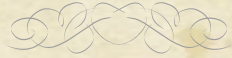


Did You Know?



ANCC & the Accelerated Growth of Tennis

During the years from 1960 to 1990 the use of the tennis complex by ANCC members grew significantly. Not only were there an increasing number of courts available for play, the level of play was enhanced by the excellent condition of the complex. The increased level of use however brought added pressure on available playing times. In September 1973 four more Har-Tru courts with an underground watering system came on line to ease the problem. The new courts were located on the eastern side of the Clubhouse, just outside the Mixed Grill. Also, in response to pleas from members living close to the Fairfax golf course, the Club constructed two Plexi-Pave (all-weather) courts there in 1981.

A long term complaint of the tennis players at Arlington was the absence of an all-weather indoor tennis facility. This quest was achieved in February 1986 when a bubble-covered, four court, all weather facility was opened for play. The “Bubble”, located in the maintenance area just off Memorial Drive, was air conditioned and finally allowed year-round play. By the end of 1989 the tennis complex at Arlington consisted of an updated Tennis Shop, 14 Har-Tru courts, five all-weather courts, and four year-round courts under the bubble. Plus the two all-weather courts at Fairfax.

In this 30 year span of time, the Club also saw an impressive number of celebrities and nationally known tennis professionals playing at ANCC. Maureen Connolly (“Little Mo”) held a tennis clinic at ANCC in April of 1966. Gordon Mulloy, considered by many as the greatest tennis player of all time, given his winning play spanning 80 years, was also a frequent visitor. Bobby Riggs, Pam Shriver, Tracy Austin and Stan Smith are among those greats who were quite familiar with ANCC over those years. ANCC had truly achieved superlative recognition in the world of tennis.