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WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR FEDERATION!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT!

ITF Junior Tournament!

The year was 2001 and the first ITF junior tennis tournament was played in Bermuda ... Here it is now 2011 and we are keeping alive the tradition of bring top quality high level junior tennis to our shores. See [website](#) for more details.

This year we have a full draw for the boys and girls 18's from XXX countries. The boys 14's are smaller while the girls 14's had to be cancelled due to insufficient entries.

The tournament will see players compete in qualifiers from 18-19th June with the tournament proper starting on 20th June and continuing through to 25th June 2011. Come out and watch and support the development of tennis on the island. Also during the tournament our ITF rep Mr. Anthony Jeremiah will be on hand for a few days from the 18th June to about the 22nd June to meet with officials, the association and the players.

BLTA Tennis Ladder!

In the summer of 2011 the BLTA Ladder returns. Do you want to play more tennis? Are you looking for more people to play and compete against? Are you looking for a challenge to your game? Then the BLTA Tennis Ladder is the answer to all your dreams.

Sunday 7th August 2011 we plan on launching the BLTA tennis ladder. Sign up today. To enroll play on the ladder all players are required to have an ITN number certified by a BLTA registered coach. Contact the BLTA or visit the BLTA [website](#) for a list of certified Coaches trained to offer the ITN test.

Keeping us informed!

A brief word or update from you the player to us your BLTA goes a long way in keeping us up to date on what is going

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on with you in the world of tennis especially. You can also keep us up to date on any of your academic or social achievements as well! We are here to serve you but it is extremely difficult to serve you if we don't know what your goals and dreams are or what your achievements are.

Each player that wants to benefit fully from the development of offering of opportunities afforded them through the local federation, the governing body of tennis the BLTA, should ensure that they have a few things on file within the BLTA offices. The items should include but are not limited to the following:

- An up to date BIO
- A list of goals and objective for the year
- A current list of all tournament achievements
- A list of current school academic achievements
- A list of current social achievements
- Your current ITN number

With such a list we can then keep you informant of opportunities that may suit your desires and abilities.

All players desiring to benefit from BLTA opportunities should also make every effort to be active within the BLTA by not only participating in BLTA sponsored events, but also playing in BLTA sponsored tournaments and assisting in committees or BLTA functions. See [website](#) for additional information.

Commercial League starts!

The 2011 Commercial League season is off to a roaring start. This year we have 13

teams and match play takes place Monday through Thursday evenings at the W.E.R. Joell Tennis Stadium. Information will soon be posted to the [website](#) concerning the Commercial league.

Next BLTA Tournaments!

The next BLTA tournaments are the adult Argus Tournament 14th July – 23rd July 2011 and the Junior Snack Pack Tournament 1st July – 8th July 2011. See the BLTA [website](#) for further details.

What is ITN?

The ITN is an international tennis number that represents a player's general level of play. In time it is hoped that every tennis player worldwide will have an ITN.

Under this system players will be rated from ITN 1 – ITN 10. ITN 1 represents a high level player (holding an ATP / WTA ranking or of an equivalent playing standard) and ITN 10 is a player that is starting to play competitively (can serve and return) on a full court using a yellow ITF approved ball.

To facilitate the rating of players the ITF have developed a Description of Standards and an objective On Court Assessment both of which can be used to rate players in the absence of competition results. For more information visit the ITF's ITN [website](#). Contact one of the BLTA certified coaches to determine your ITN number.



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