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Hello SESRA:

Past Events:

**DRAGONDOC in ninth year:**

The ninth annual DragonDoc tourney at Midtown Club went off with a bang August 27-29 as the DD Gary Myerson continued to build the perennial Atlanta season opener.

A terrific pro draw produced the best pro final match ever seen at Windy Hill as Patrick Chifunda and Lazarus Chilufya spent 90 minutes pressuring each other to X-game-like extremes. Patrick's patented scrambling dives were met with Lazarus' leaping overhead nicks. Finally, the 2009 Championship Grande Egg goes home with Patrick Chifunda, by the narrowest of margins, (12),9,(11),8,9.

Tom Rumpler sends thanks to the title sponsor of Arthritis & Rheumatology Group of GA and Dr. Gary Myerson; presenting sponsor Muffley Homes, Mikel Muffley; Gold Patron Matthew Morris; Silver Patrons Mike Davison & Scott Monen; Bronze Patron Dr. Hamilton Williams.



From left: Danial Saleem, Johathan McMurray, Patrick Chifunda, Uzma Saleem, Gary Myerson, Ashesh Choksi, and Aaron Myerson



Dragon Doc results:

3.0: Ron Lenore d. Rick Byrd, 12,9,2

3.5: Jonathan McMurry d. Richard Offutt, 7,4,(7),7

4.0: Aaron Myerson d. David Bridges, 9,2,2

4.5: Ashesh Chokshi d. William Cloherty, 5,10,6

5.0: Billy Benedict d. Markus Engelmann, 7,(3), 10, 9

5.5: Danial Saleem d. Adil Ismail, (9),6,7,4

50s: Tim Osborne d. David Bridges, (5),5,3,4

6.0: Justin Mather d. Ahmed Oweida, 9,5,8

Men's Open: Patrick Chifunda d. Lazarus Chilufya, (12),9,(11),8,9

W4.0 (RR): Uzma Saleem, Arlene Chapman

**SESRA players at the World Championships: Gough third, Millman fourth**

The World Squash Masters was played August 23-28 in Cologne, Germany. Several SESRA players made the journey and played well:



Playing for the U.S. in the 70s, Michael Gough finished third, defeating Vincent Taylor 10,(8),6,10. Gough lost in the semis to Barry Gardner in five, (6),(5),7,14,4 and had several match points in the fourth game.

Said Gough, "OK here's the scoop. A very disappointing World Champs

**Michael Gough (r), third in the World 70s**

but coming to terms with it and 3rd in the World isn't too bad. The over 70's was split into 4 groups and we each played 4 matches in the groups. From there the top 2 finishers went to the last 8 which became knockout. I won all 4 matches in my group 3-0, went on to last 8, won that 3-0, then played top seed in semis. I was 2-0 up, then 2-1, had 4 match balls in 4<sup>th</sup>, and lost in 5. He went on to lose the final to the guy I beat 3-0 in semis of Brit Open last year. In the 3rd place match, I won 3-1 and so won the bronze medal for the U.S. Still having nightmares about the loss!!"



Playing for England in the 50s, Richard Millman fell to Scotland's Alan Thomson in the semis, 3,5,(11),6 and Sweden's Bjorn Almstrom (8),5,6,8 in the playoff. Pat Millman fought her way to the 9-12 round in the women's 55s before falling to Alison Madden, 8,6,4.

Playing for Ireland in the 45s, Andre Maur won three round before falling to England's Peter John Gunter 6,(8),5,7 just short of the quarterfinals.

Among other U.S. players, Dominic Hughes won three rounds before being stopped by England's Mark Woodliffe, 5,5,8 to reach the quarters

### **SESRA players do well in national rankings at the close of the 09-10 season**

It was another banner year for SESRA players in the national rankings as our emphasis on tournament play and active participation delivered a solid set of national placements. Keep it up, SESRA!

#### **SESRA National Champions 2009-2010:**

Men's 50+: Richard Millman

Women's 55+: Pat Millman

Men's 4.0: Sandy Draper

Men's 50+ Doubles: Eben Hardie and Jamie Heldring

#### **SESRA National Rankings 2009-2010:**

Men's Masters 30+: 1) Justin Mather, 2) Bupe Mulumba, 4) Hany Elazery, 6) Adrian Cronje, 7) Victor Dinubile, 10) Paul Havey

Men's Masters 50+: 1) Richard Millman, 5) Tom Rumpler

Men's Masters 55+: 2) Tom Rumpler, 7) Michael Kilgallon

Men's Masters 60+: 8) Bob Elliott

Men's Masters 65+: 3) Michael Gough

Men's Masters 70+: 3) Michael Gough

Men's Skill Levels 2.5: 2) Jose E. Espina, 9) Steven Drinkell

Men's Skill Levels 3.5: 5) Richard Offutt, 7) Harry Miley

Men's Skill Levels 4.0: 8) Paul Havey

Men's Skill Levels 5.0: 9) Justin Mather

Men's Skill Levels 6.0: 4) Richard Millman

Women's Skill Levels 3.0: 1) Gibbs Cullen

Junior Boy's U15: 8) Arhum Saleem

Men's Doubles 45+: 8) Bill Villari

Men's Doubles 50+: 6) Eben Hardie

#### **New news:**

Expect more doubles action in Charleston as Australian Matt Jenson has taken over the reins in Kiawah and Charleston from Richard and Pat Millman, who will be dividing their time between England and Westchester, NY.



Matt, 31, was most recently the head pro at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. He's currently ranked fifth in the International Squash Doubles Association (ISDA) rankings. From the ISDA

website:



The youngest player ranked in the ISDA top-10 (he turned 30 this past May), Jenson teamed up with Clive Leach last season to reach at least the semifinal round seven times in the nine ranking events that they entered and to attain the final in Boston, where they emerged with a 16-15 fifth-game victory in the semis over Paul Price and Ben Gould before barely falling short in a grueling 3-2 final-round marathon against Viktor Berg and Damien Mudge, one of five five-game matches that went against them during the course of the season. Jenson, whose older brother Dan had been Mudge's chief nemesis in singles during their teenage years and gone on to make the PSA top-five before injuries ended his career, played for several years on the PSA tour himself, then moved on to early-2000's stints at the

Birmingham Athletic Club in Michigan and at Piping Rock in Long Island. Prior to this past season, Jenson had reached the finals of the '08 tour stops in Cleveland with Preston Quick and at Sea Island, where he and Leach in their debut as partners followed a solid semifinal win over Quick and John Russell by going up 2-1, 11-8 against Berg and Mudge before losing that game in a tiebreaker and the fifth 15-8.

#### Career highlights

- 2009 represented Australia World Double Championships
- Highest PSA ranking of #59
- Semi-finalist Sao Paulo Open

#### ISDA highlights

- 2009 Hashim Khan champion
- 2009 Briggs Cup finalist
- 2009 Big Apple Open semi-finalist
- 2008 Tavern Club semi-finalist
- 2008 Maryland Club Open semi-finalist
- 2008 Big Apple Open semi-finalist
- 2008 Sea Island Open finalist

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