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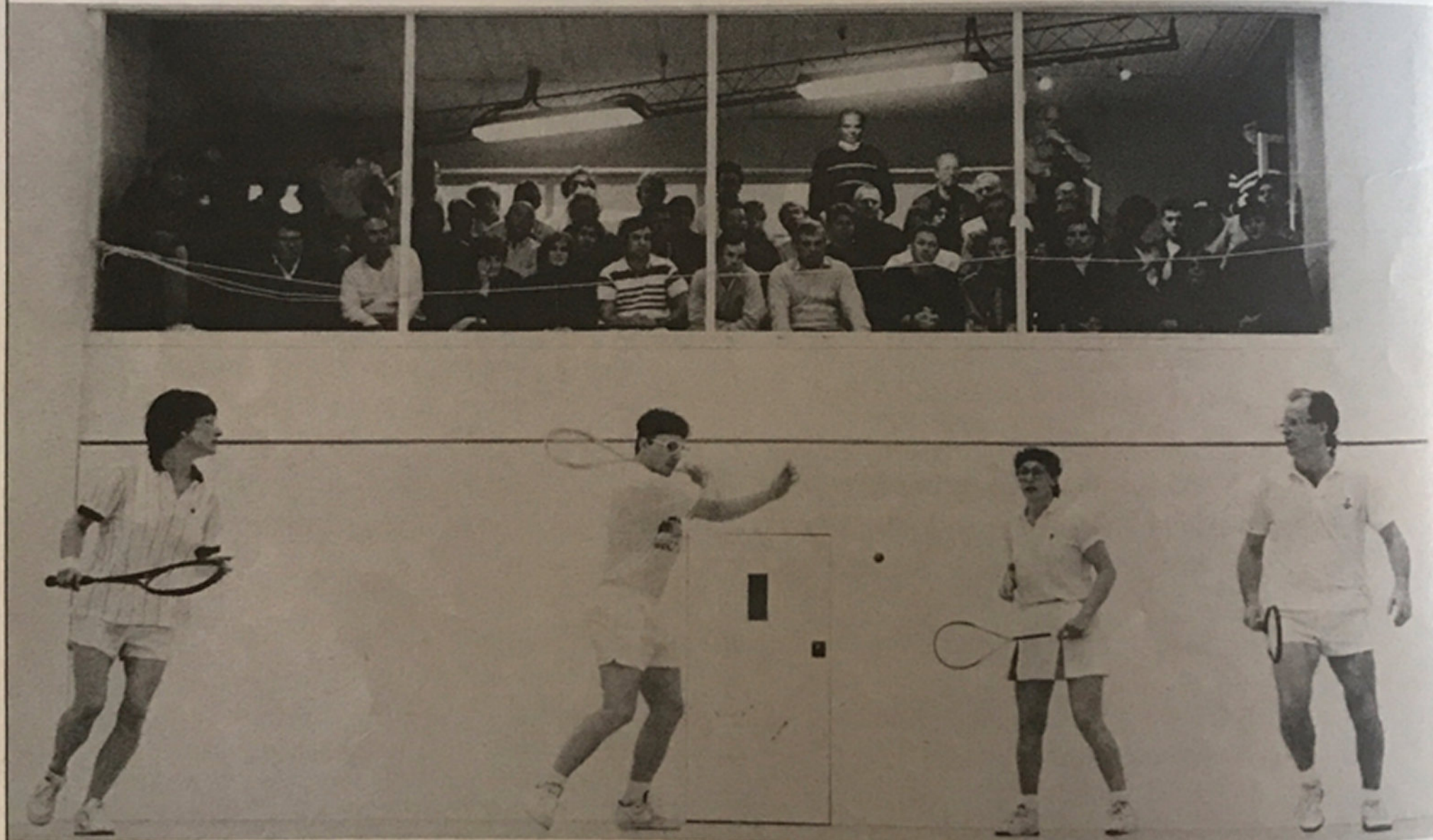
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Canadian Mixed Doubles

"Points in the Fifth"

by Ed Brandreth
Squash Professional, Fitness Institute

The Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship has become a tour de force on the North American doubles schedule.



Open action featuring (from left to right) Joyce Davenport Brian Callaghan, Julianne Harris and Paul McDonald

With the women getting stronger and no longer intimidated by the power of the men, we are witnessing better and better partnerships and no where is this

more evident than in the recent Canadian Mixed.

Good, young players such as Scott Mikalachki, Jim Paton, Don Benson and Rob Warden are eagerly joining the

ranks to challenge the veterans of the stature of Victor Harding and Alan Hunt.

Once again, and for the second consecutive year, the spectators at the Fitness Institute were treated to another "points

in the fifth" final - in fact, both finals were ended in this heart-stopping fashion.

The Open event began on Thursday night at Mayfair Lakeshore with a minor upset coming from Leslie Freeman and Don Benson over Jennifer Smith and Jim Paton. Down two match points, Freeman/Benson squeezed by 17-16 in the fifth. A Friday night second round match at Fitness Willowdale saw another upset with more serious implications, with the fourth seeded team of Karen Jerome and Mike Guyatt of Hamilton Thistle being overwhelmed by the backhand corner volleys of Scott Mikalachki and the cool steadiness of Cathy Covernton. Jerome and Guyatt could not get on balance and went down three to one.

Quarter final matches now saw the interest turn to the proven Ontario champions, Alan Hunt and Barbara Diggins as they took on the reigning U.S. National Mixed champion, Joyce Davenport of Philadelphia and her partner, Paul McDonald of Toronto. Coming back to tournament play as a personal favour to tournament officials, Paul joined Joyce in stopping Hunt and Diggins in a great match - points again in the fifth.

Moving up the draw, the two young teams of Leslie Freeman and Don Benson and Scott Mikalachki and Cathy Covernton battled point for point with the latter team coming through 3-1 over a tired Freeman and Benson who were playing their second match within three hours.

Moving along into one of the top half quarters, Victor Harding and Lolly Gillen won 3-0 over Carin and Ward Meek but not before 2 games went into extra points. Playing against Victor on the left wall is a lesson! Long recognized as the best doubles tactician in Canada, you also have to contend with his imposing physical presence and vast talent.

The defending champions, Americans Julianne Harris and Brian Callaghan showed in the top quarter against Robert Frost and Gail Pimm that their number one seeding was right on! The left handed Harris, playing good, tough cross courts and the very fast Callaghan, who makes a doubles court look small, defeated a very promising young team 3-0.

Semi final matches brought out every talent and every piece of subtlety in squash doubles - the 'never playing a bad shot to lose court position when a let can be called' - 'the very nervy delayed clear, leaving your opponent just enough room to hit the ball' - 'arguing a let call or appealing a get knowing you won't win the call but knowing you have allowed your partner some breathing room after three consecutive tough gets up at the front wall' - we saw them all in the match between Harding/Gillen and Callaghan/Harris.

Looking from the gallery, the obvious strategy was for Harris to continuously play the cross court deep and for Callaghan to pound the ball up the right wall, hoping for a weak return from Gillen.

Match point proved elusive for Harris and Callaghan

Lolly, on the other hand, was trying to get the ball deep to Harris so Harding could take advantage of his reverse corner or straight backhand drop. As the match wore on, Lolly's right front corner became vulnerable to Callaghan's reverse corner and Harris' front wall side wall drops. The score was 3-1 to Harris and Callaghan.

In the other semi final, between McDonald and Davenport and Mikalachki and Covernton, the match stood at two games each with the latter on the brink of an upset. But now, with the experience of Davenport in a fifth game and a tired but still retrieving Paul McDonald, Mikalachki and Covernton had to play as well as they ever had. A number of errors going for quick winners put Scott and Cathy in a deep hole out of which, ultimately, they could not climb. It is tough to be brilliant in the fifth game but they are fast becoming one of Canada's best teams.

Finalists in the Open event brought two partners together but now to play against each other. Harris and Davenport have won numerous big tournaments as a team but this time Harris was playing with a familiar partner and Davenport with a partner unknown to her before the tournament.

McDonald and Davenport won the first game but two more tough games put Harris and Callaghan up two games to one. With a comfortable lead in the fourth, Harris and Callaghan reached match point but could not put it away. They proceeded to fritter away a 14-10 advantage and made the call of set three when McDonald and Davenport caught them at 14 all. Paul and Joyce won the set 3-1 and the match now stood at 2 games each.

The final game was a repeat of the fourth with Harris and Callaghan again reaching 13 points only to have McDonald and Davenport catch them. With the call now set 5, Harris and Callaghan slipped through for an 18-15 victory and their second consecutive Canadian Mixed title.

But the Canadian Mixed was not an all-American affair. In the Seniors event, all four top seeded teams ended up in the semi finals. In the top half, Dick Will and Sharon Schwarze from Philadelphia had a clear edge in defeating Toronto's Peter Frost and Cathy Reid 3-0. In the bottom half, the second seeded team of Paul Frost and Jane Mitchell edged Ed Bracht and Susan Swift 3-1.

The final proved to be a very even match with each game forever in doubt. Down 10-14 in the fifth, Will and Schwarze came back to tie the match at 14 all. Paul Frost then made an unnerving call of 'no set' and Jane Mitchell then came through with a winning cross court for the match.

Many thanks to the Cricket Club, the Granite Club and, of course, the host Fitness Institute, for the use of their courts. And one final note. The tournament would not have been the success it was without the 'phone network of Lolly Gillen and the superb refereeing of Lindsay Smith. ○

Cantel and Corel Ontario Open

by Larry Lanthier

The Ontario Open Squash Championships, hosted by the Queensview Athletic Club in mid-March, had all the makings of a great tournament. A strong men's and women's draw, including Canada's top ranked players; exciting squash action from the new generation of squash players as well as from the seasoned veterans; standing room only crowds; and a well planned and thoroughly enjoyable social agenda - all contributed to a very successful event.

The men's draw featured 15 of the top 20 provincially ranked players and, with the addition of notables like Jamie Crombie, Andrew Lynn and Joe Besso, long matches were the rule of play. The first two rounds went according to seedings except for the resurgence of Jeff Sneyd who upset Patrick Ryding and Steve Eastwood.

After the dust had cleared in the quarters and semis, Gary Waite and Jamie Crombie squared off in the final. There was little that Jamie hit that Gary could not retrieve. Gary handled Jamie's power easily and Crombie's drop shots were just not tight enough to prevent a counter attack. The 9/1, 9/4, 9/3 Waite victory was indicative of the play.

The women's draw featured 13 of the top Ontario ranked players and gave Ottawa fans an opportunity to see western Canada's Sandy McBean and Shauna Flath. The quarter final matches provided us with the first major upset as Canada's top junior, Melanie Jans, defeated Shelley Harvey 3/1 and Jo Thomas provided an early game scare by losing a close 9/7 game to Amanda Humble, winning the second 8/10 before Amanda shut the door by not allowing Jo to score another point.

Heather Wallace won her semi final match against Alberta's Sandy McBean fairly handily but it was the second semi which proved to be a real crowd pleaser. It was a match up of the young Melanie Jans against the experience of Amanda Humble. Melanie took the first game 9/7 by hitting the ball to length and forcing Amanda to constantly hit from the back. This was the pattern of the match as play seesawed back and forth. In the end, it was Amanda's tight drop shots which helped her overcome her youthful competitor, 3-1.

The final match was an enjoyable and friendly game between the two veterans, Heather Wallace and Amanda Humble with Wallace prevailing 3-0.

Jeff Watts and his Queensview crew of Rob Sandal, Randy Lacrois, Linda Bowes and Richard Buston did a superb job organizing the event. As well, a special thank you to Penny Glover for making sure all matches were refereed and to our corporate sponsors, Cantel and Corel, who make these events possible. The tournament got some additional support from Motionware, Hurleys, Accu Rate Foreign Exchange, Calian Communications, Carlsberg, Karakai, the Ottawa District Squash Association and, of course, Squash Ontario. ○

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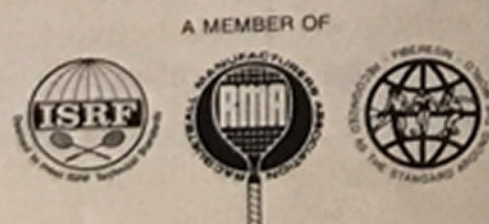
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Provincial Open Rankings



Women's Soft Ball

Ranking	Name	Points	# of Competitions
1	Heather Wallace	2075	1
2	Amanda Humble	2027	2
3	Melanie Jans	1980	8
4	Shelley Harvey	1934	2
5	Lori Coleman	1832	2
6	Sandy McBean	1756	1
7	Lynn Miller	1742	8
8	Nancy Cranbury	1634	2
9	Doreen McManaman	1612	8
10	Jo Thomas	1594	2

Men's Soft Ball

Ranking	Name	Points	# of Competitions
1	Gary Waite	2071	2
2	Jamie Crombie	2018	2
3	Jonathon Power	1957	6
4	Jamie Hickox	1913	3
5	Steve Wren	1894	5
6	Mike Way	1867	8
7	Andrew Lynn	1816	2
8	Stephen Eastwood	1793	8
9	Graham Ryding	1772	6
10	Shane Adams	1769	6

Top Ten Clubs In Ontario With Ranked Players

1 Pine Valley Racquets Club	61 players	6 Toronto Cricket Club	22 players
2 Hamilton Thistle Club	37 players	7= Curzons Sporting Club	20 players
3 Mayfair Lakeshore	31 players	7= Queensview Athletic Club	20 players
4= London Squash Club	24 players	9 Granite Club	19 players
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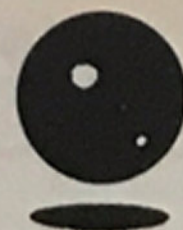
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Toronto & District Junior League Finals

by John Wright

It has often been said that participation is more important than competition. Arguments continue to rage as to whether taxpayers' money should go toward supporting elite athletes and there is still debate as to whether we should be attempting to raise the profile of sport through medals. And so, it is encouraging, both to Squash Ontario and Black Knight, to be involved in as



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worthwhile a programme as the Toronto & District Junior Mixed Squash League.

With players ranging in age from 10 years to 18, and the calibre of play somewhere between beginners and national junior champions, the scope of this league is far reaching. And consequently, the reactions of the players was varied - some were just praying to play well in front of the crowd; others were hoping to win that crucial match for their team, still others just wanted to beat their opponent for the very first time; and maybe just a few were feeling the butterflies of competition.

In the background were the individuals who make this league a success. Pacing parents too nervous to watch and coaches who were just hoping for the best. This is the dedicated group who drive team players to their matches and wouldn't miss the finals for the world.

For the first time this year, the league added an Under 12 category and although only two teams participated, word has it that clubs are already scrambling to find players for 1993. What was by far the closest match up of the evening, also became a crowd

The league is an integral part of junior development

pleaser. Mayfair Lakeshore and Pine Valley Racquets Club ended the season separated by just one game and thus, the spirited win by Megan Blakeley of Pine Valley gave that club the victory.

The Under 14 division attracted the most teams with six clubs entering. The finals involved the "gold medal" match up between Adriana DiMauro's Pine Valley team and Wil Byrick's Cricket Club. Adriana, giving away at least a foot in height to her opponent Mark Franks, pulled off a win and gave Pine Valley its second title of the evening.

In the 3/4 playoff, a very nervous Gordon Robertson watched his Orangeville players take to the court against Appleby. The matches were tied at 2 all and it all came down to Erik Motyka who came back from a 2-0 deficit to give Orangeville a very well deserved victory.

Stephen White led his Pine Valley team against the seasoned Jemille Chui and her Mayfair East team in the Under 16. With two members of the Ontario Junior Elite Squad on the team, Pine Valley proved too much on this evening and.....a third title for Pine Valley.

The longest match up of the evening involved Vito Lisi's Pine Valley team and Brad Amato's Georgetown team in the Under 19 category. Georgetown took an early and what ultimately proved to be convincing lead with two straight 3-0 scores. Ian Power of Pine Valley got one back and set the stage for the final match of the night. Playing number 1 for Georgetown was Melanie Jans, national Junior Champion and fresh from her Quebec Open victory. Her opponent was Rob Lisi, injured, but still determined to win. By now the crowd had gathered around Mayfair Lakeshore's show court, chicken wings in hand - everyone aware that Melanie needed to win only one game to give Georgetown a victory. Rob took an early lead and increased the intensity in the club with a first set win, but following a long, tiring and quality

second set, Melanie emerged with the victory she needed.

Our thanks to Mayfair Lakeshore and its professional, Barbara Diggins, for once again providing a perfect venue for the Black Knight Toronto & District Junior Mixed League finals.

The evening itself was electrifying with spirited cheers from teammates, support and excitement from parents and coaches, great prizes from Black Knight and a level of squash as good as any

junior squash in Canada. This league, though founded on the basis of participation, is serving as an integral part of junior squash development in this province and the mixed aspect continues to encourage girls to participate in the sport of squash. ○



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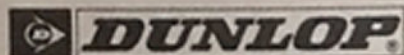
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Hosted by Skydome Fitness Club

Champions: John Boynton & Jamie Bentley
Finalists: Paul Deratnay & Taylor Fawcett

Ontario Open

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Men's Finalist: Jamie Crombie
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Women's Finalist: Amanda Humble

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Women's C Champion: Sandra White
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Men's 35+ Finalist: Mario Raponi
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Women's 35+ Finalist: Kelly Payerl
Men's 40+ Champion: John Power
Men's 40+ Finalist: George Miller
Women's 40+ Champion: Anne Smith
Women's 40+ Finalist: Kate Mee
Men's 45+ Champion: Craig Wells
Men's 45+ Finalist: Dennis Goodfellow
Men's 50+ Champion: Peter Hatcher
Men's 50+ Finalist: Saul Ticktin
Men's 55+ Champion: Gerry Shugar
Men's 55+ Finalist: Jim Adam
Men's 60+ Champion: John Thissen
Men's 60+ Finalist: Bud Whittaker

Ontario Junior Soft Ball Championships

Hosted by Ottawa Athletic Club

Boys' U12 Champion: Shawn Delierre
Boys' U12 Finalist: Chris Hanebury
Girls' U12 Champion: Runa Reta
Girls' U12 Finalist: Kristina Matson
Boys' U14 Champion: David Phillips
Boys' U14 Finalist: Jamie McNeil
Girls' U14 Champion: Courtney Power
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 Men's B Finalist: Jacques Parsoons
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 Men's C Finalist: Jamie Ryan
 Men's D Champion: Terry Mullin
 Men's D Finalist: John Day

Cambrian Open

Hosted by Cambrian College Squash Club

Men's A Champion: Keith Denis
 Men's A Finalist: Paul Maguire
 Women's A Champion: Lori Trudeau
 Women's A Finalist: Cathy Matson
 Men's B Champion: Ken Goulet
 Men's B Finalist: Dave Parks
 Women's B Champion: Amber Frank
 Women's B Finalist: Angela Matson
 Men's C Champion: Stan Marcus
 Men's C Finalist: Ken Zayette
 Women's C Champion: Jennifer Bromage
 Women's C Finalist: Della Campbell
 Men's D Champion: Dave Elliot
 Men's D Finalist: Ken Zayette
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 Men's Novice Finalist: Mike Gallinger
 Men's Jr. Novice Champion: Jeff Cutler
 Men's Jr. Novice Finalist: Andy Pesz

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 Men's A Champion: Gary Helmkey
 Men's A Finalist: Colin Syme
 Women's B Champion: Ruth Dunslow
 Women's B Finalist: Rosemary Oxenham
 Men's B Champion: Gil Agnew
 Men's B Finalist: Ron Boyce

Women's C Champion: Judy Ennis
 Women's C Finalist: Wendy Evelyn
 Men's C Champion: Greg Fallon
 Men's C Finalist: Bill Burns

Richmond Hill Teams Tournament

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 Women's D Champions: Martha's Troopers
 Women's D Finalists: The Sweet Spots
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 Men's D Finalists: Won-Jim-Cole Soup
 Men's B Champions: MacBack
 Men's B Finalists: The Stokers

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General Manager, Mike McPhee, has re-designed Club Meadowvale to be one of the foremost health and fitness clubs in Canada. "The Markvale Racquet & Fitness Centre was a great community club," said McPhee. "For instance, our Corporate Fit and Fund Challenge brings people together in fellowship and healthy competition while contributing substantial funds to the Credit Valley Hospital. The reason for changing our name to Club Meadowvale is to highlight our commitment to continue and expand this community service

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If you had 1.5 million and a club to spend it on, what would you do? This is what Club Meadowvale decided to do with it and judging from members' response, it was money well spent.

Club Meadowvale now boasts two more tennis courts with four court bubble; seven upgraded squash courts, with two more glass backs; one upgraded racquetball court; new aerobics room and sound system; new women's locker room

including sauna and whirlpools; expanded and upgraded men's locker room facilities; new lounge room furniture decor, bar and accessories; new weight room with state-of-the-art exercise equipment; new reception area, decor and furniture; improved heating and air conditioning system; and general capital expenditures....for a grand total of 1.5 million



tradition".

"Member comfort and club atmosphere will be vital to the new club as well," McPhee added. "We live in troubled times. Club Meadowvale will be a place to get away to a warm, neighbourly club where members can restore and rebuild a high level of physical and mental well-being". Mayor Hazel McCallion, in a letter to Mike McPhee, expressed her congratulations and appreciation for this "ambitious programme of renovations being undertaken in these difficult economic times".

There is a timely reminder here that a business success today will likely be determined by creative change with an

dollars. And, of course, Club Meadowvale members are worth every penny of it!

For more information, please call (416) 821-4560 or better still, come out and tour Club Meadowvale.

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