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MRTC'S a Big Hit With the Boys and Girls

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Metro Richmond Tennis Club members, along with Richmond Tennis Association (RTA) and Tennis for Life (VCU), provided tennis lessons to kids ages 6 to 11 at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. The program started in November 2011 and will continue thru the second week in February. The program will end with a Red-Ball Tennis Tournament. The USTA's QuickStart 10-and-Under format will be used. The tennis program at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls club has served over sixty kids to date. To the right is a group photo taken of the youth from the Boys and Girls Club along with MRTC staff and volunteers.



MRTC GOES BACK TO SCHOOL!

YES! MRTC ended up back in school teaching middle school tennis. Richmond Public Schools adopted a Renaissance program in an effort to build sports on the middle school level. MRTC, through a collaboration with Community in Schools, adopted two middle schools in Richmond's east end - Martin L. King and Franklin Military. MRTC president and coach, George Banks, conducted an after-school program at Franklin on Thursdays where a total of 13 kids participated. Martin L. King's program got started in January 2012.



SONNIE FLYING WITH THE FALCONS

Sonnie Bost received a tennis scholarship to play for St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, NC! We congratulate Sonnie and thank all of those who made it possible for him. Sonnie is a member of MRTC and a former member of Armstrong High School's tennis team. He has great leadership skills and has given back by helping younger players. Again, congratulations to Sonnie and Go Falcons!



MRTC and FRIENDS AWARDS –USTA/VIRGINIA AND USTA/MID-ATLANTIC SECTIONAL

United States Tennis Association (USTA/VA), recognized MRTC for its hard work during the year 2011. MRTC was voted as the 2011 ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR and Coach George Banks received 2011 HIGH SCHOOL NO-CUT COACH OF THE YEAR and 2011 HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR at the USTA/MID-ATLANTIC annual sectional awards luncheon. Twenty-eight MRTC players, members, parents and supporters attended the awards banquet in showing support for the organization's hard work. Members and players who met Roy Emerson, a tennis great, took pictures and also received autographs.



Tennis legend Roy Emerson chats with MRTC youths Muhammad Gueye, Kofi Hawley and Demetrius Pegram at 2011 USTA/Virginia Awards Luncheon!



MRTC BANNER OF RECOGNITION- USTA/VA 2011



COACH GEORGE BANKS, ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL - 2011 USTA/MID-ATLANTIC SECTIONAL

CITY OF RICHMOND'S PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITY

We would be remised if we did not recognize and congratulate our collaborative partners, the City of Richmond and RTA, on having been recognized on the state as well regional level, of the USTA. The City of Richmond's Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities along with RTA members Joe and Shima Grover were instrumental in introducing and facilitating in the Richmond Area, 3 USTA/VA Grassroots Player Development Circuit L4 and L6 Tournaments held at Battery Park in 2011. The tournaments go by the name of the Battery Park Junior Open. These tournaments garnered Parks and Recreation a USTA/VA 2011 Community Outreach of Year Award!! Also, this tournament won the 2011 Junior Tournament of the Year

award at the 2011 USTA/ Mid-Atlantic Sectional Awards Luncheon. Congratulations on a job well done and we look forward to participating in 2012 as well, along with other great local tennis clubs and individuals in Richmond, VA area and beyond!!!!

Top Picture: Victor Rizzi - Parks & Recreation, accepting USTA/VA 2011Community Outreach Award

Bottom Picture: Shima & Joe Grover - RTA , accepted USTA/ Mid-Atlantic Parks and Recreations 2011 Junior Tournament of the Year Award



RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

MRTC held its 2nd annual raffle and raised \$480.

The prizes and winners are as follows:

First place winner: Apple 16GB iPad2 -
Stephanie Banks

Second place winner: HD Blu- Ray Player -
T. L Grover

Third place w: \$150 - Henry Timmons.

Thank you to MRTC Advisory Committee Vice President, Ruffin Thornton for facilitating this process.



MRTC Advisory Committee President, Donald Raspberry and youth member, Kofi Hawley conduct the highly secured raffle drawing.



Join us for our winter indoor program held at the Westwood Country Club- Sundays from 4:00 to 5:30. Our remaining sessions are February 12th ,19th and 26th. Please call 804-332-0871 for more information

Please visit us at WWW.MetroRichmondTennisClub.Org You can friend us on Facebook at MRTC Tennis or follow us on Twitter @MRTCTENNIS

WORDS FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I want to take this time out to thank all of our participants, volunteers, assisting organizations and sponsors for your support in 2011. We look forward to working with each and every one of you in 2012. Richmond Tennis cannot be great without all of our support. Thanks and God bless!

Sincerely,

George Banks

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HARD!**