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THE PHILLY BOAST

SHORE RACQUET CLUB – SQUASH AT THE SHORE

The Shore Racquet Club continues the tradition of squash racquets at the Jersey shore. Located in a spectacular facility at 90 Mays Landing Road, Somers Point, New Jersey, the Club offers two international singles courts, two doubles courts, a complete fitness center and three indoor tennis courts. The members and their guests believe that there is not a finer squash facility in the United States.

Luis Sanchez is the Squash Professional and Manager of the Pro Shop. Luis brings to the Shore Racquet Club a unique squash experience from The New York Sports Club in New York City and the Rockaway Hunting Club on Long Island. Luis has already established a juniors' program of fifty participants. Luis assures the Club that it is just a matter of time until the ocean air produces another Richard Repetto.

The Club is applying for PSRA membership and is looking forward to competing in both singles and doubles leagues of the PSRA. The Club extends its hospitality to the greater Philadelphia squash community. Come and visit us soon.

CLUBS AT A GLANCE

There are many exciting developments in the Philadelphia area. New courts or new teaching pros lead the list. Below is just a quick highlight of some of the changes. Berwyn has hired Benoit DeSombre who was at CHA last year. CHA has hired Bryan Patterson from the Heights Casino in New York. Germantown is converting their 4 old singles courts to three softball courts. Haverford School is building 4 softball courts. Merion has 2 new assistants: Emma Major, an Australian tour player and Wendy Berry, the assistant from Berwyn. Merion is converting 2 hardball courts to 2 softball courts. All construction should be done by early December at all facilities. Philadelphia continues to grow and be a dominating force in the world of squash. Way to go, Philly squash!!

NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

1. We are having a contest to determine the logo for the Philly Boast. The winner will get a 1-year PSRA/USSRA membership free. Submit all suggestions by November 1 to Jody Law. The winner will be announced in the January issue of the Philly Boast.
2. Do you know something that I don't know?? Gossip Corner: Marriages, births, job changes, etc. Please forward all dirt to Jody Law.

SQUASHBUSTERS COMES TO PHILADELPHIA

An organizing group has been meeting to develop an urban youth squash program for Philadelphia. Plans are still very much in the developmental stage. Interested PSRA members are needed to serve as directors of the organization, fundraisers, academic tutors, squash instructors and individual mentors. The program will be seeking financial contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations. The goal is to work with middle school students at two inner schools and to have the program up and running by either February or September 2001.

For further information, please call any member of the organizing committee: Ben DeSombre (610-647-7375), Frederic Guyott (610-435-1826), Andy Nehrbas (610-527-7350) or Lisa Stokes (610-687-9222).

JUNIORS ON THE GO

Amy Gross played great squash this summer. She was a finalist in the Girls U17 Pioneer Cup in Germany. She won Girls U17 in the Dutch Open. She and Lindsey Wilkins along with Michelle Quibell won the team event at the Pan Am Games beating Canada and Mexico.

The 11th World Junior Men's Squash Championships took place this July in Milan, Italy. Two local juniors represented the United States. Greg Park, 17, began playing squash at the age of 10 at the Germantown Cricket Club. Greg is a senior at the William Penn Charter School, #1 player and captain of the varsity squash team, and also plays lacrosse. Greg made it to the semi-finals of the Consolation Plate in Milan. Richard Pepetto, 17, comes from Margate, NJ but goes to school at the Chestnut Hill Academy. Richard also plays baseball for CHA. Richard has won 5 consecutive Jr. Closed National titles. Richard made it into the 3rd round of the main draw in Milan. The team played their best and placed 17 out of 31 countries, improving their position of two years ago by three places. The picture below shows all the coaches and players. Greg is in the back row, 2nd from the right and Richard is next to him on his left. Bryan Patterson, coach of the team is the new pro at the Chestnut Hill Academy Squash Club. He is front row, far right. Way to go juniors. We are really proud of you and all your hard work. Keep on improving. Watch out senior players!!

List of Local Tournaments

(*new)			
Oct 5-8	Cynwyd Jr. Open (Cynwyd)	Andrew Slater	610-667-2885
*Oct 20-22	PSRA Adult-Jr. Doubles (Germantown)	Doug Whittaker	215-848-8810
Oct 27-29	PSRA Singles	TBA	
Nov 3-5	Berwyn Junior Classic (Berwyn)	Dominic Hughes	610-647-6375
Nov 3-5	Philly Open Mixed (Cynwyd)	Louisa Dubin	610-642-4384
Nov 10-12	Hunter Lott Junior (Merion)	Jamie Hickox	610-642-5800
Nov 17-19	Manheim Mixed Doubles (Germantown)	John Makransky	610-660-4359
*Dec 1-3	Merion Junior Doubles (Merion)	Jamie Hickox	610-642-5800
Dec 8-10	Philadelphia Jr. Districts (Penn)	Demer Holleran	215-898-6968
Dec 15-18	USSRA Jr. Olympics (New Haven, CT)	USSRA	610-667-4006

Are you a current member? If not, please contact Vince McGuinness for an application

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