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There were many positive comments about the food provided at the State Doubles and Singles tournaments. We were able to feed you well because of our sponsors. The ISRA received assistance from **Connie's Pizza, Cub Foods, Entenmann's Bakery, Nabisco, RC Cola, Jay's Potato Chips, and Longwood Foods**. Just thinking about all of those doughnuts and cookies and pizza and chips and soda makes my mouth water and my stomach growl! Oh, and **McDonald's** provided us with Happy Meals to use for prizes.

Other tournament sponsors included **Joe and Diane DeArmas, Dave Negrete, Seasonal Concepts, Gutterman International and National City Bank**.

The support of these sponsors allowed us to give better souvenirs, raise referee fees for Doubles to \$10, buy nicer awards, and implement more programs. We know everything is not always perfect. Sometimes matches run late because we have more players than we had the year before or because we take time out to recognize the annual award winners. We strive to improve from year to year and hope that all of you have a positive experience. If you have ideas for things we can do better, please let me know — or better yet, become a volunteer!

As you go off to enjoy your summer activities, please remember to support our sponsors.....because they support us!

Have a great summer,

Laurel

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2001 ISRA State Singles Championships

"State Champion." Always has a nice ring to it and the trophies this year were worthy of the honor. Picture a gold chalice cup on a marble stand and you get the idea. The decision to upgrade the honors for the first and second place champions this year was a big hit, as was the higher quality shirts given out as souvenirs. Those gifts, competitive play, free food all weekend, \$10 referee fees, free soda donated from RC Cola, and lots of friends all combined to make this an excellent weekend. I saw quite a number of players who couldn't play the weekends, still come out and enjoy the show. This year we initiated a traveling plaque for top club honors. Points were awarded for each finish in a quarterfinal event and higher for each participant in the tournament. The host club, the Athletic Club of Bloomingdale took home the top club honor with a good showing of first and second place winners. Naper Olympic and the Glass Court Clubs were not far behind. Each year, the winning club gets to keep the plaque until the next State Singles. Let's not let the home club get away so easily next year. Check out who are our 2001 Illinois State Champions here below:

--Mike Davern

Event: First Place; Second Place; Semis

Men's Open (18): Tim Sweeney; Keith Minor; Jim Jeffers, Eugene Coyle



Kathy Dunham



Tournament Host, Dave Negrete

Men's AA (9): Doug Halverson; Scott Koburi; Glen Davis, George Pappas

Men's A (20): Martin Gonzalez; Russ Tatar; Tony Sambo, Todd Sauerbbaun

Men's B (27): Russ Tatar; Tony Sambo; Gene Cromwell, Kevin Massard

Men's C (27): Jorge Ortiz; Al Rubiano; Brad Stanfield, Ed Sierowski

Men's D (24): Brett Crawley; Gustavo Acevedo; Jim Schevers, Blair Wagner

Men's 25/30+ (8): Eugene Coyle; Joey Logan; Dennis Negrete, Doug Halverson

Men's 35+ (13): Keith Minor; Jim Jeffers; Bob Clar, Steve Lloyd

Men's 35+ INT (10): Bill Kuhlman; Joe DeMarco; Mike White, David Royster

Men's 40+ (14): Bill Lyman; Tom Griffith; Scott Koburi, Steve Lloyd

Men's 45+ (13): Dave Olson; Doug Peterson; Gregg Mandell, TJ Ferro

Men's 45+ INT (10): Dick Heitoff; Ray Meisner; Kelvin Branch, Al Danielwicz

Men's 50+ (6): Frank Rusch; Bruce Nelson; Joe Silius, Horace Miller

Men's 55+ (7): Pat Taylor; Erhard Gruenwald; Tom Fehsel, John Massard

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2001 Distinguished Service Winner, Mike Davern, with his son, Michael

State Singles

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Men's 55+ INT (15): Larry Schum; George Smuckel; Tom Fehsel, John Massard

Men's 60+ INT (6): Pat Taylor ; Ed Olah; Ed Stoller, John Talty, Sr.

Men's 65/70+ (4): John O'Donnell, Jr.; Ed Olah; Bob Beiner, Ken Yahiro

Women's Open (9): Josie Barnett; Liz Molitor; Diane Bunker, Mary Crawford

Women's AA (4): Laurel Davis ; Mary White; Ellen Somberg, Brenda White

Women's A (10): Patrice Calvi; Kathy Dunham; Mary White, Cathy Bertucci

Women's B (6): Lynn Hiorns; Gail Parzygnat ; Cheryl Kirk, Karen Marzano

Women's C/D (4): Janet Christie; Deb Dallas; Liz Janda, Peggy Hartmann

Women's 30-40+ (8): Liz Molitor; Ellen Somberg ; Mary Crawford, Laurel Davis

Women's 45/50+ (4): Pam Grace; Brenda White; Andrea Scott, Nancy Kronenfeld

Women's 45+ INT (6): Cheryl Kirk; Lola Markus ; Dorothy McDavid, Gail Parzygnat

Junior Boy's 6MB (3): Nicholas White; David Negrete

Boy's 8MB (4): Kyle Koburi; Nicholas White; Nicholas Negrete, Andrew McHale

Boy's 12- (3): Brandon Ritschard; Justin Fleck; Jono Davern

Boy's 14 (6): Mike DeGonia; Tad Dallas; Brandon Ritschard, Angel Khamis

Boy's 16- (3): Ben Croft; Tad Dallas; Ben Christinson

Girl's (3): Julia Negrete; Stephanie Davern; Nicki Bell



**Laurel Davis,
Judy Young
Cheryl Kirk
Pam Grace**



**John
O'Donnell,
Jr.**

Tom Griffith

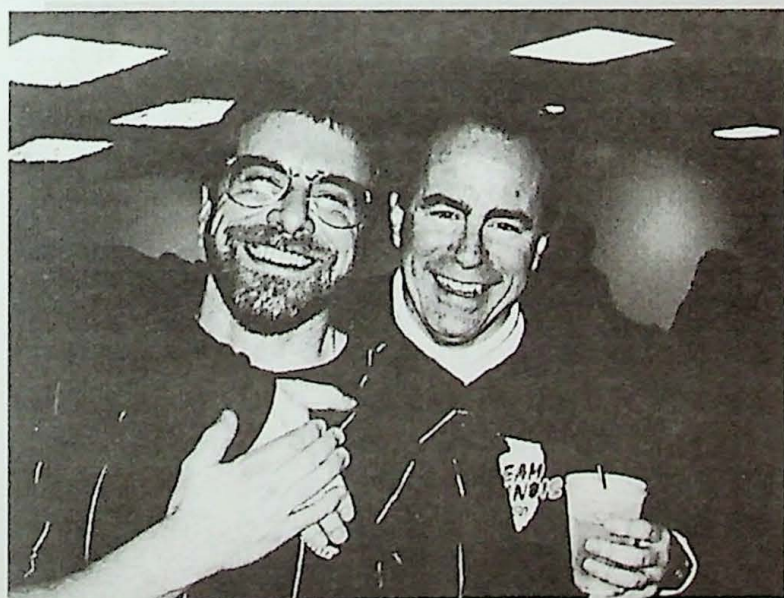


Laurel Davis
The trophies were a HIT!

Cheryl Gudinas - Female Player of the Year



Diane Bunker - Most Improved Player



Rich Clay, Tom Griffith

Ellen
Sombers
Liz Molitor



2001 St. Patrick's Day 15th Annual Shamrock Shootout

March 8-11, 2001

Credit Joe and Diane DeArmas with really knowing how to throw a party! The Glass Court's Shamrock Shootout 15th Anniversary Celebration offered over \$10,000 in cash and merchandise prizes. Entries totaled 263 in all (including 25 Junior competitors) in 31 divisions. All were pleased with the tournament windbreaker

Morrison to the Open draw after his Men's A win against Ron Calloway.

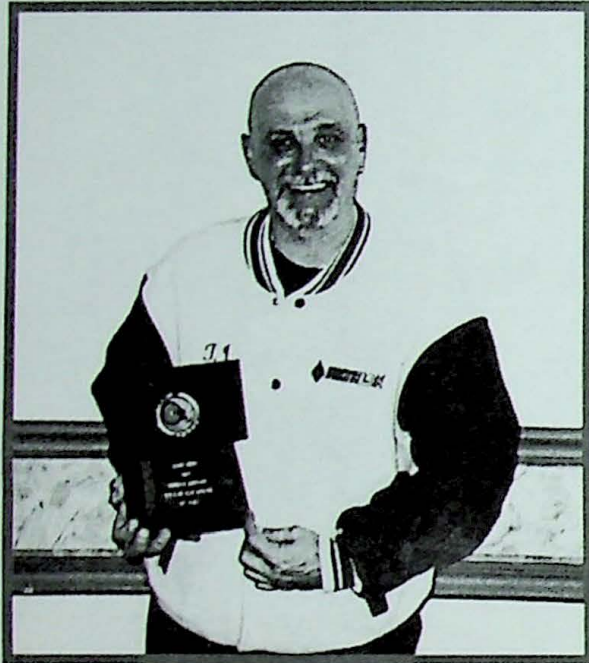
Josie Barnett handled all competitors easily in the Women's Open draw. No tiebreakers. Women's Open/A Doubles winners were the experienced team of Laurel Davis and Liz Molitor.

Diane and Joe outdid themselves with Saturday night's party, which featured the always-popular, "almost famous" Tony Smith Show, great raffle prizes, and the traditional St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner. Joe emcee'd the raffle and auction proceedings, proving himself once again host-with-the-most! Word has it that the last folks to leave took the dancing out to the parking lot around 2:00 a.m. (and played in the finals the next day!)

The charity auction for the TLC Camp in Lombard (a camp for kids with cancer — and their siblings) raised \$775. Additionally, men's pro Mike Locker donated 10% of his winnings in the Men's Open Division to the TLC Camp. Thanks, Mike!

The Juniors action started early Sunday afternoon, coached by Char Borre, Jeff

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T.J. Ferro

and the "plethora" of amenities associated with this great event. Tournament director Doug Halverson was notably quoted, "Unbelievable!!", no doubt referring to the smiling faces and the excellent quality of play. There was only one (significant) injury where the player (a surgeon!) took himself to the hospital for 8 stitches above his eye. You'll have to talk to him personally about the circumstances of his injury...but, he's fine and was back to play the next day!

A lot of new faces showed up at this year's Shamrock, and a few veterans as well. Andy "The King of Racquetball" Roberts came out of retirement to win the Men's Open title against Mike Locker (12,5). This was Mike's fourth Shamrock tournament. Jimmy Lowe came in from Seattle, Ryan Homa from Minnesota, and Chris Wright from Missouri.

Speaking of Chris Wright, he and partner Ben Croft took the Men's Open division, scoring (13), 7, 4 against Ryan Homa and Jimmy Lowe. And at the Summerfest tournament this July, we'll welcome Bob



Doug Halverson: "I need a Ref!"



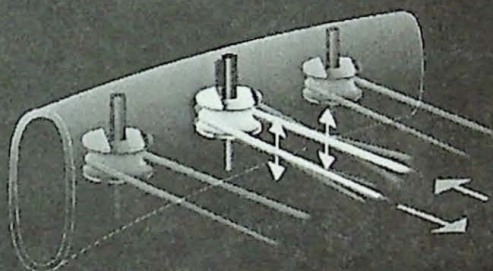
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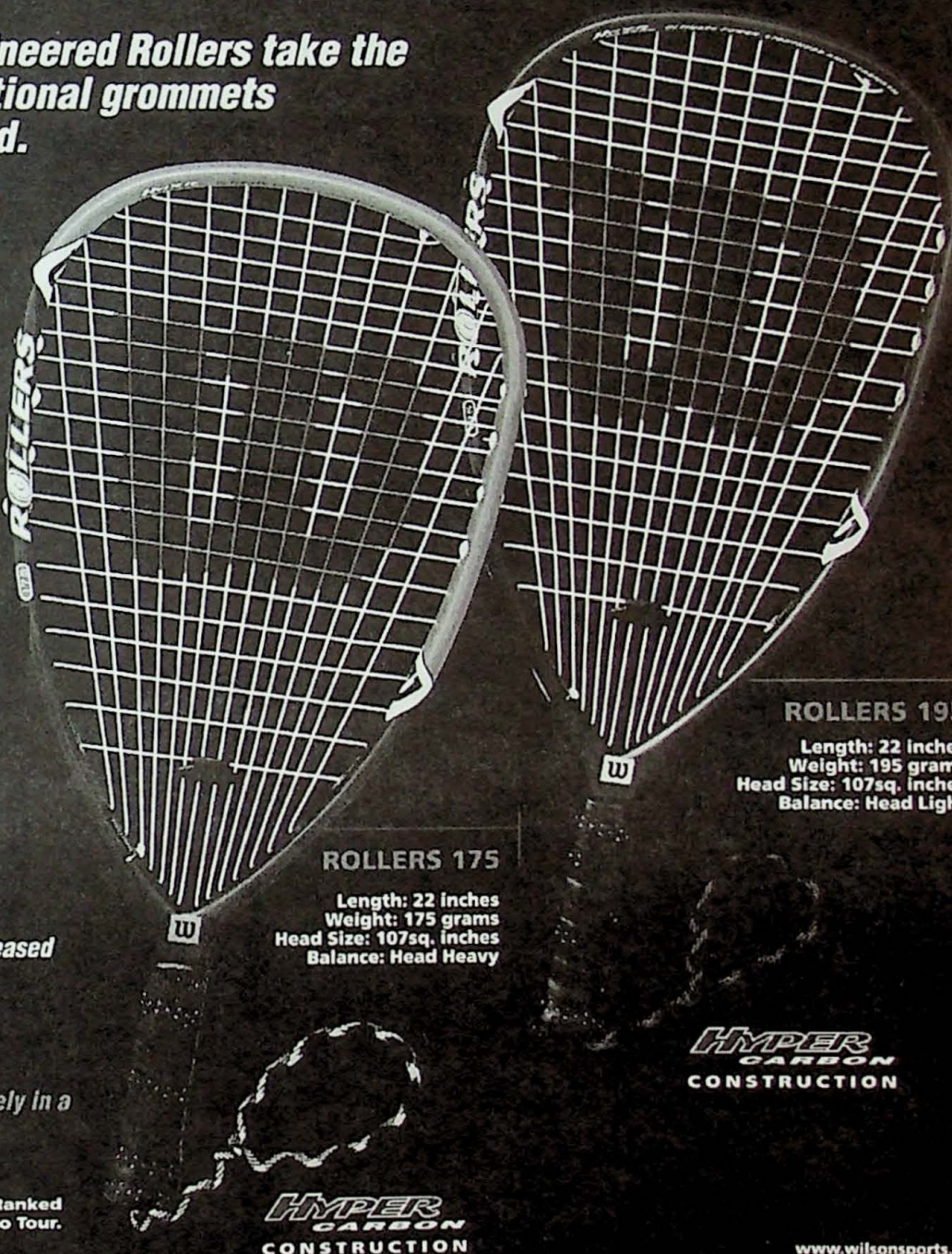


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Shamrock Shootout

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Grace and Jim Borre. Twenty-five players competed in 4 divisions—one double bounce, and 3 seeding round robins which led into 3 ladders, concluding with playoffs for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in this "play 'til you drop" format (bet everyone slept well Sunday night!). Trophies were donated by the ISRA and every player took home a prize in the raffle drawing. "We're trying to encourage a lot of play. Yes, we want competition, but we don't want it to overshadow the fun of the sport", said Char Borre of the afternoon action. By all accounts, everyone had a great time!

Doug extends his thanks to the many individuals who donated their time and services to the tournament: Laura Morgan, Kara Peters, Tom Utterback, Pam Grace, Char Borre, Keith Mecklenberg, Laurel Davis, Joey Brownlee, Rich Clay, Tom Griffith, Matt Malcheski, Don Klopke, Jeff Grace, Patrice Calvi, T. J. Ferro, Judy Young, Eric Rieman, Grant Macuba, Cheryl Kirk, Ken Fleck, Barb Utterback, Peggy Hartmann, Michelle Halverson, Amanda Podlesak. And many thanks, too, go to the staff of Glass Court, who never miss a beat and who consistently provide a top-notch experience at each tournament they offer. Check out the tournament results:

--Cheryl Kirk

Event: First Place;
Second Place; Semis

Men's Open (19):

Andy Roberts (TN);
Mike Locker (MN);
Chris Wright (OH),
Tim Sweeney

Men's AA (8):

Cory Martin (WI); Cary
Slade; George Pappas,
Doug Halverson

Men's A (22): Bob
Morrison ; Ron
Calloway; Jorge Ortiz,
Randy Rupsis

Men's B (18):

Jorge Ortiz; Ozzie Moran;
Gene Cromwell,
Dave Schoonover

Men's C (19):

Ray Shimizu; Brad
Stanfield ; Rick Lukens,
Joe Vallender

Men's D (21):

Bill Switalla; Tom Reed; Jim
Schevers, Robert
Littledale

Mens Novice (3):

David Wielgus ; Kevin Talty;
Todd Frederick

Men's 30/35+ (6):

Tom Utterback; Cary Slade;
George Pappas, Cheryl
Gudinas



Cheryl Kirk & Mike Mahon



Pat Taylor & Rich Clay



Char Borre, Joe DeArmas

Men's 40/45+ (12): Bill Lyman; Dave Milazzo; Len Restaino,
Scott Koburi

Men's 45+ INT (11): George Kleber ; Ray Meisner ; Joe
Vallender, Tom Curtis

Men's 50+ (8): T.J. Ferro ; Joe Silius; Pat Taylor, Horace Miller

Men's 55+ (4): Pat Taylor; Joe Quirke; Manuel Rosiles, Jim
Schevers

Men's 60/65+ (3): Al Lund; Ed Olah; Angelo Kanis

Women's Open (5): Josie Barnett; Krystal Csuk; Nancy Rocha,
Liz Molitor

Women's A (8): Andrea Scott; Nancy Schum; Janet Eminger,
Kathy Dunham

Women's B (9): Marty Maranda; Jane Klass; Dorothy McDavid,
Karen Marzano

Women's C/D (6): Julianne Vrtis; Lynn Houser; Janet Christie,
Liz Janda



Karen Marzano, Tom Curtis, Jeff Baumgartner, Kit Lawson; four generations of Shamrock Tournament shirts!



Rick Cavaliere



The Tony Smith Show

Men's Open Doubles (8): Ben Croft/Chris Wright; Ryan Homa/Jimmy Lowe; Doug Halverson/Eric Rieman, Mike Kinkin/Mike Locker

Mens A Doubles (8): Eli Williams/Michael Beckman; Bob Weber/Joe Gill; Mark Mobilia/Ron Calloway, Matt Malcheski/Keith Mecklenberg

Mens B Doubles (11): David Royster/Calvin Branch; Matt Malcheski/Kevin Massard; Joe Wilhelm/John Anaya, Mark Mobilia/Eddie Ruffin

Men's C/D Doubles (11): Tom Nyman/Mike Sachs; Brian Cody/Dan Doretti; Jose Castro/Jesse Porzel, Andy Simons/Brad Stanfield

Men's 40+ Doubles (8): Bill Lyman/Joe Silius; Mark Mattos/Jim Hillman; Eli Williams/Michael Beckman, Chuck Snyders/Chuck Rupsis

Juniors

MultiBounce (9):

William Hau; Mitch Handman, Jimmy White. Also participating: Kyle Cyr, Joey White, Brandon LaPiere, Nick Cyr, Sam Pennisi and Carlie Griffith.

Juniors Beginning Division (3):

Kevin Peters; Jason Hallowed; Adam Chesi.

Juniors Intermediate Division (6): Alex Hunter; Dane Moores; Tim Hopper, Brandon Cyr.

Juniors Advanced Division (6): Tad Dallas; Brandon Ritschard; Jeff Novak, Angel Khamis. Also participating: Chris Snyders, Trevor Snyders, Brandt Rosen, Larry Hau and Justin Fleck.

Women's Open/A Doubles (4): Liz Molitor/Laurel Davis; Diane Bunker/Cindy Rogers; Cheryl Kirk/Maria Johnson, Julie Carter/Britt Schoonover

Women's B/C Doubles (3): Char Borre/Pam Grace; Chris Esposito/Marty Maranda; Laurie Fisk/Sharon Ulmer

Mixed Open Doubles (7): Ben Croft/Krystal Czuk; Nancy Rocha/Tom Utterback; Laurel Davis/Geoff Peters, Maria Johnson/Jeff Baumgartner

Mixed A Doubles (3): Barb Utterback/Jim Amsden; Britt Schoonover/Dave Schoonover; Nancy Schum/Rich Wells

Mixed B/C Doubles (4): Cheryl Kirk/Mike Mahon; Dorothy McDavid/Joe Quirke; Karen Marzano/Tom Curtis, Chris Esposito/Angel Ramirez

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2001 Negrete Open

March 23-25, 2001

(Ed. Note: This report was written by Ed Arias, former Chicago resident now living in Madison Wisconsin, who attended the tournament and reported these results to the internet newsgroup at alt.sport.racquetball. Thanks, Ed for the excellent report):

Just got back home from spending the weekend in Chicago and filming the best women's racquetball I've ever seen. I have to tell you, I would not want to have to play any of these women pros. They are phenomenal. There were some really great matches, huge upsets, surprises and expected results.

But first, many thanks to Dave Negrete (owner of the Athletic Club of Bloomingdale, which hosted the event), Leo Klimaitis (major sponsor) and Jim Hiser (LPRA Commissioner) as well as to all the fantastic people who Dave always thanks who make ACB one of the best racquetball clubs in the country.

The Pro winner was Illinois resident Cheryl Gudinas. While everyone expected her to win, it didn't come as easy as expected. Kersten Hallander gave her as tough a match as I've ever seen and I've seen Cheryl in some good ones. They played a 5 game match in the semis with Cheryl winning 21-16 in the tiebreaker. The match went 2 hours and 45 minutes!!! Interestingly, while Cheryl was in her hometown, it seemed like Kersten got a lot of support from the fans...especially from the 4th game on. The crowd wanted to see more racquetball.

Cheryl was up 2 games to 1 but Kersten was up something like 17-12 in the 4th game. There was a controversial avoidable hinder call, which ended up taking about 15 minutes to resolve. Ultimately, Kersten won the call...and the point...BUT, the ref failed to record the point!!! Everyone knew she should have 18 points...even Jim Hiser stuck his head in the court and told her she had 18 points and told her to appeal the score...but the line judges missed it and after all that...it went back to 17-12. There was an air of hesitancy, until Kersten quickly reach 20-16. Everyone seemed relieved that justice (at least in this game) would be served...BUT...then Cheryl started her run. Cheryl actually caught up to Kersten and was serving for the match...at something like 22-21...the crowd was really into it by then. But Kersten gutted it out, got the serve back and eventually won the game. The tiebreaker was close (as was every game) but in the end Cheryl was too strong and took the match.

The other semifinal found a new woman pro in the semis, former Illinois resident, Kerri Stoffregen, now living back in Ohio. I'd never seen Kerri play...but I had seen her mother, Gerry play...and I wouldn't even want to play her mother...she's very tough. Kerri comes with the same toughness. Interestingly, Kerri is one the nicest people you'll ever meet...but when she gets on the court, it's all business. Phenomenal control, tremendous quickness and agility and a knack for hitting the right shot got her past Rhonda Rajsich (in 3 straight games) in the

round of 16, past Kim Russell in a 5-game quarterfinal war, and past Jackie Paraiso in the semis (another 5 game battle).

An interesting thing occurred this morning...seeded 19th in the pro draw, Kerri had also signed up for the Women's Open. There were 32 players in the Pro draw and 32 in the Women's Open...9 pros didn't play in the Open...so 23 did...I believe only the top 4-6 women pros are not allowed to play in the Open division. This might be a bit controversial...on the one hand, many of these women are traveling from all around the world to play here...besides players from North America (Canada, US, Mexico), there were players from Chile, Venezuela, Honduras, Germany...so playing in 2 divisions gives them 2 chances to do well. But on the other hand...if you're an Open player from Madison, WI (like Kim Whalen)...it kinda makes it hard on you if you have to go up against "pros" in the open division...Kim was beaten by Kim Russell in the first round of the Open draw and ended up winning the drop-down AA division.

But let's get back to Kerri. On Sunday, Kerri had to play her semifinal match at 10am, which she won and then her Open finals at 12pm and the Pro finals against Cheryl Gudinas at 1:30pm. That's after playing some very tough pro matches (and Open I suspect) on Saturday. Cheryl on the other hand only had to play 2 matches on Saturday and the final on Sunday. Even though Kerri

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is an incredible athlete, I think it was just too much and she lost some of her edge, plus, Cheryl played very strong. But Kerri is another young face to watch. Hopefully, this will give her incentive to play more LPRA stops.

Just because I'm an equal opportunity reporter, I'll mention that Tim Sweeney beat Dave Negrete in the Men's Open division. To get to the finals, Tim beat up-and-coming 17-year-old Cory Martin and Dave beat Eugene Coyle. This was Cory's 5th match against Sweeney and while he has yet to win one, he says he learns something each time and "the day will come." The final was very entertaining as Tim and Dave go way back and are very good friends. Dave is a great player, but has to carry lots of extra "baggage" (hey, I'm talking about running the tournament as well as playing) and Sweeney...well, what can you say about someone who never lost a collegiate match in 4 years? Just too many weapons.

Dave mentioned the tournament worked out very well and will most likely be an annual event at the AC of Bloomingdale...as is the Men's Pro-Stop during Halloween weekend. We hope to see all of you supporting women's racquetball and the great job that the AC of Bloomingdale is

doing. —Ed Arias. Ed has taped hours and hours of this pro-stop for your viewing pleasure. These tapes are available for purchase for a small fee. Check out Ed's site at www.proracquetball.net.

Event: First Place; Second Place; Semis

Women's Pro: Cheryl Gudinas; Kerri Stoffregen; Kersten Hallander, Jackie Paraiso

Men's Open (20): Tim Sweeney; Dave

Negrete; Cory Martin, Eugene Coyle

Men's AA (12): Doug Halverson; Tom

Utterback; Keith Stevens, Munger

Men's A (20): Jorge Ortiz; Kevin Massard;

Jim Leveque, Keith Mecklenberg

Men's B (20): John Mason; Dick Heithoff;

Luis Monsreal, Ed Libbly

Men's C (19): Bill Switalla; Dan Opferman;

George Gonski, Brett Crawley

Men's D (10): Bob Littledale; David Ball;

Bryan Pforr, Jim Dorgan

Men's 35/40+ (14): Horace Miller; Len

Restaino; Ric Dern, Kevin Yeazell

Men's 50/55+ (8): TJ Ferro; Horace Miller;

Leo Klimaitis. Bill Wejas

Women's Open (31): Kerri Stoffregen;

Lori-Jane Powell; Janet Myers, Jose Grand Maitre

Women's AA (10): Kim Whalen; Kelly

Whalen; Julie Vincent, Diane Bunker

Women's A (14): Karin McCauley; Darcy

Bunn; Martha Huske, Janet Eminger

Women's B (9): Patti Ummel; Lynn Hiorns;

Lola Markus, Terri Kozubik

Women's C (5): Karen Marzano; Kaci Allen;

Janet Christie, Sue Wojnowski

Women's 35/40+ (6): Ellen Somberg;

Cindy Tilbury; Nancy Rocha, Lauren Olson

Women's 45/50+ (7): Brenda White; Nancy

Kronenfeld; Kathy Roskopf, Kathy Dunham

Men's Open Doubles (10): Cory Martin/

Munger; Russ Tatar/Dennis Negrete; Rick

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Men's A Doubles (7): Keith Mecklenburg/

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Men's B/C Doubles (8): Dan Jaskier/Bill

Switalla; Brett Crawley/Bob Littledale; Greg

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Women's Open Doubles (7): Kim Whalen/

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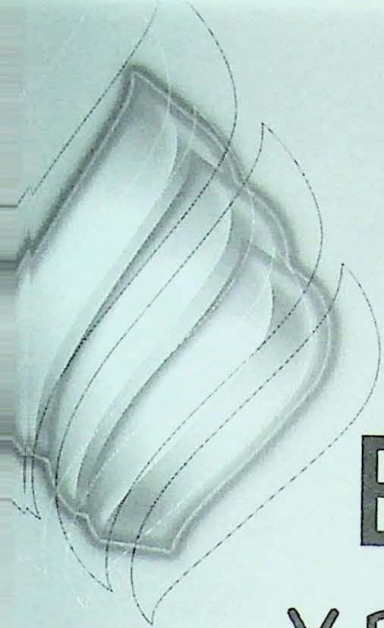
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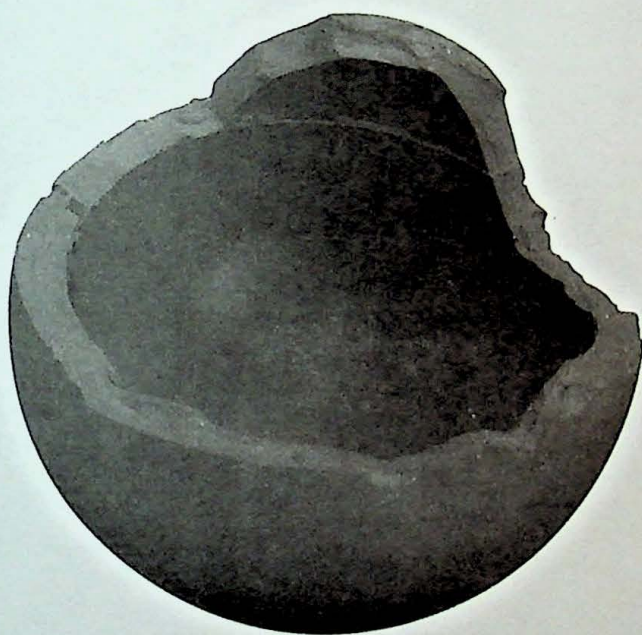
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Notice of Election of ISRA Officers and Board Members

The ISRA Board will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at the National City Bank office in Oak Brook at 2021 Spring Road, Suite 600 (use the elevator in the southwest corner of the building). As with all ISRA meetings, this meeting is open to the membership; however, this session is particularly important since all members attending have a vote in the election of the ISRA Board of Directors. Officer and Board positions are for staggered two-year terms. This year, the open positions include President, Secretary, two of the four Zone Vice Presidents and 5 of the 11 Governing Board members.

The Officer slate is:

Laurel Davis for President
Judy Young for Secretary
Jim Jeffers for Central Zone VP
Lynne Weisbart for North Zone VP

The following five individuals are being renominated to the Governing Board: Mike

Davern, TJ Ferro, Pam Grace, Geoff Peters, Tom Utterback

Per the ISRA bylaws, opposing slates and individuals must be nominated in writing and received by the President prior to May 31. If there are no opposing nominations, the Nominating Committee's slate will be accepted automatically. Anyone interested in running for office or a Board position should contact Laurel Davis at laurel.davis@national-city.com.

The ISRA Board would also like to welcome two new members to the Auxiliary Board: Kit Lawson and Kevin Yeazell. Any ISRA member who wishes to help improve the quality of racquetball in Illinois is welcome to join the Auxiliary Board. Come out and support Illinois Racquetball!

Signed, The Nominating Committee: Tom Griffith (Chair), Pam Grace, Cheryl Kirk, Tom Utterback, Judy Young

Racquetball Challenge Courts

Bloomington Challenge Court
630-893-9577

Saturday and Sunday
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. \$6.00

Glass Court Challenge Court
630-629-3390

Wednesday 6 - 9 p.m. and
Saturday 9-11 a.m. \$6.00

Oak Park Athletic Club
708-848-5200

Wednesdays 4-7 and
Saturday 12-3 p.m. \$8.00

Palos Olympic Health & Racquet Club
708-974-1900

Friday 6 - 8:30 p.m. \$5.00

Southlake Challenge Court
847-949-8180

Saturday 10 a.m. - Noon
\$10.00 for ISRA Members

World Gym, Palatine
(formerly Charlie Club)
847-991-9300

Tuesday 7-10 p.m. and
Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon \$5.00

Sunset Racquetball & Fitness Center,
Geneva
630-232-7867

Saturday 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Members: \$2 Non-Members: 5



2001 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

May 4-6

Ektelon/USRA REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Athletic Club of Bloomington
Dave Negrete (630) 893-9577
SANCTIONED

May 23-28

Ektelon/USRA NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Downtown YMCA
Jim Hiser (719) 635-5396
SANCTIONED

July 14

Annual ISRA Golf Outing
Village Greens Golf Course
Woodridge, Illinois
Tom Utterback (708) 985-3610

July 27-29

10th Annual Summerfest
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
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SANCTIONED

August 18

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