

Murray Offers Tennis Lessons at Grand Hotel

By Eric Fish

Grand Hotel tennis professional Jerry Murray will conduct junior clinics at the hotel tennis courts again this year.

The clinics began June 11 and will continue through August. They're open to all Island children ages six to 15, including residents and hotel guests. Mr. Murray teaches the fundamentals of tennis, from the rules to advanced techniques.

"It just gives people a chance to get to know each other," Mr. Murray said. "It just gives the kids a chance to get out and get exercise and get to know kids from different parts of the Island."

The clinics are broken up into age groups. A Tots Junior Excellence clinic is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and for children ages six to eight.

"I like teaching it to the little kids," Mr. Murray said. "Younger kids, you basically try to show them a good time. Give them a little basic fundamental, but it's mostly about having fun



Layne Compton (left) and Hailey Bean prepare to return serves Wednesday, June 13.

on the court." A Junior Excellence clinic is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon for children ages nine and 10, and a Super Junior Excellence clinic is held Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for ages 11 and older.

Year-around Island resident Hailey Bean, 12, and seasonal resident Layne Compton, 10, are two regulars at Mr. Murray's Junior Excellence clinics on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"They're starting to learn everything and get into it," Mr. Murray said.

Miss Compton watches professional tennis on television and hopes to become a professional player someday. So far this sea-

son, she's learned advanced techniques and has improved her skills through the guidance of Mr. Murray and practice.

"I usually come up and play with a friend, but I do lessons on Monday and Wednesday," Miss Compton said. "I haven't missed one yet."

Miss Bean said she enjoys how active tennis is, and has also benefited from Mr. Murray's clinics.

"He's teaching me how to hit it right," she said.

In addition to the junior clinics, Mr. Murray holds a Beginning Practice Clinic for adults Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. New this year is an Adult Doubles League on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"It's for intermediate to advanced players," Mr. Murray said of the new adult league.

Mr. Murray is from Livonia and has played tennis since he was a child. He grew up playing junior tournaments, played two years of college tennis at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, and is currently a student at Michigan State University. He's taught lessons for the past seven years, and is now in his second summer of offering lessons at Grand Hotel.

"It helps promote fitness and health, and also it's a good sport," he said. "I've played it my whole life, so it's fun teaching everyone else what I've learned, and then to make it fun for them as well."

Shannon Records Hole in One

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Wawashkamo Golf Club.

Spending the round of golf with his 24-year old son, Jim, Mr. Shannon aced the seventh hole, a 219-yard par three, en route to shooting a six-over-par 42 through nine holes.

"Darn luck," said Mr. Shannon, an attorney and director of charter schools for Bay Mills Community College. "That's all it is."

Mr. Shannon used a driver on the lengthy par three hole. He describes his shot as carrying well through the air. He then remembers seeing it bounce up on the green and roll into the cup.

"We started screaming," he said. "We were jumping up and down."

Wawashkamo Golf Club PGA Professional Fred "Fritz" George said that acing the dreaded seventh hole is no easy task.

"Its very tough," he said, "one of toughest par threes

around."

The hole is so lengthy, narrow, and challenging that its normally used as the designated hole-in-one challenge during various tournaments and golf outings at Wawashkamo.

Mr. Shannon has kept the ball and the tee. He also has the memories of sharing his first hole-in-one with his son, Jim, on the eve of Fathers Day.

"It was very nice to be with Jim," he said, adding that the evening was memorable, regardless of the hole-in-one.

Mr. Shannon played another nine holes that day with his other son, 25-year-old Tom. His wife, Mary Anne, was out of town, but was still able to celebrate her husbands accomplishment.

What's next for Mr. Shannon?

"Were going for the senior tour," he joked.

Added Jim Shannon, referring to the PGA Senior Tour ace, "Tell Fuzzy Zoeller to watch out."

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much they want to make a mark on this place by having the church services," she said. "How much people bring Jamaica to where they are."

During the school year, Dr. Thomas teaches anthropology at the University of

Pennsylvania, including cultural politics in the Caribbean, the politics of nationalism, and political and economic dimensions of migration. She also teaches a course in the African Diaspora from the time of the slave trade, when Africans were dispersed throughout the world.

Antique Doll Collection Displayed

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"There is quite a lot of money sitting in this room right now," she said. "They are very valuable pieces of our history."

Some of the other well-known doll themes included Princess Diana, the Little Rascals, Cabbage Patch, Wizard of Oz, Little Women dolls, Gone with the Wind,

Louis Armstrong, Elvis Presley, and Mary Poppins. Hand-built carriages were on display, as well, used to wheel around the dolls as if they were a real newborn.

Linda Horn, Vanessa Hardy, Dakota Mokanyk, and Donna Pietrantonio all helped out with the event as well, making it a successful occasion for the scholarship fund.



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