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September 2009

LTPA 2009 Tournament Schedule

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Sept 11-13 API Funds
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The Sports Racket

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Sept 12-13 Scott #5
L4+Quickstart

EC Glass HS

Oct 10-11 Bank of the
James Junior Smash
Series #3 L5

The Sports Racket

Nov 21-22 Bank of the
James Junior Smash
Series #4 L5

The Sports Racket

PLANNING FOR 2010 CVITT UNDERWAY

A Message from the Tournament Director

With the CVITT only a few months past, the CVITT committee, the LTPA/CVITT Founders, and the LTPA Board of Directors are planning ways to make the 50th Anniversary event bigger and better than ever.

Daily showers kept the Oakwood Country Club clay courts in perfect playing condition for the incredibly deep draws in all divisions of play. The Lynchburg tennis community opened their doors to house many of the Open division players of which there were forty-one. Blitz and Heidi James hosted a party reminiscent of "The Good Old Days". CVITT Founders Bill Fix and Buford Driskill sat in the shade of an old oak tree in their pressed pants and navy blazers to watch the finals of the Open and the 45 singles divisions. The \$2000 purse for the Open winner and the hospitality of the community has drawn the best players in the Mid-Atlantic to Lynchburg. The word is out!

I anticipate adding Wednesday to the Open and starting play on Friday in all other divisions in 2010. Open and Senior Mixed is another change on the planning board. A "Reunion Tournament" and a roast of Founder Bill Fix will surely bring past players and friends of the CVITT back to Lynchburg and the clay courts of 3409 Rivermont Avenue for a trip down memory lane, a week of tennis, and CVITT trivia.

Many thanks to the 2009 CVITT Committee: Dixie Saklosky, Sandy Phelps, Debra Gantt, Beth Taylor, Sandy Carington, OCC Pro Mark Vines, trainer Kevin Cope, the News and Advance, WSET, Oakwood Country Club members and staff, major sponsor Wells Fargo Advisors, and all other sponsors and volunteers for making the 49th annual CVITT possible.

Maggie Schewel,
Tournament Director



Salvation Army Summer Tennis Camp

In early summer 2009, the Salvation Army campers, between the ages of 6-12, found out how much fun Quick Start Tennis can be! These 21 children were taught by LTPA instructors and volunteers on the public courts of EC Glass High School. Many of these campers had never had the opportunity to experience tennis and were shy at first wondering what the heck it was all about. It didn't take long for them to pick up a racket and compete with their friends to see who could bounce the ball longest. Over the course of the 3 days it was inspiring to watch each child arrive eager to hit the courts, try new skills, and have fun playing tennis.

This was the second year the Salvation Army and LTPA teamed up to provide tennis lessons for the campers. It is our hope that these children will be able to continue tennis, if offered in their school, by participating in a LTPA after-school tennis program.

"Thank you for setting up the tennis classes for the children. It was an activity our children will remember for a lifetime. Not many inner city kids get the privilege of having private tennis lessons."

Major Debbie Cope, Salvation Army

COMING SOON

CVITT

50th Anniversary Event

June 9-13 2010

Sponsors, Players, Founders,
Alumni, Volunteers and Spec-
tators, mark your calendars!

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Dunbar Summer Tennis Academy

In late June and early July, Dunbar Middle School hosted a tennis academy for their summer school students. Fifty rising 5th and 6th graders participated in this two week event.

The children learned to play through a game based approach called Quickstart. Quickstart utilizes smaller courts, nets and slower moving foam balls. Success is inevitable.

With an array of instructors and volunteers the children learned to serve, volley, hit ground strokes, and most important, to have FUN. The end of the session culminated with a round robin style tournament. All participants had a great experience and the LTPA treated each student to a t-shirt and certificate of achievement.



Jr. CVITT Tournament Results

The Junior CVITT L4 USTA Tournament was held June 25-28 at Boonsboro Country Club.

Players from Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland competed in the Boys and Girls 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 divisions. Consolation rounds and doubles were also held. A Quickstart 8 and under division was held encompassing a shorter 60 foot court and low compression balls. Finishing in a tie for 2nd in the Quickstart were Katie Thomson and Hugh Wood both of Lynchburg.

Many Lynchburg players had success including Nick Larson (Boys 10 Finalist), Sackett Wood (Boys 10 Semis), Mary Cook (Girls 10 Semis), Luc Mortemousque (Boys 12 Semis), Grey Wiley (Boys 14 Semis), Nick Daley (Boys 14 Semis and Boys 14 Doubles Finalist), Julie Clark (Girls 14 finalist), Moses Hutchison-Sackett Wood (Boys 10 doubles CHAMPS), Ian Stur-gill-Anthony Wilson (Boys 10 doubles Finalists), and Mitchell Swan (Boys 14 doubles Finalist).

Special Thanks to Nancy Shelton and Winston Green, the USTA referees!



Thompson Wins CVITT

By Pete Graves

Moving from side to side and keeping the ball deep, third-seeded Nathan Thompson (Owings Mills, Md.), despite having problems with his serve, overwhelmed second-seeded Treat Huey (Alexandria) 6-4, 6-3 to win the men's open singles' crown in the 49th annual CVITT June 11-14. The field, with 2004 champion Trevor Spracklin seeded ninth, was the strongest in many years.

Thompson, a former ACC champion from Clemson, displayed a keen sense of clay-court mastery over Huey, from the University of Virginia.

The top-seeded Huey and UVa teammate Dominic Ingot (London, England) won the men's open doubles' title over the second-seeded Virginia Tech team of Patrick Daciek (Severna Park, Md.) and Nicolas Delgado (Spain) by a 6-1, 6-2 count.

Richmond's Carl Clark (35's) and Lynchburg's Mark Vines (45's) brought national number one rankings to their respective divisions and captured crowns in singles. Clark ousted second-seeded Tommy McDonald of Salem 6-2, 6-0, Vines bested Lynchburg's Drew Robinson 7-6 (8-6), 2-6, 2-1 (retired).

In the men's 45 doubles' division, the top-seeded team of Stuart Chase (Charlottesville) and David Leatherwood (Durham, NC) blasted the second-seeded team of Rodney Duncan (Lynchburg) and Dean Gianakos (Lynchburg) 6-2, 6-2.

In a men's 55 singles' thriller, unseeded Greg Williams (Richmond) edged top-seeded Chris Blair (Richmond) 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

In men's 55 doubles, the top-seeded team of Williams and Blair toppled the second-seeded team of Winder Bill (Virginia Beach) and Richard Stevens (Chesapeake) 6-2, 6-3.

In a first-ever spectacle for the CVITT, a mixed doubles' division was staged. Coming out on top was the second-seeded team of Brad Pomeroy (Asheville, NC) and Douglas Wink (Chapel Hill, NC), who downed the top-seeded team of Cassandra Price (Radford) and Martin Sayre (Radford) 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 (7).

Annual Tennis for Challenged Sports Exchange

On Tuesdays and Thursdays in August of 2009, the LTPA partnered with the Challenged Sports Exchange offering eight tennis sessions to forty individuals with disabilities of all ages. The sessions were held in Grace Church's gymnasium.

Kersten Cardwell Morrison instructed the group and said "I love this program more than anything else I do. Each student mastered every shot taught to them including the most popular overhead smash! I am so proud of them."

The sessions ended with a celebratory pizza party where trophies and award certificates were presented to all participants.



Tennis in the Parks

A Tuesday Quickstart Tennis Challenge was offered this summer through Lynchburg's Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the LTPA. The class utilized a smaller court for a fast and fun game of tennis for players of all abilities. Four sessions were held at the public Peaks View Tennis Courts. The children, ages 7-14, caught on quickly and by the end were using real tennis balls and able to rally up to 30 times in a row. Future programs are now being planned. Look for them on the LTPA website.