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Travelling through time and space at the 2007 IRF World Senior Doubles in Hamburg

19 years after the 1988 IRF World Championships in Hamburg, another major event took place in the same club: The IRF World Senior Doubles. For some players who were present 19 years ago, as player, volunteer or team member, it was a come back to a place of great sportsmanship, for all of them it was a great memory of the only World Championship in Europe so far.

Standing, from left to right: Uwe Krogmann, Luke St. Onge, Trevor Meyer, Thomas Knaack, Joachim Loof
Mike Mesecke, Torsten Krieger, Gary Mazaroff, Arturo Martin



REUNIONS AND GREAT COMPETITION AT THE 2007 WORLD SENIOR DOUBLES

Truly international in Hamburg - Over 50 players representing 9 countries competed in the 2nd IRF World Senior Doubles Championships 2007 in June in Hamburg, Germany.

It was an event of renewed friendships, old memories, great competition and new friendships as well.

While this event has been played only once so far, 2000 in Paris, it got almost forgotten that Racquetball never really crowns it's World Senior Doubles Champions.

Since originally supposed to be a European Racquetball Federation fundraiser, there was no question that the first choice of a 'WSD revival' would have to be Europe.

The German Racquetball Federation took over the burden and granted the Championships to Hamburg's 'Sport Department', the former Jenfeld Racquetball Club that hosted the 1988 World Championships, the only Worlds that have been held in Europe so far (well, that changes next year).

And while this event was a great competition for many players it was also a reunion, a come back to a place they have enjoyed 19 years ago (see front page). If they have enjoyed their second World Championship in Hamburg, we don't know. One has to ask those individuals.

Congratulations for some great European performances, e.g. Germany's Trevor Meyer and Joachim Loof (World Champion 35+) and Ayten Kececi from Turkey finishing second in the Ladies 35+ division.

ERT RANKINGS

SEE COMPLETE RANKINGS ONLINE

Ladies Singles

- 1 Gibney, Elma IRE
- 2 Gibney, Ailish IRE
- 3 Haverty, Majella IRE
- 4 Kortés, Yvonne GER
- 5 Skehan, Julie IRE
- 6 Kyzer, Brenda USA
- 7 Comerford, Bernie IRE

Mens Singles

- 1 Chin, Ian USA
- 2 Montserrat, Victor CAT
- 3 Hardison, Timothy USA
- 4 Hickey, Triston IRE
- 5 v. d. Holst, Michiel NED
- 6 Meyer, Trevor GER
- 7 Hughes, Liam IRE



Women Final Matches/Positions

- 35+ Sallie Benedict (USA) & Lucy Zachrisson (GUA) def. Yvonne Kortés (GER) & Ayten Kececi (TUR) 15-9, 15-3
- 60+ Mildred Gwinn & Gail Schaefer (USA) def. Marga Luehring & Renate Cudrup (GER) 15-5, 15-4

Men Final Matches/Positions

- 35+ Joachim Loof & Trevor Meyer (GER) def. Arturo Martín & Sergio Martínez (MEX) 13-15, 15-5, 11-2
- 40+ Yoshihiko Higashi & Shoichi Sakai (JPN) def. Arturo Martín & Sergio Martínez (MEX) 15-13, 15-6
- 45+ Ernesto Townson & Juan Salvatierra (GUA) def. Robert Frazier & James Johnson (USA) 15-8, 15-11
- 50+ Robert Frazier & James Johnson (USA) def. Michael Murphy & Oliver Gibney (IRE) 15-14, 15-2
- 55+ David Ellis & Fred Roe (USA) def. Gary Mazaroff & Luke St. Onge (USA) 15-8, 15-13

Dbls Mixed Doubles Final Matches/Positions

- 35+ Juan Salvatierra & Lucy Zachrisson (GUA) def. René Pierre & Yvonne Kortés (GER) 15-13, 15-2
- 50+ Gary Mazaroff & Sallie Benedict (USA) def. David Ellis & Mildred Gwinn (USA) 15-8, 15-5
- 60+ David Ellis & Mildred Gwinn (USA) def. Fred Roe & Gail Schaefer (USA) 15-6, 15-9



Team Standings Points

Rank	Team	Points
1.	Germany	69
2.	USA	54
3.	Guatemala	23
4.	Mexico	12
4.	Netherlands	12
6.	Ireland	10
7.	Japan	8
8.	Turkey	5
9.	Spain	1



**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE
ITALY IS EXPECTING THE REST OF EUROPE**

Just a few weeks to go until the 2007 European Racquetball

Championships in Brembate, Italy.

While so countries have already signed in for the team competition, the ERF still expects more countries to compete for the European Team Gold Medal for men and women.

The ERF established a special event website where new entries will be updated daily.

Check out <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/display/tourney.asp?TID=2362> and see how many already committed themselves to play the first Europeans in Italy EVER.

In addition to that, the local organizing committee offers a trip to Venice on the day off (August 1). The cost for such a trip will be 20 Euros and includes a drink on the way to Venice.

However, the trip will only take place if 30 people signed in for it. Find all information on this offer at www.racquetballitalia.it.



EUROPEAN CONGRESS 2007

Venue; Jolly Hotel, Bergamo Italy
Date; Wednesday 1st August @ 1900 Hours

A meeting of the European Racquetball Federation will take place at the Jolly Hotel, Bergamo, Italy on Wednesday 1st August @ 1900 hours. Important items will be discussed at this meeting including hosting of the World Championships in 2008

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting which will be held in conjunction with the 14th European Championships

We would ask that each country to send at least one representative to this meeting.

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06. Country Reports
07. ERF Membership
08. European Championships 2009
09. World Championships 2008
10. Junior Racquetball

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer.

Countries who wish to nominate persons for the above positions should do so in writing or by email to the General Secretary before Monday 2nd July 2007. Please note that nominated persons for the above positions must be present at the meeting on 1st August 2007.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Countries who wish to put forward motions to Congress for Rule/Constitutional changes must do so in writing or by email to the General Secretary before Monday 2nd July 2007. Countries submitting motions to Congress must have a representative present to propose the motion.



SPEAKING OF ELECTIONS...

While the ERF will have elections coming up, do you know who has been President 10 years ago? Well, here is some history for you....

President

since 1997 Erik Meyer (Belgium)
1985-1997 Jürgen Denk (Germany)

Vice President

since 2005 Mike Mesecke (Germany)
2003-2005 Gary Lynch (Ireland)
2001-2003 Michael Haverly (Ireland)
1985-2001 Philipp Duignan (Ireland)

General Secretary

since 2005 Michael Haverly (Ireland)
2000-2005 Pascal Matla (Netherlands)
1985-2000 René Hehemann (Netherlands)

Treasurer

since 1999 Karel Matla (Netherlands)
1998-1999 René Hehemann (Netherlands)
1997-1998 Mike Mesecke (Germany)
1996-1997 René Hehemann (Netherlands)
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RECENT RESULTS:

Castlebar Open Ireland

14th - 15th April 2007

Open Mens Singles

Adam Neary (Arklow) def Noel O'Callaghan (O'Loughlins) 2-0

B/C Mens Singles

Frank McDonagh (Ballinrobe) def Michael Kelly (Castlebar) 2-0

D Mens Singles

Billy Claire (Arklow) def Frank Quinn (Leitrim) 2-0

Novice Mens Singles

Billy Claire (Arklow) def Martin Clarke (Castlebar) 2-1

Under 18 Boys Singles

Barry Sheridan (Ballinrobe) def Daniel Cuffe (Castlebar) 2-1

40+ Mens Singles

Michael Murphy (Arklow) def Noel Beggan (Clones) 2-0

Open Mens Doubles

Triston Hickey/Adam Neary (Touraneena/Arklow) def Noel O'Callaghan/Kevin Jennings (O'Loughlins/Castlebar) 2-1

C/D/Novice Mens Doubles

Frank McDonagh/Michael Kelly (Ballinrobe/Castlebar) def Martin Lawless/Oliver Moran (Castlebar) 2-0

Open Womens Singles

Majella Haverty (Castlebar) def Ailish Gibney (Moyleagh) 2-0

Intermediate Womens Singles

Clodagh McManamon (Newport) def Majella Haverty (Castlebar) 2-1

Open Womens Doubles

Julie Skehan/Niamh O'Neill (Touraneena/Castlebar) def Elma Gibney/Ailish Gibney (Moyleagh) 2-0

1st Turkey Open, Istanbul

22nd - 25th April 2007

Mens Singles

1. Metin Oz(Turkey)
2. Orhan Surek(Turkey)
3. Bernard Guys(Turkey)

Womens Singles

1. Filiz Limon(Turkey)
2. Ayten Kececi(Turkey)
3. Tulin Camlica(Turkey)

Arklow Irish Open

4th - 7th May 2007

Open Mens Singles

Liam Hughes (Fermoy) def Triston Hickey (Touraneena)

Open Mens Blue Singles

Timothy Hardison (USA) def Pa Hanley (Fermoy)

Mens B/C Singles

Johnny O'Keeney (Fermoy) def James Byrne (Arklow)

Mens D/Novice Singles

Billy Claire (Arklow) def Pa O'Donnell (Arkow)

Mens 40+ Singles

Timothy Hardison (USA) def Jimmy Romasanta (USA)

Under 18 Boys Singles

Johnny O'Keeney (Fermoy) def Sean Keane (Fermoy)

Open Mens Doubles

Liam Hughes/Dwayne Magnier (Fermoy) def Triston Hickey/Adam Neary (Touraneena/Arklow)

Mens C/D/Novice Doubles

Michael Barnes/Pa O'Donnell (Arklow) def Vinny Fitzgerald/Thomas Fitzgerald (Arklow)

Open Womens Singles

Elma Gibney (Moyleagh) def Ailish Gibney (Moyleagh)

Womens Blue Singles

Julie Skehan (Touraneena) def Bernie O'Callaghan (O'Loughlins)

Intermediate Womens Singles

Majella Haverty (Castlebar) def Toni Neary (Arklow)

Open Womens Doubles

Elma Gibney/Ailish Gibney (Moyleagh) def Susan Farrell/Toni Neary (Arklow)

EUROPEAN TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2007-2008

21ST - 22ND JULY

SUMMER SLAM

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY

CONTACT: JAMES JOHNSON

29TH JULY - 4TH AUGUST

14TH ERF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

BREMBATE, ITALY

CONTACT: PASCAL MATLA

14TH - 16TH SEPTEMBER

HAMBURG OPEN

HAMBURG, GERMANY

CONTACT: MARCEL CZEMPICZ

NOVEMBER

KINGSCOURT OPEN 2007

CONTACT: SEAN GARGAN

NOVEMBER

BELGIAN OPEN 2007

CONTACT: NIKLAAS DEBOUTTE

JANUARY

FRENCH OPEN 2008

NANTERRE, FRANCE

CONTACT: JEAN-PIERRE BOUDART

MARCH

ITALIAN OPEN 2008

BREMBATE, ITALY

CONTACT: MARCO ARNOLDI

MARCH

DUTCH OPEN 2008

SCHINNEN, NETHERLANDS

CONTACT: ERIK TIMMERMANS

Please note:
Almost all dates
for the next
season have not
been published
yet. Please check
the ERF website in
the coming weeks
for updates.

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