

Tennis Academy starts construction of courts

ANGUILLA—The Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) has now completed the first phase of the project for the state of the art facility at Blowing Point and started the second phase. The land has been cleared for the construction of the courts and the asphalt company is soon to commence work. It is estimated that by early May the ATA will have seven courts with the same specifications as the Flushing Meadow courts in New York where the US Open takes place. The entire property is also being fenced in.

The main building consists of two full locker rooms, offices, a pro shop and a state of the art multimedia room for conferences and meetings. The stadium court will be able to seat 2000 people and will also house a gym, locker room for players and an eating area. There will be monthly tournaments for junior and adult categories as well as professional, pro-am, celebrity and fundraising tournaments. It is hoped that this year's summer camp will be conducted on the new courts.

Recently a contribution of US\$5000.00 was donated to the ATA by Ari Storch. The donation came as a result of Vallan Hodge of the ATA visiting the Beachcourt Villa where Storch was staying and providing tennis coaching. Storch was impressed with Vallan's coaching abilities and his dedication to the ATA programme and decided to make the donation.