

NNJSRA



Squash Central

Northern New Jersey Squash Racquets Association

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President's Letter

Welcome to the New Season!

The NNJSRA was formed 25 years ago by several intrepid souls with a love for squash racquets, several of whom are still in our midst. During the time since its founding, the Association has undergone some tremendous change, but remains true to its original mandate of supporting and promoting the game of squash. As incoming President I am honored, and thank the Board and the membership for their confidence in carrying forward the tradition and purpose of the Association.

On behalf of the membership, special thanks also go to Peter Twombly, who has ably served and helped guide the organization as President over the past three years. During that time period, the Association has increased membership and participation in league play, produced rankings annually, upgraded and published Squash Central on a regular basis, helped sponsor junior development clinics and events such as the Sy Perkins Tournament and the NJ States, and created an excellent web site actively used to help communicate with its members.

These accomplishments are terrific, but I believe there is even more we can do. We have an excellent Board for the coming year with a diverse set of skills which can help us in this regard. The full list of Board members and their Committee responsibilities appear elsewhere in this issue. Any Association is more than just its Officers and Board members, however, and like others, the NNJSRA leans heavily on its members to volunteer their time in a range of capacities. We encourage the active participation of our membership for both their good ideas and to help promote the organization and squash. Any comments or suggestions (or even criticisms) can be directed to any of the Board members or by email to NNJSRA.org.

There are several specific items concerning the Association and the upcoming season worth mentioning. We have created new Committees related to Squash Central and the Web Site to indicate their importance to the Association and to help support and further improve these communication tools. We have also recreated the Rules Committee which will oversee clinics and act as the contact point on any rules related issues.

In news from member clubs, congratulations to Englewood Field Club, which is in the midst of building two new international courts we hope will be available for spring leagues. The Odyssey Health Club (formerly Total Fitness and Major League Fitness) has been promoting the game of squash and is entering a team in the leagues for the first time in several years. Finally, congratulations to the organizers of the hard ball league for boosting the number of teams in the upcoming season at Wayne YMHA and Montclair YMCA to three each.

One of our primary goals for the coming year involves membership which is the lifeblood of any organization. We will be working to continue to build the membership ranks and ask all current members to assist us. One of the primary efforts here will be increased diligence regarding the membership status of league participants. Increased membership provides us with the resources to improve the level of service to all our members.

We look forward to the coming season and thank you for your support and participation as a member. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact any of the Board members or me with your thoughts.

David Kerr

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**2000 USSRA NATIONAL
HARDBALL RANKINGS**

Congratulations to the following members on their national rankings:

Men's 50+	John Cosmi #7
	Henry Steinglass #8
	Robert Pinelli #10
Men's 55+	John Cosmi #2
	Henry Steinglass #3
Men's 60+	Robert Pyle #7
	Jonathan Kohn #8
	Tony La Sala #9
Men's 70+	Thomas Dolan, Sr. #3
	Bob Penotti #5
	Harold Boddorff #11
	Thomas J. Berry #12

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Future Stars Junior Softball Tournament—October 14-15, 2000

The Future Stars Tournament held at The Chatham Club more than lived up to its name. Juniors who were ranked in the top half of any age category in the last junior rankings year and all past future star winners were ineligible to play. Youths from New Jersey and New York competed and also were able to participate in a clinic led by Mark Talbot, former world champion and current Women's Coach at Yale University. Winston Bramwell and Asher Hochberg competed against Talbot in two exhibition matches. Approximately 24 members of the New York City-based Street Squash participated in the event—their first ever tournament. Street Squash is a unique organization that offers academic assistance, squash instruction, cultural outings and opportunities for community service. Congratulations to Geoff Mitchell, Head Squash Professional at The Chatham Club, in his continuing effort in junior squash development.

Hardball—Upcoming Tournaments

Following is a partial list of upcoming regional Hardball Squash Tournaments being held on the East Coast. Former and current hardball players are encouraged to participate in any or all of these events. You will be delighted at the pleasure of playing in these outstanding tournaments which also provide an opportunity to enjoy "get-away weekends" with your wives and/or friends. Most of these tournaments have been held for many, many years, including the 59th anniversary of the Atlantic Coast Championships in Atlantic City.

December 9-10, 2000	Sleepy Hollow Hard Ball Invitational, Scarborough, NY
	Men—Age 60, 70
	Mike Solin 914.762.3838
January 5-7, 2001	William White Tournament, Haverford, PA
	Men—A. Age 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80
	Charlie Baker 610.296.9795
January 13-14, 2001	Milt Russ Hardball Invitational, Harvard Club, NYC
	Men—Age 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+
	Richard Chin 212.827.1267
January 19-20, 2001	Atlantic Coast Championship, Atlantic City, NJ
	Men—A. Age 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75
	Bill Sykes 609.340.6404
January 27-28, 2001	Eastern States Tournament, Yale Club, NYC
	Men 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75
	Sevando Velez 212.716.2128
February 9-11, 2001	Woodruff-Nee Tournament, Washington, DC
	Men—A. Age 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75
	Howard Day and Ghirma Meres 202.824.1367

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About the NNJSRA

The NNJSRA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of squash in the Northern New Jersey area.

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renew your
membership?**

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Fall 2000 A/B League

Thanks to the addition of the Bergen County-based Odyssey Club, the A/B League has grown from four to five clubs. We now have eight teams as follows:

Team Name	Captain
Chatham 1	Chandy Bramwell Liz Stratford
Chatham 2	Carl Weaver
Chatham 3	Mike Barnett Harvey Miller
Montclair Racquets	Joe Dolan
Odyssey Club	Bob Bedritis
Short Hills 1	Mike Sankovich
Short Hills 2	Steve Vignolo
Wayne YMHA	John Cosmi

During the season, as usual, we have experienced high-level, spirited and competitive squash. In addition, thanks to changes to the league administration system, league results are available in a timely fashion on the NNJSRA website. League match and tournament results are now used to derive individual rankings in accordance with the USSRA rating system. Coming soon, team captains will be able to post league match results directly on the web, with instant reports available.

Check out www.nnjsra.org for the latest team standings, player rankings, and individual match results. And come join us for the Spring League, consisting of A/B, C and D levels, starting in January of 2001.

- Mike Barnett

Women's Howe Cup 2000

The Howe Cup was generously hosted by the Meadow Mill Athletic Club in Baltimore on October 6-8, 2000.

Team Transylvania was made up of Thelma Van Eck (Dallas), Brenda Grossnickle (Orlando), Carole Grunberg (DC), and Liz Stratford (Chatham). Traci Barnes (DC) replaced Lorraine Sadkowski, who has returned to England.

As 1999 defending champions, the team's expectations were high; however, opposition proved stronger than expected. Of the seven "A" teams entered Team Transylvania was in a pool of four teams. All games were won against Baltimore and New York 2, with a narrow 2-3 loss against Philadelphia 1. The team advanced to the knockout semifinals against Boston. Led by Sharon Bradey, former coach at The Chatham Club, four of the five Boston team members were current or past teaching pros. Despite Thelma's 3-0 victory over Sharon and Liz's win over Boston's number 5 player, the team was not able to win the challenge.

In the 3-4 place playoff against Philadelphia 2, Thelma won her match, as did Liz against the legendary Goldie Edwards. Goldie is in her late 60's and has arguably participated in more Howe Cups and Nationals than any other player in the U.S. However, Philadelphia 2 ended up taking third place, with Team Transylvania in fourth.

The finals between Boston and Philadelphia 1 were extremely close. The tournament winner was determined by the outcome of the #1 players on each team. Sharon eventually won against fellow Australian Emma Major in a closely fought match that went to five, and Boston was victorious. The moral for Team Transylvania—it is not yet time to consider giving up our day jobs!

Former Chatham Club player Helen Clarkson played for the New York "C" team that ended up in second place behind Baltimore in their pool of six.

- Liz Stratford

...and have you heard?....

Congratulations to **Ian Brown** (Assistant Squash Pro at The Chatham Club) and his wife on their new baby—Miles Brown. Ian was also back home in Jamaica this summer and participated in Squash Classic 2000—a full week of events that included amateurs as well as PSA and WISPA professionals. As we go to press **Jon Kohn** is undergoing bypass surgery and **Bob Pyle** is recovering from back surgery—good luck, Jon and Bob. You may want to check out squash.freshaddress.com—a worldwide registry of squash players. *Any member wishing to include information for consideration may email it to Catherine Cropper, Editor, at cathc3026@aol.com or mail to NNJSRA.*

Englewood Field Club to Open New Squash Facility

The Englewood Field Club (EFC) in Englewood, NJ proudly announces the opening of its new squash facility. EFC's two 21' international squash courts are housed in the spacious new East Wing complex, which includes facilities for figure skating, ice hockey and summer camp programs.

The new courts feature hardwood walls, a floating sleeper sub-floor system to cushion player leg impact, and glass wall systems to provide maximum visibility for the substantial spectator viewing area. The squash courts were installed by McWill Sports Surfaces, and the East Wing facility was designed by the SET Design Collaborative.

EFC has nearly 100 adult and junior squash players. The club's "C" and "D" teams participate in the NNJSRA Spring softball leagues. In addition, the program offers junior development clinics, club leagues and annual skill level championship play under the direction of club professional Ken Torrey.

Racquets sports have a lengthy tradition at EFC, which was founded in 1887. The club has two existing 18' courts, believed to be among the first squash courts constructed in North America. EFC has been home to many distinguished national racquets champions, including outstanding sportsmen Germain Glidden and Calvin MacCracken.

EFC will host the inaugural Glidden/MacCracken Invitational Squash Tournament February 9-11, 2001 on its new international courts.

Contact Jeffrey Russell, Squash Racquets chairman, at 201.871.9341 or Frank Proietti, Racquets governor, at 212.871.3230 for information.

Upcoming Tournaments

DATE	EVENT/PLACE	ENTRY FORM INFORMATION
December 15-18, 2000	USSRA Junior Olympics Yale University, New Haven, CT	entry deadline passed
January 6-7, 2001	Short Hills Club Invitational "C"	www.NNJSRA.org or SHC Pro Shop—973.379.3276
January 20-21, 2001	Short Hills Club Invitational "B"	www.NNJSRA.org or SHC Pro Shop—973.379.3276
February 2-9, 2001	Tournament of Champions Grand Open Grand Central Station, New York, NY	Amateur tournament in conjunction with Men's PSA Kenny Scher—718.237.2450
February 9-11, 2001	Glidden/MacCracken Invitational Englewood Field Club	Jeffrey Russell—201.871.9341
February 9-11, 2001	Sy Perkins Junior Tournament The Chatham Club	Geoff Mitchell—973.377.1900 or Paul Achenbach—973.632.7088
February 23-25, 2001	USSRA National Hardball Championships Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT	rosenbaum@wesleyan.edu or 860.685.6458 or USSRA—610.667.4006
March 15-18, 2001	US Championships & National Skill Levels Seattle, WA	USSRA—610.667.4006
March 17-18, 2001	Short Hills Club Invitational "A"	www.NNJSRA.org or SHC Pro Shop—973.379.3276

The NJ State Championships will be held this year in Princeton under the auspices of the Central New Jersey SRA. The CNJSRA will circulate information related to the tournament as it becomes available.

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