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1993 WORLD POLICE/FIREFIGHTERS GAMES

Last August, two ISRA members, Tom Connelly and Tom Fehsel, both Chicago firefighters, took home the Doubles Gold medals at the World Police/Firefighters Games in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Connelly age 34 and Fehsel age 50, won in the 30-39 age group. The two veteran fire-fighters did not lose a game in their four matches to win the gold. In addition, Connelly won a Bronze medal, fifth place in the singles category. (Connelly and Bill Lyman recently captured the Illinois State Doubles title for 30-35 year olds.

The Games are held every two years at a different spot around the world. In Colorado Springs, over 6,000 athletes partici-



Tom Connelly's Gold doubles medal and Bronze singles medal from the World Police/Firefighter Games held in Colorado Springs, August 1993.

pated in over 50 sports competitions including racquetball. This international amateur sports event is second only to the Olympics in the number of participants. Over 50 Chicago firefighters competed in Colorado.

Both Connelly and Fehsel hope to defend their doubles title and compete in their singles categories in February 1995 in Melbourne, Australia, site of the next Games. Currently they are seeking sponsorship. Any fundraising advice or help would be appreciated.

Please contact Bill Piggott for more information at 708-748-4810 or Tom Fehsel at 312-775-4068.

Tom Connelly

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

If you have not heard by now, I am resigning from my office of President of the Illinois State Racquetball Association to take on new responsibilities with my company in California. Even though I am excited about my new opportunity, I cannot help but feel sad about leaving all of my Illinois racquetball friends.

I have tried hard to make the sport of racquetball in Illinois better for everyone. To some, I may have succeeded. To others, I may have failed. The effort was made to get more people involved and to listen to what the membership had to say. I am leaving knowing that the effort I put forth was my best.

The association is in good hands. Bill Piggott is assuming the remainder of my term and Geoff Peters has been elected as the new Executive Vice President. I am confident that the Association will not skip a beat during the transition. I will remain on the Board in the capacity of Immediate Past President.

It has truly both an honor and a pleasure to serve the membership of this fine sporting organization for the past seven years.

Brian Stuertz

LYNN ADAMS TAKES TEACHING PRO POSITION AT CENTRE CLUB

Lynn Adams, 7 time World Professional Racquetball Champion, and author of the instructional book, "Racquetball Today", has just signed on to be the teaching pro at the beautiful Centre Club in Libertyville, Illinois.

A member of the Ektelon playing staff since 1980, Lynn is considered one of the top instructors in the country. She travels extensively conducting clinics and camps across the country, creating joy and enthusiasm for the game wherever she goes. "Racquetball is such a perfect sport", says Adams. "It takes the best aspects of many different sports and combines them into this one fantastic, fun game!"

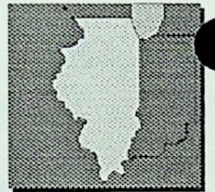
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 MEN'S C: 2-Alex Spaeth, 6-Juan Martinez
 MEN'S D: 5-Raul Arteaga
 MEN'S 19+: 1-Tim Sweeney
 MEN'S 25+: 3-Jim Jeffers
 MEN'S 30+: 7-Bill Lyman
 MEN'S 50+: 2-Ron Johnson
 MEN'S 60+: 3-Bert Shulimson
 MEN'S 65+: 3-Phillip Dziuk, 10-Donald Grieve
 WOMEN'S 19+: 3-Cheryl Gudinas
 WOMEN'S 25+: 3-Megan O'Malley
 WOMEN'S 30+: 6-Megan O'Malley
 WOMEN'S 45+: 2-Bev Powell, 4-Margaret Hoff, 8-Pat Tarzon
 WOMEN'S 50+: 5-Pauline Kelly, 7-Lola Markus
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TRAVEL LEAGUE

On Saturday April 9th, we wrapped up the travel league with another terrific Diane De Armes hosted party held at Glass Court Swim & Fitness. Around 50 players participated in the day-long tournament, with another 20 joining them for the dinner, awards presentation and raffle.

Thank you to EKTELON for a wonderful variety of raffle prizes. Almost \$1000.00 worth of Ektelon products was donated and raffled off with the grand prizes being two Ektelon-top of the line - ALUSION racquets. The lucky winners Lola Markus and Louise Handel are sure to take their games to the next level with their new racquets.

The division winners each received a team plaque as well as individual shirts distinguishing them as league champions. A special congratulations to our new 'CITY CHAMPIONS':

Men's A: Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Men's B: Hillside Racquet Club

Please feel free to call either Lori Kaiser, 708-837-9172 or Sara Meline, 708-362-3111 if you have any suggestions for next year. Remember, all final decisions are made at the captain's meeting in September, so plan to attend.

Have a great summer and we'll see you next fall.

Sara Meline
Lori Kaiser

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MEN'S A DIVISION

NORTH

1. Lattoff
2. Glass
3. Southlake
4. Woodfield I
5. Hillside
6. Bloomingdale
7. Woodfield II

SOUTH

1. Healthy Attitude
2. Aurora
3. Naperville
4. Westmont
5. Glass
6. Wheaton
7. Chalet

MEN'S B DIVISION

NORTH

1. Woodfield
2. Bloomingdale
3. Edens
4. Excel
5. Logan
6. Marriott

SOUTH

1. Hillside
2. Westmont
3. Wheaton
4. Naperville
5. Evergreen
6. Courts Plus

MEN'S C DIVISION

1. Lehman
2. Edens
3. Lemont
4. Richport
5. Lattoff
6. Hanover Park
7. Logan
8. Courts Plus

WOMEN'S OPEN/A

1. Glass
2. Woodfield
3. Naperville
4. Westmont

WOMEN'S OPEN/A M

1. Wheaton
2. Lattoff
3. Southlake
4. Woodfield
5. Glass

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2. Naperville
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4. Glass I
5. Schaumburg
6. Buehler

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4. Wheaton



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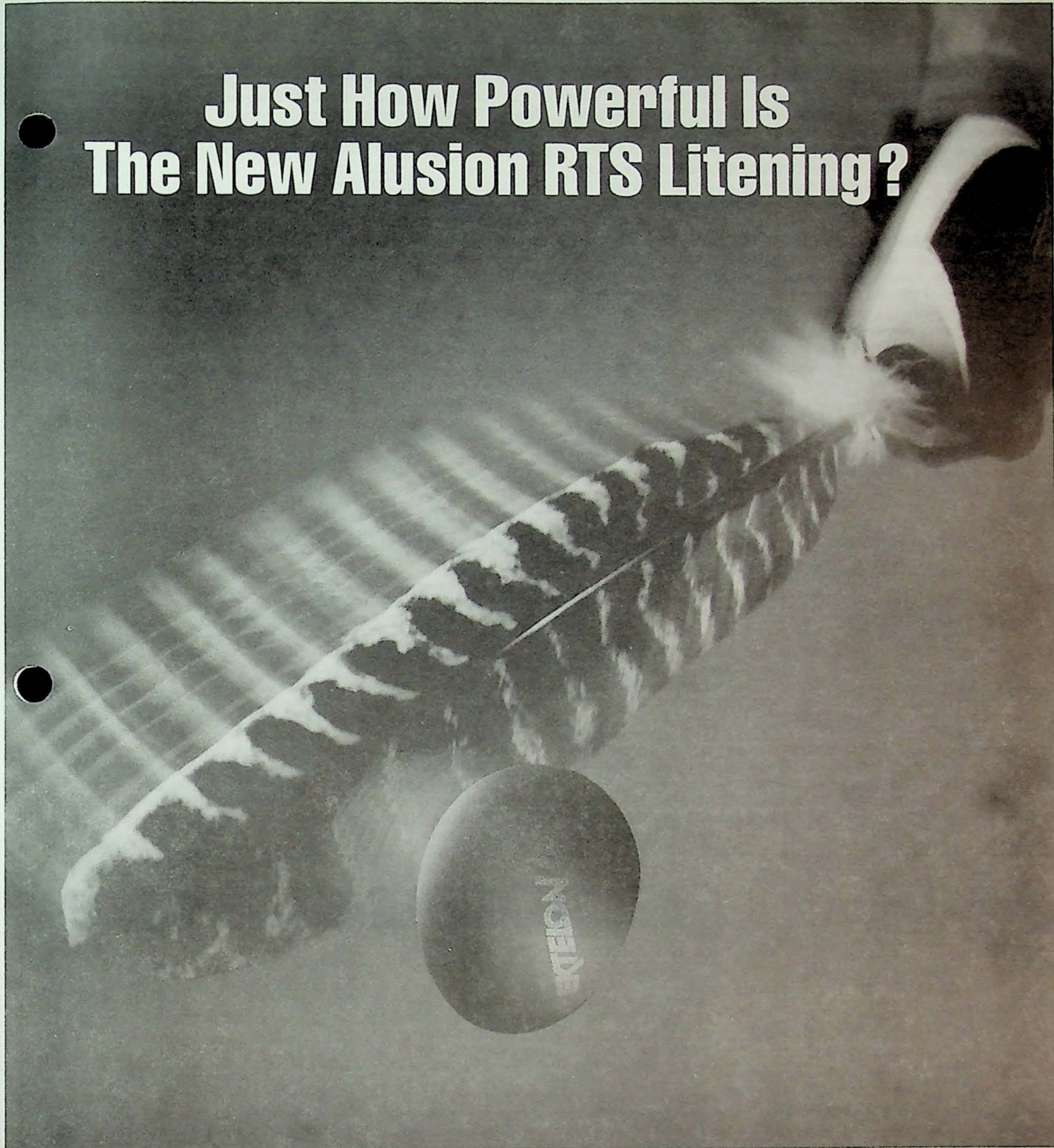
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KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL STATE SINGLES

The 1994 Illinois State Singles proved to be very successful, in spite of the obvious problems of running the tournament in three separate locations simultaneously. The key to success was simple. Hours and hours of advanced planning, great staff and volunteers at both the Woodfield Racquet Club and Continental Athletic Club, an energetic ISRA Board that volunteered hours of service, and most of all, over 300 of the most competitive, fun-loving players in the state of Illinois.

Logistically, trying to put all the pieces together in running a tournament this size with, almost half of the participants playing in two events, takes an enormous amount of court time to play all the matches. It also takes everyone's patience and cooperation which we had the entire weekend. What a pleasure it was to see matches running on time (way to go tournament control), raffle tickets being sold to raise money for Juniors (thanks to the Martinez family, Sara Meline and others who raised over \$400), and people having a great time with friends.

Top that off with some of the best racquetball played in our state and it is easy to see why it was a success. While we saw some of the perennial winners capturing the gold again this year, we also saw quite a few new winners as well. Most

noticeably in both the Men's and Women's Open divisions we found new champions. Carol Bastien from Vergennes, IL upset Megan O'Malley in the women's final and Jimmy Floyd, a new resident from Bloomington, IL, took control of the number one spot, by beating Jim Jeffers in the men's finals.

A special congratulations goes out to each of our award winners. Female Player of the Year went to Cheryl Gudinas (first female to win twice) while the Male Player of the Year went to Andrew Pitock. The coveted Distinguished Service Award went to Dave Negrete for his continued commitment and support in the racquetball community.

On behalf of all the tournament directors, Brian Stuert, Tom Utterback, Andrew Pitock, and myself Rich Clay, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make this a success. If any players have any suggestions on how to improve or can lend a hand, don't hesitate to step forward and talk to one of us.

See you courtside,

Rich Clay

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ISRA STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 3-6

Woodfield Racquet Club
Continental Athletic Club

MEN'S OPEN: 1-Jim Floyd, 2-Jim Jeffers, S-Keith Minor, S-John Negrete.
MEN'S A: 1-Steve Lloyd, 2-Leon Berryman, S-Greg Long, S-Charlie McLaughlin. MEN'S B: 1-Robert Dunlap, 2-Bill Baumgartner, S-Rich Book, S-T.J. Ferro. MEN'S C: 1-Dan Inglehart, 2-Steve Donarski, S-Tim Van den Akker, S-Steve Franz. MEN'S D: 1-Craig Citti, 2-Gordon Rosenthal, S-Jay Paulak, S-Ray Cruz-Solano. MEN'S 25+: 1-John Negrete, 2-Jim Jeffers, S-Eugene Coyle, S-Keith Minor. MEN'S 30+: 1-Sean Moskwa, 2-Andy Pitock, S-Bill Lyman, S-Dave Negrete. MEN'S 35+: 1-Andy Pitock, 2-Tony Cosmano, S-Dave Milazzo, S-Steve Lloyd. MEN'S 40+: 1-Dave Olson, 2-Gregg Mandell, S-Horace Miller, S-Bruce Nelson. MEN'S 45+: 1-Herb Grigg, 2-Greg Hasty, Sr., S-Frank Rusch, S-Horace

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WOMEN'S OPEN: 1-Carol Bastien, 2-Megan O'Malley, S-Laurel Davis, S-Rita Mitchell. WOMEN'S A: 1-Karen Daniels, 2-Cyndi DeVoss, S-Denise Bozza, S-Rita Mitchell. WOMEN'S B: 1-Cynthia Fauteck, 2-Joan Hobs, S-Lynne Weisbart, S-Pam Grace. WOMEN'S C: 1-Nena DelAngel, 2-Sandi McIntyre, S-Pandora Peurrung, S-Michele Thomas. WOMEN'S D: 1-Laura Rosiles, Pandora Peurrung, S-Laurie Cacia, S-Barb Carrington. WOMEN'S 25/30+: 1-Megan O'Malley, 2-Carol Bastien, S-Diane Bunker, S-Denise Bozza. WOMEN'S 40/45+: 1-Laurel Davis, 2-Brenda White, S-Marla Cusano, S-Pat Tarzon. WOMEN'S 55/60+: 1-Lola Markus, 2-Elvira Cridland, S-Marilynn Fisher, S-Carol Stevens.



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BY ROBERT A. HALL

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THE STALWART BACKBENDER: These birds are a major part of the flock. They pay their dues on time, contribute to association programs, and participate in the major meetings. Though we appreciate their contribution, we know how much more they have to offer if they'd take on a leadership role.

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THE WISE OLD OWL: The Owl is also a senior member, but he/she is more interested in giving something back than in having their egos stroked. Listen to the Owl's advice even if you don't heed it.

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THE ASSOCIATION EAGLE: They may only be five or ten percent of the flock, but they soar above the crowd. They serve and organize. Try to spot the Eagles early. They will be quietly working their way up through the ranks, getting the job done, seldom complaining. They make an association fly.

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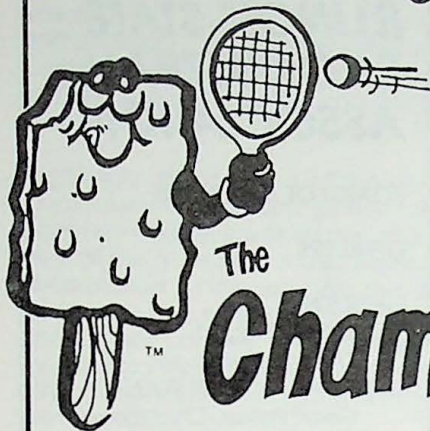
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