

# December

Dear Parents,

December is here and we are at the end of the first semester for the 2016-2017 academic year. Players continue to have fun and we are equally excited to provide tennis training opportunities. Our newsletter is designed to keep you up-to-date on the happenings at the ATA this month. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

## Upcoming from our Calendar for December:

- 10<sup>th</sup>: ATA Car Wash
  - Deadline for ASP Payments
- 16<sup>th</sup>: ASP Close
  - Cardio Tennis Close
- 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: ATA Christmas Challenge

## Notice:

On Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> the ATA launched its "Tennis For Everyone" program. We at the ATA are so happy to partner with the Arijah Children's Foundation to provide tennis service to everyone. We value all of our players and welcome those with special needs to benefit from this awesome sport. The ATA aims to deliver high quality tennis instruction and we intend to include all persons to benefit from this sport.

## Birthdays:

We trust that all of the birthday celebrants from November had a wonderful birthday & we wish them a bright future. Please extend birthday greetings and best wishes to our celebrants for this month:

- Gabriella Davies – December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Mackenzie Gratton – December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Hujani Thomas – December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Carden Fleming – December 19<sup>th</sup>
- Trent Hughes – December 22<sup>nd</sup>

## ATA's Coaches Car Wash:

The ATA's coaches will hold regular cash washes to raise funds for the ATA. Please support this effort by donating your time or items needed or by bringing your vehicle to be cleaned. The next car wash is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

## Tennis Courts Upgrade:

We have completed our tennis courts upgrade. Our fundraising campaign continues as we are still in need of funds to finish paying the costs associated with this project. For more information about this campaign please email us at

info@anguillatennis.com. Please make a donation to this campaign. Payments can be made by credit card or by check payable to the Anguilla Tennis Academy.

## Players of the Month:

Each month we will celebrate the hard work and success of players in different categories. Please make an effort to congratulate the players and encourage them in the sport. The players of the month for December are:

### Most Improved Players

**Georgia Strand** - Follows instructions very well.  
**Somaiya Banks** - Shows discipline & commitment to tennis.  
**Severine Pradel** - Improved ability to hit the tennis ball.

### Most Valuable Players

**Dyer Irish** - Trains hard and showed improvement in skills.  
**Jaheim Greenaway** – Trains hard to improve his tennis game and growth in tennis skill.

Congratulations to **Ella Irish** on your performance at the Rights of a Child Tournament in SXM last weekend!

### ATA Player of the Month

**Sam Harley** - Sam dedicates his time to improve his tennis skill at every training session. He asks questions to increase his knowledge and follows instructions very well.

### **Tennis Tip for the Month: Return of Serve:**

Many players struggle with the return of serve. On all first serves the returner should have a pre-point decision process for where the return should go.

On the deuce side the returner should return an out-wide serve back crosscourt.

Why? Because the ball will go back in the same direction and over the lower part of the net. Also, the returner will only need to recover to approx. 1ft to the right of the center baseline.

*Merry  
Christmas*