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Hello SESRA:

SESRA preparing to launch district-wide ladder:

After conversations with players and pros from across the district, the SESRA board has approved an online ladder powered by US Squash for all SESRA members. The ladder will run from October to December and January to April. Challenges can be issued and scores recorded online at the US Squash website. Full details of participation in the ladder are being worked out with clubs and pros, but keep your eye peeled for the next new new thing!

Rationale for the ladder:

The SESRA citywide ladder is intended to encourage interclub play and camaraderie among the greater Atlanta squash community, fulfilling part of SESRA's mission statement.

1. The ladder should be easy to do, accessible, fun and affordable.
2. Our district players have expressed the need for interclub play to support strong club programs and a robust calendar of tournaments and events through the squash year.
3. As the district does not have the strong interclub leagues that mark other large metro squash communities, this ladder is a way to provide play across different clubs, types of courts, and players in a less rigid and demanding format. However, SESRA strongly encourages all ladder players to participate in their club programs and support their pro first.
4. SESRA also has a current initiative to reach out to smaller squash facilities in the city as a way to develop membership and offer value. This is potentially a good way to support that effort.

Gough and Millman finish strong at the British Open Masters: SESRA's favorite sons live up to #2 seedings

Michael Gough and Richard Millman both made the expedition to Manchester, U.K. to play in their respective age divisions in the British Open. Both were seeded second. By the fifth day of play (9/13), both were in the finals. Richard Millman's diary picks up the thread from there:

"Finals day at the British Open. Nervous anticipation. Determination. Opportunity. Hopes.

"It's all a part of one of the most absorbing days in the world squash calendar for Masters players. Representing SESRA Michael Gough and I are immensely proud to be following in the footsteps of SESRA's previous British Open finalist (and winner) Michelle Quibell. We were both facing a daunting task as number 2 seeds, although



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having said that, by reaching the finals we both justified our seedings and had nothing to prove.

“Michael was facing many times champion Pat Kirton. Pat's control and variety of shots is extraordinary for any squash player never mind a man in his seventies. Nevertheless, Michael took charge of the match at the outset. It was back and forth through the middle of the first game, but Michael's decisive length was the difference, limiting Kirton's returns to struggling retrieval rather than attacking strategy. However after the first game, Kirton wrong footed Michael time and again. Any time Michael gave Pat a ball that he could volley the wily Kirton wristily flicked and wrong footed with devastating accuracy. The final result was a credible 1-3 loss and Michael came away full of appreciation for Pat's skills and also with plenty to go home and work on.

“As tough as Pat Kirton is, my opponent might be considered to be somewhat more of a challenge. Ross Norman was one of the toughest squash professionals the game has ever seen. It was he that 'out Jahangired' Jahangir Khan to win the World Open, breaking Jahangir's 5 year unbeaten run. My game plan was to just play my own game without worrying about who he is/was. I went out and did what I thought was a thorough warm up. I even had Pat rub IcyHot on my muscles. In the first game I wanted to try and move Ross around and get him tired. However, right from the outset I was under extreme pressure. Ross's length was unbelievably severe and inch perfect. The best I could do was try and retrieve. If my returns weren't perfectly tight then he punished me by holding the ball and then explosively flicking a kill, drop or boast. What I has thought was a good warm up was woefully inadequate and the pain in my legs when Ross wrong footed me, prevented me from moving at all suddenly. I lost the first two games 9-1, 9-1 with barely a rally going more than 6 or 7 shots. Finally in the third game my body started to respond and we had several longer rallies. I even managed to move him around with some deception, touch and lobs and won one particularly good rally, finishing by wrong footing him with a head faked boast. However I couldn't string two consecutive good rallies together and finally lost the last game 0-9.

“I wasn't overly disappointed. I took some important lessons away from the game such as - I need to be a lot fitter and that to warm up for a match like this I need to play at least a couple of games before I start the match. I have thoroughly enjoyed playing here. It is one of the great world events and many more North American's should attend. It is a big commitment and one must allow plenty of recovery time for jet lag. But I know many North American squash players would be competitive here and by attending, the world of squash would become that much more cohesive, which can only help our sport.”

PAYNTER HIGGING TAKES LIFETIME SESRA BOARD SEAT

Paynter Higgins has stepped up as Lifetime Fitness Atlanta's SESRA board member. For those Lifetime members in the Atlanta area, see Paynter for the latest on SESRA.

Upcoming events:

SESRA Board to visit area clubs in a team challenge:

The SESRA board will be visiting area clubs as a group over the next year to meet and play with club players. The gatherings are intended to make board members more visible, gather feedback about



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improving the organization from local players, and offer the board's squash expertise to club pros. First up: John's Creek September 24.

John's Creek LifeTime Fitness tournament, Oct 2-4:

Life time Fitness, 11555 Johns Creek Parkway, Johns Creek, GA 30097

Levels: Men's: 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0; Women's: 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0; Junior Draw: 2.0, 2.5. Entry Fee: \$55 Entry Fee Includes: All players get 2 matches, shirt, prizes, drinks and food Friday- 6pm - 8pm, light snacks Saturday- 2:00pm-4:00pm, lunch.

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, September 28th. (1) E-mail confirmation to Andre Maur amaur@lifetimfitness.com or (2) Go to globalsquash.com to sign up online or (3) fax entry to (678) 327 2621 attn to Andre Maur **Payment must be made by September 29th**. Starting Times: Friday 2nd of October, 5pm. Your starting times will be e mailed to you Thursday at noon.

Charleston Challenge, October 16-18

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OCTOBER 16TH -18TH, 2009

CHARLESTON SQUASH CLUB & KIAWAH ISLAND CLUB

DIVISIONS:

W35+, W50+, W2.5, W3.5, W4.5

M30+, M35+, M40+, M45+, M50+, M60+, M70+, M3.0, M4.0, M5.0, M6.0

Doubles: Open Amateur Doubles

VENUES:

Charleston Squash Club, Kiawah Island Club,
Medical University of South Carolina

ENTRY FEES:

USSRA Members:..... \$ 85
Non Members: \$100
Doubles \$250
per pair
Patron:..... \$200
Silver Sponsor:..... \$250
Gold Sponsor: \$350
Doubles Patron \$500

HOSPITALITY & FAVORS:

Regular entrants will receive a tournament t-shirt, Sponsors cocktail party on Friday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, brunch on Sunday, beer and soft drinks throughout the tournament.

Patrons in addition will receive a Commemorative Sweatshirt and one free guest to all social functions.

Silver Sponsors will receive a Commemorative Sweatshirt, and one free guest to all social functions.

Gold Sponsors & Doubles Patron will receive two entries to the tournament and Commemorative Sweatshirt and Sweatpants.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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6th Annual Poole Cup will include 15-man teams from Midtown, CAC, Lifetime and PDC at Concourse Athletic Club October 24

Club captains are being selected to build 3-person divisions in the 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0+ skill levels. SESRA membership required. Captains are: Midtown – Paul Havey; Concourse – Marc Morin; LifeTime – Pritesh Patel; Piedmont – TBD. See your club pro for further info...

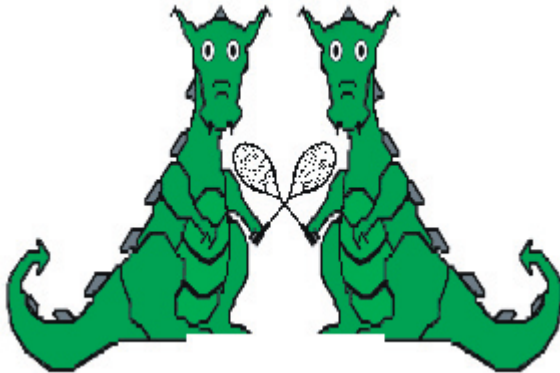
3rd Charleston Junior Open Tournament; October 31st and November 1st, Charleston Squash Club.

The Junior tournament we hosted this summer had a tremendous turnout and produced some very impressive players. We are looking forward to seeing many of you returning for our Autumn tournament. Charleston is particularly beautiful with cool evenings weather, and days that are warm enough to enjoy the sites and of the Holy City. And of course to get in some world-class squash.

Tournament times will be on Saturday from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, and Sunday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Costs for the event will be \$75.00 for US Squash Members, Non-members please add \$15.00. Contact Richard Millman at thesquashdoctor@yahoo.com.

Past Events: DRAGON DOC

Dr. Gary Myerson's signature event played out over a rainy August weekend. Over



80 players competed, most stepping up to play 2 draws. Outstanding performances featured Chris Tham's squeaker in the 6.0 draw, and John Mahorner's terrific play deep into the 6.0s & the finals of the 5.0s.

Also of note, the DragonDoc's son, Aaron, made it through to the semis of the 4.0s & the finals of the 3.5s. Coach Lynn Minkowski won the Women's draw, and Coach Rumpler sneaked away with the 50's win. Other highlights included Memphis' Albert Johnson playing through to the

semis of the 6.0s, and the championship of the 5.0s; 13-year old Arhum Saleem's play in the 5.0s and 5.5s (losing only to Albert in the 5.0s); and Danial Saleem winning the 4.5s.



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Dragon Doc results:

BU19: Adrian Ostbye def. Blake Briscoe, 3-0
3.0: Cel Kulaserkaran def. Ted Brisco, 3-2
3.5: Hanif Merali def. Aaron Myerson, 3-1
4.0: Ashesh Chokshi def. Fernando Vargas, 3-2
4.5: Danial Saleem def. Pritesh Patel, 3-0
5.0: Albert Johnson def. John Mahorner, 3-0
5.5: Bupe Mulumba def. Arhum Saleem, 3-0
6.0: Chris Tham def. Justin Mather, 3-1
W4.0: Linnie Minkowski and Alden Irwin (round robin)
50s: Tom Rumpler def. Michael Kilgallon, 3-0
60s: Jeff Clement and John Branston (round robin)



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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.



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