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Updated to 31 March 2024

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Squash Library
19 January at 08:21

Grand Central Terminal – the iconic venue of the Tournament of Champions – was opened to travellers 110 years ago in 1913. And it is in a waiting room close to the main concourse that the showcourt has been set up since 1995, in front of a huge flow of daily commuters.
[Tournament of Champions Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

Squash Library
30 August at 08:20

Squash became a central activity at the Royal Automobile Club in London when the new clubhouse including three courts opened in Pall Mall in 1911. It also spent many years as a leader in the development of the game. Read the full Library story here: www.squashlibrary.info/general-resources.

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Squash Library
12 June at 08:36

Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram is famous in the squash world for bringing events to the Pyramids, but 25 years ago in March 1998 they also initiated the Women's Grand Prix Finals, initially played in the stunning setting of the island bar of the Marriott Hotel in Hurghada.

الأهرام - Al-Ahram Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش

Photo courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
14 April at 08:34

In 1980, the British Open went to the Wembley Conference Centre for the first time. It was played on a demountable glassback on the stage, enabling around 1,200 spectators to watch in a fan of seats. This was the largest audience of the period. Here is the poster and a view of the court.

British Open Squash - from SquashSite Squash - PSA World Tour

Squash Library
31 May at 07:18

The Cannons Club was imaginatively built between the arches underneath the railway lines running into Cannon Street station in London. In 1986 as trains rumbled overhead an all-glass was installed in 1986 in one section. The brickwork was painted black and viewing from both front and back was possible for the Cannons home matches in the American Express League.

Photo Courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
5 April at 08:17

To get a real perspective of the positioning of the court for the first Al Ahram staging at the Pyramids of Giza in 1996, here is a daytime shot - with the Pyramids in the foreground and Cairo visible beyond. Latterly the court site was a little further from the Pyramids.

EGYPT Squash - الإسكواش مصر - Squash - PSA World Tour الأهرام - Al-Ahram

Squash Library
4 April at 08:29

In 1974 Neil Kilpatrick and George Mieras fulfilled their mission of founding a new squash club in Edinburgh to cater for expanding demand when Colinton Castle Squash Club opened. Now, a year short of its 50th birthday the eight court club has closed down, its lease to use the grounds of Merchiston Castle School ending.

Many international players will have known it from its hosting of the Scottish Junior Open, and it was the venue for the 1993 World Masters too.

Squash Library
14 April at 08:37

..... Then in 1984, the British Open (with Men & Women's events combined from 1982) returned to Wembley with an all-glass court, placed in the middle of the Conference Centre with seating now on the stage.

British Open Squash - from SquashSite Squash - PSA World Tour

Photo courtesy Steve Line

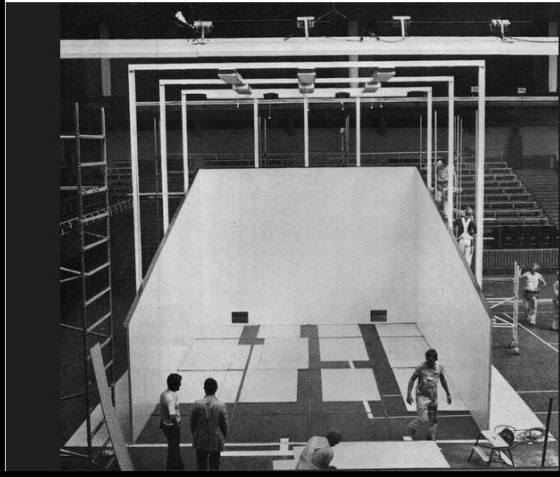
Squash Library
4 February at 08:31 · 🌐

Spearheaded by Narayana Ramachandran who later became WSF President, the development of the Indian Squash Academy led to it being inaugurated in Chennai in 2002. Three initial courts were added to by four more glassbacks and an all-glass show court saw it become the national centre. This has led to the Academy hosting eight World Championships along with Regional and National events in its first twenty years. (The Library directory of World Championship hosting is at <http://www.squashlibrary.info/.../the-world-championship...>). Squash Rackets Federation of India



Squash Library
30 June at 08:31 · 🌐


When the PIA World Series reached Sweden on 31 Aug – 5 September 1978 as a new innovation a Perstorp panel court with a glass backwall was erected in the Kungliga Tennishallen in Stockholm. It led to what was then reported as a world record audience of 510 watching the final. The full Library PIA World Series history is at www.squashlibrary.info/features.



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Squash Library
13 October at 08:46 · 🌐

30 years (in October 1993) the stunning courts at the Heights Casino in Brooklyn, New York were inaugurated after re-vamping. After two former club champions, US Champions Alicia McConnell and Will Carlin opened play on the two courts, the first of the annual Carol Weymuller international women's events started, England's Fiona Geaves beating Australian Vicki Cardwell 9-7 9-6 9-7 in the final.



Squash Library
18 May at 07:57 · 🌐

International squash has a great partnership with CIB Bank in Egypt, who sponsor a number of major championships. They follow national newspaper Al Ahram who showed the world the potential of stunning squash outside locations. They did so for the first time with the Al Ahram event at the Pyramids in Giza in May 1996. Then they staged the Women's Grand Prix finals in Hurghada in March 1998; placing a court on an island at the Marriott Hotel. Squash - PSA World Tour Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش - الأهرام CIB Bank الأهرام - Al-Ahram



Photos courtesy Steve Line

Squash Library
26 March at 07:51 · 🌐

One of the most stunning locations for a glass court was the bar area of the Marriott Hotel in the Red Sea resort of Hurghada, Egypt arranged by Al Ahram. On an island just beyond the beach, it played host to the Women's WISPA Grand Prix Finals, and later the Men's PSA Masters from 1998 until 2002. Egyptian Squash Federation - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش الأهرام - Al-Ahram Squash - PSA World Tour



Squash Library
28 September at 08:23 · 🌐

21 years ago today (28.09.2001), New Zealand's Prime Minister Helen Clark opened the NZ National Squash Centre on the Unitec Campus, Mt Albert, Auckland. It features six courts (2 banks of 3 with movable walls), and is open on a pay-to-play basis as well as being used for high performance sessions. Squash New Zealand




(L to R) John Webster (Unitec Co), Helen Clark, Susan Devoy (trustee), Bruce Davidson (Chairman)


Squash Library
17 March at 08:28 · 🌐

Today's final of the Women's CIB Black Ball Open in Cairo is being played at the impressive facilities of the Black Ball Sporting Club. Opened in Oct 2017, it features no less than 19 courts, including an all-glass showcourt and has already hosted several major PSA Tour events. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[Black Ball Sporting Club](#)[CIB Egypt](#)[Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش



Squash Library
14 January at 08:48 · 🌐

In May 1986 the French Squash Federation placed a showcourt produced by French company Puchaux in Paris between the fountains of the Trocadero, facing the Eiffel Tower for a week as part of the Sport Aid initiative. Its aim was to take squash out of the traditional indoor surroundings. The court was also used for the French Open and World Open (in Toulouse) that year. [FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash](#)



Squash Library
6 March at 08:28 · 🌐

The Wimbledon Club in London, venue for the Optasia PSA Men's Tour event beginning today is an historic one. The club was founded in 1854 by cricketers playing on Wimbledon Common. In 1890 it relocated to the current freehold nine-acre site on Church Road that was bought that year from Miss Sarah Beaumont for £3,612. Historically cricket, hockey (pic), tennis and squash have been played there. This week many of the top squash players in the world will do so. [Optasia Squash Championships](#)[Squash - PSA World Tour](#)[TWCsport](#)




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Squash Library
27 December at 08:44 · 🌐

The opening of the PIA Squash Complex in Karachi in 1976 enabled Pakistan to begin staging international events. The facility on Kashmir Road features five courts, the central one having 250 seats, room for a standing gallery of 100, and broadcast facilities. The 'second' court seats 150. [Pakistan Squash Federation](#)

Renamed the PIA Jahangir Khan Complex in 1989 after Khan won his 8th (of ten) British Open title, it hosted the Men's World Open in 1984 and the Men's World Team Championship in 1993. It is currently adding a selection of other sports before re-opening next year.





Squash Library

13 December at 08:47 · 🌐



When the Wembley Squash Centre was built in North London in 1974, one innovation was a central block of removable seats so that a TV camera could be slotted in (with room behind, in a storeroom). The end seats on the front row were also removable for cameras. For the full Wembley story go to <https://www.squashlibrary.info/post/wembley-squash-centre>



Squash Library

29 September at 08:41 · 🌐



Hasta La Vista, the world's largest squash club, is due to host the postponed World Masters next year on its 33 courts. The facility has already hosted multiple squash championships before, including the 2013 WSF World Junior Championships, the 2017 World Games and the European Masters Championships and European Team Championships in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Owner Zenon Waniak added a demountable all-glass show-court in 2017 to support his bringing events to the Wroclaw, Poland facility.

[HASTA LA VISTA](#)



Squash Library

26 August at 08:37 · 🌐



Although squash had arrived in the United States earlier, (beginning at St Pauls School in Conover, New Hampshire and in private homes); Christmas Day 1900 was a landmark date for squash in USA.

It was on this date that the first court built at a club was opened. It was at the Racquet Club in Philadelphia at their original Walnut Street location. Slightly smaller than the standardised dimensions, and built entirely of wood for \$500, it proved to be an instant success.

This prompted the club to add three more courts two years later. Again, space constraints meant that they were slightly smaller than the standard 32' by 21'. Unlike the first, they were primarily cement constructed, including the floor, with only the front wall being wooden. The building costs had risen to \$1,630! [US SQUASH](#)

World Squash Library @SquashLibrary · Nov 30



Abbeyle, a suburb of Sheffield in England holds a special place in British squash history. Its 7th court, opened on 30 Oct 1971 was the first full glass back wall fin court enabling viewing across its full width.

The Library Abbeyle story is at: [squashlibrary.info/features](https://www.squashlibrary.info/features)

The club then hosted the 1972-74 British Opens before the championship moved to the newly opened Wembley Squash Centre in 1975.



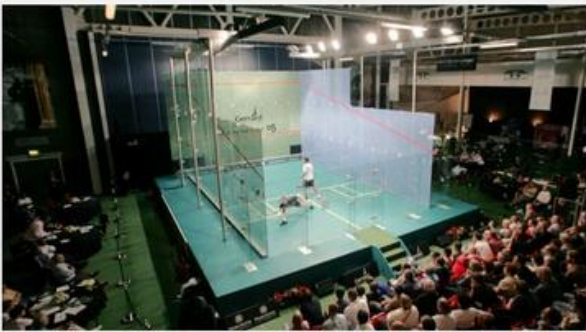


Squash Library

11 August at 08:48

When Manchester won the right to host the Commonwealth Games 2002, the venue building programme included a National Squash Centre - which is being used for the Manchester Open this week. In addition to six courts (convertible to four doubles), it included a showcourt (also convertible to doubles), mounted on a hover-pad system.

This enabled it to move through the opening built into the adjacent indoor running track and seating to be built round it for over 2,000 spectators, as pictured (the top photo from the Games 2002 shows the court in the athletics area, with the bottom shot showing the black partition it had moved through to enter the squash area).
[England Squash Squash - PSA World Tour Commonwealth Games Federation](#)



Photos: Steve Line



Squash Library

22 May at 09:17

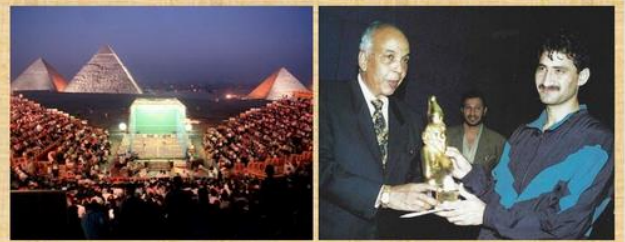
Egypt is synonymous with event hosting, currently in El Gouna, but World Federation founder members Egypt had hoped to host their first world championship – the world Amateur Team & Individual – back in 1979. However, while finances were no problem the lack of facilities prevented it. The National Stadium courts (below) would come on stream two years later so the first of the current 13 World Championship stagings in Egypt was the Men's Teams in 1985. Details for all World Championship events and hostings by nation at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/world-championships> and all Library World Championship posts are indexed at www.squashlibrary.info, click on POSTS. [Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش / [World Squash Federation](#)



Squash Library

21 March at 08:50

Sunday prompt: With the PSA Tour in Cairo at present, back in 1996 the very first Giza 'Pyramids' event was played there. The Al Ahram International 25 years ago saw home star Ahmed Barada beaten by Pakistani Jansher Khan in the final. [Squash - PSA World Tour Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش / [Ahrām Sport / بوابة الأهرام الرياضية](#)

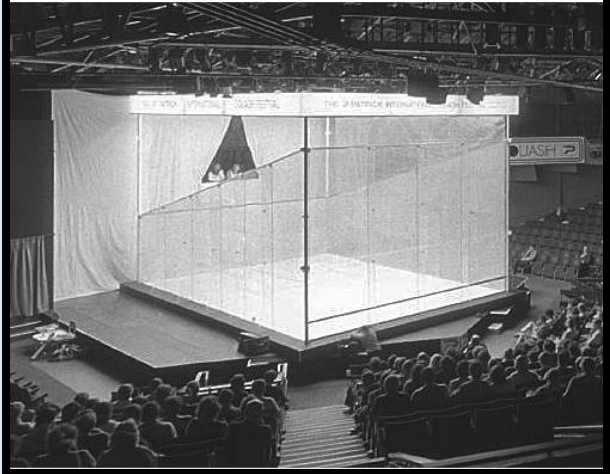


Squash Library

1 August at 09:21

Sunday prompt. In March 1983 at the Chichester Festival Theatre in England Jahangir Khan (PAK) beat Gamal Awad (EGY) 3 – 1 in the record breaking 2hr 46 min final of the Chichester International (yes, only four games!). He did so in the probably unique situation of the master camera filming being through the front wall. As can be seen there was no backwall viewing for the event except for the match officials.

[Squash - PSA World Tour Pakistan Squash Federation Egyptian Squash Federation](#) - الاتحاد المصري للإسكواش





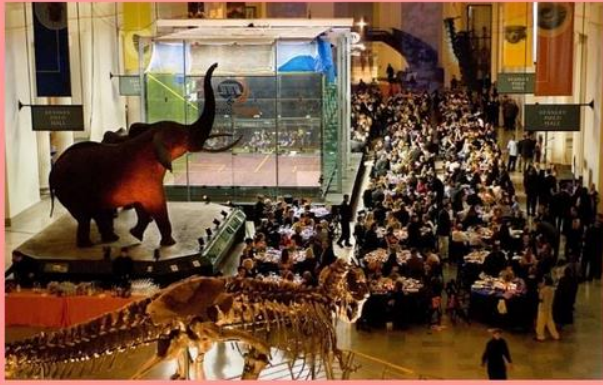
Squash Library

2 March at 09:15 · 🌐



Squash may not have been played in prehistoric times, but in October 2007 it joined with them! A showcourt was erected in the Chicago Field Museum under the watchful eye of Sue, their resident T-Rex, and fighting elephants, for the two day event. It was presented by METROsquash, the city's urban squash & education programme to showcase squash to visitors and students, as well as fund-raise. Professionals including Amr Shabana, John White, Peter Nicol, Natalie Grainger & Jonathon Power played, coaching sessions held, and a dinner for 500 staged. Innovate use of the past to highlight future for youth.

[MetroSquash](#)



Squash Library

22 February at 08:52 · 🌐



The historic Jeu de Paume Club in central Paris is located on the top floor of a building between the Arc de Triomphe and the Trocadéro.

The club originated in 1908, and replaced one of its Paume (real tennis) courts with four squash courts in 1927, at a time when squash (or squash rackets as it was then called), was almost unknown in France. These courts became the starting point for squash in the country.

One court had part of a sidewall replaced with glass and now opens into the club lounge. The club hosted some matches in the WSF Women's World Team Championship in 2016.

[Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume FFSquash - Fédération Française de Squash](#)



Squash Library

27 February at 09:24 · 🌐



The Calcutta Racket Club in India has a huge history, having been formed in 1793 and thus one of the oldest clubs in the world. The 'Racket' was not a reference to sport, but derived from the 'Racket Bird' that lived in the trees around its site! The club was initially known as the Fives Court or Gamekhana. The game of rackets gave way to squash in the 1930s.

It started with two courts, and added two more in January 1951, the opening by H.E. Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor ... See more



Squash Library

2 January at 09:10 · 🌐



A top venue, the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex was officially opened by HH Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani on 16 December 1992. Then it featured a showcourt and two glassbacks, but grew to a showcourt and 8 glassbacks courts to host the Asian Games 2006.

In addition to hosting the annual Qatar Classic International Championship, the Khalifa Centre has also been the venue for five Men's World titles, one Women's and a World Junior Championships too (dates on Library chart extract below & in full at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/features>).

Pictured at the Complex inauguration are, left, H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani, H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa al-Thani (centre) with Ali-Al-Fardan the President of Qatar Tennis and Squash Federation, right, showing the facilities.

[Qatar Squash Federation](#) [Squash - PSA World Tour](#) [World Squash Federation](#)



Qatar	
1998 DOHA	Men's
2002 DOHA	Women's
2004 DOHA	Men's
2012 DOHA	Men's
2012 DOHA	Jnr Men's, Jnr Women's, Jnr Men's Team
2014 DOHA	Men's
2019 DOHA	Men's

Squash Library
18 September · 🌐


Even before the English National Squash Centre was built in 2002 for the Commonwealth Games, showcourt events took place in Manchester. Initially in a circus tent at Belle Vue, and from 1999 - 2002 the British Nationals were staged on a court placed inside the track at the Manchester Cycling Velodrome.



Cassie Jackman & Paul Johnson try the track. Photos courtesy Steve Line.

Squash Library
17 May · 🌐

The Wembley Squash Centre in North West London opened in November 1974. It featured 15 courts, including the first purpose-built for broadcast centre court. Apart from hosting events such as the British Open, it provided a blueprint for other nations at the time. The full Wembley Squash Centre story is at <https://www.squashlibrary.info/features>




Squash Library
18 March · 🌐

In March 1983 at the Chichester Festival Theatre in England, Jahangir Khan beat Gamal Awad 3-1 in the then record-breaking 2h 46m Men's Chichester International Final, while Vicki Cardwell also won her 3rd title; both in the probably unique situation of the master camera filming being through the front wall. As can be seen, there was no backwall viewing for the event.




Squash Library
20 February · 🌐

You might have thought that the largest gallery for a court (above the solid back wall) in the 1950's would have been at the Lansdowne Club in London, home of the British Open, but that would have been incorrect. Until 1958 it was the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg, South Africa which could hold 300 - 400. Then in 1958 along came the pictured court which could hold 500 spectators, the majority in a towering block as well as 100 in two side galleries. It was built in the grounds of Cairo University. Another top ranking for Egypt! (The Lansdowne Club court had 144 seats and standing for 60 more).



Squash Library
11 February · 🌐

Iconic Grand Central Terminal in NYC isn't the first station-based event. The British Nationals starting in Nottingham today was played at a station from 1985 - 1988. Bristol's Temple Meads Station is the oldest station in England, and became operational in 1840. The court was placed on the track-bed of the historic building, with seating on the old platforms. [England Squash](#)





Squash Library

9 January · 🌐



The Tournament of Champions beginning today at Grand Central Terminal in New York will be the 23rd at the station, which has become an iconic squash venue, and is played in an area passed by tens of thousands of travellers each day. The first Terminal event was won by Jansher Khan in 1995, beating Rodney Eyles 15/5, 15/8, 15/10. [Squash - PSA World Tour](#)

