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THE WORLDS RETURNS TO THE CRICKET FOR ITS 4TH EDITION



Part of the Khan Reunion (left Aziz with partner Brian Murray, John Boyton and partner, Tim Griffin)

By Pat Richardson

Summary: 6 clubs, 7 days, 18 events, 200 teams, 334 players, 480 at Saturday's black tie dinner and 1700 meals served. The World Squash Doubles Championships returned to the Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club after four years and received tremendous support from all ages and areas of the doubles community.

In anticipation of another turnout the size of two national championships, the Organizing Committee went to work early. It was easy to select the date for the Worlds since there is only one weekend at the end of winter squash programs and before the Canadian Singles Championship that coincides with the ice being taken out of the Cricket Club's curling rink, necessary to host the Saturday gala. The Toronto doubles community has a wonderful cohesiveness in that the Cricket Club was able to commit to undertake the Worlds knowing it could rely on the co-operation of the Toronto area clubs and professionals to ensure the technical aspects of the Worlds draws and schedules could

be accommodated. The tricky bit was planning for all of the social elements that make the Worlds stand out off-court. Six months of advance planning became evident on Thursday morning as singles courts were turned into casual dining areas and trucks unloaded lights, dance floors and rentals to transform the curling rink. If the Cricket Club staff was hard pressed to accommodate the demands of such a large undertaking it was impossible to tell since all the social functions were smoothly presented throughout the championships.

The star of the week was undoubtedly Australian Narelle Krizek who won both the mixed and women's open categories. Athletic, competitive and cagey, Narelle made use of all four corners of the court in a way rarely seen in the men's pro game and kept the galleries full for all her matches. In the Mixed event she paired with fellow Greenwich Field Club (Connecticut) pro Preston Quick to edge out the Toronto Cricket Club's James and Stephanie Hewitt in the semi-final (11 in the

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5th) before defeating Canadian Champions Scott Dulmage and Jessica DiMauro in the final (12 in the 4th). Narelle was equally entertaining in the women's event as she and partner Stephanie Hewitt defeated U.S. Women's champs Alicia McConnell and Pochi Holdefer 3-0 before defeating Canadian Champions Seanna Keating and Jess DiMauro 3-0 in the final.

Also tremendously gifted and entertaining, but less of a newcomer to squash fans, was Preston Quick who equaled Narelle's feat by winning both the mixed and men's open. It should be noted that Preston and Narelle both switched walls to accommodate their same gender partners! Preston paired with the Cricket Club's Chris Deratnay to win the Men's Open round robin event in an airtight 5 game final over 3 time World champion Jamie Bentley and his partner Scott Stoneburgh, the last 4 games all being in overtime.

Other great matches on Sunday included Scott Dulmage and Richard Thomson coming back from 2 games down in the men's 30 final to defeat many-time Canadian Champions Paul Deratnay and Taylor Fawcett. Tony Swift and Molson Robertson overcame a similar deficit to snare the men's 60 title from many-many time U.S. and Canadian Champions Tom Poor and Lenny Bernheimer.



Tournament Organizer, Pat Richardson (left) somehow found some court time

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The tournament was very lucky to see one of the best Khan family reunions in recent years. Sharif of Collingwood, Gul of Cleveland, Gulmast of Portland (Oregon) and Aziz of Toronto all competed in the men's 55 event. Aziz teamed with Brian Murray to upset top seeds Michael Pierce and Gordon Anderson in the semi-final and then upset second seeds John Boynton and Tim Griffin in the final.

Another weekend highlight unique to the Cricket Club was the member-hosted cocktail parties leading up to the Saturday dinner. Begun during Marianne Caldwell's tenure in 1998, this was the third time that Toronto weather permitted the parties to be held in the gardens around the cricket pitch before the formally attired attendees crossed the grounds to dinner.

It takes many dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors to host an event like the World Doubles. The event was only made possible through the generosity of premier sponsors Ridley Windows and Doors, Direct Energy and Clarica. Tournament Chair Debie Ince displayed great team-building qualities, as well as a tireless hands-on approach when required, to achieve outstanding results thoroughly appreciated by the participants.

A whirl-wind 7 days seemed, in retrospect, to pass with the blink of an eye but the memories built during that time will last forever.

JUNIOR SQUASH

Black Knight Toronto & District Junior Mixed League Champions

Now completing its 12th year, this league has spawned many provincial and national champions over the course of its existence. While the emphasis is always on fun, healthy competition is involved - if not between the players, certainly between the coaches! Squash Ontario is extremely grateful to Allan Sklar and Fred Reid for Black Knight's continued support of and commitment to this important junior program. We welcomed Ontario Racquet Club to the league this year and in 2007/08, we hope that other clubs will recognize how complementary participation in this league is to their junior programming.

League Champions

Under 11 Fabulous Fitness defeating Toronto Lawn Tennis Club

Joshua Hollings, Christian Riedelsheimer, Vince Commisso and Carissa DiRico

Under 13 Fabulous Fitness defeating Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club

Tanveer Dhanjal, Sebastian Riedelsheimer, Daniel Reimer, Julia Miceli

Under 15 Granite Club defeating Fabulous Fitness

Braydon Bak, Michael Forbes, Eamon O'Connor, Megan Raczowski

Under 17 Glendon Squash Club defeating Fabulous Fitness

Aaron Kivi, Steven Deans, Owen Butler, Brandon Costello



The "Fabulous 4some" Under 13 Champions



Granite Club Coach Jim Paton (centre), with Under 15 Champions

Bronze Placings

Under 11 Granite Club defeating Badminton & Racquet Club

Under 13 Badminton & Racquet Club defeating Granite Club

Under 15 Badminton & Racquet Club defeating Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club

Under 17 Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club defeating Toronto Lawn Tennis Club

ONTARIO ANNOUNCES 2007 CANADA GAMES TEAM

In March 2007, Team Ontario will travel to Whitehorse, Yukon to

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compete in the 2007 Canada Winter Games. Squash Ontario congratulates the following athletes who have been selected through a rigorous selection and participation process. They will embark on a journey to remember.....Carly Hong, Brian Hong, Nicholas Sachvie, Laura Gemmell, Colin West, Samantha Cornett, Christopher Sachvie and Rebecca Hazell. Leading the team are our Canada Games coaches, Mark Sachvie (White Oaks Racquet Club) and Nicole Carroll (Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club).

Why are the Games so important? The thought of staging the Canada Games first arose in 1924, at a meeting in Winnipeg of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. For more than 40 years it remained a frequent subject of discussion. Finally, in 1966 in Quebec City, the governments of Canada and Quebec gave their joint approval to a proposal to hold the first Games the following year. A small voluntary committee of businessmen and educators was established. Planning and organization were hurriedly begun. The event was designed to coincide with Canada's 1967 Centennial celebrations.



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JUNIOR SQUASH

The first Winter Games were an outstanding success. Despite monumental problems of planning, financing, logistics, and eventually abnormal snow and cold -- minus 37 C. for the opening ceremonies -- a makeshift torch was set alight.

These words, spoken by Marilyn Malenfant, a young competitor in the Games, from the steps of Quebec's National Assembly, exemplify the Games spirit:

"I seek fear, to master it;
Weariness, to test my mettle;
Hardship, to conquer it;
Glory, to share it with my brothers;
And I shall compete loyally."

Since then, at two year intervals, eighteen more ceremonial torches have been ignited to signal the start of successive Canada Games. With Prince Edward Island having hosted the 1991 Winter Games, each province has now hosted the Games at least once, with several having hosted twice already.

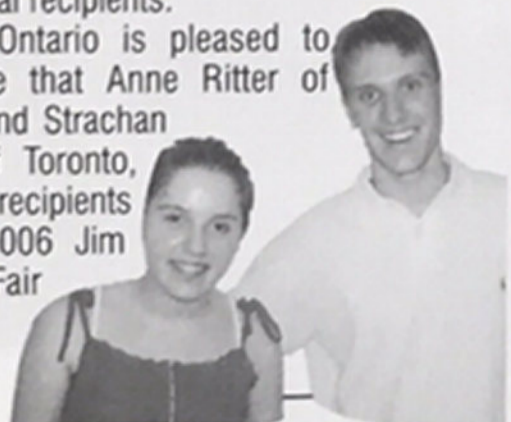
An estimated 45,000 young Canadians have participated in the Games. Another 180,000 have engaged in try-outs and qualifying events. Many millions of Canadians have watched the Games either first-hand or on television, and over 67,000 have volunteered. These young athletes will join with 3,000 other eager and talented young people in March 2007....we hope they'll bring home two gold medals....but we know, they'll bring home memories to last them a lifetime.

JIM MASON FAIR PLAY RECIPIENTS

Fun, Fitness and 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. There can be no greater tribute to this great man, who believed more than anything in fair play, than to name the Fair Play awards in his name.

Nominations are sought from the junior squash community, from parents and from coaches. Each nomination is reviewed by the Junior Advisory Committee and it selects the two annual recipients.

Squash Ontario is pleased to announce that Anne Ritter of Ottawa and Strachan Jarvis of Toronto, are the recipients of the 2006 Jim Mason Fair Play Award.



Anne Ritter and Strachan Jarvis

Strachan Jarvis is a member of Toronto's Badminton & Racquet Club and is coached by Jamie Nicholls. Strachan loves the game of squash and is a fierce competitor but he never questions the referee's decision and is always respectful to his opponents.

Anne Ritter is a member of Goodlife Queensview and is coached by Heather Wallace. She, too, is a fierce competitor but she is humble in winning and graceful in losing and always has a smile for her opponent.

Nothing would please Jim Mason more than watching these two young athletes on and off the squash court.

Strachan and Anne were presented with their award at the recent Ontario Junior Open Championships.

Ontario Juniors Bring Home Gold at Nationals

Mark Sachvie and White Oaks Racquet Club hosted the 2006 version of the Canadian Junior Closed Championships - a "2-peat" for

both Mark and the Club as they also hosted the Canadian Junior Open Championships just 4 months earlier.

Congratulations to Canadian Champions Jamie Baker in the Boys Under 13 and to Laura Gemmell in the Girls Under 19.

St. Francis Captures High School Championship

The St. Francis team from St. Catharines took on all comers at the Jim Mason Ontario High School Championships, successfully defending their title of 2005.



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Ontario Closed Championships

hosted by Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet & Fitness Club
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Women's Open	Marnie Baizley
Men's Open	Dane Sharp
Women's A	Jennifer Gemmell
Men's A	.....	Jeff Munn
Women's B	.....	Vanessa Steinwall
Men's B	.....	David Van Leeuwen
Women's C	.....	Nicole Aron
Men's C	.....	Hugh Sidley
Women's D	.....	Sonja Nucci
Men's D	.....	Gary Hampton
Women's E	.....	Claire Ingle
Men's E	.....	Yasser Rahim

Ontario Junior Closed Championships

hosted by Fabulous Fitness Racquet Club
Sponsored by BMO Nesbitt Burns, Black Knight, Jesters, Armour Valve

Girls' Under 19	.....	Laura Gemmell
Boys' Under 19	.....	Colin West
Girls' Under 17	.....	Lauren Sachvie
Boys' Under 17	.....	Fred Reid
Girls' Under 15	.....	Samantha Cornett
Boys' Under 15	.....	Nicholas Sachvie
Girls' Under 13	.....	Michelle Gemmell
Boys' Under 13	.....	Jamie Baker
Girls' Under 11	.....	Jillian Baker
Boys' Under 11	.....	Jake Beck

Ontario Mixed Doubles Championships

hosted by Badminton & Racquet Club
Sponsored by Ridley Windows and Doors, Curtis Insurance, Second Skin

Open	.....	Jessica DiMauro and Scott Dulmage
40+	.....	Susan Underwood and Taylor Fawcett
50+	.....	Leslie Freeman and Jay Gillespie
B	.....	Lori Krol and Dan Dorsey

Ontario University and College Championships

hosted by St. Andrew's College
Sponsored by The Jester Club, Straight Lines

Men's Open	.....	Andrew Jones
Women's Open	.....	Stephanie Edmison

Ontario Masters Closed Championships

hosted by Royal Brock/Brockville Y
Sponsored by: Procter & Gamble, Shell, Hansler Industries, Thousand Islands Toyota, Camalor Manufacturing, Custom Décor, Keystorm Pub, Randall Shearer, Dave Riddell, Hendrix, Northern Cables, Ontario Duct Cleaning, Molsons, YEAH, Nasztech Systems, John Simpson, Barry Laushway, Limestone & Ivy

Women's 35+/40+	.....	Lisa Coates
Men's 35+	.....	Mark McKinnon
Women's 45+	.....	Elka Markus
Men's 45+	.....	Eric Dunn
Women's 50+	.....	Lorraine Tetreault
Men's 50+	.....	Royal Metcalfe
Men's 55+	.....	Ed Praught
Men's 60+	.....	Robert De Valk
Men's 65+	.....	Paul Wilson

Ontario B Doubles Championships

hosted by Badminton & Racquet Club
Sponsored by Second Skin, Royal LePage, Dunlop Sport
Women's Jane Mitchell and Nancy Esson
Men's Joel Clarke and Steve Burnham

Ontario Men's & Women's Veterans, Masters and Seniors Championships

hosted by Cedar Springs Health, Racquet and Sports Club
Wo Sponsored by: Ridley Windows & Doors
Women's 40+ Robbin Morrison and Leslie Freeman
Men's 40+ Taylor Fawcett and Alan Grant
Women's 50+ Anne Smith and Sandra Shaw
Men's 50+ Graeme Duff and Jay Gillespie
Men's 60+ Molson Robertson and Tony Swift
Men's 65+ Dave Bogert and Michael Wilson

Ontario Open Soft Ball Championships

hosted by Cedar Springs Health, Racquet and Sports Club
Sponsored by: Triple Crown Enterprises Ltd., XYZ Automotive, Chevron, Black Knight, Trivaris, R.I.C.H.E.S., Squash Ontario
Women's Open Marnie Baizley
Men's Open Paul Davis

Ontario Open Doubles Championships

hosted by the Granite Club
Sponsored by: adidas, MIX99.9FM, Dunlop Sports, Scotiabank Group, Jackson-Triggs
Women's Open Seanna Keating and Jessica DiMauro
Men's Open Scott Dulmage and Richard Thomson

Ontario Junior Open Championships

hosted by White Oaks Racquet & Fitness Club
Sponsored by Robert Harder Insurance, Jesters
Girls' Under 11 Jillian Baker
Girls' Under 13 Michelle Gemmell
Girls' Under 15 Rebecca Lau
Girls' Under 17 Samantha Cornett
Girls' Under 19 Laura Gemmell
Boys' Under 11 Jake Beck
Boys' Under 13 Jamie Baker
Boys' Under 15 Nicholas Sachvie
Boys' Under 17 Fred Reid
Boys' Under 19 Dave Letourneau

Ontario Open Masters Championships

hosted by White Oaks Racquet & Fitness Club
Sponsored by White Oaks Conference Resort & Spa, Niagara Squash Racquets Association

Ontario High School Championships

hosted by Fabulous Fitness Racquet Club
Sponsored by: Black Knight
Women's Open Samantha Cornett
Men's Open Christopher Sachvie

2006 Ontario Champions

Ontario Athletes Who Are National Champions

Andrew Jones	Canadian University Men's Champion
Katie Patrick	Canadian University Women's Champion
Scott Dulmage	Canadian Open Mixed Doubles Champion
Jessica DiMauro	Canadian Open Mixed Doubles Champion
Jay Gillespie	Canadian Veterans Mixed Doubles Champion
Leslie Freeman	Canadian Veterans Mixed Doubles Champion
Victor Harding	Canadian Seniors Mixed Doubles Champion
Jane Mitchell	Canadian Seniors Mixed Doubles Champion
Susan Dale	Canadian B Mixed Doubles Champion
John Hirst	Canadian B Mixed Doubles Champion
Jamie Bentley	Canadian Open Doubles Champion
Pat Richardson	Canadian Men's Veterans Doubles Champion
Fred Reid	Canadian Men's 45+ Doubles Champion
Allan Hunt	Canadian Men's 45+ Doubles Champion
Graeme Duff	Canadian Men's 50+ Doubles Champion
Jay Gillespie	Canadian Men's 50+ Doubles Champion
John Boynton	Canadian Men's 55+ Doubles Champion
Tim Griffin	Canadian Men's 55+ Doubles Champion
Chris Wheeler	Canadian Men's 60+ Doubles Champion
Jon Hore	Canadian Men's 60+ Doubles Champion
David Bogert	Canadian Men's 65+ Doubles Champion
Mike Wilson	Canadian Men's 65+ Doubles Champion
Ron Bertram	Canadian Men's 70+ Doubles Champion
David Brown	Canadian Men's 75+ Doubles Champion
Karl Burnham	Canadian Men's B Doubles Champion
Steve Burnham	Canadian Men's B Doubles Champion
Jessica DiMauro	Canadian Women's Open Doubles Champion
Seanna Keating	Canadian Women's Open Doubles Champion
Leslie Freeman	Canadian Women's Veterans Doubles Champion
Lindsay Hermer-Bell	Canadian Women's Veterans Doubles Champion
Susan Underwood	Canadian Women's 45+ Doubles Champion
Carol LeBlanc	Canadian Women's 45+ Doubles Champion
Sybille Witt	Canadian Women's Seniors Doubles Champion
Jennifer Brown	Canadian Women's Seniors Doubles Champion
Seanna Keating	Canadian Women's Teams Champion
Ruchika Kumar	Canadian Women's Teams Champion
Neha Kumar	Canadian Women's Teams Champion
Laura Gemmell	Canadian Junior Open Girls Under 15 Champion And Canadian Junior Closed Under 19 Champion
Neha Kumar	Canadian Junior Open Girls Under 19 Champion
Michelle Gemmell	Canadian Junior Open Girls Under 13 Champion
Colin West	Canadian Junior Open Boys Under 19 Champion
Brian Hong	Canadian Junior Open Boys Under 15 Champion
Jamie Baker	Canadian Junior Open and Closed Boys Under 13 Champion

Ontario Athletes Who Are International Champions

Laura Gemmell	U.S. Junior Open Girls Under 15 Champion
Neha Kumar	U.S. Junior Open Girls Under 19 Champion
Neha Kumar	Scottish Junior Open Girls Under 19 Champion
Stephanie Hewitt	Women's World Open Doubles Champion
Robbin Morrison	Women's World 40+ Doubles Champion
Leslie Freeman	Women's World 40+ Doubles Champion
Sybille Witt	Women's World 50+ Doubles Champion
Jennifer Brown	Women's World 50+ Doubles Champion
Chris Deratnay	Men's World Open Doubles Champion
Scott Dulmage	Men's World 30+ Doubles Champion
Richard Thomson	Men's World 30+ Doubles Champion
Al Hunt	Men's World 45+ Doubles Champion
Graeme Duff	Men's World 50+ Doubles Champion
Jay Gillespie	Men's World 50+ Doubles Champion
Brian Murray	Men's World 55+ Doubles Champion
Aziz Khan	Men's World 55+ Doubles Champion
Tony Swift	Men's World 60+ Doubles Champion
Molson Robertson	Men's World 60+ Doubles Champion
David Brown	Men's World 75+ Doubles Champion
Scott Fraser	Men's World 75+ Doubles Champion
Leslie Freeman	World 50+ Mixed Doubles Champion
Jay Gillespie	World 50+ Mixed Doubles Champion
Anne Smith	World 55+ Mixed Doubles Champion
Molson Robertson	World 55+ Mixed Doubles Champion

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G O N E Jonathon Power Goes Immortal

By James Zug

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Twenty minutes before he went on court for the last match of his professional career, Jonathon Power was, as was his wont, hanging out near the sponsors' table. He did this at most tournaments. Power's affable personality meant he hated the interminable wait before his matches went on and so instead of huddling below the bleachers, headphones covering his ears, he stood in the crowd and talked.

We talked. I asked him if he was thinking about the fact this was the 10th anniversary of his breakthrough win at the 1996 Tournament of Champions. He gave me a short précis on the win: beating Zarak Jahan Khan, Rod Eyles, Peter Nicol and then Craig Rowland in the finals, 15-9 in the fifth after blowing match points in the fourth. Simon Parke walked up and added the edge to the story. Power had shredded his sneakers in his semis match against Nicol. As Parke walked out of the Heights Casino in Brooklyn to catch a flight back to London that evening, Power asked him if he could borrow his sneakers. Parke handed over his size nine Hi-Tec shoes, and the following night, his feet pinched by the half-size-too-small sneakers, he tip-toed to his first major PSA title.

Typical JP. In a profession dominated by shorthaired, tunnel-visioned grinders, Power

always played the outsider. He was born in Comox on Vancouver Island and maintained an air of provincial nonchalance. He was the free spirit without a credit card. He was the combustible complainer to referees. He was the partier who based himself in Amsterdam rather than the north of England and then in Montreal rather than in Toronto. He was the guy in the leather jacket.

When I asked him why he decided to quit, he talked about being tired of all the hassles of being a world-class athlete: the travel, the waiting, the constant hydrating, the eating right, sleeping right, the massages, and the injuries. He loved squash - he just loathed what he had to do to get on court.

His style was one of deceptive control. He was a shot-maker, to be sure, with great disdain for attritional rallies and a rare capacity for risk, but he was not a manic, desperate shooter. He was a connoisseur. He rarely shot off the serve and almost never dove unless pressed at the end of a game. He totted up dozens of variants of his shots, especially his floating backhand drop and his low, crosscourt flicks. He stood up straight, his back stiff, his large legs and rear backing into the 'T'. When he served, he never bounced the ball and when he stood waiting to receive a serve, he brushed his hair off his face or

lightly cupped the bridge of his nose, staring with contemptuous impatience at the server.

Jonathon Power is one of just six men to achieve the three modern pinnacles of pro success (British Open, World Open and the No. 1 ranking). He was No. 1 for 14 months and holds the record for the longest gap between number rankings. He captured 37 PSA tour titles. He won the Commonwealth Games gold medal in 2002 and seven Canadian national championships.

His career had a number of highlights - reaching the finals of the World Juniors in June 1991; beating Parke the week after his 1996 ToC triumph in the finals of the German Masters; and crushing Ahmed Barada in the 1998 World Open quarters in 29 minutes but his most memorable match was perhaps his five game loss to Nicol in the 2001 ToC finals, down 2-0 and winning the third and fourth games 15-13. This was the best match of the best rivalry in squash since Jahanghir and Jansher.

Immortality is nontransferable, so we are left with our memories. How rich they are!

James Zug is the author of Squash: A History of the Game, the bestselling history of U.S. squash published by Scribner in 2003. Learn more at www.jameszug.com



Squash...It's Our Racquet!

ONTARIO HONOURS

On April 20th, the Government of Ontario, through the Sport Alliance, held its annual Sport Awards Banquet. Over 300 people attended representing some 60 different sports.

The Sport Awards honour Ontario athletes, coaches and volunteers who have made significant contributions to their sports. Two of the major categories for recognition are the Sly Apps Awards which honour volunteers and the Corporate Citation which recognizes and honours the corporate sponsors who keep the wheels of sport moving.

Squash Ontario nominated Jon LeHeup and Doug Bannan of Ridley Windows and Doors as recipients of the Corporate Citation. These gentlemen are lovers of all things squash but their particular passion is for the game of doubles. For 10 years, Jon and Doug have indulged that passion by sponsoring doubles events, from the local and regional levels through to world championships.

Any one who has ever run a sporting event



Corporate Citation honours, (left) Jon LeHeup, Minister Jim Watson (centre) and Doug Bannan

knows that one of the keys to success is financial support of partners and sponsors and Ridley Windows and Doors has been a stalwart financial supporter of events including:

- 1997-2005 Marianne Caldwell Doubles
- 2003-2006 Canadian Doubles Championships
- 2005-2006 Ontario Veterans Doubles Championships
- 2006 World Doubles Championships

Jon and Doug are unique sponsors in that they not only support squash financially but also play the game and very well too.



Syl Apps winner, Barbara Cooper

Also honoured that evening with a Syl Apps award was Barbara Cooper. In 1987, when the Mayfair Group launched its flagship club, the Lakeshore, it looked for a squash professional to complement the prestige of the club. It cast its nets overseas and successfully lured Barbara Cooper to make her home in Toronto, Ontario.

Barbara's credentials were impeccable. She captained the English women's team to two

world championships and she herself, was ranked in the top ten in the world for a number of years.

Coaching has always been one of Barbara's passions and a number of world and national champions owe much of their success to her tutelage.

She quickly took the helm of the squash department at the Lakeshore and in just a few short years, turned it into a powerhouse of squash. Not only did the club teams clinch regional league titles on a regular basis, but members also distinguished themselves in local, regional, provincial and national championships, bringing home the hardware time and again to the Lakeshore.

Barbara continued to play competitively in Canada, adding numerous Ontario, Canadian and International titles to her already impressive playing credentials.

But it was coaching which continued to hold Barbara's interest and she is now the only level 5 squash coach in Canada. She is a mentor to many young squash coaches and she is a wonderful role model for women who are looking to make a career in coaching, whether it is squash or any other sport. Squash Ontario recognized Barbara's dedication to coaching by awarding her the 2004 Coaching Achievement Award.

Squash Ontario and squash in Ontario and for that matter, in Canada, have benefited enormously from Barbara Cooper's expertise, her wisdom and her commitment to growing the game. She has been and continues to be an incredible ambassador for coaching.

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MARCH MADNESS IN TORONTO

T&D Men's Winter Finals

By Dave Harrison

Another exciting finals night took place at Mayfair Lakeshore on March 29, 2006. This "March Madness" was the culmination of a long winter league that began in October '05 and ended in twelve teams meeting in the finals. The T and D Men's League had one hundred and six teams competing in this year's winter divisions. Those teams that managed to reach the finals were supported by partisan spectators from their home clubs as well as many enthusiastic players who participated in the leagues over the winter. Once again the excellent venue provided by the Mayfair Lakeshore Club and their welcoming staff resulted in a wonderful evening of squash competition.

In the "A" division, Toronto Lawn won the first three matches over the Granite Club for a decisive win. Captain Jamie Nicholls led his

team of Dan Sibley, Jon Masterton, Andrew Thompson and Dane Sharpe to the victory. On the Granite team were finalists, Scott Dulmage, Graydon Joyner (Capt.), Richard Thomson, Neil Sweeney and Colin West.

In the "B" division, Glenway came out on top with a 3 to 1 edge in the first four matches to defeat Fitness Institute West. Congratulations to the champs from Glenway, Frank Jarko (Capt.), Scott Mortimer, Hugh Baker, Sheldon Zimmerman and Scott Fraser. The team from Fitness West who were worthy opponents consisted of Tom Lourenco, Darryl Desbarres, Mike Sanchez (Capt.), Mark Ducharmes and Mike Pirnack.

In the "C" division, the finalists staged one of the closest battles of the evening with Cedar Springs edging out Glendon in a 3 to 2 victory. After dropping the first two matches Cedar Springs made a strong comeback to win the title! Congratulations go to Paul Webb, Greg

Brechin (Capt.), Ashley Pretorius, Eric Desroches, and Mike Green. The Glendon team were led by Alex Boyd (Capt.), and his team consisted of Hugh Siddeley, Vitto Vessio, Mike Sheehy and Chris Robitaille.

In the "D" division, both teams were from Club Meadowvale. This is a rare occurrence but resulted in a great final between members and friends from the same club. Club Meadowvale I dropped their first match but eventually came through with a 4 to 1 victory for the win and bragging rights. Captain Marvin Cleal and team members Ken Turner, Dave Ware, Rav Gill, Andrew Fraser and Ken Mackesy were the winners. Club Meadowvale II captained by Jay Feiger were gracious runner-ups and included Scott Gasson, Carlos Sousa, Bernie MacDonald, Frank Blanchet and Nathan Drew.

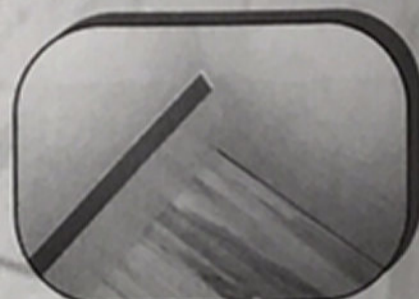
In the Masters divisions, both A and B winners from last year reached the finals but new champs emerged in both finals. In the "A"



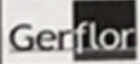
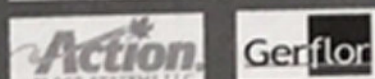
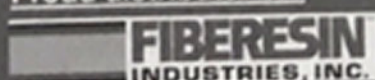
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division, Racquet and Fitness overpowered their rivals from the Toronto Cricket with a 3 to 1 victory. Congratulations to the R&F team of Paul Sinclair, Richard Kurczyk(Capt.), Bob Hall and Mike Bertin. The TCS&CC were well represented by Steve Hisey, Derek Riley, Jay Gillespie, John Frederick and Chris Wheeler(Capt.).

In the Masters "B", Balmy Beach provided a solid 3 to 1 win over last year's winners from Northridge. The Balmy Beach "crew" captained by Glen Hamilton were league leaders all season and congratulations go to Steve Flude, Mike Gvildys, Pat Salvatore and Larry Frizelle. The runner-ups from Northridge were Rick Daigle(Capt.), Brian Beith, Gunter Weber and Gerry De Rose. Congratulations to all the team finalists.

For a complete list of match results & pictures check out the T&D League website at www.tandd.ca

The T and D league executive and players would like to thank our sponsor Dunlop. Steve Hall and Dunlop supplied all prizes for finals night and continue to support the operation of this great league! Thanks again, to Mayfair Lakeshore and their Squash Professional, Nicole Carroll for providing their club facilities as well as great food and refreshments for our competing teams. We thank the volunteers including referees and team captains who contribute to make the "T and D" a success!

Finally the league would not operate without the fine work of our volunteer executive that includes Gordon Robertson, Dave Tullis, John Varley, Jim Rowland and Bill Sears. Make sure you see the summer league finals on September 20, 2006 at Mayfair Parkway.

See you there!

(See pg 17 for photos)

T&D Women's League Finals

By Jennifer Bennett

Fun, exercise, competition and camaraderie, that's what squash is all about. The Toronto district women's squash (TDWSA) season culminated on April 5th at Mayfair Lakeshore. Players, fans, coaches, referees and squash



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enthusiasts from the GTA and beyond gathered for a dynamic evening of squash.

With teams from 5 divisions (A through E) playing for the championship title in their division. The buzz in the room was palpable!

With a 3-person team, the E division was the first to complete the evening's matches with Crescent Town overtaking Fabulous Fitness. The D division captured the crowds attention for the longest with their matches being among the first started and definitely the last finished (they were the last to leave the bar too!) Glenway and RCYC persevered for what seemed like hours, with Glenway claiming the D title in a 3-2 victory. "The Battle of the Pickering" was where it was at in the C division. Pickering 1 versus Pickering 2.....and clearly Pickering was victorious! It was another 3-2 match up. With this talent in Pickering, we are looking for a full compliment of teams for next season. In the B division, it was U of T varsity team facing off against Georgetown, with U of T claiming the B title. The A division featured Fabulous Fitness and Mayfair Lakeshore demonstrating tremendous squash skills and talent. With awesome fan support for both clubs, Fabulous Fitness captured the A title. Congratulations to all players in all divisions for your fine play and sportsmanship.

A special thank you to the referees from Squash Ontario, the men's league and the women's league who graciously volunteered their time to officiate all these great matches. Thank you to: Moe Shehata, Wayne Smith, Norm Brie, Verna Dalgeish, Gillian Clarke, Karen Lewis, Adrian Thatcher, Mustafa Salemwalla and Terry Bruce. Another sign of how fortunate the squash community is to have such fine people donate their time.

While we remember the matches played along the way, what stands out more are the people that we meet. It is in this spirit that the Lily D'Urzo Award is given to a squash player who exhibits a love for the game and exhibits outstanding qualities of true sportsmanship. This year, the league recognized and honoured Jean Chow with the Lily D'Urzo Award. Jean is a member of the Sports Clubs of Canada, and plays on the Northridge B team. Jean is a

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Balmy Beach Masters B Champions



Toronto A Lawn Champions



Glenway B Champions



The Lily D'Urzo Award presented to Jean Chow (centre) with Leanne Notenbleom (left) and league president, Jennifer Bennett



The Fuel Behind The League

From left: Susan Bruce, Julie Claton, Donna Thompson, Carolyn Feather, Rita Bloem, Jennifer Bennett

While the finals night is the pinnacle of the season, squash players enjoy the ride to the finals! So, I would like to thank some key people, without whom there would not be a league...or at least not as great of a league! Carolyn Feather, Rita Bloem, Donna Thompson, Susan Bruce and Julie Clayton are the convenors for each of the divisions (A to E respectfully). Additionally, we are pleased to have Karen Forint back this year to convene the summer league. As convenors, they are the contact person for all captains in their division. They are master communicators, excel wizards, statisticians and above all extremely dedicated to the women's squash league. These 6 exceptional ladies are the heart and soul behind the smooth running of the league. On behalf of the players in the league, I would like to thank them for the ongoing support and commitment. I know the convenors depend on the captains to maintain the momentum with their teams and the captains do a terrific job, so a hearty thank you to the 40 captains that the league is fortunate to have.

With all endings come new beginnings, and as this season wraps up, next season is around the corner with much promise. See you on the courts!

person who not only loves squash, she loves to share it, she is enthusiastic about playing, refereeing, encouraging to newcomers and encouraging to experienced players. Jean demonstrates determination and passion both on and off the court, whether it be in her own club, in league or in playing tournaments. The essence of the Lily D'Urzo award, lives on through people like Jean.