



**November 2023**

## **From the Service Line**

### **Let's Tennis!**

Congratulations to Art Fierro who was recently elected to the Southwest Section Board as a Director-at-Large. Art will do a terrific job representing the interests of our region on the Board.

I also want to congratulate Andy Michnovicz who was honored as the Southwest Section's Captain of the Year.

The USTA League play is over for the year with 55+ Mixed, Tri-Level and 65+ team moving on the Sectionals. Many players are awaiting the release of the NTRP ratings in early December. Also, 40 and Over teams are now forming. The team numbers will be assigned November 20.

Looking to the future, my most exciting news is that we will be introducing a Flex League – both men's and women's singles and doubles in January. The Flex League will be rolled out to Southern New Mexico players in the next few weeks. The league will feature level-based play with a lot of flexibility to schedule your matches. The Flex League has a great App, **USTAFlex**, where all the play will be arranged. I am really excited about this opportunity, and I hope it will attract a lot of players looking for competitive opportunities. The first session will run from January 15-Feb. 29 and end with a celebratory event, including trophies for the winners. More information to follow.

**Check out the playing opportunities** at your local tennis club. These opportunities vary by club and range from drop-in tennis, tennis scrambles, ladders, clinics and group and private lessons. See the links in this newsletter for the **Las Cruces Tennis Players Association, Roswell Tennis Association, the Alamogordo Tennis Association, and the Picacho Hills Tennis Association** to learn more about local play opportunities.

**Southern New Mexico Region's goal is to promote and grow tennis** through communication, partnering with existing Community Tennis Organizations and seeking out new partners, e.g., park & recreation departments, schools, tennis facilities and other organizations.

USTA Southern New Mexico's five focus areas are:

- Communication
- Adult Recreational Play / Tournaments
- Adult League Tennis
- Junior Tournament, JTT, Junior Development
- Community Outreach: schools, parks & rec departments, tennis facilities and other organizations

See you on the courts!

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