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The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan Speaker Mina' Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 387 (COR), "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HAGÅTÑA TENNIS CENTER TO THE "ENRIQUE R. 'RICK' NINETE TENNIS CENTER" TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ENRIQUE R. "RICK" NINETE AND HIS DECADES-LONG EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE SPORT OF TENNIS IN GUAM, BY ADDING A NEW §841 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," which I signed into law on December 3, 2004 as **Public Law No. 27-128**.

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FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

cc:

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes

Senator and Legislative Secretary

I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2004 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 387 (COR), "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HAGÅTÑA TENNIS CENTER TO "THE ENRIQUE R. 'RICK' NINETE TENNIS CENTER" TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ENRIQUE R. "RICK" NINETE AND HIS DECADES-LONG EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE SPORT OF TENNIS IN GUAM, BY ADDING A NEW §841 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 24th day of November, 2004, duly and regularly passed.

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I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2004 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 387 (COR)

As amended.

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Introduced by:

T. R. Muña Barnes R. J. Respicio J. M. Quinata

F. B. Aguon, Jr.

J. M.S. Brown

F. R. Cunliffe

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AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HAGÅTÑA TENNIS CENTER TO "THE ENRIQUE R. 'RICK' NINETE TENNIS CENTER" TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ENRIQUE R. "RICK" NINETE AND HIS DECADES-LONG EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE SPORT OF TENNIS IN GUAM, BY ADDING A NEW §841 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan
- 3 finds that the sport of tennis in Guam has developed and advanced in large
- 4 measure because of the efforts of Mr. Enrique R. "Rick" Ninete. Since 1986,

- 1 when Mr. Ninete joined the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), he
- 2 has almost single handedly transformed the formerly neglected Agana
- 3 Tennis Courts into the most vibrant and active center for tennis activity in
- 4 Guam. The tennis complex has become one of the most used facilities in
- 5 the DPR inventory, with successful programs and in-demand public usage
- 6 exceeding normal capacity, the facility now serving as the home for the
- 7 High School Interscholastic Tennis League and the Guam National Tennis
- 8 Federation.
- 9 I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that for eighteen (18) years, Mr.
- 10 Ninete has dedicated himself to advancing the sport of tennis in a number
- 11 of different ways including:
- 12 a. Introducing and coordinating Department of Parks and
- 13 Recreation group and individual tennis classes;
- b. Coordinating numerous tournaments and major events
- including North Pacific Qualifying Tournaments;
- 16 c. Personally instructing hundreds of students in the sport of
- tennis; and
- d. Serving as tennis coach for teams participating in the
- 19 Micronesian Games and the South Pacific Games.
- 20 I Liheslaturan Guåhan additionally finds Mr. Ninete has proven his
- 21 dedication and skill concerning the sport of tennis by having been certified
- as a coach with the United States Tennis Academy in 1977; becoming the
- 23 first Chamorro certified by the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) in 1980;
- 24 being recognized in the International Who's Who in Tennis, 1983; receiving
- 25 certification from the United States Professional Tennis Association

1	(USPTA) as a teaching professional in 1985; and being awarded lifetime
2	membership in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) in the mid-
3	1990s.
4	It is therefore the intent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan that the Hagåtña
5	Tennis Center be renamed "The Enrique R. 'Rick' Ninete Tennis Center" in
6	honor and respect of Mr. Enrique R. "Rick" Ninete and his ongoing
7	contributions to the sport of tennis in Guam.
8	Section 2. A new §841 is hereby added to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of
9	Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to read:
10	"§841. (a) Name Change. The name of the Hagåtña Tennis
11	Center in the village of <i>Hagåtña</i> is hereby changed to "The Enrique R.
12	'Rick' Ninete Tennis Center." All references within government of
13	Guam documentation and signage shall reflect this change.
14	(b) Signage to be Developed. The Department of Parks and
15	Recreation (DPR) shall design and develop appropriate signage to
16	identify the former Hagåtña Tennis Center as "The Enrique R. 'Rick'

Ninete Tennis Center."

IX TRANSMISSION CHECKLIST TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN (Included in File w/ All Bills Transmitted) BILL NO. 387 (OFR)

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SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

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CHAMORRO LANGUAGE AND CULTURE; Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities; Guam Historic Preservation

Trust; Department of Parks & Recreation; Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation

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November 22, 2004

The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan Speaker I Mina' Bente Siete na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler St. Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Community, Culture, Recreation and Public Broadcasting, to which the below listed bill was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations for the bill TO DO PASS:

Bill No. 387 (COR) AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HAGATNA TENNIS CENTER TO "THE ENRIQUE R. 'RICK' NINETE TENNIS CENTER" TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ENRIQUE R. "RICK" NINETE AND HIS DECADES-LONG EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE SPORT OF TENNIS IN GUAM BY ADDING A NEW §840 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED

The voting record of the members of the Committee is as follows:

TO PASS:	7
TO NOT PASS:	0
TO ABSTAIN:	0
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A copy of the committee report and other pertinent documents are attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Attachment



SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY, CULTURE, RECREATION & PUBLIC BROADCASTING

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ACONOMITED COMMINICATION Recreation & Public Broadcasting

SUBJECTIMATIES IN No. 387 (COR) AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HAGATNA TENNIS CENTER TO "THE ENRIQUES ANCK' NINETE TENNIS CENTER" TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ENRIQUE R. "RICK" NINETE AND HIS DECADES-LONG EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE SPORT OF TENNIS IN GUAM BY ADDING A NEW §840 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED

Introduced: Public Hearing:

Sen. A.D. Sanford

November 8, 2004 November 19, 2004

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MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY, CULTURE, RECREATION & PUBLIC BROADCASTING

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES CHAIRPERSON

Committee Report

Bill 387 (COR) AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HAGATNA TENNIS CENTER TO "THE ENRIQUE R. 'RICK' NINETE TENNIS CENTER" TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ENRIQUE R. "RICK" NINETE AND HIS DECADES-LONG EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE SPORT OF TENNIS IN GUAM, BY ADDING A NEW \$840 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

Introduced on November 8, 2004

Public Hearing conducted on November 19, 2004

I. INTRODUCTION

Bill No. 387 (COR) AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HAGATNA TENNIS CENTER TO "THE ENRIQUE R. 'RICK' NINETE TENNIS CENTER" TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ENRIQUE R. "RICK" NINETE AND HIS DECADES-LONG EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE SPORT OF TENNIS IN GUAM BY ADDING A NEW §840 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, was introduced by Sens. T.R. Muña Barnes, R.J. Respicio and J.M. Quinata

II. PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee on Community, Culture, Recreation, and Public Broadcasting (CCRP) conducted a public hearing beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2004, in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Legislature. Public notice was provided on November 10th and 17th 2004.

CCRP Committee Chair Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes called the public hearing to order. Speaker Ben Pangelinan, Senator Toni Sanford, and Senator Robert Klitzkie were present.

III. TESTIMONY

CCRP Chairperson Senator Muña Barnes began by inviting everyone who signed up to give oral testimony to take a seat at the witness table. Those first signed up to give oral testimony were Tommy Morrison, Greg Matanane, Robert Steffy, Torgun Smith, and Jane Aguon.

Mr. Tommy Morrison, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, said he came in support of Bill 387. He said that as a Director he never needs to worry about the tennis department because Mr. Ninete is a dynamic and powerful one-man show and quite competent at ensuring the

success of the tennis program single-handedly and as such is deserving of having the center named in his honor.

Mr. Greg Matanane, Deputy Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, said he is in full support of Rick Ninete, who has generated much in revenues through his tennis program into the department. He noted Mr. Ninete's faithful dedication to the tennis program in Hagåtña and his single-handed maintenance of the facility.

Mr. Dennis Zermeno, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said he was in full support of this bill to dedicate the Hagåtña tennis center to Mr. Ninete and said it was fitting that he joins the other historical figures in Guam history that have left their mark and have had similar dedications in their honor. He read parts of his written statement and said that Rick was "an army of one" who definitely deserved this honor because he has no equal in the history of tennis in Guam. He said that "Rick is tennis" and that he is the "great side of GovGuam."

Mrs. Jane Aguon, Secretary of the Guam National Tennis Federation, said she is in absolute support of Mr. Ninete who is "a tennis ambassador of Guam" whose efforts made the Hagåtña tennis courts eligible for the hosting of prestigious international competitions such as the South Pacific Games and local events such as the Chamorro Cup. Mrs. Aguon said for many years Mr. Ninete has shown the most dedication to improving the Hagåtña center, expanding it from four to eight courts.

Ms Esther Ninete, daughter of Rick, talked about the history of her father's love for tennis and of his commitment to developing the sport in Guam being second only to his love for his family. She said that naming the tennis center in Hagåtña after her father would not only be an honor for him but would also bring honor to their family.

Mr. Robert Steffy of the Guam National Olympic Committee testified next in total support of Mr. Ninete. Mr. Steffy said that normally he would be against dedicating something to a person still alive but in Mr. Ninete's case it is so appropriate and well deserved that he has no objections whatsoever to dedicating the Hagåtña tennis center to him.

Mr. Torgun Smith, former President of the Guam National Tennis Association, read his written testimony aloud and it said that he is in support of this bill. He said that Mr. Ninete is an inspiration to kids throughout the island and has been for many years and that he has also inspired individuals to seek out certification as tennis instructors. Mr. Smith said that Mr. Ninete has represented Guam exceptionally throughout the Pacific region and the world and commented on his perseverance throughout the years at consistently improving the Hagåtña courts, which he noted to be the center for tennis activity in Guam.

Mr. Rick Blas, President of the Guam National Olympic Committee, said he came in full support of the bill and spoke highly of Mr. Ninete. He said that the improved Hagåtña facility represents the commitment of the people taking care of the center, both Mr. Ninete and Mrs. Aguon. In regard to Mr. Ninete, he said that he is very accomplished both locally and internationally in tennis and said he cannot think of any other person more deserving of this honor than Rick because he has devoted his entire life to the Hagåtña tennis courts. He added that this bill is especially good because Mr. Ninete is still alive.

Mr. Charles Guard testified next and said that he too is in support of this bill to rename the Hagåtña Tennis Center. He said that Rick lives at the center from morning to night and noted that he has drastically improved the facility, many times through hard work and long hours negotiating for

more funding for it. Mr. Guard said that he travels extensively in the region and that Rick Ninete is the one name that people around the Pacific always recognize instantly. He said that he is convinced that if it were not for Rick there would not be tennis in Guam.

Mr. Martin Dugan testified next and said that he supports the bill. He said that Mr. Ninete is the paramount figure in the development of tennis as a sport in Guam, especially through his development of the Hagåtña courts as a thriving tennis center. He said that Rick gives all his time to the center and to Guam's children especially.

Mr. Tera Tapu testified next and said that he was very proud of this bill's intent to name the center after Mr. Ninete especially because he is a Chamorro and it honors a man who came back to Guam to offer himself and his talent to his people.

Mr. Ninete testified next, and shared that he was very touched listening to everyone's testimony on this bill, and that he was honored. He thanked Mrs. Jane Aguon for being his right-hand person. He spoke of a time in California when he heard a speech by the late Governor Bordallo, who asked Chamorro professionals in the states to return to Guam to give back to the community and stop the island's brain drain. He said that inspired him to come home and share his tennis expertise with the people. He thanked everyone for being there to support him.

Senator Muña Barnes thanked him and then yielded to Speaker Ben Pangelinan. Senator Pangelinan said he remembers the late Governor Bordallo mentioning Rick Ninete's name after returning from that California trip. He thanked him for the very valuable service he has given to the people of Guam. Senator Muña Barnes thanked him and then yielded to Senator Klitzkie.

declared that such a measure to dedicate the Hagåtña facility to Mr. Ninete is "most appropriate to illustrate Guam's appreciation of Mr. Ninete's contribution to Guam."

CCRP Chairperson Senator Muña Barnes thanked everyone for testifying. There being no further testimony from the attendees and Senators, Senator Muña Barnes declared Bill 387 (COR) to have been publicly heard.

II. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Community, Culture, Recreation and Public Broadcasting finds that Bill No. 387 (COR) AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HAGATNA TENNIS CENTER TO "THE ENRIQUE R. 'RICK' NINETE TENNIS CENTER" TO RECOGNIZE AND MEMORIALIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ENRIQUE R. "RICK" NINETE AND HIS DECADES-LONG EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE SPORT OF TENNIS IN GUAM, received only supportive testimony and no recommendations for amendments.

The Committee on Community, Culture, Recreation and Public Broadcasting hereby reports out Bill No. 387 (COR) with the recommendation to do pass.

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Senator Klitzkie commended Mr. Ninete for all his good efforts with tennis and then asked Mr. Zermeno if there was a resolution already passed by the DPR Commission. Mr. Zermeno said that the Commission was going to proceed with that right away. Senator Klitzkie then asked if Mr. Ninete was going to be receiving a pay increase in the form of a merit-based increase, since all the testimony clearly spoke of him deserving such an increment. He then shared some thoughts he has about naming any facility after someone who is still alive such as that the person or the facility itself could fall on hard times, which may cause embarrassment after the renaming ceremony has happened. Senator Klitzkie then said that hearing all the oral testimony softened his stance on that and then concluded by saying that the Commission should expedite their resolution as well as look into a merit increase for Mr. Ninete.

Senator Muña Barnes then yielded to Senator Sanford, who saluted Mr. Ninete and said this bill is something a "long-time coming" and is so well deserved.

Senator Muña Barnes thanked her and then also congratulated Mr. Ninete. She spoke of his passion, vision, and commitment to the sport of tennis for the past twenty years and said it was an honor to support this bill.

Dennis Zermeno, Jane Aguon, Torgun Smith, and Rick Ninete submitted written testimony. Additional written testimony was submitted after the public hearing by Dean Gillham who wrote that he supported the bill to rename the Hagåtña Tennis Center after Mr. Ninete, stating that such recreational sports activities such as Mr. Ninete's tennis program combats juvenile delinquency and even vandalism that comes from youth having too much spare time and not enough to do. He wrote that "in terms of dedication and hard work [Mr. Ninete] takes a back seat to no one." He



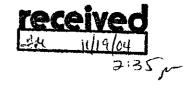
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SENATOR TINA; ROSE MUÑA BARNES

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY, CULTURE, RECREATION & PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Bill No. 387 (COR) - An act to change the name of the Hagåtña Tennis Center to "The Enrique R. 'Rick' Ninete Tennis Center" to recognize and memorialize the accomplishments of Mr. Enrique R. "Rick" Ninete and his decades-long efforts to advance the sport of tennis in Guam, by adding a new §840 to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 1, Guam Code Annotated.

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DEAN GILLHAM

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Honorable Senator Tina Muna Barnes Committee Chairperson Community, Culture, Recreation & Public Broadcasting 155 Hesler Street Hagatna, GU 96910

Hafa Adai Senator Barnes

Recently there has been a spate of vandalism on Guam, much of the vandalism directed at our public schools, at a high cost to both the public at large and to the students. This situation begs the question of "How do we prevent, or at least diminish, vandalism on Guam?". Sports is a good place to start. The more free time and energy our young people expend in the sports arena, the less time and energy they have to direct toward vandalism (alcohol consumption, substance abuse and other undesirable and destructive activities). Sports not only helps to keep the young and the adults physically fit, it also teaches teamwork, fair play and honor.

Providing active sports programs for our children requires the concentrated efforts of dedicated people. Fortunately our island is blessed with people dedicated to providing sports programs that benefit both the adults and our children. And, in terms of dedication and hard work, Mr. Rick Ninete takes a back seat to no one. I have known Mr. Ninete for many years, and during those many years, Mr. Nininte has been at the Agana Tennis Center (soon to be the Rick Ninete Tennis Center I hope) 365 days per year (at least I have never been to the Agana Tennis Courts when Mr. Ninete was not

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present, unless he were off island), providing tennis instructions, organizing tournaments and tennis activities for both the adults and our children, caring for the facilities and begging monies to improve/repair the facilities. Guam is truly fortunate to have people with the dedication of a Rick Ninete. In view of Mr. Ninete's total dedication to the game of tennis, to the activities of the Agana Tennis Center, and his dedication to the young people of Guam, I submit it most appropriate to illustrate Guam's appreciation of Mr. Ninete's contribution to Guam by renaming the Agana Tennis Center the The Enrique R. "Rick" Ninete Tennis Center.

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Very Truly Yours

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CC Speaker Ben Pangelinan Senator Lou Leon Guerrero Senator Robert Klitzkie Senator Toni Sanford

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November 18, 2004

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the bill to change the name of the Hagatna Tennis Center to the Rick Ninete Tennis Center.

I have known Rick Ninete since he returned to Guam as a Tennis Professional in the 80's. When I first heard the proposal to rename the Hagatna tennis center to the Rick Ninete Tennis Center, my first thought was I didn't even know Rick was sick. When I talked to Rick on the phone I was very relieved when he told me he was not dead.

Thanks again for the opportunity to testify.

Being the leader of a sports federation on Guam is very difficult and thankless job. I know because I was the Treasurer of the Guam National Tennis Federation for one term and the President for 2 years in the 90's. Leaders of sports federations very rarely get thanks for their volunteer work for the love of their sport. On the other hand, there is no shortage of complaints from anyone and everyone; it seems you can do no right. Rick has continued to take on the thankless job as President of the Guam National Tennis Federation year after year term after term usually running unopposed. Rick has also been involved as a Coach of Guam's National tennis teams. Rick has been head coach and assistant coach for national teams in south pacific games, mini games and many junior international events, at least as far back as 1987 My point is Rick has been a solid foundation of the tennis community since he has returned to Guam as a Tennis Professional.

Rick has been an inspiration to many kids who have taken lessons for him over the years. Rick has also inspired many individuals in the local tennis community, including myself to obtain their certification as instructors & professionals in the Internationally recognized Professional Tennis Registry (PTR). Rick recently was the facilitator of a workshop to certify avid tennis players from Guam Kosrae, and Palau as, instructors and coaches with the PTR. Rick arranged for none other than the CEO of PTR, Dan Santorum to come to Guam and conduct classes for these regional candidates. This is one example of Rick's dedication to the continued growth of the sport of tennis on Guam and in the region.

In summary, I support the idea of honoring Rick with the renaming of the Hagatna tennis center in his name. For almost as long as I can remember, when you think of the tennis courts by the pool, you think of Rick. From the shack he built in the mid '80's to shade himself, and store his equipment, to the current structure that was constructed in time for the 1994 Micronesian Games, Rick has always been a part of the courts.

This support is not to take away from other Pioneers that influenced the development of the sport tennis on Guam. I think it would be a good idea if Parks & Rec could set aside some space for Rick and the GNTF to develop a Local Tennis Hall of Fame. Perhaps funding for a Hall of Fame could be secured from some sort of grant from the ITF or the like to honor some of the other individuals who have contributed to the sport over the last 30+ years. Some of those individuals include Joe Paulino, Pete & Joe Cepeda, Jane Augon, Al Guerrero, Qui Hyuhn, and Luan Ngyuen to name a few.

On another note as you may or may not know the Hagatna tennis center is the best and most popular public tennis venue on Guam. Since Super Typhoon Pongsona tennis has experienced a tremendous decline in participation. The most popular time to play tennis on Guam is at night because most tennis players work during the day and it is cooler at night. Since Super Typhoon Pongsona the Hagatna tennis center has been without lights. Please find a way to get Rick some money to get the lights fixed at the tennis courts. In a couple weeks it will be 2 years that tennis player have been deprived of enjoying their sport at a public facility without trying to beat the darkness. Competing for the courts from 5-7 pm has turned many tennis player completely away from the sport.

Torgun Smith

- On Behalf of Mr. Rich R. Ninete -

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

I sit before you to tell you about Mr. Rick Ninete and how his tennis talent and professionalism have made the Hagatna Tennis Facility grew to become the home of local and international tennis events.

Mr. Ninete is a tennis ambassador. His efforts have made the Gov't of Guam Parks and Recreation Hagatna Tennis Center a member of the USTA tennis facilities. He efforts made this facility playable for the Mcronesian Games, the South Pacific Games, the North Pacific Jr. Qualifier (these are prestigious international tennis events), the annual Chamorro Tennis Open, the Governor's Tennis Cups, and the Guam Jr. Open, the Interscholastic Tennis Leagues are all prestigious local events. This facility have hosted the USTA Schools tennis programs, Programs for Special Education, invitation from The Guam Visitor's Bureau, among the many—all because this man opened the facility up for usage and prepared the facility for such events.

Year in and year out, this one man team at the Hagatna Tennis Center did it all.

Most Sincerely Juana "Jane" Mr. Aguar

On behalf of Mr. Enrique R 'Rick' Ninete

Prepared for the hearing on
Act to Change the name of the Hagatna Tennis Center to
"Enrique R. 'Rick' Ninete Tennis Center"

Presented to the 27th Guam Legislature on Thursday, November 18th, 2004

Prior to coming to Guam, I sought my professional tennis certification with the US Tennis Academy in 1977. Ever since then, I have continued my professional development and became certified with the US Professional Tennis Registry in 1980 and the US Professional Tennis Association in 1985, the Racquet Stringers Association in 1980.

Bearing four certificates I was able to be active in tennis at a club level, coached the high school team of Alhambra High School in Martinez, Calif., became a tennis instructor for private and group classes for the Martinez, Piedmont, and Pleasant Hill -- three Parks and Recreation districts.

While in California, I founded Guamerica Tennis Association and gave free tennis clinics to the Chamorro tennis enthusiasts residing in Hayward and Freemont. I directed and hosted the first Chamorro Tennis Tournament in Concord.

This passion for tennis and tennis for Chamorros is the very reason why I took the first opportunity to do both when the late Governor Bordallo

approached me in Hayward back in 1983 and told me of the Parks and Recreation Division that has been established in the Government of Guam.

So here I am in Guam two years later. In 1986, I took the Parks and Recreation job as Recreation Coordinator. I approached the Agana Tennis Courts with one student in the four shabbiest looking unsafe tennis courts. The Agana Tennis Courts had more vegetation in the courts than outside, the surface was unsafe beyond imagination, the torn nets beyond repair, and with its three out of thirty six lights, one might as well not turn them on to play with.

As the years go by, teaching one student grew to the to teaching hundreds and now over a thousand, as I accepted tennis students, did tennis clinics, visited public, elementary, middle, and high schools to introduce tennis.

In two and a half years, I am able to generate over \$38,000 toward the resurfacing of the Agana and Tamuuning Tennis courts. Then you can imagine more people visiting the courts to play, to learn, and to compete.

In those years, I created tennis programs. In its beginnings, my first office was under the da'og tree, then moving into the abandoned Tax and Revenue drivers' testing cubicle, and on to the 12 ft. X 6 ft. tin structured

space built by the Seabees, which lasted until Typhoon Omar destroyed. At no time did I disrupt or stop any tennis lessons for any reason. Students of all ages were signing up, and when students sign up, money is generated into the Department. Even way back to 1988, there was definitely a call for tennis, tennis activity in Guam, and more tennis courts.

It was now evident that a much needed tennis office and center was necessary for the Agana Tennis Courts due to the fast growing population. I approached the proper officials of this need. Through my request, and a few months later, the present concrete office and center was built and is now the home of the Interscholastic High School Tennis League, Guam National Tennis Federation, the Governor's Tennis Cup tournament, and the North Pacific Junior Jr. Tennis Qualifier.

The Agana Tennis Courts have gone through many storms that made the facility crying for repairs. I took care of the compound maintenance – painting, facility maintenance, beautified the facility by planting coconut trees, banana trees, and flowers. I have also done the water blasting of court surfaces in Agana and Tiyan Courts when I found myself with out the necessary assistance from the Department.

I have managed to be the facility Manager, Tennis Instructor and Director, Secretary, Grounds Keeper -- to name just a few - so that the

Government of Guam's Parks and Recreation have and can show off a tennis facility comparable to a US Parks and Recreation Facility.

Request for Re-naming

Of the Department of Parks and Recreation

HAGATNA TENNIS CENTER

To The

RICK R. NINETE TENNIS CENTER





Lt. Governor

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS and RECREATION DIPATTAMENTON PLASET YAN DIBUETSION GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

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November 4, 2004

Honorable Senator Tina Muna Barnes

Senator 27th Guam Legislature Chairperson, Committee on Community, Culture, Recreation And Public Broadcasting

Dear Madam Chairperson:

It is with great respect I request your assistance in introducing legislation for the naming of the Hagatna Tennis Center in honor of Mr. Enrique "Rick" R. Ninete. Ninete, 61, and a resident of Sinajana, has made tennis his life. In my 32 years of residing on Guam, including a government of Guam career with the Department of Parks and Recreation, I have been fortunate to observe first hand Rick Ninete's incredible tennis offerings to the people of Guam.

When Rick joined Parks and Recreation in January of 1986, the Agana Tennis courts sat neglected and dormant, vacant of players, maintenance and programs. With his dedication to tennis and a determination to produce a complete community tennis programs, Mr. Ninete has created a Guam tennis miracle.

As a one-man staff of one, Rick for the past 18 years has introduced and coordinated DPR group and individual tennis classes, tournaments, and major events. From teaching Academy of our Lady student tennis classes to coordinating North Pacific Qualifying tournaments, Rick has been a part of every tennis activity and event at the Hagatna Tennis Center. Over the years, he has served as a Micronesian and South Pacific Games tennis coach. Since 1986, Rick has performed as a member of the Tennis Association of Guam and now the Guam National Tennis Federation.

From early morning to late at night, Rick Ninete is usually found at the Hagatna Tennis Center either teaching tennis, stringing rackets, holding meetings, checking tennis equipment and supplies, cleaning the courts, and turning off the lights.

The accomplishments of Mr. Rick Ninete are legion.

A brief summary include the following:

1977 – Certified as coach with the United States Tennis Academy.

1980 - First Chamorro to be certified with the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR)

1985 - Certified with the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) as a teaching professional.

Mid 1990's - Awarded United States Tennis Association (USTA) lifetime membership.

2004 - Recognized as a 25 year member of the PTR.

This year, Rick will be traveling to Hilton Head South Carolina to receive the prestigious Hawaii Pacific Section PTR Professional of the Year Award.

received Latertules In summary, Rick Ninete is tennis on Guam.

The naming of the Hagatna Tennis Center in honor and tribute to the on-going life-time tennis accomplishments of this gentleman, Mr. Enrique "Rick" Ninete is therefore requested.

Dennis M. Zermeno

Chairman

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Hagatna Tennis Center...

Nestled as part of the Hagatna Central Park recreation complex in the municipality of Hagatna, the Hagatna Tennis Center, is comprised of four lighted tennis courts and a practice hitting wall court. The center also contains a two-story concrete building facility that includes an air conditioned office and storage area.

The tennis center building was constructed in 1994 just in time for the 1994 Micronesian Games. The tennis center complex was also the official tennis venue for the 1999 South Pacific Games.

A portion of the lower floor and the upper floor serve as covered multipurpose open areas used for player gatherings, public meeting, presentations, and classroom instruction.

The facility is under the operation and management of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The complex is one of the most used facilities in the Parks and Recreation inventory. Successful programs and in-demand public usage of the facility has already extended beyond normal capacity.

The Hagatna Tennis Center is the home of all Department of Parks and Recreation tennis activities. The facility also serves as home facility for the High School Interscholastic Tennis League and the Guam National Tennis Federation.

The facility manager and Director of all tennis operations at the Hagatna Tennis Center is Mr. Rick Ninete.

Enrique "Rick" Ninete

Born in Guam: March 12, 1943

Career Highlights:

2004 Hawaii-Pacific Section PTR Professional of the Year (Honored by the Professional Tennis Registry [PTR])

2004 Award of Recognition - Presented for over 25 years as a certified PTR professional member (Honored by the Professional Tennis Registry at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina)

Administrator and director of Hagatna Tennis Center - From 1986 to present, making this tennis facility into Guam's primary public tennis venue.

President, Guam National Tennis Federation (GNTF) - For 8 years, making GNTF the governing body of all tennis organizations on Guam.

Founder, Guamerica Tennis Association - In 1980, Rick founded, organized, and managed in California from 1980-1984. This organization held the First Chamorro Tennis Tournament in the United States.

Education, Certification, and Professional Experience:

United States Tennis Academy - 1977

United States Professional Tennis Registry - 1980

Attended the Dennis Van der Meer Tennis University - 1981

Recognized - International Who's Who in Tennis - 1983

United States Professional Tennis Association - 1985

Coach, Alhambra High School Tennis Team - from 1982-1985

Coaching Staff, Guam National Tennis Team - 1987 South Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

Head Coach, Guam National Tennis Team -1991 South Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea. (winning team of Women's Singles Gold Medal and Women's Team Events Silver Medal)

Assistant Coach, Guam National Tennis Team - 1990 Micronesian Games in Saipan.

Head Coach, Guam National Tennis Team - 1994 Micronesian Games in Guam (winning team of Mixed Doubles Gold Medal and Women's Singles Gold Medal)

Head Coach, Guam National Tennis Team - 1995 South Pacific Games in Tahiti.

Head Coach, Guam National Tennis Team - 1998 Micronesian Games in Palau. (winning team of Men's Singles Silver Medal, Men's Doubles Gold Medal, and Women's Team Events Silver Medal)

Co-director, South Pacific Games - 1999, Guam

Team Member, Guam National Tennis Team - 2003 South Pacific Games in Fiji.

In addition, Rick Ninete has attended International Tennis Federation (ITF) world-wide coaches workshops in Florida, Thailand, and Portugal. Also, in 1991, attended the United States Tennis Association (USTA) coaches workshop in New York.

Rick R. Ninete... a commitment to Guam Tennis

To all who have met him, Rick is known for his dedication to the sport of tennis. He has the passion to upgrade the facility. In lieu of staffing limitations, he not only runs the programs, but also handles the tennis facility maintenance. Despite his many years of experience, he continues to evaluate his teaching methods, open to self-growth and improvement as a professional, teacher, and coach. Through his accomplishments, Rick remains committed to all to promote the sport of tennis for health, fun and as a positive and healthy lifestyle for all, both young and old, to enjoy.



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Enrique Ninete

has completed all tests and examinations and qualifies for PTR certification of

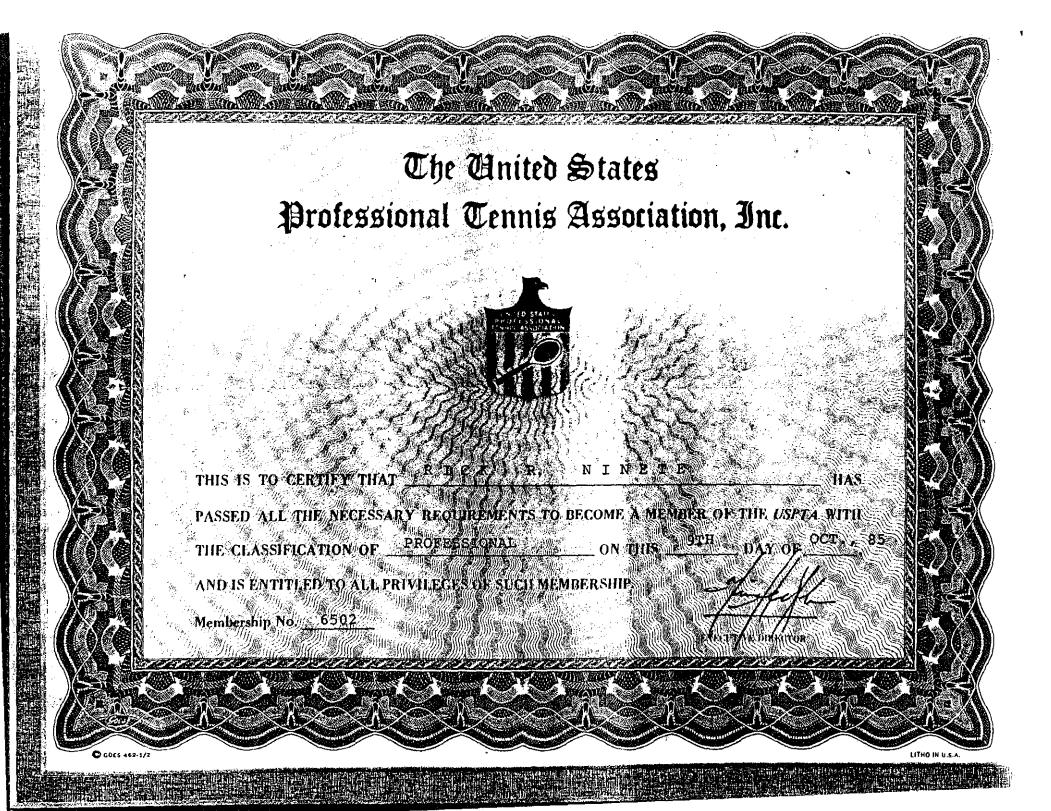
Professional

and is a member in good standing from

1980 - 2004

Founder & President

Dan Santrum
CEO/Executive Director





July 15, 2004

<u>Congratulations</u>

Dear Rick,

Because of your tremendous support of the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) and your efforts to grow the game of tennis, you have been selected as PTR Hawaii/Pacific Member of the Year for 2004. We are very pleased to honor you, an outstanding member of our organization, as we continue to... Make a World of Difference.

In celebration of our country's Grand Slam event, the PTR Member Awards will be presented during the US OPEN. We will host a PTR semi-annual meeting on Saturday, August 28th, in the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Grand Central Station, New York. This is the official hotel for USTA events. The meeting and award presentations will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Ballroom E. If you are unable to attend, we will recognize you as our Hawaii/Pacific Member of the Year again, February 23rd, at the PTR Recognition Breakfast during our International Tennis Symposium on Hilton Head Island.

Enclosed is the USTA Tennis Teachers Conference brochure which includes information on the hotel. Most of the speakers are actually your fellow PTR members, so be certain to support them at this event. In addition, take time to visit with PTR staff at the PTR booth in the Hyatt. Dennis and Pat, Dan, Julie and Iñaki will be on hand if you need anything.

Monday is the PTR Welcome Reception at the Conference. Immediately following the last presentation of the day, you can enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the lobby of the Conference level. Be sure to join us there. If you are going to be in New York, we look forward to seeing you. If not, we look forward to seeing you at the PTR Symposium in February to receive your award at the Recognition Breakfast.

Rick, we are pleased to applaud your many contributions to tennis and the PTR.

Our best regards,

Dennis Van der Meer

∕President/Founder

Dan Santorum

CEO/Executive Director



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ENRIQUI	E R. NINETE	DEDEDO, GUAM	has been
certified as	an active member of	the United States E	Professional Tennis
Association,	the world's largest	and oldest associat	cion of tennis
teaching pro	fessionals.		

Certification of ____NINETE ___ came after an intensive testing procedure, which included a 4-hour written exam, successfully giving a private and group lesson and demonstrating stroke execution and diagnost

According to the USPTA's Executive Director, Tim Heckler, this procedure serves as an assurance of quality teaching for any prospective tennis student.

"It is important that the student knows that his or her tennis pro has the proper teaching credentials. And belonging to the USPTA is one way that professionals can prove that they are qualified to teach tennis", Heckler said.

The USPTA, which was founded in 1927, currently has more than 4,300 members nationwide throughout the world.

Local tennis pro has Guam covered

Second in a series

By RICHARD MARTIN Daily News Staff

Guam's first and only Chamorro tennis pro is back on island with a definite goal in mind.

Certified by such reputable organizations as the United States Tennis Association and the United States Tennis Registry, Rick R. Ninete said he wasn't satisfied using his 13-year expertise in northern

first Chamorro Tennis Tournament in the U.S. in 1981 with some 68 competitors.

It was tougher running clinics and tournaments in California because of its large size,

Now he says his job has become easier thanks largely to Parks and Recreation.

"They have the same concept as I have," he said.

Palomo shares Ninete's long term ideas about the program.

"I would like to see in the future participants grow up



California.

So he came back for one

major purpose. "I would like to see a Chamorro become professional," he said. "I want to turn on my television and see a Chamorro on the pro circuit.'

And since his return to Guam last August, he has helped to give the sport of tennis a bright

As the spark of the new Department of Parks and Recreation tennis program, Ninete has started an instructional program and made a big push to improve the condition of the Agana courts.

"I have a skill, and it seems I want to give that back to the people," Ninete said.

He's definitely got the show on the road.

As Parks and Recreation director John Palomo said, "it's basically a one man team."

"He's involved with organizing, directing, coordinating and instructing," Palomo said. "He's a pro. Rick is not an Palomo said. ordinary person, so to speak. He possesses such good qualities which to him makes his work not anything drastic."

Ninete, too, feels his job isn't as hard as it seems - compared to what he used to do in California where he was successful in bringing Guamanians together to play.

As founder of the Guamerica Tennis Association in California, he gave clinics for Chamorros and also organized the

and become pro and compete internationally," Palomo said. "If London can have a professional, if the United States can have one, if Germany...then I don't see why Guam can't have one."

So far though the program is very new, there has been a lot of improvement.

His instructional classes include 14 juniors who attend class on Saturday mornings and about 26 adults who attend class between Monday and Fri-

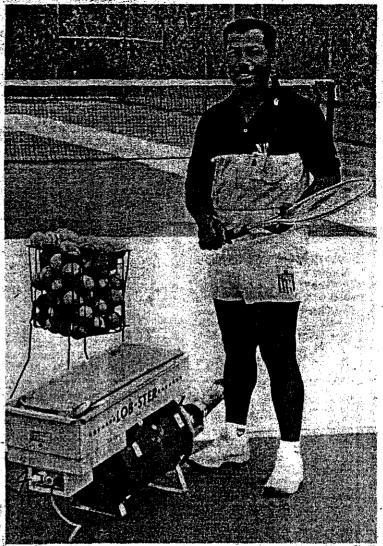
day.
"The program is working well," he said. "I hope to get volved."

He considers himself a pro who isn't self-centered and admits he's still learning a lot

about the game.
"I don't want to get that attitude of I know everything," he said. "If I cannot furthur that student, I don't hesitate to recommend him to another

'If I could contribute to one's development, I'm happy with that."





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Guam tennis pro Rick Ninete stands beside his courtside buddy, the "Lob-ster"; a machine that shoots balls to tennis players.

His emphasis is in teaching the youth — the "grass roots level." But Ninete, who will turn 43 on March 12, admitted he started playing the game relatively late in life.

An avid bowler who said he was basically an "all-purpose" athlete, Ninete didn't take tennis seriously until the 1970's.

He credits former KUAM radio disc jockey George Sablan with getting him started in tennis in 1975 back in Califor-

. He picked up a racquet then and in just two short years became a professional certified in the Vic Braden Tennis Academy....

"You don't have to be a John McEnroe," he stressed. "There's a lot more to know about tennis and there are a lot of good teachers on island."

For Parks and Rec., taking in Rick Ninete was like stiking a gold mine for the people of Guam.

"This guy's expertise is so remarkable that I even fear of losing him," he said.

Ninete, who says his goals

are far from finished, doesn't feel he'll be leaving in a while.
"Not at this point," he said.

Guam's own tennis pro will be staying here a while.

Tomorrow: Facelist at Agana Courts.

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Tennis tips: Control 1st, then power

By RICK NINETE For Pacific Sunday News

There are many phases to the game of tennis. Aside from the six basic strokes—the forehand and backhand ground stroke, the forehand and backhand volley, the serve and service return—there is also the scoring system, tennis rules, court etiquette, sportmanship, singles and doubles strategy and physical conditioning.

But while one must learn these aspects to play the game effectively, I will first focus on several areas which I feel are also important to learning the game.

First, I'd like to suggest that tennis is not a natural game. It must be learned and it takes time to develop a good command of the game's basic strokes and strategies.

It's also true that there isn't just one correct way to hit a tennis ball. Rather, there are better and more effective ways to hit the ball and also enjoy the game of a lifetime.

Ball elevation

A tennis player must first understand ball elevation. Once the ball is lifted and elevated over the net, it is always a potential point.

It's never a mistake to clear the net. Be aware that when the ball goes into the net, you have lost that point automatically. The opponent on the other side doesn't have to think or do anything. If you consistently hit balls into the net, your opponent may eventually say to you, "Nice game," and take home the trophy.

Racquet face control

The next understanding a player must be aware of is racquet face control.

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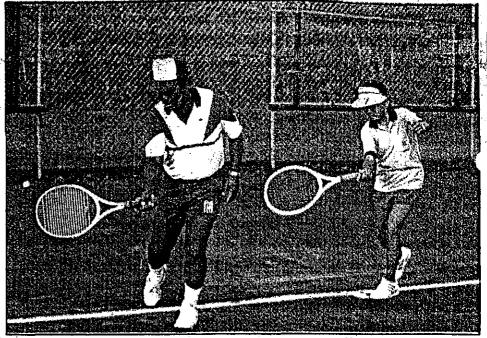
Pacific Sunday News Sports renews an old feature with a new twist today. "Inside Moves" will run on alternate weekends with "A Sporting Glance" and will feature guest articles by different island coaches, players and athletic figures. They'll share tips, information and their insight on sports with you. Ideas, suggestions, contributions are welcome. Call the Sports Desk, 477-9711, ext. 420, 422, 421 any day from 4-9 p.m.

Wherever the racquet faces or is facing is where the ball will go.

There will be times when you are in emergency situations. A way of dealing with such situations is to just get the face behind the ball, get it over the net one more time and be ready to respond to the next shot, one which you may have a better opportunity to hit an offensive, attacking or driving shot.

Ball control

One other factor I would like to stress is ball control. Some tennis players want to hit the ball very hard (100 or so miles per hour). But if they cannot control the



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Teaching professional Rick Ninete demonstrates while 11-year-old student Ana Marie Ramos follows the proper technique for hitting a forehand groundstroke.

speed and direction, power is of little or no value to the player. I had a student at one time who was very fond of hitting the ball extremely hard but with no control.

When I told him he is not going to beat a lot of players with that shot he responded, "Yeah, but that's fun, Mr. Ninete." So I had him play a whole set with nobody on the other side of the net. And I told him to play against nobody.

As you can guess, the nobody won. I told him it is very embarassing losing to nobody. And from that point on, he

slowed down his shots and put more balls in the court.

About the writer

Rick Ninete is a tennis teaching professional certified by the United States Professional Tennis Registry, U.S. Professtional Tennis Association and Vic Braden U.S. Tennis Academy. He has been the teaching pro for the Agana Courts facility since 1986 and is also a recreation coordinator for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Plenty tennis ahead for Guam

By RICHARD MARTIN Pacific Sunday News

Don't worry if you missed participating in the island's first two tennis competi-

TAG holds the annual "For Juniors Only" Tournament. Guamerica follows in Nov. and Dec. with their own version "For Juniors Only II".

Prior to an event, tourney organizers

