



Southeastern Squash Racquets Association

April 2005

Hello SESRA:

Piedmont Invitational draws a crowd:

From John Collar on the dock of the bay to soul men Eben Hardie and Tom Rumpler, the annual Piedmont Driving Club Invitational Squash tournament was a great success.

Along with a cadre of visitors from Toronto, who managed to sweep the 50 doubles, B doubles, and most of Atlanta's nightlife, the PDC hosted a number of Atlanta players across 6 divisions.

Winners and finalists included:

3.0s: Henry Poer def. Michael Huber, 3-1

3.5s: Ridley Hailey def. Henry Poer, 3-0

4.0s: Paul Havey def. David Bridges, 3-1

4.5s: Jay Wood def. Bill Basnett, 3-0

5.0s: Todd Knutson def. Eric Granade, 3-1

Open: Andre Maur def. Bill Villari, 3-0

50s Doubles: Tony Altilia and Peter Wilke def. John LeHeup and Kit Tatum, 3-2

B Doubles: Ted Clarke and Thomas Fleetwood def. Tony Altilia and Peter Wilke, 3-1

Open Doubles: Eben Hardie and Charlie Benedict def. Bob Burton and Bill Villari, 3-1

Surely a few party photos are in order:



Upcoming events for May:

Don't forget Andre's Atlanta Open tournament at the Concourse on May 13-15. The tournament has been widely promoted, promising a very good field. And the Saturday evening gathering is rapidly establishing its own legend. Andre's website is: www.globalsquash.com.

SESRA Board survey results:

As promised, your new SESRA board was surveyed on its preferences with the following Top Ten priorities.

Rank

- 1 Develop "home and away" team events with other cities
- 2 Hold social events/get togethers for the squash community
- 3 Participate in National Teams Events
- 4 Initiate a citywide ranking (ladder)
- 5 Build and distribute an up-to-date membership list
- 6 Support Atlanta participation in the USSRA Nationals
- 7 Encourage juniors to try the game
- 8 Host the USSRA Nationals in Atlanta
- 9 Provide clinics and training in squash rules
- 10 Support nationally competitive junior squash players

The full survey results are attached. We will begin working on these right away. I would also appreciate any different thoughts you may have. Let me know if you'd like a survey (one was included in the February memo).

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Best,

Bob

(where 1 is highest and 5 is lowest; general headings are also ranked and listed in boldface)

SESRA Board Survey Results Ranking

Rank		Mean	Median
1	Develop “home and away” team events with other cities	1.67	1.00
2	Hold social events/get together for the squash community	1.67	1.50
3	Participate in National Teams Events	1.67	2.00
4	Initiate a citywide ranking (ladder)	1.83	1.50
5	<u>NATIONAL PROFILE</u>	1.88	2.00
6	Build and distribute an up-to-date membership list	2.00	1.50
7	Support Atlanta participation in the USSRA Nationals	2.00	2.00
8	<u>SOCIAL/COMMUNICATIONS/OTHER</u>	2.13	2.00
9	Encourage juniors to try the game	2.17	2.00
10	Host the USSRA Nationals in Atlanta	2.17	2.00
11	Provide clinics and training in squash rules	2.17	2.00
12	Support nationally competitive junior squash players	2.17	2.50
13	Create an annual fundraising event to provide operating funds	2.17	2.50
14	Hold tournaments	2.33	1.50
15	Continue interclub team play (Henry/Poole Cup)	2.33	2.00
16	Encourage the construction of additional courts (clubs, schools, etc.)	2.33	2.00
17	Initiate an “urban squash” program for disadvantaged youth	2.33	2.50
18	Build a permanent endowment in support of juniors programs	2.33	2.50
19	Hold an annual event to raise operating funds for SESRA junior programs	2.33	2.50
20	Seek to build an endowment for SESRA	2.33	2.50
21	Encourage sportsmanship and camaraderie among squash players	2.33	2.50
22	Develop a more active and interactive website	2.33	2.50
23	<u>RULES AND REFS</u>	2.44	2.50
24	Sign up new SESRA members	2.50	2.50
25	Develop Interclub leagues	2.50	2.50
26	Provide a monthly newsletter	2.50	3.00
27	<u>JUNIORS/WOMEN/SENIORS</u>	2.59	3.00
28	Develop play around Windy Hill, Concourse, and the PDC programs	2.67	2.00
29	Encourage age group play and competitiveness	2.67	2.00
30	Develop school teams	2.67	2.50
31	<u>FUNDING/PRO EVENTS</u>	2.67	3.00
32	<u>MEMBERSHIP/PLAY</u>	2.68	2.00
33	Identify in-town squash players who are not currently playing	2.83	2.00
34	Identify and pitch potential corporate sponsors of squash	2.83	3.00
35	Encourage play of softball doubles	2.83	3.00
36	Add a hardball doubles facility (either at existing club or new)	2.83	3.00
37	Discipline poor sportsmanship	2.83	3.00
38	<u>DOUBLES</u>	2.94	3.00
39	Encourage non-players to try squash	3.17	3.00
40	Develop top level women players in Atlanta	3.17	3.00
41	Encourage Atlanta teams to compete in national doubles events	3.17	3.00
42	Encourage age group “drop outs” to restart their game	3.33	3.00
43	Develop and fund high-visibility men’s and women’s pro events in the city	3.33	3.00
44	Emphasize the development of top level players	3.33	3.50
45	Encourage women to try the game	3.50	3.50
46	Identify unused or underused courts and develop programs	3.67	3.50