



# Southeastern Squash Racquets Association

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Hello SESRA:

You may have received this from Tom or Andre. The Concourse clinic will be Saturday at 9 a.m. The Windy Hill clinic will begin at 1:30 p.m. Please consider taking part.

## RULES AND REFEREE CLINIC ON JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEATURING RISHAD ALIKHAN

On Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, SESRA is pleased to sponsor a rules and referee clinic for its members and non-members at Windy Hill and Concourse. The course is \$5 for SESRA members and \$30 for non-members (or free if non-members join SESRA and attend).

This clinic was requested by SESRA players. It is a great idea for all players, from those trying to understand the application of the fundamental concepts to top-level players unraveling the subtleties of the game and readying themselves for the upcoming USSRA National Championships.

We are very lucky to have **Rishad Alikhan** conduct the clinic, which will last approximately three hours. Rishad is a Certified National Referee, as well as a Certified Referee Instructor and Assessor. He is chairman of the USSRA National Rules and Referee Committee and president of the Houston Squash Racquets Association. He was tournament referee for the PSA Tennyson West Fog City Open, San Francisco (\$10,000 purse) and the PSA Sanders Morris Harris Open, Houston (\$6,000 purse).

Rishad refereed 39 matches at the 4th Pan American Squash Federation Games, Tepic, Mexico, including the semifinal match of the men's individual event, the semifinal match of the men's team event between Mexico and Argentina, and the final match between Mexico and Colombia. He has refereed at the WISPA Texas Open, the Dallas Open, the US National Championship (S.L. Green Draw), and the 12th Pan American Squash Federation Games, Quito, Ecuador.

On occasion, he even calls a stroke against his brother.

Participants in the clinic will gain a clearer understanding of the "interference rule" and learn about "minimal interference". They will learn what calls a marker makes, correct terminology, etc. They will know the new rules (not so new any more) covering turning, bleeding, etc. Basically, they will become better referees and better players to referee.

At some point during the clinic, he will give the participants a test, results of which will be sent in to the USSRA. Persons who pass the test will become a "Club Level Referee". In select cases, Rishad may recommend to the USSRA that certain participants leapfrog directly to either "State" or "Regional Level Referee".

I took a referee clinic many years ago and found it very worthwhile, but I know my skills and understanding need to be brought up-to-date. For anyone who cares about improving their squash, this is time well spent. Hope to see you there!

#### ATLANTA GRAND MASTERS RESULTS:

Tom and Windy Hill put on another grand show in mid-December, welcoming approximately 150 players in 17 divisions to the Atlanta Grand Masters. This tournament generally boasts the toughest age group draws this side of the Nationals, and this year was no exception.

Play was fast and furious, with the five Windy Hill courts humming from Friday mid-afternoon into the evening Saturday and starting up early Sunday. Thanks to Tom and Mark Bertram for keeping this great SESRA tradition alive. It's part of our national character.

#### Age Groups:

30+ Adam Walker def. Sujit Sharma; 6,5, ret.(inj)  
40+ Diniar Alikham def. Mark Brady; (4),6,(7),0,2  
45+ Dave Perry def. Patrick Rini; 6,3,2  
50+ Tom Rumpler def. Michael Kilgallon; 4,2, 10-9  
55+ Bob Elliott def. Ken Cooke; 6,5,2  
60+ Wayne Hodges def. Stephen Steinberg; 10-9,7,(7),6  
65+ Michael Gough def. Warren Young and Ed Burlingame in a round robin  
30B Hugh Hailey def. Paul Havey, 5,3,(6),3  
40B Ron Johnston def. Robert Goering, 10-8,3,2  
50B Harry Miley def. Sparky Lersch; 1,7,(7),(6),1

#### Skill Levels:

3.0 Kelly Garges def. Leslie Blythe; 2,1,0  
3.5 Chandra Shekhar def. John Mulleady; 6,5,(6),3  
4.0 Sawyer Duncan def. Bill Basnett; (4),2,(0),3,7  
4.5 Justin Mather def. William Cloherty; 0, 10-9, (5), 3  
5.0 Sanjay Sidhwani def. John Mahorner; 7,5,5  
5.5 Chris Tham def. Adam Walker; 7,2,2

Women's: Karen Levine 4-0; Keenan Fernandez 3-1; Donna Sharpe 2-2;  
Leslie Blythe 1-3; Kedira Ismail 0-4

MORE COLLEGE/JUNIOR NEWS:

In my rundown of Atlanta players making their mark within the intercollegiate ranks, I overlooked those who are newly-arrived, particularly Katie Warner who is currently aimed at third or fourth slot for the Williams' Ephs (short for Ephraim who founded the place), who are slotted at eighth in the country this season. Bradley Mosier at Cornell is another Atlantean in the intercollegiate ranks.

Hope this newsletter continues to be of interest. Let me know what you think.

Best,

Bob Burton