



2010 COMFORT INN OPEN LETTER TO EVERGREEN MEMBERS - OCTOBER 2009

It may be hard to believe but the 2010 Comfort Inn Open, to be held at our Evergreen Squash Club during the January 12 – 17, 2010 period, is just around the corner. It is our goal to present at least a US\$20,000 event again this year featuring some of the best professional squash players in the world.

As in past years, we need lots of help from all the members.

There are three (3) major ways that you can contribute to this year's event:

1. Financial:

The financial backbone for our five (5) previous PSA events has always been the financial participation of our Evergreen membership. I believe I'm correct in saying that approximately thirty-one percent (31%) of last year's budget was accounted for by the direct financial contribution of our membership through participation in either our "Patron" or "Benefactor" programs. The details of these programs are as follows:

A. Patrons:

The Patron program is available for \$225.00 and \$175.00 this year which are the same prices as the past two (2) years. In return, Patrons receive a premium reserved seat for the entire tournament, from the qualifying rounds through to the finals, in either the lower padded seats (\$225.00 option) or the front of the bleachers (\$175.00 option), recognition on our "Sponsor Boards", recognition in the tournament program and, most importantly, four (4) beer tickets. The \$225.00 seats have been very popular in the past and we have given last year's Patrons the "right of first refusal" until December 18, 2009 to claim their same seats as last year. I have started a "wait list" so please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in "upgrading" to these seats.

B. Benefactors:

The Benefactor program is available for \$100.00 again this year. In return, Benefactors are entitled to a seat at one of the quarters, semis or finals and are seated in the "Benefactors" section which is directly behind the "Patrons" and "Reserved" seating and in front of the General Admission section of the bleachers. As well, Benefactors receive recognition on the "Sponsor Boards", recognition in the tournament program and, of course, the requisite two (2) beer tickets.

As you probably realize it is a monumental task to contact everyone to solicit participation in these programs. You will make our task much easier this year if you would contact yours truly at pmarley@rampworth.com or Gary Bombay, Dave Watson and Alan Foster. Your cheques are appreciated and they should be made out to "The Evergreen Open" and can be left in the office.

2. Silent Auction:

The silent auction, which is held during the Saturday night Tournament Dinner at the Capilano Golf & Country Club, is always in need of attractive items to sell. As we have done in the past, silent auction contributions can be used as "currency" to pay, or partially pay, for either the "Patron" or the "Benefactor" programs at the rate of 50% of the face value of the item. The most attractive items are Canuck, Giants, Lions tickets plus quality booze, golf packages and restaurant coupons. Any help you can provide in this area is appreciated.

3. Volunteer:

As you can imagine, there are a wide variety of volunteers that are required to make a tournament of this nature work. If you have interest in helping here are some people to contact:

Sue Foster at alanfoster@shaw.ca – food services

Ross Genge at rgenge@shaw.ca – bar service

Matt Balfour at mbalfour@hotmail.com - registration desk

Jim Miller at jjjimm22@hotmail.com – Monday January 11 setup

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

Bruce Jamieson at ajamie@shaw.ca – our Treasurer

The last point I want to make is that you are invited to attend the Tournament Dinner to be held again at the Capilano Golf & Country Club on Saturday, January 16. It is always a magnificent dinner in a fabulous setting 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 at the Tournament Desk during the tournament.

Many thanks in advance for your continuing support of this event.



Paul Marley
2010 Tournament Chair