

# USTA Junior Team Tennis recognizes teams, players

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Young racketeers played tennis games, tried their skills at Wii Virtual Tennis, and enjoyed a trophy presentation at the South Palm Beach County USTA Junior Team Tennis League end-of-season Spring Tennis Carnival Saturday, March 29.

The carnival, hosted by Mission Bay Tennis Center, 10910 Diego Drive North in Boca Raton, welcomed approximately 90 junior players who participated in the USTA Junior Team Tennis spring league and those interested in signing up for the upcoming summer league, which begins in April.

Area League Coordinator of the USTA Junior program for South County is Jacquie Turpie of Grassroots Tennis, LLC.

"The Tennis Carnival was a fun way to thank the kids and parents for their participation and support, and interest them in continuing on to the summer league," she said. "The weather was perfect and the kids enjoyed the day."

The spring league of junior teams and their professional coaches began in February and ran through March 15. The winning team trophy for 12 & Under Intermediate spring league was presented to the Woodfield Country Club Blue Team. The winning team trophy for 14 & Under Rookie

spring league was presented to the Saint Andrew's School "Scots."

Sportsmanship trophies, chosen by junior player vote, were awarded to:

- Eli Kaplan and Michael Laing of Boca Bath & Tennis Club
- Kayla Jaffy and CJ Spadero of Boca Falls
- Nico Braverman and Emma Corwin of Mission Bay
- Jamie Wienckowski of Seasons
- Matthew Schwartzstein and Ozzie Rodriguez of Saint Andrew's School
- Julie Knight, Marc Schneiderman and Jordan Brown of Woodfield Country Club
- James Whyte of Mizner Country Club, and
- Chelsea Braswell and Susie Bernet of Quail Ridge Country Club.

Other winners included John McCormack of Boca Bath & Tennis Club, who was the winner of the Fastest Serve contest at 80 mph.

Turpie said, "The newly established spring junior league, with over 130 participants, has been a well-received addition to recreational tennis in Boca Raton, Delray Beach & Boynton Beach. The pros have been wonderful, and the children are learning more about how to play tournaments. The league is for both interme-

mediate and advanced players, but we specifically like to emphasize sportsmanship and having a great experience.

"We are anticipating an expanded summer league, which begins April 12, 2008, and welcome inquiries from both clubs and parents. A new division for 16 & Under players has been added in response to the number of juniors in that age category. Registrations are still being accepted."

Hernan Garcia Vivot, Director of Tennis at Mission Bay Tennis Center who hosted the event, said, "The USTA Junior League was a welcome addition to the tennis programs offered in the area for kids. They enjoyed traveling to other tennis clubs and playing matches with junior players they hadn't met before. The other pros and I look forward to supporting the summer league as well."

Established in 1881, The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is a progressive and diverse not-for-profit organization whose volunteers, professional staff, and financial resources support a single mission: to promote and develop the growth of tennis.

For more information on the USTA Jr Team Tennis Spring Tennis Carnival or upcoming Summer Tennis League, contact Thomas Turpie at 561-498-2925 or 561-809-7799.



(Special to the News)

1 – Jessica Shwartzstein of Saint Andrew's School returns a backhand during the Spring Tennis Carnival.  
2 – Zach Harris of Woodfield Country Club has his eye on the ball.  
3 – Nico Braverman of Mission Bay stretches to return a forehand. Braverman was one of 16 winners of Sportsmanship Awards for the spring league.

