



THE 2008 COMFORT INN OPEN

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JANUARY 15 – 20, 2008
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 6th. They are Shawn DeLierre, #50 and Matthew Giuffre, #54, who is participating in our tournament for the 4th 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 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 – food services

Ross Genge at rgenge@shaw.ca – bar service

Kim Wilson at kim.wilson@shaw.ca - registration desk

Paddy Gooderham at pgooderham@shaw.ca – billeting PSA players

Jim Miller at jjjimm22@hotmail.com – PSA player pickup to & from the airport as well as setup on Monday January 14.

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.

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