

## From The President

With all of the hype that surrounded the beginning of the year 2000, it's almost impossible to believe the year is already over. By the time you read this, it will be 2001 and the heart of the racquetball season will be in full swing.

But before we get to 2001, let's review the year 2000 – "racquetball-wise." The ISRA membership goal for the year 2000 was 1,000 members. As of December 19, 2000, our membership sits at 858 members so we have come up a little short. The good news is that we are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among the states for the largest membership! At this time last year we were ranked 4<sup>th</sup>. Total USRA membership has continued to climb, so things are going in the right direction.

The fall was full of some great tournaments, several of which are covered in this newsletter. One particularly enjoyable tournament (from a female's perspective) was the Wilson One-Day Women's Classic held at the Athletic Club of Bloomingdale on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Over forty women gathered for a day of racquetball, food, and fun. Women will also be the focus in March when the pro tour drops in. Look for more information on that later.

There are lots of tournaments coming up over the next 3 months – ISRA State Doubles and Singles, The Revie Sorey Celebrity Classic, and The Shamrock Shootout— just to mention a few. Finishing well in one of these tournaments, or any of our other sanctioned tournaments, will land your name on the ISRA web site. A new feature has been added at <http://www.illinoisracquetball.com>. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers for every tournament (in every division) since last year's State Singles tournament has been posted on the web site. Look there to see who will be joining your division next season!

That brings us to another topic – the ISRA Annual Awards. In this issue you will find ballots for the “ISRA Distinguished Service Award” and the “ISRA Male and Female Player of the Year” awards. Although we don’t give it out every year, we also have a “Most Improved Player” award. Ben Croft and Robert Gates, Jr. were the last two recipients of that honor. These awards will be presented at the Illinois State Singles tournament on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The information on the web site can assist you in determining your nominee for Player of the Year. All ISRA members are eligible to nominate individuals to receive the awards. The ISRA governing board votes on the nominees to select the winners. The more nominees the better! Please take a few minutes to recognize one of your fellow members for their accomplishments.

That's all for now. I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year!!

Laurel



### Dave and the Ladies at the Wilson Women's Classic

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# Illinois Players continue to do well in the National Ratings

Quite a few Illinois players have been showing up in the National rankings lately. According to the November/December issue of the USRA magazine, we currently have 20 players listed in the national rankings. Sorry, we can't say if this is a record, since we don't keep statistics but it is a good showing nonetheless. You can see the top 25 ranked players on the USRA's website at <http://www.usra.org/>. (These results are before the US Open.) Look on the website in January for an update of the Illinois rankings. -- Mike Davern

## November/December 2000

Men's A: Cary Slade (1)

Men's B: Martin Gonzalez (9T)

Men's C: Grant Macuba (10)

Men's D: Joe DeRoche (5);  
Sid Harshavat (8T)

Men's Novice: Brandon Ritschard (10)

Men's 30+: Eugene Coyle (9)

Men's 35: Dave Negrete (1)

Men's 40: Bill Lyman (2)

Men's 45: Bruce Nelson (7T)

Men's 50: Joe Silius (7); Horace Miller (8)

Men's 55: Ron Yonkee (4T);  
Horace Miller (10)

Men's 65: Ed Olah (8T)

Men's 70: John O'Donnell, Jr. (2)

Women Open: Cheryl Gudinas (1)

Women A: Pontee Dodds (5T)

Women B: Catherine Bertucci (1);  
Cheryl Kirk (5T)

Women 35: Pontee Dodds (9T)

Women 45: Brenda White (6T)

Women 55: Margaret Hoff (8)

Women 60: Lola Markus (5T)

Women 65: Lola Markus (2)

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# 2000 ISRA Player of the Year and 2001 Distinguished Service Awards

## 2000 Male and Female Players of the Year

Vote for your favorite male and/or female Player of the Year using the form below or on the Illinois Racquetball website at <http://www.illinoisracquetball.com>. Please submit a brief comment regarding your selection(s) using the following criteria: 1. Sportsmanship 2. Number of Years Played 3. Improvement 4. Personal Accomplishments 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 2000 State Singles Championships held on February 24, 2001.

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).

Act Now: Nominations must be received by January 29th, 2001!! Just send in a brief note to ISRA State Racquetball Association, 1064 Sylvan Circle, Naperville, Illinois, 60540, or email your nomination to Cheryl Kirk at [cherylkkirk@aol.com](mailto:cherylkkirk@aol.com). Your nomination should include your name address and phone number, your day and evening phone number, the name of the nominee, and the reasons why that person should receive the award. -- Cheryl Kirk

## 2001 Distinguished Service Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2001 ISRA Distinguished Service Award, to be presented at the 2001 State Singles, February 24, 2001. Criteria for consideration include: commitment to the sport of racquetball and quality of service; accomplishments which have benefited the sport and its players. Nominations may be made by any ISRA member. Winners chosen by the ISRA governing board will be honored at the 2001 State Singles.

Past recipients of the Zahn/Distinguished Service Award are: 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 Stuertz (1996); Diane DeArmas (1997); T.J.Ferro (1998); Laurel Davis (1999); Rich Clay (2000).

### 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 print):

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (night) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by January 29, 2001 to:

ISRA State Racquetball Association  
1064 Sylvan Circle  
Naperville, IL 60540

or E-mail nomination to: [cherylkkirk@aol.com](mailto:cherylkkirk@aol.com).

### Distinguished Service Award NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's contributions to the sport of racquetball (use  
separate sheet of paper to describe).

Name of ISRA member initiating nomination (please print):

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (night) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by January 29, 2001 to:

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## Glass Court Swim and Fitness

### Racquetball Tournament Schedule

January 26-28 Illinois State Doubles  
March 8-11 Shamrock Shootout

### Racquetball News

- Challenge Court every Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- Competitive leagues in a range of levels and times — members only.
- Free adult racquetball beginner clinics will be conducted on 1/24, 1/31, 2/14 and 2/21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Junior racquetball lessons are offered on Fridays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Minimum age 8 years old. Cost is \$15.00 per session for members; \$21.00 for non-members. (Session I — 1/5, 1/12, 1/19; Session II — 2/2, 2/9, 2/16; Session III — 3/16, 3/23, 4/6)
- Junior Round Robins are scheduled for 2/23/01 and 4/27/01 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. Must be able to play single or double bounce.

### Programs

- Sign up your children for Kids Kamp on 2/19 from 1:15-4:00 p.m. Activities include basketball, wallyball, racquetball, indoor soccer, aerobics, games, swimming and more. Ages 6-13; members \$6, non-members \$9 (two or more children from the same family: \$1.00 off per child).
- A full schedule of aerobics and water aerobics classes will help keep you fit in the new year!
- Glass Court is available for parties for all occasions! Our variety of party package options will make your next special occasion easier and a lot more fun; forget the mess and hassle, have your party at Glass and leave the work to us. More information is available from the Party Coordinator at the club.

Contact — Char Borre, League Director: 630-629-3390

## Athletic Club of Bloomingdale

### Racquetball Tournament Schedule — 2001

|                |                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| January 11-14  | Reve Sorey E-Force Celebrity Classic |
| February 9-11  | St. Valentine's Day Massacre         |
| February 22-25 | ISRA State Singles                   |
| March 22-25    | WIRT Pro Stop/Negrete Open           |
| May 3-6        | Ektelon/USRA Regional Championships  |

### Racquetball News

- New leagues are beginning January 8; we offer an enthusiastic invitation to new and current players and especially to daytime women players. Call Dave for details...
- Challenge courts are scheduled every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Non-members may participate for a \$6 fee.
- Lessons with Dave Negrete, Dennis Negrete or Dale Johnson are offered at a rate of \$30 per hour.

### Investment Opportunity

The Athletic Club of Bloomingdale is currently seeking investors. All serious parties should contact Dave Negrete for information.

Contacts — Dave Negrete and Dennis Negrete: 630-893-9577

## The Southlake Club

### Schedule of Activities

- Join us at the Southlake Club on January 20th for a one day Doubles Tune-up Tournament. Positioned one week prior to the ISRA State Doubles, this will give you and your partner an excellent opportunity to warm up your game before taking home a state title.
- Open Wallyball on Friday nights and Challenge Courts on Saturdays — two ways to stay active in the deep and dark of winter. Call the club for information/schedule. (Non-members, please present your USRA membership card; limit 3 visits per year.)

### Racquetball News

- We offer racquetball lessons with two of the best teaching pros in the state — Howie Robins of Ektelon and Lynn Adams of Wilson. Start the new year with improved racquetball habits!
- Our Pro Shop is fully stocked with Ektelon equipment including racquets, balls, gloves, shoes and all accessories. We also stock Penn and Head gloves and can order Head racquets on request.
- Our prices meet or beat the retailers in the area and we have demo racquets of all the popular models. Come on in and test-drive an Ektelon Vendetta or Hornet.

### Club Enhancements

- Come on over and experience our new and improved fitness and cardio areas...we've spent a lot of time and money upgrading the equipment and adding new pieces to ensure that everyone can get a well-rounded workout. Check out the heavy duty treadmills, new crossover-pull machine and pec-deck!

### Club Rental for Parties/Corporate Outings

- Rent the Southlake Club on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or evening. Wallyball, racquetball, basketball, handball...after which you can relax with a beer or glass of wine at the bar or in the lounge. We'll handle the food arrangements and take care of everything for you — no stress!

The club is located in Mundelein, IL — just north of the intersection of Route 60 and Route 45, only 40 minutes north of Chicago. Contact — Kathy Logic: 847-949-8180; fax 847-949-8160

## Naper Olympic Health Club

### Racquetball News

- Congratulations to eight of our club members who competed at the U.S. Open in Memphis in November: Cathy Bertucci, Krystal Csuk, Mike Davern, Lynn Hiorns, Kevin Johnson, Cheryl Kirk, Kit Lawson, and Kevin Yeazell. Thanks for representing Naper Olympic and Illinois!
- Our 30 leagues will wrap up the current session in mid-January. League sign-ups for the next session begin December 18 and end on January 31.
- Seven racquetball instructors are available to help you improve your game: Kathy Dunham, T.J. Ferro, Tom Griffith, Don Grigas, Cheryl Gudinas, Sean Moskwa, and Krystal Csuk (junior pro).
- In the Pro Shop, Ektelon and E-Force products are available for purchase on-site or by special order. We offer the newest line of both companies' racquets. Demo racquets are available for trial.

### Fitness Programs

- We offer an aggressive schedule of fitness programs for everyone:
- Seniors 50+ Club: for both men and women, a cardiovascular and strength training program. Offered twice a week (M&F) from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- Teen Power Hour (for ages 12-16) and Young Athletes in Training (ages 9-15): offers a varied menu of fitness activities such as strength and cardiovascular training, cycle, kickboxing, competitive play and challenges.
- Winter Blast: Basic and Advanced personal training packages available, including a computerized fitness assessment and time with a massage therapist
- Pre-Natal and Post-Partum classes: the do's and don't's; anatomy changes; eating for two; and fit facts. Note: The above fitness programs are available to members, or to non-members through the Naperville Park District. Call Jane Springman, Naper Olympic Fitness Director, for more information.

Contacts — Dave and Margo Gebraski (owners); Rich Gebraski (Membership Director): 630-357-7200

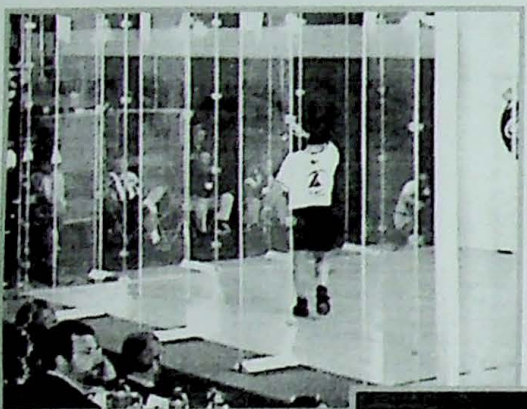
**Club Owners/Managers, if you would like to see your club's information included in the ISRA Newsletter, please call Cheryl Kirk at 630-305-8291.**



# Illinois Players Hit Memphis



*Illinois Ladies back at O'Hare. Clockwise from left: Krystal Csuk, Cathy Bertucci, Cheryl Kirk, Lynn Weisbart, Lynn Hiorns.*



*Mike Lockers on the Championship Court.*

Ah, Memphis...a warm haven in chilly November! Unfortunately, such was not the case (unseasonably cold), but Illinois players did their best to heat up the courts at the 2000 Hilton 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open Racquetball Championships, November 15-19.

Of the 771 players participating, twenty-nine were from Illinois (21 men and 8 women). We had representation in 29 of the 59 divisions offered in age, skill, and age/skill combined.

Forty-one states were represented; Illinois ranked fourth in the number of participants, behind only Tennessee (38), Texas (33), and Florida (30). Seven international countries were also represented: Japan, Mexico, Canada, Venezuela, Korea, Argentina, and the Netherlands. (I had the challenge and pleasure of refereeing a final between a Japanese player and a Mexican player, neither of whom spoke English. I made the mistake of saying "hello" to them in their own languages [the only words I knew], causing momentary confusion when they both thought I spoke their languages and asked me to translate for them.)

The draw is so extensive at this Level 5

tournament that three facilities are used for the event – The Racquet Club of Memphis, the Wimbledon Sportsplex, and the University of Memphis. Shuttles run on a regular schedule between the three clubs and the hotels; even then prior planning is strongly recommended unless one wants to risk missing a match start time!

Party with the Pro's on Saturday night of the tournament afforded opportunities for eating, relaxing and entertainment. Along with Casino Night, "Pub" night, a silent auction, watching amateur and pro matches, etc., there was plenty to do.

One of the many highlights of attending the U.S. Open is the opportunity to see the pro's play on the stadium (portable) court. With high bleachers on both sides (seating capacity 1,100), the court's back and right sides are "glass", with video cameras mounted behind the front wall. The court is wired for sound so that every grunt can be heard. Special lighting and music round out this first class racquetball experience.

Congratulations to Andy Hawthorne, Bill Lyman, and John O'Donnell, Jr. for bringing home the Gold for Illinois in their respective divisions! -- Cheryl Kirk



*Lynn Hiorns, Cheryl Kirk, Mike Davern, Geoff Peters, Wil Rounsaville.*



*Joey Logan and Cheryl Kirk.*



*Cliff Swain stealing some bites.*



## Illinois Competitors

Catherine Bertucci: Women's A, Women's 24-/25+ A/B  
 Don Boyer: Men's C Dbls.  
 Diane Bunker: Women's 35+, Women's 40+  
 Eugene Coyle: Men's 25+, Men's 30+  
 Krystal Csuk: Women's Pro, Women's Open  
 Mike Davern: Men's 35+, Men's 40+  
 Joe DeRoche: Men's D, Men's 35+ C/D  
 Chris Evon: Women's Pro  
 Cheryl Gudinas: Women's Pro  
 Kent Hadraba: Men's 25+, Men's 30+  
 Andy Hawthorne: Men's Open, Men's 24-  
 Lynn Hiorns: Women's B, Women's 24-/25+ A/B  
 Kevin Johnson: Men's 35+ A/B, Men's 45+ A/B  
 Cheryl Kirk: Women's B, Women's 35-55+ A/B  
 Leo Klimaitis: Men's 45+ A/B, Men's 50+  
 Kit Lawson: Men's 55+ C/D  
 Joey Logan: Men's 30+, Men's 30+ Dbls.  
 Bill Lyman: Men's 40+, Mixed 40+ Dbls.  
 Don Mayberry: Men's B  
 Horace Miller: Men's 50+, Men's 55+  
 Dave Negrete: Men's 40+, Men's 30+ Dbls.  
 Bruce Nelson: Men's 50+  
 John O'Donnell: Men's 70+  
 Geoff Peters: Men's A, Mixed A/B Dbls.  
 Scott Reiser: Men's 25+ A/B, Men's 35+ A/B  
 Wil Rounsaville: Men's 45+ A/B, Men's 30+ Dbls.

Patrick Taylor: Men's 50+, Men's 55+  
 Lynne Weisbart: Women's A, Women's 35-55+ A/B  
 Kevin Yeazell: Men's A, Men's 35+ A/B

## Illinois Results

Catherine Bertucci: 4<sup>th</sup> – Women's 24-/25+ A/B  
 Eugene Coyle: 2<sup>nd</sup> – Men's 25+  
 Joe DeRoche: 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men's 35+ C/D; 4<sup>th</sup> – Men's D  
 Andy Hawthorne: 1<sup>st</sup> – Men's 24-  
 Cheryl Kirk: 3<sup>rd</sup> – Women's B  
 Kit Lawson: 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men's 55+ C/D  
 Bill Lyman: 1<sup>st</sup> – Mixed 40+ Dbls (with partner Debbie Chaney, Indiana)  
 Horace Miller: 2<sup>nd</sup> – Men's 55+; Semi's Men's 50+  
 Dave Negrete: 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men's 40+; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men's 30+ Dbls. (with partner Carl Evers, Wisconsin)  
 John O'Donnell, Jr.: 1<sup>st</sup> – Men's 70+

Mark your calendars for November 14-18, 2001 (tentative) and help Team Illinois make a record-breaking showing in Memphis this next year.

Note: check the [www.usra.org](http://www.usra.org) web site for scheduling of the U.S. Open telecasts on ESPN2 (in early 2001).



*Clockwise from left: Kevin Yeazell, Will Rounsaville, Kit Lawson, Cheryl Kirk, Lynne Hiorns.*



*Kit Lawson & Joe DeRoche showing some Gold and Silver.*



*Bill Lyman & Scott Reiser.*



*Cheryl Gudinas & Krystal Csuk.*



*John Ellis and Jacki Paraiso gamble with the fans.*



# Wilson Women's Classic

December 2, 2000 , Athletic Club of Bloomingdale

Thanks to Dave Negrete, thirty-seven women had the opportunity to play in this round robin style tournament, socialize, sharpen skills, and not cut dramatically into their busy holiday schedules. In this one-day format, singles were played in the morning, then players paired up in the afternoon for some informal doubles competition. Dave did a great job of herding cats, er, players onto the courts and kept everything pretty much on schedule.

Thanks to Chris Evon and Terri Graham for their support of the tournament. Prize drawings for Wilson products pleased winners, and some of Wilson's line was on

display. T-shirts and lunch rounded out a very good deal for participants:

Women's C: Donna Albert (1st), Janet Christie, Sue Gohman, Carla Moats

Women's B: Deb Dallas, Dorothy Che-Menjo, Terri Hiller, Lynn Hiorns, Ree Keca, Pauline Kelly, Cheryl Kirk, Lola Markus (1st), Margaret Olawoye, Georgia Velisaris

Women's A: Cathy Bertucci, Julie Carter, Janet Eminger, Pam Grace, Margaret Hoff, Martha Huske (1st), Maria Johnson, Marie Larsen, Karin McCauley, Andrea Scott, Barb Utterback, Kathy Welker

Women's Open: Diane Bunker (1st), Mary Crawford, Laurel Davis, Kathy Dunham, Nancy Kronenfeld, Liz Molitor, Nancy Rocha, Ellen Somberg, Julie Vincent, Brenda White, Mary White



Georgia Williams, Cheryl Kirk, Lynn Hiorns, Ree Keca



Cheryl Kirk, Marie Faisen, Mary White, Marcia Johnson

Dave extends his thanks to all who participated. Ladies, let's go for a record draw at the WIRT Pro Stop/Negrete Open, March 22-25, 2001! -- Cheryl Kirk

## Wilson's Terri Graham Promoted

Wilson Racquet Sports is pleased to announce the promotion of Terri Graham to Business Director of the Racquetball and Squash category in Wilson's Racquet Sports division.

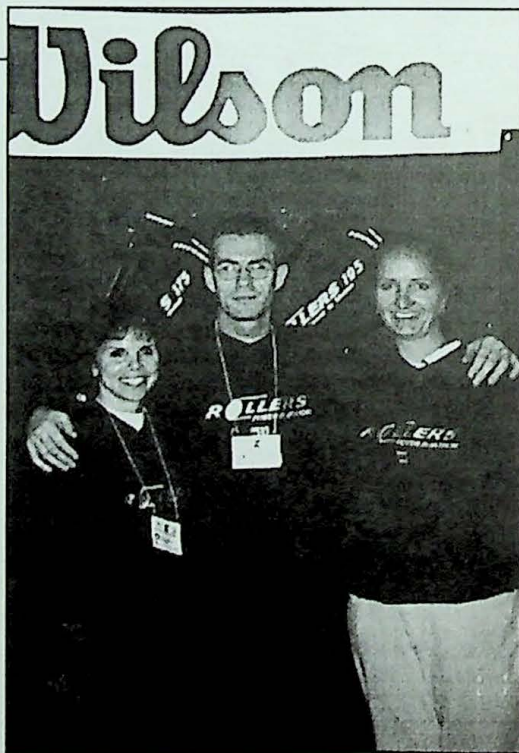
Graham, who had been the Marketing Manager for Racquetball and Squash since 1998, has been working in the industry for 11 years. She began her career with Ektelon in 1989 as Player Promotions Manager where she quickly gained the trust and respect of both the amateur and professional players. In 1994, when Graham left Ektelon to spearhead the new Racquetball and Squash division at Wilson, many influential players followed.

"Terri has earned this promotion through her years of experience, her invaluable relationships with the key influential people in both sports, and her driving desire to always make things better. This is not just Terri's promotion, it is her reward and well-deserved recognition," said Graham's

predecessor, Tom Odishoo, Business Director for Pre-Strung rackets.

Graham, an accomplished player in both racquetball and squash, will now oversee all operations for Wilson Racquetball and Squash. Graham has been playing racquetball since 1980, and has collected numerous titles on the court. She has won five State Singles titles in her home state of Maine and was inducted into the Maine Racquetball Hall of Fame in 1997. In Illinois, Graham was named Illinois Player of the year in March, 2000. She is also a three-time Squash National Skill-level Champion and has five Racquetball National Doubles Titles.

"Wilson Sporting Goods is the ideal place to be in the sporting goods industry," said Graham. "They continue to be dedicated to growing both racquetball and squash through grassroots programming. The people I deal with on a daily basis throughout the industry make my job ideal."



Chris Evon, Tom Odishoo and Terri Graham at the U.S. Open

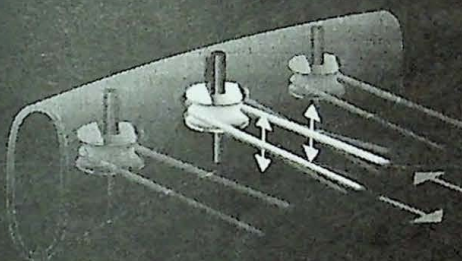


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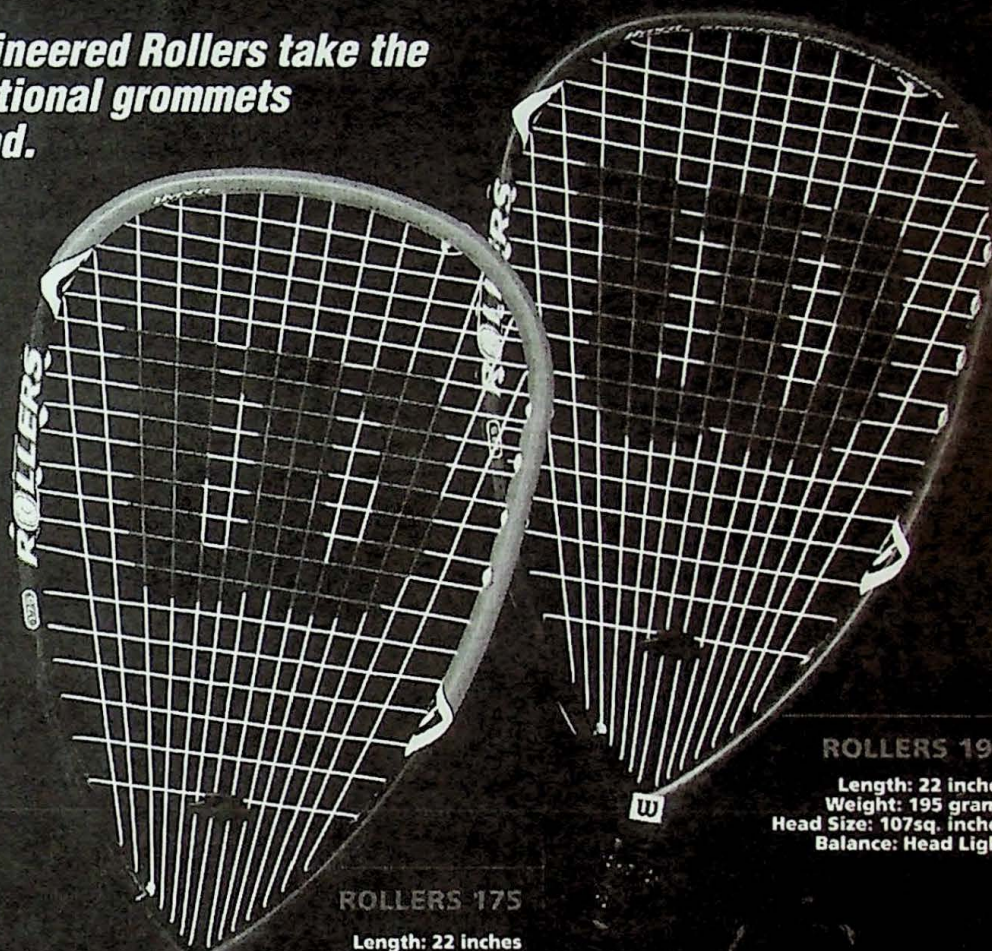


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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## 2000 Wilson Fall Classic

Cory Martin is making a move this year. After taking second in Men's Open at last month's Turkey Shoot and winning the US Open Men's A division in Memphis (with a draw of 132 players), he steps up big time back here in the Open's at home. Cory had to go through quality Illinois competition, getting past Cary Slade, Eugene Coyle and taking out Billy Lyman in his own tournament in the Finals. That is not going to improve your starting times next year, Cory. No need to cry for the losers however. Eugene did quite well for himself in Memphis (taking 2nd in Men's 25+), Cary bested Lem Rowans in Men's 30+ division and Billy teamed up with Cory to win Men's Open doubles over the always tough Don Grigas and Dave Bachar. Other first time winners (for this year) on the Men's skill side include John Bertholomey in Men's A, Juan Alcantar in Men's B and Humberto Sosa in Men's D. Joe Vallender, winner of Men's C has two previous wins this year in Men's D. That is a great year so far. In any case, all will have to move up next year so another win this year would be icing on the cake. The draw was not as deep on the Women's side, although it wasn't bad considering that Illinois Women usually skip this tournament. We were pleased to see Illinois regulars Ellen Somberg (winner Women's Open/A), Patrice Calvi, Kathy Bertucci and Lynn Hiorns being joined by a four player Women's D division of Liz Janda (winner Women's D), Carla Moats, Tatiana Szervinski and Laura Morgan. Billy Lyman and the Oak Park Club always put on excellent hospitality and this year was no exception. Hope you can come out and join the fun next year.

-- Mike Davern

Check out the tournament results below:

Men's Open (7): 1) Cory Martin; 2) Bill Lyman; S) Eugene Coyle, Keith Minor  
Men's AA (4): 1) Cory Martin; 2) Cary Slade; S) Scott Ross, Mike Burns  
Men's A (12): 1) John Bertholomey; 2) Kevin Canfield; S) Larry Vena, Scott Ross  
Men's B (15): 1) Juan Alcantar; 2) Jeff Cox; S) Len Schultz, Mark Mobilia

Men's C (22): 1) Joe Vallender; 2) Mike Bowden; S) Mauricia Fernandez, Marc Baca  
Men's D (19): 1) Humberto Sosa; 2) Howard Williams; S) Gustavo Acevedo, Jim Schevers  
Men's 30+: 1) Cary Slade; 2) Lem Rowans; S) Boric Carvallo, Joe Silius

Womens Open/A (4): 1) Ellen Somberg; 2) Patrice Calvi; S) Kathy Bertucci, Lynn Hiorns  
Womens D (4): 1) Liz Janda; 2) Carla Moats; S) Tatiana Szervinski, Laura Morgan

Mens Open Doubles (6): 1) Cory Martin/Bill Lyman; 2) Dave Bachar/Don Grigas; S) Mike Burns/Erhard Gruenwald, Jim Hillman/Keith Minor  
Men's B Doubles (6): 1) Grant Macuba/John Anaya; 2) Jamal Sinno/Pete Kenny; S) Chuck Martarano/Rick Rinella, Raj Sondahi/Tom Curtis  
Men's C Doubles: 1) Tom Curtis/Raj Sondahi; 2) Dan Whiston/Marc Baca; S) Al Brunner/Mike Padavec, Sal Oliver/Wayne Grane

Mixed Open (4): 1) Patrice Calvi/Joe Silus; 2) Jim Hillman/Ellen Somberg; S) Len Restaino/Kathy Bertucci, Kevin Yeazell/Lynn Hiorns

## 2000 Southlake Fall Classic

November 3-4, 2000

Another great Southlake tournament. Even sandwiched between larger tournaments such as the Bloomingdale Halloween Pro-Am and the Glass Court's Turkey Shoot, the Southlake Club's Fall tournament was well attended. The tournament is slowly making a name for itself as a good warm-up for those aspiring to play in the later fall tournaments. Once again, the tournament was dominated by Eugene Coyle who won both the Open singles and doubles (along with Jordan Kahn). Ben Croft put up a good fight against Eugene in the Open Singles and he showed everyone why he is one of the most talked about young players in the Open circuit. In the end though, experience prevailed as Eugene took Ben in 2 games 11 and 12. Carl D'Ambrose, and Mark Mobilia won the A's and B's singles respectively and

Vito Rubiano took another step up the ladder, winning Men's C. On the women's side, Georgia Russell took first in the A's; Deb Dallas bested all competitors in Women's C. As always, Kathy Logic did a great job organizing the tournament and everyone went home, winners and losers alike, smiling and full.

—Thirunellai Venkateshwaran

Check out the tournament results below:

Men's Open (6): 1) Eugene Coyle; 2) Ben Croft; S) Rob Ellis Bob Wurtz  
Men's A (6): 1) Carl D'Ambrose; 2) TG Venkateshwaran; S) Keith Stevens, Mark Mobilia,  
Men's B (12): 1) Mark Mobilia; 2) Keith Stephens; S) Grant Macuba, Erik Newman,  
Men's C (12): 1) Vito Rubiano; 2) Joe Vallender; S) Eric Johnson, Carlos Vidrio  
Men's D (6): 1) Jim Shevers; 2) Corey Bass; S) Jesus Garcia, Steve Pisto

Women's A (4): 1) Georgia Russell; 2) Tina Hernandez; S) Lynn Weisbart, Cathy Bertucci  
Women's C (4): 1) Deb Dallas; 2) Beth Weiler; S) Marcia Fabry, Laura Fabry

Mens Open Doubles (8): 1) Eugene Coyle/Jordan Kahn; 2) Ben Croft/Bob Wurtz; S) Rich Clay/George Steffans, Doug Dvorak/Rob Ellis  
Men's A Doubles (4): 1) TG Venkateshwaran/Carl D'Ambrose; 2) Ray Miller/Howard Lampert; S) Geoff Peters/Grant Macuba, Howie Robins/Rodrigo Diaz  
Men's B Doubles (8): 1) Ken Zwyrers/Rick Nielson; 2) Lynne Weisbart/Hal Hensey; S) Mark Bricker/Mike Snyder Steve Pisto/Henry Broman

## 2000 Turkey Shoot

November 9-12, 2000

Another great weekend spent at the Glass Court in Lombard. Great food, great friends and lots of surprises on and off the court. For instance, the pending coronation of a new Men's Open champ

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was stopped dead by a more experienced one. Without having to resort to a recount, Jim Ellenberger stopped a surprising Cory Martin who got through such quality players as Brian Simpson and Eugene Coyle. One winner who was not surprising was a much slimmed down Billy Lyman who walked through the 40's like the rest of the draw was not there. Didn't even have to wear his knee brace. Only Nick Radloff was able to score more than 5 points in any single game and no one got more than 10 points total in a match. That's domination. We are going to have to bring out the big guns (Dave Negrete, perhaps) into the 40's to see if Billy can break a sweat. Another winner who likes the Glass Court was Josie Barnett who came up from Kankakee to show the Women's Open draw that all of the power in the state is not located in Chicago. The juniors seemed to have a good time with 18 participating this year. Fourteen year-old Tad Dallas wins the advanced division with twelve year-old Brandon Ritschard taking second and sixteen year-old Mike Steinlaus taking third. This year we are going to reward USRA points based on the juniors correct age division and how they placed in their respective divisions. We hope to see more junior events at other tournaments and our Illinois juniors on the USRA national ranking lists. Thanks to Char Borre for organizing that event. Since everyone who comes out and plays is a winner in some degree, we want to congratulate all participants and send our thanks to Doug Halverson and the club and tournament staff at the Glass Court. They put in long hours to make the tournament look like it is as easy as a pumpkin pie to run. Check out all of our winners below:

--Mike Davern

Men's Open (15): 1) Jim Ellenberger; 2) Cory Martin; 3) John Amatulli (IN), Brian Simpson (IN)  
Men's AA (7): 1) Ben Croft; 2) Doug Halverson; 3) George Pappas, Barry Dixon  
Men's A (15): 1) Jim Hillman; 2) Chris Selvig; 3) T.G. Venkateshwaran, Martin Gonzalez  
Men's B (24): 1) Ron Calloway; 2) David Royster; 3) Dave Schoonover, Dick Heithoff  
Men's C (22): 1) Dan Jaskier; 2) Joe Vallender; 3) Vito Rubiano, George Gonski  
Men's D (29): 1) Brian McNally; 2) Bill Switalla; 3) Tom Reed, Dan Opferman  
Men's 30/35+ (10): 1) Dave Negrete; 2) Lem Rowans; 3) Mark Thorn, Joey Logan  
Men's 40+ (9): 1) Bill Lyman; 2) Nick Radloff; 3) Chris Selvig, Kevin Yeazell  
Men's 45/50+ (12): 1) Joe Silius; 2) Len Restaino; 3) Brian Castillo, Ron Yankee  
Men's 45+ INT (6): 1) Jim Bono; 2) Jim Schevers; 3) Tom Fehsel, Ray Meisner  
Men's 55+ (4): 1) Tom Fehsel; 2) Herman Sporleder; 3) Manuel Rosiles, Richard Weismehl

Women's Open (12): 1) Josie Barnett; 2) Liz Molitor; 3) Adrienne Fisher, Mary Crawford  
Women's AA (3): 1) Diane Bunker; 2) Patrice Calvi; 3) Cathy Bertucci  
Women's A (9): 1) Nancy Schum; 2) Catherine Bertucci; 3) Pam Grace, Janet Eminger  
Women's B (4): 1) Cheryl Kirk; 2) Lynn Hiorns; 3) Mary DeJournio, Jan Klass  
Women's C/D (3): 1) Laura Rosiles; 2) Peggy Hartman; 3) Janet Christie  
Women's 40+ (6): 1) Brenda White; 2) Nancy Schum; 3) Kathy Dunham, Diane Bunker

Men's Open Doubles (11): 1) Bill Lyman/Dave

Bachar; 2) Dave Negrete/Eugene Coyle; 3) Brian Simpson (IN)/Matt Anderson (IN), John Amatulli/Mark Thorn  
Men's A Doubles (13): 1) Rick Cavaliere/Eli Williams; 2) Mike Lyle/Dick Heithoff; 3) Martin Gonzales/LenSchultz, Ron Calloway/Joey Brownlee  
Men's B Doubles (10): 1) Joe DeMarco/Kelvin Branch; 2) Greg Benjamin/Kevin Massard; 3) David Royster/Mark Billingslea, Josh Hanford/Gary Walters  
Men's C Doubles (8): 1) Rajesh Sondhi/Mike Mahon; 2) Brad Stanfield/Andy Simmons; 3) Tom Pope Jr./Tom Pope Sr., Joey Prust/Carl La Forest

Women's A Doubles (3): 1) Elaine Fisher (OH)/Kelly Fisher (OH); 2) Barb Utterback/Janet Eminger; 3) Patti Drendel/Maria Johnson  
Women's B/C Doubles (3): 1) Peggy Hartmann/Char Borre; 2) Jane Klass/Laura Jados; 3) Marty Marando/Mary DeJournio

Mixed Open Doubles (6): 1) Cheryl Gudinas/Bill Welaj; 2) Nancy Rocha/Tom Utterback; 3) Maria Johnson/Jeff Baumgartner, Joe Silius/Patrice Calvi  
Mixed B/C Doubles (7): 1) Patti Drendel/Tom Curtis; 2) Cheryl Kirk/Mike Mahon; 3) Dennis Negrete/Janet Christie, Pam Grace/Joey Brownlee

Boy's 16- (3): 1) Mike Steinhaus; 2) Chris Snyders; 3) Mike Zeunort  
Girls 16- (1): 1) Lauren Ritschard  
Boy's 14- (6): 1) Tad Dallas; 2) Jeff Novak; 3) Tom Molitor, Alex Hunter  
Boy's 12- (5): 1) Brandon Ritschard; 2) Justin Fleck; 3) Brandon Cyr, Kevin Peters  
Girl's 12- (1): 1) Angel Khamis  
Boy's 10- (2): 1) Trever Snyders; 2) Chris Zeunert



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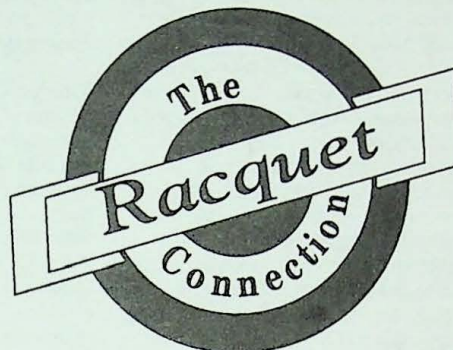
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