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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- The Alaska Tennis Association celebrated the resurfacing of the tennis courts along the Delaney Park Strip on Saturday.

Tennis players say the new courts are a huge improvement over the run-down conditions that used to plague the old courts.

The Alaska Tennis Association says it worked to raise money and apply for grants for the resurfacing, which totaled more than \$200,000.

To celebrate Saturday, tennis trainers from the Lower 48 were on hand to run games and activities for kids and adults.

After being open for a little more than a month, organizers say the courts have already gotten a lot of use.

"It's a great accomplishment; everybody has been on the courts since they opened the first part of June," said Bernie Ruskin with the Alaska Tennis Association. "Everyone's enthusiastic -- we've had a few

tournaments here."

The new courts are resurfaced with a blue and green acrylic surface, just like the courts used at the U.S. Open in New York.

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