

# The Philly Boast

Dear Fellow Players,

September 2006

Welcome to the 2006-07 season. I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant and peaceful summer. Initially, please join me in extending our thanks and gratitude to Molly Pierce who served as President of our organization for the past five years. Molly leaves a wonderful legacy of new programs, financial stability and an invigorated membership. Her shoes will be tough ones to fill, but I look forward to the challenge and your support.

Our membership ranks swelled last year to almost 1000 members, and we expect continued growth as the interest in the game spreads. Fall leagues have started with new teams competing, and the membership approved changes in spring leagues that will include some realignment of winter season teams to maintain the integrity of leagues and ensure competitive levels of play.

This year, our region will host more than 25 junior and adult tournaments, including four USSRA national tournaments that were recently awarded: US National Hardball Singles (Merion - Feb 23-25); US Junior National Doubles (Wilmington Country Club - Feb 23-25); US Junior Closed - Bronze level (Berwyn - March 23-25) and the US Men's and Women's National Doubles Open (Fairmount Athletic - March 30-April 01). For a complete listing of all local tournaments, visit our web site ([www.PhillyBoast.org](http://www.PhillyBoast.org)). Please remember to support these tournaments and all the patrons, advertisers and sponsors who provide important financial underwriting needed to make these events successful.

Enjoy your squash season and feel free to contact me or any Officer if you have any questions. Stay healthy and well.



Vince McGuinness

## Gossip Corner by Molly Pierce

Birth congratulations to: Whitney and Nigel Thain [first son in July], Demer Holleran [daughter, Emery Holleran in November 2005], Lauren Kennedy and Nate Taylor [second daughter Natalie]. Congrats to Cynwyd Pros Dani Davis and Buck Rogers on their engagement; Peter Schreiber and his fiancée Linda; and Peter Pierce and Lindsey Marshall who will marry in Jamaica in February.

Necrology: Hunter Lott [MCC]; Miles Jellinek [GCC]; Ford Williams [CYN]; Jim Whitmoyer [MCC]

## Awards and US Teams

**The US Junior Men's Squad** featured four players from the Philly region traveling to Palmerston North, New Zealand to compete. Todd Ruth (Haverford '06) and Chris Callas (Penn Charter '08) played in the individuals. They were joined by Trevor McGuinness (Episcopal '06) who played in the #1 position on the four man US Team, and Todd Harrity (Episcopal '09) who played in the third position. Harrity remains eligible for the 2008 competition in Zurich. The squad thanks its supporters as the team fundraised the most money ever raised by a US team.



**The Women's Junior's Team** will compete in July 2007 in Hong Kong. Current squad members and potential team competitors include Logan Greer, Anne Madiera and Hannah Conant.

**The PSRA Sportsmanship Award** is conferred annually with recipients selected by the Philly area coaches, the honorees are chosen based upon their contributions to the squash community; conduct on and off the court, and accomplishments in the game. The 2006 recipients were Emery Maine (Spingside '06) and Trevor McGuinness (Episcopal '06).

**Comcast SportsNet** named Steve Gregg, executive Director of SquashSmarts, as an MVP for his tireless service for underserved children in Philadelphia. Steve has committed himself to expand the program to include high school students who will join his middle schoolers. Steve also oversees the construction of the new facility and chairs the capital campaign to raise funds for the facility. Well done Steve!!!

**Louisa Hall** continues to shine as one of the nation's top female players with her selection as a player on the US women's team. She was invited to the World Championships in Edmonton, Canada and the Pan Am Championships in Columbia.

### **Mens A Doubles:** Wilmington CC (over GCC)

Ed Chilton            Todd Anderson  
Cory Porter           Pete Moran  
Mike Ashley          Scott Simonton

### **Winter 06 League Results**



### **Mens B Doubles.** Shore (over Merion Cricket)

Al Jewitt              Paul Chan  
A. Cannuscio          Chuck Mattison  
Tom Cetrone           Brian Meyers

Carl Smallwood

### **Mens B+ Doubles. GCC** (over Racquet)

Ken Jaffee             Peter Day  
Tobey Oxholm         John Behrend  
Ken Pollack            John Makransky

Bill Rux

### **Mens C Doubles.** GCC (over Philly Cricket)

Molly Whalen         Joe Eagan  
Dan Childs             Hank Windmoeller  
Bart Withstandley

## SquashSmarts Update~ by Steve Gregg

**SquashSmarts** continues to grow and prosper with many new programs, projects, activities and faces.

~**Staff**~ Academic Director [and former Executive Director] **Julie Williams** announced her retirement so that she can spend more time at home with her two daughters, but plans to continue to volunteer on a regular basis. Applicants interested in this position can contact **Steve Gregg** Former Squash Director **Andrew Hopkins** has enrolled full time in Temple's MBA program, but will compete on the SquashSmarts Men's A team. Summer Program director **Jane Affleck** will be missed as she relocates to **Wyoming**. New staffers include Squash Director **Jake Greenbaum** [see profile under "New Pros"] and **Trevor McGuinness**, who will serve as the Director of Community Outreach before entering college next fall.



~**Casino Night**~ Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 4 as the Philadelphia Squash Community gathers to support the program in a night filled with fun activities, great food and drink and terrific squash. SquashSmarts will host a "Casino Night" at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia, with challengers taking on former World #1 ranked John White for Exhibition play beginning at 6:30.



Following the Exhibition, the "gambling tables" will open, the buffet and bar will be serving, and some special doubles challenges will take place. We hope you join us and the Presidents of all the regions' clubs, in the special event. Tickets are \$100 for Adults, and \$50 for young friends [aged 21-30], which includes parking, raffle tickets, casino chips, buffet dinner, beverages, entertainment - who could ask for more?!! Hope to see you there.

~**New Digs**~ The H. Chase & AnaMarie Lenfest Community Center~ SquashSmarts is pleased to announce that groundbreaking for the new SquashSmarts facility occurred in August. The new facility, which will house the Hunting Park PAL program on the first floor and SquashSmarts on the second floor, will include eight glass backed courts, classrooms, computer labs, office space, locker rooms and multi-purpose meeting lounge areas. The facility will also feature a full court gym, fitness and weight room and activities center. This center, conceived by Chase Lenfest who is the prime benefactor, is scheduled for opening in the summer of 2007. SquashSmarts plans a capital campaign to help support this venture and reach its goal of having a second facility, keeping Drexel as its original West Philly home.

### ~New Pros in the Region~

~**Gavin Jones** ~ {Berwyn} Gavin, who hails from Wales, will be one of the top rated singles players in the region, even though he has officially retired from the PSA. He began playing squash as a junior winning numerous titles before he began competing on the PSA tour. He achieved a ranking of 41, and has been a member of the Welsh National Team for the past several years.

~**Tina Rix**~ {TSC at CHASS} Tina, a protégée of Bryan Patterson, joins the CHASS team as its first female Pro. She recently completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Southampton's BSc [Hons] sports studies programme. Tina competed on the WISPA tour and looks forward to continuing to play on the circuit.

~**Shahid Khan**~ {Berwyn} Shahid joins Gavin Jones at Berwyn and brings equally impressive credentials. A native of the UK, Shahid also competed on the PSA tour and holds a world ranking of 114. He began playing as a junior winning local, regional and national titles, and has worked throughout England coaching and training squash players.

~**Iago Comes**~ {Merion} A native of Spain, Iago joins Merion Cricket's staff as its fourth Pro. Iago is a member of the Spanish National Team and continues to play international tournaments as the top player for Spain. He also competed on the PSA tour, and has extensive coaching experience in camps and programs throughout Europe and in the US.

~**Damon Leedale-Brown**~ {Reflex} Damon, who hails from the UK, was the Sports Science Officer for the England Squash Racquets Association. He served as the sports science and fitness advisor to the England squash players as part of their World Class Performance Plan. He has extensive experience in delivering sport and exercise science support to a range of players from world class to recreational athletes. He is also British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences accredited Physiologist and a National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. He has also been invited to work with the new US U-23 Squad.

~**Jake Greenbaum**~ {SquashSmarts} The sole "local" in this group of esteemed players is Jake, who grew up in Bala Cynwyd playing squash at GCC and The Shipley School. Jake then went to George Washington University where he was the captain of the Men's Varsity Squash team. Prior to SquashSmarts, Jake was associated with the Philadelphia Eagles.

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