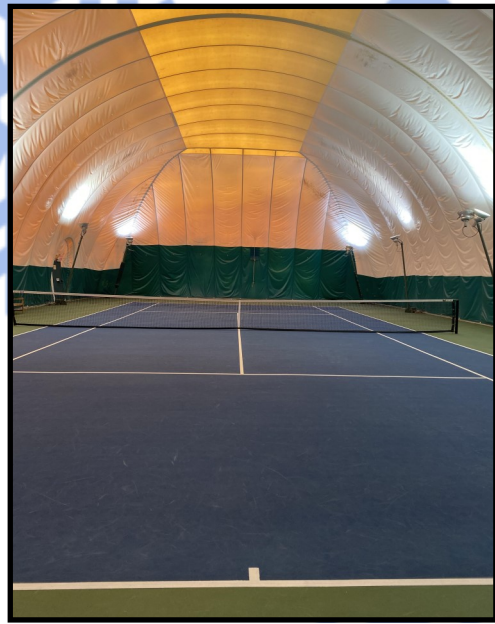
January 2nd– SFT&SC hard at work to clear the courts.



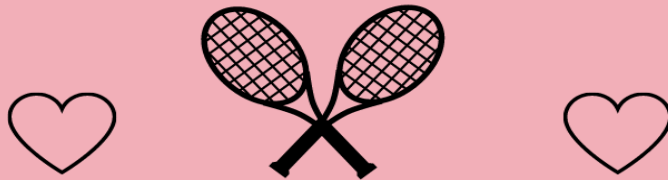
The courts are clear and ready for match play.



Case helps warm the court!



The bubble is warm, playable, and prepared for winter.



Valentine's Day Brunch

FEBRUARY 13TH

10:30AM - 2:30PM

SANTA FE TENNIS AND SWIM CLUB

BRUNCH MENU

- Eggs Benedict
with Roasted
Potatoes
- Blueberry
Pancakes with
Bacon and Real
Maple Syrup
- Mimosas

Join us for an
outdoor event in
celebration of
Valentine's Day!
Members can
enjoy brunch
and mimosas
outdoors in our
new heated
patio.



In tennis, the word
"love" represents a
score of zero. Some
believe it symbolizes a
player's love of tennis
despite losing a
match.



Members can make reservations at the front desk



January Pickleball

By Christine Wantuck



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

The International Federation of Pickleball and USA Pickleball have officially sanctioned the use of the drop serve, removing its provisional status.

The drop serve is essentially a groundstroke that begins by dropping the ball out of the server's non-paddle hand or off their paddle face aided only by gravity; no spin or velocity can be imparted to the ball drop. The ball can be dropped anywhere on the court, inside or outside the playing surface, as long as the release of the ball is seen by the receiving team and referee. If the release is not visible, the serve shall be replayed. There is no limit on the number of times the ball bounces before it is struck by the server.

So why use it? The drop serve is not bound by the three more constraining service rules that govern the traditional volley serve, namely, the server's arm must move in an upward arc at the time the ball is struck, ball contact must be below server's waist, and the paddle head must be below the wrist when it strikes the ball. However, the rules regarding foot placement during the serve and the ten seconds allowed between score announcement and serve initiation still apply. The drop serve, like any groundstroke, has the advantage of using your paddle face to impart spin on the ball without adhering to the three aforementioned volley service rules. The stroke is more similar to a return of serve, therefore relatively easier to execute.

If you are a new or seasoned pickleball player you should practice the drop serve as you may find it a useful addition to your serve repertoire. Practicing the drop serve also has the added advantage of helping you perfect your groundstrokes.

Give it a go and have fun out there!

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Member Profile

Owen Lipstein, “Publishing Wunderkind” in the 1980’s.

By Ralph Bolton

Owen launched the magazine *American Health* in 1982. He later published *Mother Earth News*, *American Country*, *Spy*, and *Psychology Today*. Later while living in the Hudson Valley, north of New York City, he founded the theater company, Shakespeare on the Hudson.

Now living in Santa Fe with his beautiful wife Maggie and precious daughter Charlie, he along with John Miller started *Santa Fe Magazine* this past fall. The magazine is a quarterly magazine that features Santa Fe’s poets, outlaws, artists, mystics, entrepreneurs, healers, builders, saints, sinners, lovers, and lunatics. It is a large, coffee table size magazine filled with beautiful photography and interesting profiles. Owen promises that *Santa Fe Magazine* will never be boring.



- Go to santafemagazine.co to subscribe.
- *Santa Fe Magazine* is offering a discounted charter subscription (1 year, 4 issues) for \$70.
- New subscribers will receive a Sam Shepard limited edition book while supplies last.
- Give a gift subscription for \$40.
- If you would like to be profiled please contact Ralph at the club.

Ralph's Pro Tip of the Month

Tennis Singles

- Consistency is vital
- Your strategy is usually influenced by your opponent
- Typically you should keep hitting at your opponent's backhand
- Probe your opponent for weaknesses
- Aim for deep shots that land three or four feet of your opponent's baseline
- Cross court shots are easier to play than down the line
- Hit down the line shots sparingly from the baseline
- At the baseline, stand diagonally opposite to your opponent
- If you move in to the net, follow the ball
- Move in to the net when your opponent is under pressure
- Angle your shots when at the net
- Mix up your serve
- Work on your weaknesses rather than your strengths

January Tennis

ADULT CLINICS

Monday Evening

Women's Clinic

5:30pm—7:00pm

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

**\$35 per member/ non-members add \$20 guest fee*

Tuesday Evening Men's Clinic

7:00pm—8:30pm

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

**\$35 per member/ non-members add \$20 guest fee*

*Due to high bubble demand we have **had** to reduce the **number** of clinics.*



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