



**Doubles Officiating Newsletter  
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The intent of this newsletter is to keep certified doubles officials “in the loop” with respect to doubles officiating in Canada. So here’s what has happened thus far in 2011.

The certification program continues to make progress. Both Mark Hinchcliffe and Kirsteen Burton passed their practical tests and became Provincial level referees. Congratulations to Mark and Kirsteen. The four individuals listed below attended a certification clinic on April 16<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver; we welcome them to the doubles officiating program.

Pacey, Robert	Vancouver	BC
Parsons, Kelsey	Surrey	BC
Pybus, Gord	Vancouver	BC
Takeuchi, Gerry	Vancouver	BC

The upgrading of Provincial level officials to the National level remains a very important component of our certification program. To date in 2011 we have had 6 officials obtain signatures towards achieving their National level status. Also, I am very pleased to announce that Leslie Freeman and Richard Hazell have now obtained all the required signatures and have become National level referees. Very well done.

The Squash Canada Doubles Officiating Committee wants to ensure that all competitive matches have qualified officials. It was questioned whether Open matches would best be served by having qualified officials who were also Open level players. Following considerable discussion, it was decided to ask a select number of Open level players to a special officiating session conducted by Tony Swift and James Hewitt. In addition to participating in this session, the officiating skills of these players were assessed at major competitions. As a result of this process, it was determined that the following players would be designated as National Referees. We are pleased to welcome these players to the SC Doubles Officiating Program:

Chris Deratnay	Jessica DiMauro
Scott Dulmage	Stephanie Hewitt
Willie Hosey	Scott Stoneburgh

With respect to our National Championships, Tony Swift assumed the Tournament Referee duties for both the Canadian Doubles in March and the Mixed Doubles in April. The officiating went smoothly at both tournaments. All main round final matches had a full complement of certified officials. Thanks to all those officials who worked at these two tournaments.

An important initiative the SC Doubles Officiating Committee developed during this past season and will implement starting September 2011 is the Quality Control Program (QCP). This program has been established to a) ensure that National Referees remain active and competent at the national level, and b) ensure that all NE's remain active and competent at delivering certification clinics and conducting assessments. The QCP will be coordinated by Tim Mallory. All NRs and NEs will be sent a copy of the QCP and it will be posted on the Squash Canada website.

To summarize, it was another successful season. This would not be possible without the time and effort put in by all those involved in the Squash Canada Doubles Officiating Program. We hope for your continuing support next season. A special thanks to the members of the SC Doubles Officiating Committee: Dennis Bishop, Brian Covernton, James Hewitt, Diane Hutchison, Tammie Sangster, and Tony Swift.

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