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Tennis pro Eric Hamm offers a wealth of experience

Santa Fe, NM – Bishop's Lodge tennis professional Eric Hamm is an experienced tennis teacher and a certified tennis pro. He taught tennis at John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona, and most recently at Fantasy Island Beach Resort in Honduras' Bay Islands until he moved to Santa Fe to instruct at The Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa, a 450-acre property just outside Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Hamm was certified as a tennis pro in 1991, taught at the Hilton in Scottsdale, ran a sports motivator camp for five years and has been a private tennis teacher to a number of celebrity families in East Hampton, New York. He also taught in Arthur Ashe after-school program in Phoenix where he had 3,500 students over the course of a year.

"That's what made me a real tennis pro," he says.

Hamm has young students at Bishop's Lodge through the Children's Program, but also teaches visitors and locals of all ages in private lessons and clinics on the resort's two courts.

Hamm says his private lessons include skills and drills, an assessment of abilities and practicing basic techniques. Higher level group lessons include setting up rotating lines of players against the ball machine and coaching players on strokes and volleys.

"Tucked in the valley here we have protection from wind, and a great, sunny location with shade nearby," Hamm says.

Tennis court reservations and lessons are available to the public as well as guests at Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa. The resort has courts available by appointment without a fee.

"Although the public is welcome, City Club members do get priority treatment," Hamm says. City Club membership is available for an annual fee and includes a discount of 15% on tennis equipment as well as discounts at the spa, stables, restaurant, pool bar, gift shop, kids' camp, and on room nights.

Tennis clinics are available for \$20 per person Sunday through Friday, and Saturday clinics are \$25 per person, with a minimum of 4 people per clinic. Cardio tennis sessions are available for \$25 per half hour.

Lessons are available for \$70 per hour for private lessons, \$80 per hour for semi-private lessons. Demo racquets are for rent for \$10 per hour, hoppers of balls are available for \$10 per hour, and a ball machine is available for \$25 per hour.

Court time can be reserved and lessons can be booked at (505) 819-4014.

The Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa has been ranked by **Travel & Leisure** magazine as one of America's premier retreats, and The SháNah Spa and Wellness Center has been honored with **Condé Nast Johansens** " North America and the Caribbean Most Outstanding Spa Award."

Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa is managed by Prism Hotels whose clients include Marriott, Hilton, Radisson, Embassy Suites and Holiday Inn. To make resort or spa reservations call 800-732-2240 or visit www.bishopslodge.com.

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