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NOW, THAT'S THE SPIRIT!



By Sherry Funston

ONCE in a very great while, you either, inadvertently or through years of searching, find that magic formula for success and when you do, you'd like to write it down, lock it up and keep it safe for years to come. On this, the tenth birthday of the Charity Challenge, all the pieces of that sometimes elusive formula, came together and culminated in the best and most successful charity event we have ever held.

Our first-ever 'battle of the sexes'. Northfield's Ralph Bentfeld finally won his first Charity title, defeating Mayfair Lakeshore's Barbara Diggins in the final.



Nancy Cranbury is back in fighting form and dispelled any notion Lynn Begg may have had of defending her Women's A title.

The chemistry on the weekend was perfect. Long-standing friends like Ken Ojeer, Laurie Zorzit, Nancy Sharpe, Anne Smith, Bryan Drew and Rachel Massie came back to help us celebrate. And we welcomed new friends this year - from clubs which had never sent representatives to the provincial finals. The Allen brothers, Bryan and Jamie were wonderful ambassadors for Kitchener Waterloo Racquet Club as was the trio of Baird, Bagacki and Tkachuk from the Sunset Squash Club in Fort Frances.

We have always hoped that the Charity event would never lose that one essential component of squash...the one that makes this game unique among sports...sportsmanship. Yes, over the last ten years, it has become a very competitive event, pitting player against player and region against region, hence the 'Challenge' in its title. We were surrounded by players who did this game proud every time they stepped onto the court...they, themselves, created an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie that weekend and it is fitting that Martini & Rossi, makers of fine spirits should be the major sponsor of an

event in which the spirits, both literal and ethereal,

were raised to their highest level. One of the first matches on Saturday morning set the trend for the weekend. Any club which had over 100 entries in its own Martini Challenge was eligible to send a representative to compete in a special event designed just for the people. They are all thrown together and they compete for a prize money purse of \$2,000.00. Soo's Ken Ojeer scouted out his opponent the evening before and found that his first opponent was to be Mayfair Lakeshore's Barbara Duggan. Together with his cohort in crime, Bryan Drew, they cooked up a scheme to give Ken a little help. Gentleman to the core, Ken shook hands with Barbara and offered her his eyeguards for the match, concerned, of course, about her safety. The blackened left lens proved to be a bit of a problem to Barbara and attempts to clean it resulted in penalty points issued by the referee, one by Bryan Drew. Barbara's concentration was also thrown off slightly by Ken's attire on court...a wild combination

Martini & Rossi's Richard Dittmar and Karen Atkinson were on hand at lunch, bolstering the spirits of both players and spectators with a delightful combination of Bianco White and soda...

of colours with just a bit of leg showing. The Tournament Referee, Norma Graham, chose to turn a blind eye to the white or pastel clothing rule and an appeal by Barbara again resulted in a penalty stroke. The two of them had a great deal of fun with the match, much to the delight of the audience.

That was the beginning and things went uphill from then on. Martini & Rossi's Richard Dittmar and Karen Atkinson were on hand at lunch, bolstering the spirits of both players and spectators with a delightful combination of Bianco White and soda...a tasty little mixture which certainly helped the tournament organizers through the day. They were back again for the happy hour on Saturday evening and everyone, whether they had won or lost, bent their elbows in salute and thanks to the sponsors.

Sunday morning dawned early (too early for some after the party) and matches to decide final placings began at 9:40 A.M. For the past two years, we have established an overall Regional Championship, giving points for positions 1-7. Defending champion this year was Toronto & District West but they were chal-

Toronto & District East's George Miller was simply too strong for Northwestern Ontario's Bill Krezonoski in the Men's 35+.





lenged early on by both Central Ontario and Toronto & District East. Two wins by George Miller and Lindsay Hermer-Bell in the Over 35 Divisions catapulted the East into first place and there they remained, winding up with 74 points. Their nearest rivals were T&D West and Central, both finishing with 60 points.

Nancy Cranbury showed she is regaining her old form, winning the Women's A over Lynn Begg, quite comfortably while Anne Smith, the defending Women's Over 40 champion, retained her title with a win over Western Ontario's Cate Mee. We don't see Cate often enough these days and when we do, it's a pleasure.

The last minute withdrawal of number one seed, Jay Gildenhuis in the Club Organizer's Event, set the stage for the first-ever battle of the sexes in the Martini Charity Challenge. Northfield's Ralph Bentfeld, a finalist these last three years, faced off against Mayfair Lakeshore's Barbara

Diggens. These two people are professionals to the core and treated the gallery to some really excellent squash. Ralph prevailed and took home his first championship....a fine win for a fine fellow.

The 1990 edition of the Martini Charity Challenge began last October and over the past four months, some 70 clubs held championships to determine winners in 14 different events. These winners then went on to Regional Championships and winners there, came to Mayfair Parkway Racquet Club at the end of February to compete for individual and regional honours. The concept of the Martini is to provide a competitive environment for inter-regional competition while, at the same time and, of equal importance, to raise monies for charity. It is unfortunate that some clubs failed to catch that spirit of giving, choosing instead to simply designate individual club members to represent them in the regionals. We

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Winning definitely wasn't everything this weekend...but it helped!

Opposite page: Lindsay Hermer-Bell went out in front from the beginning and never gave ground as she upset defending 35+ champion Lauren Doig in the final.

certainly want as many clubs as possible to participate but it is through that mass participation that the funds are raised for the charity.

More than balancing the equation between giving and not giving, was the tremendous support we received from nine of our clubs...the ones with more than 75 people in their individual Martini championships. Leading the way, with 120 participants, was Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club, followed by the Rideau Squash Club, Hamilton Squash Club, Northfield and Northfield Doon, the Sault Ste. Marie Y, the Adelaide Club, Club Markham and Curzons Sporting Club. Our thanks to Barbara Diggins, Jay Gildenhuis, Pat Cranbury, Larry Christiansen, Ralph Bentfeld, Ken Ojeer, Margaret Boselli, Nigel Gleeson and Steve Wren for giving us your best.

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Larry Christiansen who, upon receiving his cheque for his performance in the Club Organizer's Event, graciously turned back half to the charity. The Awards presentation concluded with a cheque in the amount of \$20,000.00 being given to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Making the presentation on behalf of the Ontario squash players was Squash Ontario Director, Lauren Doig and, on behalf of Martini & Rossi, Richard



Martini & Rossi's Richard Dittmar with Women's A winner, Nancy Cranbury.

Dittmar. Sarah Pepall, President of the Ontario Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada was pleased to accept and, as she said, "A donation of this magnitude will go a long way in helping us find the cause of the cure for multiple sclerosis. This represents vitally important research dollars as Canada has an unusually high incidence of MS - and the age demographics between victims of this disease and squash players are frighteningly similar."

For those of you who competed in your club Martini Charity Challenge, you should know that you were well represented by players who epitomized the essence of both the Charity and the game itself. From Keith Denis of Northern Ontario, who showed everyone the very best of our juniors in heart and character, to the humour and dignity of Cate Mee...they spoke volumes on your behalf, both on and off the court. ○

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One of the mandates of Squash Ontario is to ensure that squash is played in a safe environment and, based on a number of telephone enquiries which we have received just recently, we feel impelled to pass on a word of advice about court floors. Bare floors are safer because they absorb drops of moisture and thus don't become slippery. Also, bare floors provide better traction than most finishes and have a better feel to them.

Finished floors, which are unable to absorb moisture, are **dangerous** and could leave a club liable to legal action for improper maintenance of facilities.

Many clubs believe the false assumption that finished floors allow for easier maintenance. This assumption is simply not true. The experience of clubs who leave floor bare is that maintenance is at least as easy, if not easier. Black shoe marks on the floors are rubbed off by the eraser effect of the proper court shoes and the small amount of moisture absorbed is quickly dissipated and does not harm the floor.

The courts simply need to be mopped or swept once a day, occasionally damp-mopped with a well drained mop, and sanded every few years to keep the wood looking like

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When a floor is sealed, it becomes slippery and sometimes dangerous, either as a result of players' perspiration dropping on the floor and remaining on the surface or, to a lesser extent, as a result of minute particles of rubber from shoes and the ball.

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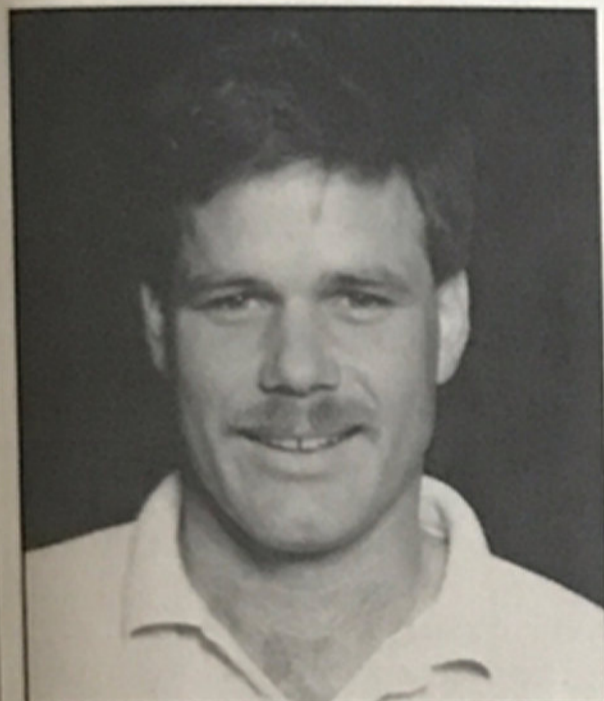
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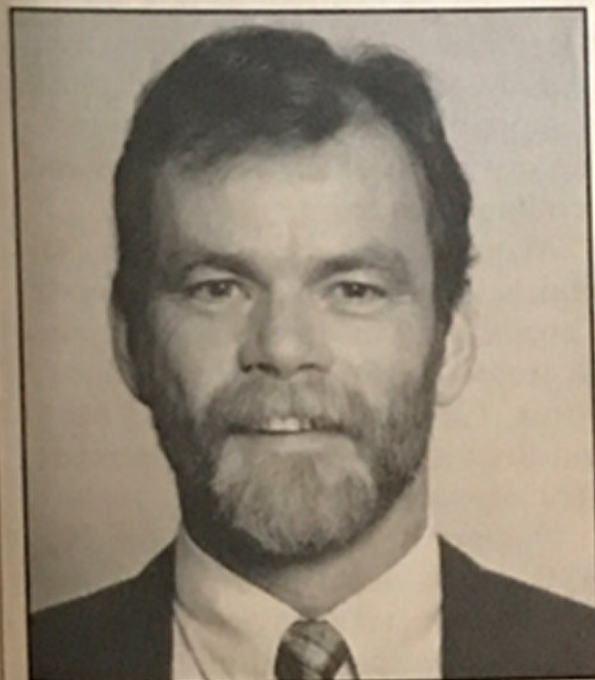
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DANA MATSON

Dana is the Junior Co-Ordinator of our Northern Ontario Region. He plays his squash at Cambrian College and, when not competing himself, spends an enormous amount of time developing promising juniors in Sudbury. He runs two to three programmes a year, all with the blessing of the College. Dana is a Level 3 Certified Coach and has his B1 in officiating. In his real life, Dana works with a contracting company.



LARRY JONES

Larry has been on the Executive of the Ottawa & District Region for 3 years, serving as the Officiating Co-Ordinator. He is a teacher by profession and brings his skills to the provincial certification programme, serving Squash Ontario as both a Provincial Instructor and Examiner. Larry plays his squash at the RA Club.

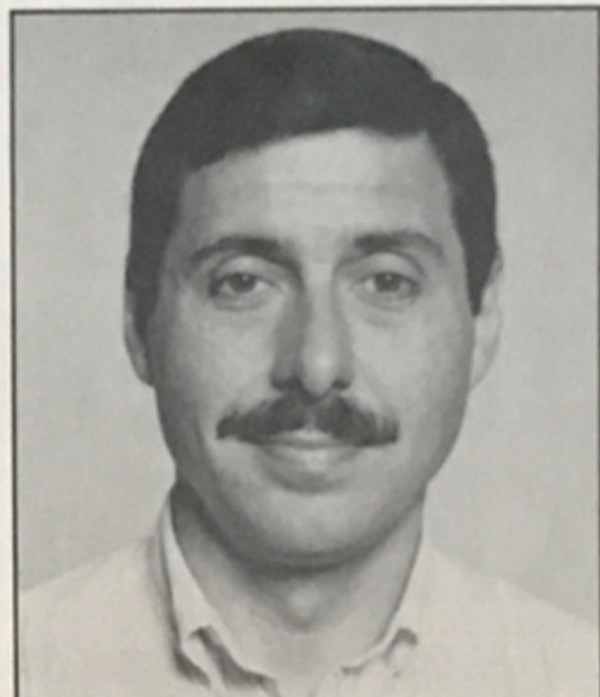
Bruce has been a member of the Western Region Executive for almost ten years - in fact, the length of time he's been playing squash! He is particularly interested in the junior development area, helping to develop programmes at his home club, the



BRUCE HEMPHILL

Niagara Falls Y. When Bruce is not playing squash, he can be found in a classroom.

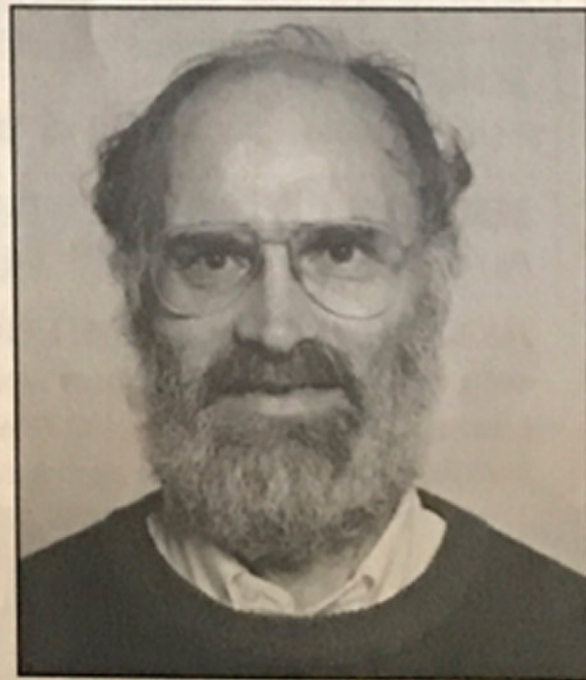
Our Central Ontario Region has had the benefit of Eugene's expertise for three years. He has a very special interest in coaching juniors and is working on his Level I Coaching Certification. As Junior Development Co-Ordinator for the Region, Eugene has been instrumental in not only setting up and running programmes but also in chairing



EUGENE ZAREMBA

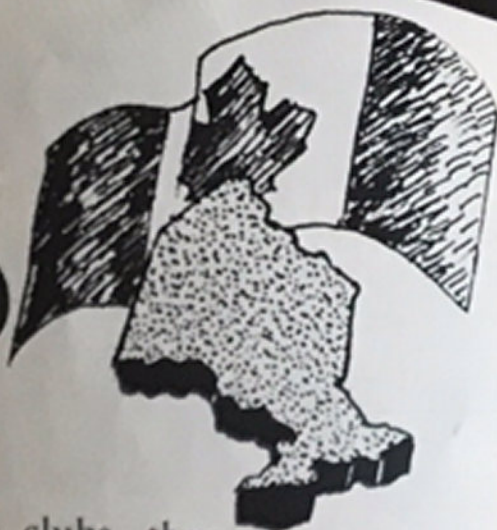
some of the region's junior tournaments. He is a Physics Professor at Queen's University.

The 'quiet man' of the South-western Ontario Region. Bob combines his profession as a computer programmer with his love of squash, as he acts as League Co-Ordinator for the region. He has been playing squash for 25 years and is a member of the London Squash Club. ○



BOB VOLKMANN

CANADIANS COME BACK TO ONTARIO



Kitchener-Waterloo, located in the heart of Mennonite country just sixty miles west of Toronto, will host the 1990 Canadian National Squash Championships. This will represent the first time this competition has ever been held outside of a major centre such as Toronto, Calgary, or Victoria. And

we're ready!

Host to the Nationals will be the Northfield Clubs. Northfield combines two first-rate facilities, specializing in tennis, squash, racquetball, and fitness with a common membership base of over 3,000 members. Currently, Northfield is in its twelfth year of operation. Between

the two clubs, there are fourteen squash courts with tournament viewing for 180+ spectators on the show court at Doon.

The Canadian Nationals will be held at both Northfield clubs, with the Doon facility acting as the primary tournament club. An excellent draw in excess of 300 competitors from across Canada is expected. Categories will include men's and women's open; and a number of age categories ranging from 30+ to 60+ years, in five year increments. Cash prizes for the open events will total \$15,000.00. New categories in the offering for this year are the men's 30+ and 60+, and the women's 30+.

The Nationals will kick off Wednesday May 2nd with a players' cocktail reception and will carry through the week. The main draw of the tournament will run Thursday through Sunday, with preliminary qualifying rounds on Tuesday and Wednesday, if necessary. The player entry fee will include a minimum of two rounds of squash, continental breakfasts for the week, a players' reception Wednesday evening, dinner Thursday, Lulu's bash Friday (Lulu's holds the honour for having the longest bar in North America), the Saturday evening banquet with live band, a player registration kit and tournament souvenir. Knowing that squash players are not all seriousness, emphasis has been placed on the social end as well as the competitive and we have been searching out some of the neater bars and restaurants in town.

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THE 1990 MENNEN CUP CLASSIC

A Perfect 'Khan' Job

By Christian Endemann

A seven-year straight-tilt on the Mennen Cup Classic was broken to impressive fashion by Janster Khan as he eliminated defending champion and number one Jahangir in the semi-finals before routing Australia's Chris Dittmar in the final.

The tall, lean and lanky Pakistan was simply too dominant on the big points and showed vast reserves of patience to outpace his newly developed repertoire of attacking shots.

Janster consolidated his hold on the number one position to overtake David Squash as he outlasted a somewhat overweight Jahangir 17-15, 15-12, 15-9 to spend the seven-time champion and number two ranked player. Jahangir appeared to be a spent force at the end.

Just as the semi-final encounter between the two Khans did not quite live up to expectations, so the final was also a major disappointment for the 400 spectators at the Carleton Sporting Club. The majority clearly relished the prospect of a repeat of Dittmar's spectacular demolition of Janster in the elimination round.

But the combative cruncher from Down Under was clearly out of sorts as Janster jumped into an 8-0 lead in the first game and was never seriously threatened en route to a 15-0, 15-5, 15-12 battering in just 45 minutes.

In his efforts, Khan picked up \$26,000 of the total prize of \$75,000 while Dittmar pocketed \$15,000.

The likeable but outspoken Aussie had no excuses after the match. "Janster played very well. I was off balance from the beginning and consequently never really got going. He hit with good length and made me



At last! Janster Khan will be a dominant force in every year to come.

work very hard for my opportunities but then, he always removed my best shots."

Janster concurred with Dittmar's assessment. "When I lost to Chris earlier in the week, I hit a lot of loose balls to the middle of the court and he played well to take advantage of them. Today I tried to play my shots right and deeper to keep him on the defensive and it worked."

Dittmar was almost blown away in the first two games by Janster's outstanding counter-punching. Khan scored many outright winners by bringing his bulky 180 lb opponent up to the front wall before passing

him with crisp shots down the wall or crosscourt.

Down 13-12 in the third game, Dittmar unleashed a series of volleys that had the crowd on its feet but Janster recovered spectacularly from what appeared to be some real fire winners and showed that, at 20, his game is still improving and manifesting athletic power and diversity.

The third-ranked Dittmar, despite his one-sided defeat in the final, generally looked very sharp after a two-month sabbatical. He did not lose a game in his three qualifying round robin matches and he was

equally dominant against New Zealand's Ross Norman in their semi final encounter. The 31 year old Kiwi, currently ranked number seven, is no longer a match for the troika at the top and Dittmar acknowledges that Norman no longer seems prepared to go flat out against him.

The other four competitors, Del Harris of England (No. 9), Mark Maclean of Scotland (No.15), Adrian Davies of Wales (No.22) and Sabir Butt of Canada (No.37) are accomplished competitors but, by their own admission, there is still a yawning gap between them and the elite.

Sabir Butt has never been regarded as a threat in this event but he caused a minor stir when he caught his friend Jansher off guard by taking the first game of their qualifying round. Camaraderie was shoved aside rudely in the following three games as Jansher administered a fearful hiding, 15-4, 15-1, 15-1.

This was the final round robin event and both Dittmar and Jahangir can rue Butt's unwitting arousal of

the sleeping tiger in Jansher. Thereafter, his play was simply ferocious.

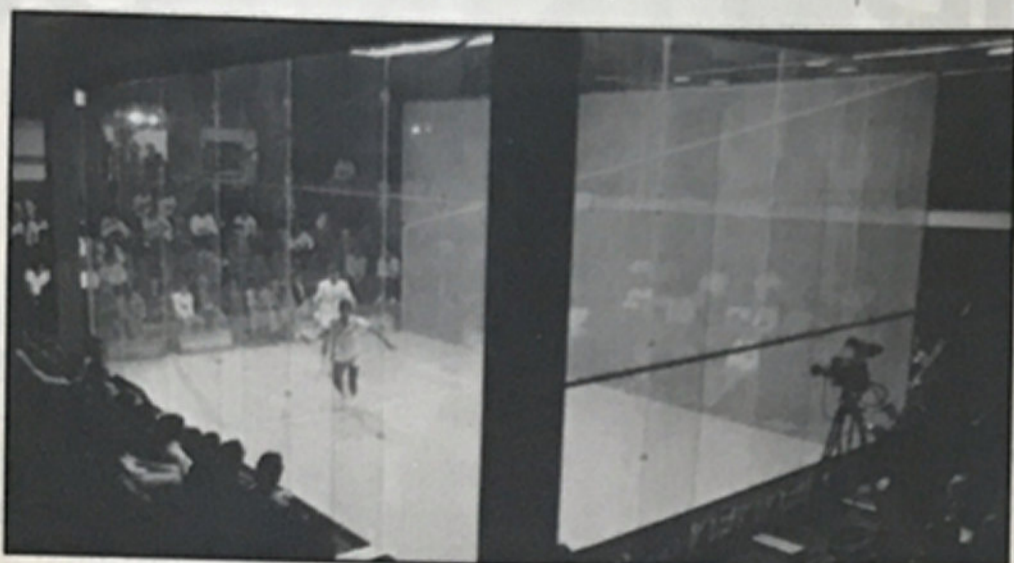
The Mennen experimented with the introduction of two line judges who were initially placed at the front wall of the Twin-Vue Telecourt but communication with the referee was less than satisfactory from that vantage point and they were sub-

felt the system needed time to be tested before it was rejected out of hand.

Despite Dittmar's loss in the final, many believe he is still well-placed to make a move on the two Khans and improve on his current position. If that is the case, the carrot-topped Adelaide native will have to act quickly and decisively. He is planning retirement from the tour in 18 months in order to concentrate on his business interests back home. In the meantime, he also plans to cut down on his tournament commitments to reduce the wear and tear on his reconstructed knee which underwent extensive rehabilitation four years ago following a freak injury while playing Australian Rules football.

The departure of Dittmar and perhaps Ross Norman, would leave a substantial void but both feel there are a number of promising hopefuls who will take their place to challenge the mastery of the non-related Khan compatriots.

Stay tuned. ○



A view from the top.

sequently moved to the ball wall.

Players were almost equally divided about the innovation. Norman felt that the concept was "brilliant because three decisions are better than one and will cut out disputes." Jansher and Dittmar were less than pleased while the other players

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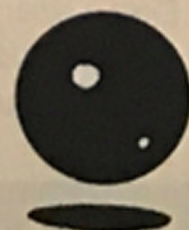
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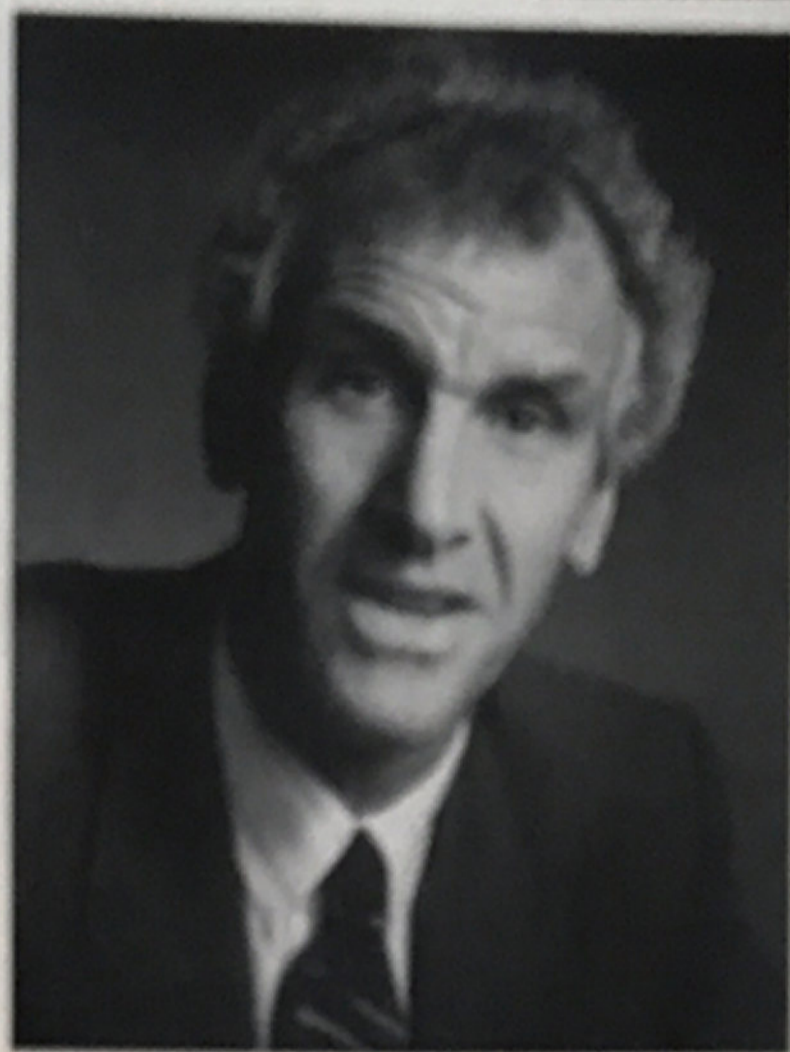
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Tournament Chairmen:
Jim Adam / Nicki Holwell

Open Champion: Pat Richardson
Finalist: Jay Gillespie

Over 30 Champion: Peter DeRose
Finalist: Sean McDonough

Over 40 Champion: Peter Hall
Finalist: Henry Board

Over 50 Champion: Gerry Shugar
Finalist: Alan Cherry

Over 60 Champion: Charlie Wright
Finalist: Irv Herman

Ontario B, C, D Championships

Hosted by the Northfield Clubs

Tournament Chairmen:

Larry Christiansen / Ralph Bentfeld

Men's B Champion: Duncan Peake

Finalist: Mike Bertin

Women's B Champion: Trudy Anzik

Finalist: Nicole Garon

Men's C Champion: Dan Murawsky

Finalist: R. Donelle

Women's C Champion:

Cathy Christensen

Finalist: Renura Cameron

Men's D Champion: Dave Redpath

Finalist: Larry Scarlett

Women's D Champion: Karen Hicks

Finalist: K. Kelly

Ontario Women's Open Doubles

Hosted by

Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club

Tournament Chairmen: Lolly Gillen
/ Barbara Diggins

Champions: Cathy Covernton and
Barbara Diggins

Finalists: Sandy Shaw and
Anne Smith

Ontario Men's Open Doubles

Hosted by Hamilton Squash Club

Tournament Chairman:
Pat Cranbury

Champions: Peter DeRose and
Mark Reinhardt

Finalists: Jay Gillespie and
Victor Harding

Hi-Tec Curzons Classic

Hosted by Curzons Sporting Club

Tournament Chairman: Steve Wren

Men's A Champion: Dave Thomas

Finalist: Jan Bissonette

Women's A Champion: Lynn Begg

Finalist: Melanie Jans

Men's B Champion: Assar Shah

Finalist: Randy McLean

Women's B Champion:

Sharon Uchikata

Finalist: Karen Lewis

Men's C Champion: Bruce McLean

Finalist: Dave Redpath

Women's C Champion: Barb Fisher

Finalist: Deborah Grieve

Men's D Champion: Randy Kline

Finalist: Oscar Dalbello

Women's D Champion:

Cathy Wade

Finalist: Brenda Garel

Central Ontario Junior Championships

Hosted by The Harbour Club

Tournament Chairman: Willie Curry

Girls Under 16/19 Champion:
Jo Thomas

Finalist: Jan Wilson

Girls Under 14 Champion:
Jan Wilson

Finalist: Danielle Clarke

Girls Under 12 Champion:
Courtney Power

Finalist: Nicole Carroll

Boys Under 19 Champion:
Jonathon Power

Finalist: Ben Thomas

Boys Under 16 Champion:
Micah Thomas

Finalist: Ryan Bell

Boys Under 14 Champion:
Ian Power

Finalist: Peter Gildenhuis

Boys Under 12 Champion:
David Phillips

Finalist: Justin Mather

Toronto & District Men's & Women's Closed Championships

Hosted by

Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club

Tournament Chairman:
Barbara Diggins

Men's A Champion: John Frederick

Finalist: Eric Cole

Women's A Champion:
Linda Henderson

Finalist: Doreen McManaman

Men's B Champion: Ray Coopman

Finalist: Jim Nanavati

Women's B Champion:
Diane Hutchinson

Finalist: Annabelle Todd

Men's C Champion: Brian McWatt

Finalist: Randy Klein

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Cold Temperatures and Warm Hospitality Mark Women's Provincial Team Championships

The outcome of this year's Canadian Women's Team Provincial Championships was not determined until the fifth game of the third match of the finals between No. 1 seeded Alberta and No. 2 seeded Ontario. Unfortunately for the latter, Alberta, represented by Amanda and Beryl Paton and Sandy McBean, emerged the winner (2-1). The thrilling 'down to the wire' final was a wonderful culmination of three days of excellent squash in Yellowknife, NorthWest Territories.

Yellowknife (and the Yellowknife Racquets Club) successfully bid to host the Women's Championship this year and, despite the elements, put on a wonderful tournament. The Ontario team, comprised of Mayfair Lakeshore's Barbara Diggens, Mayfair Parkway's Cathy Covernton, and Jennifer Birch-Jones of the RA Club in Ottawa, were greeted on their arrival in Yellowknife to -50 (C) weather which remained throughout their stay. The record cold had little affect on the quality of squash but did necessitate substantial hit-ups to get the ball warmed up, and careful perusal of the courts prior to a match to ensure there was not any frost building up in the corners!

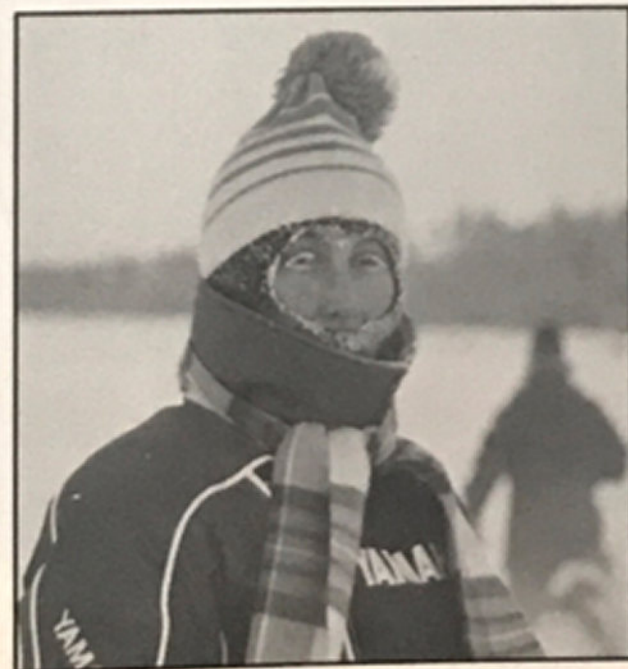
The Championship consisted of round robin play over the first day and a half, with two pools of five teams each, followed by 1-2 cross-overs for the semi finals. Ontario was seeded second in a pool with British Columbia (3), Newfoundland, Saskatchewan and the Yukon. In the other pool, Alberta was seeded one, with Manitoba (4), Quebec, Nova Scotia, and the NorthWest Territories (a first appearance for the host territory). Not to be outdone, Newfoundland, the team with the distinction of having travelled the greatest



Ontario's 1990 Team (left to right) Jennifer Birch-Jones, Cathy Covernton, Barbara Diggens

distance and renowned for their socializing skills, arrived with four players and an official!

Ontario was fortunate to have drawn B.C. as their third match of



Inside is Jennifer Birch-Jones - honest!

round robin play on the first day, thus allowing us to get the feel of the courts against earlier matches with Newfoundland (3-0), and Saskatchewan (3-0). Against B.C., Cathy lost to Debbie Smith (0-3) who played excellently throughout the tournament. Barbara easily came

out ahead against the equally experienced (and crafty) Joyce Maycock to tie up the match score. Fortunately, in the third and deciding match, Nancy Stern never seemed to get going, losing to Jennifer in three. Ontario went on to win against the Yukon, advancing to the semi-finals, with B.C. second in our pool.

In the other pool, Alberta emerged in top spot, with a young Quebec team, represented by Jordanna Fraiberg, Marie-Jose Frenette and Dianne Poitras, upsetting the more experienced Manitoba team to take second spot in the pool. Fortunately, Ontario was able to avoid being the victim of another upset, defeating Quebec 3-0 in semi final play. Alberta was able to eventually defeat B.C. in the other semi final (2-1), but not without a struggle. Sandy McBean (Alberta) defeated Nancy Stern (3-0), with Joyce once again demonstrating her tenacity, beating Amanda Paton in five. Beryl won the deciding match against Debbie Secco 3-0, thus setting up an Alberta/Ontario final.

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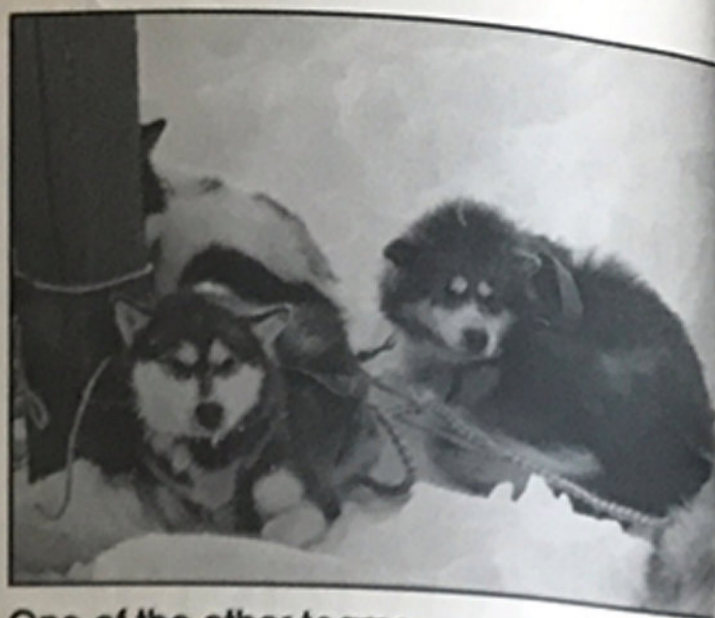
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One of the other teams

extra heaters brought in for the occasion! The order of play for the final was 3, 1, 2. Unfortunately, Jennifer was unable to overcome Sandy's strong and consistent game, losing in four. Not one to admit defeat easily, Barbara went on next and played extremely well, defeating Amanda 3-1. This set the stage for the third and deciding match, with Cathy having to take on the ever-tough Beryl Paton. Playing excellent, controlled squash, Cathy pulled ahead 2-0 and it looked like Ontario might actually pull off an upset. However, Beryl had other ideas and, settling down to her game, proceeded to patiently work her way out of trouble and eventually win the match in five.

In the three/four playoff, B.C. defeated Quebec 3-1, with a continually improving Jordanna Fraiberg upsetting Joyce Maycock 3-1.

In addition to the excellent squash, the players had ample opportunity to experience the local culture. In addition to running an exceptional tournament, Gerry Prystupa and his Organizing Committee are to be congratulated for also providing the teams with the opportunity to experience dog sledding, ice fog, sightseeing, and trying out the local delicacies (Arctic Char and Musk Ox Bourgignon). Speaking for the players, we very much enjoyed our trip to the North and now have a few new stories, not to mention jokes, to tell around the bar.

Thanks to the Racquets Club and its members, the imported referees, ably led by Rod Symington and Stuart Dixon, and congratulations again to Alberta. The 1991 Men's and Women's Team Championships, for the first time, will be held together, hosted by Toronto's Mayfair Lakeshore. ○

SQUASH IN EVERY COUNTRY.... A RACQUET IN EVERY HAND!

January 1990 - a new decade - and the new Officers of the International Squash Rackets Federation held their first official meeting in Calcutta, India, to coincide with the Asian Championships.

On the way from Europe to India, I had decided to call in on the Squash Federations in Egypt and Jordan as I had not visited the area since the memorable Men's World Championships held in Cairo in 1985.

Cairo has changed. There are even more people than in 1985 with even bigger traffic jams and massive problems for the government. A new Egyptian is born every *two seconds* and the population grows by over a million souls each year.

The problem is that the massive irrigation and food production programmes cannot keep pace with this prolific display of virility.

Whatever the problems, the Egyptians continue to build squash courts and they remain, as always, optimistic about the future.

One of the many benefits of my Egyptian visit was an invitation to attend the Arab Championships to be held in Cairo in August of this year. I attended my last Arab Championships in Kuwait in 1986 and I am delighted to report that Libya has now joined Lebanon and many others in the Federation. Should prove to be an interesting event and we decided we had better hold a Referee Course for all Arab nations prior to the event. That's 'stroke', not 'choke'!

But now to India and, in particular, Calcutta. I should have sensed things were not going well when I had a four hour delay in my flight out of Amman, but I had been seduced

by the luxury of an upgrade to First Class travel on Royal Jordanian Airways. Perhaps I thought King Hussein had heard of Roger Eady from Cardiff! I was pampered for the 6 1/2 hours flight to Calcutta and arrived full of my own self importance only to be greeted by the security police who asked to see my visa. What visa? Do the British need a visa to visit the empire?

Dear reader - I can tell you they certainly do. And, if they remain arrogant, the Calcutta Nick (jail) soon brings them down to earth. Sanita-



Roger Eady,
Executive
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In the last issue, we asked, "Which charity is the recipient of the 1990 Martini Challenge?" There has been such a terrific response from players at the club level that Multiple Sclerosis Society came immediately to many minds. The winning mind was that of Ron Ko of Willowdale. For his correct answer, Ron will receive a new Wilson Profile Squash Racquet, compliments of Wilson Sports Equipment.

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tion, disease-free food and counselling have not yet formed a part of the Bengal penal code.

Fortunately, I avoided all of these evils but I was put under close scrutiny surveillance for my four days in Calcutta at the luxurious Taj Bengal Hotel. I was allowed to visit the Calcutta Club, the squash club, the golf club and see all of the squash, but I was not supposed to enjoy myself.

One thing I can say about India is that we British left them the most oppressive and inefficient bureaucracies in the world. The price of independence was indeed high and they are still paying for it.

I must say that I was treated at all times, with the utmost courtesy and the people were so friendly. However, the rules had to be obeyed exactly.

Whatever, the Squash Rackets Federation of India made everybody welcome and staged a most superb Asian Squash Championships. I made contacts with new squash-playing nations like Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Macau and Brunei. Slowly but surely, the whole of Asia is succumbing to the wonder of squash. Canadians, and in particular, residents of Ontario - if you get bored with squash in your local club - think! you could have a squash holiday virtually anywhere in the world. I have been fortunate to experience the 'apres squash' in many Canadian clubs and I can guarantee that the same fun and enjoyment can be savoured in all parts of the world; go out and try it for yourself.○

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Our resident professional team offers high-calibre instruction in all

three racquet sports for all levels, from rank beginner through to the seasoned tournament player. Senior Tennis Professional, Mike Ratcliff and Squash Professional, Larry Christiansen, concentrate their efforts on the Doon club. Head Racquets Professional Ed Andrulis and Squash Professional, Ralph Bentfeld, highlight our Waterloo facility.

junior programmes, special events, interclub leagues, luncheons, lessons, clinics, and more tournaments (Junior Under 12's through Senior, Class C through Open) than any other club in Ontario.

Many of you have had the opportunity to play at one of the clubs in previous years when Northfield had the privilege of hosting the Ontario

B, C, D Championships in 1989 and again this year, the Ontario Closed in 1988, the annual Halloween Open, and a myriad of Western Region tournaments. There will be many more opportunities in the future, starting with the Canadian nationals in May of '90.

Northfield is committed to being a leader in

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