



## SouthEastern Squash

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*Charleston Squash Club  
& Kiawah Island Squash*

Pro: Richard Millman

*Concourse Athletic Club*

Pro: Andre Maur

*Midtown Club at Windy Hill*

Pro: Tom Rumpler

*LifeTime Fitness Clubs:*

Alpharetta, John's Creek, Mountain

Brook, Sugarloaf, Ga.; Cary, N.C.

Pro: Andre Maur, Adam Walker

*Piedmont Driving Club*

Pro: Jeff Mulligan

*Sea Island Squash Club*

*The University Club of Memphis*

Hello SESRA:

We have a decade rolling over in a few days, which prompts some musings about two points determining a line and what the trajectory of that line might be for squash in the Southeast!?!

First, this is my 49<sup>th</sup> memo since September 2004, when I started as SESRA president. As I have always said, I hope this continues to be of interest.

Where we were in 2000 [as memory serves]:

- I moved to Atlanta in February 2000
- Tom Rumpler was still at the Annex
- Chris Lang was pro at the CAC
- There were no LifeTime clubs around Atlanta
- Scoring was Hi-Ho to nine
- Diniar had just moved into the National 40s
- Michael Gilman had started high school
- I don't know who was pres of SESRA... Keith Clemens maybe?

Where we are today:

- More than 30 courts across more than 8 clubs
- Established pros with great programs including Tom at Midtown and Andre Maur at CAC, plus emerging programs at four area LifeTime clubs
- Great established events like the Grand Masters and Southeasterns with decades of history have been joined by the Atlanta Masters, Atlanta Open, Charleston Open, Poole Cup and the Driving Club Invitational.
- Atlanta held the Centennial National Championships in 2008
- We have over 250 regular SESRA members and strong leaders like Michael Gough and David Bridges.
- Great collegiate players like Michelle Quibell and Michael Gilman have represented Atlanta and the current crop of Brian and Lizzie Warner (Amherst and Williams), Sheldon Taylor (Tufts), Derek Rowley (Stanford), Alex Hoffman (Penn), Cooper Veysey (Hamilton) are more than holding their own... ready in the wings are Danial and Nabil Saleem, Gibbs Cullen, and Neel Swami.
- A regional base and focus that continues to drive squash, particularly in Charleston under Richard Millman but also in Charlotte, Raleigh and Memphis

I could go on but you get the point. A lot has changed and while that has been good for the game, we collectively have more we can do to build a stronger squash community in the Southeast.

Let's get busy!



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## Upcoming events:



4th ANNUAL CHARLESTON OPEN



JANUARY 15TH - 17TH, 2009

### DIVISIONS:

W35+, W50+, W2.5, W3.5, W4.5

M30+, M35+, M40+, M45+, M50+, M60+, M70+, M3.0, M4.0, M5.0, M6.0

Doubles: Open, B

### VENUES:

Charleston Squash Club, Kiawah Island Club, Medical University of South Carolina

### ENTRY FEES:

USSRA Members:..... \$ 85

Non Members:..... \$100

Open Amateur Doubles. \$250

per pair

Patron:..... \$200

Red Sponsor:..... \$225

Silver Sponsor:..... \$250

Gold Sponsor:..... \$350

Doubles Patron ..... \$500

### HOSPITALITY & FAVORS:

Regular entrants will receive a tournament t-shirt, Sponsors cocktail party on Friday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, brunch on Sunday, beer and soft drinks throughout the tournament.

**Patrons** in addition will receive a Commemorative Sweatshirt and one free guest to all social functions.

**Silver Sponsors** will receive a Commemorative Sweatshirt, and one free guest to all social functions.

**Gold Sponsors & Doubles Patron** will receive two entries to the tournament and Commemorative Sweatshirt and Sweatpants.

### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Squash Doctor Corporation  
c/o Richard Millman  
122 Evening Shade Drive  
Charleston, SC 29414

### REGISTER ONLINE AT:

[WWW.ACTIVE.COM/EVENT\\_DETAIL.CFM?](http://WWW.ACTIVE.COM/EVENT_DETAIL.CFM?)

EVENT\_ID=1805602

OR FAX TO:

843-769-5165, ATT: LISSA

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Richard Millman, Squash Professional  
843-402-9732 or 843-577-1099  
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## Past Events:

### Merrill Lynch Grand Masters Pulls 125 to Atlanta

Tom's Big One entered its 23rd annual incarnation in early December at Midtown. Presented by Grant Thornton, the play was terrific, particularly in the mid age groups and upper skill levels.



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As Tom writes it: “Many stories will be told about our traditional weekend—stories of triumphs & disappointments, of inspiration & fellowship, of new friends & old nemeses.

One story stands out first, the outstanding 6.0s finals. Current 40s’ US National Champion John Musto met current British Open 50s Finalist Richard Millman. (These modifiers barely scratch the surface of these players’ pedigrees.) Both players had played 4 matches apiece on Saturday, and this was their 4th on Sunday. Messrs. Musto & Millman had each won their respective age group championships in their previous matches. Spectacular shot-making and court control finally brought Richard Millman his 2nd championship of the weekend.

One other double-winner stands out, the spry, ever-young Vincent Taylor from Canada, who ran through his 70s draw quite nicely, and then pulled back-to-back upsets in the 65s, taking out current British Open 70’s finalist Michael Gough in a 5 game semi, followed by a 4-game finals win over several time National Champion Bert Kornyei.”

Bob Burton also received nice kudos and the Lifetime Achievement Award from Keith and the tournament.

### Results for the Grand Masters:

M3.0: David Lewis d. Trey Boone, 3-2

M3.5: David Nolan d. Fraser Gough, 3-0

M4.0: Scott McClanahan d. Tim Osborne, 3-1

M4.5: Pritesh Patel d. William Cloherty, 3-1

M5.0: Hany Elazery d. Ranil Goonesekera, 3-0

M6.0: Richard Millman d. John Musto, 3-1

M30s: Chris Tham d. Justin Mather, 3-0

M40s: John Musto d. Keith Clemens, 3-0

M50s: Richard Millman d. Will Bigelow, 3-0

M55s: Tom Rumpler d. Alladin Mitha, 3-0

M60s: Andrew Strasfogel d. Bruce Simons-Morton, 3-1

M65s: Vincent Taylor d. Bert Kornyei, 3-1

M70s: Vincent Taylor (RR)

### *Saleems Play Well at National Juniors:*

By any measure, the Saleem family of squash playing juniors has been the standard bearer for Atlanta junior squash over the past several seasons. In mid-December, Danial and Nabil entered the U.S. Junior Open in the U19s and Arhum entered the U15s.

Nabil fell in the first round to Taylor Foehl of Williamstown, Mass in three, then defeated William Hanley in five before dropping to Remington Hall in three.

After a first round default, Danial fell to Adam Engel of Pickering Ontario in four and to Matthew Lewis in the consis in four.

In the 15s, Arhum defeated Pierson Broadwater from New York and Nicolas Valderrama from Bogota, Colombia in a tough five game match before falling to Mason Ripka in the quarterfinals in three. In the consis, Arhum defeated Jonathan Gill in three before falling to Thomas Kingshott in three.

Well played, all Saleems and thanks for representing Southeastern Squash well!



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### SESRA district-wide ladder reaches 47 participants:

Status	Position	Player	Rating	Return	Number of challenges	Win	Loss	Total
-	1	Tham,Chris	5.28	-	-	-	-	0
-	2	Mather,Justin D	5.04	-	-	-	-	0
-	3	Mulumba,Bupe	4.65	-	-	-	-	0
-	4	Kilgallon,Michael	4.38	-	-	-	-	0
-	5	Post,Allen	4.36	-	1	1	-	1
-	6	Clemens,Keith R.	4.47	-	-	-	-	0
-	7	Mahorner,John	4.35	-	-	-	-	0
-	8	Ben-Hashal,Guri	4.18	-	-	-	-	0
-	9	Paris,Trey	4.20	-	-	-	-	0
-	10	Draper,Alexander Y.	4.11	-	-	-	-	0
-	11	Dinubile,Victor	3.97	-	-	-	-	0
-	12	Holsclaw,Ken	4.06	-	-	-	-	0
-	13	Cloherty,William	4.07	-	-	-	-	0
-	14	Boyce,Paul	4.03	-	1	1	-	1
-	15	Elliott,Bob	4.04	-	-	-	-	0
-	16	Benedict,Billy	3.95	-	-	-	-	0
-	17	Havey,Paul	3.96	-	-	-	-	0
-	18	Osborne,Tim	3.89	-	-	-	-	0
-	19	KERR,JOHN P.	3.93	-	5	2	3	5
-	20	Patel,Pritesh	3.98	-	-	-	-	0
-	21	Burton,Bob	3.69	-	3	1	2	3
-	22	Myerson,Aaron	3.82	-	-	-	-	0
-	23	Schnabl,Andre	3.69	-	-	-	-	0
-	24	Bridges,David L	3.67	-	-	-	-	0
-	25	Sumners,Greg	3.59	-	1	1	-	1
-	26	Murphy,Todd N.	3.58	-	-	-	-	0
-	27	Clavijo,Jorge A.	3.62	-	-	-	-	0
-	28	Emerson,Clark	3.78	-	-	-	-	0
-	29	Vargas,Fernando	3.55	-	-	-	-	0
-	30	Edmundson,William	3.46	-	-	-	-	0
-	31	Hickey,Patrick	3.38	-	-	-	-	0
-	32	Yang,Michael	3.56	-	-	-	-	0
-	33	Gough,Fraser	3.40	-	1	1	-	1*
-	34	Morris,Matthew A.	3.34	-	1	-	1	1*
-	35	McMurry,Jonathan L.	3.29	-	3	1	2	3
-	36	Garcia,Ricardo	3.18	-	-	-	-	0
-	37	Muffley,Mikel	3.20	-	-	-	-	0
12/19(12/28)	38	Nolan,David	3.30	-	-	-	-	0
-	39	Armstrong,Rob	3.17	-	-	-	-	0
-	40	Lenore,Ron	2.90	-	-	-	-	0
-	41	Monen,Scott H.	3.11	-	-	-	-	0
12/19(12/28)	42	Montfort,Michael	2.87	-	2	1	1	2
-	43	Higgins,Paynter	3.05	-	1	-	1	1
-	44	Borrelli,Marc A	2.84	-	-	-	-	0
-	45	Haliburton,David	2.86	-	-	-	-	0
-	46	Blythe,Leslie	2.75	-	-	-	-	0
-	47	Kastendike,George	2.69	-	-	-	-	0

A reminder that SESRA has launched a district-wide squash ladder powered by US Squash technology for all SESRA members. The ladder will run from October to April with prizes for



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the most active participants. Challenges are be issued and scores recorded online at the US Squash website.

### SESRA Citywide Ladder – Rules

- 1) Ladder. The ladder will run fall and spring from October to April. Results will count toward each player's US Squash ranking.
- 2) Eligibility. The ladder is open to all SESRA members.
- 3) Entry fee. None.
- 4) Structure. When a player issues a challenge to a player higher on the ladder and wins the challenge, he/she takes the position of that higher player on the ladder and others are adjusted downward. If the higher player wins, no change occurs.
- 5) Matches, scoring. Best 3 of 5 games, 11 point PAR scoring.
- 6) Match Play: ladder matches have NO club seniority or status. SESRA strongly recommends that ladder matches be played at non-prime court times. You are subject to local club rules and guest restrictions when playing a match. Guest restrictions vary over time and from club to club. Ladder participants are responsible for contacting their club pro to understand these rules.
- 7) Challenge matches will take place at the challenged players club, unless both players agree to play elsewhere. Guest fees are to be paid by challenger.

### **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](http://www.cjsquash.com)) which gives SESRA members a **5% discount** on orders under \$100 and a **10% discount** on orders over \$100.



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.

Hope this continues to be of interest.