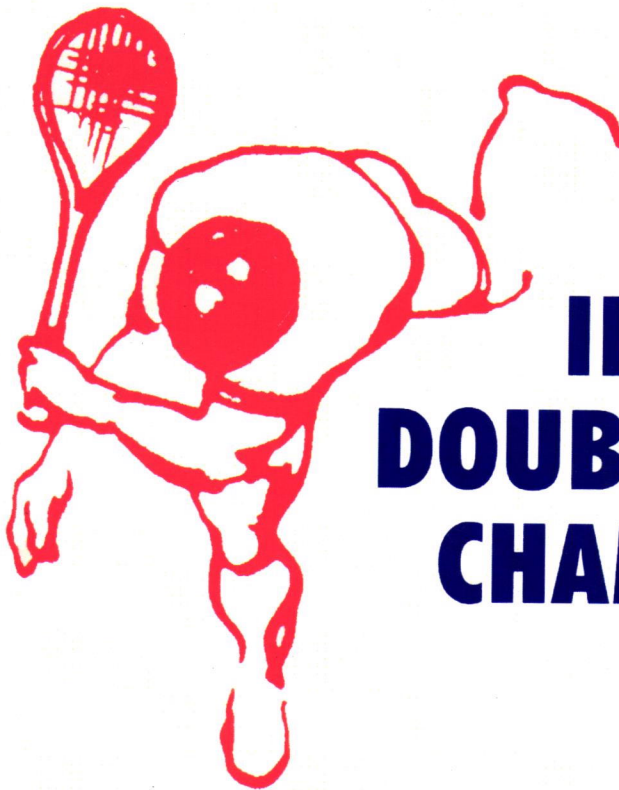


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# **BIDS 2008 BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Additional BIDS Activities:**

**Saturday, February 9th**

**12:00 p.m.**

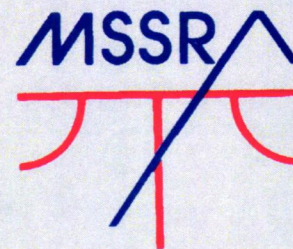
**Meadow Mill Athletic Club**

**Wade Johnstone, U.S. #13 vs.**

**John White Former World #1**

**Navy vs. Franklin and Marshall**

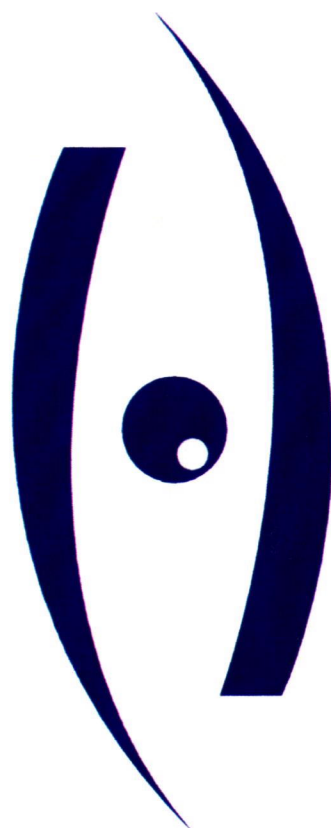
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# **Welcome to the 65<sup>th</sup> playing of the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Squash Championships BIDS 2008**

In 1940, Hunter Lott and William Slack of Philadelphia came to Baltimore. They were the No. 1 Seeded Team in what would be the seventh United States National Men's Doubles Championship Tournament. Lott and Slack were already two time National Champions. In those days, there were no age divisions; everyone played in the Open. Only twelve teams entered the tournament. It would be the first hosted in Baltimore. Every match was played on the only doubles court in town, for that matter, the only doubles court south of Philadelphia. It was built into the second floor of the Park Plaza Hotel by the now defunct University Club, located directly across Charles Street.

If Lott and Slack won in Baltimore, it would be the third year in a row they would walk away national champions; and no one, in 1940, thought it would turn out otherwise. Lott and Slack were simply the best, the Waite and Mudge of their day. Lott and Slack, of course, did win and won again in 1941 and 1942. Hunter Lott, the younger member of the Lott-Slack team, would go on to win three more times with his even younger protégés, G. Diehl Mateer of Philadelphia, an honorary member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

Anyway, from the first day the Park Plaza doubles court opened in 1937, James J. Lacy, Sr., owner of the Baltimore Athletic Club, and his squash playing friends, who had picked up the doubles game in Philadelphia, were determined to host the national tournament. They started by inviting out of town players to Baltimore to play singles at the Baltimore Athletic Club and University Club...and - oh by the way - while you're in town, how about a little doubles!

In 1938, Jim Lacy and Jack Menton became the first Maryland State Doubles Champions. So when Lacy and Menton went to Philadelphia, later that year to compete in the national championship, they had an ulterior motive. They invited everyone to Baltimore, to compete in a warm-up tournament scheduled two weeks before the 1939 National Championship. The Baltimore Athletic Club and University Club were sponsors. The 1939 warm-up event went so well that the USSRA agreed to hold the 1940 National Championship in Baltimore.

Determined to keep national play in Baltimore, even when the national championship went elsewhere, Lacy and company invited one and all back for a second warm-up event in 1941. Sixteen teams showed up; and this time, wives and girlfriends were encouraged to join in. The finals was played Saturday afternoon, followed by a dinner/dance at the University Club. The next year, guess what, the National Championship was back in Baltimore. Hunter Lott and Bill Slack won again. It would be the fifth and last time the team of Lott and Slack would be national champions.

It wasn't because a better team was on the scene. It was because the United States was fully engaged in World War II. Hunter and Bill, like millions of other young Americans, put their lives on hold to serve their country. The National Doubles Championship was suspended in 1943, 1944 and 1945. For those too old or too young to serve, those who had defense related jobs, college students and soldiers home on leave, squash remained an active pastime in Baltimore and everywhere else the game had roots. And if the national tournament was canceled, so be it, that wasn't going to stop Jim Lacy and his contemporaries from carrying on. In 1943, the warm-up tournament committee sent out its invitations to Philadelphia, New York, Buffalo, Ceaderhurst, Greenwich and everywhere else there was a doubles court:

*If you are able, come to Baltimore, despite the War, for a weekend of enjoyment,  
chance to reconnect, to compete, have a simple dinner together in the midst of a world  
gone mad, to remember friends that will never come home. Join us to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Baltimore Invitational Doubles Squash Tournament -*

**BIDS 1943.**



## ***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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 premier event, BIDS 2008, than on the grounds and within the accommodations of the Baltimore Country Club.



## Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship

*Many of Maryland's squash players, for that matter squash players in general, love to play Golf. A fair number of members of Maryland State Squash either volunteered or were spectators at the 2007 PGA Senior Players Championship. Three thousand Marylanders volunteered. Following is a little more information about the tournament. Put it on your 2008 October calendar. It is a week of incredible golf.*

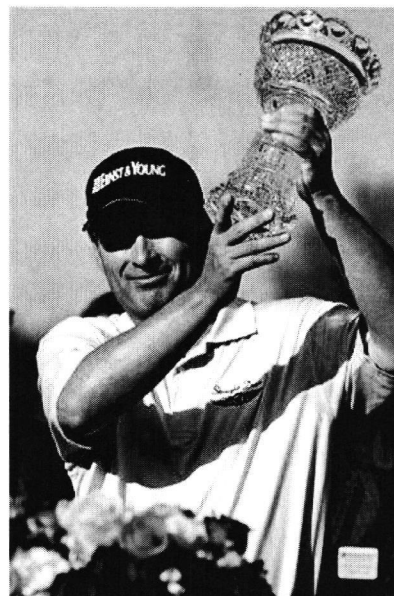
In 2006, the historic 1926 A.W. Tillinghast East Course, located at Baltimore Country Club's Five Farms campus in Timonium, Maryland, was selected as the site for the PGA Seniors Players Championship in the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Constellation Energy is the naming sponsor. The Tournament is played the first week of October. The seventy-eight best senior professionals in the world, who have qualified by virtue of their playing record, are invited by the PGA to play. It is the final major of the year with the largest purse - \$2.6 million. The Senior Players Championship brings millions of dollars of revenue into Maryland and millions more for charity. NBC broadcasts the final Saturday and Sunday rounds to over 100 countries around the world. Earlier rounds can be viewed on the Golf Channel. Locally, more than 80,000 + people came to watch their favorite players, the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Hale Irwin, Nick Price, Bernhard Langer, Jay Haas, Fred Funk - from the University of Maryland, Bobby Wadkins - the 2006 winner and Tom Watson - former two time Masters Champion and five time British Champion. PGA professionals become seniors at the age of 50 but many still play on the regular PGA tour. No wonder, the senior professionals can drive the ball 350+ yards with seemingly little effort.

Baltimore Country Club is among a distinct group of five clubs in the United States to host major championships on the three major US

Golf Tours - The PGA Tour, Senior Championship Tour and LPGA Tour. The 1928 PGA Championship, 1932 US Amateur, 1965 Walker Cup and 1988 US Women's Open were held on the legendary Tillinghast Course.

In 1965, Baltimore Country Club also hosted the United States National Men's Doubles Squash Championships. The Walker Cup brochure, that year, featured tennis and squash play at the BCC. For both the Walker Cup and US National Doubles Championships, the dinner dance was held throughout the main floor of the BCC's Baltimore clubhouse, the site of this year's Saturday night BIDS party.

If you love golf, don't miss the 2<sup>nd</sup> PGA Senior Players Championship coming up October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. For information call or write: **Constellation Senior Players Championship - 111 Market Place, Baltimore, MD 21202 or call: (410) 223-3033 - (410) 223-3080 fax.**



*Loren Roberts, 2007 Champion*

**2008 Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship will be hosted at Baltimore Country Club on October 4-12, 2008.**

## **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 2008; thank you for being here.





## 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 64<sup>th</sup> playing of the BIDS Tournament.

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### HOST CLUBS

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Maryland Club  
Meadow Mill Athletic Club

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Ann Terry  
Nancy Cushman

## **HOST CLUBS**

### **Baltimore Country Club**

#### **The Baltimore Country Club is Tournament Sponsor**

Baltimore Country Club is a Tournament Sponsor and the location of Saturday Lunch, Saturday Night Dinner Dance, Sunday Brunch and Sunday Final Matches.

### **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.

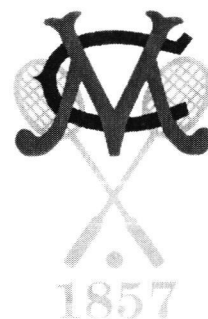
Charles Regler runs the men's locker room. Feel free to use any open locker but please do not camp out. Use a locker for your match and empty it out for the next player. Equipment bags can be stored on top of lockers or in the storage room. Ask the locker room attendant for help. Charles or his assistant 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 Nancy Wolf 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**

### **FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION featuring ANDY NELSEN'S BARBEQUE**

*The Tournament Registration Desk opens at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. It closes at 10:00 p.m. opening Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Vaughan Schmidt is in charge of Registration, which includes checking in before playing a match and picking up tournament favors, program and is the first source for information during the tournament.*

#### **REGISTRATION**

<b>Head of Registration:</b>	<b>Vaughan Schmidt</b>	<b>(410) 207-4974 - Mobile</b>
<b>Club Representatives:</b>	<b>Jack Holick, MC</b>	<b>(443) 804-5213 - Mobile</b>
	<b>Elizabeth Kangas, BCC</b>	<b>(410) 467-1208 – Squash Office</b>
	<b>Vaughan Schmidt, MMAC</b>	<b>(410) 207-4974 - Mobile</b>
<b>Tournament:</b>	<b>Bob Everd</b>	<b>(410) 340-5456 - Mobile</b>
<b>Events/Information</b>	<b>John Voneiff</b>	<b>(410) 215-8990 - Mobile</b>
<b>Head Referee:</b>	<b>Jim Hense</b>	<b>(410) 303-7974 - Mobile</b>
<b>Meadow Mill Athletic Club</b>	<b>Peter Heffernan</b>	<b>(410) 235-7000 – Main Number</b>
<b>Maryland Club</b>	<b>Andrew Cordova</b>	<b>(410) 727-2323 – Main Number</b>
<b>Baltimore Country Club</b>	<b>Ben Garner</b>	<b>(410) 889-4400 - Main Number</b>

**Court Use** - Only the Meadow Mill Doubles Courts are reserved for the BIDS Tournament and then only at scheduled times. Using Meadow Mill Singles Courts requires the permission of Peter Heffernan, MMAC Program Director and BIDS Tournament Representative.

**Lockers & Equipment** - Players are invited to use the workout equipment when available. Feel free to use any open locker but please vacate it as soon as you finish – Lockers at MMAC are limited.

Meadow Mill has a great sandwich and drink counter. Soft-drinks for Sponsors, Patrons and players are complementary. Other counter products are not part of the BIDS Tournament package so please settle up with the attendant at the counter or front desk if you order something.

**Squash Shop** – MMAC has a fully stocked squash shop – purchases can be made with cash or credit card.

**ANDY NELSEN'S FAMOUS BARBEQUE – 6:00 p.m. on** - *The Friday evening Reception Barbeque features Andy Nelson, former Baltimore Colt and proprietor of the best barbeque restaurant in Maryland. Barbeque will be cooked right outside Meadow Mill on the parking lot. There will be ample beef and pork barbeque served inside for everyone participating as well as other good thing to eat and drink. All in all, it will be great fun while watching the finish of Friday Night Matches.*



## **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.  
1/2 mile then Take 2<sup>nd</sup> (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 1/4 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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. (1<sup>st</sup> left on Falls after 2<sup>nd</sup> 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...

At this year's BIDS, **Joe Fitzpatrick** is being inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. In addition to his many on court accomplishments, Joe is the current United States National 60's Champion. His partner is **Sandy Martin**.

In 1997, Sandy turned 50. By then, through state and national play, Sandy amassed the most winning record in Maryland State Squash history. The following year, Sandy was one of the first six individuals to be inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. These great state and national champions were asked to offer a "Tip" each believed gave him an edge.

Sandy's Tip is worth repeating:

### ***"HOLD YOUR SHOT"***

"There is always an advantage in waiting until the last possible second to strike the ball. That little bit of extra patience is usually enough to know where your opponent is or is not going to be. If you place the ball where your opponent is not then your shot doesn't need to be perfect to win the point. "

Industrial Fleet Management wishes  
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SOMEONE HAS TO LOSE.



# BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES

## BIDS 2008

February 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

BIDS 2008 is the 65<sup>th</sup> time the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Championships have been played. Sixty teams have been invited to play in the OPEN, all Age Groups and B and C Divisions. Meadow Mill Athletic Club is the site of tournament registration beginning Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM and is the location of the Friday night Barbeque. Baltimore Country Club is the Sponsoring Club and location of Saturday lunch, Saturday Night Dinner/Dance, Sunday Courtside Brunch and Finals Matches. The Maryland Club is a Host Club and Patron of the Tournament.

### **Tournament Events at a Glance – Venues - Names - Numbers - Times**

- 1) To Pre-Register to Play: Call Bob Everd (410) 340-5456
- 2) Tournament Registration Desk: Meadow Mill Athletic Club at 3:00 p.m.  
Vaughn Schmidt (410) – 207-4974, Mobile – (410) 235-7000 - Main Desk
- 3) Play will begin at all three clubs at 4:00 p.m.  
Jack Holick – (443) 804-5213 MSSRA Coordinator and Jim Hense (410) 303-7974 Head Referee
- 4) Friday Night Reception and Andy Nelson BBQ begin MMAC at 6:00 p.m. There will be plenty to eat and drink and everyone is welcome throughout Friday night. Nelson's is the best BBQ in town.
- 5) Saturday 9:00 a.m. – Registration continues at Meadow Mill – Play starts at all three host clubs.
- 6) Saturday Lunch: Baltimore Country Club Founder's Room – 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For Players, Sponsors and Patrons only. BCC Squash Court Office (410) 410-467-1208
- 7) NAVY vs. Franklin and Marshall (NCAA) 1:00 p.m. and Wade Johnston vs. John White at 12:00 noon – for those BIDS players, patrons and guest who want to see some great softball.
- 8) Featured Semi-Finals pre-dinner/dance matches: 5:00 p.m. – BCC Doubles Court
- 9) Maryland State Squash, black-tie optional, Dinner/Dance – BCC Main Dining Room 7:00 – 12:00 p.m. Extra Guests \$75.00 each – John Voneiff (410) 215-8990 - Mobile
- 10) Sunday at the BCC: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Finals Day
- 11) Sunday Brunch – Courtside at the BCC – 11:00 a.m. Coffee, tea, juices and buns will be available at 9:00.

### **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 2008 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 via his cell phone at (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, Club Professional or the Head Referee know that their match is without a referee. One will be provided. Eye protection is required.

### **Friday – February 8, 2008**

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 and Liz Everts are hosting the Friday Night Barbecue Reception at Meadow Mill Beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

### **Saturday - February 9, 2008**

The Baltimore Country Club is Tournament Sponsor. Players who did not register Friday night can still register at Meadow Mill Athletic Club. 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 host clubs at approximately 8:00 a.m. Complementary soft-drinks for players will be at courtside. Elizabeth Kangas is Tournament Coordinator. She is located in the BCC Squash Office.

**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 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 DINNER DANCE**

The big Party 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. Joe Fitzpatrick and Geoff Kennedy are to be briefly honored for their accomplishments. Joe and Geoff have been elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

**Sunday February 10, 2008**

**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.

**Sunday Brunch** - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Baltimore Country Club - Courtside

# MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACQUET ASSOCIATION

## "CENTENNIAL +1" DINNER DANCE

### 1907-2008

The Saturday Night Dinner Dance will be one huge 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. Dinner is scheduled to get underway at 8:00 p.m., but no one will be worrying about a few minutes either way. Your responsibility is to have fun.

The 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 Joe Fitzpatrick and Geoff Kennedy. Joe and Geoff are the 15th and 16th individuals elected to the Maryland State Hall of Fame.

We additionally honor and remember the late George Doetsch, Bill Lamble and Tommy Schweizer, three of the original seven players elected to the Hall of Fame.

Bob Travers, Morris Clothiers, and John Voneiff will make the presentations.

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

**ENJOY!**







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*James Zug, Jr., Standing Jesters Club President*

### ***Dedication of Purpose Commitment to Sportsmanship***

The Society of United States Members of the Jester Club, Maryland Chapter and those here to celebrate and play in the 65th BIDS, wish to recognize with appreciation, the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association as one of the six inaugural affiliates of 1907-2008 United States Squash.

Dirck Bartlett, Easton, MD  
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# 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  
Alva P. Weaver III

Jervis S. Finney  
T. James Hense, Jr.

2007

Patrick A. M. Miller



## **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. 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Honorary Member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

All seven candidates were officially elected: 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame - effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, the late Bill Lamble, Sandy Martin, the late Tommy Schweizer and the late George Doetsch.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, on the occasion of the 57<sup>th</sup> Fitzgerald Cup Matches, four individuals became the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

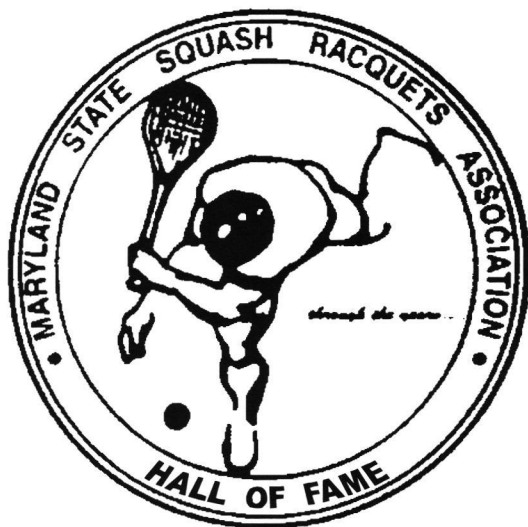
All inductees have been ranked No. 1 in their respective age categories. Each has been ranked No. 1 for multiple years in the State of Maryland. All have sustained multiple year top ten USSRA rankings, individually or as a doubles team member. All have been ranked No. 1 in the United States.

Over the one-hundred one 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. Joe Fitzpatrick joins the list.

*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, John Voneiff, Steward of Record and Jim Hense, Hall of Fame Representative. As of February 9, 2008, the Maryland State Hall of Fame Board (officially) recognizes sixteen Maryland State Squash Champions and five Honorariums – named herein.*







**Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, Jr.**

## **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: Six time Baltimore Country Club Doubles Champion with three partners, 1980, 1981 and 1982 with Bob Voelkel, 1994 with Bob Travers and 1996 and 1997 with Mike Riehl; Two time Baltimore Country Club Singles Champion; Six time winner Philadelphia – Merion Cricket Club William-White Championships in the Men's 40's, 50's, 55's and 60's Divisions; Four time winner of the Lantham Grant Cup - Doubles Division; Finalist: Canadian Nationals, US National - both Veterans and Seniors Divisions; 1982 Maryland State Doubles Champion with Jack Luetkemeyer; Two Maryland State Veterans Doubles Titles with John MacCall and Jim Hense; Three Maryland State Seniors Titles with Sandy Martin; 2007 United States National Masters 60+ Doubles Champion with Sandy Martin; twenty consecutive years as a member of a top five, or better, United States Squash nationally ranked doubles team - culminating as the No. 1 Team in the United States Masters Division with Sandy Martin...*

*this, 9<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 2008*

John Robert Hollick  
President, MSSRA

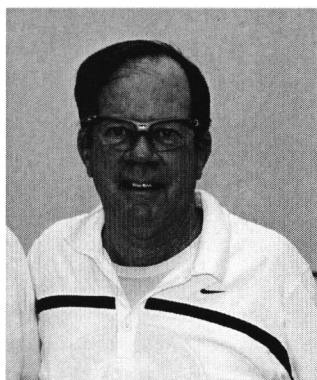
Robert S. Travers  
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John Voneiff  
Steward, Hall of Fame

# MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME

## **Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, Jr.**

**Inducted: February 9, 2008 – United States National Champion - 15th Member**



Joe began playing squash at the Baltimore Country Club in 1966. According to Joe, it wasn't really playing. Joe was a senior at Calvert Hall and on weekends he and some of his friends would

shoot pool on the two tables in the BCC bowling allies. On one particular day, Joe decided to stop by the new squash facility. All Joe really knew about Squash was that a little rubber ball was struck with a racquet. The courts weren't exactly new; the facility was completed two years earlier but this would be the first time the idea of taking a look crossed Joe's mind. That impromptu excursion, two flights down, would change Joe's life.

Joe didn't play that day but he liked what he saw. Blessed with great hand-eye coordination, Joe thought squash might be the game for him. He returned a few times to give it a try. It wasn't as easy to hit that heavy black "green-diamond" ball as it looked but John Warzycki, the tennis professional who had taken over as the first squash professional after the new courts were opened in 1964, recognized Joe's natural ability and encouraged him to keep coming back.

Although Waraycki came to the Baltimore Country Club to teach tennis, he was uniquely qualified to run squash. He had been one of highest ranked squash professionals in the United States. He won, among other events, the Tournament of Champions, the most prestigious squash tournament in the US, three times – 1953, 1954 and 1960. John also

loved doubles. It would take another year but Joe had found the mentor to hone his natural talent.

In the 1960's it was unlikely anyone from Maryland would be advised to attend a college just to play squash. There were no junior programs. No high school had a team. Joe went to the University of Baltimore and fell into the next best thing. The University, located halfway between the Baltimore Country Club and the Maryland Club - the major centers for Squash in Maryland, provided Joe the opportunity to compete against Baltimore's top players.

Meb Turner, the President of the University of Baltimore and avid squash player, regularly invited Joe to the Maryland Club; and it was at the Maryland Club, Joe met Eddie Shaffer, the club professional. Eddie was, above all else, a great coach and he and John Waraycki not only ran the two biggest squash programs in town, they were good friends. It seemed to Joe, there was a covenant between these two veteran pros that they would teach him to be as good a player as he could possibly be.

Three thousand matches later with more than fifty state and national tournament victories as testament to his playing skill - here at BIDS 2008, Joe is honored in confirmation of outstanding achievement in the game of Squash Racquets and for realizing the most elusive prize of all, that of being a United States National Champion.

As much as his wife Carrol, his son Trey and daughter Deven are proud of their husband, father and grandfather, so too must be the phantom spirits of those two old pros who taught a young high school boy the game forty years ago.

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January 28, 2008

Mr. Joseph Fitzpatrick  
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Dear Fitz,

Unfortunately, I will not be at your induction to the Squash Hall of Fame due to a heavy travel schedule. In any event, I am hoping that some of these remarks could be read to the assembled crowd.

You and I started playing squash over 30 years ago. I have nothing but the fondest memories. From the times we froze our asses off at BCC as we clipped Buddha and Porky for C-notes in January and February to the more recent days when we beat the "young and dumb" with a whole lot of finesse. Unfortunately, my knees gave out before yours, but those matches will remain with me forever.

It seems like only yesterday I would show up smoking a cigar and hung over while you worked your magic from the left side. The matches were always very competitive as we won more than our fair share of silver. Of course, my job was to keep you focused on the front wall instead of the crowd. I can't remember the number of times I told you to keep hitting the ball until I thought of something. In most cases that was a successful formula until the tin got in your way.

All kidding aside, I had more fun playing squash than any other sport in my life and I owe a great deal of that to you being my partner for all those years. It was a great run and I couldn't be happier to see you continue in my absence. Congratulations.

Sincerely,

John A. Luetkemeyer, Jr.

## **John A. Luetkmeyer, Jr.**

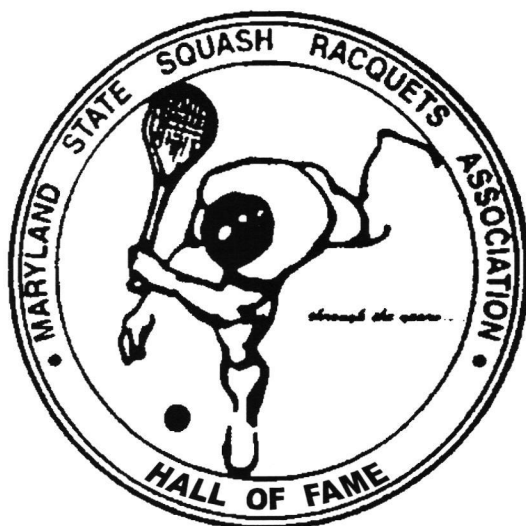
In the 2002 Baltimore Invitational Doubles Program, eight individuals were singled out for twenty-five plus years of service and support of Maryland State Squash. Four were accomplished players. Three were volunteers who had managed state and national events. One, who played for the fun of the game and two who did not play at all, would insure the BIDS or National Tournaments held in Maryland would be financially secure. The testimonial went on to affirmed that since it was chartered in 1907, Maryland State Squash has been fortunate to win the service and the patronage of hundreds of people but these eight particular honorees, over the past quarter century, had been extra ordinary. Maryland State Squash would be diminished without them. (Patricia Goodyear, who died in 2002, Jervis Finney, Leo Pierce of Philadelphia, Tommy Schweizer who died last year, Tim Schweizer, Mary Jean and Ollie Travers and Jack Luetkmeyer)

Jack, who won a place on the US Junior Davis Cup Tennis Team, became an outstanding Squash player in his own right. He played the right side of the court with finesse and deception. If you played with or against him on a Saturday morning, you knew he was having a lot of fun. If you lost and had to hand him a few dollars as you walk out of the locker room he would smile and say - we need to do this again. If it was a tournament match, Jack came to win.

He won three Maryland State Veterans Doubles Championships with Joe Lacy, A.C. Hubbard and John Voneiff. Before injury forced him to retire, he won a Seniors Championship with A.C. Hubbard. Jack's most memorable victory, however, was in 1982 when he teamed up with his now long time friend, Joe Fitzpatrick, to win the Maryland State Championship. Since the first Maryland State Doubles Championship was played in 1938, only thirty-six individuals can claim the title of State Doubles Champion. It is truly a select and distinguished guild of accomplished players.

This said, Jack Luetkmeyer has been so much more than a player or patron of Squash or Tennis or Golf. As he has been a friend to Squash, in the greater context of community, Jack has unassumingly followed a consequential path that has enriched the lives of thousands of people. His focus has been independent schools, inside and outside Maryland, insuring these institutions have the guidance and resources to compete and improve. It has been to the benefit of Maryland State Squash as it has been to the institutions and community causes upon which he has left a mark that Jack Luetkmeyer, once an able player, remains a watchful friend and neighbor.





**Geoffrey Ewing Kennedy**

## **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 winner of the National Jimmy Dunn Classic - in 1990 with Morris Clothier, 1992 with Joe Fabiani, 1995 and 1996 with Beau Buford; Three time winner of the Philadelphia Merion Cricket Club William-White Championships - in 1991 with Neal Vohr, 1997 with Joe Fabiani and 2003 with Eric Volcek; Four time winner of the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Championships - 1997 with Joe Fabiani, 2002 with Beau Buford, 2003 and 2005 with Andrew Cordova; winner of the O'Reilly Cup in 1989 and 1991 with John Conway and the 2000 CAC-City Athletic Club Trophy with Beau Buford; 1990 New York State Champion with Neal Vohr; Four time Virginia State Champion - in 1996 and 1997 with Ed Bartlett, 1998 with Nat Otis and 1999 with his brother Alf Kennedy; Five Maryland State Doubles Championships - in 1995 and 1996 with Nat Otis and 1998, 1999 and 2000 with Andrew Cordova; 1996 US National Silver Racquets Champion with Larry Heath; Finalist in 3 Gold Racquets and two US National Open Championships; and ranked the most outstanding doubles player of the decade (1990-2000) by Maryland State Squash and throughout the 1990's as one of best doubles players in the United States by United States Squash...

this, 9<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 2008

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# MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME

## **Geoffrey Ewing Kennedy**

**Inducted: February 9, 2008 - 16th Member**

"We lived about forty-five minutes west of Philadelphia in the country. There was a barn about three miles from my parents' house that has one squash court. There was no heat or air-conditioning; so, if it was 10 degrees outside, it was 15 degrees inside. But my father and mother loved to play and wanted to teach me the game." Geoff was five years old.

Geoff's parents saw promise. The cold winter days in the little barn court got Geoff off to a good start. In 1972, he began taking lessons at the Merion Cricket Club, founded in 1865, where squash is religion more than sport.

At Hill School in Pottstown, Geoff was too small to play other sports. Squash was perfect. Athletically gifted, Geoff took advantage of eight years of lessons and his innate racquet talent and, as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, made the Junior Varsity. "This", said Geoff, "was when I really became enthusiastic about the game." Hill Academy played all the top squash schools and it was through varsity squash and tennis that Geoff met and competed against the likes of Morris Clothier, Chris Spahr, Scott Brehamn, Rusty Ball, Beau Buford and Tom Harry all of whom were destined, in the 1080's, to become some of the best singles and doubles players in the United States. By the time Geoff graduated, he was Captain of the squash team, won four varsity letters in squash, three in tennis and one in soccer. He was no longer too little to play.

Beginning in 1983, Geoff won four varsity letters at Franklin and Marshall. It was during his years there that F&M rose from a college with a so-so squash team to become an intercollegiate powerhouse. Why not, most of the Pennsylvania boys he competed against in high school, choose Franklin and Marshall. When Geoff was a senior, Franklin and Marshall played Harvard for the National Championships.

Still, college squash is exclusively singles squash. Geoff had played a little doubles but only for fun. This was about to change. Like a lot of top college players, Geoff decided to stay in the game full time, at least, for a few more years. He went to

work at the New York Racquet Club as assistant professional. The head pro was the great professional player, especially doubles player, Neal Vohr. It was at the racquet Club that Geoff met Peter Briggs, the Cornell Coach, who had the stature of being such a genius on the doubles court it became the holy gospel of squash that Briggs and anyone could win a championship. If not the truth, was not far from it.

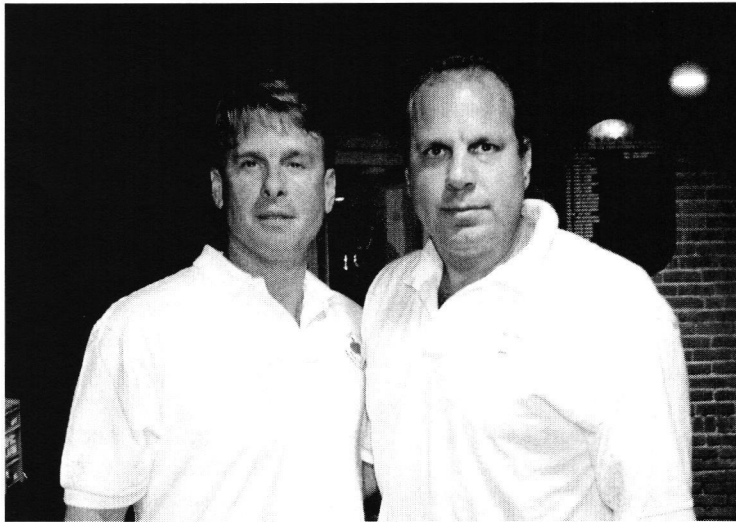
Geoff Kennedy's outstanding record of state and national play speaks for itself. He rose from a young boy at Hill School, too little to play anything but squash, to become one of the very best in the game – amateur or professional. But there is more to the story.

In 1989, Peter Briggs invited his young protégé to play in a major professional event in Toronto. Remember, Peter Briggs and anyone should win; but on this occasion, Briggs and Kennedy lost. Briggs and Kennedy drew one of the top professional teams in the world, Clive Caldwell and John Nimick. "We won the first game easily", Geoff wrote, "I thought we had them right where we wanted them...I was wrong!" Caldwell, was an intense and accomplished veteran who unlike the inexperienced Kennedy knew all about gamesmanship. He started to push Geoff around – just enough to throw Kennedy off balance. Caldwell began a continual dialogue with Kennedy – reminding Geoff that he was a rookie who did not belong on the court with him, Nimick and Briggs. "I started to believe him and lost my confidence". Geoff confessed, "I felt intimidated and we lost the next three games".

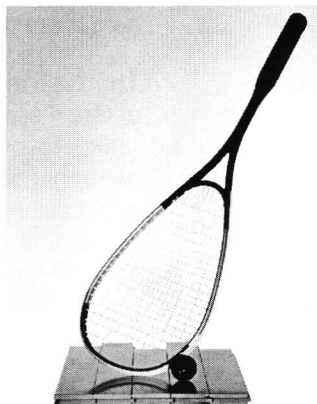
That loss in Toronto was quite likely, more than all of Geoff's impressive wins, the most far-reaching match he ever played. It taught Geoff a lesson that he has applied to everything in life - since. It wasn't about hitting shots and getting the ball back. Geoff could do this as well as any player. It was learning about momentum...understanding how to close a team out and most importantly..."never being intimidated - never giving up no matter what the score".

The Metropolitan Club in Washington, DC offered Geoff the opportunity to be head professional and run his own squash program. This he did with noteworthy success but there are no doubles courts in Washington, DC. Geoff began to travel to Baltimore to play at the Maryland Club with Jim Taylor, the Baltimore Country Club with Andrew Cordova and at Meadow Mill. Geoff played both sides of the court equally well. His ability to hit a winning shot from anywhere, his speed and his power were without equal in Maryland and difficult to match anywhere else in the country. He was, during those years, the best player in town.

In 2000, Geoff Kennedy decided to retire from squash. One can imagine what a record of wins he would have amassed had he played on. Maybe he will return to play as a Veteran or Master; but now Geoff plays for love of the game and then only now and again. He is a Federal Account Executive for Phillar Data Systems. But in his pressure cooker job, he faces Clive Cadwell and John Nimic, in the form of real life competition, each and every day. Geoff Kennedy will confess that the game of Squash Racquets has given him back far more than he extracted in victories. It is the root of lifetime friendships and a measure of character, not just for champions, but for everyone who plays.



Geoff Kennedy (left) with his older brother Alf Kennedy who is playing in BIDS 2008 with Larry Walsh. Alf won three varsity letters at the Hill School then went on to be ranked No. 1 at Lehigh University. He is now a Pediatric Surgeon in Knoxville, TN.





## **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**

**2007 - Margaret Riehl**

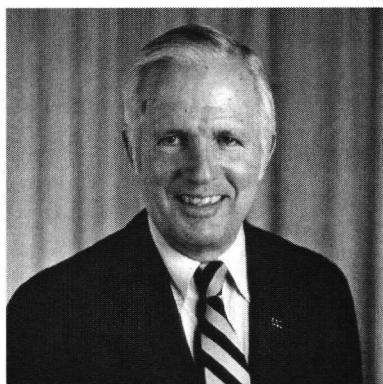
***Tommy Schweizer, Nancy Cushman and T. James Hense are additionally elected  
to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.***



# Tommy Schweizer

1923 – 2007

## ***Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame Maryland State Squash Outstanding Achievement Award***



Word spread in a flash when Tommy Schweizer passed away July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 while on a hiking vacation in Montana. Tommy was 83. A memorial service was held in the Church of Redeemer's modest chapel. The hundreds of friends who came to say good-bye overflowed the small sanctuary and adjacent anti rooms; but the little refuge was the place of worship Tommy visited faithfully every Sunday morning and it was in this familiar setting that he wanted to be remembered.

Tommy wasn't a Baltimore native; he was born in New York City and raised in Long Island and Darien Connecticut. He went to St. Marks School in Southboror, Massachusetts where, although he did not play, he was introduced to Squash. In 1945, Tommy graduated from Yale University and joined the Marines. After training, he was shipped to Okinawa. World War II, however, was over and the services were immediately discharging soldiers. So - in 1946, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Rifle

Platoon Leader, Tommy Schweizer, having secured a position with the Equitable Trust Company, came to Baltimore. He would never leave.

Equitable Bank's headquarters building wasn't too far from the University Club where Tommy was reintroduced to Squash. The 1946 Nationals was being held for the third time in the University Club's Park Plaza Hotel court. According to Tommy, it was a great tournament and even better party. From then on Tommy not only played, he got involved. Over time, he chaired BIDS Tournaments, National and State Championships and Maryland State Squash. Tommy founded a construction company and he joined the Maryland Club where he became Squash Chairman. He was instrumental in building the first Maryland Club doubles court in time for the 1965 National Tournament. For fifty years, he was a faithfully steward of the Game.

Tommy was a pretty good player too. In 1955, he won the Maryland State Singles Championship. He was one of the best singles players throughout the 1960's but work kept him from competing nationally; and he didn't begin to play serious doubles until he was 45. But as a senior player, Tommy was determined to make a national mark. Between 1972 and 1985, he won New York's prestigious Tom Burn four times – three times with Jim Lacy. In 1973 and again in 1974, in a country abundant with extraordinary squash players, Tommy Schweizer and Newt Mead of Philadelphia became Canadian National Champions. The following year Tommy and fellow Hall of Famer, Gene O'Connor won the United States National Seniors Championship.

For four straight years, beginning in 1971, Tommy and Jim Lacy were the No. 1 Ranked Veterans Team in the United States. Starting in 1975, the year he won the US Nationals, Tommy was Ranked No. 1 in US Men's Senior Doubles for four consecutive years, first with Gene O'Connor and then with Jim Lacy. He held the Maryland State Veterans title three times with Jim Lacy and the Seniors title five times with three different partners. Finally, in 1984, Tommy rejoined his old partner, Newt Meade, to complete their national squash careers as United States National Champions in the first ever Masters Division.

In 1992 he received the Maryland State Squash Outstanding Achievement Award and in 1998 was one of the first seven inductees elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

Tommy Schweizer was in all aspects of his life, a gentleman who credited others in triumph and blamed himself when things came up short. In every match, there was that smile and trademark clenched fist shaking enthusiastic approval to his partner after winning a pivotal point.

Farewell old friend; we knew you well.

# THE GREATEST TEAM

## George L. Doetsch, Sr. (1915-2003) - William E. Lamble, Jr. (1917-2007)

### *Right Wall*

**George L. Doetsch** died on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003. George was 88.

Although he became one of the game's outstanding doubles players, Gorge Doetsch's utmost contribution was off the court. George was one of the pioneers, the likes of Fred Ketchum, Joe Hahn, Howard Davis and Darwin Kingsley, who crafted and promoted the game into what it has become. George wrote the first rule book and traveled the country as a referee. In recognition of George's 50 year commitment to the game he loved, USSRA CEO, Palmer Page, said United States Squash "lost a giant of a man and a giant of a gentleman....who freely gave decades of service to Squash".

He was born in Baltimore in 1915. By the time he graduated from City College, in 1933, George had grown into a strong, lanky, athletic, 6'2" - 180 lb. swimming champion. He unintentionally discovered Squash at the University Club while having lunch with a friend. George often joked that it was this friend who, at the time, was dating his future wife, Doris. The year was 1939.

Agility and superb conditioning that George attributed to his ongoing competitive swimming enabled him to quickly develop into a good singles player. In 1998, the year George was inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, he told an interviewer, "I played every day I could but was hardly counted among the best players". "What I did know was that I was getting better." In 1942, however, as it was with most of his contemporaries, George's life was interrupted by World War II. He would serve in the United States Navy through 1945 and not pick up a squash racquet again until 1946. By then, because he had been a swimming instructor at the Bainbridge Naval Training Center, George was in better shape than ever. He also recognized that if he was going to win a state title, it would be doubles; but a championship would elude him until 1949.

### *Left Wall*

**William E. Lamble** died on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Bill was 89.

Born in Baltimore in 1917, Bill was, from the start and throughout his life, a relentless competitor. By the time he graduated from Loyola High School in 1935, he was a wiry, tough, 6'1" wrestling star and one of the best junior tennis players in Maryland. Bill excelled in both sports during his four years at Johns Hopkins University; and while there, he added one more – Squash. Bill loved playing from day one. He knew the Lacy Family and it was James J. Lacy, Sr. who owned and operated the Baltimore Athletic Club. Playing at the Baltimore Athletic Club presented Bill with the opportunity to compete against the best players in town. He joined the Maryland Club, which had its own band of talented players and he reveled in the enjoyment of doubles at the University Club.

In 1945, at the age of 28, Bill won his first Maryland State Singles Championship. In 1946, Bill lost the title to Frank Gould who he had defeated the year before; but he would redeem himself that year by winning his first State Doubles Championship. Jack Morrison was his partner. Bill won back the state singles title in 1947 and would hold on to it uninterrupted through 1954. Bill Lamble eventually won 10 Maryland State Singles and 15 State Doubles Championships, a record that stands, even today, as the most exceptional in the history of Maryland State Squash. In 1949, Bill Lamble was undisputedly the best squash player in Maryland.

### **George Doetsch and Bill Lamble**

#### **1949 and beyond: 13 Time State Champions – United States National Champions**

When it came time to play the 1949 State Championship Tournament, Bill Lamble had already won twice, in 1946 with Jack Morrison and in 1947 with Frank Gould. Lamble and Gould defended in 1948 but lost in the finals match to Jack Morrison and George Cade. So, in 1949, Morrison and Cade were the No. 1 Seed. When

Frank Gould came up injured, Bill Lamble found himself searching for a replacement partner. He picked George Doetsch. No one was more surprised than George. He jumped at the chance.

Lamble played as aggressively as anyone in the game. His backhand was a weapon that rarely failed to deliver a winning shot. It might be a soft drop or lob but Lamble could just as easily turn on the power. In a day when there was virtually no such thing as a let for interfering with an opponent, Lamble gave no quarter and took advantage of every opening. What he needed, in 1949, was a right wall partner to replace the steadfast Frank Gould who would not be intimidated by Jack Morrison. George Doetsch, as it turned out, delivered this and a lot more.

Rarely could an opponent put a ball past big George Doetsch. His height and reach were a huge advantage in volleying the ball. His strength enabled him to strike the ball with power from any position. In an era when players prided themselves on being able place the ball in the front and back corners with soft lobs and drops, Doetsch drove the ball so hard opponents scrambled to get out of the way. He was, throughout his championship playing days, in top physical condition. George could win a point with a rocket reverse corner or wall hugging rail. The havoc Doetsch generated, more than with any other partner, enabled Lamble to maximize his offensive arsenal of shots.

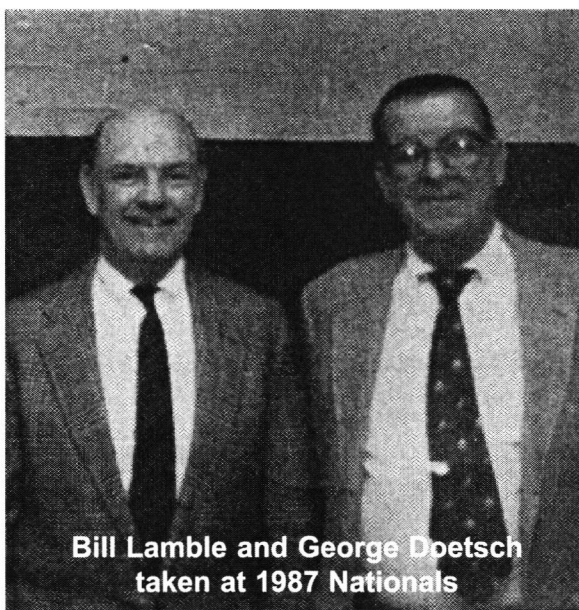
Together Doetsch and Lamble seemed unstoppable. From 1949 through 1952 they never lost a match. From 1949 through 1965, Doetsch and Lamble dominated doubles squash in Maryland winning 13 Maryland State Championships. In 1972, they became National Champions in the new United States Squash Senior Division that included players 45 and older. Twenty-seven years later, fifteen years after both had retired from play altogether, George Doetsch and Bill Lamble were unanimously elected to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. The presentation was made to them and five other 1998 Inaugural Hall of Fame inductees at the 1999 BIDS Dinner/Dance held in their honor.

By 1965, injuries had taken away much of Doetsch's and Lamble's reflexes, power and speed. Younger talented players were coming on. The best was the incredible team of Jim and Joe Lacy. Jim and Joe won nine state championships in a row, the second best record of achievement.

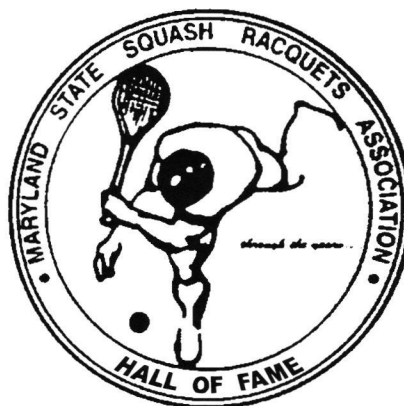
Jim Lacy who entered the Hall of Fame with his brother Joe on the same night as George and Bill, said of George Doetsch and Bill Lamble in a 2003 interview, "They are the best doubles team, ever, in Maryland".

At the playing of the 65<sup>th</sup> BIDS, George and Bill, who were beginning their respective playing careers when the first BIDS was held, are worthy of remembrance for their love of the game, contribution to it, lasting friendship and unparalleled achievement as players.

They were the Greatest Team.



**Bill Lamble and George Doetsch  
taken at 1987 Nationals**



## **2007 Maryland State Champions**

### **David Bennett - Singles Champion**



DAVE BENNETT  
SIX-TIME MARYLAND STATE SINGLES CHAMPION  
2007 MARYLAND STATE CHAMPION  
OPEN AND MEN'S 40S

In 2007, Dave won his sixth Maryland State Singles Championship; 2007 was four in a row. He also won the 2007 Maryland State Men's 40's Championship; the first time in the history of Maryland State Squash that one individual has simultaneously held both titles.



Dave moved to the United States from Wales in 1983. He won a scholarship to play basketball at Dundalk Community College and has never left Maryland. He was introduced to squash in 1993 by Joe Fitzpatrick. Dave and Joe worked together and started playing at the Baltimore Country Club. That year, Dave joined Meadow Mill Athletic Club. In 1994, he won every MMAC and Maryland State B event.

In 1995, Dave won his first major A softball tournament, the Hyden Trophy played during the summer in New York City. Dave has won Philadelphia's Liberty Bell Open three times and the Massachusetts State Singles Championship three times. Beginning in 1997, Dave won the Baltimore City Open seven years in a row. In 2005, Dave won the United States National Skill Level Championship in the Men's A Division.

It is remarkable that Dave went from never playing squash to becoming the best singles player in the state in seven years. In 2002 and 2003 Dave lost the Maryland State Title to the great professional, Roy Oiler, whose world ranking rose as high as 16. But during the past eight years, Dave Bennett has proven unbeatable, the No. 1 amateur softball player in the State of Maryland winning more softball championship titles than anyone else. Dave is playing in BIDS 2008.

### **Douglas C. Rice and Robert T. Cashman – Doubles Champions**

Over the past twelve years, Doug Rice has been the most productive right side player in Maryland. He has won four State Doubles Championships with Ira Miller, Patrick Miller, Dave Warfield, and Bo Cashman. He has won Seven Men's 40's Titles with Pat Miller, Clarke Griffin, Dirck Bartlett and three times with John Voneiff. He has been Canadian National Champion in both the Men's 40's and 45's. He won the United States National Men's 45's Doubles Championship not to mention a US National Hardball Championship. Doug has been Maryland Club Doubles Champion six times and is a member of the Maryland State Hall of Fame.

Last year, Doug teamed up with Bo Cashman for the first time to play in the 2007 Maryland Club Championship. It was the classic case of a winning veteran teaming with an up-and-coming talented young player. "Like John Voneiff, who was a good bit older than me", Doug

commented, "Bo is a left hander on the left side of the court who can be counted on to deliver winning shots". "Bo was great in the club tournament; so we decided to continue on in the State's". The 2006 Champions, Peter Rosen and Andrew Cordova, had to withdraw when Peter was injured. Certainly, the loss of the No. 1 Seeds increased the opportunity for Rice and Cashman to reach the finals. Nonetheless, Bo played steadily throughout the draw and Doug, the most dangerous shooter playing doubles in Maryland, delivered. The truth is: it is never easy to win an Open. "Bo", said Doug, "will only get better".

### **Other Divisions**

Men's Veterans Champions	40+	Doug Rice and Dirck Bartlett
Men's Seniors Champions	50+	Sandy Martin and Joe Fitzpatrick – US 60's
Champions		
Men's Masters Champions	60+	Jim Hense and Jim Tillman – '05, '06 & '07
No. 1 Ranked Team Men's 70's		Jervis Finney and Al Weaver – Former US 50's
		Champions
No 1 Women's A Champion		Lissen Tutrone
Women's A Doubles No.1		Lissen Tutrone and Vaughan Schmidt
Men's Veteran Singles	40+	Dave Bennett – State Open Champion
Men's Senior Singles	50+	Riaz Arshad
Men's Master Singles	60+	Bob Everd
Men's B Singles		Courtney Jenkins
Men's B Doubles		Read Knox and Charlie Wise
Men's C Singles		Jim Meek
Men's C Doubles		Peter McGill and Peter Waldren
Men's D Singles		Core Magin
Mixed Doubles		Lissen Tutrone and Ron Tutrone

Members of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame:

Doug Rice, Sandy Martin, Joe Fitzpatrick, Jim Hense, Jervis Finney, Al Weaver and Riaz Arshad



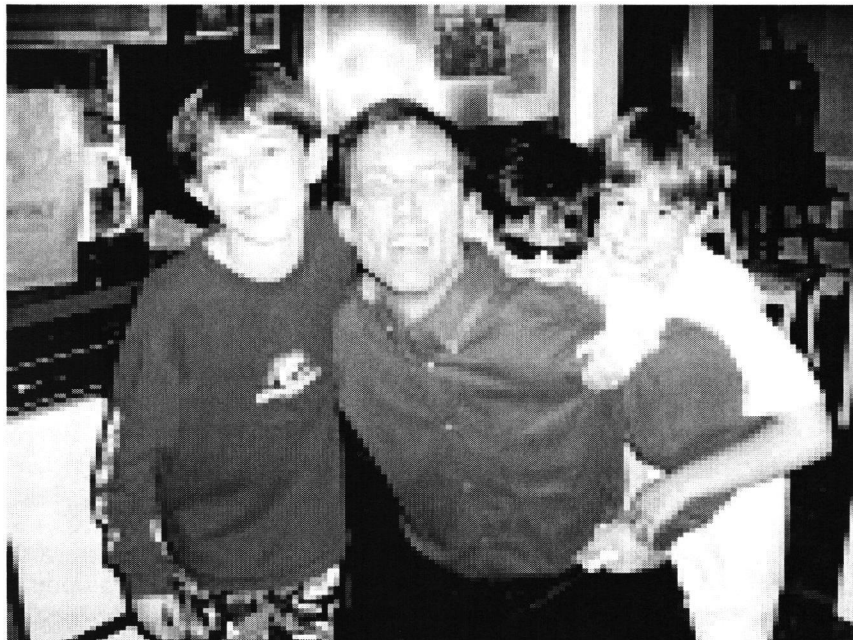


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**Fresh from his victory at the William White, state and national champion and member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame Doug is playing in the Seniors Division - BIDS 2008.**

# *FitzGerald Cup*

*1948 - 2008*

## **Baltimore, Maryland vs. Washington, D.C.**

The late William H. G. FitzGerald was the former Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland. Bill FitzGerald passed away in 2005. He was a Naval Academy graduate, class 1927. He was a founder of the board of the North American Housing Corporation; creator of the Fitzgerald Scholarship Fund. He was appointed to the United States Naval Academy Foundation Board of Directors and was Co-Chairman of the USNA Alumni Association Investment Committee and was elected by that body as Trustee Emeritus of the USNA Foundation. Ambassador FitzGerald was a United States Jester and the first Maryland State Honorary Member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. The presentation was made at his home following the 50<sup>th</sup> FitzGerald Cup Matches. The certificate of election was presented by John Voneiff and Robert Travers. Ambassador Fitzgerald was also founder of the William H.G. Fitzgerald Tennis Center of Washington D.C.

Bill FitzGerald made the initial contribution of one-million dollars to the tennis center to get the project off the ground and later contributed another one-million dollars to cover additional costs. It remains a world class facility with permanent seating for 7,500 people. The Legg Mason Classic is annually held at the FitzGerald Tennis Center as is a strong inner city youth tennis program also founded and funded by the Ambassador.

Like tennis, Ambassador Fitzgerald was in the forefront of squash development. He created the Fitzgerald Cup Squash competition in 1948. It is a spirited and competitive set of matches, the oldest continually played event of its type in the United States. This year marked the 60<sup>th</sup> playing of the FitzGerald Cup. Initially, it was a competition between the Maryland Club and the University Club. Today, the FitzGerald Cup has evolved to become an open competition with two 13 member teams selected from the best players from each city plus team captains who may or may not play.

Every Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame member, state champion and club champion, at one time or another, has served as FitzGerald Cup team members. This year, matches were held on January, 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the University Club in Washington, D.C. Team captains were Malcolm Jensen and Glenn Canner for Washington, DC and Robert Travers and Sajid Niazi for Baltimore. The Washington Team, led by five college stars, dominated play year. Washington ran away with the Cup, winning eleven of the thirteen matches. The overall record stands 48-12 in Washington, DC's favor.

The growth of the junior squash program in the District of Columbia and Baltimore City can also be linked directly to the influence and generosity of Ambassador FitzGerald. Eight years ago, Glenn Canner and Bob Travers (captains) and Ambassador FitzGerald agreed to raise money for the creation of a junior endowment. Travers and Canner raised \$8,000 as seed money, which was then matched by Bill FitzGerald. This fund resulted in the creation of the High School Championships in Maryland and numerous Junior programs in the District. Part of this was the establishment of the FitzGerald Cup Junior Team. Some notable Junior Players who have gone on to excel in competitive squash are: Colin and Ashley Campbell, Jake Himmelrich, Katie and Taylor Tutrone, Peter and Phillip Sopher, David Canner, Michael and Caroline East and Dan Petrie.

This year, it was especially rewarding to see some of these past juniors make open level team slots. We look forward to carrying on the annual competition in honor and memory of its founder, Ambassador William H. FitzGerald.

Bob Travers

Baltimore Team Captain

## BIDS 2008



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## **BIDS 2007 – RESULTS**

*The Maryland State Squash Centennial Tournament – BIDS 2007 – The 64<sup>th</sup> playing of the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Championship was a great success. Over 50 teams came to play in the Open, B and C Divisions and four age Divisions (Veterans, Seniors and Masters). One hundred and fifty-four players, patrons and guests celebrated the Centennial Dinner Dance held throughout the main floor of the Baltimore Country Club. Patrick Miller became the 14<sup>th</sup> individual inducted into the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, since its founding in 1998. Margaret Knott Riehl received the Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of her lifetime contribution to the game of Squash Racquets. Bob Everd was presented with a MSSRA Service Award for being the longest serving Maryland State Squash Racquets Association officer. Bob is still on the job.*

### **OPEN – Trevor McGuiness and Morris Whitten - BIDS 2007 Tournament Champions**

There were great teams in the 64<sup>th</sup> BIDS Open Draw. It came down to Trevor McGuiness and Morris Whitten vs. Ben Garner and Lefika Ragontse in the upper-half Semifinals and Andrew Cordova and Dave Rosen vs. Doug Hoffberger and Ryan O'Connel in the bottom-half. Garner and Ragontse lost 3-1 but every game went to the last few points. Cordova and Rosen took their semi-finals match in 3. The finals, McGuiness and Whitten vs. Cordova and Rosen, was one of the best ever. McGuiness and Whitten won the first game 15/13 even though they trailed throughout. They took the second game in overtime 16/15. Cordova and Rosen came back in the third tying 14/14; calling no set, they won 15/14 in overtime. The fourth and final game was equally thrilling. Tying 13/13, Cordova and Rosen chose Set 3 only to lose to McGuiness and Whitten in a nail biting finale of exchanges - 17/16.

### **Veterans – Todd Anderson and Pete Moran – Champions**

The finals came down to two of the best 40's doubles teams in the United States. Patrick Miller and Jamie Heldring, the No. 1 Seed and recent Canadian National Champions, played against the No. 2 Seed, Todd Anderson and Pete Moran of Willington, Delaware. On the way to the finals, Anderson and Moran defeated Doug Rice and John Conway in a very tough five game match. Miller and Heldring played a tight 3/1 game match against Gill Mateer and David Page. In the finals, Anderson and Morgan upset Miller and Heldring 3/1 in a battle that produced to overtime games and closed out 16/15 in the fourth in front of a packed gallery at the Baltimore Country Club.

### **Seniors – Scott Supplee and Robert Travers – Champions**

Scott Supplee and Bob Travers defeated Bob Edginton and Roger Friskie in a three match to two Finals. Not losing a game, Supplee and Travers dominated the 50's division.

### **Masters – Sandy Martin and Joe Fitzpatrick – Champions**

In a very competitive 60's Division, Martin and Fitzpatrick who received a 1<sup>st</sup> round Bye defeated Jim Tillman and Garrett DeGraff to reach the finals. Bart McGuire and David O'Loughin, the No. 3 Seed, took out Bill Bruchey and Bob Everd in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and the No. 2 Seeds, Walter Smedley and Scott Ryan of Philadelphia, in the Semi-finals to come against Martin and Fitzpatrick for the championship. McGuire and O'Loughin, were also entered in the Men's 65 Division. By the time they got to the 60 Finals, they had played four tough matches in two days. Martin and Fitzpatrick won easily in three. Sandy Martin and Joe Fitzpatrick, who did not lose a tournament in 2007, are 2007 United States National 60's Champions.

### **Men's 65 Division – Bart McGuire and David O'Loughin – Champions**

After losing in the Masters Division, McGuire and O'Loughin came back two hours later to play the Men's 65 Finals. They defeated John Amos and Taylor Quick - 3/1.

### **BIDS B Tournament – Maurice Hechscher and his son Tripper – Champions**

There were sixteen solid teams competing in the BIDS B Tournament. Former National Champion, 65 year old, Maurice Hechscher teamed up with his son Tripper and despite Maurice's inability to move because of hip and knee injuries and replacement surgeries the Hechschers managed to battle their way to the finals. Tripper, just starting to play competitive squash, hit the ball as hard as anyone playing in the Open. Charlie Fenwick and Peter Foote, the No. 1 Seeds had little difficulty working their way through the top of the draw. The finals was incredible. Every game seemed to come down to the last point or the last point of overtime. The match finishing 18/17 in a five point overtime. In the end, it was the old national champion who made the difference. Extremely immobile, Maurice let Tripper cover most of the court; but when a ball came his way, it was often returned as a winning point into one of the corners and this is exactly how the match closed out. Maurice cut of a lob and softly dropped the ball in the right front corner. Shades of the Past!

### **BIDS C Tournament – Kathy Connor and Ann Watson – Champions**

The BIDS C Tournament was a lot of fun and particularly competitive. Two of the best women players in Maryland, Conner and Watson beat Julie Miller and her partner Mark Sullivan in a five game match that also came down to the wire in the fifth. There was no shortage of encouragement from spectators cheering both teams as the game scores seesawed back and forth – right down to the last point in the last game.

Congratulations to Patrick Miller, Margaret Riehl, Bob Everd and all the Champions. To each and every player who participated, to the host clubs and tournament sponsors and patrons a special thanks for making BIDS 2007 possible.

The Tournament Committee



# TURNING RULE

## New Interpretation governing “turning on the ball” in Doubles Squash



Everyone knows the issues that arise when players turn in the back corners to take the ball closer to the middle of the court and in the process change their stroke from backhand to forehand or vice versa.

The first thing that happens is everyone else on the court, especially opponents, drop to the floor or race to the walls to get out of the way.

If the player coming around doesn't warn the other players that he/she is turning the result is often the ball striking someone - even the striker's partner.

What is most frustrating and what the new Turning Rule is primarily aimed to address, is the use of “coming around” by an opponent for the explicit purpose of calling a “safety let” to get out of trouble.

The new Turning Rule (in place in the US and Canada as a one year test before it becomes permanent) is designed to minimize these three issues; and therefore, will be applied during BIDS 2008.

Here it is in simple language:

- 1) If a player chooses to “come around” or “turn on the ball” thereby changing his/her stroke he/she **MUST** pre-warn opponents by calling out “Turning” or “Coming Around” or some similar audible verbal warning before the ball is struck. **Failure to do so is an automatic loss of point if an opponent is struck - whether or not that opponent has cleared.** NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 2) Opponents, upon hearing “the verbal warning” must make every effort to clear to the side walls. The turning player then has the right to the whole front wall and side walls (but only) in the front third of the court. A turning player, assuming the proper warning, **CAN NOT** come around and endanger opponents who have cleared to side walls in the back two-thirds of the court.
- 3) The turning player, upon giving the verbal warning **MUST play the ball to the front wall or side walls in the front one-third of the court** – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 4) If the turning player hits an opponent who has cleared to the side walls in the back two-thirds of the court or even if the turning player hits either side other than in the front one-third of the court, it is loss of point – NO EXCEPTIONS.

There two possible exceptions:

- A) If a player is planning to play a normal shot using his/her wall side stroke and is unexpectedly forced to turn because of the ball "squirting" off the back or side wall – a "Let" will be played – if, and only if, the striker could have played the ball.

What this means is that the striker, unable to give an audible warning, can ask for a safety let if it is obvious that he/she was in a position to play the ball. But if the striker plays such a ball without warning it is loss of point.

- B) When opponents make little or no effort to clear thereby blocking the front wall and/or side walls, in the front third of the court, then the turning striker can play let. When this occurs the clearing team must be warned that failure to clear a second time will result in loss of point.

## **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, with the exception of the new turning rule.
- 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 for 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. Learn to call let before you strike the ball. 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.

**NOTE: It is now your obligation to warn your opponent that you are turning before you strike the ball. See the new Turning Rule in this program.**

## Good Advice from one of the Best

**Gordon Anderson** of Buffalo, New York has been one of the outstanding armatures champions. He also is the leading squash court designer and builder in the United States. Gordon has played and won his division in past BIDS Tournaments. He was to play this year with an honorary member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, one of the greatest doubles champions ever, Michael Pierce. Recent injury prevents this but Gordon will be here to watch the matches and take part in the festivities. In 2003, when Gordon was in town, Anna Minkowski asked him to comment on doubles for an article she was writing for Maryland State Squash.

Gordon listed his five axioms for picking a doubles partner.

- 1) One player should be older and more experienced and would have dropped serious singles awhile ago. He'll call the flip of the racquet, any overtime points and most likely deliver the victory speech – if you win.
- 2) The younger partner will make or break a game and match with more winning shots, better court coverage, and before arriving in Baltimore or another tournament venue, have the foresight to have gotten the inside track for the best bars to hit.
- 3) At least one (unfortunately - not always the older) partner should be a non-drinker or late-nighter. This partner will have the best chance to influence the other to take it easy so long as there is a match left to play. If both burn-the-candle at each ends, they can forget winning on Sunday.
- 4) Don't pick a partner that says he can play either side. Accomplished players learn to play their forehand or backhand on only the right or left side of the court.
- 5) Don't be afraid to look for an enjoyable competitive partner outside your club or city. Call me and I will be happy to set you up.

Gordon Anderson

(Old partner, drinker, right wall only)

## **Bob Travers - The Whirlwind**

It wasn't much of a squash match but it was the beginning of a splendid friendship. That was thirty years ago; and it was a very young Bobby Travers who enthusiastically stepped on to the No. 2 Court at the Baltimore Country Club to play his first round match. Most beginners wouldn't have bothered; after all, Bobby had only been playing squash a few months and he was up against a fairly good A player. If he had a chance at all, it would be if his opponent came up lamb, but that wasn't likely. In any event, no drawback of odds, then as now, could stop Bob Travers from trying anything. His family, lead by his parents Mary Jean and Ollie, were there to cheer him on from an, except for them, empty gallery.



Of course, Bobby played his heart out as if possessed by the need to track down each of his rival's shots with every ounce of unleashed strength he could muster. The fact is, he was simply everywhere one person could be within the limits of a squash court during a singles match. It didn't matter; Bobby was slaughtered. Three quick games and it was over. He turned with that big smile - grabbed his opponent's hand: "Thanks for playing", he said, "It was great; let's do it again".

"By the way", he added now surrounded by his whole family (fan club) as the two players left the court, "this is my mom and this is my dad and this is my brother Tommy and this is this person and this is that person". A few moments later, the Whirlwind, with entourage in tow, was gone. The family was probably on their way to ride bikes twenty miles or have lunch together after running a 5,000 meter marathon, or climb some mountain or watch another family member do something else.

Bobby's first tournament ended ignominiously in the first round but he was not about to be troubled by the result. He had done his best and was pleased just to have been there. The opponent, unaware of a future destined to be filled of exploits shared with the Whirlwind, fell exhausted into the nearest chair more consumed by the meeting than the match.

The point is: nothing in his or his family's approach to life has really changed. They continue to support each other in all ways. They do the same for their friends and as a family, work collectively to make a difference to insure that life, in so far as they are able, is a little better for everyone they meet.

As for Bobby's first opponent, he would now consider himself fortunate indeed to win a single point against the Whirlwind. That individual, we'll call him BT's First Opponent, was heard to say many years after their first match, "The world would truly be a better place if more people treated others like Bobby Travers treats everyone". For the record, BT's First Opponent didn't win that long ago tournament. Squash gave him something far more valuable - Bobby's friendship.

***In memory of: Thomas Schenuit Travers***



## The Baltimore Country Club Racquets Department

In December 2003, Jay Bewley joined the Baltimore Country Club as Racquets Director. In addition to taking over the management of all three racquet sports, Jay was instrumental in completing the new tennis facility and moving the tennis program from the Club's Baltimore campus to its Five Farms campus in 2007. Jay has focused on expanding racquets programs and improving member services. He grew up in Jackson, Mississippi and has been working in the racquets field for 20 years. In 2004, he became the youngest member of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) to reach the Master Professional level. There are only 140 Master Professionals worldwide. Jay earned his PhD in Philosophy at Mississippi State University. Jay and his wife Rebecca live north of the city and have two daughters. John Voneiff, BCC Squash Chairman, believes Jay's racquet skill and management talent are secondary to the good character, high principles and universal compassion he applies to everyday life.



### *From the Desk of Jay Bewley, Director of Racquets*

In September 2007, the Baltimore Country Club completed the final phase of the 1993 master plan. This final phase was to relocate the tennis facilities from Roland Park to Five Farms. With this state of the art complex, our tennis, squash, and paddle facilities are on par with the best in the country.

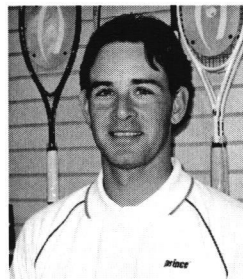
A manager cannot do his job well without a capable staff. I am immensely fortunate to have one of the best.



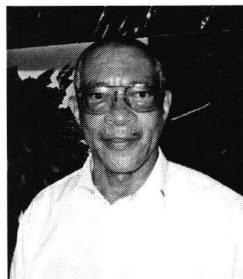
**Elizabeth Kangas** runs BCC racquets communications and the day to day operations of the office. Elizabeth loves the members; and to the members, Elizabeth is family. She is devoted to helping others.



**Ben Garner**, originally from England, is our Head Squash professional. During his playing career he reached an impressive world ranking of #39! Not only is he a world class player, but a world class teacher and organizer.



The newest addition to the department is **Nathan Crick**. Originally from Australia, Nathan will hold the position of Head Tennis and Paddle Professional. Nathan is a very talented teacher and player that will bring the



**Charles Ragler**  
Locker Room Attendant

Our programs are successful because of the dedicated time and support of our members. There are many members that generously donate their time and talents to serve on the different racquet committees. Currently Tim Hodge serves as the Paddle Chair, Dan Falvey as the Tennis Chair, and John Voneiff as the Squash Chair. We can't begin to thank all the chairs and members that make up the respective committees.

In addition to our fine memberships are the skills and abilities our members possess. Listed are the current club champions in their respective sports.

# **Baltimore Country Club**

## **Tennis Club Champions**

**Ladies A Singles** - Leesa McShane

**Gentlemen's A Singles** - Chris Taylor

**Gentlemen's B Singles** - Bob Ihle

**Gentlemen's 50+ Singles** - Mike Gisriel

**Ladies A Doubles** - Lynn Green & Kathleen Del Monte

**Ladies B Doubles** - Paula Segalman & Sherri Snyder

**Gentlemen's A Doubles** - Chris Taylor & John Del Monte

**Gentlemen's B Doubles** - Patrick Miller & Jamison Miller

**Mixed Doubles** - Tim Hodge & Barbara Agerton

## **Paddle Club Champions**

**Ladies Doubles** - Barbara Agerton & Sue Cesare

**Mixed Doubles** - Graham Boyce & Amy Metzger

**Gentlemen's Doubles** - Graham Boyce & Gillet Boyce

## **Squash Club Champions**

**Ladies B Singles** - Paula Campbell

**Ladies A Singles** - Lissen Tutrone

**D Doubles** - Ken Chodnicki & Sean Kelly

**D Singles** - Beau Smith

**C Doubles** - Jason Rose & Matt Waldron

**C Singles** - Landon Royals

**A Singles** - Patrick Miller

**B Singles** - Jamison Miller

**B Doubles** - David Cole & David Watts

**A Doubles** - Patrick Miller & John Webster



## Ben Garner

### Baltimore Country Club Head Squash Professional

Ben was first exposed to squash at the age of 8, when courts were constructed in the rural village where he lived in England. With his elder brother trying out this new game Ben followed suit. He became hooked. There followed a long junior career, culminating with him being a part of the England team which won the 1998 World Junior Team Championships in Princeton.

While he knew he wanted to play professional squash, Ben nevertheless realized it was a risky career choice and decided to finish his studies first as a back-up plan. He read Economics and Management at Oxford University.

Upon graduating, Ben turned professional and was a part of the English World Class Performance Plan, which provides backing to the country's elite athletes. In a five year professional career, Ben won two PSA titles in New Zealand and Canada and reached a world ranking of No. 39. During this period, he was also helping out with his brother's sport management company, Eventis, and was a journalist for the Squash Magazine.

However, in 2006, Ben decided that he had risen nearly as far as he was able, and the sacrifices of constant traveling made it impossible to pursue other endeavors. If he was not going to make the top ten, Ben resolved to make a change. Even so, he loved the game and wanted to remain involved. As a result, Ben retired from the PSA Tour and began working part time for a business consultancy firm in London while, at the same time, playing domestic leagues and tournaments in England. In the summer of 2006, Ben applied to be the Head Squash Professional at the Baltimore Country Club; and a couple of months later, he was moving across the Atlantic! Ben has been in Baltimore for 18 months, during which time he has helped develop the squash program at the BCC and enjoyed being introduced to the hardball doubles version of squash in which he has excelled. In June, Ben will be married to his fiancée Beth Fenwick. In fact, it was Beth who introduced Ben to the Baltimore Country Club. As much as Ben seems to love his new life here in Baltimore, 3000 miles from home, not to mention his love for Beth, everybody who has met him is thankful that he found his way to the United States and more specifically to Baltimore.

Ben is a talented gentleman whose squash ability and personal ethics have impressed everyone he has touched through his job as a teaching professional. More importantly, Ben has become a friend. All of us associated with Maryland State Squash wish Ben and Beth everlasting happiness in their life together.





## **The Maryland Club**

### **NOT YOUR FATHER's CLUB**

**Doug Hoffberger, Maryland Club Squash and Fitness Chairman**

Since it first built courts around the turn of the Twentieth Century, squash has been a main stay of Maryland Club activities. Just about half of the 1,200 members play squash and workout in the club's fitness center. Many of these are habitual participants. It is safe to say that not only is the Maryland Club thriving so too is its growing squash program.

With two international doubles courts, 2 North American singles courts, and three international singles courts, the Maryland Club is no doubt one of the larger private squash facilities in the country. Many of the Club's members have achieved Singles and Doubles State Championships, McRory-Tully silver, and Canadian and Domestic National championships. Equally important as national play, the club boasts over 150 participants in the Club championships in draws ranging from A level to Rookie, from hardball to softball singles, and recently, even table tennis.

The Breakfast Club, which has been playing consistently for over 25 years, now includes more than 60 participants who arrive at 6:00 a.m. to compete in a rotational doubles league. The Breakfast Club is fertile ground for new players to "cut their teeth" and more seasoned players to continue their improvement on the doubles court.

Since the 1995 fire, which destroyed much of the Club, the renovated Club has been able to provide a first class exercise facility with every kind of cardiovascular and weight training machines. The fitness program, which is ably staffed by Country Club Fitness, provides over 5,900 training hours a year to Maryland Club members and has continuously increased its training of membership over the last several years.

Andrew Cordova became the head squash pro in 2000. Three years later, I was asked to take over as Chairman of the Squash and Fitness committee. It has been a privilege for me to have spent the past five years working with the committee and Andrew to broaden and improve every aspect of our program. Some highlights are:

In 2002, the Tin-Eagle Challenge was formed. The Tin-Eagle is a 64 person event of competitive squash and golf. Participants are divided into two squads – Black and Orange. On the first day of this event, there are 16 hardball doubles matches. The winner of each match earns a point for his team. The losers get a friendly verbal drubbing. The first day culminates in matches pairing ISDA professionals with team members. No one in the gallery holds back their comments when someone delivers a particularly poor shot. It's great fun and play is often stops by the noise of gallery that seems to be as involved each game as as those playing. After the matches, the two teams come together to enjoy a traditional meal of cowboy steaks and corn prepared on the terrace by the Club's Chef Eargle.

The next day again finds the Black and Orange on the golf course for handicapped tournament. The winner of the front nine wins a point for his team as does the winner of the back nine. Of course, the purpose of the entire weekend is to be able to carry your team to victory and drink from the venerable Tin-Eagle Cup, which has become mangled over the years because of its celebratory travels.

The Maryland Club Open, founded in 2003, has become another headliner on the Club's calendar. The tournament replaced the annual exhibition that began under Clarke Griffin's, leadership. In 2007, The Maryland Club Open celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The ISDA Open is now up to \$30,000 in prize money with a pre-Open \$7,500 Pro-Am event. The Maryland Club Open is one of the favorite ISDA professional tour stops; and every year, Andrew Cordova and his staff make certain it only gets better. This year



Andrew arranged a singles exhibition between former World Number 4 - Chris Walker and World number 7 – Mark Chaloner.

Members have also begun sponsoring private squash tournaments to memorialize loved ones. One event is the Dan Sapir Open, perpetuated by Terry Finn and Bill White. Other members play to memorialize the fact that they were once a strong B or C team. The Trailer Trash A Tournament, started by squash committee member Gordon Priest, is an example.

Last month, 14 members visited New York to compete against the New York Athletic Club and Racquet and Tennis Club. Their adventure culminated with an Italian dinner, complete with indoor bocce, and box seats to the Tournament of Champions in Grand Central Station.

Believe it or not, The Maryland Club fields a pretty good ice hockey squad complete with uniforms. The team scrimmaged against hockey clubs throughout Maryland.

Just to make certain that everyone not only eats well during noontime matches but can order exactly what they want, Chris Lines and Brian Kerr who run the ever popular squash court lunch room have come up with member specific sandwiches such as the Freddy – tuna salad, cheddar and Swiss cheese grilled just right on rye. There is no better place to be than in the Maryland Club squash courts to play, workout, take a steam, have lunch or partake of the omnipresent cookies, fruit cheeses and mixed nuts.

There is no shortage of camaraderie. The Club continues to have an active membership that truly has a diversity of interests. The program will continue to strive to offer various activities that are of interest to each and every one of its members.

The Maryland Club has been a sponsor and host of the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Tournament since our first doubles court was completed in time for the 1965 National Championships. Maryland Club members have played in and helped manage BIDS Tournaments as far back as the tournament's founding in 1943. Welcome to BIDS 2008 and welcome to the Maryland Club.





## **2007 Maryland Club Championships**

<b>A Singles -</b>	Doug Hoffberger d. <b>Dirck Bartlett</b>
<b>A Hardball Singles -</b>	Patrick Miller d. <b>Dirck Bartlett</b>
<b>B Singles -</b>	John Porter d. <b>Charlie Wise</b>
<b>C Singles -</b>	Tim Miller d. <b>Jamison Miller</b>
<b>D Singles -</b>	Berkeley Edmunds d. <b>George Riedel</b>
40+ Singles -	<b>Stephen Ban</b> d. J.D. Wells
50+ Singles -	<b>Bob Travers</b> d. Courtenay Jenkins
50+ Hardball Singles -	<b>Fred Allner</b> d. Scooter Dorney
60+ Singles -	<b>Jack Laporte</b> d. Dan Dent
Rookie Draw -	Fred Crozier d. <b>Michael Schenck</b>
Table Tennis -	Doug Hoffberger d. <b>Peter Foote</b>
<b>A Doubles -</b>	Doug Rice / Bo Cashman d. <b>Greg Mathis / Brian Kroneberger</b>
<b>B Doubles -</b>	<b>Jamison Miller / John Porter</b> d. Alex Martin / Chase Martin
<b>C Doubles -</b>	<b>Tom Costello / Tim Hathaway</b> d. Bill White / Terry Finn
<b>D Doubles -</b>	<b>Stewart Shettle / Sean Kelly</b> d. Delbert Adams / Peter Golueke
40+ Doubles -	<b>Dirck Bartlett / Doug Rice</b> d. Scooter Dorney / Pat Miller
50+ Doubles -	<b>Clarke Griffin / Sccoter Dorney</b> d. Bruce Fleming / Fred Allner
60+ Doubles -	<b>A.B. Martin / Barrett Freedlander</b> d. Joe Murphy / Mike Reid
70+ Doubles -	<b>Eric Ostergard / Jim Gray</b> d. Earl Gallaher / Lee Marston
2006 Handicap Singles –	<b>Doug Hoffberger</b> d. Charlie Wise
2006 Handicap Doubles –	<b>Jim Meek / Landon Royals</b> d. Tom Costello / Tim Hathaway



## **Andrew Cordova**

### **Maryland Club Squash Professional**

If world politics had been different in the late 1950's, life would have turned out another way for Andrew Cordova. But, Fidel Castro undertook a successful revolution in Cuba; and as it became obvious Castro did not have democracy in mind and turned to the Soviet Union for support, Cubans who were entrepreneurial, landowners, supporters of the Batista Government, which meant the US, and anyone politically out of step was in peril. Many fled to the United States, most chose Florida. Among these were Andrew's mother and father.

In 1993, Andrew graduated from Fordham University. His mother anticipating that Andrew would be a banker like his father or lawyer or some kind of business leader asked him if he would "like a nice watch for graduation". Andrew did not hesitate - he

replied, "No thanks; I want to be a Pro". He, of course, meant squash pro. Andrew, who had been team captain and a four year varsity player at Fordham, accepted the \$1,000.00 present but not for a watch, he bought a ticket to Atlanta, Georgia for training to become a certified USSRA, PSA and WPSA squash professional.

Before the year was out, Andrew was Head Professional at Bonaventure Racquet Club where tennis was the true king, producing players the likes of Michael Chang, Jim Courier and Pete Sampras. Now, Bonaventure would begin a squash program and Andrew would run it. He accomplished a lot in a very little time; Bonaventure has since greatly expanded the program Andrew started; but squash in Florida is a long way from squash in the northeast United States. So when Andrew got a call for Tim Chisom, former college team member and Baltimore Country Club Racquets Director, looking for an assistant, Andrew recognized the opportunity to get back in the mainstream of the sport he loved. More than this, Tim was getting married and returning to graduate school; if things worked out, Andrew would assume the position of Racquets Director, which included tennis and paddle tennis. Andrew packed his belongings into a huge truck and towing his little Honda behind made the drive to Baltimore with the help as his father, substituting as co-driver, to begin a new job and new life.

Andrew loved being BCC Racquets Director and the BCC loved Andrew. He matured as a player and program manager. He found doubles squash and began to play in professional events around the country. He substantially broadened the club's tennis and paddle programs, was an advocate of putting a fitness center in the squash court lobby, and was on the scene when the BCC replaced its two hardball courts with international courts.

Andrew, however, never gave up on the single ambition, he expressed to his mother back in 1993. "I want to be a pro". The BCC position was broader with the most important sport being golf. When the Maryland Club needed an experienced professional to run its nationally renowned squash program in 1999, he was offered the job. With the same enthusiasm and work ethic and with the sanction and best wishes of the BCC, Andrew stepped in and took over. He was, at last and is today, a "Squash Pro" at one of the finest and oldest clubs in the United States.

This could be the end of the story but since 1999, Andrew has not only made the Maryland Club program his own, he had become a leader of squash in Maryland and nationally. He has risen to become a state champion doubles player and is currently ranked 22 among world doubles professionals.

There is one more thing this son of an exiled Cuban family found at Fordham, most likely the best thing. Her name is Roberta. Roberta and Andrew were married in 2000. Andrew, a boy of Cuban ancestry and raised in New York is now home in Maryland. He recently admitted to a group of friends, "I am a very lucky man".

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# **Meadow Mill Athletic Club's Collegiate Squash Series:**

## **Next NCAA College Match - with BIDS 2008**

### **Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **NAVY vs. Franklin and Marshall**

As part of Meadow Mill Athletic Club's ongoing Collegiate Squash Series, the varsity squash teams from **Navy and Franklin & Marshall** will play a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) match at Meadow Mill Athletic Club on **Saturday, February 9, at 1 p.m.** Afterwards, Navy's JV team—five men and five women—will play against Meadow Mill Athletic Club members. Navy has five women playing JV squash this year and plans to add a Navy women's collegiate team for the 2008-2009 squash season. F & M's coach is John White, former #1 squash player in the world.

**At 12:00 Noon on Saturday, February 9, there will be an exhibition between Meadow Mill Athletic Club's pro, Wade Johnstone, and former World #1 player, John White.**

**BIDS Matches will be on-going throughout the day and all BIDS Players, Patrons and Guests are invited to watch the NAVY – Franklin and Marshall NCAA Match and especially the Wade Johnstone vs John White exhibition at 12:00 noon.**

#### The Meadow Mill College Program

The varsity squash team from George Washington University—currently ranked #20 in collegiate squash—arrived at Meadow Mill Athletic Club on Wednesday, January 9, 2007 to match their skills against highly ranked Meadow Mill members. The following Meadow Mill members played: Saj Niazi, Simon Best, Kelly Dayton, Coleman Devlin, Riaz Arshad, Zach Thornton. Sukon, Foster Hoff, Jeff Goldsmith, Shan, Ali Fadl, and Paul Swanson. After a fast-paced and exciting night of squash, the final score was MMAC 8, GWU 4.

Wendy Lawrence, the men's coach at GWU, gave a thirty-minute presentation to parents and Junior players seeking information about college squash. Wendy discussed the college squash experience, the commitment level needed to succeed, how to go about talking to college coaches, and how to pursue getting on a college team. She advised parents of interested college-bound high school players to "ascertain that the college squash team is at least at the club level if it's not a varsity sport.

"Wendy advised the students not to pick a college based solely on the squash team. "Make sure you're going to a school that you really like anyway, in case you don't make the squash team or in case you get injured and can't play on the team."

The GWU squash team remained at MMAC after match play ended and enjoyed dinner provided by MMAC. Parents and kids had time to talk to members of the team to get additional information and to swap anecdotes. As the evening's activities wound down, the GWU team took advantage of having access to doubles courts and continued to play squash.

In October of 2007, the Dartmouth varsity squash team stopped by to play at Meadow Mill on its way to a match in Annapolis. Libby Brown, a former Meadow Mill Junior player, plays on the Dartmouth women's varsity team. The Brown family had the Dartmouth team over for dinner after Dartmouth played matches against MMAC members and interacted with Junior players.

The Collegiate Squash Series came about through the efforts of MMAC's Head Squash Pro Peter Heffernan. The Series is a wonderful experience for MMAC members who get to play against college teams and a good opportunity for Junior squash players. Peter runs over twenty Junior Squash

Programs at MMAC—comprised of over 500 kids—and is determined to provide Junior players continued opportunities to watch collegiate-level play and to interact with college squash players.

Peter adds, “The Collegiate Squash Series allows Meadow Mill’s Juniors to see first-hand the level of competition in college squash”. MMAC proprietor Nancy Cushman said, “Peter wants to create an awareness of squash as a great avenue for kids. Squash is a good addition to any college application, especially for girls because the number of girls who play is lower than the number of boys”. Even though most Juniors might not get to play on a top-level team at Harvard or Yale, any Junior player, interested in playing squash in college, can find the right fit.”

By Peter Heffernan, MMAC Program Director

On January 24, 2008, the newest group of Baltimore City students joins MMAC’s Urban Outreach Program. Twenty-four students from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Poly) will receive coaching from Poly’s Anne-Claire Tejal and MMAC squash pros on Fridays at MMAC. The Poly program will continue through spring 2008. Of the twenty-four students from Poly, five are graduates of the KIPP/Carrera Program at MMAC.

In its fifteen years of operation, MMAC has remained focused on promoting and introducing squash and fitness to kids through weekend clinics, summer camps, and after-school instruction. Alongside the adult members—who participate in free squash clinics and MMAC’s in-house, local, and national adult tournaments—over 500 local kids play squash and the numbers keep increasing. The Junior Squash Program players compete in national and local tournaments, and several of MMAC’s Junior players have earned national squash rankings. Adult and Junior squash players tend to fall in love with the game because it’s fun, it’s intense, it’s a great workout, and it requires intellectual development in terms of strategy. The more squash they play, practice, and learn, the better they get and the more they enjoy getting on the court to test their growing skills against new partners. Many MMAC Junior players grow up to play squash on teams at the collegiate level.

The Meadow Mill Athletic Club Foundation’s Urban Outreach Program fosters a high level of physical fitness, concentration, and patience. The program provides individual attention for students from squash professionals, nutritionists, and fitness trainers. Many Baltimore City public schools have no facilities or funding for team sports or athletic programs for their students. The goals of the Foundation’s Urban Outreach Program are as follows: to provide physical activity; to encourage students to appreciate and enjoy physical activity; to provide information, discussions, and counseling on nutrition; to insist on good sportsmanship; to teach students to take responsibility for their actions; and to boost self-confidence.

Meadow Mill Athletic Club will be the host facility for Baltimore SquashWise (BSW) beginning September 2008. BSW is a not-for-profit after-school youth enrichment program serving urban middle school students in Baltimore City. This program combines squash instruction, academic tutoring and community service to empower under-served youths to excel academically, athletically and in life.





## **Meadow Mill Athletic Club Foundation's Urban Outreach Program**

In 2007, Meadow Mill Athletic Club's owner Nancy Cushman created a non-profit tax-exempt foundation—501 (c)(3)—to fund, sustain, and expand Meadow Mill Athletic Club's (MMAC) Urban Outreach Program. Ms. Cushman and Head Squash Pro Peter Heffernan developed squash and fitness programs for urban youth and continue to extend MMAC's urban outreach. The mission of the Foundation is to provide introductory squash programs, physical fitness, cardio activities, and nutrition counseling to participating Baltimore City students.

Since opening its doors at 6 a.m. on November 2, 1992, Meadow Mill Athletic Club's squash pros have promoted and developed squash programs for kids. Mr. Heffernan has dedicated himself to building MMAC's Junior Squash Program with remarkable success. Currently, junior varsity and varsity squash teams from twelve area private schools receive coaching, compete against other school teams, and play in local and national tournaments on MMAC's sixteen squash courts. In total, MMAC runs twenty programs with boys and girls at the middle school, JV, and Varsity levels. Towards the end of 2007, the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) added squash as an official boys' varsity sport for the first time. All MIAA matches, team championships, and individual championships are played at MMAC.

In January, 2007, initiating the Urban Outreach Program to provide squash exposure and physical fitness to Baltimore City public school students, Ms. Cushman and Mr. Heffernan began squash instruction for the fifth graders (approximately 100 boys and girls) from the KIPP Ujima Village Academy, a Baltimore City charter school. The Meadow Mill Athletic Club,

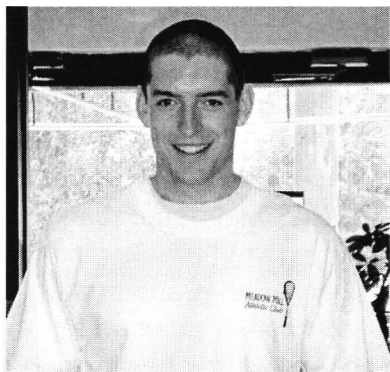
the Children's Aid Society (CAS), and KIPP joined together to turn ideas into physical fitness and gained squash skills for Baltimore City youth.

The successful KIPP/CAS/MMAC collaboration continued to expand in fall 2007. Starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, eighty sixth-grade students began an eight-week squash program for an hour every morning. An Awards Assembly on November 15 recognized individual achievements. After the sixth-grade session concluded, one hundred and twenty-eight fifth graders followed in a course of instruction that ran from November 26 through December 14 and January 7 through January 15, 2008.

At the outset of the Urban Outreach program, Ms. Cushman and Mr. Heffernan hoped that out of the introductory sessions interested young players would continue to pursue squash through the club's other programs and free clinics and eventually compete in local and national tournaments.

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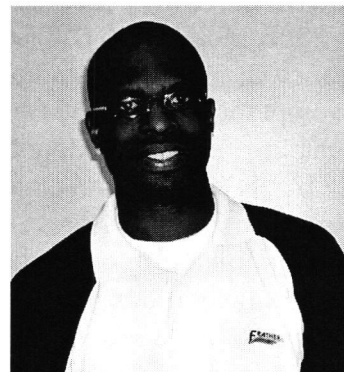
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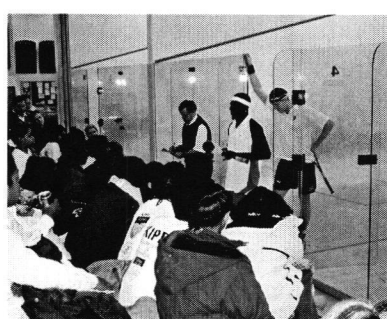
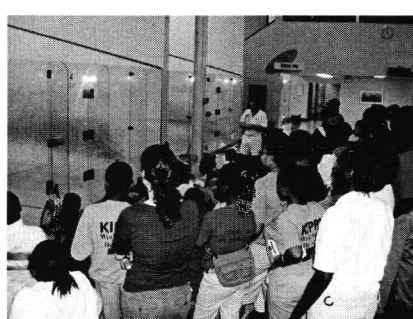
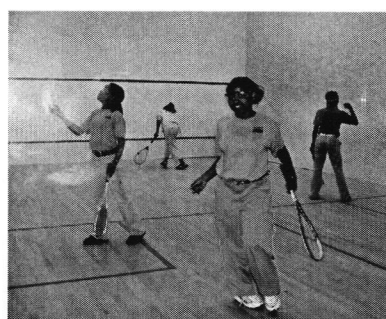
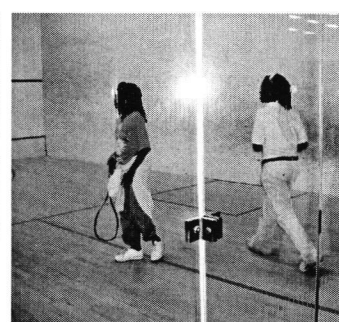
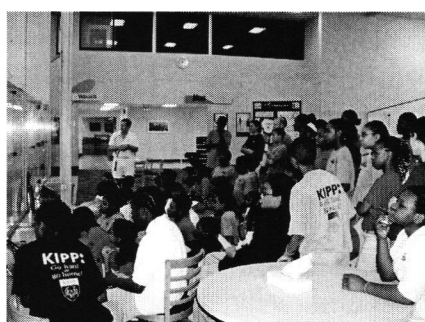
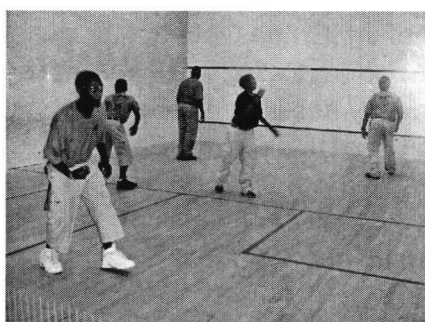


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## Urban Outreach Program



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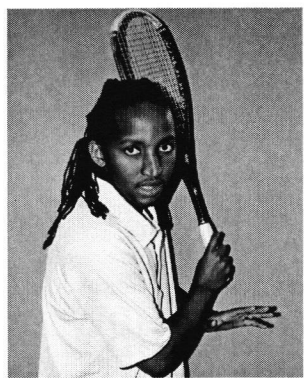
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Since arriving in Baltimore 6 years ago, Lefika Ragontse has made a name for himself in the Squash Community locally, nationally and internationally. He started his career in Baltimore as the Head Squash Professional at Baltimore Country Club. He founded the Squash Program at Merritt Athletic Club-Bare Hills in 2006 where he is Squash Director.

Prior to coming to Baltimore Lefika was a four-time NCAA Champion, a United States under 25 Champion, a Botswana National Champion, a Namibian Open Champion, and a Zimbabwean Open Champion. Lefika served as the captain of the Botswana National Team and the Trinity College Team. Lefika is the former Director of Nike Squash Camps, Greenwich Academy Camps, and is currently Director of US-Squash Camps, which runs camps both nationally and internationally at locations such as:

Trinity College in Hartford Connecticut, England and Mexico.

Lefika's goal is to grow and develop the strongest squash program in the country. Although he has only been in Baltimore for a short period of time, he has made an impact in the development of Junior Squash. "Squash", says Lefika, "is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Because squash is so new and upcoming, it is still possible to get into college with the help of squash. It has been a privilege to have coached and continue to coach one United States National Champion and over five top-ten nationally ranked players".

Lefika has also coached players applying to some of the top collegiate programs in the nation (including Princeton, Yale, Trinity, Penn, Cornell, Bates, Tufts, Dartmouth, Denison, Amherst - are examples). The Bare Hills' program is structured in such a way that anyone who wants to play can enter at any level. In its first year of existence, Merritt Athletic Club at Bare Hills has grown to over 300 members.

## JUNIOR SQUASH IN MARYLAND



Maryland Junior Squash is thriving, in terms of both the quality and quantity of juniors playing. More than 30 juniors based in Maryland are currently nationally ranked. These include:

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Bryan Keating  
David Hoffman  
Michael Mutscheller  
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William Hanley

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Katie Tutrone  
Jacqueline Barnes  
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Caroline East  
Ashley Suan  
Casey Wong  
Kira Keating

Many of these juniors are truly excelling and putting Maryland on the national squash map. Katie Tutrone is the current U13 national champion, a title she captured in thrilling fashion in March 2007 at Meadow Mill. As well as Katie, Taylor Tutrone, Caroline East and Michael East are all ranked in the top 5 for their age group and represented America in the Pan-Am games held in Canada last September.

On top of the juniors competing in national tournaments, there has been a real surge in interest in general at the youth level, as can be seen by junior activity levels at Baltimore Country Club, Merritt Athletic Club in Bare Hills and Meadow Mill. More than 500 middle and high school players participate in various programs at Meadow Mill alone, and this year the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association introduced a boys squash league for the first time.

Given all of these factors, and if these young players are the future of the game, Maryland Squash should show vitality for years to come.

Ben Garner  
Director of Squash  
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## The Littlest Champion

A squash racquet is 27 inches long. Katie Tutrone is 54 inches tall, the length of two racquets. She weighs 65 lbs. Her squash shoes are covered with personalized art. She loves clothes and costume jewelry. When playing, Katie's dark brown hair is tied into a bouncy ponytail. She likes it dark because her dad is of Italian heritage. It just seems more glamorous to have her hair dark Italian brown. If she is near a court, she is in the court; and if she is in a court, Katie is smiling.

A month ago Katie and her family traveled to England to play in the British Junior Open. Recently turning 13, she had to play in the 15 and under division, the youngest player in a strong new class. Katie lost but in losing she never complained, never stopped smiling; left the spectators amazed. Katie's day in the fifteen and under will come.

But last year, here in Baltimore, at the US Junior Championships, the tiniest player in the draw achieved one of the tournament's biggest victories. Katie won the United States under 13 National Championship. She defeated the top two seeds, which included a three game victory over Claudia Regio from Washington State, No. 1 in the US.

Since the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association was founded in 1907, there has been only one individual able to claim a US National Singles Title. In 1985, Gene O'Connor, a member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, won the US National Seniors Softball Championship.

Now, Gene shares this notable distinction from all the players through all the years with a scrappy, cheerful, wisp of a girl named Katie, the 2007 "under 13" reigning US National Champion.



Is there anybody out there worthy of the coveted...

## Southey Miles Award

Whatever happened to the glory found in the quest of poor deportment, the enthusiasm for a fifth martini chased with a whiskey sour, simple pleasure of swallowing goldfish or eating from someone else's plate, the joy of public nudity? Where in heaven's name are the spirited juices among BIDS players, patrons or guests to carry on the legacy of the late, often missing in action, Southey Miles. By the end of the 1950's and throughout the 1960's, Southey wasn't just a poor performer, he was a god. Since 1989, no one has lived up the qualifications of shameless behavior that in some years brought more national notoriety than winning the tournament itself. The trophy that was posthumously given his name in 1973 is unclaimed for 19 years. Oh what we would give, to have Southey back!

It was in the 1960's that Southey's want of etiquette rose to an art form. During the 1960 BIDS finals, which Southey was refereeing, it seemed to everyone that he was under considerable stress, a consequence of an unfortunate string of very bad calls and inability to remember the players' names, much less the score. Between the fourth and fifth games, Southey told the right wall judge that he was going to retrieve another double gin martini, his favorite libation. This he declared, as he headed up the gallery steps, would steady his nerves for the play to come. No one saw him again for five days. When questioned as to his whereabouts, Southey swore he never left the building.

In 1961, he won again eking out an inebriated player from Montreal who required five stitches in his lip after trying to eat a piece of cheese off a mousetrap. No one is certain if it was for performing a handstand on a plate of food or setting the curtains on fire at the Saturday night dinner dance that ultimately secured his victory. "Either way", said Southey, "I'm just as honored".

In 1962, Southey walked away unchallenged after receiving a nasty spider

bite while mistaking a giant flower arrangement in the foyer for a urinal. He managed to get back from the hospital early enough to make the Sunday pre-finals brunch but missed the matches when he accidentally zipped himself into his fly and had to be rushed back to the emergency room.

1963 was easy; Southey drove to the wrong club, crashed a wedding, fell into the wedding cake and proposed to the bride's mother.

Try as he might, the Cup eluded him the next four years. He passed out, played a match in the nude, claimed he was captured by Martians, broke plates, fell down steps, danced with a live snake in his pants and kicked off the 1965 National Tournament, which replaced the BIDS that year, by singing the National Anthem with a mouth full of Melba Toast. All to no avail, the competition for the Cup during '64, '65, '66 and '67 was too strong. Southey was crushed.

It wouldn't happen again. Amplified consumption, according to Southey, was the key. That summer, secluded on a friend's horse farm in Howard County, he underwent months of intense training. Southey noticed that the treatment for a horse with an upset stomach was a massive dose of mineral oil to lubricate the animal's intestinal track. Reasoning, "what works for a horse would work for him"; Southey deduced that a gut full of oil might be just the trick to triple his alcohol intake before passing out. During one test run, he was able to drink a liter of gin before failing to remember his name. His friends were impressed.

By the 1968 BIDS, Southey had, at least he thought he had, perfected the technique.

It began innocently enough at the Friday night reception when Southey accidentally dropped his pocket watch into the oyster



stew. While fishing it out he consumed twelve pints of Cherrie. On Saturday afternoon, during the pre-dinner semi-finals match, reaching to retrieve an olive that had spilled out of his glass, he leaned a bit too far over the gallery railing. He could have tumbled into the court but landed instead on the left wall judge who broke his fall and quite likely saved Southey's life. After the judge was carried off, Southey bought a round of drinks for everyone in the gallery then took over left wall duties, commenting it was a good thing he happened by or the match might have ended poorly.

Later that night at the dinner/dance, Southey, still alert, began to believe that a liberal internal oiling had made him invincible. By then two days of unrelenting oil, alcohol and victuals, stirred by maladroitness dancing with every lady in the hall, had fused the contents within to a state of latent meltdown. Southey was a walking, if not wobbling, time bomb.

It happened at precisely 11:06 p.m. Southey, bending over in a unfathomable bow after escorting a dance partner back to her seat, struck his head on the top of the table simultaneously losing all bodily jurisdiction. He unleashed a gastrointestinal explosion that sent the unsuspecting multitude screaming from the building. One witness recalled a yellow mushroom cloud engulfing the entire lobby. "It had an absolutely dreadful effect on everyone's good-humor not much different, he thought, than that which would be expected from discharging a canister of World War One mustard gas". In some cases, the result was temporary blindness. The whole affair was so unnerving, remembered one guest, "the band stopped playing".

As for Southey, he didn't remember anything. The blast sent him careening across the buffet table and into the giant crossed racquet ice sculpture. Rendered comatose, he was lost in the ensuing bedlam. Pinpointed early the next morning, by the cleanup crew, Southey was whipping up a Bloody Mary, in what was left of the service bar, complaining that the club was out of Tabasco sauce. The tournament chairman recalls Southey saying, "Great Party" and wanting to know if he had enough time to shave and shower before brunch.

On that fateful day in 1973, unaware that Southey had passed, his three lunchtime comrades showed up at the doubles court, at the usual time. Three lonesome martinis, placed as usual by a

club waiter at the entrance to the court, stood in a row, untouched - little crystal monuments symbolizing thirty years of not so well played matches. Southey would customarily knock back one after each of the first three games achieving upon the digestion of the third what he referred to "as the nirvana of his natural adroitness".

Word spreads quickly when a king meets his maker and thus it was that within minutes, everyone present understood the metaphor. His three court companions, out of interminable respect as well as the knowledge the martinis were already charged to Southey's account, refused to let sixteen perfectly good ounces of "Tanqueray" rise above 62 degrees Fahrenheit. They gathered everyone together for a final toast. Then and there, it was decided that the great trophy Southey had pursued like the Holy Grail should henceforth and forever bear his name. They raised their glasses in tribute: "Now", declared a pal, "he belongs to the ages".



*Sometimes it's hard to please your partner.*

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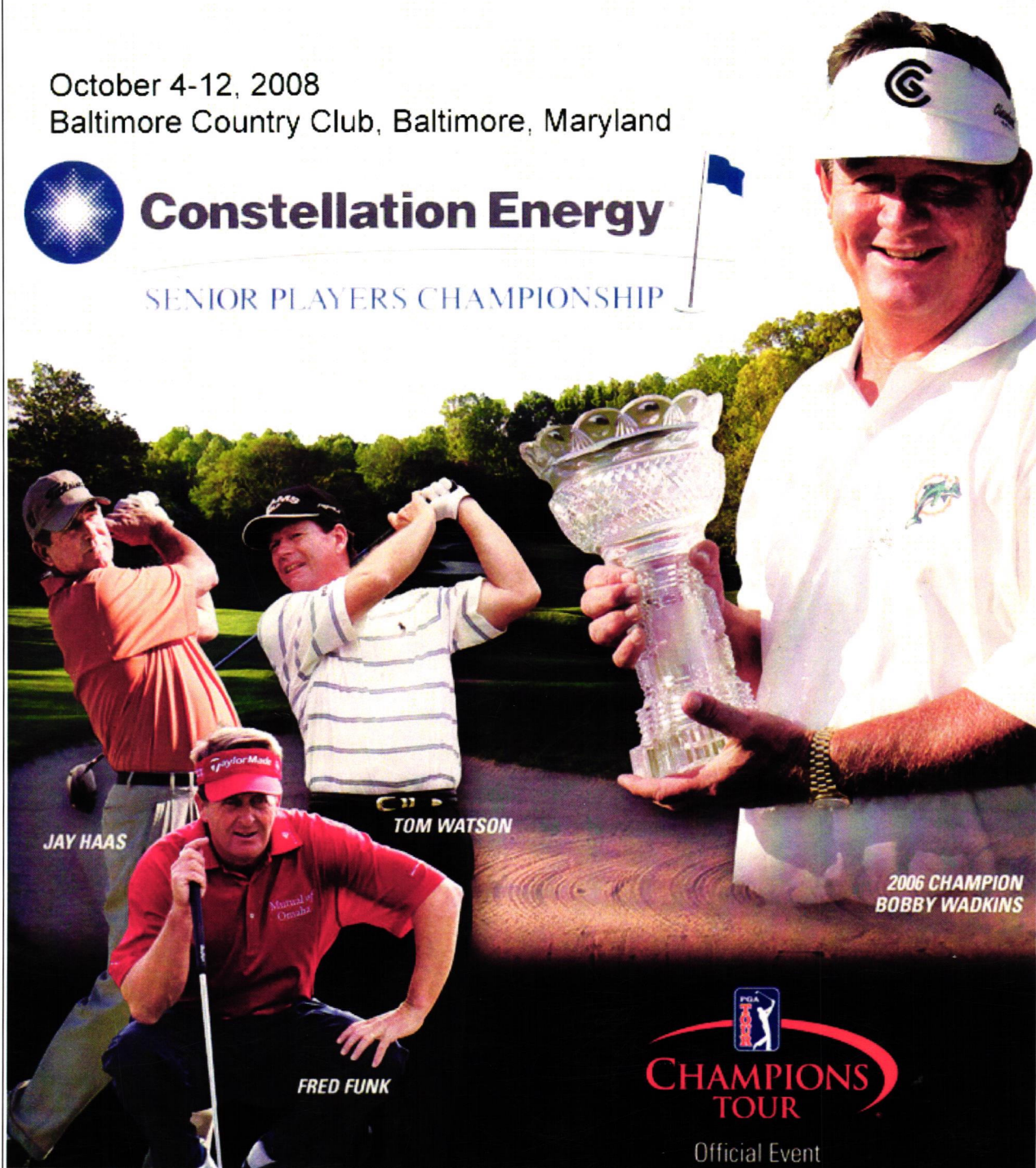
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