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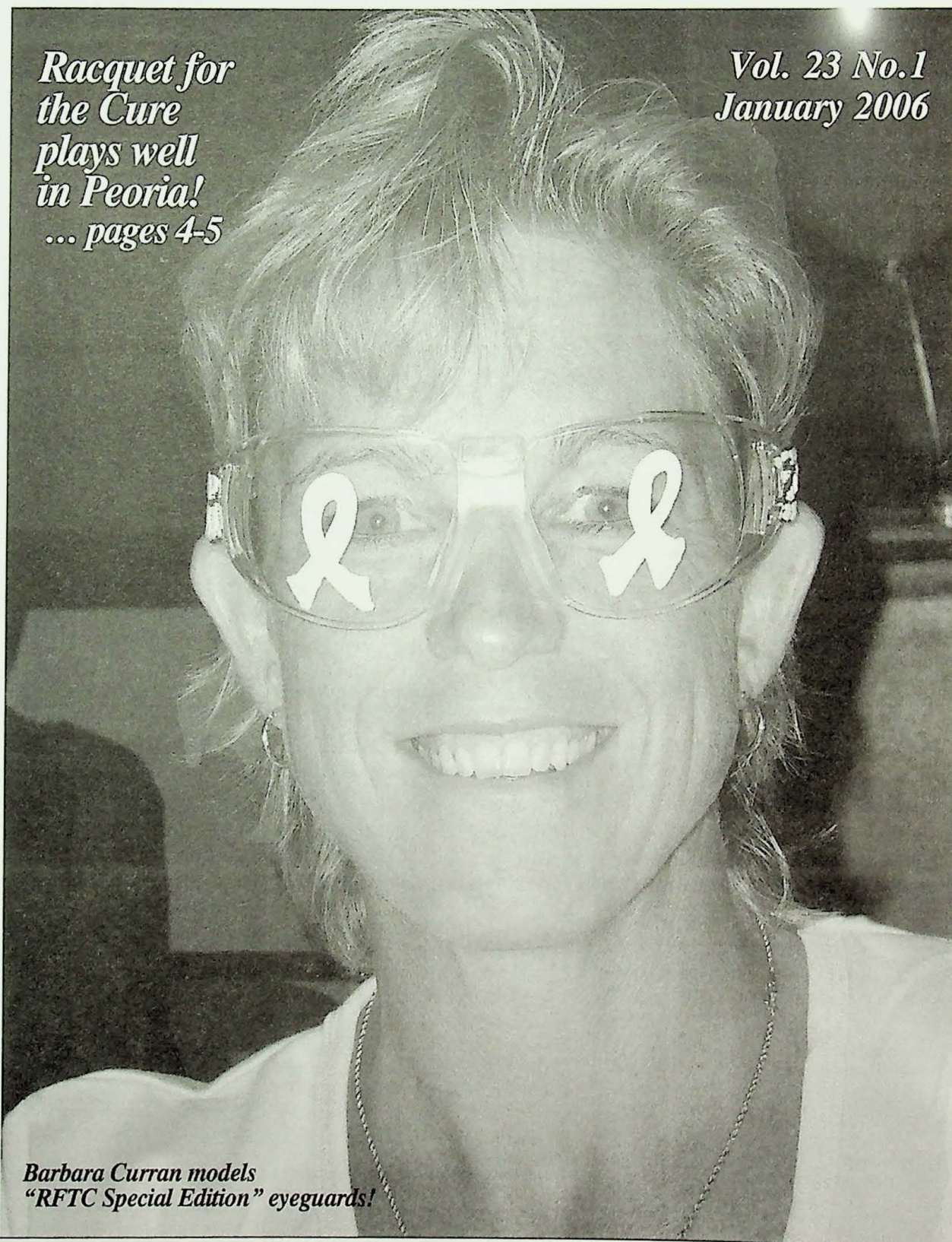


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"RFTC Special Edition" eyeguards!*

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From the President

As I write this, it is two weeks before Christmas and the first chance I've had in weeks to sit down and reflect on the holiday season. I really like the holidays - I like the decorations, I like choosing special gifts for special people and I like seeing people I rarely see any other time of the year.

But the question is: why does it take the holidays to motivate me to see the people I like and want to see? I'm afraid the answer is that during the rest of the year, I let other things get in the way - things like work.....work.....and work.

There's nothing I can do about that right now. I can make a New Year's resolution to work less and spend more time with people I care about and to play more (or some) racquetball. Right now the only thing I can do is recognize some of the racquetball people I care about and don't get to see very often.

Two long-time ISRA board members have had to step back from racquetball over the last year or so. Rich Clay is busy with two daughters and working to organize sporting events for the members of his young church community. This is a church that has been built from scratch, both in terms of members and a building. We miss Rich immensely in the racquetball community and on the ISRA Board. But we know the work he is currently doing is so important and that he is putting the same effort into those things that he gave us for years. We hope he will spend some time with us when he can.

The other missing ISRA Board member is Judy Young. Judy has spent years as the ISRA Secretary. When a question arises as to when or why a decision was made or a rule was changed, Judy is able to remember what happened and retrieve the supporting

documentation. She is a wealth of knowledge related to the history of racquetball and racquetball people in Illinois. She has also entered every result of every tournament into the Illinois ranking/seeding system since its inception - that's about twelve or more years' worth. We are all now experiencing the difference between the quality of the ISRA system and the new USA Racquetball system, so we know how important Judy's work has been to us. We hope she can rejoin us at some point.

Rich and Judy deserve our warmest thanks and best wishes in the coming year. I'd also like to recognize the folks who cover my back when I am overly committed. They include Cheryl Kirk and Geoff Peters, Pam Grace and Liz Molitor, Diane Bunker, Patrice Calvi and Joe Silius, to name a few. Thanks for all you do for me and for racquetball.

See you on the courts in the New Year - promise!

Laurel

P.S. Be sure to go to www.illinoisracquetball.com to access entry forms for upcoming tournaments!



ISRA Family News

New Dog in Town

Diego found Cheryl Gudinas after the quarterfinals and before her semifinal match in the Rosarito Beach (Mexico) Pro-Am tourney. By the time of her match at 4pm, the decision had been made to bring him home and he had to be vaccinated by the next day! In an ISRA Newsletter exclusive, Cheryl said,



"Since I have been traveling internationally with the U.S. Team, stray animals have always found me. I've always wanted to rescue one from another country and bring it home to the States. I've also thought it would be nice to save an abused animal, which I believe Diego had been, since he cowered anytime I would walk behind him the first day or so after finding him. Within a short time, however, he was a much more confident dog and he's also a very quick learner. In a matter of minutes, he learned how to give his paw upon request. So, as you can see, he is brilliant!

"Everything fell into place and I was able to bring Diego home with me from Mexico. He loves people, loves to cuddle and I expect him to get fairly big. When Doug and I got the little guy home, he went immediately to the vet, since we knew he had a variety of ailments, including worms and ticks. You could see how malnourished he had been, but now has already almost doubled in size! The vet theorizes he is part

Shepherd, part Lab, but those ears remind us of a Great Dane...

"I'd like him to be a runner so we can work out with him. Right now, he is definitely a little prancer and is hilarious to watch when he goes outside on his leash. We think he is simply overjoyed to be living the American Dream!"

Editor's Note: Lucky dog, lucky mom...a bright New Year to you both!

Silent Auction Sailboat Excursion

The Motorola IRT Pro Nationals event raised thousands of dollars for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) due to the generosity of people like Martha Huske and Julie Vincent and the fundraising expertise of Event Coordinator Carolyn Watkins.

On the magnificent Saturday of August 6, 2005, the lucky winners of one of the silent auction prizes at the April tourney claimed their reward. Julie and Martha donated the winning amount for the opportunity to sail with Captain Howie Weisbart (and First Mate Lynne), on their yacht, the Howlyn' Wind. Accompanied by Martha's daughter, Rachael, and Julie's sister, Donna, the captain and his passengers cast off the lines from the ship's slip in Waukegan Harbor and set sail onto Lake Michigan on one of the nicest days of the summer. There was

abundant sunshine, perfect wind for sailing, wine and snacks, warm water for swimming, and most happily, *no sea sickness*. Everyone participated in the hoisting of sails and steering the boat — there were no wimps on this ship!

Howie and I would like to express our appreciation for all the donations that raised money for juvenile diabetes research that weekend. Just one month prior to the tournament and a week before her third birthday, our great niece was diagnosed with the disease. With continued efforts and donations from generous people, we are hopeful that a cure will be found that will allow our dear one to live a longer, less-complicated life.

— Lynne Weisbart



L to R: Lynne Weisbart, Rachael Huske, Martha Huske, Donna Hickey, and Julie Vincent enjoy a day on Lake Michigan

USAR Board Elections Coming in Spring of '06

Five board-endorsed candidates will vie for three USAR Board of Directors seats in this



spring's upcoming elections. Cheryl Kirk, ISRA Vice President and Newsletter Editor, is one of those candidates.

Cheryl has been employed by McDonald's Corporation since 1979. She is a

director in Worldwide Operations, where one of her primary responsibilities is leading the Global Olympics Team in support of McDonald's TOP Olympic Sponsorship. This entails traveling to and managing multiple activities involved with serving the world's athletes, journalists and spectators at each Olympic Games.

A member of the ISRA Board since 2000, Cheryl has been a racquetball enthusiast since the mid-70's. In addition to her many ISRA roles, she is a Regional Advisor for Ektelon (including membership on the Ektelon Advisory Council and the Ektelon Women's Council). Cheryl is a member of USAR, ISRA, WSMRA and NMRA. She attends all major National Tournaments (Singles, Doubles, US Open and Motorola Pro Nationals), recording the events for the

ISRA through pictures, results tracking and newsletter articles. Cheryl can be spotted assisting at many local tournaments as well.

Cheryl states, "As a USAR Board member, I will put forth my best efforts to promote racquetball for adults and juniors alike, with particular emphasis on growing women's participation in our sport. Using my 26+ years of corporate business experience, I will contribute both strategically and tactically to the Board's activities."

The USAR will conduct its election process through the March/April issue of Racquetball Magazine. Please cast your vote for Cheryl on the card included in the magazine...a vote for Cheryl is a vote in support of the growth of racquetball.

Racquet For The Cure

August 27, 2005

Landmark Racquet & Health Club

Peoria's first annual Racquet for the Cure (RFTC), a fundraising racquetball event held in support of the Peoria Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, was a rousing success and a true inspiration to the players who participated. The foundation was established in 1982 to help fight breast cancer by funding research grants and supporting education, screening and treatment projects in communities around the world.

The first RFTC was established in Denver in 2000 to further benefit the foundation. In the past six years, the Denver-based events have raised over \$20,000. The idea for having a RFTC in Peoria came when Jim Maroon attended a Team Ektelon meeting during the USA Racquetball National Singles Championships in Houston at the end of May 2005. Ektelon pro player, Kerri Wachtel and Team Ektelon Advisor Cheryl Kirk gave a presentation on the Denver RFTC; this influenced Jim to bring RFTC to Peoria. Doug Holmes, General Manager, and Terry Sutton, Racquetball Director of Landmark, thought it was a great idea and gave Jim the go ahead to begin organizing the tournament. The Susan G. Komen Foundation gave the necessary approvals, a committee was immediately formed, and plans for the tournament were off and running!

The goals for the Peoria event were simple: raise money for breast cancer research and hold a fun-filled event. In order to achieve these goals, a Planning & Fundraising Committee, consisting of Jim Maroon & Pam Schubach (co-directors), Terry Sutton, Traci Steen, Karen Carter and Joann Kempthorne,



The Brain Trust: Terry Sutton, Jim Maroon, Karen Carter, Joann Kempthorne, and Pam Schubach (not pictured: Traci Steen)

set objectives to have 50 players enter the tournament and raise between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Both goals were accomplished. An Advisory Committee consisting of Cheryl Kirk and Laurel Davis (Chicago), Kelly Carter (Bloomington), Larry Boyer (Decatur), Karin Flowers (Springfield) and Dan Curless & Kurt Mankle (Peoria) provided their input and passed the word at their local clubs. Jean Gallagher of the Denver RFTC contributed her guidance as well.

The format was a one-day racquetball tournament with Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and (to include the men) Mixed Doubles. Fifty-one players (totaling 84 entries) participated from throughout the Midwest and Colorado — 34 women and 17 men. This successful event generated

\$4,500! A check was presented to Linda Maricle, Program Director of the Peoria Memorial Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation by Terry, Pam and Jim at the awards banquet.

Many women played in three events during this very full day of racquetball (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

Many companies and individuals donated money and items to assist with trophies and the silent auction. These included:

Gold Sponsors (\$1,000+) — Ektelon and Carter Law Offices

Silver Sponsors (\$500+) — Maui Jim, Wilson, F. Michael Schubach-Advanced Asset Management, Illini Golf, Rhythm Kitchen & Music Café and Landmark Racquet & Health Club

Bronze Sponsors (\$250+) — Steiger Farms, Dr. Michael Veeder, YWCA-Peoria, Rave Motion Pictures, Mitchell Family Trust, Bremer Jewelry, Executive Tans, Pepsi and Hamburg Distributing.

Numerous sponsors donated gift certificates so that upon entering the tournament, all women were given a bag full of coupons and a stylish pink v-neck T-shirt. Door prizes were drawn during the day. Everyone took home a door prize...all attendees were winners!!!

The Rhythm Kitchen & Music Cafe provided a variety of delicious soups and sandwiches for lunch. These foods were complemented by fruit and yogurt from Cub Foods. Kitchen Cooked donated potato chips and pretzels, Pepsi provided soda, Hamburg Distributing supplied water, and Landmark served the banquet meal.

After the tournament, an awards banquet, slide show, silent auction and dance was held. Guest speakers included Linda Maricle, Program Director of the Peoria



In Memory of...

<u>Player/Sponsor:</u>	
Dennis Toland Jim Chambers Becky Garig Pam Grace Mary Kay Herman Joann Kempthorne Cheryl Kirk Jim Maroon Marcia Richards Carolyn Watkins	Helen Toland Mildred Chambers Jeannie Naffziger-Martins Agnes Frey Sally Snell Florence Lytle David R. Kirk Jami Maroon Aunt Annie Olivia N. Stewart

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Memorial Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; Dr. Michael Veeder, Director of Oncology at Oncology-Hematology Association; Pam Schubach, CEO of Peoria YWCA; Jean Gallagher and Marcia Richards, Denver RFTC; and Jim Maroon, Peoria RFTC.



Kelly Carter — What is she hiding?

Trophies were presented to players in all division. "Fun Awards" were voted on basically on how players looked and behaved during the day. The following players were recognized and received a bag of gifts as their awards:

Best Bruise – Laurel Davis, Best Dive – Kristen Coulter, Best Dress – Traci Steen, Best Whiner – Erin Hayworth, Best Players in the Ugly Girls Division – Kurt Mankle, Dan Curless, Jim Frenner and Tony Marquez, and the Big Bog went to Jim Maroon.

Every woman attending the banquet was given a fresh pink carnation provided by Leo's Flowers. Banquet tables were decorated with creative centerpieces made with balloons, flowers and pink athletic shoes. Live entertainment was provided by the Soggy Bottom Blues Band and belly dancing by Pava's Gems dance troupe. WHOL-TV (ABC) was on hand to produce a story which was aired on the Saturday evening news.

Thanks to support of our sponsors, the tournament players, the Planning and Fundraising committee, the Advisory Committee and the many volunteers for making this event a success! Plans are underway for



RFTC Organizers Pam Schubach and Jim Maroon with ISRA President Laurel Davis

the 2nd Annual Racquet for the Cure tournament in Peoria, a two-day event already scheduled for August 25-26, 2006.

— Jim Maroon

The 2005 Racquet for the Cure Official Results by Division

Women's Open Singles (sponsored by Maroon's Kart Systems) - Marcia Richards (CO), Pam Schubach (Peoria), Georgia Russell (Rantoul)

Women's A Singles (sponsored by Purvis & Freisinger Contractors) - Kristen Coulter (Ottawa), Cheryl Kirk (Naperville), Carolyn Watkins (Lombard)

Women's B Singles (sponsored by Ron Rempel Insurance Agency) - Pam Stanek, Cara Phillips, JoAnn Wickwire (all from Peoria)

Women's C Singles (sponsored by Tri-County Appraisal Services) - Traci Steen, Debi Ramos, Erin Hayworth (all from Peoria)

Women's Open/A Doubles (sponsored by Illinois State Racquetball Association) - 1. Barb Curran/Cheryl Kirk

(Naperville), Terry Sutton/Pam Schubach (Peoria), Georgia Russell/Becky Gerig (Rantoul/Bloomington)

Women's B/C Doubles (sponsored by Ron Henderson, CPA) - Debi Ramos/Erin Hayworth, Cheryl Lewis/Karen Carter, Cara Phillips/Erin Waterson (all from Peoria)

Mixed Open/A Doubles (sponsored by Terry Schubach and Dennis Toland) - Pam Schubach/Kurt Mankle, (Peoria), Shelly & Tony Marquez (Springfield), Erin Hayworth/Rick Reynolds (Peoria)



*Cheryl Kirk with Pava's Gems:
"The most humbling moment of my life!"*

Ektelon 38th USA Racquetball National Doubles

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
September 28-October 2, 2005

On a sunny and warm football weekend at Arizona State, most people outside the ASU Rec Center were wishing for a big win on the field. But...inside the Center, big wins were the focus on the courts. At a well-attended National Doubles, Team Illinois brought home 3 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze and 4 pewter medals for a total of 13. Be-

fore taking a look at the specifics, a few comments on the tournament itself:

Pros

- The venue itself...and the weather!
- Smoothie bar – wonderful
- The IHOP across the street – strategically perfect
- A kinder, gentler tournament desk staff – Otto Dietrich and Mary & Eddie Meredith were great
- Posting court assignments on an overhead screen

Cons

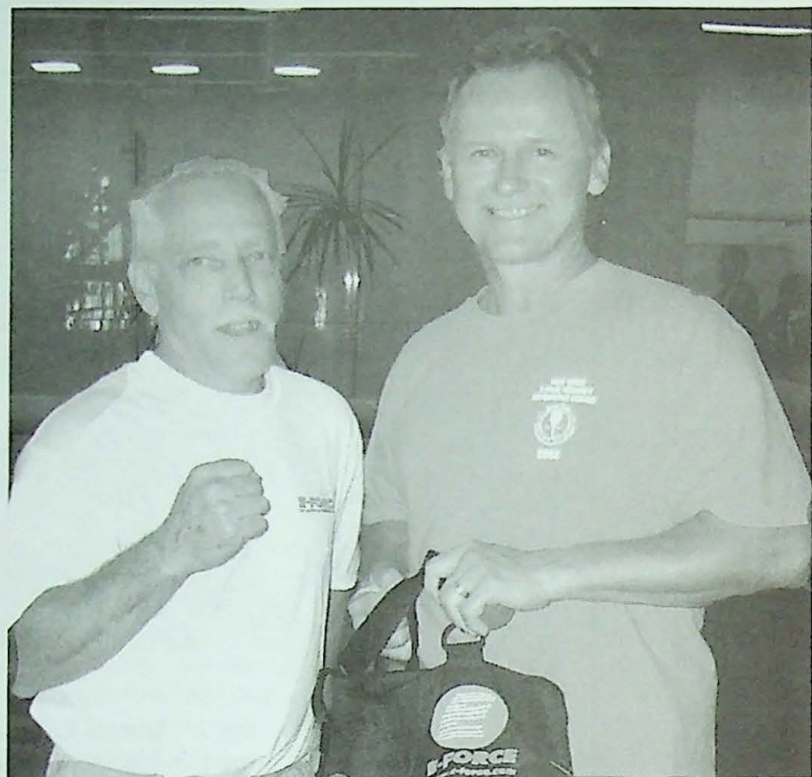
- Hospitality (they had some this time...but tell us where it's located!)
- Draw sheets didn't show what states people were from
- Very hard to ref matches – the glare off the back windows was a killer
- Putting people in the draw without a partner at a national event?? – come on, guys, they don't generally materialize on site!
- Shirts for women, please

All in all, a great tournament and a great time...try it, you'll like it!
— Cheryl Kirk

National Doubles Participants

(including 1st thru 4th place finishers):

MB: Juan Martinez/Juan Martinez III (MO)
M 24-: Ben Croft/Charles Pratt (OR) – 1st
M35+: Keith Minor/John Amatulli (IN) – 3rd
M35+A: Wil Rounsaville/Desmond Slusher
M40+: Keith Minor/John Amatulli (IN)
M45+: Bill Lyman/Bobby Haab (CT), Dave Negrete/Robin Dixon (CA)



Men's 50+ Competitors George Kleber & Joe Silius

M45/55+A: Ken Cook/Wil Rounsaville
M50+: George Kleber/Joe Silius, Delmer Reed/James Davis (IN)
M55+: George Kleber/Joe Silius
M55+C: Tom Curtis/Mike Mahon – 1st

WO: Cheryl Gudinas/Kristen Walsh (UT) – 4th

WElite: Brenda White/Debbie Chaney (IN)

WA: Barb Curran/Cheryl Kirk – 3rd

W40+: Chris Evon/Terri Graham – 4th

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Delmer Reed arrives for a match



Lola Markus (and partners!) medaled twice



Clockwise from front: Illinois players Mike Mahon, Tom Curtis, Jan Curtis, Kathy Ruzyski, Barbara Curran, Lynne Weisbart, Len Ruzyski

Coyle Dominates The Southlake Club Fall Open

Eugene Coyle of Palatine took top honors and the \$150 first place prize money at the Fall Open racquetball tournament held Saturday, November 5th at The Southlake Club. Coyle, who is nationally-ranked and has competed on the Professional IRT Tour, bested 16-year-old Geoff Goldblatt of Chicago in the Men's Open Final, 15-12 and 15-13. Goldblatt, a sophomore at Lane Tech High School, is an up-and-coming player in the region who hopes to make his mark at the Junior National Championships this season.

In the Men's A division, Mike Hammel of Naperville also won in two straight against Eric Battaglia, while in the Men's B, Southlake Club member Kevin Schulz, also 16 years old, prevailed in a three-game tiebreaker over 14-year-old Trevor Snyders, a fellow Junior Team Illinois member. Club Member Bill Butterworth battled through the day to emerge as the champion in the Men's C division over Gerry Kudanian and in the Men's D Division, Joe Garay outlasted Randy Schulz in a tough three-game tiebreaker as the day wound down.

Geoff Goldblatt teamed with Joe Gill of Chicago to take top honors in the Men's Open Doubles over close friends and fre-

quent practice opponents Jorge Ortiz and John Baumeister, while Mike Hammel teamed up with John Puccio of Naperville for his second successful bid of the day. Geoff Goldblatt made it two firsts and a second by pairing with Karen Thurlow of Chicago to take the Mixed Open over Jorge Ortiz and Joan Vande Kieft.

The tournament was sponsored by El Barrios in Diamond Lake — all of the players and spectators ate well the entire day! Congratulations to Club Manager Cindy Flores-Mocarski and her entire staff — Tina, Lynn, Fred, Sam, Geoff and Jesus for a job well done.

The Southlake Club recently underwent extensive remodeling and the players had nothing but compliments for the newly-refinished courts. Stop by and play the Saturday Challenge Court for only \$10 with your USAR/ISRA competitive license. The club, on Route 45 behind the Consumers Credit Union (1200 South Lake Street), has 6 racquetball/handball courts, a full cardio theatre, free weights, a pro shop, and offers a beer and wine bar to relax after your workout! Call for more information at (847) 949-8180.

— Geoff Peters

Results

Division: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (6): Eugene Coyle; Geoff Goldblatt; Joe Gill, Jorge Ortiz

Men's A (8): Mike Hammel; Eric Battaglia; Trevor Snyders, John Puccio

Men's B (9): Kevin Schulz; Trevor Snyders; Vince Grodzicki, Steve Saeks

Men's C (9): Bill Butterworth; Gerry Kudanian; Jesus Aguirre, Don Schiff

Men's D (7): Joe Garay; Randy Schulz; Bill Butterworth, Jesus Aguirre

Men's Open Doubles (5): Geoff Goldblatt/Joe Gill; Jorge Ortiz/John Baumeister; Mitch Becker/Brian Berkelhamer, Eugene Coyle/George Pappas

Men's A/B Doubles (4): Mike Hammel/John Puccio; Steve Jungmann/Rodrigo Diaz; Kevin Schulz/Joey Limonciello (3)

Mixed Open Doubles (3): Geoff Goldblatt/Karen Thurlow; Joan Vande Kieft/Jorge Ortiz; Jeff Grace/Pam Grace

Chicago Open IRT Pro Stop

October 27-30, 2005

Schaumburg Tennis Plus

Tournament Director — Dave Negrete

Division: 1st; 2nd; Semifinals

Men's Pro Dbls (8): Alvaro Beltran (CA)/Cliff Swain (MA); Josh Tucker (CA)/Shane Vanderson (OH); Rocky Carson (CA)/Jack Huczek (MI), Mike Guidry (TX)/Kane Waselenchuk (TX)

Men's Open (8): Ben Croft; Andy Hawthorne (OH); Keith Minor, John Amatulli (IN)

Men's Elite (4): Cary Slade; Geoff Goldblatt; Tony Rosselli, Brent Huff

Men's A (8): Mike Hammel; Ben Fraga; Matt Guetzko, John Mason

Men's B (10): Mike Hammel; Aaron Pace; Hector Landeros, Rick Seaberg

Men's C (12): Sergio Rivera; Gerardo Sulic; Fred Conforti, Hector Landeros

Men's 30/35 + (7): Cary Slade; Tony Rosselli; Kevin Massard, Angelo Batistatos (IN)

Men's 30-55 + B/C (12): Gerardo Sulic; Rick Seaberg; John Geatros, John Massard

Men's 40 + (8): Ken Crossman (TN); Tom Utterback; Mike Davern, Angelo Batistatos (IN)

Men's 45 + (6): Dave Negrete; Dave Milazzo; Jim Hillman, Watmora Casey

Men's 50/55 + (6): Dennis McKee; T.J. Ferro; Frank Milazzo, Pat Taylor

Women's Open (8): Liz Molitor; Julie Vincent; Cindy Tilbury (CO), Ellen Somberg

Women's Elite (4): Lori Good; Diane Bunker; Lynn Yeazell, Kathy Ruzycki

Women's A/B (6): Lynn Yeazell; Lan Huynh; Lola Markus, Lynne Weisbart

Women's 40/45 + (7): Ellen Somberg; Julie Vincent; Liz Molitor, Diane Bunker

Women's 50/55 + (4): Kathy Ruzycki; Martha Huske; Joan Vande Kieft, Lan Huynh (FL)

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W50 +: Brenda White/
Susan Hendricks (AZ) — 3rd
W55 +: Kathy Ruzycki/
Meri Jean Kelley (CA) — 1st
W60/65/70 +: Lola Markus/
Sarah Foster (CA) — 2nd
W25-55 + B: Cheryl Kirk/
Lynne Weisbart — 4th (1st
45 + B)

MXA: Barb Curran/Tom
Curtis, Leila Gray/Desmond
Slusher

MXB: Leila Gray/Ken Cook,
Cheryl Kirk/Mike Mahon,
Lynne Weisbart/Tom Curran
(OH)

MX40 +: Terri Graham/Bill
Lyman — 2nd

MX45 +: Chris Evon/Bill
Lyman — 3rd

MX50 +: Kathy Ruzycki/
Patrick Gibson (TX)

MX 60/65/70 +: Lola
Markus/Ron McElwee (AL)
— 4th



Keith Minor and John Amatulli placed 3rd in Men's 35 +

The Glass Court Turkey Shoot

November 10-13, 2005

The Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard
Tournament Director – Doug Halverson

Thanksgiving dinner is a big family tradition for most people — it's a time for reflection and togetherness. It's also a time when you can work on your backhand and perfect your pinch shots at the 14th Annual Glass Court Turkey Shoot benefiting the TLC Day Camp. You can't beat this picture-perfect holiday blend of racquetball and a turkey dinner. Ask any racquetball enthusiast and they'll agree it's the fun, food and families that make this event a winner.

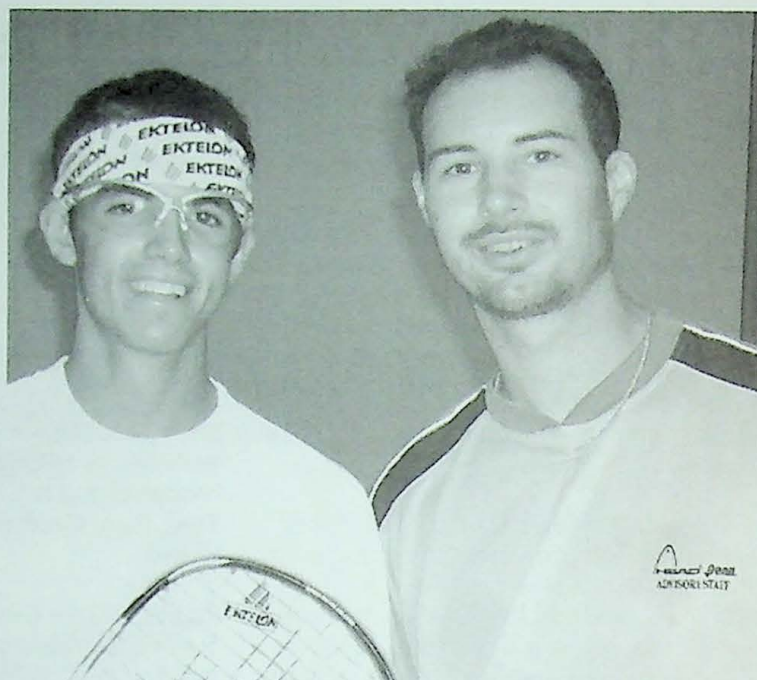
Glass Court provided their famous non-stop hospitality through the whole weekend, of-

fering competitive tournament play matched up with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. We kicked off the weekend with a large draw and lots of out-of-state guests. They come back every year for the fabulous "vibe" they get at our Illinois tournaments in Illinois. As the results came in and the draw sheets filled out,

the show was moving right along. Saturday was easygoing with plenty of football games for the fellas (and some ladies) to watch. In between hot racquetball matches on the court, people kept up with their favorite NFL team or brushed up on their ping pong game. There was great live entertainment from an awesome band that kept the energy level high as we watched some of the final matches of the evening. Many of the guests won raffle prizes and danced the night away listening to some their favorite songs. Thanks to all of the Glass Court staff and tournament volunteers who helped make this year another special event — you all are the best! (Note: See list below...)

Just as you can't forget your immediate family, the Turkey Shoot makes it difficult to forget your extended racquetball family. We have plenty to be thankful for and we are fortunate to have so many visitors who return every year to enjoy Illinois events. Whether you were getting your game together for the U.S. Open or just trying to work off some pre-holiday poundage, the Glass Court Turkey Shoot was The Place to be!

— Carolyn Watkins



Men's Open Doubles champs Ben Croft and Jason Thoerner

Turkey Shoot Volunteers – Thanks!!

Ron Calloway, Patrice Calvi, Laurel Davis, Dan Flood, Lori Good, Jeff Grace, Pam Grace, Michelle Halverson, Cheryl Kirk, Grant Macuba, Keith Mecklenburg, Liz Molitor, Joe Silius, Tom Utterback, Carolyn Watkins, Lynne Weisbart, Lynn Yeazell.

...and Check Out the Results!:

Results

Event: First Place; Second Place; Semis

Men's Open (10): Brian Simpson (IN); Ben Croft; Jason Thoerner, John Amatulli (IN)

Men's AA (3): Alex Ackermann (IN); David Kerr, Jr.; Quentin Miere (IN)

Men's A (12): Ben Fraga; Mike Degonia; Brent Huff, Keith Mecklenburg

Men's B (18): Joey Limonciello; Trevor Snyders; John Anaya, Rick Seaberg

Men's C (22): Joe Lococo; Gerardo Sulic; Juan Martinez, Mike Antonoff, Jr.

Men's D (18): Bryan Manis; Dimitri Pagonis; Ken Braxton, Aaron Wauters

Men's Novice (1): Aaron Wauters

Men's 30/35 + (6): Ryan Homa (WI); Brent Huff; David Kerr, Jr., Bill Kuhlman

Men's 40 + (8): Tom Utterback; Dave Bachar; Bob Wright (IN), Lem Rowans

Men's 45/50 + Int. (9): John Geatros; Ray Meisner; Leo Formanski, Paul Jepsen

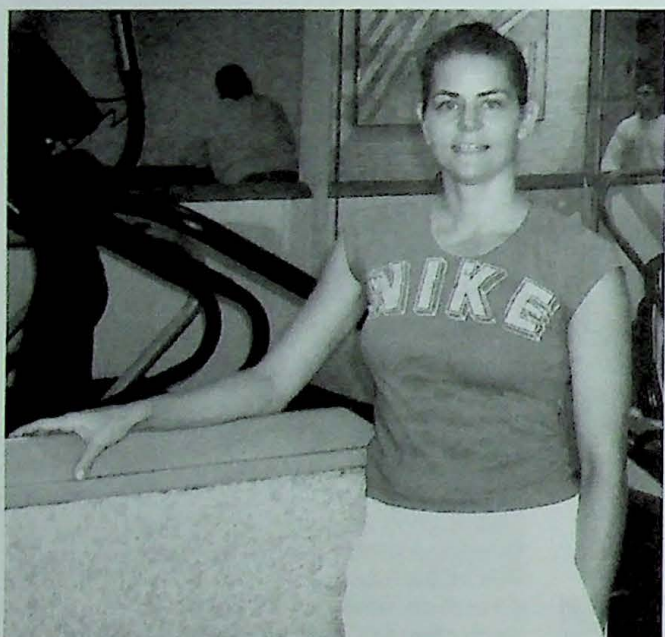
Men's 45 + (8): Chuck Snyders; Bob Wright (IN); Jim Hillman, Dave Milazzo

Men's 50/55 + (9): TJ Ferro; Frank Milazzo; Horace Miller, Dennis Healy

Men's 60/70 + (4): Joe Quirke; Chuck Thompson; Manuel Rosiles

Women's Open (6): Krystal Csuk; Ellen Somberg; Janet Eminger, Nancy Amaro

Women's A (9): Karen Thurlow; Cheryl Kirk; Char Borre, Lynne Weisbart

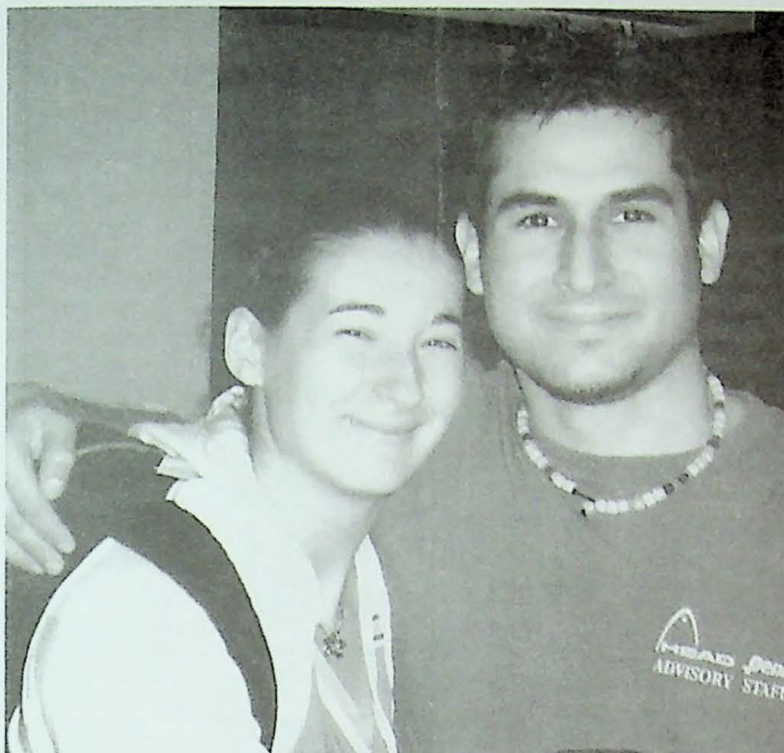


Karen Thurlow — Welcome to Women's Open! (Fall 2006)



Dan Pacetti, Sean Lynch and Jeremy Dixon competed in Beginner Two-Bounce

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Mixed Open Doubles #1 pair Krystal Csuk and Juan Herrera



Intermediate players Peter Young and Justin Kuhlman

The Glass Court Turkey Shoot
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Women's B (4): Leila Gray; Julianne Beran; Laura Rosiles

Men's Open Doubles (6): Jason Thoerner/Ben Croft; Keith Mecklenburg/Ron Calloway; Alex Ackermann (IN)/Quentin Miere (IN), Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen

Men's A Doubles (8): Walter Fornek/Tom Lamberson; Jeff Jovien/Dick Heithoff; Tom Levis/John Matarrese, Dave Coyner/John Puccio

Men's B Doubles (6): Rick Seaberg/Juan Martinez;

John Anaya/John Geatros; Greg Benjamin/Pete Schmeichel, Joey Brownlee/Aaron Pace
Men's C Doubles (7): Art Davis/Paul Jepsen; Glen Bero/Michael Hammett; Alberto Palacios/Gerardo Sulic, Dan Pacetti/Steve Sorensen
Men's 40+ Doubles (6): Dave Bachar/Bob Morrison; Dan Flood/Ron Calloway; TJ Ferro/Joe Silius, Dave Milazzo/Frank Milazzo

Women's Open Doubles (3): Julie Vincent/Liz Molitor; Patrice Calvi/Barb Curran; Marian Bala/Nancy Amaro

Mixed Open Doubles (12): Juan Herrera/Krystal Csuk; Liz Molitor/John Amatulli (IN); Nancy

Amaro/Chuck Snyders, Tom Utterback/Janet Eminger

Mixed A Doubles (6): Desmond Slusher/Leila Gray; John Puccio/Cheryl Kirk; Dave Coyner/Lynn Yeazell

Mixed B Doubles (3): Julianne Beran/Frank Valentino; Dorothy Che-Menju/Don Hayden; Marcy Kogut/George Wolf

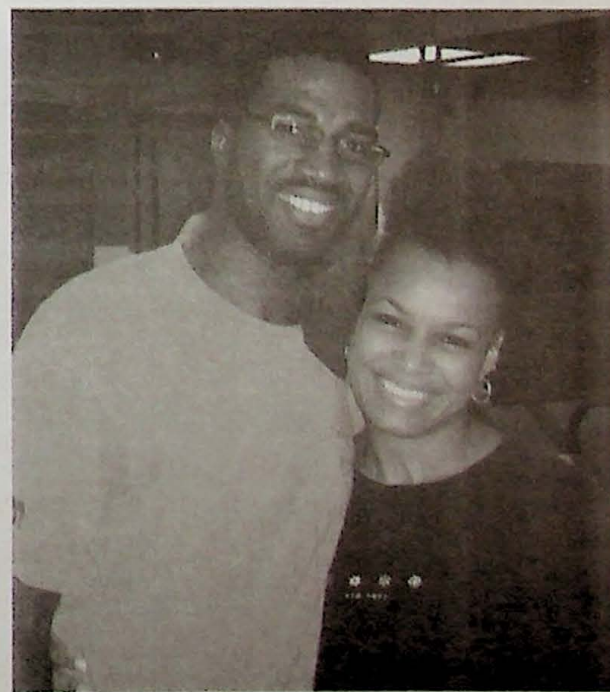
Juniors Beginner 2-Bounce: Sean Lynch; Dan Pacetti; Sean Lynch

Junior Intermediate: Justin Kuhlman; Peter Young

Junior Advanced: Colin Lynch; Kevin Lynch; Lauren Pacetti, Dan Tumpane



The Junior Advanced Division: Kevin Lynch, Lauren Pacetti, Dan Tumpane, and Colin Lynch



Desmond Slusher and Leila Gray took 1st in Mixed A's

The Choice Hotels 10th US Open

Memphis, Tennessee
November 16-20, 2005

Team Illinois contributed 30 of the 753 players who played in one or more divisions at the U.S. Open. Twenty-three men and seven women from all over the state (Peoria contributed a lively contingent) competed in 31 divisions for a total of 54 entries.

Absent from this year's event were Kathy Ruzycki (who had knee surgery on 11/23) and Mike Hammel (due to a nasty bout of early season flu; he rallied later in the week to arrive and support the team). Our heart-felt condolences go to Chris Evon on the loss of her mother the weekend prior to the tournament.

Carolyn Watkins celebrated her newly-achieved eligibility (birthday: 11/14) by taking a silver medal in the 35A's. Don't you just love a sport that rewards you for getting older?

Cheerleaders showed up in force: Kit Lawson, Joey Logan, Leo Klimaitis, Eugene Coyle, Mike Hammel, Dave Negrete, and John Amatulli (our Indiana buddy to the east).

In the Pro finals, the results were:

- Kane Waselenchuk defeated Cliff Swain — 5,10,10
- Christie Van Hees won over Rhonda Rajsich — (11), 4, 5, 5

Tourney notes:

- Four clubs continues to be challenging



Partying with the Pros: Carolyn Watkins, Kit Lawson, Lynne Weisbart, Keith Brown, Lynn Yeazell, and Mike Hammel

when you want to catch your friends' matches

- Shuttle service was much improved this year
- Party with the Pros is always fun!

Illinois medal count — 17 in all: 4 Gold, 4 Silver, 3 Bronze, 3 Pewter, 3 Not Sure (were those two playoff matches ever actually played in the Men's 55's and 60's?)

Check out the Illinois attendees below, and don't forget to mark your calendars for next year's event — November 15-19, 2006!

—Cheryl Kirk

Team Illinois at the U.S. Open

Men's Pro: Ben Croft, Jason Thoerner

Men's Open: Ben Croft, Geoff Goldblatt

Men's A: Chris Caldwell

Men's B: Rick Seaberg

Men's C: Fred Conforti, Gerardo Sulic

Men's 24-: Geoff Goldblatt

Men's 35 +: Keith Minor — 2nd

Men's 35 + A: Chris Caldwell, Kevin Yeazell

Men's 35 + B: Rick Seaberg

Men's 35 + C: Gerardo Sulic — 2nd

Men's 40 +: Mike Davern, Joe Gill, Keith Minor — 2nd

Men's 45 +: Mike Davern, Rick Reynolds

Men's 45 + A: Wil Rounsaville, Rick Reynolds

Men's 45 + B: Keith Brown, Jim Maroon, Royce Simpson — 4th

Men's 45 + C: Royce Simpson

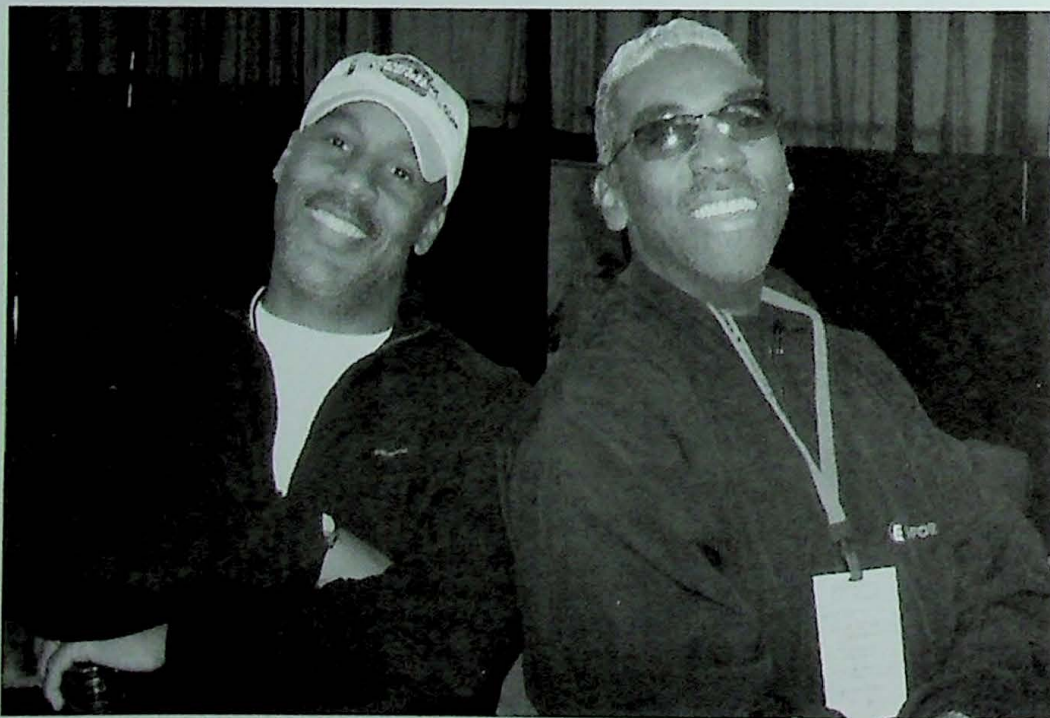
Men's 50 +: Wil Rounsaville

Men's 55 +: Greg Hasty — SF, Horace Miller

Men's 60 +: Horace Miller — SF, Pat Taylor — SF

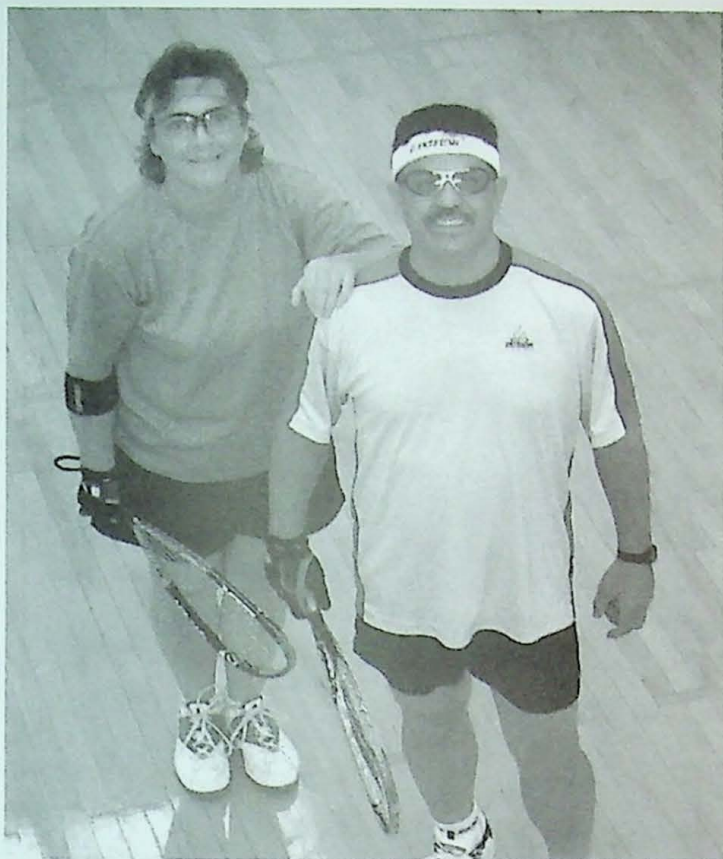
Men's 65 +: Don Davis

Men's 75 +: John O'Donnell, Jr. — 1st

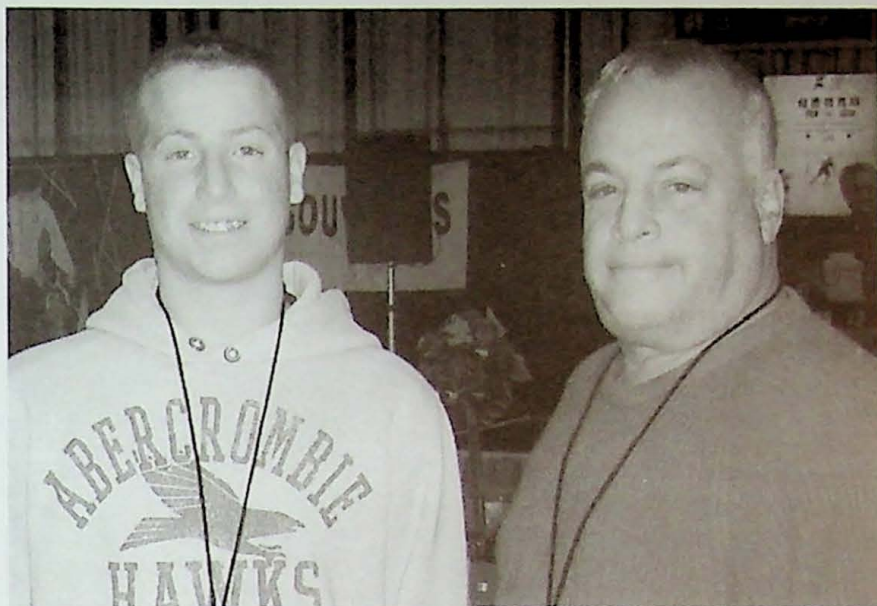


Perennial Participants Royce Simpson and Wil Rounsaville

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*From Peoria to Memphis:
Pam Schubach and Jim Maroon*



Goldblatt X 2: Geoff and dad Dick



John Amatulli, Carolyn Watkins and Eugene Coyle at the Fox & Hound Pub

The Choice Hotels 10th US Open *continued from previous page*

Women's Pro: Cheryl Gudinas

Women's B: Cheryl Kirk – 4th,
Terry Sutton, Carolyn Watkins,
Lynne Weisbart

Women's 35/45A: Carolyn
Watkins – 2nd, Lynn Yeazell –
3rd

Women's 35 + B: Lynn Yeazell –
1st

Women's 45/55 + B: Cheryl Kirk –
3rd, Lynne Weisbart – 4th

Men's Open Doubles: Ben Croft/
Charlie Pratt (OR) – 1st, Joe Gill/
Geoff Goldblatt

Men's A Doubles: Geoff Peters/
Tom Curran (OH)

Men's 35 + Doubles: Keith Minor/
David Watson (OK) – 1st, Geoff
Peters/Terry Davis (KY), Pat
Armstrong/Rick Reynolds

Women's A Doubles: Pam
Schubach/Terry Sutton – 3rd

Mixed A/B Doubles: Pat
Armstrong/Terry Sutton, Kevin
Yeazell/Lynn Yeazell, Cheryl Kirk/
Geoff Peters; Jim Maroon/Pam
Schubach

Mixed 40 + Doubles: Jim Ma-
roon/Pam Schubach



*The Central Illinois connection, L to R: Andy Hawthorne, Tracy Cerovski,
Rick Reynolds, Jim Maroon, Terry Sutton and Greg Hasty*

2005 ISRA Players of the Year and 2006 Distinguished Service Award

2005 Male and Female Players of the Year and Most Improved Player Award

Vote for your favorite male and/or female Player of the Year and Most Improved Player using the form below. Please submit a brief comment regarding your selection(s) using the following criteria:

1. Accomplishments
2. Number of years played
3. Sportsmanship
4. Improvement
5. Contribution to the sport of racquetball

Nominees must be USRA/ISRA members and may play at any level. Winners will be chosen by the ISRA Governing Board and will be honored at the ISRA State Singles Championships on April 1, 2006.

Players of the Year — past recipients: Chris Evon, Marshall Waldo (1988); Cheryl Gudinas, Rich Clay (1989); Pat Tarzon, Bill Lyman (1990); Laurel Davis, Ron Johnson (1991); Lola Markus, Bill Lyman (1992); Cheryl Gudinas, Andy Pitock (1993); Cheryl Gudinas, Greg Hasty (1994); Cheryl Gudinas, Horace Miller (1995); Dawn Gates, John Negrete (1996); Krystal Csuk, John O'Donnell, Jr. (1997); Mary Crawford, Greg Hasty, Sr. (1998); Terri Graham, Cary Slade (1999); Cheryl Gudinas, Bill Lyman (2000); Nancy Kronenfeld, Bill Lyman (2001); Liz Molitor, Ben Croft (2002); Liz Molitor, Dave Milazzo (2003); Krystal Czuk, Dave Milazzo (2004).

Most Improved Player Award — past recipients: Robert Gates, Jr. (1998); Ben Croft (1999); Diane Bunker (2000); Ubaldo Melo (2001); Angel Khamis (2002); Carolyn Watkins, Adrian Beltramino (2003); Geoff Goldblatt (2004).

2006 Distinguished Service Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2006 ISRA Distinguished Service Award. Criteria for consideration include commitment to the sport of racquetball; quality of service; and accomplishments benefiting the sport and its players. Any ISRA member may make nominations. The winner, chosen by the ISRA Governing Board, will be honored at the ISRA State Singles on April 1, 2006.

Distinguished Service Award — past recipients: Tom Street (1978); Bob Troyer (1979); Art Michaely (1980); Gay Kenna (1981); Jim Harper (1982); Jim Cartwright (1983); Alan Shetzer (1984); Clyde Senters (1985); Diane Gabrisko (1986); Geoff Peters (1986); Bill Feigen (1987); Alvin Barasch (1988); Judy Young (1989); Bill Roberts (1990); Al Danielwicz (1991); Bill Piggott (1992); Rich Clay (1993); Dave Negrete (1994); Lori Kaiser (1995); Brian Stuert (1996); Diane DeArmas (1997); T.J. Ferro (1998); Laurel Davis (1999); Rich Clay (2000); Mike Davern (2001); Pam Grace (2002); Cheryl Kirk (2003); Patrice Calvi (2004); Geoff Peters (2005).

Act Now: Nominations must be received by March 1, 2006!

Send in a brief note to: Illinois State Racquetball Association, 1064 Sylvan Circle, Naperville, IL 60540; or email your nomination to Cheryl Kirk at cherylkkirk@aol.com. Your nomination(s) should include your name, address, day and evening phone numbers, the name of the nominee(s), and the reasons why that person(s) should receive the award, including a list of achievements..

—Cheryl Kirk

ISRA Players of the Year & Most Improved Player NOMINATION FORM

Male Nominee's Name _____

Female Nominee's Name _____

Most Improved Player's Name _____

Include paragraph regarding your selection(s)
(use separate sheet of paper).

Name of ISRA member initiating nomination (please
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Phone (day) _____

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Signature _____

Date _____

Please return by March 1, 2006 to:

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Distinguished Service Award NOMINATION FORM

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Nominee's Address _____

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2005 Wilson One Day Ladies Event a Success!

December 4, 2005

Schaumburg Tennis Plus

Event Director – Dave Negrete

Women's racquetball had a strong showing at the annual Wilson One Day event. All had great food, fun and a lot of racquetball. Play began at 9 a.m. and was completed by 6 p.m. Chris Evon and Terri Graham at Wilson have supported this event for five years now and have shown their support for women's racquetball by getting involved with these types of one-day women's events all over the country. Their support did not go unnoticed as the ladies were treated to many door prizes — bags, gloves, hats and shirts. All the players left with

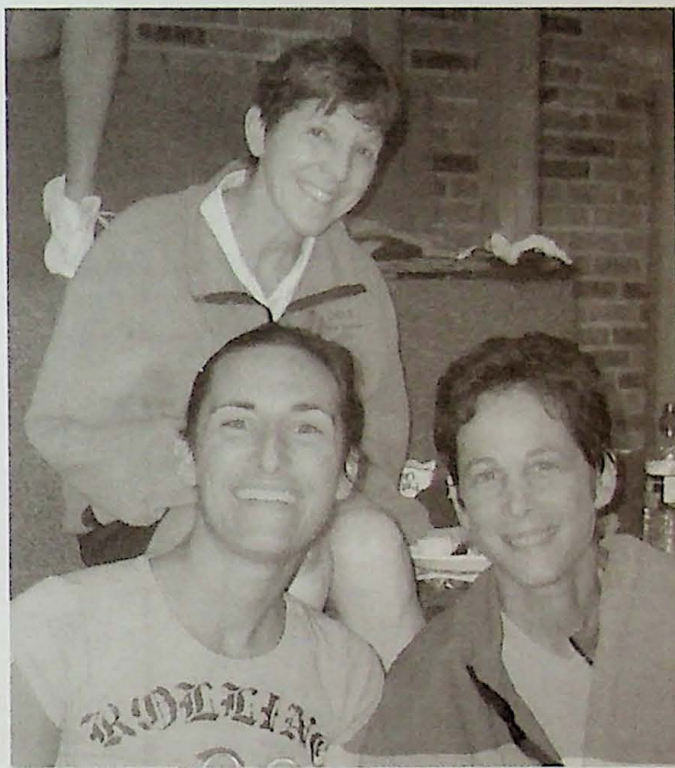
some type of Wilson product in their hands. As far as the play goes, a round robin format was used and everyone played plenty of racquetball. Janet Leet from the Lattof YMCA captured the Open division defeating Cindy Tilbury of Akron, Ohio; Karen Thurlow from Willow Creek AC defeated Jennifer Johnson (all the way from Lincoln, Nebraska!) to claim the A division. Donna Albert of the Lattof YMCA took the B division and Sharon Hunter of Decatur won the Women's

D in her first racquetball event. If you missed this event, you missed a good one! Thank you to all who played and a special thanks to Liz Molitor, Diane Bunker, Martha Huske and Julie Vincent for your continued support of Rip It Racquetball.

— Dave Negrete



*Dave's gals take a break in the action:
Martha Huske, Liz Molitor, Diane Bunker and Julie Vincent*



*Karin McCauley and Ellen Somberg (front) and
Joan Vande Kieft (rear) had a great time at the One Day*

IRF 17th World Senior Championships

August 30-September 3, 2005

Albuquerque, New Mexico

This tournament's round robin format provides a great deal of play. Add to that the camaraderie of the players who swear by the World Seniors experience and it looks like a great place to be in late August every year. To play in this year's event, all you had to have was a lot of stamina and a birthday before 1971. Twenty-two countries sent players, with the U.S., Mexico and Puerto Rico finishing 1-2-3.

Seven Illinois players contributed in their respective divisions to help the United States attain its overall #1 finish:

Men's 35+ — Eugene Coyle (3rd)

Men's 40+ — Keith Minor (1st), Dave Negrete

Women's 40+ — Julie Vincent

Women's 50+ — Martha Huske (4th)

Men's 55+ — Greg Hasty (3rd)

Women's 70+ — Lola Markus (1st)

Mixed 70+ — Lola Markus/Ralph Waddington (1st)

It was a darned good thing I looked closely at the results, because two familiar names in Illinois racquetball popped out in an unexpected way — Joe Quirke (Men's 60+, 1st

place) and John Talty, Sr. (Men's 65+) both represented their home country, Ireland, at the event! Congratulations to the both of you and to Ireland as well!

This event supports the Olympic Dream for racquetball, having raised over \$300,000 toward that effort to date. To find out more, go to www.internationalracquetball.com.

— Cheryl Kirk

I'm Not Good Enough to Have Fun

By Keith Brown, AmPRO Advanced Instructor

At first glance the statement above seems strange. But if you think about it for a minute, it starts to make sense. I can't tell you the number of times, when I've asked someone to join a league or play in a tournament, that they've replied, "Oh, I'm not good enough." Most of us who play racquetball enjoyed it from the very first time we tried it and we continue to find it fun and challenging. That's the reason we still play – it's fun! It can be maddeningly frustrating when the ball and the racquet don't seem to do what we would like, but we always come back to the courts ready to do battle again. After all, what can compare with a perfect rollout or a backhand splat that leaves your opponent flat-footed and grumbling?

A lot of people play golf and have fun doing it. Not to pick on golfers, but you have to ask some questions:

Does a round of golf cost a lot of money?
YES!

Is golf equipment very expensive? YES!

Do players compete against each other?
YES!

Are players sometimes frustrated about their ability (or lack thereof) on the course?
YES!

Despite these points, golf is a hugely popular game generating millions of dollars every year for golfing companies and courses. There are several magazines and a television channel solely devoted to the game of golf. Why do people spend all of this money and time doing something that drives them crazy? The answer is basic: they're having fun! They don't care if they aren't good enough to play Tiger in the Masters or Phil at the Open, they just want to have some fun chasing that little white ball around 7,000 acres of green grass, tall trees, streams, lakes and sand. If they don't like how they are playing, they go out and purchase the latest club or ball and if that doesn't work, they will even take lessons from a professional instructor! Imagine that... And after they do all these things, they go out to the driving range and hit ball after ball trying to improve their game. Hmmm...what a concept...practice!

Another thing about both golf and racquetball is that they're both very social activities. Both games have parties before, during and after their events and both have opportunities to make and establish long lasting friendships. In every sport there's only one winner and everyone else comes in last. That fact obviously doesn't deter a great many competitors; otherwise there would

be no sports programs on TV or elsewhere.

Most racquetball leagues and tournaments try very hard to place people into the division that is best suited for them. With the new ranking system that USA Racquetball has begun to put into place, it should get even better. One of the biggest problems over the years is that of "sandbagging." When asked what level a person plays at, I usually get a response of "I'm a club A, travel league B and tournament C." Huh? If you say you're an "A" player, play "A." If you want to call yourself a "B" player, play "B," if you're a "C," play "C." The whole idea is to be consistent so that if you play in a tournament here and then go to another tournament somewhere else, the level of play should be equal. As long as the playing field is level, then everyone should have an equal chance of winning. It isn't any fun if the person you are competing against is an advanced player "playing

down." If you truly don't know what level to play at, contact an AmPRO Advanced Instructor and have yourself officially evaluated. All players are important to leagues and tournaments; staff members want to make sure that everyone enjoys themselves and get a lot of "bang for the buck."

One of the most important ways we can all help our sport grow is to support it on as many levels as we can — this includes membership in USA Racquetball, playing in leagues, tournaments, and exposing as many people as you possibly can to racquetball. If we can accomplish these things, then not only will the steady erosion of courts and clubs stop, but the trend could even reverse! Wouldn't that be fantastic, to have more clubs to choose from, more players to play, more friendships to make, and more fun to be had by all? Just think, all it takes to have all of this is saying to yourself, "I am good enough to have fun!"

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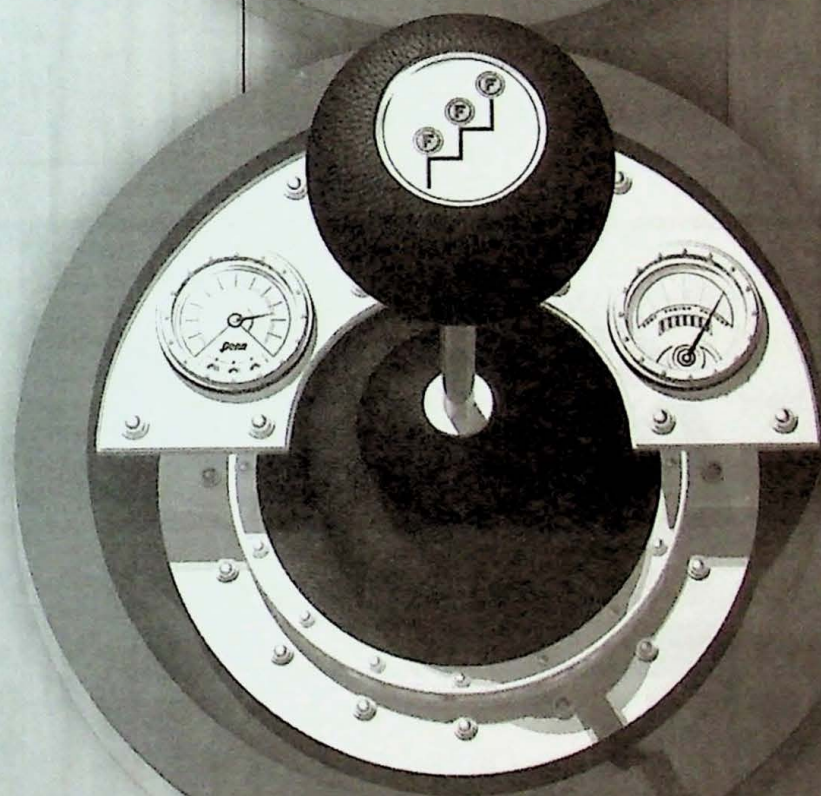
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January 13 - 15

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Silver Lakes Country Club

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January 22

One Day Doubles Tune-up

The Southlake Club, Mundelein

Cindy Flores-Mocarski

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January 27 - 29

**ISRA State Doubles
Championships**

Glass Court Swim and Fitness,
Lombard

Laurel Davis (630) 737-0669

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January 27 - 29

WSMRA 17th Seniors Masters

Maverick Athletic Club,

Arlington, TX

Jere Lutner (817) 935-4723

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February 10-12

Four Wall Brawl

B.R. Ryall YMCA, Glen Ellyn

Sean Nelson (630) 688-5165

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February 18-19

**St. Valentines Day Classic
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Schaumburg Tennis Plus

Dave Negrete (630) 430-1478

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February 24 - 26

2006 Titletown Open

Western Racquet Club,

Green Bay, WI

Doug Halverson (630) 973-6131

March 3 - 5

**Wilson 19th U.S. High School
Championships**

Salem, OR

Heather Fender (719) 635-5396

SANCTIONED

March 8 - 11

NMRA National Championships

The Spectrum Club,

Canoga Park, CA

Debra Tisinger (719) 635-5396

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March 10 - 12

March Madness

Willow Creek Athletic Club,

Rosemont

Joe Gill (312) 315-4413

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March 16 - 19

Shamrock Shootout

The Glass Court Swim and
Fitness

Doug Halverson (630) 629-3390

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March 30 - April 2

**34th Annual ISRA State Singles
Championships**

The Chalet, Willow Springs

Laurel Davis (630) 737-0669

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March 30 - April 2

**E-Force 34th Intercollegiate
Championships**

Tempe, AZ

Heather Fender (719) 635-5396

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April 26 - 30

IRT Pro Nationals

Schaumburg Tennis Plus

Dave Negrete (630) 430-1478

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May 24 - 29

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Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX

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Site and Dates Set for 2006 Motorola IRT Pro Nationals

The 2006 Motorola Pro National Racquetball Championships and USA Racquetball Adult Regionals are set for April 26-30, 2006. After a very successful event last year, Motorola has renewed its sponsorship for the coming year. The event will be held at Schaumburg Tennis Plus, owned and operated by the Schaumburg Park District. Additional clubs will be announced soon. Schaumburg is a northwest suburb about 20 minutes from O'Hare International Airport and 45 minutes from downtown Chicago.

Men's Pro Qualifying will begin on Wednesday and Regional amateur matches will begin Thursday. The portable court will be present, creating racquetball's second grand slam event. The event will be televised and details on networks are being negotiated at this time. International players will be able to play in all divisions offered. The event will feature a Rock-n-Roll theme and promises to be cutting edge.

A charity doubles event with the top 10 men will take place on Wednesday evening. Cost of playing with a professional

will be \$500 with the funds going to the local chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Last year we raised over \$8,000 and we hope to exceed that amount this year.

VIP box seats are available for purchase by contacting Dave Negrete at negretz@comcast.net. Space is limited, so reserve your box now!

There will be a huge party on Friday night featuring local legends Dirty Deeds, an AC/DC tribute band, as well as the Party with the Pro's on Saturday evening at Prairie Rock Brewery, the event's food and beverage sponsor.

Look for information about the event in the next issue of Racquetball magazine or on our website www.irt-pronationals.com. I look forward to seeing you all in Chicago at the 2006 Motorola IRT Pro Nationals and USAR Adult Regionals!

Dave Negrete
IRT Commissioner and
Tournament Director

Junior Team Illinois

Junior Team Illinois (JTI) is back in full swing with many returning players as well as quite a few new faces: both boys and girls ranging in age from 5-18. Our Home Club will again be the B.R. Ryall YMCA in Glen Ellyn and we can't thank them enough for allowing us the use of their facility.

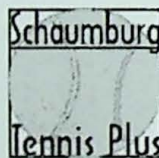
JTI will practice every Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you'd like more information, please contact me at Bdixon@holophane.com.

Also coming soon — Glass Court Swim & Fitness in Lombard will be hosting the 2006 Junior State Singles and Doubles Championships on January 7-8, 2006. Everyone can count on great food, great play and a great time for kids and parents alike!

This year's JTI Board members are Barry Dixon - President, TJ Ferro- Vice President, Pam Snyders- Secretary, and Jack Schubert - Treasurer. Please contact any one of us with questions — we'd love to see you and your kids involved in JTI!

I hope everyone has a great season and I look forward to seeing everyone courtside.

— Barry Dixon, JTI President



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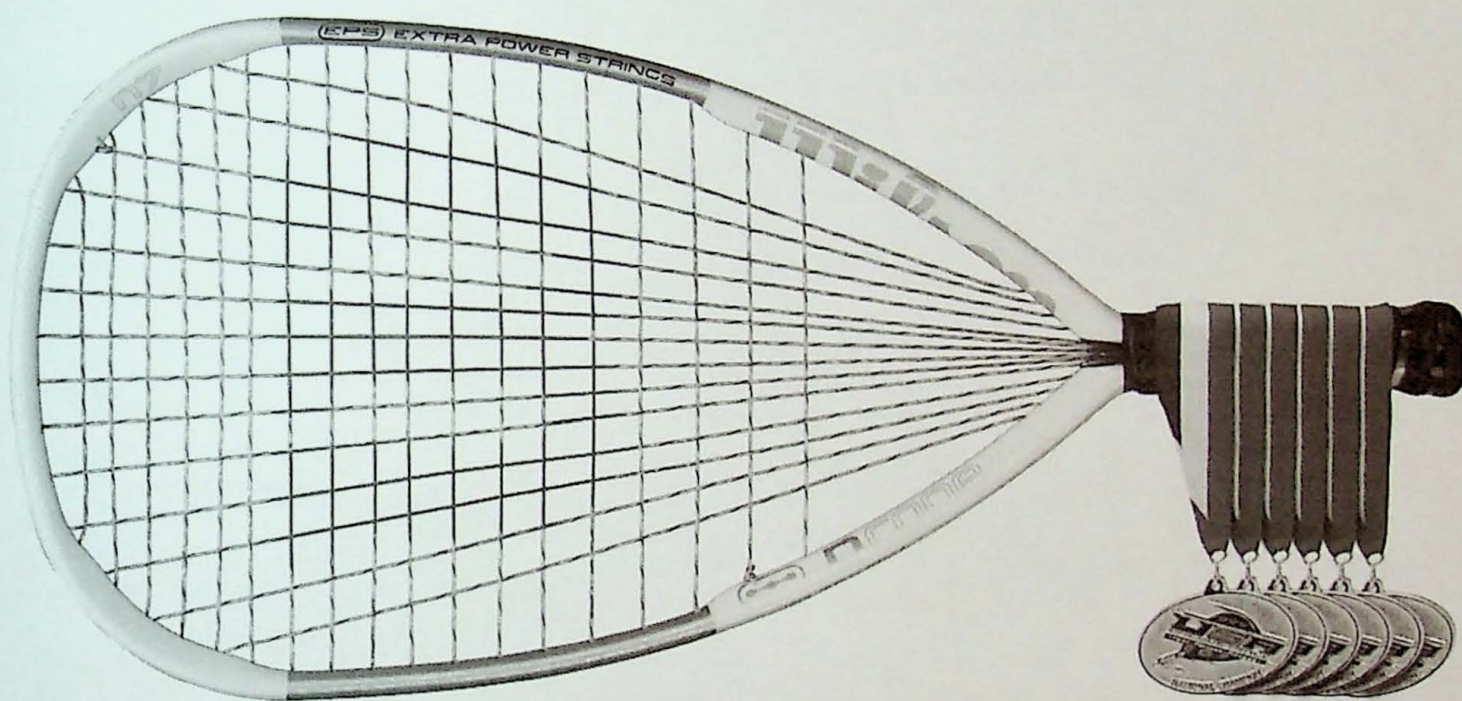
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Saturdays & Sundays

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Palatine, IL

Thursdays 8-10 p.m.

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(708) 974-1900

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Saturdays & Sundays

9 a.m. - Noon

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(630) 430-1478

Women Open/A Players

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Sat 8-10 a.m.

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To add your club to this list, contact:

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