



SouthEastern Squash

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Pro: Tom Rumpier

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Pro: Alladin Mitha

Sea Island Squash Club

Pro: Ben Gould

The University Club of

Memphis

Pro: Alwyn Callender

[End of Season Reminder: SESRA members get discount at www.cjsquash.com \(details below\)](http://www.cjsquash.com)

!!!Save the Date: SESRA Golf Outing Fundraiser July 24th at Atlanta National!!!

April 2007

Hello SESRA:

Upcoming events: **Andre's Big One: The Atlanta Open, and...**

First Memphis Open tournament, May 11-13:



MEMPHIS OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT

May 11 - 13, 2007

Venue: Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

A USSRA Sanctioned Event

Men's 5.5, 5.0, 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 and 3.0

Women's 3.0

For information, contact Alwyn Callender

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Alwyn Callender, UClub pro and a member of the Guyana squash team.



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2007 ATLANTA OPEN



Hosted at the Concourse Athletic Club

\$12,000 PSA Draw, May 15th - 20th

Qualifiers: May 15th & 16th **Quarters:** 5pm May 18th **Semis:** 5pm May 19th **Finals:** 4:30pm May 20th

Entry Deadline: **Tuesday May 1st, 2007** Sign up by fax, mail or online at the Atlanta Open website.

Levels Welcome: Mens & Women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0, O40 & O50
Juniors- BU17 & GU17 2 matches guaranteed

Adult Draw: \$85 USSRA member, \$100 non-member **Junior Draw:** \$60 USSRA, \$75 non-member

Entrants Receive:

- Buffet dinner Friday from Maggiano's
- Buffet dinner and cocktails on Saturday from Brio
- Limo bus to nightclub Fever for a VIP party with free entry and VIP room
- Tournament shirt plus a Diadora shirt and short set
- Drinks and beer all weekend
- Access to all pro matches; Sunday finals catered party with open martini bar
- Free rules and ref clinic to be hosted for all players

Those unable to play the event are welcome to view the finals for a fee of \$15 per person. Start Times: Event begins on Friday at noon, no special requests will be taken. Start times will be sent via email on Monday May 14th.



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SESRA Annual Review:

We spend a lot of time talking about the players. This issue is about the organization...

The SESRA annual meeting will be held June 15 at 7 p.m. at the M Café in the Midtown Club at Windy Hill. This will be the second annual meeting since SESRA was re-incorporated in 2005 and all members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The agenda includes a financial update, review of past activities, election of new board members, and other items that may come up for discussion. To encourage participation, let me run through those items ...

Governance

Activities:

- SESRA was reincorporated in May 2005 with a seven person board and representation from all Atlanta clubs. Formal bylaws are in place to manage finances and new board members, who serve 2 year terms.
- The board is advised by a committee of squash professionals, which includes Tom Rumpler, Andre Maur, Alladin Mitha, Richard Millman, Ben Gould, and Alwyn Callender.
- In December 2006, SESRA formed a regional committee with representation from Atlanta, Spartanburg, Raleigh, Charlotte, Columbia, Charleston, Sea Island, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, and Memphis.

New Board Members:

- Leaving the SESRA board will be Murray Gilman, John Gordon, and myself. Current candidates for these three slots are: Michael Gough, Sandy Draper, and Nick Orphan. We encourage others with an interest in serving on the board to put their names forward by contacting nominating committee head John Gordon at john_gordon@timeinc.com. Any SESRA member is eligible, but the nominating committee is looking for folks who have demonstrated an active interest in supporting the game and a willingness to offer time and energy to the board and its agenda. We need worker bees.

Overall Membership and Courts

Activities:

- Membership is 215, up from 120 at the point of re-incorporation.
- Recent courts have been built in Alpharetta, Charleston, Kiawah, Charlotte and Sea Island.
 - Interest in new courts has been expressed by Cherokee and Capital City.
 - Racquetball court conversions are of interest to Spartanburg and Tuscaloosa.
- Hardball doubles courts have been built in Charleston and Sea Island.
- SESRA Events added/considered since incorporation include:



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- The Poole Cup is in its fourth year, to be held this fall at Concourse as a 15-man team event.
- The Southeast Invitational Teams, held in February at Windy Hill to encourage academic and college level squash play.
- With Ben Gould, SESRA is developing a team event for April 2008, potentially to be held at Sea Island, coming out of house leagues/club championships etc.
- Rules and Refs clinic held by Rishad Alikhan is in its third year, moving to Atlanta tournaments the Grand Masters and the Atlanta Open.

Juniors

- SESRA junior funding policy has evolved from travel expenses for elite players to include support for tournament entry fees for juniors and college students and was recently expanded to include training opportunities.
- SESRA has given financial support to Adil Ismail as an elite national player, to dozens of tournament-playing juniors, and recently to Tyquan Jones, a former Streetsquash pupil now in Atlanta.
- SESRA has supported the ASRA efforts to build a juniors program at the CAC and in Atlanta. SESRA supported a successful ASRA application for a \$2,000 grant from the USSRA to help fund a min-squash court to be used at area schools.

Financial Update

At year end 2006, SESRA had \$10,833 in cash. Of this, about \$1,000 was earmarked for use by club pros in support of their club specific programs. Another \$1,500 in liabilities related to the 2006 Poole Cup and dues payable to the USSRA. Our annual golf outing fundraiser will be held July 24 at Atlanta National. Mark your calendars and join us for another great day.

Other Activities and Opportunities

Development:

- New logo and identification of SouthEast Squash name, consistent with U.S. Squash at the national level.
- New website: sesra.net

Partnership:

- Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop offers SESRA members a 10% discount on items over \$100 and a 5% discount on purchases under \$100.



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New ideas:

- Hosting S.L. Green national championships and USSRA National Age Group tournament in Atlanta in March 2008.
- Team squash and golf event in Sea Island, April 2008.
- College squash:
 - Regional colleges who could reasonably support a squash team include: Vanderbilt, Rhodes College, UGA, Ga. State, Ga. Tech, Emory, Duke, UNC, Alabama, etc. Only Vanderbilt currently has a team.
- Grassroots squash program bring top Atlanta volunteers into an introductory role with young juniors. Under development by Bill Villari.

Other Regional SESRA news:

Memphis' Martin Daniel won the 4.0s at the Windy City Open recently.

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Bob

Reminder of Charlie Johnson's support of SESRA:

Support those who support you! We continue to be grateful that we have the support of Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop (www.cjsquash.com) which gives SESRA members a **5% discount** on orders under \$100 and a **10% discount** on orders over \$100.

Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop

Here's how it works:

When you place your order, in the comment/memo box enter SESRA and your USSRA membership number. The discount will be taken before processing.