

FRIENDS OF BITSY GRANT NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

Bitsy Grant Tennis Center is Atlanta's largest public tennis facility. It was also one of Atlanta's first public tennis centers and the only tennis center in the City with soft courts.

The Center was named for Bryan M. Grant, Jr., who was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1972. He won the U.S. Clay Court title three times, played on three U.S. Davis Cup teams, and won 19 singles titles as a senior player. Nicknamed Bitsy because of his 5-foot, 4-inch frame, he personified the "everyone can play" credo of the tennis center named in his honor.

The Friends of Bitsy Grant includes **everyone who is interested in supporting, enhancing and making suggestions for the betterment of the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center.** The Friends are managed by a group of 14 board members. Our priority for the last year and a half has been to raise money for the renovation of the Clubhouse beginning with new locker rooms. So far we have raised \$365,000 plus two challenge grants totaling \$300,000 toward our \$2 million project.

We hope you will join us on Sunday, June 8 for some family fun at Bitsy. While you are there, stop by the Friends of Bitsy Grant table to learn about the project and how you can help get involved.

Mel Locklear

Water, Water Everywhere-

Not really... As you know we are currently under watering restrictions and the soft courts are very dry. Mel Locklear (President of FOBG) is working with the City of Atlanta to get a well drilled as quickly as possible. This should solve our watering problem and let us get back to the business of designing tennis programs for the community and raising money to update the Clubhouse. We have received a permit to dig the well and are in the process of getting estimates. We will keep you updated!

Family Fun at Bitsy

Celebrating the kick-off of the USTA Pro League
Sunday, June 8, 2008 from 4-7PM

The Friends of Bitsy Grant Tennis Center are celebrating the kick-off of the USTA Pro League on Sunday, June 8 from 4-7 p.m. Bring your entire family to watch great tennis with local pros at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center at 2125 Northside Drive.

Details

The Bitsyland String Band, a local group of musicians, who perform locally and call Bitsy home, will be playing. Enjoy old time music including fiddle tunes, folk, gospel and even some country western. Chili dogs, Cokes and onion rings from The Varsity are available. Children of all ages will enjoy tennis games and drills organized by volunteers from The Westminster Schools. A tennis racket and other tennis items donated by the USTA will be raffled.

The USTA Pro League is an opportunity for professional tennis players to compete locally. The match at Bitsy Grant is the first of the summer series of eight before they travel to neighboring centers. Watch players such as **Stephen Enochs, Andre Janasik, Paul Mancini, Jonas Jarcholm, Matt Cozad, Maurice Roveri, Gavin O'Connell, Horace Reid, Eddie Gonzalez, Julian Raynal and Kip Layman** all for free.

Call 404-575-0898 with questions on how to get involved or the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center at 404-609-7193 for more information.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 7-11 | Cherokee Town and Country/Atlanta Senior Invitational |
| June 8 | Family Fun at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center |
| June 20-22 | SMTA Junior Clay Warm-Up Tournaments |