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State Doubles

by Scott Overby

Well another year of State Doubles has passed us by. I haven't played in a tournament in many months, but I had a chance to play in this one and I am glad I did. State Doubles has always been, and hopefully always will be, one of the best tournaments of the year. It has an atmosphere to it that is unmatched elsewhere. Doubles play always seems to bring out the sportsmanship in all of us, and when you add the competitiveness of a State title to that, you end up with a lot of very exciting matches. This year was no exception.

State Doubles is also the most exhausting tournament of the year. At any point of the tournament you could walk past the courts and watch the end of a two hour tiebreaker. Most people were playing in 2 - 4 events, so as soon as they got done with one match, they were right back on the court for another grudge match. While doubles may not be as individually tiring as a sin-

gles match, it more than makes up for that in the length of the matches and the number of matches people were playing in this year. With help from Cindy Tilbury and her weekend observations, here is a review of some of this years main events.

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In the Women's Open division Carol Kriegler & Angie Roby repeated as state doubles champions, defeating Tomlinson & Warfield in the finals. Cindy was especially pleased to see some familiar names back in the draw this year: Ansula Liu & Margaret Hill came back and made a run

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That Other Event

by Kelly Kirk

Never mind whether you love or hate mixed doubles, it has added another dimension to tournament racquetball. And, along with this dimension arrive two curious rules not found in your rule book: one, the guy must serve to the guy and the gal must serve to the gal; and two, a serve which splits or cuts into center court may be called a fault serve by the referee. (It should be noted that the Mixed Open division deviates from this first rule by allowing the gal to serve to either the gal or the guy).

The debate which continues to surface at State Doubles is whether or not the rest of the mixed doubles divisions should be required to adopt the same rule as the Open: allowing the woman player to serve to either Richard or Jane. Let's not dispute the following: in general, but not always, Richard (who prefers not to be called Dick) is the stronger player of the team. If this is

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From all of
us at the
MSRA

Junior Journal

by Dave Schulenberg

This year junior designated tournaments have been added to the schedule and have helped show some improvement in junior participation. The first junior designated tournament was the **Jesse James Shootout in Northfield**. Nine junior players participated. The second junior designated tournament was held on October 10 -12 at the **Suburban Club in St. Cloud**. This tournament drew 24 junior players, with the majority being from Northfield and St. Cloud. Kyle Snesrud brought a large group of juniors up from Northfield for the weekend. This group, combined with the veteran St. Cloud group, supplied all of us with great junior matches all weekend. Also, we had the regular Brainerd players and a few other junior players from the cities.

The next junior designated tournament is scheduled to be held at **Central Courts in Columbia Heights on January 23 - 25**. This tournament has always been a junior "fund raising" event for Junior Team Minnesota, led by veteran national racquetball past champion Bob MacNamara. The annual banquet is

always a great event and gives all of us a chance to get off of the court and develop new relationships. Other events will be scheduled for the junior player, so I hope to see a great junior turn out for this event. Also, there will be **no entry fee for juniors** for this event, in memory of Toby Foster and his dedication to the junior program---even more reason for a large junior turn out.

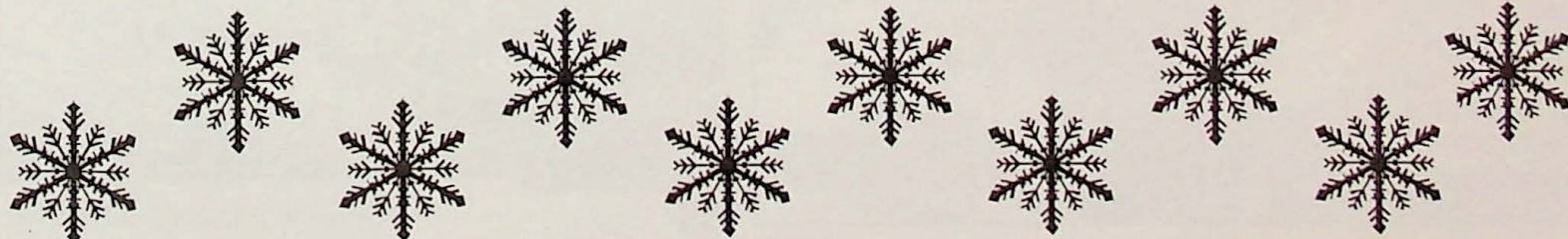
February will bring us Dana Anderson's junior designated tournament at the **Decathlon Club in Bloomington**. No one knows the excitement of playing junior events more than Dana. She was one of the top junior players ever to play for Junior Team Minnesota at the Junior Olympic Nationals.

The last junior designated tournament before the State, Regional and National events get under way, will be in March at the **All America Club in Brainerd**. I am sure Darrin and Brady Prince will be expecting a great junior turn out at their home club.

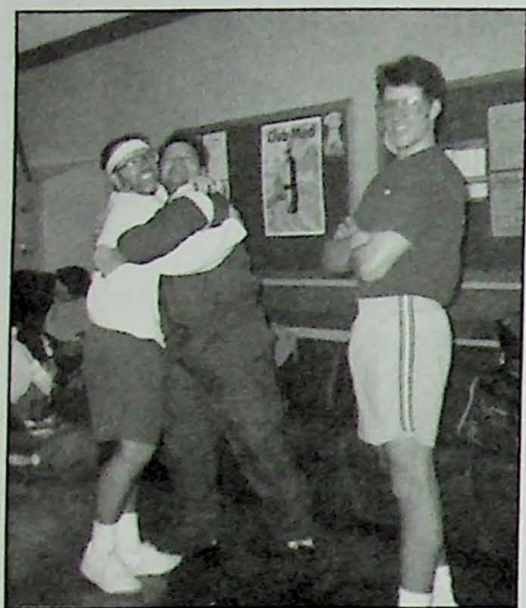
Just a reminder, junior designated tournaments are open to all players. They are just the tournaments the MSRA will promote to increase junior participation.

Junior Holiday Clinic - The annual holiday clinic is scheduled for **Monday, December 29th, 12:00 - 4:00 at Central Courts**. The cost will be \$5, which will go for pizza and structured play. Call Central Courts at 572-0330 by Friday December 26th if you plan to attend.

Please let me know if you have any junior clinic ideas, junior fund raising possibilities, or other junior event ideas. I can be reached at (612) 777-6673.



Pictures from the Tournament



State Doubles - con't

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all the way to the semis in Open, and the Finals in 35+.

In the Men's Open division some familiar names decided the 1997 winner. Mike Locker & Jim Fraitshi outlasted Johnson & Stead. The stands were filled for this match that saw numerous long runs. After coming back from a 3-11 deficit in the first game, Locker & Fraitshi went on to win 11-1 in the tiebreaker, after dropping the second game 7-15 to some great strategy and shots by Johnson & Stead

Mixed Doubles was again very popular this year, and everyone who plays in Mixed seems to really enjoy this event. In Mixed Open, the Men's and Women's Open winners split up and battled for the title. Mike Locker & Carol Kriegler defeated their teammates Fraitshi & Roby in this great match. Mary Schulenberg & Bob Bernier took third, and according to Cindy, Mary was very excited about this, so congratulations seem to be in order here. While these were the "main events" of the tournament, the great thing about State Doubles is that there are great matches in every division and age group, and somehow almost every match is very competitive.

For those of you who weren't there, why not? The draws seem to be shrinking a little more each year, and this has become somewhat of a concern. A few years

ago the tournament dates were moved from October to the end of November to try and get more participation. A few people suggested that we move the tournament at the beginning of November, but other people said that would interfere with hunting. We need suggestions from you about improving participation in this tournament --- call the MSRA with your comments or suggestions.

All in all, it was another great year and another great tournament, but no matter how lost we all got in our matches it was impossible to miss the great loss of Toby Foster. I remembered back to when I first started playing racquetball. It was at the Hiway 100 Club, and I remember Toby spending time teaching a beginning 11 year old how to play the sport he loved so much. He was always willing to teach me, and he will always be a part of racquetball to me. He was with everyone who played this weekend, and his big heart will be missed by all of us. Thank you Toby.

Minnesotan Get Gold In Phoenix

by Cindy Tilbury

While most of the Minnesotans lost in the quarterfinals, our very own Les Dittrich, from Eagle Lake, Minnesota, wanted us all to know how happy he was to be the one Minnesota racquetball player to earn a gold medal in Phoenix at the USRA National Doubles Championships in October.

While we were all boarding the Monday morning flight, Les had to keep going back through the metal detector until he finally agreed to hand over his medal to Security.

Les attributes his success in the Mixed 55+ division to his lovely, athletic partner from California, Nidia Funes. Congratulations, Les and Nidia!



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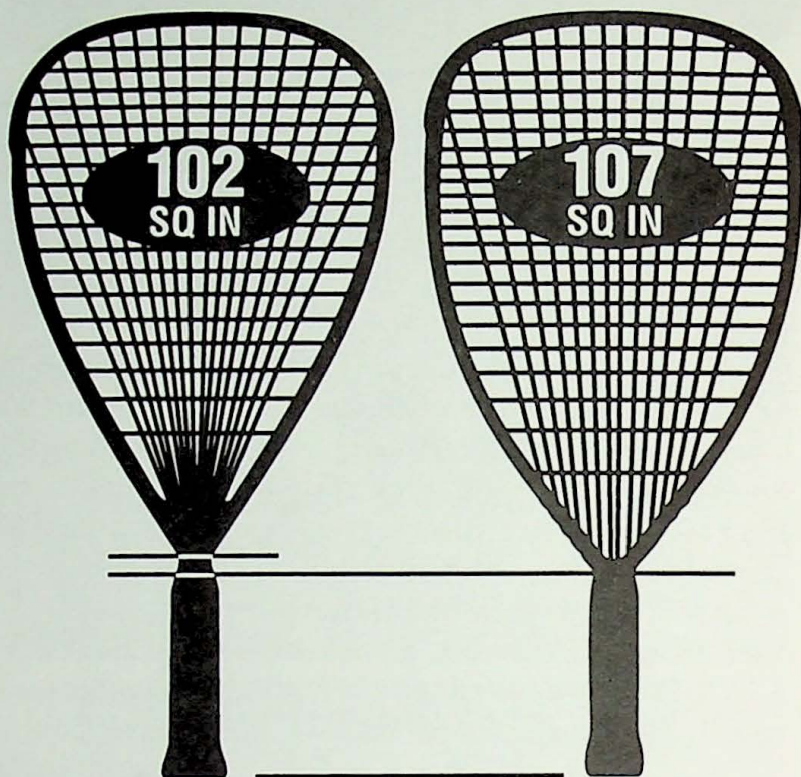
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are awarded by the system which affect your ranking.

The system is based on your ability to score points against a wide variety of opponents. Ranking print-outs include your name, your "Rank Change" (how many cumulative points you have earned since September 1 of the current season), and your current ranking.

The Court Sports Ranking System program may be purchased on floppy disk for IBM compatible computers. Any club, YMCA, or individual interested in providing a ranking system for their players may call CSRS at (507) 753-2051.

Remembering Toby Foster

by Steve Prokopiuk

On November 17, 1997 racquetball lost one of its greatest promoters when Toby Foster died on the court doing what he loved best - playing racquetball. Toby had been a teaching professional at the Norwest Clubs since 1983 when he was hired by Ron Strom. Although it was just a part-time job, he never let his full-time job at Slope Meter Inc., interfere with giving racquetball lessons.

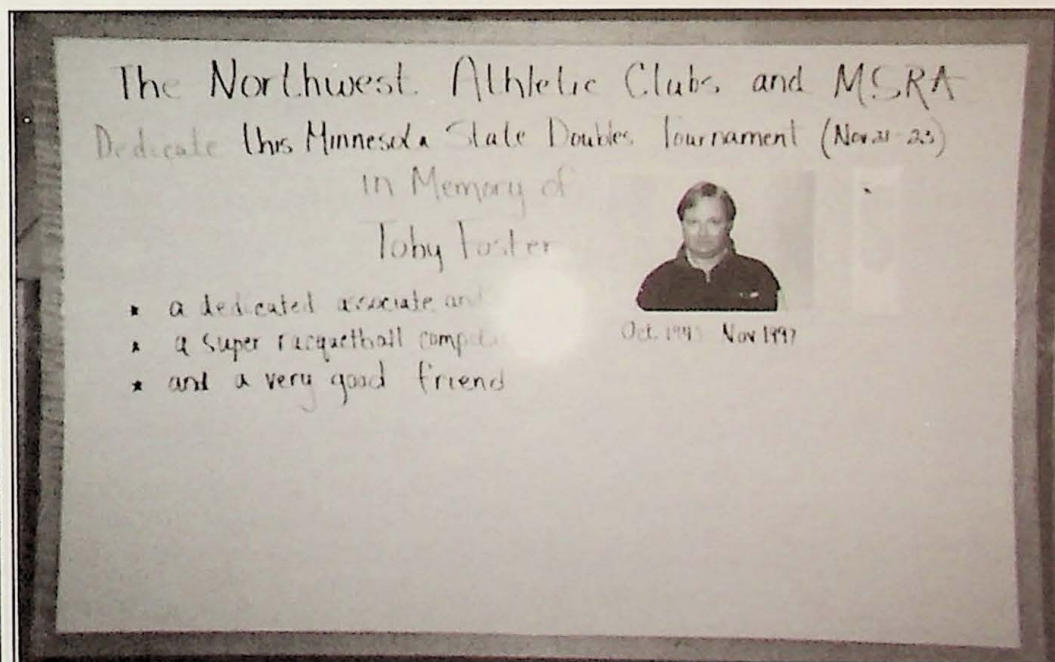
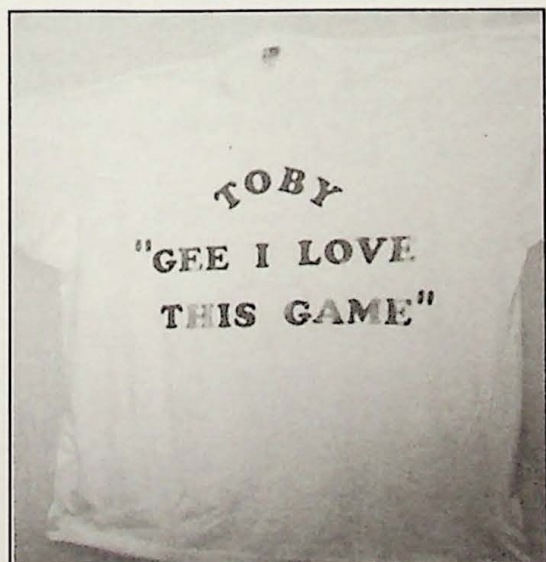
Toby had a teaching degree from Mankato State University and ten years of teaching experience in the Mounds View School District, but his greatest assets as a racquetball instructor were his natural teaching ability and his unlimited patience with novice players. He could always find something positive to say to players no matter what the level of their game was. In golf, though, this would occasionally get him into trouble

because he would say, "Nice Shot!" to someone before the ball had actually landed.

Toby enjoyed competing in racquetball tournaments and we had some great times playing in national doubles tournaments across the country. He was a tough competitor and would never give up in a match, even the time he had dehydration cramps so bad that he could barely move.

The most frequent comments that I have heard about Toby since he died are that he never said a bad word about anybody and that he was always there for anyone who needed help. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and racquetball acquaintances.

Editors Note - I would like to thank Steve for writing this article for us in remembrance of Toby.





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Valentine Invitational
Racquetball Tournament

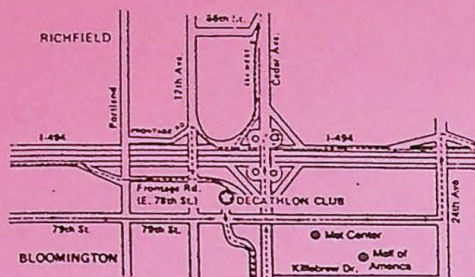
February 13, 14 and 15, 1998

Decathlon Hotel & Athletic Club
Attn: Dana Anderson
1700 East 79th Street
Bloomington, MN 55425

Forwarding and Address Correction Requested

Decathlon Hotel & Athletic Club

Entry Form



Site: Decathlon Hotel & Athletic Club, 1700 East 79th Street, Bloomington, MN 55425, (612) 854-7171

Entry Deadline: All entry forms and payment must be received by Monday, February 9. Phone entries accepted with Visa or MasterCard. Draws are limited, enter early.

Souvenirs: Tournament souvenirs to all players.

Awards: First, second and consolation for all events.

Official Ball: PENN
Please provide your own warm-up balls.

Hospitality: Snacks and beverages all weekend with lunch provided on Saturday and Sunday.

Lodging: Available in Decathlon's hotel; special tournament rates of \$65.00/night. Call 612-854-7777 for room reservations. All hotel guests are allowed full use of the athletic department.

Starting Times: Available Wednesday, February 11 after 6:00 P.M. Call 612-854-7171. **Play begins on Friday at 3:00 P.M.**

AARA Information: All participants must hold a current AARA/MSRA competitive license or purchase one on site for a \$20.00 annual fee. Decathlon members may purchase a week-end pass for \$5.00. AARA rules apply including mandatory "lensed eyewear designed for racquet sports."

1st event - \$31.00 2nd event - \$15.00
Juniors 1st event - \$15.00 2nd event - \$6.00

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Partner's Name _____

Please enter me in: **Singles** ___ **Mens** ___ **Womens** ___

Skill	Age	Doubles
___ Open	___ 30+ Open / A	___ Open
___ A	___ 30+B	___ A
___ B	___ 35+Open / A	___ B
___ C	___ 40+Open / A	___ Mixed Open
___ Novice*	___ 40+B	___ Mixed A
	___ 50+Open / A	___ Mixed B
	___ 50+B	

Juniors

___ A
___ B Earliest Start Time _____

*Has played 6 months or less

Waiver: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, any executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the host club and their respective representatives for any and all injuries suffered by me in conjunction with participation in this tournament.

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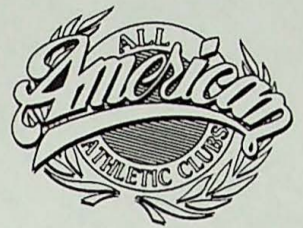
Parent / Guardian signature (if under 18)

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Decathlon members may charge to their accounts.



RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT



March 27, 28, & 29, 1998
at the All American Athletic Club
960 Highland Scenic Drive • Baxter, Minnesota • (218) 829-6453

Entry Fee: Amateur class: 1st event, \$27; 2nd, \$12. Open class: 1st money event, \$40; 2nd, \$15. Juniors, \$15.
Entry Deadline: Must be received by Friday, February 27, 1998. No phone entries accepted. Limit to first 120 entrants.
Official Ball: Penn
Tournament Director: Pete Mogenson
Sanctioning: This tourney is an AARA/MRSA sanctioned event. All participants must be AARA/MRSA members. Memberships will be available at tournament for \$20 per year. The All American Athletic Club and Confidence Learning Center have teamed up to join AARA's new Club Membership Program. This means that our club members can play this tournament for an AARA fee of only \$5 instead of \$20.
Souvenir: Each participant will receive a tournament t-shirt.
Hospitality: Fruit, snacks, and beverages will be available all weekend during posted hours. Meals provided Friday PM and Saturday noon. Rolls and coffee on Saturday and Sunday morning.
Format: Current AARA rules will govern play. LENSED EYEGUARDS ARE MANDATORY. Single elimination with a consolation round. Round Robins may be formed. Limit two events. Winners will referee next match on the court. Tournament committee reserves the right to limit the draw, reclassify players in the interest of fair play, and designate scoring system.
Awards: Amateur: Awards to 1st, 2nd, and Consolation; 1st and 2nd in case of Round Robins. Open: Prize money guaranteed for men's and women's singles. Doubles prize money based on an 8 team draw.

SINGLES:	1st	\$200	DOUBLES:	1st	\$100	<i>Final prize money for doubles will be determined Friday, March 27.</i>
	2nd	\$140		2nd	\$60	
	3rd	\$90		3rd	\$40	
	Cons.	\$50		Cons.	\$30	

Starting Times: Play begins on Friday, March 27 at 5 PM. Call (218) 829-6453 after 1 PM Thursday for starting times.

The All American Athletic Club and Confidence Learning Center wish to thank all sponsors and area businesses for their support and continued involvement in making this racquetball tourney one of the finest in the state.

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CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Open | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Open Doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Open | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's "A" Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's "A" | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's "A" Doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's "A" | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's "B" Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's "B" | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's "B" Doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's "B" | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed "A" Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's "C" | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Seniors A (35+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's "C" | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed "B" Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's "D" | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Seniors B (35+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Open Doubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior age 13 & under |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Masters (55+) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior age 14-16 |

T-SHIRT SIZE: Large X-Large XX-Large

Name of doubles partner _____

Make checks payable to C.L.C. and send entries to:

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960 Highland Scenic Drive
Baxter, Minnesota 56425

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry Fee: Pro: \$40.00 1st Event; \$20.00 2nd Event
 Amateur: \$27.00 1st Event; \$13.00 2nd Event
 Juniors: \$13.00 1st Event; \$7.00 2nd Event
 (RAC members may charge their entry fee)

Deadline: *The draw is limited to 110. All entry forms/fees must be in our hands by Monday, February 2nd at 6 pm. Absolutely NO Phone Entries.*

Souvenir: Quality T-shirt

Awards: 1st, 2nd & Consolation for amateur events.
 1st and 2nd in round robin events.

Pro Singles: (Men & Women) prize money based on 16 entries:

1st - \$250 2nd - \$150 Semi's \$80 Consolation \$50

Pro Doubles: (Men & Women) prize money (per team) based on 8 teams:

1st - \$140 2nd - \$90 Semi's \$50 Consolation \$40

Ball: Penn

Hospitality: Refreshments & snacks Fri. and Sat. evening. Coffee & fruit Sat. and Sun. morning. Sandwich buffet Sat. 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Facilities: Lockers will be given out with deposit of drivers license only. No charge for towels. Players will have full use of the club during the tournament. Family members of out-of-town players can purchase a weekend pass at \$10/person or \$20/family. Children under 14 MUST be supervised by an adult while using the club facilities.

Nursery: Available during nursery hours for 6 mos. - 6 yrs. at \$3.25 for 2-1/2 hr. limit per child. Call ahead for reservations.

Starting Times: All players must be prepared to play Friday at 4:00 pm. Please indicate any scheduling conflicts on entry form - we will try to honor these requests. Starting times available by calling Activities Desk (507-287-9300) after 9 am on Thursday, February 5th.

Eligibility: This is a MSRA/USRA sanctioned event. All participants must hold a current MSRA/USRA competitive license or purchase one on-site for an annual \$20 fee. RAC members may purchase a weekend pass for \$5. USRA rules apply including "lensed eyewear designed for racquet sports is mandatory". ***This includes prescription eyewear.***

Tournament Committee: Wendy Miller, Dave Martens, Sheryl Warfield, Dick Carpenter, and Rick Schacht



ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Club Affiliation _____ RAC member # _____

Doubles Partner(s) _____

**** Ages for adults are as of February 6, 1998.****

EVENTS

	Men's	Women's	Juniors	Doubles
<u>Skill</u>			<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
Pro	25+		A	Pro
Open/A	30+		B	A
A	35+			B
B	35+B			Mixed Open
C	40+			A
Novice	45+			B

◆ Doubles teams must play to the level of the highest player.

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 Date Signature (If under 18, parent or guardian must sign)

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Attn: Wendy Miller

3100 19th St. NW

Rochester, MN 55901

Rankings

MEN

MEN'S OPEN			Lee, Josh	NC	1141	Clocker, Mike	+ 2	527	Selke, Georget	NC	1345	Pearson, Bill	NC	1307
Locker, Mike	+ 6	1657	Ulrich, Darryl	NC	1140	Zins, Kevin	- 16	525	Stevens, Scott	- 8	1343	Lichty, Dee	NC	1302
Stead, Todd	NC	1594	Accad, Gabby	NC	1137	Geislinger, Scott	+ 16	525	Dixon, Keith	NC	1343	Lundeen Dwight	NC	1301
Jeffers, Jim	NC	1578	Close, Rick	NC	1136	Rosenbaum,			Hartzell, Kevin	NC	1342	Henning, Jim	NC	1299
Hartinger,			Mueller-Dahl,			Kerry	NC	523	Mueller-Dahl,			Smith, Jim	NC	1295
Brandon	NC	1460	Mark	NC	1135				Mark	+ 5	1332			
Frautschi, Jim	NC	1450	Grausnick, Greg	NC	1134	MEN'S 19+			Grimmer, Ray	NC	1325	MEN'S 50+		
Hayenga, Greg	- 4	1446	Tucker, Mike	NC	1133	Granberg, Aaron	NC	1362	Haines, David	+ 5	1319	Warner, Dave	NC	1459
Granberg, Aaron	+ 8	1439	MEN'S B			Tanner, David	NC	1311				Gorman, Mike	NC	1425
Johnson, Hart	NC	1432	Lenzmeir, Robert	NC	1011	Samarzia, Todd	NC	1307	MEN'S 35+ B			Reiter, Al	NC	1417
Weinert, Chris	NC	1394	Storricks, Scott	- 1	974	Gray, Travis	NC	1293	Rhodes, Walter	NC	988	Loper, Marv	NC	1406
Fitzgerald, Dan	NC	1388	Capezzutto,			Buchanon, Dave	NC	1286	Berquist, Boogs	NC	987	Kanyusik, John	NC	1398
Sabin, Jim	NC	1385	Mario	NC	973	Pierce, Tony	NC	1284	Carlson, Alan	NC	969	Riedesel, Marv	NC	1333
Peterson, Gary	NC	1379	Zelickson, Barry	NC	971	Hofer, Jon	NC	1279	Formo, Mike	NC	968	Ouse, Wally	NC	1307
Dittrich, Mike	+ 23	1372	Martin, Steve	NC	968	MEN'S 25+			Grundman, Greg	NC	967	Hartzell, Dennis	NC	1306
Giancola, Paul	+ 4	1370	Hoagland, Gary	NC	966	Locker, Mike	NC	1416	Hartinger, Dave	NC	962	Capezzutto, Mario	NC	1300
Werschay, Dave	+ 4	1366	Foster, Mark	NC	950	Bernier, Bob	NC	1314	Neymark, Millard	NC	957	Hinz, Jack	NC	1293
Withrow, Glen	NC	1366	Bybee, Don	+ 15	949	Mittelstadt, Tom	NC	1311	Markham, Rich	NC	946	Flanders, Bob	NC	1292
Bernier, Bob	NC	1355	Lee, Mark	NC	947	Lee, Josh	NC	1301	Stern, Marshall	NC	941	Foster, Prentis	NC	1288
LaVoi, Tim	- 3	1347	Simmons, Chuck	NC	946	Kisling, Terry	NC	1298	Lenzmeir, Robert	NC	939	Lamanna, Jim	NC	1283
Rantala, Dave	NC	1337	Neymark, Millard	NC	945	Grausnick, Geoff	NC	1295	Bresnahan, Steve	NC	932	Valento, Tim	NC	1283
MEN'S OPEN/A			Dickison, Craig	NC	941	Allen, Greg	NC	1295	Monaghan, Brett	NC	926	Perrault, Gene	NC	1261
Buswell, Tim	+ 35	1299	Fisher, Jack	NC	939	Grausnick, Greg	NC	1294	Foster, Prentis	NC	921			
Heurung, Troy	NC	1299	Dietz, John	NC	937	Lindquist, Mark	NC	1289	Fisher, Jack	NC	921	MEN'S 55+		
Grist, Ken	NC	1297	Formo, Mike	NC	935	Schotik, Ron	NC	1283	Meyer, Floyd	NC	920	Reints, Leland	- 13	1477
Merrill, Kenley	NC	1293	MEN'S C			MEN'S 30+			MEN'S 40+			Zabinski, Dave	NC	1412
Selke, George	NC	1293	Hoffman, Jon	NC	780	Jeffers, Jim	NC	1463	Stallings, Troy	NC	1567	Larson, Don	NC	1381
Mittlestat, Tom	NC	1290	Winchell, John	NC	777	Frautschi, Jim	NC	1379	Loew, David	NC	1399	Dittrich, Les	NC	1368
Durkot, John	NC	1289	Wenberg, Clayton	NC	767	Braaten, Mark	NC	1360	Roy, Ben	NC	1383	Carlson, Alan	NC	1344
Stevens, Scott	NC	1288	Anderson, Tim	NC	764	Fitzgerald, Dan	NC	1358	Johnson, Gordon	NC	1364	Carpenter, Dick	NC	1343
Powers, Rich	NC	1288	Anderson, Tim	NC	764	Erdman, Sam	NC	1348	Townsend, Keir	NC	1334	Lenzmeier,		
Martens, Dave	NC	1287	Finneman, Justin	NC	761	Junker, Jaime	NC	1339	Schulenberg,			Robert	NC	1335
Christenesen,			Johnson, Randy	NC	760	Eiden, Bill	NC	1320	Dave	- 1	1333	Spizman,		
Roy	NC	1286	Dehmer, Nathaniel	NC	756	Fry, Mike	NC	1308	Peltier, Rory	NC	1327	Howard	NC	1319
Matt Brenny	NC	1285	Everding, Matt	+ 24	752	Glynn, Tim	NC	1304	Stein, Bill	NC	1324	Henderson, Gene	NC	1288
Westphal, Jeff	NC	1285	Schneider, Todd	NC	751	Hart, Jay	NC	1303	Merrill, Kenley	NC	1322	Pederson, Jim	NC	1254
Juncos, Luis	- 16	1284	Kollman, Todd	+ 13	749	Smith, Luke	NC	1297	Cashman, Jim	NC	1319	Miller, Jim	NC	1244
Brandenberg,			Blee, Joe	NC	748	Bizal, Vince	NC	1295	Hart, Dave	NC	1316	Dominise, Tom	NC	1217
Scott	NC	1284	Huyck, Lloyd	+ 33	744	Wagner, Bret	NC	1292	Hoffman, Steve	NC	1304	MEN'S 60+		
Eiken, Brett	+ 18	1283	Scheid, Keith	NC	744	Johnson, Rick	NC	1291	Bresnahan,			Anderson, Andy	NC	1368
Bernick, Todd	+ 3	1281	Cagel, Brian	NC	739	Madsen, Greg	NC	1289	Steve	NC	1303	Goldetsky,		
MEN'S A			Ford, Don	NC	722	Phillips, Brian	NC	1284	Prince, Mark	NC	1303	Norman	NC	1368
Selke, George	NC	1192	MEN'S D			Brenny, Matt	NC	1283	Scheer, Bernie	NC	1302	Slack, Royal	NC	1353
Smith, Luke	NC	1183	Schulenberg,			MEN'S 35+			Skerbec, John	NC	1299	Lavercombe,		
Samarzia, Todd	NC	1173	Brent	NC	592	Hayenga, Greg	NC	1488	MEN'S 45+			Larry	NC	1339
Tanner, David	NC	1172	Prince, Darrin	+ 23	566	Dittrich, Mike	NC	1392	Peterson, Gary	NC	1519	Snesrud, Dale	NC	1285
Ng, Bill	NC	1164	Everding, Matt	- 8	548	Sabin, Jim	NC	1376	Lavoi, Tim	NC	1462	Gloudeman, Joe	NC	1253
Brandenberg,			Haugen, Mark	+ 39	548	Rantala, Dave	NC	1371	Withrow, Glen	NC	1459	Schumacher,		
Scott	NC	1162	Volkers, Greg	NC	537	Giancola, Paul	NC	1365	Rowe, Dave	NC	1448	Lyle	NC	1198
Kisling, Terry	NC	1162	Volkers, Tim	NC	536	Martens, Dave	NC	1359	Chastain, Harral	NC	1393	MEN'S 65+		
Lichty, Dee	NC	1162	Naughton, Brian	NC	535	Edstrom, Rick	NC	1358	Usher, Ray	NC	1372	Stillman, Ralph	NC	1362
Roby, Mick	+ 17	1150	Finneman, Justin	+ 9	535	Spickza, Larry	+ 30	1358	Carlson, Mike	NC	1361	Brandrup, John	NC	1353
Ferris, Rob	NC	1141	Mahmoodi, Matt	NC	532	Aamodt, Larry	NC	1356	Cohen, Mark	NC	1346	Englund, Robert	NC	1332
			Leibfirend, Troy	+ 26	531	Fox, Greg	NC	1353	Thompson, Dave	NC	1338	Donlin, Gerry	NC	1232
			Zins, Kyle	NC	528	Gardner, Chuck	NC	1351	Thovson, Kevin	NC	1336	Lafond, John	NC	1193

Rankings

WOMEN

WOMEN'S OPEN

Kriegler, Carol	NC	1412
Kirk, Kelly	+ 3	1337
Roby, Angela	+ 19	1284
Straka, Terri	NC	1210
Peifer, Kelli	NC	1182
Harrity-Davidson, Mary	- 24	1181
Liu, Ansula	NC	1176
Grist, Terri	NC	1164
Gebhart, Connie	NC	1163
Perrault, Vallana	NC	1152
Burkhardt, Jane	NC	1148
Visser, Mary	NC	1140
Wielinski, Sue	NC	1137
Tilbury, Cindy	+ 26	1121
Kupka, Carol	NC	1113
Voight, Roxann	+ 10	1111
Heilman, Lisa	NC	1111

WOMEN'S OPEN/A

Hanson, Marge	- 8	1092
Stellmach, Kerry	+ 6	1090
Warfield, Sheryl	- 24	1090
Kimlinger, Bobbie	NC	1086
Chastain, Darcy	NC	1085
Schatz, Sue	NC	1082
Benson, Pam	NC	1077
Schulenberg, Mary	NC	1075
Klug, Kathy	NC	1073
Madden, Kathi	NC	1069
Miller, Wendy	NC	1064
Paige, Carol	- 43	1062
Walsrom-Aadalen, Nancy	NC	1053
Hays, Linda	NC	1053
Kieffer, Susan	- 15	1046

WOMEN'S A

Willerscheidt, Mary	NC	986
Krantz, Meadow	NC	946
Butts, Nancy	NC	935
Schlee, Pam	NC	930

Harms, Patty	NC	927
Lucero, Laurie	NC	927
Olerud, Jody	NC	926
Herber, Keri	+ 23	923
Evenson, Gail	+ 10	928

Pfarr, Cathy	NC	915
Mick, Shelley	NC	914
Aadalen, Nancy	NC	912
Moser, Sheryl	NC	910
Masco, Georgia	NC	909
Borgen, Jeanette	+ 8	908

WOMEN'S B

Vail, Jane	NC	784
Corbett, Cathy	NC	755
Jones, Cheryl	NC	753
Braegelman, Tanya	NC	748
Thompson, Karen	NC	738
Frautschi, Paula	NC	737
Markham, Rose	NC	736
Hanson, Marge	NC	734
Tanis, Laura	NC	734
Murphy, Linda	+ 7	732
Gordon, Gayle	+ 33	731
Christiansen, Rochelle	NC	728
Sorenson, Dena	NC	728
Beno, Julie	NC	724
Rattunde, Wanda	+22	722

WOMEN'S C

Gillen, Sandra	NC	553
Murphy, Linda	NC	558
Evenson, Gail	NC	534
Kohls, Cheri	NC	528
Bigler, Mary	NC	526
Rattunde, Wanda	NC	520
Shanks, Diane	NC	512
Elmore, Natasha	NC	512
Reuter, Carrie	+ 3	503
Mundahl, Sue	NC	496
Yahnke, Julieanne	NC	495
Ragsdale, Fran	NC	493

Hoagland, Michelle	NC	493
Brood, Jill	- 8	492
Reed, Jesse	NC	490

WOMEN'S D

Gardner, Sandra	NC	420
Anderson, Kari	NC	418
Markham, Rachel	NC	413
Luby, Lori	+ 12	371
Markham, Renee	NC	359
Larson, Tara	NC	357
Anderson, Kelsey	NC	347

WOMEN'S 19+

Roby, Angie	NC	1201
Perrault, Vallana	NC	1119
Aadelan, Nancy	NC	1071

WOMEN'S 30+

Tomlinson, Paula	NC	1214
Peifer, Kelli	NC	1182
Miller, Wendy	NC	1104
Wapola, Kim	NC	1086
Schulenberg, Mary	NC	1085
Stellmach, Kerry	NC	1067
Schlee, Pam	NC	1062

WOMEN'S 35+

Kriegler, Carol	NC	1247
Kirk, Kelly	NC	1205
Straka, Terri	NC	1163
Warfield, Sheryl	NC	1136
Tilbury, Cindy	NC	1120
Grist, Terri	NC	1120
Burkhardt, Jane	NC	1107
Klug, Kathy	NC	1092
Paige, Carol	NC	1080
Lichty, Bev	NC	1058

WOMEN'S 40+

Harrity-Davidson, Mary	NC	1167
Visser, Mary	NC	1124
Palmer, Lois	NC	1090
Selke, Cheri	NC	1057

WOMEN'S 45+

Willerscheidt, Mary	NC	1141
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WOMEN'S 55+

Switzer, M'Liss	NC	1053
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JUNIORS

BOYS

JUNIORS 8 & UNDER (MULTI-BOUNCE)

Grundman, Cam	NC	233
Grimmer, Danny	NC	215
Bredenbeck, Jake	NC	206
Schnieder, Mitchell	NC	199
Fitzgerald, Josh	NC	187
Schulenberg, Brooke	NC	180
Martens, Ben	NC	157

BOYS 10 & UNDER

Giancola, Mario	+ 38	448
Prince, Brady	NC	437
Finneman, Michail	NC	416
Johnson, Joey	NC	402
Stevens, Andy	- 3	388
Bigler, Jim	NC	374
Justin, Tim	NC	372

BOYS 12 & UNDER

Finneman, Justin	NC	636
Schulenberg, Brent	NC	625
Prince, Brady	NC	600
Naughton, Tom	NC	587
Anthony, Mark	- 15	585
Matson, Chris	- 25	575
Raham, Cliff	NC	575

Hauck, Jacob	NC	574
Snesrud, Elliot	NC	567
Johnson, Joey	NC	555

BOYS 14 & UNDER

Prince, Darrin	NC	815
Everding, Matt	NC	814
Hubbard, Darrin	NC	809
Finneman, Justin	NC	801
Haugen, Mark	NC	792
Zins, Kevin	NC	786
Davidson, Andy	NC	784
Hart, Eric	NC	779

BOYS 16 & UNDER

Prince, Darrin	NC	1027
Anderson, Casey	NC	1013
Anderson, Justin	NC	1009
Rhyner, Craig	NC	1006
Skilling, DJ	NC	997
Naughton, Brian	NC	985
Mahmoodi, Matt	NC	982
Klocker, Mike	NC	963
Zins, Kyle	NC	962

BOYS 18 & UNDER

Roskowski, Kyle	NC	1202
Moreland, Brian	NC	1199

JUNIORS

GIRLS

GIRLS 10 & UNDER

Cohen, Katie	NC	188
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GIRLS 12 & UNDER

Anderson, Kelsey	+ 17	420
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GIRLS 14 & UNDER

Markham, Renee	NC	588
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Winona River Rollout Tournament

Winona YMCA
Winona, MN
October 24 - 26

Mens Pro

Tim Buswell	1st
Dave Voight	2nd
Brett Eiken	3rd
Bill Ng	4th
Dean Mierau	Qrts
Larry Spickza	Qrts
Dave Heise	Qrts
Paul Giancola	Qrts

Mens Open/A

Paul Giancola	1st
Sam Ryder	2nd
Dave Heise	Semi
Mark Edwards	Semi
Eric Anderson	Cons

Mens A

Kyle Snestrud	1st
Mario Capezuto	2nd
Mark Stowers	Semi
Tony Anderson	Semi
Joe Luby	Qrts
John Broadwater	Qrts
Tony Pierre	Qrts
Paul Strosveen	Qrts

Mens B

Jerry Moen	1st
Mark Hoven	2nd
Jerry Gray	Semi
Tony Pierre	Semi
Brant Deppa	Qrts
Bill Wissman	Qrts
Ed Marino	Qrts
Rick Drury	Qrts

Mens C

Troy Leibfried	1st
Todd List	2nd

Womens Pro Rond Robin

Kelly Kirk	1st
Mary Harrity-Davidson	2nd
Sheryl Warfield	3rd
Roxann Voight	4th
Kerry Stellmach	5th
Carol Paige	6th

Women's A Round Robin

Nancy Butts	1st
Gail Evenson	2nd
Valandra Perrault	3rd
Karen Thompson	4th
Angela Yeong	5th

Women's B Round Robin

Gayle Gordon	1st
Wanda Rattunde	2nd
Sue Mundahl	3rd
Fran Ragsdale	4th
Sharon Schmidt	5th
Barb Storsveen	6th

Women's C

Nancy Peterson	1st
Jill Brodd	2nd
Sandy Gardner	Semi
Erin Peters	Semi
Carrie Reuter	Qrts
Heather Heise	Qrts
Mary Clark	Qrts
Carrie Reuter	Cons

Mens Open Doubles

P. Giancola/L. Spickza	1st
S. Ryder/B. Ryder	2nd
D. Voight/L. Juncos	Semi
R. Beeman/M. McCoy	Semi
E. Anderson/T. Buswell	Cons

Mens A Doubles

J. Broadwater/ M. Capezutto	1st
K. Kirk/R. Voight	2nd
K. Stellmach/C. Paige	Semi
T. Wunderlich/ W. Wissman	Semi
K. Snestrud/E. Marino	Cons

Womens B Doubles

S. Mundahl/W. Rattunde	1st
E. Peters/F. Ragsdale	2nd
T. Leibfried/H. Heise	Semi
M. Clark/N. Peterson	Semi
T. Liebfried/H. Heise	Cons

B Juniors

Troy Liebfried	1st
Todd List	2nd

Minnesota State

Doubles

Hiway 100 Racquet, Swim &
Health Club
Brooklyn Center, MN
April 11-13, 1997

Mens Open

Locker/Frautschi	1st
Stead/Johnson	2nd
Erdman/Fitzgerald	3rd
Dittrich/Hayenga	4th
Rantala/Stevens	Cons

Mens Open/A

Grimmer/Giancola	1st
Wakefield/Steen	2nd
Anderson/Mittlestadt	3rd
Marrill/Neale	4th
Brenny/Umerski	Cons

Mens A

Feeks/Koebnick	1st
Anderson/Kisling	2nd
Ferris/Loch	3rd
Schulenberg/Roman	4th
Carlson/Wagner	Cons

Mens B

Cordes/Tierney	1st
Dickison/Tonn	2nd
Klawiter/Nerison	3rd
Dominise/Flanders	4th
Steen/Duscher	Cons

Mens C

Moffit/Safgren	1st
Dent/Ronallo	2nd
Prince/Stone	3rd
Braaten/Giancola	4th

Mens 24-

Gray/Granberg	1st
Homsey/Schramm	2nd
Martin/Buchanan	3rd
Anderson/Prince	4th

Mens 25 +

Brenny/Umerski	1st
Bernier/Sabin	2nd
Anderson/Mittlestadt	3rd
McKee/Jewell	4th
Kisling/Anderson	Cons

Mens 30 +

Johnson/Stead	1st
Fitzgerald/Erdman	2nd
Braaten/May	3rd
Fox/Edstrom	4th
Steen/Wakefield	Cons

Mens 35 +

Dittrich/Hayenga	1st
Martens/Schaat	2nd
Stevens/Rantala	3rd
Giancola/Grimmer	4th
Aamodt/Spickza	Cons

Mens 35 + BC

Cordes/Tierney	1st
Snesrud/Snesrud	2nd
Dickison/Tonn	3rd
Greenwald/Schmith	4th
Bunde/Mugan	Cons

Mens 40 +

Peterson/Withrow	1st
Grundman/La Voi	2nd
Merrill/Naele	3rd
Carlson/Thompson	4th
Cohen/Lappen	Cons

Mens 40 + BC

Anderson/Kleinschmidt	1st
Anderson/Sorenson	2nd
Houwman/Zabinski	3rd
Kirkwold/Ulka	4th
Fentress/Olszewski	Cons

Mens 45 +

Dittrich/Peterson	1st
Withrow/Ring	2nd
Cohen/Warner	3rd
Leeman/Pastor	4th
Aune/Florine	Cons

Mens 50 +

Leeman/Pastor	1st
Lappen/Warner	2nd
Donlin/Foster	3rd
Loper/Strabley	4th
Slack/Carlson	Cons

Mens 55 +

Vercel/Zabinski	1st
Reints/Dittrich	2nd
Anderson/Kleinschmidt	3rd
Lenzmeir/Marion	4th
Davis/Lugge	Cons

Mens 60 +

Anderson/Kleinschmidt	1st
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Mens 65 +

Lafond/Fallek	1st
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Womens Open

Kriegler/Roby	1st
Tomlinson/Warfield	2nd
Kern/Price	3rd
Hill/Liu	4th

Womens Open/A

Benson/Urman	1st
Stellmach/Paige	2nd
Miller/Jacobs	3rd
Bredenbeck/Hayes	4th
Tillbury/Burkhardt	Cons

Womens A

Benolken/Hoffner	1st
Kimlinger/Matzke	2nd
Stoeke/Young	Semi
Madden/Perry	Semi
Aadelan/Chapple	Qtr

Womens BC

Gordon/Greenagel	1st
Staton/Wiczek	2nd
Formento/Oldenberg	3rd

Womens 30 +

Tomlinson/Warfield	1st
Paige/Stellmach	2nd
Schulenberg/Wapola	3rd
Bredenbeck/Hayes	4th

Womens 35 +

Kirk/Voight	1st
Hill/Liu	2nd
Tillbury/Burkhardt	3rd
Kern/Price	4th
Benson/Urman	Cons

Mixed Open

Locker/Kriegler	1st
Roby/Frautschi	2nd
Bernier/Schulenberg	3rd
Peltier/Grist	4th
Burkhardt/Dittrich	Cons

Mixed A

Prince/Kieffer	1st
Ewens/Young	2nd
Aadelen/Ouse	3rd
Palmer/Overby	4th
Hoffner/Sorenson	Cons

Mixed B

Gordon/Kiesser	1st
Anderson/Anderson	2nd
Arrandondo/Rhodes	3rd
Buros/Buros	4th
Prokop/Zabinski	Cons

Mixed 30+

Harrity-Davidson	
Mueller-Dahl	1st
Christensen/Wapola	2nd
Kirk/Ng	3rd
Martens/Miller	4th
Warfield/Schacht	Cons

Mixed 40+

Chapple/Peltier	1st
Harrity-Davidson/ Thompson	2nd
Nelson/Schatz	Semi
Greenagel/Kirkwold	Semi
Moreland/Turner	Cons

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usually the case, why then must we incorporate a rule which allows the woman to serve to either Richard or Jane of the opposite team? Is it possible that the guys are not getting enough playing time and need to be accorded a few extra serves per game? Should we require a verbal announcement by Jane as to whom she is serving to each time? If she forgets, will opening this door allow Richard to dash to the other side, cut in front of his partner, and "save" Jane from a nasty serve? If he can dash over there, why can't Jane declare equal rights and step in front of her partner to return that lob serve he is unable to reach? What prevents a mixed doubles team from employing the "I" formation? Ah, so now we need another rule or two to cover these situations ... you see, we never meant to design a scenario where Jane would come to the rescue. And, we don't wish to damage Jane's ego by encouraging him to serve to her. We only wish to puncture his ego. So let's make a new rule: all game ending points must be served to Richard.

The question is not about the rule which dictates that Richard must serve to Richard and Jane must serve to Jane. The real issue which needs to be addressed is whether or not the MSRA membership wishes to retain the

uniqueness of mixed doubles. Contrary to some who have expressed their opinions, mixed doubles does indeed employ strategy. Each team is able to force the other team to serve to his or her best receiving side. Sometimes both partners receive serve on the forehand side, sometimes they both receive on the backhand. A server can actually be prevented from serving his or her favorite serve. Best of all, even lefties can be nullified. If the length of the rallies at State Doubles is any indicator of equity, parity in mixed doubles has been achieved! Why screw it up?

Before adopting any changes regarding mixed doubles, think of what the one serve in the Open has done to the women's division. One of the initial reasons for switching to the one serve was to follow the lead from the National office and emulate what other states had already put into practice. On paper it looked good. What this maneuver really did, however, was to immediately discourage many of the mid to lower women's Open players from engaging in tournament competition. Unfortunately some of them have never returned to tournaments.

Let mixed doubles remain the unicorn of events: novel and different. If we change it so it is exactly the same as other doubles' events, why bother to have a mixed division at all?

Hall Of Fame Banquet

by Amos Rosenbloom

The **Hall of Fame Racquetball Tournament** will be held on January 23 - 25, and the annual racquetball banquet will be held on the 24th. This is a celebration for those who enjoy racquetball - it is a chance to talk about the games you won, the games you lost, your kill shot or your skips, and the camaraderie of it all.

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at

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An Overview of Racquetball Today & the Ingredients That Comprise the State of the Sport

by Mike Locker

Finally, and more and more every day, the fog is lifting from racquetball. Confusion and misunderstanding created by the growth and change of this young sport have kept us in the midst of this fog for a long time. Lack of good communication has furthered this confusion. Unfortunately, over the years many individuals have, for their own gain, capitalized on this confusion by promoting myths and boldfaced lies.

We have seen a trend of openness and honesty which has come about in the 90's because of several factors. First, drastic up and down swings in participation and support have leveled to a consistent measurable rise. Second, the hype and fad factors of the late 70's and 80's are behind us. Third, (and possibly most important), cooperation and honesty among the leaders of both amateur and professional groups have become the standard.

Because of the confusion of the past, many of us are left with little or no information about the sport of racquetball as a whole. It seems then, that we have to go back to the basics and do some catching up. Many of the basics may seem obvious; many may seem unimportant, but these are the subjects of some of the most asked questions today.

ORGANIZATIONS

The Men's International Racquetball Tour (I.R.T.) and the Women's International Racquetball Tour (W.I.R.T.), are the international governing bodies of professional racquetball. These organiza-

tions are each supervised by executive boards, made up primarily of players. Racquetball pro stops, along with satellite stops are a slick package of organization and promotion designed to showcase some of the sports best talent. Players are very intense, very serious, and often outrageous. This level has to be seen to be believed.

The United States Racquetball Association (U.S.R.A.), is the governing body for amateur racquetball in the United States. The U.S.R.A.'s function is to make sure that racquetball is a steady growth rate, along with working with each state organization such as our own (MSRA) in helping produce junior programs, local, state, regional, and national sanctioned tournaments to name a few. Their efforts have brought about organizations outside the U.S. and set the standard for international play.

The I.R.F. works with the officials of the U.S. and Canada, as well as Japan, Mexico, and much of South America and Europe to promote worldwide amateur competition. Because of the efforts of these amateur groups, many feel that racquetball may someday be an official Olympic event.

PRO/AMATEUR STATUS

Probably the most asked question in racquetball today is, "How can the same players compete in professional tournaments and remain an amateur, competing in local amateur tournaments and possibly making the National Racquetball Team?" The answer is relatively

easy. In order to maintain amateur status, players are not allowed to accept prize money at a I.R.T. or W.I.R.T sanctioned pro stop. If an individual were to win prize money, then he/she must direct their winnings to a special trust fund designed for this purpose and maintained by the U.S.R.A. Players may draw from this fund to cover approved travel and training expenses. They may claim the remaining balance of the monies accumulated upon terminating their amateur status. This is allowed because many of the newer players, "Rookies" on tour who do not consistently make it to the money rounds need prize money from local tournaments to supplement their income. Top players who play local tournaments are usually compensated for their appearance by special fees or particularly attractive first place money with little expense to themselves.

At a recent major tournament, one of the spectators approached a regular touring pro and asked, "What do you do for a living that allows you the time to be such an excellent racquetball player?" In disbelief, the player answered, "I play racquetball. I'm a pro. That means it's my profession." Sizing him up to see if he was serious, the fan replied, "Come on, this isn't tennis. You can't live on racquetball alone. What do you do, really?"

The truth is, that since 1991 you can live on racquetball. Not everyone, in fact not many, but it does happen. There are even a few players that live quite comfortably.

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This is by no means encouragement for any local open player to give up a secure income to jump on the pro tour, but it is encouragement for those players truly dedicated to know that there is some reward for their expertise and conditioning.

OK, let's be honest. Many of the pro's on the tour supplement their income by teaching in clubs or at camps. And, indeed, no one lives on prize money alone. Sponsorship dollars in the form of expense money, bonuses for tournament advancements (prize money is matched by sponsors), or in some cases, salaries or a per-

centages make up a large portion of a professional's income. Certainly, players who have managed to stay on top since the last days of Mike Yellen, Marty Hogan, and Dave Peck may command a premium price for their endorsements, But current players such as Sudsy Monchik, Andy Roberts, and Cliff Swain are most definitely the premium endorsement figures of today.

RANKINGS

U.S.R.A. members are ranked based on their performance in sanctioned tournament play. Rankings are based on cumulative

points earned throughout the current twelve month cycle. Points are earned for finishes from the quarterfinals through the finals. Points are increased with regards to the level of each tournament.

EXAMPLE:

- LEVEL 1 = Closed state tournament
- LEVEL 2 = Open tournament
- LEVEL 3 = State championship
- LEVEL 4 = Regional championship
- LEVEL 5 = National invitational
- LEVEL 6 = National championships.

The current rankings are always published in Racquetball Magazine. Check and see if you are there.

Super 6: Getting National Play

by Mike Locker

Would you like to play racquetball with someone as far south as Austin, Texas; or as far north as Winnipeg, Ontario; or how about as far east as Long Island, New York; or as far west as Seattle, Washington? Well check out this roster:

PRO:	Laura Fenton	from	Lincoln, NB
PRO:	Troy Stallings	from	Sioux Falls, SD
PRO:	Mike McCelhany	from	Sioux City, IA
PRO:	Jason Jansen	from	Fargo, ND
PRO:	Kevin Graham	from	Fargo, ND
PRO:	Ryan Homa	from	Green Bay, WS
PRO:	Dylan Wick	from	Madison, WS
PRO:	Kyle Veenstra	from	Green Bay, WS
PRO:	Danielle Levine	from	Winnipeg, ONT
PRO:	Scott Hamon	from	Seattle, WS
PRO:	Jim Ellenberger	from	Chicago, IL
PRO:	John Goth	from	Sioux Falls, SD
PRO:	John DeHaan	from	Fargo, ND
A:	Jeremy Horner	from	Sioux City, IA
B:	Vic Wahl	from	Austin, TX
35+:	Ron Jansen	from	Fargo, ND
35+:	Hinton Bradbury	from	Winnipeg, ONT

And more!!!!

All of these fine racquetball players have participated in the Pro Kennex Super 6 racquetball tournaments at Southview Athletic Club in West St. Paul, MN.

Many of these players have traveled hundreds of miles to test their skills against Minnesota's best, and most of them can't wait to take on that challenge again.

The next Pro Kennex tour stop (#4), will be held on January 30th - February 1st, 1998. Featured at this tournament will be Minnesota's finest Mike Locker; along with the 1997 US Open 30+ singles champion Dan Llacera from Long Island, New York; Jim Ellenberger, a top ranked pro from Chicago, Illinois; and Scott Hamon, a top ranked pro from Seattle, Washington.

Not only is the Pro division looking strong, but the A & B divisions have also been consistently full, and always offer fierce competition.

While the men's divisions have always been complete, the women's divisions are a bit down and we wish to invite more female participants to join us for a more competitive draw. If you come, you won't be sorry! The competition and camaraderie is second to none! The tournament generally runs on time, offers great hospitality with a variety of "Grandma's" home cooked meals; from baked lasagna, to meatball stroganoff, and "Grandma's" special beef stew. Let's not forget that the refreshments are included all weekend long.

We look forward to seeing you January 30th!!!

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➤ **St. Cloud Pro-Am**
Suburban Racquet Club
St. Cloud, MN
Greg Hayenga (320)251-1965

January 16 -18

➤ **Iron Range Open**
Supreme Court
Virginia, MN
Val Weinert (218)749-8318

January 23 - 25

➤ **Hall of Fame Tournament**
Central Courts
Columbia Heights, MN
Bruce Moore (612)572-0330

January 30 - February 1

➤ **ProKennex Super Six-Stop 4**
Southview Athletic Club
So. St. Paul, MN 55106
Mike Locker (612)450-1660

January 30 - February 1

➤ **Women's Senior Nationals**
Sequoia Athletic Club
Canoga Park, CA
Debbie Tisinger (818)884-5034

February 6 - 8

➤ **5th Annual Rochester Pro-Am**
Rochester Athletic Club
Rochester, MN
Wendy Miller (507)282-6000

February 13 -1 5

➤ **Decathlon Pro-Am**
Decathlon Club
Bloomington, MN
Dana Anderson (612)854-7171

February 20 -22

➤ **U of M Pro-Am**
U of M Rec Sports Center
Minneapolis, MN
Matt Hiber (612)626-7836

February 27 - March 1

➤ **End of Winter Inspirational**
White Bear Athletic Club
White Bear Lake, MN
Mary Schulenberg (612)426-1308

March 6 - 8

➤ **Pro Kennex Super 6-Stop 5**
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March 13 - 15

➤ **15th Annual UCP Tournament**
Suburban Racquet Club
St. Cloud, MN
Greg Hayenga (612)251-3965

March 20 - 22

➤ **Mathisen Tire Tournament**
Supreme Court
Virginia, MN
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March 25 - 29

➤ **USRA Intercollegiates**
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Phoenix, AZ
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