

# The Telltale

A Newsletter by and for members of Squash Nova Scotia

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Special points of interest:

- Tournament Results
- Premier League
- Bluenose update
- Kings Co. Update

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## Message From the President, Blair Cook



My letters focus on the future. Where we are going. What we are doing. And how we are going to get there. At this point, I am indifferent to report that we are holding the course. We've still got lots of great ideas, but not the arms and legs to move them forward.

In terms of news highlights, I'm absolutely thrilled that the Bluenose Squash Classic will again be held this coming February. Not only will it be held again, but it will be even better than last year. More prize money and higher ranked players. There are a limited number of seats available so get your tickets early. It will be at the Tower this year.

Our membership campaign continues on. Believe me, there is nothing more painful for the Board to do each year than to attempt to track down \$25

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Happy Holidays Squash Community.

Well the season is up and running. All the usual events, lots of good times, and lots of good competition. But of course, that goes without saying with our great sport.

## Message From the President, cont.

from all the squash players in the province just so that we can get an idea of who is out there. I am convinced that we have a compelling member's package that offers benefits that far outweigh the \$25 cost, but I appreciate that you need to be playing competitively to realize many of those benefits. For this reason, SNS is losing sight of the majority of the players in the province.

To address the conundrum, I'm officially announcing that I want all squash players to register with SNS, whether they play competitively or not. For those that want to receive membership benefits and participate in SNS leagues, events or programs, paying your \$25 is expected. For everyone else, there is no charge!

And what does this free lunch get average Joe/Jane? Well, largely it gets you into the squash community and gives us a base of names upon which to communicate important squash information. All I want for Christmas is for every squash player in Nova Scotia to register with Squash Nova Scotia. I would like nothing more than your name, address or club, and email. Our privacy policy is on the website so please don't worry about us sharing your information with anyone because we don't.

So enjoy the holidays and don't worry about putting on a few pounds. With all the squash happening in the new year, you will have plenty of opportunity to burn off the calories. Cheers,

Blair

## Message From the Editor

I'm going to keep it short and sweet this time. The season is moving along, with the exciting Bluenose Classic approaching and a strong field of junior players preparing for the Canada Games in the Yukon. Stay posted for updates.

Keep your raquet up and your eye on the ball.

Farley



# CFB Greenwood Tournament Results, Nov 17-19

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## Men's D Division

Winner: Andre Aquino  
Runner-up: Duncan Rand  
Consolation Winner: Brian Chaffey

## Men's C Division

Winner: Martin Clouthier  
Runner-up: Morgan Latremouille  
Consolation Winner: Chris Myers

## Men's B Division

Winner: Gilles Couture  
Runner-up: Bob Robitaille  
Consolation Winner: Len Kosciukiewicz

## Men's A Division

Winner: Josh Rudolph  
Runner-up: Steve Ally

## Women's C / D Division

Winner: Katie Sloma  
Runner-up: Val Spencer  
Consolation Winner: Tammy Corkum

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Brian Chaffey



# Garda Security Squash Championships, Dec. 1-3

## Men's D Division

Winner: David Westwood  
Runner-up: Robert Moffat  
Consolation Winner: Carl Helmick

## Men's C Division

Winner: Brett Keeble  
Runner-up: Morgan Latremouille  
Consolation Winner: Paul Hopkins

## Men's B Division

Winner: Andrew Sleight  
Runner-up: Kevin Byrne  
Consolation Winner: Dan Chevalier

## Men's A Division

Winner: Matt Bishop  
Runner-up: Mike Smeltzer  
Consolation Winner: Steve Ally

## Women's C Round Robin

Winner: Niamh Campbell  
Runner-up: Tammy Corkum

## Women's D Round Robin

Winner: Connie Bygrave  
Runner-up: Amy Lawton

## Vet's C Round Robin

Winner: Kelly Latremouille  
Runner-up: Robert Wight



Alyson Roberts on the desk

## Premier League Update

The final standing in Division 1 are unchanged from the halfway point, with the exception of Chris Petropolis overtaking Chris Johnston. Ken Canavan will return to Division 2, making room for Brian Latimer in Division 1. This was a well-deserved promotion for Brian, who did not lose a match all session. The Winter session will resume on January 30, with each player playing the others in his division twice in the session.

The final standings for the Fall 2006 session were:

### Division 1

1. Matt Bishop - 41 points
2. Mike Smeltzer - 38 points
3. Chris Petropolis - 33 points
4. Chris Johnson - 21 points
5. Chad Edison - 8 points
6. Ken Canavan - 4 points

### Division 2

1. Brian Latimer - 39 points
2. Justin McDonough - 29 points
3. Farley MacLeod - 27 points
4. Richard Khan - 21 points

5. Rob Weatherston - 20 points
6. Ray Souchereau - 14 points

#1—Matt—  
the eternal  
winner



#2—Mike



#3—Chris P.



## Tickets to the “Revised” Bluenose Squash Classic

The last Telltale brought news of the triumphant return of the Bluenose Squash Classic to the pro sport landscape of Nova Scotia. We're pleased to confirm that fact but have to clarify that some of the detail presented at that time is now, well, happily obsolete...

To rectify that and bring the announcement full circle we offer the news that you've likely already heard through the grapevine - the 2007 tournament will be staged at the 2 Star level (US \$20,000) and will land on the 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of February (Saturday to Thursday). That is a significant increase in the prize pool, no easy feat, and garners a much higher profile on the scale by which professional tournaments are measured.

A number of factors precipitated the change, all of them positive. Firstly, extensive sponsorship has come forward through the enthusiasm generated by last year's inaugural effort.



Returning and founding sponsor Zal Davar has again been backed by Truefoam Limited, Fossil Power Systems, A.H. Bishop & Associates Inc., Coady Filliter, Seven Wine Bar, Jim Mitchell Electric, Benchmark Investment Consulting and Dr. Chris Petropolis. In addition, a number of substantial, but anonymous, personal donations were made to bring in the support required to accompany first time sponsors Welaptega Marine Limited, Domus Realty, Barrington Wind Energy, Paul Christie, Dr. D Gregory Baird and National Leasing. Our preliminary thanks go out to all of the above for making the jump to the next level more than just a possibility.

A second significant factor in the change is all about the dates. With competition from a number of events during the month, the participation of the higher ranked pros requires timing as much as a competitive prize pool. Taking advantage of geography and switching the tournament to the end of February has afforded us the chance to offer an attractive initial stop

just ahead of the top tier Tournament of Champions in New York. The possibility of including players of top 30 caliber, on their way to qualifying against best in the world, was too tantalizing to pass up.

Graham Ryding, world #23 and past Canadian National Champion, is joined by Shahier Razik, world #26 and current Canadian National Champion, and Shawn Delierre, defending Bluenose Squash Classic Champion in representing the elite of Canadian squash. The top seed expected to compete is Borja Golan, Spanish #1 and world #20, at the head of a list of ten others from the top 80 in the world. These competitors will be coming from, among other origins France, India, England and Australia.



A rare shot of Chris Myers, not at the Tower.

## Tickets

Now, all of that doesn't mean much if you don't get the chance to see some of the action.

If you haven't heard via e-mail from SNS already, the tickets have gone on sale as of December 11. Seats are still available for first round matches on Monday night and a few for the final. Seating isn't assigned and a sell out is expected. Pre tournament qualifying takes place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday and Sunday), during which admission is free.

To put your money where the squash is visit the hosts for this year's event, The Tower at Saint Mary's University, in person or by phone, with cash, debit or credit.

With any questions on the event please visit [www.squashns.ca/bluenose2007](http://www.squashns.ca/bluenose2007) or contact the organizing committee via [bluenosesquashclassic@gmail.com](mailto:bluenosesquashclassic@gmail.com).

See you there.

Pat Kelly

# **Grand Opening of Kings County Squash Club, 4 November, 2006**

We really started with a bang!

Mike Smeltzer and Matt Bishop came from Halifax to christen the courts with a match between the top two players in the province. They demonstrated with their play and their demeanour what the game of squash can truly be.

By the effort and enthusiasm, no one would have suspected it was an exhibition. In the first game, one rally lasted about as long as a match for most of us – back and forth for at least 50 shots – and was greeted with fervent applause from the packed house. Mike won in the end, 3 games to 2 after over an hour, but by that time everyone present, including the players, was enjoying the squash so much that the result was secondary. Both players expressed their delight with the courts and their appreciation of the achievement of the board and membership of Kings County Squash Club.

After the match, Grant Ferguson thanked the sponsors and formally opened the club. Earlier in the day, a mini-tournament started proceedings.

Food and drink was plentiful and appropriate. All in all, an outstanding day and an excellent harbinger of good things to come.

Local folks, that is sponsors, members, other supporters of all kinds, have enabled the Life Game to establish new roots in our end of the Annapolis Valley. We encourage everyone to continue to be involved with the club in any way you can, and allow us to thrive and to grow.

## **Other News**

On another note, we have a club policy on guests as of 1 December, 2006 - \$5/game collected by your host member on the honour system. We would be very interested in establishing reciprocal relationships with other clubs in the province, so contact our treasurer, Jim Retallack, on 542 5223 or through the web-site if you are interested.

The club is in full swing now, with lots of activity so come on down and have a look. I am sure you will be impressed.

Jim



# Squash Nova Scotia

## Rankings\*

Men's Open Division (as of 14-Jan-07)

*NOTE: Squash Rankings List Players Who are Current Squash NS Members*

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<i>Old</i> 3-Dec-06	<i>New</i> 14-Jan-07	<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	11	15	15	0	9290	26
2	2	Mike Smeltzer	11	15	11	4	9201	-2
3	3	Chris Petropolis	9	9	6	3	9130	40
4	4	Chad Edison	6	6	2	4	9080	-21
6	5	Brian Latimer	10	12	10	2	9002	22
8	6	Justin McDonough	10	12	7	5	8978	44
9	7	Ken Canavan	11	12	1	11	8942	-33
-	8	Richard Khan	7	10	4	6	8901	16
10	9	John MacPhail	2	4	2	2	8901	8
12	10	Farley Macleod	9	11	6	5	8883	-79
13	11	Patrick Kelly	9	11	3	8	8842	6
14	12	Steve Davies	2	3	0	3	8808	-27
15	13	Keifer Latremouille	7	15	8	7	8745	73
17	14	Sean Cleary	9	15	9	6	8736	-12
16	15	Andrew Sleigh	10	15	10	5	8731	10
19	16	Kevin Byrne	11	14	8	6	8716	29
20	17	Dan Chevalier	7	8	2	6	8655	-16
21	18	Kenneth Holt	6	6	3	3	8646	-8
22	19	Jim Leclerc	2	5	3	2	8646	-11
-	20	Rick Mcfarland	3	4	1	3	8622	-28

23	21	Kelly Latremouille	2	7	5	2	8621	-29
24	22	Tom Wile	2	3	1	2	8591	-23
-	23	Chad Gilbert	3	3	1	2	8552	-48
25	24	Justin Grout	7	8	1	7	8489	-28
26	25	Andy Macdougall	7	9	6	3	8341	-90
-	26	Steve Gilbert	5	5	3	2	8215	-36
28	27	Justin Brown	6	6	3	3	8203	-90
35	28	Brett Keeble	8	18	11	7	8194	205
31	29	Morgan Latremouille	7	18	13	5	8167	17
36	30	Martin Clouthier	7	13	9	4	8159	60
33	31	Chris Myers	9	18	13	5	8158	-37
34	32	Rob Wight	6	11	8	3	8143	-7
41	33	Eric Nobbe	7	10	4	6	8127	-63
38	34	Paul Hopkins	3	9	5	4	8094	-7
39	35	Jan Kozel	2	8	3	5	8083	-46
42	36	Chris Feargrieve	4	6	3	3	8069	80
40	37	Ian Fergusson	8	12	3	9	8051	-47
43	38	Bruce Lusby	5	7	2	5	8031	-19
-	39	Annie Langley	4	7	2	5	8015	-11
46	40	Tom Calder	4	4	2	2	7970	64
47	41	Lee Kirby	6	8	2	6	7967	53
49	42	Melinda Charlton	3	5	2	3	7833	-33
51	43	Doug Williams	5	9	2	7	7824	-7
53	44	Darren Abramson	6	10	7	3	7762	85
52	45	Edward Spencer	2	7	1	6	7714	-87
54	46	Marcus Noseworthy	7	6	2	4	7707	13
56	47	Richard Corbin	7	12	3	9	7641	15
57	48	Andrew Wight	3	4	1	3	7639	0
58	49	Duncan Rand	2	6	3	3	7622	-12
-	50	Niamh Campbell	5	3	0	3	7492	0

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1	1	Melinda Charlton	2	4	3	1	8937	0
2	2	Audrey Chong	1	3	2	1	8920	5
3	3	Valerie Spencer	2	9	4	5	8747	-27
4	4	Niamh Campbell	4	10	9	1	8697	156
5	5	Arielle Petropolis	2	8	1	7	8696	0
6	6	Jen Chase	1	4	2	2	8629	-17
7	7	Kelli Keeble	1	2	0	2	8628	0
8	8	Theresa Giles	2	10	3	7	8620	-77
-	9	Jessica Gerrits	6	3	3	0	8611	22
9	10	Tammy Corkum	2	11	7	4	8609	7
-	11	Eleanor Fitzpatrick	6	3	2	1	8601	12
-	12	Karen Black	2	4	1	3	8598	0
-	13	Maggie Shelley	4	1	1	0	8581	12
-	14	Amy Lawton	6	4	2	2	8578	-11
-	15	Grace Yu	7	5	2	3	8577	-12
-	16	Phyllis Demaresque	3	1	0	1	8569	0
-	17	Sarah Gregory	5	3	0	3	8557	-12

