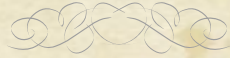


# Did You Know?



## ANCC & the Evolution of Tennis

On Armistice Day, November 11, 1924 the founders of what was to become the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Country Club (ANMCC) gathered to adopt a Constitution and By-Laws for a new Club. Included in the Club's objectives was a statement to acquire a property suitable to develop all facilities necessary for an outstanding country club of the time; golf, **tennis**, swimming pool and restaurant (Polo and Horse Shows were also considered). With those objectives in mind, our current site, then known as Columbus Country Club, was selected and finally acquired in early 1927.

The Columbus property included a former Knights of Columbus clubhouse and two tennis courts. The clubhouse and tennis courts were a positive factor in the site selection, but in poor condition and not easily suitable for use. Rehabilitation was authorized and by the "ground breaking" on August 5, 1927 the clubhouse was open, and though condition of the tennis courts was "iffy", they were playable. Renovation of the courts was complete in March 1928. Tennis at ANMCC was characterized by heavy play and underway with a full head of steam.

An increasing level of play by mid-1931 and the need to support upcoming Cup matches in July 1932, resulted in construction of three new courts. The new courts would be built using a new surface material called "Har-Tru". Har-Tru was a success and in 1932 two more Har-Tru courts were authorized. The original clay courts were resurfaced with concrete in 1934 and in 1936 four more Har-Tru courts were added, along with admission to the District of Columbia Tennis Association. Thus by 1936, ANCC had become one of the three to four most prominent centers of tennis in the Washington area. More to come on the growth of tennis in the years following.

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