

Zina Garrison welcomed to Anguilla

ANGUILLA—At a reception at the home of Deputy Governor Mark Capes and Mrs C apes, members of the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA), sponsors and supporters welcomed former top tennis player Zina Garrison to Anguilla.

Capes welcomed her along with her manager, Gail Monk and friend Denise Hampton, saying that it is marvelous she is showing an interest in Anguilla and particularly the children who are in the tennis programme. Director of the ATA, Jason Allen thanked the Capes for their support over the years. He introduced Zina who was the number one junior Wimbledon champion in 1981, has won 14 single and 20 doubles events during her career including a gold medal at the 1988 Olympics. Her highest ranking was number four in the world. She is currently a member of the board of the United States Tennis Association and is the captain of the USA Fed Cup Team.

Garrison thanked the ATA including founder Mitchelle Lake and Allen, saying it is very special to be in Anguilla. She compared the Anguilla tennis programme to her own experience growing up and says she is pleased to be able to help the children in Anguilla. She noted that tennis opened lots of opportunities for her, including meeting the Queen and three Presidents, and she believes it can do the same for young Anguillians.

She arrived on island on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday she was taken on a tour of the new state-of-the-art tennis facility that is being built at Blowing Point, accompanied by Lake, Allen, the Deputy Governor and members of the ATA Board. That afternoon she coached some of the Anguillian children remarking that they were very excited, asked lots of questions and she sees them as a good group with lots of opportunities.

She will continue during the week to coach different groups of children. On Friday there will be an exhibition match at CuisinArt resort in which Zina will be playing and on Saturday there is a reception for her at the Anguilla Great House.

Major sponsors for Garrison's visit to Anguilla are the ATA, CuisinArt Resort, American Airlines/American Eagle, Social Security, Viceroy, Caribbean Juris Chambers, the National Bank of Anguilla, the Caribbean Commercial Bank and Cable and Wireless.