

The Philly Boast

Greetings!

As we get ready to kick off our winter season of leagues, playoffs and tournaments, I want to thank all the pros, members and volunteers for submitting their rosters to the ranking committee. This effort helped the Ranking Committee in placing the teams into the appropriate divisions and then turned them over to Jim McConeghy for scheduling in a timely manner. With your help we have been able to start the leagues earlier and have approximately 10 full weeks of matches and playoffs.

The PSRA has not officially ranked any of the players (singles or doubles) in about 5 years. So, the Ranking Committee will be reviewing all the players and teams who have played in leagues and tournaments and will be ranking accordingly. When submitting your scores for your league matches to Leo Pierce, please give him all the information from names of your opponents to your game scores. Over the past couple of years I have seen a few tournaments canceled because of lack interest. The one question I ask is **Why?** I have some thoughts on why this has happened but not the answer. The PSRA Board Members and Committees are creatively thinking on how to make the leagues and tournaments better. We are open to any comments, suggestions or ideas, so please feel free to contact any of the board members.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a very Healthy and Happy New Year.

Molly Pierce
PSRA President

Gossip Corner

Joe Russell compliments the teaching staff at CHA. Joe is from Lee-on-Solent in England and is ranked in the top 120 in the world. Joe has come up through the English Junior Squads. Welcome.

Charlie Baker has done a great job of organizing a hardball singles league at Merion and getting ready for the William White. Call him if you want to participate in his league.

A speedy recovery for the following players: Sandy Worthington had ACL surgery. Casey Riley blew out her other knee and is out for a while. Gilly Lane was seen on crutches. Get healthy soon!

Congratulations to the newly married couples, Peggy Reed to Scott Brehman and Lauren Kennedy to Nat Taylor.

Cynwyd's Chris Blango and wife Denise welcome their new baby son.

Squashsmarts is looking for used racquets, goggles, balls, and dictionaries. Contact Julie Williams at 215-248-9506 or info@squashsmarts.org.

Feedback needed: interested in a 60+ doubles league that plays at 3 PM weekday afternoons? How about a B/C mixed league in the fall on Wednesday night? Let me know (jlaw@brynmawr.edu).

2002 Fall League Results

Men's A Singles

<i>Merion</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>Penn</i>
Jamie Hickox		Steve Nelson
Addison West		CJ Taylor
Harrison Sebring		Adrian Booth
Fred Clement		Jim Brodo

Men's B Singles

<i>Racquet</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>Penn</i>
Christian Bullitt		Bernard Metz
Bayard Fleitas		Michael Gamer
Rich White		Robert Gross
Helen Bamber		David Wilson
Jim McCaslin		

Men's C Singles

<i>HVCC</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>Shore Racquet</i>
Doug Diamond		Al Jewitt
Andy Van Buren		Duane DeMaree
Jonathan Wilt		Charles Matison
Bill Mitchell		Greg Vernon
		Paxton Keates

Women's A/B Singles

Berwyn
Dawn Gray
Ann Hatfield
Patty Spackman

Women's C Singles no results

Veteran's (40+) Doubles

<i>Merion</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>Germantown</i>
Tim Kent		Paul Furlong
Hobie Porter		Alan Grant
Andy Nehrbas		Roger Friedman
Drew Mateer		Ken Pollack
Mark Cresap		
Jamie Heldring		

Mixed Doubles

<i>Berwyn over</i>	<i>Cynwyd</i>
Peggy Brehman	Molly Pierce
Scott Brehman	Nick LePore
Susan Greene	Kellen Heckscher
Chris Wright	Addison West

Senior (50+) Doubles to be played soon

Upcoming Local Events

Junior

Jan 10-12	Germantown Juniors
Jan 24-26	Philly Future Stars
Jan 31-Feb 2	Philly Junior Champs

Adult

Jan 17-19	Atlantic Coast Hardball Singles
Jan 17-19	Liberty Bell Open
Jan 24-26	Merion Mixed Doubles
Jan 31-Feb 2	Philly Boast Singles/Doubles

Feb 28-March 2 Merry Mixed/PA State A Doubles
March 14-16 20th Anniversary Elite Doubles
March 24-28 PSRA Men's/Women's Doubles
Date TBD PSRA Singles and Age Group Doubles

Upcoming National Events

Feb 15-16	National Junior Doubles	Feb 21-23	National Hardball Singles
March 7-9	National Junior Closed Champs	March 14-16	US and Skill Levels
March 21-23 National Doubles M/W			
April 4-6 National Mixed Doubles			

Junior Tournament Results

Shore Racquet Future Stars drew a great crowd for the first tournament of the season. The GU13 had Sarah Mumanachit winning over Alexandra Watson. GU15 saw Katherine O'Donnell win over Kiera Murasko-Blank. GU17 had Rachel Rayfield winning over Sandra Mumanachit. BU13 had Caleb Garza beat Adil Ismail. BU15 had Robert Blumenthal defeat Scott Leighton. BU17 had Mark Taggart defeat Derek Devastich.

Cynwyd Juniors once again had a great draw. GU11 had Campbell Sechrest defeat Skyler Bouchard. GU13 saw Alexandra Van Arkel win over Kate Ballaine. GU15 had Julie Cerullo defeat Toby Eyre. GU17 had Katy Brewster defeating Emily Park. GU19 was a round robin with Caitlin Russell winning over Ashley Eyre. BU11 had Hunter Abrams over Dylan Wood. BU13 was an all Merion final with Chris Walling defeating Parker Justi. BU19 had Max Samuel defeat Andrew Zimmerman.

Berwyn Junior Classic had a wonderful group of players. GU11 winner and finalist were Libby Eyre and Aly Cook. GU13 had Alexandra Van Arkel win over Clare Kuensell. GU15 had Christina Matthias defeat Katie O'Donnell. GU17 saw Emery Maine win over Aly Brady. GU19 had a sister battle with Ashley Eyre defeating Avery. BU11 had Hunter Abrams win over Dylan Ward. BU13 had Todd Harrity defeating Thomas Mattson. BU15 had Pat Brady win over Chris Callis, BU17 saw David Canner defeat Adam Greenberg, and BU19 had David Sullivan win over Patrick Harris.

Hunter Lott, hosted at Merion, had many Philly winners. GU13 had Clare Kuensell and Alexandra Van Arkel placing second and third. GU15 had Christina Matthias as second, Emery Holton as third and Logan Greer as fourth. GU17 had Sarah Barenbaum as second and Emery Maine as third. GU19 was an all Philly final. Britt Hebden won with Lorin Riley second, Caitlin Russell as third and Ashley Eyre as fourth. BU13 had winner Todd Harrity and finalist Alex Domenick. BU15 had Trevor McGuinness as the winner, Chris Callis as third and Nils Mattson as fourth. BU17 saw Max Samuel winning with Chris Walling coming in fourth. BU19 had Ben Ende as third place winner.

The Philly Districts did not take place in December.

The Junior Olympics, which was held at Yale the weekend before Christmas, was the second largest junior event in the world. More than 64 players were in the BU15 and 17 groups. Players from Mexico, Pakistan, Australia, Barbados, Canada, and the United Kingdom were represented. Only 3 American boys advanced to the final 6 (1 PSRA player). Congratulations to Trevor McGuinness for his sixth place in the BU15. Eight girls (4 PSRA players) did well. GU15 had Emery Maine as a finalist, Christina Matthias as 4th and Logan Greer as 6th. Congrats to Britt Hebden for winning the GU17.

The PSRA Regional Junior Squad met with Bryan Patterson and his staff on November 23. This squad brought together top local juniors in the U13 and U15 group. Instruction consisted of the basics in the morning and then match play and fitness in the afternoon. The following players attended: U13 group had Lexi Saunders, Sarah Mumanachit, Mia Fry, Todd Harrity, Stephen Harrington, Thomas Mattson, Hunter Abrams, Caleb Garza, and Stephen Wetherill. The U15 group had Christina Matthias, Anne Madeira, Trevor McGuinness, Todd Ruth, Chris Callis, and John Levering. Thanks to Bryan and his staff for a great day!

Adult Tournament Results

The Will Dubin Memorial Mixed Doubles saw Demer Holleran and Alex Eiteljorg defeat Dawn Gray and Drew Mateer. The newly married Brehmans won third place over Susan Greene and Chris Wright. The B flight had the father-daughter team of Maurice and Kellen Heckscher win over Isabelle Benton and Andrew Snyder. The C flight had Denise Liszewski and David Tracy winning over Kathy O'Malley and Larry Guyer.

The Manheim Mixed saw Nancy Simkiss and John Behrend win the plaque.

The Tom Page Pro Doubles, held at the Racquet Club, had a great tournament. Blair Horler and Clive Leach won over Willie Hosey and Mike Pirnak. The A singles flight was won by Ed Gross, B flight by Oliver Lu, C flight by Charles Derr, and the D flight by Alex Escher. A doubles had Geordie Lemmon and Jamie Heldring defeat Rob Whitehouse and Mike Noll. John Schellenberg and Eddy Bresnitz won the 40+ doubles over Nick LePore and Howard Edson.

Howe Cup (women's team event) was played in Washington, D.C. in October and Philly sent 2 A teams, 1 B and 1C team. The A team of Margaret Elias, Demer Holleran, Amy Milanek, Dawn Gray, and Helen Bamber took the title down to the very wire. Congratulations for a hard fought win.

If I have misspelled your name or reported incorrect information, I apologize and please let me know.. Thanks to all of you for getting me information.

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