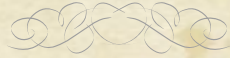


Did You Know?



ANCC & the Expansion of Tennis

Boosted by the growth and success of tennis play in the mid-to-late 1930's, the ANCC tennis activities entered the '40's well poised for expansion. By 1941 there were nine Har-Tru courts in play including two lighted courts for night play, and the two concrete courts remained in steady play. A new Tennis House offered men's and women's locker rooms, a small Pro shop, and spaces for storage and a soft drinks concession. The Tennis House was topped by a cupola, with three clocks that could be seen from all courts. A covered porch extended the length of the Tennis House with tables, chairs and umbrellas offering a welcome spot for socializing between the players and spectators.

During the war years, ANCC tennis was played mostly by members' families, but the courts continued to be popular with members stationed at the wartime offices in Washington and the area's military facilities. In 1944 the national tennis publication AMERICAN LAWN TENNIS included an article on ANCC saying "The Virginia club with nine Har-Tru courts is nationally known as a delightful place for service people, and offers the most modern facilities for enjoyment of the game." In the post-war years tennis at ANCC enjoyed a whirl of tennis and social activities. Major exhibition matches were played at ANCC by such tennis world luminaries as Jack Kramer, Bobby Riggs and Pauline Addie Betz, a Women's National and Wimbledon champion. A full schedule of local and area tournaments and Cup matches kept the courts busy. By 1952 another Har-Tru court was added and in 1962 three new Plexi-Pave courts were constructed adjacent to what is now White 1 tee. More expansion was yet to come.

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