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## 2005 — A Great year for squash in Greater Moncton.

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Dear Fellow Members,

One year ago, we were staring at a former hockey arena still dreaming about a future Moncton Squash Club. To say a lot has happened in the last few months would definitely be an understatement, but thanks to you and yours we pulled off something that many did not think possible, on time and on budget.

On behalf of your board of directors, I would like to bring you up-to-date on our club and some plans for 2006. First, **thank you to all the volunteers** who have given freely of their time in making this project a reality. To pick out a few is really not fair, but I would like to single out Marc Doucette who with a massive personal workload still managed all our communications from start until now. Also, many thanks go to **Matt Goobie** who oversaw the construction phase of the project and chaired the extremely successful **Moncton Invitational Tournament** in November. Thanks to all our directors who have been meeting for over a year guiding this project to a successful conclusion and, of course, a big thank you, to our founding members and club sponsors without whose financial support we simply wouldn't exist.

Our financial status is solid with our bills being paid and enough cash to make our first installment payment to the City but our 2006 operating budget is dependent on membership retention and growth so I ask all to please introduce or perhaps re-introduce a friend to squash—as we all know once played, the game and now the facility are infectious. We currently have **110 members**, which represent approximately 150 players. We have budgeted for 150 members for 2006 so please help your club grow and bring in a new member. Further, financial details for last year as well as this year's proposed budget will be presented to our membership in mid-January at our first ever **Moncton Squash Club annual meeting**. Details and invitations to follow shortly. Please block the date and attend as we are a member-owned/operated club and your opinions count.

While on the financial front, you will find attached the fee schedule for 2006, which is in line with our original projections. Thanks to the terms of our lease with the City of Moncton we are able to offer our membership at a rate which is very competitive with other local sports facility's. Please take note and advantage of the special offer which is only available until January 31<sup>st</sup>.



2006 is going to start off with a bang, as we have just been asked to host the **NB Closed Tournament** in mid-January. This will be followed by the **Atlantic Juniors** at the end of the month, the **Atlantic Seniors** in the spring to be concluded with a proposed club championship as well as a league championship. Speaking of league, the **Normie's Squash League** is off to a great start with more players than ever taking part, many thanks to **Liam McGuigan & Frank Legacy** for organizing this great challenge.

As noted above, we are hosting the **Atlantic Juniors** at the end of January. This is going to be a great event but we need some volunteers ("many hands make light work") so if you're interested please let Marcel or Liam know you're available. We are also proud to be the host club of the coach and manager of the **NB Canada Games Squash Team**. Congratulations to **Jeff Carter** and **Nicole Belliveau** on your appointments, Junior squash is looking good!

It has been very rewarding to help guide our club's growth, we've come a long way from an empty rink and with a dedicated board like ours, the future is bright. As we leave the building phase of our club and move into managing growth it becomes more demanding on volunteers. If you're interested in giving of your time please let me know @ [morrisj@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:morrisj@nbnet.nb.ca) or call 383-3151 and I'm sure something of interest is awaiting.

Please remember the **Christmas Social on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>** which is in support of Toys for Tots (great idea Frank!). We will have some finger foods from Normie's / Jungle Jim's as well as bar service and some great squash. Entrance fee is a child's gift valued at a minimum of ten dollars.

Also, please remember to support your pro shop which is fully stocked with all kinds of goodies that could fit under your Christmas tree, **Marcel Cormier** is keen to help you out, so don't hesitate to drop in or give him a call @ 388-9505, and don't forget private lessons are available.

As 2005 draws to an end, we have a lot of reasons to be thankful. Please accept my best wishes for a happy holiday and all the best in 2006, it's going to be great!

Sincerely,



Jim Morris  
President  
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