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Hello SESRA:

In a conversation the other day, a local squash player let go the opinion that not everybody thought SESRA was making a difference in squash in our area. While not particularly shocked, my response was less than precise or comprehensive. So, I offer the following list of what SESRA has done/ is doing for those who wonder whether the folks on the letterhead at left spend most of the day sitting on their thumbs:

1. SESRA supports interclub competition through the annual Poole Cup, which brings teams from all area clubs together in a skill level competition.
2. SESRA provides a district ladder through US Squash that allows players to challenge others outside their clubs, encouraging interclub play.
3. Over the past decade, SESRA has donated more than \$10,000 (by my estimate) to support local juniors participation in regional and national junior events. Juniors ranked in the top 30 nationally are eligible for \$1,000 in matching funds to defray the cost of travel. SESRA has contributed to junior players from Midtown, Concourse, and LifeTime.
4. SESRA provides juniors with a substantial discount off local tournament entry fees to encourage their participation.
5. SESRA organized and hosted the Centennial U.S. National Squash Championships in Atlanta in spring 2008.
6. SESRA has organized Rules and Referee clinics at Midtown and Concourse Athletic Clubs for the past five years to encourage understanding of the game of squash. It will do so again this spring.
7. SESRA has established a regional qualifying tournament in the southeast, allowing our winners to enter the National Skill Level Championships without an entry fee.
8. SESRA runs an annual invitational team championship that encourages prep school competition and intercollegiate competition among established and emerging teams in the southeast.
9. SESRA supports local pros and tournaments by returning half of each SESRA member's dues directly to their club for programs that support SESRA's goals.
10. SESRA, which covers 6 states and is the largest geographic district in US Squash (Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi), has established a regional council that works in cooperation with local pros and players to develop squash outside of Atlanta – specifically in Raleigh, Charlotte, Charleston, Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Memphis.
11. SESRA members are eligible for a 10% discount with Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop for their squash equipment.



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12. SESRA provides a framework for squash players of different skill levels, from different clubs, with different perspectives to come together for the good of the regional squash community.

Hope that helps!

Upcoming events:

The Old Man of southeastern squash tournaments returns for its 28th year Feb. 19-21



What:

The 28th annual Grant Thornton Southeastern Squash Championships, a Regional Qualifier for the US Skill Level National Championships. International squash, skill level competition.

When:

February 19-21, 2010.
Friday 2pm through Sunday afternoon.

Where:

Midtown Athletic Club at Windy Hill,
135 Interstate North Pkwy, NW 30339,
(I-75 and Windy Hill Rd.)

Who:

Open to competitive squash players everywhere!

Why:

To crown 2010 Southeastern Champions!
To earn free entry into the US Skill Level National Championships, April 16-18, 2010, King of Prussia, PA.

Events:

Men's- 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0
Women's- 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0
One draw only! Feed-in consolation draws for all skill levels.
Plate consolation draws for most skill levels. Every effort will be made to provide a minimum of 3 matches. N.B. Some draws may be combined in order to field sufficient entries.

Favor:

Commemorative, embroidered souvenir.

Social:

Friday reception. Saturday party. Lunches. Breakfasts.

Sanction:

US Squash. Protective, lensed eyewear required for all play.
Non-SESRA/USSRA members may join at registration.

Referee:

Loser referees next match! Help will be provided if referee unsuited.

Fees:

\$85 (with USSRA/SESRA membership or pay additional \$20 tournament surcharge) payable to SE Squash Events.

Deadline:

Friday February 12th 5:00pm

Electronic:

E-mail your entry to: windyhillsquash@comcast.net
or fax to: 770-928-0321 Entries are binding!

Times:

Start times will be e-mailed by Tuesday evening, February 17th. Please include e-mail and cell phone to allow for late changes.

Hotel:

Hilton Garden Inn, Wildwood, 770-953-8850.

Director: Tom Rumppler: 770-928-6838.



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Charleston's Annual Doubles Bonanza in early March:



CHARLESTON DOUBLES OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH – SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2010

THE CHARLESTON SQUASH CLUB.
1437 King Street, Charleston, SC
Tel: 843-577-1099



TOURNAMENT PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Friday evening Cocktail & Buffet Party at the Charleston Squash Club
- Saturday Breakfast at the Club
- Saturday Lunch: Low Country Oyster Roast and Barbecue at the Club
- Saturday evening Black Tie Dinner
- Sunday Brunch at the Club
- Soft drinks and beer throughout the weekend
- Tournament gift

DIVISIONS: PLEASE CIRCLE THE DIVISION YOU ARE ENTERING

Men's: Open, B, 35/40's, 45/50's, 55/60's, 70's

Women's: Open, B, 35/40's, 45/50's

ENTRY FEES: PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHOICE:	PLAYER A	PLAYER B
Gold Sponsors \$500 Entry fee, 2 tickets to all social functions, tournament gifts		
Player/Patron: \$325 Entry fee, social package, tournament gift bag, and guest		
Player..... \$135 per player Entry fee		
Guest..... \$100 One social package		
Non-Playing Patron.... \$200 Contribution to tournament, tournament gift, entry to all matches, social package		

SAVE THE DATE FOR: Rules and Refs Clinics come to Atlanta:

SESRA is sponsoring a Rules and Referees clinic with Richard Millman, five-time national champion in age groups and doubles, the weekend of March 27 in Atlanta. Timing and details are being worked out with individual clubs, but save some time to learn more about how to ref and exactly to what you are entitled (and not entitled) on the squash court.



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St Paddys Day tourney: See Andre in the shamrock pajamas, Guinness slippers and stovepipe hat.... Worth the entry fee all by itself!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY OPEN

March 26th - 28th, 2010
at the
Concourse Athletic Club

USSRA/SESRA Event

Levels Welcome:
2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0
Junior Draw

Entry Fee: \$65

Includes: Shirt, food, beer & drinks, 2 matches,
consolation round and Saturday night party at
Meehan's Irish Pub!

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Past Events:

Charleston Open:

The hospitality of the Charleston Squash Club was on display again in mid January for the third Charleston Open. Drawing players from up and down the East Coast, both the singles and doubles were closely contested.

Results:

BU13: Paul Qualey def. Cross Tolliver: 9,(7),7,10

3.0: Richard Keane def. Zack Bedell (7),10,(9),6,6

30s: Karthik Cundaramoorthy def. Hunter Freeman, (7),3,6,2

4.0: Torey Broderson def. Joe Qualey, 7,6,6

40s: Damon Bourne def. Geoff Roper, 6, (7),(4),7,6

5.0: Geoff Roper def. Keith Clemens, 8,6,(7),8

50s: Joe Qualey def. Martin Daniel (7),11,(8),9,1

55s: Lali Szoke def. Bob Burton, 10,(3),7,6

6.0: A round robin too close and complicated for me to understand, but Richard tells me he won because he took more games. At any rate, J Millman d R Millman, R Millman d John Musto, John Musto d J Millman. Whatever happened, it was a nailbiter.

W3.5s: Pat Millman

B doubles: Bob Burton and William Cloherty def. Louis Ragou and Paul Gingrich, 3-1

Open doubles: John Musto and Alex Decker def. Richard and Joe Millman 17/16 in the fifth.

SESRA Team Invitational

College squash in the southeast took a step forward January 22-24 at Midtown Athletic Club in Atlanta. The third SESRA Invitational college meet featured teams from Vanderbilt, Tulane, College of Charleston and University of the South (Sewanee) in a round robin matchup. Both the Charleston and Sewanee clubs are new to college squash.

Vanderbilt swept College of Charleston In the leadoff match, 9-0, and went on to take Tulane 6-3, with Tulane's Ben Zucker, Alex Margolick and Ben Barnett winning matches. Charleston won its first intercollegiate match 5-4 against shorthanded Tulane later in day, with defaults at the 7 to 9 slots and wins by #1

Torey Broderson and #6 Peter Corbett.

Meanwhile, unheralded Sewanee was demonstrating its depth and winning its first intercollegiate match against Tulane, 8-1, featuring close five-game matches won by Sewanee at the #2 slot between Sewanee's Slater Ottenritter and Tulane's Teddy Hart and at the #7 slot between Knight Hammock and Tulane's Alex Margolick. Tulane's Jordi Goodman notched the Tulane win at #5.



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That set up an all-Tennessee final – the first inter-Tennessee college squash match in history. Vanderbilt and Sewanee met on Sunday in the first match of what everyone hopes will become a steady rivalry.

The contest started off close, with Vanderbilt's Angus Aronstein taking a see-saw five game from Sewanee's Russell Frelinghuysen, (6),6,7,(6),5 at the #6 slot and Vanderbilt's Tyler Kopp winning in straight games over Nelson Payne at #3. To counter, Sewanee's Knight Hammock took Vandy's John Hamilton in four games at #9. Vandy also took two matches of the next round with wins by Joe Ahmad at #8 and Austin Schiff at #5. Sewanee struck back as Slater Ottenritter took Vandy #2 Hunter Kinsella in four.

The best match of the weekend was Vanderbilt's Zach Hoyt playing Sewanee's Teddy Peterson at #4. Teddy took the first two 12-10, 11-9 and looked to be in control only to drop the next two games 12-10 and 11-4. The most exciting part of team squash is the final game of a close match with both teams lining the backwall and the score swinging back and forth. So it was that both players served for the match multiple times in overtime in the fifth, with the final tally falling to Vanderbilt's Hoyt at 17-15. Sewanee also offered up a great contest at #1, where team captain Nick Platt took Vandy's Mike Kofsky to a close fifth game, giving Vanderbilt the win 7-2.

Southeastern Squash (SESRA), which hosted the event presented by Dunlop, is looking forward to building intercollegiate squash in the Atlanta area and reaching additional collegiate teams in the coming year.

How about some pics: College of Charleston vs. Vanderbilt





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FIRST EVER SOUTHEASTERN PREP MATCH BETWEEN ATLANTA'S WESTMINSTER AND CHARLESTON'S PORTER GAUD:



Southeastern squash history was made over the invitational weekend as Westminster played Charleston's Porter Gaud in the first ever prep match for our region. Westminster, coached by Tom Rumpler, has a standing program that has played its way into the top 30 schools in the country while Porter Gaud, coached by Richard Millman, is in its second year.

Westminster took the prize 7-1, but more to the point, an enthusiastic audience of parents, classmates and squash devotees had the chance to be inspired by match after match.



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Scores:



2010 SESRA College Team Invitational presented by Dunlop



Westminster:	7
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Porter Gaud:	1
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No	Westminster Player Name	Games Won		Porter Gaud Player Name	Games Won
1	Gibbs Cullen	1	vs.	Reynolds Ball	3
2	Zach Teljohann	3	vs.	Ricky Keane	1
3	Joe Cullen	3	vs.	Brendon Keane	0
4	Andy Stormont	3	vs.	Emma Haley	0
5	Kyle Dhilan	3	vs.	Will Herring	1
6	Zach Hoffman	3	vs.	Alexis Ball	1
7	Sang Ho Lee	3	vs.	Brandon Solomon	0
8	Jonathon Leving	3	vs.	Peter Cerato	0
9			vs.		
		Matches Won:			





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Gibbs Cullen and Reynolds Ball battle at No. 1 for Westminster vs. Porter Gaud

Rumpler and Osborne do well at Baby Boomers tourney:

Atlanta's Tom Rumpler and Raleigh, N.C.'s Jason Osborne braved the frigid north to play in the Dayton Revenge of the Baby Boomers tourney. Tom took the 50s with a five-game win against former Ohio champion and one-time Atlanta resident Pat Rini while Jason, who plays at the Cary LifeTime Fitness, took the 4.5s in the following fashion...

He won the 4.5s by beating Doug Shebesta of Cincinnati, 3-1, Raja Nazir of Dayton, 3-0 and then Farookh Ahmed of Royal Oak, Michigan, 3-0 in the final. In the 40s round-robin, he prevailed 3-1 over Antonio Mira of Columbus, as well as 3-2 over Brian Knoderer of Indianapolis and a walkover over Raja Nazir.



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Mikel Muffley joins SESRA Board of Directors:

Mikel Muffley, a Concourse Athletic Club player, joined the SESRA Board of Directors in January, replacing David Espinosa who has relocated away from Atlanta. Welcome, Mikel!

SESRA district-wide ladder reaches 47 participants:

A reminder that SESRA has launched a district-wide squash ladder powered by US Squash technology for all SESRA members. The ladder will run from October to April with prizes for the most active participants. Challenges are issued and scores recorded online at the US Squash website. To sign up, email Bob Burton or Victor DiNubile...

SESRA Citywide Ladder – Rules

- 1) Ladder. The ladder will run fall and spring from October to April. Results will count toward each player's US Squash ranking.
- 2) Eligibility. The ladder is open to all SESRA members.
- 3) Entry fee. None.
- 4) Structure. When a player issues a challenge to a player higher on the ladder and wins the challenge, he/she takes the position of that higher player on the ladder and others are adjusted downward. If the higher player wins, no change occurs.
- 5) Matches, scoring. Best 3 of 5 games, 11 point PAR scoring.
- 6) Match Play: ladder matches have NO club seniority or status. SESRA strongly recommends that ladder matches be played at non-prime court times. You are subject to local club rules and guest restrictions when playing a match. Guest restrictions vary over time and from club to club. Ladder participants are responsible for contacting their club pro to understand these rules.
- 7) Challenge matches will take place at the challenged players club, unless both players agree to play elsewhere. Guest fees are to be paid by challenger.

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.