

Anguilla Tennis Academy to partner with Arthur Ashe programme

ANGUILLA—Following a recent visit by Mitchelle Lake, President of the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) a partnership has been established with the Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis and Education (AAYTE) programme. The latter is a non profit organization that provides year round tennis training supplemented by educational programmes to thousands of children. They are building a facility in Philadelphia to be opened early in 2006.

Lake's visit was to promote the ATA and to set up a partnership so that Anguillian youth can benefit from an international exchange programme. "I am extremely excited about the opportunity to develop a strategic partnership with AAYTE," Lake said, "that would be mutually beneficial to both programmes. " The Director of AAYTE Scott Tharp drew attention to the fact that both groups are building facilities and have similar goals. He has been invited to Anguilla to make a presentation to ATA sponsors and parents who have children in the programme.

"It would be an honour for the ATA to be associated with such a unique and wonderful programme that carries the name of Arthur Ashe and help to positively shape the lives of so many children," commented Lake.

The ATA is also embarking on a Founding Members Club for hotels, properties and individuals. The plan is for a charge of US\$5000 for guaranteed membership into the Founding Members Club plus a US\$100 per room per year for private villas or US\$100 per year per individual. Such members would have free court usage, be able to book court time two weeks in advance, participate in weekly clinics, have player matchmaking services, receive a Founding Member plaque at the site and have preferred sponsorship opportunities for events at the ATA.