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**Tennis Academy launches “Buy a Brick” campaign**

**ANGUILLA—“Little steps lead to great things,” said ATA Board member, Brent Davis at the launching of the “Buy a Brick” campaign for the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA). Persons can purchase a brick for US\$100.00 and it can be inscribed with the name of the purchaser, a family, children, in memory of a person or whatever is chosen. The bricks are to be used to pave the walkway to the state-of-the-art tennis facility to be built at Blowing Point.**

**Governor Peter Johnstone helped launch the campaign by purchasing two bricks. He congratulated the board for its work and Mitchelle Lake who is the founder of the ATA. He noted that Mitch has much support in the USA but stressed that the people of Anguilla must demonstrate their support and show that they can do things by themselves.**

**Sports Officer, Alkins Rogers, noted that the project will not only help develop tennis on the island but the development of the youth. He wished the project all the best.**

**Davis spoke of the launch as another milestone in the ATA towards the facility that has much potential for the island and especially its children. He said that many doors will be opened for the young people including tennis scholarships to US universities. He thanked the Government for the donation of the land and urged Anguillians to contribute by buying a brick as it is a unique way to contribute to the project. He noted the importance of the project to the island’s tourism as it will give a boost in the summer months when programmes will be held for visiting players who will come with their parents and families. He said that the ATA will help build valuable life skills for its younger members including work ethics, competitiveness and teamwork. There will be cultural benefits too he said through the out-reach programme when members will be able to share the rich culture of our island and people with international participants and coaches.**

**Vice President of the ATA, Millie Hodge thanked everyone for coming and encouraged all Anguillians to get involved.**