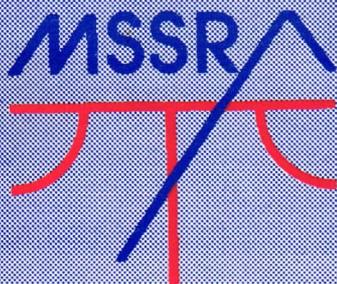


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1995-96.....	Ken Katz
1997-98.....	John Voneiff

Schedule of Events for the MSSRA

November 2-4.....	Finale.....	Washington, D.C.
To Be Announced.....	Lucky Nick.....	Washington, D.C.
November 12-15.....	Baltimore City Open.....	Meadow Mill
December 4-6.....	Maryland Fall Doubles.....	BCC, MD Clubs
December 4-6.....	Snowball Slowball.....	Washington, D.C.
January 2.....	Fitzgerald/Stevens Cup.....	Meadow Mill
January 8-10.....	Maryland Mixed Doubles.....	To Be Announced
February 5-7.....	Hicks Invitational.....	BCC
February 13-15.....	Woodruff-Nee.....	Washington, D.C.
March 12-14.....	State Doubles/BIDS.....	BCC, MD Clubs
March 26-28.....	Maryland State Singles.....	Meadow Mill

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MSSRA President-Elect

Robert S. Travers is Elected President of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association

Preparing for the 1998-99 Season and the Future

On May 1, 1998, outgoing President John Voneiff turned over the reigns of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association to Robert S. Travers. Bobby had been M.S.S.R.A. 1st Vice President for the previous two years. Now, as M.S.S.R.A. President he has accepted the responsibility of leading Maryland State Squash into the next century. During his tenure as 1st Vice President, Bobby was instrumental in first consolidating M.S.S.R.A. funds and then developing and implementing a long term investment policy for their management and use. He and his wife, Arden, took on the large task of compiling and updating the roster of Maryland State Squash Racquet Association members. Bobby has been tireless in his efforts to support, help run and improve M.S.S.R.A. tournament events. He is a member of three regional squash facilities and is respected by their respective memberships as a consensus builder and force for maintaining enthusiasm and harmony among all who collectively contribute to and are the backbone of Maryland State Squash. As both a top local player who's hallmark is sportsmanship and as a patron of Maryland Squash who has unselfishly contributed his time and resources, Bobby has become Maryland State Squash's nationally recognized ambassador.

The 1997-98 Maryland State Squash Season In Review

During the past 1997-98 season the M.S.S.R.A., through its officers and membership, sponsored and financially underpinned all eight of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association's Tournaments including the State Championships, the Baltimore Open and the Baltimore Invitational Doubles. The Maryland State Squash Racquets Association also sponsored a (PSA) Professional Squash Association Baltimore Singles Tour Event held at Meadow Mill Athletic Club in conjunction with the Baltimore City Open.

Total 1997-98 tournament expenses exceeded \$40,000.00. Corresponding funding came from three sources: a) the generosity of more than sixty patrons and ten sponsors, b) player fees, and c) subsidies from the Maryland State Squash Investment Fund, a portion of which is designated for such use.

Beyond the playing aspect of the game, the Executive Committee voted to establish a Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. By May of 1998 twenty-six individuals had been proposed in response to a request for nominees in the 1997-98 Year Book and later in a general letter sent to the membership preceding the 1998 BIDS Tournament. Of these, seven were nominated and all seven were subsequently voted into the Maryland State Hall of Fame as the "First Class". This 1998-99 Maryland State Squash Year Book is dedicated to them in appreciation for their extraordinary contributions to Maryland State Squash.

Robert S. Gaines Sr. is elected 1st Vice President

Bobby Gaines has never said no when it came to working for Maryland State Squash. In addition to being an active player in both local and out of state Senior events, Bobby has generously donated his time and considerable organizational talents to the management of Maryland State Squash tournaments especially the 1996 National Doubles and the annual Baltimore Invitational Doubles. He emphatically believes that a focused and dedicated Maryland State Squash leadership will result in an ever growing and stronger Association.

Finally, page 1 of this Year Book reflects, through the listing of the M.S. S.R.A.'s volunteer management, the growing enthusiasm of those willing to help keep our association vital. Their help as well as that of our patrons and sponsors is deeply appreciated. Thank you all!



Bob Travers, Frank Cushman and John Voneiff
1996 National Doubles

1998



Recipients

NANCY AND FRANK CUSHMAN

Proprietors: Meadow Mill Athletic Club

When Nancy and Frank Cushman joined forces with Anne and Ken Katz in 1992 not even they envisioned how completely Baltimore would embrace the product of their industry, the Meadow Mill Athletic Club. Recently, Nancy and Frank became the Meadow Mill Athletic Club's sole proprietors and in doing so have come full circle in their dream of building and operating one of the very finest squash facilities in the United States. At the 1998 Baltimore Invitational Doubles Saturday night dinner/dance, John Voneiff, President of the M.S.S.R.A., presented Nancy and Frank with the Maryland State Squash Outstanding Achievement Award for their long and lasting contribution to the advancement of Squash in the United States and especially in the State of Maryland.

It would be difficult to imagine Maryland State Squash without Nancy and Frank. Frank came to Baltimore from New York in 1979 to assume the job of Maryland Club Professional. Everyone immediately recognized his playing and teaching talents. Few foresaw how he and Nancy, who met Frank that same year and then married him in 1982, would so directly impact and, in the process, advance the quantity and quality of Squash in Maryland.

In 1975 they took over a two singles and one doubles squash court facility that had originally been the gymnasium for the defunct Girls Latin School. They called it the Racquet Club of Roland Park. Not long after they were up and running, they began their nationally recognized Juniors Program which now involves almost all of the private schools and has introduced hundreds of boys and girls to the game of Squash.

Their 1990 collaboration with Anne and Ken Katz that resulted in

Meadow Mill Athletic Club make them the individuals most responsible for bringing the International version of Squash to Baltimore. They did it when there was little state or national interest in converting from hard ball to soft ball. Their belief in themselves and long standing vision to create a squash facility beyond all others was the driving force that catapulted Baltimore and Maryland State Squash to the forefront of International soft ball Squash. As a result of their gamble, dedication and tireless every day efforts Nancy and Frank Cushman have helped insure that Maryland will always be a major center for Squash.



Past Recipients

1993 Bob Everd

1994 Sam Silber

1994 Tommy Schweizer

1995 Haswell Franklin, Sr.

1996 T. James Hense, Jr.

1997 Robert H. Hicks, Jr.

President's Message

Change is continuing for Maryland State Squash. We are witnessing the rapid evolution of our game, its player makeup and tournaments. We saw the acceptance and development of the international softball in all squash events at the State, locale, and club levels. We continue to see the expansion of our squash base among a broad-base of socio-economic peoples and with the proliferation of tournaments we are consolidating some events yet trying to improve and expand those which remain.

The 1997-98 squash year saw a continuation of the game's development. The Baltimore City open has cemented its position as the flag ship singles event for the State of Maryland. Its superb organization, its competitiveness and large number of entries, (over 100 participants,) solidified the international softball as Maryland's ball of choice. Joined to the event for the third year running was a successful professional invitational. We witnessed some of the finest squash players in the world compete for the \$5,000 of prize money over the fun filled weekend. On the doubles front it was unanimously approved under the leadership of John Voneiff to incorporate a professional draw and the State Doubles into the Baltimore Invitational Doubles, (BIDS). The greatest doubles players in the world will be enticed to compete in Baltimore for the \$5,000 of prize money offered. This will become our flag ship event.

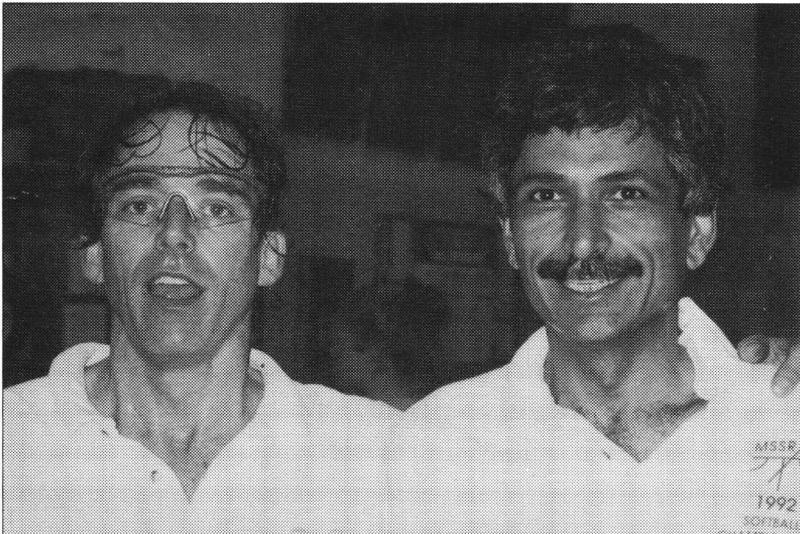
Additionally, we have seen an increase in number of junior players. The Cushman's (Nancy and Frank), Peter Blank and David Dougherty at Meadow Mill are largely responsible for this increase. They supported or managed a large junior population in league and intramural events while coaching individual players in tournaments. Junior development is paramount to the success of squash in the future. We also saw the expansion of players across a broad diversified base of socio-economic lines. This expansion is good for the game of squash and we look forward to this expansion. We hope these new players see value in joining and participating in the MSSRA, its functions and its organization.

And where is the MSSRA today? We are a financially healthy organization but one in need of volunteers to help run the organization. Data base management, year book development, tournament organization,

historian and accounting are just a few of the responsibilities we undertake. Any individual interested in helping manage the MSSRA to contact me so you can find out how to help.

We go forward with an emphasis on continuing the grand traditions of our games while balancing the requirements and goals of a new world of international competition with a ball new to us. We look forward to bringing to you the best that squash has to offer: competition, education and dedicated leadership.

Sincerely,
Bob Travers



Bobby Travers with his great friend Riaz Arshad taken shortly after Riaz defeated Bobby in the Final of the MD State 40's Championship.



Squash remains one of the truly great amateur sports. Over the years Maryland has had its share of champions. The Officers, Executive Board and Membership of the M.S.S.R.A. believe that it is fitting that those who have exhibited an extraordinary skill level plus have made a significant contribution to the betterment of the game are deserving of lasting recognition. Accordingly, a MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME was established in January 1998.

At the reception dinner following the fiftieth playing of the FitzGerald Cup Matches, Ambassador H.G. FitzGerald was presented with an honorarium in the form of a set of dedication plaques placing him as the first individual to be elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame as an honorary member. During the presentation ceremony, seven others were named as having been nominated for election to be the First Class of Inductees to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. In May 1998, all seven were elected. Each has been a great player and pioneer of the game of Squash Racquets. Each has won State and National acclaim and each has made a mighty contribution to the advancement of Maryland State Squash.

Eugene H.X. O'Connor

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Alexander B. Martin

Tommy Schweizer



Eugene F.X. O'Connor

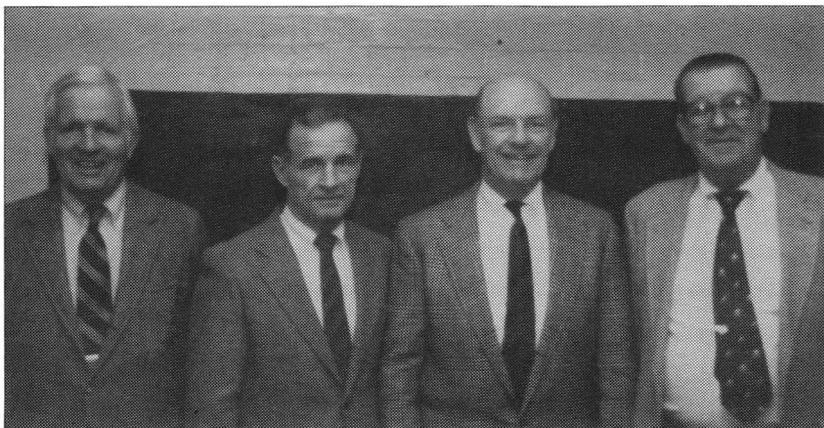
Gene O'Connor graduated from Loyola High School in 1943 and then Loyola College in 1947. During his entire professional life he worked in research as a ceramic chemist. In high-school, Gene played on the varsity basketball team. In fact, during his senior year, he was team captain. Back in those days, Loyola played their home games at the Baltimore Athletic Club located on Charles Street across from Penn Station. It was there that Gene first saw hardball squash played and where he came to know the Club's proprietor, James J. Lacy Sr., and contemporaries like Jack Bandiere, Jack Morrison and Frank Gould he would play with and against during the early years of his squash life. After college, Gene became great friends with the whole Lacy family and was soon playing singles at every opportunity. His natural racquet skills, quick reflexes and basic speed were the means by which he rapidly advanced to become one of the very best "A" level singles and doubles players in the United States and Canada. Gene won two state doubles championships with Jim Lacy, Jr. He played on Baltimore's FitzGerald Cup team over twenty times. In 1953 he earned a place on the Latham Cup's U.S. team and won his match handily. He has been Maryland State Veteran's Singles Champion three times as well as Doubles Champion with Jack Bandiere. In 1975 Gene won the United States National Men's Seniors Doubles Title with his partner, Tommy Schweizer.

Gene was one of the few hard ball champions who embraced soft ball and in 1985 punctuated his successful transition from one game to the other by capturing the National Seniors Soft Ball Championship. Gene is one of seven Marylanders to have won a national title and the only one to have done it in singles.

Gene still plays regularly at the Meadow Mill Athletic Club and takes great pleasure in the progress of others especially the many men and

women he has encouraged over the years as mentor and friend. Gene underscores that being true to the rules of play is an essential element in maturing as a successful player in a game that is still largely governed by one's own personal honor.

Those new to singles or doubles may look back through the glass wall at Meadow Mill and as they catch their breath between points see Gene quietly watching. He could be unknown to them. They might hardly notice the light framed older man, bandana tied around his head, who so inconspicuously comes and goes. The young players turn back to serve and receive and for the moment think about nothing but the next point. There is no reason for them to suspect that their achievements in squash will most likely never come close to the playing record of the man who is silently cheering them on from behind the court. The great State Champion, Jim Lacy, said in his remembrance of Gene, "He had the most raw talent of anyone I ever played against".



Tommy
Schweizer

Gene
O'Connor

Bill
Lamble

George
Doetsch

National Champions and Maryland State Hall of Fame
taken at the 1987 National Doubles Championships



George L. Doetsch

In 1907 Frederick Charles Tompkins, player/coach at the Philadelphia Racquet Club, appropriated an old oversized court, extended the back wall, repainted the boundary lines, added a tell-tail and invented the game of North American Squash Doubles. Tompkins, some years later, explained that his purpose was to make use of an off size court and in the process provide a little workout entertainment for older members who could no longer move well enough to find enjoyment in singles. He didn't anticipate that younger players would find doubles both interesting and challenging. Within ten years there were two larger doubles courts in Philadelphia and one in New York City.

What does this have to do with George Doetsch? Well, it was one thing to invent squash doubles and quite another to craft it into the popular version of squash we recognize today. George Doetsch was one of these pioneers. For twenty years he and a very few others like Freddie Ketchum, Joe Hahn, Howard Davis and Darwin Kingsley traveled from tournament to tournament refereeing - especially for the fledgling United States National Doubles. They met on occasion at the New York Athletic Club, to debate and formulate how the game should be played or changed. One of George's contributions was the first written referee's manual or rule book which remains the foundation for playing modern doubles. Because of his particular contribution to Squash Racquets, the Jesters Club, an international association of individuals dedicated to promote and enhance racquets sports around the world, invited him to be a member. He was honored to accept that invitation and took on extra tasks that included Captain of the United States Squash Team that traveled to South Africa and National Chairman of Squash Referee's, President of Maryland State Squash, and finally President of the American Jesters.

George discovered squash after he graduated from Baltimore's City

College and first played at the old Racquet Club in downtown Baltimore. He said his future wife's boyfriend introduced him to the game. It was 1939. Like everyone else he started with singles competing against the likes of Lawrence Schamberger, Bill Lambly and Jack Morrison but almost everyone at the Racquet Club also played doubles in the only large court in town, built into the second floor of the Plaza Hotel across the street.

Between 1943 and 1945 George served his country in the United States Navy. When he returned to Baltimore following the war, he got serious about squash. Quite by chance, Bill Lambly, already established as both a State Single and Doubles Champion, asked George to fill in as his partner for the 1949 State Doubles. They won the tournament and together started a dynasty that would last until 1965 and included thirteen state doubles championships. Winning just about every tournament they entered, George Doetsch and Bill Lambly were simply, the most productive squash doubles team of the fifties and early sixties. Then in 1972, George and Bill teamed up and became the United States National Seniors Champions which in those days included players 45 years of age and older.

George who is retired from WBAL Radio and his wife of sixty years, Doris, still live in Baltimore. He no longer plays and rarely has the opportunity to even be a spectator but now and then he can be seen watching a tournament match from the Baltimore Country Club's doubles court gallery. On those occasions, as the former National Champion looks down upon the game he played all those fast years with great ability and for which he additionally did so much more, his thoughts must surely hold a spirit of satisfaction.



James J. Lacy, Jr.

On the last Sunday in March 1969, a young All-American who held the number one position on the Naval Academy Squash Team drove to Baltimore to play in the finals of the Maryland State Singles Championship. His name was Scott Ryan and he went on to become both a National Singles and Doubles Champion. On that particular day, however, he came to the Baltimore Country Club's No. 2 court with a confidence that he could not lose. To get to the finals, Scott had played three matches. It only took him nine games. Now, his opponent, although an accomplished player, was, in Ryan's view, simply too old to defeat him. He would be playing Jim Lacy.

In the beginning it appeared that Ryan's instincts were accurate. He was much faster than Lacy and he hit the ball considerably harder. Ryan kept the ball tight on the side walls and when he drove Lacy into either back corner, he would drop the ball into the opposite front corner. Lacy no longer had the speed to recover. The first two games ended quickly.

During the third game, things changed. Lacy stopped trying to match Ryan's power. He took the speed of the ball, lobbed into the back corners and dropped the ball softly in the front court. Something else, Lacy settled in with a defiant new energy of determination; he was not about to be beaten. He won the third and fourth games, each in overtime.

Those in the gallery who had come to be witness to a changing of the guard were now caught up in the drama of a possible upset. Ryan, himself appeared bewildered by his change of fortune - unable to believe that he might not win, or more accurately, that this aging player could fight back from a two game deficit and beat one of the best collegiate players in the country. But, of course, that is exactly what happened. Big Jim Lacy drew upon his well of athletic ability, mental te-

nacity and considerable racquet skill to win his fifth, last and probably toughest State Singles Championship. Said one spectator "It was a wondrous thing to behold.

Jim Lacy had been one of Maryland's best high-school and collegiate athletics. At Loyola High-school he excelled on every team especially the basketball team. After graduation, Jim joined the Navy and was stationed at Banbridge and on the aircraft carrier USS Boxer. When he left the Navy in 1946, he came back to Baltimore and entered Loyola College. During his four years as a star on Loyola's Basketball Team, Jim Lacy scored more points than any other college basketball player in the United States, a distinction that would earn him a place in both the Loyola College and Maryland State Athletic Halls of Fame.

When he graduated from college he began to play squash at the Racquet Club. Helped by his proficiency in tennis, Jim soon became one of the best squash players in town. He had already won two State Singles and three State Doubles Championships when he teamed up with his younger brother Joe. The Lacy brothers turned the second half of the 1960s' and all of the 1970s' into the Lacy Years. An unusual team because both Jim and Joe are left "(handers)", they dominated doubles by winning eight State Championships which was every time they played together. Their strategy of play was exactly opposite from every other great team. Instead of the right wall player setting up the left, Joe, who played the left wall and had a great lob and was all but impossible to pass, set up Jim's drop shots, reverse and roll corners. They did it so well that often they went through a draw never losing so much as a game.

From a national prospective, Jim Lacy and Tommy Schweizer were ranked No. 1 in Men's Veteran Doubles for four consecutive years beginning in 1971 and three years running in Men's Senior doubles starting in 1976. Soon after, at the age of fifty-five and handicapped by a painfully damaged hip, Jim Lacy, one of Maryland State Squash's greatest Champions stopped playing.

Perhaps the first part of this story is wrong. Maybe it was Jim Lacy who went to his State finals match at the Baltimore Country Club on that last Sunday in March 1969 knowing full well that the kid from the Naval Academy was too young to win.



Joseph J. Lacy

It would have been unbelievable if Joe Lacy had never chosen to play Squash. His father, Jim J. Lacy, Sr. had been the proprietor of the Baltimore Athletic Club where Loyola kids played basketball and Squash really took root in Baltimore during the 1920s'. By the time Joe graduated from Loyola College in 1954 where he excelled in both basketball and tennis, his father, who had passed away some years before, and his older brother Jim Lacy, Jr., had each won Maryland State Squash singles and doubles titles. It was the natural course of events, therefore, for Joe to head downtown and join his brother and the growing band who were energetically playing squash on the Racquet Club's courts located across Charles Street in the Plaza Hotel.

Unlike his brother, Joe concentrated on doubles, and in fact, became one of the first exceptional doubles specialists. He also choose to stay local and rarely travel out of state to compete in tournaments; but here in Maryland for about fifteen years beginning in 1966 and continuing through the 1970s', Joe Lacy was the undisputed King of the left side of the doubles court. When he played with his brother, Jim, they were an unbeatable marvel of a doubles team. Joe and Jim Lacy were the only team in Maryland Squash history who were both left "handers" Joe, on the left and Jim on the right. Employing their unusual racquet combination, they won eight Maryland State Doubles Titles which was every time they entered the State "A" Doubles Championship Tournament.

Joe Lacy holds two other Maryland State Squash records that are remarkable. First, he won the State Doubles Championship thirteen times over a span of twenty-one years with five different partners beginning in 1963 with J.B. Miller and ending in 1984 with Sandy Martin. His other three partners were John Maccoll, his brother Jim and his nephew, Jim's son, Jim III. Second, in 1984, when he was fifty-one

years old, in addition to winning the State Doubles Championship with Sandy Martin he won both the State Veterans and State Seniors Doubles titles, in each case, with Alex Sotir, then Gilman School's vigorous and athletically powerful football coach. . No one before or since has held all three Maryland State Men's Doubles Titles in a single year.

Joe Lacy remains a modest unpretentious gentleman and that is exactly how he conducted himself on the squash court. Nancy Cushman offered a tip to players that was printed in last season's Yearbook. In part, Nancy said, "Be a Good Sport. Recognize that the privilege of being able to play is more important than your particular record of wins and losses and that no matter how good you might be, there is someone better waiting in the wings. Enjoy your opportunities to play and the individuals you play with or against. They will appreciate you for it more than for your abundance or absence of talent." Her example could have been Joe Lacy. Despite his talent and certainly an abundance of wins, Joe most enjoyed just playing the game and the people he played it with and against. No one ever saw an angry or pretentious Joe Lacy.

Not long after the year of his triple championships, Joe retired from squash. His view is that everything runs its course and it was time to move on - but oh what great fun it all was.



The Champ, Joe Lacy and his wife Helen.
This year Joe made Maryland State Squash history,
winning the A Veterans and the Senior Championships.

(Taken as written in the 1984-85 M.S.S.R.A. Year Book)



William L. Lamble, Jr.

On a bleak night shortly after Thanksgiving 1994 a medi-vac helicopter made its desperate way to the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center in downtown Baltimore. Minutes before, seventy eight year old Bill Lamble had been critically wounded by a burglar who had dispassionately fired his shotgun through Bill's den window. There was no doubt of the villain's intent; Bill was less than six feet away. Moments after steel pellets and glass tumbled in to Bill's face, neck and upper body, the high pitch of the Lamble's security alarm came to life and the assailant dissolved into the darkness. Days would pass before it would be clear if Bill could survive. If he did, there would be more surgery and hard rehabilitation. He would have to learn to live with the loss of an eye and the disfigurement of his face, but that would be later. On this awful night it was simply life or death.

Bill survived. He silently endured the pain and accepted the challenges of recovery. Never once did he feel sorry for what he had lost and remained full of enthusiasm for what he would be able to continue to do. He would play golf again, cards with his friends and travel with his wife. He would hold on to his good humor and take back his full life. Bill Lamble rejuvenated himself with the exact same tenacious determination that made him the number one squash player in Maryland for over ten years.

Bill first became the Maryland State Singles Champion in 1945. He liked the title so much he decided to keep it and by 1956 he had been Maryland State Singles Champion ten times which was every year he played with the exception of 1946. Bill captured his first Maryland State Doubles Championship in 1946, the year he did not win the singles title. His partner was the crafty Jack Morrison. He won again the next year with Frank Gould, founder of the Gould Cup, a single competition

which continues to be played. Then in 1949, Bill teamed up with big George Doetsch. Together and for the next ten years, they dominated doubles Squash in Maryland. In an era of soft lobs and drop shots, Lamble and Doetsch played a power game that was the forerunner of modern open level squash. Between 1949 and 1965 Lamble and Doetsch, in addition to winning a myriad club and regional titles were the Maryland State Doubles Champions no less than thirteen times and the National Seniors Champions in 1972 when the National Seniors included everyone 45 years of age and up. Bill always played with great confidence. Those who know him collectively commented that he had such a strong belief in himself and his ability to overcome any odds that even as his play declined, he was honestly surprised when an up and coming player or team would defeat him. He has and always has had, said Flow, his wife of forty-two years, the heart of a champion.





Alexander B. Martin

Sandy Martin is a generation junior to the other six members of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame's 1998 "First Class". With the exceptions of Joe Lacy, Sandy's fellow Hall of Famers were all playing in the Seniors Division when he first walked into a court. That was in 1970; Sandy was twenty-four years old. At the time, he was employed by the Baltimore Sun Paper in the sales office. A pressman's strike resulted in a shutdown of the Sun Paper and a corresponding slowdown for everyone else. Dorcy Brown, a co-worker and member of the Maryland Club, asked Sandy if he had ever played Squash. Sandy answered that he had not and, he had no idea what Squash was. Dorcy said, " I think you'll like it", and the two friends headed off to the Maryland Club. That long ago lunch time excursion from boredom would lead to the most successful State and National Champion Maryland Squash has yet produced.

Sandy won his first Maryland State Doubles Championship in 1973 only three years after he started playing. His partner was Joe Lacy. Sandy would go on to be Maryland State Doubles Champion ten times winning three more titles with Joe Lacy, four with A.C. Hubbard and two with David Warfield. Sandy won four Maryland State Singles Championships in a row beginning in 1981. He was singles Champion again in 1990 and 1992, a total of six Maryland State "A" Singles Titles.

By 1975 Sandy was beginning to play in out of town regional and national tournaments and it is here that he distinguishes himself relative to anyone else from Maryland. In 1975 Sandy met and teamed up with Tom Poor of Boston. For the next ten years they won their way to the top of the United States amateur rankings including five years as the number two team in the country. Together they multiply won Marrion's prestigious William-White, Buffalo, New York's Doubles Invitational, Rochester, New York's George Armstrong Tournament and our own

Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament. In 1987 Sandy and George Maguire of Philadelphia became the United State National Forties Champions. They repeated as U.S. Champions in 1988 and added to it the Canadian National Forties Championship. In 1989 Sandy and Tom Poor teamed up for the last time and won both the United States and Canadian National Forties Championships. In a span of ten years and not counting State Championships, Sandy Martin and Tom Poor captured more than thirty nationally sanctioned regional trophies and were accordingly ranked by the United States Squash Racquets Association as one of the best teams of that decade. When Sandy turned forty and in a brief three years, he with George Macquire and Tom Poor respectively won five national championships.

Sandy is, of course, still playing and even though he is now a Senior, he remains one of the five best doubles player in the state and although he prefers the right wall he is about as good on the left. Some years ago, Tom Poor complimented his old partner by saying that: "Sandy's court awareness, arsenal of shots and canny choice of them may only be over showed by his ability to back up his partner. He can make a fair partner look good and a good partner great. In all the years we played together, I never completely appreciated this until he was no longer there."



Sandy Martin and Tom Poor vs. Larry Heath and John Reese
1983 NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Baltimore Country Club



Tommy Schweizer

In the 1997 Maryland State Squash Year Book there was a thank you note written to Tommy Schweizer in appreciation for the years he had devoted to the betterment of Squash either locally or nationally as a volunteer and as a player. Part of that open letter read as follows:

Those who have recently played with or against former National Champion, Tommy Schweizer, have heard him apologize because although he remains the competitor, he is not the player he once was. His balance is off because of a surgery to remove a tumor from his brain. He has lost more than a step or two and a good amount of racquet power. He will not tell you this; he simply believes that, on the doubles court, he is no longer doing his part. He thanks his partner and his opponents equally for just being there.

Tommy Schweizer began doing his part in life when he graduated from Yale in 1941 and promptly became a Marine and found himself, among other places, in Okinawa. In 1946, 2nd Lieutenant Rifle Platoon Leader, Tommy Schweizer, left the Marine Corps and came to live in Baltimore where he began a career with the Equitable Trust Company. It was only then that he discovered Squash. Like five of the other seven first round Hall of Famers, Tommy learned the game at the Racquet Club on Charles Street across from the Plaza Hotel where the Racquet Club had constructed one doubles and two singles courts.

Tommy became the Maryland State Singles Champion in 1955 and throughout the sixties was one of the best singles players in town, but by the early seventies Tommy had fallen in love with the game of squash doubles. He was playing as a senior which then meant over 45 years of age. Between 1972 and 1985 he won New York's prestigious Tom Byrne Senior Doubles four times - three times with Jim Lacy. In 1973 and then again in 1974, in a country abundant with exceptional squash players, Tommy Schweizer and Newt Mead of Philadelphia be-

came the Canadian National Seniors Champions. The following year Tommy and Gene O'Connor won the United States National Seniors Doubles. For four straight years, starting in 1971, Tommy Schweizer and Jim Lacy were ranked as the No. 1 Veterans team in the U.S. Beginning in 1975, the year he won the Nationals, Tommy was ranked No. 1 in the U.S. Men's Senior doubles for four consecutive years - first with Gene O'Conner and then with Jim Lacy. He won the Maryland State 40s' Doubles Title three times with Jim Lacy and the 50s' Championship five times with three different partners. Finally, in 1984 Tommy rejoined his old partner Newt Meade to complete their national level squash careers as United States National Champions in the new Masters Division.

On his way from 1946 to 1884 and beyond, Tommy never said no as a volunteer. He ran Maryland State Squash; he was Squash Chairman of the Maryland Club; he was the team captain of the FitzGerald Cup; he ran tournaments; he raised money; he served on committees and he played the game well, always fairly and with good cheer. When he won, the credit went to his partner. When he lost, he insisted the fault was his own. In the heat of the toughest match, he could turn to any opponent and say, "that was a great shot"; and there was always that smile and his trademark clenched fist shaking enthusiastic approval to his partner after they won a pivotal point. Tommy Schweizer, one of the great good citizen squash players of Maryland, does not have it within his soul to give anything less than his best.

A Point to Remember

It was 1974 and Ed Hahn and I were trying to make it two years in a row for the Canadian National Senior Doubles Title. It was the fifth game and we were behind 0-4, set 5. The friendly but definitely pro Canadian gallery was really into the match and obviously needed only one more point for the championship. I was serving. The score went 1-4, 2-4, 3-4, and 4-4. There was tense silence and I just couldn't resist it. I turned to Eddie with a big smile and said, "Eddie this is a very important point." Well, the gallery really did go wild. You should have heard the noise. I served. I wish I could say that I dropped it dead in the corner. I didn't. It was just a routine serve to the left hand wall. Would you believe, the guy missed the ball?!!! Game, match, championship. It truly was a point to remember!

Tommy Schweizer

1998-99 Maryland State Squash

Something for Everyone

The 1998-99 Maryland State Squash season has begun. The schedule is packed with exciting events. There is something for everyone at every level. Some special events played and yet to come:

1998 BALTIMORE CITY OPEN

PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Played over the weekend of November 12th thru 15th 1998 at Meadow Mill Athletic Club

Damian Walker wins the PSA Professional Event

...and for the second year in a row,

Dave Bennett takes the Open Championship

Hugh Anderson, Tournament Director, got the Maryland State Squash Season underway as usual with the Baltimore City Open which is hosted by the Meadow Mill Athletic Club and its proprietors, Nancy and Frank Cushman. The Baltimore City Open is Maryland State Squash's premier soft ball tournament. More than one hundred participants signed up to compete for the six division titles up for grabs (Men's B, C, D, 40s' & 50s' and Women's B) plus the Men's Open (A) Championship and for the seventh year in a row, a PSA Professional Event where the Pros battled for a substantial cash prize. There was also a feed-in consolation tournament for all the playing divisions. Meadow Mill provided a buffet dinner on Friday night, a light fair breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and lunch on Saturday. One of the playing professionals who helped Hugh run the event was Roy Ollier, formally a top 20 player on the World Tour and now Meadow Mill's own teaching professional.

The PSA Professional Event

Damian Walker, 99th in the World and the highest ranked U.S. professional player had little trouble getting to the finals. In the Finals Damian who has recently become the Coach of the United States Navel Academy's Squash Team found himself against Glen Keenan from Australia, the No. 3 Seed. The surprise of the PSA Event was that Keenan handily defeated Marty Clark, the No. 2 Seed and current U.S. Professional Champion, in the Semi-finals. In the Finals match, itself, Walker started focused and convincingly strong. He took the first game 15 to

6-U.S. point rally scoring. But, in the second game, a very athletic young Keenan came right back and won easily. In the third and fourth games, Walker who seemed to loose a little concentration after his quick first game win, settled in and simply out played Keenan; he was never in trouble in either game. Bob Gaines, Sr., MSSRS Vice President, awarded the checks to winner and finalist. This was a special win for Damian, who has played in the pro event for the past three years, because this year he is a Maryland resident. Maryland State Squash and Baltimore especially are fortunate to have Damian living and working close by.

The Baltimore City Open (A) Championship

Dave Bennett, the current No. 2 ranked Maryland State Amateur, won the Men's (A) Championship Division in 1997 by defeating Hunt Richardson, of Washington, D.C. (3-1). It was the first time that Dave, who has often reached an important Finals match came out on top, but to David, the victory must have been slightly hollow in that Don Townsend, the current State Champion and the individual who has been most responsible for keeping Dave from an State (A) Championship title, was absent. This year, Don Townsend was very present and the No. 1 Seed. As usual Donny zoomed straight to the Finals without loosing a game. On the other side of the draw Bennett defeated George Edwards, the son of the great professional champion and coach - Ned Edwards, in the Quarter-Finals and then in a hard Semis won over the No. 3 Seed, Wade Beardsley. Bennett earned a chance to face his nemeses, Don Townsend, yet once again; and he made the most of the opportunity. David dominated every game except the second to win the match and the 1998 Baltimore City Open Championship. Congratulations, Dave Bennett. This time, there was no body waiting in the wings.

In other Men's Divisions, Chris Matonis defeated Alex Jermyn, both unseeded, to take the B Division title. In the C Division, John Hanson, the No. 1 Seed, came against Courtney Jenkins, the No. 2 Seed. Hanson won three straight games to become the 1998 C Division winner. In the D Division, the No. 2 Seed, Thomas Magnetti defeated unseeded Peter Waldron.

Beth Fenwick is the 1998 Women's B/C Division Winner

Beth Fenwick, who recently moved back to Baltimore from New York City brought with her a much improved game. Unseeded, Beth, none

the less, had little difficulty playing her way to the Finals where she came against the talented Ann Watson. Both Beth and Ann played with determination and ability. They ran hard and made great gets and shots. In the end, Beth persevered to win the match and the Women's Baltimore City Open title.

Riaz Arshad is the Baltimore City Open 40s' Champion

After his loss in last years finals Riaz, the current State 40s' Champion and No. 3 ranked "A" player in Maryland, seem focused and determined to win. He did not loose a game on his way to the Finals. In the Finals, Riaz met Jim Gingrich who on the way defeated the No. 2 Seed, Doug Rice. However, from the moment the Finals match got underway, the outcome was never in question. Riaz's ability to cover the court, read his opponent's intent and arsenal of shots is superior to most everyone else in Maryland State Squash.

Wayne Hodges is the 1998 Baltimore City Open 50s' Champion

Wayne Hodges came all the way from Rhode Island to compete in the Baltimore City Open. This year the opportunity to win the Men's 50s' was very much uncertain because the current State Champion, Dennis Bourke, was unable to participate due to an injury. The Finals came down to last year's winner and No. 1 Seed, Andrew Strasfogel and Wayne Hodges who was unseeded but never came close to losing a prior match. In the Finals, Hodges, overcame Strasfogel's trademark speed and ability to cover the court with his own talent to power the ball past his opponent into the back of the court; Hodges controlled the "T" and won the match and 50s' title.

1998 FALL DOUBLES

The 1998 Fall Doubles was played over the weekend of December 4th. Jim Taylor, Tournament Director, reported that 56 teams precipitated in the Men's A,B,C and combined 40s'/50s' Divisions. "As it turned out", Jim continued, "it was the largest turn-out in the tournament's history".

Andrew Cordova and Rob Krizek are the Fall Doubles "A" Champions

In an exciting two hour war that was decided in overtime in the fifth game, Andrew Cordova, Baltimore Country Club Racquets Director, and Rob Krizek, Squash Professional ant the Hardford Golf Club, defeated the 1997 State Championship team of Patrick Miller and Doug

Rice. Miller and Rice, now a veteran team did their best to overcome the quickness, power and deception of the younger Cordova and Krizek who are obviously a team well qualified to do well in national level tournament play. In the upper Semies, Cordova and Krizek, the No. 1 Seeds easily eliminated Mike Riehl and John MacColl. In the lower half, Miller and Rice had no more difficulty against Jim Taylor, Maryland Club Professional and Goeff Kennedy, the professional at the Metropolatin Club in Washington, D.C.

Jim Taylor and Doug Rice Win the Men's 40s'/50s' Championship

In his first attempt in a veteran's tournament Jim Taylor, with his partner, Doug Rice, one of the finest players in Maryland, came out on top in their finals match against Joe Fitzpatrick and John MacColl. Jim Taylor used power and cross court lobs and Doug Rice played well forward cutting everything off and returning with lobs, drops and cross court power from the volley. With the exception of the second game which Fitzpatrick and MacColl easily won, the stragety of Taylor and Rice kept Fitzpatrick and MacColl off balance and on the defense.

In other Divisions: Dave Bennett and John Brush win the Men's B Division. In the B Finals one of the two best singles players in town, Dave Bennett, teamed with the very steady John Brush to easily defeat Nancy Cushman and Jan Markowitz (3/0). In the Finals of the sixteen team Men's C Division, Craig Toland and Craig Bauer took little time to win over Witt Harvy and Jeff Adams

January 2nd, 1999 at Meadow Mill Athletic Club

51st FITZGERALD CUP

....this time with a Women's Team

Bobby Travers, Baltimore Team Captain - FitzGerald Cup (410) 539-3400

**Vaughn Schmidt & Lissen Tutrone , Baltimore Team Co-Captains for the debut of the new Women's Team (410) 889-4400
Vaughan's work number**

FitzGerald Cup

The FitzGerald Cup is an annual team competition between the best amateur men from Baltimore and their Washington D.C. counterparts. It is the oldest team competition between two squash cities in the United States. Until 1992, it was exclusively a hard ball event then in

1993, soft ball was introduced as the Baltimore format and in 1995 the FitzGerald Cup became only a soft ball competition. In Baltimore, the matches are played on international courts - at Meadow Mill or the Maryland Club. In Washington, D.C., however, because of the absence of international courts, soft ball matches are played on hard ball courts. The results, since the introduction of soft ball play, have been interesting in that the Washington, D.C. FitzGerald team has won the competition on hard ball courts and the Baltimore team has always won on international courts.

The one day FitzGerald Cup, traditionally followed by a cocktail party and dinner, was founded in 1948 by Ambassador H.G. FitzGerald to inspire spirited competition in an environment of honest sportsmanship. Last year was the FitzGerald Cup's Golden Anniversary. After matches at the University Club in Washington, D.C., players both present and past, their guests and friends were invited to a 50th Anniversary dinner celebration held at the Ambassador's home and hosted by he and his wife, Annalise.

As part of the celebration, the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association notified Ambassador FitzGerald of his induction into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame to be named as an honorary member. The United States Squash Racquets Association presented the Ambassador with a Certificate of Appreciation and an associated plaque. Both awards were given in recognition of his unbroken support of Squash Racquets over the past fifty years. Individual remarks, honorariums and remembrances were spoken around the room and everyone joined in the customary champagne toast followed by a delicious dinner.

Each FitzGerald Cup teams is comprised of thirteen players. Seven members of the team compete in the open division. Another six members represent their respective age categories in five year increments from 35 to 60. Bobby Travers (Team Captain), Don Townsend (No. 1), Dave Bernnett (No. 2), Greg Mathis, Randall Etheridge, Dirch Barlett, Sam Sosidia, Riaz Arshad, Dennis Bourke, Peter Blank, Gerd Petrich, Bill Rice and Peter Wolff were the 1998 Baltimore FitzGerald Cup Team.

1999 Baltimore Women's Team

The Stevens Cup was founded in the 1960s' as a competition that was to mirror the purpose of the FitzGerald for the most outstanding women squash players from the two cities. Stevens Cup play was sus-

pended throughout the 1980s' for lack of enough participants to field full teams. The coming of the international game in the 1990s', stimulated a resurgence of women who have chosen to play squash competitively. There has been a ten fold growth in the number of women who take part in Maryland State Squash events. In 1997 Lissen Tutrone and Vaughan Schmidt, at the request of FitzGerald Team Captain, Bobby Travers, made up an ad-Hoc Women's Team to unofficially participated in the FitzGerald Cup which that year, was held at the Maryland Club. This Year Lissen and Vaughan are Co-Captains of the Women's Baltimore Team. The M.S.S.R.A. Board of Directors and the Washington, D.C. Squash Association have not yet come to a decision as to if they will collectively name the women's Teams or if each team will carry the name of someone from that team's respective city.

FitzGerald Cup and the new Baltimore/Washington Women's Team matches will remain separate in terms of winner but will be united relative to date, time and place. This year all team matches will be hosted by the Meadow Mill Athletic Club. Anyone who desires to win a position on the FitzGerald Cup Team can petition to challenge a current team member by notifying Bobby Travers, team captain. Bobby will then arrange the appropriate challenge match. Presently, Lissen Tutrone and Vaughan Schmidt are the only official members of the Women's Team; so, all of the remaining seven positions are open. To be chosen for a spot on the B/W Women's Team contact either Lissen or Vaughan.

January 8th through 10, 1999

MARYLAND STATE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Meadow Mill Athletic Club and the Baltimore Country Club are tournament hosts Hugh Anderson, Tournament Chairman (410) 771-8466 (w)

The 1998 Maryland State Mixed Doubles Championship saw the largest most competitive field in the tournament's eight year history. Hugh Anderson expects the 1999 Mixed Doubles to grow from ten to twelve or even 16 teams. The current Mixed doubles Champions are Vaughan Schmidt who played the left side and the Baltimore Country Club's Racquets Director, Andrew Cordova, who played the forehand. It took five close games for Vaughan and Andrew to defeat Nancy Cushman and Jan Markowitz. Nancy, of course, played the right side with typical artful use of her racquet and Jan was very consistent on the left.

The fourth game was pivotal, coming down to a one point win in over-time for Vaughan and Andrew.

Maryland State Mixed Doubles is not only very competitive, it is also a lot of fun. The 1998 event was played at Meadow Mill Athletic Club. This year Hugh plans to also use the Baltimore Country Club for some of the matches.

February 5th through 7th, 1999

**The 16th Annual ROBERT H. HICKS Jr. Seniors/Masters
Doubles Tournament**

Bob Everd, Tournament Director (410) 667-4800

Bob Everd will invite approximately thirty of the best 50s', 60s' and 70s' doubles teams to the 16th annual Robert H. Hicks Doubles Seniors/Masters Tournament. Today the HICKS is recognized as one of the few best doubles squash event for players fifty and older. Teams from all over the United States and Canada can not wait for Bob's yearly call to come to Baltimore. Bob Hicks' original concept was to host a tournament where one could have as much fun off the court as on. The result has been that the HICKS attracts over 80% participation of spouses or significant others. Social activities include a Friday Cocktail Party, a Black Tie Dinner Dance on Saturday and a Brunch on Sunday. Much of the play and all of the social events take place at the Baltimore Country Club. Tournament Director, Bob Everd's message to all who love to play squash doubles and are seasoned enough to make Darwin Kingsley's "Old Farts" list is [join us in 1999].



Baltimore Invitational Doubles & MD State Doubles Championships

**featuring The Professional Squash Association's
PSA Baltimore Doubles Tour Event**

March 12th through 14th, 1999

John Voneiff.....	<i>Tournament Chairman</i>	(410) 347-0365
Bobby Gaines, Sr.....	<i>Co-Chairman & M.S.S.R.A. 1st Vice Pres.</i>	(410) 654-4667
Bob Everd	<i>Tournament Treasure and Director of Scheduling</i>	(410) 667-4800
Jim Taylor	<i>Director of Recruitment</i>	(410) 727-3220
Bobby Travers....	<i>President M.S.S.R.A. & Tournament Endowment</i>	(410) 539-3400
Vaughan Schmidt.....	<i>Maryland State Squash Rep., Registration</i>	
Andrew Cordova	<i>Tournament Director, BCC Liaison</i>	(410) 467-1208
Roy Ollier	<i>PSA Liaison</i>	(410) 235-7000
Bobby Gaines, Jr.	<i>Tournament Communications</i>	
Patricia Goodyear	<i>Saturday Night Dinner/Dance</i>	
Peter Wolff	<i>Head Referee</i>	
Dan Sapir	<i>Health Services</i>	
Clarke Griffin	<i>USSRA Representative and Tournament Events</i>	
Nancy Cushman.....	<i>Tournament Director/Meadow Mill Liaison</i>	(410) 235-7000

The fifty-two year old Baltimore Invitational Doubles is being altered to include a [PSA] Professional Squash Racquets Association Tour Event and the Maryland State Doubles Championships

This year Bobby Travers and Bobby Gaines, President and 1st Vice President of Maryland State Squash, decided to reinvent the Baltimore Invitational Doubles and The Maryland State Doubles Championships by bring them together with a Professional Squash Association Doubles Tour Event. The goal is to greatly improve both the [BIDS] and the State Doubles Championships while at the same time insuring that Bal-

timore remains a Major League squash town for a long time to come. The NEW ERA BIDS/STATES format has three focal points.

1) A [PSA] Professional Squash Association tournament will become ½ of the invitational portion of the BIDS. John Nimick, Director of the [PSA] has made our March 12th BIDS date one of twelve Professional Doubles Tour stops. He will help select the ten [PSA] professional teams the tournament committee will then invite to come to Baltimore and compete for a substantial prize. Four of the professional teams will play preliminary rounds on Friday March 11th. The preliminary winners and the other [PSA] teams will begin the eight team Professional Tour Event on Saturday morning with the finals match being held Sunday afternoon.

All should know that Baltimore has never seen the likes of [PSA] Professional Doubles. The touring pros play at a level far above that of the great amateurs and club professionals who compete for the United States or Canadian National Championships. [PSA] Tour Play is simply spell binding. The New Era BID/STATES format makes Baltimore one of the selected twelve cities where the Professional Doubles Tour teams, the best in the world, compete against one another for over \$200,000.00 in tour prize money.

2) The BIDS Committee will continue to invite top national amateurs like Morris Clothier, Jon Foster, Tom Harrity, David Proctor and Richard Shepard to compete in the OPEN Division. The only difference is that the two [PSA] professional teams who do not make the [PSA] Tour Draw of eight teams will be seeded 1 and 2 in the OPEN. This will make the other half of the invitational portion of the BIDS even more competitive as top amateur teams readying for the Canadian and U.S. Nationals scheduled for the following two weekends respectively. The New Era BIDS/STATES format provides these national amateur teams the opportunity to improve their national ranking and brings to Baltimore an even higher level of BIDS OPEN play.

3) The State Championships will be held in conjunction with the BIDS OPEN Amateur Division and the [PSA] Professional Tour Event. Jim Taylor, Maryland Club Professional, is the Director of the State Championships which will take place as follows:

First, the State Open [Men's and Women's] Championship which will decide the State "A" Doubles Champions will be played the week before beginning Friday March 5th and ending Saturday March 6th. Only

Maryland State residence who are members of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association are eligible to enter the State "A" Doubles Championship and hold the title of Maryland State Doubles Champions.

Second, the Men's [B] [C] and [D] Division Championships will, like the State [As'], begin the week before the BIDS but play will overlap the BIDS with semi-finals matches scheduled for Friday March 12th and finals matches on Saturday March 13th.

Third, the Men's [40s'] [50s'] and [60s'] Divisions will become part of the BIDS and as such will be open to out of town players. Matches will begin on Friday March 12th with the finals taking place on Sunday March 14th, 1999. There will additionally be a Women's Division open to out of town players that will coincide with BIDS event. During the week of March 21th there will be a play-off (single elimination) to determine the State (40s') and (50s') Doubles Champions. The Racquet Fee for the age divisions play-off is complementary for those who pay the BIDS Racquet Fee.

Prizes will be awarded to all playing divisions with the traditional permanent BIDS Trophy being awarded to the winning OPEN team and a new permanent PSA Trophy presented to the winning Professional Team.

Social events will include a Saturday Lunch and a Black Tie Saturday Night Dinner Dance. Participants will be able to have dinner on Friday Night in the Baltimore Country Club Grill on a pay-as-you-go basis. Sunday March 14th will be Finals Day for the [PSA] Tour Event and the BIDS OPEN and two of the BIDS Age Divisions. There will be some reserved seating for the [PSA] and BIDS Open finals matches.

The Racquet fee for the NEW ERA BIDS/STATES is \$60.00/player. This entitles an individual to play in two state tournament events. For example, one could play in the State [As'] and the BIDS OPEN or the State [Bs'] and [50s'] or the BIDS (40s') and State (40s') the following week. The racquet fee includes the admission fee to watch the [PSA] Professionals, entry to observe the [PSA] Tour Event, the BIDS Open and all other BIDS Division matches plus Saturday lunch at the Maryland Club. There will be a tournament favor as well as a "feed in" BIDS Consolation Tournament.

There will be an additional per person charge for the Saturday Night Dinner Dance. There will also be a [PSA] discussion/clinic where sev-

eral of the [PSA] professionals will take approximately 45 minutes to talk about and provide tips about squash doubles play. Everyone playing in the tournament is invited. Be on the lookout for more information about the NEW ERA BIDS/STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS and make sure your calender is marked for the weekend of March 12-14. It will be the biggest three days ever in Maryland Squash Doubles history.

1999 Baltimore Invitational Doubles

played with

**The PSA Hi-Tech Super Series Doubles Tour Event and
The Maryland State Doubles Championship
MARCH 12-14, 1999**

\$60.00 (per player)
of Players _____

RACQUET FEE
Includes BID & States Double Entry plus
Saturday Lunch and entry to PSA Matches and
Tournament Favor.

\$275.00

PATRON
All Tournament Events – plus Saturday Night
Dinner/Dance for Two

\$75.00
Attending _____

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER/DANCE (ONLY)
Includes Entry to PSA and all other Matches

\$60.00

NON-PATRON/PLAYER (PSA) TICKET
Entry to PSA Matches, includes Saturday Lunch
and Tournament Favor.

A PLAYER CAN PARTICIPATE IN UP TO TWO FLIGHTS – ✓ CHECK FLIGHTS

BIDS: OPEN 40'S 50'S 60'S

STATE: A B C D

STATE: 40'S 50'S 60'S (WEEK AFTER BIDS)

Left Wall Entrant: _____

Right Wall Entrant: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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**MAIL ENTRY AND CHECK PAYABLE TO BIDS/STATES TO: BOB EVERD
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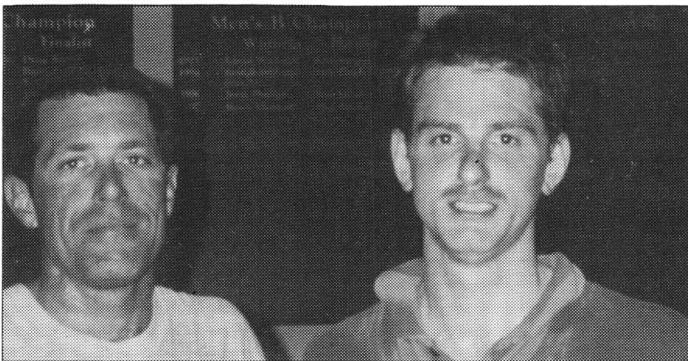
MD State Singles Championships

Bob Travers, Dixon Waxter and Randall Etheridge
Tournament Co-Directors (410) 539-3400

The Maryland State Singles Championships. Matches will be held wholly at Meadow Mill Athletic Club and the Maryland Club. Playing Divisions include: Men's A,B,C,D, 40+, 50+, 60+ and Women's A, B, & C. Softball is the M.S.S.R.A.s' recognized version of the game of squash racquets for the title of State Singles Champion or any division champion.

As is the case for the New BIDS/STATES format, only the Men and Women State [A] Division, the winners of which will become the Maryland State Men's and Women's Champions, are closed to state M.S.S.R.A. residents. All other divisions will be open with the stipulation that players choose to join the M.S.S.R.A. If an individual is already a member of the U.S.S.R.A through another State Squash Association then they must only pay the \$15.00 M.S.S.R.A portion of the combined [U.S.S.R.A./M.S.S.R.A.]dues in addition to the tournament's racquets fee.

Bobby Travers, M.S.S.R.A. President, is emphatic in getting the word out that everyone who plays squash in Maryland [singles, doubles or both] has equal opportunity to participate in all Maryland State Squash events. "We encourage it. The BIDS Saturday Night Dinner Dance celebration is just that", Bobby points out. "It is the M.S.S.R.A.'s last and biggest party of the season. We want everyone there".



1998 Maryland State Singles Champion, Don Townsend, and Finalist Dave Bennett who turned the tables and beat Don in the recent Baltimore City Open.

Baltimore's Squash Professionals

Andrew Cordova

Baltimore Country Club Racquets Director

Andrew was raised in Tenaflly, New Jersey. It was a short trip to the next town, Englewood. His family had a membership at the Englewood Field Club which maintained facilities for all types of sport including hard ball squash. Andrew was especially busy with Junior Tennis and Ice Hockey but when the weather was to inclement for tennis or sometimes just for fun, he and his compatriots would lift squash racquets from the lockers of unsuspecting members and give squash a try. Andrew liked the game enough to convince his parents to "pack him off" to the Harvard Squash Camp – three years in a row. By the time he graduated from the Avon Old Farms School, he had been on the varsity for four years and the Avon Team was 11th in the United States. At Fordham University he remained a top varsity player. In his senior year, Fordham was 15th in the United States and Andrew was elected Team Captain. After graduation Andrew earned his Certification as a Teaching Squash Professional. It was off to Florida and his first job at the Bonaventure Racquets Club where he established the Squash Program. In 1994 he was brought to the Baltimore Country Club as the assistant Squash/Tennis Professional but quickly advanced to Racquets Director. As Racquets Director, Andrew has managed the Baltimore Country Club's growing Squash, Tennis and Paddle Tennis Programs. In 1998 he assisted with the design and installation of two new international squash courts and the renovation of the Club's whole squash facility. This year, the Baltimore Country Club built a 1,200 sq.ft. [state of the art] physical fitness center which is connected to and is part of the squash facility. Andrew very much enjoys living and working in Baltimore City. "Baltimore is," Andrew points out, "one of the best Squash/Tennis towns in the United States." Recently, Andrew announced his engagement to Roberta Fioretti who he met in college. Roberta, a national media consultant, plans to relocate to Baltimore.

Roy Ollier

Meadow Mill Athletic Club Professional

Last summer everyone at Meadow Mill and most others who play squash in Baltimore have met Roy Ollier. He has quickly become a very visible and active advocate for juniors squash and has whole heartedly undertaken a vigorous role in teaching and promoting both singles and doubles. In this task, Roy is well qualified. He began

playing squash at the Parramatta Junior Club in Sydney, Australia near his home in New South Wales along Australia's central coast. He became an outstanding junior player and was one of three junior boys who in representing Sydney, rose to the highest level of Australian juniors squash. Roy turned professional in 1975 and as a result of his 1978 performance was ranked as a top professional on the International Squash Professional World Circuit. By 1981, Roy was ranked 19th in the World. Later in the 1980s, Roy began focusing his travels between Canada and Australia; and in 1994, as his desire to travel and compete on a professional level ebbed, he accepted a full time position at the Concord Athletic Club in San Antonio, Texas. There he aimed his attention at area juniors and otherwise building an overall program. In December of this year, after meeting Nancy and Frank Cushman, Roy came to Baltimore to assume the duties of Meadow Mill's Teaching Professional. Roy lives near by in Roland Park with his wife Leslie and his two year old daughter, Vaughan.

When asked to offer a tip to generally help improve one's level of play, Roy did not think twice. "Keep your eye on the ball and get your racquet [up] and ready early. These are two things that have nothing to do with innate ability or one's skill level that anyone can accomplish with immediate and positive results."

Vaughan Schmidt

Baltimore Country Club Assistant Racquets Director

Vaughan is one of the best women athletes in Maryland. At both Garrison Forest School and Duke University she excelled in Tennis. After graduating from Duke, Vaughan returned to Baltimore and began a career in the investment industry but she always came back to tennis and somewhere along the way found Squash. Vaughan has worked laboriously on her conditioning and racquet skills to become one of the top five ranked Maryland State Women and holds a State "A" ranking in Men's Squash. She excels as a teacher of either game and has additionally contributed much time and energy as a volunteer for Maryland State Squash. Vaughan is the current State Doubles Champion with Andrew Cordova as well as an active volunteer for Maryland State Squash. Vaughan and her husband Jay are members of Meadow Mill and live in Ruxton with their young son Henry where her favorite past time is baking her famous giant chocolate chip cookies.

Jim Taylor**Maryland Club Squash Professional**

Jim Taylor has been the Professional at the Maryland Club since July 1988. He came from the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York City where he had been an assistant for four years. Jim was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. He went to and graduated from Metropolitan State College in downtown Denver. He was on the swimming team and because of this, he was able to secure a part time job at the Denver Athletic Club as a lifeguard. It was there that the most famous squash champion in the world, the great Hashim Kahn, was Head Professional. Jim was captivated by both Hashim and the game he played so well. If you have ever competed in hard ball singles or doubles against Jim, you will quickly appreciate his feather touch, the subtle mark of Hashim Kahn. In addition to his Maryland Club responsibilities, Jim has always enthusiastically supported Maryland State Squash by serving on committees and running tournaments. Jim lives in Wiltondale, a community just north of Stoneleigh, with his wife of ten years, Sarah, and their two sons, nine year old Jimmy Jr. and five year old Freddy. Sarah is a top area Realtor with Chase-Fitzgerald. Both boys are active in sports; Jimmy Jr. loves Soccer and Lacrosse and little Freddy is a budding hockey star. Sarah and Jim Taylor have labored hard to help enrich Maryland State Squash and the community in which they have chosen to live.



Bob Everd, Past M.S.S.R.A. President, Achievement Award acceptant and Hicks Director, taken at the 1987 National Men's Doubles.

Clarke Griffin is USSRA Vice President

Mid-Atlantic Region, United States Squash Racquets Association

Clarke Griffin assumes the United State Squash Racquets Association office of Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Region. The Mid Atlantic Region includes Maryland, Washington, D.C., Delaware, Virginia and parts of Pennsylvania. Within the region, Clarke represents the U.S.S.R.A. which is the governing body of the game of Squash Racquets in the United States. He is the liaison between the local associations of the Mid-Atlantic Region and the national association and he sits on the U. S.S.R.A.'s Governing Board. Locally Clarke, a Representative of the Equitable Insurance Companies, serves as Chairman of the Maryland Club's Squash Committee and is a competent "A" level doubles player who still enjoys an occasional game of hard ball singles.

Clarke Griffin USSRA VP – on the Maryland Club

The Maryland Club begins its 72nd season of squash. Jim Taylor has completed ten years as the squash pro. The three softball courts, two hardball courts and two doubles courts are expected to be fully utilized as well as the exercise and cardiovascular equipment, sauna and steam room.

The season will open with the traditional squash exhibition bringing together four of the top doubles players in the country held in conjunction with a cocktail party.

The Maryland Club continues inter-club competition with the University Club and Metropolitan Club of Washington D.C. and the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York.

Dirck Bartlett is the reigning softball singles champion defeating Harry Gruner in the Club finals. Harry won by injury/default in the semifinals over Doug Rice. For the third consecutive year the doubles champions are the brothers-in-law, John MacColl and Dirck Bartlett.

The Maryland Club looks forward to inter-club singles and doubles with the other clubs of the MSSRA and is profoundly proud that one of ours, Bob Travers is the incoming President of the Association.

J. Clarke Griffin
Squash and Athletic Chairman



PROFESSIONAL SQUASH ASSOCIATION

**Two Super Series PSA Professional Tour Events are held in
Baltimore during the 1998-99 Season**

The eighth annual PSA Professional Squash Association's

SUPER-SERIES Single Tour Event

played in conjunction with the Baltimore City Open

November 12-15, 1998

The first annual PSA Professional Squash Association's

HI-TEC SUPER SERIES

Baltimore Doubles Tour Stop

is part of the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament

March 12-14, 1999

The Professional Squash Association, the governing body of professional squash throughout the world, was formed in 1992 when the members of the International Squash Players Association, the North American Professional Squash Association and the World Professional Squash Association united to form the PSA. The PSA manages the Mens' Professional Squash World Tours which currently consists of over one hundred events in thirty-five countries. More than 300 member players from forty-five countries, ranked and qualified by the PSA (much like the PGA regulates Professional Golf), compete for a combined prize money pool exceeding 1.6 million U.S. dollars. The analogy between professional squash and golf also carries through to the extraordinary playing skills and high drama of balanced world class competition that sets professional events apart from amateur tournaments. The PSA promotes, schedules and assists local Squash Associations and individual Clubs in sponsoring PSA squash events like the two Baltimore Tour Events sponsored by Maryland State Squash.

PSA News

Gary Waite and Mark Talbott

No. 1 Seeds

It is summer 1997. Gary Waite, four time Canadian national team member, eight year Canadian no. 1, former world hard ball no. 1, former world soft ball top 20 and then (and still) world doubles no. 1, looks out the window for a moment, leans back and phones Mark Talbott. Waite has just been "let go" by Jamie Bentley, the world's best right wall only hard ball doubles player, and he's looking for a new partner. Nothing like a call to a fellow all-around legend.

Waite's invitation to the unflappable hard ball king paid off in spades during the 1997-98 PSA doubles campaign. In the past, both famous players have played with highly respected partners. Talbott won titles with Peter Briggs, while Waite scored regularly with Scott Dulmage and ran the tables in 1995-96 and 1996-97 with Bentley. However, as is his style, Waite may be the only player in the history of the game to win a professional tournament in consecutive seasons from different sides. It was this switch to the left wall in the fall 1995, at Bentley's coaching, that earned Waite and Bentley a perfect 19-0 tournament record over the two seasons.

However, last season was one of the most successful for both players. The duo notched victories at the Saturn Club in Buffalo, the North American Open in Greenwich, CT, the U.S. Pro at the Racquet Club Open in St. Louis. Futhermore, Waite and Talbott concluded a glorious year by capturing the prestigious World Open title in April at the Toronto Cricket Curling and Skating Club. The victory punctuated a remarkable stretch for Waite during which the Sarnia, Ontario native became the most dominating player in the game and copped a total of 30 doubles titles in four years.

While, Waite and Talbott earned both top honors in the 1997-98 rankings and the annual title derby with six, never far behind the new champions lurked the game's best right waller and whoever he chose to play with. Jamie Bentley was standing on the final round field of battle nine out of a possible ten times last season; eight of them against Waite and Talbott. More remarkably, Bentley sported different weapons at different times of the season in his pursuit of #1. In the early going, Waite and Talbott went 3-2 against Scott Dulmage and Bentley, while later in

the hunt, they duplicated the balance sheet Todd Binns and Bentley.

A year ago, when the Waite-Talbott judgement was in its rookie season, the first two tournaments hinted that this might not have been the dream pairing it is today. Waite and Talbott lost in both the Denver Club invitational Doubles and the \$20,000 Delwal Doubles in Detroit to Dulmage and Bentley and neither performance was pretty. The season was long, however, and the revenge was sweet for the newly dumped Waite.

"I think Mark is more scared of me now than Bentley," remarked the warp-speed stroking University Club of New York Pro Waite in summarizing the changes initiated after the team's first two loses. "I told him to firm up or seek re-retirement."

Indeed the results of remaining two fall 1997 PSA doubles tournaments, October's inaugural \$10,000 Saturn Club Pro Doubles Championship in Buffalo and the prestigious \$15,000 North American Open in Greenwich, CT, proved both that Talbott was quite able to live up to his famous billing and that the team had long-term viability. Waite and Talbott defeated their main rivals 3-2 in the finals of Buffalo and 3-1 in the semi's of the North American Open. Those two victories catapulted them one their way to straight year-end number one rankings.

Waite won his first pro doubles event in 1991 at the Canadian Open and continues to play the occasional international softball tournament. Last November he joined fellow Canadians Jon Power, Graham Ryding and Kelly Patrcik at the 1997 World Team Champions and contributes to the team's best-ever No. 2 showing. The 34 year old lives in Brooklyn, NY, is married and has two children.

Talbott's career continues to shine. The Rhode Island-based hard ball champion, whose 125 career titles will be forever recorded as a standard for squash, remains a threat in doubles, plays occasional singles events and promotes squash selflessly. His Talbott Coaching Academy, a successful self-started junior and senior program, moved into a new state-of-the-art eight court facility at St. George's School in Newport four years ago. He is USSRA Junior National Coach and one of the key individuals in U.S. junior development. The 38 year old Talbott recently added a day job by accepting the position as Head Women's Squash Coach at Yale University. He and his wife Michelle, a concert musician, now divide their time between New Haven and Wakefield, RI. They have two children.

PSA News

Scott Stoneburgh and Jamie Bentley

No. 2 Seeds

Since 1990, Jamie Bentley has won more than 36 doubles titles and emerged as the uncontested no. 1 right waller of his time. Arguably, he may even be the best ever to play that side of the court. More entertainingly, as a result of his numerous all-star partner exchanges, he is also becoming the Brad Pitt of doubles squash. the latest candidate in Bentley's campaign to regain the number one ranking is Scott Stoneburgh.

It is a testament to his dominance that Bentley past head squash professional at the Cambridge Club in Toronto and current member of the insurance business, is likely to contest for the no. 1 ranking this season with his fifth partner in four complete seasons. he dominated the pros in 1991-94 with Kenton Jernigan, bageled the opposition with Gary Waite from 1994-96 and finished runner-up in 1996-98 with both Scott Dulmage and Todd Binns.

Bentley's partner carousel stems not from competitive disappointment, as he has had little in the 1990's, but rather from a search for perfect chemistry. "Kenton and I had several seasons, but he was in new York and I was in Toronto. I was frustrated that we caouldn't practice or get better. At that time I thought Gary could be a wonderful left wall player and he was here in Toronto," Bentley says of the first big spilt. "Then after any and I went undefeated for two seasons and he moved to New York, I thought breaking up would give me the new challenge of playing against him. Scott Dulmage was here in Toronto and eager to play."

Even after winning twice with Dulmage during the 1997-98 season, Bentley saw an opportunity to further improve and find the right blend when longtime hardball exile Todd Binns returned from Australia. "Todd was ready to get back into the doubles tour and still has one of the most dominating wrists in the game. He's tough too, so I figured we would be pretty compatible." Despite their two 1997-98 victories and #2 ranking , Bentley has moved on and elected the ever dangerous Stoneburgh for the new season. Perhaps the reason for this latest change is summed up best by a quote from Bentley in 1997, "For me, doubles is still a significant part of my livelihood. I want to look over

there when the going gets tough and know that my partner wants the win as much as I do."

For the 1997-98 record, Bentley won the \$20,000 Delwal Doubles in Detroit and \$10,000 Rolex Greenwich with Dulmage and the \$10,000 Racquet Club of Chicago Championships and \$10,000 Elite Doubles with Binns.

Stoneburgh has been buzzing around the tip of the PSA doubles rankings for three seasons, most notably with partner Anders Wahlstedt. Paired for the first time in October 1996 at the Delwal Doubles in Detroit, the Toronto-NY combo upset the tournament's second seeds, Dulmage and Edwards, and proceeded to the final. Despite a crunching at the hands of Waite and Bentley, the smart money believed they saw the future.

One mother later, the smart money cashed in. Despite the huge question mark thrown up by the absence of Gary Waite and Jamie Bentley, the sport's undisputed top practitioners, the performance of Stoneburgh and Wahlstedt during the 1996 North American Open was smashing. they trounced third seeds Kenton Jernigan and Jeff Stanley 3-0 in the semi-finals and them lodged their second victory of the year over second ranked Scott Dulage and Ned Edwards 3-1 in the finals. The victory remains the highlight of this teams three year career.

Stoneburgh arrived on the doubles scene via a 1993-95 apprenticeship with Andrew Slater and Clive Caldwell. Clearly having a knack for the game, Stoneburgh then accepted an offer from Mark Talbott to play the 1995-96 season together. Talbott had ended his ten year partnership with Pete Briggs, the longest active pairing until that time, to make room for the explosive Toronto-based shotmaker. Their results were solid. The team upheld their no. 4 world ranking and reached the final of the 1996 World Doubles Championships.

Scott recently returned to Toronto from the American Rockies where he managed the Denver Club for a year. in another piece of good news, Stonburgh's solid play at the 1998 Heights Casino and Elite Doubles events and indicates he ahs not suffered any long term effects from a multi-month layoff following shoulder surgery in 1997. Stonburgh is single and teaching and coaching squash in the Toronto area.

MD State Squash – Baltimore Clubs

Baltimore Country Club

Roland Park Club House

4712 Club Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21210

(410) 889-4400, Direct to Squash (410) 467-1208

General Manager: Mr. Paul T. Spellman

Club House Manager: Ms. Lynda Newsome

Racquets Director: Andrew Cordova

Assistant Racquets Director: Vaughan Schmidt

The Baltimore Country Club's Squash and Fitness Center is located on the lower floor at the south end of the facility. There are two hardwood international singles courts and one doubles court. The Baltimore Country Club has a conservative dress code. Wearing Jeans or denim clothing of any kind is not permitted anywhere at the Baltimore Country Club. The Club also has a "mostly white\shirt with collar" policy for those using the courts. The Club strictly enforces its dress code within its membership and request that guests or those using the Club's squash facility for state or national events honor it as well.

1998 was the Baltimore Country Club's centennial year. It was also the year that the Baltimore Country Club renovated its whole squash facility, the primary purpose of which was to remove the two existing hard ball singles courts and replace them with two international courts of similar construction. The squash program is supported by approximately one hundred seventy members plus has a juniors program that consists of over forty young people. The Baltimore Country Club is a Maryland State Squash Member Facility and as such generously provides its squash court facilities for Maryland State Squash as well as national squash events. It was the headquarters and host facility for the 1996 National Men's Doubles Championships. Robert Travers who is Chairman of the Baltimore Country Club's Squash Committee is also President of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association.

The first squash courts ever built in Maryland were constructed at the Baltimore Country Club in 1907. These courts were improved following a fire in 1931 that destroyed all of the original clubhouse with the exception of the south end of the building which housed them. In 1964, the Club built a new squash facility onto the south end of this remnant

of the original building and in doing so eliminated the old 1907 courts. The new squash court/fitness center, itself, is still located on the lower floor of this portion of original clubhouse. The present brick Georgian Roland Park clubhouse was completed in 1932. It and the thirty-two acres that include the only grass tennis courts left in Maryland represent one of the Club's two campuses. An additional 450 acres of beautiful rolling hills, seven miles north of Roland Park, was acquired in the 1920s'. This acreage is now the location of a second clubhouse, a swimming pool complex, a golf house complex and two championship eighteen hole golf courses.

Maryland Club

1 East Eager Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202
(410) 727-2323, Squash Courts (410) 727-3220

General Manager: Ms. Katherine Mandaro
Squash Professional: Jim Taylor

The Maryland Club built its first hard ball singles courts in 1926 and quickly became a hub of squash in Maryland. In 1966, the Maryland Club added a regulation doubles court. In 1988 a new addition which housed a doubles court and two hard ball singles courts was constructed. Then, as part of the restoration of the whole clubhouse following a twelve alarm fire the night of August 20, 1995, three new hard-wood international courts replaced the five old burnt out hard ball courts. Completely new locker room and fitness center facilities plus an enclosed parking lot for over one hundred cars were also added. Today, the Maryland Club has over three hundred and fifty season squash members and a sizable juniors program.

The Maryland Club has a strict coat and tie dress code which is always in force with the exception of Saturday morning. Casual clothes can be worn into the squash facility but individuals doing so must use the back squash court entrance. The Club also has an all white court policy. The Maryland Club is a Maryland State Squash Member Facility. It regularly lends its courts for state and national events but requests that visitors and guests respect its dress code. Clarke Griffin, Maryland Club Squash Chairman is also the newly appointed United State Squash Racquets Association Vice President for the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The Maryland Club was chartered in 1858. Its first president was

Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, the father of Charles Bonaparte who served as Theodore Roosevelt's Secretary of the Navy. During the Civil War, Union General Ben Butler, saw the Maryland Club as a nest of southern sympathizers and told his artillery commander that if Maryland announced succession that the first target was to be the Maryland Club. Less than a year later, the New York 7th Regiment seized the Maryland Club for its headquarters as part of its assignment to show a strong presence in Baltimore City. The Maryland Club moved to its present location and what was then the northern boundary of the City in 1891.

Squash was not part of the Maryland Club until the late 1920s', but the growing popularity of the sport nationally coupled with a solid local following rooted at the Baltimore Athletic Club, the Racquet Club and the Baltimore Country Club made it a natural addition. Soon after the Maryland Club built its first courts, it began to become the focal point of Baltimore squash. This was especially true after World War II. The first doubles court was constructed in 1966 about the time that the Maryland State Hall of Fame Team of Jim and Joe Lacy were beginning to take over from another Hall of Fame Team, George Doetsch and Bill Lamble, as Maryland's best. The Maryland Club's decision to build a doubles court coupled with the same undertaking at the Baltimore Country Club two years prior insured a prosperous future for doubles squash in Maryland. The National Men's Doubles Championships have been held in Baltimore eleven times in the past sixty years more than any other city with the exception of Philadelphia; and the Maryland Club and its membership have played a major role in making it happen. Although the Maryland Club supports a wide variety of activities for its members diverse interest, it is first a place for Squash.

Meadow Mill Athletic Club

3600 Clipper Mill Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21211

Proprietors: Nancy and Frank Cushman

Head Squash Professional: Roy Ollier

Teaching Professional: Peter Blank

(410) 235-7000

Meadow Mill Athletic Club has eight international courts and two doubles courts. Meadow Mill also operates the Racquet Club of Roland Park which has three international courts, primarily used for junior

squash and tournament events. In addition to squash courts, Meadow Mill offers its members a complete supervised fitness center with an aerobic studio, cardio-vascular equipment, free weights and Cybex plus child care, locker room facilities and an old fashioned lunch counter offering great sandwiches, soft drinks and beer.

Nancy and Frank Cushman undertook and have developed the largest juniors program in the state. Most of the local private schools have squash teams largely because of the Cushman's junior efforts. The Racquet Club of Roland Park, Nancy and Frank's, first squash club, is largely reserve for inter-school and junior squash. Roy Ollier who rose to 19th as a World touring professional has joined Meadow Mill as Head Professional. One reason is Meadow Mill's full commitment and focus on junior squash.

Meadow Mill Athletic club opened on November 2, 1992. It was a big day for Maryland State Squash and the fulfilment of the dream of Nancy and Frank who believed that Baltimore would support such a facility.

As a new member of Meadow Mill one receives a free squash lesson or a fitness training session. Depending upon a desire to play squash or just workout, one is ranked as a player or given a suggested fitness program. Meadow Mill has a "dating service" for squash members that insures a game with a comparable opponent.

Meadow Mill has had a positive impact on Maryland State Squash. Nationally sponsored events have included the National Soft Ball Championships, the National Men's and Women's Doubles Championships and the Mid-Atlantic and National Juniors Championships. Meadow Mill is the host facility and annual sponsor for Maryland State Squash's biggest soft ball tournament, the Baltimore City Open and a Maryland State Squash Association Member Club, providing it's courts, facility, and time for the benefit of Maryland State Squash.

All are welcome to stop by, introduce themselves and check out the facilities or simply call for more information.

Juniors and Collegiate Squash

Maryland State Squash Junior Endowment Fund

Last year at the 50th playing of the FitzGerald Cup, Bob Travers, FitzGerald Cup Team Captain and MSSRA Vice President, announced that an Endowment was being established for the benefit of Juniors Squash in Maryland and that the important seed contributions were donated by Joan and Bobby Ottenritter, William H. FitzGerald and Mary Jean and Ollie Travers. All are invited to add to the Juniors Endowment Fund. Tax exempt donations should be made payable to Junior Endowment - Maryland State Squash and mailed to Bob Travers, 726 Milldam Road, Towson, MD 21286.

Each year the income from the Junior Endowment Fund will be used to under-pin programs for Juniors. Some events will include a regional tournament, supplementing the cost for travel to out of town juniors events and special clinics and training sessions. One purpose of the M.S.S.R.A. Juniors Endowment is to bring juniors from all Maryland State Squash facilities together and otherwise bolster the individual programs of the same facilities. A second purpose is to make Maryland a lasting center for juniors squash inclusive of a place where the Mid-Atlantic and National Juniors Tournaments are held on a regular rotational basis as part of the United States Squash Racquets Association's Junior Schedule.

Intercollegiate Squash - 1998-99 Update

Many Maryland parents look to Lacrosse, Field Hockey or Soccer as a means for their college bound son or daughter to win a scholarship. However, there is hardly a more active college recruitment effort than that undertaken by the coaches of those member colleges of the National Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association for both men and women. Certainly, any child with better than average "hand-eye" coordination and an affinity for racquet sports can find professional training enough in Baltimore to mature into a young player of college level quality. Like all paths to college sport scholarships or playing opportunities, it is never too early to start. By the time most juniors who make college teams become Freshman they have been placing squash for ten years. There are few sports that are a better route to college scholarship than the growing game of Squash Racquets.

Who's Who in Intercollegiate Squash 1998 Rankings

Trinity #1Men (#5 Women), Hartford, CT
Harvard #2 (#2 Women), Cambridge, MA
Princeton #3 (#1 Women), Princeton, NJ
Yale #4 (#6 Women), New Haven, CT
Amherst #5 (#10 Women), Amherst, MA
Western Ontario #6, London, ONT
Williams College #7 (#9 Women), Willimstown MA
Denison #8, Granville, OH
Dartmouth College #9 (#4 Women), Hanover, NH
Penn #10 (#3 Women), Philadelphia, PA
Brown #11 (#7 Women), Providence, RI
Colby College #12, Waterville, ME
Cornell #13 (#8 Women), Ithaca, NY
Bowdoin #14, Brunswick ME
Vassar #15, Poughkeepsie, NY
Navy #16, Annapolis, MD
Franklin & Marshall #17, Lancaster, PA
Rochester University #18, Rochester, NY
Wesleyan #19, Middletown, CT
Hobart #20, Geneva, NY
MIT #21, Cambridge, MA
Columbia #22, New York, NY
Fordham #23, Bronx, NY
George Washington #24, Washington, D.C.
Bates College #25, Lewiston, ME
Haverford #26, Haverford, PA
California #27, Berkeley, CA
Northwestern #28 (Club Status)
Tufts #29, Medford, MA
Connecticut College #30, New London, CT
Hamilton #31, Clinton, NY
Penn State #32
Colgate #33, Hamilton, NY
Ohio Wesleyan #34
Air Force #35
Bard #36

Trinity's exuberant squash coach, Paul Assananti, leads the No. 1 collegiate team.

Maryland Squash players should remember Paul Assananti. He came to Baltimore in 1990 to assume the job of Baltimore Country Club Racquets Professional. The Olympic alternate gymnast who turned to squash after he broke his neck during practice made it a point to stay in top shape, improve his own playing skills and get people involved in squash. It didn't matter to Assananti whether someone was a member of the Baltimore Country Club or not - if they asked for his help to improve their game, he was going to find a way to do just that. During his off duty time, he gave playing seminars and exhibitions wherever asked and he entered as many state and national singles and doubles tournaments as his schedule permitted. Even though he started squash late and doubles squash only after he came to Baltimore, Paul rose to top national levels in soft ball and doubles. Eventually, he reached the rank of No. 2 in the Men's 40 Singles and No. 1 in Men's 40 Doubles with his partner Gordon Anderson. It was obvious that above all else, Paul was a coach; so, it seemed only the natural course of events when he accepted the position as Trinity's Squash Coach. It is to the credit of his coaching skills that in four years, Paul built Trinity's Squash Team into the number one collegiate squad in the United States.

Damian Walker takes over at Navy

Damian Walker, 99th in the Professional Squash Association Rankings and the top U.S. Professional recently took over the Naval Academy's squash program from its coach of seventeen years, Dave Brown. Damian just won the Baltimore City Open's (PSA) Professional Event over the weekend of November 14-15. He has always been willing to participate in Maryland State Squash Events. After his Baltimore City Open finals match, Damian said he is very much looking forward to living and working in Annapolis. He also intends to become active in Maryland State Squash and expects his players to participate in State events whenever possible. His primary objective, of course, is to move Navy from #16 to #1 in the United States intercollegiate rankings.

Mark Talbott is the new Yale Women's Squash Coach.

The greatest Professional Champion in U.S. squash history, Mark Talbott, has accepted the job of Women's Coach at Yale. In doing so, he joins his older brother, Dave, who is the coach of Yale's Men's Team. Dave and Mark both lived in Baltimore for a time and it was not uncommon to see Mark, as a teenager, playing at the Maryland Club or the Baltimore Country Club where Dave was the Squash Professional. Both Dave and Mark enjoy their return trips to Baltimore. Mark has been generous with the time he has given to Maryland State Squash for both exhibitions and Junior Clinics. Even though he is becoming a coach, Mark still intends to operate the Talbott Squash Camp and actively work with Juniors from around the country.



Maryland State Squash Outstanding Juniors

The Outstanding Juniors Award may not be presented every year.

It's purpose is to recognize young men and women who in addition to exhibiting extra talent in Squash are also outstanding in all other aspects of life.

1975	Tom Scruggs	1992	Spencer Finney
1975	Jessie Wittich	1993	Jack Finney
1976	John Clarke	1994	David Freeland
1976	Missy Harper	1995	Alex Fine
1979	Denise Galambos	1996	Katie MacColl
1980	Don Townsend, Jr.	1997	Bryan Willats
1980	Timmi Wolff	1997	Ally Harper
1981	Don Townsend, Jr.	1998	Justin Harper
1985	Peter Tomlinson	1998	Anna Minkowski
1991	Chris Sheldon		

'98-'99 MD State Rankings

State Rankings are (first) based upon the results of State Championship Tournaments, but are secondarily affected by a player's or, in the case of doubles, a teams' performance in other State or Club events. Doubles Rankings are predicated upon those teams which have participated in more than one State or Club tournament. Women's Rankings are additionally influenced by achievement in State Men's (B) and/or (A) Tournaments. Rankings are reviewed by the State's Professionals. State Professionals are not included in State Rankings. International "soft ball" is the version of Squash Racquets upon which the Maryland State Singles Rankings are set. Finally, those receiving a State Ranking must be a member of Maryland State Squash.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RANKINGS (SINGLES)

State Ranking

- 1) Don Townsend
- 2) Dave Bennett
- 3-4) Riaz Arshad
- 3-4) Peter Blank
- 5) Greg Mathis
- 6) Dirck Bartlett
- 7) Randall Etheridge
- 8) Dixon Waxter
- 9) Robert Travers
- 10) Sam Sosidia

Additionally...

- Meadow Mill Athletic Club Champion
1997-98 Baltimore City Open Winner
State 40s' Champion
- Maryland Club Champion
- Baltimore Country Club Champion

Women

- 1) Lissen Tutrone
Meadow Mill Athletic Club Champion
No. 1 Women's Doubles w/
Nancy Cushman
- 2) Carol Grunberg
- 3) Vaughan Schmidt
- 4) Christenia Cook
- 5) Nancy Cushman
- 6) Anna Minkowski
1998 Outstanding Junior

Men's 40s'

- 1) Riaz Arshad State 40s' Champion
- 2) Frank Cushman
- 3) Robert Travers Baltimore Country Club Champion
- 4) Sam Sosidia
- 5) Denis Bourke State 50s' Champion
- 6) John Minkowski
- 7) Cober Eccles

Men's 50s'

- 1) Denis Bourke State 50s' Champion
- 2) Andrew Strasfogen 1987 Baltimore City Open 50s' Winner
- 3) Bob Everd
- 4) John Voneiff
- 5) Stan Cook

Men's 60s'

- 1) Bill Rice
- 2) Peter Gerard
- 3) Gene O'Connor MD State Hall of Fame
- 4) Alan Heston
- 5) Jervis Finney

Men's B

- 1) Eric Roberts
- 2) Philippe Agafonovas
- 3) John Brush
- 4) Bob Everd No. 3 State 50s'
- 5) David Branano
- 6) Phil Crane
- 7) Brian Swanson
- 8) Haswell Franklin, Jr.
- 9) Chris Macon
- 10) David Doherty

Women's B

- 1) Anna Minkowski No. 1 Womens Junior
- 2) Lynn Minkowski
- 3) Ann Watson
- 4) Sarah Hill
- 5) Louise Simpson

Men's C

- 1) Charles Mugiru
- 2) John Webster
- 3) Ivan Battaka
- 4) John Hanson
- 5) Jay Snouffer
- 6) Graeme Conn
- 7) Andrew Pons
- 8) Henry Franklin
- 9) J.J. Gunning
- 10) Matt Orendorff

Men's "A" Hardball Singles

- 1) Patrick Miller
- 2) Dirck Bartlett
- 3) Doug Rice
- 4) Robert Travers
- 5) Sandy Martin

Men's "A" Doubles

- 1) Andrew Cordova\Gooff Kennedy State Champions
- 2) Doug Rice\Patrick Miller 1997 State Champions
- 3) Dirck Barlett\Mike Reihl BCC & MC Member Guest

Winners

- 4) John Voneiff\Doug Rice State 40s' Champions
- 5) Ed Barlett\Sandy Martin State 50s' Champions
- 6) A.C. Hubbard\Peter Wolff No.1 State 60s'
- 7) Dirck Bartlett\John MacColl Maryland Club Champions
- 8) Joe Fitzpatrick\Mike Reihl Baltimore Country Club Champions
- 9) Bruce Matthai\Ron Tutrone Meadow Mill Athletic Club Champions

Womens' "A" Doubles

- 1) Nancy Cushman\Lissen Tutrone
- 2) Patrice Cromwell\Vaghan Schmidt

Men's "B" Doubles

- 1) Brian Effinger\Stan Dorney
 - 2) Rich Moore\Peter Wolff
 - 3) Sam Sosodia\Haswell Franklin, Jr.
 - 4) John Brush\Jeff Rogers
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Men's "C" Doubles

- 1) Bob Edgington\Steve Herman
- 2) Stuart Schadt\Dan Harvy

"A" Mixed Doubles

- 1) Andrew Cordova\Vaughan Schmidt
- 2) Nancy cushman\Jan Markowitz
- 3) Lissen Tutrone\Ron Tutrone

1998 RESULTS***DON TOWNSEND, JR. WINS HIS 5TH MARYLAND STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP***

For the third time in as many years Don Townsend, Jr. won the Maryland State Singles Championship. On his way to the finals he defeated Bob Travers in the Quarters and Riaz Arshad, the Maryland State 40's Champion, in the Semis. Townsend did not loose a game in the process.

On the other side of the draw Dave Bennett had only a little more difficulty in the Quarter Finals he came against Greg Mathis. Dave won in four long hard games, but the outcome was never really in doubt. Dave met Peter Blank in the Semis. Peter had played a close sea-saw five game preliminary match against Dirck Bartlett the day before. Whether it was this earlier match that took its physical toll or Peter was just having an off day, Bennett easily won and advanced to the Finals.

Don Townsend and Dave Bennett certainly were not about to surprise one another. They have been the finalists for the past three years. The well attended match started out with Bennett jumping six points ahead. Slowly and steadily Townsend came back and won the game. The second game went to Bennett in much the same way. The forth game was even until five all then Townsend who had been sparing with the referee plus making an unusual number of racquets errors settled down, stopped arguing and focused his attention on his play. Bennett, who on the other hand, had been consistent until the middle of the third game started to make mistakes. Townsend won the second half of the third game and the forth game, match and State Championship.

LISSEN TUTRONE IS THE 1998 WOMEN'S CHAMPION

For the third year in a row Lissen Tutrone, over powered her competition to become the Maryland State Women's Champion. Lissen who is ranked as state Men's (A) level player does everything well, but if you

had to pick one aspect of her game, with the exception of her ability to hit the ball with force that sets her apart, it is her ability to attack her opponent from either the forehand or backhand volley. Lissen takes every opportunity to volley; it is rare to find her in the back corners of the court. Her skill in this was evident in both her Semis and Finals matches against Vaughan Schmidt and Carol Grunberg, respectively. Carol Grunberg won her way into the Finals with her defeat of Carol Cook in the draw's lower half Semis. The Finals match between Turtone and Grunberg, although well played, was never in doubt; it was over in three games and Lissen repeated as State Champion.

ERIC ROBERTS WINS THE MARYLAND STATE (B) DIVISION TITLE

One of the most, if not the most, exciting match of the state tournament was the (B) Division finals between unseeded Eric Roberts and No. 2 Seed, Philippe Agafonovas. It went five long, well played, fast passed and exciting games of which two, including the fifth game, went to extra points. Eric, of course, is now officially an (A) level player. In the finals, the difference came down to conditioning where in the fourth and fifth games Agafonovas seemed to tire more than Roberts. The margin between the two, was small and the result was a great show for those watching.

On the way to the finals, Eric Roberts defeated Phil Crane in the Quarter Finals and No. 1 Seed.

ANYA McGUIRK IS THE WOMEN'S STATE B DIVISION WINNER

Anya almost did not make it to the Finals. Her match against the No. 2 Seed, Ann Watson, was a close five games where Watson was often in the lead including a good part of the fifth game. Anya refused to give up, and in the end prevailed. Lynn Minkowski, the No. 1 Seed and last year's winner, easily defeated Sara Hill in the Semis to get to the Finals in the top half of the draw. In the Finals, McGuirk was very much on and Minkowski seemed the opposite. Anya won easily to take the State Women's B title.

ANDREW CORDOVA AND GEOFF KENNEDY ARE THE 1998 MARYLAND STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

Quite by accident, Andrew Cordova, Baltimore Country Club Racquets Director, and Geoff Kennedy, Metropolitan Club Squash Professional, became an eleventh hour team and captured the Maryland State Doubles Championship. This powerfully talented combination of a new

team did not lose a game on their way to the finals. On the other side of the draw, the 1997 State Champions, Patrick Miller and Doug Rice also had little difficulty reaching the finals.

The Finals match, itself, between Cordova on the right and his partner, Kennedy, on the left against Rice, on the right and Miller, on the left was simply superb. It started and ended with incredible ball speed, phenomenal shots, unbelievable gets, long points and good sportsmanship. Of the four games played, Miller and Rice only took the second, but the (3-1) match score does not reflect the outstanding quality of the play by both teams. Certainly, Patrick Miller who has been the State Doubles Champion twice and Doug Rice who has won the title three times and is the current State 40s' Champion with John Voneiff were the older team. If Miller and Rice had any likelihood to win against Geoff Kennedy, one of the top ranked doubles players in the United States, and Andrew Cordova, a State "A" level player who has just begun to enter national tournaments, they had to perform flawlessly. Miller and Rice knew this going in. They did their best to keep the ball behind Cordova and to prevent Kennedy from establishing any kind of rhythm. The problem was Cordova, wasn't about to be passed by the ball and it is all but impossible to avoid Kennedy. In their effort to do it, however, Patrick and Doug sustained a super great effort and gave the full gallery an incredible match to watch. In the end, huge ability, power and teamwork wrapped in the advantage of youth won out. It was a marvelous victory for Geoff and Andrew.

JOHN VONEIFF AND DOUG RICE ARE THE STATE 40s' CHAMPIONS

John Voneiff who in the past won the State 40s' on three occasions said he was fortunate to have the chance to team up with Doug Rice for Doug's first year as a Veteran. Rice and Voneiff, the No. 1 Seeds, played two matches to get to the Finals and did not lose a game. On the other side of the draw Ed Bartlett and Sandy Martin, the current State 50s' Champions, worked their way to the Finals also with little difficulty.

What took place then was one of the most exciting State Championship matches of the 1998 Squash Season. It turned out that Voneiff who was sick in bed with the flu decided to play rather than take his partner's advice and default. What the spectators got was a five game fist fight that lasted one and one half hours. Three of the first four games were decided in overtime and the one that was not was won by Rice and Voneiff (15-13). The only lopsided game was the fifth where unlike

in previous play, Rice and Voneiff sprang ahead (8 points to 2) and never relinquished a solid lead.

There wasn't much doubt from the start that Bartlett and Martin were going to go hard at Voneiff. Bartlett played up and down the left wall and Martin baraged Voneiff with his usual great cross court lobs and drops. Voneiff looked so worn down, said Jimmy Hense, the Referee, that I wasn't sure he was going to make it back from one game to the next, but he did. What Voneiff was during that match, Hense added, was steady. He did not make as many shots as normal but he countered this with almost no racquet errors. Rice was super in the way he backed up his partner. He covered behind him when he was forced forward and in front of him when he was trapped in the back left corner. Even though Rice only saw about thirty percent of the play, when he had an opportunity to put the ball he delivered. In the fifth game, Rice closed the door by making five quick points in a row with drop volleys from the front of the court. There is no question, Hense concluded, Rice and Voneiff earned that victory. It was as good a Veterans match as one could expect to see in Maryland or anywhere else for that matter. Congratulations Doug Rice and John Voneiff - 1998 Maryland State Veterans Champions.

ED BARTLETT AND SANDY MARTIN ARE THE 1998 MARYLAND STATE 50s' CHAMPIONS

Ed Barlett and Sandy Martin dominated their side of the draw in the 1998 Maryland State 50s' and than won the Finals match almost as easily. On the other side of the draw, Peter Wolff and A.C. Hubbard had a harder time but made it to the finals. A.C. Hubbard is a former four time State Champion and one of the best left side players Maryland doubles has produced teamed up with Peter Wolff a former State Singles Champion and accomplished doubles player to get ready to play in the National Men's 60s'. None the less, they are extremely tough to play against at any age. In their Semi-Finals match they defeated John Voneiff and Jack Leutkemeyer in a long hard and close match. Voneiff and Luetkemeyer, former State 40s' Champions were heavily favored but Hubbard and Wolff proved the odds makers wrong.

In the Finals, Hubbard was his ability to almost never let the ball get behind him. He is a master at volleying the ball left to right. Wolff was also steady and shot effectively. Bartlett and Martin, however, are just a very good team, certainly, a top State "A" level combination that few younger teams could defeat in an open draw. Bartlett is very fast and covers his side of the court like a man in his 30s'. Martin is the master

of appearing to be always at the right spot at the right time without expending a drop of excess energy. Their combination was simply too fast and deceptive for Hubbard and Wolff. The three game victory gave Ed Bartlett and Sandy Martin the match and the State 50s' Championship.

BRIAN EFFINGER AND STAN DORNEY WIN THE STATE B DOUBLES

In an exciting five game finals the Maryland Club team of Effinger and Dorney held out over the Meadow Mill team of Rich Moore and Peter Wolff to land on top of the Men's B Division. Both Effinger and Dorney have greatly improved, said Jim Taylor, Maryland Club Professional; they are both playing at an "A" level. Effinger and Dorney are a very fast team and what they lack in style and finesse they seem to make up with the ability to cover the court.

Marylander Tours South Africa through his Squash Racquet

Last year I was elected to represent the United States Jesters Squash Club on a playing tour through South Africa. The Jesters organization, founded in 1928, is a group of racquet players recognized for their devotion to their particular game and their philanthropic efforts, both financially and time. Additionally, they are recognized for their sportsmanship both on and off the court. The Jesters is an international organization with its parent club in London and branches in the United States, Canada, and South Africa.

Every 12 years each country hosts a visiting tour and this year the U. S. was invited to have a playing tour throughout South Africa. The 3 week tour was made up of 6 players and 3 spouses including Peter Derose, Patrick Miller, Jamie Heldring, Drew Mateer, Ted Marmor and Carter Ferguson (captain). The team enjoyed wonderful hospitality and comradery of their hosts while taking in the breathtaking scenery and culture of South Africa. On the playing side, the U.S. team held its own winning 60% of their 12 fixtures played in 6 cities: Johannesburg, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, and Petersmarburg.

"I feel quite fortunate that squash has enabled me to experience traveling to such a beautiful and interesting country while seeing the country from the inside with quality squash players."

Patrick Miller

UNITED STATE SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION

National Rating System (NRS)

The purpose of the National Rating System (NRS) is to enable any player from any part of the United State to be fairly compared with any other player. The (NRS) is also a gauge of equating playing ability on an international basis, but it was formulated primarily for use within the United States. The USSRA's National Rating System is based on seven elements that in combination are a real measure of one's level of play. The seven elements are: 1) Forehand and Backhand or "stroke" ability, 2) Fitness and Movement or the ability to efficiently cover the court 3) Serve and Return of Serve, 4) Volley, 5) Special Shots , 6) quality of Playing style and 7) Tournament Experience.

Where do you stand?

2.0 (E) YOU...

- a) have minimal racquet skills, incomplete swing and struggle to make consistent contact with the ball.
 - b) rarely hit the ball exactly where you aim, avoid backhands and remain unsure of the correct grip.
 - c) are uncertain of where to be on the court, and are often surprised by the path of the ball.
 - d) do not have a consistent Serve and problems with the Return of Serve.
 - e) avoid volleying the ball and when you try will likely mis-hit the ball.
 - f) have no special shots or thought out playing style and..
 - g) have no tournament experience.
- You are a beginner.

2.5 (D) YOU...

- a) can handle moderate paced shots and your stroke form is developing but you prefer the forehand over the backhand, remain unsure of your grip often forget to get your racquet up and ready..
 - b) remain unsure of where your opponent is hitting the ball and often over run the ball or get too close to the wall when striking the ball.
 - c) can hit the Serve but have difficulty returning your opponents serve with consistent depth.
 - d) can volley the ball but have little control over the ball when you do.
 - e) try lobs but often hit the ball out of court or the back wall on the fly.
 - f) run hard but can not consistently control the middle of the court.
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g) have played in a few tournaments in the D to C level with poor "C" results.

You are an Advanced Beginner.

3.0 (D+) YOU...

- a) are relatively consistent with your forehand and backhand strokes, hit many balls with good depth, but over hit the ball when under pressure.
- b) do not get caught in the back corners as much; and even though you continue to over run many balls, you are now relatively good at getting back to the service line after striking the ball. After a five game match with an equivalent opponent, you are tired-maybe even exhausted.
- c) can hit both a hard or lob Serve and return your opponents Serve deep into the back court; but, returning a well placed serve remains a problem.
- d) can now volley from either side with power and direction but have little success with the drop from volley.
- e) can lob the ball with some confidence off of moderate shots, finally understand the "let point" rule, go for drops when you are in the middle of the court and try occasional boast but usually with ineffectual results.
- f) tend to run hard all the time and hit the ball hard when it is moderately paced but continue to have difficulty with drops especially when under pressure.
- g) can now beat (E) and (D) level players with relative consistency.

3.5 (C) YOU...

- a) are comfortable with your strokes and can hit the ball with power when you want too both cross court and down the rail and can retrieve from both the back and front corners of the court, but your touch with the lob remains inconsistent.
 - b) You keep away from the ball, rarely over run it and are beginning to anticipate where your opponent will hit the ball, but you do not yet play with enough balance to have a wide selection of shots or much control after a dash to retrieve the ball.
 - c) are comfortable serving but still miss hit some returns short and can volley the serve to depth only.
 - d) can volley from both sides and sometimes successfully drop the ball in the process.
 - e) use boasts and lobs to augment rail and cross court drives.
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- f) are much improved in retrieving or going for shots but remain inconsistent with the results.
 - g) have probably won a (D) level tournament.

4.0 (C+) YOU...

- a) are very comfortable with strokes and can drive the ball for width and power. You can hit drops from the mid or front court and can either hit the backhand hard or drop it if you choose but you still mis regularly when under pressure.
- b) can now play a hard five game tournament match and finish with some reserve. Recovery to the "T" between strokes is an automatic aspect of your movement. After a-dash to the ball you are likely to stay balanced and aware of your shot options.
- c) serve hard and wide with consistency and are good with your serve returns but your lob returns of serve still tend to drift into the court or hit the back wall to hard.
- d) can now consistently volley for depth and with power on easy balls and you can manage to drop the ball from the lob when your opponent hits a poor or soft return.
- e) Boast, lobs and drops are now a regular part of your shot selection and you have good success with these special shots about 50% of the time.
- f) physical make up now determines your style of play where big players take advantage of power and smaller players use their speed to retrieve and counter punch. You would win a C tournament and a match or two in the Bs'.

4.5 (B) YOU...

- a) almost always hit your forehand with power and depth but now can also deliver a illusive drop. You exhibit good backhand control and can hit it with power and depth but here is where you are likely to break down under pressure.
 - b) watch your opponent and use his/her movement as the key to your own movement and strategy. Recovery is a consideration on every shot. You are starting to pay attention to balance when stretching for the ball.
 - c) are an aggressive server and use the serve for offensive advantage. You usually return serve tight along the walls.
 - d) can volley with length or drop the ball from the volley, usually at the right time but continue to be inconsistent with the volley particularly under pressure.
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- e) hit the drop shot effectively and have shots that are generally effective and that you can repeat with consistency. You can put real retrieval pressure on your opponent.
 - f) you always get back to the "T" and often control it as you keep the ball in play against equivalent opponents.
 - g) do well against (B+) players and defeat C level opponents.

5.0 (B+) YOU...

- a) have great confidence in and purpose for each swing - forehand or backhand. You can drive or boast the ball from the same spot and you can lob well from a defensive position.
- b) float rather than dash or sprint to the ball. You can play a hard five game match with a (5.5) player. Balance is always good except when in a dead run.
- c) serve as if it is second nature and can lob a serve high and wide. You often use the return of serve as an opportunity to attack.
- d) lob consistently preferring to cut the ball off on a semi-regular basis rather than let it go to the back wall. You can hit the lob with both power or touch and might try for a nick even though you will generally miss it.
- e) rally to set yourself up for a winner never rushing or overplaying the ball except against a much better opponent.
- f) understand that rallies must start with drives for depth. May try shots a little too early in a rally but have the ability to run down balls if your early shot sets up your opponent to take control of the "T".
- g) would win a (B) tournament and have little difficulty defeating anyone below the level of (4.5).

5.5 (A) YOU...

- a) can drive, boast, lob and drop at will. You can put any opponent into the corners with a set-up and you can drive the ball powerfully enough to pass a good volleyer. You HOLD your shots and always take advantage of an opponent who leans or guesses.
 - b) get almost every ball running only as hard as necessary to get into position to hit your choice of shots. Fitness is no concern and you always wear out lower level players.
 - c) consistently return serves with a very good shot including a boast or drop and are rarely put into a defensive position from your opponents serve.
 - d) volley every chance you get and your options are power for depth or a lob or a drop or a boast delivered as easily as a lower level player
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hits his best ground strokes.

- e) hit all shots for the nick with a high percentage of success. You have a special shot (your trademark shot) that can finish the point with a high degree of consistency.
- f) play patiently to the opening. You may get caught and occasionally rush a ball but it is patience and shot quality that separate the (5.5) from the (5.0) player.
- g) win every (B) level tournament. On a rare occasion, a (B+) opponent might defeat you but no more than 20% of the time. You would give a Pro a reasonable match.

6.0 (A+) YOU...

- a) are probably the best player in town or a teaching professional who plays hard matches regularly every week. You hold every shot; it's second nature, and you never miss the advantage of the open court. You have a great natural "wrist" and all of your shots (lobs, boasts, drops, rails...etc.) are accordingly exceptional and go exactly where you place them. Obviously, the right shot selection is 90% automatic. You dominate the court with a ball at the "T".
 - b) are the most fit player and virtually all balls are gettable. You are always balanced and seem to know exactly where the ball is going even though your opponent does everything well - including holding the shot. You have the highest economy of movement on the court.
 - c) serve very well and return the ball such that the server can not generally attack and you may even put the server on the defense.
 - d) volley with reach, precision and touch. No ball that you can reach gets by and you can return your volley in the form you want (lob, drop, boast...etc.) with absolute consistency and always going for and likely to achieve the nick.
 - e) have all the shots and can play the ball high and deep from the worst position in the back corner.
 - f) change your style to suit the circumstances of the match to exploit your opponents slightest weakness.
 - g) dominate local play and have great results at national tournaments. There are not many of you in any given locality. You are a master of the game.
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WHERE DO YOU STAND AS A DOUBLES PLAYER???

The same criteria that applies to one's ability in Singles (Forehand and Backhand or stroke proficiency, Fitness & Movement, Serve and Return, Volley, Special Shots, Playing Style and Tournament Experience) holds true for Doubles. The question is: Why then can two great (5.5) singles players team up and loose to a competent doubles team who individually would have no chance against either of them in a single game much less a singles match? The answer, of course, is teamwork and experience. Obviously, in doubles squash two individuals must play as one and the closer a team comes to instinctively knowing each others every move, the more difficult they will be to defeat. Singles players who play doubles must learn that they are one half of a team playing against another team not another individual. It sounds simple enough but is hard to put into practice.

For example, the left side or backhand player on team (1) may lob or drive the ball down the left wall forcing his corresponding team (2) opponent on the left wall deep into the back left corner where he is in a defensive position and can not make a good return. The team (2) left wall player returns as best he can but the result is a moderate paced ball that hits the left wall then the front wall moving to the right front of the court where the team (1) right side player can handle it effortlessly. The team (1) right side player chooses the most obvious return, he drops the ball into the left front corner knowing that his left side opponent on team (2), stuck in the back left corner, has no chance to get to the front wall. However, the right side opponent on team (2), also recognizing the circumstances, moves to cover the left front of the court and returned the drop shot, passing the team (1) shooter for a winner.

The right shot selection in doubles must take into account a partners position as well as his or her strengths and weaknesses as well as where both of the opposing team members are and their strengths and weaknesses. In top level singles every ball is considered gettable but this is not the case in doubles because the doubles court is four times the volume of a singles court (7 feet wider and 12 feet longer); and it is a hard ball not a soft ball so, the ball is often moving faster and is less likely to stay up following a drop or some other special shot.

In Doubles the key to a strong offense, as in singles, is for a team to be able to return to and control the "T" at the service line. Because there are two team members covering a larger area, controlling the "T" is carried out differently than in singles. In Singles, controlling the "T"

means getting back to the center of the court at, or just in front of, the service line after each strike of the ball. In doubles, controlling the "T" requires that team members share responsibility for covering the center of the court. The more one team member moves away from the "T", the more the other team member must cover the center.

In the first example, the right side player on team (2) covered the left front for his partner momentarily stuck in the back left corner of the court. As the right side player of team (2) moved forward and left, the left side player in the back left corner must recoup by moving forward and right or back to the "T". He must now protect the right and be on the alert for returns to either back corner. In the example, his partner hit a winner but if this were not the case, the movement of the left side player to the "T" minimizes the open court area for the ensuing return.

In Doubles, the left side player is first responsible for covering the left wall with the converse being the plain truth for the right side player; but in the process they must return to and control the "T". When a team is in the strongest offensive position both team members are at, or in front of, the service line a few feet from the "T" toward their respective right or left walls. They are sharing the "T" and rather than being exactly on it they will revolve around it. When a good team is sharing the "T" they know instinctively which player will take a ball up the middle of the court; and when one partner commits to retrieve there is no need for him or her to race back because the other will slide toward the "T" in a direction that reduces the opposing team's options.

One more thing, the members of a good doubles team do not compete with one another to return the ball. If they are revolving around the "T" properly there is usually little question as to who should strike the ball; but on the occasions when both team members come together in an effort to retrieve then the most committed team member should strike the ball even if out of position. The other team member should back off and guess what - move to the center and minimize the open court. For example, if you are playing the right side and have moved forward only to find the ball lobbed over your head and your partner moving right to cover do not sprint back and call your partner off - he or she is committed. While watching the ball and where your partner is aiming to place it, drift to the center and reduce your opponents options for the return. If you race back and fight your partner for the ball you will first cause him or her to mis-hit the return and second, if your team makes the return you have now left the court wide open for your opponents to win the point. A great doubles team does not need to

communicate by talking during play, they instinctively know who will cover for what and where the other will likely be throughout the match. Trust your partner; it is one of the axioms of doubles.

The United States Squash Racquets Association ranks open and age division (40s', 50s', 55s', 60s' 65s' and 70s') doubles players as teams. Accordingly a good player who has played with several partners may not be ranked nationally. The USSRA does not rank (B, C or D) level doubles players who, for the most part are left to state associations to judge and rank. Generally, someone who has reached an "A" level in doubles does not drop down with age but remains an "A" within a specified age division.

The best way to evaluate your place as a doubles players is to critique the seven elements that make up the National Rating System for Singles of your particular game relative to an A+ doubles player. Sandy Martin will serve as our example. Sandy is one of Maryland State Squash's most outstanding State and National Doubles Champions and a member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. With the exception of slowing down because of age, Sandy is now a Senior player, he is a solid (A) level player on a national basis and if there were (NRS) ratings applied to doubles he would fall between (5.5) and (6.0). Here is why!

a) Forehand and Backhand

Sandy holds almost every shot and it is very difficult, therefore, to second guess his intention on any given stroke and he certainly can adjust and fool the player who leans in anticipation of what is about to take place. He always takes advantage of the open court placing most of his returns to the least covered most vulnerable part of the court. He knows exactly when to lob or drop. His defensive shots are effective and he rarely fails to control the "T". Sandy has great natural wrist action which accentuates the quality of his shots.

b) Fitness and Movement

Sandy has certainly slowed down and if he gets caught in the back of the court these days he is much slower than he once was in getting back to the service line. None the less, it is very difficult to pass Sandy. He shows the highest level of anticipation and balance. He still displays the greatest economy of movement of any Maryland Player literally drifting into position to strike the ball.

c) Serve and Return

Sandy consistently serves well often winning a point ought wright with a

perfectly placed lob service. Rarely does he fail to return a serve and most of the time he returns it well enough to put his opponents in an immediate defensive position. One of Sandy's special Shots is a boast off of the right side wall into the left front corner that often nicks when it comes to ground.

d) Volley

Sandy volleys every ball he can get his racquet on forehand or backhand and he can return lob, drop or boast the ball in the process.

e) Sandy has all the shots. His four trademark shots are: 1) his boast from either a return of lob or off the back wall into the right side wall for the left front side wall nick, 2) his back hand right side wall front wall reverse, 3) his straight soft drop from anywhere in the front of the court and 4) his lob which Sandy views as an offensive shot.

e) Playing Style

Sandy adjusts his playing style not only relative to his opponents' strengths and weaknesses but also relative to his partners particular abilities. He understands that rallies begin with lobs or drives for depth and is surpurbe at exploiting a given players slightest deficiency. Sandy is patient and rarely rushes to retrieve a ball. He is just about as competent from the left side of the court as from the right and appreciates the distinctive playing strategies of both sides of the court.

e') Interfacing with his Partner (an extension of Playing Style)

Sandy never tries to play or take over for a partner no matter what his partner's level of play. Instead he leaves his partners to accomplish what they do well and adjusts his playing style to achieve the best team result. When he is playing with an equal partner then he adjusts to play more aggressively, take a few more risks knowing that such a partner will cover for him (rotating around the "T") when he is drawn out of position. It is his ability to read his opponents and adapt his playing style to suit his partner that is perhaps Sandy's greatest playing talent.

f) Tournament Experience

In Maryland State Squash, few have more success. In a three year time frame Sandy won five combined United States and Canadian National Championships with two different Partners and he has been Maryland State Doubles Champion eight times with three different partners.

The Rule Book

Singles and Doubles Rule Interpretation

LOSS OF EQUIPMENT DURING PLAY

Background

Many players are under the incorrect impression that loss of a piece of a player's equipment during play automatically continues a stoppage in play and subsequent loss of point to the offending player. Nowhere in the doubles rules or singles hardball rules, however, is this stated. Rather, Rule 4 (a) provides specifically that a player shall lose the point if he/she loses his/her racquet while in the act of striking the ball. By negative implication, a player who loses his/her racquet not while in the act of striking the ball shall not lose the point. Any other interpretation would make Rule 4 (a) superfluous.

Proposed Rule Interpretation

"A player who loses a piece of his/her equipment (racquet, glasses, headband, vibration dampener within the racquet head, etc...) during play shall not lose the point unless:

- a. Said loss of equipment was deliberate or intentional;
- b. Said player lost his/her racquet in the act of striking the ball (See Rule 4 (a); or where
- c. The player has been warned by the referee that future loss of equipment will result in the loss of a point.

A referee should warn a player who losses his/her equipment that future delays caused solely by that players refusal to take those steps necessary toavoid the loss of equipment (i.e. elastic tie on glasses, removal of vibration dampener, etc.) will result in the loss of the point."



Don't Play Without Eye Protection

You have heard it a thousand times: "You only have one pair of eyes." Prior to 1980 when few squash players wore eye protection, eye injuries were on the top of the list of serious squash related accidents. During the transition from no one to everyone wearing eye protection, there were many who insisted that sports glasses hindered their ability to play. They did their utmost to avoid wearing eye protection. It was not uncommon to see a player, for example, starting a match with safety glasses and then by the second game inconspicuously leave them outside the court. It only goes to reinforce the old adage that any form of change is difficult. However, by the 1990s' few playing squash in North America would chance walking into a court without eye wear and as eye protection became the norm (not to mention the rule), eye injuries virtually disappeared.

Today, if a player does not wear safety glasses, it would have to be in a "friendly game" because both the United State Squash and Maryland State Squash Racquets Associations require that eye protection be worn in sanctioned tournaments. If a player refuses to do so then he or she must be disqualified. If it is determined, after the fact, that an individual completed a match where he or she did not use protection or removed eye protection before the match was concluded then that individual is disqualified and forfeits the match in question. In matches with referees, the referee will not let the match begin if any player is not wearing eye protection or will stop play if an individual removes his or her eye protection. It is simple, refusal to wear eye protection under any circumstances, during a sanctioned event means disqualification.

Finally, there is another aspect to wearing eye protection that has nothing to do with a lack of concern for one's own eyes. It is called courtesy. It is not likely that you will damage your own eye. The projectile will likely be fired from your opponents (or in the case of doubles) either of your two opponent's or even your partner's racket. It will happen when you least expect it - a mis-hit or turning toward your partner or opponent because you are off balance. Once one of them delivers the blow that puts you in the hospital, they will have to carry the regret that your pain and suffering was delivered at their hand. This is a consequence you escape by putting on eye protection every time you step into the court.

More and more, as soft ball takes over for hard ball, it is not uncom-

mon to see a PSA player elect to not wear eye protection in a Professional Squash Association sanctioned event like the Baltimore City Open's PSA Professional Division. Certainly, there is a wide difference in skill level between PSA Professionals and even the best local amateurs. The Pros will say they know exactly what their opponent is doing and besides, in soft ball, you do not "come around" on the ball which was a significant cause of eye injuries in hard ball.

In this case, forget what the professionals do. Their willingness to risk their eye sight remains a foolish choice; and if a Pro playing in a PSA Event chooses not to use eye protection that personal decision has absolutely nothing to do with the U.S.S.R.A's and M.S.S.R.A's collective requirement to wear eye protection in [all] sanctioned events.

Play the Ball – Not Me!

In the furor of a closely contested match (singles or doubles) one player might argue to the referee: "Tell him/her to play the ball and not use me for a cheap let call". That player might be absolutely correct. His or her opponent might be reaching for them in an effort to win a let on a ball that they would probably not be able to return or return badly. They are using the let call to get an opportunity to play the point over, often to get out of a defensive situation. In a way, it is no different than a defending player in football gambling against being called for "pass interference" - better that than a touchdown; and in squash where interference is a more subtle differentiation, the offending player often gets away with the unentitled let.

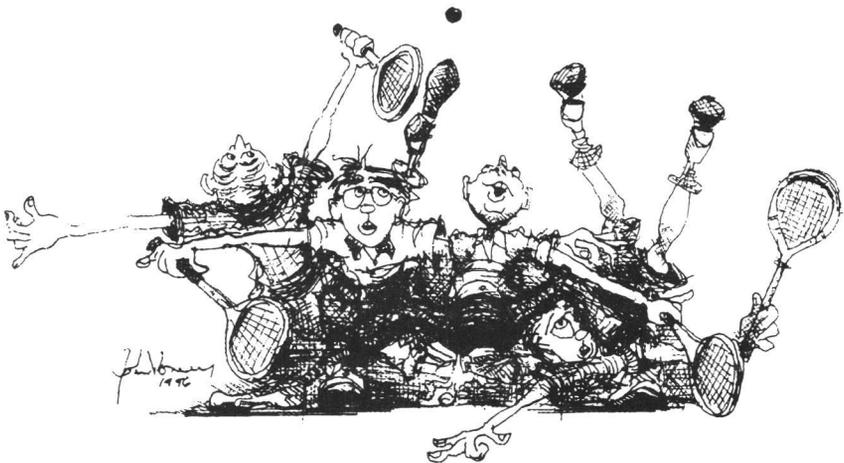
The higher the level of the match, the less likely a player will ask for such a let. Higher level players often play on (play the ball) despite a good let condition because it often means turning a defensive moment into an offensive one. Conversely, the lower the playing level of participants and the corresponding reduced confidence in one's own playing skills, the more likely the individual in trouble will try for a let.

On the other hand, U.S.S.R.A Rule No. 5 clearly states that a player attempting to strike the ball has the right to see the ball from the time it leaves an opponents racquet. Its is written as " a Fair View of the Ball". Additionally, when striking the ball one is entitled to the full width of the front wall at least back along the side walls to the point at which the ball is being struck; and in moving to strike the ball, a player is in no way obligated to avoid or circumvent an opponent but should be given

a direct path to the ball. It is the clear obligation of the individual not striking the ball (or clearing) to get out of the way to the best of his or her ability. This means moving away from the ball and the individual about to strike it in the shortest line of retreat regardless of the associated disadvantage of position.

So, if you, for any reason, hinder your opponents most direct path to the ball and he or she calls let, don't argue that they are playing you and not the ball. If you hit a ball down the side wall and your opponent calls let because he or she wants the volley, don't debate that your opponent could have easily taken the ball off the back wall or that they could have otherwise played around you. If you are not the striker then when it comes to choosing where the ball will be taken for the return, all the position options belong only to your opponent who is, for the moment, the striker.

In summary, if it is your turn to strike the ball you have the right to do it from the court position of your choice with a clear unobstructed target that includes the whole front wall. If you are not striking the ball, your obligation is to get fully out of the way of the person who is. Learn to understand when an opponent is reaching for you to avoid losing a point and when your court position is impeding your opponents direct path to the ball.



MSSRA Champions- A HISTORICAL RECORD

CLASS A

(Singles trophy donated by T. Schweizer; doubles by J. Beverly Miller.)

Year	Singles Softball	Singles Hardball	Doubles
1918		C. Drewry [BAC]	
1919		C. Drewry [BAC]	
1920		C. Drewry [BAC]	
1921		L.M. Balliere [BAC]	
1922		L.M. Balliere [BAC]	
1923		L.M. Balliere [BAC]	
1924		L.M. Balliere [BAC]	
1925		L.M. Balliere [BAC]	
1926		W.H. Baugher [BAC]	
1927		L.M. Balliere [BAC]	
1928		L.M. Balliere [BAC]	
1929		F.F. Symington [BAC]	
1930		W.H. Baugher [BAC]	
1931		W.H. Baugher [BAC]	
1932		W.H. Baugher [BAC]	
1933		W.H. Baugher [BAC]	
1934		W.H. Baugher [BAC]	
1935		W.H. Baugher [BAC]	
1936		H.B. Commings [BAC]	
1937		H.B. Commings [BAC]	
1938		H.B. Commings [BAC]	James J. Lacy, Sr. & Jack A. Menton
1939		F.G. Gerard [RC]	J.L. Cooper & J.E. Ewing
1940		James J. Lacy, Sr. [BAC]	No Tournament
1941		H.L. Burkheimer [BAC]	No Tournament
1942		H.L. Burkheimer [BAC]	No Tournament
1943		H.L. Burkheimer [BAC]	James J. Lacy, Sr. & Jack A. Menton
1944		Frank P. Gould [MC]	James J. Lacy, Sr. & Jack A. Menton
1945		William E. Lamble, Jr.	James J. Lacy, Sr. & Jack A. Menton
1946		Frank P. Gould [MC]	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & Jack J. Morrison
1947		William E. Lamble, Jr.	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & Frank P. Gould
1948		William E. Lamble, Jr.	G.C. Cade, Jr. & Jack J. Morrison
1949		William E. Lamble, Jr.	W.E. Lamble & George L. Doetsch
1950		William E. Lamble, Jr.	W.E. Lamble & George L. Doetsch
1951		William E. Lamble, Jr.	W.E. Lamble & George L. Doetsch
1952		William E. Lamble, Jr.	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & George L. Doetsch
1953		William E. Lamble, Jr.	James J. Lacy, Jr. & Gene O'Conor
1954		William E. Lamble, Jr.	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & George L. Doetsch
1955		Tommy Schweizer [MC]	James J. Lacy, Jr. & Gene O'Conor
1956		William E. Lamble, Jr. [MC]	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & George L. Doetsch
1957		A. Harvey, II	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & George L. Doetsch
1958		J.B. Griffith, USN Acad.	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & George L. Doetsch
1959		B.H. Heckscher [MD]*	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & George L. Doetsch
*Was 1959 U.S. National Champion			
1960		B.H. Heckscher	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & G.L. Doetsch

Year	Singles Softball	Singles Hardball	Doubles
1961		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & G.L. Doetsch
1962		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & G.L. Doetsch
1963		R.L. Perkary	Jas. J. Lacy, Jr. & J.B. Miller
1964		C. Graham	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & G.L. Doetsch
1965		J.E. Bishop	W.E. Lamble, Jr. & G.L. Doetsch
1966		R.L. Spooner	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1967		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1968		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1969		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1970		R.L. Custer	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1971		R.L. Custer	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1972		G.C. Peny	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1973		C.W. Dawson	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1974		S. Rosenblum	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1975		D.A. Talbott	AC. Hubbard, Jr. & A.B. Martin
1976		D.A. Talbott	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, III

BEGINNING OF SOFTBALL

1977	Sandy Groff	J.A. MacColl	AC. Hubbard, Jr. & A.B. Martin
1978	Dave Talbott	S. Rosenblum	AC. Hubbard, Jr. & A.B. Martin
1979	Arshad Malik	S. Rosenblum	AC. Hubbard, Jr. & A.B. Martin
1980	Malcom Jensen	J. Carlson	Jos. J. Lacy & A.B. Martin
1981	Peter Wolff	A.B. Martin	Jos. J. Lacy & J. MacColl
1982	Jim McCaslin	A.B. Martin	J.B. Fitzpatrick, Jr. & J. A. Leutkemeyer
1983	Jim McCaslin	A.B. Martin	P. Miller & T.J. Hense, Jr.
1984	Stuard Selonick	A.B. Martin	Jos. J. Lacy & A.B. Martin
1985	Michael Dunn	J. Condon	DT. Warfield & A.B. Martin
1986	Stuard Selonick	J.S. Minkowski	DT. Warfield & A.B. Martin
1987	Bob Travers	M. Reese	P.A.M. Miller & J. MacColl
1988	Raheil Qureshi	T.W. Harrity	D.C. Rice & D.T. Warfield
1989	Raheil Qureshi	J. Zug	I. Miller & J. MacColl
1990	Paul Assaiante	A. B. Martin	P. Miller & J. Zug
1991	Dave Levy	P. Miller	P. Assaiante & T.J. Hense, Jr.
1992	Raheil Qureshi	A.B. Martin	D. Warfield & D. Bartlett
1993	Jukks Hakala	Dirck Bartlett	Ira Miller & DC. Rice
1994	Don Townsend	Dirck Bartlett	Ira Miller & DC. Rice

SOFTBALL BECOMES STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1995	Ben Desombre	Tim Chisolm	G. Kennedy & N. Otis
1996	Don Townsend	Pat Miller	G. Kennedy & N. Otis
1997	Don Townsend		Pat Miller & DC. Rice
1998	Don Townsend		G. Kennedy & A. Cordova

CLASS B

(Singles trophy by Anthony Ryfina: doubles by Sam Silber)

Year	Softball Starts	Singles	Doubles
1964		J. Styr	none played
1965		J.S. Finney	J.S. Finney & P.Parker
1966		H. M. Franklin	A. Harvey II & T. Schweizer
1967		S.H. Schriver	H. Ciccarone & J.M. Webster
1968		A.C. Hubbard	A.C. Hubbard, Jr. & F.G. Riggs
1969		J.A. Luetkemeyer	P. Wolff & G. B. Krake

Year	Softball Starts	Singles	Doubles
1970		P. Parker	D. Senft, Jr. & Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.
1971		P. Wolff	W.B. Smyth & S.S. Cook
1972		W. Smyth	J.H. Fetting, Jr. & A.B. Martin
1973		A.B. Martin	W.B. Edelen & F.X. Wells
1974		Jas. J. Lacy, III	G.Rothrock & T.J. Hense, Jr.
1975		M. Jensen	J.A. Menton & H. Schwartz
1976		T.J. Hense, Jr.	J.S. Minkowski & S. Groff
1977		B.W. Freeland	J. Beatson & J.B. Fitzpatrick
1978		J.S. Jordan	P.A.M. Miller & R.E. Voelkel, Jr.
1979		J.B. McCaslin	A. Sotir & J.H. Rilh III
1980		P.H. Deitz	C. Fenwick & R.H. Hicks, Jr.
1981		D.T. Warfield	D.T. Warfield & J.R. Thomas, Jr.
1982		J.R. Thomas, Jr.	J.S. Finney & T.W. Greene
1983		R. Owens	B.D. McCarthy & D.C. Rice
1984		D. Barclay	J. Voneiff & R.S. Travers
1985		W. Magee	J.H. Rielh IV & M.J. Rielh
1986		P.L.C. George	P.L.C. George & G.W. Priest, Jr.
1987		B.R. Ranklin	K. Tenberg & R.L. Everd
1988	Ken Hewes Manapol	D. Bartlett	H.J. Bremermann III & A.P. Weaver III
1989	Rodney Herring	D. Townsend, Jr.	M. Miller & B. Preston
1991	Riaz Arshad	H. Thomas	H. Thomas & H. Gruner
1992	Peter Blank	R. Krizek	M. Deering & C. Feiss
1993	Dave Bennett	H. Jones	J. Mosmiller & C. Moore
1994	Tej Paul Hundal		N. Cushman & L. Tutrone
1995	Greg Mathis		B. Everd & N. Sandson
1996	Dixon Waxter		
1997	Todd Hall		A. Burton & B. Peck
1998	Eric Roberts		B. Effinger & Scooter Dorney

CLASS C

(Singles trophy by H. Franklin: doubles by Dudley Catzen)

Year	Softball Starts	Singles	Doubles
1965		F.X. Wells	none played
1966		T.R. Dankmeyer	none played
1967		J. McWebster, Jr.	J.T. Gray & F.X. Wells
1968		H.A. Ciccarone	G.E. Boynton & D. Applefield
1969		J.H. Minan	L. Paul & R. Koren
1970		T.W. Greene	Jas. J. Lacy, III & T.W. Greene
1971		S.H. Dorney, Jr.	J.H. Fetting, Jr. & M.L. Marston
1972		G.E. Boynton	A. Sotir & H.W. Cowan
1973		S.S. Janney III	J.A. Menton, Jr. & H.R. Schwartz
1974		P.H. Ellis	J.B. Fitzpatrick & R.H. Hicks, Jr.
1975		M. Talbott	J.H. Beatson & A.P. Weaver III
1976		P.H. Deitz	B.D. McCarthy & J.A. Goodyear
1977		P.A.M. Miller	P.A.M. Miller & P.H. Deitz
1978		N. Childs	J.B. McCaslin & C.P. Rielh
1979		D.T. Warfield	D.T. Warfield & J.R. Thomas, Jr.
1980		L. Deskins	J. Voneiff II & P.P. O'Malley
1981		J. Voneiff II	W.E. Krebs & T.N. Biddison, Jr.
1982		D.M. Townsend, Jr.	W. Bruchey & F.B. Smith III
1983		J. Bunker	M.C. Warlow & G.W. Priest III

Year	Softball Starts	Singles	Doubles
1984		S. Supplee	M.D. Miller & M.J. Rielh
1985		H.J. Bremermann	B. Preston & P.B. Chasney
1986		J.A. Goodyear	R.L. Everd & K. Tenberg
1987		E. Warfield IV	P.B. Chasney & D.P. Senn
1988	Sam Sisodia	J.H.O. Clarke, Jr.	G.F. Blakeslee & J.B. Dudley
1989	Mark Lanning	E. Galleher	J. Kenny & B. Dempsey
1990	Allen Tien	A. Deitz	W.M. Peck & J. Smith
1991	Rob Krizek	A. Tien	R. krizek & J. Lacy, Jr.
1992	Hugh Anderson	H. Franklin, Jr.	J. Mosmiller & C. Moore
1993	Andy Parker	B. Everd	L. Scharf & E. Magee
1994	Greg Munoz	G. Munoz	H. Franklin, Jr. & J. Campbell
1995	Jeff Golsmith		W. Rienhoff
1996	Chris Saumell		
1997	D. Coor		Bob Edgington & Steve Herman
1998	C. Mubiru		L. Jenkins & R. Friskey

CLASS D SINGLES

(Trophy by James J. Lacy, Jr.)

Year	Softball	Winner
1967		A.C. Hubbard, Jr.
1968		L. Paul
1969		J. Grey
1970		T.J. Hense, jr.
1971		J.D. Brown
1972		B. Gillick
1973		B. Pfaff
1974		T.T. Reilly
1975		P.h. Deitz
1976		P.A.M. Miller
1977		C. Scarlett
1978		D.T. Warfield
1979		R.L. Everd
1980		R.S. Travers
1981		B. Preston
1982		G. Zipper
1983		M. Polk
1984		G.F. Blakeslee
1985		J. Kemp
1986		M.J. Chasney
1987		Charles Yu
1988	Alex Dietz	B. Calloway
1989	Jim Campbell	J. Benus
1990	Ken Kolodner	D. Butler
1991	Mark Williams	C. Matthai
1992	Dave Huntley	P. Centenari
1993	Rod Stokes	S. Finney
1994	Azhar Khan	
1995	Brewster Perkins	
1996	Frank Knott	
1997		
1998	N/A	

VETERANS

(Singles trophy by Peter Wolff: doubles by Jack Fetting)

Year	Softball	Singles	Doubles
1975		not played	Jas. J. Lacy, Jr. & T. Schweizer
1976		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr.	Jos. J. Lacy & R.E. Voelkel, Jr.
1977		E.F. O'Connor	Jos. J. Lacy, Jr. & T. Schweizer
1978		W.J. Rice	A.C. Hubbard, Jr. & F.G. Riggs
1979		E.F. O'Connor	Jas. J. Lacy, Jr. & T. Schweizer
1980		W.J. Rice	Jos. J. Lacy & R.E. Voelkel, Jr.
1981		E.F. O'Connor	A.C. Hubbard, Jr. & R.E. Voelkel, Jr.
1982		W.J. Rice	Jos. J. Lacy & J.A. Leutkemeyer, Jr.
1983		W.J. Rice	A.C. Hubbard, Jr. & J.A. Leutkemeyer, Jr.
1984		J.S. Finney	Jos. J. Lacy & Alex Sotir
1985		T.J. Hense, Jr.	J.A. Menton & T.J. Hense, Jr.
1986		T.J. Hense, Jr.	J. Voneiff II & J. Luetkemeyer
1987		T.J. Hense, Jr.	J. Voneiff II & T.J. Hense, Jr.
1988		not completed	C. Fenwick & J.W. Zug
1989		J. Zug	S. Martin & J. MacColl
1990	Denis Bourke	J. Zug	T.J. Hense, Jr & J. Voneiff
1991	Geoff Goodson	J. Zug	A.C. Hubbard & J. Zug
1992	Denis Bourke	J. Zug	T.J. Hense & A.B. Martin
1993	Riaz Arshad	S. Martin	S. Martin & C. Fenwick
1994	Riaz Arshad	not played	J. Fitzpatrick & J. MacColl
1995	Riaz Arshad	not played	S. Martin & C. Fenwick
1996	Riaz Arshad		Bob Travers & John Bremmermann
1997	Riaz Arshad		T.J. Hense & Joe Fitzpatrick
1998	Riaz Arshad		Doug Rice & John Voneiff

SENIORS

(Singles trophy by James J. Lacy, Jr.: doubles by Joseph J. Lacy)

Year	Softball	Singles	Doubles
1971		D.L. Senft, Jr. & H.H. Bandiere	
1972		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr & T. Schweizer	
1973		D.L. Senft, Jr. & T. Schweizer	
1974		E.F. O'Connor & H.H. Bandiere	
1975		D.L. Senft, Jr. & H.H. Bandiere	
1976		W.E. Lamble, Jr. & T. Schweizer	
1977		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr & T. Schweizer	
1978		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr & W.E. Lamble, Jr.	
1979		Jas. J. Lacy, Jr & T. Schweizer	
1980		J.H. Fetting & F.B. Smith, III	
1981		R.A. Williams & D.L. Senft, Jr.	
1982		J.S. Finney & A.P. Weaver III	
1983		J.S. Finney & A.P. Weaver III	
1984		Jos. J. Lacy, & A. Sotir	
1985		J.S. Finney	J.S. Finney & A.P. Weaver III
1986		J.S. Finney	J.S. Finney & A.P. Weaver III
1987		J.S. Finney	Los. J. Lacy & A. Sotir
1988		J.S. Finney	J.S. Finney & A.P. Weaver III
1989			H. Franklin & P. Wolff
1990		A.C. Hubbard	A. Weaver & A.C. Hubbard
1991		J. Zug	A.C. Hubbard & J. Zug
1992		J. Zug	A.C. Hubbard & J. Zug
1993		J. Zug	P. Wolff & J. Zug
1994	Gerd Pertich		not played
1995	Denis Bourke		A.C. Hubbard & J. Leutkemeyer
1996	Denis Bourke		T. James Hense & John Voneiff
1997	A. Stausford		A.B. Martin & John Voneiff
1998	Denis Bourke		Ed Bartlett & AB. Martin

Maryland State Squash

BALTIMORE CITY OPEN

1977 SANDY GROFF
1978 BILL RICE
1979 BILL RICE
1980 SANDY MARTIN
1981 GLENN PERRY
1982 TOM MATTHEWS
1983 PAT MILLER
1984 PAGE LANSDALE
1985 WILL CARLIN
1986 A.B. MARTIN
1987 THOMAS HARRITY
1988 SHAKIT KAHN
1989 ROSS CAMPBELL
1990 PAUL ASSAIANTE
1991 D. LEVY (S.B.),
NAT OTIS (H.B.)
1992 M. CLOTHIER (H.B.),
V. SISTONEN (S.B.)

SoftBall

1993 DON TOWNSEND
1994 DON TOWNSEND
1995 JUKKA WAKALA
1996 SEGUN MACCU
1997 DAVE BENNETT
1998 DAVE BENNETT

FALL DOUBLES

J. MENTON, T.J. HENSE, JR.
JOE LACY, A.B. MARTIN
JOE FITZPATRICK, JIM LACY
T.J. HENSE, JOE LACY
T.J. HENSE, JR., PAT MILLER
T.J. HENSE, PAT MILLER
JOE LACY, DOUG RICE
DAVE WARFIELD, A.B. MARTIN
DAVE WARFIELD, A.B. MARTIN
PAT MILLER, BOB TRAVERS
FRANK CUSHMAN, IRA MILLER
CHARLIE FENWICK, DOUG RICE
IRA MILLER, DOUG RICE
BOB TRAVERS, PAUL ASSAIANTE

IRA MILLER, DOUG RICE

PAUL ASSAIANTE, JOHN RIEHL
PAT MILLER, JOHN MACCOLL
ANDREW CORDOVA, RYAN O'CONNELL
DIRCK BARTLETT, MIKE RIEHL
ANDREW CORDOVA, DAVID ROSEN
ANDREW CORDOVA, ROB KRIZER

BALTIMORE CITY OPEN PROFESSIONAL EVENT

1992 ANDERS WAHLSTEDT
1993 GARY WAITE
1994 DAN JENSEN
1995 MICHAEL PUERTAS
1996 SEGUN MACCU
1997 TIMO TUOMINEN
1998 DAMIAN WALKER

WOMEN

(Singles trophy by S. Miles; doubles by T.J. Hense, Jr.).

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SoftBall

1992 Bettina Aten
1993 Lisa Roy
1994 Carol Grunberg
1995 not played
1996 Lissen Tutrone
1997 Lissen Tutrone
1998 Lissen Tutrone

Singles

M. Brooks
D. Schaefer
D. Schaefer
A. Monahan
D. Philippi
N. Miller
J. Hogan
J. Hogan
J. Hogan
J. Hogan
M. McGuirk
N. Taylor
W. Zaharko
M. McGuirk
N. Cushman
N. Cushman
N. Cushman
J. Chai
J. Wittich
P. Cromwell
P. Cromwell

L. Everts

Doubles

none played
none played
A. Clement & D. Philippi
A. Monahan & D. Philippi
N. Miller & M. Brooks
N. Miller & M. Brooks
none played
none played
N. Miller & N. Taylor
J. Hogan & M. Riehl
N. Taylor & L. Denton
none played
none played
B. McCaughey & L.S. Kelly
none played
none played
N. Cushman & M. McGuirk
none played
K. Connor & M. Riehl
J. Weyers & L. Everts
J. Weyers & L. Everts

J. Weyers & L. Everts

C. Matthai & P. Cromwell

A. McCullein & K. Connor

N. Cushman & C. Grunberg

N. Cushman & L. Tutrone

N. Cushman & L. Tutrone

MIXED DOUBLES

- 1992Anita McMullin & Bob Evert
1993Vaughan Raster & T. James Hense, Jr.
1994Patrice Cromwell & Peter George
1995Nancy Cushman & Frank Cushman
1996Nancy Cushman & Frank Cushman
1997Mike Rich & Nancy Cushman
1998Vaughan Raster & Andrew Cordova

BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES - OPEN FLIGHT

(Trophy by Tony Ryžina)

- 1983T. Poor (Boston) & B. DeSaulniers (Boston)
1984T. Poor (Boston) & B. DeSaulniers (Boston)
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A Look Back to 1973

Dear Squasher:

The 1973-74 Maryland State Squash Racquet Association season will not only include our expanding local activities but will also feature the national tournaments to be held at the Naval Academy in February.

Haswell Franklin, Chairman of the National Singles Tournament, has been hard at work in preparation for the tournament. I strongly urge all of you to lend your support and assistance to Haswell and by all means take advantage of seeing the top squash players in the country.

The Association is sponsoring a youth squash program under the co-chairmanship of Doug Talbott and Tom Reilly. Doug Talbott has been connected with squash for a number of years in various cities and has been particularly active and successful in the development of younger players. Doug and Tom promise a very active program which includes team matches, a home and away series with Philadelphia, and an exhibition by Hashim Kahn, one of the greatest, if not the greatest squash player in the country. I urge any of you who are interested in having your children participate to contact either Doug or Tom. I look forward to the development of the younger players through the program thanks to the efforts of these men.

The gals' squash activities are increasing as exemplified by this year's National Women's Doubles Tournament being held in Baltimore. I know all the gals will give Margaret Riehl support in this endeavor.

Whitney Smyth and Bob Hicks have done an excellent job with the second annual publication. They have spent many hours producing what I am sure all will agree to be the most informative yearbook.

Bill Lambie and his committees were solely responsible for producing an excellent National Doubles Tournament and a most enjoyable weekend. This year Joe Lacy is chairman of the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament being held in March. This tournament coupled with the National singles Tournament in February plus our other State tournaments means we all can look forward to an active and interesting 1973-74 squash year.

My best wishes for a successful season,

Sincerely
Francis G. Riggs
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