

RHATA NEWS

RICHMOND HILL AREA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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Thanks to all who stopped by our booth at the Seafood Festival. We were pleased to receive over 75 prize entries and 55 new names added to our mailing list.

See inside for the winners!:



President's Message

As the year comes to a close, we are pleased to announce that beginning in 2009, J.J. Bogusewski, a local pro, will be assuming responsibility for our instructional programs. More information on J.J. is contained in this newsletter. I have known J.J. for many years and feel he will be a great addition to our tennis community. I would encourage anyone interested in improving their games to take advantage of the programs that J.J. and RHATA will be offering this coming year. It's not too early to think about it as a New Year's resolution! Looking forward to the New Year, the board will be developing it's 2009 goals soon. If there are any improvements or new tennis offerings you would like to see in the new year, please let us know. As this will be the last newsletter of 2008, please accept RHATA's and my personal wish for a happy, safe and joyous holiday season.

Kurt Lauer,
President

A fun time was had by those who attended the Fall Corporate Tennis Party. Thanks to David Lamb who cooked up a low country boil, and all who brought the yummy side dishes and desserts! Thanks to Richmond Place for reserving a superb location.



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Local Pro J.J. Bogusewski joins RHATA

Please join RHATA in welcoming J.J. Bogusewski, our newest member to the RHATA team. J.J. will be heading up the many tennis programs along with the Junior and Adult Lessons. Please welcome J.J. if you happen to see him out on the courts!

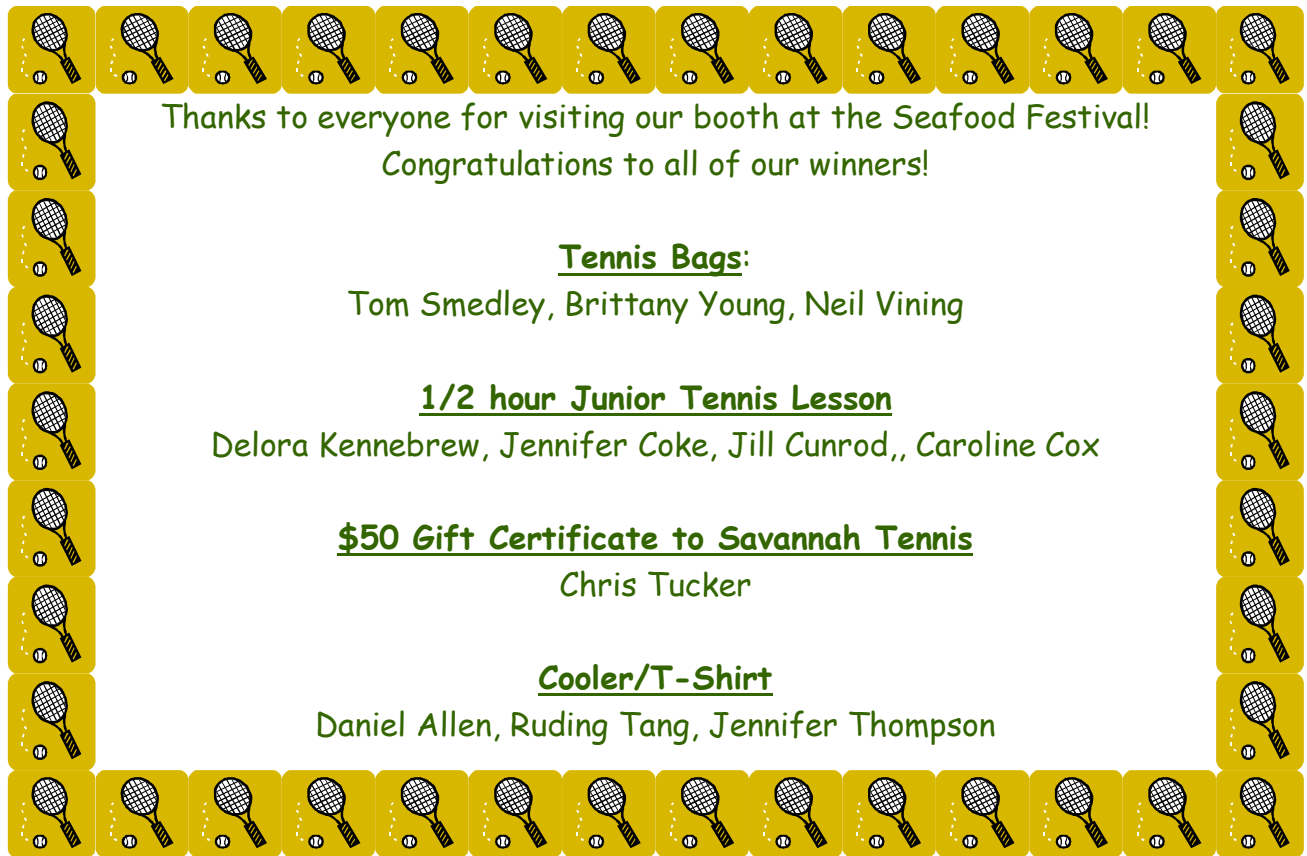
J.J. grew up in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, a small town just west of Milwaukee. There, he received his bachelor's degree in occupational safety and ergonomics from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. While attending school he played number one singles and doubles for the men's tennis team where he helped lead his team to two conference championships and was named all-conference twice.

Upon graduating from school, he moved to Savannah, Georgia to pursue a career in teaching tennis. He is certified through the United States Professional Tennis Association, (USPTA) and has taught professionally and been a member for over fifteen years. He has taught at two private clubs in Savannah and has even been hired for lessons by such celebrities as Robert Redford! His passion for teaching has helped many local juniors have successful tennis careers in college and beyond. He has also coached several area adult teams to the state level.

For the last three years, J.J. has been the assistant coach for the SCAD men's and women's tennis teams. The men's program for the first time finished tied for fifth nationally in the NAIA last year. The women's program is seeking its third consecutive conference championship. J.J. enjoys fostering the student/athlete's passion for tennis while they are pursuing their careers.

J.J. continues to enjoy playing tennis and is a highly competitive player who made it to the finals of national's on a USTA men's tennis league. He has combined his love for tennis and his passion for helping others by donating time to charity and running many successful pro-am tournaments to benefit leukemia research.

Please join us in welcoming J.J. to the RHATA team and watch our website for upcoming events to improve your game and to meet him!



Thanks to everyone for visiting our booth at the Seafood Festival!
Congratulations to all of our winners!

Tennis Bags:

Tom Smedley, Brittany Young, Neil Vining

1/2 hour Junior Tennis Lesson

Delora Kennebrew, Jennifer Coke, Jill Cunrod,, Caroline Cox

\$50 Gift Certificate to Savannah Tennis

Chris Tucker

Cooler/T-Shirt

Daniel Allen, Ruding Tang, Jennifer Thompson

TENNIS PROGRAMS

Junior Team Tennis Enny Ames

Currently, we have one Junior Tennis Team (high school age group). The team placed second even though Richmond Hill won all 4 matches. The matches will still be going strong until November 23rd. The team is in second place with a 4-0 record behind Effingham County High School Rebels. Come out and cheer our Junior Team to victory!

2008Fall Junior Team Tennis Players:

Akela S. Gryant, April Chandel McDonie, Kathryn Alexandria Wells, Daniel B Ames, Thomas Capocasale, Paige Leigh Ward, Enny Ames—Team Captain

Junior Lessons Linda Sun

Programs 5 and 6 totaled 35 players ages 5 to 18. Several juniors signed up for both programs. Team Tennis practice and drills were held every Tuesdays for 10 weeks. Both programs were very successful. Thanks to all who participated.

TENNIS PROGRAMS

Adult Programs

Neighborhood/Corporate League Tennis

James Trivitayakhun

The RHATA adult corporate tennis fall seasons is creeping ever so slowly to the end. With rained out courts and rescheduled matches, the spirit of Richmond Hill Team Tennis never faded. To summarize the season, we'll start with the vanquished. **Hot Shots** came up cold, giving everything they had but never realizing their true potential. Similarly, the **Ace Kickers** got their Aces kicked too, and they had fun doing it. **RH-Buckhead** didn't do much better either. **Richmond Place**, always looking, are right in the middle of it all. Vying for glory are **Fed-Ups** with five more matches to play, they are potential come-from-behind winners (263 games won). **Strathy Hall** is second with four more matches to play (279 games won). And the current score board leader., **Buckhead**, with three more matches to complete (339 games won). Will the season ever end? Will the weather cooperate? Will Hot Shots ever win a match? Will Fed Ups declare a pre-emptive strike and surge to a win? Stay tuned to the next episode of RHATA newsletter and you might get an answer.

Recreational Tennis

RHATA invites women of any tennis ability to join us for fun, recreational tennis every Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and/or every Thursday morning from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center tennis courts in Richmond Hill just off Timber Trail Road.

These are free pick-up games and you do not need to register ahead of time.

Ladies may play in one or more sessions, as their schedule allows.

RHATA LOVE

*Thank you to the following local businesses for assisting with the success of
the Seafood Festival*

Tim & Dave's Nursery -Richmond Hill

Savannah Tennis—Savannah

HAPPY HOLIDAYS. . .SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!