

# The Telltale

## A Newsletter by and for members of Squash Nova Scotia March 2006

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### Message from the President

Blair Cook, Halifax  
(President, Squash Nova Scotia)



Greetings once again! I don't know what else can be said that hasn't been said already about the success of the Bluenose Squash Classic. For those of you who were there, I think you'll agree with me that it was awe inspiring to watch the pros play for hours on end. Someone should have poked a pin hole in the ball to slow it down. If you missed it, you won't make that mistake again next year. Congratulations to the organizing committee on a job well done. There are lots more stories in this 5th edition of the Telltale documenting the beginnings of this inaugural event.

And as much as it is nice to pause and celebrate successes of the recent past, I'd like to take this opportunity to cue up the next big event...The Clearwater Fine Foods Nova Scotia Open to be held March 23-26 at St. Mary's University. This event is not only a major squash event, but the major squash event for amateur players in this province. This is Nova Scotia's Provincial Squash Championship for all player categories, which makes it more than just another tournament. It is 12 months worth of bragging rights, which is priceless if you can achieve it.

It is my goal to re-build this tournament in years to come so that it has the feel of importance, the way it is for many other sports in this province. Our goal this year is to have over 100 participants in the event. This might seem somewhat modest, but by comparison to recent years, we are counting on a double digit increase in participation.

A complimentary objective this year is to provide new players with an informal opportunity to participate in the Open. This year will be introducing a “Beginner” division for new players. This division will have “coaching-referees” who will provide kernels of advice both during and after the matches to the players on the rules, strategy, and basic skills.

If you know of anyone who has recently picked up the game or has never really played in a formal event, encourage to come on out and give it a whirl. It is designed to be non-threatening. It is cheaper than a lesson. It is a great way to meet other players. And it is an “Open” invitation to join our squash community.

So make sure that you sign up for the Open and bring along a buddy.

“Fish are friends, not food”- Bruce, Finding Nemo

## **Message from the Editor**

By Farley MacLeod, Halifax

As Blair has said, the Bluenose Squash Classic was a spectacular event, run with a great deal of professionalism. Patrick Kelly provides us with a wrap-up of the event in the pages below. In his article, Pat also provides a link to a squash site that published the day-to-day results of the event. Be sure to check this out if you haven’t already. Pat received accolades from the editors on his contributions, as they pointed out that his reporting on the event was far more comprehensive than that of many of the major tournaments. Within this edition of the Telltale, you will also find the results on the companion event to the Bluenose Classic, the N.S. Junior Open, updates on the Garrison/ Black Knight and Premier Leagues, and an article on own highly-respected World Referee – Graham Waters.

From my personal experience playing squash, some of the best times are those when we set aside a weekend and head out of town for a tournament. I have never been disappointed by the hospitality received at the PEI Open (April 7-9, see [www.squashpei.org](http://www.squashpei.org) for more info). Also, we have new, central location for the Atlantic Open (April 21-23) this year – Moncton. See [www.squashnb.ca](http://www.squashnb.ca) for info.

Also, as a native Cape Bretonner, I would be remiss to not remind you of the Sydney Invitational. The date for this is May 4-7 (I believe the SNS website is incorrect). I have attended this tournament in the past, and it was a great time, with great prizes. We have had a big contingent of players from Sydney attending tournaments in Metro this season

(as many as 14), so get some friends together and head to Sydney to show our appreciation.

Please do not hesitate to send me any interesting stories or photos from upcoming events. The next edition of the Telltale will be a season wrap-up (in early May). Send your stories to: [farleymacleod@yahoo.ca](mailto:farleymacleod@yahoo.ca)

I hope you enjoy reading this edition. Keep your racquet up, and your eye on the ball.

## **Graham Waters on Familiar Turf**

By JoAnn Alberstat



Graham Waters will be on familiar turf when he arrives at the squash venue to officiate at the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The Halifax resident was in Melbourne in 2001 to referee at the Festival of Squash, an international tournament that included world championships in three events. The festival was held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), site of the squash competition during the March 15-26 Commonwealth Games.

“I’m really excited about it,” the veteran official said of making a return trip to Australia to referee at the Games. “It’s fabulous. I consider myself very lucky to have the opportunity.”

Waters, one of only nine squash officials classified as a World Referee, is also the only Canadian officiating at the Melbourne competition.

He began refereeing 28 years ago while playing in tournaments in Nova Scotia. “The rule of the day was that you had to referee the match after you finished playing,” said Waters, who obtained his Squash Canada officiating certification in 1978. “There never were and there still are never enough referees.”

Waters has gone on to referee at numerous world championships and major professional tournaments. He’s also been to two Pan American Games - 1995 in Mar

del Plata, Argentina, and 1999 in Winnipeg. This will be his second trip to Commonwealth Games after Manchester, England, four years ago.

“I think that the main reason I do it is because of the people that I meet - and the game,” said Waters, who has also conducted refereeing clinics on every continent except Antarctica. “For some reason, the game tends to attract the same type of people who are outgoing, high achievers and fun loving.”

The Nova Scotian’s contributions to the sport have been recognized both nationally and internationally. Waters received the World Squash Federation’s AGM Award in November. He also won the Kitch MacPherson Fox 40/SOC Sport Official Award, presented by the Sports Officials of Canada organization, in 2004.

Waters, whose retirement last fall from the provincial civil service gives him more time to officiate and travel, has played recreational hockey. He also enjoys golf, tennis and working out at the gym.

His biggest achievement as a squash player is having beaten Montreal’s Jonathon Power, the number-one men’s singles player in the world. When asked about the match, Waters admits it happened when Power was eight.

“He won’t let me forget it either,” Waters said. “He keeps demanding a rematch, which I am ducking.”

JoAnn Alberstat of Dartmouth is deputy chief communications officer with Team Canada at the XVIII Commonwealth Games.

## **Garrison/Black Knight League**

By Jeff Landry

The season is 2/3 of the way through and the cream of the crop is starting to rise. The top 6 teams make the playoffs, so it’s time to make the final charge. Results include those up to week 12. Week 10 results are not included as games are still being made up from the Bluenose squash classic and a Sunday snow storm.

Cole Harbour 1	163
Tower 1	149
Tower 3	127
Tower 2	125
Dalhousie 3	112
Stadacona	94
Cole Harbour 2	91
Dalhousie 2	88
Tower 4	65
Dalhousie 1	61

## The Boast on the Coast

By Patrick Kelly -  
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We certainly hope you were there. But, if geography or circumstance conspired to prevent it, the good news is that plans are in the works to do it all over again.

The Bluenose Squash Classic filled the courts at Cole Harbour Place from February 15-19 as the Halifax area hosted the highest level of professional squash yet seen in the Maritimes. Accounts of the event, on a match by match basis, are available online at <http://www.squashsite.co.uk/bluenose2006.htm> but in general, via un-scientificallly collected opinion, those on hand were thrilled with what they saw. The organizing committee was definitely pleased to have been able to offer tight and skilled squash by some of the world's best.

As for the organizing committee, some lessons were learned and some refinements will be incorporated next time, but we can only hope that the matches live up to the drama that became the legacy of this year's inaugural event. Each round offered its share of upsets and down-to-the-wire results right through to the final, a 3-1 victory by top seed Shawn DeLierre over a well supported Bernardo Samper of Colombia. A single match to decide it all can sometimes be anti-climactic after days of quality. No problem here as the parity on display between DeLierre and Samper kept the house anticipating to the end.

For their indispensable contributions, the sponsors do have to be thanked one more time: The Golden Clipper as Presenting Sponsor, Gold Sponsors: Molson Canadian, Fossil Power Systems Inc., Truefoam, Jim Mitchell Electric, Dr. Chris Petropolis, A.H. Bishop and Associates Inc., Coady Filliter, Seven Wine Bar and Restaurant, and Silver Sponsors: Benchmark Consulting, Karakal and The Physiodclinic. The organizing committee was very pleased to receive confirmations of renewed contribution for next year from many of those listed and, very generously, from Zal Davar, whose principal donation of the prize money set the whole effort in motion. Finally, it should be noted that the event, created in memory of Marcela Davar, was able to raise approximately \$2,500 for donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.

If anyone in the squash community has any suggestions or ideas for the Bluenose Squash Classic's 2007 edition, please let the organizing committee know at [bluenosesquashclassic@gmail.com](mailto:bluenosesquashclassic@gmail.com).

Volunteers, participants, sponsors and fans; see you next year.



Matt Bishop



Pat Kelly

## Premier League Update

By Ken Canavan and Farley MacLeod

After each session of the Premier League, players are promoted or demoted based on their standings. Typically, two players are promoted and two demoted, based on the final results of the regular season (not playoff matches). For this session, since Jon Boody did not return to Division 1, only one player was demoted to Division 2 (Jason Latimer), while two were promoted to Division 1 (Chad Edison and Ken Canavan). The results so far are listed below. There is always good squash (and refreshments) at the Tower on Tuesday nights, so come out and watch. The playoffs will be held on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Also watch the Chronicle Herald on Wednesdays for weekly results.

Results after 5 Weeks:

### Division One Standings

Matt Bishop – 25 points  
Mike Smeltzer – 20 points  
Matt Holland – 19 points  
Chad Edison – 15 points  
Chris Petropolis – 10 points  
Justin McDonough – 5 points  
Ken Canavan – 5 points  
Rob Weatherston – 1 point

### Division Two Standings:

Farley MacLeod – 22 points  
Blair Cook – 18 points  
Patrick Kelly – 13 points  
Costa Elles – 11 points  
Jason Latimer – 10 points  
Ray Souchereau – 9 points  
Steve Davies – 9 points  
Richard Khan – 8 points

# NS Junior Championships

By Louise Latremouille

The Nova Scotia Junior Championships held March 4th at Cole Harbour Place attracted 19 players. Due to a limited amount of time to organize and promote the tournament, only players from NS attended. The divisions were blended with 10 players in Under 19 and 9 players in Under 15. Each player was guaranteed at least 3 matches.

The tournament ran with an emphasis on fun and fair play, with the players doing a great job refereeing themselves. Thanks to Michelin, Coca Cola and Wilson, we had some great prizes at the end of the day.

We are all grateful to Leah Bishop, who, over the last number of years, has organized the Junior tournaments. Due to her upcoming move to Bermuda with husband Jon Boody, she passed the racquet, so-to-speak, over to Louise Latremouille, Ian Tillard and John Campbell. We are very thankful for the organizational skills and knowledge she shared with us, the tournament was a success largely because she helped us on our way. Thanks and good luck Leah.

## Under 19

1st	Brian Latimer Keifer
2nd	Latremouille Morgan
3rd	Latremouille
Consolation winner	Brett Keeble

## Under 15

1st	Arthur Ferguson
2nd	Theo Petropolis
3rd	Chad Hagen
Consolation winner	Gillian Tillard

## **Bluenose Squash Classic Amateur Companion Event**

By Chris Myers and Farley MacLeod

Not to be forgotten, some amateurs were also playing in the Companion Event of the Bluenose Classic as well. This event was at Cole Harbour Place Feb 16 to 19, 2006.

In Men's' A, Matt Bishop came off his stint of training with the pros to beat Mike Smeltzer quicker than usual. Brian Latimer was the big surprise on the consolation side (whoever said "fresh meat" is eating his words now). In his first A tournament, Brian gave the field something to think about with wins over Justin McDonough, Blair Cook, and former top player Julian "I'm out of retirement" Boyle.

In the Men's B, Andrew Sleigh came out firing in the semi-final, pushing Pat Kelly to five games, before Pat managed to eke out the win. Leah Bishop was the spoiler for Pat's potential advancement to A, as she came back from a 0-2 deficit with a solid win for the Men's B title.

In Men's C, Justin Grout won over Chris Myers.

In Men's D, Morgan Latremouille was the winner over Brett Keeble.

In the combined Women's C/D division, Heather Rigby came out on top.

### **Men's A Division:**

Main Event: 1. Matthew Bishop 2. Mike Smeltzer

Main Event: 3 / 4 Playoff: 3. Matthew Holland 4. Jon Boody

Consolation Event: 1. Brian Latimer 2. Julian Boyle

### **Men's B Division:**

Main Event: 1. Leah Bishop 2. Patrick Kelly

Consolation Event: 1. Brian Newcombe 2. Tom Wile

### **Men's C Division:**

Main Event: 1. Justin Grout 2. Chris Myers

Consolation Event: 1. Brian Patterson 2. Scott Hagen

### **Men's D Division:**

Main Event: 1. Morgan Latremouille 2. Brett Keeble

Main Event 3 / 4 Playoff: 3. Brian Chaffey 4. Jill Moore

Consolation Event: 1. Melinda Charlton 2. Ed Spencer

### **Women's C / D Division:**

Main Event: 1. Heather Rigby 2. Valerie Spencer

Main Event 3 / 4 Playoff: 3. Janice Tompkins 4. Theresa Giles

Consolation Event: 1. Kelli Keeble 2. Marcela Zurita

## Championship Series Update

Championship			
Place	First Name	Last Name	Points
1	Brian	Latimer	29
2	Patrick	Kelly	27
3	Matt	Bishop	24
3	Christopher	Myers	24
5	Andrew	Sleigh	22
6	Matt	Riqby	19
7	Leah	Bishop	18
8	Adam	Dvker	17
8	Valerie	Spencer	17
8	Janice	Tompkins	17
11	Jon	Boody	16
11	Morgan	Latremouille	16
11	Elizabeth	Mazerolle	16
14	Audrev	Chong	15
14	Blair	Cook	15
14	Theresa	Giles	15
14	Heather	Riobv	15
14	Akhane	Thiphavong	15
19	Thomas	Black	14
19	Catherine	Cushing	14
19	Matt	Holland	14
22	Gerrv	Caldwell	13
22	Jen	Chase	13
22	Chad	Edison	13
25	Connie	Bvaraves	11
25	Sean	Cleary	11
25	Brett	Keeble	11
25	George	Murrav	11
25	Marcela	Zurita	11
30	Jill	Moore	10
30	Scott	Samways	10
32	Ian	Fergusson	9
32	Justin	Grout	9
34	Keith	Buckland	8
34	Melinda	Charlton	8
34	Julie	Jordan	8
34	Brian	Paterson	8
38	David	Farmer	7
38	John	MacPhail	7
38	Ken	McLeod	7
41	Glen	Burnett	6
41	Brian	Chaffev	6
41	Jeff	Landrv	6
41	Justin	McDonough	6
41	Rav	Souchereau	6
46	Costa	Elles	5
46	Scott	Hagen	5
	Kelli	Keeble	
46	Farley	MacLeod	5
46	Mike	Smeltzer	5
46	James	Watts	5
52	Lee	Kirby	4
52	Jason	Latimer	4
52	Kelly	Latremouille	4
52	Keifer	Latremouille	4
52	Ben	Proudfoot	4
52	Edward	Spencer	4
52	Rob	Weatherston	4
52	Tom	Wile	4
60	Tom	Calder	3
60	Niamh	Campbell	3
60	Ken	Canavan	3
60	Craig	Clarke	3
60	Tammv	Corkum	3
60	Julie	Crawford	3
60	Richard	Khan	3
60	Jan	Kozel	3
68	Darren	Abramson	2
68	Julio	Cerqueira	2
68	Martin	Clouthier	2
68	Richard	Corbin	2
68	Steve	Davies	2
68	Grant	Ferguson	2
68	Chad	Hagen	2
68	Thomas	Haiek	2
68	James	Headinq	2
68	Paul	Hopkins	2
68	Aine	Humble	2
68	Hugh	Leadbetter	2
68	Tammv	Macdonald	2
68	Ian	McCulloch	2
68	Geoffrey	Reeser	2
68	Monte	Stevens	2
68	Gillian	Tillard	2
68	Jennifer	Tucker	2
86	Tony	Hall	1
86	Jeff	Hallam	1
86	Thomas	Hori	1
86	Brian	Kain	1
86	Rod	MacNeil	1
86	Kathv	Mullane	1
86	Marcus	Noseworthy	1
86	Curt	Peters	1
86	Mark	Steadman	1



# Squash Nova Scotia Rankings

**Men's Open Division (as of 25-Feb-06)**

Rankings include results from:

1. SNS 05 / 06 Season Tournaments to Date
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<i>Old</i> 2-Feb-06	<i>New</i> 25-Feb-06	<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	15	25	24	1	9196	18
2	2	Mike Smeltzer	12	18	14	4	9116	-23
3	3	Matt Holland	11	16	11	5	9083	38
4	4	Jon Boody	12	20	11	9	9004	-6
5	5	Chris Petropolis	9	10	5	5	9002	-1
-	6	Chris Johnson	3	4	2	2	8985	-11
6	7	Chad Edison	13	17	13	4	8963	18
8	8	Rob Weatherston	11	12	3	9	8828	-64
9	9	Ken Canavan	14	18	10	8	8821	2
		Justin						
7	10	McDonough	12	18	8	10	8801	-60
11	11	Farley Macleod	15	24	14	10	8792	12
10	12	Blair Cook	14	26	16	10	8768	-18
19	13	Brian Latimer	14	25	22	3	8748	159
12	14	Costa Elles	10	13	4	9	8726	20
15	15	Ray Souchereau	10	15	7	8	8721	11
13	16	Richard Khan	10	14	5	9	8719	-7
14	17	John MacPhail	4	8	2	6	8700	13
16	18	Jason Latimer	13	17	1	16	8698	-102
17	19	Steve Davies	11	13	2	11	8653	-21
18	20	Patrick Kelly	19	27	20	7	8628	8
20	21	Leah Bishop	6	13	9	4	8593	17
21	22	Andrew Sleigh	13	24	15	9	8455	40
22	23	Tom Black	13	21	13	8	8434	-6
23	24	Brian Newcombe	9	12	7	5	8421	-10
24	25	Sean Cleary	10	17	9	8	8412	29
26	26	Kelly Latremouille	11	14	5	9	8355	-3
25	27	Kenneth Holt	6	6	1	5	8334	-83
27	28	Tom Wile	9	14	3	11	8211	-109
28	29	Jeff Landry	7	13	3	10	8200	46
29	30	Matthew Rigby	4	13	9	4	8065	103
30	31	Adam Dyker	6	18	14	4	7974	122
-	32	Kris Chahley	8	11	9	2	7973	-69
31	33	Gerry Caldwell	5	15	12	3	7950	-13

33	34	George Murray	9	16	12	4	7899	-108
34	35	Ian Ferguson	4	11	5	6	7893	-82
32	36	Paul Hopkins	8	10	4	6	7891	-116
36	37	Tomas Hajek	2	5	3	2	7891	14
-	38	Myk Gray	3	4	3	1	7881	8
		Akhane						
37	39	Thiphavong	3	9	6	3	7861	-49
35	40	Brian Paterson	4	12	6	6	7854	-190
-	41	Rob Wight	7	6	5	1	7798	18
38	42	Steve Gilbert	9	10	5	5	7795	-55
40	43	Justin Grout	10	15	7	8	7736	90
39	44	Brad Caron	11	11	6	5	7730	-105
41	45	David Farmer	3	10	7	3	7701	379
42	46	Aine Humble	2	4	1	3	7695	-39
43	47	Keith Buckland	2	8	5	3	7636	108
-	48	Chris Myers	12	13	9	4	7612	23
		Keifer						
45	49	Latremouille	13	18	10	8	7604	74
-	50	Mike Boudreau	3	6	3	3	7588	-13
44	51	Craig Clarke	8	11	2	9	7565	-159
-	52	Lee Kirby	7	11	3	8	7523	-184
50	53	Scott Hagen	13	23	5	18	7515	31
46	54	Mike Carter	9	12	3	9	7508	-22
47	55	Martin Clouthier	7	7	1	6	7492	-47
48	56	Tom Calder	11	15	4	11	7469	-143
		Morgan						
55	57	Latremouille	13	17	13	4	7463	112
53	58	Melinda Charlton	10	17	11	6	7447	23
54	59	Brian Chaffey	12	16	9	7	7406	43
49	60	Jill Moore	8	13	7	6	7392	-51
57	61	Brett Keeble	3	11	7	4	7383	137
52	63	Edward Spencer	3	8	2	6	7373	-55
51	64	Glen Burnett	3	8	2	6	7364	-112
		Catherine						
56	65	Cushing	9	9	2	7	7318	-75
62	66	Darren Abramson	10	7	2	5	7216	10
58	67	Richard Corbin	8	10	1	9	7180	-120
59	68	Ross Harbridge	9	6	1	5	7176	-2
60	69	Martin Kolisko	9	8	1	7	7167	-11
61	70	Jason Hadid	8	6	0	6	7147	-31



Bluenose Classic's #1 Fan



# Squash Nova Scotia Rankings

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1	1	Melinda Charlton	4	7	4	3	8923	-14
2	2	Audrey Chong	2	5	3	2	8915	7
3	3	Kathy Mullane	1	3	1	2	8903	-32
4	4	Jill Moore	3	7	5	2	8882	74
5	5	Allison Christie	1	3	3	0	8809	24
7	6	Catherine Cushing	3	8	3	5	8743	-49
8	7	Elizabeth Mazerolle	4	8	5	3	8737	22
6	8	Valerie Spencer	6	19	13	6	8723	-44
9	9	Nell Denheyer	1	2	1	1	8715	0
11	10	Heather Rigby	4	14	9	5	8706	76
-	11	Janice Tompkins	4	7	3	4	8686	0
10	12	Theresa Giles	5	16	10	6	8684	-8
12	13	Julie Crawford	1	4	3	1	8653	14
13	14	Julie Jordan	3	9	3	6	8603	-11
14	15	Jen Chase	3	3	1	2	8543	-7
15	16	Jennifer Tucker	2	4	0	4	8529	-9
-	17	Kelli Keeble	1	3	2	1	8529	11
16	18	Marcela Zurita	5	9	3	6	8506	-5
17	19	Tammy Corkum	3	3	0	3	8491	0
-	20	Niamh Campbell	3	4	0	4	8471	0



Melinda Charlton

## 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	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	Moncton, NB
Interprovincial Team Championships	27-29 January	<u>Men's</u> -Yellowknife; <u>Women's</u> - Ottawa
Level 1 Coaching Clinic	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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