

The Telltale

A Newsletter by and for members of Squash Nova Scotia January 2006

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Message from the President

Blair Cook, Halifax
(President, Squash Nova Scotia)



There has certainly been a lot of squash played since my comments last month and I'm sure you'll get all the latest news and play-by-play in the pages that follow. While we have a moment for a holiday pause in the schedule, I'll take this opportunity to wrap up 2005 and put a tidy little bow on where we've been, how we're doing, and give you an idea of where we are going.

I've talked to many members throughout the fall on the direction we are trying to take Squash Nova Scotia. Most comments have been generally supportive of the objectives we have set out in our strategic plan (<http://www.squashns.ca/pdfs/SquashNovaScotiastategicplan.pdf>) and for the initiatives undertaken this season.

As I've previously reported, we are now executing on our three areas of priority for this season which are:

1. Make Squash Nova Scotia more provincial in our orientation
2. Focus on the membership
3. Rejuvenate the tournaments

But our work is far from being done. While the Board is laying a foundation for growing the sport across the province, measurable results will take time to achieve.

The website, the newsletter, the broad Board representation, and simply your ability to call or email Lindsey (Excutive.director@squashns.ca) or myself (president@squashns.ca) have all germinated useful discussions about ways to improve our sport. We use these connect points with squash players to help us prioritize objectives and allocate the scarce resources of our small organization.

The membership campaign, which is still ongoing, has also been successful in formalizing a relationship between players and the association. I'm hopeful that we will have 150 players registered for this season when all is said and done. This is a strong result relative to recent years and the strength of this community is already being realized at the association level when you look at how broadly our volunteer base has grown (<http://www.squashns.ca/snsorganization.html>).

Take for instance the recent Big League Squash Championship. In the past, organization of the tournament largely rested on the shoulders' of a couple of individuals. This year, I am pleased to report that we had no fewer than 18 volunteers playing specific roles in pulling together that event. Many hands make for lighter lifting, a better event, and also make volunteering more fun.

The next step is to beef up volunteer resources for all the other mandates of Squash Nova Scotia so that we can build and sustain robust programs throughout the province. I'd like us to have resources available to tackle such initiatives as:

1. Broad based junior programs
2. Turn key clinics to attract and improve the skills of new players, officials, and coaches
3. Year round emphasis on development of elite players
4. Advocacy resources that can assist interested groups with projects for new facilities (there are currently three new facilities being proposed in the province that I'm aware of)

The list could go on and on. Our sport has much more potential above and beyond the weekly grudge matches we have against one another. Squash can enrich not only your life but others as well. I'm working hard to let the "squash is a great sport" secret out.

And even if you aren't up for volunteering, there are all kinds of ways you can help the collective association. You may simply know someone who might be interested in trying squash and steer them in our direction to get them started. The website

www.squashns.ca) is evolving into a portal for squash in Nova Scotia with all the information a player requires to get started or stay in the loop.

Or perhaps you might decide to take your weekly grudge match to the more formal forum of a tournament to raise the stakes. Some of us come out for the competition, others for the exercise and a few luses come out for the beer(s). Regardless, squash events offer something for everyone. So think of what things would allow you to enjoy the sport more and let me know, or better yet, make the difference yourself.

In closing, I thank all of you who have participated, supported, sponsored, or volunteered for squash this year. We're off to a good start this season and with events like the Bluenose Squash Classic PSA event coming in February, momentum will continue to build.

Happy holidays everyone and I'll see you all at Dalhousie in January 2006.

Message from the Editor

By Farley MacLeod, Halifax

I would really like to thank all the contributors to this issue. As you will see, the Squash Nova Scotia membership has responded to my request for input into the Telltale. In addition to the usual columns, I am excited to tell you that this edition of the resurrected Telltale contains its first piece of original squash poetry, and if I am not mistaken, the subject is an old friend / nemesis of mine – but I'll let you see if you can guess who it is. The members of Squash N.S. have already been on the road this season, and have shared their experiences from events in Moncton, Greenwood, Halifax, and Boston.

I have included some photos in this edition of the newsletter, however, there are now many more to be seen in the "Gallery" section of the website: www.squashns.ca/gallery

It is hard to believe that the holiday season has come and gone. The New Year comes with new challenges, in the form of the excellent tournament at Dalhousie, as well as the event we are all looking forward to – the Bluenose Squash Classic in February. According to the reports from the recent tournament in Moncton, the Atlantic Open will prove to be a fun event. Please take a look at the Squash NS schedule on Page 21, as there are a number of changes since the last edition of the Telltale.

Keep the submissions coming. Send them to: farleymacleod@yahoo.ca

Happy reading. Keep your racquet up, and your eye on the ball.

KC At The T - By Ernie La Playa

**The outlook was almost brilliant for the Sackville man that day,
The fifth game score stood 7-3, with scant rallies in the match to play.**

**But when KC's serve fell below the line, and his next return the same,
A pall-like silence fell upon the patrons of the game.**

**A stragglng few thought to go in deep despair,
knowing a turnaround would pull hearts from their breast and leave them
hanging there.**

**They thought, "if only KC could but get a whack or three.
We'd put up even money now, with KC at the T."**

**Then tin confounded KC, as did also a head fake;
and the former was a clang, while the latter; too late.**

**So upon that stricken multitude, grim melancholy ran free;
for there seemed but little chance of KC getting to the T.**

**But then he unleashed a winning drive, to the wonderment of all.
nearly, and to much surprise, tore the dots off the ball.**

**And when the dust had lifted,
and fans saw what had occurred, hopes and eyes were trained upon him as
KC was again, with serve.**

**Then from five thousand throats and more there rose a lusty yell as
the sound of another kill shot rumbled through the valley, and rattled in the
dell;**

**Their cheers reached across the mountain and recoiled across it all;
for KC, mighty KC, held in his hand, match ball.**

**Serve return rattled KC's manner as he allowed a second bounce,
but there was pride in KC's bearing and KC's eyes sought to pounce.**

**And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his bandana,
no stranger in the crowd could doubt t'was KC under all that mana.**

**Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hand on the wall.
Five thousand hearts applauded when unsteady legs refused to fall.**

Then, while the opposition bounced the ball just off his hip,
defiance flashed in KC's eye, a sneer curled KC's lip.

And now the double dotted sphere came hurtling through the air,
and KC stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.

Close by the sturdy warrior the ball unheeded sped --
"That ain't my style," said KC.

"7-8!" the umpire said.
From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar,
like the beating of the storm waves on a stern and distant shore.

"Kill him! Kill the ref!" shouted someone on the stand,
and it's likely they'd have killed him had not KC raised his hand.

With a smile of trademark charity, great KC's visage shone,
he stilled the rising tumult, he bade the game go on.

He glanced at the ref, as the sphere of rubber spun,
but KC ignored its path. Said he; "Set one."

Applaud with gusto the maddened thousands did, their intent the more to
laud.

A glimpse of KC's determined face and the audience was awed.

They saw his warmth grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,
and they knew that KC wouldn't let that ball go by again.

The sneer has fled from KC's lip, the teeth are clenched by half.
He pounds, with cruel violence, his racquet at his calf.

And now his opponent holds the ball, and now he lets it fling,
and now the air is shattered by the force of KC's swing.

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright.
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light.
And, somewhere men are laughing, and little children shout,

but there is no joy in Sackville --
mighty KC has tinned out.

Premier League Update

By Farley MacLeod

Here are the results of the Premier League. Regular season points are listed below. In the playoffs, Matt Bishop beat Mike Smeltzer for the money, and Jon Boody defeated Matt Holland for third place. In the Division 2 playoffs, Chad Edison held onto his rightful #1 position, while Blair Cook knocked off Farley MacLeod for the #3 spot. For the Winter edition, Rob Weatherston and Jason Latimer will be relegated to Division Two, while Chad Edison and Ken Canavan will advance to Division One. (Watch the Chronicle Herald on Wednesdays for weekly results)

Division One Standings

1. Mike Smeltzer – 33 points
2. Matt Bishop – 26 points
3. Jon Boody – 23 points
4. Matt Holland – 20 points
5. Chris Petropolis – 17 points
6. Justin McDonough – 10 points
7. Rob Weatherston – 8 points
8. Jason Latimer - 3 points

Division Two Standings:

1. Chad Edison – 26 points (Head to head win for Chad puts him in first)
2. Ken Canavan – 26 points
3. Farley MacLeod – 23 points
4. Blair Cook – 19 points
5. Richard Khan – 18 points
6. Ray Souchereau – 14 points
7. Costa Elles – 13 points
8. Steve Davies – 1 point

Kings County Squash Club

By Jim Retallack

During the winter of 2005, Kings County Squash Club (**KCSC**) plans to build 2 world class, glass backed **Squash Courts with club facilities** in the new indoor soccer complex in Kentville. KCSC will be a 'key' club offering 24 hour playing times, changing rooms, showers and a common area. This is your chance to sign up and support the project.

The KCSC will be a not for profit club.

Timing / Details

We will have between 100-150 members. We are asking that all those interested in membership pay a \$50 deposit. When the courts are built, a \$50 reduction in fees will result and until then the deposit will be held in trust. In the event of insufficient interest, all funds will be returned. In the meantime, Valley Squash Racquets Association (VSRA) is underwriting all costs.

Membership	Cost
Junior	\$75
Student	\$100
Single	\$150
Family	\$250

Completed registration forms and deposit cheques will be accepted by mail until year-end 2005.

Please send to :

Kings County Squash Club
PO Box 416
Port Williams, NS
B0P 1T0

Or give completed forms to one of these organizers;

Grant Ferguson
Janet MacLeod
Jim Retallack
Bob Hainstock
Bob Mullan
Paul Morgan
David Marsters
Mickey Parent
Harvey Nickerson
Keith Fuller
Dennis Boucher

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

email address _____

Senior _____ **Junior/Student** _____ **Family** _____ **and if so, how many will be playing?** _____

Are you interested in lessons? _____ Are you interested in competing in a league? _____

How many times a week do you plan to play? _____

The Tower Intro to the Competitive Year

By F.A. Tourniquet

The vagaries and mysteries of motivation that get the weekend warriors off their couches and onto deteriorating knee joints for a squash tournament seem to have struck again in favour of the Tower Invitational 2005. Again this year the highest tournament attendance, pre-Christmas, was delivered unto south end Halifax for the kick off to the season.

There were 99 Open matches and 27 Women's matches drawn from across 85 participants, a great number for a tournament to work with. Toques and day passes to the masses were the gift of the day from the organization. SMU put on a tight show, food in the right volumes and varieties, the chili being a great touch. The desk was (wo)manned very effectively by Tower staff, Lorena and Crystal. Kathy Mullane put herself in harms way as coordinator for the first time since Colonel Sanders was a private.

On the court, for the first time in our memory, hamster-like though it may be, there was a Women's A/B draw. Coaxed out of the Hall of Fame; Donna Shakespeare and Kathy Mullane made rare but welcome appearances amongst the "kids" to round out a competitive five-woman round robin. The winner was Audrey Chong, the runner up Donna Shakespeare, even after she had to withdraw from her final game with injury.

The Women's C/D had, wait for it, a real 10 person draw. Val Spencer challenged Julie Jordan on the final day, taking home the goodies, a great finish for both. Julie Crawford fought through four matches to take the consolation final. The body of the participants came from the Sunday Women's Squash League at the Tower but some fresh names were noted. You know who you are. You will be stalked until you show up again.

The Open D group is consistently the most unpredictable. First-time participants to the competitive side of things are always blindsiding the hopeful and this was no exception. Swee Tan and Aaron Johnstone fought it out for the final, Johnstone left standing. With three family members taking part at various levels it was likely the Latremouille clan was going to have someone working on a prize on Sunday. Morgan was the D consolation winner.

The Open C witnessed an all Dal final, Matt Rigby getting in his first requirement for promotion to B by making a finals' appearance. Adam Dyker stole the win with a fifth-game comeback. Military pride was ensured by Gerry Caldwell from Stad taking the consolation game from Keith Buckland. Cape Breton supplied at least twelve participants to the event at various levels. The same or more should be reciprocated for the Sydney event in April.

The Open B group rendered a solid upset when Tony Hall unseated Leah Bishop's first seed but the final featured Brian Latimer and Andrew Sleigh, hair coming out ahead of wisdom. Leah got the left side of the draw over Tom Black. Fourteen people is a good

number for a B draw but if everyone who plays B could make it on the same weekend there would be about 30, a marathon I'd like to see.

The Open A group was also well turned out with thirteen. Mike Smeltzer had visions, and for a while the momentum, to repeat last year's upset over Matt Bishop in the final but the tide turned through a great finish. Blair Cook, el presidente, carried Farley MacLeod to a loss in four games for the consolation.

Prizes ranged according to placement but most winners got 4 months of Tower membership, a significant return on their registration investment. Those who didn't play spent the next two weeks feeling like they were falling behind, given the skill they may have seen on display from the gallery, but we imagine they have gotten over it since. Thanks for coming out.



“Groupies”



“Jason Latimer and his reach with Farley MacLeod initiating”

Canada Games Update

By Melissa Shakespeare and Rick Latimer

The core team for the 2007 Canada Winter Games consists of the following individuals:

Male

Under 19

Brian Latimer
Justin Grout
Scott Hagen
Keifer Latremouille

Female

Under 19

Annie Langley
Kelli Keeble

Under 17

Brett Keeble
Morgan Latremouille
Ben Proudfoot
Theo Petropolis

Under 17

Niamh Campbell
Arielle Petropolis
Elsbeth Tillard
Gillian Tillard

The juniors have been working hard this season training for the upcoming Canada Games in February of 2007. We are planning to attend the Atlantic Junior Tournament in Moncton (January 2006) and the Canadian Junior Tournament in Niagara-on-the Lake (April 2006).

Playoffs for the team, which will consist of four boys and four girls, will begin in March 2006. The team will not be selected until September 2006.

Please visit our website for more information on our Canada Games program (www.geocities.com/squashconnections).

The Boast on the Coast

— **January Update** By Patrick Kelly - bluenosesquashclassic@gmail.com



Professional squash is in top gear the world over as the pros dig for rankings points to get to the next level in this, the beginning of the 2006 portion of the season. Qatar and Hong Kong are recent hosts for high profile PSA tournaments and the inaugural **Bluenose Squash Classic**, presented by The Golden Clipper, is putting Halifax on that same calendar of events.

Cole Harbour Place will host from February 15-19, 2006, with qualifying rounds being played on the first day and the main draw following through until the final day, Sunday. While admission for viewing to both qualifying rounds of the pro event is free, the main draw tickets are limited by capacity to 60 seats per day. Prices and purchase details are posted on www.squashns.ca/bluenose2006.

The amateur companion event, to be played on the courts next to the pros, will be run simultaneously but also subject to a capped number of registrants. For information on registration and availability, and all BSC 2006 updates, please keep an eye on the same event website.

The twelve main draw competitors, and four qualifiers who join them, are being hosted by the Westin Hotel in Halifax for the duration of the tournament. A special \$99 room rate is

also being provided for any companion event participants who wish to take advantage of it.

For those volunteers who have offered to help with the execution of the event, look to be contacted shortly if you haven't been already. Anyone just now wishing to put their names in please drop a note to bluenosesquashclassic@gmail.com and know that you'll be busy just after Valentine's Day.

The contributions of local business in sponsoring the event have grown to full complement. As noted above, *The Golden Clipper* is the Presenting Sponsor for the tournament. Our list of Gold Sponsors includes *Truefoam Limited, Jim Mitchell Electric, Dr. Chris Petropolis – Dentist, A.H. Bishop & Associates Ltd., Molson Canadian, Seven Winebar, Fossil Power Systems Inc. and Coady Filliter Barristers and Solicitors*. Our Silver Sponsor is *Larry Langley at Benchmark Investment Consulting*. This support is both appreciated and necessary. Many thanks from the organizing committee to all who have contributed this way.

The Bluenose Squash Classic, a not for profit event, is being initiated and organized in memory of Marcella Davar (May 8, 1954 – July 21, 2004) and the opportunity to make a voluntary donation to the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society will be available through the tournament's companion event registration form.

As the tournament draws nearer the final details for the tournament in general are settling into place, not the least of which is the final list of pros expected to attend and the draw that will determine their week. Keep an eye on the calendar and check online to be sure you don't miss developments. See you there.

The Bilingual Life Game

By Frank McKenna

Take this as an urgent appeal for anyone with a couple of thousand, perhaps tens of thousands, maybe even hundreds of thousands of dollars, lying around the house; think of your fellow Nova Scotia squash player and their genuine provincial jealousy. Moncton has a brand new club, municipally partnered, member run, and perfectly suited, and all of Nova Scotia does not.

This is known as about 15 Nova Scotia players made the trip up to the new place for the two day club christening tournament, had a blast, and then came back with a respectable amount of hardware. Represented at all levels there wasn't a lot of overlap with familiar opponents from here and everyone got at least one match they would never have had if they hadn't made the effort.

With tournament organizers planning to use the Nov. 11th holiday to suit out of town visitors and have everything done by the Saturday night it was a well run and compact weekend in an exceptionally welcoming place that obviously only existed through the

hard work of the members at its core. Friday night musical entertainment and an excellent potluck dinner went into the wee hours. Detailed plans were made on the spot for a facility to match in Halifax. Unfortunately, by the time they were complete no one was in any shape to write down or remember any of it so we'll have to start from scratch.

The prize for most creative acceptance of a door prize goes to Matt Holland. He swears he didn't plan it.

Check out their website at www.monctonsquash.ca. They'll do it all over again hosting the Atlantic Open on April 21-23 this winter. Where else would you rather be in the dead of winter other than Moncton?



The Courts at Moncton

Why Women Should Be At Tournaments? Because Chicks Rock!

By Tower Women's Squash Club

Women improve tournaments! Women make tournaments more interesting and exciting! Women look good in the courts and are really helpful organizing and running the events.

There have been a couple of tournaments this season, and there have been lots of women participating in them but there is always room for more girls that want to take on the challenge. Tournaments are always about winning, it might not always be reflected in winning the matches but it's about winning experience, learning the rules and gaining confidence on the courts. There is always the chance to face a player you've never played, or to play someone who you played before and you would like to compete against again. Sometimes you might play partners you play often, but in a competition the feeling is always more intense. Tournaments are like an addiction. As soon as one tournament is over, you are thinking about the next one, and the things you would like to do differently or improve, or about the things that you would like to try again.

In order to prove the idea that tournaments are like an addiction, we decided to talk to some women who cannot miss a tournament and we asked them what would be their advice to women who are afraid of joining tournaments and these are the comments we gathered.

They all agree that they participate in as many tournaments as they can, for the fun of it because it's a blast! They said that they love the competition...you can't beat it! And the beer and the excellent social atmosphere! They comment that it is great to have real referees, learn about the lets and strokes, and pick up things from better players.

The girls said that most of the time, they play better at tournaments and even when they don't play their best and they are feeling upset, they end up with the feeling that they can do better in the next one.

Well, it's true we are all addicted to Squash, and we are practicing hard to have a better performance in the next tournament. We would love to see new faces in the courts.

The 2005 US Open at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA

By John MacPhail

Originally I had only purchased tickets to the semis and the finals. However, on Sunday there wasn't much to do in Boston, or Cambridge (across the river)...so I went to check out Harvard U. and the squash courts etc. Harvard University is massive. So big....it's like a whole town, rather than a University. When I saw the draw for that evening, I immediately bought tickets for the quarter finals as well. Well....the new facility they have was built in 1998 and is called the Muir Centre. It houses 14 glass backed squash courts and one permanent all glass pro court. The building also houses 6 indoor tennis courts. All the squash courts have those "high school gym" wooden bleachers which are massive, lining the whole length of the hall. Thousands of people could easily spectate.

Upon entering the Muir Centre, in their entrance hallway, all the squash racquet companies, video companies, squash camp reps, etc. were present and every imaginable type of new racquet and sneaker was there to buy. My new Prince sneakers were there for \$60 US, no tax. TV screens were displaying all the latest videos. Players such as Jon Power were signing autographs at their sponsor's booths.

Inside the tennis facility, they constructed the PSA glass court...on top of one of the tennis courts...and then brought in the bleachers. This is where the men played. The women played in the Harvard all glass court.

There was seating for about 750 people ...mostly a stiff Harvard crowd....best dressed squash crowd I've ever seen. The quarter finals were amazing....with Jonathon Power match against Nick Matthew by far the best. Power just amazes people with the shots

and risks he takes. There was electricity in the air during his whole match that did not return for the rest of the tournament! Power won game # 1, Matthew got game # 2. In game # 2, Power slid on the floor to make it to a shot and scuffed up his knee a little bit. It was barely bleeding...he then wiped it and ignored it because it stopped bleeding and was a very minor scrape. But then Matthew started asking the ref if Power could continue. The poor confused ref, said "play on please"....but Matthew kept at it for the next 2 or 3 minutes until I think Power or the ref were about to shoot him. It was very odd, since there was no blood. Matthew was saying "don't the rules state that the player can't continue play if he's bleeding"....ref would respond "but he's not bleeding" etc etc...

Anyways, on it went! Matthew won game # 2 ...it was close. Power won game # 3 in a blowout that seemed like 5 minutes.

In game # 4 ...we entered the Twilight Zone. Power was leading 8-2.....then at 8-5 Matthew served and it came off the wall in a funny way (according to Power)...and then all hell broke loose. At the top of his lungs Power hollered at Matthew "Nick ...what the hell was that?" to which Matthew acted (or was) confused.....then Power said to the ref "He greased the ball "to which Matthew denied!!! Apparently, greasing the ball refers to rubbing the ball on your sweaty wet shirt just before you serve! Anyways...after 5 more minutes of arguing....play resumed and Power lost that game...

Game # 5....well the weird match just kept getting stranger. After a few points....Power was holding his hand and apparently wincing in some type of pain. From where I was sitting, you could see he had a really severe cramp in his thumb of his racquet hand, and it cramped so badly that his thumb was bent into a bizarre 90 degree angle and he could not free it. He took a 1 or 2 minute break, returned and after about one minute of play he dropped his racquet, grabbed his hand in apparent pain, tried to straighten it one last time, but could not. Immediately, he shook Matthew's hand and left the court to ice his hand. Match to Matthew.

The three other quarter finals were great squash also. Beachill won easily. Anthony Ricketts beat the other Canuck Graham Ryding. David Palmer beat John White in another exciting match. White is always fun to watch because he plays at twice the speed of everyone else (hitting a lot of tin in the process usually).

The semi – finals were Beachill over Matthew (who beat Power) in 5 games ...and Palmer over Ricketts in 5 games.....the quality of the squash was amazing.

The finals on Tuesday had Lee Beachill up against David Palmer. This was a matchup of perfect textbook squash ...up and down the wall, with amazing retrieving!!!!

Beachill won in the 5th and it was very close...down to the wire. Palmer was denied a let at 8-8, for a shot that he could have easily retrieved....the Harvard crowd let out a very small Boo!

After another bad call that gave Beachill a stroke, Beachill was the 2005 US Open Champion for the second year in a row. (Palmer won it the year before that).

All in all.....great squash in a great facility!!!

Hopefully the “Bluenose Squash Classic” will develop into a huge tournament over the next 5 years, and everyone will have the opportunity to see some of the best the world has to offer!

P.S. There are pictures on the walls inside the facility of the Harvard Squash Teams from 1923 onward to the present!!!! Some squash history there!



Greenwood Invitational

By Farley MacLeod, Halifax

For those who have traveled to the Greenwood Invitational in the past, the 2004 event presented a disappointment, as we were no longer able to rent rooms on the base at CFB Greenwood. In previous years, renting rooms on the base had been affordable, and was extremely convenient, as rooms were within a two-minute walk to the courts, and the mess hall where we could get meals and also socialize. This resulted in a much lower turnout from out-of-towners in 2004 than in previous years.

Fortunately, this year our tournament host, Jeff Hallam, was able to arrange for us to stay on the base once again. Although the overall turnout for the tournament was low (about 35 participants), about 20 of them were from HRM.

As the squash action didn't start until Saturday, about half a dozen of us arrived to toast our return to the base on Friday night. The reveling began, and when the cards came out, we fell to Andrew Sleigh's peer pressure to play some “Crazy Eights”. [Although I'm not sure that is a politically correct term anymore, ;) how about “Wacky Eights”?]. We survived the night, and the squash was underway first thing Saturday morning. Those of us in the A draw were disappointed that Greenwood's fiercest competitor, Steve Ally, has taken early retirement from squash due to a lack of local competition, and has focused

his attention on Ironman Triathlon. We had small draws in each of the Men's categories, as Women's C/D.

As usual, there were a number of interesting matches, including the Brian Latimer showing his skills against Pat Kelly in the "Killer" B final.

After matches on Saturday, it became apparent quickly that the evening was going to be lots of fun, when about 20 of us were sitting around the common area, telling stories about tournaments gone by, and the laughter was enough to wake anyone trying to catch a power nap before the night ramped up. The next stop was Pizza Delight for some carbo loading, before we returned to the lounge for more preparation. The party moved to the Mess Hall and it was revealed that we were celebrating Andrew Sleight's birthday, and he relented willingly to the associated peer pressure. Unfortunately, he could not tame the wooden horse, although apparently Brian Latimer did - how does that saying go? "squash imitates life, life imitates squash" ?

In the end, some folks got to sleep, and were primed for the remaining matches. The results are below. See the SNS website for photos, some are there already, and more are to be added shortly: www.squashns.ca/photos/greenwood/index.html

Competitive Category	Winner	Runner-up
Open A	Blair Cook	Ray Souchereau
Open B	Brian Latimer	Pat Kelly
Open C	George Murray	Ian Ferguson
Open D	Chris Myers	Jill Moore
Women's C/D	Theresa Giles	Janice Tompkins



The facility



"Knighty" discouraged

Championship Series Update

Place	First Name	Last Name	Championship Points
1	Brian	Latimer	20
2	Christopher	Myers	18
3	Patrick	Kelly	17
3	Matt	Rigby	17
4	Elizabeth	Mazerolle	16
5	Audrey	Chong	14
5	Andrew	Sleigh	14
5	Akhane	Thiphavong	14
9	Leah	Bishop	13
10	Matt	Bishop	12
10	Jon	Boody	12
10	Jen	Chase	12
13	Blair	Cook	11
14	Connie	Bygraves	10
14	Catherine	Cushing	10
14	Adam	Dyker	10
14	Matt	Holland	10
14	Scott	Samways	10
19	Theresa	Giles	9
19	Morgan	Latremouille	9
19	Valerie	Spencer	9
17	Keith	Buckland	8
23	Gerry	Caldwell	8
23	Sean	Cleary	8
23	Chad	Edison	8
23	Ian	Fergusson	8
27	Julie	Jordan	7
27	George	Murray	7
27	Janice	Tompkins	7
27	Ken	McLeod	7
27	Thomas	Black	6
27	David	Farmer	6
33	Jill	Moore	6
33	Ray	Souchereau	5
33	Glen	Burnett	4
33	Melinda	Charlton	4
33	Costa	Elles	4
33	Heather	Rigby	4
33	James	Watts	4
33	Rob	Weatherston	4
33	Marcela	Zurita	4
33	Tom	Calder	3
33	Julie	Crawford	3
33	Justin	Grout	3

33	Scott	Hagen	3
33	Jeff	Landry	3
33	Jason	Latimer	3
33	Kelly	Latremouille	3
33	Farley	MacLeod	3
33	Brian	Paterson	3
33	Ben	Proudfoot	3
33	Darren	Abramson	2
33	Niamh	Campbell	2
33	Julio	Cerqueira	2
33	Ken	Canavan	2
33	Brian	Chaffey	2
33	Craig	Clarke	2
33	Tammy	Corkum	2
33	James	Heading	2
	Paul	Hopkins	2
	Chad	Hagen	2
	Lee	Kirby	2
	Jan	Kozel	2
	Keifer	Latremouille	2
	Hugh	Leadbetter	2
	Ian	McCulloch	2
	John	MacPhail	2
	Tammy	Macdonald	2
	Monte	Stevens	2
	Tom	Wile	2
	Richard	Corbin	1
	Steve	Davies	1
	Grant	Ferguson	1
	Thomas	Hajek	1
	Tony	Hall	1
	Jeff	Hallam	1
	Aine	Humble	1
	Brian	Kain	1
	Brett	Keeble	1
	Richard	Khan	1
	Rod	MacNeil	1
	Justin	McDonough	1
	Kathy	Mullane	1
	Marcus	Noseworthy	1
	Geoffrey	Reeser	1
	Edward	Spencer	1
	Mark	Steadman	1
	Jennifer	Tucker	1

Squash Nova Scotia Open Rankings

By Pat Kelly

<i>Old</i> 11/2/2005	<i>New</i> 11/29/2005	<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	10	15	14	1	9177	6
5	2	Jon Boody	10	15	9	6	9019	22
4	3	Chris Petropolis	7	8	4	4	9007	-17
7	4	Chad Edison	9	11	9	2	8945	7
9	5	Rob Weatherston	8	9	3	6	8859	-28
11	6	Justin McDonough	7	11	6	5	8853	35
14	7	Blair Cook	11	19	12	7	8818	41
13	8	Ken Canavan	10	13	9	4	8818	26
12	9	Jason Latimer	9	12	0	12	8774	-54
10	10	Farley Macleod	10	17	10	7	8769	-57
17	11	Ray Souchereau	7	11	6	5	8737	29
15	12	Richard Khan	6	8	3	5	8726	-17
16	13	Costa Elles	6	9	2	7	8725	-7
18	14	John MacPhail	2	4	1	3	8677	38
19	15	Steve Davies	8	9	2	7	8672	11
20	16	Patrick Kelly	6	10	5	5	8581	5
21	17	Leah Bishop	4	9	6	3	8572	-53
22	18	Brian Latimer	3	9	8	1	8555	30
24	19	Tom Black	2	8	5	3	8427	-25
23	20	Andrew Sleigh	3	12	8	4	8419	-5
26	21	Tony Hall	1	4	2	2	8385	37
25	22	Sean Cleary	2	7	3	4	8375	-12
27	23	Tom Wile	2	5	1	4	8327	-22
28	24	Jeff Landry	2	4	0	4	8154	0
31	25	Matthew Rigby	2	9	8	1	8017	42
30	26	George Murray	2	6	5	1	8001	-13
35	27	Gerry Caldwell	2	8	6	2	7940	15
33	28	Brian Paterson	2	5	1	4	7913	-187
36	29	Tomas Hajek	1	2	1	1	7906	29
34	30	Ian Ferguson	3	7	3	4	7893	-82
37	31	Akhane Thiphavong	2	7	5	2	7890	-5
32	32	Adam Dyker	2	9	7	2	7831	-93
40	33	Aine Humble	1	2	0	2	7693	-41
38	34	Tom Calder	2	6	2	4	7626	-280
42	35	Mike Boudreau	1	4	2	2	7601	0
43	36	Justin Grout	2	5	1	4	7563	-39

44	37	Scott Hagen	3	9	2	7	7536	10
-	38	Melinda Charlton	2	5	3	2	7529	0
-	39	Jill Moore	1	2	1	1	7464	0
45	40	Edward Spencer	1	2	0	2	7428	0
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48	41	Keifer Latremouille	2	5	2	3	7342	96
47	42	Richard Corbin	1	2	0	2	7287	0
49	43	Brett Keeble	1	3	1	2	7246	0

Squash Nova Scotia Women's Rankings

By Pat Kelly

<i>Old</i> 11/2/2005	<i>New</i> 11/29/2005	<i>Name</i>	<i>Events</i>	<i>Matches</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Trend</i>
1	1	Audrey Chong	1	4	3	1	8931	23
2	2	Melinda Charlton	2	5	2	3	8903	-34
3	3	Kathy Mullane	1	3	1	2	8903	-32
5	4	Jill Moore	2	6	4	2	8876	68
-	5	Catherine Cushing	1	5	2	3	8752	-44
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6	6	Valerie Spencer	3	13	10	3	8744	-95
7	7	Elizabeth Mazerolle	2	6	4	2	8729	14
8	8	Theresa Giles	3	10	8	2	8704	30
11	9	Heather Rigby	2	8	4	4	8663	39
9	10	Julie Crawford	1	4	3	1	8653	14
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10	11	Julie Jordan	2	7	3	4	8616	18
12	12	Jennifer Tucker	1	2	0	2	8531	-7
-	13	Marcela Zurita	3	3	0	3	8511	0

Squash Nova Scotia 2005-2006 Schedule

Referee Clinic	22 October	TBA
Tower Invitational	27-30 October	Tower, Halifax
Moncton Open	11-13 November	Moncton, NB
Greenwood Invitational	17-20 November	CFB Greenwood
Nova Scotia Closed	24-27 November	Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth
Coca Cola Junior Open	3-4 December	Tower, Halifax
Referee Clinic (new addition)	7 January	TBA
Cole Harbour Junior Open	14-15 January	Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth
Dalhousie Invitational	19-22 January	Dalhousie University, Halifax
Junior Atlantic Open	Jan 27-29 (new date)	Moncton, NB
Interprovincial Team Championships	27-29 January	<u>Men's</u> -Yellowknife; <u>Women's</u> - Ottawa
Referee Clinic (new addition)	28 January	TBA
Level 1 Coaching Clinic (new addition)	3-5 February	DalTech
PSA Bluenose Squash Classic	15-19 February	Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth
Jesters Tournament	TBA	TBA
Nova Scotia Junior C'Ships	4-5 March	Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth
Canadian University & College C'Ships	10-12 March	Toronto, ON
NB Open	17-18 March	Campbellton, NB
NS Open	23-26 March	Tower, Halifax
NFLD Open	29 March – 2 April	St. John's, NFLD
PEI Open	6-9 April	Charlottetown, PEI
Atlantic Open	21-23 April	Moncton, NB
Canadian Junior	27-30 April	Niagara-on-the Lake, Ont.
Sydney Invitational	4-7 May (new date)	Sydney YMCA
Canadian Senior	3-6 May	Toronto, ON

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