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***Squash in the Olympics - Cast your Vote***

The Canadian Olympic Association is currently running a poll on what sport should be added to the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. Granted, it is not a scientific poll and it is unlikely to influence the IOC in its decision, but we think squash should be making a better showing.

Here is the Poll as of Wednesday at 11:00 pm.

What sport would you like to see added for the 2016 Olympic Games?

Baseball 40%  
Golf 10%  
Karate 0%  
Roller Sports 0%  
Rugby 0%  
Softball 46%  
Squash 1%

Please [Click Here](#) and cast your vote. Takes less then 1 minute.

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### ***2009 Sun and Surf***

2009 Sun and Surf registration is now OPEN! Go to [www.sunandsurf.ca](http://www.sunandsurf.ca) to register. This year's theme is Prom Night (Old School)! Once again there is the Women's Professional Tour and top players from around the world will be competing.

There are 3 Levels of PATRON packages this year as well which;

- PLATINUM \$350 (Max 20 – 2 left) \$200 tax receipt, entry, reserved seat, and extra dinner ticket for both Friday and Saturday night plus a Cutter and Buck Mens/Ladies watch set (Value \$200);
- GOLD \$200 includes entry, extra Saturday dinner ticket, reserved seat and \$100 tax receipt;
- WISPA supporter \$100 donation and receive a \$100 tax receipt.

If you are interested in a PATRON package contact Shauna Flath directly at [squashpro@jericho.ca](mailto:squashpro@jericho.ca). There are limited entries and we are filling up fast. Don't miss out! See you in August.

Shauna

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## ***Jim Macken Passes Away***

Jim Macken, tennis and squash player extraordinaire and former president of Tennis Canada and Tennis BC, passed away in March. While best known for his accomplishments as a tennis player and administrator, it should be recognized that Jim also enjoyed considerable success as a squash player.

Up to 1959, BC squash players had been singularly unsuccessful in breaking the tournament domination by United States players along the Pacific Coast. However, in 1960 the U.S. domination was dented with Jim Macken, along with Sandy Robertson, becoming the first BC players to reach the finals of open singles events in major Pacific Coast tournaments. In the same year, Bob Wade won the Pacific Coast veterans singles title.

During the early 1960's, Jim owned the BC Squash Championships men's singles title. After having first won the provincial title in 1955 with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Harry Bell-Irving, Jim then captured the provincial title a further three times over the years 1960-2.

In 1967 the first large-scale exposure of BC players to eastern Canadian competition took place when four 7-man teams from British Columbia participated in the Centennial Squash Tournament held in Toronto. In that tournament, which involved over 200 squash players from all parts of Canada, the Jericho Tennis Club team of Jim Macken, George Morfitt, Lawrence Barclay, Dr. Mitch Hiddleston, Jack Volrich, Bill Picken and Don Starling won the Division "B" Championship.

Jim was also one of the original members of the BC "nest" of the Jesters Club, the club dedicated in the main to the organization and promotion of squash racquets throughout the world and to the encouragement of the game at its most sporting best.

Jim Macken was an outstanding person, sportsman and athlete, and he is sadly missed.

George Morfitt

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## ***'Third Annual High Game Tournament'***

*Hosted by Allan Brown and Morley Jameson at The Arbutus Club.*

This afternoon of squash is open to players of all abilities. There are three main objectives – get lots of exercise, have fun and raise money for the '2020 Fund'. Limited to the first 24 entrants, each player will enjoy:

- a minimum of three 'High Games' (all shots must be above the Service Line). Players will be grouped by ability with prizes given in each category.
- the opportunity to raise money for Junior squash through their entry fee (a portion is tax deductible) and a Silent Auction.
- a meal and beverages following the matches.

Date - Saturday, June 20th - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm (squash); 5:30 pm dinner and drinks.

Location - The Arbutus Club

Cost - \$25 entry (includes games, prizes, dinner, beverage) plus, \$25 (minimum) donation to The 2020 Fund (players are encouraged to donate more as a tax receipt will be issued).

Silent Auction - players are encouraged to donate an item. Previously, we have had golf and dinner, squash lessons, bottles of wine, etc.

Please consider joining us for this fun-filled afternoon. In the past two years we have raised \$3,300 for the 2020 Fund! Inquiries/entries can be sent to either:

[mdjameson@shaw.ca](mailto:mdjameson@shaw.ca) or [jabrown4@telus.net](mailto:jabrown4@telus.net)  
mobile: 604-219-8233  
[www.sportcentral.ca](http://www.sportcentral.ca)

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## ***Summer Squash Camps at Jericho***

### **ELITE WEEK - JULY 6-9**

Elite Week Guest Coaches are - Jr Men's National Coach - Jonathan Hill and Hollyburn Head Professional - Jeff Boag

Cost - \$425

Time - 9-4pm last day is 9-1pm

Lunch is not included

Maximum 12 spots

\*Billets are available upon request

To register please contact Shauna Flath at [squashpro@jericho.ca](mailto:squashpro@jericho.ca)

### **JUNIOR WEEK - JULY 13-16**

Squash Camp - July 13-16

Cost - \$250

Time - 9-2pm

Lunch is not included

Maximum 12 spots

Ages - 9-12

To register please contact Shauna Flath at [squashpro@jericho.ca](mailto:squashpro@jericho.ca)

Looking forward to having 2 weeks of great camps here at the club!

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks and see you on the court!

Shauna Flath

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### ***SHAKIRU MATTI 2009 SUMMER CAMPS***

Come and train with some of the best players in British Columbia and Canada. This year's summer camp has attracted players from across the country and the U.S.

There are a few spots available to have fun at fitness Unlimited, 2009 junior championship club challenge trophy winner, one of the best junior programs in North America.

For more information please visit [www.shakirumatti.com](http://www.shakirumatti.com)

Thanks,  
Shakiru.

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### ***Summer Squash Camp (Residential)***

July 19-24, 2009

Shawnigan Lake School, Vancouver Island

Ages 13-18 (Intermediate-Advanced)

**Coaches:**

Mike Johnson

Melanie Jans

Thomas Brinkman

Dan Diachuk  
Jarryd Senick  
For more information, please contact  
Mike Johnson at: 250-733-2015  
or [mikereflex@gmail.com](mailto:mikereflex@gmail.com)

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***Summer Squash Academy  
at  
St. Michaels University School***

July 26 – August 1

Players at any level of athletic ability can learn the basics of squash or improve their skills with training from a professional instructor in a state-of-the-art facility. Join a professional coaching team to learn the techniques and strategy of the sport. With a four-to-one player/coach ratio, you will also have personalized training and physical conditioning for squash that includes video analysis of your technique.

Day programme registration includes instruction, supplies, lunch, t-shirt, and programme souvenir.

Boarding programme registration also includes breakfast, dinner, evening snack, evening activities, and semi-private room with shower and toilet

Cost:

Registration Fee: \$50

Day Programme: \$450

Boarding Programme: \$765

Here is the link to our web site for more details: [Click Here](#)

Regards,  
Dawn Wilson

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***Pro Squash Training Camps***

Shahier Razik, Melanie Jans, Phil Arthur and Viktor Berg are hosting a Pro Squash Training Camp at Evergreen Squash Club, July 27 – 30, 2009. This camp will be for both Juniors and Adults, intermediate to advanced playing level.

For more information and to sign up, please [\(Click Here\)](#)

Hope to see you there,  
Viktor Berg

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### ***Squash Tournament Camp***

"Presented by coaches John Fleury, Melanie Jans and Viktor Berg, this unique "Squash Tournament Camp" will cover everything a junior player (12 and up) would need to know in order to play their best in a tournament. Participants will play in the Sun and Surf tournament at Jericho in August and receive video analysis of their game and coaching from these experienced coaches. For details/poster, please [click here](#)

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### ***Letters to the Editor***

Squash BC welcomes all articles submitted about squash and will publish them in this newsletter. We try to keep the newsletter up to date with what is happening in BC. Sending in timely newsworthy reports on tournaments, leagues or other squash activities will be greatly appreciated. (Note: The Pulitzer Prize Committee hasn't agreed to use this newsletter for nomination purposes, but we're working on it.)

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