



Anguilla Tennis Academy

"Shaping lives and building a future since 1996"

ANGUILLA TENNIS ACADEMY'S *END OF SUMMER NEWSLETTER* *2016 EDITION*

2016 Summer Camp

July 2016 marked the 21st successful Summer Camp at the Anguilla Tennis Academy. We recorded a registration of over 40 players for the two week camp. This camp was run by local coaches with visiting coaches joining in the second week. The final week of the camp was directed by Chris Wade of Texas and Ian Risenhoover and supported by our local coaches. Having more coaches allows for more attention to players. There was much more repetition and more attention to technique. There was a definite improvement in our players after this camp.

This year, we introduced our August Camp at the Academy, which was held the week following the conclusion of the Anguilla Summer Festival 2016. Very similar to our Summer Camp Program, this program also helps with recruiting for the After School Program.

Thank you to our visiting and local coaches whose contribution each year is much appreciated. The summer camp is one of the biggest attractions for the ATA facility. The Summer Camp Program is also used as a recruiting tool for children to participate in the After School Program.



The ATA Coaches and a selection of Summer Camp participants along with CEO and Founder Mr. Michelle Lake.

2016-2017 After School Program

The Anguilla Tennis Academy started its After School Program (ASP) to provide year-round tennis instruction for interested children. Since its inception in 1996, more than 4,000 children have been introduced to the sport of tennis. The ATA attempts to improve the lives of children who have few resources by exposing them to the joys, discipline, and rigors of tennis where they can acquire skills, experience ideal sportsmanship, and develop a sense of community. The ATA continues to be a wonderful experience for those who attend and has consistently drawn large numbers of children each year for the After School Program.

Our After School Program (ASP) kicks off the last two weeks of September, and runs concurrently with the academic school year.

For the 2016-2017 school year, we have over 60 children between the ages of 4-17 registered. Funds from the Windsong Foundation make it possible for the Anguilla Tennis Academy to sustain the After School Program and welcome a gradual increase in registered students. These players train together to develop their competitive ability on Saturday's in addition to the regular After School Program schedule. Senior students volunteer their time to assist with the eager kids who never miss a session. The program runs from Monday to Friday each week and the students are grouped according to their age and skill level. Each child has the opportunity to attend at least three (3) days per week for group sessions. On some occasions the students' schedules conflict with other school activities and are only able to attend twice per week.



Coaches and some After School students on court at the ATA.

Anguilla Tennis Academy to host the International Tennis Federation Junior Championships

International Tennis Federation (ITF) Qualifier Tournament

On October 14th & 15th 2016, the Anguilla Tennis Academy ("ATA") will be hosting the ATA ITF Qualifier Tournament, for boys and girls 18 and under, at its facility in Blowing Point, Anguilla. This tournament is open to all players residing in Anguilla 18 and under and will be conducted under the capable direction of Coach George Richards, ATA's Tournament Director. Coach George and his team have been working diligently to plan the details for this tournament and look forward to a successful event. The winner of each category (boys and girls 18U) will be given a wild card entry into the main draw of the Anguilla ITF Championships scheduled for November 12th through 19th 2016. Please contact us at info@anguillatennis.com or call us at (264) 498-0697 for registration details.

ATA ITF Qualifier Tournament



Date: October 14th & 15th 2016

Venue: Anguilla Tennis Academy

Registration Fee: USD\$10.00

For More Information, please call us at 498-0697

Registration Deadline: October 10th 2016



International Tennis Federation (ITF) Tournament

During the week of November 12th through 19th 2016, Anguilla will host an International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournament at the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA). During this week, Anguilla will serve as the tennis capital of the Caribbean. The Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB) in partnership with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) will host the inaugural Anguilla International Tennis Federation Junior Tournament. This tournament, which will become an annual event, ensuring Anguilla's place on the ITF Caribbean Circuit, which currently includes both Jamaica and Cayman.

This tournament is a big deal for us as it is a demonstration of how significant our facility is to this region. This has been a long term goal of the ATA and will attract international attention to Anguilla, the ATA and our children's programs. This attention will result in substantial economic benefits to the ATA which will go towards subsidizing the cost of our children's programs to assist players obtain tennis athletic scholarships to attend university. This is the first time an event of this magnitude will be hosted in Anguilla and it is our hope that this tournament will become an annual event.

The tournament will have two categories, for juniors and seniors. The junior event is expected to attract about 80 players (boys and girls); the senior event is expected to attract about 50 players (seniors). The event is expected to attract about 200 persons (players, coaches, and supporters) in all to Anguilla.



ATA Introduces Fitness Training Program into its Curriculum

This year, in addition to tennis training, our Program Director, Coach Denny Derrick is implementing a fitness training program to help build endurance. Players will be invited to participate in this training program. Coach Denny has designed an exciting and results oriented program using the knowledge and skill he acquired in his recent training trip to T Bar M Racquet Club in Dallas, Texas.



Fitness training in action at the ATA

ATA reached out to Sponsors in the local community

The Anguilla Tennis Academy's team organized themselves and reached out to local businesses who were sponsors and supporters of the ATA over the past 21 years. This was an expression of our gratitude for their support shown towards the ATA for the past 21 years.

These organizations have not only "donated" towards the ATA but have contributed in a major way to the success of the organization. We at the ATA believe that these organizations deserve to be recognized not only as being longstanding pillars in our community but also as organizations that have displayed, through their support of the ATA, a perfect example of what good corporate citizens look like.

We take this time to thank them and also ask everyone to stop and recognize the efforts of these establishments for building a better Anguilla. These companies deserve high praise for their dedication to building a future for Anguilla's youth and for giving back some of their earnings so that the ATA is sustained for Anguilla's youth.

We were not able to capture the photos of representatives from all of the organizations for various reasons. However, we wish to publicly thank companies such as:

- Cuisinart Golf Resort & Spa
- Ripples
- Highway Car Rental
- Caribbean Silk Screen
- ABC Supplies
- Straw Hat
- CCB
- Audaine & Associates
- NBA
- Kool FM
- Caribbean Cable Communications
- Anguilla Printers
- The Government of Anguilla
- Smokey's
- Triple K Car Rental
- Anglec
- Viceroy
- Benjamin Group of Companies
- Haskins Ltd
- The Anguillian
- LIME
- Carimar Beach Club
- Gorgeous Scilly Cay
- Anguilla Development Board
- Anguilla Social Security Board
- Brenda Carty

We publicly thank you for your support and look forward to your partnership going forward.



ATA Coaches presenting plaques to some of our sponsors.

ATA Players travel to the 2016 Rogers Cup

We were very pleased to see a contingent from the Anguilla Tennis Academy travel to Canada to attend the 2016 Rogers Cup. Coach Mitchell Lake along with the parents were present at the port to wish the group safe travels and offer traveling advice. The group consisted of Coach Vallan Hodge Richardson, Alysha Carty, Benajah Harrigan, Fran Louise and Angela Guinto. They all arrived in Canada safely and were hosted by Mr. Karl Hale, the Tournament Director. Coach George Richards joined the group a couple days later. Mr. Hale and his team welcomed our players and planned an exciting experience for the group.



ATA contingent at Rogers Cup in Canada.

ATA's Tennis Court Resurfacing Campaign

During the week of November 12th through 19th 2016, Anguilla will host an International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournament at the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA). After nine (9) years of wear and tear, the tennis courts are in need of repair. We have contracted Agile Courts to make the repairs and we plan to have the necessary work started mid October. We recognize that through the support of our local community and international friends who continue to support our mission, we are able to operate and conduct the affairs of the ATA. We are requesting your assistance by making a gift to us towards the overall cost to repair our tennis courts in time for the ITF tournament, and thereafter to create an environment that is safe and conducive for growth and development. We are happy to report that a donation will be made matching funds raised for the resurfacing up to **US\$60,000.00**. This donation will go towards our High Performance Training Program. With your help, we hope to have this upgrade completed before the end of October 2016.

Thank you in advance for your continued help and for your generous contribution to the Anguilla Tennis Academy. Donations can be made at the ATA's front office. For United States residents, tax deductible donations can be made by sending payments to the Anguilla Progressive Association of New York (APANY) for the tennis court repairs campaign. APANY's address is: Anguilla Progressive Association of New York, C/o Gregory Hodge, 579 Mineola Avenue, Carle Place, NY 11514. Donations can also be made by visiting our website at www.anguillatennis.com and pay via credit card using our PayPal account following the three (3) easy steps. Message: Contributions for ATA tennis court repairs. You may contact us at info@anguillatennis.com if you have any questions or concerns.



Arial view of ATA courts.

Meet: 2016 - 2017 Team ATA

The Anguilla Tennis Academy has started the 2016 - 2017 school year with a solid team of coaches and Admin staff. Some members of Team ATA are new and others have been with us for a long time. The team consists of Mr. Mitchell Lake- CEO & Founder of the Anguilla Tennis Academy, Mr. Vallan Hodge Richardson- COO, Mr. Denny Derrick-Director of ATA Programs, Mr. George Richards- ATA Tournament Director, Mr. Damien Brookes- ATA Tennis Professional, Ms. Patricia Husáková- ATA Tennis Professional, and the Fleming Lake Group Staff- Mrs. Keesha Fleming Lake, Ms. Elizabeth Bryan and Ms. Denyse Bryan.



Team ATA



Our Dedicated ATA Coaches