

## **ATA after school programme now has 55 children**

**ANGUILLA—Some 55 children are regular participants in the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) after school tennis training programme. It started in September and includes four groups with children from 4-17 years being coached. It is being run by Jason Allen and Marvin Hazell, with Denny Derrick and Vallan Hodge also assisting.**

**The ATA is recognizing children who have progressed considerably since the start of the programme. In the 4-6 age group Janelle Buffonge deserves recognition, in the 6-10 year group Jacob Parles is the one making most progress. In the third group from 11-17 years Tamisha Richardson is spotlighted and in the fourth group, the advanced 11-17 age group, Katie Hawkins is the one chosen.**

**Allen says that the experience is great for the children and the coaches. The children are learning life skills, a challenging sport, how to give back to the community, social interaction and concentration skills. He says the coaches are learning how to handle large groups and are refining their coaching skills.**

**“The programme has progressed in a great way since we started, said Hazell “and I am seeing a lot of great potential in our children as they grow from year to year.”**