

This year, 2009, Black Mountain Tennis Association received a grant from United States Tennis Association for \$800 of equipment to begin a QuickStart program for children. By using this equipment, their KinderTennis, now QuickStart, numbers grew from 11 children in 2008 to 28 this spring. From the 28 3 to 8 year olds in QuickStart, a new USTA program was begun to have children 8 and under form a Junior TeamTennis league. Black Mountain was fortunate to have the support of BMTA and the parents to form a team with 6 players. They played other teams from Hendersonville and Asheville.

Proving their hard work on the courts, these players won the Mountain League for the 8 and unders, and we, the Black Mountain Town Board, would like to congratulate them:

Brandon Nightingale, Kylee Schill, Summer Thoma, Cayden Bemis, Emma Gladden, and Eleanor Conner, as well as their coaches, Missy Meyer and Missy and Jerry Gladden.