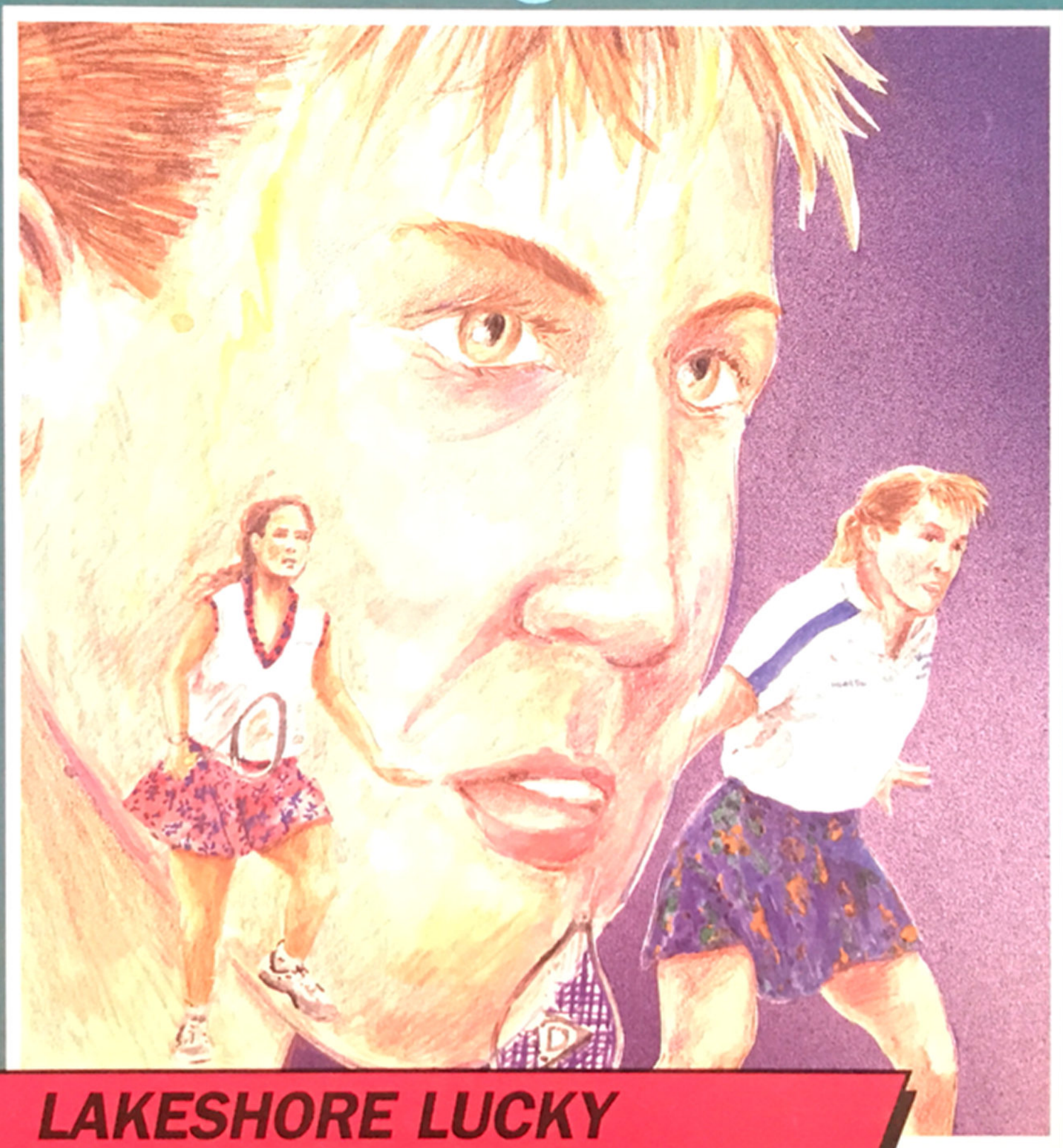


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# Dear Mr. Minister

*Many years ago, a little girl, heartbroken and devastated because her friends had told her there was no Santa Claus, wrote to the editor of a large New York newspaper, asking if it was true. Francis Church responded with what has now become the famous, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial. In keeping with Virginia's search for truth, I pen the following letter to Mr. Peter North, Minister of Tourism and Recreation -*

**Dear Mr. Minister:**

I listened carefully to your 'state of the union' address to the provincial presidents last week. You spoke of fiscal responsibility and restraint and, as a taxpayer, I am heartened by that attitude from a government which faces a 10 billion dollar deficit. The media is filled with stories on a daily basis about government cutbacks and whether the percentages quoted are correct, cutbacks nevertheless will occur. Perhaps it would not have been politically expedient for you to say so at the time, but it would have been more honest to let us know, as we begin our 1992/93 budget preparations, that cutbacks in our ministry are a reality, as they are in Health, Education, Social Services, etc. There is little solice in budget cutbacks but there is a certain amount of truth in the adage that "misery loves company".

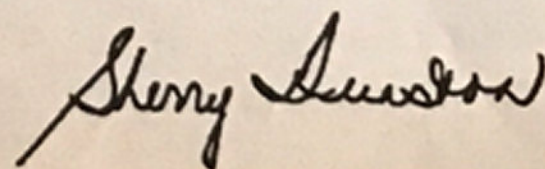
You spoke also of an assessment of the sport organizations and for some reason, this has been perceived by some to be very disquieting. After twenty years, it would seem reasonable for the Ministry to stand

back and evaluate just how effectively its dollars have been spent. Most sport organizations are peopled with dedicated and committed volunteers and professional staff, all working with the goal of ensuring that your dollars are spent wisely and effectively in a diversity of programmes for Ontario residents. None of us should view your wish to assess your long term investment as alarming. Quite the opposite. I believe that the review will confirm that the Ministry has invested wisely and that the result is a provincial sport and recreation programme second to none.

With great pride, you spoke of the Canadian Olympic team of which 70% of the athletes are from this province but I submit that these numbers are not simply due to the size of Ontario. They are due, in large measure, to the many programmes each of our sports offers and these include both grassroots and elite programmes. Yes, we agree that every Ontarian should have an opportunity to participate but

at some point there must be programmes which allow those athletes with extraordinary abilities to progress on to higher levels. It would appear that the stumbling block is the word, "elite". To many, elite denotes superior and superior these days has a very negative connotation. Perhaps excellence is a more preferable word. However we define it, define it we must and programmes for those athletes who show promise must not be eliminated. Participation for all - yes....a worthy goal and one to be pursued but exceptional ability cannot and should not be stifled by an ideology.

"Many are called", Mr. Minister, "but few are chosen" and those Ontario athletes who are chosen through their excellence must be given their chance to achieve - their opportunity to be the best they can be.



# Lakeshore And Lambourne An Australian Takes Home Second Traviss Title

by Sherry Funston ●●●●●

**R**obyn Lambourne successfully defended her Mayfair Lakeshore International Open title but in so doing, she caught a glimpse of the future in the play of her opponent, 19 year old Cassie Jackman. Lambourne, at 27 and currently ranked number two in the world, laughingly said she hopes to retire before having to play another match like this one!

Both Jackman and Lambourne are former World Junior Champions and both are extremely personable both on and off the court but there the similarity ends. Lambourne, who makes her home just outside of Perth, is tall and presents a far more physical presence on court. Jackman is about 5'2" and likes to kill the ball rather than rallying. Lambourne is successful if she keeps her game simple, hitting to good length and waiting patiently for the opportunity to put the ball away. Jackman is best down the backhand and brilliant at putting the overhead ball away.

Lambourne took the first two games very comfortably, 9-5 and 9-0. Jackman appeared very nervous and tight, hitting a constant string of drops into the tin. In the third game, she changed her tactics. She slowed the ball down and hit far better length thus preventing Robyn from volleying the ball. Jackman took that game

9-6 and the packed gallery suddenly came alive. In the fourth game, with the crowd squarely behind the underdog, Robyn went back to basics. She hit sound length to the back of the court and completely dominated the 'T'. Jackman had no answer and the Australian took her second successive Mayfair Lakeshore International Open title.

Jackman is a great shot-maker but in the fourth game, Lambourne never gave her a chance to use those shots to any great advantage.

Robyn's path to the final was fairly uneventful as she reversed a loss to England's Sue Wright in the semi final of the British Open by beating Wright in four. In her semi final match against former World Champion, Martine LeMoignan, Lambourne simply showed too much consistent power. She cut the ball off early and never allowed Martine to settle into her rhythm.

Jackman beat Heather Wallace in her quarter final match. Although Wallace retired after losing the first two games, it is doubtful, given Jackman's consistent and powerful performances over the past 18 months, that Wallace could have pulled off an upset of the number eight seed.

Jackman then faced Australia's Liz Irving in the second semi final. In the first game, Liz hit good, consistent length to the



A very determined Lambourne

back of the court, putting Cassie under a lot of pressure. Irving took game one and was up 7-2 in the second before the roof caved in. For some reason, Liz began to go too short too soon, hitting drops when Cassie was still in position to put the ball away. Both players showed an immense amount of mobility and thrilled the crowd with their amazing ability to retrieve. In essence, Liz changed her game plan and in doing so, gave Cassie too many opportunities and, although young, she took advantage of every one of them. Match to Jackman, 3-1.

The Mayfair Lakeshore International Women's Open is a unique event in the history of women's squash in Canada. Begun in 1974 as a tribute to On-



Jackman using all of her 5'2"

# Unbeatable Combination!



Left to right: Mayfair's Paul Frost, Robyn Lambourne, Mayfair's Karen Soupcoff, Stephen Traviss

tario's Judy Traviss, it has grown from the intimacy of a weekend get together to one which now has a firm place on the international fixtures list. The 1991 event saw a total of 46 competitors with 13 of the top 16 in the world all in competition for the \$25,000 prize money. Before the injuries to both Lisa Opie and Danielle Drady, 9 of the top ten were en-

tered - a tribute to the stature of this tournament and the respect held for it by the international players.

Due to a problem in sponsorship, the Canadian Women's Open title was also up for grabs at this year's event and in winning, Robyn Lambourne successfully defended both her Traviss and Canadian titles. To-

gether with the first place prize money, Robyn enjoyed an excellent weekend of squash and hospitality in the country she has come to call her second home.

In October 1992, Canada will host the Women's World Championships in Vancouver. From there, the players will travel on to Ontario and once again, Torontonians will have the opportunity to watch the very best in the women's game. It is hard to imag-

ine a better draw than we had this year. The addition of present World Champion, Susan Devoy of New Zealand who has never competed in the Mayfair Lakeshore International Open would be the icing on the cake for this event.

One of the most important aspects of the Mayfair Lakeshore International Open is the opportunity for our Canadians to gain experience in facing world class players. The cost of sending them overseas is prohibitive and thus this event gives them a yardstick by which to measure their own games. Years ago, when this event was played on the north american court with a hardball, a win against an American was considered a triumph but it has been many years since a Canadian has won the coveted Traviss title. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, a Melanie Jans will take home the honours and the work begun by Judy Traviss will be complete. ○

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# 1991 Unitel International Squash Championships

by Don Goodwin ●●●●●

## Chris Dittmar loves Toronto!

**T**he Australian veteran enjoys notable success on the I.S.P.A. pro tour - but in Canada he remains softball squash king!

In both 1990 and again this year, Chris came into the Unitel International Squash Championships as the tournament number four seed - and both years emerged as champion - that makes three Canadian crowns in all, adding his 1987 win.

The filled-to-overflowing Curzons Sporting Club stadium court was treated to an all-Australian final. Last year Rodney Martin took Chris to four tough games before bowing in the title match under the hot TV lights.

The 1991 Unitel final was much-anticipated. It was to be a rematch. Rodney Martin's game was clearly up a notch or two since last year. He won the World crown in Adelaide in August beating #1 Jansher Khan, #2 Jahangir Khan AND Dittmar on successive days to do it. And Rodney arrived in Toronto fresh from capturing the U.S. Open in New York the previous week.

Their match started well. Dittmar held the early upper hand - having an answer for all Rodney had to offer in games one and two winning 15-9 and 15-4. In the third game, Martin, who'd been treating an ailing back all week, seemed to loosen up and scored an impressive 15-13 win.

Dittmar quickly regained control in the fourth game and was ahead 12-4 when Rodney went down, in obvious pain, chasing a drop shot deep in the right corner. A pulled tendon in his left foot was too painful to permit him to continue and the match ended with an all-Aussie handshake at that point with Chris Dittmar

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again the reigning Canadian soft ball squash king.

That third game turnaround by Rodney Martin was the only game Dittmar lost in the tournament. Even the much-anticipated semi-final confrontation with number one seed, and favourite, Jahangir Khan went only two games with Dittmar ahead 15-12, 17-15 when the 10-time British Open king wrenched his ankle sprinting for a drop shot and had to concede the match with an achilles tendon injury.

The Unitel International Championship victory over Rodney Martin was some sweet retribution for the robust court star. Dittmar lost to the younger member of the Martin clan in the semi-final of the August world championships on "home turf" - in Adelaide - where he'd dearly love to have triumphed. Although a week later, he won the Australian Open with a four-game triumph over Jahangir Khan, his 1991 Canadian Open victory ranks as one of his true 1991 highlights in a year otherwise described by the articulate Australian as "so-so". ○

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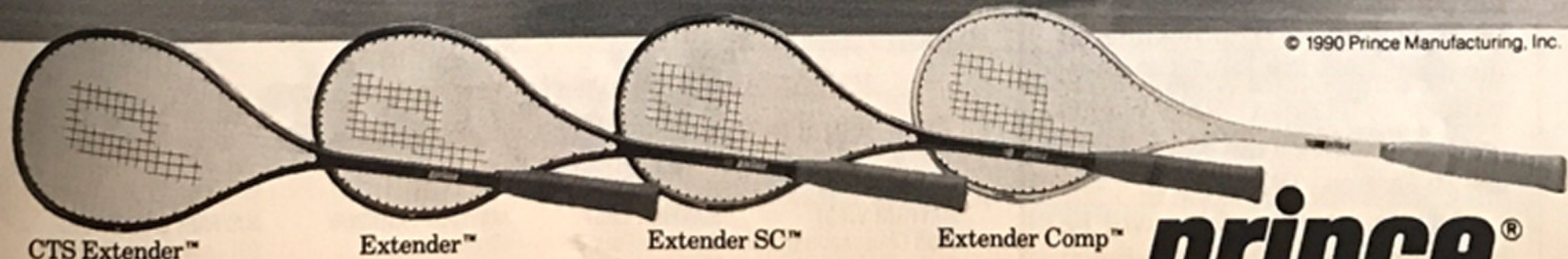
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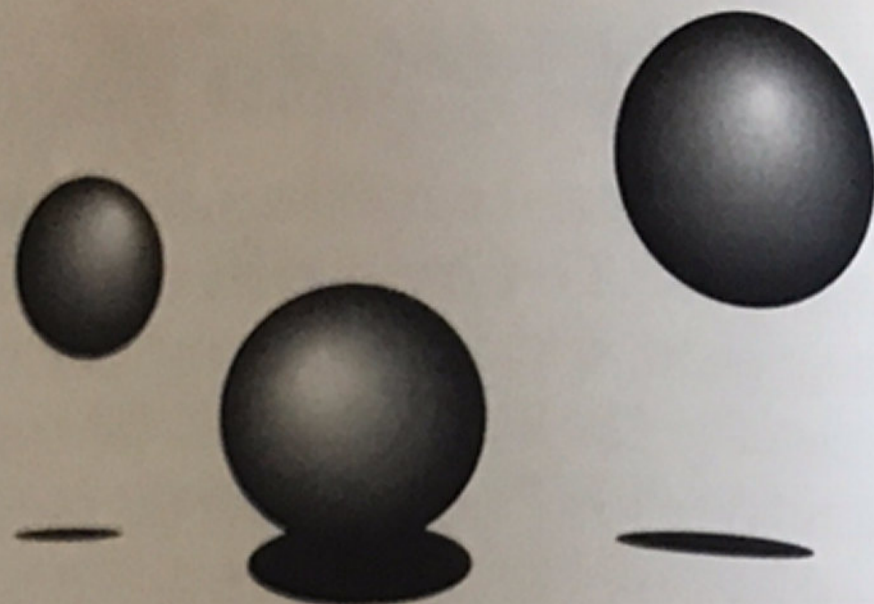
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**Ontario Mixed Doubles**  
Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet  
Club

January 17-19, 1992

Ontario Men's & Women's Closed Championships will be hosted by London Squash Club, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. In order to compete in the Ontario Closed, a player must be a Canadian citizen, a landed immigrant or have resided in Ontario for three (3) consecutive years.

The Ontario Closed Championships have two very distinct purposes. One is to declare the best in the province and the second is to help select players to the Ontario Men's and Women's Teams who will be competing in the Inter-Provincial Team Championships. This year, the men will be travelling to Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories and the women to Halifax. Both events are being held on the weekend of 24-26 January 1992.

Selection to the teams will be based on national and provincial

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# Something Old...

# Something New

**T**he Annual Meeting of Squash Ontario was anything but stuffy and boring. New, was the timing of the meeting - September instead of June. New, too, were many of the faces - Stephanie Todd, the president of Northern Ontario and Larry Jones, president of Ottawa & District. New also was Cary Clubb and Rob Sveinbjornson. Back for repeat performances were Lindsay Smith, Philip Wong and Wes Shaver, presidents of Southwestern, Northwestern and Central Regions respectively.

Old, and we mean that in the most respectful way, were the past presidents of Squash Ontario who were inducted as the first honorary members of the association along with Jim Mason. The provincial recognition programme has been the 'baby' of Vice President, Joe Stewart who drafted the guidelines for this most prestigious honour. But, I digress.....

We kicked the meeting off on the Friday evening with a squash challenge, pitting the past against the present and the future. The team of Peter Frost, Anne Smith, Jon Lett, Craig Hall and Bill Peel showed that experience will always triumph over youth and in the challenge, they soundly defeated the present Board team and three other teams of up and coming Board hopefuls in a resounding display of squash. Ian Stewart is convinced it was his coaching which led to the victory and he might well be right although in all the years Ian has been involved in squash, it is believed to be his first win! Nevertheless, to the victors belong the spoils and each member of the winning side took home some particularly treasured mementos.

The meeting on Saturday morning was chaired by president, Alan Scott who flew back from Holland to handle the gavel. The individual discussion groups resulted in a number of recommendations to the Board and those recommendations have since been passed along to the respective committees for follow up.

As the last order of business, the members elected the 1991/1992 Board of Directors which subsequently met and elected the president. New to the Board this year are Norma Graham who plays out of the Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club in Toronto and Larry Lanthier who is a member of the Carleton University Squash Club in Ottawa. They will join Joe Stewart, a member of the Ambassador Club in Kingston, Diana Moody, a

member of McCaul Squash & Fitness Club in Toronto and Lauren Doig, a member of Applewood Squash Club in Mississauga.

The Board had its first meeting in early November at which time it elected its president and established Board portfolios. The starting team for Squash Ontario for the 1991/1992 season looks like this:

President	Lauren Doig
Vice President, Finance	Diana Moody
Vice President, Marketing	Joe Stewart
Vice President,	
Player Development	Larry Lanthier
Vice President, Technical	Norma Graham
<i>Sitting in for past president, Alan Scott will be Craig Hall.</i>	
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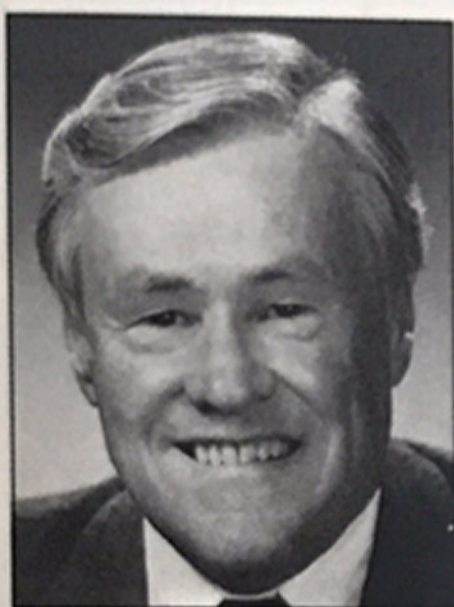
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We said goodbye, too - goodbye to Alan Scott who not only left us as president and a member of the Board but left the country as well. He denies that the latter had anything to do with his year in the presidency. We also bid farewell to Ed Mitchell who served on the Board for three years, the last year as Vice President of Junior Development.

During lunch, the presentations of the Honorary Memberships were made to eight very special people who were largely responsible for the growth, development, and present success of Squash Ontario.

## *The Way They Were!*



Ian Stewart, President, 1977/78



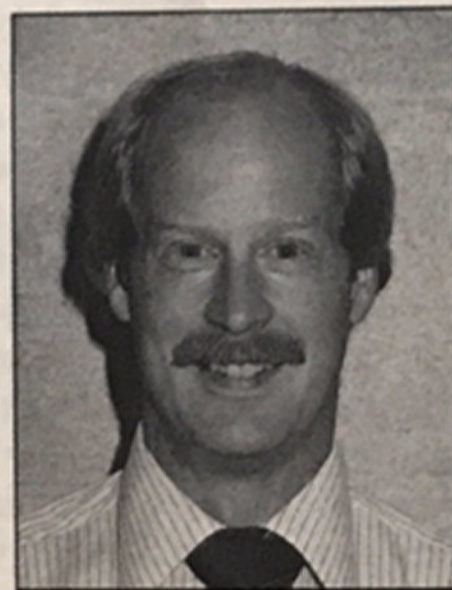
Peter Frost, President, 1979/81



Bill Peel, President, 1981/82



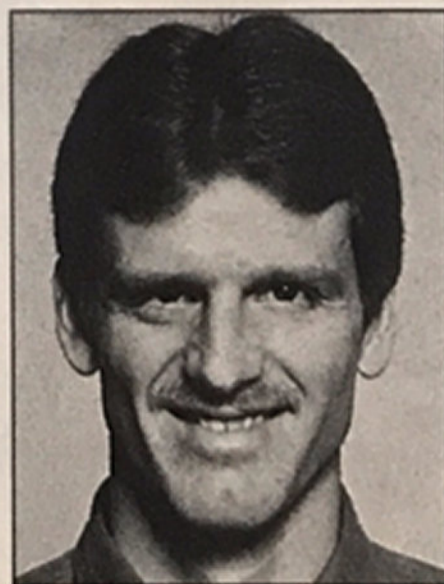
Rea Godbold, President, 1982/83



Jon Lett, President, 1983/84



Anne Smith, President, 1985/87



Craig Hall, President, 1988/90

Missing, but duly honoured, were Ian Milne, President in 1978/79, Bob Smart, President in 1984/85, and John Boynton, President in 1987/88. ○

# 1991/92 Hi-Tec Men's Premier Squash League

By Steve Wren ●●●●●●

Toronto has long been a hotbed of soft ball squash talent amongst North American sporting cities. It is often regarded as the centre of the sport. The city boasts many tournaments and events at various competitive levels, yet it has been nearly 10 years since a professional inter-team competition has been co-ordinated with a sizeable prize money fund.

The "Premier Squash League" is off the ground for the first time in Toronto, presenting the top 32 players in Toronto, in a professional, inter-team weekly competition throughout the city. The concept has been adopted from proven formats in England and New Zealand. Under the troika of Steve Wren, Shane Adams and Chris Hussey, the concept was put to the players of Toronto and received overwhelming response.

Over \$4,000 in prize money is at stake, to be determined by teams' performances head to head throughout the season. A draft of the top 32 players will maintain equal strength for all 8 teams, made up of 3 players and 1 substitute. Nine Toronto squash clubs have agreed to act as hosting venues and welcome all interested spectators to their club on competition night. Unique to the Premier Squash League will be all the 8 teams competing at the same club on the same evening.

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November 26th:.....	Applewood Squash Club
December 3rd:.....	Pine Valley Racquets Club
January 7th:.....	Toronto Athletic Club
January 14th:.....	Curzons Sporting Club
January 21st:.....	Club Markham
January 28th:.....	Valhalla Squash Club
February 4th:.....	Regency Racquets Club
February 11th:.....	Applewood Squash Club
February 18th:.....	Pine Valley Racquets Club
February 25th:.....	Toronto Athletic Club
<b>Playoffs</b>	
March 10th:.....	Mayfair Parkway Racquet Club
March 24th:.....	Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club
<b>Finals</b>	
April 1st:.....	Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club (in conjunction with Toronto & District League Finals)

For more information, contact Steve Wren at 674-5313.   ○

### Officiating... It's Worth Repeating

There has been some controversy in terms of interpretation of the Squash Ontario eyeguard policy. Eyeguards are mandatory for all juniors competing in Squash Ontario sanctioned activities and they are also mandatory for all players competing in Ontario Provincial Championships.

There will be match situations, however, in which one of the players is mandated to wear eyeguards and the other is not. In order to address this situation and clarify it for officials, the Squash Ontario Officiating Committee has adopted the following policy:

- Situation #1:**     *Player loses eyeguards through collision with opponent -*
- RULING:**        STOP PLAY AND PLAY A LET
- Situation #2:**     *Player loses eyeguards during rally -*
- RULING:**        STOP PLAY AND AWARD STROKE TO OPPONENT
- Situation #3:**     *Player removes eyeguards during rally -*
- RULING:**        STOP PLAY AND AWARD STROKE TO OPPONENT
- Situation #4:**     *Inappropriate eyewear found during or after rally -*
- RULING:**        STOP PLAY AND AWARD STROKE TO OPPONENT
- Situation #5:**     *Request to clear eyeguards after rally -*
- RULING:**        ALLOW ONLY TIME NECESSARY TO DO SO. PLAYER MUST REMAIN ON COURT.
- Situation #6:**     *A player who is mandated to wear eyeguards loses his/her eyeguards during a rally but manages to put them back on before making contact with the ball and without interrupting play -*
- RULING:**        PLAY CONTINUES

In a situation where a mandated player and a non-mandated player collide, and the eyeguards are lost, the official's decision is to ensure safety and the decision would be #1.   ○

**Toronto's  
Melanie Jans  
First Recipient Of  
New Fund**

**M**elanie Jans received the first-ever grant from the Patron Endowment Fund to help her train and prepare for the Junior Women's World Championships in Norway this past July.

Melanie first learned of the Fund while she was playing an exhibition match at the Sheraton Centre. She, along with Barbara Diggins, Sharif Khan and Michael Pirnak, put on a dazzling display of squash as a curtain-raiser to a Dinner and Auction to raise money for the Patron Endowment Fund.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support for squash in Canada with particular emphasis on junior development, national teams and international and national play.

The idea for the Fund was first conceived approximately 10 years ago but languished somewhat in the list of 'things to do'. It was resuscitated about two years ago and now has a very committed Executive Committee chaired by Victor Harding.

The Canadian squash community needs your support. Anybody wishing to know more about the fund or make a contribution should contact Lolly Gillen, Secretary, 52 Gilgorm Road, Toronto, Ontario M5N 2M5 (Telephone 416-481-5496 or 416-483-6290).

Melanie did Ontario proud as she achieved one of the goals she had set for herself this year by finishing in the top 16 in the world in the Individual Event. She captained the Canadian Team to a sixth place finish in the Team Championship. ○

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# Just for Juniors

## Estusa Canada Backs The Ontario Junior Squad!

The first-ever Ontario Junior Elite Training Squad is off and running with 16 young hopefuls training under the eager and extremely capable coaches of Rob Brooks and Barbara Diggins. Two weekend training camps have already been held at Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club and Pine Valley Racquet Club with great success. Not only are these players getting a chance to train and practice together, but they are also receiving all the benefits associated with a team.

Squash Ontario is very pleased to announce ESTUSA/ESTCA's generous involvement in sponsoring the Ontario Junior Elite Training Squad. ESTUSA is well known for its two flamboyant tennis players, Boris Becker and Jimmy Connors but recently, it has also signed one of the greatest squash players ever to play the game - Jahangir Khan.

Thanks to ESTUSA/ESTCA's involvement, the Ontario Junior Elite Training Squad will be well outfitted and be able to participate in exhibition and challenge matches in Quebec and Ontario.

Squash Ontario wishes every success in the future to the coaches and players of the Ontario Squad and thanks ESTUSA/ESTCA CANADA for its support of junior squash in this province.

## Asics and Black Knight Promote Junior Squash Circuit

Asics and Black Knight have teamed up to offer the junior squash players in Ontario one of Squash Ontario's most comprehensive and generous sponsorship packages ever.

The focus will be a new Asics/Black Knight Junior circuit which will promote participation through prizes to the top four ranked players in each age category at the

end of the season along with prizes for each of the tournaments involved.

The events to be included in this Junior circuit include all our Junior Regional Championships as well as the Ontario Junior Championships. The agreement was signed after both the Northern and Western Juniors but those results will definitely be included in the determination of year-end rankings.

Asics and Black Knight are already involved, with great success, in this type of programme in Quebec for badminton and squash and hopes are for a great future for junior squash in Ontario.

## Black Knight Toronto & District Junior Mixed League

The league is off to a great start with 14 teams in Under 12, Under 14,

Under 16 and Under 19 divisions. We welcome the new addition of the Orangeville Squash and Fitness Club under the guidance of Gord Robertson. Many thanks to Alan Sklar and Fred Reid of Black Knight for their continued support of this very important developmental programme.

## Mailing List for Juniors

Can't find junior tournament flyers at your club? Want to know what's going on? Send us your name, address, club affiliation and date of birth along with a cheque for \$30.00 and every flyer relating to juniors will be mailed directly to your home. Send information and cheque to Squash Ontario Junior Mailing List, 1220 Shepard Avenue East, Willowdale, Ontario M2K 2X1. ○

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# Here's To The **Winners!**

## Bacon & Maule Repeat in 3M Doubles

Kevin Bacon and Peter Maule returned to the London Squash Club for the 3M Men's Doubles Tournament in early October. Seeded #1 as a result of their current standing in Ontario and their victory in the tournament last year, Kevin and Peter did nothing to disappoint the draw and the spectators. Throughout the tournament, their near flawless play and tournament-toughened concentration, produced victory after victory. In the top half of the draw, they never dropped a game until they met the reunited pair of Don Benson and Martin Langdale in the semi finals. Separated by a relocation to Toronto three years ago, Don and Martin had not played as a team since. However, it seemed as if they'd never been apart as they took a 1-0 lead by winning the first game 18-17. Peter and Kevin responded with increased pace and movement in the next game that resulted in a lopsided win to tie the match at 1-1. Then followed two wonderful doubles games with excellent gets and shots by both teams. In the end, however, the steadier play of Kevin and Peter gave them a 3-1 victory and a berth in the afternoon finals.

While things were going according to seed in the top half of the draw, the bottom half was a shambles. Paul Butlin and Kevin Higgins of the host club upset the #2 seeds Jim Shaw and Lindsay Smith 3-1 in the quarter finals thanks to two thrilling set 5 victories in games 2 and 3. The winning team used a mix of Kevin's cross court lobs and Paul's blinding pace to stymie their more experienced opponents. The same tactics proved effective in the semi finals as they met and defeated the #3 seeds Scott Coleman and Scott Nash. The semi

final was as exciting as the top half semi with long rallies, great gets and recoveries. In the end, patience and strict adherence to a strategy, allowed Paul and Kevin to edge the talented younger pair from Western and the London Squash Club.

The finals proved to be an anticlimactic finish as Bacon and Maule put on a clinic for the crowd and their opponents! In the first game, they moved Butlin and Higgins around at will and with the help of several unforced errors and overly ambitious shot attempts, easily took the first game. In the second, pace returned to confuse the less experienced pair, particularly Kevin who was caught off balance on many occasions. Nonetheless, at one point, with Higgins serving 6-8, it appeared as if a more even match would occur. However, the excellent cross court lobs that kept their previous opponents at bay seemed to be either a trifle too low or too loose, allowing Bacon to constantly pressure Butlin and Higgins with reverses and crisp cross courts. The third game was a well played affair but it was obvious to all that a Bacon/Maule victory was only a matter of time. With a side out at 11-8, Peter Maule came in to serve out the match.

Although the draw was smaller this year, the calibre was higher. All the players were treated to some fine 3M products and an Olympic sweat-shirt, emblematic of 3M's involvement with the '92 Olympic Games. As well, the London Club pride themselves on its hosting ability and provided food and snacks throughout the weekend, including a terrific dinner at Oscar Taylor's Restaurant. As usual, the prize table was well stocked with hand-carved Swedish crystal, Albertville, France ski sweaters, shoes and outfits for the various finalists and runners up.

Many thanks to the players, particularly the out of towners, to 3M and to Sandra Shaw (nee Penney) who functioned virtually as the head referee.

Another great tournament to help London Squash Club celebrate 25 years of squash excellence.



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## Motorola Cellular Fall Classic

By Bruce O'Neill,  
Bo'nafide Communications

No one was more surprised that Toronto's Gary Waite defeated Mark Talbott in straight games to win the Motorola Cellular Fall Classic for Heart than Waite himself. But that's exactly what happened in the championship game at The Adelaide Club. Not only did Waite defeat Talbott, he completely dominated him in every aspect of the game. Waite, 25, outran, outhit and out-manoeuvred the 31 year old Talbott, the world's #1 ranked hardball player.

Talbott took the 15-6, 15-12, 15-12 defeat in stride. "Gary played very well but I'm still a bit rusty after a summer of player soft ball," Talbott said. "I'd only played hardball for two or three days before the tournament started".

Waite had defeated Philadelphia's Ned Edwards in three easy games to reach the final while Talbott disposed of Newport, Rhode Island resident, Kenton Jernigan in three as well.

Besides Waite, the other winner was the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario which received a cheque for \$35,000 from Motorola Cellular, representing the proceeds from pledges garnered by the more than 400 competitors.

## Results

Men's A Champion:	Michael Khan
Men's A Finalist:	Dean Brown
Men's B Champion:	Geoff Roper
Men's B Finalist:	Wayne Wong
Men's C Champion:	Dean Hyde
Men's C Finalist:	Michael Fisher
Men's D Champion:	Gary Noseworthy
Men's D Finalist:	Jeff Stephen
Men's E Champion:	Brad Cole
Men's E Finalist:	Shane Butler
Women's A Champion:	Lynn Miller
Women's A Finalist:	Nicole Garon
Women's B Champion:	Ann Brayley
Women's B Finalist:	Laura Holota
Women's C Champion:	Nicolette Fonseca
Women's C Finalist:	Deborah Grieve
Women's D Champion:	Louise Lanctot
Women's D Finalist:	Mary Louise Green
Women's E Champion:	Patricia Martin
Women's E Finalist:	Maureen Calhoun
Men's 40+ Champion:	Colin Syme
Men's 40+ Finalist:	Leo Smits
Men's 50+ Champion:	Jim Adam
Men's 50+ Finalist:	Howard Gray
Men's 40+ Hardball Champion:	Tony Swift
Men's 40+ Hardball Finalist:	Michael Whelpton
Men's Doubles Champions:	Victor Harding & Steven McIntyre
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## A Truly Year-Round Paradise for Sports Enthusiasts

With the opening of Deerhurst Resort's spectacular indoor sports facility, Muskoka has now become a great vacation destination for squash players. Not only can players enjoy the new racquets sports facilities, but there is also an incredible variety of other recreational and entertainment options at the resort. Located on the shores of Peninsula Lake near Huntsville in Muskoka, Deerhurst can be a hub of activity, or a tranquil retreat for one to unwind; here, you can be as active or relaxed as you wish.

As a result of a tremendous expansion plan, Deerhurst, which is part of Canadian Pacific Hotels & Resorts, is now the largest and most comprehensive resort in Ontario. The new 110,000 square foot Pavilion is the focal point for sports activity at the resort, as well as providing new conference and reception facilities.

At the Pavilion, there are three glass-backed international squash courts, one racquetball court and four indoor tennis courts. A fully stocked sports shop features all the latest in racquets, equipment and clothing. While the shop is open from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. daily, the avid player can enjoy indoor courts that are accessible 24 hours a day! The resort also features 8 outdoor tennis courts around the property.

After a good work out, there is no shortage of ways to unwind. Cool off in one of the indoor or outdoor pools (in season) or whirlpools. For a totally rejuvenating experience, a visit to the Bassett Spa on the lower level is a must. Take advantage of a turkish steam bath or let one of our registered massage therapists soothe those sore squash muscles. Other services such as the "Stress Elimination Treatment", Dead Sea Mud treatment,

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Also in the Pavilion is a state of the art fitness room. Here a second cardiovascular work out can be arranged on a Lifecycle, Biocycle, Stairmaster, rowing machine, treadmill, as well as the 6-station Polaris multi-jungle. Adjacent to the fitness rooms are locker facilities with dry saunas and, of course, free towel service.

Rounding out the facilities in the Pavilion is one of the most popular spots - The Pub! Many a squash game has been replayed over a cool

enjoy a snowmobile safari, ice skating or downhill skiing at neighbouring Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Club. This year, special ski rates are available for Deerhurst guests.

Deerhurst Resort also has an active club membership. There are a wide variety of activities, including house league ladders, round robin nights, an inter-club league, rules clinics, tournaments and socials. Club pro, Ken Biggs offers new members a free stroke and game analysis and helps to introduce them to members of competitive ability. To help beginners and novices, an introductory clinic is available and, for

the younger members, the club conducts a junior squash programme. Lessons can be booked anytime at the Sports Desk and a variety of membership packages are available.

For a week-end getaway, you will find everything you could possibly want in a vaca-

tion at Deerhurst. Luxurious accommodation is nestled throughout the resort landscape in low rise designs. Choose from hotel-style rooms or one, two or three bedroom condominium suites ideal for families or groups of friends. The best thing of all is that all racquet sports and basic on site sports activities are included with your room!

Deerhurst Resort truly offers it all and we're just 2 1/2 hours north of Toronto. For more information or reservations, call toll free at 1-800-461-4393.

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In winter, a whole new flurry of activity takes place at the resort. At the riding stables you can enjoy winter trailriding, old fashioned horse-drawn sleigh rides and even dog-sledding for the more adventurous. A challenging network of 25 km of cross-country ski trails wind throughout the Muskoka scenery, or