



Southeastern Squash Racquets Association

June/July 2005

Hello SESRA:

Upcoming Events:

Junior Squash Camps with Andre Maur

ages 6 and up; weeks available: July 16th thru August 5th: 10am to 2pm.

Junior Open Tournament at Concourse Athletic Club

BU & GU 15,17,19; July 29th - 31st 2005; USSRA sanctioned.

Dragon Doc Summer Squash Tournament at Windy Hill

August 26 to 28th; all skill levels, limited age groups and juniors, USSRA sanctioned

SESRA Juniors Golf tournament in September at Brookfield Country Club:

The annual SESRA golf tournament to benefit junior squash has been scheduled for September 19th at the newly-renovated Brookfield Country Club in Roswell. The tourney will have a four-man team scramble format kicking off in the early afternoon. The \$100 per person/ \$400 per team fee will include golf, dinner and a great favor, as well as benefiting junior squash.

The golf committee includes chairman Bill Kujawa, with support from Keith Clemens, Diniar Alikhan, Michael Gough, Andy Brzozowicz, and Bob Burton. Check out the Brookfield website at www.brookfieldcountryclub.com.

It's important to know that SESRA has recently established new juniors program priorities and guidelines applicable to all club programs. They are summarized below:

1. Providing funding to support introductory junior squash programs that reach beyond individual clubs, their members and families.
2. Providing funding for citywide, regional, national or international junior squash tournaments, but not for tournaments open only to the members of one club.
3. Providing for partial or full individual player travel expenses for selected national junior events, to be determined on a case-by-case basis.
4. Providing partial or full funding enabling junior coaching clinics and experiences that are beyond individual club level programs, such as visiting professionals.
5. Providing need-based assistance for elite U.S. national team members or prospective members as determined by national ranking.

Father's Day Doubles Tourney at Windy Hill:

On June 17-18, Windy Hill hosted a Father's Day international doubles tournament, the first of its kind in Atlanta. 22 players battled through a front and feed-in consolation with long points and great competition. Many thanks to sponsor Clark Emerson of Architectural Signing.

In the main draw, Diniar Alikhan and Chad Plumly defeated Chris Tham and Chandra Shekar, 3-2. In the back draw, it was young guns Craig McCready and Brian Warner defeating William Cloherty and Paul Havey, 3-2.

Herewith, the photos:



Left, from left, Chandra, Chris, Tom Rumpler, sponsor Clark Emerson, Diniar, and Chad
Right, from left: Brian, Craig, Tom, Clark, William, and Paul

And, of course, the audience:



Squash Falls Just Short of the Olympics:

Squash Looks To The Future After Olympic Disappointment

July 8, 2005

After being voted onto the programme of the 2012 Olympic Games by achieving more than 50% of the IOC members' votes, Squash suffered a cruel blow today in Singapore when the IOC decided against replacing the two sports dropped earlier in the day from the London Games programme.

But World Squash Federation Chief Executive Christian Leighton believes that the positive responses received by Squash in Singapore will ultimately lead to realisation of the sport's Olympic dream.

Earlier in the day, IOC members voted softball and baseball off the 2012 programme, leaving room for two successors to be chosen from squash, rugby sevens, rollers sports, karate and golf – sports which had been short-listed for consideration in an IOC announcement last September.

With more than 50% of the votes in the first poll amongst IOC members, Squash was immediately added to the 2012 programme – later joined by karate. However, when the vote came for each sport to be “recognised as an Olympic sport” – for which two thirds of the vote were needed – neither achieved the required proportion. Squash gained 63 votes, seven short of the 70 required!

“This is a continuing process and, whilst there will be widespread disappointment within the squash community around the world today, we must work on all the positive aspects on what has been achieved over the past few years and continue to gain more support from IOC members in the future,” added Leighton.

“We were so very, very, close – but I have no doubt that we will get into the Olympic Games in the near future, and that will continue to be our main drive,” Leighton concluded.

Thus, disappointingly, the racket sport which has its origins in both Fleet Prison and Harrow School in London in the 1800s will not make the hoped-for triumphant ‘return’ to the British capital two centuries later.

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Best,

Bob