



Southeastern**S**quash**R**acquets**A**ssociation

January 2005

Hello SESRA:

Rule and Referee Clinics:

Close to 40 people attended Rishad Alikhan's Rules and Referees clinics at Concourse and Windy Hill this month. The clinics provided a great background for understanding the game and were supplemented with videos showing how hard it is to keep Jonathon Power and David Palmer out of each other's way.

We have ordered rule books as a supplement for those who attended the clinics. They will be dropped off with your pro for you as soon as the USSRA mail arrives.

In particular, Rishad spent a great deal of time on the requirement to allow the striker direct access to the ball and what that means in terms of requirements for shot selection and clearing. The concept of "arcing," in which a striker approaches the ball with a looping set of steps, complicates the referee's decision process as the striker is choosing a more indirect route to the ball, thus at some point what would have been a stroke becomes a let. My conclusion was that none of us do this as well as we should, despite what we tell ourselves and our opponents! One of my favorite coaches, Don Mills, summed it up as the striker's responsibility to select and execute a shot that lets him vanish from the court from his opponent's point of view. Practice that a few times...

PDC TAKES TORONTO:

14 Atlanta hardball doubles players, most from the Piedmont Driving Club, ventured north to Toronto last week to take on the Canadians in an open doubles tournament that drew 190 players from across Canada and the U.S. The temperature outside was minus 30 (yes, -30 degrees before wind chill) and it snowed a foot, but the Atlanta contingent was unfazed, probably due to high levels of antifreeze taken orally.

Eben Hardie and Bill Villari were seeded 4th and lost in the semis to the first seed after going up 9-3 in the fifth game. Dallas Clement and Allan Post won the consolations in the Open division. Doug Leeson and Alladin Mitha entered the 40s and got to the finals of the consolation. Thornten DeRosa and Phil White in the 50s and Charlie Benedict and George Hart in the 60s played a good pair of matches apiece.

Wright Mitchell and Hugh Pope, relative newcomers to hardball squash, drew a top seed in the Open Division and consequently had a very good view of how the game is played.

Atlanta Juniors:

- USSRA National Junior rankings (as of mid-January)
 - BU19
 - Brian Warner 28
 - Charlie Johnson 40
 - Clark Brading 98
 - BU17
 - Sawyer Duncan 73
 - BU15
 - Adil Ismail 12
 - Derek Rowley 78
 - GU15
 - Elizabeth Warner 30

ATLANTA AND WESTMINSTER TEAMS:

In Westminster's third season of "team" squash, it is the school's singular challenge that they are the only high school team in all of Georgia and the Southeast, and consequently must travel to the mid-Atlantic or Northeastern regions to find team squash competition. A squad of 5 seniors and 2 sophomores traveled recently to Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, and came home with three wins: 7-0 over Mercersburg; 6-1 over Shadyside Academy; 4-3 over Woodberry Forest.

The team included: George Akers, Clark Brading, John Cook, Sawyer Duncan, Keenan Fernandez, Charlie Johnson, and David Stringer.

Five of the Westminster team members will participate in the 2nd annual U.S. National Team Championships, this year to be held at Yale University on February 11-13. They will be joined by Adil Ismail from Pace Academy and Brian Warner from the International School. This all-Atlanta team has a chance at finishing among the top 4 high school teams in the United States, says Coach Tom Rumpler. Hopefully, SESRA can look forward to adding seniors Charlie Johnson, Clark Brading, George Akers, and David Stringer to next year's Atlanta intercollegiate squash roster.

NEWS:

US Squash Racquets Association Names Kevin Klipstein as New CEO

BALA CYNWYD, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 1, 2004 - The Executive Committee of the United States Squash Racquets Association (USSRA) announced today that Kevin D. Klipstein has been named the second Chief Executive Officer of the Association effective December 13, 2004. Klipstein fills the vacancy left after the recent resignation of Palmer Page. He will be responsible for all aspects of USSRA operations, including the running of national tournaments, maintaining the rating and rankings, marketing and sponsorship, as well as programs directed toward supporting elite players and growing women's, junior and urban squash.

Klipstein, 35, brings with him broad business experience in event, brand and sponsorship marketing, in addition to an extensive background in operations. He comes to the USSRA from Sun Microsystems, the enterprise technology company, where he spent five years, most recently in the Worldwide Marketing Operations group. At Sun, he led cross-divisional process

improvement projects to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of Sun's marketing using Six Sigma methodologies.

In addition to leading process improvements, Klipstein's other key roles in marketing at Sun included managing worldwide sponsorships, and eventually leading Partnership Marketing, which included negotiating sales and marketing deals with MLB.com, the official site for Major League Baseball, and a multi-year relationship with the National Hockey League. Prior to arriving at Sun, Klipstein worked for the well-known sports marketing firm ProServ where he managed account teams serving corporate sponsorship clients in strategic planning, negotiation and implementation.

"We are very excited to have a professional like Kevin to lead the USSRA as we build on recent momentum and take the sport and the organization to the next level," said Ken Stillman, Board Chairman of the USSRA. "His extensive experience both within the squash community as a player, teaching pro, local squash association board member, and outside the squash world in brand and sponsorship marketing as well as operations, is an ideal fit with what the organization and game need at this time."

Klipstein is an accomplished squash player who grew up in Rochester, NY and started his squash career as a junior under the coaching of Fred and Carol Weymuller. He attended and played on the team at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY where, during his senior year, he co-captained the team and was awarded Second Team All-American honors. After college, he worked as a teaching pro for several years on both the east and west coasts before starting his career in business.

Hope this newsletter continues to be of interest. Let me know what you think.

Best,

Bob Burton

2005 UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS

AND SKILL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 16-20, 2005 — HARVARD UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MA



ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ USSRA # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE (H): _____ PHONE (W): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SHIRT SIZE (please check one)

Small Medium Large X-Large

MEN'S SKILL LEVEL PLAYERS – Name 1 USSRA-sanctioned tournament you played in between 7/1/2004 & 2/16/2005:

DIVISIONS (Please circle one)

MEN'S AGE DIVISIONS: Open (S.L. Green***) 16-24, 25+, 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, 85+

MEN'S SKILL LEVELS*: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5

WOMEN'S AGE DIVISIONS:** Open*** 16-24, 25+, 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+

WOMEN'S SKILL LEVELS:** 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0

*To participate in the Men's skill level competition, players must have played in at least one USSRA sanctioned tournament—skill level or age group—between July 1, 2004 and February 16, 2005.

**Women are permitted to play in two draws (with the exception of the Open Division participants who may only play in the Open Division). Women who are not playing in the Open Division may compete in an age division, a skill level, or both. The tournament committee will try to minimize scheduling conflicts of players participating in two events; however, if a conflict does arise, a concession may be necessary. For women playing in two draws there is an additional \$25 racquet fee.

***Must be a U.S. Citizen to participate in the Men's S.L. Green and Women's Open

FEES

RACQUET FEE: \$125

(\$75 if under 24 years of age and not playing in the Open)

ADDITIONAL RACQUET FEE FOR SECOND WOMEN'S EVENT: \$25

NON-RESIDENT, NON-US CITIZEN RACQUET FEE: \$150

USSRA MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR US RESIDENTS NOT CURRENTLY A MEMBER: \$55

GUEST FEE: \$100/guest

NAME(S) OF GUESTS:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO USSRA AND RETURN BY THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE—FEBRUARY 11, 2005.

USSRA—P.O. Box 1216, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Release of Liability: I hereby relieve, release, and forever discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the participating squash facilities, Harvard University, the USSRA, their servants, agents and employees from any and all claims and demands and every kind and character from injury to my person or damage to property as a result of my participation in the 2005 United States Championships and Skill Level Championships March 16-20, 2005. I agree to abide by the tournament policies.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE: All matches to be played on Harvard University's Murr Center featuring 16 international courts or MIT's 8 new courts (TBC). Both venues conveniently located near tournament hotels.

TRANSPORTATION: None provided.

ENTRIES ONLINE: Apply online at the USSRA website (www.us-squash.org). There is a \$5 convenience fee.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be received by the USSRA no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on **Friday, February 11, 2005**. Online registration will be turned off at that time. **NO PHONE OR FAX ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

START TIME NOTIFICATION: First match start times will be posted on the USSRA website (www.us-squash.org) and mailed on March 2, 2005.

SCHEDULE: The S.L. Green Championship and the Women's Open begin Wednesday, March 16, 2005—if the draw size exceeds 16. Play for all other divisions WILL begin on Thursday, March 17, 2005. Small divisions MAY start on Friday depending on the size of the overall draw, but **please be prepared to play on Thursday.**

REGISTRATION: Will begin on Wednesday evening at Murr Center.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS: A Friday night social and Saturday evening banquet (Hyatt Regency Cambridge). Times and locations for these events will be in the tournament program.

SANCTIONING: Both Open Divisions have been sanctioned as PSA and WISPA Closed Satellite Tournaments, respectively.

TOURNAMENT REFEREE: Graham Waters, WSF World Referee from Canada.

BALL: Dunlop Revelation Pro (double yellow dot)

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

ADJUSTING DIVISIONS: A minimum of eight entries per division is required (with the exception of the very oldest age groups). If it is necessary to combine age groups or skill levels, entrants moved to a younger age group or a higher skill level will be contacted by phone and given the option to withdraw. Draw sizes may be limited if necessary.

CLOTHING: Competitors should wear appropriate squash attire of any color. Playing clothing for men consists of a short-sleeve shirt, shorts, socks and playing shoes. Playing clothing for women consists of a shirt worn with a skirt or shorts, or a dress, socks and playing shoes. Other garments such as part of a warm-up suit may be worn during play with the permission of the referee. Headwear is permitted provided it does not distract or unsight and opponent or be potentially dangerous. The decision of the Tournament Referee is final in these matters.

ELIGIBILITY: US citizens or residents, must be members of the USSRA in good standing.***The Men's and Women's Open events are open to US citizens only.

ENTRY REFUNDS:

- Withdrawal prior to entry deadline –100% refund
- Withdrawal after entry deadline but prior to March 2, 2005 – 75% refund
- Withdrawal on or after March 2, 2005 – No refund

EYE PROTECTION: Players are required to wear eyeguards that meet or exceed the current American Society for Testing and Materials standard (ASTM F803) during all activities that occur on court involving racquets and balls. The eyewear must be unaltered and worn over the eyes as designed.

PRIZE MONEY: Prize money is offered to all entrants in the Open Divisions. No prize money can be awarded to junior players or college

students who wish to retain their eligibility. No prize money will be awarded in walkover matches unless injury is professionally substantiated.

REFEREES: The USSRA will strive to provide certified referees for all Open Division matches. For all other divisions the winner of a match will be required to referee the next match on that court or provide a qualified substitute. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please mention the US Squash Championships to secure the special rates at the hotels listed.

HOTEL: Hyatt Regency Cambridge

ADDRESS: 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139

TELEPHONE: 617-492-1234 or 800-233-1234

TOURNAMENT RATE: \$119

RESERVE BY DATE: 2/17/2005

WEB ADDRESS: www.cambridge.hyatt.com

HOTEL: Doubletree Inn – Boston

ADDRESS: 400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, MA 02163

TELEPHONE: 617-783-0090 or 800-HILTONS

TOURNAMENT RATE: \$119

RESERVE BY DATE: 2/17/2005

WEB ADDRESS: www.doubletreehotel.com

PATRON PACKAGES

(Please circle one)

	\$300	\$500	\$1000
RACQUET FEE	X	X	X
1 GUEST	X	X	X
COLLARED SHIRT	X	X	X
SQUASH BAG		X	X
SQUASH RACQUET			X
WARM-UP			X
TAX DEDUCTIBILITY	\$175	\$375	\$875

Warm-up Size: _____

Name of Guest: _____
