

ABOUT HYACINTH, Club Pro and Adult Programs Chair

I. CERTIFICATIONS

- ongoing Certified Instructor with the World-Wide PROFESSIONAL TENNIS REGISTRY (Headquarters in the U.S.A., President Dennis Van der Meer)
- also received Umpires' Certification with TENNIS CANADA
- also received Level-II Coaching Certification with Tennis Canada

II. CLUB INVOLVEMENT

- held several Executive Positions in various Tennis Clubs, including PRESIDENT of ALMONTE T. C. and PRESIDENT of STITTSVILLE T. C.
- at the year-round THUNDERBIRD T.C. in Kanata, for many years was organizer of popular round robins, which attracted participants from OTTAWA and HULL
- also assisted in hosting JUNIOR NATIONALS at the Thunderbird T.C., and umpired for some of these events at that site, and at other Ottawa venues

III. PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

- former Board Member of the NATIONAL CAPITAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION in Ottawa for many years in a variety of positions; this included being Vice-President~West, and organizing and overseeing the local testing (practical plus theory) required for Coaching Certification
- contributed to the re-writing process of one of Tennis Canada's COACHING MANUALS (working with other Provincial Representatives, and Chair Butch Staples)
- attended OTA's Presidents' Conference in Toronto (organized by Jay Neill)

IV. COACHING EXPERIENCE

- as part of Certification process, coached at summer clinics (FRENCH/ENGLISH) in the Laurentians
- assisted with Grass-Roots programmes for Juniors at the Thunderbird T.C. and also at the ELMDALE T.C. in Ottawa
- coached throughout the years at several area clubs
- in Almonte, introduced Tennis Canada's "MINI-TENNIS" programme for the elementary school level --extended it to a 7-month activity, starting indoors in the gymnasium in February, and ending outdoors on the courts in August

- for many years, organized, coached and supervised tennis clubs\teams for students from Grade-2 to Grade-8 at an Almonte school, and entered the Grade 7 & 8 students in Valley Tournaments for students from elementary schools
- coached at THE KANATA ACADEMY (Kanata); by invitation, was a special Guest-Coach-for-a-Day at ELMWOOD SCHOOL, Ottawa
- coached at private family courts in the valley area
- in recent years coached as a volunteer in Arnprior (where I reside)--classes for children and adults

V. PLAYING/ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

- won or placed on a regular basis in several events and tournaments over the years--Singles, Doubles, Mixed--in the OTTAWA VALLEY, as well as in Leagues and Tournaments in the OTTAWA area
- was PLAYING CAPTAIN in Ottawa's Summer Leagues during several seasons
- organized and/or assisted with OPEN TOURNAMENTS (Singles/Doubles/Mixed) hosted by the Almonte T.C.

VI. ADDITIONAL AREAS + 'MEMORABLE MOMENTS'

- working annually as a volunteer for a total of 500-hrs. on the CENTRE COURT COMMITTEE for ROGERS CUP NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS in Toronto, and receiving recognition with awards of a silver 5-yr pin and a gold 10-yr pin
- working with our club's executive and the town's recreation department to apply for, and receive, a WINTARIO GRANT to re-surface the local tennis courts
- being a Line-Umpire for ROD LAVER's exhibition match at the Thunderbird T.C.
- meeting FRED PERRY and assisting with hosting a party when he visited our Tennis Club in ALMONTE !