

Tennis Academy presents awards at cocktail reception

ANGUILLA—At a reception held at Government House on Saturday July 30 and hosted by the Governor and Mrs Huckle, the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) presented awards to several persons in celebration of its ten years of existence and the support received.

Mitchelle Lake, the founder of the ATA and current president received an award for all his work over the years in the running of the annual tennis camp and the project now under construction of a state of the art tennis facility at Blowing Point. It was presented by Millie Hodge, Vice President, who in turn received an award for American Eagle and the support she has given to the ATA through her position as Manager.

Lake thanked the Governor and Mrs Huckle for their hospitality in entertaining the many friends of the ATA and the visiting coaches and families for the tennis camp. He noted that over the years many persons have assisted the ATA in several ways and awards were presented to recognize their dedication. Receiving awards were the Daily Herald, American Eagle, Cable and Wireless, the National Bank of Anguilla, Cap Juluca, Scilly Cay, Caribbean Cable Communications, the Anguillian, Social Security and Caribbean Commercial Bank. Also receiving awards were Anglec, Cove Castles, Bob Green, Scotiabank, Haskins, the Anguilla Printers, Caribbean Juris Chambers, and Triple K Car Rental. He added thanks to the coaches for bringing their talents, skills and resources to assist the camp. He also thanked Claudel Romney, Anne Parles and Shara Richardson for their continued support.

Lake announced that phase 1 of the Tennis Academy project is completed and next month work will commence on the six tennis courts and the stadium court. The projected date of completion is March 2006. He said that his dream for this facility is now a shared vision and encouraged everyone to assist.

Tournament Director, Bill Riddle, announced the winners of the tournaments. In the boys 18 and under it was an Anguillian final with Keithroy Proctor emerging winner. The 14 and under was won by Darryl Rawlins from St Kitts. In the girls tournament Melissa Mussington was the winner in the 14 and under tournament. A new tournament this year was for the Caribbean Cup that was donated by the Nashvilleboro Village Athletic Club. The USA won by one point with St Kitts second, Tortola and St Maarten in third place and Anguilla fourth.

Lake introduced Greg Travis of Travis Television who he commended for making the videos of the camp that are seen by some 40 million viewers across the USA. He also thanked the group of performers from Nashville who presented a concert earlier in the week. Travis said that the performers all had a good time and are willing to return to Anguilla at any time.