



# Southeastern Squash Racquets Association

October 2004

Hello SESRA:

Over the past three weeks, I've been visiting with squash members at Windy Hill, Concourse, and the Piedmont Driving Club with the purpose of discovering common interests.

- Results of town meetings:
  - Players want to build a sense of an **Atlanta squash community**, and feel SESRA should be instrumental in that process.
  - Players want **better communication** with them and **more coordination and interaction** between the clubs.
  - Players need to see the **value** of SESRA when we ask them to join.
  
- Ideas for SESRA:
  - An interclub playoff (see below)
  - A newsletter (you're reading it)
  - Referees clinics (working on it)
  - An annual end-of-season banquet (to be discussed further)
  - A stronger and more active volunteer organization (underway)

Let me know what else occurs to you...

## Upcoming Events:

### First Annual Atlanta City Interclub Championship

- Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at Concourse
- 15-man teams from Concourse, Windy Hill, and Piedmont Driving Club
  - 5 players ranked 5.0 or better (First Division)
  - 5 players ranked 4.0 to 4.9 (Second Division)
  - 5 players ranked 3.0 to 3.9 (Third Division)
  - Best of 5 games, 9 point international scoring
- Played off on Saturday, each player has two matches
- \$10 per man fee covers drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Trophies and bag tag prizes provided by SESRA
- Players must be SESRA members
- Team captains: Dave Bridges [Windy Hill], Oscar Arenas [Concourse], Marty Hutchinson [interim Piedmont Driving Club]

- Trophies for:
  - Overall winner
  - 3.0, 4.0, and 5.0 Division winners

A Sample Schedule would look something like this:

Time	Schedule				
	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5
11.00	W3C3	P7C7	P6W6	W10P10	P15C15
11.45	P2C2	P8W8	W4C4	W11C11	P12C12
12.30	P1W1	W9C9	P5C5	W13P13	P14C14
1.15	P3C3	P7W7	W6C6	W10C10	W15C15
2.00	W2C2	P8C8	P4W4	P11C11	W12C12
2.45	P1C1	P9W9	W5C5	W13C13	W14C14
3.30	P3W3	W7C7	P6C6	W15P15	P10C10
4.15	P2W2	W8C8	P4C4	W11P11	W12P12
5.00	W1C1	P9C9	P5W5	P13C13	W14P14

### Reminders/Recent Squash News:

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for entering the Atlanta Grand Masters, Dec. 8-10.
- **Winners of Diniar's Calcutta at Concourse, Sept. 17-21:**
  - David Perry d. Victor Mwango in the final, 3-0
  - Miguel Dewendt d. Wayne Lidman in the consolation final, 3-1
- **Winners of the Atlanta Master's tournament at Concourse, Oct. 8-10:**
  - WISPA: Natalie Grainger d. Stephanie Brind, 3-1
  - 3.0: Michael Kaufman d. Jeff Landers
  - 3.5: Mike Palmgren d. Wayne Lidman
  - 4.0: Adil Ismail d. Blair Brookins
  - 4.5: Chuck Deason d. Justin Mather
  - 5.0: Craig Wise d. Keith Clemens
  - Over 40: Diniar Alikhan d. David Perry
- **Winners of G.O.T. Squash at Windy Hill, Oct. 15-17:**
  - Doubles: Tom Rumpler and Fernando Vargas
  - Handicap Tournament: Bill Basnett
- Atlanta was well represented at the recent USSRA 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner in New York in early October. At a table hosted by Eben Hardie were Brian Dyson, Dudley Stephens, Phil White, Bill Villari, Bob Burton, Marty Hutchinson and pros Tom Rumpler and Alladin Mitha. Hardie and Villari were also competitors

in the MSRA doubles venue while Mitha, Rumpler, Burton, and White played in the over 50s doubles draw.

- Below find a letter from Richard Millman, former Concourse pro. He is seeking support for international Master's play.

Dear Friends in Squash,

As you all know, Masters Squash has recently enjoyed a world-wide surge in interest and participation. Masters squash players are our most stalwart supporters and frequently have tremendous energy available to help develop our sport. Quite naturally these players are seeking any opportunity to be involved in the game they love...

...Under the auspices of the USSRA I am developing a USSRA Masters sub committee whose function will be to encourage and promote all masters squash events. Some of these events are already tremendously successful in their own right such as The Atlanta Grand Masters and the Eastern States in New York and I am sure others. What I am seeking is a regional representative from each area who would like to help organize and develop both Masters Team and Individual events, and any other programs that this extraordinary group of squash players maybe interested in developing. I would like to appoint on person from each area to represent the interests of men's and women's masters players. I am looking for approximately 5 people to form the national sub committee, each of who would liase with perhaps four or five district reps from the district associations.

Our first job is to organize an inter area competition with teams of 9 men and 6 women. The Canadians want a competition in the Spring so I am hoping that New York (my area) and perhaps two other representative teams might be able to go up to Ontario and honorably represent the USSRA against the Canadian representative teams...

...If you could ask them to contact me as soon as possible (email: ricahardo@yahoo.com) I would be much obliged (especially as the Canadians are breathing down my neck!).

Yours in Squash,

Richard Millman

**Hope this newsletter is of interest. Let me know what you think.**

Best,

Bob Burton