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The 1977-78 Maryland squash yearbook is published by the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association—October, 1977. It is an attempt by a group of Maryland squash enthusiasts to document some of its activities over the past year. It is our hope that this most recent yearbook will be of particular value to its membership. There is extensive coverage of club activities as well as special tournaments and personalities. New playing rules, recently adopted by the USSRA, are described and followed by complete and current copies of both singles and doubles regulations. You will note by referring to the tournament schedule that the B singles competition will be run this year over a one-week period. This is an experiment to test player reaction to focusing play to shorter times than have been traditional for Maryland squash. You may also note some new tournaments being offered for the association members.

The editor is particularly indebted to those who assisted with the assemblage of these pages: to those who submitted articles, to Midge Menton who so ably documented the organization's membership, to Bob Hicks who has again assured the financial viability of this exercise, and finally to Paul Ellis for the cover art. PHD 10/18/77

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## MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION

Dear Squasher:

At approximately this time last year, as I took office with a new, enthusiastic Executive Committee, I was hopeful that we might be able to achieve a level of squash in Maryland that all of us could enjoy and appreciate. I was hopeful that this could be achieved in an atmosphere of cooperation and friendly, constructive dialogue. I can not honestly say that we have satisfied everyone in the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association, but I do feel we have accomplished one very important goal, and that was the exchange of information in a friendly, constructive environment.

Though your Executive Committee will continue the monumental task of trying to make everyone happy, we realize there might be a dissatisfied soul out there someplace that is waiting for our help. Be patient, we are on our way.

I would like to outline some of the events that are taking place in the upcoming squash season. First and foremost is the fact that we are going to try to modernize and streamline one of our State tournaments this year. As some of you realize, the execution of a tournament draw, and the operation of a specific tournament, is a very challenging task. We are going to attempt this year in the "B" Singles to run the total tournament on two successive weekends.

Jim Goodyear, our Tournament Director, will be getting out more information, specifically outlining the procedures that we are following, and we are anxious to find out if a better tournament can be run with less hardship and inconvenience for the players involved. The feedback will be tremendously helpful in allowing us to determine the merits of this trial experiment.

Of importance to those of you who have youngsters between the ages of 12-16, our Junior Squash Chairman this year will be Jim Hense, and Eddie Schaefer of the Maryland Club will run our Junior Squash Clinic during the winter months. We feel very strongly that many of our children can benefit from exposure to the game of squash, and hope you will encourage them to sign up for this Saturday morning program.

For any youngster, there are only three criteria that have to be met. First, that one of his parents belongs to the M.S.S.R.A. Second, each participant join as a student member of the Association. And three, that he or she has a squash racquet. If any of you are interested in helping with the Junior Program, please get in touch with a member of the Executive Committee.



Photo by P. Ellis  
Philadelphia's professional, David Page (retrieving shot), and Anne Monahan (far right) in National Mixed Doubles competition with Baltimore's top team, John Minkowski and Nancy Miller.

The Baltimore Invitational Doubles Squash Tournament will be held this year on March 10th, 11th and 12th at the Baltimore Country Club. At the Sunday brunch, which has been traditional at this event, we are going to make the presentations to all of the winners of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Tournaments, and present the appropriate trophies. This fine event is a fitting time and place for us to honor all of our successful squash players from the State of Maryland. We look forward to seeing you all at our Sunday brunch.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful, cooperative spirit and your enthusiasm for making squash more enjoyable for everyone in Maryland. Look forward to seeing you on the squash court this season.

Sincerely yours,  
ALEXANDER SOTIR  
President, MSSRA

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## SQUASH

from around  
**MARYLAND**

### THE BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB by George Croker

The Baltimore Country Club member-guest tournament is traditionally the first of the season, with not only club members playing but just about every other club in the area represented.

In recent years we have added a third flight to create interest for the less experienced doubles player. We are happy to say that this addition has been very instrumental in promoting doubles play throughout the year.

In this past year's tournament, Joe Harlan and his guest, Dick Bennet, defeated the duo of Eric Schmidt and Jim Bradley for the B Flight championship. Newcomers on the squash scene, Gordon Gilbert and Randy Brittan, won over Bob Gaines and John Love in the B consolation.

The A Flight was won in an exceptionally fine match witnessed by no one, pitting the eventual winners Jim Goodyear and Barrett Freedlander against Bernie McCory and John Riehl. This match, however, did have international overtones. The A consolation was won with Fred Stienmann and Peter Parker's victory over Gordon Jones and Lew Ditch.

For the first time in who knows how long, we have some new names in the victory column for the championship flight. The team of Bob Hicks and A. C. Hubbard and the "greenball" proved to be too much for the likes of such teams as Franklin-Cramer and Bandiere-Menton. Messrs. Hicks and Hubbard won the championship in a fine match against George Boyton and Mickey Webster. In perhaps the most interesting match of the tournament, Bill Lamble and Frank Riggs scratched out a victory over Jack Bandiere and John Menton.

The prominent figure in the BCC intra-club C and B singles this year proved to be John Horst. John prevailed over Pat O'Malley in the C Flight and Tom Biddison in the B Flight.

Haswell Franklin successfully defended his club championship in a hotly contested match with Joe Fitzpatrick. With the improvement of John Horst and Pat Miller along with the persistence of Joe Fitzpatrick and George Boyton, the 1978 singles championship should prove to be very interesting.

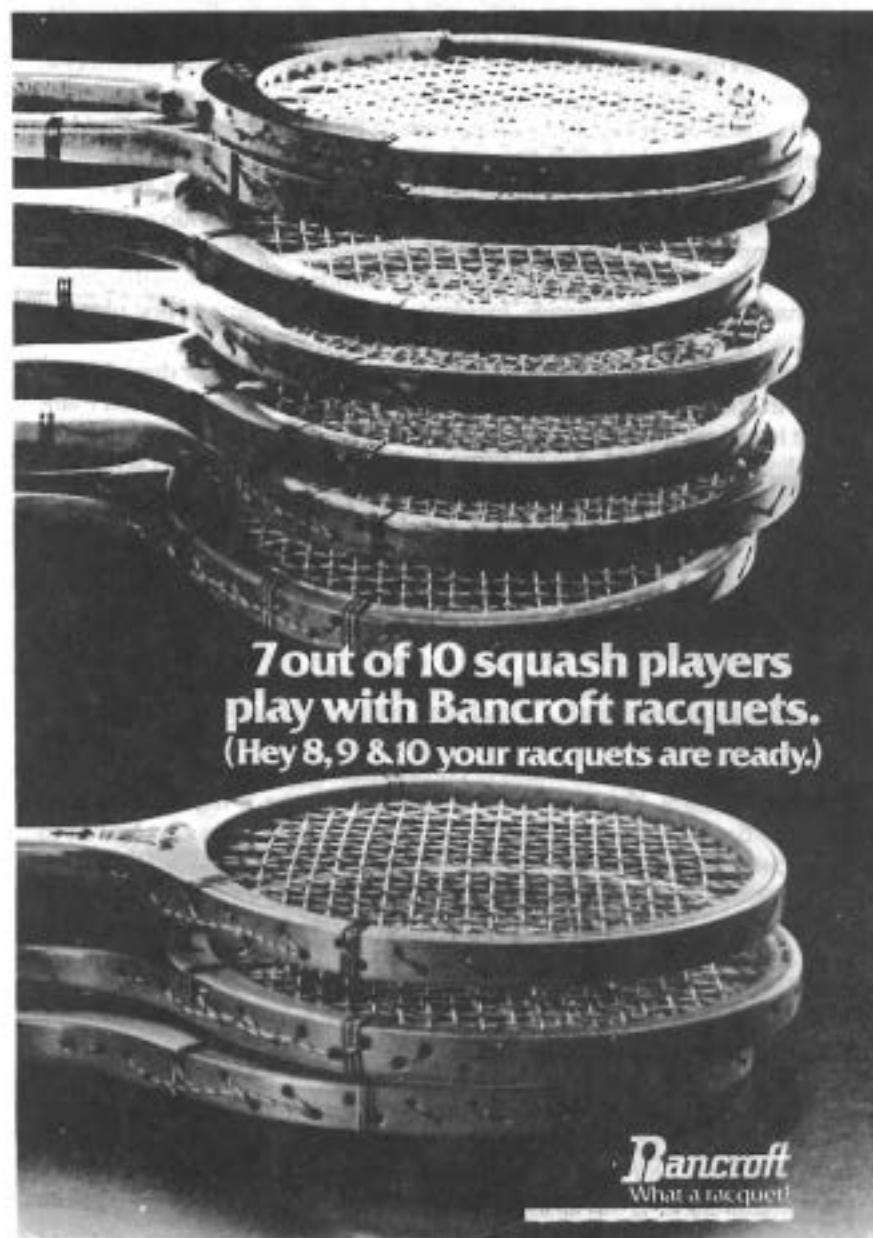
The 1977 C Doubles could spell trouble in the years to come. Another Lacy has hit the scene. John Lacy teamed with Pat Miller to win the C Doubles championship. They defeated the exceptionally fine father-son team of Fred and Dell Steinmann.

The 1977 B Doubles featured another father-son team, Jack and Pat Miller. The Millers defeated Bob Williams and Tom Biddison for the B championship.

All in all, the BCC doubles season proved to be a real family affair. The Club championship was decided in a match pitting Jim Lacy and Pat Miller against Joe Lacy and Al Weaver. After being down 2-0, Joe and Al scrambled back to win 3-2.

Finally, we're proud to note that Pat Miller is ninth-ranked nationally in the Junior level. We trust this is just a precursor of things to come.

The BCC is looking forward once again to hosting the Baltimore Invitation Doubles Tournament. We wish you good squash and good luck for the oncoming season.



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## THE DEITZ SQUASH CLUB by Kay Deitz

Our third year saw a lot of squash and social activity at our club in Bel Air. Our three club tournaments, hard ball tournament, 70+ ball tournament, and English tournament were dominated by five players, Boo Smith, Bob Gibbons, Jeff Taylor, Leo Davin and Nancy Taylor. A strong showing all year was made by David Denton, Pete Gerard, Bob Everd and Linda Denton. Sixteen players competed in State competition and seven players went to the Philadelphia Summer Open Championships in September 1977.

Our English ball season, April through July, began with a club party. The 60 people present saw an English ball exhibition given by John Minkowski and Sandy Groff, and we also saw the USSR squash film with highlights of a S. Khan-Niederhoffer match. Incidentally, our club came in first place in the eating and drinking championships held that night.

Maryland's first English ball tournament, held at our club, drew 50 entrants. In the exciting June "A" finals, Sandy Groff barely defeated Mark Talbott in a close five-game match. Jim Tillman won the B-C flight over Jim McCaslin, and the D flight saw a fifth game overtime win by Leo Davin over Nancy Taylor. The excitement of this match increased during a one-hour delay of the match when the games were at 2-2 and the fifth game tied at eight-all. Ms. Taylor sustained an injury, elected to take a one hour suspension of play to recover, but then was defeated in overtime by the aggressive Davin. We hope to see this three-flight summer tournament become an annual Maryland event.

In September our club sponsored a Bel Air Invitational which had two flights of eight players each. The all-day semis and finals of both consolation and regular A and B flights were played at our court and at the Bill McGuirk court in Bel Air. In the B consolation flight, John Menton easily defeated Pakistani, Ken Kayani; Jim Tillman won the B flight with a hard fought 3-0 win over New Jersey player Rob Kilkowski. Jim says he has to play in Bel Air if he wants to win a tournament. The A consolation had Scott Jordan incredulous. "Do you see how he's shooting?" was all he could say after loosing to Jim Lacy III 3-0 and watching Jim defeat Jim Hense 3-0. Lacy's almost every touch seemed to turn into an unretrievable winner. Dave Talbott easily took the finals over Sandy Groff 3-0. Food, drink, excellent matches, the players, their wives and dates made the camaraderie of this day of semis and finals one we will never forget. Thanks to all who entered.

Our strong women's ladder of twenty active players continues to book almost half of all court time here, some women also competing on the men's ladders. Our strong competitors are Priscilla Corbett, Kay Deitz, Linda Denton, Ann Hafer, Françoise Hirschberg, Carol Madigan, Brenda McCaughey, Mary McGuirk, Sandy Nolan and Nancy Taylor. A special thanks to Carol Madigan for her excellent holiday luncheon last X-mas. Our women needed that.

Paul Deitz played on the Fitzgerald Cup and won his match for the home team.

The return of David Talbott to Maryland squash reminds us of our club's beginning. Dave and his brother, Mark, put on exhibitions here to introduce our community to squash. Dave returned many times to play our players and he helped set a spirit of excellence, fairness and good sportsmanship among our players. We anticipate the best year of squash yet with Dave returned to Maryland.

Our home tournament results:

70+ tournament: Boo Smith defeated Bob Gibbons

Hard ball tournament: Jeff Taylor over Bob Gibbons 3-2

consolation winner, Mike Desaulniers

English ball tournament: Leo Davin over Nancy Taylor 3-2

consolation winner, Linda Denton

## THE DOWNTOWN RACQUET CLUB by Paul Deitz

Commercial squash has finally come to Baltimore through the rededication to four-wall sports of the old Calvert Station, a local landmark for over one hundred years. The Downtown Racquet Club, scheduled for opening in November, includes tennis, racquetball/handball and, most important, squash facilities.

For those unfamiliar with the location, the Downtown Racquet Club will be located adjacent to the Sunpapers, a short walk from the Inner Harbor, and will have ample parking for its patrons. The club, which will be run on an hourly rate plus annual fee basis, will be open to both sexes and all ages.

The Maryland State Squash Racquets Association welcomes its newest member club and a new dimension to Baltimore squash.

## JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY by Bob Hogan

Hopkins squash had some high and low points in 1976-77. Among the more notable positive events was the performance of the Women's Squash team which, in its second year of competition, compiled a record of 6 and 2. Led by JoAnn Beckwith, Coach Joyce Hogan's troopers finished 14th at the major intercollegiate tournament held in New Haven in January.

Another significant development was the running of the first Johns Hopkins Squash Tournament, for which 60 players registered. A somewhat overweight but still crafty A. J. Russell-Wood returned from semi-retirement to nip a very tired David Stam 3-2 in a match played in 90+ degrees temperature.

In the old news is no news department, Maurice Bessman continued his unbroken string of 5036 victories over a rapidly improving Steve Roth, Louis Galambos announced still another retirement from the squash wars, and Lary Graves still has not learned to keep score.

Since Joyce Hogan resigned from the university and, along with her husband, joined the Racquet Club, the leadership of Hopkins squash has fallen into the very capable hands of Jim Goodyear (the real Jim Goodyear), the organizer and administrator of the first and best every university-wide squash tournament. Next year should be better than ever at JHCU.

#### THE MARYLAND CLUB by John Menton

It was the biggest year yet at the Maryland Club with over 120 players participating during the winter season and 80 during the summer months vying for bragging rights and tournament prizes.

The year was particularly gratifying as Maryland Clubbers John MacColl returned the State Singles title to Eager Street for the first time since 1969, and A.C. Hubbard and Sandy Martin took the State Doubles with the loss of only one game, and are ranked for the current year, 5th in the Country after several impressive showings on the National Circuit last fall and winter. This lofty ranking is believed to be the highest ranking ever achieved by a local doubles team. In addition, Tom Schweizer and his "youthful" partner, Jim Lacy, Jr., fell just short of winning the U. S. Seniors with a 5 game finals loss in St. Louis last March.

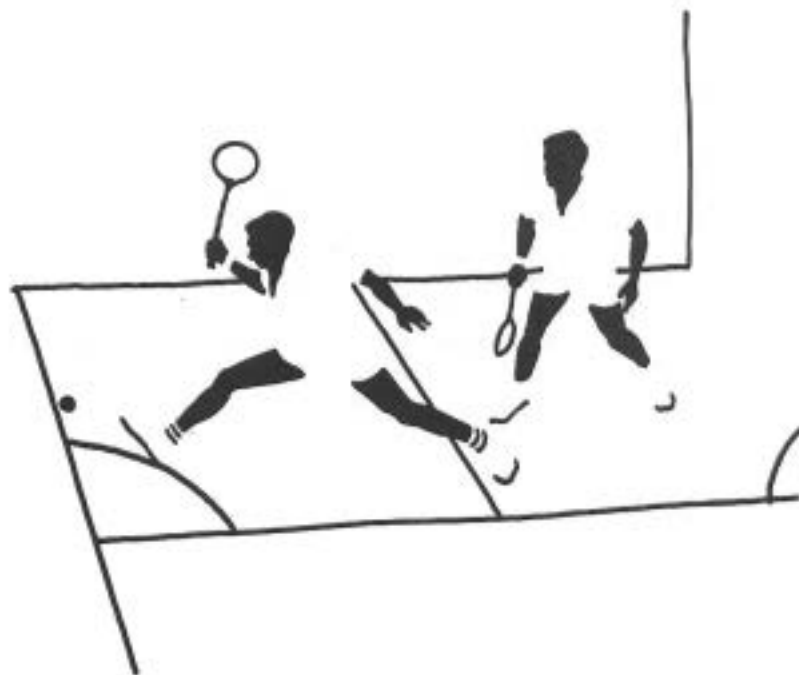
In Club Tournaments, Sandy Martin turned the tables on State Champ, John MacColl with a 5 game overtime win to avenge his narrow loss of a year before. In the semis, John had a 3-1 win over A.C. Hubbard while Sandy was beating a weary Sam Shriver 3-0. Sam was apparently basking in the glory of his upset win over former Naval Academy standout, Scotty Ryan by a 3-0 count in the previous round. In the Club Doubles, Sandy and A. C. were again clearly the class of the field beating John Menton and Mickey Webster, 3-0 in the finals on April Fool's Day before the usual trophy and party night crowd. With Sandy and A.C. having the year they had, the battle was mainly for second place as John and Mickey went a mere 2 hours and 35 minutes to edge Ron Creamer and Jim Lacy, III, 3-2 in the semis, while Martin and Hubbard gave up their only game of the tournament to Joe Lacy and Bob Voelkel in the other semi, 3-1.

The Club Historian is temporarily out of commission but it is believed that this is the first time since civil war days that none of the Lacys was in the Club Doubles final.

In B Competition, Charlie Fenwick was the singles winner, 3-0 over the greatly improved "legend of Peter's Pub," Chris Scarlett. Charlie then teamed with Tom Greene to win the B Doubles by a 3-1 count over John Beatson and Tim Schweizer. Unfortunately for everyone else in these tournaments, Charlie Fenwick's pre-Hunt Cup training included a lot of time spent on the squash court last fall and winter.

The C Singles title was taken by newcomer-to-town Dick Dunn, who bested Lee Marston, 3-1 in the finals.

## THE RACQUET CLUB JOHN RIEHL and BOB VOELKEL 235-6321



The very popular and hotly contested D Singles crown this year went to "Junior Veteran," Joe Mosmiller in a close 3-2 match with his familiar partner and opponent John Kirby. There are reports that all the financial institutions in town were asked to close on the day of this epic struggle in order to insure a large crowd.

One new feature this year was our first Summer Ball Tournament played in late August and won in 1976 by Sandy Martin over Bill Rice.

As usual, Eddie Sheaffer kept everybody busy arranging matches, dispensing advice on playing techniques, the "ball" (one of his favorite topics), and even performing on occasion, as a referee. George and Charles Thomas also did their usual efficient job in the locker room with the help on the weekend from Henry Ciccarone's Hopkins lacrosse team.

#### THE RACQUET CLUB by Peter Wolff

"Round-the-clock," squash is available at only one place in Baltimore! Whether it's the hours or the company they keep, "Riehl's Racqueteers" again outperformed collectively any club in the MSSRA. We salute our finalists and champions.

Nancy Miller relinquished her #10 National Ranking to Joyce Hogan while allowing Joyce to retain her state title in a well-played match. Alex Sotir and Bob Hicks again defeated all the B Doubles teams in their draw except the much younger team of John Beatson and Joe Fitzpatrick. Following suit, their proteges in the C Doubles, Jim McCaslin and Pickett Riehl succumbed to the youthful team of Pat Miller and Paul Deitz.

In men's singles, we placed finalists in four tournaments out of five, with resulting champions in half of these. In an all-Racquet Club final, Barrett Freedlander edged Ray Blank in a hard-fought contest. The ageless champ, Gene O'Connor scored a triumph over arch-rival Sam Shriver in the second annual Veteran's Singles. Meanwhile, in the final of the C Singles, Jim McCaslin was at it again, barely losing to young Pat Miller, the country's ninth-ranked Junior player.

Trying to follow in the footsteps of last year's champion, and now professional, Dave Talbott, our weary Dr. John Minkowski played brilliantly during tournament week to earn victories in the quarterfinals and semifinals in exhausting matches. Perhaps having peaked earlier, John could not sustain the precise pace and placement of John MacColl's finely tuned game to finish second in the State A Tournament.

Congratulations to all these fine players and the balance of the "Racqueteers" who elevate the champs. We are looking forward to another good year with singles' team participation in the Ladies and Men's League, the Fitzpatrick Cup, the Navy five-man team tournament, and the Wynfield Club of York, Pa. Our players also participate in numerous national and regional tournaments "on the road" and always make a name for Baltimore.

#### THE TOWSON Y by Jim Tillman

The 1976-77 Squash season at the Towson Y showed a gradual increase in activity over past seasons. The caliber of play also continued to improve and, most importantly, everyone seemed to enjoy the game. An open tournament was held for all members in which approximately 30 people participated. Peter Wolff continued his domination of squash at the Y by defeating Scott Jordan in the finals. The interclub team fell on some bad times as several members came up injured. However, all are looking forward to the new season. It was especially nice to see more ladies participating this past season than ever before. And, as the activity at the new Towson Center picks up, it is hoped that squash will continue to grow there, at the Towson Y, and throughout the Towson area.

#### WOMEN'S SQUASH by Joyce Hogan

The Baltimore Open held in early December marked the official season's beginning for Maryland Ladies players. The competition was a full thirty-two draw including seven of the top ten nationally ranked players. Goldie Edwards and Barbara Maltby emerged from the semis to enter the final round where Maltby defeated Edwards 15-6, 7, and 6. The doubles round was won by Irma Brogan and Mary O'Toole who met Carol Weymuller and Marian Greenberg in the final match. Nancy Miller defeated Marian Clement in the consolation final.

Interclub play during December and January was divided into two sessions. Both morning and evening leagues played two complete round robins. The morning league champion title was captured by the Baltimore Country Club, while John Hopkins was the evening champ.

The Maryland State Singles, played each year prior to Howe Cup, provided tournament play for many new faces in squash. Half of the draw consisted of women from Bel Air who have been learning and practicing at the Deitz Squash Club. However, the top four ranked players in Maryland emerged in the semis and the final was a repeat of last year with Joyce Hogan defeating Nancy Miller.

Entering both B and C teams, Baltimore, the defending B Cup champions, fell prey to both New York and Philadelphia in the Howe Cup Intercity matches held in New Haven. Philadelphia swept all the honors but there were fine performances by Marge Riehl, Nancy Olt, Liz Harvey, Nancy Taylor, and Helen Lacy.

Baltimore proudly hosted the National Mixed Doubles in March. Although a number of local teams participated, only the Nancy Miller/John Minkowski Baltimore pair survived the first round. (We need help!) Tom Poor and Jane Stauffer successfully defended their championship defeating Meg and Richard Roe in the final match. Third place was captured by Connie Pierce and Jim Hense in three games against Ann Monahan and David Page. Having this tournament in Baltimore was a terrific boost in local doubles enthusiasm.



Johns Hopkin's women's intercollegiate squash team enjoyed a successful 6-2 season. Led by freshman JoAnn Beckwith, this young team performed exceptionally well at Howe Cup as well as in the Baltimore area. These young players should provide some new and exciting competition in future local squash.

More women are continuing to play the summer game and will be competing in the Philadelphia 70+ tournament in September. This should be a good entrée into the winter schedule since the USWSRA has adopted the 70+ ball for official year around play.

#### NATIONAL JUNIORS AND BOYS by T. James Hense, Jr.

Annapolis, Maryland, also known as the Land of Pleasant Living or the Home of the U. S. Naval Academy, proved to be an excellent location to have the twenty-second National Juniors Championships and the fifth National Boys Championships.

Seventy Juniors fought hard and gentlemanly all weekend to see the two top seeds, both foreign, make it to the finals. Number one seed, Mario Sanchez from Mexico, defeated Todd Binns from Ontario in straight games. In the semis Mario defeated Mark Talbott of Mercersburg Academy, the National Boys Champion of the past two years, 15-11, 15-12, 15-8. It should be mentioned that Mark was not up to par suffering from a severe cold, but nothing could deprive Mr. Sanchez of his title hopes this weekend. In the quarter-finals he ousted Bill Ramsay of Chestnut Hill 15-9, 18-13, 15-7. Bill won the Hunter-Lott Tournament held a week prior to the Nationals. In the other half, Todd Binns proved tough disposing of Mark Alger in the quarters 15-10, 15-13, and 15-11, and repeated his victory again in the semis by defeating unseeded Bill Austin of Detroit 15-3, 15-8, 18-14.

The consolations went to Ed Sarasola of New York City over Jason Fish of Princeton in five hard games 15-3, 12-15, 10-15, 15-12, 15-11. Both had tough 5 game semi-final matches over Page Lansdale and Pat Miller respectively.

In the Boys division, it was a Canadian-U.S. final with #2 Seed Alan Grant of Ontario beating #6 Seed Chris Sherry of Detroit 9-15, 15-10, 15-9, 15-10. Grant ousted #4 Seed George Lemmon in a tight semi-final match 15-11, 16-15, 15-10, while in the other half, Sherry won out over #8 Seed Robbie Hill from Denver 15-5, 18-17, 15-8. Hill defeated #1 Seed Jeff Rickenbach in the quarters 15-14, 8-15, 15-6, 16-14. Hill also beat Lemmon for the third place spot.

In the Boys Consolation, Matt Hoffman of Milton Academy defeated Hugh Van Deventer from Taft 15-13, 15-5, 17-16.

Thomas Schweizer was Honorary Chairman for his long time enthusiasm and dedication to squash racquets in the "free state." The tournament owes thanks to Arthur Potter, Sr. and Bob Bayliss, the coaches of the Naval Academy Squash Team, for all of the help they gave us throughout the

weekend, and for allowing us to use their excellent facilities. Also, thanks to John Clark for his fine job of keeping the tournament supplied with capable referees. Steve Gurney, Palmer Page, Beverley Pierce, Rick Austin, Sam Silber, Paul Ellis, Jack Miller and John Warzycki also deserve mention for their efforts in making the tournament a success.

Once the quarter-finals were completed, the players and spectators gathered to see the match of the 70's between Victor Neiderhoffer, winner of 4 consecutive National Championships and countless others, and Peter Briggs, the '76 Champion, in an exhibition match for the Edwin Hicks Bigelow Memorial Trophy. Down two games, Victor rallied to win the next three games and the trophy. Afterwards, both gave speeches of how important it is to be in top mental and physical shape at all times to be a winner.

We owe special thanks to these fine gentlemen for showing us their awesome talents. This match is sponsored every year in memory of Ned Bigelow by the National Squash Racquets Educational Foundation.

Finally we are indebted to Fred Guyott, Referee Chairman; Randy Torr, Chief Coordinator; Ted Friel, President of the USSRA; and Darwin Kingsley III for their hard work and assistance throughout the weekend. These men were there when anything had to be done... no matter what! Hope to see you at Princeton next year.



Jim Hense, tournament director, talks with Baltimore's own John Lacy, John Riehl and Pat Miller at the U. S. Naval Academy, site of the 1977 National Juniors and Boys Championships.



Photo by P. Ellis

Rich and Meg Roe (wearing headbands) on the way to defeat at the hands of winners Tom Poor and Jane Stauffer in the Baltimore-hosted, National Mixed Doubles.

#### NATIONAL MIXED DOUBLES by Helen Lacy

For the first time in nine years the National Mixed Doubles was held outside the Philadelphia district. Baltimore hosted a seventeen-team draw that found Tom Poor and Jane Stauffer facing Meg and Rich Roe in the finals. The defending champions, Poor and Stauffer, won their fifth title together (Mrs. Stauffer for the 6th time, having won the inaugural title with Daniel Pierson, in 1962). Teams from Philadelphia, New York, and Baltimore participated. Play-off for third place was won by Jim Hense and Connie Pierce over David Page and Anne Monahan. For fifth place, Pierce MacGuire and Eileen Rubin defeated Roland Oddy and Marion Clement. First-round losers played in a platform tennis tournament with the finals played on the squash court!

#### THE FITZGERALD CUP by Haswell Franklin

The Fitzgerald Cup was donated by Mr. William Fitzgerald of Washington and was placed in competition for the first time 28 years ago. Teams are composed of 13 players from each city. One of these players must be at least 50 years of age or older and four others 40 years of age or older. At the present time, Washington leads in the series 16 matches to 12 but with the return of David Talbott to Baltimore as a teaching professional, it is hoped that in the very near future, we will be able to develop a team capable of bringing the cup back to Baltimore.

This year's matches again found our local heroes ending up on the short end of an 8-5 score. Led by former Maryland State champion, Steve Rosenblum, the powerful Washingtonians captured five out of the first seven matches with only the Racquet Club's Sandy Groff and John Minkowski winning at two and three.

The following procedure will be used for qualifying for the 1978 team. The 13 players who represented Baltimore in 1977 will be invited to be on the initial roster. If, for some reason, one or more of these individuals are unable or do not wish to participate this year, your team captain will invite the best qualified player or players to take their place on the roster. These names will then be posted at each squash facility in the metropolitan area and be open to challenge from any and all players who reside in the greater Baltimore area and are members of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association. As in the past, the matches will be followed by a cocktail and dinner party and I might add that in the 28 years that these matches have been held, Baltimore has never finished second best at having a good time at this affair.

Since the cost of this party is evenly divided among the members of the local team, those members who represent Baltimore this year will be guaranteed a position on next year's team and will not be subject to challenge. I feel this practice is a lot fairer for everyone involved. When the matches are held in Washington, traditionally they are followed by a gourmet buffet dinner at the home of Bill Fitzgerald which is in itself quite an experience. If John MacColl, Sandy Martin and our other "young lions" stay home and I am able to persuade Big Jim Lacey to give it "one more try," I have every reason to believe we can regain our winning ways.

#### ENGLISH SQUASH by Paul Deitz

Although over the years a few of Baltimore's squash aficionados have known of and played the British game of squash, this past year an experiment was tried in offering a Maryland tournament using the British ball and rules on our American courts. The tournament was held in June, a time when many Marylanders turn their attention to other activities. Competition was offered in three flights: A, B-C, and a combined D-level men and women's flight. Also as a precursor to this year's B singles-tournament, the semi-final and final rounds were held on one day, June 25 at the Deitz Squash Club near Bel Air, although the early rounds were played by individual schedule at clubs of choice.

Much to our surprise, an enthusiastic group of nearly 50 Maryland players joined the activities which culminated on an extremely busy day at the Deitz Club. Never before in the short history of this club, has there been such intense, competitive, or high level of play as on this memorable day. Since the winners of this tournament are mentioned elsewhere in these pages, suffice it to say that all three final matches were five-game overtimes and at least half the semi-finals as well.

This tournament will be offered again this year and we hope more of you will join us in this interesting and demanding form of the game.

## ART POTTER RETIRES by Peter Wolff

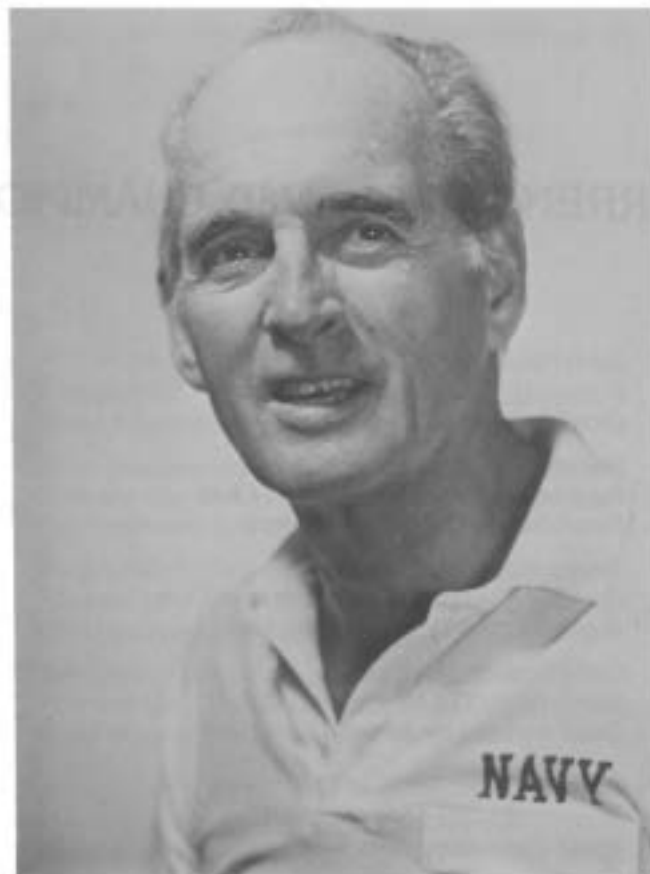
The retirement of Arthur M. Potter, Navy's highly successful squash coach for the past 27 years, was announced in September by Naval Academy athletic director, J. O. Coppedge. Potter, only the second squash coach in the history of the Academy, thus leaves Navy with 267 wins and 62 losses in 27 years as head coach and three national championships and a share in two others. In announcing Potter's retirement, Coppedge said, "We are losing the services of a great coach and dedicated teacher. In his illustrious tenure at the Naval Academy, he not only compiled an outstanding record as coach, but his unending energy and enthusiasm have served as an inspiration to everyone, especially the host of midshipmen that he has coached through the years."

In 27 years as head coach at the Naval Academy, Potter never had a losing season. The first of his national championship teams came in 1953, when the Navy team went 10-1 to share national honors. In 1957, the Mids equalled the 10-1 record and defeated Yale in the national finals to take the collegiate championship for the first time. The Navy squash team came back in 1959 to cap off a perfect 10-0 season with its second national championship in three years. Potter's charges again won a share of the national title in 1961 and took their last championship outright in 1967. In his last year at the Naval Academy, Potter took a young team to a 13-4 record including a 5-4 upset win over a powerful Yale squad and a season ending 9-2 triumph over arch-rival Army. He developed 21 first-team All-Americans in 27 years at Navy including his son, Arthur M. Potter, Jr., a two-time All-America. Potter, a retired Commander in the Naval Reserve, is the author of several books on squash and tennis, including *Squash Racquets*, published by the Naval Institute. Potter's successor will be Bobby Bayliss, who also is Navy's varsity tennis coach and a member of the Academy athletic department since 1970. He has been the assistant squash coach for the past eight seasons.

Coach Potter played an active role in Maryland State Squash Racquets Association activities by contributing each year a hand full of Varsity players to our annual State "A" Singles Tournament draw. Invariably, several of these midshipmen are sprinkled through the top ten ranked in the state. Many times they win the tournament and usually at least one finalist is a Navy man.

In addition, Coach Potter annually hosted a November weekend tournament for 5-man teams which allowed teams from MSSRA clubs to participate against teams of national caliber. Also, three times, he and the Naval Academy aided the MSSRA in hosting the National Singles Tournament in Maryland at Navy's 35-court facility.

We salute a man who has contributed greatly to the game we love and hope to see him at our State squash functions.



Art M. Potter, former Navy Squash coach.

## DAVE'S BACK by Paul Deltz

David Talbott, a Baltimore player who dominated the Maryland squash singles scene between 1974 and 1976 has returned to Maryland as the new Baltimore Country Club squash professional. During his amateur playing period here in Maryland, Dave won two state singles titles as well as scores of friends for his exciting, dynamic and cordial performance on the court. After a brief retirement to Atlanta, Georgia, home of his parents, Dave has decided to make squash his livelihood as well as his love.

David returns this time with more than his racquet: he brings a lovely new bride, Ann, and step-daughter, Shannon. Ann will be assisting David with his new business venture. We in the MSSRA wish the Talbotts the very best of success in the coming year and through them a more vigorous and exciting squash season for us all.

## CURRENT MARYLAND CHAMPIONS

State, Class, Team

### SINGLES

- A** John MacColl, Md. Club  
Runner-Up: John Minkowski, Racquet Club  
(bowl donated by Tom Schweizer)
- B** Barrett Freedlander, Racquet Club  
Runner-Up: Ray Blank, Racquet Club  
(bowl donated by Anthony Rytina)
- C** Patrick Miller, BCC  
Runner-Up: Jim McCaslin, Racquet Club  
(bowl donated by Haswell Franklin)
- D** Chris Scarlett, Md. Club  
Runner-Up: Ted Mudge, Md. Club  
(bowl donated by James J. Lacy, Jr.)
- Veterans** Gene O'Connor, Racquet Club  
Runner-Up: Sam Shriver, Md. Club  
(bowl donated by Peter Wolff)

### English Ball

- A** Sandy Groff, Maryland Club  
Runner-Up: Mark Talbott
- B-C** Jim Tillman, Towson Y  
Runner-Up: Jim McCaslin, Racquet Club
- D-W** Leo Davin, Deitz Squash Club  
Runner-Up: Nancy Taylor, Deitz Squash Club
- Women** Joyce Hogan, Racquet Club  
Runner-Up: Nancy Miller, BCC  
(bowl donated by Southey Miles)

### DOUBLES

- A** A. C. Hubbard-Sandy Martin, Md. Club  
Runners-Up: Joe Lacy-Jim Lacy III, Md. Club  
(bowl donated by J. Beverly Miller)
- B** John Beatson-Joe Fitzpatrick, BCC  
Runners-Up: Bob Hicks-Alex Sotir, Racquet Club  
(bowl donated by Sam Silber)
- C** Patrick Miller-Paul Deitz, BCC-Deitz Squash Club  
Runners-Up: Jim McCaslin-Pickett Riehl, Racquet Club  
(bowl donated by Dudley I. Catzen)
- Seniors** Jim Lacy-Tom Schweizer, Md. Club  
Runners-Up: Bill Lamble-Bob Hicks, Md. Club-Racquet Club  
(bowl donated by Joe Lacy)
- Veterans** Jim Lacy-Tom Schweizer, Md. Club  
Runners-Up: Joe Lacy-Bob Voelkel, Md. Club  
(bowl donated by Jack Fetting)

### TEAM

- Men** Baltimore Country Club  
Team Members: John Horst, Pat Miller, Buck McCarthy,  
Jim Goodyear, Pat O'Malley, Tom Biddison, John Voneiff,  
George Croker





# M.S.S.R.A. "B" Singles



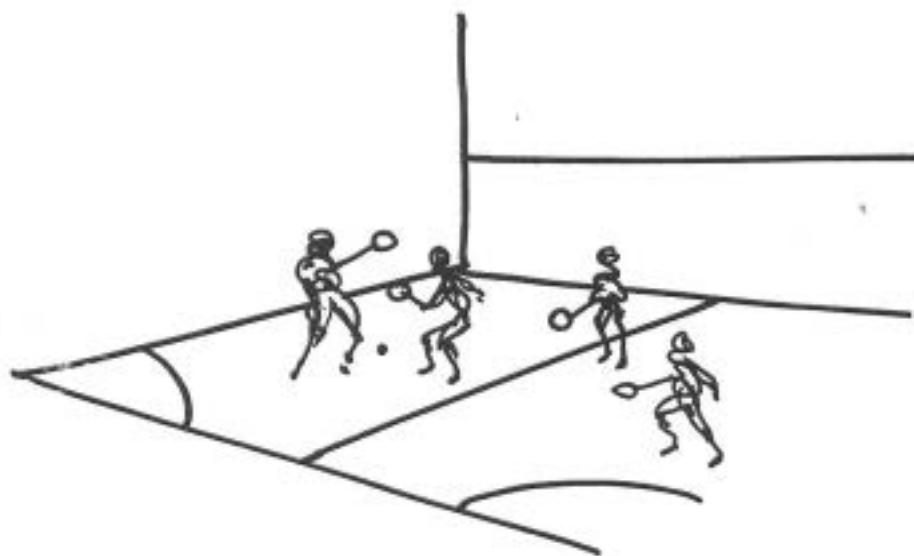
MSSRA president, Alex Sotir, and Maryland representative to the USSRA, Haswell Franklin, await the start of the Baltimore Invitational Doubles finals. Photo by S. Silber

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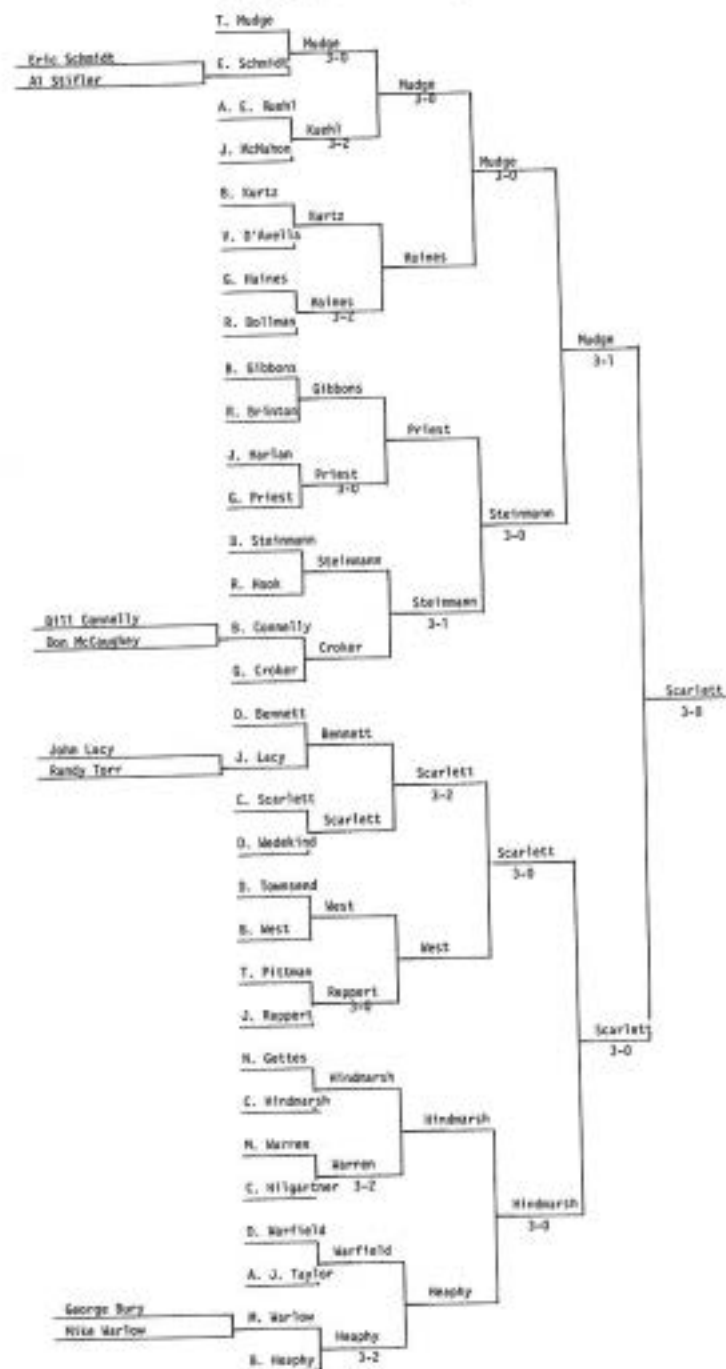


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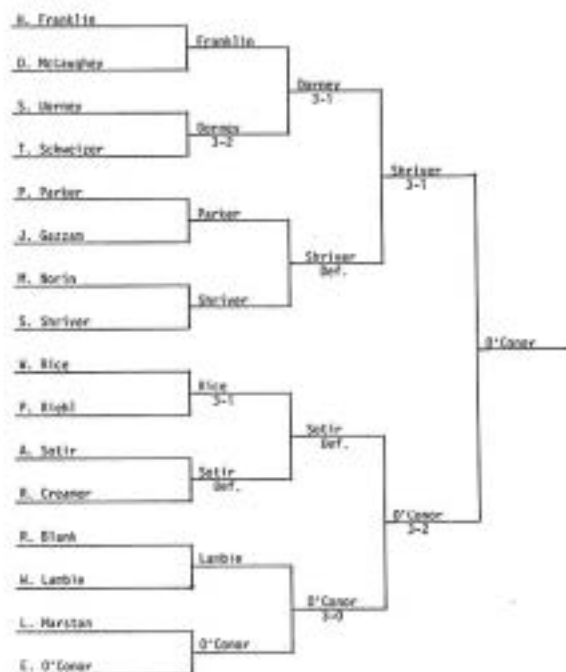
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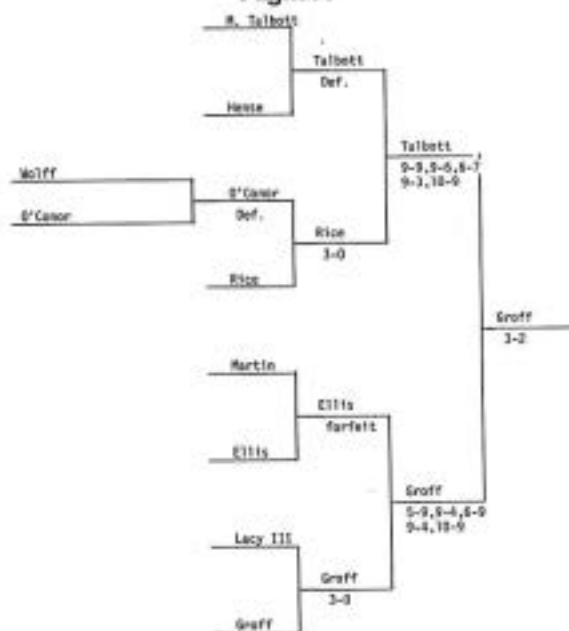
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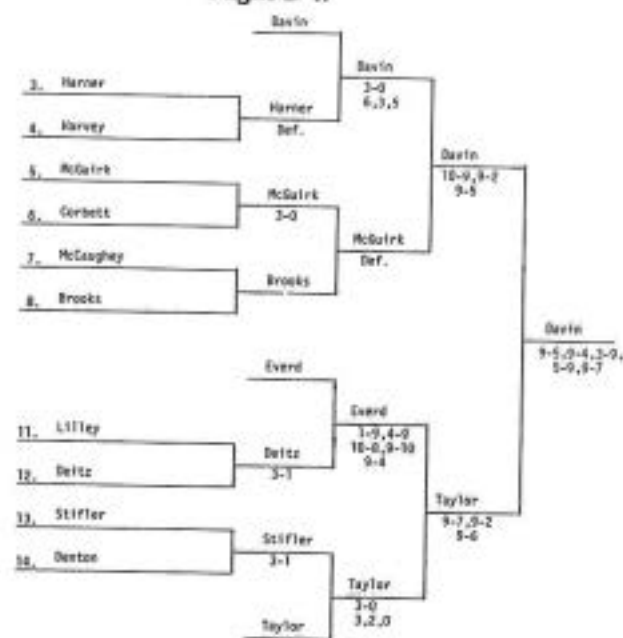
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David A. Talbott, squash professional

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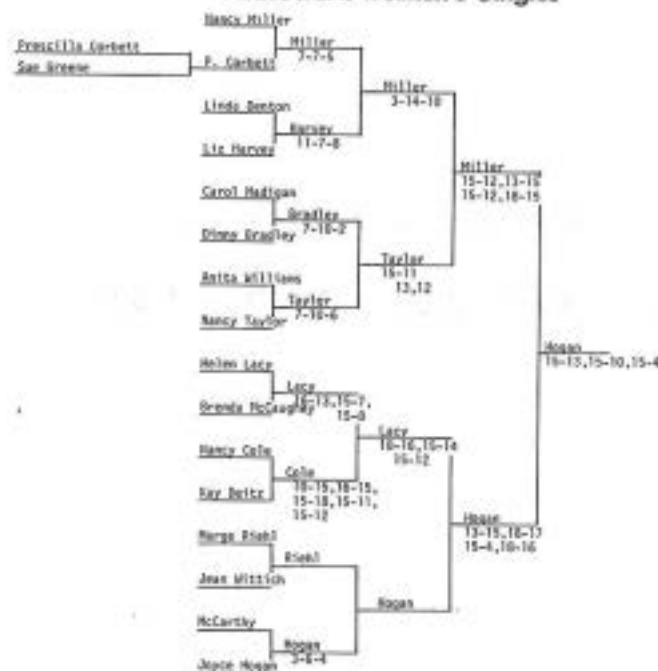
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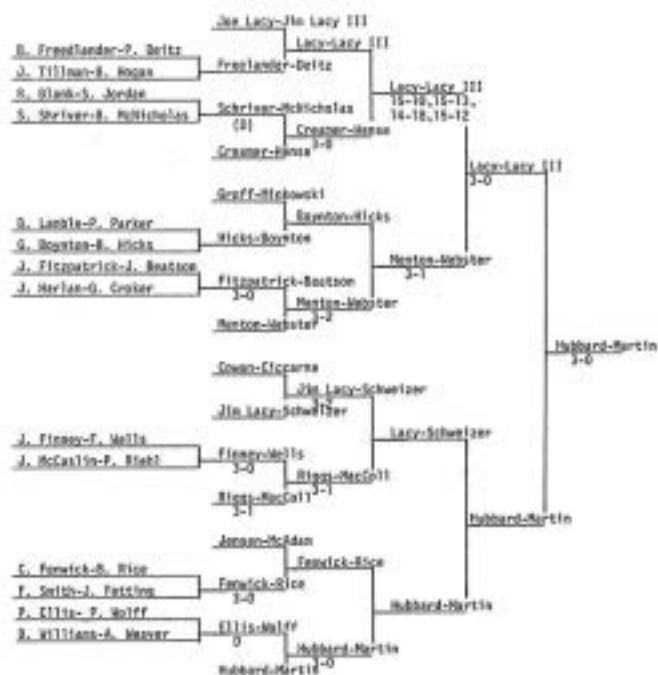
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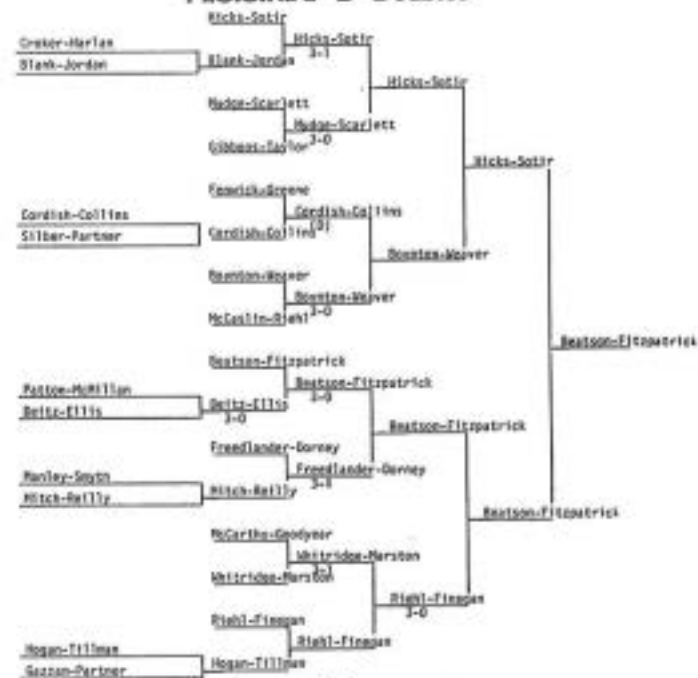
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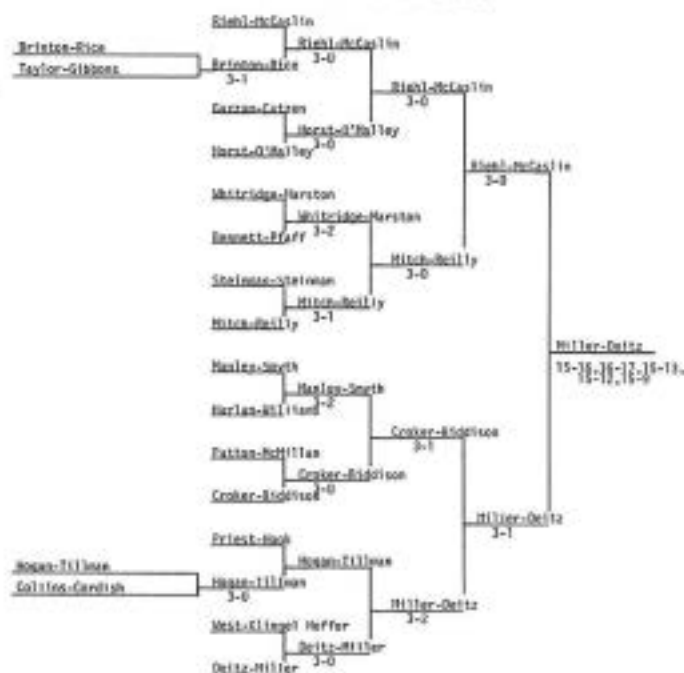
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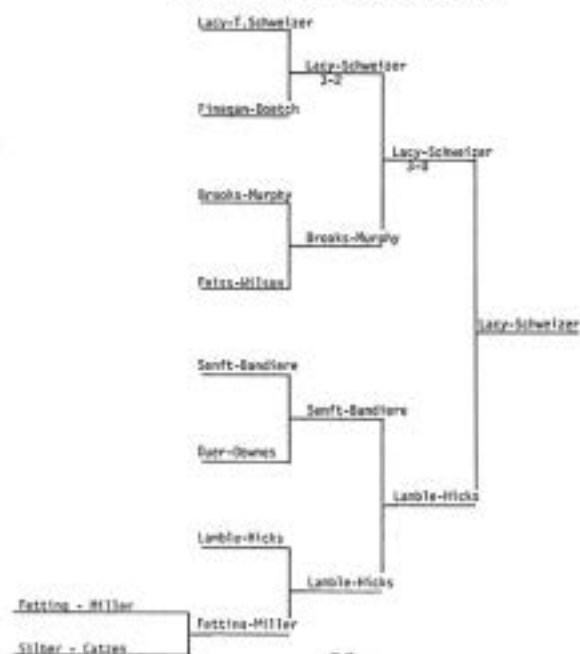
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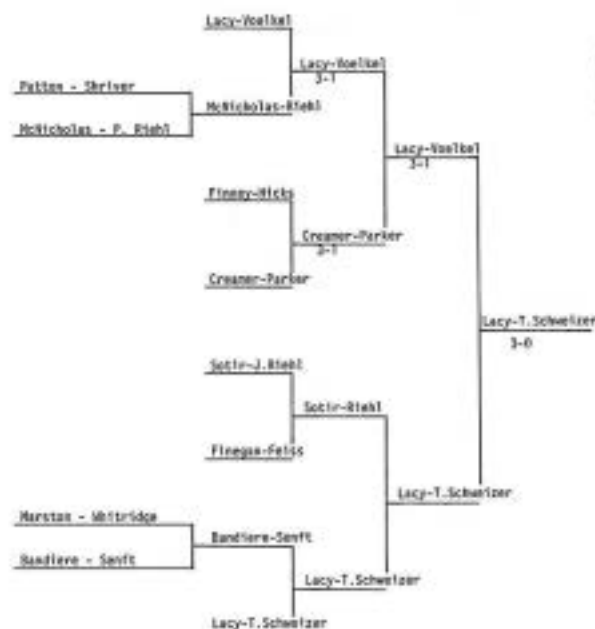
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### M.S.S.R.A. Seniors Doubles



## M.S.S.R.A. Veterans Doubles



### National Mixed Doubles



### Baltimore Invitation Doubles



Finalists in the Baltimore Invitation Doubles Tournament about to go into action. Baltimore's runner-ups, A. C. Hubbard (left) and Sandy Martin, are bracketed by tournament winners, Mike Pierce (left) and Mo Heckscher.

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## MARYLAND RANKINGS (1977-78)

### MEN'S SINGLES Class A

- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. John MacColl     | Maryland Club |
| 2. John Minkowski   | Racquet Club  |
| 3. Ted Berger       | Annapolis     |
| 4. Steve Howell     | U. S. N. A.   |
| 5. Sandy Martin     | Maryland Club |
| 6. Bill Rice        | Maryland Club |
| 7. Sandy Groff      | Racquet Club  |
| 8. Jack Leutkemeyer | Maryland Club |
| 9. Randy Kahn       | U. S. N. A.   |
| 10. A. C. Hubbard   | Maryland Club |

In addition, the following players are classified "A" but are given no ranking.

- |                     |                |                 |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Henry Ciccarone     | Malcolm Jensen | Art Potter, Jr. |
| Matt Dillon         | Jim Lacy, Jr.  | Frank Riggs     |
| Paul Ellis          | Jim Lacy, III  | Tommy Schweizer |
| Haswell Franklin    | Joe Lacy       | Sam Shriver     |
| Barrett Freedlander | Bill Lamble    | David Talbott   |
| Jim Hense           | Randy Loftin   | Mickey Webster  |
| Stuart Janney       | Gene O'Connor  | Peter Wolff     |

(U.S.N.A. varsity squash players are eligible for "A" singles only.)

### Class B

- |                 |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Ray Blank       | Joe Fitzpatrick | Peter Parker      |
| George Boynton  | Tom Greene      | Tom Reilly        |
| Sackett Cook    | Bob Hogan       | John Russell-Wood |
| Joe Cowan       | Scott Jordan    | Tim Schweizer     |
| Ron Creamer     | Butch McCleary  | Alex Sotir        |
| Paul Deitz      | Bill McGuirk    | Dave Stam         |
| Stan Dorney     | John Menton     | Jim Tillman       |
| Charlie Fenwick | Pat Miller      | Al Weaver         |
| Jervey Finney   | Clarke Murphy   | Rufus Williams    |
|                 |                 | Bruce Wilson      |



### Class C

Chuck Beach  
John Beatson  
Tom Biddison  
Dick Britt  
Dorsey Brown  
Bill Dorsey  
Dick Dunn  
Lou Galambos  
Bill Gillich  
Jim Goodyear  
Charlie Hindmarsh

John Horst  
Phil Iglehart  
Mel Keller  
Bob Kent  
Lee Marston  
Buck McCarthy  
Jim McCaslin  
Bill McMillan  
Bud McNicholas  
Ted Mudge

Marvin Norin  
Charlie Page  
Neal Perl  
Bob Pfaff  
Pickett Riehl  
Chris Scarlett  
Bob Schlenger  
Howard Simpson  
Peter Van Dyke  
Frank Wells  
Bobby Williams

### Class D

All those not listed above.

### MEN'S VETERANS

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Gene O'Connor | 3. Alex Sotir  |
| 2. Sam Shriver   | 4. Stan Dorney |

### WOMEN'S SINGLES

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Joyce Hogan    | 6. Dinny Bradley     |
| 2. Nancy Miller   | 7. Nancy Cole        |
| 3. Helen Lacy     | 8. Liz Harvey        |
| 4. Nancy Taylor   | 9. Kay Deitz         |
| 5. Margaret Riehl | 10. Brenda McCaughey |

### MEN'S DOUBLES

#### Class A

- |                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. A. C. Hubbard-Sandy Martin   | Maryland Club |
| 2. Joe Lacy-Jim Lacy, III       | Maryland Club |
| 3. Jim Lacey, Jr.-Tom Schweizer | Maryland Club |
| 4. John Menton-Mickey Webster   | Maryland Club |

In addition, the following players are classified "A" but are given no ranking.

Jack Bandiere	Haswell Franklin	Peter Parker
John Beatson	Sandy Groff	Art Potter, Jr.
Henry Ciccarone	Jim Hense	Bill Rice
Joe Cowan	Bill Lamble	Frank Riggs
Ron Creamer	John MacColl	Dan Senft
Matt Dillon	John Minkowski	David Talbott
Joe Fitzpatrick	Gene O'Connor	Peter Wolff

### Class B

George Boynton  
Sackett Cook  
Paul Deitz  
Lou Ditch  
Stan Dorney  
Paul Ellis  
Charlie Fenwick  
Jack Fetting  
Barrett Freedlander  
Jim Goodyear  
Jim Gray  
Tom Greene

Bill Edelen  
Mike Finegan  
Jervey Finney  
Bob Hicks  
Jack Luetkemeyer  
Buck McCarthy  
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Sam Shriver  
Sam Silber  
Fred Smith  
Alex Sotir  
Bob Voelkel  
Al Weaver  
Frank Wells  
Bruce Wilson  
Bob Williams  
Rufus Williams

### Class C

(Players not listed A or B)

### MEN'S VETERANS DOUBLES (40 and over)

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Jim Lacy, Jr.-Tom Schweizer | 3. John Riehl-Alex Sotir    |
| 2. Joe Lacy-Bob Voelkel        | 4. Ron Creamer-Peter Parker |

### MEN'S SENIORS DOUBLES (50 and over)

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jim Lacy, Jr.-Tom Schweizer | 2. Bob Hicks-Bill Lamble |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|

We're looking for you back soon T. S.; seniors and vet-doubles just wouldn't be the same.

## NATIONAL B AND C CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USSRA is in the final stages of negotiation with INSILCO (formerly International Silver Company)—a diversified company specializing in products for home consumer and commercial markets—for nationwide competition at the B and C levels. The proposed format would begin at the club level. Finalists and consolation winners would move forward to a city or region tournament, and competition would winnow down until 16 qualifiers were brought together, expenses paid, for a weekend final play-off in Philadelphia. Membership in the USSRA or local squash association would be required for participation. Local club play probably will begin in November and the final "finals" will be in early May. Watch your club bulletin board for further details, and look for formal announcement in the December 1 issue of *Racquet*.

Since this is the first year that National Tournaments will be held in the "B" & "C" singles class, the Ranking Committee has made every attempt to reflect current playing potential and accomplishment in their rankings. If you feel that age or inactivity should cause your ranking to be lowered, please direct your criticism to any member of the Ranking Committee (listed elsewhere in this book). On the other hand, if for some reason you feel you have been under-ranked, someone in your tournament draw will have already brought it to the committee's attention.



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# 1977-78 M.S.S.R.A. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

1977

Sept. 16-17	Bel Air Invitational Singles
Nov. 12	BCC Invitational Doubles Finals
Nov. 15	B-Doubles Start
Nov. 15	C-Singles Start
Dec. 2-3-4	Baltimore Open Ladies Singles & Doubles
Dec. 7	B-Doubles-Semi-Final-Md. Club
Dec. 9	B-Doubles-Finals-Md. Club
Dec. 10-11	B-Singles Start
Dec. 12	C-Singles-Semi-Finals-Racquet Club
Dec. 14	C-Singles-Finals-Racquet Club
Dec. 16	B-Singles-"16"-Round & Quarter Finals-Md. Club
Dec. 17	B-Singles-Semi-Finals & Finals-Md. Club
Dec. 17-18-19	National Jr. Boys & Girls-Princeton, N.J.



Photo by P. Ellis

Sharif Kahn, on his way to his eighth consecutive North American Open title, winds up for a backhand while runner-up, Geoff Hunt, looks on.

1978

Jan. 2	A-Singles, Ladies Singles, Veteran Singles, Veteran Doubles & Senior Doubles Start
Jan. 19	Senior Doubles-Semi-Finals-Md. Club
Jan. 20	D-Singles Start
Jan. 21	Senior Doubles-Finals-Md. Club
Jan. 24	Ladies Singles Semi-Finals-Racquet Club
Jan. 24	A-Singles Semi-Finals-B.C.C.
Jan. 24	Veteran Singles-Semi-Finals-B.C.C.
Jan. 24	Veteran Doubles-Semi-Finals-B.C.C.
Jan. 26	A-Singles, Ladies Singles, Veteran Singles & Veteran Doubles Finals-B.C.C.
Jan. 28	Fitzgerald Cup-Baltimore
Feb. 2	A-Doubles, C-Doubles & Ladies Doubles Start
Feb. 3-4-5	Ladies Howe Cup-New Haven, Conn.
Feb. 16-19	National Womens Singles-Wilmington, Del.
Feb. 17-20	National Open Men's Singles-Boston, Mass.
Mar. 1	A-Doubles Semi-Finals-Md. Club
Mar. 1	C-Doubles Semi-Finals-Racquet Club
Mar. 3	A-Doubles Finals-Md. Club
Mar. 3	C-Doubles Finals & D-Singles Semi-Finals-Racquet Club
Mar. 4	D-Singles Finals-Racquet Club
Mar. 6	Ladies Doubles Semi-Finals-Racquet Club
Mar. 8	Ladies Doubles Finals-Racquet Club
Mar. 10-11-12	Balto. Invitational Doubles-Md. Club & B.C.C.
Mar. 18-19	National Men's Doubles-Pittsburg, Pa.
June 19	English Ball-Singles-A, B-C, D-W - Start
July 15	English Ball Semi-Finals & Finals-Deitz Squash Club

## TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

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### DOUBLES:

- A Tom Schewizer - 955-6193
  - B George Croker - 837-7437
  - C Peter Wolff - 592-8533
- Veterans John Riehl - 235-6321  
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### A NOTE TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

This season, we'd like to document each tournament more carefully. We are asking each of you to submit a complete and accurate copy of the draw along with a paragraph or two summarizing the high points of the play to the director of tournaments. If at all possible, photographs of the final rounds, winners, etc. would make a worthy contribution.

## TOURNAMENT RULES FOR MARYLAND COMPETITION

Directors have again been designated for each of the MSSRA's 1977-78 tournaments. According to the MSSRA Constitution, the second vice president of the MSSRA this year, James Goodyear, shall serve as chairman of the Tournament Committee and shall appoint a director who shall be responsible for running the particular tournament he or she has been assigned in accordance with the published tournament schedule.

All matches—with no exceptions—shall be played by the time specified on the draw sheet.

Sign-up sheets shall be posted two weeks prior to the start of a tournament. Draw sheets shall be posted three days prior to the start of a tournament. Sign-up and draw sheets shall be posted at the Baltimore Country Club, the Deitz Squash Club, the Johns Hopkins University, the Maryland Club, the Racquet Club, the Towson YMCA, and the Downtown Racquet Club.

No person may enter a tournament unless he is a paid member of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association.

All matches will be played in the greater Baltimore area unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

Winners of each match must report scores to the tournament director immediately following each match.

The official ball to be used will be listed on the draw sheet, but another ball may be used if mutually agreed upon.

The tournament director will provide a referee for the final-round play. He will also provide a referee for any preceeding rounds at the request of either player.

Attire shall be white or pastel.

Subject to the above local rules, all matches shall be played in accordance with the rules of squash as promulgated by the United States Squash Racquets Association and published in its latest annual yearbook.

Defaults will be strictly enforced for the violation of any of the above rules. So observe the rules, play your matches on time—and, most of all, enjoy yourself.

### NEW THIS YEAR!

This year, players are eligible only for tournament competition at their level of state ranking and one level above. Exceptions will be made only at the specific concurrence of the appropriate tournament director.

We reemphasize that for unscheduled tournament matches, the upper person in a given bracket is responsible for the time and place of the match subject to the rules governing that particular tournament.



# PLAYING RULES OF THE UNITED STATES SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION

As many of you already know, the USSRA has recently revised certain of its playing rules. Because of these changes and also to provide a ready source for consultation, a complete set of the revised singles and doubles rules are included in this yearbook.

The specific changes (A-C) governing USSRA-sanctioned play are as follows:

- A Solid pastel shirts and/or trousers are permitted (this rule was adopted previously by the MSSRA).
- B If a player "comes around," turns to take a ball on the forehand which might normally have been taken on the backhand (or vice versa) and then hits the opponent with the ball, the point is a "let" if the ball would otherwise have reached the front wall fairly. If the ball would not have reached the front wall fairly, then the striker loses the point. The so-called "English Let" no longer applies once you "come around." Even if the ball was headed directly to the front wall, the point is a "let."
- C If a player swings at a ball, misses, and then the ball hits his opponent, the point is a "let" if the player (or his partner) might have had another chance to return the ball. If the ball was going out of play except for striking the opponent, the player loses the point. If a player swings and misses, then manages to recover and return the ball fairly and it then hits his opponent, the provisions for "coming around" apply. The point is either a "let" or lost by the striker if the ball would not have reached the front wall fairly.

The intent of this rule is that a player must clear the ball, but should not be penalized by having to clear twice on the same stroke. Referees are instructed that deliberate faking is to be considered the same as swinging and missing. That is, a player may no longer fake a volley, then step back and let the ball go hoping that it hits his opponent.

Concerning the new balls, the USSRA has this to say:

Squash balls with synthetic components are very sensitive to changes in temperature. The USSRA makes the following recommendations for use of the 70+ ball:

- 1 If the court temperature at the beginning of a match is 60° or above, use the 70+ blue dot ball.
- 2 If the court temperature at the beginning of a match is below 60°, use the 70+ white dot ball. Once a match is started, play should continue with the same ball.

Naturally, Tournament Chairmen or League Chairmen may wish to set different standards for varying court conditions and levels of play, but the above guidelines may be used when two individuals have difficulty deciding upon the proper ball to use.

Concerning the interpretation of Rule 10: Let Point.

At a teaching clinic held in Philadelphia this past season, Darwin Kingsley, the executive director of the USSRA, commented on the growing use of the let point not only in refereed but in unrefereed matches as well. In the past, there seems to have been a somewhat general feeling that a let point should be awarded only if a willful, possibly sinister, motive could be ascribed to an offending parties' performance. Quite to the contrary. As published in the *Rules and Instructions to Referees* (USSRA, 1973), the key word in the rule is "unnecessary," not willful or intentional. That is to say, if the offending party, within the scope of his ability, could have moved in some (other) direction so that his opponent could have played a winning shot, then a let point should be granted. We think this is a good rule. It makes the game safer, for it relieves a player of choosing between loss of an opportune point and risking injury to his opponent. We suggest that not only in competition but "friendly" play as well, when such let situations arise and you are the offending party, you consider awarding your opponent the point. Look at it this way. Even if you don't care about sportsman-like conduct on the court, you might just be saved a serious injury sometime if your opponent knows that by holding his shot, he might get the point anyway.

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### Singles Rules

1. **SERVER** — At the start of a match the choice to serve or receive shall be decided by the spin of a racquet. The server retains the serve until he loses a point, in which event he loses the serve.

2. **SERVICE** — (a) The server, until the ball has left the racquet from the service, must stand with at least one foot on the floor within and not touching the line surrounding the service box and serve the ball onto the front wall above the service line and below the 16' line before it touches any other part of the court, so that on its rebound (return) it first strikes the floor within, but not touching, the lines of the opposite service court, either before or after touching any other wall or walls within the court. A ball so served is a good service, otherwise it is a Fault.

(b) If the first service is a Fault, the server shall serve again from the same side. If the server makes two consecutive Faults, he loses the point. A service called a Fault may not be played, but the receiver may volley any service which has struck the front wall in accordance with this rule.

(c) At the beginning of each game, and each time there is a new server, the ball shall be served by the winner of the previous point from whichever service box the server elects and thereafter alternately until the service is lost or until the end of the game. If the server serves from the wrong box there shall be no penalty and the service shall count as if served from the correct box, provided, however, that if the receiver does not attempt to return the service, he may demand that it be served from the other box, or if, before the receiver attempts to return the service, the Referee calls a Let (See Rule 9), the service shall be made from the other box.

(d) A ball is in play from the moment at which it is delivered in service until (1) the point is decided; (2) a Fault, as defined in 2(a)

is made; or (3) a Let or Let Point occurs (See Rules 9 and 10).

3. **RETURN OF SERVICE AND SUBSEQUENT PLAY** — (a) A return is deemed to be made at the instant the ball touches the racquet of the player making the return. To make a good return of a service or of a subsequent return the ball must be struck on the volley or before it has touched the floor twice, and reach the front wall on the fly above the tell-tale and below the 16' line, and it may touch any wall or walls within the court before or after reaching the front wall. On any return the ball may be struck only once. It may not be "carried" or "doubled-hit".

(b) If the receiver fails to make a good return of a good service, the server wins the point. If the receiver makes a good return of service, the play shall alternate making returns until one player fails to make a good return. The player failing to make a good return loses the point.

(c) Until the ball has been touched or has hit the floor twice, it may be struck at any number of times.

(d) If at any time after a service the ball hits outside the playing surfaces of the court (the ceiling and/or lights, or on or above a line marking the perimeters of the playing surfaces of the court), the player so hitting the ball loses the point, unless a Let or a Let Point occurs. (See Rules 9 and 10.)

4. **SCORE** — Each point won by a player shall add one to his score.

5. **GAME** — The player who first scores fifteen points wins the game excepting that:

(a) At "thirteen all" the player who has first reached the score of thirteen must elect one of the following before the next serve:

(1) Set to five points — making the game eighteen points.

(2) Set to three points — making the game sixteen points.

(3) No set, in which event the game remains fifteen points.

(b) At "fourteen all" provided the score has not been "thirteen all" the player who has first reached the score of fourteen must elect one of the following before the next serve:

(1) Set to three points — making the game seventeen points

(2) No set, in which event the game remains fifteen points.

6. **MATCH** — The player who first wins three games wins the match, except that a player may be awarded the match at any time upon the retirement, default or disqualification of an opponent.

7. **RIGHT TO PLAY BALL** — Immediately after striking the ball a player must get out of an opponent's way and must:

(a) Give an opponent a fair view of the ball, provided, however, interference purely with an opponent's vision in following the flight of the ball is not a Let (See Rule 9).

(b) Give an opponent a fair opportunity to get to and/or strike at the ball in and from any position on the court elected by the opponent; and

(c) Allow an opponent to play the ball to any part of the front wall or to either side wall near the front wall.

#### 8. BALL IN PLAY TOUCHING PLAYER

(a) If a ball in play, after hitting the front wall, but before being returned again, shall touch either player, or anything he wears or carries (other than the racquet of the player who makes the return) the player so touched loses the point, except as provided in Rule 9 (a) or 9 (b).

(b) If a ball in play touches the player who last returned it or anything he wears or carries before it hits the front wall, the player so touched loses the point.

(c) If a ball in play, after being struck by a player on a return, hits the player's opponent or anything the opponent wears or carries before reaching the front wall:

(1) The player who made the return shall lose the point if the return would not have been good.

(2) The player who made the return shall win the point if the ball, except for such interference, would have hit the front wall fairly; provided, however, the point shall be a Let (see Rule 9) if:

(i) The ball would have touched some other wall before so hitting the front wall.

(ii) The ball has hit some other wall before hitting the player's opponent or anything he wears or carries.

(iii) The player who made the return shall have turned following the ball around prior to playing the ball.

(d) If a player strikes at and misses the ball, he may make further attempts to return it. If, after being missed, the ball touches his opponent or anything he wears or carries:

(1) If the player might otherwise have made a good return, the point shall be a Let.

(2) If the player could not have made a good return, he shall lose the point.

If any further attempt is successful but the ball, before reaching the front wall, touches his opponent or anything he wears or carries and Rule 8(c)(2) applies, the point shall be a Let.

(e) When there is no referee, if the player who made the return does not concede that the return would not have been good, or, alternatively, the player's opponent does not concede that the ball has hit him (or anything he wears or carries) and would have gone directly to the front wall without first touching any other wall, the point shall be a Let.

(f) When there is no referee, if the players are unable to agree whether 8(d)(1) or 8(d)(2) applies, the point shall be a Let.

#### 9. LET — A Let is the playing over of a point.

On the replay of the point the server (1) is entitled to two serves even if a Fault was called on the original point, (2) must serve from the correct box even if he served from the wrong box on the original point, and (3) provided he is a new server, may serve from a service box other than the one selected on the original point.

In addition to the Lets described in Rules 2(c) and 8(c)(3), the following are Lets if the player whose turn it is to strike the ball could otherwise have made a good return:

(a) When such player's opponent violates Rule 7.

(b) When owing to the position of such player, his opponent is unable to avoid being touched by the ball.

(c) When such player refrains from striking at the ball because of a reasonable fear of injuring his opponent.

(d) When such player before or during the act of striking or striking at the ball is touched by his opponent, his racquet or anything he wears or carries.

(e) When on the first bounce from the floor the ball hits on or above the six and one half foot line on the back wall; and

(f) When a ball in play breaks. If a player thinks the ball has broken while play is in progress he must nevertheless complete the point and then immediately request a Let, giving the ball to the Referee for inspection. The

Referee shall allow a Let only upon such immediate request if the ball in fact proves to be broken (See Rule 13(c).)

A player may request a Let or a Let Point (See Rule 10). A request by a player for a Let shall automatically include a request for a Let Point. Upon such request, the Referee shall allow a Let, Let Point or no Let.

No Let shall be allowed on any stroke a player makes unless he requests such before or during the act of striking or striking at the Ball.

The Referee may not call or allow a Let as defined in this Rule 9 unless such Let is requested by a player; provided, however, the Referee may call a Let at any time (1) when there is interference with play caused by any factor beyond the control of the players, or (2) when he fears that a player is about to suffer severe physical injury.

10. **LET POINT** — A Let Point is the awarding of a point to a player when an opponent unnecessarily violates Rule 7(b) or 7(c).

An unnecessary violation occurs (1) when the player fails to make the necessary effort within the scope of his normal ability to avoid the violation, thereby depriving his opponent of a clear opportunity to attempt a winning shot, or (2) when the player has repeatedly failed to make the necessary effort within the scope of his normal ability to avoid such violations.

The Referee may not award a Let Point as defined in this Rule 10 unless such Let Point or a Let (see Rule 9) is requested by a player.

When there is no referee, if a player does not concede that he has unnecessarily violated Rule 7(b) or 7(c), the point shall be a Let.

11. **CONTINUITY OF PLAY** — Play shall be continuous from the first service of each game until the game is concluded. Play shall never be suspended solely to allow a player to recover his strength or wind. The provisions of this Rule 11 shall be strictly construed. The referee shall be the sole judge of intentional delay, and, after giving due warning, he must default the offender.

Between each game play may be suspended by either player for a period not to exceed two minutes. Between the third and fourth games play may be suspended by either player for a period not to exceed five minutes. Except during the five minute period at the end of the third game, no player may leave the court without permission of the referee.

Except as otherwise specified in this Rule 11, the Referee may suspend play for such reason and for such period of time as he may consider necessary.

If play is suspended by the Referee because

of an injury to one of the players, such player must resume play within one hour from the point and game score existing at the time play was suspended or default the match, provided, however, if a player suffers cramps or pulled muscles, play may be suspended by the Referee once during a match for such player for a period not to exceed five minutes after which time such player must resume play or default the match.

In the event the Referee suspends play other than for injury to a player, play shall be resumed when the Referee determines the cause of such suspension of play has been eliminated, provided, however, if such cause of delay cannot be rectified within one hour, the match shall be postponed to such time as the Tournament Committee determines. Any such suspended match shall be resumed from the point and game score existing at the time the match was stopped unless the Referee and both players unanimously agree to play the entire match or any part of it over.

12. **ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT** — (a) The color of a player's shirt or trousers may be either white or a solid pastel. The Referee's decision as to a player's attire shall be final.

(b) A standard singles ball as specified in the Court, Racquet and Ball Specifications of this Association shall be used.

13. **CONDITION OF BALL** — (a) No ball, before or during a match, may be artificially treated, that is, heated or chilled.

(b) At any time, when not in the actual play of a point, another ball may be substituted by the mutual consent of the players or by decision of the Referee.

(c) A ball shall be determined broken when it has a crack which extends through both its inner and outer surfaces. The ball may be squeezed only enough to determine the extent of the crack. A broken ball shall be replaced and the preceding point shall be a Let (See Rule 9(f)).

(d) A cracked (but not broken) ball may be replaced by the mutual consent of the players or by decision of the Referee, and the preceding point shall stand.

14. **COURT** — (a) The singles court shall be specified in the Court, Racquet and Ball Specifications of this Association.

(b) No equipment of any sort shall be permitted to remain in the court during a match other than the ball used in play, the racquets being used by the players, and the clothes worn by them. All other equipment, such as extra balls, extra racquets, sweaters when not being worn, towels, bathrobes, etc., must be left outside the court. A player who requires a



towel or cloth to wipe himself or anything he wears or carries should keep same in his pocket or securely fastened to his belt or waist.

**15. REFEREE** — (a) A Referee shall control the game. This control shall be exercised from time the players enter the court. The Referee may limit the time of the warm up period to five minutes, or shall terminate a longer warm up period so that the match commences at the scheduled time.

(b) The Referee's decision on all questions of play shall be final except as provided in Rule 15(c).

(c) Two judges may be appointed to act on any appeal by a player to a decision of the Referee. When such judges are acting in a match, a player may appeal any decision of the Referee to the judges, except a decision under Rules 11, 12(a), 13, 15(a) and 15(f). If one judge agrees with the Referee, the Referee's decision stands; if both judges disagree with the Referee, the judges' decision is final. The judges shall make no ruling unless an appeal has been made. The decision of the judges shall be announced promptly by the Referee.

(d) A player may not request the removal or replacement of the Referee or a judge during a match.

(e) A player shall not state his reason for his request under Rule 9 for a Let or Let Point or for his appeal from any decision of the Referee provided, however, that the Referee may request the player to state his reasons.

(f) A Referee serving without judges, after giving due warning of the penalty of this Rule 15(f), in his discretion may disqualify a player for speech or conduct unbecoming to the game of squash racquets, provided that a player may be disqualified without warning if, in the opinion of such Referee, he has deliberately caused physical injury to his opponent.

When two judges are acting in a match, the Referee in his discretion, upon the agreement of both judges, may disqualify a player with or without prior warning for speech or conduct unbecoming to the game of squash racquets.

## Doubles Rules

**1. SERVER** — At the start of a match the choice to serve or receive shall be decided by the spin of a racquet.

Each side or team shall consist of two players. The two partners of a side shall serve in succession, the first retaining his serve until his side has lost a point. On the loss of the next point the side shall be declared "out" and the serve revert to the opponents. On the first serve of every game, however, the "in" side

shall be declared "out" after it has lost one point only.

The order of serving within a side shall not be changed during the progress of a game.

At the end of a game the side which has won the game shall have the choice of serving or receiving to commence the next game.

**2. SERVICE** — (a) The server, until the ball has left the racquet from the service, must stand with at least one foot on the floor within and not touching the line surrounding the service box and serve the ball onto the front wall above the service line and below the 20' line before it touches any other part of the court, so that on its rebound (return) it first strikes the floor within, but not touching, the lines of the opposite service court, either before or after touching any other wall or walls within the court. A ball so served is a good service, otherwise it is a Fault.

(b) If the first service is a Fault, the server shall serve again from the same side. If the server makes two consecutive Faults, he loses the point. A service called a Fault may not be played, but the receiver may volley any service which has struck the front wall in accordance with this rule.

(c) At the beginning of each game and each time a side becomes "in" the ball shall be served from whichever service box the first server for the side elects, and thereafter alternately until the side is "out" or until the end of the game. If the server serves from the wrong box there shall be no penalty and the service shall count and the play shall proceed as if the box served from was the correct box, provided, however, that if the receiver does not attempt to return the service, he may demand that it be served from the other box, or if, before the receiver attempts to return the service, the Referee calls a Let (See Rule 9), the service shall be made from the other box.

(d) A ball is in play from the moment at which it is delivered in service until (1) the point is decided; (2) a Fault as defined in 2(a) is made; or (3) a Let or Let Point occurs (See Rules 9 and 10).

**3. RETURN OF SERVICE AND SUBSEQUENT PLAY** — (a) A return is deemed to be made the instant the ball touches the racquet of the player making the return. To make a good return of a service or of a subsequent return the ball must be struck on the volley or before it has touched the floor twice and reach the front wall on the fly about the tell-tale and below the 20' line, and it may touch any wall or walls within the court before or after reaching the front wall. On any return the ball may be struck only once. It may not be "carried" or "double-hit."

(b) At the beginning of each game each side shall designate one of its players to receive service in the right hand service court and the other to receive service in the left hand service court and throughout the course of such game the service must be received by the players so designated.

(c) If the designated receiver fails to make a good return of a good service, the serving side wins the point. If the designated receiver makes a good return of service the sides shall alternate making returns until one side fails to make a good return. The side failing to make a good return loses the point.

(d) Until the ball has been touched or has hit the floor twice, it may be struck at any number of times by either player on a side.

(e) If at any time after a service the ball hits outside the playing surfaces of the court (the ceiling and/or lights, or on or above a line marking the perimeters of the playing surfaces of the court) the side so hitting the ball loses the point, unless a Let or a Let Point occurs. (See Rules 9 and 10.)

**4. SCORE** — Each point won by either side shall add one to its score.

**5. GAME** — The side which first scores fifteen points wins the game excepting that:

(a) At "thirteen all" the side which has first reached the score of thirteen must elect one of the following before the next serve:

(1) Set to five points — making the game eighteen points.

(2) Set to three points — making the game sixteen points.

(3) No set, in which event the game remains fifteen points.

(b) At "fourteen all," provided the score has not been "thirteen all," the side which has first reached the score of fourteen must elect one of the following before the next serve:

(1) Set to three points — making the game seventeen points.

(2) No set, in which event the game remains fifteen points.

**6. MATCH** — The side which first wins three games wins the match, except that a side may be awarded the match at any time upon the retirement, default or disqualification of the opposing side.

**7. RIGHT TO PLAY THE BALL** — Immediately after he or his partner has struck the ball, each player must get out of his opponents' way and must:

(a) Give his opponents a fair view of the ball, provided, however, interference purely with an opponent's vision in following the flight of the ball is not a Let (See Rule 9).

(b) Give his opponents a fair opportunity to

get to and/or strike at the ball in and from any position on the court elected by an opponent; and;

(c) Allow either opponent to play the ball to any part of the front wall or to either side wall near the front wall.

## 8. BALL IN PLAY TOUCHING PLAYER

(a) If a ball in play, after hitting the front wall, but before being returned again, shall touch any player, or anything he wears or carries (other than the racquet of the player who makes the return) the side of the player so touched loses the point, except as provided in Rule 9(a) or 9(b).

(b) If a ball in play touches the player who last returned it or his partner or anything either of them wears or carries before it hits the front wall, the side of the player so touched loses the point.

(c) If a ball in play, after being struck by a player on a return, hits either of the player's opponents or anything either of them wears or carries before reaching the front wall:

(1) The side of the player who made the return shall lose the point if the return would not have been good.

(2) The point shall be a Let (See Rule 9) if the return would have hit the front wall fairly except for such interference.

(d) If a player strikes at and misses the ball, he and his partner may make further attempts to return it. If, after being missed, the ball touches either of their opponents or anything they wear or carry:

(1) If the player or his partner would otherwise have made a good return, the point shall be a Let.

(2) If the player or his partner could not have made a good return, their side shall lose the point.

(e) When there is no Referee, if the players are unable to agree whether 8(d) (1) or 8(d) (2) applies, the point shall be a Let.

## 9. LET — A Let is the playing over a point.

On the replay of the point the server (1) is entitled to two serves even if a Fault was called on the original point, (2) must serve from the correct box even if he served from the wrong box on the original point, and (3) provided he is a new server, may serve from a service box other than the one selected on the original point.

In addition to the Lets described in Rules 2 (2) and 8(c) (2), the following are Lets if the player on the side whose turn it is to strike the ball could otherwise have made a good return:

(a) When an opponent of such player violates Rule 7.

(b) When owing to the position of such

player, either of his opponents is unable to avoid being touched by the ball.

(c) When such player refrains from striking at the ball because of a reasonable fear of injuring his opponent.

(d) When such player before or during the act of striking or striking at the ball is touched by either of his opponents their racquets or anything either of them wear or carry.

(e) When on the first bounce from the floor the ball hits on or above the seven foot line on the back wall; and,

(f) When a ball in play breaks. If a player thinks the ball has broken while play is in progress he must nevertheless complete the point and then immediately request a Let, giving the ball to the Referee for inspection. The Referee shall allow a Let only upon such immediate request if the ball in fact proves to be broken. (See Rule 13(c)).

A player may request a Let or a Let Point (See Rule 10). A request by a player for a Let shall automatically include a request for a Let Point. Upon such request, the Referee shall allow a Let, Let Point or not Let.

No Let shall be allowed on any stroke a player makes unless he requests such before or during the act of striking or striking at the ball.

The Referee may not call or allow a Let as defined in this Rule 9 unless such Let is requested by a player; provided, however, the Referee may call a Let at any time (1) when there is interference with play caused by any factor beyond the control of the players, or (2) when he fears that a player is about to suffer severe physical injury.

**10. LET POINT** — A Let Point is the awarding of a point to a side when an opponent unnecessarily violates Rule 7(b) or 7(c).

An unnecessary violation occurs (1) when the player fails to make the necessary effort within the scope of his normal ability to avoid the violation, thereby depriving an opponent of a clear opportunity to attempt a winning shot, or (2) when the player has repeatedly failed to make the necessary effort within the scope of his normal ability to avoid such violations.

The Referee may not award a Let Point as defined in this Rule 10 unless such Let Point or a Let (See Rule 9) is requested by a player.

When there is no Referee, if a player does not concede that he has unnecessarily violated Rule 7(b) or 7(c), the point shall be a Let.

**11. CONTINUITY OF PLAY** — Play shall be continuous from the first service of each game until the game is concluded. Play shall never be suspended solely to allow a player to re-

cover his strength or wind. The provisions of this Rule 11 shall be strictly construed. The Referee shall be the sole judge of intentional delay, and, after giving due warning, he must default the offender.

Between each game play may be suspended by any player for a period not to exceed two minutes. Between the third and fourth games play may be suspended by any player for a period not to exceed five minutes. Except during the five minute period at the end of the third game, no player may leave the court without permission of the Referee.

Except as otherwise specified in this Rule 11, the Referee may suspend play for such reason and for such period of time as he may consider necessary.

If play is suspended by the Referee because of an injury to one of the players, such player must resume play within one hour from the point and game score existing at the time play was suspended or his side shall default the match, provided, however, if a player suffers cramps or pulled muscles, play may be suspended by the Referee once during a match for each such player for a period not to exceed five minutes after which time such player must resume play or his side shall default the match.

In the event the Referee suspends play other than for injury to a player, play shall be resumed when the Referee determines the cause of such suspension of play has been eliminated, provided, however, if such cause of delay cannot be rectified within one hour, the match shall be postponed to such time as the Tournament Committee determines. Any such suspended match shall be resumed from the point and game score existing at the time the match was stopped unless the Referee and both sides unanimously agree to play the entire match or any part of it over.

**12. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT** — (a) The color of a player's shirt or trousers may be either white or a solid pastel. A side shall have matching attire. The Referee's decision as to a side's attire shall be final.

(b) A standard doubles ball as specified in the Court, Racquet and Ball Specifications of this Association shall be used.

(c) A racquet as specified in the Court, Racquet and Ball Specifications shall be used.

**13. CONDITION OF BALL** — (a) No ball, before or during a match, may be artificially treated, that is, heated or chilled.

(b) At any time, when not in the actual play of a point, another ball may be substituted by the mutual consent of the sides or by decision of the Referee.

(c) A ball shall be determined broken when it has a crack which extends through both its

inner and outer surfaces. The ball may be squeezed only enough to determine the extent of the crack. A broken ball shall be replaced and the preceding point shall be a Let (See Rule 9(f)).

(d) A cracked (but not broken) ball may be replaced by the mutual consent of the sides or by decision of the Referee, and the preceding point shall stand.

**14. COURT** — (a) The doubles court shall be as specified in the Court, Racquet and Ball Specifications of this Association.

(b) No equipment of any sort shall be permitted to remain in the court during a match other than the ball used in play, the racquets being used by the players, and the clothes worn by them. All other equipment, such as extra balls, extra racquets, sweaters when not being worn, towels, bathrobes, etc., must be left outside the court. A player who requires a towel or cloth to wipe himself or anything he wears or carries should keep same in his pocket or securely fastened to his belt or waist.

**15. REFEREE** — (a) A referee shall control the game. This control shall be exercised from the time the players enter the court. The Referee may limit the time of the warm up period to five minutes, or shall terminate a longer warm up period so that the match commences at the scheduled time.

(b) The Referee's decision on all questions of play shall be final except as provided in Rule 15(c).

(c) Two judges may be appointed to act on any appeal by a player to a decision of the Referee. When such judges are acting in a match, a player may appeal any decision of the Referee to the judges, except a decision under Rules 11, 12(a), 14, 15(a) and 15(f). If one judge agrees with the Referee, the Referee's decision stands; if both judges disagree with the Referee, the judges' decision is final. The judges shall make no ruling unless an appeal has been made. The decision of the judges shall be announced promptly by the Referee.

(d) A player may not request the removal or replacement of the Referee or a judge during a match.

(e) A player shall not state his reason for his request under Rule 9 for a Let or Let Point or for his appeal from any decision of the Referee provided, however, that the Referee may request the player to state his reasons.

(f) A Referee serving without judges, after giving due warning of the penalty of this Rule 15(f), in his discretion may disqualify a side for speech or conduct by a player unbecoming to the game of squash racquets, provided that a side may be disqualified without warning if, in the opinion of such Referee, a player has deliberately caused physical injury to his opponent.

Where two judges are acting in a match, the Referee in his discretion upon the agreement of both judges may disqualify a side with or without prior warning for speech or conduct unbecoming to the game of squash racquets.

## FINALS NIGHT AND AWARDS — A NEW FORMAT

Due to a modification of the tournament schedule, some of the rounds normally held on finals night at the BCC will not occur at that time. In addition, the format for the awards has been changed this year. No dinner will be held at the BCC on finals night, but the awards for state competition will be presented at the Baltimore Invitation Doubles brunch on March 12. See the Tournament Schedule and the President's letter.



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## CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

### ARTICLE I TITLE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The Title of this Association shall be the "Maryland State Squash Racquets Association". The principal office of the Association shall be in Baltimore, Md.

### ARTICLE II OBJECT

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the game of squash racquets in the Maryland area, to protect the mutual interests of the members of the Association, and to establish and enforce uniformity in the rules of the game.

### ARTICLE III UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

The Association shall be an unincorporated Association in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland. The Association is not organized and shall not be conducted for pecuniary profit and no part of its funds, however acquired, shall inure to the benefit of any officer, member or individual, except that the Association may pay consideration for work, labor or materials furnished to it.

In addition to the powers specifically conferred upon it by law, the Association shall have the power to receive gifts, devices and bequests of money or property of whatsoever kind or description; to acquire, hold, sell, give or otherwise dispose of such real and personal property as the purposes of the Association may require; and generally to do any and all other acts and things incident to and in furtherance of the aforesaid purposes of the Association not forbidden by law or by the by-laws of the Association.

### ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Types of membership. Membership shall consist of MILITARY AND COLLEGIATE ORGANIZATIONAL and INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

SECTION 2. MILITARY shall consist of those individuals who are members of the military service and who are stationed at a military establishment within the State of Maryland, or who are attending a military school within the State of Maryland. Annual dues will be established by the Executive Committee.

COLLEGIATE shall consist of those individuals who are bona fide students of any school, college or university within the State of Maryland. Annual dues will be established by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS shall consist of those clubs and associations located in Maryland, and which have been duly elected to membership by the Executive Committee. Dues and fees for the member clubs shall be set by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS shall be players or friends of squash who are residents of the State of Maryland and who pay annual dues to the Association in an amount established by the Executive Committee at the annual meeting. They shall be members of an organizational club or should be invited to join by Executive Committee. Individual members shall be (1) Entitled to participate in tournaments sponsored by the Association and (2) to receive a copy of the Association yearbook without charge and (3) to vote at any general membership meeting.

### ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Powers - The Executive Committee shall be entrusted with the management of the Association. It shall be its duty to carry out the purposes of the Association according to the by-laws, and shall be the final authority in all matters concerning policy, administration and management of the Association.

Section 2. Corporation - The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- A. One designated representative from each member organization.
- B. The duly elected officers of the Association.
- C. The representative or representatives to the USSRA appointed by the President to represent the Association.
- D. The immediate two Past Presidents.
- E. The chairman of all committees designated in these by-laws.
- F. Any additional member(s) as designated by the President.

A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. OFFICERS - The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Historian.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office - The officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting of (The Organizational Clubs) the Association for a period of two years. In the event of absence or disability of any officer of the Association for a prolonged period of time, the Executive Committee may fill such vacancy during such absence, or for the remainder of his or her term of office.

### ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

a. President and Vice-President: The President, and in his absence the First Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee, and if neither shall be present, the Second Vice-President, the Secretary or Treasurer, respectively, shall preside. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise herein provided for; appoint the representative or representatives to the National Association (U.S.S.R.A.); and oversee the performance of respective duties of other officers, committees and representatives. In the event of absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall possess and exercise all the powers of the President.

b. Vice President and Second Vice President: In addition to the duties outlined in "a" above, the First Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Ranking Committee, and Chairman of the Invitational Doubles Tournament, or be responsible for the appointment of the chairman, whose appointment must be approved by the Executive Committee.

The second Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Tournament Committee.

- c. Secretary: The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and keep the records of the Association and its Executive Committee, shall issue calls for such meetings and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time require. He shall also serve as Chairman of the Inter-Club Squash League.

- d. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect the dues and other revenue of the Association, pay all authorized bills, keep the accounts of the organization, submit a report of the financial condition of the Association at the first annual meeting of the Executive Committee and a proposed budget for the ensuing year. He shall serve as chairman of the Scheduling Committee.

The Treasurer shall also purchase prizes for competitions sponsored by the Association and have them suitably engraved. He shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time require.

- e. Historian: The Historian shall maintain records of winners and runners-up of all tournaments, shall maintain a file of all suitable photographs and clippings. He shall research all previous tournaments in order to maintain accurate historical records. He shall keep a record of the donors of all trophies. He shall research previous records in order to maintain a record of previous presidents of the Association. He shall be in charge of publicity and publications. He shall be responsible for the publication of the annual yearbook. He shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time require.

#### ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP DUES

- a. Organization: Each member organization shall pay the Treasurer each playing season annual dues for membership entitling them to participate in interclub play with one team, singles or doubles.
- b. Individual:
1. Active - any individual member who wishes to compete on a team for an organization or in tournament play, to be officially ranked and who wishes to participate in all other Association activities and benefits.
  2. Contributing - Those members who wish to be entitled to all the benefits of the Association and as a friend of the Association and the game of squash racquets in the Maryland area contribute to and sponsor the Association's activities.
- c. The amount of the annual dues and additional fees shall be set by the Executive Committee at the first annual meeting and such dues and fees are payable upon receipt of the bill from the Treasurer.

#### ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

- a. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the last Wednesday in March of each year.
- b. Special meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President at any time upon seven days notice.

#### ARTICLE X COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

- a. Ranking Committee: This committee shall consist of at least 3 members; the Chairman shall be the First President of the Association.

The ranking shall be furnished to the Secretary and Historian of the Association prior to 1st June of each year.

- b. Scheduling Committee: The committee shall consist of at least 2 members. The chairman shall be the Treasurer of the Association.

The Schedule, including the locations of each tournament, shall be furnished to the Secretary and Historian prior to 1st June of each year.

- c. Publicity Committee: This committee shall be chaired by the Historian of the Association and such other members as he may appoint and shall effectuate adequate publicity of all activities of the Association.

- d. Tournament Committee: This committee shall be chaired by the Second Vice President of the Association and such other members as he may appoint. It shall be the duty of the committee to make the draw and preparations for all tournaments of the Association. This committee shall have authority on matters concerning eligibility, defaults, scheduling of matches, time of play, and collection of entry fees as shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

- e. Referees Committee: This committee shall be appointed by the President of the Association. It shall be the duty of this committee to provide referees for all tournaments.

- f. Nominating Committee: This committee shall consist of three individual members of the Association, each of whom shall represent a different organization. The Chairman shall be the immediate past president of the organization. It shall be their duty to nominate officers for the coming season. The report of this committee shall be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary three weeks prior to the March meeting, at which time officers shall be elected.

- g. Representative to the U.S.S.R.A.: The representative(s) to the U.S. Squash Racquets Association shall attend, on behalf of the Association, meetings of the U.S. Squash Racquets Association and shall represent the Association on all matters at such meetings. He shall be appointed at the annual meeting by the President with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.

- h. Special Events Committee: Shall consist of a Chairman and such other members as he may appoint. This committee shall organize, and supervise any and all "special" activities not connected with tournament or interclub play, i.e. visiting teams, exhibition matches, and any other activity which the Association may undertake.


- i. Other Committees:
1. Membership
  2. Annual Dinner
  3. Fitzgerald Cup
  4. National Team
  5. Ladies Committees

- j. In addition to the foregoing standing committees, the President shall at any time appoint such other committees as may be necessary for the proper functioning of the Association.

#### ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Committee by the vote of two-thirds of all the members of the committee. Proposed amendments must be presented to the Secretary at least two weeks before any meeting and a copy of such amendments must be mailed by the Secretary to all members of the committee at least five days prior to said meeting.

- a. This Association shall abide by all rules of the United States Squash Racquets Association.



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