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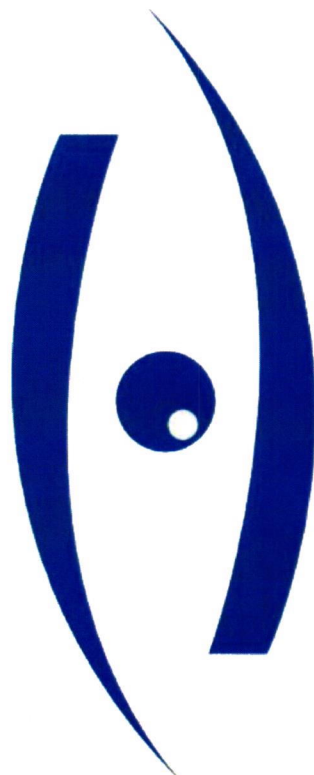


BIDS 2007 BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS



**CENTENNIAL
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BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT BIDS 2007

Welcome to the 64th Baltimore Invitational Doubles Squash Championships - or is it the 67th - how about the 69th?

It seems a few years have been inadvertently misplaced. BIDS 2007 is presumed to be the 64th playing of a tournament established as a warm-up for the US Nationals. There have been, after all, eleven times, beginning in 1940, when the BIDS has been displaced in favor of the United States National Doubles. Do we count a National Doubles played in place of a BIDS - a BIDS? That is exactly what we've done. It sounds a lot better than the 64th occasionally interrupted BIDS.

It's the "dates" that have everyone confused. How could a US Nationals be played in lieu of the BIDS in 1940 when in 1940, there wasn't any BIDS? Counting back, a 64-year-old tournament played in February 2007 was founded in 1943 - Right; maybe not. If there was an interrupted BIDS in 1940, as the records indicate, then the tournament had to have been founded in 1939 or earlier.

We're not sure. A number of reliable retired players are down right certain a BIDS was played in 1939, the year after the State Doubles Championship was established. There is, however, no written evidence of national play in Maryland prior to 1940. 1940 is the year Hunter Lott and William Slack of Philadelphia won their third national championship. They won it here in Baltimore, the reason the 1940 BIDS was expropriated - that is if there was a BIDS to expropriate in 1940.

Confusing, it gets better. James J. Lacy Sr., owner of the Baltimore Athletic Club, and his partner Jack Menton are credited for inviting out-of-towners to a local tournament they put together in 1938 as a warm up for the nationals. This is exactly what the BIDS was intended to be, a warm up for the nationals? It makes perfect sense; except Jim Lacy and Jack Menton didn't show up for the 1938 nationals. Why would they plan the warm up then skip the tournament?

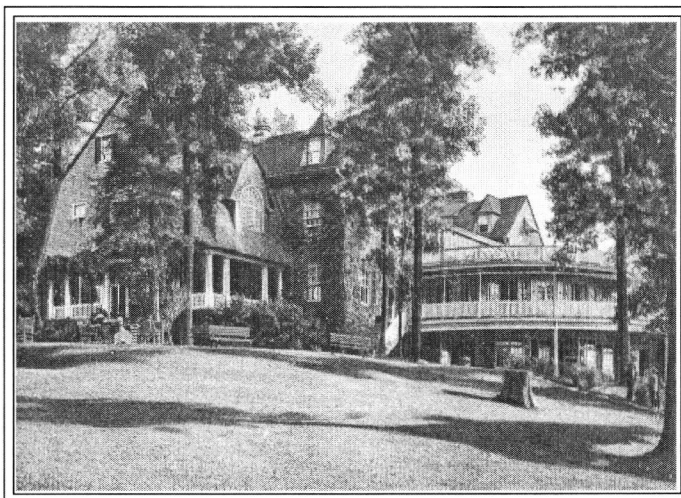
Is it wrong to claim that the BIDS goes back to the late 1930s' - say 1938? The answer is no. There was a court in 1938; it was in the Plaza Hotel across Charles Street from the now defunct University Club. The first national tournament came to town in 1940. The BIDS may reach back this far? The most important thing is that any date prior to 1948, makes the BIDS one of three oldest national championships. We can absolutely boast this. If 1940, it's the oldest second only to the Nationals. OK - Here goes: Welcome to the 64nd or 67nd or 69th (or possibly some other date) playing of the occasionally interrupted (but not really) Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament, this year's BIDS 2007.

Enjoy!





BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB
Tournament Sponsor



When the United States Squash Racquets Association was founded in 1907 and Maryland State Squash Racquets Association a year later, the Baltimore Country Club appeared as it does in this old picture taken from the 18th green looking southeast. The squash court lobby is in the only part of the original building to survive a 1931 fire. In keeping with the surrounding neighborhood of Roland Park, the clubhouse was shingled and gabled with porches round about enabling members to enjoy outside dining while watching golfers come and go. It was, of course, another time.

A major reason the MSSRA was able to form in 1907 was because Baltimore boasted five very active squash courts. The members of the Baltimore Country Club built three of these courts in 1906. They were the only club courts in Maryland. The remnants of these three courts still exist; the ceiling of the middle court is exposed above the entrance stairway leading to the squash court gallery. By 1922, other clubs were building courts but the genesis of squash in Maryland was on the courts of the Baltimore Country Club.

The only doubles court in Maryland, located in the Plaza Hotel on Charles Street, went out of service in 1964. In that same year, the Baltimore Country Club completed a new squash facility with two hardball and one doubles court. In 1965, the Maryland Club opened its first doubles court in time for the 1965 national tournament. At a pivotal moment for squash, the Baltimore Country Club and Maryland Club guaranteed the future of Squash Racquets in Maryland.

In 1998, the Baltimore Country Club removed the hardball singles courts and installed two international courts. The following year the lobby, shop and exercise facilities were finished to current appearance.

The Baltimore Country Club has hosted more than half the BIDS Tournaments and five United States National Doubles Championships, the last two in 1987 and 1996.

All considered, there is no more fitting place to celebrate Maryland State Squash's Centennial Year than on the grounds and within the accommodations of the Baltimore Country Club.

DIRECTIONS TO AND FROM THE THREE HOST CLUBS

FROM BCC TO MEADOW MILL ATHLETIC CLUB **(410) 235-7000 Meadow Mill**

Turn left out of the BCC Parking Lot; go down hill to Falls Road.
Turn Left on Falls Road; continue (straight through Cold Spring Lane intersection).
Turn Right at second stop light – 41st Street.
Turn Left (1/4 mile) on to Buena Vesta Avenue
Turn Right at Stop Sign onto Union Avenue.
Turn left at the next stop sign onto Clipper Mill Road
100 yards on Clipper Mill – Turn Right under Highway over the bridge
Once over the bridge – turn Left and then Right around the corner of the building.

FROM BCC TO MARYLAND CLUB **(410) 727-3220) MC Squash Shop**

Turn left out of the BCC Parking Lot; go down hill to Falls Road.
Turn Left on Falls Road and get into Right Lane.
Turn Right at Cold Spring Lane.
Get into middle lane on Cold spring going west.
½ mile then Take 2nd (I-83) Exit (South)
Stay on (I-83) South to St. Paul Street Exit. [**]
Go south on St Paul St. (five blocks or so) to Read St.
Turn Right on Read St and go to Charles Street.
Turn Right on Charles St. - going back north.
The Maryland Club is on the corner of Charles Eager Streets.
The MD Parking Lot is ¼ block before the Eager & Charles St. Intersection – off Charles St.

FROM MEADOW MILL TO MARYLAND CLUB

Go back under (I-83) and cross bridge to Clipper Mill Road
Turn Left and go to Union Avenue (Stop Sign)
Turn Right onto Union Avenue and go to Falls Road.
Turn Right on Falls Road, which leads straight to (I-83) entrance ramp (past 36th St.)
Go south on (I-83) to St. Paul Street from there follow [**] above BCC to MD

FROM MARYLAND CLUB TO MEADOW MILL

Turn Right out of Maryland Club Parking Lot onto Charles Street.

Keep going North on Charles Street to (I-83) North

Take Falls Road Exit – Continue on Falls Road through (2) lights.

Turn Left on Union Avenue. (1st left on Falls after 2nd light) McDonalds is one block too far.

Take Left on to Clipper Mill Road (4-way) Stop – bottom of hill.

Turn Right (100 yards) under highway and over bridge.

Go Left then Right around the building.

FROM MEADOW MILL TO BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB (410) 467-1208 - Baltimore Country Club Squash Pro Shop

Leaving Meadow Mill, cross back over bridge going under Highway to Clipper Mill Rd.

Turn Left on Clipper Mill and go to Stop Sign.

Turn Right onto Union Avenue.

Turn Left when you reach Falls Road.

At Cold Spring Lane (Intersection) Turn Right and go up the hill to Roland Ave. Get into the Left (turn lane) Turn Left onto Roland Avenue.

Go about ½ mile – Turn Left at Club Road (there is no right) There will be a church – then a tutor house (on the left) just before you turn (left) to Club Road.

Continue on Club Road 1/8 mile. The BCC is on the Left.

WORTH REPEATING . . .

For the 1987 National Doubles Program, the last Nationals hosted in Baltimore, some of the outstanding players of the game were asked for their tips and comments. The great champion and winner of eleven National Doubles Open Titles, Diehl Mateer, returned the briefest “Tip” and its worth repeating.

“Too many squash players (in both singles and doubles) forget the most important aspect of the game . . . that of knowing where the ball is 100 percent of the time. Probably 60 to 80 percent of all players only see the ball as it travels from the opponent’s racquet to the front wall. If a player will work conscientiously on this aspect of the game, a 30 to 50 percent improvement will take place; a rather large increase for just one segment of a game of many angles.”

FRIENDS OF THE TOURNAMENT

We are truly grateful to all of you who have been so generous to the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Squash Championships as either Sponsor or Patron of the 64th playing of the BIDS Tournament.

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Special Thanks to Leo Pierce and Nancy Cushman

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Maryland Club

Meadow Mill Athletic Club

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FRIENDS OF THE TOURNAMENT

No event, like the BIDS Tournament, can last long without the help of a lot of people. Some plan the social activities, others recruit teams, others work on the schedule of events, and still others produce the program and the draw sheets.

The Maryland Club, Meadow Mill Athletic Club and the Baltimore Country Club, the host clubs, pitch in their own resources in the form of their facilities, labor, courts and their time for no other reason than to give the BIDS a home.

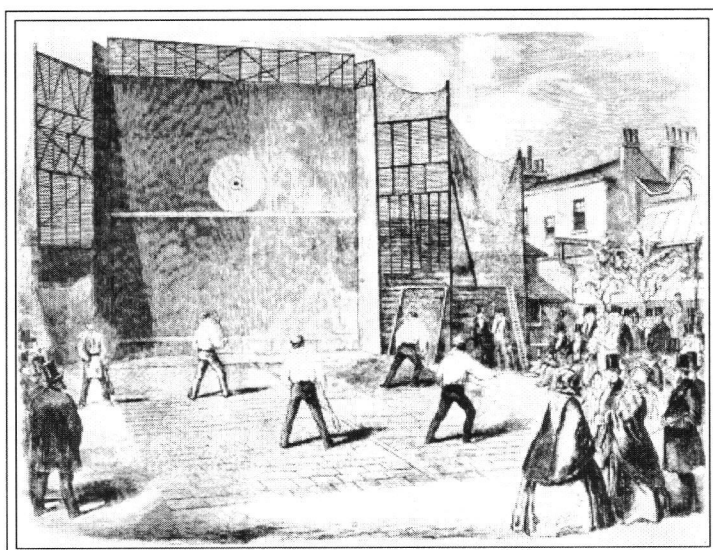
It takes months of planning before the day the players appear. When that day comes, even before the first ball is struck, more are needed to man the registration desk, the court sites, serve as referees, set up the consolation draws and take care of the incidental problems that arise.

Then, of course, there are those who give the money. A tournament like the BIDS comes with a high price. Supporting the BIDS will not get a company recognized in Time Magazine. Donations don't help save lives; the BIDS isn't the "Race for the Cure". The money comes from you, the Sponsors, Patrons and Players who were asked to give or play or both.

Through your gift and your presence you make possible three days of pure squash enjoyment. You keep one of the few oldest nationally sanctioned invitational squash tournament in the United States alive for now and hopefully for the future.

We come together to meet, to talk, to enjoy each other's company and to compete. We come to do exactly what is best about the great games Americans play, to keep the spirit that is the competitive fire within us engaged in ways that builds lasting friendships – friendships that transcend distances and generations, burning on through the years of our lives.

You know who you are. Thank you. Thank you for being a part of BIDS 2007; thank you for being here.



The beginning of the Game of Racquets with opponets on the same side of court - London 1750.

First Squash 1865; Harrow School, London, England

HOST CLUBS

Baltimore Country Club

The Baltimore Country Club is Tournament Sponsor

Following Registration at Meadow Mill, Tournament Headquarters will be located at the BCC Squash Shop.

Baltimore Country Club

4721 Club Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

(410) 884-4400 Main Number
(410) 467-1208 Squash Pro Shop



Jay Bewley, Racquets Director
Ben Garner, Head Squash Professional
Elizabeth Kangas, Communications Director and BCC BIDS Tournament Representative
Charles Ragler, Locker Room Manager

Michael Stott, General Manager
John Voneiff, Squash Chairman

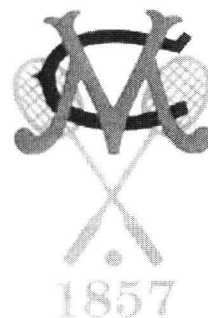
The Baltimore Country Club has a conservative dress code - NO Denim policy. Casual dress is permitted on the lower ground floor and for Saturday lunch - for the tournament only. A cash bar will be set up at courtside. Members of Reciprocal Clubs are welcome to sign.

The BCC has two singles courts and one doubles court. The doubles court is reserved for the BIDS. The singles courts are not available to the tournament without first getting permission from the Squash Professional. Players are welcome to warm up on a life cycle or use the exercise equipment prior to their match.

Charles Regler runs the men's locker room. Feel free to use any open locker but please do not camp out. Use a locker for your match and empty it out for the next player. Equipment bags can be stored on top of lockers or in the storage room. Ask the locker room attendant for help. Charles or his assistant will arrange to do your laundry complements of the Baltimore Country Club. Again, ask Charles or the attendant for a laundry bag and let them know when you play next.

The Maryland Club

1 East Eager Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
(410) 727-2323 - Main Number
(410) 727-3220 - Squash Courts
Andrew Cordova Squash Professional



Katherine Mandaro, General Manager
Doug Hoffberger, Squash Chairman
Jack Hollock, MSSRA President and MC Tournament Representative
Jack's cell is: (443) 804-5213

The Maryland Club has a conservative dress code. It is somewhat relaxed for the tournament. Casual clothing can be worn on Saturday and Sunday before 4:00 p.m. All white attire is required on court. For parking enter the parking lot and take a ticket. Have Andrew Cordova or a locker room attendant stamp your ticket complements of the Maryland Club and the Tournament.

There are two entrances into the club from the Parking Lot. The first, under the courts is limited to members with electronic keys. It goes directly to the courts – up or men's locker room – down. Non-members need to buzz themselves in from the main floor canopied entrance on the west end of the building. The attendant will direct you to the courts from the foyer.

There are no available lockers at the Maryland Club, however, players can use any open locker niche. Bags can be stored on top of lockers for the tournament only. Players are welcome to use the exercise facility and all other locker room amenities.

Meadow Mill Athletic Club

3600 Clipper mill Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21211
(410) 235-7000

Proprietor: Nancy Cushman
Operations Manager: Nancy Wolf
Peter Hefferman: Director of Squash
Lucky Odeh: Squash Professional
Wayde Johnstone: Squash Professional



Vaughan Schmidt: BIDS Tournament Representative
Vaughan's cell is: (410) 207-4974
Liz Everts: BIDS Tournament Registration
Ann Terry: Meadow Mill-BIDS Representative

Vaughan, Liz and Ann are additionally hosts of the Friday Night Light Fair Dinner being held at Meadow Mil Athletic Club beginning at 6:00 p.m.

MEADOW MILL IS THE LOCATION OF FRIDAY TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

The Tournament Registration Desk is open between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Friday, February 16th. Vaughan Schmidt, Liz Everts and Ann Terry are manning the desk. On Saturday Tournament Headquarters shifts to the BCC Squash Shop – See BCC Information.

Meadow Mill has eight singles and two doubles courts. Only the doubles courts, as assigned by Bob Everd, are available to the Tournament. Players are invited to use the workout equipment when available. Feel free to use an open locker but please vacate it when you are finished. Locker space is limited.

Meadow Mill has a great sandwich and drink counter. Soft-drinks for Sponsors, Patrons and Players while matches are being played and during the Friday Night Reception. Other counter products are not part of the tournament so please settle up with the attendant or at the front desk if you order something.

The Tournament is providing a Friday light night buffet dinner at Meadow Mill for all Sponsors, Patrons, Players and their guests. There will be several featured matches at Meadow Mill on Friday night.



BIDS Finals at Baltimore Country Club - 1983

Sandy Martin, Baltimore; Tommy Poor, Boston vs. John Reese, New York; Larry Heath, Greenwich

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Friday February 9th through February 11th, 2007

BIDS 2007 is the 64th time the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament has been played. It is one of the three oldest USSRA sanctioned events in the United States. But this year is also the 100th anniversary of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association and a worthy centennial birthday party is planned for Saturday night at the Baltimore Country Club.

Eleven times, beginning in 1940, the BIDS Tournament became the United States National Double Championships. In 1940, there were 11 Teams playing in Baltimore's only court. In 1996, more than 60 teams plus sponsors, patrons and guests participated.

In the past, the BIDS featured an ISDA Professional Event but BIDS 2007 is back to amateur play. Events include C, B, 40's, 45's, 50's, 55's 60's 65's Divisions plus the BIDS' OPEN Championship.

Tournament Events at a Glance

- 1) Friday Registration begins at Meadow Mill Athletic Club - 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Play begins following Registration at the host clubs - Baltimore Country Club, Maryland Club and Meadow Mill Athletic Club.
- 3) A Friday Night Reception begins at Meadow Mill - 6:00 p.m. There will be plenty of good things to eat and drink. (410) 235-7000 - Vaughan Schmidt
- 4) Saturday 9:00 a.m. Baltimore Country Club Squash Shop becomes Tournament Headquarters. (410) 467-1208 – Elizabeth Kangas
- 5) Saturday Lunch – Founders Room BCC - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 6) Featured Semi-finals pre-dinner-dance matches 5:00 p.m. - BCC Doubles Court.
- 7) MSSRA Saturday Night Centennial Gala – BCC Dining Room 7:00 – 12:00 p.m.
- 8) Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Finals Day

Matches are USSRA sanctioned. There is a consolation tournament for all defeated in the first and some second rounds. Players must wear eye protection.

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Margaret Riehl will receive the MSSRA Outstanding Achievement Award.

PLAY

There is a full schedule of play. Teams are responsible for checking in (dressed for play) at the court where the match is scheduled, at least, twenty minutes before match time. If the court becomes available prior to match time, players must be available to play as much as fifteen minutes early. A warm-ups will be limited to six minutes (three minutes per side). No match, with the exception of a consolation match can begin without a referee. Lensed eye protection is required for all MSSRA and USSRA sanctioned matches. Non conforming teams will be defaulted. Only the head referee can replace a particular referee or default a team for any reason. USSRA rules of play are in force for all MSSRA and USSRA sanctioned matches.

CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT

There will be a BIDS 2007 Consolation Tournament for all players who loose a first round match unless they are playing in a round-robin event. Anyone who looses a first round match and does not want to play in the Consolation Tournament should immediately notify Bob Everd after his or her elimination from a main draw.

Bob Everd's Cell Phone No. is: (410) 340-5456

Please call Bob as soon as practicable after elimination from a first round match. It is also possible to notify Bob through the Baltimore Country Club Squash Shop (410) 467-1208. There may be some consolation match openings for second round elimination teams or individuals. Again, the best way to let the Tournament know that you do or do not want to play is to contact Bob as soon as possible.

REFEREES

Jim Hense is Head Referee. He can be contacted through the BCC Squash Shop (410) 467-1208 or his cellular telephone (443) 303-7974. USSRA Rules of Play govern all BIDS Matches. All USSRA sanctioned matches require a referee. It is the responsibility of someone from either the winning or loosing team of a previous match to referee the next match. If, for some reason, this is not possible, the teams playing a match must let the court representative, the Club Professional or the Head Referee know that their match is without a referee. One will be provided.

Friday – February 9th

Meadow Mill Athletic Club is the site of Tournament Registration. Matches get underway at all Host Clubs beginning at 4:00 p.m. There will be featured matches at Meadow Mill between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Soft Drinks and Beer are complementary. Vaughn Schmidt, Liz Everts and Ann Terry are hosting the Friday Night Buffet Reception at Meadow Mill Beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Saturday - February 10th, 2007

The Baltimore Country Club is Tournament Sponsor and the BCC Squash Shop is Tournament Headquarters. Players who did not register Friday night can still register at Meadow Mill Athletic Club or at the BCC Squash Shop. Up to date tournament results and posted consolation draws will be available at the BCC Squash Shop first thing in the morning. Play begins at all hot clubs at approximately 8:00 a.m. Complementary soft-drinks for players will be at courtside.

Play will be held at all three host clubs as scheduled throughout the day.

Where to go for Saturday Lunch!

Baltimore Country Club – Founder's Room (11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

The Founder's Room is on the club's main floor across from the dining room at the southeast end of the hall. There is a direct stair from this end of the building down to the Squash Court entrance hallway.

All Sponsors, Patrons and Players are invited to lunch.

Non-alcoholic drinks are available for Sponsors, Patrons and Players at both the Baltimore Country Club and Meadow Mill Athletic Club throughout the day. A Cash Bar is always open in the BCC Squash Court Lobby.

Meadow Mill Athletic Club – Lunch Counter

Non-alcoholic drinks are complementary to Sponsors, Patrons and Players throughout the day. It is also possible to purchase lunch, beer and other great things to eat at the Meadow Mill Lunch Counter.

Featured Saturday Night Semifinals Matches

Two Championship Matches are the featured entertainment beginning at 5:00 p.m. -Baltimore Country Club Doubles Court. These two matches will take place prior to the MSSRA Centennial Dinner Dance, which will not begin until the second match is complete at approximately 6:30 p.m. In the spirit of the BIDS Tournament, everyone is encouraged to attend. Of course, the Bar in the Squash Court lobby will remain open.

MSSRA SATURDAY NIGHT CENTENIAL DINNER DANCE

Happy 100th Birthday Maryland State Squash!

The big Birthday Party Dinner Dance reception will begin after the Semi-finals matches - approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Baltimore Country Club's Main Dining Room. Dinner begins at 8:00 p.m. Food and drink will be exceptional as well as plentiful. There is a great band and dancing until midnight. Patrick Miller and Margaret Riehl are to be briefly honored for their accomplishments. Patrick has been inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame and Margaret is to receive the MSSRA Outstanding Achievement Award.

Sunday February 11th, 2007

FINALS MATCHES

Sunday is Finals Day and everything is expected to be over by 2:30 p.m. In the morning, a number of semi-final rounds will be played. The Finals Matches of the BIDS B's, 60's, 40's Divisions and Open Finals will begin on the BCC Doubles Court at 9:00 a.m. and follow in succession--10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Everything should conclude by 2:30 p.m.

MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACQUET ASSOCIATION

CENTENNIAL DINNER DANCE

1907-2007

The Saturday Night Centennial Dinner Dance will be one huge birthday party held throughout the magnificent main floor of the Baltimore Country Club beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. The bar will not open until the second BIDS pre-dinner semifinals match is concluded. Anyone arriving earlier is encouraged to come to the courts and watch the play. A bar will be set up in the Squash Court Lobby.

Tables are set in the club's main dining room in anticipation of a wonderful station's dinner. The club's chef has prepared a variety of special dishes including the club's famous crab cakes, fillet, roast turkey, raw oyster bar, all kinds of salads and desserts and much more. A birthday feast worthy of 100 years. Dinner is scheduled to get underway at 8:00 p.m. but on the occasion of our jubilee celebration, no one will be worrying about a few minutes either way. Your responsibility is to have fun.

The Centennial Dinner Dance is traditionally held in honor of those elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame and those recipients of the Maryland State Squash Outstanding Achievement Award.

This year's event especially honors Patrick Miller, Margaret Reihl, Bob Everd and Leo Pierce.

Patrick Miller is the 14th individual elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. Margaret Reihl is honored for her large impact on the game when, as President of the USWSRA in the 1970's, she was first advocate and voice for the advancement of women's squash in the United States. .

Bob Everd is the longest serving member of the MSSRA.

Leo Pierce and his distinguished family have been continuous BIDS Sponsors, Patrons and Players for the past quarter century.

Jack Hollick , President of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association, T. James Hense, Jr., former MSSRA President, 1996 Outstanding Achievement Award recipient and member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame and Sally Gary will make the presentations.

The "dancing" begins about 8:30 p.m. and will carry on until midnight.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION

1907 to 2007

CENTENNIAL

Twenty years after the game of Squash Racquets was invented at the Harrow School near London, the St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire built the first two squash courts in the United States. The year was 1884. The St. Paul's courts were patterned after courts built in Montreal, Canada six years earlier, the first in North America. These courts were similar in size and layout to courts designed for the version of handball known as Rugby Fives. International courts are unmistakably similar. In 1902, the first handball courts were built in Boston. An experimental afterthought, the first doubles court was constructed in unoccupied space at the Philadelphia Racquet Club in 1907.

From precarious beginnings, Squash followed the private school boys to colleges throughout the Northeast. By 1905, there were club courts in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, DC and Baltimore. Stephan Feron was the best player in New York, probably the best in the country but from city to city – state to state – even between Canada and the United States it was difficult to tell. Courts were not exactly the same size. The rules varied. So did the ball and racquet. Championships were informal and localized. To prosper in the northeast, much less nationally, standardization was an obvious requirement. The United States Squash Racquets Association was established in 1906 as the game's governing body.

The Maryland State Squash Racquets Association was founded the following year. The MSSRA, in alliance with state associations in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit and Washington, DC, is one of the first six USSRA affiliates. State affiliates populated the USSRA, elected national officers and implemented USSRA policy locally. Early on the USSRA determined court size, approve equipment, drafted rules and established championships...govern the game. Affiliates were and remain relatively autonomous with respect to the administration of state programs. With the exception of a few at the national level, everyone is a volunteer. It is a system that since 1906 has expanded throughout the United States.

With the support of local facilities and clubs, the MSSRA runs state tournaments, which includes the BIDS. The MSSRA owns state championships and has hosted eleven national doubles championships as well as numerous national singles tournaments. It founded the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame and the Maryland Juniors program.

Most players are members and those who are not are welcome to join. Dues contribute to every aspect of keeping Squash Racquets strong in Maryland. All who love the game benefit by the unselfish work of Maryland State Squash.

Happy 100th Birthday - MSSRA



MARYLAND STATE SQUASH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Since 1907, a long line of volunteers has worked for the good of Maryland State Squash. They foster and manage Squash Racquets in Maryland. Some have been great players, some not. All share the mutual commitment to give back to the game that has enhanced the lives of many. Because of them Squash has prospered in Maryland. The Outstanding Achievement Award acknowledges these faithful stewards of the game.

1993 - Bob Everd

1994 - Sam Silber (*Died January 2001*)

1994 - Tommy Schweizer

1995 - Haswell Franklin, Jr

1996 - T. James Hense

1997 - Robert H. Hicks

1998 - Nancy Cushman

1998 - Frank Cushman

2002 - Robers S. Travers

2002 - John Voneiff

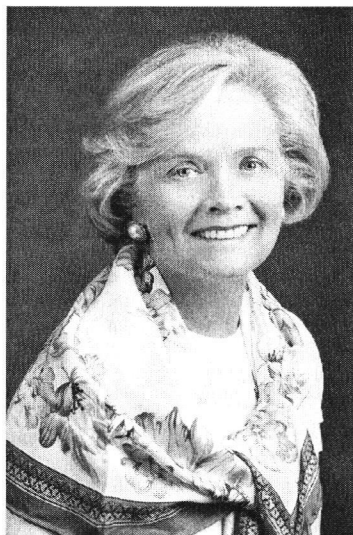
2005 - Robert S. Gaines, Sr.

2005 - Vaughan E. Schmidt

***Tommy Schweizer, Nancy Cushman and T. James Hense are additionally elected
to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.***

MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Margaret Knott Riehl



From time to time, the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association presents its highest service award to honor those who have been faithful stewards of the game of squash racquets within the State of Maryland and Nationally.

This year, on the occasion of the 64th Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament, a championship with which Margaret was much involved, the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association is pleased to present her with this overdue tribute honoring Margaret's clear imprint upon the game.

Prior to the 1970's, Squash was overridingly a sport for men. Outstanding women volunteers, like Margaret, great players in there own right, stepped in and the sport progressively changed. Look no further than Meadow Mill in the afternoon or any squash facility on Saturday morning or state and national juniors' programs or to the courts of hundreds of colleges and universities. Search America and you will witness the fulfillment of the course Margaret Riehl and her contemporaries set for women's squash more than thirty years ago.

Margaret's family founded the Racquet Club where she urged women of all ages "to take up squash". The Racquet Club, of course, lead to Meadow Mill Athletic Club the largest squash facility in the United States. Margaret served on the Board of the MSSRA. She was a catalyst for women's squash in Maryland. She was behind the Baltimore Invitational Women's Tournament and captain of Howe Cup. In 1973, Margaret was named to the governing board of the US Women's Squash Racquets Association. Two years later she was President becoming the No. 1 advocate and spokesperson for women's squash in the United States.

In 1972, Margaret was awarded the USWSRA Outstanding Achievement Award for advancing women's squash in the United States. In 1981, subsequent to the merger of the USSRA and USWSRA, Margaret was presented the President's Cup in recognition of her long service and huge impact on the game. Herbert Gross, USSRA President, made the presentation on that particular Sunday to a surprised Marge and a cheering audience at the National Doubles Championships.

Its been a long time since Margaret volunteered much less took up a racquet to play. Away from the game, one is quickly overlooked. This is how Margaret would want it. It's the way things are. All these years later, Marge modestly wrote; "My life is fuller because of squash...I feel fortunate that I was introduced to the game...and the interesting and wonderful people I met".

But there was a time when the game needed a better purpose. Margaret Reihl was right there. She stepped in and never looked back. Squash is blessed to have stumbled across the path and into the guardianship of Marge Riehl. The good fortune, Margaret speaks of, is minimally mutual - most likely weighted decidedly to the benefit of the game.

Thank you for the gift you gave us all.

MSSRA LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

Robert L. Everd

In 1992, the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association established the Outstanding Achievement Award. There have been twelve recipients. None has been more disserving than the first, Bob Everd. The MSSRA created such a tribute precisely because of Bob. He was the individual by which future recipients would be measured. Rightly so, no other person has been more dedicated to the advancement of Squash in Maryland or consequential to the prosperity of the MSSRA. Bob would disagree; he will point to others more noteworthy. He will place himself down the list. But throughout the past thirty years, Bob Everd has been Maryland State Squash's most unifying constant.

On the occasion of the MSSRA Centennial year, it is only fitting that Bob be acknowledged, even if against his will, as a great force for Squash in Maryland. During the fifteen years since Bob received the first Outstanding Achievement Award, many dedicated volunteers have done their part for Maryland State Squash. Presidents, Vice Presidents, Tournament Chairmen, Committee Members have come and gone – sometimes come and gone again. Every single one found they could depend on Bob's friendship, advice and enterprise. All who love squash appreciate his invaluable and steadfast service. Bob is, quite frankly, the backbone of Maryland State Squash.

It is therefore with great pleasure that all associated with Maryland State Squash have this chance during the 64th playing of the Baltimore Invitation Doubles and the Association's 100th Birthday Celebration to say thank you.

By the way, Bob recently became MSSRA 2006-07 - 60's Singles Champion.

Congratulations! And - Thank you Bob, again.



*MSSRA President Bob Everd (right) and his partner Kerry Tenberg celebrate their 3/0 win over John Bremermann and Scott Supplee in the 1983 State Doubles.
(How about those legs?!)*

FitzGerald Cup

1948 - 2007

Baltimore, Maryland vs. Washington, D.C.

Robert S. Travers

Baltimore Team Captain

Glen B. Canter

Washington, DC Team Captain

In Witness Whereof, The FitzGerald Cup Team Captains are acknowledged for their outstanding achievement and sportsmanship in playing the game of Squash Racquets while upholding the qualities of ability and character set fourth by Ambassador William H. G. FitzGerald as the measure by which team members are selected.

On this occasion of its Centennial Anniversary, the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association bestows upon the Captains, each fifteen years as such, its gratitude for their years of personal dedication and pecuniary commitment to the FitzGerald Cup, the oldest competition between cities in the United States.

This, 3rd day of February A.D. 2007 – the *FitzGerald Cup's* 59th anniversary.

The Board and Membership
Maryland State Squash

Each FitzGerald Cup team is comprised of thirteen members plus its Captain. Seven team members play in the Open Division and six members play in progressive age brackets. The champion for any given year is the team that wins the most matches. The first FitzGerald Cup match was played at the University Club, Washington, DC in 1948. The following year matches were held at the Maryland Club. Since then play has alternated between cities with the exception that play was held two consecutive years in Baltimore so that the 50th anniversary party could be held at the ambassador's home in 1998. Ambassador FitzGerald passed away in January 2006.

His influence on the game is everlasting.



MARYLAND STATE SQUASH

HALL OF FAME

Squash remains a great amateur sport. Over the years Maryland has had its share of champions. In 1997 the Officers and Membership of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association found it fitting to honor those who have exhibited extraordinary playing skill and dedication to the game of Squash Racquets.

A Nominating Committee was formed, the historical record researched and the general membership polled to ascertain deserving candidates. Seventeen individuals were nominated for consideration. Seven were proposed for election.

The formal announcement was made, and candidates introduced, at the home of Ambassador William H.G. FitzGerald on the occasion of the 50th FitzGerald Cup Matches, a tournament Ambassador FitzGerald founded in 1948 to recognize exceptional playing ability and good sportsmanship between the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore Squash Communities.

On that night, in recognition of his fifty plus-year commitment to the Game of Squash Racquets, the Association presented the late William H. G. FitzGerald with a certificate of election, the 1st Honorary Member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

All seven candidates were officially elected: 1st Class, Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame - effective May 1st, 1998. Each inductee was introduced at the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament Dinner, held that year in their honor at the Baltimore Country Club. These state and national champions were: Gene O'Coner, Jim Lacy, Joe Lacy, Bill Lamble, Sandy Martin, Tommy Schweizer and the late George Doetsch.

On May 1st, 1999, Nancy Cushman, founder of Meadow Mill Athletic Club and nationally ranked champion, was the eighth individual and first women elected to the Hall of Fame.

In 2001, the Baltimore Invitational Tournament was held in honor of four national champions who consistently supported Maryland State Squash, won the Invitational Tournament and

competed in Maryland ten, or more, times. These four Hall of Fame honorariums were presented to: G. Diehl Mateer, Jr., Thomas M. Poor, Michael J. Pierce and Morris W. Clothier.

In 2003, Douglas C. Rice was elected the ninth member of the Hall of Fame, effective the night of the Maryland Club's annual Clarke J. Griffin, Jr. Member-Guest Tournament.

On January 8th, 2005, on the occasion of the 57th Fitzgerald Cup Matches, four individuals became the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th state and national champions elected to the Maryland State Hall of Fame. These notable players were Raja Riaz Arshad, Jervis S. Finney, T. James Hense, Jr. and Alva P. Weaver III.

All inductees have been ranked No. 1 in their respective age categories. Each has been ranked No. 1 for multiple years in the State of Maryland. All have sustained multiple year top ten USSRA rankings, individually or as a doubles team member. All have been ranked No. 1 in the United States.

Over the one-hundred year history of Maryland State Squash, there have been eight national champions: Gene O'Conor, Tommy Schweizer, Bill Lamble, the late George Doetsch, Sandy Martin, A.C. Hubbard, Al Weaver and Jerve Finney. Jerve Finney, Sandy Martin, Tommy Schweizer and Al Weaver won both the US and Canadian Nationals becoming undisputed North American Champions. Gene O'Conner won national championships in both hardball and softball singles.

The Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame was founded by and is administered through The Maryland State Squash Racquets Association through the Hall of Fame sub-committee. Members are John R. Hollick, MSSRA President; Robert S. Travers, Chairman of the Election Committee and John Voneiff, Steward of Record., Jim Hense, Hall of Fame Representative. As of January 1st, 2007, the Maryland State Hall of Fame Board (officially) recognizes fourteen Maryland State Squash Champions and five Honorariums – named herein.



MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME



1998

Eugene F. X. O'Connor

James J. Lacy, Jr.

William E. Lamble

George L. Doetsch

Joseph J. Lacy

Alexander B. Martin

Tommy Schweizer

1999

Nancy Cushman

2003

Douglas C. Rice

2005

Raja Riaz Arshad

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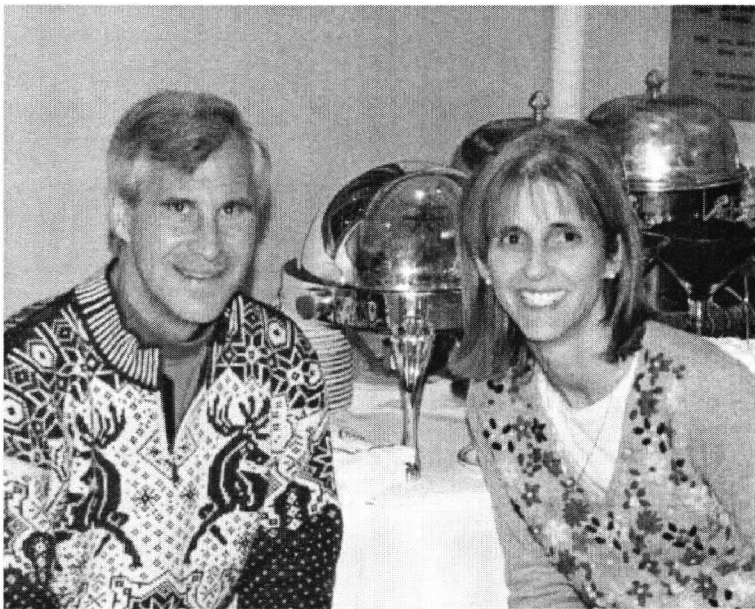
T. James Hense, Jr.

MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME

Patrick A.M. Miller

Inducted: February 10th, 2007 - 14th Member

JB Miller loved the game of squash; he played everywhere, the Baltimore Athletic Club, Maryland Club and the University Club, which had the only doubles court, across Charles St., in the Plaza Hotel. Singles was fun but JB really liked and excelled at doubles. In 1963, JB and his friend, Jim Lacy, teamed up to win the Maryland State Doubles Championship. It



Patrick and Julie Miller - BCC Member/Guest 2007

was an upset; but who cares, these were the best of times and JB made the most of every day. Along the way, JB decided to get involved. He joined committees and he volunteered. Part of his legacy was working to get new courts at the Baltimore Country Club and a doubles court at the Maryland Club. He was on the committee that brought the 1965 National Doubles to Baltimore. He gave back to the game in Maryland as well as nationally.

Of course, there was a lot more going on in JB's life than squash. He ran a business and he and his wife Betty were raising a family; they had five sons. Their youngest son was born in 1959. They named him Patrick. And when Patrick was big enough to hold a racquet, he would tag along with his dad to the Maryland Club or the Baltimore Country Club. While JB was playing, little Patrick would bang one of those old green-diamond balls around a singles court with a sawed-off wooden racquet. If JB was at the courts, there was a good chance Patrick was there too. By 1972, Patrick was the best junior player in Maryland, one of the best in the United States.

Jim Hense, a member of the Maryland State Hall of Fame, was a great young player. More importantly, Jim was an advocate of Juniors Squash. Jim joined the USSRA Juniors' program as mentor and coach and for three years served as Chairman of the USSRA National Juniors. Patrick became one of "Jim's kids" traveling to events throughout the country. It's a view of the game not possible if limited to local play. It was the beginning of a lifetime of commitment to family, friends, community and the Game of Squash Racquets.

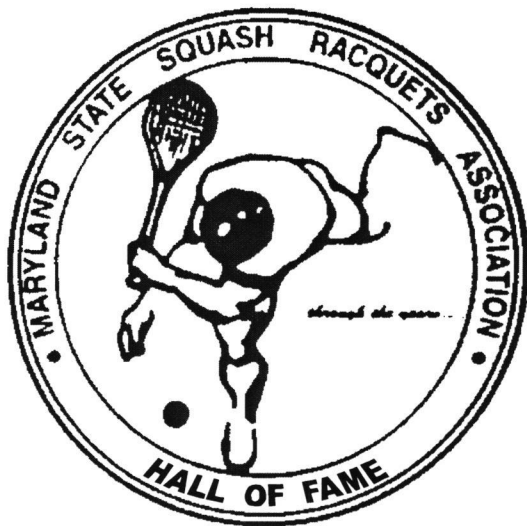
Patrick is 48, a long way from Jim's kids, Boys Latin, Denison and Boston University. He married Julie, the girl who sat in the front row of a business class at BU. Patrick and Julie's children, Claire and Marshall, are talented junior players in their own right.

On the occasion of the 64th BIDS and the MSSRA's centennial birthday, Patrick is inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. His record is at the top of those recorded throughout the 100 years of Maryland State Squash. A Maryland State Singles Champion; six time State Doubles Champion; Twice Canadian National Champion; Number 1 in the United States; a multiple of victories; national leader within the sport is merely the preamble of a wonderful life.

For all that has been bestowed, Patrick has returned tenfold - to the game of squash, his family, his friends and his community. His preference is to be understated - no accolades if Patrick has his way but surely the soul of JB is contented, cheering for the accomplishment and good character of his youngest son.



Jim Hense and Patrick Miller - State Champions 1983



Patrick A.M. Miller

Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame

In Witness Whereof, his election has been duly subscribed at Baltimore, Maryland by the Officers and Membership of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association in recognition of his high achievement in the game of Squash Racquets: Four time Maryland State Juniors Champion; Nationally Ranked top ten United States Juniors; Maryland State Singles Champion - 1991; Twenty years top five in both Maryland State Singles and Double; Six Time Maryland State Doubles Champion 1983, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1997 and 2001 with five partners; Nationally Ranked in Open Double for five consecutive years; Two time Canadian National Veterans Champion - 1999 and 2002 with his partner Jamie Heldring of Philadelphia; Ranked No. 1 in the United States - 2003 with Jamie Heldring; Five Consecutive Years top five North American Veterans Teams; Five Time Baltimore Invitational Doubles Chairman; Chairman Baltimore Country Club Squash; President of the Jesters Club and recipient of the Jesters' Club President's Cup for National Leadership; Five year FitzGerald Team member.

this, 10th day of February A.D. 2007

John Robert Hollick
President, MSSRA

Robert S. Travers
Chairman, Election Committee

John Voneiff
Steward, Hall of Fame

Squash Doubles was an Accident

As far back as 450 BC, Greek historians referred to a game where competitors used their closed fists to hit some kind of ball over some kind of net, probably a mound or stone wall. In 1360, French friars, who seemed to have little else to do for entertainment, began banging a hard ball around the inside of their cloistered courtyards with a wooden bat. Royalty of the time, King Edward III of England in particular, thought this was a great way to get some exercise without leaving the castle. He inadvertently invented Court Tennis; and by 1600, there were 3000 courts in England and throughout Europe. The competition got fierce and a victory of England over France, for example, was as good as sinking a few ships and a whole lot less expensive.

In the first years of the 18 century, the idea of hitting a hard ball made of tape with a racquet against stone walls became the passion of the not so kingly. At the Fleet, London's nefarious and crowded debtor's prison, inmates somehow got their hands on court tennis racquets and invented the Game of Racquets. Racquets required finesse and agility; it did not require a multi-million dollar castle courtyard or in fact any court at all. A player simply slammed a rock hard court tennis ball into a stone wall. Depending upon what part of the wall it struck, the ball ricocheted back in the general direction from whence it came. Then it was the opponents turn to do the same thing. It was the first time competitors played side by side; it was the first time there was a drop shot.

By 1750 Racquets was everywhere there was a rock-wall and an Englishman. There was no place where racquets became more popular than the Harrow School outside of London. In 1864, a national Racquets champion and alumni of Harrow named William Hart-Dyke, Class of 1856, had done well enough in life to donate one enclosed Racquets court and seven handball courts to his alma mater. Three of the handball courts were for the game of Rugby Fives. Hart-Dyke played in an inaugural Racquets doubles exhibition on Saturday, January 20, 1865.

In that same year the game of Squash Racquets was invented when two students took their wooden gut-strung racquets and new vulcanized solid-rubber ball into a Rugby Fives court and played Squash. The point here is not singles squash but doubles squash for it too was unknowingly created at the same time. It took another 32 years to figure it out but Fredrick Thompson finally did.

Thompkins was the player/coach at the Philadelphia Racquet Club. It seems that after the club built a court-tennis, two racquets courts and five singles squash courts there was room left over. The former English Racquets Champion loved the game of Racquets Doubles. There were no courts in the United States; squash was the game Americans wanted to play. So Thompkins, longing for the team competition of doubles Racquets, stepped off an area approximately the size of a Racquets Court and lined the interior walls with wood instead of slate. At the time he probably didn't even know it, but Thompkins built the first Squash Doubles Court. The rules of Doubles Squash were the same as for Doubles Racquets not a whole lot different than for squash singles. Doubles wouldn't be recognized for its own particular and wonderful potential for another twenty years. The first United States National Doubles Tournament would be played at the Greenwich Club in Connecticut twenty-six years later. Roy Coffin and Neil Sullivan of Philadelphia were the first national champions.

The University Club on Charles Street built the first Doubles Court in Baltimore Baltimore in 1937. In 1940, the first US National Doubles Tournament was played on this court; there were eleven competing teams. In 1996, the 64th Nationals was held in Baltimore, hosted by the Baltimore Country Club. Matches were played at the Baltimore Country Club, Maryland Club, Meadow Mill Athletic Club and Towson University. One-hundred ten teams participated. More than three-hundred joined in.

Looking back all would agree that Frederick Thompkins had a pretty good idea even if he predicted the game would be relegated to those who were too old and too slow to continue on with singles. In fact, some of us here at BIDS 2007 are too old and slow for singles but doubles awards us hope eternal.

Thank you Frederick Thompkins for walking the court.



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Dedication of Purpose Commitment to Sportsmanship

The Society of United States Members of the Jester Club, Maryland Chapter and those here to commemorate the MSSRA Centennial, are privileged to be affiliated with the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament. We are delighted that one of our own, a past president of the Society of United States Members, Patrick Miller, is elected on this the occasion of BIDS 2007 to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. We recognize with appreciation the Centennial Celebration of Maryland State Squash, one of the six inaugural affiliates of the United States Squash Racquets Association.

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WHEN IS A “LET” A POINT...?

In softball there is little doubt. Hit the ball back to yourself or interfere with your opponent's stroke and you forfeit the point; it's automatic.

In doubles, its another story, a let point is more reflective. It shouldn't be; USSRA Rule 5 clearly explains a team's Right to Play the Ball or Rule 5, which defines when a let is a let point. It boils down to taking away a player or team's right to play the ball – do this and you forfeit the point – no different than softball.

There are, however, interpretative differences between the two versions of the game. For one thing, in softball players don't “come around”; in doubles they can. There are also four people on the court; so a player not involved in striking the ball, can still interfere with the opposing team's right to play the ball.

Its almost universal, amateurs remain uncertain about when to call let or a let is a point. The outcome is usually over employment of the let point rule or no application of it at all. In the first case, the result is perpetual interruption of play and arguments among players about who was or was not in the way. The second case leads to an unfair advantage to the transgressor's favor and increased potential for injury.

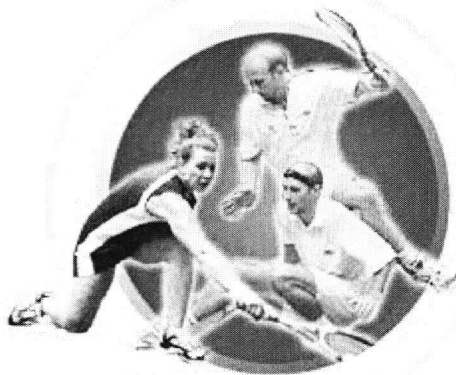
Twelve clarifications of the Right to Play the Ball and Let Point rules:

- 1) When you or your partner are attempting to strike the ball you have the right to see the ball from when it leaves an opponent's racquet until you strike it. It's called “The Right of Fair View”. If an opponent steps in front of your view of the ball its interference.
- 2) You and your partner have the right to strike the ball from any position on the court. If this is in anyway prevented, it's interference.
- 3) In moving toward the ball to strike it you are under no obligation to dodge or circumvent your opponent. It is your opponent's obligation to clear. And your opponents must clear in such a way as to give you the full width of the front wall as a target. If your opponents do not or can not clear, you may request a let and a point can be awarded.
- 4) Conversely, if you are not striking the ball it is the obligation of both you and your partner to fully clear – get out of the way of the opponent who is striking the ball. This means taking the shortest line of retreat regardless of disadvantage. Interfering with an opponent's right to strike the ball when clearing, crossing his or her path to gain position – for example, are grounds a let point.

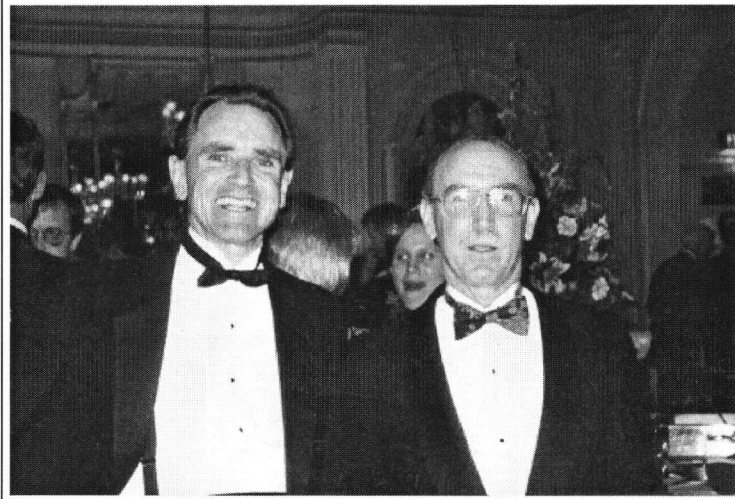


- 5) Any time you strike the ball so that it comes back to you in anyway that interferes with your opponent's striking the ball, is a let point – regardless of whether or not your opponent would make a winning shot.
- 6) If either you or your partner becomes trapped in the front of the court when the other team is striking the ball, your opponent should hold the shot and receive an automatic let point. The striking team is under no obligation to aim the ball to avoid hitting you; its your bad position that forfeits the point.
- 7) If one member of a team strikes the ball cross court into his or her partner's position so as to deprive an opponent of being able to strike the ball then a let point can be called against the striking team.
- 8) Calling a let before the moment of a let point violation does not negate the awarding of a let point. For example, if you are hit by a ball struck by your partner but before you are touched by the ball your opponent calls let it nonetheless is a let point against you.
- 9) The one exception is that you need only clear once. If you clear for one opponent a let point can not be called against you for not clearing for his partner.
- 10) On the other hand for you or your partner to be entitled to a let or let point you must be ready to strike the ball which means making a reasonable effort within your ability to get to it.
- 11) You are not entitled to a let or let point once you have struck the ball.
- 12) If you are playing in a refereed match, requesting let is requesting let point. It becomes the referee's decision.

Be careful when you come a round or turn on the ball. Call let if you don't know where your opponents are. Learn to call let before you strike the ball; it's the safe way to play. Once the ball is struck there can be no let point. Finally, if you use a let call to get out of trouble then you forfeit the point; play must be continuous unless there is justifiable interference. You and your partner and your opponents will become better players because of your faithful application of the rules.



FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHERS...



*Michael and Leo Pierce at the 1996 National Doubles
at Baltimore Country Club*

The Pierce family of Philadelphia has been and continues to be a benevolent benefactor of the Game of Squash Racquets. Leo Pierce is a sponsor of BIDS 2007 but this is not out of character; Leo and his family have supported Maryland State Squash for the past quarter century. Leo has rarely missed the opportunity to come to Baltimore. He has been a player and supporter of the BIDS for twenty years. His brother Mike, arguably one of the greatest doubles players ever, is an honorary member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. Mike played in the open of more than 10 BIDS Championships and won six times. He has also won the BIDS forties division and was the National 40's Doubles Champion every year he played including in 1996 when the tournament was held in Baltimore.

All of the late Peggy and Leo Sr.'s children (Leo, Connie, Peter, Mike, Molly and Chris) were introduced to Squash by the late Norm Bromall, Cynwyd Club's, soft spoken teaching professional. Each became an accomplished player, in Philadelphia and nationally.

In community, the Pierce family has sought a charitable path enriching the lives of thousands of individuals most of which they never met. To the great game of Squash, the Pierce family never said no. Recently, they funded the first squash facility with a doubles court in Florida. They have been in spirit very true to an old typed predilection taped to the back of a small picture of the whole family inconspicuously hanging in a squash court hallway.

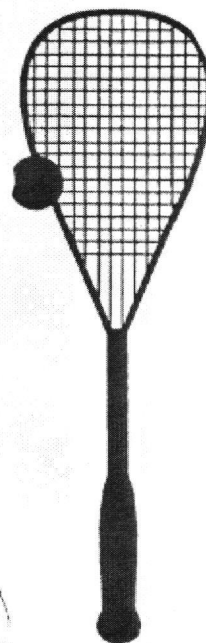
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The ready purpose of the Pierce family's generosity has always been for the enjoyment of others.

Leo, welcome to BIDS 2007. Welcome, once again, to Baltimore.

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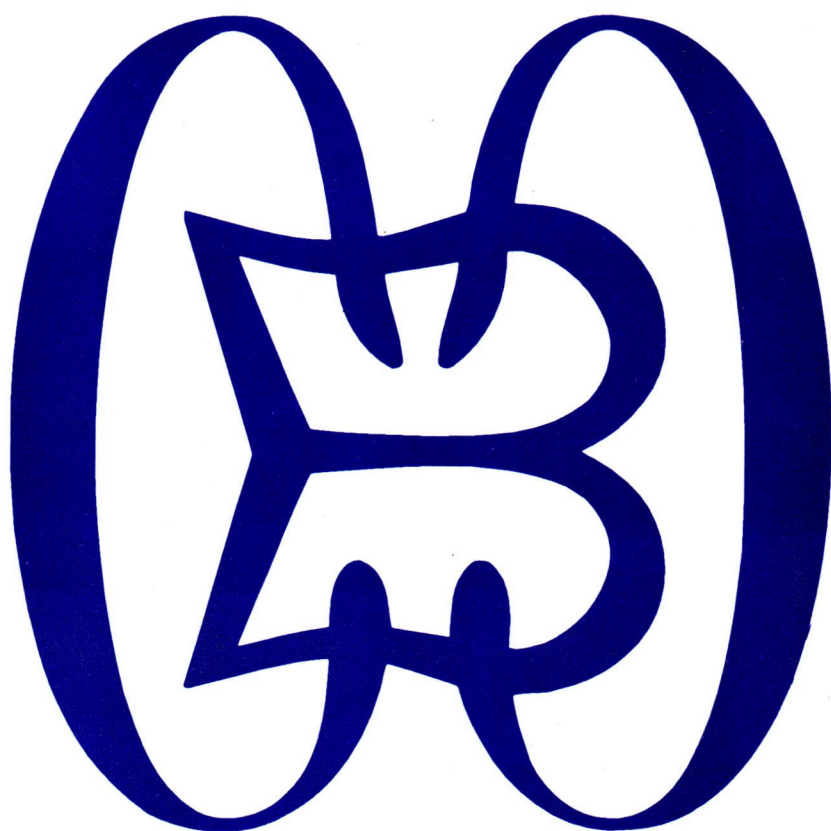
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