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*O'Donnell and Markus Inducted into the ISRA Hall of Fame*

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## From the President

On June 14<sup>th</sup> the ISRA held its Annual Meeting. This is the meeting where officers and board members are elected for two-year terms beginning the following July 1<sup>st</sup>. Positions are staggered so that half of the positions come due for election each year. This year, the positions up for election included: Vice President, Treasurer, Southern Zone Vice President, Western Zone Vice President and three Governing Board positions. The results appear on page 15 of this newsletter.

As a follow-up to the Annual Meeting, this seems like the appropriate time to provide a "State of the ISRA" address.

### **1. President's Term**

I am in the middle of my fifth term as President. I have had this job for nine years, much longer than many people have had their primary job. It is my intention to hand over the reins to someone else at the end of this term and assume a position we haven't used for a long time – that of Immediate Past President. Organizations need new leadership periodically to keep them vital and relevant.

### **2. Membership**

Our membership is pretty stable at about 640 members. It has dropped over the years, but probably by a lower percentage than many other states have experienced. USA Racquetball can provide lists of expired members. A couple of years ago we sent a letter to all members who had expired in the previous five years (about 500 letters) hoping we could generate some new members. I am sorry to say the campaign success was very low – less than 10 new members. I am puzzled by how difficult it is to get people who love this sport to support it financially.

### **3. Tournaments**

We've got tournaments – lots of tournaments. We often discuss whether we have too many, whether there are too many scheduled too closely together, etc. etc. It is a discussion that can and does go on *ad nauseum*. The ISRA has tried to provide quality State Tournaments. We upgraded State Singles by adding a banquet which makes the Annual Awards presentation an "event" rather than a "time out" in the middle of matches. We consistently try to provide great hospitality and a nice souvenir, without asking for more from your pocketbooks. The Motorola IRT Pro Nationals has been a great addition to the Illinois tournament scene.

Sometimes it's easy to do the same thing as

last year for a tournament. I think our members would probably like some change...we'd like to know *what kind of change*. Ideas we have discussed include:  
a. Skill divisions on one day, age divisions on another day and mixed divisions on the third day (then you'd know exactly what day you could expect to play).  
b. A "series" of events whereby people receive incentives based on the number of events they play.

### **4. Travel League**

Every time I attend a national conference, I tell people about our Travel League. I noticed in the national magazine that New Hampshire is starting a travel league (hmm...wonder where they got that idea!). Our Travel League play continues to be strong – I just wish more people would come out for the party at the end!

### **5. Junior Racquetball**

Through the efforts of many dedicated parents and coaches, our junior program has expanded greatly over the last few years. It takes a lot of involvement from the parents to keep this going. Some of our strong players are now in high school, so we're going to need another crop of younger players and parents to keep things going!

### **6. Newsletter and Website**

Our newsletter is now published four times a year, rather than six. The content is greatly improved and we have received many compliments. We also have a new website that is visually appealing and provides a great place to check the tournament calendar and download entry forms. Our biggest challenge is keeping the website information current.

### **7. Illinois on the National Front**

We should be proud of how well repre-

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# ISRA Family News



**July Wedding for Gudinas and Holmes**  
Cheryl Lynn Gudinas and Douglas Earl Holmes will exchange vows July 15 on Naperville's Riverwalk. The couple, who met at Jimmy's Grill in Naperville, will stop by there briefly after the ceremony. Wonder if the entire wedding party will be admitted? Only asking because their pup Diego (see January '06 ISRA newsletter) will be accompanying the ring bearers down the aisle. (News flash: Diego now has a little brother, Newman, whose status in the wedding party is up in the air – he'll be three months old and undoubtedly quite a handful. However, he will definitely be wearing a bow tie to match his big brother's!)

The wedding party reads, in part, like racquetball royalty. Besides the bride, of course, Kelley Beane is Cheryl's maid of honor and one of her attendants, Lauren Sheprow, played on the Women's Tour in the '90's.

Best wishes and congratulations to the newlyweds!

## Peters Elected VP

On May 23 at the USAR Board meeting in Houston, Geoff Peters, ISRA Board Member, was elected to the position of USAR Board Vice President (right hand to USAR President Randy Stafford). Geoff, who had previously served as Secretary, traded places with Jan Stelma of North Carolina. Congratulations to Geoff on his success! And speaking of success (see picture below), Geoff attained another milestone this year – his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 10. Watch out, Men's 50+ 's!



## Meet the Board – Featuring Joe Silius

Beginning a new feature this issue, meet Joe Silius, ISRA Board member since 2005. Joe was born in Mokena and raised on the south side of Chicago. A graduate of Fenger High School, he has been married to Katie since 1968. Joe and Katie have three daughters: Rachel, 29; Melanie, 26, and Stacy, 23. Two grandsons, Jordan, 4 and Carson, 8 months, keep everyone in their family quite busy! Joe attained semi-retired status in 2004 after 35 years in insurance sales with Western-Southern Financial Group. He has been playing racquetball for almost 30 years, amassing approximately 20 State titles, including Men's 50+ three times! Joe spends his time caring for his mom and dad, golfing, fishing, bowling, cooking, working on his "honey do" list, and, thankfully, serving on the ISRA Board. He has recently assumed the role of ISRA Newsletter and Website Advertising Editor. More on this in the months to come... Thanks, Joe, for serving the ISRA Board and Members so very well!



## From the President

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sented we are nationally. We have THREE national board members – Cheryl Kirk, Dave Negrete and Geoff Peters. That means that Illinois racquetball is well respected and that the rest of the country feels we know something that is worth listening to.

## 8. My Wish List (What we need to move forward)

There are several things that would allow us to continue to move forward. They include:

- A candidate to assume the President's role on July 1, 2007
- A Webmaster who attends tournament and then likes to go right home and update the website
- Volunteers
- Sponsors - We'd love to have sponsors for:
  - ✓ Travel League
  - ✓ State Tournaments
  - ✓ Website (to pay a Webmaster)

This is my take on the "State of the ISRA". I'd love to hear yours. Please feel to send me your comments at laurelmdavis@comcast.net. Thanks and have a great summer!

*Laurel*

P.S. Joe would like everyone to know that he is a lifelong White Sox fan...

## A Big Vote of Thanks!

I'd like to thank you all for your outstanding support in the recent USAR Board election. I'm proud to say that I was elected to a three-year term and I'm looking forward to doing anything and everything I can to help grow our sport. Team Illinois, I appreciate you and I hope you will give me your thoughts, ideas and feedback. I can be reached at cherylkkirk@aol.com and I look forward to hearing from you.

*— Cheryl Kirk*

# Shamrock Shootout

The Glass Court Swim & Fitness

March 16-19, 2006

Tournament Director – Doug Halverson

Players competed in 23 divisions in this annual favorite tournament at Glass Court. Green was everywhere in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, but in some ways it felt like Christmas. Joe and Diane DeArmas contribute to TLC Camp (a charity for ill children) through the proceeds of this tournament. An added heart-warming moment occurred when Keith Minor donated his winnings from both divisions to the TLC Camp. This is beginning to be a pretty neat trend...several players this past season have begun doing this, much to the delight of TLC Camp, Junior Team Illinois, and local charities. And, so many tournament players routinely donate their ref money – racquetball players really are the salt of the earth!

Of course, this weekend was typical of a Glass tournament – hospitality, great atmosphere, delicious food, tons of raffle prizes. Couldn't think of a better place to be on a chilly March weekend!

Some highlights — Ben Croft came home from school in Colorado to win the Men's Open and Trevor Snyders solidified his move to Men's A in the new season by dominating the 25-man Men's B draw. A proud Chris Kudrna is moving right up into the B's and Dave Grigsby will be going up

to Men's C with his full-draw Men's D win. There was only one Women's Singles division this year with many of the ladies opting for doubles instead. Lynn Yeazell took home the Women's A Singles first place prize this year. Nancy Amaro and Chuck Snyders emerged victorious in a field of 9 Mixed Open Doubles pairs.

Doug Halverson wishes to thank the many volunteers who contributed to the tournament's success: Pam Grace, Liz Molitor, Mary Beth Borre, Joe Silius, Kathy Ruzyski, Patrice Calvi, Michelle Halverson, Tom Utterback, Dan Flood, Chuck Snyders, Keith Mecklenburg, Jeff Grace, Cheryl Kirk, Geoff Peters, Laurel Davis, Char Borre and the wonderful Glass Court staff.

The next Glass soiree (aka tournament) commences at Summerfest, July 28-30... see you there!



*Men's C Champ Chris Kudrna and #1 Fan Merri Beth*

## Results

**Division: First; Second; Semifinals**

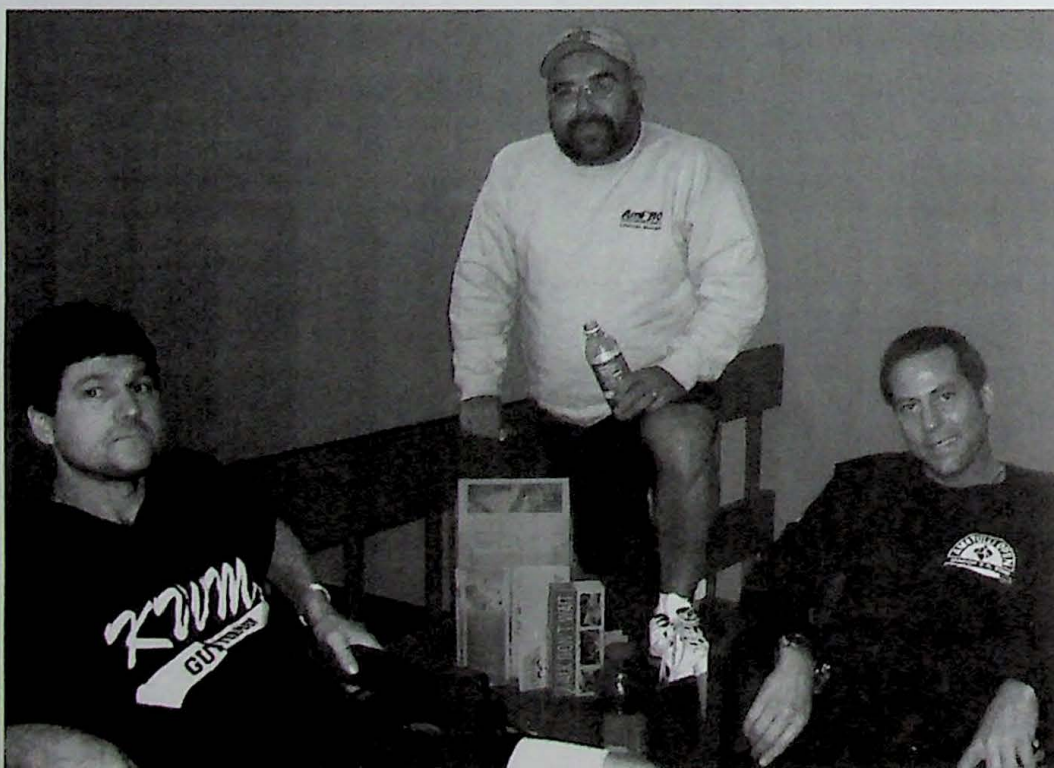
**Men's Open (7):** Ben Croft; John Amatulli (IN); Geoff Goldblatt, Jorge Ortiz  
**Men's AA (2):** David Kerr, Jr.; Fahad Edidi (NH)  
**Men's A (9):** Ben Fraga; Bill Kuhlman; Dan Flood, David Coyner  
**Men's B (25):** Trevor Snyders; Pete Schmeichel; Mike Vieni, Frank Valentino  
**Men's C (23):** Chris Kudrna; Humberto Sosa; Joe Lococo, Todd Burris  
**Men's D (12):** Dave Grigsby; Ron Muklewicz; Adam Augustine, Rick Rodriguez  
**Men's 30/35 + (6):** Dennis Negrete; John Thorson; David Kerr, Jr., Kevin Massard  
**Men's 35 + Int (3):** Rick Seaberg; Scott Fauque; Juan Martinez (3rd)  
**Men's 40/45 + (7):** Keith Minor; Tom Utterback; Horace Miller, Lem Rowans  
**Men's 45 + Int. (6):** David Kerr, Sr.; Dave Grigsby; Bill Doyle, Ray Almaraz  
**Men's 50/55 + (7):** Bruce Nelson; Joe Quirke; David Kerr, Sr., Steve Butler  
**Men's 60/65 + (4):** Chuck Thompson; William Gingold; John Donnell, Jr. (3rd)

**Women's A (5):** Lynn Yeazell; Julianne Beran; Carrie Howard (3rd)

**Men's Open Doubles (6):** Dave Negrete/George Pappas; Eric Jensen/Andy Pitock; Geoff Goldblatt/Jorge Ortiz, Matt Malcheski/Keith Mecklenburg

**Men's A Doubles (8):** Chris Liljestrand/Matt Malcheski; Bill Kuhlman/Frank Ball; Joey Brownlee/Keith Mecklenburg, Ben Fraga/Jeff Grace

— Cheryl Kirk



*Handsome & Powerful Racquetball Guys:  
Keith Minor, Dave Negrete and John Amatulli*

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# 34<sup>th</sup> Annual ISRA State Singles Championships

The Chalet, Willow Springs

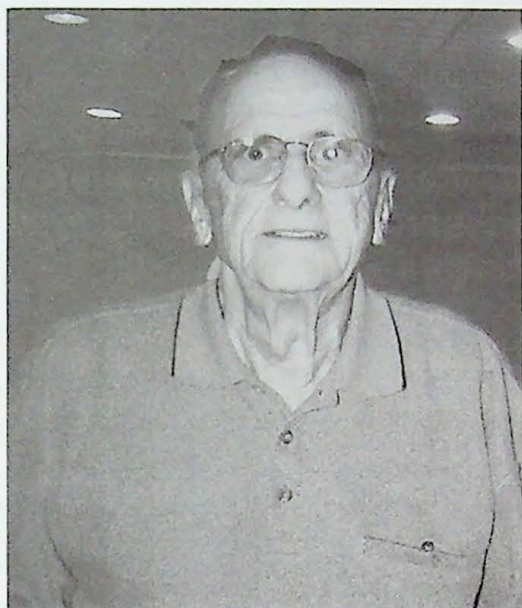
March 31-April 2, 2006

Tournament Director – Laurel Davis

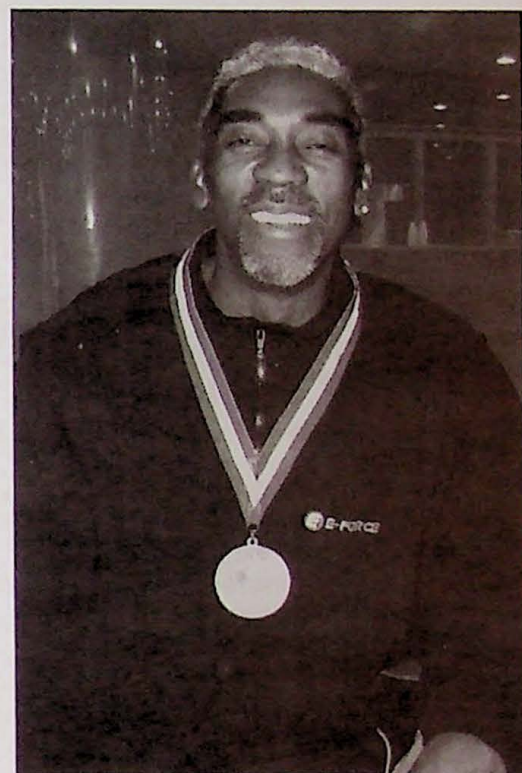
Keith Minor and Liz Molitor were crowned the Men's and Women's Open Champions respectively at the 2006 Illinois State Singles Championships over the "time change" weekend (always interesting). In the Men's draw, Minor avenged last year's

finals loss to Eugene Coyle and claimed his second title in three years, while in the Women's draw, Liz Molitor made it a three-peat with her third consecutive win by besting Ellen Somberg in the finals. This year's Championships crowned 37 division winners who capped a great season of racquetball by proving to all that they were the best in their brackets!

The champions were led by double gold medalists: Keith Minor (Men's Open and 40+) and Dave Grigsby (Men's D and 55B), while Gold/Silver combinations were scored by: Dennis Healy (G-Men's 50 and S-Men's 55), Eugene Coyle (G-Men's 30/35 and S-Men's Open), Ellen Somberg (G-Women's 40 and S-Women's Open), Julie Vincent (G-Women's AA and S-Women's 40), Al Basile (G-Men's 60C and S-Men's 50C), and Jim Schavocky (G-Men's 25+A and S-Men's 45A). Quite a haul for these competitors, and a lot of racquetball due to the myriad of age/skill combinations offered. As the number of divisions has proliferated, the competition has gotten fiercer and there seemed to be an inordinate number of tie-breakers at all levels to attest to the evenness of the competition!



*Tony Lang — Men's 75+ Contender*



*A rare and special photo of Wil Rounsaville with his eyes open!*

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## Shamrock Shootout

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**Men's B Doubles (10):** Jon Soike/Brian Andresen (1A); Anthony Ferruzza/Steve Sadowski; Randy Ems/Jim Dubois, Joey Brownlee/Aaron Pace

**Men's C Doubles (7):** Scott Fauque/Dan Musgrove; Jerry Kielbasa/Will Llaguno; Andrew Benko/Brandon Garnett, Sal Oliver/Carlos Merino

**Men's 40+ Doubles (7):** Keith Minor/Jim Hillman; John Amatulli/Joe Silius; Len Restaino/Brion Parrish, Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen

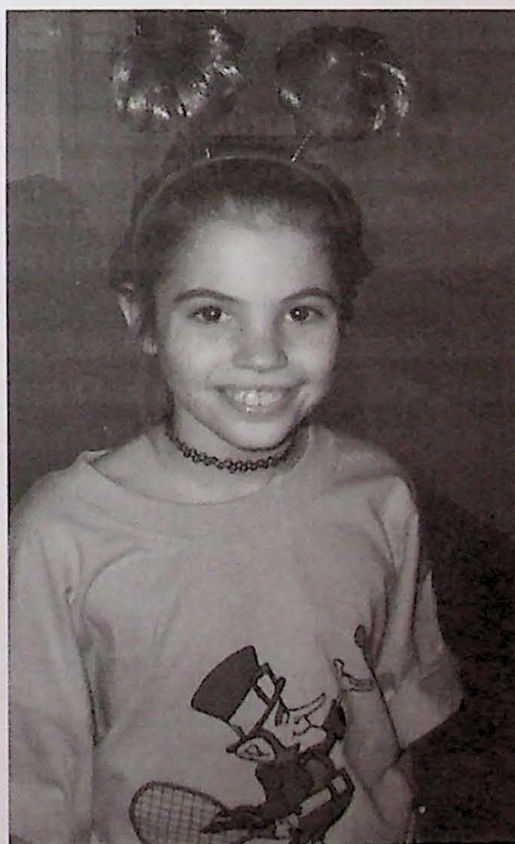
**Women's Open Doubles (4):** Liz Molitor/Julie Vincent; Patrice Calvi/Barb Curran; Diane Bunker/Ellen Somberg (3rd)

**Women's A Doubles (3):** Leila Gray/Gwen English; Char Borre/Laura Samela; Pam Grace/Cheryl Kirk (3rd)

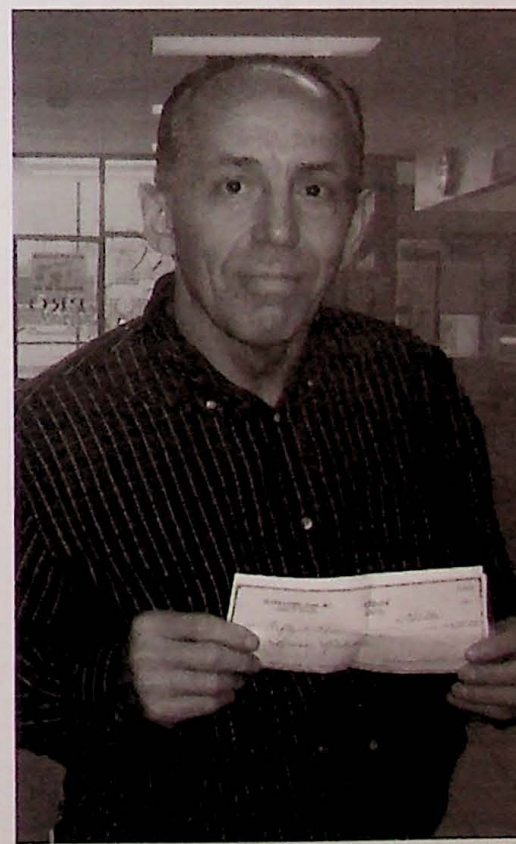
**Mixed Open Doubles (9):** Nancy Amaro/Chuck Snyders; Andy Pitock/Marian Bala; Janet Eminger/Tom Utterback, Jim Hillman/Ellen Somberg

**Mixed A Doubles (7):** Dan Kolodziej (IN)/Mary Herron; Desmond Slusher/Leila Gray; Pam Grace/Jeff Grace, Gwen English/Glynn Williams

**Mixed B/C Doubles (4):** Carolyn Sobacki/Jim Wehrli; Julianne Beran/Frank Valentino; Carrie Howard/Andrew Benko (3rd)



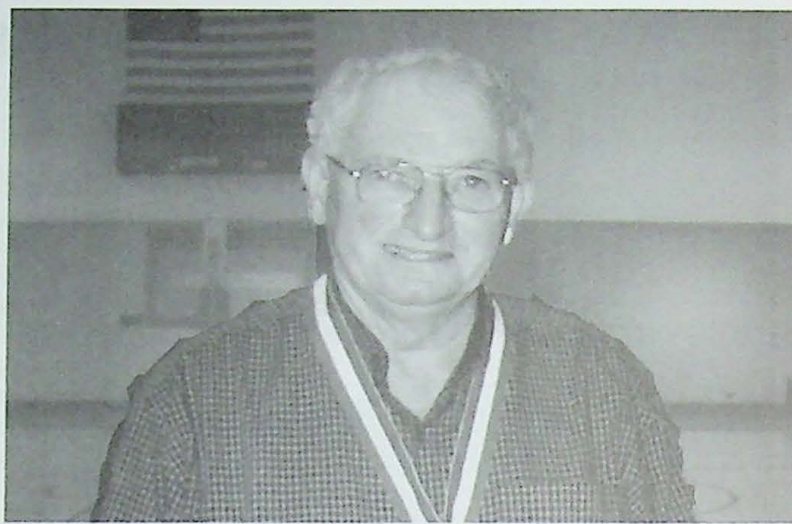
*Amanda Eminger displayed the St. Paddy's Spirit!*



*Bruce Nelson took the Men's 50/55's*



Larry Schum with wife Nancy — Welcome Back to the Action!



Perennial Competitor John Talty, Sr.

## ISRA State Singles

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Once again this year, The Chalet in Willow Springs proved to be a great site for our players. Due to its location at the intersection of several major highways, The Chalet boasts easy access from all points in Chicagoland and Downstate Illinois. With 10 courts plus plenty of space for exhibitor booths and our popular Saturday night banquet, it really is a great place to have an event! Speaking of Saturday night, not only was there some great food served buffet-style, but most players stayed to witness our Hall of Fame inductions of John O'Donnell Jr. and Lola Markus. It was a great night to recognize two of our most notable players as well as the ISRA Players of the Year. We concluded the night with a Jimmy Buffet tribute band on the basketball court. Many

players were getting ready for their Sunday finals, but those who stayed kept the bar hopping and were singing along with old favorites until the band quit! Thank you to Roz Wendt and her staff at The Chalet for making it such a fun experience for everyone.

By the way, we can't finish a State Singles wrap-up without mentioning one of the best tournament souvenirs we've ever come up with. The fleece pullovers were top-notch, and really a great addition to everyone's racquetball wardrobe! Tournament Director (and State President) Laurel Davis really pulled out all the stops to get everyone outfitted in something a level higher than the standard tournament t-shirt. Make sure you thank her next time you see her at an event!

— Geoff Peters

## Results

**Division: First; Second; Semifinals**

**Men's Open (10):** Keith Minor; Eugene Coyle; Cary Slade, Jorge Ortiz

**Men's AA (4):** Tony Rosselli; David Kerr, Jr.; John Thorson, Mike Bogue

**Men's A (12):** Ben Fraga; Brent Huff; Mike Hammel (3rd), John Puccio (4th)

**Men's B (17):** Mike Hammel; Joey Limonciello; Mike Vieni (3rd), John Richier (4th)

**Men's C (11):** Vince Carvallo; Aaron Pace; Kenny Brown (3rd), Matt Sochacki (4th)

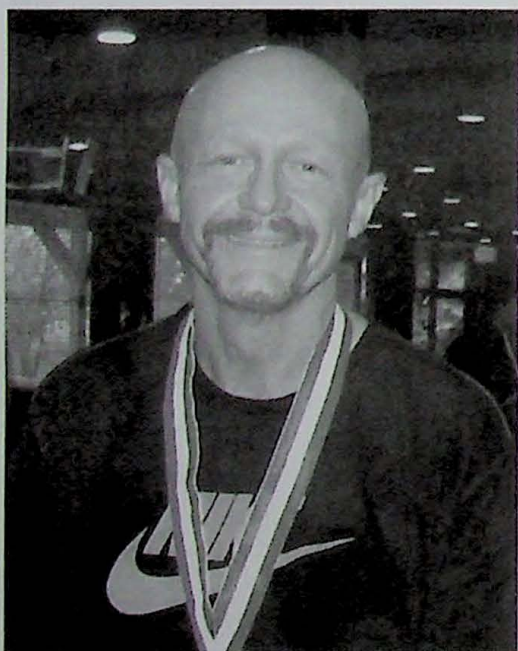
**Men's D (7):** Dave Grigsby; Kenny Brown; Al Basile (3rd), Scott Martin (4th)

**Men's 24- (3):** Geoff Goldblatt; Juan Martinez III; Richard DeArmas

**Men's 30/35+ (8):** Eugene Coyle; Jorge Ortiz; Cary Slade, John Thorson

**Men's 40+ (3):** Keith Minor; Tom Utterback; Mike Davern

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Dave Grigsby is having a great year!



"Who really won that medal?"  
Ellen Somberg & daughter Jenna

# ISRA Annual Award Recipients and Hall of Fame Inductees Recognized at ISRA State Singles on April 1

## 2005 Male Player of the Year – Keith Minor

Keith has really hit his stride as one of Illinois' most formidable opponents in the 35's and 40's, going to tiebreakers in two 2005 Nationals matches against nemesis Jimmy Lowe (plus, catch this year's action, page 11!) Keith is a great friend to racquetball on the state and national level, both with sponsorships through his business as well as personal donations to TLC Camp

and ISRA Juniors.

*Fellow Nominees – Ben Croft, Bill Lyman, Gregg Mandell, John O'Donnell, Jr.*

## 2005 Female Player of the Year – Liz Molitor

Liz is The Pride of Illinois in Women's Open – she has been winning consistently year after year and shows no signs of slowing down. This is Liz's third Player of the Year title ('02 and '03). She and husband

Dave often serve as tournament sponsors and Liz is known for her participation in growing racquetball, both on the adult and junior levels.

*Fellow Nominees – Diane Bunker, Krystal Csuk, Barbara Curran, Lola Markus*

## 2005 Most Improved Player – Geoff Goldblatt

For the first time in ISRA history, a player has been awarded Most Improved Player

two years in a row! Geoff Goldblatt has catapulted himself from a couple of Men's C second place finishes in 2003-04, to 6 tournament wins (B's then A's) in 2004-05, to being a solid Open/Elite competitor in '06. It's been great to see this young man progress at such an impressive pace; as this is being written, he's tearin' 'em up at Junior Nationals in Michigan.

*Fellow Nominees – Janet Christie, Ben Fraga, Mike Hammel, Joey Limonciello, Kevin Schulz, Lynn Yeazell*



*L to R: John O'Donnell, Jr., ISRA President Laurel Davis, Doug Halverson, Lola Markus, Keith Minor, Liz Molitor, Geoff Goldblatt*

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## ISRA State Singles

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**Men's 45 + (6):** Dave Milazzo; Mike Bogue; Joe Keane (3rd), Mike Davern (4th)

**Men's 50 + (10):** Dennis Healy; TJ Ferro; Gregg Mandell, Dave Olson

**Men's 55 + (7):** Dennis McKee; Dennis Healy; TJ Ferro (3rd), Bruce Nelson (4th)

**Men's 60 + (2):** Joe Quirke; Pat Taylor; Mike Goodyear

**Men's 65 + (3):** Pat Taylor; John Talty, Sr.; Don Davis

**Men's 70 + (3):** Ed Olah; Leo Malantis; Max Call

**Men's 75 + (2):** John O'Donnell, Jr.; Tony Lang

**Men's 25/30/35/40 + A (6):** Jim Schavocky; Brent Huff; John Puccio; Sid Harshavat

**Men's 45 + A (6):** Joe Keane; Jim Schavocky; Patrick Francis, James Capone

**Men's 50 + A (6):** Michael Melber; Wil Rounsaville; Jeff Grace, Delmer Reed

**Men's 55/60 + A (5):** David Kerr, Sr.; Delmer Reed; Michael Melber (3rd)

**Men's 35 + B (2):** Brady Mann; Rick Seaberg

**Men's 40 + B (2):** Juan Martinez; Royce Simpson

**Men's 35 + C (2):** Gerardo Sulic; Bryan Tubbs

**Men's 40 + C (4):** Fred Conforti; Darren Halligan; Dan Pacetti (3rd)

**Men's 50/60 + C:** Bill Galloway; Al Basile; Mike Oester

**Men's 55 + B (1):** Dave Grigsby

**Men's 60 + B (1):** Larry Schum

**Men's 60 + C (2):** Al Basile; Mike Oester

**Women's Open (7):** Liz Molitor; Ellen Somberg; Janet Eminger, Barb Curran

**Women's AA (3):** Julie Vincent; Laurel Davis; Lynn Yeazell

**Women's A (7):** Lynn Yeazell; Pam Grace;

Carolyn Watkins, Lynne Weisbart

**Women's B (4):** Kelly Carson; Julianne Beran; Janet Christie (3rd)

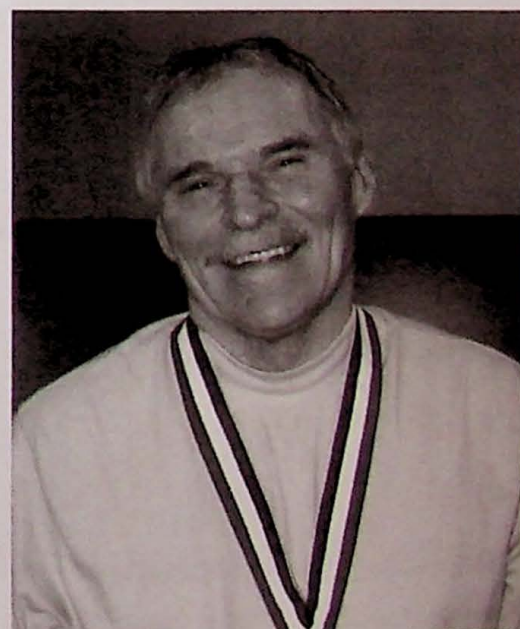
**Women's C (1):** Janet Christie

**Women's Novice (1):** Rachel Vena

**Women's 40/45/50 + (7):** Ellen Somberg; Julie Vincent; Joan Vande Kieft (3rd), Janet Eminger (4th)

**Women's 50 + A (3):** Cheryl Kirk; Lynne

Weisbart; Gwen English



*Men's 55+ State Champion Dennis McKee*

**ISRA Annual Awards**  
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**2006 ISRA Distinguished Service Award –  
Doug Halverson**

Doug has been the Tournament Director for three of the largest events in Illinois (Turkey Shoot, Shamrock Shootout and Summerfest) for almost 10 years and has gone through the trials and tribulations of hosting players from the Pros to D level players while making everyone feel welcome at Glass Court. He has built up a core of support through the years to ensure that the events are competently staffed with volunteers. Doug has contributed as an



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ISRA Board member for many years and is sponsored by Wilson, supporting racquetball promotion through clinics and events. Ask any Board member...meetings just aren't the same if Doug can't make it!  
*Fellow Nominees – Laurel Davis, Jim Maroon, Dave Negrete, Terry Sutton*

**2006 Hall of Fame Inductees –  
Lola Markus and John O'Donnell, Jr.**

**Lola Markus** began playing racquetball at the Park Ridge YMCA in 1968. She reminisced, "Three of my girlfriends and I went onto the court with borrowed racquets in hand and just laughed at each other trying to hit the ball. Finally someone taught us the rules and we began to play more seriously."

Lola played on the YMCA women's travel team in the '80's and in many local tournaments as well. She was named 1992 ISRA Female Player of the Year accepting the award from then-ISRA President Tom Street. She earned the Al Wetherill Award for sportsmanship in Albuquerque in 2001.

To commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary, Lola and her charming husband Ray began funding a youth racquetball instruction program at the Lattof YMCA – the program is still going strong today.

Lola has competed in 16 of the 18 WS/MRA (Women's Senior/Masters Racquetball Association) Women's tournaments held annually each January and has medaled in each and every one!

On July 23, 2004, Lola was inducted into

the NMRA Hall of Fame at the Masters tournament in West Allis, Wisconsin. The following May, she received the 2005 Peggy Steding Award for Outstanding Age Group Achievement at National Singles in Houston.

"I feel so humbled by it all and at the age of 74, I am so lucky to still be able to play this game that I love so much!"

**John O'Donnell, Jr.**, a former Air Force pilot, served one tour of duty in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. Although he took enemy fire a few times, thankfully he was never shot down. John served 33 years, rising to the rank of colonel and flying for about 24 of those years. He began playing racquetball during his second tour of duty in Vietnam, when he was based in Thailand.

Tournaments became his passion beginning in the late '80s; he won the 1995 US Open in Men's 65+ and achieved ISRA State Singles titles in '97, '98, '99, '01, '02, and '05! John was named ISRA Male Player of the Year in 1995. Last year, he placed first in Men's 75+ at National Singles, NMRA singles and doubles (w/Phil Dziuk), Midwest Senior Masters and the US Open.

Retired from his job as director of facilities at the U of I Division of Intercollegiate Athletics in 1994, John conducts numerous free clinics each year at the facility. He has run two tournaments sponsored by the NMRA and currently serves as a member of the Ektelon Collegiate Advisory Staff. John and his lovely wife/typist Arlene live in Champaign.



*Congratulations and Many Thanks!  
John & Arlene O'Donnell and Lola & Ray Markus*

# The 2006 Motorola IRT Pro Nationals

(presented by Verizon Wireless)

Tournament Director – Dave Negrete

## USAR Adult Regional Racquetball Championships

Tournament Director – Jim Hiser

Schaumburg Tennis Plus & Forest View Racquet Club

April 26-30, 2006

The 2006 Motorola IRT Pro Nationals was a huge success again this year as over 300 players converged on Schaumburg Tennis Plus and Forest View Racquet Club for this prestigious event. Fans witnessed unbelievable matches in the Pro division that culminated in a final determining the year-end #1 ranking: #2 Kane Waselenchuk defeated #1 Jack Huczek to take his third title in a row. The amateur portion of the event was the USAR Adult Regionals and showcased some of the best players from around the country. This event also featured ladies from the WPRO and to the fans' delight, local favorite Cheryl Gudinas defeated Rhonda Rajsich to take the final in a hard-fought tiebreaker. Support for this event continues to grow and sellout crowds en-

joyed the IRT and WPRO matches all weekend. Many of the matches will be aired locally, so keep your eyes on [www.irt-tour.com](http://www.irt-tour.com) and [www.ripitracquetball.com](http://www.ripitracquetball.com) for air times on Comcast Sports net!

The event could not have happened without the great support staff that assisted with the event: you all made it happen! Special thanks go to Julie Vincent, Martha Huske, Liz Molitor, Karen Denu, Donna Heinzl, Janet Christie, Patti Moser, Patti Ummel, John Mason, Carmen Browne, Lynne Weisbart and Diane Bunker for their endless hours of help at the event. Big thanks to Pat Negrete and Dennis Negrete for all the support. Also, thanks to the ISRA volun-

teers and to Jaime Vine and the staff of STP for their assistance. Our congratulations and gratitude go to Jim Thurber and the staff at Forest View Racquet Club: you all did a super job hosting your first major racquetball event in quite a few years!

Thanks to all the locals (and the Pros!) who competed in the Pro Am Doubles. The event raised \$8,000 for the Chicago chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

The Sponsors! Nuveen Investments and Verizon Wireless came on board in a big way with this years' event. Many thanks

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*Motorola Tournament Staff Members*

*Front (L to R) — Carmen Browne, Patti Moser*

*Rear (L to R) — Martha Huske, Diane Bunker, Karen Denu, Liz Molitor, Lynne Weisbart*

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also to The Klimaitis Family, the Taylor Family, the Miller Family, the Minor Family and the Aderhold Family for making the event a reality. Thanks to the AC/DC cover band Dirty Deeds for rockin' the house at the Friday night bash.

Local racquetballer Sean Nelson supplied the food for the event from his fantastic restaurant, Rox's Pizza — make sure you visit his place soon! Great beer was available at the event all week from Prairie Rock Brewery, also the host of the Saturday night party.

Last but not least, Jim Hiser and Doug Ganim deserve our gratitude — they are true leaders in our sport and will continue to help it grow to the next level.

Mark your calendars for April 25-29, 2007... can't wait 'til next year!

— Dave Negrete

## Results

### Division; First; Second; Third/Fourth

**Men's Pro (16):** Kane Waselenchuk; Jack Huczek; Rocky Carson/Jason Mannino  
**Men's Elite (9):** Geoff Goldblatt; Jason Pate; Jason Von Kaenel/Cary Slade  
**Men's Open (19):** Polo Gutierrez; Mitch Williams; Andy Hawthorne/Alejandro Herrera  
**Men's A (28):** Jason Hicks; John Scott; Michael Hammel/Allan Lanny Martin  
**Men's B (16):** Scott Ness; Bryan Shaw; Patrick Martin/Nathan Torres  
**Men's C (12):** Lee Scoville; Dave Grigsby; Larry Hicks/Jim Thurber  
**Men's D (4):** Dan Manooglan; Steve Abbey; Jonathon Bowles/Joey Eminger  
**Men's 24- (5):** Joe Klibowitz; Danny Lavelly; Servio Rivera/Christopher Purington  
**Men's 30/35 + (14):** John Amatulli; Keith Minor; Doug Ganim/Woody Clouse  
**Men's 40 + (10):** Tom Utterback; Lem Rowans; Ed Arias/Angelo Batistatos  
**Men's 45 + (17):** Dave Milazzo; Carl Evers; Michael Anderson/Jim Luzar  
**Men's 50 + (17):** Troy Stallings; Jeff Riehl; Gregg Mandell/James Woolcock  
**Men's 55 + (14):** Jim Luzar; Gene Pare; Dennis McKee/Jim Hiser

**Men's 60/65 + (6):** Michael Lippett; Ron Burdo; Elliott Papermaster/Ron York  
**Men's 70/75/80 + (4):** David Lund; John O'Donnell, Jr.; Charles Kaiser/Kenneth Yahiro  
**Men's 24A/25A/30A (13):** John Scott; Jack Gau; Brent Huff/Bryan Shaw  
**Men's 40A/45A (7):** Sam Wildofsky; John Mason; Sean Nelson/Jose Tobias  
**Men's 50A (8):** Wil Rounsaville; David Lilly; Jim Maroon/Jeff Grace  
**Men's 55A (6):** Tom Curran; Dale Graham; David Kerr, Sr./Ron Marr  
**Men's 25B/30B/35B (7):** Sean Towe; Terry Lambright; Twayne Howard/Grant Macuba  
**Men's 40B/45B (11):** Sergio Rivera; Tom Hartwig; John Richier/Pete Schmeichel  
**Men's 50B/55B (8):** Keith Brown; Charles Van Hoose; William Coon/Keith Eller  
**Men's 24C/25C/40C/45C/50C/55C (13):** Sergio Rivera; Keith Eller; Larry Hicks/Jesus Uriostegui

**Women's Pro (8):** Cheryl Gudinas; Rhonda Rajsich; Kristen Walsh/Diane Moore  
**Women's Open (11):** Da'monique Davis; Adrienne Fisher; Kara Mazur/Linda Moore  
**Women's A (11):** Sarah Hettesheimer; Samantha McGuffey; Jennifer Johnson/Carolyn Watkins  
**Women's C/D (6):** Nancy Healy; Janet Christie; Kathryn Devine Taylor/Mercedes Arias  
**Women's Age 40/40A Gold (7):** Genevieve Washington; Sherron Boyea; Julie Vincent/Janet Eminger  
**Women's Age 40/40A Red (3):** Beth Sacco; Denny Erardi; Tia Lecland  
**Women's Age 45/45A/45B Gold (7):** Linda Moore; Liz Molitor; Shari Coplen/Cindy Tilbury  
**Women's Age 45/45A/45B Red (3):** Beth Sacco; Laurel Davis; Julia Perkins  
**Women's Age 50/55 (4):** Karen Green; Nancy Kronenfeld; Linda Covault/Margaret Hoff

**Juniors B 14/16 (6):** Shawn Merrill; Andrew Price; Lucas Arias/Matt Barbuscak  
**Juniors B 8/10/12 (5):** Mercedes Arias; Sam Zeng; Cory Zeng/Justin Kuhlman

**Men's Open Doubles (14):** Al Crockett/Chris Crockett; Brian Berkelhamer/Jorge Ortiz; Mike Keddie/Marc Moccia; Takaaki Hirose/Hiroshi Shimizu  
**Men's A Doubles (28):** Jay Mathis/Sal Perconti; Chad McGuffey/Danny Lavelly; Jack Gau/Sam Wildofsky; John Scott/Bryan Shaw  
**Men's B/C Doubles (6):** Daniel Mullin/Twayne Howard; Bruce Hubrich/Chuck Evans; Arnold Schwartz/Brian Archuleta; Gerry Horowitz/Ken Hotsenpiller  
**Men's 35/50 Doubles (12):** Gene Pare/Troy Stallings; Jim Brane/Mike Guyer; Angelo Batistatos/George Pappas; Joe Ault/Michael Lippett

**Women's Open/A Doubles (4):** Samantha McGuffey/Kara Mazur; Cindy Tilbury/Shari Coplen; Barbara Curran/Patrice Calvi; Hiromi Iida/Kyoko Hirobayashi

**Mixed Open Doubles (14):** Shari Coplen/Woody Clouse; Barbara Curran/John Amatulli; Kara Mazur/Marc Moccia; Cindy Tilbury/Michael Anderson  
**Mixed A/B Doubles (12):** Al Schof/Beth Sacco; Dan Kolodziej/Mary Herron; Lynn Yeazel/Michael Hammel; Bill Kuhlman/Janet Christie



*Tournament Directors Jim Hiser & Dave Negrete*

# 39<sup>th</sup> Ektelon USA Racquetball National Championships

May 24-29, 2006

Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX

Tournament Director – Jim Hiser

## Open Finals

Men's Open — Rocky Carson def. Jack Huczek 10, (13), 3

Women's Open — Rhonda Rajsich def. Cheryl Gudinas 5, 8

## Team Illinois

Nineteen men and five women traveled to Houston this year. Although the attendance was down by 10, this group earned 16 medals vs. 18 last year (a fine showing). As they like to say in Texas: "C'mon down, y'all!" This is a fun tournament and worth braving the heat to be there. (And...there was food! What's not to love?)

## Illinois Medalists

Gold (5) – Dave Grigsby (2), Keith Minor, John O'Donnell, Jr., Carolyn Watkins

Silver (3) – Keith Minor, Cheryl Gudinas, Janet Christie

Bronze (3) – Pat Taylor, Janet Christie, Lynn Yeazell

Pewter (5) – Watmora Casey, Jason Thoerner, Cheryl Kirk, Carolyn Watkins, Lynn Yeazell

Top Finishers (QF) – Eugene Coyle, Brent Huff, Phil Mathews, Frank Milazzo

## Olympic Women

Women's Divisions (except Open and 65/70) ran in "Olympic for-

mat" that guarantees everyone at least three matches by categorizing players (by wins or losses) into four levels: Gold/Blue/Red/White. Let us take a stab at explaining this:

*Case Study:* Women's 25/A/B/C draw includes fictitious player named (coincidentally) Susie Player (character bears no resemblance to anyone living or dead...etc.).

Okay: Everyone, regardless of skill level, is placed in the same draw in such a way as to make an educated guess as to the outcome (i.e., Susie at her C skill level gets to play an Open skill level person).

If she had won that match (yeah, right), she would have advanced to the next round; winning that one would have kept her in the Gold division until the end (with the straight age ladies). Advancing from the first round but losing the second round in the Gold would have landed her in the Blue division (kind of like the A's).

Anyway, once our Susie logged a first round loss, she dropped to the Red division (kind of like the B's); at that point, others of her comparable skill level should have landed there, too. It all begins to work itself out...

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*USAR-hosted Women's Night Highlighted Racquet for the Cure Tournaments  
L to R — Lorraine Galloway, Marcia Richards, Jean Gallagher, Linda Moser, Malia Bailey, Cheryl Kirk*

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Winning the *first* match in the Red division would have kept Susie in there until the end. However, she lost that one, too, and was transported right into the White division (kind of like the C's). And it all played out from there...okay, got it? Olympic format.

**Cheerleaders**

Arlene O'Donnell, Chris Evon, Terri Graham, Nancy Fronczak, Kathi Coyle, Susan Klimaitis, Kim Seaberg, Doug Holmes

**Hall of Fame Inductees**

Susan Pfahler and Mary Lyons (Doubles Team) and Connie Martin

**Awards**

Male Athlete of the Year Award – Jack Huczek (Rochester, MI)  
Female Athlete of the Year Award – Cheryl Gudinas (Naperville, IL)  
Peggy Steding Female Age Group Award – Debra Tisinger (Simi Valley, CA)  
Bud Muehleisen Male Age Group Award – Jimmy Lowe (Aiea, HI)  
Joe Sobek Outstanding Contribution Award – Dave Ellis (Stockton, CA)  
Presidential Award – Jeff Zegna (Newark, DE)  
John Halverson Fair Play Award – Holly Remen (Apex, NC)

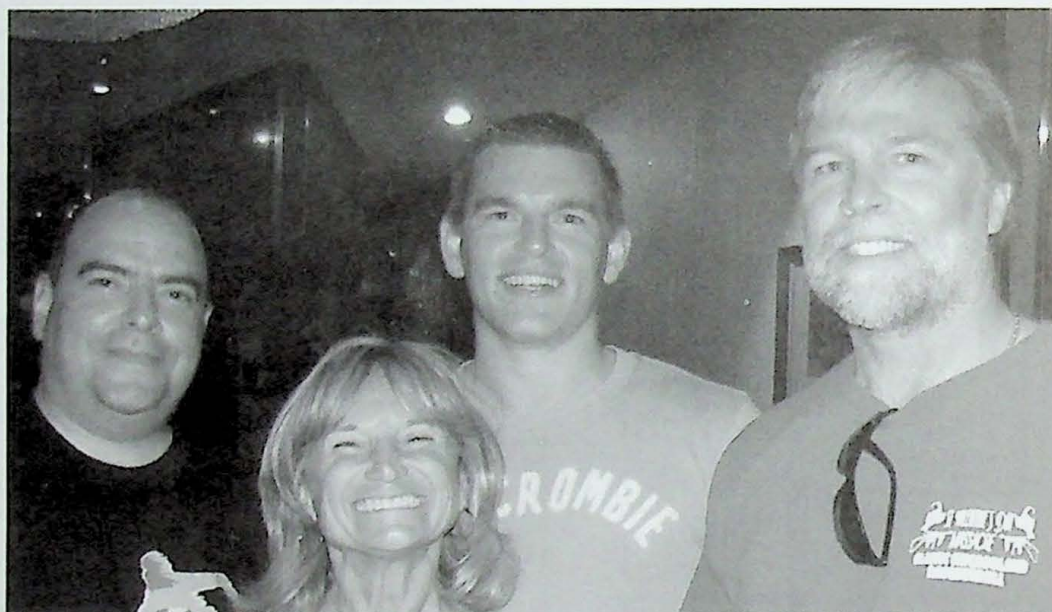
**Team Illinois (Divisions Played)**

Watmora Casey (M45+, M45+A)  
Eugene Coyle (M30+, M35+)  
Jerry Fronczak (M45+, M50+)  
Dave Grigsby (MD, M55+C)  
Brent Huff (MA, M30+A)  
Leo Klimaitis (M55+A)  
John Mason (M40+A, M45+A)  
Phil Mathews (M24-, M Elite)  
Frank Milazzo (M50+, M50+A)  
Keith Minor (M35+, M40+)

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*Kim & Rick Seaberg*



*We've been to Benihana's!  
Dave Negrete, Janet Christie, Brent Huff, and John Mason*



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Tournament \_\_\_\_\_ Representative \_\_\_\_\_

All memberships are for one year, and include a subscription to RACQUETBALL Magazine (six times/year) and the Illinois Newsletter (four times/year).

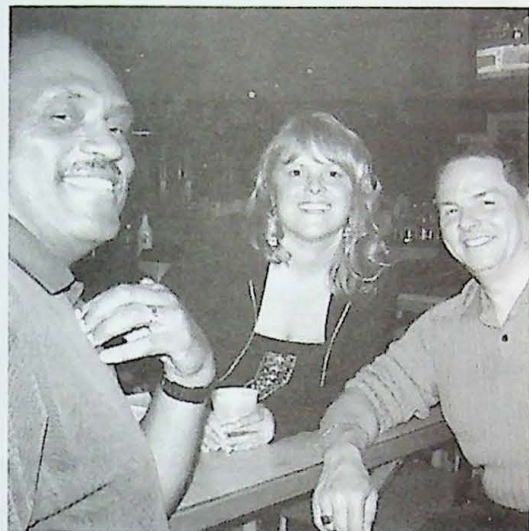
# 2005-2006 ISRA Travel League Season Wrap-up

The Glass Court Swim & Fitness

April 21, 2006

Once again the gladiators gathered to claim their prizes! After a hard-fought season, victors emerged, but the customary food, beverages and door prizes at the year-end party took the edge off for those who did not end up on top. And...there's always next season!

Drum roll...the winners are:



*Jeff Grace, Patrice Calvi and Joe DeArmas*

Men's Open North  
Division:  
Schaumburg Tennis  
Plus

Men's Open South  
Division: Omni 41

Men's Open City:  
Omni 41

Men's A/B Division:  
Glass Court  
Men's A/B City: Glass  
Court

Men's B/C Division:  
Glass Court  
Men's B/C City: Glass  
Court

Women's Open Divi-  
sion: Lattof YMCA



*Lots of ladies turned up to party at Glass!*

Thanks to all who participated and see you in the Fall for another great Travel Season!

(Captains, mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 22 at Glass, but please check the website in the meantime for any changes.)

— Pam Grace & Liz Molitor,  
ISRA Travel League Coordinators

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Dennis Negrete (M35+, M35+A)

John O'Donnell, Jr. (M75+)

Geoff Peters (M50+, M50+A)

Joe Quirke (M60+, M55+A)

Sergio Rivera (M35+B, M40+B)

Wil Rounsaville (M50+A)

Rick Seaberg (M35+B, M40+B)

Pat Taylor (M60+, M65+)

Jason Thoerner (MO)

Janet Christie (WC)

Cheryl Gudinas (WO)

Cheryl Kirk (W50/A/B/C)

Carolyn Watkins (WA, W35/A/B/C)

Lynn Yeazell (WA, W35/A/B/C)

For match-by-match results, go to  
[www.usra.org](http://www.usra.org) and click on 2006 National  
Singles Results.

— Cheryl Kirk



*Malia Bailey & Chris Evon*



*Wil Rounsaville, Lynn Yeazell and Brent Huff  
at the Saturday night festivities*



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# ISRA Officer and Board Member Election Held

The ISRA Annual Meeting was held on June 14, 2006, at the National City Bank office in Oak Brook. As with all ISRA meetings, this meeting was open to the membership.

Cheryl Kirk will continue as ISRA Vice President. Michelle Halverson, Treasurer, and Doug Halverson, West Zone Vice President, were also re-elected to two-year terms. New Board member Steve Angelo replaces the outgoing Carol Bastien as South Zone Vice President. Three Governing Board members retained their positions for another term: Patrice Calvi, Rich Clay and Joe Silius. (Not all Officer and Governing Board positions were on this year's slate since the Board operates on a two-year staggered term format to help ensure balance and continuity for the ISRA.)

The ISRA Board wishes to thank Chuck

Snyders for his term of service. Due to other demands on his time, Chuck chose not to seek re-election. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him at many events in the coming season. Our sincere thanks also go to Carol Bastien for her many years as a Zone VP.

Keith Brown has joined the Auxiliary Board. The ISRA continues to welcome volunteers who would like to become more involved in supporting racquetball on the state level. This sort of "apprenticeship" preps individuals on the aspects of conducting ISRA business and serves as a stepping stone for aspiring governing board members and officers. Any member who would like to lend time and talent in support of the ISRA should contact Laurel Davis ([laurelmdavis@comcast.net](mailto:laurelmdavis@comcast.net)) or any board member.

Pam Grace, Chair  
ISRA 2006 Nominating Committee

## 2006 ISRA Newsletter Advertising Rates

### GUIDELINES:

- The ISRA Board of Directors has established a formal policy of not allowing advertisements to include **product pricing**.
- All ads are assumed to be camera ready. They can be accepted electronically in .tif, .jpg or .pdf formats.
- If ads are run for the entire season, **AND** payment is received with the first issue, the sixth ad is **FREE!**
- These rates are in effect until December 31, 2006.
- Deadlines are as follows:

- **Issue Mail Date:** 10/6/06
- **Articles/Releases Due:** 9/1/06
- **Stuffers/Inserts Due:** 9/8/06

- All stuffers/inserts are to be received by:  
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- Ad rates:  
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# 2006-2007



# TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

For updates or edits to the ISRA Tournament Calendar, please contact  
Geoff Peters at (773) 251-4413 or at [Petersgeoff@Hotmail.com](mailto:Petersgeoff@Hotmail.com)

**July 26 – 29**  
**NMRA International Championships**  
Northwest Athletic Club, Brooklyn Center, MN  
Heather Fender; (719) 635-5396  
**SANCTIONED**

**July 28 – 30**  
**13th Annual Summerfest Open**  
The Glass Court Swim and Fitness, Lombard  
Doug Halverson; (630) 629-3390  
**SANCTIONED**

**August 19 – 20**  
**Fourth Annual Dog Days Open**  
The Southlake Health and Fitness, Mundelein  
Cindy Flores-Mocarski; (847) 949-8180  
**SANCTIONED**

**August 25 – 26**  
**2nd Annual Racquet For The Cure**  
Landmark Health and Fitness, Peoria  
(Women and Mixed Doubles)  
Terry Sutton; (309) 685 - 8200

**August 29 – September 4**  
**IRF World Seniors Championships**  
New Mexico Sports and Wellness; Albuquerque,  
NM  
Gary Mazaroff; (505) 321-1110  
**SANCTIONED**

**September 27 – October 1**  
**39th Annual USA National Doubles  
Championships**  
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
Heather Fender; (719) 635-5396  
**SANCTIONED**

**September 30**  
**One Day Shootout – Men's B & C Singles**  
Location TBD  
Dave Negrete; (847) 430-1478  
[www.ripitracquetball.com](http://www.ripitracquetball.com)  
**SANCTIONED**

**October 6 – 8**  
**Fall No Frills/Warm-up Tournament**  
Landmark Health and Fitness, Peoria  
Terry Sutton; (309) 685-8200

**October 13 – 15**  
**Fall Classic**  
Willow Creek Club, Rosemont  
Joe Gill; (312) 315-4413  
**SANCTIONED**

**October 27**  
**One Day Shootout –  
Men's & Women's Doubles**  
Location TBD  
Dave Negrete; (847) 430-1478  
[www.ripitracquetball.com](http://www.ripitracquetball.com)  
**SANCTIONED**

**November 4 – 5**  
**The Southlake Fall Open , JR**  
Southlake Racquet and Fitness, Mundelein  
Cindy Flores-Mocarski; (847) 949-8180  
**SANCTIONED**

**November 9 – 12**  
**The Turkey Shoot , JR**  
The Glass Court Swim and Fitness, Lombard  
Doug Halverson; (630) 629-3390  
**SANCTIONED**

**November 15 – 19**  
**The 11th Annual Choice Hotels US Open**  
The Racquet Club, Memphis TN  
Heather Fender; (719) 635-5396  
**SANCTIONED**

**November 25**  
**One Day Shootout – Men's Open/A**  
Location TBD  
Dave Negrete; (847) 430-1478  
[www.ripitracquetball.com](http://www.ripitracquetball.com)  
**SANCTIONED**

**December 3**  
**Wilson One Day Women's Tournament**  
Location TBD  
Dave Negrete; (847) 430-1478  
[www.ripitracquetball.com](http://www.ripitracquetball.com)  
**SANCTIONED**

**December 16 – 20**  
**IRF World Junior Championships**  
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
Heather Fender; (719) 635-5396  
**SANCTIONED**

**January 6 – 7**  
**Junior State Championships JR**  
Site TBD  
TJ Ferro; (630) 305-0989  
**SANCTIONED**

**January 7**  
**One Day Shootout – Men > 35**  
Location TBD  
Dave Negrete; (847) 430-1478  
[www.ripitracquetball.com](http://www.ripitracquetball.com)  
**SANCTIONED**

**January 11-14**  
**Revie Sorey Celebrity Classic , JR**  
Silver Lake Country Club, Orland Park  
Anita Efron; (708) 474-2440  
**SANCTIONED**

**January 20**  
**One Day Doubles Tune-up**  
Southlake Racquet and Fitness, Mundelein  
Cindy Flores-Mocarski; (847) 949-8180  
**SANCTIONED**

**January 26 – 28**  
**WS/MRA National Championships**  
Orlando Fitness and Racquet Club; Orlando, FL  
Jean Trimble; (407) 645-3550  
**SANCTIONED**

**January 26 – 28 (tentative)**  
**Four Wall Brawl**  
BR Ryall YMCA, Glen Ellyn  
Sean Nelson; (630) 688-5165  
**SANCTIONED**

**February 3**  
**One Day Shootout – Women's > 35**  
Location TBD  
Dave Negrete; (847) 430-1478  
[www.ripitracquetball.com](http://www.ripitracquetball.com)  
**SANCTIONED**

**February 9 – 11**  
**ISRA State Doubles Championships**  
The Glass Court Swim and Fitness, Lombard  
Doug Halverson; (630) 629-3390  
**SANCTIONED**

**February 17**  
**One Day Shootout – Mixed Doubles  
O/A and B/C**  
Location TBD  
Dave Negrete; (847) 430-1478  
[www.ripitracquetball.com](http://www.ripitracquetball.com)  
**SANCTIONED**

**February 23 – 25**  
**2007 Tittletown Open**  
Western Racquet Club; Green Bay, WI  
Doug Halverson; (630) 973-6131

**February 28 – March 4**  
**20th Wilson National High School Championships**  
Location TBD, (Tentative: St. Louis)  
Heather Fender; (719) 635-5396  
**SANCTIONED**

**March 2 – 4**  
**Amatulli Open**  
Omni 41, Schererville, IN  
Tom Bainbridge; (219) 865-6969

**March 2 – 4**  
**March Invitational JR**  
Landmark Health and Fitness, Peoria  
Terry Sutton; (309) 685-8200

**March 8 – 11**  
**The Shamrock Shootout , JR**  
The Glass Court Swim and Fitness, Lombard  
Doug Halverson; (630) 629-3390  
**SANCTIONED**

**March 16 – 18**  
**March Madness**  
Willow Creek Club, Rosemont  
Joe Gill; (312) 315-4413  
**SANCTIONED**

**March 28 – 31**  
**35th Annual Ektelon Intercollegiate**  
Location TBD, (Tentative: Arizona)  
Heather Fender; (719) 635-5396  
**SANCTIONED**

**March 29 – April 1**  
**The 35th Annual ISRA State Singles  
Championships**  
The Chalet, Willow Springs  
Cheryl Kirk; (630) 215-4242  
**SANCTIONED**

**April 12 – 15**  
**USA Racquetball Regionals Weekend**  
Various Sites Nationwide  
View: [www.usaracquetball.org](http://www.usaracquetball.org)  
**SANCTIONED**

**April 25 – 29**  
**Third Annual IRT Motorola Pro Nationals/  
Chicago USAR Regionals**  
Schaumburg Tennis Plus, Schaumburg  
Dave Negrete; (630) 430-1478  
**SANCTIONED**

**May 23 – 28**  
**40th USA Racquetball  
National Singles Championships**  
The Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX  
Heather Fender; (719) 635-5396  
**SANCTIONED**

**July 27 – 29**  
**14th Annual Summerfest Open , JR**  
The Glass Court Swim and Fitness, Lombard  
Doug Halverson; (630) 629-3390  
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# Volunteers Rock!

Volunteers are everything to the ISRA, beginning with the Board and going right down the line to the person who mercifully jumps in and posts a few scores to help out the Tournament Desk staff. We simply wouldn't exist without those who donate their

time, energy and passion for our sport. The ISRA Newsletter will feature volunteers in each upcoming issue. Here's to those who make it happen — you are The Best!



*Patrice Calvi  
Volunteer Recruiter  
Extraordinaire*



*JTI's Maria Limonciello*



*John O'Donnell, Jr. and Pam Grace at Check-in*



*TJ Ferro secures many donations  
for ISRA tournaments*



*Cindy Flores-Mocarski  
Stringin' on a moment's notice!*



*Jim Maroon and Don Klopke man Tournament Control*

# Racquetball Challenge Courts

## Bartlett Health and Fitness

(630) 540-4848

Bartlett, IL

Wednesdays 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Saturdays 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

\$5.00

## Bloomington Health, Handball and Racquetball, Inc.

(630) 924-0788

Saturdays & Sundays

8:30 a.m. - Noon \$6.00

## Buehler YMCA

(847) 359-5098

Palatine, IL

Thursdays 8-10 p.m.

Saturdays 8 a.m. - Noon

\$15 One-Day Guest Pass

## Courts Plus

(Elmhurst Park District)

(630) 833-5064

Saturdays

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Members \$3, Non-Members \$10

## Glass Court Swim & Fitness

(630) 629-3390

Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays 7 a.m. - Noon

Members Free, Non-Members \$7

## Heritage YMCA

(630) 420-6270

Naperville, IL

Saturdays 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members \$4, Non-Members \$8

## Lakeshore Athletic

Club - Downtown

(312) 644-4880

Chicago, IL

Mondays & Wednesdays

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Members free, Non-Members \$12

## Landmark Health & Racquetball

(309) 685-8200

Peoria, IL

First & Third Fridays of Month

6-8 p.m. \$5.00

## MultiSports Complex

Melrose Park

708-343-5151

Mondays 7 - 9 p.m.

Members \$5

Non-Members \$7

## Norris Rec Center

(630) 377-1405

St. Charles, IL

Tuesdays and Thursdays

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fridays 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sundays 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

\$5.00 Members & Non-Members

## Palos Olympic Health

& Racquet Club

(708) 974-1900

Thursdays 6 - 8:30 p.m.

\$12.00

## Schaumburg Park District

(847) 490-2505

Saturday 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Members \$3, Non-Members \$

## Schaumburg Tennis Plus

(630) 430-1478

Women Open/A Players

Fridays 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Members \$3, Non-Members \$

## The Southlake Club

(847) 949-8180

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$10.00 for ISRA Members

(with membership card)

## West Cook YMCA

(708) 383-5200

Wed. 7-8 p.m., Thurs. 2-4 p.m.

Sat 8-10 a.m.

Free to Y Members,

\$9 for Non-Members

To add your club to this list, contact:

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