

# The Tell Tale

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

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#### Special points of interest:

- Canada Games Team selected
- New courts in Kentville
- Corporate Challenge
- Tower Invitational

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## Message From the President, Blair Cook



Welcome to another squash season in Nova Scotia. We have another busy schedule of events planned this year and you are invited to participate in them all. You'll never regret participating in any squash event whether you do it for the workout, the competition or the social aspects of the sport.

It's that time of the

year again when we ask you to renew or initiate your Squash Nova Scotia membership. First and foremost, this gets you in the loop. Events come up or change throughout the season and knowing who the squash players, coaches and officials are is integral to getting the word out. There a dozen other good reasons to shell out the nominal fee so simply sign up online at <http://www.squashns.ca/membership.html> or ask to fill out the form at your first event this year. All membership privileges begin when you have completed your membership form, so the sooner the better.

This year, I have set one goal for the Board and that is to increase the size of the squash community. Last year we had about 150 members, and to be frank, that is pitiful for a province of a million people and a dozen clubs. Ontario has, by comparison, over 100,000 members. The numbers don't add up for a province that will be hosting the Canada Games in four years and potentially the Commonwealth Games in 2014.

And because our squash community is so small, we have a very small pool of financial and human resources to

## Message From the President, cont.

implement programs. So this year, if squash players can do two things to help out the squash community they would be to: 1. renew or initiate your membership and 2. find someone else to do the same. That is all I ask of the membership this year and together we can double the size of the squash community in one year. If you can't do that, please contact me to help out in other ways. We've got way more ideas than we do hands, and many hands make for light work.

We recently held our first annual Price Waterhouse Coopers Corporate Challenge. Many thanks to all that participated, to our sponsor PWC and the volunteers who came over to Cole Harbour to pull to-

gether the event. We got some fantastic feedback from participants, particularly the new players who really enjoyed the format and the favorable first impression to the sport.

Remember that the Championship Squash Series kicks off at the Tower Invitational only if you are an SNS member. You know Pat Kelly and Val Spencer will be out in force to defend their player of the year titles from last season. I'd love to see others give them a run for their money. I assure you that I will make it worth your while to compete for the title.

Happy squashing,  
Blair Cook, President

## Message From the Editor

As another squash season is upon us, here too is the first edition of the Telltale for the new season. Inside you will learn that those playing the most squash over the summer months were the juniors who are preparing for the Canada Games this winter. Final selections for the teams have been made. Already this season SNS has hosted a corporate challenge, and the Tower Invitational. The Premier League has been up and running for five weeks. Also, there are new courts in Kentville.

If you take a look at the season schedule, there are a number of new events. Coming

up soon are the Truro C/D tournament, the Moncton Open, and the Greenwood Invitational (all in November). Since the schedule is growing, please see the website.

Until next time, keep your racquet up, and your eye on the ball.

By Farley MacLeod



# Kings County Squash Club

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Kings County Squash Club is alive and well...finally we have two world class squash courts in the eastern end of Kings County!

Kings County Squash Club (KCSC) was incorporated in the Province of Nova Scotia as a not-for-profit organization in September, 2005. We have a Board of Directors comprising eight squash enthusiasts resident in the eastern part of Kings County. Two of us are certified coaches, one is a certified referee, most are parents keen to pass the game on to our children and their friends. All recognize the value of squash as a sport ideally suited to fitness and enjoyment.



For many years we have been trying to develop world-class facilities to promote The Life Game in our part of the province. With the Valley Multi-Purpose Sports Facility at the west end of Kentville we have found a gracious landlord and an enthusiastic supporter of our values - **Fair Play, Fitness and Fun.**

It has taken over 12 months of hard work, but we started play on 1 October 2006. Go to [www.kingsquash.com](http://www.kingsquash.com), or better yet come to the facility to learn more, sign up and begin to reap the benefits of The Life Game.

These are the first squash courts to be constructed in Nova Scotia since anyone can remember, so come down on 4 November for our grand opening and watch as Matt Bishop and Mike Smeltzer test them for us. We are sure you will be impressed.

The Directors,  
Kings County Squash Club  
[www.kingsquash.com](http://www.kingsquash.com)

Photo: "Larry Porto of Anderson Courts is assisted by a Kingstec student as they assemble the back wall of the A.P. Reid Court at Kings County Squash Club in Kentville."



## Nova Scotia Canada Games Program

With the exception of a few diehards, most of the squash community sees summer as a time to take a few months off from the sport. Not so for the core group of athletes vying for positions on the Nova Scotia Canada Games Team. All could be found at least twice a week at The Tower, honing skills in preparation for the third and final round robin trial, which was held in late September.

That trial could not have been anymore exciting and eventful if it had been planned that way. On the boy's side, pre trial injuries caused the withdrawal of Brian Latimer and Justin Grout and created the potential for some interesting outcomes. A few hard fought matches produced results not seen in the first two trials and although final team members were ultimately determined at the end of it all, positioning for both the 1/2 and the 3/4 spots remained undecided due to points ties. The girl's trial followed a pattern similar to the first two trials with the exception of the fight for the fourth and final position. Arielle Petropolis managed to stay in the race with a 3-0 win over Gillian Tillard and create a points tie for the final position.

Tiebreaker matches were scheduled for mid October and didn't disappoint the spectators. Arielle and Gillian were first on the court and played four very close games. It was unfortunate that someone had to go home, as both girls played

well, but Arielle emerged with the 3-1 win. Brian Latimer and Keifer Latremouille were up next and played a very high-energy match. Although Keifer was on the wrong end of a 3-1 match, look for him to join the "A" ranks in the not too distant future. The final match, Morgan Latremouille and Brett Keeble, was a five game nail biter. In the final game, with both boys exhausted, Morgan dug deep to take the 3-2 win and the number three position on the boy's team.

With all of that behind us and only five months left to the Games you can rest assured that the work has only just begun. To all of the Core Team members who trained so very hard over the past two years but didn't make the team, we thank you for your efforts and hope that you continue your involvement in the sport. We would now like to announce and congratulate the members of our 2007 Canada Games team, listed below.

Watch for these kids on the court this fall as they continue their quest for improvement.

By Melissa Shakespeare and Rick Latimer

2007 Canada Winter Games Squash Team		
Team Position	Boys	Girls
1	Brian Latimer	Annie Langley
2	Keifer Latremouille	Kelli Keeble
3	Morgan Latremouille	Niamh Campbell
4	Brett Keeble	Arielle Petropolis

## Premier League Update

The Premier League started up again in late September at The Tower. There were a few changes for this session. Since a few of the top players have moved away, the number of players in the league was reduced from 16 to 12. There are six players in each division, and they will play each other twice per session. The standings after five weeks are as follows:

### Division 1

1. Matt Bishop - 22 points
2. Mike Smeltzer - 20 points
3. Chris Johnson - 13 points
4. Chris Petropolis - 12 points
5. Chad Edison - 7 points
6. Ken Canavan - 1 point

### Division 2

1. Farley MacLeod - 21 points
2. Brian Latimer - 17 points
3. Ray Souchereau - 12 points
4. Justin McDonough - 11 points
5. Richard Khan - 9 points
6. Rob Weatherston - 5 points



## It Was Such A Good Thing The First Time 'Round...

...we thought we'd do it again.

The second annual PSA sanctioned Bluenose Squash Classic is being prepped for February 7-11, 2007.

The experience for those who organized the original last year, and all the feedback received from those who attended, was overwhelmingly positive. All the contributions of time and money that made the event a possibility were born out as match after match impressed and amazed with speed, strategy and quality. More of the same is in store.



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The stakes have been raised to a prize pool of \$10,000 US, almost double last year's event, and those looking for a piece, including defending champ Shawn Delierre, should expect to find a suitably steeper hill to climb.

Look to this space, and links on the Squash Nova Scotia website, for details on tickets and announcements on location and participants.

By Pat Kelly



Left: Bernardo Samper (Bogota, Colombia) and Shawn Delierre (Montreal, Canada) contest the final at the 2006 Bluenose Squash Classic.

Right: Shawn Delierre is presented with the champion's trophy and congratulated by Matt Bishop (PSA Liason, Tournament Co-ordinator) and Zal Davar (Tournament Chair) on winning the inaugural Bluenose Squash Classic.

# Price Waterhouse Coopers Corporate Challenge

The first annual PricewaterhouseCoopers Annual Squash Team Challenge was held October 11th to 14<sup>th</sup> at Cole Harbour Place. Ten corporate teams of 3 players played in the handicapped, American scoring, fun-emphasized event, with each team player playing 3 games. Aligned with Squash Nova Scotia's goal of increasing membership, the teams were primarily made up of one Squash Nova Scotia member and two beginners or players who haven't played in years.

In the tournament championship, Team Corbin (Richard Corbin, Doug XXX, and XXX) faced PricewaterhouseCoopers (Andy MacDougall, Mike Shea, and John Anthony). With the games tied at 6 after the first two matches, Richard Corbin played newcomer Mike Shea for the trophy. Shea won the first game 15-13, lost the second 15-14. The ninth and deciding game proved to be the game. Shea trailed 13-11, but came back to serve for the win at 14-13. Corbin's experience was evident as he was able to win the last two points and claim the championship for his team.

The third place team was team XXXX (insert names)

The first PwC Corporate Squash Challenge was a booming success based on the number of new and/or renewed squash players (approximately 20) and by the smiles on their faces. Feedback from some of the participants included:

"Thanks for organizing... I was really glad to get back into the game and hope to continue"

"Oh... I meant to email you actually, to thank you for letting me play and ask you for more info on that league you were talking about. I think that I am interested in joining."

"That was great, thanks for the invite, I'm exhausted"

Many thanks to Lindsey White, Andrew Sleigh, Julian Boyle, Melinda Charlton and Jill Moore for their assistance in organizing the event.

SNS and PricewaterhouseCoopers look forward to making the tournament bigger and better next year.

By Andy MacDougall

# Tower Invitational Results

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The first tournament of the season was October 26-29 at The Tower. The results are below:

### Men's A

Winner: Matt Bishop

Runner-up : Mike Smeltzer

Consolation: Justin McDonough

### Men's B

Winner: Keifer Latremouille

Runner-up : Gilles Couture

Consolation: Jimmy LeClerc

### Men's C

Winner: Stephen Price

Runner-up : David Farmer

Consolation: Morgan Latremouille

### Men's D

Winner: Julio Cerqueiro

Runner-up : Bruce Edwards

Consolation: Darren Abramson

### Women's A/B

Winner: Liz Goodman

Runner-p : Audrey Chong

Consolation: Kathy Mul-lane

### Women's C/D (round robin format)

Winner: Niamh Campbell

Runner-up : Tammy

Corkum

### Vets (round robin format)

Winner: Mark Steadman

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