



SouthEastern Squash

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Note: ATLANTA OPEN scheduled for May 16-18; sign up by May 1

April 2008

Hello SESRA:

After a month off to host the U.S. Nationals, let's catch up on squash action in the southeast.

Maur, Alikhan, Rumpler win National Age Group Titles:

Andre, Diniar and Tom came away from the Age Group Championships with national titles in the 40s, 45s, and 55 groupings. Bill Villari and Michael Gough were finalists in the 40s and 65s, respectively. Wow!

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Action pics:



Tom took Fred Clement, 3-0



Andre won 3-0 over Bill Villari

Member Clubs:

*Charleston Squash Club
& Kiawah Island Squash*

Pro: Richard Millman

Concourse Athletic Club

Pro: Andre Maur

Midtown Club at Windy Hill

Pro: Tom Rumpler

Piedmont Driving Club

Pro: Alladin Mitha

Sea Island Squash Club

Pro: Matt Jenson

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Memphis*



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Diniar stretching before Dominic was injured.

Feedback on the Nationals was very positive. The committee wanted to:

- 1) Establish a new standard of quality for the National Age Groups and showcase the S.L. Green competition
- 2) Affirm the Southeast's role as a premiere squash community
- 3) Reflect very positively on the city of Atlanta
- 4) Gain national and international media attention for our game
- 5) Build a sense of unity within Atlanta squash and the Southeast
- 6) Raise cash for SESRA
- 7) Have fun!

We got most of those things done. A few more pictures:



Hangin' at the Georgia Aquarium
The terrific venue in full swing



Dancin' at the Driving Club
Julian Illingworth takes 4th SL Green title



One last time: thanks to our sponsors, Miller Zell, Invesco, the Coca-Cola Company, and Raymond James for their great support.



Brian Dyson receives the John D. Moore Award

Nationals Honorary Chairman Brian Dyson received the John D. Moore Award for "a competitive spirit on the court, an understanding of sportsmanship and fair play at all times, and long-time contributions to the game of squash" from Eben Hardie, past USSRA president. Brian's long time support of the game both in Atlanta and nationally were recalled as the foundation of the award. Previous recipients were C. Howard Wilkins (1998) and Darwin P. Kingsley (2000).



Brian, left, and Eben Hardie.

Justin Mather reaches finals in the National 5.0s:

As we always do, Atlantans traveled to the Skill Level Nationals and came home with their share of awards. Justin Mather from Concourse Athletic Club went to the finals of the 5.0s, beating Muzakhir Andrabi, David Reiss and Yahaya Nauzo before falling to Rahul Singh in four games.

Charleston's Richard Millman played to the finals of the 5.5s, defeating Eli Slyder and Jahangir Naseem before falling to Todd Wirshing in four. Longtime SESRA friend Scott Fitzgerald from Highland Beach, Fla also reached the finals of the 6.0s

Pat Millman and Carla Pineda were third and fourth in the women's 3.5. Other Atlanta players included David Lecomte and Facundo Fabbri.

Arhum Saleem reaches 13th in national junior rankings:

Atlanta's Arhum Saleem is currently ranked 13th in the country after competing in the Junior Gold Championships on March 7 in New England. Arhum lost a five-game match to Philadelphia's Philip Kelly in a very competitive field.



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Concourse sends a contingent to the Copa Wadsworth in Mexico:

Andre Maur, David Espinosa, Paul Fairleigh, Trevor Yossowitz, Tim Ely, and Bob Levinson traveled to Mexico City in April to play in the Copa Wadsworth versus the Mexican team. The U.S. lost, 10-6. Andre won his match in the fifth. Here are a pair of pix:



New courts in town. Life Time Fitness, Inc., a national operator of distinctive and large health and fitness centers, will open its third sports and athletic, family recreation, professional fitness and resort and spa center, Life Time Fitness John's Creek in May, joining their Alpharetta and Sugarloaf facilities. Life Time John's Creek has 4 Anderson international squash courts. Life Time is expected to open one more Atlanta area facility, also with squash courts, later in 2008.

Upcoming events:



The annual Atlanta Open, the big season finale, is scheduled for May 16-18. Events include a \$10,000 PSA draw. **Entry Deadline: Tuesday May 1st, 2008**

Costs- Adult Draw: \$85 U.S. Squash member, \$100 non-member

Sign up online at theatlantaopen.com or through Andre Maur

Also at Concourse, open team leagues will begin April 19th. Any group can create a team to play on Thursday nights from 6-9pm. Contact Andre or Danielle for team details.

If you have some news, let us post it on SESRA.ORG:

We have a new website. Check it out and give us some feedback: www.sesra.org. Our webmaster is Matt Morris (thanks Matt!) so if you have some suggestions or items to go up, forward them either to me or Matt (matt@hotelpro.com) for inclusion.



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ATLANTA SOFTBALL DOUBLES: JUNE 6-7 (8)

Tom Rumpler is moving this emerging classic from the traditional date of Father's Day weekend, up one week, to accommodate a number of special requests. Play commences early after work on Friday, June 6th. Based entirely on the number of teams entered, they will run all main round and all feed-in consolation matches to be completed either by mid-afternoon on Saturday, June 7th, or by noon on Sunday, June 8th. Entry fee of \$45 includes an embroidered polo shirt, refreshments, and awards to winners & finalists.

Maximum, combined NRS for both players is 10.5. A second "B" draw--combined maximum 9.0 NRSs--will be offered if enough teams are interested.

Entry deadline is Tuesday, June 3rd through Tom at Midtown Athletic Club. All are welcome!

Reminder of Charlie Johnson's support of SESRA:

Support those who support you! We continue to be grateful that we have the support of Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop (www.cjsquash.com) which gives SESRA members a **5% discount** on orders under \$100 and a **10% discount** on orders over \$100.

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Here's how it works:

When you place your order, in the comment/memo box enter SESRA and your USSRA membership number. The discount will be taken before processing.

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Bob