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From the President

It's a wrap! I'm not referring to the television series, *Friends*, but to the 2003-2004 Illinois racquetball season. The events are all in the books, with only National Singles at the end May and National Juniors in June yet to be played.

As I look back over the season, we've seen a lot of change. The USRA held a "summit" in September in Colorado to bring people together to discuss the future of racquetball. They also introduced their new online membership system and tournament management system. They struggled with the implementation of those systems, but by the time next season comes around everything should be functional and we should reap the benefits. In order to get ready, the ISRA Board will convene a "summit" of Illinois tournament directors over the summer to discuss the tools and what they'll provide to all of us.

The USRA began the season as the USRA and ended it as the USAR. Huh? Without a lot of fanfare, they changed their name to *USA Racquetball*. To many of us it didn't make a lot of sense, but it makes the name consistent with the names of the governing bodies of the other USOC member organizations, e.g. USA Volleyball, USA Basketball and USA Hockey.

On the home front, the local tournament scene has been crowded. We've had both the male and female pros come through town, as well as a jam-packed schedule of local, state and regional events. A new website has allowed us to get the entry forms out to you electronically and to post the results quickly after the event. We'll keep working to expand the content on the website. Next season, Travel League results will be posted on the website rather than mailed to team captains, and we promise to have pictures out there.

The ISRA held the state tournaments at three different venues. Joe and Diane DeArmas hosted State Doubles at the Glass Court and made everyone feel at home. Roz Wendt at Chalet worked with us to put on a great State Singles tournament, including a first-ever awards dinner. From my perspective it was much nicer for the annual award recipients and I liked the fact that I didn't have to yell over the sound of bouncing racquetballs to give the awards. The Juniors gathered at Landmark in Peoria for their very own state championships. Landmark host Terry Sutton did an outstanding job of making the kids feel welcome. (I heard the parents had a pretty good time, as well!) Thanks to the clubs and the volunteers who made our events successful this season.

For those of you who play racquetball through the summer, you'll find 3 events on the calendar. For those who trade their racquets for a set of golf sticks, the ISRA Golf Outing is on July 17th, at a new venue. Entry forms are on the website for these events.

Whatever you do, wear your sunscreen, enjoy the summer and we'll see you back on the courts full-swing in the fall!

Laurel



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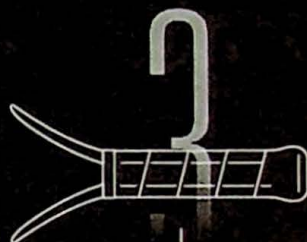
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St. Valentine's Day Massacre LPRA-IRT Racquetball Event

February 13-15, 2004

Tournament Director: Dave Negrete

The 2004 Valentine's Day Tournament returned to the Schaumburg Tennis Plus (formerly Woodfield Athletic Club) and showcased the top LPRA and IRT players in the world. Players from Venezuela, Mexico, and Chile participated alongside the U.S. players in the women's and men's draws, making it a true international event. The Women's LPRA final featured our own Cheryl Gudinas and Canadian Christie Van Hees. They put on a great show hitting a wide variety of shots that impressed the sold-out crowd. Gudinas, who has dominated the tour since Van Hees took some time off, continued her winning ways and solidified her #1 LPRA position by winning the match in five tough games. This was a full ranking LPRA stop as 17 ladies played for a total purse of \$8,000.

The men's side was an IRT Tier 3 event

featuring #1 in the world, Jack Huczek; #4 Cliff Swain; #9 Mike Guidry; and #12 Shane Vanderson. All four players came out to support the event and to vie for the \$4,000 purse. In the quarterfinals, Shane Vanderson won a hard-fought battle over local star Ben Croft, who came home for his birthday to play. Ben has been quietly creeping up in the IRT ranks. Shane faced off in the semifinals against #1 Huczek and lost in three straight. Mike Guidry lost in three on the other side to Swain, which set up the finals between the former six-time #1 and the current #1: youth versus experience. They didn't let the packed house down! Both players played as if this was going to determine who was going to finish #1 this season. It had to be one of the best-played and intense matches I have witnessed on the tour in the past three years. With only a \$250 difference in winning and losing, money wasn't the issue; it was pride as both players left it all on the court. With great diving gets and unbelievable shot

making, topped off by Swain's powerful serves, this match went the full five with youth, Jack Huczek, coming out on top.

STP will be back on the map as another place to play racquetball and service the membership with programming run by Dave and Dennis Negrete. With five courts and the possibility of eight, the Schaumburg Park District is making a big effort to bring racquetball back to life at this club. Thanks to STP for hosting the event.

I want to thank all the players who lent their time and support. Also, a big thanks to the sponsors of the

event: the Klimaitis Family, Pat Taylor (Dartmoor Homes), Howard Miller, Julie Vincent (Forest View Farm), Martha Huske (Real Time Data), Kathy Welker, Cathy and Nick Tojaga (Nutrition Trainer.com), Denny Erardi from California and Dr. George Pappas.

Last but not least, a huge thanks to Diane Bunker for all her help in making the event a great one. I couldn't have done it without her help. And thanks to all the tournament desk support: Janet Eminger, Barb and Tom Utterback, Kathy Welker, Lynn Yeazell and Liz Molitor. I appreciate all you do for racquetball and the Negrete team.

— Dave Negrete

Results

Division/#entered: First, Second, Semifinals

Women's Pro (17): Cheryl Gudinas, Christie Van Hees (Canada), Kristen Walsh (UT), Jo Shattuck (CO)

Men's Pro (14): Jack Huczek (MI), Cliff Swain (MA), Shane Vanderson (OH), Sandy Stephens

Men's A (12): Angel Khamis, Tony Rosselli, Pat Taylor, Keith Weiner

Men's B (22): Joe Waller, CJ Khamis, Jon Soike, Brandon Ritschard

Men's C (10): Nils Mogensen, Pete Schmeichel, Fred Conforti, Geoff Goldblatt

Men's D (8): Kevin Schultz, George Parobek (IN), Adam Augustine, George Smuckel

Men's 35+/40+ (11): Tom Utterback, Cary Slade, Angelo Batistatos (IN), John Mason

Men's 45+ (10): Horace Miller, Dave Milazzo, Tim Dern, John Mason

Men's 50+ (8): Gregg Mandell, Dennis McKee, Ron Yonkee, Jim Bono (IN)

Men's Open Doubles (6): Rodrigo Urzua (FL)/Pablo Sajre (Chile), George Pappas/John Thorson, Andy Romano/Filip Vesely (IN), Martin Gonzalez/Tony Gonzalez

Men's B/C Doubles (6): Greg Benjamin/Pete Schmeichel, John Anaya/Joe Wilhelm, John Geatros/Vadim Mordkovich, Mike Angus/James Gillette

Mixed Open Dbls (8): Laura Olsen (WI)/Carl Evers (WI), Linda Covault (IN)/Bob Wright (IN), Julie Vincent/Frank Bunker, Mike Hernandez (IN)/Sarah Hoffman (IN)

Women's Open (16): Angela Grisar (Chile), Krystal Csuk, Diane Moore (IN), Liz Molitor

Women's AA (6): Laura Olsen (WI), Diane Bunker, Martha Huske, Darcy Bunn (KS)

Women's A/B (10): Karen Thurlow, Barb Utterback, Sarah Hoffman (IN), Erin Egan

Women's Age (8): Laurel Davis, Joan Vande Kieft, Linda Covault (IN), Denny Erardi (CA)

Juniors 10 & Under (2): David Negrete, Chris Bono (IN)

Junior 12 & Under (3): Joey Eminger, David Negrete, Chris Bono (IN)



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9th Annual Palos Olympic Open

February 20-22, 2004

Tournament Directors: Larry Vena & Jerry DeGonia

Laurel wrote an article in the March/April issue of the ISRA Newsletter about the word "family" and how she views the ISRA members as one big family. Well, we say, "Thank God for family", for without them, our tournament would never have run as smoothly as it did!

I have never been remotely associated with putting together a racquetball tournament. The amount of time, organization and commitment appeared to be overwhelming. But thanks to a number of people, our tournament ran as smooth as a baby's behind! A special thanks to *Joey Brownlee* who spent hours of his time going over the intricacies of running a tournament and to *Jerry DeGonia* who generously donated his time and family. Jerry's wife, *Laurie DeGonia*, dedicated her whole weekend on the desk making sure things ran on time. Their daughter *Jamie Degonia* and my daughter *Rachel Vena* also worked non-stop. Last but not least, thanks to *Patrice Calvi* who took the time to teach us rookies the ropes and devoted her entire weekend to making sure that everything ran well.

Everyone I talked to about hospitality was extremely impressed. And in true Palos tradition, one of the most popular places to be at Palos if you were not playing was around the keg that ran non-stop all weekend. There were a lot of laughs, and also a touching moment during the Saturday night party when everyone donated a few extra bucks to pay for items that were taken from Tony Gonzalez's truck.

Aside from the great times, there was great racquetball, too! With just under 150 entries, the turnout was great. Thanks to Janet Eminger and Keith "Mr. Bubbles" Kareiva, the two Junior round robins ran well and were fun to watch. We hope to see you next year!

— Larry Vena



Palos Tournament Brain Trust: Keith "Mr. Bubbles" Kareiva, Jamie DeGonia, Mike DeGonia, Patrice Calvi, Larry Vena, Jerry DeGonia, Laurie DeGonia, Janet Eminger

Results

Division/#entered: First, Second, Semifinals

Men's Open (7): Martin Gonzalez, John Thorson, Bill Lattner, Tony Gonzalez

Men's AA (3): Jorge Ortiz, Larry Vena, Mike DeGonia

Men's A (11): Tony Gonzalez, Larry Vena, Paul Curran, Keith Kareiva

Men's B (11): Ray Shimizu, Joe Waller, Mike Moran, Ken Baker

Men's C (14): Brad Promisel, Darren Halligan, Kevin Laird, Jerrold Kielbasa

Men's D (15): Mike Ryan, Robert Cecich, Mark Stevenson, Phil Mangiaracina

Men's 30/35+ (6): Dennis Negrete, Martin Gonzalez, Andy Romano, Bill Lattner

Men's 40/45+ (7): Chuck Snyders, Len Restaino, Brian Castillo, Bruce Nelson

Men's 55+ (6): Joe Silius, Joe Quirke, John Talty, George Kleber

Women's A/B (6): Barbara Curran, Sarah Hoffman (IN), Julianne Beran, Kelly Carson

Men's Open Doubles (6): Dennis Negrete/Eric Rieman, Joe Silius/Chuck Snyders, Ron Scaduto/Larry Vena, Frank Ball/Winston Cole

Men's A Doubles (6): Paul Curran/Bill Pavlovich, Kelvin Branch/David Royster, Ron Scaduto/Larry Vena, Brian Castillo/George Kleber

Men's B Doubles (6): John Anaya/Ray Shimizu, Jerrold Kielbasa/Carlos Merino, Joe Quirke/John Talty, Brian Lien/Dale Willenbrink

Men's C Doubles (10): Tom Lewis/Bob Woycheese, Brian Lien/Dale Willenbrink, Darren Halligan/Phil Mangiaracina, Sal Galvan/Gilbert Oliveras

Mixed Open Doubles (5): John Thorson/Barbara Curran, Dennis Negrete/Janet Christie, Eric Rieman/Pandora Brown (3)

Junior Division (Adv) (6): Jeff Novak, Trevor Snyders, Geoff Goldblatt (3)

Travel League – It's a Wrap!

Travel League boasted 35 teams from 20 different clubs this year — one more team than last year! Competition was tight; the old saying "every point counts" really meant just that: some divisions were decided by *less than 10 points*. I hope everyone involved had a great season. Thanks for playing, and see you in the fall!

Congratulations to the winners:

Men's Open (North):

Schaumburg Tennis Plus

Men's Open (South): Glass Court

Men's A/B: Glass Court

Men's B/C: Glass Court

Women's Open: Lattof YMCA

...and to the playoff winners:

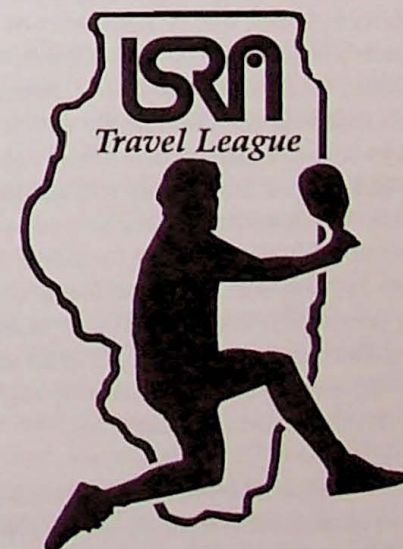
Men's Open: B.R. Ryall YMCA

Men's A/B: Glass Court

Men's B/C: Glass Court

—Pam Grace

Note: Thanks to The Glass Court Swim & Fitness for hosting our annual party on April 23!



Shamrock Shootout

The Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard, IL

March 11-14, 2004

Tournament Director: Doug Halverson

The usual makings of a fabulous Glass Court tournament – cash prizes, souvenir shirts, drink specials, famous non-stop hospitality, Saturday night celebration including live entertainment by the perennially popular Tony Smith Show – were all present and accounted for at the Shamrock Shootout, one of the most looked-forward-to events of the tournament season.

Players traveled from Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri to compete against Illinois' finest in 25 singles and doubles divisions. Brian Simpson (IN) dominated the Men's Open again this year, besting returning local hero Ben Croft in a low-scoring match 1, (3), 2. In a five-player Women's Open round robin, Liz Molitor took top honors over Diane Bunker; the division was decided by their head-to-head match. Chris Wright (MO)

teamed up with Ben Croft to win Men's Open Doubles while Nancy Amaro and Jim Hillman took the Mixed Open division.

Movin' on Up: Angel Khamis, Chris Liljestrang, Blair Wagner, and Chris Kudrna each won his division (A,B,C,D, respectively) and earned his way to the next higher division beginning in June. Jennifer Jaskier took Women's B in an (unfortunately rare) full draw and will be playing A's next season!

Tournament Director Doug Halverson wishes to thank the many volunteers who contributed to the smooth running of the weekend's activities: Pam Grace, Tom Utterback, Chuck Snyders, Cheryl Kirk, Laura Morgan, Char Borre, Kathy Ruzycki, Joey Brownlee, Joe Waller, Jeff Grace, Chris Schubert,



Joey & Amanda Eminger met a leprechaun (Joey Brownlee)

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Landmark March Invitational

Landmark Racquet and Health Club

March 5-7, 2004

Tournament Director: Kurt Mankle

March Madness begins in Peoria. The month of March here in Peoria is full of drama and excitement. Not only does Peoria offer the best in High School Basketball (Class A and Class AA Tournament), but Peoria offers the premier racquetball tournament in Downstate Illinois.

The Landmark Racquetball Department was flooded with lots of early entries for this year's tournament. We received entries from Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, and throughout the state of Illinois. It was great to see so many of our friends come back to reminisce and play this game we all love. We also had many newcomers. The downside to receiving so many entries is that we had to cut off the acceptance of entries. We would have loved to have taken more, but our 230 limit allows us to run our Friday and Saturday nights up to 1:00 am, and no later!

It was a spectacular weekend; we met the 5 main goals that we set for each one of our tournaments: a full tournament, com-

petitive matches, sportsmanship, a terrific social environment, and second-to-none hospitality throughout the entire weekend.

In meeting our goals, there was a lot of time and effort put forth to ensure success. The Landmark staff did a great job before, during and after the tournament with maintenance, front counter, hospitality, babysitting, and management. Our loyal volunteers put forth a great deal of help: bracket setting, time slotting, putting up the draw sheets, control table, check-in table, and referees. Terry Sutton, Mike Vicary and I greatly appreciate those who played; the many spectators who came out to give support; and, of course, our valuable sponsors!

— Kurt Mankle

Results

Division, 1st; 2nd

Men's Open

Andy Hawthorne; Paul Whitten

Men's AA

Greg Hasty II; Kurt Mankle

Men's A

David Litman; Brian Andresen

Men's B

Manny Hernandez; Shane Jackson

Men's C

Ben Plue; Bill Nicholson

Men's 40+

Paul Whitten; Greg Hasty

Men's 40+ B

Ron Ours; Stu Kinkade

Women's Open

Ellen Somberg; Georgia Russell

Women's B

Kristin Coulter; Shelley Stewart

Women's C

Missy Moses; Gail Hoffman

Juniors (17 & under)

Scott Moore; Curtis Powers

Juniors (13 & under)

Spencer Graves; Kyle Sutton

Men's Open Doubles

Greg Hasty II/Bill Gray; Cal Palmer/Mike Vicary

Men's A Doubles

Steve Angelo/Tod Dillard; Bob Johnson/Ron Cervantez

Men's B/C Doubles

Don Gall/R.J. Mercer; Jim Bernal/Pat Andresen

Mixed Open/A Doubles

Kurt Mankle/Pam Schubach; Gary Steiger/Terry Sutton (Landmark)

Mixed B/C Doubles

Doug Gordon/Lori Bilbrey; Paula Zimmerman/Steve Pitstick

Women's Doubles

Ellen Somberg/Janis Russell; Kelly Carter/Julie Rogy

Shamrock Shootout

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Mike Antonoff, Jr., Peggy Hartmann, Janet Christie, Mike Davern, Liz Molitor, Laurel Davis, Kara Peters, Patrice Calvi, Geoff Peters, Eric Rieman, Keith Mecklenburg, Michelle and Amanda Halverson, Barb Utterback, Jeff Grace, Rich Clay, John Thorson, Lynne Weisbart, Don Klopke, Joe Silius, Joey and Amanda Eminger. You'll notice many juniors mentioned in the list above...there are more than a few of the JTI group who are stepping up to learn the ropes – this is phenomenally appreciated: they are conscientious and eager to learn!

Glass Court thanks their valued sponsors: Mike's Light, Pro Penn, Carm's Beef, and the Tyler Medical Center (Dr. George Pappas and Doug Halverson). And the ISRA Board and membership thank Joe and Diane DeArmas, their family and staff, for providing a warm and gracious racquetball tournament home for us all.

— Cheryl Kirk

Results

Division/# entered: First, Second, Semifinals

Men's Open (11): Brian Simpson (IN), Ben Croft, Brad McCunniff (IA), Chris Wright (MO)
Men's AA (4): Cary Slade, Russ Tatar, Jorge Ortiz, Mike Bogue,

Men's A (25): Angel Khamis, Vito Rubiano, Tony Gonzalez, Greg Martis
Men's B (22): Chris Liljestrand, Ray Shimizu, George Kleber, Jim Burns
Men's C (27): Blair Wagner, Chris Schubert, Mark Stevenson, Richard DeArmas
Men's D (31): Chris Kudrna, Bill Doyle, Marc Eisele, Mike Antonoff, Jr.
Men's Novice (3): Dan Pacetti, Kenny Brown, Jono Davern,
Men's 35/40+ (11): Brad McCunniff (IA), Dave Bachar, Cary Slade, Chuck Snyders
Men's 35+ Int (3): Juan Martinez, Leo Formanski, Sym Colovos,
Men's 45+ (11): Andy Pitock, Bruce Lillis (OH), Brian Castillo, Jim Hillman
Men's 45+ Int (10): Ray Meisner, Frank Valentino, John Talty, Leo Formanski
Men's 50/55+ (11): Gregg Mandell, Bruce Nelson, Horace Miller, Len Restaino

Women's Open (5): Liz Molitor, Diane Bunker, Kathy Ruzycki (3)
Women's A (6): Barbara Curran, Karen Thurlow, Lynn Yeazell, Pam Grace,
Women's B (8): Jennifer Jaskier, Laura Samela, Kelly Carson, Carolyn Watkins
Women's C/D (4): Janet Christie, Laura Rosiles, Dolores Bethune (3)

Men's Open Doubles (13): Chris Wright (MO)/Ben Croft, Bill Lyman/Joe Silius, Bruce Lillis (OH)/Ryan Lillis (OH), Joe Klbowitz (WI)/Juan Nieves (WI)
Men's A Doubles (16): Jeff Grace/Desmond Slusher, Larry Vena/Ron Scaduto, Kelvin Branch/David Royster, Joey Brownlee/Keith Mecklenburg
Men's B Doubles (13): Ken Baker/Ray Shimizu, Richard DeArmas/Chris Liljestrand, Steve Galla/George Tsaparis, Joe Wilhelm/John Anaya
Men's C Doubles (16): Jim Gillette/Paul Nicotra, Marshan Johnson/Kevin Laird, Oliver Antonoff/Jack Schubert, Jeremy Andrews/Bill Apostolos



Barb Vagedes to Blair Wagner:
"You're in the money!"

Men's 40+ Doubles (5): Andy Pitock/Bob Wright (IN), Joe Silius/Bill Lyman, Frank Ball/Winston Cole (3)

Women's A/B Doubles (3): Cheryl Kirk/Joan Vande Kieft, Carolyn Watkins/Erin Egan, Barb Utterback/Kathy Welker

Mixed Open Doubles (9): Jim Hillman/Nancy Amaro, Julie Carter/Dale Carter, Diane Bunker/Frank Bunker, Joe Gill/Karen Thurlow
Mixed A Doubles (6): Joe DeArmas/Jennifer Jaskier, Karen Lindeman/Kevin Massard, Pam Grace/John Matarrese, Cheryl Kirk/Joe Waller,
Mixed B/C Doubles (9): Tom Levis/Maureen McKay, Dorothy McDavid/Joe Quirke, Deb Szechowycz/Andre Szechowycz, Carrie Howard/George Hinton

NMRA Nationals

The Spectrum Club, Canoga Park, CA
 March 10-13, 2004

At the NMRA Nationals, Team Illinois was represented by old-timers (in playing age only!) Philip Dziuk, Greg Hasty, Dennis Healy, Lola Markus, Dave Milazzo, Frank Milazzo, Ed Stoller and Harold "Bill" Williamson. The Spectrum Club is like the East Bank Club of Southern California, immaculately clean with many fine amenities, including 22 concrete-walled courts (two with bleacher seating).

The tournament drew over 280 entrants but never ran late and was extremely well-organized by the NMRA and club staff. Many of the country's top seniors/masters players competed in the grueling 4-day round robin format of 2 games to 15 or 11, depending on the bracket.

Greg Hasty (Men's 55+) forfeited as the result of a back injury on the second day as did Frank Milazzo (Men's 50+) due to a

knee injury. Both were playing strong and won early matches before succumbing. Dennis Healy (Men's 50+) exhibited very strong four-day play and missed the championship playoff rounds by *only 1 point*, proving that even in round robin play, you can never have enough points piled up!

Lola Markus brought home the Silver in Women's 70+ and Philip Dziuk competed and placed in Men's 75+, while the team of Ed Stoller and Bill Williamson took the Bronze in Men's 65+ Doubles.

Dave Milazzo, representing Illinois in Men's 45+, made it through round robin play and into the playoffs, winning two come-from-behind nail-biting tiebreakers (11-8 & 11-10) on the glass courts to reach the Championship match versus Joe Hassey, nationally ranked #1 in Men's 45+. Milazzo, nationally ranked #3 in Men's 45+, lost a close exchange in an exciting 11-9, 11-8 match that featured nice gets all over the court by both players and

producing several long crowd-pleasing rallies. The reactions of the crowd inspired both competitors. They covered the court like two Tasmanian devils, all the while exhibiting mutual respect in sportsmanship and fair play throughout the match. Milazzo, in his Team Illinois shirt, accepted his 2nd place medal proudly.

All in all, the two national NMRA events held yearly produce new friendships through the course of the four days of back to back to back (& sometimes 4) daily matches. You become so sore that your eyebrows hurt. No one complained because national level play is at its most focused and finest point....pure fun. The NMRA holds its next event this July in West Allis, Wisconsin. For those of you, men and women alike, who want to test your endurance and playing skills, it's highly recommended you enter! For a full rundown of this tournament's results and more info on the July event, go to www.nmra.info.

— Dave Milazzo and Cheryl Kirk

Edens March Madness

Edens Athletic Club, Chicago

March 19-21, 2004

Tournament Director: Joe Gill

With plenty of hospitality, giveaways and unique awards, the Edens March Madness was once again a rousing success. Participation was up over 20% from last year's turnout and competition was fierce. The tournament started Friday evening and ran through Sunday twilight. The Junior Team Illinois tournament was held Sunday afternoon. Matches ran mostly on time, even with both Mixed and Men's Open Doubles playing entirely on Saturday.

Desmond Slusher had a busy weekend taking both the Men's A and the Men's A Doubles (with partner Jeff Grace). Jorge Ortiz ripped his way with unbelievable precision through Men's Open to take home

first place. Ben Fraga, Mark Stevenson and Mike Antonoff, Jr. took home the B's, C's, and D's through tough full draws. The Men's 45+ (also played on Saturday) was a sight to see with young Dennis McKee capturing the title.

All the players throughout the weekend expressed gratitude and appreciation for the fun time they had. All that need be said is: "thanks to all the sponsors and the volunteer staff for their support!" Come on out this fall, and bring a friend!

For all the results from March Madness, check out the box scores...

See ya on the courts,
Joe Gill

Results

Division/# entered: First, Second, Semifinals

Men's Open (8): Jorge Ortiz, John Thorson, Carlos Delgado, Joe Gill

Men's AA (3): George Pappas, Ron Calloway, Angel Khamis (3)

Men's A (10): Desmond Slusher, David Kerr, Jr., C.J. Khamis, Brandon Ritschard

Men's B (12): Ben Fraga, C.J. Khamis, Ubaldo Melo, Jim Capone

Men's C (18): Mark Stevenson, Chris Schubert, Blair Wagner, Trevor Snyders

Men's D (17): Mike Antonoff, Jr., Steven Williams, Mark Roberts, Gerardo Sulic

Men's 45+ (8): Dennis McKee, Kevin Yeazell, Jim Valenti, Mike Berdell

Men's Open Doubles (4): John Thorson/George Pappas, Fred Barbara/Bob Weber, Jorge Ortiz/Mike Berdell (3)

Men's A Doubles (6): Jeff Grace/Desmond Slusher, Frank Ball/Wil Rounsaville, David Royster/Larry Vena, John Beaulieu/Dan Pepin

Men's B/C Doubles (9): Bob Woycheese/Tom Levis, Russ Maziarka/Jim Riley, Tony Feruzza/Steve Sadowski, Jamie Nielsen/Geoff Goldblatt

Mixed Open Doubles (4): John Thorson/Barb Curran, Jorge Ortiz/Joan Vande Kieft, Joe Gill/Karen Thurlow (3)

ISRA Family News

At the USA Racquetball National Intercollegiate Championships in March, **Ben Croft** took first in Men's #1 doubles and 3rd in Men's #1 singles. His team (Colorado State) came out on top in Men's Division 1. **Andy Hawthorne** placed 2nd in Men's #1 singles behind Jack Huczek, who is currently number two on the pro tour. Andy also placed 2nd in Men's #1 doubles and second in Mixed #1 doubles. Andy's team, Baldwin-Wallace, also took first in overall points for Men's Division 2.

Leap Year Baby — Bridget and John Anaya welcomed **Alexander John** on February 29, 2004. Stats: 8 lbs 4 oz, 19 3/4 inches. Congratulations, Anayas — he's a cutie!

Patti and Pat Drendel's new pride and joy, grandson **Wyatt Drendel Borso**, arrived

(reluctantly) on March 8th at 6:58a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 12oz. and measuring 20". Said the proud grandma, "I knew it was going to be good, but this is terrific!"

Milestones in **Geoff and Deb Peters's** family — **Kara Peters** (tournament control queen extraordinaire) hit the ripe old age of 18 on March 31 and brother **Kevin** celebrated his 16th birthday (and the beginning of his driving career) on April 27. Kara will be attending American University in Washington, D.C. this fall.

Congratulations and much happiness to **Laura Morgan** and new husband **Douglas Brown** who tied the knot on May 15. And, thanks to both for volunteering their time at Glass Court and Chalet this past winter and spring — Laura showed Doug the ropes on tournament control and now they're cozily assigning matches, recruiting referees, and posting scores happily ever after!

Ladies, watch for the announcement of **Racquets for a Cure**, a one-day tri-sport (racquetball, squash, tennis) charity tournament event to be coordinated by **Chris Evon** in September. Date and location TBA... Additionally, Chris asks everyone to check the



Wyatt Drendel Borso

ISRA web site soon for an announcement regarding a Wilson Racquetball Academy with Derek Robinson this summer at Lakeshore.

Josh Weisbart, son of **Lynne and Howard**, is engaged to be married to **Vicki Ackerman** on May 29, 2005. Josh may be remembered by some from his racquetball years from

the mid 80's to the mid 90's. He still plays recreationally and tackles challenge courts in the city.

On a very serious note:

Steven "Big Cat" Williams, our ever-cheerful and enthusiastic friend who just began playing tournaments this past season, was recently diagnosed with stomach cancer. Thankfully, the disease was found in the early stages. Big Cat has undergone radiation treatments and at this writing was about to begin chemotherapy. His message to us, "I'm definitely going to beat it; I'll see everybody next season!" reflects his courage and the spirit we've already come to know and appreciate. Your thoughts, prayers, and especially your words of encouragement will hasten Big Cat's recovery. He welcomes your emails at Sjw@iowagrains.com.



Bridget, Alexander and John Anaya

Junior Team Illinois

WOW!!...What a last month or two. Our JTI team members have been very busy competing in the junior tournaments and the adult tournaments, too!

Two recent events to highlight and publicly pass along congratulations to the finalists and winners are the Junior State Tournament in Peoria and the Illinois State Singles Tournament in Willow Springs.

The Junior State Tournament was a roaring success, as it featured the awesome "Landmark Racquet and Health Club", and 37 juniors, most of whom competed in 2 or 3 divisions.

Thanks so much to Terry Sutton and Cheryl Kirk for their hard work toward making the tournament a success. In addition to racquetball, the kids had a great time with the JTI-sponsored pizza party, Cosmic Bowl, movie theater, Guess the Candy jars, the junior clinic (thanks to Kurt Mankle), raffles/door prizes, and...oh yeah...great snacks (thanks to TJ Ferro) and catered food for the players and parents.

What's a tournament without its many volunteers? In addition to those above, our sincere appreciation goes out to Teresa Plymale, Brenda White, Giulia Wuttke, Scott Sutton, Jim Maroon, Mike Vicary, Pat Armstrong, Greg Hasty, Carol Bury, Pam Snyders, Marian Woycheese, Nicki Egan, Oliver Antonoff, and Steve Kelly – you were awesome!

The Illinois State Singles Tournament also had a good turnout of Juniors who wreaked havoc in the adult divisions. Angel Khamis took Men's A, Geoff Goldblatt dominated Men's C, and Kevin Schulz won the Men's D division!

A huge thanks to Janet Eminger for coordinating volunteers for the JTI fundraiser held at this tournament. There were lots of sweets and a raffle. Thanks to all of you who made a donation. Rest assured the needed funds will go to the development of more juniors in this great sport of ours.

The Dvorak Award was presented at the Illinois State Tournament banquet. For those

of you unfamiliar with the late James Dvorak, he was an individual who loved the game of racquetball and especially loved to watch the kids play. Through his family, he had asked that donations be made via the ISRA to a deserving junior player who exhibited high standards in the areas of racquetball, sportsmanship, community service, and scholastic achievement.

We had a great group of kids up for consideration, so it was a difficult decision. The winner of \$250 was awarded to Kevin Schulz. (Yes, he was also the winner of the Men's D division at this tournament.) What a weekend for Kevin! Well deserved...congrats again, Kevin!

As JTI moves ahead to the last leg of this season, we look forward to two JTI clinics to get the team focused on Nationals and then the Grand Finale...The Nationals, to be held at the end of June in Wisconsin.

— Chuck Snyders

ISRA Junior State Singles and Doubles

March 27-28, 2004

Landmark Racquet Club, Peoria

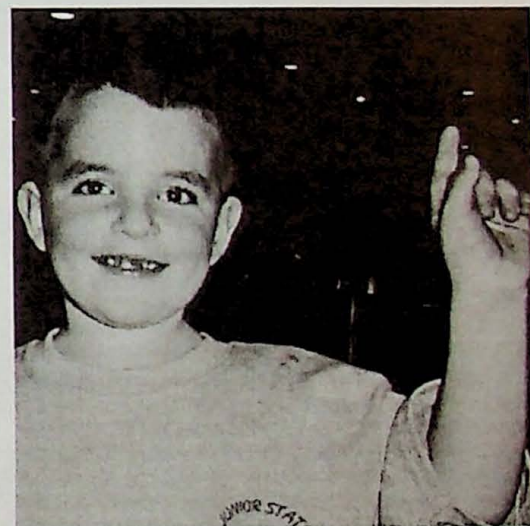
Results

Division/# entered: First, Second, Semifinals,

Boys 18 & Under (8): Angel Khamis, Brandon Ritschard, Chris Muruato, Jake Sutton
Boys 16 & Under (13): Angel Khamis, Brandon Ritschard, Geoff Goldblatt, Joey Limonciello
Boys 14 & Under (17): Geoff Goldblatt, Trevor Snyders, Kevin Schulz, Joey Limonciello
Boys 12 & Under (8): Trevor Snyders, Nick Loy, Kyle Sutton, Matt Loy
10 & Under (5): Erich Schubert, Austin Coslow, Derek Carter (3)
Boys 8 & Under: Austin Coslow
6/8 & Under Multi (3): Austin Coslow, Katina Wuttke, Aaron Hagemann
Boys 6 & Under Multi: Aaron Hagemann

Girls 16 & Under (2): Erin Egan, Kelly Woycheese
Girls 14 & Under: Kelly Woycheese
Girls 12 & Under: Kasey Carter
Girls 10 & Under: Rachel Hagemann
Girls 8 & Under: Katina Wuttke

Boys 18 & Under Doubles (2): R.J. Mercer/Jake Sutton, Jason Young/Scott Moore
Boys 16 & Under Doubles (4): Brandon Ritschard/Geoff Goldblatt, Chris Schubert/Mike Antonoff, Ken Brown/Chris Muruato (3)
Boys 14 & Under Doubles (4): Joey Limonciello/Kevin Schulz, Kelly Woycheese/Vince Carvallo, Kyle Sutton/Michael McDowell (3), Spencer Graves/Andrew Hagemann (4)
Boys 12 & Under Doubles (5): Mike Wuttke/Trevor Snyders, Nick Loy/Matt Loy, Kasey Carter/Kyle Sutton (3)



Aaron Hagemann: "My next match is at... 1:00!"



Tournament Director Terry Sutton with Angel Khamis and Brandon Ritschard



Derek & Kasey Carter



Vince Carvallo and Kelly Woycheese

Minor and Molitor Capture Top Honors at State Singles !

Keith Minor and Liz Molitor emerged as the top dogs at the State Singles Championships held the first weekend of April at the Chalet. Each took the Open Division and repeated their wins in their respective age groups - the Men's 30/35 for Keith and the Women's 45 for Liz. Other double winners included Joan Vande Kieft in the Women's A and 50A, Cheryl Kirk in the Women's B and 45B/C, and Corey Engel in the Men's B and 35B.



Rich Clay and Ken Yahiro review Silent Auction bids

This may be known as the year that the Junior Team became a force at the State Championships. The Juniors had just completed their own State Championships the prior weekend in Peoria, and the practice showed. Angel Khamis exhibited some great shots and savvy court play to go with his youth and speed as he dominated a tough Men's A division and qualified to play Open next year. Geoff Goldblatt and Kevin Schulz, both regular JTI members, took the Men's C and D divisions against large, deep draws and several other junior players, including Trevor Snyders, Jason Young and Chris Schubert played well into the weekend.

When all was said and done, there were many familiar faces on the podium as well. Ageless Tony Lang, playing in front of his home club members, took the Men's 70+ and 75+ titles and was honored on Saturday night at the first annual ISRA banquet along with the runner-up in the 70's - Max Call, and the second place finisher in the 75's - Ken Yahiro. Marshall Waldo returned to win the 60+, Bill Williamson traveled from Champaign to

take the 65's, and the Men's 40-55 divisions were dominated by perennial winners Bill Lyman, Dave Milazzo (Player of the Year), Gregg Mandell and Dennis McKee. Each of these gentlemen will be threats to win the Regionals at the The Glass Court, and perhaps the National Singles Championships in Houston as well.

On the ladies' side, Shelley Stuart took the Women's C and Janet Christie the D division, while Kathy Ruzyski and Lola Markus had no peers in the women's age divisions!

On Saturday night, we held the first-ever ISRA banquet upstairs at the Chalet and sat down to a catered buffet, live entertainment, prize raffle, and of course the ISRA Annual Awards (article on page 14 of this issue). For those of you who didn't make it, you missed a great time and some really excellent food, dominated by the JTI-sponsored sweet table for dessert. The JTI moms (and we suspect some of the kids), baked and donated some great treats for everyone! We hope to make the banquet an annual event, but want to hear your feedback on whether to keep it next year. It is a lot of extra work for the tournament staff - and of course it meant that we shut down the play early on Saturday night (wasn't that great for those with Sunday 8 am matches!). So, let us know on the ISRA website, or talk with Board members and register your feedback!

The ISRA wishes to thank all of our sponsors for this tournament. Our friends at Keebler, Cub Foods, B&A Beverage representing RC Cola, Entenmenn's, Jays, Frito Lay, Wilson, Head/Penn, Ektelon, and Hostess as well as Joe Keane and TJ Ferro are critical to providing you with a great tournament at nominal cost. In addition, the volunteers who worked the tournament — Jeff and Pam Grace; Chuck, Pam and Trevor Snyders; Laura Morgan, Doug Brown, John Thorson, Bill Williamson, Rich Clay, Doug and Michelle Halverson; Patrice Calvi, Tom Utterback, Susan Antonoff and Mike Antonoff, Jr.; Mike Davern, Lynne Weisbart, Gay Kenna, Joan Vande Kieft and Lynn Yeazell; Janet Eminger, Nicki Egan, Randy Schulz and Maria Limonciello - were great all weekend. A special thanks goes to two people who worked many hours to make it all happen - Laurel Davis and Cheryl Kirk - as



Pete Shesek to Justin Yeazell: "Wanna learn to be a ref?"

well as the great staff at Chalet: Barb Denton, Rosalyn Wendt and Denise Will who work with the ISRA to make it a win-win event for everyone!

— Geoff Peters, Tournament Director

Results

Division/# entered, First, Second, Semifinals

Men's Open (13): Keith Minor, Tony Marquez, Scott Koburi, Steve Lloyd

Men's AA (3): Joe Gill, Carlos Delgado, Glen Davis



Lola Markus with husband and #1 fan Ray

Men's A (14): Angel Khamis, Robert Dunlap, Rich Wells, Vito Rubiano

Men's B (18): Corey Engel, Desmond Slusher, George Kleber, Michael Mulcahy

Men's C (24): Geoff Goldblatt, Chris Schubert, Michael Ryan, Juan Martinez

Men's D (21): Kevin Schulz, Bryan Tubbs, Trevor Snyders, Dave Grigsby

Men's 30+ (7): Keith Minor, Tony Marquez, John Thorson, Carlos Delgado

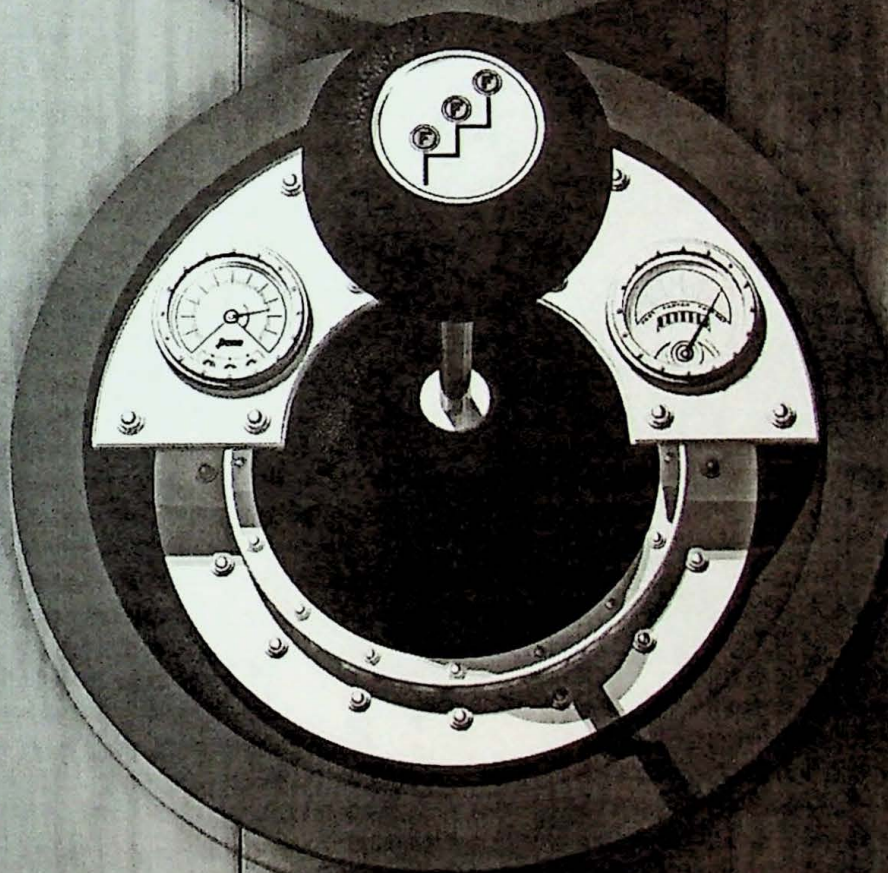
Men's 35+ (6): Keith Minor, Tony Marquez, John Thorson

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Men's 40+ (8): Bill Lyman, Lem Rowans, Scott Koburi, Brian Castillo
Men's 45+ (13): Dave Milazzo, Steve Lloyd, Winston Cole, Chuck Snyders
Men's 50+ (9): Gregg Mandell, Dennis Healy, Len Restaino, Horace Miller
Men's 55+ (8): Dennis McKee, Horace Miller, Joe Silius, Frank Rusch
Men's 60+ (6): Marshall Waldo, Pat Taylor, Don Davis, Harold Williamson
Men's 65+ (4): Harold Williamson, Don Davis, John Ramsay, Ysmael Padilla
Men's 70+ (3): Tony Lang, Max Call, Ken Yahiro
Men's 75+ (2): Tony Lang, Ken Yahiro
Men's 25+ A (5): Eric Battaglia, Tony Rosselli, Rich Wells (3)

Men's 30+ A (4): Eric Battaglia, Tony Rosselli, Rich Wells (3)
Men's 35+ A: Eric Battaglia
Men's 35+ B (4): Corey Engel, John Puccio, Ray Shimizu (3)
Men's 30+ C (3): Juan Martinez, Gerardo Sulic, Steven Williams
Men's 35+ C (2): Juan Martinez, Steven Williams
Men's 40+ A (8): Ubaldo Melo, John Mason, Robert Dunlap, Frank Ball
Men's 45+ A (7): John Mason, Robert Dunlap, Frank Ball
Men's 40+ B (5): Joe Keane, Mike Moran, Jon Soike (3)
Men's 45+ B (2): Ken Curry, Randy Ems
Men's 40+ C (5): Royce Simpson, Carlos Merino, Lee Scoville
Men's 45+ C (2): Lee Scoville, Efen Perez, Sr.



Central Illinois medalists Shelley Stewart, Liz Anderson, and Tony Marquez

Men's 50+ A (8): Jim Elliott, Michael Melber, Randy Ashton, Jeff Grace
Men's 55+ A (5): Michael Melber
Men's 60+ A: John Talty
Men's 50+ B (5): George Kleber, Len Schultz, Sam Cibula, John Talty
Men's 60+ B: John Talty
Men's 50+ C (6): Dave Grigsby, Alberto Palacios, Bob Woycheese, Sal Oliver
Men's 55+ C (2): Alberto Palacios, George Smuckel
Men's 60+ C (3): Alberto Palacios, Al Basile, Mike Oester

Women's Open (5): Liz Molitor, Laurel Davis, Ellen Somberg (3)
Women's A (5): Joan Vande Kieft, Pam Grace, Carolyn Watkins (3)
Women's B (6): Cheryl Kirk, Kelly Carson, Carolyn Watkins, Shelley



Laurel congratulates Men's 50+ champ Gregg Mandell

Women's C (2): Shelley Stewart, Erin Egan
Women's D (2): Janet Christie, Kelly Woycheese
Women's 40+ (4): Liz Molitor, Ellen Somberg, Diane Bunker (3)
Women's 45+ (2): Liz Molitor, Kathy Ruzyski
Women's 50+: Kathy Ruzyski
Women's 45+ B (4): Cheryl Kirk, Lola Markus, Janet Christie (3)
Women's 45+ C: Janet Christie
Women's 55+ B (2): Lola Markus, Elizabeth Anderson
Women's 70+: Lola Markus
Women's 50+ A (3): Joan Vande Kieft, Pam Grace, Lynne Weisbart

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ISRA Top Players and Contributors Recognized at Illinois State Singles

The Chalet Club, site of ISRA State Singles, was also our host for the ISRA Annual Awards Ceremony on April 3, 2004. ISRA President Laurel Davis conducted the proceedings, recognizing the 2003 Male and Female Players of the Year and Most Improved Player; the 2004 Distinguished Service Award recipient; and the Dvorak Junior Award winner (for the latter, see the JTI article on page 9 of this issue). A large and appreciative crowd was on hand to view the ceremony at the first-ever ISRA State Singles banquet. Congratulations to both the winners and the nominees!

Distinguished Service Award – Patrice Calvi

As a valued member of the ISRA Board, **Patrice Calvi** has taken on the challenging task of staffing ISRA tournament events. No matter what the obstacles, Patrice pursues people until she is able to find the staff members who will make an event run successfully. Finding helpers is often a thankless exercise and can take many hours. Her tenacity is very much appreciated by tournament directors, club owners, and volunteers alike. Additionally, Patrice has made it her personal goal to do whatever she can to ensure that our members enjoy themselves when attending an ISRA event.

Patrice takes her responsibilities with the Board seriously. She attends the sched-



Laurel congratulates Most Improved Player nominees Janet Eminger, Erin Egan, Geoff Goldblatt, Chris Schubert, and Trevor Snyders

uled meetings and has made an effort to make the Board stronger by attracting new members to the governing and auxiliary boards. Patrice, what would we do without you?

Fellow Nominees: Doug Halverson, Dave Negrete and John O'Donnell, Jr.

Female Player of the Year – Liz Molitor

Congratulations to **Liz Molitor** on winning this award for the second year in a row! Liz has worked very hard over the last couple of years to raise the level of her game and it certainly shows in the results. She places first or second in nearly every tournament she enters. In addition, Liz is

a role model for the sport of racquetball — she is a fair player and displays a pleasant court demeanor. She works to ensure the future of the game by teaching and coaching some of our JTI players, serving as scorekeeper for the ISRA Travel League and volunteering at tournaments.

Fellow Nominees: Lola Markus and Carolyn Watkins

Male Player of the Year – Dave Milazzo

Check out these results!: Revie Sorey, ISRA State Singles; USRA Regionals; Midwest Seniors/Masters, Halloween, Turkey

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Congratulations to Kevin Schulz, first Dvorak Award winner!



Dvorak Award candidates Geoff Goldblatt, Jason Young, Kelly Woycheese and Brandon Ritschard

Shoot – Men's 45+ Champion in each and every one. Oh, and a mere *bronze* in the National Masters tourney! **Dave Milazzo** dominates every division he enters. He's ranked #3 nationally in Men's 45+ and has represented Illinois well for many years. An old-timer?

Hmmm...we've seen much younger players cower at the mention of his name! A true gentleman and sportsman as well, many congratulations go to Dave on this well-deserved recognition of his hard work and success in racquetball.

Fellow Nominees: John O'Donnell, Jr. and Desmond Slusher

Most Improved Players — Adrian Beltramino and Carolyn Watkins

Adrian Beltramino began his short but illustrious Illinois tournament career last year as a Men's D competitor at the Shamrock Shootout, placing first in a draw of 44. After taking first again at ISRA State Singles in the D's, he won the Regionals in C's, Summerfest, Edens Fall Classic and BR Ryall in B's, and finished out the year as a full-draw winner at the Turkey Shoot in Men's A, earning a place with the big boys in Men's Open in the 2004-2005 season. Alas, the second chapter will never be read...we hear Adrian is now beating up on players in Florida. Good luck, Adrian — we loved watching you play!

In her first full season, beyond her significant success in local tournaments, **Carolyn Watkins** took first in Women's D and Women's 30+ C/D at National Singles in 2003. At the US Open, she placed 1st in Women's 24/25+ C and 3rd in Women's C. One of Carolyn Watkins's two nominations for this award read: "With hard work and determination, Carolyn has risen from a C/D player to a B player within a year. She has attended national tournaments and placed well to become nationally ranked in both skill and age/skill divisions. She is both a friend and an inspiration on and off the court."

Fellow Nominees: Sym Colovos, Erin Egan, Janet Eminger, Geoff Goldblatt, Vito Rubiano, Chris Schubert, Trevor Snyders

Congratulations once more to these deserving award winners and nominees!

—The ISRA Officers and Board of Directors

Oak Park YMCA Spring Fever Tournament

On March 6, 2004, the Oak Park YMCA held its annual Spring Fever racquetball tournament. This round robin style event guarantees a lot of matches for the players: matches are played 2 games to 15 points with a bonus point for winning each match.

Since renovating their courts in the summer of 2003, the Oak Park YMCA has received many favorable comments from players who have played both of their tournaments. Improved air circulation, brighter lights and freshly painted walls have contributed to an extremely pleasant and fun place to play. Check out the Oak Park "Y" on their challenge court days...

As always, the Oak Park YMCA gives a

player a lot of "bang for the buck". The tournament features one of the lowest entry fees in the area and the convenience of a one-day format. The "Y" also provides lunch for all the players.

Congratulations to the winners:

Men's A – Scott Galaas
Men's B – Keith Brown
Men's C – John Heck
Men's D – Luke Thornton

Scott Galaas, Tim Evans and the rest of the staff thank all of the players who came out this year to support their tournaments and invite everyone back next season beginning with their Fall Classic.

— Keith Brown

Illinois Travels West to Iowa

Team Illinois juniors and parents participated in the Oakmoor Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa on the weekend of March 5th - 7th. Many from the Illinois contingent met at the B.R. Ryall YMCA and caravanned to the tournament. Fourteen juniors and 5 parents competed.

Following are the junior results:

Junior Divisions

Katina Wuttke - 1st Multibounce
Joey Eminger - 2nd in ages 9 - 11
Gino Wuttke - 2nd in ages 12 - 14
Kelly Woycheese - 4th in ages 12 - 14

Adult Divisions

Geoff Goldblatt - 2nd Place in Men's B Consolation
Trevor Snyders - Champion in Men's C
Kevin Schulz - Champion in Men's D

Gino Wuttke - Champion in Men's D Consolation
Michael Wuttke - 2nd Place in Men's D Consolation

Our other juniors competing were Erin Egan, Joey Limonciello, Jeff Novak, Brandon Ritschard, Jason Young and Peter Young.

The adults didn't do badly either! Sean Nelson took 2nd Place in Men's A and Chuck Snyders won Masters (45+). Other adults competing were Randy Schulz, Pam Snyders and Dick Goldblatt.

There was a huge turnout for this tournament. Every division had a full draw and the competition came from Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. We all had a great time and are looking forward to next year's competition.

— Pam Snyders

Annual Meeting Reminder – June 9, 2004

As announced in the March/April 2004 ISRA Newsletter, the Annual Meeting of the ISRA Board will take place on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at 7:00 pm 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 member-

ship; however, this session is particularly important since all members attending have a vote in the election of the ISRA Board of Directors. If you've ever wondered what's discussed at a Board meeting and/or have a desire to become more involved in Illinois racquetball, this would be a great place to start!



2004 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

For updates or edits to the ISRA Tournament Calendar,
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July 21 - 24

NMRA International Masters
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July 30 - August 1

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August 14 - 15

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August 31 - September 4

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Thursdays
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Saturdays 8 a.m. - Noon
\$15 One-Day
Guest Pass

**Landmark Health
& Racquetball**
309-685-8200
Peoria, IL
First & Third
Fridays of Month
6-8 p.m.
\$5.00

The Southlake Club
847-949-8180
Saturdays
10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
\$10.00 for
ISRA members
(with membership card)

**Courts Plus
(Elmhurst Park District)**
630-833-5064
Saturdays
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Members \$3,
non-members \$10

Oak Park YMCA
708-383-5200
Wed. 7-8 p.m.,
Thurs. 2-4 p.m.,
Sat 8-10 a.m.
Free to Y members,
\$9 for non-members

**Lakeshore Athletic Club -
Downtown**
312-644-4880
Chicago, IL
Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Members free,
Non-Members \$12

Edens Athletic Club
773-286-6700
Saturdays 12-3 p.m.
\$8 for ISRA members
(with membership card)

**Palos Olympic Health
& Racquet Club**
708-974-1900
Thursdays 6 - 8:30 p.m.
\$5.00

**Tinley Park Park District
Fitness Center**
708-532-8899
Thursdays 5-8 p.m.
Saturdays Noon - 3 p.m.
Members free
Residents \$8
Non-Residents \$12

To add your club to this list, contact:
Lynne Weisbart 847-732-7245

Central Illinois Tournament Calendar

August 21
"Splat N Spash"
Springfield
Racquet
& Fitness
Karin,
Bob, Steve
(217) 787-2460

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