

# *The Telltale*

**A Newsletter by and for members of Squash Nova Scotia  
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## **Message from the President**

By Julian Boyle, Halifax (President, Squash Nova Scotia)

Hi everybody, hopefully you are all keeping to your New Year's resolutions by staying fit and having fun by playing squash! It's January 4<sup>th</sup>, and I think I'll be lucky to last the week. The fall squash season was busy, with tournaments, leagues and clinics kicking into gear. Keep checking the website ([www.squashns.ca](http://www.squashns.ca)) for upcoming events. One of the continuing themes of better communication to the squash community is appreciated by the executive. Alas, as a volunteer organization, time is in short supply for everyone, and typically "communications" gets ignored first. We had hoped to address this through technology to help automate the tasks that consume time – however the link still hasn't happened. If there is a web savvy squash enthusiast that would like to volunteer I'd be glad to talk to them.

Speaking of the web, have you seen squash on it now? There have been live/taped broadcasts of recent events that are exceptional compared to a few short years ago. (Available at: [www.psa-squash.com](http://www.psa-squash.com)) I used to remember getting excited to receive my Squash News magazine to find out who won professional tournaments 6 months after they happen – now it's not 6 minutes!

Speaking of professionals, congratulations to Graham Waters being awarded the Fox 40/Sports Official of Canada Male Technical Official of the Year! Graham is recognized around the world as one of the best officials in the game, not by only by his peers, but also

by the prima-donna elite players. Hopefully Graham isn't put to the test when the top players in Canada compete in Nova Scotia later this month at the Men's Team Championships (behave yourself Chris!). I'd encourage anyone wanting to see some first class squash to take a drive down to the Greenwood Squash Club January 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> to see some of the best in Canada, some of the future stars and cheer on our guys. The women will be competing close to home in PEI the same weekend. Good luck to our Men's and Women's Teams.

## **Message from the Editor**

By Farley MacLeod, Halifax

I am very pleased to resurrect the Squash Nova Scotia newsletter, "The Telltale". Some of you have fond memories of The Telltale, while others have no memory at all. Although I don't know the full history of The Telltale, when I came to Halifax in 1998, it was being published on a regular basis. This continued until 1999.

So what is a telltale? Webster's English Dictionary defines it as: "a person who tells tales about others", like a tattletale. However, I connect it to a sailing term. Basic Sailing Skills defines it as: "a ribbon or yarn attached to rigging or sails to indicate wind action or direction". In sailing, when the telltales are flowing smoothly, your boat is performing well. In my mind, both definitions fit this publication. The Telltale is a forum for Squash Nova Scotia members, to share the activities of its members. And it is also likely a measure of the how well Squash in Nova Scotia is performing.

I have been in Halifax for six years now. I spent three years (2000-2003) serving on the Executive of Squash Nova Scotia, and have played in the majority of tournaments in the province since 1998. I have seen Squash Nova Scotia go through some challenging times. But recently, it seems that the organization has built on the foundations laid in recent years. In my time on the executive, I thoroughly enjoyed relaying current information to members via an e-mail distribution list. As such, as I put this newsletter together, I am excited to spread information about squash throughout Nova Scotia.

Please be aware that your contributions to this newsletter are not only welcomed, they are needed. I will only be providing occasional articles here and there. I need people involved in various aspects of squash to send their updates to be included in The Telltale. This is especially true for those of you outside of Metro. I would also appreciate stories from those of you who travel to tournaments abroad (whether it is Newfoundland or New Zealand).

So, it is with pride and anticipation that I present The Telltale. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have enjoyed preparing it.

P.S. The next edition of The Telltale is scheduled for late April. Please have your contributions to me by April 17. I appreciate receiving information as early as possible.

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## **Men's and Women's Provincial Teams 2005**

By Matt Bishop, Halifax (Team Coordinator)

The Canadian Men's and Women's Team Squash Championships are held each year at the end of January. Each province and territory is invited to enter their three top players to compete for the National title. For the first time since 1998 the Canadian Men's Team Championships will be held in Nova Scotia at 14 Wing Greenwood. Meanwhile, the Women's event will be in Charlottetown, PEI.

As the host province, the Men are eligible to enter two three-man teams. After a lengthy selection process from August to November, the team was narrowed from fifteen to eight. The first team is Matt Bishop, Mike Smeltzer, and Jeff McCurdy. This three man team has traveled near and far together. They have tied for Nova Scotia's best finish ever, a couple times, in sixth spot. This year they will be eager to improve to at least fifth. Don't worry Mike, Bishop promises to show up, but will Jeff?

Team number two is Matthew Holland, Jon Boody, and Chris Petropolis. This team brings lots of experience to the table as Holland has played at Canada's highest level while living in Vancouver. Jon is quite familiar with team play as a contributing member at one of the best squash schools in North America; the University of Western Ontario. While Dr. P hasn't spent much time on the courts this year between his dental practices and four children, he has continued to play and win when necessary to make this team for at least the tenth time.

In the spare positions Chad Edison and Julian Boyle have agreed to travel with the team should it be necessary to replace an injured player. Their support is much appreciated!

While perhaps under the radar this year since the Men's event is in Nova Scotia, the Women's team is the best I have ever seen. With two former National Champions and a University of Western Ontario Athlete of the Year, this team is a contender. The team is Margo Green, Leah Bishop, and Janet MacLeod. Aine Humble has also graciously offered to join the team in PEI as a spare if the need should arise.

Congratulations to you all and good luck!

The Men's and Women's team would like to extend thanks to Costa Elles for his time and effort getting us in shape before the season, Dave Hubley for his on-court clinic, and Jim Retallack the executive director who helped with some of the administration. Also special thanks to the other squad members Greg Myers, Rob Weatherston, Justin McDonough, Blair Cook, Richard Khan, Farley MacLeod, Sandeep Sathyamoorthy, and Sharon Dickson, who all helped in the development of the team, their game, and squash as a whole.

The websites for the Canadian Team Championships are:

[www.squash.ca/canadianteams\\_men/2005/index.htm](http://www.squash.ca/canadianteams_men/2005/index.htm)

[http://www.squash.ca/canadianteams\\_women/2005/index.htm](http://www.squash.ca/canadianteams_women/2005/index.htm)

## **A Half a Season's Worth of Tournaments**

By Bic Stylo (Squash Enthusiast Extraordinaire)

After four “come one come all” tournaments to the end of the calendar year there has been drama to both torpedo brash expectation and bear out pre season hard work. All levels and both genders have held attention with the titillating potential for impossible recoveries and brilliant shots under pressure. Sure a generous number of the seated hordes were probably related to one of the players in any given match but hey, it's not that big a province. Good squash was there to be had though, and to paraphrase rather poorly one Rob Blaikie, the squash fan incarnate - “I'm always going to be there when juggernauts collide.”

If memory serves, and mine does like a clumsy waiter tripping over the carpet edge with a tray full of drinks, it went something like this:

**October 21-24 – Tower Invitational** – What would prove to be, by only a small margin, the best attended tournament of the first half of the season also delivered one of the bigger upsets of recent competition. #2 ranked Mike Smeltzer, after a run of frustration stretching back through all of last season, finally knocked off #1 ranked Matt Bishop in the Open “A” final. It almost didn't happen though when, with a 3-1 win at hand, one of Mike's bionic ankles folded like origami. A quick dose of support from the offspring, and the delicate use of an ankle brace the size of a Pringle's tube, restarted the match and the few points required were gathered to seal the score line. With Men's Provincial Team Trials positioning on the line the rest of the “A” draw was well populated, Jonathan Dale taking 3<sup>rd</sup> and Julian Boyle running the table on the consolation side of the draw.

The class of the field at the “B” level this time around wasn't old enough to drink a beer yet, something the rest must have been doing too much of over the summer as Jason Latimer won out over Alex Lye in the final with Sydney's perpetual threat, John MacPhail, taking the consolation crown. Time in on the concrete courts at Acadia served Steve Price well in taking the “C” draw over the long reach and somewhat more experienced Paul Hopkins. Nick Graham won every game but his first, which happened to have been against Steve Price. The “D” division, where dark horses abound, delivered its first as Jeff Landry paid off on what must have been months of work in the off season, taking out Matt Rigby, also in his first final. Keith Buckland won the consolation but hasn't been seen since. The round robin draws featured a good showing for juniors, Justin Grout at first, Scott Hagen second, Keifer Latremouille third.

One of the healthiest Women's versions featured “D”, “C” and “B” tables. In “D” Julie Crawford and Julie Jordan lost only a game each before meeting in the finals, Crawford over Jordan. Patty Thille took the bronze. “C” champion Audrey Chong started a streak for herself, putting Jill Moore in second and Sonja Doherty in third. The “B” women, the few the proud, ranked Aine Humble with an intro to the province win, Sharon Dickson a hard fought second and Sherice MacDonald third place. Like Keith “the ninja” Buckland in the open “D” division, Sherice has apparently ceased to exist since. The three-man vets draw placed Ray Souchereau in first, Stuart MacTavish in second and Chris Turner in third.

**Open A:** 1<sup>st</sup>: **Mike Smeltzer** 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Matt Bishop** 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jonathan Dale** 4<sup>th</sup>: **Jon Boody**  
5<sup>th</sup>: **Greg Myers** Consolation Winner: **Julian Boyle**

**Open B:** Winner: **Jason Latimer** Runner Up: **Alex Lye** Consolation Winner: **John MacPhail**

**Open C:** Winner: **Stephen Price** Runner Up: **Paul Hopkins** Consolation Winner: **Nick Graham**

**Open D:** Winner: **Jeff Landry** Runner Up: **Matt Rigby** Consolation Winner: **Keith Buckland**

**Women's B:** 1st: **Aine Humble** 2nd: **Sharon Dickson** 3rd: **Sherice MacDonald**

**Women's C:** 1st: **Audrey Chong** 2nd: **Jill Moore** 3rd: **Sonja Doherty**

**Women's D:** 1st: **Julie Crawford** 2nd: **Julie Jordan** 3rd: **Patty Thille**

**Juniors:** 1st: **Justin Grout** 2nd: **Scott Hagen** 3rd: **Keifer Latremouille**

**Promotions:** **Jeff Landry** moves to Open C.

**November 4-7 – PL Open** – Rumoured to mean, at various times, “Pumpkin Lovers”, “Preteen Loitering” and “Police Lounge” the Premier League Open was created to raise needed funds. With a Saturday night auction, and by choosing not to sacrifice any innocent t-shirts to the squash public’s insatiable appetite for cotton, cash was sensibly directed where it might be better used – the two provincial teams and junior squash in the province. Matt Bishop returned the planets to their original alignment with a win over third ranked, and second placed, Jonathan Dale. Mike Smeltzer won someone some money for “show”. Blair Cook started a streak of general achievement by winning the “A” consolation having been in “B” only last year.

Alex Lye caught Jason Latimer dreaming of the sponsorship deals he would garner by moving up to “A” when he reversed the previous tournament’s result to win the “B” final. John MacPhail won after renewing old rivalries with Leah Bishop to take third and Patrick Kelly turned left instead of right in his first game but kept going to win the consolation side. Another Latimer, Brian, served notice that he had been practicing a tad over the summer as well, coming fifth. Paul Hopkins put himself back in the “C” division final, losing narrowly in 5 games to Nick Graham, Daniel Smythe taking the left side of the draw.

Martin Servant welcomed Matt Rigby to his second “D” final the same way Jeff Landry had his first. Entertaining stuff though as neither gave up on a single ball all match. Justin Grout represented the juniors well on the consolation side, running the table. He did it simultaneously on the championship side of the juniors draw, Scott Hagen taking second, the game won by default – may have been a contract holdout for better perks. Ben Proudfoot won in consolation. The fact there were the numbers for a non round robin draw

for the juniors was great to see, looking forward to more of that in the second half of the season.

The women's round robin was fewer, and therefore prouder we assume, than the previous tournament – collective amnesia on the sign up time is suspected. Aine Humble made it two in a row, Sharon Dickson coming second once more and Sonya Doherty and Julie Crawford rounded it out playing aggressively against the two “B” ranked players. Sprinkled throughout, the doubles players amazed as usual with their skill in not leaving a connect-the-dots of welts on each other while appearing only slightly better spaced than a Japanese commuter train at rush hour.

**Open A:** 1<sup>st</sup>: **Matt Bishop** 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Jonathan Dale** 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Mike Smeltzer** 4<sup>th</sup>: **Greg Myers** 5<sup>th</sup>: **Jon Boody** 6<sup>th</sup>: **Margo Green** Consolation Winner: Blair Cooke

**Open B:** 1<sup>st</sup>: **Alex Lye** 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Jason Latimer** 3<sup>rd</sup>: **John Macphail** 4<sup>th</sup>: **Leah Bishop** 5<sup>th</sup>: **Brian Latimer** Consolation Winner: Patrick Kelly

**Open C:** Winner: **Nick Graham**, Runner Up: **Paul Hopkins**, Consolation Winner: **Dan Smythe**

**Open D:** Winner: **Martin Servant**, Runner Up: **Matt Rigby**, Consolation Winner: **Justin Grout**

**Women's B:** 1st: **Aine Humble**, 2nd: **Sharon Dickson**

**Doubles:** 1st: **Ray Souchereau/Julian Boyle**, 2nd: **Paul & Greg Myers**

**Juniors:** Winner: Justin Grout, **Runner Up:** Scott Hagen, **Consolation Winner:** Ben Proudfoot

**Promotions:** Martin Servant moves to Open C.

**November 11-14 – Greenwood Invitational** – With only a week's passing since the PL Open, the Greenwood Invitational would have expected to be up against it to drag out-of-towners up off their sore hamstrings and things were interrupted spectacularly when an early November dump of snow upset the flow somewhat. A couple of draws didn't see completion due to weather. The prospect of cheap lodging on the base always makes imports more likely to put together a business case for attendance and that will hopefully find reinstatement next time around - snow storms permitting. Chances are that with a small ball bouncing around an enclosed space like a laser that fun was had regardless though.

Men's “C” had the only full draw, with Steve Price making a case for promotion by beating Jamie Conboy, Alain Chalifoux winning the left side. Women's “B” would have seen an Audrey Chong vs. Melinda Charlton tilt – cancelled by the gods. Andre Aquino won men's “D” out of a five man round robin, with only one not played. Lise Gallant took first in the women's “D”, all games played. Men's “B” found a winner in Paul Morgan but again, not

all games were played so the picture muddies after that. With Greenwood primed to host the Men's Team Championships later this January the chance to see a great facility remains for those who missed the tournament. The quality of squash then will perhaps be interesting too.

**Mens B:** Winner - **Paul Morgan** (Port Williams)

**Mens C:** Winner - **Steve Price** (Wolfville); Runner-up - **Jamie Conboy** (Wolfville); Mens C Consolation: **Alain Chalifoux** (Greenwood)

**Mens D:** Winner - **Paul Perry** (Greenwood)

**Women's B:** Not completed

**Women's D:** Winner - **Lise Gallant** (Greenwood)

**December 2-5 – Doctors Nova Scotia N.S. Closed** – The final tourney before Christmas readied to take its toll on everyone's not-so-diligent fitness regimes saw a slip in participation numbers. Those who missed the chance are, doubtless, enduring a period of mourning and now know the error of their ways. The push for NS Men's Team placement only two weeks previous pretty much made a skeleton of the men's "A" draw, reducing it to round robin participation – no complaints were heard from any level of participant for that or any other reason. Okay, some complaints, but reasonable ones as playing schedules got tight in the effort to complete everything by Saturday night. Fear not, the proper authorities have been advised and vicious hazing will likely be instituted if necessary to get things right in the future. Everyone survived and the following results were presented their hardware by principal sponsor, Doctors Nova Scotia: the Open "A" had Matt Bishop beat Mike Smeltzer, Matt Holland returned from the disabled list for third.

The "B" pool saw Jason Latimer take care of business and get promoted to "A" for the next tournament by beating John MacPhail, Simon Bell winning the consolation after playing, combined with vets' matches, about a thousand games through the whole weekend. Jeff Landry capped a meteoric rise from "D" in the first tournament to win the "C" title over Evan Gilbert in a marathon, a number of upsets included along the way. One more appearance this season for Jeff in a final and he goes to "B". Matty MacDougall pulled off the "C" consolation win.

Adam Dyker gained promotion out of "D" with a win over the game and determined Matt Rigby. To butcher a baseball analogy on Matt's near misses – "It takes a good pitcher to lose 20 games." You've got to get into the finals to lose one, let alone three. Big things expected in the second half for Matt. Reilly Musselman came through clean on the left side of the draw. Back to the round robin format draws: women's "B"/"C" mixed draw found Audrey Chong defending her traditional success and Sonya Doherty falling just short. In Women's "A" (classed as "B" in the Tower Invitational) Janet MacLeod unseated Aine Humble. Sharon Dickson fought for third. Julie Jordan won the women's "D" over Jen Tucker. Brian Newcombe beat Stuart MacTavish in the vets' category after a long day

for both. The juniors again were represented well, Scott Hagen beating Jeff Mitchell and Brett Keeble third.

**Open A:** Winner - **Matt Bishop** (Halifax), Runner-up - **Mike Smeltzer** (Halifax) 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Matt Holland**

**Open B:** Winner - **Jason Latimer** (Dartmouth), Runner-up - **John Macphail** (Sydney), Consolation winner - **Simon Bell** (Halifax)

**Open C:** Winner - **Jeff Landry** (Halifax), Runner-up - **Evan Gilbert** (Halifax), Consolation winner - **Matty MacDougall** (Sydney)

**Open D:** Winner - **Adam Dyker** (Halifax), Runner-up - **Matt Rigby** (Halifax), Consolation winner - **Reilly Musselman** (Halifax)

**Women's A:** Winner - **Janet MacLeod** (New Minas), Runner-up - **Aine Humble** (Halifax)

**Women's B/C:** Winner - **Audrey Chong** (Halifax), Runner-up - **Sonya Doherty** (Halifax), Consolation winner - **Valerie Spencer** (Halifax)

**Women's D:** Winner - **Julie Jordan** (Halifax), Runner-up - **Jennifer Tucker** (Halifax)

**Junior Under 17:** Winner - **Scott Hagen** (Halifax), Runner-up - **Jeff Mitchell** (Halifax), Consolation winner - **Brett Keeble** (Halifax)

**Veterans A/B:** Winner - **Brian Newcombe** (Halifax), Runner-up - **Stuart MacTavish** (Wolfville)

**Promotions:** **Jason Latimer** is promoted from **Open B** to **Open A**. **Adam Dyker** is promoted to **Open C**.

Hopefully if you've read this far you're planning to put your name on these hallowed lines sometime in the next half of the season. Check the website for a schedule for the remaining four tournaments. Watch the ball, get your racquet up early, and get back to the "T".

## **NS Closed Squash Tournament**

By Andrew Sleigh, Dartmouth (VP Squash NS, Tournament Chair)

The NS Closed is run by Squash Nova Scotia and is the last event for 2004. Unfortunately fewer players attended this year, 61 in total, which posed some unique problems for running this event as a fundraiser. With only 61 entries, it made it challenging to cover the cost of running the tournament, keeping it a quality event, and having monies left over for Squash NS to save.

For the first and last time we tried finishing the tournament on a Saturday and although it was nice to be off on a Sunday it proved to generate too many matches on Saturday for players to push through.

This tournament of course does not happen without the help of volunteers. So I would like to thank Patrick Kelly, Brian Chaffey, Julian Boyle, Jim Retallack, Sharon Dickson, Tony Hall, and of course the referees that give up their time to help officiate matches. Finally I would like to thank our Sponsors, which help make our tournaments possible: Doctor's Nova Scotia, Tom's Little Havana, Café Yadda Yadda, Garrison Brewing Company, and Black Knight.

## **Black Night League Summary**

By Tony Hall, Halifax (League Coordinator)

The Black Knight league is in full swing with five fixtures complete. The Cole Harbour team is well out in front with 74 points, trailed well behind by Tower 2 and 3 who are tied at 56 points. In the tight middle pack are Stadacona, Tower 1 and Dal 1 with 49, 47 and 44 points respectively. Dal 2 trails her sister by 10 with 34 points. Fighting from the bottom but catching up is Tower 4 with 31 points. Other than an occasional hiccup (hiccup) all teams have been fielding full squads, although there have been some accusations of bringing in ringers on occasion (no names). Results have happily been on time and accurate, and as far as I know there has been no on-court violence (other than the sanctioned kind).

### **Garrison Black Knight League Rankings Jan. 1, 2005**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Points</b>
Cole Harbour	1	<b>74</b>
Tower 2	2	56
Tower 3	3	56
Stadacona	4	49
Tower 1	5	47
Dal 1	6	44
Dal 2	7	34
Tower 4	8	31



# The Premier League Fall 2004

By Matt Bishop, Halifax

The Premier League has been operating since the year 2000. While it serves only a small group of Nova Scotia squash players, it has been successful in exhibiting the best players through competitive league play while giving back to the squash community. There are two sessions per season - a Fall session from September to December, and a Winter session from January to April.

The league invites the top 16 to 18 ranked players in the province to play off in two pools of round robin play. It is held on Tuesday nights at the Tower from 8pm to 10pm. At the end of the 8 to 10 week round robin, players are reshuffled according to their finish for the next session. The bottom two players from Division #2 drop out to be replaced by the next highest ranked players in the provincial rankings. While the bottom two players from Division #1 drop down to play Division #2 and the top two players from Division #2 move up to Division #1.

Here are the results for the Fall session 2004:

## Division #1

- 1) Matt Bishop
- 2) Jonathan Dale
- 3) Mike Smeltzer
- 4) Jon Boody
- 5) Chris Petropolis
- 6) Matthew Holland
- 7) Rob Weatherston
- 8) Greg Myers
- 9) Justin McDonough
- 10) Margo Green

## Division #2

- 1) Farley MacLeod
- 2) Julian Boyle
- 3) Richard Khan
- 4) Ken Canavan
- 5) Blair Cook
- 6) Steve Davies
- 7) Brian Schwartz
- 8) Leah Bishop

We would like to thank Costa Elles and OPA for continuing to host our banquet concluding each session. A million thanks to the tireless referees who come out on Tuesday nights. Special thanks to Debbie Coles, Tom Hori, Zal Davar, Jim Mitchell, Bill Marshall, and Ray Souchereau.

This year the Premier League hosted a sanctioned squash event in conjunction with a Saturday night auction and social. In doing so, we were able to offer \$300 for the winner of the A division who was Matt Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> place of \$150 to John Dale, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place of \$75 to Mike Smeltzer. All winners donated their winnings back to the Premier League. Even more importantly, the Premier League announced a \$500 donation to the Junior Development program with every intention to increase this donation in years to follow.

On behalf of all the Premier League and Provincial Squad Members, thank you to all who contributed and spent at this year's auction!

Next year look for the Premier League to host a sanctioned Professional Squash Association event. More to come shortly...

# Sydney Squash Club Update

By John MacPhail, Sydney

Our courts at the C.B. YMCA are busier than ever. Lately we have had a lot of new people playing, especially females and kids. The YMCA is in the process of completing a feasibility study to look at replacing the existing facility or perhaps doing extensive renovations to the “older” part of the building. The viewing area above our courts has been closed for just over a year now because of safety concerns after our last tournament. There were times when there were 50 or 60 people on the upstairs platform, so they wanted to make certain it was safe. An engineer was hired to take a closer look, and his results noted that it should be reinforced or replaced with steel (currently wood). No progress has yet been made to rectify the situation due to the ongoing study. (i.e. the existing location of our courts may be moved in the new plan).

So, in December we had a meeting with the CEO to discuss a “temporary solution”. After our discussions, it looks like we will be spending some money to fix (reinforce) the viewing area above our courts. We discussed a date of somewhere around February or March for the renovations to the squash area. We plan on then having a tournament, most likely in April. We also anticipate that when the study is completed, the new plans will show new glass back courts for the club.

The last year has been a very active year for our courts. In the next couple of weeks, we will be forming our first “Squash Committee” to represent and promote the club.

## What the Rank?

By Pat Kelly, Halifax (Rankings Committee Chair)

So, you beat him, got by her, scraped out a big win against the other guy in five but lost last night. Somewhere in there your ranking should change. Here’s why:

- The ranking software, SportPro, takes results from both leagues, Premier and Black Knight, and all sanctioned tournaments as well as the NS Team Trials. It is updated monthly or within a week after each tournament, whichever comes first.
- Results are posted at [www.squashns.ca](http://www.squashns.ca) under the “Rankings” link at the top right of the page. Some courts may also post on their bulletin boards.
- Only the result of a match, a win or loss, affects a player’s ranking. Games won in a match (3-0, 3-1, 3-2) or points awarded in games (9-0, 9-5, 10-9, etc.) don’t factor.

“Just win baby.” – Al Davis, owner and walking fashion faux pas, Oakland Raiders

- With a win ranking points are added to a player’s total and deducted for a loss, according to an algorithm within the software.

- The less likely a result, with respect to the competitor's relative rankings, the more points are added to the victor and taken away from the loser.
  - The more likely a result, with respect to the competitor's relative rankings the fewer points are added to the victor and taken away from the loser.
  - If the competitors are closely ranked, point swings for a win or loss for either party are less dramatic.
  - (Note: In either case, if the points awarded to an initially lower ranked match winner, and taken away from an initially higher ranked match loser, are not collectively enough to make the match winner's new total rankings points higher than the match loser's, then the match loser will remain higher ranked.)
- Ranking points directly determine where a player is listed and their correlating rank.
  - Until a player is ranked, by accumulating a minimum number of results versus ranked players (minimums increase in stages through the season to encourage participation), they don't show up in the rankings and don't add points to those who beat them, or cost points to those who lose to them.
  - The number of players ranked will increase or decrease with each update, depending directly on an individual's participation, or lack thereof, versus the minimums at a given point in the season. A player's absolute rank, the number next to their name, could go up and down just by others above them being added to, or falling off, the ranking list. As a result it is generally relative ranking, how well someone is doing versus those around them, and not the absolute number that is more significant.
  - The "Trend" column shows the net gain or loss of ranking points over the previous 6 results (matches) for a given player.
  - An "event" is any one night of league play or any tournament. The number of matches over all events is shown for each player, their won and lost matches also totaled.
  - The "Old" rank is the player's rank as of the previous ranking publication (date of which is noted).
  - Women and Juniors playing in the "Open" category have recorded results entered separately and separate rankings maintained under both classifications.

If there are any questions about a particular player's ranking or how a particular result affected their points please contact: [r\\_biv@hotmail.com](mailto:r_biv@hotmail.com)

## Squash Nova Scotia Open Rankings as of January 1, 2005

<i>Old</i> 12/5/2004	<i>New</i> 1/1/2005	<i>Name</i>	<i>Events</i>	<i>Matches</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Trend</i>
1	1	Matt Bishop	13	20	19	1	9115	25
2	2	Mike Smeltzer	14	22	17	5	9009	-6
4	3	Jonathan Dale	14	22	14	8	8975	-24
3	4	Chris Johnson	3	3	2	1	8967	2
5	5	Chris Petropolis	9	12	6	6	8937	-8
6	6	Matt Holland	7	13	8	5	8937	6
7	7	Jon Boody	12	21	11	10	8863	-15
8	8	Josh Rudolph	2	2	0	2	8858	-37
9	9	Greg Myers	11	17	7	10	8856	-4
10	10	Chad Edison	5	10	5	5	8833	-22
11	11	Steve Ally	2	6	2	4	8824	-46
12	12	Julian Boyle	12	23	15	8	8808	16
13	13	Margo Green	10	13	4	9	8803	53
14	14	Rob Weatherston	9	17	6	11	8762	17
16	15	Farley Macleod	12	18	8	10	8709	5
17	16	Justin McDonough	10	14	3	11	8708	-23
15	17	Blair Cook	16	23	14	9	8692	-52
18	18	Richard Khan	15	23	12	11	8681	-19
19	19	Brian Schwartz	11	15	6	9	8644	-5
23	20	Jason Latimer	9	18	15	3	8606	177
20	21	Ken Canavan	9	12	4	8	8584	-40
21	22	Steve Davies	14	14	8	6	8567	5
22	23	Alex Lye	8	14	10	4	8489	-27
24	24	John MacPhail	3	13	10	3	8445	18
25	25	Leah Bishop	11	16	4	12	8443	5
26	26	Melissa Shakespeare	1	2	1	1	8414	-44
27	27	Brian Newcombe	2	6	3	3	8385	-74
28	28	Patrick Kelly	14	21	10	11	8348	11
30	29	Andrew Sleigh	8	11	6	5	8321	10
29	30	Brian Latimer	8	15	10	5	8309	52
31	31	Tom Black	4	6	2	4	8300	-45
33	32	Tony Hall	6	9	5	4	8243	39
32	33	Simon Bell	9	20	7	13	8230	17
34	34	Sean Cleary	2	4	2	2	8213	13
35	35	Jim Retallack	2	4	0	4	8212	-183
36	36	Ken Parris	2	4	0	4	8196	-36
38	37	Ryan Kennedy	4	4	2	2	8185	10
37	38	Russel Unilowsky	1	3	1	2	8172	0
39	39	Tom Wile	7	11	2	9	8144	-31
40	40	Fred Cumby	1	2	0	2	8031	0
43	41	Stephen Price	2	7	7	0	8000	79
41	42	Paul Hopkins	7	12	9	3	7974	-85
44	43	Jamie Conboy	2	6	4	2	7974	-19
45	44	Chad Gilbert	5	5	0	5	7966	0
46	45	Kris Chahley	6	9	6	3	7935	-223
42	46	Ghislaine Arseneau	6	6	2	4	7924	-93
47	47	Nick Graham	3	7	5	2	7898	11
-	48	Marc Leblanc	1	1	0	1	7875	0
48	49	Baylor Crawford	2	5	3	2	7875	0
49	50	Daniel Smyth	2	7	5	2	7866	35
52	51	Evan Gilbert	6	9	8	1	7862	44
50	52	Matty MacDougall	2	4	2	2	7850	170

51	<b>53</b>	Ian Ferguson	1	3	1	2	<b>7798</b>	-33
53	<b>53</b>	Tom Calder	1	1	0	1	<b>7715</b>	0
54	<b>55</b>	Akhane Thiphavong	3	7	3	4	<b>7680</b>	-26
56	<b>56</b>	Ben Hahn	2	4	1	3	<b>7663</b>	-33
57	<b>57</b>	Jeff Landry	7	15	13	2	<b>7631</b>	339
55	<b>58</b>	Craig Clarke	7	9	2	7	<b>7611</b>	-152
58	<b>59</b>	George Murray	5	8	4	4	<b>7558</b>	78
60	<b>60</b>	Aine Humble	2	5	2	3	<b>7548</b>	-1
63	<b>61</b>	Adam Dyker	7	11	8	3	<b>7511</b>	191
59	<b>62</b>	Lee Kirby	6	8	0	8	<b>7507</b>	-100
61	<b>63</b>	Eric Nobbe	1	4	2	2	<b>7496</b>	-7
62	<b>64</b>	Sharon Dickson	3	4	0	4	<b>7449</b>	-50
64	<b>65</b>	Justin Grout	3	5	3	2	<b>7347</b>	16
65	<b>66</b>	Nathan Urquahart	1	2	1	1	<b>7341</b>	0
66	<b>67</b>	Scott Hagen	2	3	1	2	<b>7333</b>	0
67	<b>68</b>	Keith Buckland	1	4	3	1	<b>7324</b>	0
68	<b>69</b>	Luke Tilley	2	4	2	2	<b>7324</b>	0
69	<b>70</b>	Andrew Crocker	1	2	1	1	<b>7322</b>	0
70	<b>71</b>	Jeff Tilley	1	2	1	1	<b>7317</b>	0
71	<b>72</b>	Edward Spencer	4	9	0	9	<b>7313</b>	-22
72	<b>73</b>	Matthew Rigby	3	10	7	3	<b>7303</b>	-14
73	<b>74</b>	Elizabeth Mazerolle	3	2	1	1	<b>7300</b>	0
74	<b>75</b>	Jill Moore	1	1	1	0	<b>7299</b>	27
75	<b>76</b>	Martin Servant	3	6	4	2	<b>7294</b>	32
76	<b>77</b>	Catherine Cushing	2	2	0	2	<b>7245</b>	-67
78	<b>78</b>	Mike Carter	2	4	2	2	<b>7230</b>	-22
77	<b>79</b>	Gordon Redden	5	5	1	4	<b>7223</b>	-71
-	<b>80</b>	Tim Gibel	5	3	2	1	<b>7211</b>	84
79	<b>81</b>	Brian Chaffey	2	6	2	4	<b>7130</b>	-50
80	<b>82</b>	Richard Corbin	3	0	0	0	<b>7107</b>	0

## Squash Nova Scotia Women's Rankings as of January 1, 2005

<i>Old</i> 12/5/2004	<i>New</i> 1/1/2005	<i>Name</i>	<i>Events</i>	<i>Matches</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Trend</i>
1	<b>1</b>	Aine Humble	3	5	5	0	<b>8958</b>	0
2	<b>2</b>	Sharon Dickson	3	8	4	4	<b>8948</b>	18
3	<b>3</b>	Melinda Charlton	5	8	6	2	<b>8921</b>	2
4	<b>4</b>	Lorraine Macdonald	1	3	1	2	<b>8916</b>	0
5	<b>5</b>	Audrey Chong	3	9	9	0	<b>8895</b>	42
6	<b>6</b>	Sonya Doherty	4	12	7	5	<b>8835</b>	15
7	<b>7</b>	Jessica Caton	2	3	1	2	<b>8824</b>	0
8	<b>8</b>	Valerie Spencer	3	8	2	6	<b>8787</b>	-54
10	<b>9</b>	Catherine Cushing	3	3	1	2	<b>8774</b>	-69
9	<b>10</b>	Jill Moore	5	9	5	4	<b>8771</b>	18
11	<b>11</b>	Allison Christie	2	6	2	4	<b>8714</b>	-7
12	<b>12</b>	Lise Gallant	1	3	3	0	<b>8707</b>	9
13	<b>13</b>	Patty Thille	1	3	2	1	<b>8659</b>	-29
14	<b>14</b>	Theresa Giles	3	8	0	8	<b>8655</b>	-35
15	<b>15</b>	Alison Mansfield	1	3	2	1	<b>8632</b>	-9
-	<b>16</b>	Elizabeth Mazerolle	2	2	0	2	<b>8607</b>	-4
16	<b>17</b>	Julie Crawford	2	6	3	3	<b>8606</b>	37
17	<b>18</b>	Julie Jordan	5	9	6	3	<b>8568</b>	39
18	<b>19</b>	Jennifer Tucker	2	6	2	4	<b>8425</b>	-16

## Squash Nova Scotia 2005 Schedule

Dalhousie Invitational	13-16 January	Dalhousie University, Halifax
NS Junior Closed	21-23 January	TBD
Interprovincial Team Championships	27-30 January	Men's - CFB Greenwood; Women's - PEI
Cole Harbour Invitational	3-6 February	Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth
4th Valley Invitational	3-6 March	Acadia University, Wolfville
NS Junior Open	11-13 March	TBD
Canadian University & College Championships	11-13 March	Toronto, ON
NB Open	17-20 March	TBD
NFLD Open	31 March -3 April	St. John's
NS Open	7-10 April	Tower, Halifax
Atlantic Open	14-17 April	Charlottetown, PE
Atlantic Masters Team Event	21-24 April	TBD - Tentative
Canadian Junior	28 April -1 May	Calgary, AB
Canadian Senior	4-8 May	Toronto, ON

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