



# Evergreen Squash Club Newsletter

May 2007

## Message from the Pres...

The theme of "volunteering" at Evergreen has developed many positive results both last fall and this spring.

The membership committee, led by Rob Forrest, recommended to the Board that a web based court booking system be instigated at the Club. After many hours of investigation by his committee (Lynn Broman, Jim Miller, Mike Tooley, Ross Genge, Jan Townsend), Gigasports was chosen as the base software. Adam Radzaminski created a survey for the members to have input into the process and Stephen Lefroy negotiated the formal contract. Finally, in February 2007, the system was operating. Now courts 1,2,5 and 6 are booked using computers while courts 3 and 4 remain on a telephone booking system. Members of the Club can book courts using the terminal. A "wi-fi" system has also been installed at the Club for those members who want to access the internet through their laptops. The use of the Gigasports ranking system and both the singles and doubles ladder, have met with positive responses.

Further, the introduction of a "trial membership" at the Club has given many the opportunity to experience squash. New members are the future of the Club and I ask everyone to support these trial members and spread the word that the squash is a great source of exercise and camaraderie and new members are always welcome.

Paul Stevenson and Paul Marley, along with 40 volunteers, held the Comfort Inn "PSA" Evergreen Open Tournament in late January 2007. Reports from the committee are that this was the most successful PSA

tournament to date with over 150 amateur players and \$20,000 US in prize money for the pros.

With this tournament success, along with the new energy that Scott Sibley has brought to all the singles and doubles tournaments at the Club, members are participating in these events in greater numbers.

The Board has developed a plan to conduct major repairs on the courts on a rotating basis. Last year, courts 1 and 2 were completely refinished and courts 3 and 4 will be done in April 2007. Ron Springer and Iain Savill are maintaining the day-to-day condition of the Club with the ever-dependable assistance of Roland and Ursula Haertl. Members have come forward to create court-cleaning afternoons and there will be opportunities for everyone to get involved in "community days" (painting and court cleaning) in the future. Watch for notices.

The Junior Program, under the guidance of Alan Foster, continues to develop players. Working with Phil Arthur, the juniors have been representing the Club at the Canadian Junior Nationals held at Hollyburn and the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse. Since many of the senior members encounter these juniors in tournaments, we directly see that the results of Alan and Phil's work.

With regard to the business at the Club, the Board is continually monitoring the quality of the Club and services to members. Many future proposals are currently being considered with the objective of the Club having a firm financial base

while delivering more benefits to those that are members. Relying on Stephen Lefroy as Club treasurer, and Bill Yager as accounting co-coordinator, the Board has timely accurate financial information to rely on.

A significant improvement that all members have encountered is the amount and quality of communication they receive. The development of a bulk e-mail system by Jim Miller, Adam Radzaminski, and Mike Charalambous will give the Club the ability to not only save on mailing costs, but also communicate in a more direct manner with members. Jim, along with Kim Wilson, is also working as a team to improve the Club roster, newsletters, signing, and day-to-day notices to members.

Sadly, the Club lost a member during the last year, Robert (Bud) Richardson and Irene Leviton, the wife of our friend and past President, Ian Leviton, passed away. Our thoughts and memories to their families.

I encourage members to approach any one on the Board of Directors if they have any needs, questions or suggestions. The names, contact info and duties of each Board member are in the Club web site [www.evergreensquash.com](http://www.evergreensquash.com).

Lastly, I wish to congratulate Henry Tregillas on being the first recipient of the Bob Withers Memorial Sportsmanship Award, A 39 year member of the Club, Henry is a friend and role model to us all.

**Bruce Jamieson**  
President  
Evergreen Squash Club

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

## New Member Recruitment continues to be the priority!!!

At present, excluding trial members, we show an overall, active, membership of 395 players. While the trial membership program is proving to be effective, with an approximate success rate of close to 30 % it is clear that we are still well short of our targets for full membership.

Senior memberships, a key segment, sits at 236, and as membership manager Lynn Broman points out, in the past the club has functioned effectively with as many as 330 single members. Junior membership at 32 also has room to grow, similar to each of our categories.

How can you help? Word of mouth promotion is probably our most effective tool. If you know of an individual who may be interested please refer them to our web site or provide Lynn's contact information. We are ready to provide tours and an introduction to the club. Remember that we have free loaner equipment available and that coaching clinics are running every week. Plus the mentor program will assist new members with the introduction process.

If you would like to help in this area contact Lynn, as we still require more C and D level mentors. On the promotion side of things we are focused on raising our visibility in the community as the best value, volunteer, non-profit squash facility in Vancouver. We are running a poster campaign on an ongoing basis. These are updated regularly and are available as you enter the club. Community boards in Libraries, shopping centres, coffee shops and other locations are good prospects. If you have promotional ideas or questions contact Jim Miller.

Looking ahead the membership committee will continue to identify and promote activities that will be of interest to new members. Drop ins and fun in house tournaments would be examples.

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

## EVERGREEN ENTERS THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

The new online booking system has been up and running for a couple of months now, and we have been working through all of the bugs. Member feedback has been very positive so far, and we would like to encourage all members to provide feedback (even for the most minor of details). Please contact me directly with any piece of feedback: aradziminski@gmail.com or 778.893.2575.

### **In response to common pieces of feedback:**

- 1) **We will be releasing a club survey in the near future, on a number of issues.** The new booking system, and booking rules will be part of that survey. After reviewing the survey, we hope to move Courts 3 and 4 on to the online system. We will also use the summer months to possibly experiment with new booking rules. More to come...
- 2) **Multiple bookings.** Please be advised that members are only allowed to book 1 court per day. The system allows for multiple, non-consecutive bookings by the same member. If one of our administrators notices a multiple booking, the second booking will be cancelled without warning.
- 3) **Other features.** The Challenge Ladder and Box Ladder are now online and active. They are pretty cool, and we encourage you to enter your results. We will soon be placing computers in each of the change-rooms to make it more convenient to enter your results.
- 4) **There is now wireless Internet access in the club.** The router is in the office, so the strength of the connection is not very strong upstairs.
- 5) **We will be making more use of email to send out club notices.** This is an effective way of informing the membership about court closures, upcoming meetings, and club events.

**Adam Radziminski**  
**Vice-President**  
**Evergreen Squash Club**

# JUNIOR UPDATE

## Evergreen Juniors Spring 2007

The Juniors training program wrapped up before Easter after a good season of fun and competitive squash. The number of new junior player increased after Christmas as several new recruits took up the game.

For the more competitive players the Canadian Junior Nationals in Montreal beckoned at the end of April. In total 8 Evergreen juniors: 6 boys and 2 girls made the trip. With Phil Arthur coming along to coach. In total BC was represented by 32 young athletes at this event that had a draw of 240 juniors from across Canada.

With lots of tough competition at all levels our juniors posted some very impressive results in the Gold and Silver rounds.

In the Gold round; Mackenzie Foster, BU15, seeded 4<sup>th</sup> played through to the Gold final but couldn't pull off the upset victory against the number 1 seed finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Our junior girls Rachel Au GU15 and Abbey Foster GU13 went through the Gold round to play in the semi finals and ended up in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place respectively in their age groups.

In the Silver round Alykhan Thobani BU 13 made it through to the finals only to lose to another BC junior giving a 1- 2 finish for BC. Tyler Olson, BU 15 and Hussein Rahemtulla BU17 made it though to the ¼ finals before been knocked out of competition. Both boys had to play 7 matches in a 3 day period to make it this far in the tournament. And in the BU19 Ryan Herden and Nick James both made it to the 4<sup>th</sup> round before been knocked out.

I would like to thank all the parents and the kids themselves for making this a great season of squash. I wish everyone "Good Luck" and Good squash in the future as I announce my resignation as the Director of the Junior program.

Thanks All!

**Alan Foster**  
Director, Juniors Program

## Roster Book Update

If any of our members wish to support the roster book by running an ad please contact Kim Wilson at [kim.wilson@shaw.ca](mailto:kim.wilson@shaw.ca) or call 604-922-6567 to receive rates and deadlines.

**Roster Book for 2007 goes to print at the end of October please make sure all your personal information is updated. The changes can be done by e-mail to [evrgreensquash@yahoo.com](mailto:evrgreensquash@yahoo.com) (spelling correct) or checking the Roster Book proofs that will be in a binder on the front table of the club in September. Simply write in it your changes.**

## ROUND ROBIN EVERY MONDAY NIGHT until CITY LEAGUE IN OCTOBER

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).

**David O'Brien**  
Round Robin Coordinator

# In House 2007 Championship Tournament Report

I am very happy to report that we have just completed the Club Championship Tournament, and by all accounts it was a tremendous success. As always, Phil Arthur, and the social end handled the squash part of the tourney masterfully was taken on by a group of members that treated us to a night to remember. David James and his crew put on a dinner for about 80 that was spectacular, and enjoyed on beautifully decorated, candle-lit tables. Charles Bristow called upon the membership for some homegrown Evergreen talent, and put together a great show that featured a comedian, and two sets of music with guitars and vocals by Tim Hunt and Kevin Gillett. There's a long list of volunteers that took this tournament on, and the whole event captured the spirit of what Evergreen is all about. What a great event, and thank you all for making it happen.

## **Doubles**

Women **Lisa Norlander & Jacqui Smith**  
Mixed B **Carol Stockwell & Rob Dubois**  
Mixed A **Alicia Haneine & Doug Buchannan**  
Men's C **Rex Armstead & Darren Farnworth**  
Men's B **TBA**  
Men's A **Doug Buchannan & Tim Martin**

## **Singles**

Women A **Alicia Haneine**  
Men's 50+ **Murray Olson**  
Men's C **Andy McLachlan**  
Men's B **Tyler Olson**  
Men's A **Adam Radzinski**



**In House Championship Saturday Night Dinner!! Fun! Fun!**

Thanks to sponsors: Rackets & Runners, Molson and XS Nutritional products and to all volunteers. A big thank-you committee Scott Sibley, David James, Charles Bristow, Will Stipout and Jolanta McConnachie.

**Scott Sibley**  
**Doubles & Tournament Director**

# INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT PHOTOS FEBRUARY 2007

## International Tournament Winners: The Knouffe Lakers Grant Gardner, Britt Gardner, Lauren Wagner & Kevin Wagner



## THE WORLD ACCORDING TO DOUBLES...

The 2006/07 Doubles League season has wrapped up, and Evergreen teams have done very well in this new format. This season, we changed from the previous format to 4 player teams over 3 levels of play. The effort was made to get more players from the middle level of ability onto the courts each week, and to make the entire weekly matches consistently more competitive. Generally it was regarded as a success by most, and the Doubles Directors from all clubs will meet this summer to fine tune, and hopefully improve this format even more. The Thursday Ladies league operated this past year in two clubs that could spare some Thursday evening court times, and is being expanded next season to include Evergreen.

The Div 2 Evergreen teams did well with Scott Sibley, Jim Miller, Rob Forrest, Greg Charalambous, and Paul Austin taking top honours in 2A, while the team of Les Jamieson, Richard Martin, Kevin Gillett, Wayne Bergman and John Smart won 2B. Well done everyone.

**Scott Sibley**  
Doubles & Tournament Director

## Renewing or beginning an interest in Doubles?

For those who have been thinking that doubles should be a bigger part of your life and in-house doubles fits the bill, let Lynn Broman know of your interest. In-house doubles is scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday most weeks. The court times are 6, 7, 8, and 9pm. You need to let Lynn know which wall you prefer (front and back or not choices) and which nights suit you. If you have not developed a preference for left or right wall, that's fine. If all three nights are fine for you, that's great, but you will not be scheduled for more than one night per week.

If you have a complicated life and would like to play in-house doubles, let me know the dates and times you can make and I will do my best to fit you in. You don't need to worry about partners, the foursomes are made up for you. During the season, check the web site to see if all the in-house times are being used.

# Summer Doubles Tournament

Summer Doubles tournament is not far off.  
Hone those skills and be ready.

Lynn Broman  
[LJBROMAN@SHAW.CA](mailto:LJBROMAN@SHAW.CA)  
604 922 2788

## In-House Ladies Round Robin on Wednesdays

**Jan Townend** has introduced an in-house Ladies League on Wednesday nights. Courts 3 and 4 are booked on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 pm – 8 pm. This is a good chance to meet some other members, new members, trial members, break out of your usual group and of course a little socializing and networking. If you are interested in playing please contact Jan at **604-984-1296 or 604-626-3385 or [jantownend@hotmail.com](mailto:jantownend@hotmail.com)**

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## Monday afternoon In-House Doubles

Dave Dustan has been organizing an informal get together on Monday afternoons for doubles players of all skill levels .The group is comprised of 9 regulars and 4 to 5 spares and it runs for two hours starting at 4 p.m. It is fun and relaxing. Dave mixes up the pairings to make it interesting if you want to give it a try call him at 604 985 4130.

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## Member Mentor Program

Connected to the drive for membership is making Evergreen a more welcoming club. I know many will raise an eyebrow and mutter, "what do you mean more welcoming, Evergreen is a great club and very friendly". Well it is and it isn't. For new members it is difficult to get matches and get to know members. So, here is where you come in.

We have a successful Trial Membership program but it has one serious flaw. Some trial and indeed new full members get discouraged because it is difficult to arrange a match.

There is a plan. The membership committee needs help from current members who will be willing to show the club to prospective members, trial members, and new full members. The committee is also looking for members willing to have a hit with someone new to the club. Sometimes we have little idea of the level and sometimes the newcomer gives pretty good clues about their experience and skill level. So a hit with a new member may be as much as anything a general assessment of skill level and of course you become at least one person they now know in the club. A slightly bigger role would be a mentor and help find members to play more matches with the new comer. The committee would like to build a resource list of members willing to get on court with prospective and new members. There is a need for a range of skills and times available to match the needs of the new comers. The idea is to change the onus of arranging matches more onto the club and less upon the new comer. It is not sufficient to just give a new comer a list of 5 names and say, "here, call these people". We know that is not working.

There is an important task here. We need to have trial members thoroughly involved so that as 3 months comes to an end, they are hooked on Evergreen. We need to have prospective members convinced that a trial or full membership is for them. We need to have full members at the end of the year thinking this is too much fun not to continue membership at Evergreen.

I can tell you that from experience, arranging to have a hit with someone is the best welcome we can provide. I have made a special trip down to the club for a hit but more often I invite the person at a time just after of just before a match I have already arranged. So, this effort does not take a huge time commitment.

**Please consider helping our club be stronger.  
Say you will help.**

Send information to Lynn Broman at [LJBOMAN@SHAW.CA](mailto:LJBOMAN@SHAW.CA) or call 604-922-2788.

## Ladies League

Tremendous year for our ladies teams! We ended the season with:

**Div. 1 B 2nd place**

**Div. 1 A 4th place**

**Div. 2 1st place and playoff winners**

**Div. 3 1st place and playoff winners**

**Div. 5 1st place and playoff winners**

Way to go ladies!

**Cathy Sullivan  
Ladies League Director**

## Men's League

The Men's Teams had a good season. Evergreen was well represented in all categories. Start up was a bit slow and injuries provided some challenges but all of the teams did well. Next year there will be only minor changes. If you are interested in playing next season please contact Janusz at 604-913-3197.

**Janusz Kacmarek  
Men's League Director**

## Blow Out Sale is still on for Evergreen Squash/Comfort Inn Clothing \$10 each or 3 for \$20



Evergreen Golf/Tennis/Squash shirts, medium in green or white (see picture) - \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Shirts from The Comfort Inn Open - good quality, dry-fit at the same low blow Outs prices!

**Call Jim Miller  
604-716-4850**



# COMFORT INN OPEN 2007

## RAZIK RUNS RENAN RAGGED

Every Canadian competitive squash player probably dreams of winning a PSA tournament in his home country. Shahier Razik, of Toronto, Canada, realized that dream by winning the 2007 Comfort Inn Open in matches played in the past six days at the Evergreen Squash Club on Vancouver's North Shore. This is Razik's 14<sup>th</sup> PSA victory in his exceptional career. But we're getting ahead of ourselves on this trip down memory lane.

Very few, if any, Czech players have emerged onto the world squash stage but the 1<sup>st</sup> round of qualifying gave us a glimpse of one of the best prospects to emerge from that country in years. Jan Koukal, world ranked #80, started his move out of the qualifying rounds with an impressive 3-1 victory over the very popular former Canadian National team member, Jamie Crombie, who is now teaching squash in Cincinnati.

Each year the members of the Evergreen Squash club have conducted this tournament, the qualifying rounds seem to hold some glimpses into the future. In the second qualifying round, Jan Koukal faced another young rising star, Tarek Momen, the 65<sup>th</sup> ranked player from Egypt. This 80 minute match held the gallery entranced as the young guns battled back and forth. Koukal squeaked out the match 11-9 in the fifth to join 3 other qualifiers in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the main draw. We suspect we'll hear from Momen in the very near future.

Reflecting on his early exit last year in this event probably stimulated Edmonton's Matthew Giuffre in his 1<sup>st</sup> round of the main draw match against #1 seed, and last year's runner-up, England's Joey Barrington. Giuffre played an inspiring game upsetting the #24 world ranked Barrington in five games in 80 minutes. Barrington, always a class act, took the unexpected loss gracefully and vowed to be back next year to win the tournament.

Great expectations surround last year's Golden Boy, Simon Rosner of Germany, who had a wonderful run from the qualifying rounds to the semi finals before losing to the 2006 Champion Renan Lavigne 3-0 in 32 minutes last year. Guess who Rosner's opponent was in this 1<sup>st</sup> round? Non other than Renan Lavigne. But this match was considerably more competitive as Lavigne defeated the youngster 3-1 in 70 minutes.

Renan can't seem to shake the determined efforts of the challengers for his crown as he engaged in yet another marathon match in the quarter finals. This time impressive qualifier, Jan Koukal(Cze), his quarter final opponent, extended Lavigne to a 3-2 victory in overpoints in 94 minutes. And this match could have gone either way.

Every dream seems to end and so it was for the 1st round upset winner over #1 seed Barrington, Canadian Matthew Giuffre. It was easy to speculate that Giuffre left his best game on the court in the previous round but that would ignore the fine play by the hard hitting Bradley Ball from England. Although Giuffre started fast by winning the first game he couldn't seem to keep the pace up and Ball prevailed 3-1 in 56 minutes.

Energy is a key component for squash players at all levels, let alone playing at the PSA level. One wonders where Renan Lavigne gets it all. He was faced with #7 seed Bradley Ball in one half of the semis and once again he was forced to a thrilling 5 setter that took 100 minutes. The 1<sup>st</sup> 3 games were won in convenience store numbers, 7-11, with Ball leading 2-1. Then Renan, as is his MO, clawed his way back with close winning scores in the final two games 11-8 & 11-9. What a thriller that was in doubt until the last point was counted. The packed crowd rose to a standing ovation for these two talented athletes.

Now for the second half of the semis with Canadian Shahier Razik squaring off against Jonathan Kemp of England. Shahier is the marathon man so we knew what to expect – lots of retrieving. Kemp, by contrast, is a shot maker and when he hits his bullseye, he wins the point. The last 2 games were particularly exciting as each player won

an 11-9 decision. But too many tins for Kemp sealed his fate and Shahier had secured a spot in the final 3-2 in 65 minutes. Another standing ovation greeted these warriors. And a Canadian is in the final.

So, the participants in the final are decided. Shahier, the runner and Renan, the mental giant. But will fatigue be a factor in this match. Renan has spent 47% more time on court in this tournament than Shahier. But does more time on court equal fatigue? We'll see.

Quietly, efficiently Shahier started to go to work. I think anyone who knows Shahier would have guessed he would lose the first game as he extended rally after rally to probe the depth of Renan's fatigue level. After 19 minutes Renan had won the vital 1<sup>st</sup> game 11-8. Could he win a second and steal a third? Unfortunately, no. Shahier won the 2<sup>nd</sup> game 11-2 in a quick 8 minutes and then super extended the 3<sup>rd</sup> game, almost cruelly, to win 11-7 in a mind numbing 26 minutes. Renan had nothing left in the 4<sup>th</sup> and went down 11-5 and a new champion was crowned.

Unusually, we saw evidences of Renan's fatigue in the final expressed in the form of humour. In the 2 years that he has participated in our tournament he has conditioned us to expect a gritty, determined, serious, thoroughly professional approach to his matches. So, we were most intrigued when evidences of his sense of humour surfaced. One memorable moment, in the latter stages of the match, involved the referee, the immensely qualified Mr. Rod Symington, who made a call that Lavigne objected to. In an apparent reference to his perception of the lack of attention paid to this particular call by Mr. Symington, he started singing "Wake Up Little Suzy".

As you might imagine, the galleries were packed – approximately 200 – knowledgeable and enthusiastic fans. The feedback we consistently received from the players is that they enjoy playing in front of an animated crowd. The larger and louder the better.

So, how do you count the ways that this tournament was memorable? The PSA play was awesome, the 150 player amateur draw was a highlight, the volunteers stepped up and performed beautifully, the sponsors were there when we needed them, the more than 33% of Evergreen members who participated financially were hugely important and the enthusiastic, knowledgeable galleries who supported the tournament from the entertaining 1<sup>st</sup> qualifying round to the thrilling quarters, semis and finals. Thanks!!!!

However, this was Shahier Razik's tournament. And he was full value for it. A Canadian defeats the defending champion, and the 25 other professionals from 10 countries – a squash fan's dream.



**Semi Finals: Renan Lavigne & Bradley Ball      Finals: Shahier Razik & Renan Lavigne**

**The Comfort Inn 2007 PSA results:**

The Final results were:

(2)Shahier Razik (Cda) def (3)Renan Lavigne (Fra) 8-11; 11-2; 11-7; 11-5 in 76 mins

The Semi Final results were:

(3)Renan Lavigne (Fra) def (7)Bradley Ball (Eng) 7-11; 7-11;11-7; 11-8; 11-9 in 100 mins  
(2)Shahier Razik (Cda) def (5)Jonathan Kemp(Eng) 7-11; 11-6; 11-2; 9-11; 11-9 in 65 mins

The Quarter Final results were:

- (5)Jonathan Kemp (Eng) def (4)Alister Walker (Eng) 11-6; 11-4; 9-11; 11-4 in 50 mins
- (3)Renan Lavigne (Fra) def (Q) Jan Koukal (Cze) 11-6; 7-11; 11-10(2-0); 7-11; 11-10(2-0) in 94 mins
- (2)Shahier Razik (Cda) def (6)Eric Galvez (Mex) 11-4; 11-4; 11-0(ret) in 31 mins
- (7)Bradley Ball (Eng) def Matthew Giuffre (Cda) 9-11; 11-1; 11-4; 11-10(2-0) in 56 mins



**Fianlist: Shahier Razik, Canada  
Renan Lavigne, France**

**Paul Stevenson, Tournament Chair, Shahier Razik, Winner  
Comfort Inn Open 2007, Paul Marley, PSA Co-Ordinator**

**Paul Marley  
Tournament Committee  
January 22, 2007**

## **Comfort Inn Open from the Chair's perspective...**

In January Evergreen hosted its third PSA tournament, **The 2007 Comfort Inn Open**, in conjunction with its amateur open tournament and, once again, that bar was raised on many fronts.

The PSA event was ranked as a 2 star or US \$20,000 event, up from US \$15,000 the previous year and US \$6,000 in 2005, the first year for Evergreen. As expected, increased prize money attracted a stronger field – this year there were nine players ranked in the top 50 in the world. The adjacent article, written by Paul Marley, offers a terrific description of the event and captures its excitement.

The amateur tournament attracted a record number of entrants – over 150. While this created some challenges for scheduling and logistics, the club was 'abuzz' with excitement and activity all week. Many Evergreen players did well in their categories and 'took home the silverware'.

**Amateur Results:**

- Men's A Plate winner
- Adam Radziminski – Men's A runner-up
- Men' B Plate Winner
- Men's B runner-up
- Tyler Olsen – Men's C (runner-up or winner)
- Bob Bogue – Men's C consolation (winner or runner-up)
- Doug MacDougall – Men's 40/50+ (runner-up or winner)
- Grant Gardner – Men's 40/50) consolation (winner or runner-up)
- Cathy Brown – Ladies A runner-up
- Rachel Au – Ladies A Plate winner
- Ruth Campling – Ladies B winner
- Katherine Walker – Ladies B runner-up
- Abbey Foster – Ladies B consolation winner

The Saturday night dinner was a huge success. The venue was at the Capilano Golf & Country Club – and it was first rate. Extra seating was needed for the larger than expected crowd and the club staff handled this invisibly. The large turn-out also resulted in record silent auction proceeds, which is a key source of funds for the tournament.



**Tournament Desk – Busy all tournament long**



**Phil Arthur – 24/7**



**Sponsor Displays**



**Helen Chow shows off the daily snacks**

This event has been run on a stand-alone basis for many years – there is no financial support required from the club. The goal is to generate a small profit each year to build a cash foundation for the next year’s event. The January 2007 event was successful in this regard.

The increasing success of this tournament has been due to tremendous support from many sources – main sponsors, particularly **Comfort Inn**, over 100 member sponsors – patrons and benefactors, numerous member volunteers, silent auction donors and purchasers, out-of-town volunteer referees and the organizing committee – Paul Stevenson, Paul Marley, Bruce Jamieson, Kim Wilson, Blair Maclean, Mike Tooley and Phil Arthur. A huge thank you and congratulations goes to everyone involved.



**Friday Night Barbecue**



**Semi Final Viewing**



**Serious Squash**

Momentum is already building for next year’s PSA event. Discussions with main sponsors and potential sponsors are underway. If possible we would like to raise the bar once again with increased prize money to attract an even stronger draw. One notable change will be lower tins – 17” instead of the standard 19”. This is the requirement for larger PSA tournaments and it is the height that the better players are used to playing at. It will make a difference – allowing for more winning shots.

As mentioned, participation is the key to the continuing success of this tournament. After three years the ‘formula for success’ has been well developed. What is needed now is some new energy and new ideas on the organizing committee and in the many key roles. If you would like to contribute to a successful January 2008 tournament, now is the time to step forward. Please contact any of the 2007 tournament committee members named above.

**Paul Stevenson**  
**Chair, 2007 Comfort Inn Open**

# **"A Call" TO ALL MEMBERS TO "give back" TO THE CLUB.**

A CALL " to all members to "give back" to the club.

No experience needed.

Volunteers are needed for a number of tasks through out the organization:

- 1) A couple of hours per month to help with administration
- 2) A couple of hours a month to help with maintenance, painting, powerwashing, court cleaning etc
- 3) People that will be organizers (leaders) of volunteers for seasonal matters such as outside maintenance, tournaments, membership renewals, club rosters, etc

Volunteering has been the one component that has been a tradition at Evergreen. We need people to come forward and get involved. Meet other members and get some unpaid pleasure out of your membership.

People with specific talents are always welcome.

Let us know what you can do!

Let us know what you want to do!

**Bruce Jamieson,  
President, Evergreen Squash Club**

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

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

## **Help us Advertise Ourselves**

in your neighbourhood's Starbucks or Library...put up a poster. You'll find them on the left wall as you enter the club.

## **Member Services Board**

On your way to courts 5 and 6 we have a member services board for local events and member services. Check it out!

## **Coaches Corner**

### **Why play different players?**

One of the biggest mistakes players of all levels make is playing the same player or players of the same level. If you were to play three times a week, one game against a weaker player, one game against a player of the same level and one game against a stronger player will give your game a lift. When you play a player at the same level you are challenged physically and tactically, possibly a five gamer. The player you play worse than you, enables you to experiment and still win! As most players know the stronger player will push you and teach you the benefit of good shot selection.

Watch for the posters advising you of my up and coming Summer Training Clinics.

**Phil Arthur  
Evergreen Squash Professional**

# EVERGREEN SQUASH Club Security

We are fortunate that Evergreen is not in an area that is subject to high crime rates. Nonetheless, there have been incidences of property crimes at and around the club and it is in the best interests of the club and its members to minimize the risks of opportunistic crimes. Most people know what they should do or not do, but sometimes neglect to actually act on their knowledge. The following is a reminder of some of the easier things we can all do to avoid becoming victims of property crimes:

- ❑ **In the parking lot**, lock your vehicle, and ensure that nothing is visible in the interior. Items of value should be locked in the trunk, preferably before you arrive at the club (stowing your briefcase, laptop computer or other potentially valuable items in the trunk after you are parked only advertises to any onlooker that there is something of value there).
- ❑ **Don't leave your valuables in your bag in the change room.** Either use one of the lockers to store them while you are on court or take them on court with you (but remember to take them with you when you finish your game).
- ❑ **Don't prop open the front door.** This allows access to the club to anyone who may be passing by (and with the use of the adjacent fields for soccer, rugby, softball etc. there are often significant numbers of people in the area). If you are on court or even in the lounge area between courts 5 and 6, you cannot see anyone who might be entering the club.
- ❑ **Don't automatically allow strangers who come to the door to have access to the club.** If you don't recognize them and they are not obviously here to play squash, inquire why they want in and use your judgment as to whether or not they should be allowed in.
- ❑ **The side doors near court 4 and courts 5 and 6 should preferably be kept closed.** If, however, you must open them, please be very sure they are closed when you leave the area.

Hopefully, with a little common sense and some thought about our actions, we should be able to avoid recurrences of the property crimes we have experienced.

**Maureen Garnett,  
Evergreen Member**

**REMINDER: NO PETS IN THE CLUB, Thank-you**

## Up and Coming Tournaments

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Tournament Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Rating</u>
May 11-13	West Coast Junior Team Championships	Pro-Club, Seattle	JR
May 18-21	Whistler Classic	Meadow Park Sport Centre	
July 13-15	Bayside Summer Squash Classic	The Bayside Club	
July 17-22	Evergreen Summer Doubles	Evergreen Squash Club	
Aug 8-12	Jericho Sun & Surf	Jericho Tennis Club	

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