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VAN DER MEER TENNIS ACADEMY
HOLIDAY 2015 NEWSLETTER



Our Holiday Wish for VDM Academy Students

Enjoyment in playing
Improvement of your skills
Growth of your mind and body
Resolve to work hard at all times
Discipline to improve your mental game
Heart to compete and always give your best
Courage to keep fighting and never to give up
Perseverance to find a way to win even when not playing your best
Grace in losing while learning something to help you later
Patience to find the solution to problems
Joy of winning some hard fought battles
Determination to make hard practice fun
Confidence to try new things

LOVE OF THE GAME !!!
Dennis and Pat Van der Meer 🎾

An important key to success is self confidence. An important key to self confidence is preparation."

- Arthur Ashe on preparing for success

"Don't let what you can not do interfere with what you can do. Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming."

- John Wooden on trying your best

"Winning is a habit; unfortunately, so is losing." "Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is." "Winners never quit, and quitters never win."

- Vince Lombardi on winning

Upcoming Holiday Events

Join us on court for great weeks of holiday tennis this November and December including Junior Weeklong and Weekend Clinics. Please visit our website at www.vdmtennis.com or ask our pro shop for the full schedule of special holiday tennis programs.





Tournament Results

Dennis Van der Meer Southern Level 3

Robert Hagen won b 12, Brooke Schafer won g 11, Tom Chang won b 16, McKenzie Collins won g 18, Madison Dillon finished 3rd g 18, Natalie Bassett finished 3 g 12, Patrick Mihai finished 3 b 12, Marcus Ferreira finished 4th b 18.

2015 ITF JR Goombay Smash Bowl

Jac Pelletier won doubles, reached SF of singles. Beau Pelletier also reached the semis of doubles.

USTA National Regional Montgomery

Marcus Ferreira made finals of 16 singles, SF of doubles (finished 3rd).

USTA National Regional Bluffton

Emily Ruckno and Sofia Zafiroopoulos won g 12 doubles, Natalie Bassett made F g 12, SF doubles (finished 3rd).

Little Mo International

Brooke Wrigley won Little Mo International u/8 in singles and doubles (with Mia Yamakita). She dedicated her trophy to "Dennis Van der Meer getting better!"



Brooke Schafer



McKenzie Collins



Robert Hagen



Tom Chang with Pat



Brooke Wrigley with Mia Yamakita



Emily Ruckno & Sofia Zafiroopoulos



Jacqueline Pelletier and her partner at the 2015 ITF JR Goombay Smash Bowl



Marcos Ondruska, newly appointed South African Davis Cup Captain and USTA Regional Finalist Marcus Ferreira

Fitness Corner

We believe that balancing fitness and mental toughness with strokes and tactics make great players. Our staff voted the following players most improved in these areas for Fall Semester. Many others were nominated; these were the winners.



Fitness Star Boy Jije Enkhsaikhan



Fitness Star Girl Molly Sanderson



Mental Toughness Star Boy Josh Wilson



Mental Toughness Star Girl Tamsin Hart

College Signing



Tate Steinour signed with James Madison University

