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The Philly Boast

To all the PSRA squashers:

We have just completed our fall season with a few exciting changes to our doubles leagues. Our Vets and Senior leagues have grown so much over the past few years that the ranking and seeding committee felt it would be beneficial to establish two divisions. These divisions gave all the teams many competitive matches, new teams, and chances to make the playoffs. We welcome new ideas and constructive criticism on how the divisions worked or did not work.

Shore Racquet Club will be hosting the National Mixed Doubles Tournament, April 5-7, 2002. They are very excited to be hosting this event and want everyone to come, play, and see their club. Look for more information next month in a mailing and the application in Squash Magazine.

Enjoy the winter season of great matches and tournaments. Feel free to contact me with any concerns. Happy New Year to all

Molly Pierce, PSRA President

Gossip Corner

We wish a warm welcome to the newest teaching professionals in the area. Shane Coleman from Australia is working with Doug Whitaker at Germantown. Tim Martel from Canada is the new women's coach at Penn.

Sharon Heuisler (Cynwyd) is a TV star. She was spotted on WCAU/NBC10 the Saturday morning before Christmas doing her last minute shopping before the holidays.

Eric Grossman is enjoying his second passion for the next few months. He is up in Maine at a woodworking school.

Kat and Jim Van Blarcom are expecting their third child. With two girls so far the question is will it be women's doubles or mixed in a few years? Congratulations.

We have a Rear Admiral amongst us. The Surgeon General called this player back into active duty, academic intelligence service. He was trained at the CDC and helps to investigate epidemics worldwide. Any guesses? None other than Dr. Bob Partridge of Penn. Congratulations, Bob.

Visit the wonderful and quite informative website for Penn Squash at www.pennsquashclub.com.

2002 Fall League Results

Men's A Singles

P. Cricket	over
Rich Sheppard	
Jon Freeman	
Ben Ende	
Gilly Lane	

Men's C Singles

PennoverBob PartridgeRich BurgosAmit VibhakerBernard MetzAtif ZaferBhuvnesh Jain

Racquet Drew Brock John Cranmer Skip Pasternak Eric Peterson

Jackie Kafes

Laura Suger

Maggie Lockwood

Berwyn

Scott Brehman

George Kalman

Mac Butcher

Tim Thomas

Women's C Singles

Germantown Susan Thomas Julie Correlli Beth Gottschall Gina Pappas

Veteran's (40+) Doubles

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Alan Grant
Paul Furlong
Tobey Oxholm
Peter Day

Upcoming Local Events

Jan 18-20Liberty Bell OpenJan 25-27Merion Mixed DoublesFeb 1-3Philly Jr. ChampsFeb 22-24Berwyn Merry MixedFeb 24-March 1 PSRA Doubles (men's and women's)March 15-17PSRA Doubles (40+,50+,60+)

Men's B Singles Gwynedd over Ken Jaffe Joe Covle

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Racquet Jim McCaslin Bo Fleitas Garrett Goggin Rich White Helen Bamber Steve Gregg Rina Borromeo

Women's A/B Singles

Berwyn Dawn Gray Heather Unway Patti Spackman

Mixed Doubles

Berwyn	over	Germantown
Dawn Gray		Margaret Rux
Jeff Welsh		Bill Rux
Ann Hatfield		Jen Edson
Tim Thomas		Howard Edson

Seniors (50+) Doubles

Cynwyd over Leo Pierce Eddy Bresnitz Dan Keating John Schellenberg *Germantown* Emmett Miller Charlie Stehle Dave Elliott Peter McGonigle

Upcoming National Events

Feb 15-17	Junior Doubles
Feb 22-24	Hardball Singles
March 8-10	Jr. Closed Champs
March 14-17	Skill Levels
March 22-24	National Doubles (M/W)
April 5-7	Mixed Doubles

Call USSRA office at 610-667-4006 for questions. Check the USSRA website at www.us-squash.org.

Junior Tournament Results

Cynwyd Juniors showcased nationally ranked players. GU11 had Hannah Morse as the finalist. GU13 saw Emery Holton placing second. GU15 saw Maxi Prinsen defeating Emery Maine in the finals. GU17 saw Ashley Eyre placing second. An all Merion finals in the GU19 had Lorin Riley defeating Ashley Eyre. BU11 saw a newcomer Charles Loesch-Quintin winning. BU13 had Chip Culp placing second along with Trevor McGuinness doing the same in BU15. John Sawin won BU17 and it was an all Germantown BU19 with Max Samuel defeating Andy Goldberger.

Berwyn Juniors once again held a full complement of age groups. GU11 had Alex Glassman defeating Sarah Mumanachit. GU13 saw Emery Holton win over Addie Johnston. GU15 had Maxi Prinsen defeating Toby Eyre. GU17 and GU19 saw an all Merion finals with Alida McIlvain defeating Caitlin Russell in the 17's and Lydia Williams winning over Niki Clement in the 19's. BU11 had Tyler Smith winning over Hunter Abrams. BU13 had John Levering defeating Stephen Harrington. BU15 had David Canner beating Parker Justi. BU17 saw Francis Johnson victorious over Graham Bassett. BU19 had Ben Pickering defeating Brad Reilly. Hunter Lott was hosted at the Merion Cricket Club. Local winners were included in every age bracket. GU13 had Emery Holton placing second with Addie Johnston placing fourth. GU15 had Maxi Prinsen placing second over Emery Maine. GU17 saw Freddie McNeely winning fourth place. GU19 had Lydia Williams second with Lindsay Raden winning at third. BU13 had the only Philly winner with Chip Culp and Chris Callis placing third. BU15 had Todd Ruth winning over Adam Greeneberg for three/four. BU17 had Max Samuel defeating Tyler Kyle for three/four and Ben Ende placed fourth in BU19.

The always-popular Philly Districts was again held at Penn. This year's winners are the following: GU11 had Alex Glassman defeating Libby Eyre. GU13 saw Emery Holton defeating Hannah Conant. GU15 had Emery Maine defeating Sydney Scott. GU17 had Caitlin Russell defeating Katie Hendricks. GU19 had Lauren McCrery winning over Lydia Williams. BU11 had the battle of the Hunters. Hunter Abrams defeated Hunter Beck. BU13 had John Levering winning over Benjamin Lurio. BU15 had Bobby Dickey defeating Chris Ehlinger. In the BU17 Lee Rosen won over David Sullivan. The BU19 had Verdi DiSesa winning over David Krupnick. Once again the premier fall event was the Junior Olympics. This year's event was the largest junior tournament ever. There were 457 entrants with 118 hailing from international destinations. The local girls faired well. Hannah Conant won the consolation draw for the GU13. Britt Hebden was a finalist in the GU15 with Emery Maine defeating Maxi Prinsen for three/four. GU19 had Amy Gross finishing fourth. The boys had only one main draw winner. Chris Ehlinger placed fourth in the BU15. Congratulations everyone!

Tournament founder and PSRA President Molly Pierce declared the second annual PSRA Adult & Juniors Doubles tournament a resounding success. Close to 100 players, including several hailing from out of state, joined local doubles players for a weekend of fun and keen competition. The Pro "A" flight was most popular, featuring top ranked juniors (Andy Goldberger, David Krupnick, David Sullivan, Sarah Barenbaum, Todd Ruth, Christina Mathias and Trevor McGuinness) who paired with some of the best hardball doubles players and Pros in the region (Jamie Heldring, Scott Brehman, Andrew Slater, Tim Kent and Joe Coyle). The "A" flight title was captured by junior player Max Samuel who teamed with national champion Alan Grant and claimed victory over junior player Sean Seese and Ken Jaffe in four games.

The Berwyn father and son team of Graham and Bill Bassett who defeated Cynwyd Club Assistant Pro Joe Coyle and junior Christina Mathias captured the "B" flight. In the "C" flight, which featured close to 20 teams, two parent/child teams advanced to the finals, with Cynwyd Club's John and Kali Schellenberg prevailing over Germantown Cricket Club's David and Allison Curry.

The tournament highlight was the "Pink Ball" doubles round robin for players under 10 years old. Pierce noted that these tots had the best time (and most energy!) of all the competitors in the tournament. The winners included Emily Van Blarcom, Benjamin Jaffe, Sarah Domenick, Adam Edson and Andrew McGuinness. Adult Tournament Results

The Will Dubin Memorial Mixed Doubles saw Demer Holleran and Tim Kent winning for the second year in a row. This year they defeated Peggy Reed and Scott Brehman. Third place was Stephanie O'Neill and Ken Jaffe over Maraget and Bill Rux. The B division had Noreen Kemether and Bob Ludlow defeating Louisa Dubin and Jim Hlebik in 5 close games. The C bracket was a round robin with Kathy and Rich O'Malley winning.

The Manheim Mixed expanded this year to include an invitational A division. The A bracket was won by Molly Pierce and Nick LePore over Ann Hatfield and Bill Rux. The B division was won by Sharon Heuisler and Wolfgang Yeager over Louisa Dubin and Jim Hlebik in 5 close games.

"Tom Page" Pro Doubles tournament

The Racquet Club hosted its fourth annual ISDA sanctioned Pro doubles tournament with favorites Gary Waite and Damian Mudge prevailing in three games over Horler and Leach. The tournament honored the late Tom Page who excelled in junior, collegiate and amateur singles and doubles hardball. In honor of Page's contribution to junior play, Racquet Club Pro Rob Whitehouse added a Pro & Junior Doubles flight to the tournament, which paired ISDA Pros with top ranked juniors who have shown a proclivity to doubles. In the finals, junior player Trevor McGuinness and partner Tom Harrity bested junior player Todd Ruth and Toronto-based Pro Willie Hosey in a final game five-point tie breaker. McGuinness/Harrity defeated junior player Nick Herr and Toronto Pro Victor Berg in semi-finals, and defeated junior player Pat Brady and Pro Jose Eugenia in the quarterfinals. Ruth/Hosey defeated junior player Aly Brady and Steve Denney in the quarterfinals.

The PSRA Singles tournament was held at the Healthplex in early December. The winners and finalists of the divisions are as follows:

Men's A winner was Dominic Hughes over Ben DeSombre Men's B winner was Mark O'Brien over Manish Vig Men's C winner was Lee Ahrensdorf over Khalid Farooqi Men's D winner was Harris Phenguath over Richard Steady

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