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Topspin News

The official Newsletter of the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club



**New: Junior Tennis
Director:
Duncan Leiggi**



Duncan Leiggi started playing tennis at ten years old in the city of Walnut Creek, California. He played varsity tennis all four years of attendance at Northgate High School and started coaching part-time at 18. After getting his USPTA certification in 2014 he was hired as the Head Tennis Professional at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center where he worked heading the program until 2020. In August of 2020, he and his partner moved from Berkeley, CA to a lovely home in Santa Fe. In his spare time he enjoys hiking, biking, and baking. Duncan believes everyone can have fun playing tennis.



2022 Summer Camp

May 30th – August 5th



The 2022 Santa Fe Tennis Academy Summer Camp is a 10 week program, beginning May 30th and ending August 5th, for ages 8 and up. Our curriculum builds on the training and instruction used in the Santa Fe Tennis Academy After School Program, with top-notch training and supervised play. The tennis camp is supported by small sessions of swimming, pickleball, and physical training. Campers will have a blast while improving their strengths and skills in a positive learning environment.

Sessions:

Session 1: May 30 – June 3

Session 2: June 6 – June 10

Session 3: June 13 – June 17

Session 4: June 20 – June 24

Session 5: June 27 – July 1

Session 6: July 4 – July 8

Session 7: July 11 – July 15

Session 8: July 18 – July 22

Session 9: July 25 – July 29

Session 10: Aug 1 – Aug 5

Member:

Monday-Friday Full Days:

\$535.00 + tax (includes lunch)

Monday-Friday Half Days:

\$362.00 + tax

Non Member:

Monday-Friday Full Days:

\$588.00 + tax (includes lunch)

Monday-Friday Half Days:

\$399.00 + tax

Full Days: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Half Days: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM or
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Register on our website!

santafetennis.net

Spring Afterschool Programs:

Tennis Academy

Taught by Duncan Leiggi



Little Rippers(4-6): 3:15-4:00pm Members:

Little Rippers is a class designed to teach young players the skills they need to not only rally and play tennis, but to succeed at whatever sport they choose. We ensure success with use of the Red/Orange/Green system of progression in conjunction with sizing the court to the player. Our friendly coaches will make sure that your child always leaves with a smile!

Big Hitters(7-9): 4:00-5:00 pm

Big Hitters is a class aimed at young players hoping to begin their tennis career or hone their skills on the court. Players will not only learn how to rally, but how to serve and keep score as well. This class will use mostly orange/green balls and focus on tennis-specific fundamentals.

Junior Development(10-15): 5:00-6:30pm

Junior Development is a class designed for middle and high school students with the goal of making the junior varsity tennis team, whether you are a first-time player looking for a jump start or an experienced player looking to improve. This class will use the latest USPTA/PTR approach and will provide a focus on live ball play as well as refining the fundamentals of the sport.

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| - Afterschool Programs are 2 weeks long. | - Junior Division: Member \$149.00+tax |
| - Little Rippers: Member \$75.00+tax | Non-Member: \$190.00+tax |
| Non-Member: \$97.00+tax | - To register, please email: |
| - Big Hitters: Member \$99.00+tax | ralph@santafetennis.net |
| Non-Member: 129.00+tax | or call (505) 988-4100. |

Spring Doubles Leagues

Tennis Doubles In House League:

Starting the week of
April 4th.

- Women's: 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+
- Men's: 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+
- Mixed Doubles: 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+

T-Shirts included for everyone!

The winning team will receive a prize.

\$30.00 + tax

We will need a minimum of 4 teams signed up to create a division.

Sign up sheet at the front desk.

Pickleball Doubles In House League:

Starting the week of
April 4th.

- A League
- B League

T-Shirts included for everyone!

The winning team will receive a prize.

\$30.00 + tax

We will need a minimum of 4 teams signed up to create a division.

Sign up sheet at the front desk.

Member Profile: Paul Black



If you were to ask people who Paul Black is, some would know him as a science fiction novelist. Others know him as an advertising and brand design creative director. Still, others know him as a former tennis teaching pro. All would be right. For over 30 years, Paul has worked in branding agencies and the corporate world. He is also an award-winning creative director.

He has helped develop mega brands and websites like AT&T and GameStop, along with “startups” like the one for Anibal Aranda (www.faltapocoapparel.com). Paul is also a writer who has had 7 novels published, won the New York and London book awards, won 2 Independent Publisher's Book Awards, and his first trilogy series was optioned for TV. But his love for tennis is what brought him to Santa Fe Tennis & Swim Club. Having been an NCAA champion gymnast in college, he got hooked on tennis later in life. His abilities grew to the point that he became a USPTA Teaching Pro and worked at several country clubs in the Dallas area for over 10 years. Tennis will always be a part of Paul's life, and you can often find him on the courts playing with any of our solid tennis players.

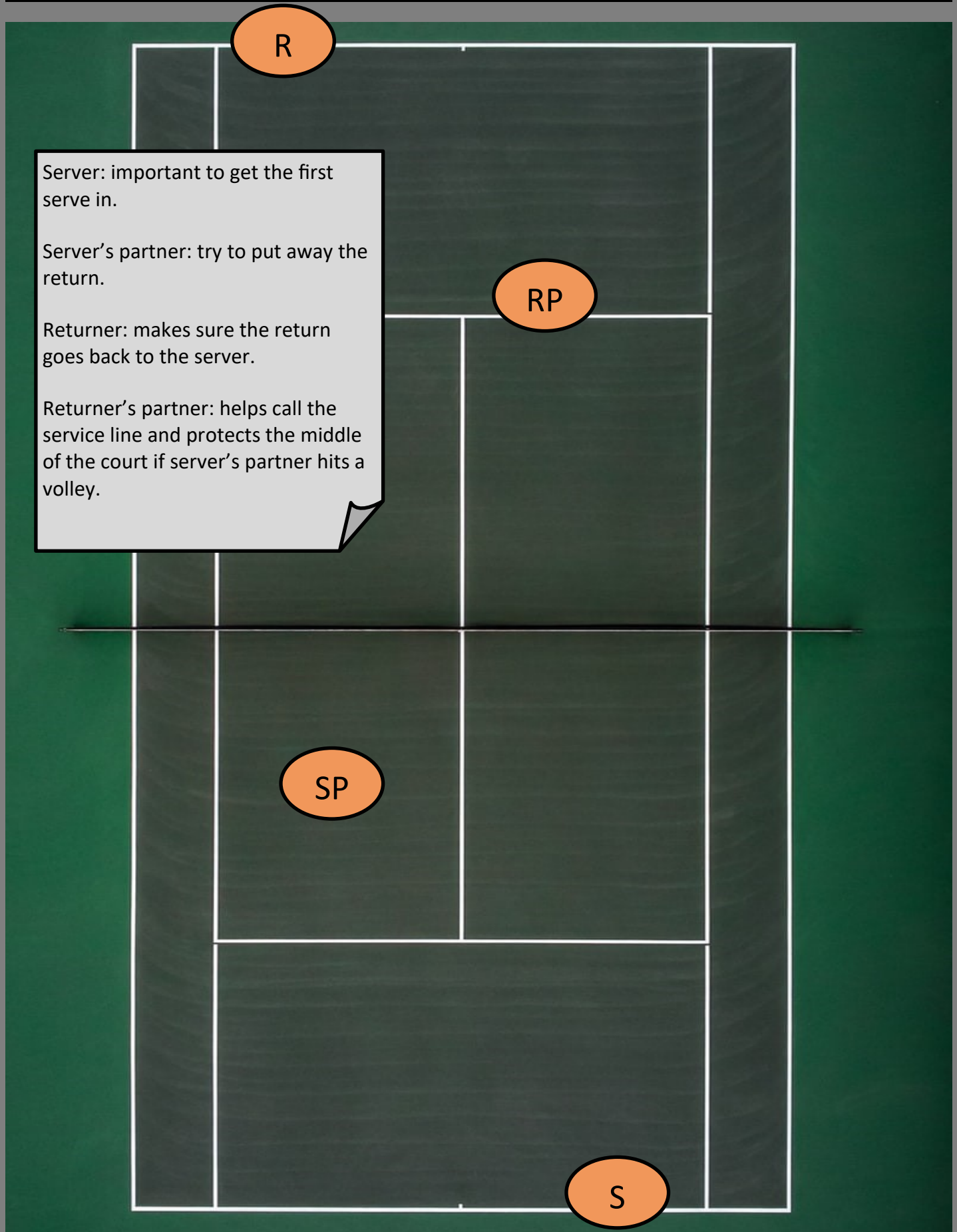
Paul's Website:

www.paulblackdesign.com

Paul's Author Site (for science fiction fans):

www.paulblackbooks.com

Basic Starting Positions in Doubles





The Dink

By Jordan Briones

March Pickleball



The game is constantly changing. Every single year there are new rule changes, new tournaments, and new players in the game. When I first started playing in 2015, the idea of the serve being an offensive weapon was a new idea. If you just watch 5.0 footage on YouTube from 10 years ago, you will see very few players serve the ball hard. Even with this sport evolving as much as it has, there's one shot that is here to stay. That shot is...you guessed it, the dink.

The dink shot is fundamental to the game. Why? Because the dink is a strategically smart shot to hit. A good dink forces your opponent to hit up on the ball, and limits your opponent's attacking opportunities. This is why you see lots of dinking at the highest level. The pros know it's a strategically smart shot to hit, and they know exactly how to set up the winning put away shot. When all four players are up at the NVZ line, the series of shots that lead to the winning shot, usually starts out with a dink.

No matter what level you are, you can ALWAYS improve your dinks. If you are a 3.0-4.0 player, this is a great time for you to work on your fundamentals and try to break the bad habits that you may have been taught, or the bad habits that you may have just naturally picked up over time. If you are a 4.0+ player, you want to always be looking to add new weapons to your toolbox, but you also want to make sure that you're not missing any key fundamentals in your game as well.

March 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

5:30pm—7:30pm

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

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

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