



## Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago

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Dear All,

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to update members on developments at Association level since we assumed office on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

- 1) Tennistt had the business of selecting our Junior Davis Cup (JDC) and Junior Fed Cup (JFC) teams for the pre-qualifying tournament held in The Dominican Republic 25<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016. With little time on the clock before the start of the tournament, selection of teams was completed by the end of December. The JDC team consisted of Che Andrews, Scott Hackshaw and Kobe James while the JFC team consisted of Anya King, Emma Davis and Yin Lee Assang. Team training started on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, under the National Development Programme with time for only six sessions with their respective coaches, Ivor Grazette and Lamech Kevin Clarke prior to their departure on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016. The JDC boys finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 17 teams while the girls finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams.
- 2) The National Junior Development Programme restarted in January with the U16 and U14 Elite players. The U12 Elite players will start their training after Carnival. Coaches for this programme were selected in collaboration with the newly established Tennis Coaches Association of Trinidad and Tobago.
- 3) We also met with the Regional ITF Development Officer with a view to entering into potential collaborations between the Association and the ITF. We are currently exploring opportunities for hosting the U12 Development Championships, the Regional Coaches Workshop, Regional Invitational Tournament, and a Regional Training Camp.
- 4) We held meetings with the East Zone clubs with the aim of re-establishing the East Zone Committee. The East Zone AGM was held on January 20<sup>th</sup> where a new committee was elected. The Tobago Zone, East Zone and South Zone are now constitutional with the latter due for elections. We trust that by the end of February, the North zone will also be constitutional so that we can resume Council meetings allowing for greater participation and input from the zones.
- 5) Administratively, we have conducted the following activities:
  - ✓ Updated the National Junior Rankings
  - ✓ Updated the website [www.tennistt.info](http://www.tennistt.info)
  - ✓ Sanctioned the Chetwynds Senior International Tournament and the Blue Waters Tranquillity Open Tournament
  - ✓ Instituted an accounting software for effective management the Association's funds

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- 6) In the coming two months, we plan to undertake the following:
- ✓ Commencing the Zonal Pre-Elite and Base Development components of the National Junior Development Programme
  - ✓ Hosting the Trinidad ITF and Catch National Tournaments
  - ✓ Preparing a team for the World Junior Tennis Championship
  - ✓ Establishing a Senior Ranking System

For all those who have expressed interest in assisting the Executive, we have set up the following sub-committees- Policy Development, Constitution Development, Fund Raising/Special Events, and Marketing/Promotions. Please do not hesitate to let us know your area of interest as soon as possible.

Thanks in advance,

Dr. Warren Steele  
Asst. Secretary