



Southeastern Squash Racquets Association

September 2006

Hello SESRA:

In case you hadn't noticed, squash season is upon us. I know, because I saw John Collar at the courts, trading his broadsword (tennis racquet) for a rapier (squash racquet) and pledging to drop a few pounds.

As always, our Atlanta clubs have a full calendar for the year upcoming, supplemented by national events and tournaments. And as always, Atlanta begins the season with a host of highly-ranked players in the hunt for national standings and titles. More on that later.

Try to fit as many of these great events into your calendar as possible...

2006-07 Atlanta Squash Calendar:

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| TBD | SESRA Keith Poole Cup, Piedmont Driving Club, Date TBD |
| September: | Diniar's Calcutta, 29 th , Concourse |
| October: | |
| November: | The Atlanta Masters, Concourse, 10-12 th |
| December: | The Grand Masters, Windy Hill, 8-10 th |
| January: | SESRA Rules and Refs Clinic, all clubs |
| February: | Southeast Championships, Windy Hill USSRA Skill Level Championships, New York City, 22-27 th |
| March: | St. Patrick's Day tourney, Concourse USSRA Open and Closed Age Group Nationals, 14-18 th , place TBD Sotheby's International Realty U.S. Doubles Championships, 30 th , Philly |
| April: | Piedmont Driving Club Invitational |
| May: | The Atlanta Open, Concourse |
| June: | Father's Day Doubles, Windy Hill SESRA Annual Meeting |
| July: | Junior Invitational, Concourse |
| August: | Dragon Doc Summer Squash, Windy Hill |

Coming Up:

Diniar's Calcutta Tournament Returns to the Concourse September 29th To October 1st

For those who don't know/never played, a Calcutta is a handicap tournament that includes all levels in one draw with handicap point system set by a committee.

The \$55 entry fee includes a minimum of 2 matches, prizes, beer and food, as well as three mulligans. Whether you play or not, be sure to attend the betting on Tuesday Sept. 26th at 6:30 pm at the Courtside Grill at Concourse. Contact Andre Maur for details. Entry Deadline: Monday September 25th; Starting Times: Friday September 29th at 4pm.

Results from the 5th Annual DragonDoc Squash Championships
August 25-27 Sporting Club at Windy Hill Atlanta, GA.

Special thanks to *Dr. Gary Myerson*, who has supported squash in all manners for 20 years.

- PSA Challenger Event (\$3500):** 3) Tony James (AUS) def. 1) Mark Heather (ENG) 3, 6,(7), 9
3.0: 3) Carla Pineda def. 4) Paynter Higgins 5, 7, 5
3.5: 1) John Milciunas def. 2) Jonathan McMurry 4, 0, 0
4.0: 5) Paul Havey def. 2) Tim Osborne 7, 3, 0
4.5: 2) Adrian Cronje def. Derek Rowley 5, 7, 3
5.0: Jeff Tomberg def. 2) Alladin Mitha 1, 4, 7
5.5: David Perry def. Tom Rumpler (6), 7, 1, 0
6.0: 2) John Fulham def. 1) Diniar Alikhan 2, 5, (6), (3), 0
40+: 2) David Espinosa def. Edgar Navas 3, (4), 3, 2
50+: 4) Alwyn Callender def. Tom Rumpler (2), 4, 10-9, 5
50B: 2) Harry Miley def. 1) Tim Osborne (6), 2, 2, 1
U17: 2) Emile Toscano def. Matthew Arnold (7), (4), 4, 0, 6

How about some pics?



Tom, Jeff Tomberg, Gary Myerson and pro.



Diniar and John Fulham



Atlanteans and pros Mark Heather and Tony James



Emile Toscano and Matthew Arnold

Also in August:

Results from the August SESRA Tourney at Concourse:

level 3.0: 1. Ellis Talman 2. Fraser Gough

level 3.5: 1. John Milciunus 2. Gohar Sidiqqi

level 4.0: 1. Tim Osbourne 2. Zia Khan

level 4.5: 1. Werner Louw 2. Mike Yang

level 5.5: 1. Romain Couirault 2. Chewe Lingashi

A reminder to all SESRA members to keep your RailStation info up to date:

One of the nicest aspects of RailStation is the ability of each SESRA member to create his own account and update his information. In particular, I would suggest you sign on to RailStation, create your account, and look at your current email address. The hardest part of communicating with folks through email is the speed at which addresses change. If you are receiving this newsletter, your email address is probably OK. If not, you should be signing on right now to update ... except you can't hear me, can you?

SESRA encourages local signup to offset USSRA dues increase:

Beginning in mid-summer, the USSRA implemented a \$10 annual dues increase per year. They will use the dollars to fund a membership position (already in place) who will work on developing membership across the country, which means establishing and improving the value proposition the USSRA offers grassroots member ... a good thing.

If you sign up online, annual USSRA/SESRA dues are now \$75, which is split \$45 to the USSRA and \$30 to SESRA (note: that USSRA alone online is \$55). However, if you renew through your pro, the SESRA board has elected to reduce its membership fee to \$20, which holds the annual cost at \$65. Squash players usually know how to pinch a ball, a penny, and occasionally other things, so when it comes time to renew, talk to your pro.

Atlanta Players in the Initial USSRA standings for the 2006-2007 squash season:

(Note, standings have moved since the archived 05-06 rankings. Players in multiple age divisions are only listed in their highest ranking. Ages up to No 100, skill levels up to 50. Rankings as of Sept. 12, 2006. Apologies for any oversights or errors.)

One of the benefits of RailStation is that it provides ongoing, seamless rankings. One of the drawbacks is that it catches everything sanctioned: leagues, tournaments, etc. These rankings are different than the close of the 05-06 season.

| <u>Age Groups</u> | | | <u>Skill Levels</u> | | |
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| <u>DIV.</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DIV.</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> |
| U25s | Michelle Quibell | 2 | 2.5s | Paul Corballis | 8 |
| | Michael Gilman | 16 | | Billy Morrell | 39 |
| 25+ | Peter Kelly | 50 | | Bill Hope | 50 |
| 40 | Andre Maur | 4 | 3.0 | Tony Isolda | 21 |
| | Bill Villari | 12 | | Gabor Siddiqi | 23 |
| 45 | Diniar Alikhan | 3 | | David Moran | 39 |
| | David Perry | 19 | 3.5 | Matthew Schachte | 35 |
| 50 | Tom Rumpler | 43 | 3.0 | Kedira Ismail | 2 |
| 55 | Murray Gilman | 9 | 4.0 | Darrel Guy | 10 |
| | Michael Kilgallon | 26 | | Roger Lingashi | 13 |
| | Alladin Mitha | 73 | | Guri Ben-Hashal | 50 |
| | Bob Elliott | 91 | 4.5 | Sanjay Sidhwani | 18 |
| | Ken Cooke | 96 | | David Espinosa | 36 |
| | Frank Johnson | 97 | 5.0 | Michelle Quibell | 5 |
| 65 | Michael Gough | 8 | | Chewe Lingashi | 10 |
| 70 | Bryan Dyson | 30 | 5.5 | Bill Villari | 6 |
| 80 | Doug Talbott | 19 | | Peter Kelly | 11 |
| | | | | Michael Gilman | 23 |
| | | | 6.0s | Andre Maur | 16 |
| | | | | Diniar Alikhan | 20 |

So, get out those rapiers and start tightening the core for fall squash...

As always, hope this is of interest.

Bob