The Philly Boast

SquashSmarts

Philadelphia's youth enrichment program will be up and running by late February! *SquashSmarts* is an after school program focused on academic tutoring, mentoring and squash. The pilot program shall begin on Monday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings using the Drexel University squash courts. Students shall be selected from the 7th and 8th grads of Drew School at 38th and Powelton in West Philadelphia. We are counting on Philadelphia's strong squash community for support and encouragement. So please, take this opportunity to get involved in *SquashSmarts!* For questions call: Pam Ende (215-248-0744) or Fred Guyott, Executive Director (610-435-1826). Financial donations are tax deductible and may be payable to: *SquashSmarts* 215 S. 16th St., Phila. PA 19102. Be a part of this great new program. We are counting on your help and enthusiasm.

Gossip Corner

Starting with the youngest additions first, we welcome into this world two new Harrity's. Holly and Tom Harrity had twins (girl and boy) on New Year's Day. Watch out Tom, your squash career will take a nose dive. Congrats to Carol Wyeth for marrying Born Ruthrauff this fall as well as Mac Butcher's engagement. Doug Whitaker (GCC's pro) just became a "Vet". Jamie Heldring's new car is a chick magnet, and it seems to be working. Connie Buckley has been spotted on the courts again.

We welcome any gossip that you know and want printed. Call me with any tidbits.

2000 Fall League Results

Premier League	Pre	mier	Lea	aue
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Merion CricketoverBerwynGeorge EdwardsDave BennettShannon HazellBen DesombreJamie HickoxDominic Hughes

Terry Spahr

Men's A Singles

Huntindon Valley over Phila. Cricket
Bill Berlinghof Ben Ende
Tripp Davis John Freeman
Scott Kelly Rich Sheppard
Sean Seese

Men's B Singles

Phila.Cricket versus Racquet not been played yet

Men's C Singles

Healthplex over Penn

Kahlid Farooqi Hamid Assad-Zadeh
Mike Klatts Rich Burgos
Arthur Roach Bill Katowitz
Ken West Jason Putnam

Women's A/B Singles

Merion

Wendy Berry Niki Clement
Hazel Hannaway Caitlin Russell
Penny Soppas Carol Wyeth

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Feb 23-25 Berwyn Merry Mixed Doubles

610-647-6375

Upcoming Local Events

March 2-4 Berwyn Future Stars

610-647-6375

March 4-8 PSRA Doubles

March 9-11 Baltimore Invitational Doubles

410-667-4800 x151

April 6-8 PSRA Vets/Seniors

Jackie Kafes Susan Thomas

Women's C Singles

Germantown

Julie Corelli

Veteran's (40+) DoublesMerionoverPhila. CricketDrew MateerRich SheppardAndy NehrbasKirk LaytonJamie HeldringRoger JonesHobie PorterSandy Tilney

Beth Gottschall

Gina Pappas

Senior (50+) Doubles

Germantown over Gwynedd
John Keir Joe Coyle
Pete McGonigle Jud Hand
Emmett Miller Haldy Gifford
Charlie Stehle Gary Wilmore

Mixed Doubles

BerwynoverGermantownPeggy ReedMargaret RuxScott BrehmanBill RuxSue GreeneJen EdsonChris WrightHoward Edson

Upcoming National Events

Feb 23-25 Hardball Singles

March 9-11 Jr. Closed Champs

March 15-18 Skill Levels

March 23-25 Doubles (Men & Women)

March 30—April 1 Mixed Doubles

Junior Tournament Results

Cynwyd Juniors showcased nationally ranked players. BU11 was won by David Hilton over Stephen Harrington. Trevor McGuinness won BU13 over Todd Ruth. Robin Purple came in 2nd place in BU15. BU17 was John Sawin over Tripp Kyle. BU19 had George Edwards defeating Sean Seese. GU11 had Libby Eyre defeating Sally Seufert. GU13 saw Liza Stokes winning over Caroline Flynn. Maxi Prinsen come in second in GU15. GU17 had Avery Eyre winning over Caitlin Russell with GU19 being won by Lindsay Raden over Lydia Williams.

Berwyn Juniors has grown and now uses Malvern Prep courts. Many new names continue to surface at these tournaments. Clare Kuensell defeated Alexandra VanArkel in the GU11. H. Laverty defeated Caroline Flynn in GU13. GU15 saw Sydney Scott defeating Emery Maine. Sarah Barenbaum defeated Niki Clement in GU17. GU19 had Casey Riley defeating Lydia Williams. In the boys divisions, Todd Harrity won over Ryan Duffy in the BU11. BU13 had Todd Ruth defeating Patrick Brady. Max Samuel placed second in the BU15. Tyler Kyle defeated Dan Bracey in the BU17 and last but not least, Mike Strong defeated Sean Seese in the BU19.

Hunter Lott was again played at Merion. It was one of the nine stops on the Total Squash/USSRA National Junior Tour. Local winners included BU13 Chris Ehlinger over Trevor McGuinness. Max Samuel placed second in the BU15. Ben End defeated Gilly Lane for the BU17 division. George Edwards placed second in the BU19. Emily Park defeated Toby Eyre for the GU13 with Erin Andrews placing second in the GU17.

Philadelphia Districts was held down at the Ringe Courts at Penn. Demer Holleran always does a great job of hosting this event. Finalists and winners are listed below. Sean Seese defeated Ben Stokes in the BU19. James Boothby defeated Will Simonton in the BU17. In the BU15, Chris Nehrbas won over Chris Walling. BU13 saw Max Crockett winning over Todd Ruth. Todd Harrity won the BU11 by defeating Ryan Duffy. In the girls divisions Casey Riley won over Lydia Williams for the GU19. Ashley Eyre won over Lorin Riley in the GU17. Maxi Prinsen defeated Emery Maine in the GU15. Liza Stokes won the GU13 group by defeating Caroline Flynn. Last group (GU11) was won by Mia Fry over Clare Kuensell.

The premier junior event in the fall was the Junior Olympics. Unfortunately the local boys did not do nearly as well as the girls. All Pearson came in second in the GU19. Lauren McCreary won the GU17 division and Emery Maine and Emily Park were #1 and #2 in the GU13 group. Congratulations and a job well done, ladies.

PSRA Adult/Junior Doubles Tournament was the brainchild of Vince McGuinness from Germantown. The event was pitched to local pros and coaches to encourage their students to play in this inaugural event. What a huge success!! There were four divisions and the level of play was very high. Amy Gross/Andrew Slater won Super A over son/father team of Greg/Steve Park. The A flight was won by Jason Harrow/Russ Ball over David/Sandy Ehrlich. The B flight saw Sarah Barenbaum/Margaret Rux defeating Graham/Bill Bassett. The last division was the C flight which had Emily/Dave Elliott defeating Matt Domenick/Vince McGuinness (tournament director). Juniors, get ready for next year!

Adult Tournament Results

The Will Dubin Memorial Mixed Doubles (Phila. Mixed) saw Demer Holleran win another tournament. This time she teamed up with Tim Kent (Dawn was out of town) to defeat Kat Van Blarcom/Jamie Heldring in a nail-biting final that was won by 1 point in the fifth. The B flight saw Laina Driscoll and her brother-in-law Marty Smith defeating Lisa Stokes and Turk Thacher.

The Manheim Mixed had Molly Pierce and John Behrend winning over Kathy Carson and John Freeman.

Alex Luk ran the Merion Mixed this year. As always the draws are full and competitive. The C flight was won by Maripeg Bruder/Bob Ludlow over Barbara Doubman/Skip Russell. The B division saw a rout in progress until Bill Eyre popped his plantar fascia. He and Nancy Simkiss were winning 2 games to 0, 13-9 in the third when the injury occurred. What a great show of sportsmanship when their opponents Laina Driscoll/Marty Smith defaulted the match. Everyone was very impressed. The A flight was won by Jody Law/ Andy Nehrbas over Dawn Gray/Tim Kent. Congratulations to all.

National Senior (Vintage) Women's Doubles was held in Baltimore this year with Jody Law and Molly Pierce defeating Nancy Cushman and Liz Evert.

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