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
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Jim Mason...

this was a man

BY ROB BROOKS

FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP. These words were the message that Jim Mason brought to the squash community his entire life as he spread the joy of the game of squash to Ontario, Canada, and the world during his lifetime. One week short of his 93rd birthday, Jim Mason passed away in Meaford in late April 2004. We, the squash community, is now entrusted to bring Jim's message of FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP to the ensuing generations of squash players and teach how this credo reflects the game of squash and the journey of life to death.

To watch Jim Mason spend a weekend in any squash in Ontario during a junior squash tournament was to receive a lesson in life skills. Jim would appear in his trademark Fedora hat, blue blazer, slacks, and compassionate smile as he made his way to the squash courts. Exchanging greetings with children, parents, and coaches every step of the way, seeming to know each person's name and something special about their life. As Jim would begin watching a match, he inevitably would engage a child in conversation and you would see his eyes making direct contact with the youngster as they shook hands and Jim's friends would know the message being given to that youngster. Inevitably, a squash ball would come out of Jim's pocket and he would be showing another youngster the importance of the grip. There would be laughter and penetrating eye contact as Jim would literally will his messages from his brain to the youngsters. When the tournament ended on Sunday and many felt their work was done, Jim Mason's labours of love had just begun. Would return to Meaford and compose letters to countless numbers of young players, parents, and coaches encouraging them on their endeavors and giving them reason to press forward with their squash and their lives. Many juniors returned Jim's letters and lifetime bonds began.

During the 1996 Hi-Tec Canadian Junior Closed Championships, there was a dinner held to honour Jim Mason for his outstanding contributions to Ontario squash. The love present for Jim made this an unforgettable evening. The in-



Among the fortunate who knew and loved Jim are (from left): Rob Brooks, Pat Jones, Gordon Robertson and John Jones.

fluence Jim Mason had on the squash community was never more evident as speakers from every decade spun yarns and stories that exhibited the influence and reach Jim Mason's teachings had on so many people for so many years. There was a vitality present that evening that speaks of Jim's inner strength in passing his love and energy to everyone in that room. Jim's friends, in turn, carry that strength and love to their friends and the circle grows ever larger. This was a big part of Jim Mason's essence. Jim gave every ounce of his mind and body to encourage others. How could his family and friends do anything less?

Jim Mason's strength was made possible by the love of his family and his faith in the meaning of the journey of life to death.

To visit Jim in Meaford as he reached his nineties was a special treat. Jim and his wife, Jean together faced life's journey as their bodies exhibited their frailties but their minds continued to produce the energy and ideas of younger years. Jim would be frustrated by his inability to remember all the details of events and people of years ago. Yet his friends would leave at the end of the day amazed at his knowledge and detailed recollections of the past years. And Jim was acutely aware of what squash needed to do in the present and the future.

When the afternoon visit with Jim ended, Jim's guests would leave Meaford having gained renewed strength to face another year by being in the presence of such a passionate friend.

FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP. Jim Mason's life made a difference. God bless you, Jim.

MARCH MADNESS

the NCAA may have coined the phrase "March Madness" but squash in Ontario experiences it's own kind of madness in March with major provincial championships culminating the end of a busy squash season

2004 Robert Harder Ontario Junior Open Squash Championships

BY MARK SACHVIE

MARCH WAS A BLUR. First, I coached the Niagara Junior team at the Ontario Winter Games, in London on March 12 to 14. I arrived home Sunday night with no time for rest, as we were about to host our first ever Masters tournament, the Provincial championships the following weekend. Once the Masters was done, I sat back for a couple hours, relaxed and began finalizing the final decent, that being hosting the Ontario Junior provincials, once again on the following weekend. Some people would think I'm crazy, but with it all behind me I can only think about how it was achievable. I guess my parents dropping me on my head early on, helped me to learn to fight through the adversity, forge ahead and conquer.

A lot of people in my life make what we did in March seem like a walk in the park.

The club I work at, White Oaks, makes it very easy to for us to run events. Everyone on the property supports our events which makes the organizing period easy and guarantees everyone entered or staying in the hotel has a quality time with superb service.

My support staff in the squash department has become quite an efficient team, with all of us delegated to complete certain tasks. First there is the talented and lovely Cindy, (my wife), and of course the not so lovely but talented Matt Easingwood (Nova Scotia proud).

We are grateful to Robert Harder Insurance Consulting who has sponsored Junior Squash for over 10 years. The kids were enthralled that West 49 was on board this year to sponsor some of the prizes. It is always nice that Squash Ontario provides a tournament referee, this year (Dave Howard and his crew), who do countless hours of volunteer refereeing, all for the love of the game.

Junior Squash is the single largest proponent in growing the game of squash, and has always been our pleasure to participate in its growth. The last junior tournament of the year is the provincials and the players look at winning a provincial championship as a great achievement. Many juniors travel from across the country to play the provincials, as it gives them a look at their opponents for the upcoming

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happiness is playing squash at White Oaks!
(Robert Harder Ontario Junior Open)

Canadian championships. All divisions went exactly to seeding, with Jamie Baker winning the boys U11 over Tyler Osborne, Nick Sachvie winning the boys U13 over Arjun Gupta, Tyler Hamilton over Ben Ladell, U15, Steven Peever over Billy Hatch U17, Robin Clarke over Michael Aurer. In the girls Jennifer Pelletier over Keely Kevitt U13, Jennifer Gemmell over Kim Watts U15, Rebecca Hazell over Carly Hong U17 and Neha Kumar over Stephanie Edminson in the U19. As the junior development vice president for Squash Ontario it has been interesting to watch the battles between these kids develop over the years. It was our pleasure to host the Provincial Juniors as always.

Once that final ball was hit, and the awards presented there was only one last thing to do. Prepare for next year!

MASTERS MISCHIEF
The Ontario 2004
Wilson Masters

BY MAGGIE STEYN

EVERY YEAR, HERE IN THE NIAGARA REGION, a few of us look forward to the Annual "Road Trip" to the provincial "Masters" event. For the last how many years we have traveled to Pine Valley, Mayfair and more recently Brockville to compete. This year, I was just about to make hotel reservations at Brockville, when I get a call from Mark Sachvie, the tireless pro at my home club White Oaks, asking me what I thought about White Oaks running the Tourney this year. A last minute situation at Brockville meant the tournament was looking for a new hosting location.

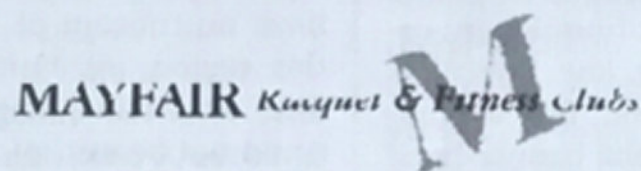
Since it sometimes seems to me that most of our regular league-playing population here in the Niagara region are definitely of the "Masters" age-group, I've always thought that hosting it on home ground would be a wonderful idea! It didn't take long for Mark to come to a decision and a day

or two later, the venue-change was posted on the web-site.

Since we already get a lot of sup-

port from "out-of-towners" coming down every year to the "Ed Learn Ford" tournament in October and the "Court Classic" held in January, Mark knew that he could count on many of these participants to return for the Masters, but taking no chances he immediately got on the phone/e-mail and started contacting as many players as he could.

Having heard what a great 'package' Dawn had provided for us at Brockville the previous year, - the highlight being of course, as well as



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Champions and pals,
John Frederick and Doug Hamilton (Ontario Masters)

the squash, the fabulous "Murder Mystery" on Saturday night, Mark was very concerned that he should provide a package of equally 'good value', even at such short notice. Sponsorship is always a concern for tournament-organizers, but at such late notice, is even more challenging. But a club-member agreed to be the banner-head and the 2004 Ontario Wilson-Solaris Masters was a go.

In the end, the entry closed off at a comfortable 120+ entries with play scheduled to start on the Friday afternoon. This was to ensure that either we all got to bed at a sensible time that night, or, more probably, that we all got to start the partying at a reason-

able hour!

Although White Oaks is my home-club, as mentioned, the Masters is always blocked off on my calendar as a weekend away, so as usual Cate, Shirley and myself had booked a hotel-room and as usual, we were planning to enjoy the squash-focused weekend.

The starting rounds of squash were excellent and everyone was off court by the appointed 9pm on Friday in time for the keg-killing. We all congregated in the hotel bar and proceeded to do what Masters apparently do best - talk squash with a beer glass in our hands - to the accompaniment of an excellent Blues Band. We apparently have no concept of liquid-measure in this region. At 11pm the bottomless 'keg' was still going strong... which could not be said of some of the players.

Play started promptly at 9am next morning, although some players were not so bright-eyed and bushy-tailed as the night before! Another long day of very good squash with up to three matches scheduled for some of the players. Saturday night was capped with a casual pasta-buffet in the ho-

tel's elegant Sunhill lounge.

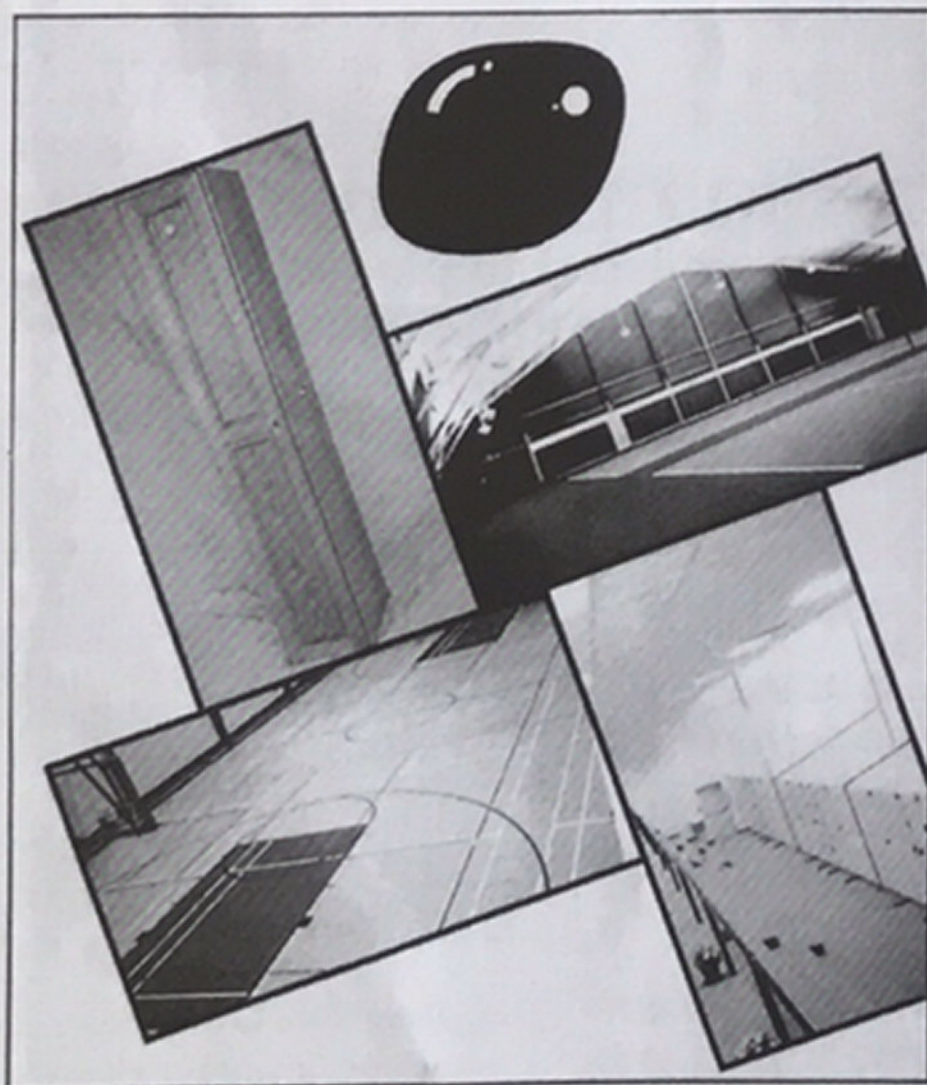
On Sunday morning, you could tell you were at a Masters tournament. Even though it was day three of the tourney, everyone was still showing up on time for their 9am matches - even though many were looking a little more tired and taking a little more time over their warm-up preparation. (The only other tournament where players are as aware of early morning schedules seems to be at Junior events - otherwise, tournament schedulers are normally going crazy just trying to get one match started at the appointed hour, come Sunday!)

The audience for the main show court #4 was treated to a morning of wonderful finals, the last match of the tournament being no exception. With Willie Hosey being the #1 seed in the Men's 30 - 35 age-group draw, (who checked HIS birth-certificate?), the Men's Final between Willie and Ian Sly was a delight, with both players giving an excellent performance for the appreciative crowd.

Thank you's were said, prizes distributed and Mark and co-chair Matt Easingwood breathed a sigh of relief that it was all over. After all, they had

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a whole five days to recover before hosting the Junior Provincials on the following Friday. Well done.

OPEN HONOURS IN OTTAWA BMO Nesbitt Burns Ontario Open Championships

BY NEIL TUBB

TO TAKE OUR MINDS OFF THE BITTER OTTAWA WINTER that was behaving like that rude partygoer who overstays their welcome, Shauna Flath and her team at the OAC performed the impossible; they not only brought the Ontario Open event back to Ottawa, but coupled it with the national capital's second WISPA event of the season, and its first PSA event in years. Players came from across Canada and the world to play in this fantastic event with over \$14,000 in prize money.

On the men's side, Australian Mike Corren, ranked #40 in the world with three 2003 PSA titles, was the top seed in a draw that included some impressive squash talent from around the globe. Second seed Englishman Joey Barrington (ranked #50) is the son of legendary Jonah Barrington whose form has been steadily improving over the past two years, and who was hungry for his first PSA title. Fellow Englishman Alex Stait (#58) and Irish international John Rooney (#56) rounded out the top four seeds, and their experience on the world circuit made them also definite threats.

The men's draw also showcased some of Canada's best squash talent. Shawn Delierre, Dave Phillips, and Ian Power are among the top-ranked domestic players, and each were looking for valuable PSA ranking points just down the highway from their home base in Montreal. Hometown boy Robin Clarke, only 17 years old, looked to make a good impression in front of his local fans.

On the women's side, it was another Aussie who was seeded to collect the title. Melissa Martin (world #38), originally from Adelaide but now based in the U.S., is familiar with Ottawa, having just barely surrendered the Ottawa International WISPA event in the fall. Her main challengers were two top Canucks, Melanie Jans (#50) and Runa Reta (#41). Jans, who is now based in Vancouver, already had a career win against Martin, and was looking to add to her already stellar squash resumé. Reta, born and raised in Ottawa, is in the midst of her first full season on the WISPA tour, and was looking forward to some hometown support. The women's draw also included some international flavour, with Eman El Amir from Egypt and Olga Puigdemont Sola from Spain.

After three days of tough matches, the PSA event's top seeds were in the final, each having taken different routes to get there. Corren had a smooth ride to the semi-finals, although Delierre had given him fits and was unlucky not to claim a game. The Corren/Stait semi-final was a very tight affair, but the Australian kept his composure just enough to get through. Barrington had endured probably the most gruelling match ever seen in Ottawa when he battled for over two hours to subdue the talented and intense Eric Galvez of Mexico.

Corren's attacking style of hard volleys to length followed up with dramatic nicks put Barrington under severe pressure early in the match, allowing the Aussie to build up a two game lead. It was from this seemingly unassailable position that the ultrafit Englishman launched his counter-attack, patiently rallying his tiring opponent until opportunities presented themselves. A rapidly tiring Corren dropped the fourth game quickly, saving himself for the final game, but

here Barrington was not to be denied. A tough rally that ended with a lucky back wall nick handed Barrington his first ever PSA title.

The WISPA event featured both top seeds being shown the door in the semi-finals. Runa Reta gave the hometown fans plenty to cheer about with a rollercoaster five game victory over #1 seed Martin. Hopes for an all-Canadian final were dashed when the daring shotmaking of Egyptian El Amir proved too much for the veteran Jans. Although El Amir later admitted before that she was a bit nervous before the final, it certainly wasn't apparent as the first game began. El Amir confidently stepped into her shots from the first point, throwing Reta on the defensive. After losing the first two games, though, Reta came back on court for the third in a much more focused mood, moving El Amir around and taking the game 9-1. But Reta had given herself no leeway in getting behind, and with a nice run and a few magic flicks of her racquet, El Amir had won her first WISPA title.

The Men's Open event highlighted the provinces best players with David Sly, Dane Sharp, Juan Jose Jimenez, Kamran Naushani to name a few and with 34 entries in the draw the contest for the Men's Open title was going to be tough. It ended up being a battle of fitness as Dane Sharp and Juan Jose Jimenez grinded out wins against the other players to meet in the final with Dane confirming that he is a force to be reckoned with a bright squash future winning the title a convincing 3 games to 1. A highlight of the tournament was the "unknown" local OAC player and ODSA President Rob Walsh who bounced Andrew Thompson out of the main round in a highly contested match 3-0. Every match right from the start was long and close with every match either going to points or to 5 on Friday night with the last match finishing at midnight!

The Women's Open draw was small with all the top players playing in the Pro event. The final featured Ruchika Kumar against OAC club pro Shauna Flath. With Shauna as the tournament director she ran out of gas as Ruchika won the match 3-1 with an entertaining match and valiant effort from Shauna.

Another highlight was off the court with the Saturday night bash at Grace O'Malley's. It brought back the old days of squash parties as the turnout

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ONTARIO OVATIONS

2003 - 2004 Ontario Champions

Ontario Closed Championships, hosted by Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet & Fitness Club

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Men's Open	Brian Ernst	Men's C	Danny Franceour
Women's A	Julie Walker	Women's D	Carrie Simpson
Men's A	Nadir Hendricks	Men's D	Eric Knapp
Women's B	Rebecca Hazell	Men's E	Sydney Cho
Men's B	Greg Strong		

Ontario Junior Closed Championships, hosted by Pine Valley Racquet Club

Sponsored by BMO Nesbitt Burns

Boys' Under 19	Robin Clarke	Girls' Under 19/17	Neha Kumar
Boys' Under 17	Trevor Beange	Girls' Under 15	Kim Watts
Boys' Under 15	Brian Hong	Girls' Under 13	Jennifer Pelletier
Boys' Under 13	Nick Sachvie	Girls' Under 11	Michelle Gemmell
Boys' Under 11	Jamie Baker		

Ontario Open Championships, hosted by Ottawa Athletic Club

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Men's Open	Dane Sharp	Women's Open	Ruchika Kumar
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Ontario Masters Championships, hosted by White Oaks Racquet & Fitness Club

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Men's 35+	Willie Hosey	Women's 35+	Julie Walker
Men's 40+	David Hughes	Women's 40+	Elka Markus
Men's 45+	Scott Dormer	Women's 45+	Carol Leblanc
Men's 50+	Doug Hamilton	Women's 50/55/65+	Cate Mee
Men's 60+	Ricky Chan		
Men's 65+	Vincent Taylor		
Men's 70+	Larry Capp		

Ontario Junior Open Championships, hosted by White Oaks Racquet & Fitness Club

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Boys' Under 19	Robin Clarke	Girls' Under 19	Neha Kumar
Boys' Under 17	Sean Peever	Girls' Under 17	Rebecca Hazell
Boys' Under 15	Tyler Hamilton	Girls' Under 15	Jennifer Gemmell
Boys' Under 13	Nick Sachvie	Girls' Under 13	Jennifer Pelletier

Ontario Open Doubles Championships, Hosted by Granite Club

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Men's Open	Scott Dulmage and Jay Gillespie
Women's Open	Jessica DiMauro and Cairn Meek

Ontario Men's B Doubles Championship, hosted by Badminton & Racquet Club

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Ontario Mixed Open, Veterans, Seniors & B Championships, hosted by Mayfair Parkway

Open Champions	Jessica DiMauro and Jamie Bentley
Veterans Champions	Lolly Gillen and Willie Hosey
Seniors Champions	Jane Mitchell and Paul Frost
B Champions	Cathy Tuckwell and Chuck Van Kempen

Ontario Veterans, Seniors and Masters Doubles Championships, hosted by Toronto Racquet Club

Women's 40+	Nancy Bowden and Leslie Slater
Men's 40+	Mike Costigan and Jay Gillespie
Men's 50+	Victor Harding and Sean McDonough
Men's 60+	Dave Bogert and Tony Swift
Men's 65+	Sam Nisenboim and Dave Brown



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HELPING JUNIOR SQUASH

Lee Hanebury was a vibrant and outgoing young woman who played her squash at the Pickering Squash Club just outside of Toronto. She loved the game and introduced her sons, Brad and Chris to it at a very early age. The Hanebury family soon became a permanent fixture at junior squash events across the province.

Her philosophy was a simple one - have fun and enjoy the game. Upon her passing, her husband Peter asked Squash Ontario to set up a fund in Lee's name. All donations to the fund were to be used to promoting and growing junior squash in Ontario.

The Board of Directors of Squash Ontario was delighted to honour this request and asked its Junior Advisory Committee to set the wheels in motion. The Lee Hanebury Junior Squash Fund has now become a critical component of our junior athlete development model.

Many, many thanks to those who contributed to this fund over the past season. These needed and very valuable dollars go directly to Ontario junior squash players to assist them to travel to national championships, for coaching or for building our grassroots programmes.

Thank you to: Doug Allen, Shirley Ancker, Howard Armitage, Mike Barnes, Devon Bean, Aaron Beck, Gordon Butler, Glen Caird, Jack Cornett, Bruce Davies, Steve Dunslow, Brad Dussiaume, Elizabeth Edmison, Robert Gemmell, John Hanna, Richard Hazell, Ron Hughes, Larry Journal, Leah Keracher, Cate Mee, Byron Moffit, the Raczkowski Family, Mary Ritter, Elizabeth Schad, Tony Swift, Vincent Taylor, France Tenaille, Glen Vernie, Brian Vyner, Brian Wilkins and Beth Zeitlin.



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MATT EASINGWOOD APPOINTED NEW JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR

The Board of Directors of Squash Ontario is very pleased to announce that Matt Easingwood has been appointed its new Junior Co-Ordinator, under

its Trillium Fund programme.

Matt was born in Coventry, England and moved to Nova Scotia when he was eight. He started playing squash at the Cape Breton YMCA. He moved to Halifax at 16 and culminated his junior career at the 1991 Canada Winter Games in Charlottetown, PEI. Matt teaches squash at White Oaks Conference Resort and Racquet Club. He has completed his NCCP Level 3. For the past two years, Matt has co-ordinated Squash Ontario's, "courting schools" programme and in 2003 - 2004 was instrumental in over 9,000 school children picking up a squash racquet.

The Trillium Fund programme will be two pronged. Matt will be working over the summer to develop a template for junior squash programming and will be travelling the province, meeting with club owners, managers, squash professionals and programmers to help them either set up a junior programme where none exists or enhance their present programme.

The second component of the programme is a community-wide advertising campaign which will target parents, educating them on the importance of physical fitness and specifically squash, in combating childhood obesity and diabetes 2.

Matt can be contacted at 905-688-6800 or measingwood@yahoo.com

TORONTO & DISTRICT WOMEN'S LEAGUE FINALS

By JENNIFER BENNETT

ON MARCH 30TH, SQUASH WAS ALIVE AND WELL in the city of Toronto! The Toronto & District

Women's Squash Association (TDWSA) played its fall/winter league finals with tons of enthusiastic participants and supporters alike! It was the finals for all 5 divisions: A through E. It was a truly the best of the best with most divisions awaiting the last player to finish the fifth game to determine which club was going to be victorious! And, for the second consecutive year, it was the C division who captivated our undivided attention.

When the final and deciding match ending 10-8 after an hour plus of play, Glendon was victorious against Ajax. For the spectators, it was most enjoyable to watch both great squash and superb sportsmanship. In the other divisions:

- A: Pickering won against Pine Valley 4-0
- B: Northridge won against Richmond Hill 3-2
- D: Shapes won against Glenway 3-2
- E: Goodlife McCaul won against Pickering 4-1

Note this was the first year that a trophy was awarded to the winner of the E division, since it was the first year that we had enough interest to gener-



ate a division and rotation.

The evening would not be complete until the recipient of the Lilly D'Urzo award was announced. This award goes to a squash player who demonstrates the same good qualities of

sportsmanship as Lilly herself did. Verna Dalglish, a player, referee, and an inspiration to others both on & off the court was the recipient of this year's award. In Verna's honour, the TDWSA wishes to make a \$100.00 contribution to the Junior Squash Program.

This incredible night of squash would not have been possible without the generosity and contributions of many people. Teams begin with motivation and organization, provided by the captains who then become the mainline of communication. As a league, we applaud the time and efforts of the team captains. We truly appreciate them. Most critical to the ongoing success of the league is the dedication and commitment of the divisional convenors. A sincere and heart-



E Finalists, Pickering

felt thanks to: Carolyn Feather (A convenor), Rita Bloem (B convenor & treasurer), Donna Thompson (C convenor), Susan Bruce (D convenor) and Anna Loncar (E convenor). These people make for a successful season and league - which brings us to the finals night.

The success of this night is due to the experience and effort by Mayfair Lakeshore to provide superb facilities, complemented by gracious staff: from the squash department, the food and beverage department and the facilities department. We thank you for your additional efforts on our behalf. And last but not least, a sincere thank you

to the referees who volunteer their time and skill to ensure safe and fair outcome of the matches. This is certainly a best practice that has been favourably commented upon each year.

As you can tell, there are many people that contribute to the ongoing success of the league and all have fun along the way. If you want to experience the "buzz" of excitement that was felt at Mayfair on March 30th, join a squash team, play and have fun. There is a division suited for you!

CLEAN SWEEP FOR PINE VALLEY

PINE VALLEY RACQUET CLUB juniors took every league title this year in the Black Knight Toronto & District Junior Mixed League. Fighting off stiff competition from the likes of the Granite Club, the Under 17, Under 15, Under 13 and Under 11 titles have a new home - appropriately enough in Pine Valley's new home.

We thank the staff and management of Pine Valley, all the squash professionals who support the league, the parents and juniors and, of course, Allan Sklar and Fred Reid of Black Knight.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO SQUASH ONTARIO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE SQUASH ONTARIO NOMINATING COMMITTEE is seeking candidates to serve on the Board of Directors for 2004 - 2005. The Committee is comprised of chair, Peter Ward, Robbie Osher, Dave Howard, Gordon Robertson and Rob Walsh. The Association has and will continue to focus much of its time and energies on the areas of marketing and technical services. As a consequence, the Nominating Committee is looking for candidates who have a strong background in either of these two areas; is presently active in the Ontario squash community; and who is interested in helping squash in Ontario thrive.

The Board of Directors meets approximately every six weeks, usually by conference call. In addition, it meets on a face to face basis in September at the annual meeting; in October and in June. Members of the Board are expected to attend all Board meetings.

If you are interested in putting your name forward or if you know someone whom you think would be a good nominee for the Board, please send their name and resume to the chair, Peter Ward at:

peterward@sympatico.ca

Deadline for nominations is May 31, 2004.

SQUASH ONTARIO CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

ONCE AGAIN, Squash Ontario will be hosting it's annual charity golf classic with all proceeds going to help raise money for junior squash in Ontario. So mark your calendar for Friday, September 17th. We'll be going back to Bushwood Golf Club in Markham.

The cost is \$100.00 plus gst and will include golf, steak dinner, taxes and a \$15.00 donation to the Lee Hanebury Junior Squash Fund. Registration closes September 8th.

To register, you may go online at squashontario.com or download the registration form and fax to 416-426-7393.

Also planned is a live and silent auction with all proceeds going to the Lee Hanebury Fund. Watch for more details at squashontario.com or at your club.

For information, please contact Jason Brown at 416-426-7201.

NEW PRO AT CEDAR SPRINGS

THERE'S A NEW KID on the squash court. Keith Griffiths has decided to make Canada his home. He arrived with wife Julie, son Joshua and daughter Lucy at the beginning of 2004 from his most recent post as squash pro in Paderborn, Germany, where he spent the last 17 years.

Keith is looking forward to growing squash at the club and is particularly keen to see the doubles game grow.

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As a teacher and coach, Jack Fairs, has few equals. His work has enriched the lives of countless student/athletes. He has been a role model, par excellence, for aspiring teachers and coaches and continues his commitment to advancing the game of squash.

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SQUASH ONTARIO AND PACE CREDIT UNION have partnered to promote prostate cancer awareness. Prostate cancer is a silent epidemic. It's silent because in it's early, more curable stages, there are no symptoms. A man's only sure way of avoiding progression of the disease is to adopt a personal prevention strategy. The strategy is a two-pronged attack:

1. Lifestyle adjustment (especially dietary)
2. Early detection through testing (a physical exam and PSA test)

The PSA (prostate-specific antigen) is a blood test that many credit with saving their lives. A single high-test result may mean nothing, but a pattern of rising PS numbers will alert your doctor to a potential problem. The Canadian urological Association - the surgical specialists - recommends an annual PS test starting at 50 years of age or at 40 for a man with a family history or who is of caribbean or african descent. This means that beginning at 40, men should discuss a prostate exam with their doctor.

For each player over 40 who takes a PSA test and completes the form you'll find at your club, Squash Ontario will send you a specially designed golf shirt - no cost.

If you can't find the forms at your club, ask your pro or call 416-426-7201 and we'll send one out to you immediately.

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TORONTO and WESTERN take individual Gold at the 2004 BLACK KNIGHT Canadian University Squash Championships

BY DAVE COOPER

ROB NIGRO from the University of Western Ontario won his third consecutive Black Knight Canadian University Open Championship when he comfortably defeated his fellow teammate Andrew Jones 3-0 in Toronto from March 12-14th. Jones had earlier upset the seeding by winning the semi final against the #2 Josh Struthers from the University of Manitoba 3-1. Struthers recovered to take the bronze medal by beating another Western player Jeff Lurie 3-0.

However the women's Open final was much closer and saw Toronto's Katie Patrick ranked #6 in Canada beating Manitoba's Alana Miller, ranked #4 in Canada, 3-2 in a game which saw both players having chances to win the match. Miller, who was runner up in 2003, fell behind 8-2 in the opening game but fought back to win 10-8 and take the 2nd game comfortably 9-2. At this stage Patrick looked out of the match but managed to regroup and contest the 3rd game. Miller actually served for the match at 9-8 but could not convert and Patrick eventually took the game 10-9. The momentum now swung back to Patrick as she wrapped up the 4th game at 9-4. The match was now well past the hour mark with both players contesting every point with some outstanding retrieving and shot making. In the 5th game the match was evenly balanced at 3-3 until Patrick hit a rich vein of winners and took a 6-3 lead. Miller tried to fight back but Patrick was determined to hang on and win her first Canadian University Squash Championship. The bronze medal was won by Nichole Mailey, a 1st year from Manitoba, over Jenny Hogan from McMaster.

The successes of Alana Miller, Josh Struthers and Nichole Mailey won the University of Manitoba the unofficial team title of top Canadian squash school in 2004 by the narrowest of margins from Western. Toronto edged out McMaster for 3rd place.

In the Men's BCD Combined event

Jagbir Julka from the University of Windsor won an exciting 5 game match over Hassan

Haroon from Toronto. Jeff Smithson from Toronto took 3rd place.

Binaifer Kapadia from Toronto had no such problems in winning the Women's BCD Combined event with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Soo Chan Carusone from McMaster. Toronto's Shu Hsien Zhu took 3rd place.

TEAM CHALLENGE STANDINGS

Based on the combined finishes of the top three male and female players in the Open:

2004 Black Knight University and Colleges Players



1. Manitoba Alana Miller (2), Nichole Mailey (3), Josh Struthers (4), TOTAL 8 POINTS
2. Western Rob Nigro (1), Andrew Jones (2), Kim Farah (6), TOTAL 9 POINTS
3. Toronto Katie Patrick (1) Nathalie Martinek (8) Dave Ponak (14), TOTAL 23 POINTS
4. McMaster Jenny Hogan (4) Kim Milne (5) Justin Mangat (15), TOTAL 24 POINTS.

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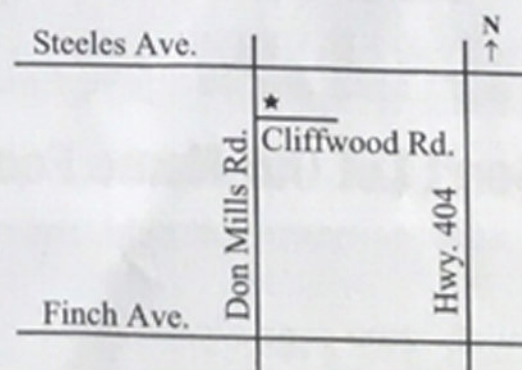
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SQUASH - A HISTORY OF THE GAME

by James Zug

AS REVIEWED BY IAN C. STEWART (INSET)

How does one review a book on the history of the game of squash? Easy. You seek out someone who has not only had a life long passion for the game but who lived much of the history. Ian Stewart has had an enormous impact on the game not just in Ontario and Canada but also internationally. His credentials for critiquing the book include being president of Squash Canada, founding Chairman of Squash Ontario, Vice President of the International Squash Rackets Federation (now World Squash Federation) and, from 1981 - 1985, the chairman of the I.S.R.F., the first Canadian to ever hold this position.

James Zug has written a wonderful book about the history of squash as played in the United States of America. It is full of facts and anecdotes about the game from its birth up to the present day. A must-read for anybody who has any interest in the game at all as either a player or a spectator.

Unfortunately, as squash is a rela-

tively minor sport in North America, it has never had the media coverage that it deserves. Consequently, a good deal of Mr. Zug's book has, as its basis, stories as told from memory by others and handed down from one generation to another. As time goes by, total recall is not always perfect. One should read this book with that thought in mind.

One must also keep in mind the fact that this book has been written from an American point of view and may not necessarily correspond with the views of others. I certainly will not question the authenticity of the bulk of this book that deals with the game in that country. However, I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the portions of the book that deal with the beginnings of the ISRF in the mid to late '60s and the conversion of North American to the international or soft ball game in the early '80s. After all, as chairman of the ISRF at the time and in the thick of things, I was in a much



different position than those who were simply observing.

No one can question the Americans for their enthusiasm and contribution to the game. Any endeavour that keeps the interest alive and encourages new generations to participate in a sport we all love is to be commended. As the late George Plimpton so ably expressed in the forward to this book, "this carefully researched volume on squash must have required an unholy amount of time and effort - the kind only undertaken by those with a great love and passion of their subject".

Congratulations, James, on an outstanding effort. As said earlier, this is a must-read. ©

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was fantastic with a large group of players shutting down the dance floor singing a song in a group huddle by the Great Big Sea! Good times were definitely had by all at this event that is known as great value and a lot of fun!

This tournament was made possible with all the hard work from the organizing committee of Shauna Flath (Tournament Director - Head Pro), Matt Arkett (Asst.Pro), Brenda Fawcett, Donna Richardson, Carole Ann Rodgers and countless other volunteers. A special THANK-YOU to the Sponsors; BMO Nesbitt Burns, Quinte MRI, The Training Group, Coldwell Banker Rhodes and Company, Tannis Foods, Dollco Printing, Roofers Annex, Jubilee Jewellers, Dunlop, Grace O'Malleys, The Concorde Motel, Market Fresh, Ottawa Athletic Club and Squash Ontario.

The bonus of all this is the fact that the Ottawa Athletic Club is the host of the 2005 Ontario Open. When asked the question about next year's event Shauna simply stated that "We will have to discuss next year's plan with our sponsors and Squash Ontario but we look forward to hosting another great event next year!"

2004 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES
EIGHT OF OUR NINE REGIONS WERE BUSY in January and February selecting and training their teams for competition in the Ontario Winter Games which were hosted in London, Ontario.

The Games is a fantastic experience for everyone involved as our 63 junior athletes and 18 coaches and managers will attest. Hosting the squash competition was Goodlife Galleria, in the heart of London and many thanks to the club and to Leslie Forsbrey for all their efforts.

Niagara Region was defending champion but met extremely stiff opposition from the Toronto & District team which ultimately took home the gold medal. Ottawa and District took the bronze.

Congratulations to Team Toronto & District which competed with financial support from the Toronto & District Men's League.

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Maximum 12 students per session. Staff ratio 1 to 4. Cost \$750.00