



## Southeastern Squash Racquets Association

August/September 2005

Hello SESRA:

For many of us, squash is an annual game played all 12 months with occasional intrusions from golf, tennis and the like. Nonetheless, there is still a sense of a squash season beginning in September, peaking at the USSRA Nationals in March, and calming down again for summer.

What many of us don't realize, however, is just how strong the squash offering in Atlanta truly is. With great pros at three clubs, the truly competitive player can find quality events in virtually every month of the year. Take a look at the list below, which focuses on the major tournaments at each club aside from individual club championships and the like. Dates are inserted where they are known.

So, as the season gets underway, plan to play in these great events whenever you can and come watch the great competition in any event.

### **2005-06 Atlanta Squash Calendar:**

October:	SESRA Keith Poole Cup, Windy Hill
November:	The Atlanta Masters, Concourse, November 11-13th
December:	The Grand Masters, Windy Hill, December 9-11th
January:	SESRA Rules and Refs Clinic, all clubs Diniar's Calcutta, Concourse
February:	Southeast Championships, Windy Hill
March:	USSRA Nationals
April:	Piedmont Driving Club Invitational, PDC
May:	The Atlanta Open, Concourse
June:	Father's Day Doubles, Windy Hill SESRA Annual Meeting
July:	Junior Invitational, Concourse
August:	Dragon Doc Summer Squash, Windy Hill

### **DragonDoc Tourney Delivers Great Turnout:**

The 4th annual DragonDoc Squash Championships was held August 27-29 at Windy Hill. Adam Walker, new head pro at the Southport Racquet Club in Connecticut, came to visit his old home town and to take home the Open championship from Concourse's nationally-ranked David Perry. The iron-man of the weekend was Edgar Navas, winning the 5.0s & losing 3-2 in the 5.5s to Keith Clemens.

Other finishes of note include: William Cloherty winning his 1st tournament, the 4.5s, in a brutal 3-2 over David Bridges; Bill Basnett capturing his second 4.0 title; Derek Rowley reaching new heights to grab the 3.5s; and Matt Morris graduating with honors from the 3.0s forever.

Sisters Catie Warner & Lizzie Warner battled each other to five games in the Women's semis, with Catie winning the Women's title and Lizzie continuing her huge leap with winning the Girls' Under 17. Adil Ismail came back from down 1-2, 5-7, to win in 5 over Sawyer Duncan and take the Boys' Under 17 title; and Alex Hoffman held on to win 10-9 in the 5th over Sheldon Taylor in the Boys' Under 15.

Special thanks to Dr. Gary Myerson, who has supported squash in all manners for almost 20 years.

Complete Results:

3.0 (1) Matt Morris def. (2) Paynter Higgins 9-7 9-2 8-10 9-7  
3.5 (1) Derek Rowley Mike Palmgren 9-2 6-9 9-1 2/1 Palmgren retires  
4.0 (1) Bill Basnett Martin Daniel 10-8 9-7 9-8  
4.5 (1) William Cloherty David Bridges 9-4 5-9 9-0 2-9 9-8  
5.0 (2) Edgar Navas (1) Thomas DeLange 9-6 9-2 9-7  
5.5 Keith Clemens Edgar Navas 9-2 9-3 3-9 6-9 9-2  
Open (1) Adam Walker (2) David Perry 8-10 9-1 9-3 9-6  
Women's Open (1) Catie Warner (2) Julia Palmgren 9-6 9-3 9-1

50+ (1) Thomas Rumpler (2) Michael Kilgallon 9-4 9-3 10-8  
50b (3) Bill Edmundson Ahmet Askin 9-6 9-4 9-0  
60+ Round Robin 1st Jim Wellman 2-0  
2nd Bob Thornton 1-1  
3rd Jim Johnson 0-2

BU15 Round Robin 1st Alex Hoffman 5-0  
2nd Sheldon Taylor 4-1  
3rd Michael Giblin 3-2  
4th Will Redd 2-3  
5th Neel Swami 1-4  
6th Daniel Hope 0-5

BU17 Round Robin 1st Adil Ismail 5-0  
2nd Sawyer Duncan 4-1  
3rd Derek Rowley 3-2  
4th Leif Larson 2-3  
5th Cooper Veysey 1-4  
6th Kyungsoo Woo 0-5

GU17 Round Robin 1st Lizzy Warner 2-0  
2nd Kedira Ismail 1-1  
3rd Narrisa Dalla 0-2

**And of course, the obligatory pix:**



W.O. Finalist Julie Palmgren, Doc Host Gary Myerson, and champ Catie Warner



4.5 Champ William Cloherty and finalist Dave Bridges



5.5 Finalist Edgar Navas and Champ Keith Clemens



BU 17 Finalist Sawyer Duncan and Champ Adil Ismail

**USSRA pledges more resources to national rating system:**

“We’re finally taking the adults seriously,” said Executive Director Kevin Klipstein in a recent memo to the SRAs. Klipstein said that the USSRA will rate ALL players and players without an initial rating will receive a rating using a method called “Unknown Logic”, eliminating the need for a verifier to determine their appropriate ability and an initial rating for any of their results to count towards a ranking.

Moving forward, however, the system will retroactively rate a player after his/her first tournament. Non-members will have their results calculated but not displayed. There will be additional information and details posted on [www.us-squash.org](http://www.us-squash.org) over the next few weeks.

“To promote the skill level ratings and kick off the 2005 season we are promoting the USSRA Skill Level Season Opener hosted by Meadow Mill Athletic Club in Baltimore MD,” he said. Information and online entry are at the following link:  
<http://www.us-squash.org/tournaments/2005skillseasonopener.html>

**SESRA website upgrade resources sought:**

SESRA is evaluating an upgrade of the current website, which will require some expertise beyond the current skill set. Would folks interested in helping redesign, create and support a more timely and useful SESRA website contact Bob Burton at 678-576-2991.

**SESRA Juniors Golf tournament delayed until spring.**

Expect a more muscular solicitation of support for Atlanta junior squash in the next several months.

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Best,

Bob