Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame



2011 Inductees

Dave Bennett Andrew Cordova Narelle Krizek

The Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame



William H. G. FitzGerald * First Honorary Member

1998

Eugene F. X. O'Connor George L. Doetsch James J. Lacy, Jr. Joseph J. Lacy William Lamble Alexander B. Martin Tommy Schweizer

1999

Nancy Cushman

2001

G. Diehl Mateer, Jr. *
Thomas M. Poor *
Michael J. Pierce *
Morris W. Clothier *

2003

Douglas C. Rice

2005

Raja Riaz Arshad Jervis S. Finney Alva P. Weaver III T. James Hense, Jr.

2007

Patrick A.M. Miller

2008

Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, Jr. Geoffrey Ewing Kennedy

* Honorary Member

Table of Contents

President's Letter2
FitzGerald Cup Story3
Hall of Fame History4
Inductees:
Dave Bennett6
Andrew Cordova8
Narelle Tippett Krizek10
Baltimore Country Club12
Meadow Mill Athletic Club
Maryland Squash14
2011 Hall of Fame Sponsors15
Junior National Champions16

MSSRA

Board of Directors

John Voneiff Robert S. Travers Stewart T. Shettle Bob Everd Andrew J. Cordova

Officers

President – Andrew J. Cordova 1st Vice President – Peter Heffernan 2st Vice President – John Voneiff Treasurer – Bob Everd Secretary – Nancy Cushman

Hall of Fame Committee Members

Chairman – Robert S. Travers Steward of Record – John Voneiff MSSRA Board Liason – Bob Everd



April 16, 2011

Dear fellow squash enthusiasts,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new President of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association (MSSRA) and thank the Board of Directors for their confidence in me by electing me to this position last fall.

This year marks my seventeenth squash season in Maryland as both a player and a professional. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of participating in all of the MSSRA-sponsored events. I take immense pride in the quality of our organization and am honored to have been entrusted with helping to shape its future.

We are making a number of changes at the MSSRA. Earlier this year, I expanded the number of board and committee members to include several local business and teaching professionals. Each new member brings a unique and fresh perspective to the organization. Now the board's diversity more closely mirrors that of our membership.

With this strong leadership in place, we are now focused on making substantive changes to our annual membership package with the goal of providing the best experience for our members. We have enhanced our membership benefits to include complimentary entries into the State Singles, Doubles, and High School Championships, along with singles and doubles refereeing clinics. In addition, members will be eligible for new MSSRA-sponsored awards and scholarships. Further, to encourage growth in the sport, the MSSRA will also support local grass roots programs.

Perhaps the most exciting change thus far is the launch of the new US Squash Singles league, which will be hosted by Baltimore clubs this spring. The Singles league will also be offered in the fall and a US Squash Doubles league will follow later this winter. It is our hope that these leagues will not only increase the quality of play for our members but the camaraderie as well. As an added incentive, the very best teams within their divisions will have the opportunity to represent the MSSRA in national tournaments.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the MSSRA. I hope you share my enthusiasm for the future of Maryland squash and encourage you to check with your local club for upcoming MSSRA programs, events and communications. If you are not already a member, I invite you to join our organization and experience the value that our membership offers.

Regards,

Andrew J. Cordova

President

Maryland State Squash Racquets Association

FitzGerald Cup

This will be the 63rd year for the playing of the FitzGerald Cup, (Washington is up 44 to 18).

The FitzGerald Cup was created by Ambassador William H. FitzGerald as a competition between the Maryland Club of Baltimore and the University Club of Washington, D.C. The FitzGerald Cup is the oldest continually played squash competition in the United States. Today, the FitzGerald Cup has become a major competition between the very best players from both cities. Every MSSRA Hall of Fame member, state champion and club champion has participated on the team. The team consists of a captain and co-captain, who may not play, plus the best thirteen players from each city playing in seven open and six age categories. The FitzGerald Cup has been a very positive influence on squash throughout six decades and instrumental in the development of junior squash programs in Maryland.

In fact, junior squash programs in Maryland have their roots tied to the FitzGerald Cup. It started about ten years ago when Glenn Canner and Bob Travers (captains) agreed to raise money for the creation of a junior endowment. They raised \$8,000 as seed money which was matched by Ambassador FitzGerald. This money led to the creation of the High School Championships in Baltimore and many other programs in the District of Columbia. Bob and Glenn additionally added a FitzGerald Cup Junior Team. From those early years, junior squash in Maryland and Washington, D.C. has seen the development of great young players like: Colin Campbell, Jake Himmelrich, Katie Tutrone, Taylor Tutrone, and Michael, Caroline and Charlie East - to mention a few. Some have gone on to colleges like Yale, Princeton and Brown University. It has been especially rewarding to see juniors make the open FitzGerald Team slots this year.

Ambassador FitzGerald tried to instill in every player honorable values. His acronym was (HIPCS): Honesty, Integrity, and Performance to the highest levels in every aspect of ones life, Commitment to one's goals and Service to ones community.

The Ambassador led by example: He graduated from the Naval Academy with a specialty in Submarine School and then graduated from Harvard Law. He was an Ambassador to Ireland and financially successful. The Ambassador created the FitzGerald Cup, funded the first MSSRA Junior Endowment fund, which led to the Junior High School Championships in Maryland. He was the first MSSRA Hall Of Fame inductee. Ambassador FitzGerald was member of the United States Jesters Club, a national organization made up of those dedicated to the welfare and advancement of squash. He funded the FitzGerald Tennis Center in Washington, D.C. and the first large scale tennis program to benefit at-risk inner city children in the United States.

With the death of Ambassador FitzGerald in 2005, all involved in the FitzGerald Cup squash family look forward to carrying on his tournament in his name to support squash, sportsmanship, friendship and junior squash.

Bob Travers and Colin Campbell, Co-Captains FitzGerald Cup Baltimore Team



MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME

Squash remains a great amateur sport. Over the years Maryland has had its share of champions. In 1997, John Voneiff, Bob Travers and Bob Everd, representing the Board and Officers of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association and its membership, 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 50th FitzGerald Cup Matches, a tournament Ambassador FitzGerald founded in 1948 to recognize exceptional playing ability and good sportsmanship between the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore Squash Communities.

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

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

On May 1st, 1999, Nancy Cushman, founder of Meadow Mill Athletic Club and nationally ranked champion, was the eighth individual and first woman 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 Baltimore Invitational Tournament and competed in Maryland ten or more times. These four Hall of Fame honorariums were presented at the BIDS Dinner Dance to: G. Diehl Mateer, Jr., Thomas M. Poor, Michael J. Pierce and Morris W. Clothier.

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

On January 8th, 2005, on the occasion of the 57th FitzGerald Cup Matches and at a special Dinner reception held in their honor at the Maryland Club, four individuals became the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th state and national champions elected to the Maryland State Hall of Fame. These notable players are Raja Riaz Arshad, Jervis S. Finney, T. James Hense, Jr. and Alva P. Weaver III.

On February 10th, 2007, Patrick A.M. Miller was the 14th champion inducted into the Hall of Fame. The certificate of election was presented at the Baltimore Invitational Dinner/Dance held in his honor that year.

Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, Jr. and Geoffrey Ewing Kennedy receive their certificates on February 9th, 2008 also at the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Dinner/Dance to become the 15th and 16th inductees respectively. Joe would win his second consecutive national 60's championship with his partner Sandy Martin one month later.

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 United States Squash rankings, individually or as a doubles team member. Two have received world rankings as playing members of professional tours.

Over the one hundred four year history of Maryland State Squash, there have been fifteen national champions: Gene O' Connor, the late Tommy Schweizer, the late Bill Lamble, the late George Doetsch, Sandy Martin, A.C. Hubbard, Al Weaver, Jervis Finney, Joe Fitzpatrick, Doug Rice, Patrice Cromwell, Lissen Tutrone, Dave Bennett, Dave Rosen and Narelle Krizek. Jerve Finney, Sandy Martin, Tommy Schweizer, Al Weaver, Doug Rice and Naralle Krizek won both the US and Canadian Nationals becoming undisputed North American Champions. Gene O'Connor won national championships in both hardball and softball singles. Joe Fitzpatrick and Sandy Martin won the national 60's in both 2007 and 2008, the later: 5-4 overtime in the fifth in Philadelphia.

Class of 2011: Within the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, Andrew Cordova has achieved the highest world doubles professional ranking; Dave Bennett has attained the highest national open singles ranking; Narelle Krizek is the first open national champion in Maryland State Squash history and has achieved the highest national and world ranking in both singles and doubles.

The Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame was founded in 1998 by and is administered through the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association through the Hall of Fame Committee. Members are: Robert S. Travers, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee; John Voneiff, Steward of Record and Bob Everd, MSSRA Board Liaison. All three Hall of Fame committee members were MSSRA Presidents. As of April 16, 2011, the Maryland State Hall of Fame Committee has recorded and the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association recognizes nineteen Maryland State Squash Champions and five Honorariums – named herein – as Members of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACOUETS ASSOCIATION

AND ITS MEMBERSHIP

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME GREETINGS BE IT KNOWN THAT

David C. Bennett

IS ELECTED TO THE

MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME

THIS, 16TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2011

BOR DVERD MISSRA, BRIAKED OF GOVERNORS

FOREST S. TRAVERS CHARMAN ELECTION COMMUTATE SOUND HALL OF PART

Dave Bennett



In 1980, a fifteen year old boy from Cardiff, the capital of South Wales, was good enough to earn a position on the Cardiff Youth Rugby Team. His name was Dave Bennett. It was no small achievement; of the hundreds who tried out for the team, only twenty were chosen. Dave's father had been a great rugby player and it was from his father that Dave inherited the desire to play rugby and learned the fundamental skills of the game. But from birth, natural athletic talent and the insatiable will to win would drive him to excel in rugby and each new sport he undertook. In 2001, Dave became the best soft ball squash player in Maryland; by 2004, he was recognized as one of the top amateurs in the United States. Junior rugby star from South Wales to the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame has been an unanticipated journey for Dave Bennett.

Name, if you can, a world class basketball standout from South Wales? The answer is, of course, Dave Bennett. It was the sport that brought him to the United States. While a student at Arch Bishop Mostyn High School in Cardiff, Dave met Jerry Clearharding, a young student teacher from America. Clearharding, as part of his teaching responsibilities, introduced basketball to the boys at Arch Bishop Mostyn High School. It was a ten week crash course but Dave excelled. At the age of fifteen, while still playing rugby, he turned into the star point guard on the Cardiff Central basketball team. Dave picked up the intricacies of basketball as rapidly as he developed an aptitude to play Rugby at a high level. Thirteen years later, Dave would discover squash; and just as quickly, become a skilled player.

Advancing in basketball, Dave won a position on the Solent Stars, a regional championship semi-professional team playing out of Southampton and at the ripe old age of seventeen, Dave was recruited to be a member of the Welsh Senior Men's European Team. He was the youngest guard on the team. Another player on the Solent Stars was an American named David Hoppler.

A few years later, Hoppler, back in the United States, recommended Dave to Joel Bailey. Bailey was the basketball coach at Dundalk Community College. Hoppler had never forgotten the talented young player he met in South Wales. Bailey found it difficult to believe that someone so young and with such limited experience could be so good. Bailey wanted to see for himself and invited Dave to come to the United States. Dave wrote, "I was ready for a challenge and willing to gamble on a new experience in America.". So in 1983, Dave packed his bags and came to Baltimore.

Dave won a place on Joel Bailey's team and eventually graduated from Dundalk Community College. He signed up for night school at Johns Hopkins University and began looking for a day job. He worked in the steel industry and at an electronics distribution company before landing a sales position at Colliflower, Inc., a local company that sold hydraulic products. A few years later, Joe Fitzpatrick joined the sales force at Colliflower. Joe and Dave became fast friends and in 1991, Joe, by chance, introduced Dave to squash. They played at the Baltimore Country Club where Joe was a member and standout player. Joe would go on to be a state and national champion in his own right and is now a member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. But back in 1991, Joe was just teaching a friend to play squash and together, having a little fun. They played at lunch and in the afternoons. At first, Joe said, "like all new players, Dave wasn't very good". Within months, however, Dave became a squash player to reckon with. Within a year, Dave beat Joe in singles. Joe was astonished how fast Dave learned the game.

Squash was Dave's first non-team game. "I loved it...no excuses...win or lose on one's own ability"; and Dave did practice and play and compete, every chance he got. He was 28 years old and compared to other successful softball singles players, his was a very late start.

In 1993, Dave joined Meadow Mill Athletic Club and squash became a passion. He became the best player at Meadow Mill.

In 1996, Dave had only been playing squash five years when he made the trip to New York City to play in the Hyden Trophy, one of the oldest and most prestigious international soft ball tournaments in the United States. It was a chance to test his game against the best players in the country. No one was more surprised than Dave when he won the open championship. "It was my first big breakthrough", he said. "I was inspired to get better." He played in the Philadelphia Premier League, won the Liberty Bell Open and the Baltimore City open seven years in a row.

Between 1995 and 2008, Dave dominated singles squash in Maryland. He won the Maryland State Singles Championship six times. In 2005, Dave went to Boston to compete in the United States Squash Championships. He came away Champion of the U.S. National (5.0) Division making him the most accomplished non-professional men's singles player in Maryland and one of the very best nationally. In 2007, Dave won both the Maryland State Open Championship and the Maryland State 40+ Championship in the same weekend. He is the only player to do it.

Dave, still an outstanding singles player and very good doubles player, now competes more for fun and exercise than for championships. Eight years ago, he started his own sales company and focused on making a living rather than winning tournaments. He has become an extraordinarily good golfer and plays as much golf as squash.

Dave wrote, "It has been an honor for me to have been able to represent my home country on two national teams in two different sports." He is one of the few athletes in the world who has achieved this distinction playing for Wales in both basketball and squash. In fact, he played in the United Kingdom Home Internationals +35 division twice, the second time when he was 40 years old. But as a softball singles player from Baltimore, no other Maryland State or National Champion ever started the game as late in life and then achieved so much in such a short period of time as Dave Bennett.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE

MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION

AND ITS MEMBERSHIP

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME GREETINGS BE IT KNOWN THAT

Andrew Joseph Cordova

IS ELECTED TO THE

MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: HIS ELECTION HAS BEEN DULY SUBSCHIED AT ENLINGER, MARYLAND BY THE OPPICIES AND MEMBERSHEP OF THE MARYLAND STATE SQUASE ENCOGERS ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF HIS RIGH ACHIEVASHIFT IN THE GAME OF SQUASE ENCOGERS ARE REPORTED AND ASSOCIATION OF HIS RIGHT SQUASE REQUESTS ASSOCIATION OF HIS RECOGNITION OF HIS REPORT ASSOCIATION PROSECULAR TWO TIME BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPION. TWO TIME BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPION TWO TIME BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES OFEN CHAMPION, AND THESE TIME BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL DOUBLES OFEN CHAMPION, FIGHT THRESHAMFILAND STORE HALL DOUBLES OFEN CHAMPION, EIGHT THRESHAMFILAND STORE THRESHAMFILAND STORE HALL DOUBLES OFEN CHAMPION INCIDENCE OFFICE THRESHAMFILAND STORE THRESHAMFI

THIS, 16TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2011



DOB EYERD MISSEA, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ROBERT S. TRAVERS CHARMAN, BURCTEIN COMMITTEE JOHN VONEEF STEWNED, HALL OF DAME

Andrew Cordova



If the 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 real king, producing players the likes of Michael Chang, Jim Currier 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 Chisholm, former college team member and Baltimore Country Club Racquets Director, looking for an assistant squash professional, 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, with help from his father who also substituted as driver, packed his belongings into a huge truck and towing his little Honda behind made the drive to Baltimore 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". So, when the Maryland Club needed an experienced professional to run its nationally renowned squash program in 2000, he was offered the job. With the same enthusiasm and work ethic and with the sanction and best wishes of the Baltimore Country Club, Andrew stepped in and took over. He was, at last and is today, a "Squash Pro" at one of the finest and historic clubs in the United States.

This could be the end of the story but since 2000,
Andrew has not only made the Maryland Club program
his own, he has become a standout player - a state champion
winning with three different partners, playing on both left and
right walls, a singular accomplishment in Maryland State Squash. In
addition, he is the only player in Maryland State Squash history to have
won three or more state championships with two different partners. He has
also achieved the ranking of 18 among world doubles professionals. He has fostered
and managed the Maryland Club's annual \$25,000 ISDA pro-am tournament that brings the best doubles
squash in the world to Baltimore. Andrew has run every state doubles championship since 1999, been a key
member of the Baltimore Invitational Doubles Committee and served as member of the 2010 United States
Squash National Doubles Executive Committee. Andrew was recently elected President of the Maryland State
Squash Racquets Association by its Board of Governors. He has plans to expand the MSSRA and bring League
Singles and Doubles play to Maryland. He is a member of the US Squash Doubles Committee.

Andrew has rightly become a nationally respected principal of the game. Because of his steadfast service to the game of Squash Racquets that transcends his job as Maryland Club Professional, Andrew has been nominated to be a member of the United States Jesters Club, an association of individuals dedicated to the advancement of squash worldwide.

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 1999. Andrew, a boy of Cuban ancestry who was raised in New York is now home in Maryland. He recently admitted to a group of friends, "I am a very lucky man".

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION

AND ITS MEMBERSHIP

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME GREETINGS BE IT KNOWN THAT

Narelle Tippett Krizek

IS ELECTED TO THE

MARYLAND STATE SQUASH HALL OF FAME

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: HIS ELECTION HAS BEEN DULY SUBSCIEDED AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND BY THE OPPICERS AND IN WILNESS WEIGHERDE: HIS LIZETION HAS BEEN OLLY SUBSCIENT AS BATTMORE, MARYLAND BY THE OPPICES AND MEMBERSHED OF THE MARYLAND BATTME SQUARE RACQUETS ASSOCIATION OR RECOGNITION OF HER BIGH ACHIEVAND BY THE OPPICES AND OPEN CHARGE WITH FOR EXCEPT, AND WORLD WINNESS THAN CHARGED CONSIDERING WITH STEPHANE HEAVY. 200 WORLD MINES CHARGED CHARGES CHARGED WITH STEPHANE HEAVY. 200 WORLD MINES CHARGES CHARGED WITH STEPHANE HEAVY. 200 WORLD MINES CHARGES CHARGED WITH STEPHANE HEAVY. 200 WORLD MINES CHARGED CHARGES CHARGED WITH DAVID ROSEM, 2019—2011. COMPRICATIVE YEAR DATTED STATES INCHOOMAL OPEN DOUBLES CHARPION WITH SIDES PRESERVED — IS SALTIMOSE, MARTLAND
AT MEADOW SHELL ATTESTED CLUE AND IN CHECAGO, BLINDS RESEAUCTIVELY, ACTIONAL WORLD
RANKING OF (2) WHICH PROPESSIONAL TOUR, ACTION OF WORLD RANKING OF (1) WHICH PROPESSIONAL
DOUBLES TOUR; ACHEWED UNITED STATES WORLD'S CHARDOUT BE EXABLINED OF (1) WHOM UNITED

STATUS SOLIASH.



MISSEA, BOARD OF DOMERNORS

SIGNATURE S. TRAVERS CHARMAN, RESCTION COMMUTTERS

DOUBLY VONERF STEWARD BALL OF NAME

Narelle Tippett Krizek



When asked to write about her extraordinary accomplishments in squash and what it all means to her, Narelle wrote: "A friend once said to me, you will have many victories, however, when we are all 80 no one will remember the victories; we will only remember the friends we have made. I am extremely fortunate to not only have friends from squash, but also have my entire family due to playing this silly game some people think is a vegetable".

Being elected to the Maryland State Hall of Fame may in fact be counted as only one of the many honorariums earned precisely because of Narelle's great athletic ability and multitude of victories in squash singles and doubles. When she is eighty years old, her friends and family will fondly boast that their friend, aunt, mother and grandmother was one of the very best.

We Marylanders claim Narelle as one of our own. We do this because she was married here in 2002, lived here, had her first job here at the Baltimore Country Club with her husband Rob and together won back to back Maryland State Doubles Championships. Narelle is the only woman Maryland State Open doubles champion.

Baltimore..." is where I picked up doubles", wrote Narelle. "Rob and I would hit every other day, playing half court games and matches; it was like our date night. Then the tournaments started. We played in the BIDS and the Maryland State Doubles, winning them together. It was such a treat for me getting to play on a team with Rob. Sadly we left Baltimore, which to me, is my home town in America; Rob's entire family lives in MD as well as our closest friends..."

In truth, Narelle is a daughter of Australia. "I started playing squash at an extremely young age due to my

mum wanting a swimming pool. She went to work at local squash club and my sisters Natarsha and Nerrida and I would go along. I was around 4 yrs old when I picked up a racket. I first hit like playing hockey until I could hit the ball against the wall. People would laugh because I would fall asleep in one of the corners of a court.

We moved to another squash center that Mum and Dad would manage. We would play in leagues, women's and juniors. We were so fortunate to get to play against all people - always begging to play. As a family, we all played Field Hockey. Dad was our squash and field hockey coach; Mum was a representative player and it was a Saturday ritual to go to the park and play on our teams. We would first play our junior league squash match then head off to our hockey game. Those days are so fond in my memory, a pure passion to play and fortunate to have such great parents to take us everywhere. We were extremely lucky to have Dad as our coach. Who gets to spend so much time with their father, who they admire so much"!!

"At around 14 yrs of age I remember Mum and Dad finally buying a squash club as my sister Natarsha and I were now number 1 & 2 in Australia. We were obsessed with squash, playing every night of the week, Mon/ Wed was women's league, Tues/Thurs was men's league and Sat was junior league. On Friday's we had junior practice and on Sundays we would have men's practice... We still played hockey too but by the age of 17, Field Hockey had to take a back seat as we started traveling overseas to the British and Scottish Juniors as well as Malaysia for the World's. I was so lucky to have a sister who I looked up to; she played the World Junior's in Malaysia, winning the Team Worlds for Australia, which was my goal 2 years later."

It was one of the few squash goals Narelle would not achieve. The opportunity would be forsaken because of the death of her mother at the age of forty-seven after a three year battle with Breast cancer. "I was 18 years of age. Mum was such an important person in my life; so, I had a really hard time... thankfully, I had squash to take my mind off of it... at least... for an hour or two a day."

"I was fortunate enough to have such a great dad and family, and a famous mentor, Heather McKay, the greatest women's squash player in history, who helped me to achieve my goal of winning the World Teams Title in 1995. I started playing pro under the Australian Institute of Sport. I was privileged to travel around the world for 5 years reaching a career high of 23 in the World".

As with Andrew Cordova and Dave Bennett, unforeseen circumstance would bring Narelle to the United States; she came to replace her sister as a professional at the Merion Cricket Club. On an excursion to Hartford Connecticut to visit a friend, she ran into Rob Krizek at the club where he was the professional and her friend was competing. "I flew into town, walked down the stairs at Rob's club and could not believe my eyes. He was so cute." Narelle and her friend took Rob out for a night on the town to celebrate his birthday. The next day she was off to another tournament in Philadelphia, then New York then Germany but life was about to take a wonderful turn for Narelle and Rob. "I thought, wow," Narelle wrote, "he could be the one!"

Most of us in Baltimore know the rest of the story. Narelle and Rob were married here in 2002, worked together at the Baltimore Country Club, successfully played competitive squash together and individually. Rob and Narelle moved to Greenwich, Connecticut in the heart of US squash country to build a life and a family. On the way, Narelle won the World Doubles and Mixed Doubles with Stephanie Hewitt and Preston Quick and then the US Mixed Doubles twice with Paul Price and Dave Rosen. In 2007, Narelle founded the WSDA (Women's Doubles Squash Association) In 2010 Narelle returned to her adopted hometown and won the open division of the US National Doubles with Susie Pieerepont. This March, Narelle and Susie won the national championship again.

Narelle and Rob have two sons, Will and Blake; and through squash, Narelle has been able to raise money for Breast Cancer research." It has been", she wrote, "an opportunity to talk about my Mum and how much she meant to me and to my squash." Narelle's love of life, family and friends and her exceptional success in squash reflect, as much as anything else, her mother's devotion, sacrifice and love.

BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB

Squash at the Baltimore Country Club





The Baltimore Country Club has a long standing squash tradition extending over 100 years. The Club was originally founded in 1898 and located on 150 acres in Roland Park. In 1907, our first squash courts were built. In 1964, the Club opened a new squash facility, with two hardball singles courts and the first new doubles court built in Baltimore since 1925. Finally, in 1998, the squash facility went through its most recent renovation with the construction of two international singles courts replacing the hardball courts.

The Club has been host to many top squash tournaments, including the U.S. National Doubles Tournament in 1996 and most recently 2010, along with the Baltimore Cup, an annual professional squash tournament that draws many of the world's top singles players.

The Club's squash program continues to grow with the play of many new gentlemen, ladies and juniors. The Club is particularly proud of its renowned junior program, with over 100 players, of whom three are national champions and two others are ranked in the Top 10 nationally for their respective age groups.

The continued success of the Club's squash program is due in large part to the dedication and skill of its racquet department, manned by the following group of people:

Jay Bewley, Director of Racquets

Jay joined the Club as its Racquets Director in 2003. Jay has been in the racquets field for over 20 years and was the youngest member of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) to reach the Master Professional level. Jay performs countless roles for the Racquets Department, including his excellent instructional and management skills.

Patrick Bedore, Head Squash Professional

Patrick joined the Club in 2010 as its Head Squash Professional after a successful professional career on the singles tour. Patrick has already established himself to be an outstanding instructor, able to help players of all age groups and all skill levels.

Elizabeth Kangas, Director of Communications

Elizabeth has been with the Club for over 10 years. Elizabeth runs the day to day programming within the racquets department. Elizabeth's assistance and kindness to all the members is invaluable.

Meadow Mill Athletic Club

Nancy Cushman, President





In its eighteen years of operation, Meadow Mill Athletic Club has remained focused on promoting the game of squash racquets and dedicated to introducing squash and fitness to children and teenagers through clinics, individual lessons, and after school instruction. Meadow Mill has become the hub of junior and high school squash in Maryland. It is where junior varsity and varsity teams play. Meadow Mill has been the driving force behind squash becoming a Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) sport. More than five hundred juniors, playing individually or as part of school teams, have learned and continue to practice and compete at Meadow Mill.

The primary reason for this is Meadow Mill Athletic Club's owner, Nancy Cushman, and more recently Peter Heffernan, Meadow Mill's Director of Squash. In 2007, Nancy Cushman founded the MMAC Foundation an outreach program for Baltimore City children aimed to promote fitness and good nutrition wrapped up in learning to play squash. Through this program participants can receive educational mentoring and even receive a GED. Baltimore Squash Wise, an urban based program that improves the lives of underprivileged children established nationally in large cities, is an outgrowth of the MMAC Foundation. Now an independent program, Nancy Cushman and Peter Heffernan remain on the Squash Wise board of directors.

Over the years, the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association has relied heavily on Meadow Mill Athletic Club for support and guidance and Meadow Mill through Nancy and her staff has always been there for the MSSRA. Meadow Mill is a member club; Nancy has served on the board of governors and Peter Heffernan is currently Vice President and board member. Meadow Mill has hosted every major state and national tournament at least once and in some cases, many times. It has been a sponsor club of the United States national singles, national juniors and national doubles. For more than fifteen years, Meadow Mill has been home to the Maryland State Singles Championships, FitzGerald Cup and Howl Cup matches, interclub matches and state and national tournaments.

It is appropriate that Nancy is here at the Hall of Fame induction of Dave, Andrew and Narelle. All three of them have played at Meadow Mill. David is a Meadow Mill member and club champion. Andrew has played at Meadow Mill in state and national tournaments and works closely with Nancy, Peter and everyone at Meadow Mill on events. Narelle won the 2010 US National Women's Open Doubles Championship at Meadow Mill.

Nancy is a recipient of the Maryland State Squash Outstanding Achievement Award and a member of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. Maryland State Squash owes much to Nancy for her lifelong contribution to the game of squash racquets here in Maryland and nationally.

Maryland Club





Dear Squash Enthusiasts,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Maryland State Squash 2011 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This promises to be an evening of great camaraderie and fellowship among all who follow and play squash.

The Maryland Club has a long and storied history with squash, dating back to 1928, when the first hardball singles courts were installed. Since then, we have witnessed strong interest among our club members as we have added courts and built a program to meet this demand. Today, we have three international courts, two hardball singles courts and two North American doubles courts. Our program is a year-round one that culminates each March with our A Doubles Championship match followed by a dinner and the awarding of trophies.

We are fortunate to have one of tonight's inductees, Andrew Cordova, as our squash professional. Andrew played squash at Fordham University and was the Racquets Director at the Baltimore Country Club before joining the Maryland Club in 2000. He played on the ISDA tour from 2001-2008 and has been an exceptional player and professional within the national squash community.

Squash at the Maryland Club is a way of life for many and a refuge for others. We have approximately three hundred members who play squash and enjoy the many tournaments and events we have throughout the year. Some of these events are the Tin-Eagle Cup (a squash and golf event played over two days), a summer handicap tournament, the Maryland Club Open (an ISDA event with the Legends of Squash) and a Member/ Guest tournament held each November. In recent years we have added a Father/Son and Father/Daughter doubles tournament each December. For the last four years we have also ventured to New York City in January to play against the New York Athletic Club and watch the Tournament of Champions at Grand Central Station.

Again, welcome to the 2011 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and please enjoy the beautiful Maryland Club facilities and clubhouse.

Kind regards,

Stewart T. Shettle

Chairman Maryland Club Squash Committee

2011 Hall of Fame Sponsors

We are truly grateful to all of you who have been so generous to the MSSRA and the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame. The pages of this program are a testimonial of your support. At this, the 2011 celebration of the Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame, we must say it one more time — Thank You!

2011 HALL OF FAME DINNER CELEBRATION EVENT HOSTS Mary Jean and Oliver Travers

HOST CLUBS

Baltimore Country Club, Maryland Club and Meadow Mill Athletic Club

SPONSORS

Baltimore Country Club

Curtis Campbell

Scooter Dorney

Robert and Anna Everd

Charlie Fenwick, Ir.

Dennis Graul

Harry Gruner

Chris Haley

Doug Hoffberger

Martin Knott

Brian Kroneberger

Jack Laporte

Gerald & Betty Maizlish

Maryland Club

Greg Mathis

Hugh McGuirk

Meadow Mill Athletic Club

Jim and Leslie Meek

MSSRA

Dwight and Sage Platt

Landon and Joan Royals

Tim Schweizer

Stewart Shettle

Orlando Springs

Josh Taylor

Bob and Arden Travers

MJ and Oliver Travers

Rebecca and John Voneiff

Bill White

Sam Willman

Junior National Champions

Not too long ago, no junior player from Maryland was ranked in the top 40 United States Squash juniors in any bracket including and below the Girls and Boys 19 years of age and younger. Junior squash in Maryland began to expand and improve with the onset of Meadow Mill Athletic Club's junior program in 1993. Maryland State Squash initiated and funded the High School Junior Championships in 1998. The Maryland Club, Baltimore Country Club and Bear Hills Athletic Club have established and built well attended junior programs. Today all of the private schools have junior varsity and varsity teams. More than 500 juniors play and compete in Maryland. Five junior players have risen to the very top of United States Squash Rankings. They Include: Katie Tutrone, Caroline East, Michael East and Charlie East. They have become the best of the best in Maryland and nationally.

Michael East

Boys Under 17 — 2011 National Champion Men's 5.0 — 2010 National Champion Boys Under 15 — 2009 National Doubles Champion US Squash Middle School Team National Champion

Caroline East

Girls Under 15 — 2011 National Champion Girls Under 13 — 2009 National Champion Girls Under 11 — 2007 National Champion Girls Under 13 — National Doubles Champion



Charlie East

Ranked #1 in the United States — 2010 Boys Under 11 This year at age 10, Charlie played in an age division above and lost in overtime to the Boy's U13 national champion

Katie Tutrone

Girls Under 13 — 2007 National Champion Girls Under 15 — 2009 National Champion

Under 15 Doubles — 2 Times National Siblings Champions

Girls Under 17 - 2011 National Champion



The Maryland State Squash Outstanding Achievement Award



Since 1907, a long line of volunteers have 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 on the game.

1993 - Bob Everd

1994 - Sam Silber

1994 — Tommy Schweizer

1995 - Haswell Franklin, Jr.

1996 - T. James Hense

1997 - Robert H. Hicks

1998 - Nancy Cushman

1998 - Frank Cushman

2002 — Robert S. Travers

2002 — John Voneiff

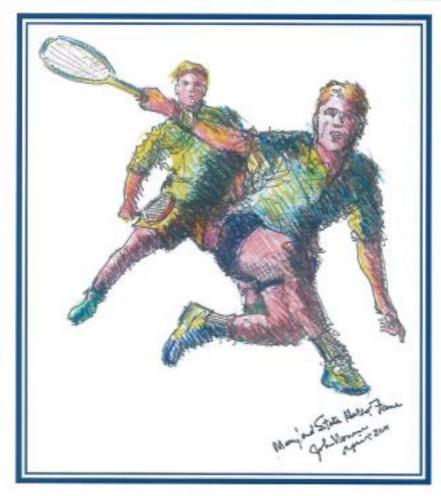
2005 - Robert S. Gaines, Sr.

2005 - Vaughan E. Schmidt

2007 — Margaret Riehl

2008 — Bob Everd *

^{*} Received the award for the second time in recognition of 30 years of continuous service as an officer and board member of the Maryland State Squash Association.



Maryland State Squash Hall of Fame

1907—2011 PLAYERS, PATRONS AND FRIENDS OF THE GAME

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 build lasting friendships – friendships that transcend distances and generations, burning on through the years of our lives.





