



## SouthEastern Squash

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Pro: Andre Maur

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Pro: Jeff Mulligan

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Hello SESRA:

### Upcoming Events:

Jesters Southeastern College Team Invitational set for Jan. 21-23, 2011

The Jesters Club, together with Southeastern Squash and Dunlop, are supporting the development of college squash in the Southeast by offering for the fourth year a round-robin venue for established, emerging and club teams. This annual event at Midtown Athletic Club and The Westminster Schools is intended to support Collegiate Squash Association play in the Southeast, thereby creating exposure to intercollegiate squash that will foster excitement around establishing college clubs and supporting emerging teams in the southeast.



Anticipated 2011 participants include: Vanderbilt University, Tulane University, University of the South (Sewanee), College of Charleston, The Westminster Schools, and University of North Carolina. We are hopeful that Emory University will have a team this year.

### Past Events:



Jay Hatcher (l) drives a rail against Fernando Arrieta in the Merrill Lynch Grand Masters M6.0s quarterfinals at Midtown last week. Thanks for these action photos to **Dominique Bashizi** – see his link at <http://www.photolus.com/Sports/Atlanta-Grand-Masters-Dec-2010/>



***Merrill Lynch Grand Masters has 150 players in record draw:***

The 10th annual Atlanta Grand Masters drew a record 150 participants from across the country in early December, with play at Midtown Athletic Club and Westminster School. Players arrived from Salt Lake City, Wisconsin, Memphis, Boston, Charleston and Tuscaloosa to give battle in some very competitive draws. A splendid time was had by all, with the traditional Swapna dinner and a “Decade of Success” award for sponsor Keith Clemens.

Here are the results:

- M3.0: Preetham Puttappa d. Rick Byrd, 4,3,4
- W3.0: Uzma Saleem d. Leslie Blythe, 6,0,9
- M3.5: Marcus Weikvist d. Ricardo Garcia, 8,4,(6),6
- M4.0: Neil Hendee d. Dave Bridges, 8,4,(8),7
- M4.5: Scott McClanahan d. Billy Pate, 5,5,(5),6
- M5.0: Neel Swami d. Sid Singh, 9,(9),10,(10),9
- M6.0: Chris Tham d. Justin Mather, 6,2,6
- M30s: Justin Mather d. Bupe Mulumba, 7,8,5
- M35s: Chris Tham d. Jay Hatcher, 9,8,7
- M40s: Adam Walker d. Chris Lang, 4,8,9
- M50s: Eben Hardie d. Will Bigelow, 10,7,(7),8
- M55s: Tom Rumpler d. Michael Kilgallon, 9,5,9
- M60s: Scott Brooksbank d. Bert Kornyei, 9,5,3

How about some more pics?



From left: 4.5s Billy Pate, Scott McClanahan; W3.0s Leslie Blythe, Uzma Saleem; M4.0s David Bridges, Neil Hendee



From left above: M40s Chris Lang, Adam Walker; M60s Bert Kornyei, Scott Brooksbank; M5.0s Sid Singh, Neel Swami

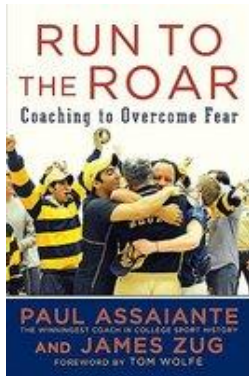


Clockwise from upper left: M3.0s Preetham Puttappa, Rick Byrd; M35s Chris Tham, sponsor Keith Clemens, Allen Post; M50s and M55s, Eben Hardie, Tom Rumpler, Will Bigelow and Michael Kilgallon; Ashesh Choksi and Bupe Mulumba in the quarters of the M30s; Justin Mather and Mohamed Elmeliegy in the quarters of the M6.0s. (Action photos by Dominique Bashizi)





### **Assiante “Run to the Roar” at PDC**



Trinity coach Paul Assiante, whose Trinity Bantams have the longest winning streak in the history of college athletics, was at the Piedmont Driving Club December 9 speaking to about 50 attendees and signing copies of his book, **Run To The Roar: Coaching To Overcome Fear**, co-authored by Jim Zug.

While sharing a number of memories with Atlanta grads of both Trinity and West Point squash and tennis players, Assiante made a number of interesting points, the first being that “what you fear controls you.” As part of his coaching philosophy, he focuses the Bantams on what they fear, even in practice, so that when they are under the spotlight in a national championship pressure cooker, they will want to be there and deliver the best performance of which they are capable.

Thanks to Trinity parents Mike and Cynthia Davison and the PDC for hosting.

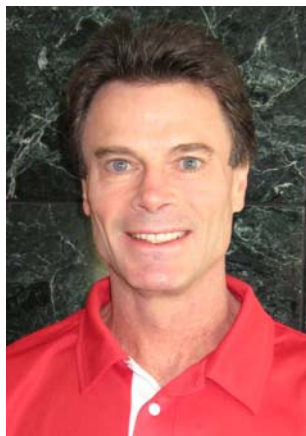
### **Andre Maur named Regional Squash Director for Life Time Fitness**

#### ***Atlanta Open moving to March at Life Time Fitness***

In November, longtime Concourse pro Andre Maur joined LifeTime Fitness on a full time basis, moving his Global Squash operations to the LifeTime clubs in the Atlanta area. He said he will combine the U.S. Regionals with the Atlanta Open on March 25-27 at the LifeTime facilities.

### **David Perry named Squash Director at Concourse Athletic Club:**

Following Andre’s move to LifeTime, long time Atlanta squash player David Perry was named as the new Concourse pro.



David began playing squash at the age of 35 and was "immediately addicted". By the mid-90's, he had won Men’s A level tournaments across the eastern U.S. and achieved the #5 ranking in the U.S. Men’s 5.5 skill level division. Since then, he has achieved the #1 Ranking in the U.S. Men’s 40+ division and again in the U.S. Men’s 50+ division. A hip injury and subsequent surgery sidelined him for the past two years.

Through the 1990's, he was the squash pro at a tiny, two-court club in Upstate N.Y. "We had a thriving community of over 200 squash fanatics", he said. "I replicated innovative teaching techniques from my tennis days and developed creative new squash programs." Some of the programs that David plans to roll out at the CAC includes:

**"Squash Addiction"** (for beginners), **"Squash Acceleration"** (for advanced players), **"Suicide Squash"** (for fitness), **"Squash Trac"** (match play analysis), **League Night** (refereed match play), **"The Turkey Shoot"** (on Thanksgiving Day), **"The Hangover Round Robin"** (on New Year's Day), a **Traveling Tournament Team** (for all skill levels), as well as the usual **squash ladder, mixers**



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and **tournaments**. David will also give free "**Squash-the-Sport**" beginner lessons "to anyone that thinks squash is a vegetable".

His teaching philosophy is: 1st: Have fun!, 2nd, Get a great workout and 3rd, Learn something. David sees tremendous crossover potential with the CAC fitness members and tennis players. He also wants to pull more women into the game. "Squash is a great product." He says. "It's easy to learn and the workout is tremendous. Squash is an addicting, lifetime sport. I want to grow the game and make sure that everyone is having a good time, getting fit and playing a lot of squash."

Professionally, David established a dermatology practice ("Dunwoody Dermatology. LLC") with his wife in 2006 after completing a 20-year career in the investment management business. Additionally, David is an avid day trader, a fitness nut and "Mr. Mom" to three children ages 2, 5 and 7.

**Reminder of Charlie Johnson's support of SESRA:**



“We Support Squash,  
We Play Squash,  
We Know Squash!”

Charlie Johnson's Squash Shop, located in Dayton Ohio at the Dayton Squash Center and online at [www.cjsquash.com](http://www.cjsquash.com), is one of America's best full service squash pro shops. To recognize the longstanding special relationship with SESRA, CJSquash.com is offering a 10% discount to current SESRA members when they place an order over \$75 online. Members simply use coupon code SESRA2010 when checking out and the discount will be applied to your order.

Hope this continues to be of interest.

Bob