

May 2003

The Philly Boast

Greetings!

We have just completed the 2002-2003 season with new champions. We had ten weeks of fall and ten weeks of winter play, many adult and junior tournaments, which all made for a very exciting season.

As I mentioned in the winter Philly Boast newsletter, the Ranking Committee will be reviewing all league matches and tournaments to get an official ranking of all the PSRA players in singles and doubles. Having the players ranked should be a great help to the club pros and club reps when submitting their teams in for league play. One of our missions is to continue working on making the leagues stronger, challenging and equal in player ability. Another goal of the PSRA Board and Committees is to get our Adult Singles Tournament and Leagues back on track because we have seen a great number of players having fun and getting exercise. I saw a new group of young adults (30 and under) playing all divisions of doubles this past season and it was very exciting to see their enthusiasm. The PSRA continues to support the Junior Programs that have been very successful over the past few years with many tournaments, in-house leagues, future all-star events, both locally and nationally.

The PSRA Board and Committees is working hard to make this Association the biggest and best in the USSRA. We will be looking for new members on the Board and some Committees for the new season coming up in September. If anyone has an interest please feel free to contact me.

Have a fun and safe summer, and we will see you in September.

Molly Pierce
President

2003 Spring League Results

A Doubles

Germantown over *Wilmington*
Alan Grant Todd Anderson
Nick LePore Pete Moran
Paul Furlong Scott Simonton
Shane Coleman Corey Porter
Doug Whitaker

Super B Doubles

Cynwyd over *Merion*
Molly Pierce Marty Smith
Jen Edson Peter Dardaris
Ford Williams Wes Spahr
Andy Purcell Jay Mitchell
Chris Blango Tom Cox
Dick Webster

B Doubles

Merion over *Gwynedd*
Scott MacBean Jim Hlebik
Janet MacBean Peter McGuire
Frank Leto Steve Shea
Turk Thacher Peter Lutes
David Crockett
Charlie Ogelsby

C Doubles

Berwyn over *Gwynedd*
Bill Siple Paul Wallace
John Poulin Mark Lankford
George Mercadante Dick Berman
Steve Kozeracki Bob Pomichter

D Singles

Cherry Hill over *Germantown*
Trevor Williams Bart Withstandley
Mark Boardman Dan Leinhauser
Gail Palmer Andrew Morse
Dwayne Scott Tom Wadden
Harris Sokoloff
Marc Barag

Senior Doubles (from fall)

Gwynedd over *Cynwyd*
Jud Hand Eddy Bresnitz
Mark Bock John Schellenberg
Chris Bux Ford Williams
Dave Darrah Tom Tarantino

Junior Interclub Phila Cricket won the beginners, intermediates, and advanced group

PSRA Doubles Tournament

Men's

A Jamie Hickox and Ben DeSombre
Super B Kirk Layton and Sandy Tilney
B Turk Thacher and Charlie Ogelsby
C not held

Women's

Dawn Gray and Amy Milanek
not held
not held
not held

Age groups

40+ Rich Sheppard and Jamie Heldring not held
50+ Kirk Layton and Ford Williams not held
60+ Robin Ledwith and David McMullin not held

PSRA Singles Tournament was not held this year.

Local Tournaments

The **William White** opened up the winter doubles season here in Philadelphia. Geoff Kennedy and Eric Vlcek won the Open over Alex and Eric Eiteljorg. Demer Holleran and Jessica DiMauro won the women's open over Melissa Martin and Narelle Tippett Krizak. The men's 40+ was won by Rich Sheppard and Gregg Finn over Andy Nehrbas and Doug Rice. The women's 40+ was won by Joyce Davenport and Sara Luther over Molly Pierce and Jen Edson. The men's 50+ was won by Palmer Page and Joe Swain over Geordie Anderson and Malcolm Davidson. The men's 55+ was won by Joe Fitzpatrick and Sandy Martin over Lenny Bernheimer and Tom Poor. Imran Khan won the men's open singles over Dominic Hughes. The women's open was a round robin with Peggy Brehman the winner and Tracy Greer as the finalist. The men's 40+ singles was won by Tom Tom Harrity over Rob Dinerman. The Men's 50+ was won by Mark O'Brien, John Frazier won the 55+ group, and Charlie Baker won the 75+ group.

Demer Holleran and Alex Eiteljorg won the **Merion Mixed Doubles** over Jody Law and Andy Nehrbas. Sarah West and Baird McIlvain won the B flight over Margaret Elias and Andy Purcell. Geri Heldring and Jim Harrity won the C flight over Ann Snyder and Marc Ackerman.

The **PA State Mixed doubles** was won by Kat Van Blarcom and Jamie Heldring over Amy Milanek and Imran Khan. The Merry Mixed B flight was won by Alex Luk and Joe Coyle over Leslie Grayson and Bill Simpson. The C Flight saw Kathy O'Malley and Martin Bucko defeat Geri Heldring and Guy Donatello.

The **Philly Junior Tournament** had many local winners. GU11 had Skyler Bouchard defeat Sarah Domenick. GU13 had Alexis Saunders win, and GU15 had Christina Matthias win over Anne Madeira. GU17 had Sydney Scott winning over Maxi Prinsen and GU19 had Lydia Williams defeating Caitlin Russell. BU11 had Hunter Abrams as the winner with BU13 winner being Thomas Mattsson over Caleb Garza. BU15 saw Pat Brady win with BU17 winner Trevor McGuinness defeating Lee Rosen. BU19 winner Gilly Lane defeated Ben Ende.

Caitlin Russell and Ben Ende won **PSRA Sportsmanship Award**, awarded at the PSRA interclub tournament at Merion. Caitlin is a senior at Agnes Irwin and will be attending Cornell this fall. Ben is a senior at GFS and will be attending Penn this fall. Well done Caitlin and Ben!!

The **MASA Tournament and Inter-ACC** results were the following: boys team champ was CHA while the girls had a tie between Springside and Episcopal. Individual A flight winner was Gilly Lane and Alexandra Pearson.

National Tournaments

The **Junior Closed** held in Baltimore had many Philadelphia winners. GU13 had Emily Park as the winner with Alexandra VanArkel placing third. GU15 had Emery Maine as the finalist with Toby Eyre third, Christina Matthias fifth and Logan Greer sixth. GU17 had Sydney Scott as the winner and Maxi Prinsen as the third place winner. GU19 had Lauren McCrery as the finalist and Casey Riley was the fourth place winner. BU13 had Todd Harrity the winner and Steve Harrington as the finalist and Caleb Garza placing six. BU15 saw Trevor McGuinness take home the gold and Todd Ruth placing third. BU17 had Max Samuel as the finalist, with Gilly Lane winning the BU19 and Verdi DiSesa coming in fifth. Well-done Philly juniors!!

The **Junior Doubles** was held on the weekend of the big snow in February. All matches were not completed but this is what happened: Winners were Trevor McGuinness/Todd Ruth in the BU15 and 17, Ted Hill/John Sawin in the BU19, and Christina Matthias/Steven Harrington in the Mixed U15. Finalists included Pat Brady/Nils Mattson in the BU15, Nick Malinowski/Kit Zipf in the BU17, Trevor McGuinness/Todd Ruth in the BU19, and finally Kiera Murasko-Blank/Pat Brady in the Mixed U15.

The **US Champs and Skill Levels** held in Hartford had several local adults doing well. In the men's age 16-24 both Joe Russell and Imran Khan lost in the semis. Men's 40+ saw Dominic Hughes winning over Gamal Amir. In the 50+ Will Unway lost in the semis as did Bryan Patterson in the 55+. Graham Bassett lost in the semis of the men's 4.5 level. Heather Unway lost in the semis of the women's 45+ and then won the consolation round. Joyce Davenport defeated Sharon Schwarze in the women's 50+.

Hardball Singles was held at Merion and many local players were winners. Men's A saw Tom Harrity defeat Jamie Hickox. Men's 40+ had Peter Stokes win over Jamie Heldring. Men's 50+ had Palmer Page defeat Sandy Martin. Men's 60+ winner was Jim Zug, 65+ winner was Bruce Eifenbein and Charlie Baker was the finalist in the 75+ group.

The **U.S. Doubles** was held in Denver and many local players came home with gold. Preston Quick/Eric Vlcek won the men's open over Morris Clothier/Scott Butcher. The women's open had Demer Holleran/Alicia McConnell win over Jessie Chai/Karen Jerome. The women's 40+ had Joyce Davenport/Sara Luther win over Karen Kelson/Pat Millman. The men's 45+ had Andy Nehrbas/Doug Rice winning over Charlie and Sam Khan. The men's 50+ had Michael Pierce and Gordon Anderson as winners. Men's 65+ saw Fred Bracher and Gene Perle add another winner's trophy to their shelf.

National Mixed Doubles was a great event that saw many younger players excited to play. Jessie Chai/Victor Berg won the open draw over Demer Holleran/Keen Butcher. The 40+ draw was won by Sara Luther/Fred Duboc over Molly Pierce/Nick LePore.

The **National Future Stars** event was held at CHA/Springside. This inaugural tournament drew approximately 200 players competing for the title in 10 divisions. Bryan Patterson did a great job with this event. Local winners were Xander Greer in the BU11 and Bailey Marshall in the GU13. Finalists were Sarah Domenick in the GU13 and Nick Krotec in the BU19.

Last but not least is Lauren McCrery. Congratualtions on being selected to represent the US in Egypt as part of the **Women's Junior team**. Casey Riley was a finalist.

Gossip Corner

Jill Bressler and Eric Grossman will be moving to Camden, Maine in July.

Heather and Will Unway are moving back to Germany at the end of June.

Lauren and Nat Taylor are expecting their first child in October. Congratualtions!

Fall league rosters with designated captains will be due September 4. We implore that the pros and club reps put players in their correct categories. We will have two divisions for the veteran and senior doubles. Rankings from this past season will be available in August. Please use them as a gauge for the upcoming season. The Ranking Committee will be shifting players/teams accordingly.

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