

Emphysema Slims Starts Weekend Action Today

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What do you get if you serve TV stars, top tennis pros, local health-care workers and Albuquerque morning radio king T.J. Trout and sidekick Jane Metzler?

A straight-set victory over the tobacco industry's effort to promote smoking by sponsoring sports events, says Dr. Christopher Fletcher, the organizer of this weekend's Emphysema Slims Celebrity Tennis Tournament and Balloon Rally.

The action begins at 7 a.m. today when 18 hot-air balloons take to the air from Ortiz Park north of Casa Solana. Tennis matches begin at 10 a.m. at El Gancho Tennis Club and continue until 5 p.m. Admission is \$2.

The tournament follows the same schedule Sunday, with the addition of a children's tennis clinic from 10 a.m. to noon.

On both days, tennis fans can meet celebrities and enjoy a gourmet lunch served by Evergreen Restaurant caterers.

"The purpose of the event is to focus attention on the ludicrous and unethical association of sports with cigarettes and other tobacco products," Fletcher said. "Our primary goal is to educate young people so they become aware of the manipulations of the media, especially teenagers who are easily misled."

Fletcher, head of the local chapter of Doctors Ought to Care, said the national physicians' group sponsors the tournament "to promote healthy lifestyles in a humorous, sexy and offbeat way." Other major sponsors include St. Vincent Hospital, Smoke Free Santa Fe and La Posada de Santa Fe.

Among celebrities who'll swing their rackets at the tourney are Trout and Metzler of 94 Rock; "Hunter" star Stephanie Kramer; Richard Crenna Jr., who starred in "On Wings of Eagles;" Mariska Hargitay of "Falcon Crest;" "Dallas" star Cathy Podewell; Teri Ann Linn of "The Bold and the Beautiful;" Matthew Perry, of "Sydney;" Ben Murphy, star of "Alias Smith and Jones;" and Dr. Barry Ramo of Channel 7.

David Goerlitz, former model for Winston cigarette ads, spent Thursday and Friday warning students at Santa Fe schools about the health dangers of smoking. He said the tobacco industry must convince 5,000 young people to take up smoking each year to make up for lost profits resulting from cancer deaths, smokers ordered to quit by their doctors, or people who quit on their own.

Tennis players taking part in the tournament include George Hardie, Bud Guion, Margaret Redfearn, Don Brewer, Liviu Mancas and John Gardner.

STANDINGS

Los Alamos Coed Softball League standings as of Sept. 14.

| Team | W - L |
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| Baskin Robbins | 5 - 0 |
| No Apparent Reason | 5 - 0 |
| Red Barn | 5 - 0 |
| San Ildefonso Pueblo | 5 - 1 |
| Stewarts Landscaping | 4 - 2 |
| Crazy Eights | 4 - 1 |
| LA Orthopedics | 3 - 3 |
| LA National Bank | 3 - 4 |
| Microsage | 2 - 5 |
| Gretta's Team | 2 - 4 |
| Our Gang | 1 - 5 |
| Novalemos | 1 - 4 |
| CCBC | 1 - 5 |

Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center beginning Monday.

The class, formerly called Tum-mies 'n' Thighs, will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. In the class, participants will use kickboards, swim buoys and hydrofit equipment under the direction of instructor Karen Fortson.

The cost for each session \$3. Call 662-8170 for more information.