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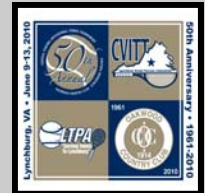
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2011 CVITT Update



Plans for the 2011 CVITT are well under way. Although we are sorry to announce the resignation of Maggie Schewel, our tournament director, we are also very excited about the new direction that the CVITT is taking. This year the tournament will be a team effort of many new ideas and talents. We are lucky to have Chris Johnson, head tennis coach for Liberty University, join our team as Director. Chris has some great ideas that should make this year's CVITT bigger and better. The tournament will run June 2 - June 5 2011 and will once again be held at Oakwood Country Club. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Have an Idea for the 2011 CVITT ? Contact a board member at LTPA@lynchburgtennis.org



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Tennis Block Party For Local Home School Group

On Thursday, October 28th thirty Lynchburg area home school children, ages 5-13, took to the courts of Randolph College for a two hour tennis block party. A tennis block party provides interactive games and attractions for all ages and abilities. The Randolph College Men's and Women's Tennis Team hosted the event. The LTPA supplied nets, balls, and rackets as well as treats and drinks. This event would not have been possible without the Randolph College Tennis Coach, Jamie Campbell and her amazing tennis teams. They were awesome with the children and demonstrated how fun tennis is! The event was very high energy with music blaring and children moving through various tennis activities. The event culminated with a prize court that was generously donated by USTA/Virginia Tennis. Here's what the parents had to say!

"It was clear to me that a lot of thought and effort had gone into the organization of stations and activities. I know we will be some of the first to sign up if this were offered again (or monthly! hint, hint)." :o)



"Anna had a wonderful time and you increased her love of tennis. I appreciate you doing this much! We will look forward to any future events you might hold. The family one at Sweet Briar sounds fun! Thank you so much!!"

"My daughter really enjoyed the block party, and I think you did a great job putting it together! It really kept the kids engaged and occupied and taught them something in the process. We would be interested in future events put on by LTPA. Thanks for including the home school community in these events!"



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LTPA Partners with Jamerson YMCA

The LTPA and the Jamerson YMCA teamed up twice in 2010 to help “grow” tennis among our beginner junior population. In the spring, the YMCA hosted four Quickstart tennis clinics for children ages 5-12. The Quickstart tennis play format is key to a positive first time tennis experience. Quickstart tennis utilizes smaller rackets, smaller courts, lower nets and bigger, softer balls that travel at slower speeds. It proved so successful that they asked the LTPA to come back in the fall and we expanded it to a six week tennis clinic. A total of 50 children participated! We look forward to providing more tennis instruction at the Jamerson Y in 2011.



Challenged Sports Exchange

Each year in August the LTPA partner with the Challenged Sports Exchange (CSE) offering an adaptive tennis program to individuals of all ages with varying disabilities. The participants are taught the basics of tennis while self confidence and life skills are learned through social interaction with each other, instructors and volunteers.

The program is held at Grace Baptist Church. The sessions end with a celebratory pizza party where trophies are presented to all participating individuals.

Sayer Wins 2010 CVITT

By PETE GRAVES

By way of Hong Kong and Radford University, Englishman Martin Sayer, seeded first, won the 50th annual CVITT (he won the title for the second time in three years) when he upended fifth-seeded shot-maker Sergio Rojas (Peru, Miami Beach, FL) 7-5, 6-1 in the finals. Rojas was impressive with his fast style until the finals when he said: “My legs gave out on me.”

The top-seeded Sayer and his partner, Jakob Gustafsson (Farmville) won the men’s doubles’ championship by downing the second-seeded team of Patrick Daciek (Severna Park, MD) and Daniel Stahl (Bethesda, MD) 6-3, 6-4.

In the men’s 35 title match, third-seeded Youssef Bouzidi (Roanoke) blasted top-seeded James Peterson (Pasadena, MD) 6-0, 6-2.

In the men’s 45 title bout, top-seeded Mark Vines (Lynchburg) downed second-seeded Drew Robinson (Lynchburg) 6-4, 6-3.

In the men’s 55 final, Richmond’s top-seeded Greg Williams edged Richmond’s second-seeded Chris Blair 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (11-9).

In the men’s 45 doubles final, the top-seeded Lynchburg team of Vines and Robinson trounced the second-seeded team of Jimmy Ellet (Forest, VA) and David Leatherwood (Greensboro, NC) 6-1, 6-2.

Blair and Williams won the men’s 55 “round-robin” crown over James Elder (Reston, VA) and William Gordon (Keene, VA) 6-1, 6-2.

The LTPA would like to thank Mr. Graves for his CVITT articles past and present. To read this article in its entirety please visit our web site at www.lynchburgtennis.org

LTPA’s Mission

After-school tennis continues to be the main focus for LTPA. After-school lessons are conducted one day a week for six weeks for an hour and a half. LTPA provides portable nets, rackets, balls and most importantly qualified instructors to implement the program. The goal in doing these programs is to first expose kids to the joys of this life-time sport and secondly to bring tennis back into PE curriculums. As the children advance to middle and high school, where they have tennis teams, these children have had a racket in their hands on multiple occasions and may just join the team. This fall LTPA provided after school tennis lessons to 35 children in two Lynchburg Elementary schools, Linkhorne Elementary and TC Miller. Through games and drills children are introduced to all facets of tennis. On the last day of instruction their skills are put to the test and children play rounds of singles, doubles and mixed doubles tennis. Top winners receive prizes and everyone goes home with certificates of achievement and other goodies! LTPA would like to thank Ginger Bagwell and Jane Hood for stepping in and volunteering their time to supervise and participate in the weekly lessons.

“I think that the kids have really enjoyed the time. It is a good mix of lesson and fun. The fact that most of them have been here each week speaks to how they feel about the class.” - Jane Hood, 2nd grade teacher at TC Miller



“Our students had a great time!! The instructors were phenomenal! The students’ progress was unbelievable; our students went from hitting the ball into the ceiling or wall to being in ready position and hitting a controlled shot over the net and IN THE COURT -- in six lessons. TENNIS is FUN!!” - Virginia Bagwell, PE teacher at Linkhorne Elementary

Jubilee Summer Camp a big HIT

Thanks to a grant from USTA/Mid-Atlantic Division and The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, the LTPA was able to sponsor a three day tennis event at the Jubilee Center in Lynchburg.



Each day for two hours LTPA instructors transformed the Jubilee Centers Gymnasium into Quickstart tennis courts. Forty children from Lynchburg’s inner city rotated through different tennis stations generating much excitement with these beginner players.. LTPA hopes to continue their partnership with this wonderful organization.