



SUMMER SQUASH

2010-2011 Canada Winter Games Team Named

Congratulations to Team Ontario who will be representing the Province of Ontario at the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax next February.

**Jillian Baker, Michelle Gemmell, Hollie Naughton, Jennifer Pelletier
Michael McCue , Tyler Osborne, Cameron Seth, Joshua Sekhar**

**Coaches: Nicole Pirko (Pickering Recreation Complex, Squash Club)
 Patrick Ryding (Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club)**

Ontario Athletes World Travelers

Junior Men's Team off to Ecuador

Canada will be sending perhaps its strongest Junior Men's Team ever to compete in the World Junior Boy's Championships in Quito, Ecuador from July 27 – August 7th. Ontario's athletes, Nick Sachvie, Tyler Osborne, and Arjun Gupta will be joined by Alberta's, Andrew Schnell. A gold medal is a very real possibility for this extremely talented team.

Ontario's Jennifer Pelletier wins gold at Pan Am Junior squash championships

Jennifer Pelletier, Hollie Naughton and **Joshua Sekhar** made up ½ the Canadian team which represented Canada at the Pan Am Junior Squash Championships in San Salvador in June.



Jennifer Pelletier of Richmond Hill, Ont., won a five-game thriller in the women's singles final to earn the gold medal at the Pan Am junior squash championships. It was one of three medals for Pelletier as Canada completed the competition with four podium finishes.

In women's singles, Pelletier defeated Karla Urrutia of Mexico in the championship final 11-6, 11-8, 9-11, 16-18, 11-8. The 17-year-old Pelletier, a runner-up at this year's junior nationals, had a first round bye then won her round of 16 in three games, quarterfinal in four and her semi in three.

Canadian junior champion Alix Younger of Winnipeg lost to Urrutia in the semifinal. She also had a first round bye before stringing two wins together to advance to the final four. Hollie Naughton of Oakville, Ont., was eliminated in the first round.

Pelletier, Younger and Naughton then combined forces for the silver in the women's team event losing the final to Mexico. Naughton and Younger also took bronze in women's doubles and Pelletier and Zachary Leman of Surrey, B.C., were also third in mixed doubles.

In men's singles, Leman, Tyler Olson of Victoria and Joshua Sekhar of Toronto were all eliminated in the first round.

Squash Canada Announces 2010 World University Championships Team

All five (5) athletes named to the World University Championships Team are from Ontario!

Congratulations to.....



Laura Gemmell – A 1st year student at Harvard University, she is from Toronto Ontario. Laura is one of the most decorated junior squash players in Canadian squash history. Laura helped lead the 2009 World Junior Women's Championships team to a 5th place finish in Chennai, India. Laura is the 2010 College Squash Association Individual champion. Laura is a member of Squash Canada's Senior Women's National Squad.

Micaala Seth – A 2nd year student at the University of Waterloo, she is from Fergus Ontario. Micaala is the 2010 Women’s Open champion from the Black Knight Canadian University & College Championships.

Adrian Dudzicki – A 3rd year student at the University of Ottawa, he is from Ottawa Ontario. Adrian is the 2010 Men’s Open champion from the Black Knight Canadian University & College Championships.

Fred Reid – A 2nd year student at Ryerson University, he is from Toronto, Ontario. Fred was part of the 2008 World University Championships team that finished 4th in Cairo, Egypt. Fred is currently ranked 181st on the Professional Squash Association (PSA) World Rankings and he is a member of Squash Canada’s Espoir Men’s National Squad.



Colin West – A 4th year student at Harvard University, he is from Toronto Ontario. Colin was part of the 2008 World University Championships team that finished 4th in Cairo, Egypt. Colin is the 2010 College Squash Association Individual champion and he is a member of Squash Canada’s Espoir Men’s National Training Squad.

HONOURS FOR ONTARIO

Squash Canada recently introduced its new Recognition Program which incorporates several categories created to recognize and thank individuals and corporations for their outstanding contributions to squash in Canada.

Squash Canada Wall of Fame

Ontario’s **Anne Smith**, was inducted into Squash Canada’s Wall of Fame in the Builder Category at the recent Honda Canadian Championships.

Ontario first won Anne’s heart when she captained the Scottish team in the 1981 Women’s World Championships. Prior to that, Anne had come to Toronto as part of a Standard Life sponsored Scottish team tour during which she won the Judy Traviss North American Open.

Her prowess on the squash courts was matched only by her commitment to and passion for growing and promoting the game of squash. She ran for the Board of Directors of Squash Ontario in 1984 and soon became its President. After she completed her term, she successfully ran for the Squash Canada Board. She served as Vice President and then for 8 years as the President.

She was a respected and forceful voice for Canadian squash at the World and Pan American squash levels. Anne was WSF Regional Vice President for Pan America and represented the WSF at PASO meetings at which the bid for squash’s inclusion in the PanAmerican Games succeeded. She went on to provide the technical leadership for the first Pan American Games squash event. When she left

Squash Canada, she was elected Vice President of the World Squash Federation. She was Chair of the WSF Medical and Rules and Referees Committees while serving as WSF Vice President. She was responsible for the WSF member nation's approval of the Canadian developed antidoping policy and the use eyeguards for Junior World Championships. After leaving the WSF she was consulted to review the WSF Refereeing program.

Anne led the two most influential squash associations in Canada – Squash Ontario and Squash Canada and she is highly regarded and respected as a builder of the game. She was awarded the W. Stewart Brauns award by the USSRA for her substantial administrative contribution to the game of squash. Anne also boasts an incredible playing record of 30 National, Ontario and World titles in singles, hardball, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Gary Waite was inducted into the Wall of Fame in the Player category. Gary, native of Ontario, has the unique honour of obtaining the highest combined ranking of three squash disciplines, in the history of squash. (Softball singles, hardball singles and hardball doubles). Gary played on 6 Canadian Men's teams winning gold at the 1995 Panam Games for both singles and team and reached #1 in the world in Men's hardball in 1992. Notably, Gary was the first Canadian to reach #12 (in 1993) in the world in softball singles on the PSA – paving the way for the next wave of Canadian men. Before retiring in 2008 Gary had won 13 National titles, 7 World Doubles titles and well over 100 professional doubles titles.

David Tullis was honoured with a Outstanding Achievement Award. David has been involved in the game of squash in Ontario and in Canada for well over 40 years. A player of passion, he quickly recognized that he had a great love for the outside of the squash court as opposed to the inside. He was a pioneer in developing the national officiating program; many officials today have David's efforts to thank for the professionalism of the state of officiating in Canada. He achieved his A-1 certification in the late '80s and over the next 20 years, not only delivered more than 100 rules clinics but also acted as one of the first Tournament Referees for a national championship. Completely unflappable, he took situations as they came and calmly and competently resolved them. Dave Tullis was instrumental in building one of the oldest squash clubs in Ontario – the Dixie Squash Club in Mississauga. Getting involved on the administrative side of squash tweaked his interest in Toronto league and in 1976, he joined the TDSRA Executive Committee and only in May 2010, has he resigned as its treasurer.

He has been an ardent and strong supporter of Squash Ontario for all the years of his involvement, believing that the game is stronger when everyone is working toward the same goals.

David Tullis is a worthy recipient of Squash Canada's first Outstanding Achievement Award – he is a gentleman and a gentle man who has always, always played the game fairly and honestly and with great passion.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tom Craig Moves to Squash Canada Board

On Saturday, June 12th, Tom Craig was elected onto the Squash Canada Board of Directors as Vice President Technical.

Tom has been involved in the game of squash for over 30 years as both a player and as a volunteer. He was President of our Western Region for 15 years and was instrumental in establishing a very viable league and he continues to act as the league co-ordinator and scheduler.

His negotiating talents came to the fore when, as President of Western Region, he helped Squash Ontario disentangle the Niagara clubs from his region to become the Niagara Region – he recognized the wisdom of the separation and his efforts resulted in a thriving and structurally sound Niagara Region.

In 2005 Tom was nominated to the Board of Squash Ontario and held the portfolio of Vice President, Regional Development for 3 years. In 2008, he was elected President of Squash Ontario, a position he retains at the moment.

As President, he has steered Squash Ontario through some significant changes, most significant was the change in our governance which moved us from a regional voting representation to a member club representation. This was not an easy change – not one accepted by all and again his negotiating skills were put to the test as he navigated some rocky shoals. The governance change was successfully approved by the members in March 2009.

In his real life, Tom's area of expertise is IT; he is Manager, Operations for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health. He sat as a member of the Squash Canada task force which reviewed the RFP information and submissions for a new data management system, including the rankings component. This is where Tom's expertise in and knowledge of software applications will be of enormous benefit to Squash Canada. He brings a skill set in this area which will allow Squash Canada to fulfill its commitment of a fair and credible ranking program.

Tom leads through a consensus-building approach – reaching out to Squash Ontario's constituents – whether they be the regions or his board colleagues. One of his great strengths is in his ability to listen and then synthesize the essence of the argument. He is open-minded and comes to an issue with no agenda at all except to find a resolution with which everyone is comfortable.

His skill sets will be a valuable addition to the Board of Squash Canada as well as to squash in Canada. He is a proponent of allowing the professional staff to drive a program – his philosophy is not to manage programs; rather to lend his experience and opinions to help in their delivery and eventual success.

New Role for Mark Sachvie

Squash Ontario's conflict of interest policy does not allow for an individual to serve two masters. Tom Craig's election to the Squash Canada Board left a vacancy on the Squash Ontario

Board. The Board voted Mark to take on the role of president until the Annual General Meeting on September 11th at which time a new Board will be approved by the members.

Squash Ontario Annual General Meeting

The Board of Directors is pleased to extend an invitation to all club owners, managers and squash professionals to attend the annual general meeting which is being held on September 11th at Lionhead Golf & Country Club, 8525 Mississauga Road in Brampton. The annual meeting will be followed by our Charity Golf Classic in which we hope you will participate.

In March 2009, the voting structure of Squash Ontario was changed at a special general meeting. Effective last September, each member club will have a vote equal to the number of its paid up courts to Squash Ontario as at 31 March.

The votes for your facility may be cast by the owner, the manager, the squash professional or any member of your club appointed by management as your voting representative. We feel it is important that the person voting on the club's behalf be either part of its management team or an involved and interested member.

Even though a facility may not be a member of Squash Ontario, we encourage you to attend – there is no charge. It will be an excellent opportunity for you to network – meet colleagues – and exchange ideas.

As part of the annual meeting, there will be two presentations – the first presentation will cover the new tournament software package which will be available to clubs for use in September of this year. The package includes username and password for host clubs to update draws in real time and linkage to the Ontario rankings. This new software will be an enormous help to squash professionals and programmers in running their events and players will be particularly pleased with the results of sanctioned events be included in the Ontario rankings.

The second presentation is a “Best Practices” panel discussion which will include individuals who have enjoyed enormous success in junior programming, school programs, club management and houseleagues – all of these topics focus on building your membership. Also present will be Michael Taylor of Advantage Sport to answer all your questions on court maintenance.

To register for the annual meeting, please go to our event registration on our website – www.squashontario.com

Squash Ontario Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The challenging Masters course at Lionhead Golf & Country Club will host the 9th annual Squash Ontario Charity Golf Classic – all in support of junior squash in Ontario.

You can see from this email that Ontario's junior squash athletes are making their presence felt at the national and international levels – and all of these athletes are products of Squash Ontario's junior development model. There are others waiting in the wings and these athletes need your help too.

Our goals for junior squash in the coming year are ambitious with the introduction of a new refereeing mentoring program; training our Canada Games Team for competition at the Games in Halifax; hosting a major Teachers' Program at the new National Squash Academy in Toronto as well as hosting 8 Head Silver events, 4 Ontario Championships and 4 Gold events.

To register a foursome or to make a donation for the silent/live auctions, please go to our website at squashontario.com or contact Geoffrey Johnson – gjohnson@squashontario.com

This year, we are also introducing Sponsor and Patron's packages – another way you can help support junior squash. Again, please contact Geoff for more information. And we look forward to seeing everyone on the 11th at Lionhead.

On Board for 2010-2011

The Squash Ontario Junior Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that both **Dunlop** and **Head** will be front and centre in sponsoring our Gold and Silver events this year. We're grateful to both of these corporations because their contributions in the way of prizes allows us to not only keep entry fee costs down but also enhance the quality of the event.

Back by popular demand is also **Black Knight** which has been a key contributor to Squash Ontario for over 20 years – we have big plans for our school squash program this year and Black Knight will play a major role in helping us achieve our goals.

New Events Announced for 2010-2011

The Board of Directors of Squash Ontario is very pleased to announce the creation of two new Ontario Championships.

The first is the **Ontario Masters Teams Championship**. The team composition will be identical to that used by Squash Canada for the Canadian Masters Teams Championship –

3 women (40+, 45+, 50+) and 4 men (40+, 45+, 50+, 55+)

The inaugural event will be hosted by on Easter weekend – April 22 – 24, 2011 – host to be announced.

The second event is the **Ontario League Championship**. The team composition will be 7 players:

3 women and 4 men

The inaugural event will be hosted on December 3 – 5, 2010 – host to be announced.

In order to ensure that all players from member clubs have an opportunity for selection, Squash Ontario has re-drawn the Ontario map as follows:

<u>Ottawa & District</u>	no change
<u>Eastern Ontario</u>	Kingston, Brockville, Gananoque, Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Bowmanville, Cobourg, Belleville, Oshawa, Lindsay, Port Hope, Peterborough, Picton
<u>York North</u>	Newmarket, Barrie, Orangeville, Woodbridge, Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora
<u>Northern/Muskoka</u>	Kincardine, Port Elgin, Owen Sound, Sudbury, North Bay, Parry Sound, Huntsville, Collingwood, Orillia
<u>Toronto</u>	City of Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton, Oakville, Georgetown
<u>Southwestern</u>	Windsor, Sarnia, London, Chatham, South Huron, Wingham, Clinton
<u>Western</u>	Woodstock, Stratford, Kitchener, Waterloo, Elora, Brantford, Guelph
<u>Niagara</u>	no change
<u>Northwestern</u>	no change

Format and Team Selection

Regions may enter up to two teams in both events. Squash Ontario will leave the development of selection criteria up to the regions; however, it does stipulate that each team member must be a member of a member club of Squash Ontario as well as a member of Squash Ontario and it encourages the regions to utilize the Ontario rankings where possible to set your criteria.

Cost:

The registration fee for each event is \$50.00 plus hst. All results will be entered into the Ontario rankings.

Note:

These new boundaries will have no affect on the current regional league boundaries.

