



# Evergreen Squash Club Newsletter

December 2007

## Message from the Pres...

The new squash season is underway. O'Brian's Round Robin is back to Sunday mornings, Mens' and Ladies' league play is underway, Juniors are appearing at the Club in growing numbers for their Friday/Sunday night play and City Doubles is onto court 6 on Wednesdays.

With the entrance way installation of the "Picture Board" showing all those on the Board of Directors and others assisting at the Club, members can now see the various areas of responsibility and who they can contact if they have any needs, recommendations or just want to talk.

I want to thank Lynn Dustan and Jim Miller for the very successful "OPEN HOUSE" days held in October. The level of public notices was unprecedented and resulted in many inquiries and curious visitors to the Club. Also, thanks to Richard Dustan for being the barbeque "chef", feeding all those in attendance for both days of the event.

The Christmas season traditionally is the time volunteer teams are formed for cleaning the courts. It takes under 2 hours for 4 people to clean a court. Join myself and other members in volunteering. Call Maurice Goulet at 604-922-6694 and get involved. The Club supplies refreshments.

I am sure all members have seen the continued popularity of Phil Arthur's clinics. This was started last spring at the request of members and has turned into a tremendous success. Further, the energy at the Club from Alecia Haneine is creating positive results. Her doubles clinics and lessons/clinics are generating more interest from members and the free clinic participation for "Trial" members is resulting in more senior memberships.

In 2008, the Club celebrates its 40th Anniversary. Watch the web-site for various special events that will be held throughout the year. Charles Bristow, Director, has started to create a list of these occasions, which will make this a memorable year for current and past members. I would expect that the local media will be involved. You will all notice the upcoming change in the Club logo, which will now contain the fact that the Club was established in 1968. Call Jim Miller for your official Evergreen Squash Club "bumper sticker".

A reminder that all members are welcome to bring guests to the Club. It is your Club to use. The Club policy is that senior and golden members are entitled to invite two (2) guests per month, but not during senior member hours. There are racquets and eye protection in the office for you to borrow. Remember the "non-marking shoes" rule.

With all the notices and letters posted at the Club regarding the annual "PSA Comfort Inn Tournament" in January, 2008, I want to emphasize that all current and past members are welcome to the fabulous dinner at the Capilano Golf Club on the evening of January 19, 2008. Mark this date on your calendar and join the Squash Pros, new and old Club members and guests at this memorable event. Call Kim Wilson for ticket information at 604-922-6567.

If you are a seasoned member or have just joined the Club and want to get involved in the various ladders and leagues, talk to the Director involved. Scott Sibley handles tournaments and Doubles, Cam Bennett - mens league, Cathy Sullivan - ladies league and David James - juniors. If you are concerned about the financial aspects of the Club, call Stephen Lefroy. If you have a problem with Gigaspots, call Adam

Radziminski. All Directors are accessible and can help you or direct you to the person that can answer your questions.

I will be writing several letters to the members throughout the year. These will be posted on the Club web-site and contain on-going information as to what is happening at the Club and at the Board of Directors meetings. The minutes of all Board meetings and the Club by-laws are posted on the web-site for all to review.

Lastly, I want acknowledge Kim Wilson and Jim Miller for their continued involvement in running the communication portfolio at the Club. Rosters, News Letters, day-to-day notices around the Club, "Picture Board", banners and a multiple of other signs etc that we see everyday are created by these two volunteers and we thank them for their efforts.

On behalf of the board we would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy Holiday Season!



**Bruce Jamieson  
President  
Evergreen Squash Club**



THE 2008 COMFORT INN OPEN  
JANUARY 15 – 20, 2008

## 2008 COMFORT INN OPEN UPDATE

DECEMBER 13, 2008 UPDATE

Today is the day when the PSA entries were confirmed for the 2008 Comfort Inn Open, presented by Hosting BC and Odlum Brown, being held at the Evergreen Squash Club during the January 15 – 20, 2008 period.

So here are the top seeds:

- World # 15 – Stewart Boswell – Australia
- World # 19 – Adrian Grant – England
- World # 21 – Shahier Razik – Canada – 2007 defending Champion
- World # 28 – Aamir Atlas Khan – Pakistan – 17 years old
- World # 34 – Bradley Ball – England – returning from last year

To put this draw in perspective, in the three previous years of conducting this PSA event, we have never had a player ranked higher than #25 in the world. So this draw is very strong and should provide for an enormous amount of outstanding squash. In fact, I believe this will be the best squash seen in the Pacific Northwest since the "Stretch Challenge" held at the Arbutus Club in 1990 – anyone remember that event?

As for Canadian content, in the main draw we will have 2 other members of the Canadian National Squash Team, in addition to Shahier, representing Canada in the World Team Championships in India this week – Canada justified their seeding by finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. They are Shawn DeLierre, #50 and Matthew Giuffre, #54, who is participating in our tournament for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

As I have indicated in previous letters, the financial participation of the Evergreen members is the backbone of our tournament's success in past years. To date, we have 65 Patrons, at the \$225 (sold out) and \$175 (lots left) levels and 36 \$100 Benefactors (lots left) which is an outstanding result recognizing we have a month to go. We would like to exceed 125 Patrons & Benefactors this year so please contact Paul Marley ([pmarley@rampworth.com](mailto:pmarley@rampworth.com)) or 604-351-2418) if you wish to participate.

And finally, we still need lots of volunteer help and silent auction items, so please contact any of the Evergreen Members listed below, or yours truly, if you can help:

**Sue Foster** at [alanfoster@shaw.ca](mailto:alanfoster@shaw.ca) – food services

**Ross Genge** at [rgenge@shaw.ca](mailto:rgenge@shaw.ca) – bar service

**Kim Wilson** at [kim.wilson@shaw.ca](mailto:kim.wilson@shaw.ca) - registration desk

**Paddy Gooderham** at [pgooderham@shaw.ca](mailto:pgooderham@shaw.ca) – billeting PSA players

**Jim Miller** at [jjimm22@hotmail.com](mailto:jjimm22@hotmail.com) – PSA player pickup to & from the airport as well as setup on Monday January 14.

**Blair Maclean** at [bmaclean@bcpip.ca](mailto:bmaclean@bcpip.ca) - silent auction with a particular interest in Canuck tickets, Giants tickets, Lions tickets, quality booze, golf packages, restaurant coupons, etc.

As mentioned in our last letter, I wanted you to understand that you are invited to attend the Saturday evening, January 19, 2008, Tournament Dinner to be held again at the Capilano Golf & Country Club – at a cost of \$37.50 per person - even if you are not playing. It was a magnificent evening last year and it is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy

the company of your fellow members and mingle with the PSA pros. Details on pricing will be available from Kim Wilson at the Tournament Desk during the tournament.

Finally, Christmas is just around the corner, so a Patron or Benefactor package would be a welcome gift. Many thanks in advance for your continuing support of this event.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!!!!

**Paul Marley**  
**2008 Tournament Chair**

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Evergreen currently has in excess of 30 trial members so if you see a new face around the club, please introduce yourself.

The fall open house was a success and the membership committee will certainly consider doing this again in 2008.

The loaner locker is operational for trial members and guests. Racquets and protective eyewear are available in the office.

Priorities for 2008 include the appointment of a mentor manager to ensure new members have a seamless introduction to Evergreen and we will continue to promote our club with our banners and the smaller posters that any member can put up in a Starbucks, Safeway or local recreational centre.

Friday night drop-ins are up and running with Charles Bristow providing the organization. They start at 6:00 pm. The only Friday we will miss is Dec 21, so if you want to try doubles or have a singles hit with someone new just drop by. It is very casual and informal.

**Jim Miller**  
**Director of Communications**

**Scott Sibley**  
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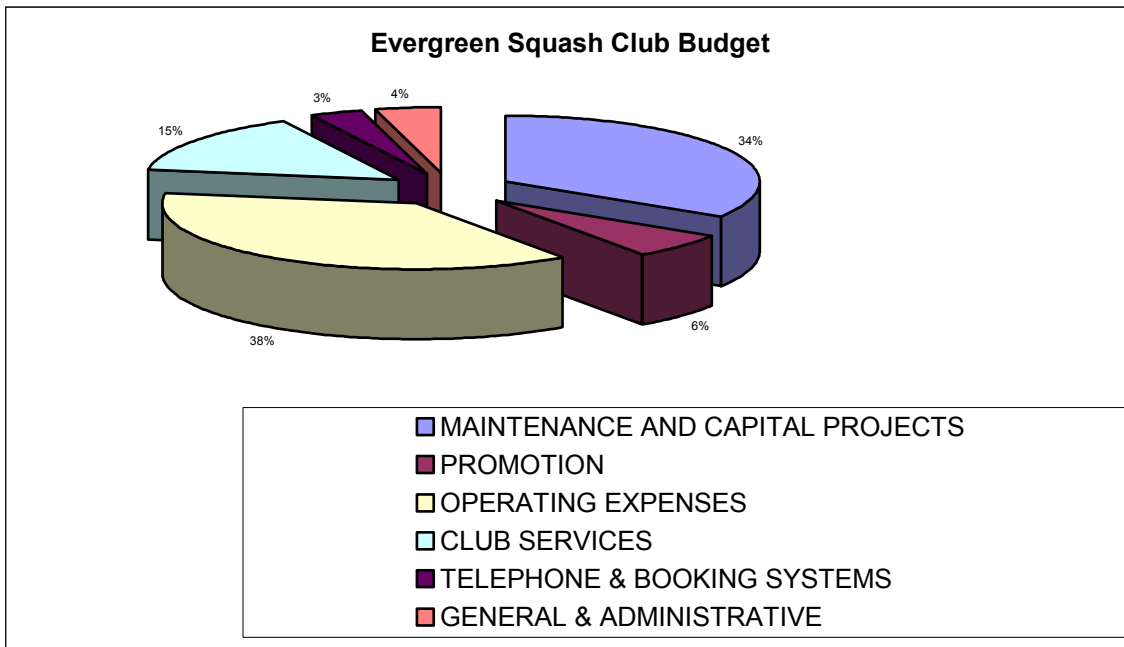
## **Wireless Access the Internet at the Club**

We now have a router at the Club so our members can have a wireless access to the Internet.

**The code that you require to open up the network is: "1234567890".**

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Results for the year to date are on budget and little changed from last year at this time. The Club continues to operate in a cash flow positive format with monies being set aside for contingencies. This years decline in membership numbers was offset by the 6% fee increase and we continue with the objective of eliminating the use of the line of credit as an operating source. The majority of the Clubs spending is for operating costs such as heat, light and power (38%) followed closely by maintenance and capital projects which account for 34% of all spending. Financial results are available on line at [www.evergreensquash.com](http://www.evergreensquash.com). Please give me call at 604.818.5736 if you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help in the administrative running of your Club.



**Stephen Lefroy**  
**Financial Director**

# JUNIOR NEWS

The Evergreen Junior Program is growing again with a healthy influx of new members having joined this fall. There are currently 39 members in the Program.

On the weekend of October 26<sup>th</sup> the club hosted the Evergreen Junior Open Tournament. There were over 100 entrants and some extraordinary squash. On Saturday evening there was a social at the new Laserdome Plus on Dollarton Highway, where squash skills translated into sharp shooting with laser guns, some fancy footwork on the crazy laser dance floor and some sheer rock faces conquered.

In the actual tournament 20 Evergreen Juniors took part:

Rachel Au  
Alex Austin  
Angus Beaty  
Connor Beaty  
Abel Chua

Kelly Dersch  
Sam Ejtemai  
Abbey Foster  
MacKenzie Foster  
Ryan Herden

Gabrielle Jolly  
Marie-Michelle Jolly  
Hoony Lee  
Bryce O'Connor  
Husein Rahemtulla

Zahita Rahemtulla  
Maxx Ripley  
Tim Solntsev  
Katie Tatham  
Alykhan Thobani

When the dust settled, there were three players who won their groups: Maxx Ripley won the Boys U13/15 Novice, Katie Tatham won the GU17B and Ryan Herden won the Boys U19.



**Ryan Herden  
The BU19 Winner**

The tournament was well supported by sponsors to whom we are most grateful. They are:

**Black Knight, AD-Pro, Clif, Comfort Inn & Suites,  
Freybe Meats, Happy Planet, Panago Pizza & Westbeach**

Over 30 volunteers pitched in to help and a number of families opened their homes to welcome billets from out of town. Phil did a great job of putting the draw together and special mention must be made of Sue Foster and her team who kept everyone well fed all weekend.

The fall session will wrap up with a party on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm; all parents and kids are welcome.

The Spring session will start on Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> at the regular times of:

**Beginners 6:00pm**  
**Intermediate 7:00 pm**  
**Advanced 8:30pm**

**David James  
Junior Director**

**SUPPORT THE CLUB & BUY A BUMPER  
STICKER \$5**

Profits go to the Juniors & we get free advertising. Call Jim Miller 604-716-4850.

# Men's League

It's already December! I can see a good mix of results for the first half of the season and I hope everyone is finding the competition tough. A definite notable mention is the newly formed Div 8 team holding a good lead in the no. 1 spot - congrats!

If you're not involved in League don't forget you can find plenty of squash by signing up for the box matches or using the **Gigasports open challenge ladder** to test your competitiveness. The ladder is a good way of finding your playing level for League for the next season. It's also a great way to meet members of the club and challenging your style of squash play.

The annual **Comfort Inn PSA tournament** is scheduled for January 15-20, 2008 which promises to be one of the biggest Canadian tournaments for the year. We are expecting an excellent line up of professional players and great squash from every division. I hope most Evergreen league players see this as a must attend and to consider the very reasonable value of the benefactor / patron packages. I'll look forward to seeing you all in January at the tournament.

Have a safe and happy Christmas (and keep training)!

**Cam Bennett**  
**Men's League Director**

## GOOD NEWS!!

Alicia Haneine has been chosen to represent BC in the National Canadian Team Championship in Moncton N.B. - January 10 - 13, 2008.

## REPORT ON DOUBLES

The Western Canadian Doubles Championship was hosted by Evergreen November 22 - 25, with visiting entrants attending from such places as Calgary, Saskatchewan, and Toronto. Not only did this tourney attract out of towners, I was very impressed with the number of participants in the youth category. A strong statement is being made about the game of doubles - that it is an incredibly fun and entertaining game, and is not just the place where you go to semi retire from squash. Our own Ryan Herden and Adam Radziminski put on a show in capturing their first Mens Open title over another young team of Jason Guffrie and Justin Todd. The Mixed Open draw has an additional unique feature in this tournament - there was prize money up for grabs. This attracted 14 high level teams, and was perhaps the most hotly contested draw in the tournament. The big battle included upsets and injuries turning the tables on some of the higher seeds and was won in the end by visiting teen Justin Todd, and Evergreen's Cathy Covernton.

A total of 81 entrants enjoyed a well run tourney, with the following sponsors providing food and prizes:

**Black Knight, Molsons, Freybe, Westbeach, Delanys, and Vvroom**  
**- thank you all.**

### Results:

#### Mixed Open

- 1) **Cathy Covernton / Justin Todd**
  - 2) **Susan Dale / Marvin Mizinski**
  - 3) **Natasha Doucas / Mike Dodds**
  - 4) **Sarah Parsons / Ryan Herden**
- Cons) **Cathy Brown / Adam Radziminski**

#### Mixed Div 2

- 1) **Jen McKinley / Mike Neilson**
  - 2) **Frances Frost / Patrick Frost**
- Cons) **Pat Gustafson / Colin Caldwell**

### Ladies Open

- 1) Cathy Covernton / Frances Frost
  - 2) Alicia Haneine / Kelsey Parsons
- Cons) Annette Henwood / Lynn Johanson

### Mens Open

- 1) Ryan Herden / Adam Radziminski
- 2) Justin Todd / Jason Giuffre

### Mens Div 1

- 1) Adam Jinks / Jason De Jong
  - 2) Scott Sibley / Robert Dubois
- Cons) Mike Letourneau / Barry McDonald

### Men's Div 2

- 1) Darren Farnworth / Rex Armstead
- 2) Sean Powell / Patrick Frost

### Vet's 40+

- 1) Glen McNeil / Ingus Silgalius
- 2) Barry McDonald / Mike Letourneau

### Vet's 50+

- 1) Colin Caldwell / Rick Kochanski
- 2) Casper DeJong / Ken Mackenrot

**Scott Sibley**  
Doubles Director

## ROUND ROBIN every SUNDAY AT 11 A.M.

The Round Robin is on every Monday through September, including holidays. Staging Area: Court 4 @ 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm and Courts 1, 2 & 3 @ 6:00 pm & 6:45 pm. All levels of play: it's American scoring, handicapped, to 21. To ensure we're not overbooked, when you first want to start participating, please contact: **David O'Brien 604 987 6657** or [dobrien@WITmarketing.bc.ca](mailto:dobrien@WITmarketing.bc.ca). The times in the 'winter' season are Court 4 @ 11:00 am, 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm and Courts 1, 2 & 3 @ 11:15 am & 12:00 pm.

**David O'Brien**  
Round Robin Coordinator

## The Evergreen Website has some features that are worth checking out: [www.evergreensquash.com](http://www.evergreensquash.com)

- **Feedback Section** - Located in the Member's Area, this online form can be filled out and will be sent to the appropriate Director. All feedback is welcome, as are any comments that can help the Board improve the Club .
- **Bob Withers Memorial Award** - Located in the Member's Area, this is an online nomination form for the award. Details about the award and the nomination process are on the web page.
- **Tournaments** - Evergreen hosts a number of tournaments every year. There is a page for each tournament with details, photos, news and results.
- **Web Sponsorship Opportunities** - If you are interested in having your company sponsor the website, please contact me at 778.893.2575. The rates are very reasonable, and detailed web usage stats are available upon request.

Any feedback/suggestions for the website is encouraged and welcome. Please contact me, or use the website's Feedback feature!

**Happy surfing!**  
**Adam Radziminski**

# Up and Coming Tournaments

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
Jan 11-12	Victoria Squash Club Juniors	Victoria Squash Club	JJ
Jan 15-20	2008 Comfort Inn Open	Evgreen Squash Club	AAA
Jan 18-20	Seattle Open	Seattle	
Jan 18-20	Bayside Racquets Club Squash Tournament	Bayside Racquets, Parksville	AA
Jan 25-27	Pacific Coast Doubles Champs	Vancouver Lawn & Tennis	Doubles
Jan 25-27	Prince George Open	YMCA Prince George	AA
Jan 25-27	Nelson Banana Cake Open	Swingers Squash Club, Nelson	AA
Jan 31-Feb 3	The Dundee Open	Denman	AAA
Feb 6-10	BC Jesters Doubles	VRC	Doubles
Feb 8-10	Nanaimo Open	Nanaimo Squash Club	AA
Feb 15-17	West Coast Junior Championships	Bayside Club, Delta	JJ
Feb 15-17	Sea to Sky	Squamish Balley Squash Club	AA
Feb 15-17	PNW Juniors	Cedar Hill Squash Club, Victoria	JJJ
Feb 15-17	National Bank Financial Winter Carnival	Roster Sports Club, Vernon	AAA
Feb 21-24	BC Winter Games		Junior
Feb 21-24	Saanich Peninsula Beach Bash	Saanich Peninsula Squash Club	AA
Feb 27-Mar 2	BC Closed Provincial Championship	Arbutus Club	AAAA
Mar 7-9	Canadian Doubles Championships	Toronto Racquet Club	Doubles
Mar 7-9	Port Alberni Open	Court House Fitness Centre	AA
Mar 7-9	BC Junior Closed	Hollyburn Country Club	JJJJ
Mar 12-16	St. Paddy's Day Squash Tournament	River Club, Richmond	AA
Mar 13-16	Victoria City Champs	Victoria Squash Club	AA
Mar 21-23	King of The Court	Bonsor Recreation, Burnaby	AA
Mar 27-30	Easter Bunny Open	Comox Valley Squash	AA
Mar 28-30	BC Open Doubles	TBA	Doubles
Apr 2-6	Pacific Coast Open	Vancouver Racquets Club	AAA
Apr 10-13	PAC RIM	Victoria Squash Club	AAA
Apr 11-13	Canadian Mixed Doubles	Toronto Racquet Club	Doubles
Apr 17-20	Canadian Junior Nationals	Victoria Squash & Cedar Hill	Junior
Apr 17-20	Women's Weekend	Bonsor Recreation, Burnaby	AA
Apr 30-May 3	Canadian Squash Championships	White Oaks, Niagara on the Lake	
May 9-11	West Coast Junior Team Championships	Seattle Athletic Club	Junior
May 16-19	Whistler Classic	Meadow Park Sports, Whistler	

***For more tourney info check out  
www.squashbc.com***