

# January 2012 Topspin Newsletter



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## Chili Bowl 2012 Saturday, January 14th,



Cost: \$12.00 per person OR Chili  
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.– Women Play  
 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.– Lunch/Chili  
 1:00-4:00 p.m.-Men Play

Sign up with a partner who can be a member or guest. You will keep the same partner throughout the events. This is a good event for any guests who are thinking about joining our club. Your entry fee will be waived if you bring chili for the competition. The best chili award will be given to the best homemade chili.

**Please sign up by Wednesday noon, January 11st by calling 951-8851 or e-mail Carlos at [topspinrsc@aol.com](mailto:topspinrsc@aol.com).**

## Tennis Ball Prices



The price for a can of tennis balls is about the only thing in tennis that has not had any big changes in price over the last 20+ years, but now that is about to change. We are expecting an increase in the price of tennis balls starting with the shipment that is supposed to arrive on January 3rd. All of the major manufacturers have announced price increases on their premium tennis balls. The companies Topspin has talked with have increased their prices between 15% and 18%. Therefore, Topspin will have to increase the price of tennis balls in the Pro Shop to reflect the price increases of the manufacturer. It is Topspin's understanding that the cheaper balls you can buy in the large department stores will also be seeing a similar price increase.

## Topspin Pro Shop



We now have a selection of High Performance Junior Racquets. They are designed for kids 6-12 years of age that want a high quality racquet. Have you tried a pair of the new Babolat Black V-Pro All Court shoes?

## Membership List

Please check the membership list in the Pro Shop to make sure all your information is correct. We have a number of members who's level has changed, changed jobs or disconnected their home phones. We update and print a new lists on a very regular basis and would like to help you keep in touch with your fellow players.




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### Looking for Regular and Senior 3.0 Men Players and Regular 3.5 Men Players

We are trying to start a new regular and Senior 3.0 men's team and a 3.5 men's team in the spring league season at Topspin. Please e-mail Judit (topspinrsc@yahoo.com) or Carlos (topspinrsc@aol.com) to organize your first team meeting so we can continue working on building the spring teams.




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### Winter Preparation & Frozen Courts

We will begin preparing the courts for the cold winter weather during December. The back windscreens will be lowered down to allow more morning sunlight on the courts. This helps speed up the defrosting of a frozen clay court. If the temperature falls below freezing it is recommended that you call head and check the court conditions. Playing on a frozen clay court can be dangerous. They make for a hard slick surface. One sign of a frozen court is that it looks white and very dry. When the clay courts start to defrost, wet soft spots start to form. Normally it is easy to tell when a court is transitioning from being frozen to defrosting. The color of the court starts changing to a dark green and very often water appears on the surface. It is very easy to hurt yourself and damage the court when this happens. After they have started defrosting it normally takes several hours for them to become playable again.




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### Topspin Junior Program Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Clinics will Restart January 9th

3:15-4:00 p.m. **Ankle Biters:** This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of tennis to very young players **from the ages of 4 through 6**. beginners are encouraged to sign up.

4:00-5:00 p.m. **High Energizers:** This clinic is designed to teach the fundamental for **ages 7-14**. Beginners and players who have not played any tournaments or JTL are encouraged to sign up.

5:00-6:00 p.m. **Master Blasters:** This is the most advanced group. Most common **ages are 12 to 16**. **Players must qualify to be part of this group by receiving Tennis Pro's approval.**

**For more information regarding costs and payment methods, call the Pro Shop at 951-8851.**