



ILLINOIS STATE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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1994 STATE DOUBLES SEES LOWEST TURNOUT

A meager 240 players, truly the hard core of Illinois tournament racquetball, competed at Glass Court and Hillside Racquet Club, February 3 - 6. Congratulations to Tony Cosmano and Doug Peterson for an impressive win in the Men's Open. This, after warming up by coming in (a very close) second in the Men's 30/35+. Well done, guys, that's tough racquetball. (See other results inside.)

So, where did all the players go? The answer is nowhere. They just decided to sit out the State Championship, and there were a lot of good players absent. The 1993 and 1994 results have very few names in common.

Why? One reason seems to be a disturbing trend for many players to skip tournaments unless it directly benefits their club (or damages another). Last year at State Doubles, Excel Club (and the ISRA) were victims of a mini-boycott over a personnel issue that nobody really understood, and was no one's business anyway. Many players quietly lobbied others to pass up the 1993 Doubles, and I would like some of those mis-guided zealots to tell me how that helped the game. (It'll be interesting to see who walks up and says: "I had nothing to do with that.")

But that's only part of it. Reality check: Organized racquetball around the country is down, and it seems particularly weak in the Chicago area. There are some downstate clubs where racquetball is very popular, but it's popular as a social device, where people meet for a friendly game and pizza, and they couldn't care less about a kill-or-be-killed weekend. Of course, that's usually in towns where they don't bother to lock doors, where people always say "thank you", and desperately try to avoid travel north of Kankakee.

We know that racquetball was oversold and overbuilt in the seventies. Then the yuppies discovered the big lie: *that racquetball really is not a fitness tool. You cannot get in shape by playing racquetball; you have to be in shape to play racquetball.* Most 20's to 40's today are too busy making financial ends meet to worry about a game. They want a quick fitness tool. Something that will keep them one step ahead of the shrink and the

cardiologist, not a game with a score or strategy or thinking attached.

Racquetball is at the end of a twenty year period that has seen women players almost quit the game altogether, and everybody else just getting older with little replacement at the young end. Juniors? The late Alvin Barasch always held that "grass-roots" development was the key to racquetball's future. But, if a young player shows any exceptional athletic talent, he or she is usually steered to "major" sports by high school coaches who have their own agendas. Except for isolated pockets of intense interest, juniors racquetball is pathetic, and it's a shame.

Good clubs, like Glass Court, Woodfield and Hillside, that actually promote racquetball, are an endangered species. Most are converting courts for batting cages, aerobics, or golf nets (and friends, golf is a dear subject to me), but it's got to stop or there won't be any viable tournament sites left. Hey folks, do you want State Tournaments? Do you want a competitive sport? Do you want a volunteer organization? Maybe all people want is Nautilus and stair climbers, Wallyball and a bar. Factoid: The volunteer effort for a 150 player draw is about the same as a 750 draw, so a seemingly indifferent and shrinking member base is not the best way to motivate workers.

Okay, when you cut through all the generalized clutter, the reality emerges that this game of racquetball will never be as popular as a host of others. Why? Because *it's not easy.* Because there's no real money in it, for anybody. Because you have to spend a half million dollars for two people to have fun, when a vacant lot will serve fifty soccer kickers.

The real tragedy is that Racquetball is a lousy television sport. Thanks to the equipment manufacturers' determination to challenge Mach 1, the ball can be seen only during a lob serve. Even when watching live on a stadium glass court, there are only a few seats that afford a really good view. This is not the formula that

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, it has been quite sometime since I have tried to expound on the virtues of Illinois racquetball. Since the last time a lot has happened; the death of a dear friend of racquetball, the coming and going of the Revie Sorey Celebrity Classic and the 1994 Illinois State Doubles Championships sped by. Before you knew it, the 1993/1994 racquetball season was heading into the final turn, the Illinois State Singles Championships.

But like all good thrillers, this is only the anti-climax, or the plateau leading to the actual final blow, the U.S. National Singles Championships in Houston at the end of May. There is still a lot to look forward to this late in the season, especially when you have the Shamrock Shootout, the Adult Regional Qualifying and the Greater Chicago Open. Just to sweeten the deal, the AARA has thrown a wrench into the fray...the first ever Skill Division National Championships at the City Square Athletic Club in mid July.

Enclosed in this issue, you will find a special survey. As the President, I would like to know your opinion on a few subjects that directly relate to the ISRA and the needs of the membership. Please take a few moments to fill out and return to the address listed. Your participation will go a long way to helping us develop programs that will benefit you the member in the future.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the court.

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entices ESPN. Doesn't it gripe the daylights out of you, that sports viewers see more jet ski races, and those moronic tractor pulls, than racquetball?

Now, *this* will really get them steamed in Colorado Springs; In my opinion, the effort to make racquetball an Olympic Sport has been a stupid waste of money, time and effort that could better be used to promote this sport to the average recreational player. That once-a-week C and D league player, who's fuzzy on rules and wields a \$39.95 racquet is our only chance for salvation, *because it is that player who supports the club structure so essential to the sport.*

Racquetball would be far better off if the National Board (and those glossy hired executives) would abandon the Olympic nonsense and confront the reality which devoted handball and squash players have cheerfully accepted about *their* blessed sports; that racquetball is a game designed for the players. Not promoters, not sponsors, not TV, and not for blow-dried opportunists who see it as a big rung on the ladder to the U.S Olympic Committee.

Bill Piggott

ISRA TRAVEL LEAGUE

The party's over—well almost. We are getting near the end of the season and competition is really heating up. Remember, there will be playoffs in the Men's A and Men's B Divisions to determine the City Champion. The top four teams will be eligible in each division with the format being 3 singles and 1 doubles match.

When playoffs are finished we will know who has the best team, BUT who is really the best A, B, or C player??? Come and find out at the I.S.R.A./EKTELON TRAVEL TEAM TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. This event will be hosted by the Glass Court in Lombard. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9. Singles will be in the morning and doubles play will be in the afternoon. The number of entries will determine if it will be a round robin or tournament draw. Winners of each division will get a chance to play Lynn Adams (to bring you back to reality). In the evening there will be dinner, DJ, awards presentation, and Grand Prize Ektelon Raffle. So, you want to know how much this gala event will cost—only \$10.00 for one division, \$12.00 for two divisions, or if you're sick of racquetball and just want to eat and party, it is only \$4.00. To sign up or for more information please call Diane DeArmas at the Glass Court, 708-629-3390.

And for the diehard daytime teams, we will also be holding a season end party at the Glass Court on Tuesday, March 22. The round robin will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon with luncheon to follow. The cost is \$8.00 per person which includes round robin, lunch, prizes, raffle and nursery services. To reserve your spot please call Diane DeArmas at the Glass Court 708-629-3390.

All team divisions will be awarded 1st and 2nd place prizes as well as team placques for first place and City Champion at these parties. For more information please call Lori Kaiser at 708-837-9152.

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STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 7TH.

MEN'S A DIVISION

NORTH		SOUTH	
1. Lattof	1868-.88	1. Aurora	1883-.88
2. Glass	1693-.86	2. Healthy	1645-.84
3. Hillside	1482-.82	3. Westmont	1583-.80
4. Southlake	1586-.81	4. Naper	1412-.78
5. Woodfield I	1649-.77	5. Glass	1648-.77
6. Bloomingdale	1216-.67	6. Wheaton	1285-.71
7. Woodfield II	1262-.64	7. Chalet	1157-.59

MEN'S B DIVISION

NORTH		SOUTH	
1. Woodfield	1540-.85	1. Hillside	2011-.88
2. Bloomingdale	1488-.82	2. Westmont	2129-.87
3. Excel	1382-.82	3. Naperville	1960-.80
4. Edens	1429-.79	4. Wheaton	1761-.77
5. Logan Square	1381-.77	5. Courts Plus	1778-.72
6. Marriott	1104-.67	6. Evergreen	1765-.72

MEN'S C DIVISION

1. Lehman	2173-.88	5. Richport	1837-.75
2. Edens	2117-.86	6. Logan	1547-.73
3. Lemont	2085-.85	7. Hanover Park	1766-.72
4. Lattof	1104-.67	8. Courts Plus	1026-.42

WOMEN'S OPEN/A DAY

1. Glass	1689-.86
2. Woodfield	1317-.73
3. Westmont	1279-.71
4. Naper	1358-.69
5. Glass	815-.60

WOMEN'S OPEN/A NIGHT

1. Wheaton	1321-.89
2. Lattof	1277-.87
3. Glass	893-.66
4. Southlake	804-.65

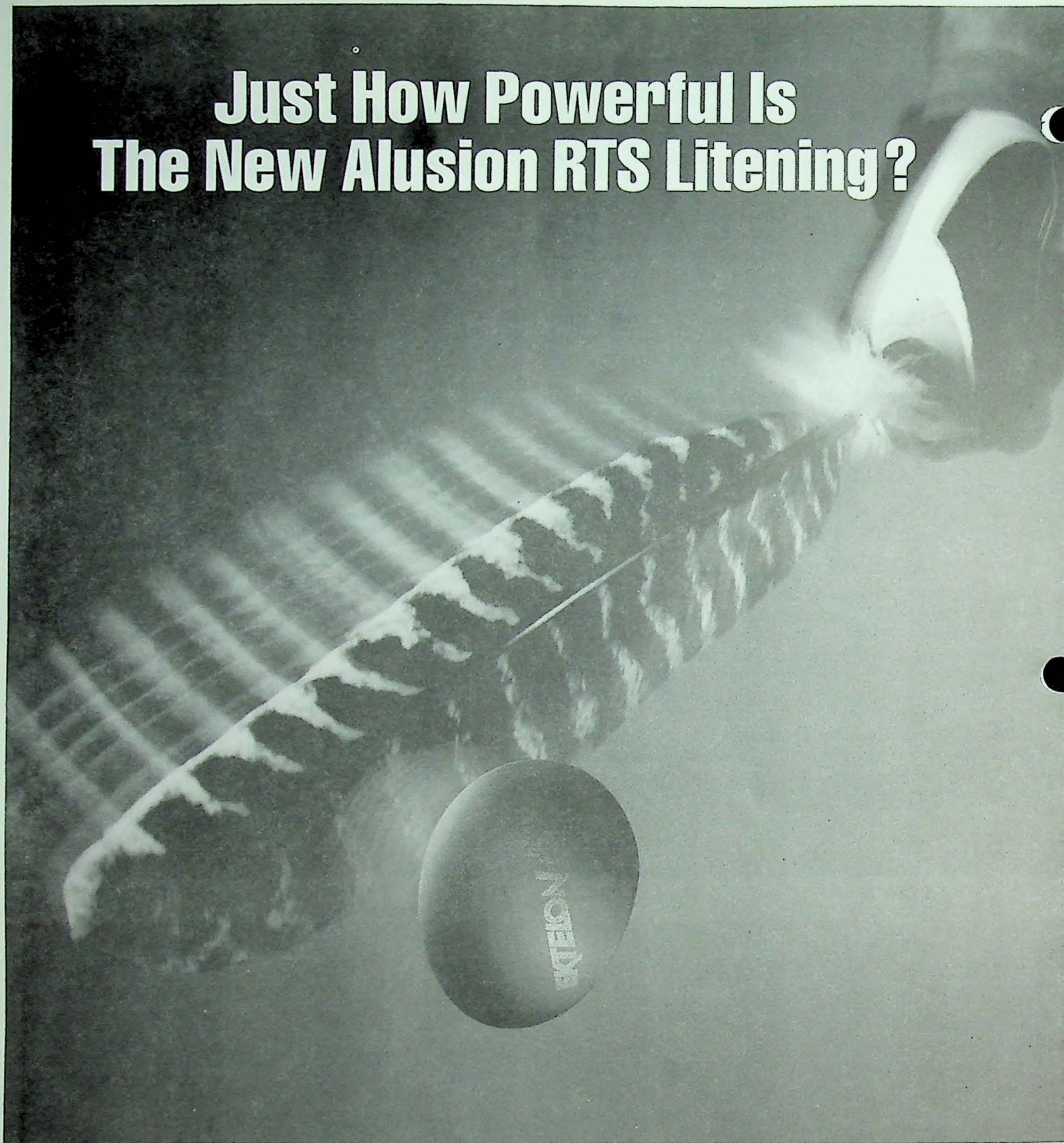
WOMEN'S B DIVISION

1. Woodfield	2157-.88
2. Naperville	1900-.83
3. Glass I	1764-.77
4. Glass II	1717-.75
5. Schaumburg	1577-.64
6. Buehler	1506-.57

WOMEN'S B & BELOW

1. Edens	2113-.92
2. Glass	1763-.77
3. Woodfield	1671-.73
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SIU SALUKI OPEN

If you would have asked the majority of the players how they liked the tournament, which I did, they gave us the "thumbs up" sign. The saw top players, such as Scott Reiff, Jimmy Lowe, Brett Parker, Jim Jeffers, Carrie Healey and Ellie Morgan play some great matches. They also enjoyed the great facility that the SIU Recreation Building has to offer, as well as plenty of food and drinks. Now, if you had asked me on Sunday evening as a Tournament Director if I would be back next year, I probably would have said, NO WAY.

In a matter of 72 hours, I dealt with three injured players, which required time spent in the emergency room. Of those injuries, there was one bruised kidney, two knee injuries and one black eye.

Because of the temperature and humidity outside, the courts were slick, so to alleviate the problem we rotated large floor fans between matches to keep the floors dry and safe.

Sunday at 1:30 a.m., thirty minutes after my head had hit the pillow, I got a call from the SIU Security Police saying they had three of our tournament players in custody at the Recreation Building. These three players of which their names will remain anonymous, had permission to stay overnight in the Alumni Lounge. But, two of them got locked out of the building after 12:00 a.m.. As they were attempting to get back in, the Security Police came along, and as they say, the rest is history. With the situation handled, I finally returned to bed at 2:15 a.m..

By 7:00 a.m., the highways were flooding from the continuous rain overnight. When I reached the Recreation Building, I called home and told my house guests that they had better leave soon or they might have to swim in. Two of the three made it O.K., but Ellie Morgan and my youngest son Collin had quite an adventure. Ellie owns a small Honda, and three tries on three different routes finally got them to Carbondale. By the time they made it, all the highways were closed due to the flooding. Before the day was over on that soggy Sunday, I found my car floating across the parking lot thanks to the over ten inches of rain.

I did decide however after the tournament was over, that I am either totally crazy or I truly love the game, because believe it or not I did not enjoy myself. To all the players who have never helped with a tournament or who has never been a tournament director before, PLEASE be kind to those running the event, because there is always more going on behind the scene than you are aware of.

One last point: Special thanks are in order for Mike Dunn and Bill McMinn of the SIU Student Recreation Building of Carbondale for all their support and for catering to the tournaments' every need.

*Carol Bastien
Carbondale*

'94 NATIONAL WOMEN'S SENIOR/ MASTERS RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Illinois players Pat Tarzon of Oak Park, Lola Markus, Margaret Hoff and Nancy Kronenfeld all of Park Ridge and Bev Powell of Lovington made the trip to Jacksonville, Florida for the 5th Annual National Women's Senior/Masters Racquetball Championships, January 28-29. The draw in this year's competition was the largest to date with players from coast to coast. Everyone saw some excellent Women's Senior/Masters matches and enjoyed the warm Florida weather.

The tournament was held at the Racquetpower Health and Fitness Club, with Mary Lyons as Tournament Director. Caryn McKinney of Atlanta, GA came as a special guest to talk and share racquetball with those attending.

Illinois had two placing in the top 4 in their divisions: Lola Markus - 2nd Place and Bev Powell - 4th Place.

Serving on the Women's National Senior/Master Council from Illinois are Laurel Davis, Bev Powell, Nancy Kronenfeld and newly elected member, Lola Markus.

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Phil Schmitt & Al Ramirez (Men's 35/45+ 1st)



Joe Sillus & Dennis Cassidy (Men's 40/45+ 1st)



Herbert J. Walberg III & Mike Burns (Men's A 1st)



Herb Grigg & Bruce Nelson (Men's 40/45+ 2nd)



T.J. Ferro & Andy Bonnano (Men's B 1st)



Chuck Rupsis & Chuck Snyders (Men's A 2nd)



Tom Baxa & Pete Stopinski (Men's 35/45/1+ 2nd)

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Pat Jennings



Marty Maranda & Pamela Blakely (1st)

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Glass

Tournament Director

MEN'S OPEN (8) 1-Tony Cosmano & D. John Baumeister, S-Andy Pitcock & Todd & Herbert J. Walberg III (*), 2-Chuck Rupsis & S-Bill Baumgartner and Tim Brown, C- & Tom Ferro, 2-Dave Becker & Michael C-Mike Brown & Dennis Kelly. **MEN'S 30/35+** 1-Bill Lyman & Larry Hill, S-Steve MacInnes & Andy F. Zwyers. **MEN'S 30/35+ (9)** 1-Bill Lyman & Larry Hill, S-Steve MacInnes & Andy F. McGee & Lee Cherry. C- Kevin Canfield Sillus., 2-Herb Grigg & Bruce Nelson & Olson, C-Michael Goodyear & Scott Johnson, 2-John Rapp & Joe Winkel, C-None.

WOMEN'S A (7) 1-Pat Jennings & Karen Dunham, S-Tammy Houk & Liz Molitor, & Pam Blakely, 2-Kathleen Guy & Cunningham & Debbie Windisch, C-F. Sharlyn Pope, 2-Pam Schell & Mary Ze Kirk. C-Krystal Csuk & Cheryl Kirk.

MIXED A (12) 1-Karen Daniel & Delme DeArmas, S-, Marla Cusano & Dale Co & David Stonebeck(*), 2-Lynne Weisbeck & Vince Toepper, C-Pam Csuk & Sandi McIntyre & Jim Rodgers, S-Che Jaskier & Eric Rieman. **MIXED 30/35+** Spix, S-Megan O' Malley & Tim St. Clair Peters. **MIXED 40/45+** (10) 1-Laurel D. Cassidy & Carol Lisson, S-Erhard Grue

Teams marked (*) must move up to 1st Player Eligibility Rule Adopted May 1

STATE DOUBLES

1994



Karen Daniel (Women's A 1st)



Kathleen Guy & Bernie Litton (Women's B 2nd)

ISRA STATE DOUBLES

Mount & Hillside Racquet Club

February 4,5,6, 1994

Directors: Bill Piggott & Diane Ogradowski

Doug Peterson, 2- Keith Minor & Rick Ricksecker, S-Bob Clar & Steve Stevens, C-Larry Hill & Brian Stuert. **MEN'S A (18)** 1-Mike Burns & Tom Cosis & Chuck Snyders, S-Howad Spaeth, Jr. & Alex Spaeth, S-Joe DeArmas & Mike Curcio. **MEN'S B (11)** 1-Andy Bonanno & Tom Beckman, S-Tom Fehsel & Dan Junis, S-Tom Kato & Pete Nagel, S-Tom (14) 1-Mike Kukulinski & Mike Lane, 2-Scott Johnson & Jeff Gilmer, S-Rick Kellog & Bob Bennett, C-Chris Mitchell & Ken Connolly, 2-Tony Cosmano & Doug Peterson, S-Bob Clar & Bob Clark, C-Rich Clay & Jim Laskero. **MEN'S 35/45+ INTERMEDIATE** 1-Baxa & Pete Stopinski, S-Bob Bennett & Ray Willis, S-Willie & Larry Zakosek. **MEN'S 40/45+** (13) 1-Dennis Cassidy & Joe Restaino & Rick Ricksecker, S-Gregg Mandell & David Klingberg. **MEN'S 50/55+** (6) 1-Erhard Gruenwald & Ron Petryca & Jim Russell, S-Jerry Iafollo & Vince Toepper,

1-Karen Daniel, 2- Jan Carino & Cyndi De Voss, S-Pam Csuk & Kathy Bunker & Julie Smith. **WOMEN'S B (8)** 1-Marty Maranda & Bernie Litton S-Cynthia Fautek & Collen Meyer, S- Sharon Amela Grace & Terry Hiller. **WOMEN'S C (6)** 1-Carrie Jaskier & Carrie Jaskier, s-Elaine Hynson & Pam Jacobson, S-Krystal Csuk & Cheryl

1-Ed (*), 2-Amy Tyler & Paul O'Connell, S-Tammy Houk & Joe Hiller, C- Terri Hiller & Chuck Snyders. **MIXED B (13)** 1-Joan Hohns & Josh Weisbart, S-Denise Bozza & Juan Martinez, S-Theresa & Tom Rosby. **MIXED C (9)** 1-Pamela Blakley & Rick Kellogg, 2- & Mike Mahon, S-Jeri Hannah & Bob Wolter, C-Carrie & Pam Michi, S-Steve MacInnes, 2-Marla Cusano & Kerry Spix, S-Maria Johnson & Jeff Baumgartner. C-Kim Streed & Geoff & Frank Rusch, 2-Nancy Kronenfeld & Dave Olson, S-Dennis & Erhard & Pat Tarzon, C-Kathleen Dunham & Mike Mahon.

See next highest Skill Division after June 1, 1994. See The ISRA 1988.



Sharilyn Pope & Carrie Jaskier (Women's C 1st)



Karen Daniel & Delmer Reed (Mixed A 1st)



Pam Schell & Mary Zemcik (Women's C 2nd)



Marla Cusano & Kerry Spix (Mixed 30/35+ 2nd)



Sandi McIntyre & Jim Rogers (Mixed C 2nd)



Pam Michiels & Steve MacInnes (Mixed 30/35+ 1st)



John Hohns & David Stonebeck (Mixed B 1st)



Frank Rusch & Laurel Davis (Mixed 40/45+ 1st)



Amy Tyler & Paul O'Connell (Mixed A 2nd)



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IRT's Hank Marcus says, "We have to hide the balls after the tournament, people try to take them, they've even tried to buy the used balls from me. Interest on the amateur level is tremendous. People can hardly wait until it is available to the public.

Andy Roberts, currently ranked No. 2 on the IRT feels the new color gives the Pro Tour a color identity. "Penn knew that we needed a separate identity that says we're the pros and we needed a special ball and color. They made us a quality ball with a different color. There is great excitement in the color, it's something totally new. The color is consistent on the court and easily detectable from outside the court while viewing," he said.

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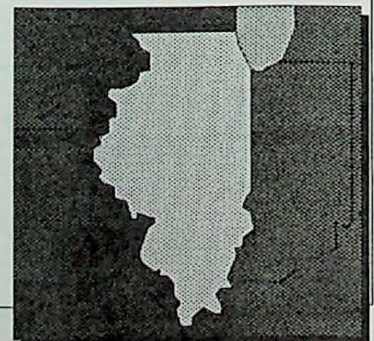
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Please share information you may have on anyone wanting to play wheelchair racquetball in Illinois. A central Illinois player is wanting to find others who are willing to play. Please call Bev. Powell at 217-873-5173.

Individuals are needed to network with wheelchair racquetball athletes. If you would like to be the contact person for Wheelchair Racquetball in our state, please contact the AARA for more information at 719-635-5396, or write John Faust, AARA Commissioner for the Disabled, 4633B South Frazer, Aurora, CO 80015, 303-699-8121.

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NEWSLETTER ADDRESSES CHALLENGING CONCERNS...

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 Days: Everyday
 Time: All day*
 Cost: \$15.00

* May be canceled if members reserve courts

Naperville Olympic
 Phone: 708-357-7200
 Days: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
 Time: 3:30pm to 11:00pm
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 Time: 6:45am to 3:00pm
 Cost: \$5.00

The Body Club
 Phone: 708-595-9009
 Days: Wednesday
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 Cost: \$5.00

The South Lake Club
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 Days: Saturday
 Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm
 Cost: \$10.00

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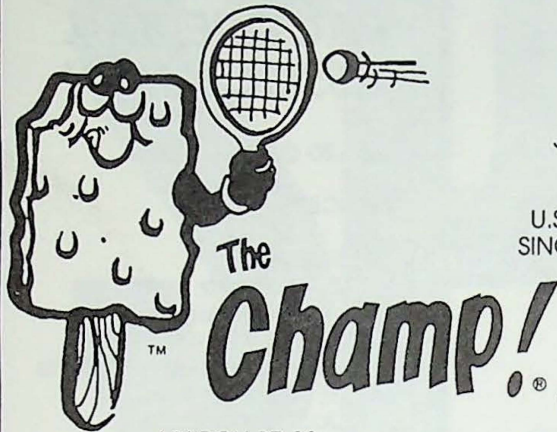
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