

PSRA League Changes for Fall 2001

We received great feedback from the most recent issue of The Philly Boast concerning the question of reformatting the leagues, especially the doubles leagues. The officers of the PSRA have voted to change the procedure of submission of the teams and the playoff format. Please read the following very carefully!!

The fall meeting is Thursday September 6 at The Cynwyd Club. **At this time, all teams with captains (plus phone numbers) AND all players on each team (including subs) will be submitted.** That means complete rosters are necessary. Remember that each player must be a current PSRA member to participate in the leagues. Please start working on compiling your teams NOW!!!

The Seeding/Ranking Committee of the PSRA will review the teams and evaluate the strength of the team members. The singles leagues will continue to have 1 division and play each other as in the past. The Veterans and Seniors will have their league split into Division 1 and Division 2. Top teams will go in Division 1 and the others will go in Division 2. This will help to make each division competitive and fun.

The playoff format will have the top 2 Division 1 teams play off for the trophy (or prizes) and the top 2 Division 2 teams will play off for the right of the winning team to move up to Division 1 for the next season. At the start of each new season, the strength of the teams will again be evaluated and divided into 2 divisions. The winner of Division 2 will stay in Division 1 because they have earned the spot. This process will be used for the winter doubles season. The Super B and B doubles will go through the same process.

We encourage all members to come to the fall meeting and find out what is happening in the world of squash. All rosters should either be emailed to Jim McConeghy at JMcconeghy@compuserve.com by Wed. Sept 5 or brought to the meeting on Sept 6.

HOWE CUP in Boston

Philadelphia will once again send women's A, B, and C singles teams to participate Oct 26-28. As in the past, those interested players should contact Jody Law at jlaw@brynmawr.edu or call 215-234-0660 and let her know what level of play you are interested in playing. Deadline for signing up for the ladder is Sept 6. The ladder will be put together and challenges will be played Sept 10-30. Wendy Berry will be running clinics in September for the B and C players.

This year a new event is added to Howe Cup – doubles. The format will be 1 A, 1 B, and 1 C team. It is anticipated that 4 regions will put in doubles teams so there will be 3 matches played over the weekend. Accommodations are limited and a little pricey. For more information, contact Jody Law.

Juniors on the Go

The World Junior Women's Championship was held in Penang, Malaysia in July. Our team which was represented by Kate Rapisarda (Brooklyn), Michelle Quibell (Atlanta), Amy Gross (Cynwyd), and Ali Pearson (Phila. Cricket) had a great event. The competition started out with the individual tournament. Michelle Quibell had a great tournament and lost in the semis to the #2 seed from Egypt. The next event to take place was the team competition. USA was seeded #5 behind Australia and was put in the pool with Australia, Hong Kong, and Ireland. The first round, USA beat Hong Kong. In the second round, USA beat Australia 2-1 with Ali Pearson beating Kasey Brown 9-1 in the fifth game with the match tied at 1-1. Onto the quarterfinals, where the USA beat New Zealand 2-1. The semifinals had the USA playing England. Alas, England was too strong and the USA lost 2-1. The ¾ playoff put USA against Egypt but the ladies from the US had no gas left. BUT, what a great tournament for the United States. Fourth place at the Worlds. Way to go ladies!!

List of Local Tournaments

Oct 11-14	Cynwyd Junior	(Cynwyd)	Andrew Slater	610-667-2885
Oct 19-21	PSRA Adult-Jr.Doubles	(Germantown)	Doug Whitaker	215-848-8810
Nov 2-4	Berwyn Junior Classic	(Berwyn)	Dominic Hughes	610-647-6375
Nov 2-4	Will Dubin Mixed Doubles	(Cynwyd)	Louisa Dubin	610-642-4384
Nov 9-11	Hunter Lott Junior	(Merion)	Jamie Hickox	610-642-5800
Nov 16-18	Manheim Mixed Doubles	(Germantown)	John Makransky	610-660-4359
Nov 30-Dec 2	Merion Junior Doubles	(Merion)	Jamie Hickox	610-642-5800
Nov 30-Dec 2	PSRA Singles	TBA		
Dec 14-17	USSRA Junior Olympics	(Princeton)	USSRA	610-667-4006

Gossip Corner

Condolences to the Pierce family. Mother, Peggy, died in June in Florida after a lengthy illness.

Tom Page, a legend in the doubles world, died in New York City of a heart attack. Our condolences to brother David and Palmer.

On a lighter note, happy days are here again. Jamie Heldring and fiancé, Geri have set the date of the wedding: December 29. Don't worry; we'll be thinking of you and praying for good weather. Back in time for the William White??

Speaking of the William White tournament. Women's doubles will be added for this event.

New careers are in the works for David Reh and Kat Van Blarcom. Both have passed their real estate license tests. Kat needs something else to fill her days (2 kids are not enough) and David turned 50 and decided he needed to get out of the beer industry. Or was that in addition to the beer job?

Mac's face is looking better. We all thought she had some surgery but NO! Molly Pierce has been playing right wall and decided to clock Mac in the face during a match in June. Way to go ladies.

Rumor has it that there is a glass case in their bedroom that is housing Leo Pierce's ponytail.

More little ones are coming into the world. Jim and Janine Mazarrelli are expecting their second child. Laina Driscoll and husband Rich are also expecting. Marty Smith and his wife are expecting their second child. Congratulations to all families.

Last but not least. Welcome home Margaret Rux. Rumor has it that Vanguard is bringing you back starting October 1. Left wall double players watch out!!

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