



ILLINOIS STATE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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State Doubles Moved to February!

"It was a difficult decision to move the tournament at the last minute," said State Doubles Tournament Director Laurel Davis, "but it came down to doing what was best for the majority of Illinois players." With that, the November 8-10th dates were canceled and the tournament was postponed until February 14-16th at the Woodfield Athletic Club!

"Actually, our entries have been declining since the tournament was moved from the Spring to the Fall four years ago in order to even out the tournament schedule," said Geoff Peters, ISRA President. "We enjoyed our greatest success when the tournament ran in the Spring - so it makes sense that we move it back to where players have indicated they want it."

This year's tournament will be enlivened by being held on Valentine's Day weekend when the Negrete brothers have traditionally run a great tournament at the Woodfield Athletic Club. They're promising a fun weekend, and one of their major sponsors -- Nations Systems -- has signed on to support the State Doubles in place of the traditional St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Tournament Director Davis has promised a great weekend with on-time matches and her "perfect seeding" methodology based on the ISRA Ranking System. "We really appreciate Dave and John Negrete supporting the ISRA by clearing this date for the State Doubles," offered Davis. "It is always risky to cancel an existing event when another has to be moved, and we appreciate them going out of their way in support of the ISRA."

The State Doubles entry blank is enclosed with this newsletter -- so don't forget to sign up early! Special start times on Saturday are **guaranteed** for all Men's divisions older than 50, and all Ladies divisions! This way you won't have to sacrifice your entire weekend... Also, there will be a special pasta feed on Saturday night for all players, and special rates at the Holiday Inn Express and Wyndham Garden for those of you looking to take your Sweetheart away for the weekend. (Remember, Woodfield Mall is only one minute from the club for your shopping pleasure!)

We hope to see you there!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to everyone and best wishes for a fabulous 1997. This is the year that you tournament players plan to win your division and move up to a higher skill level, and the year that us weekend warriors will just try to beat that older guy down at the local YMCA who just seems to have our number

In reality, of course, most of us will do neither of the above. The old guy will still beat us regularly, and the tournament wins will be tantalizingly close -- but never quite materialize. What most of us will do is continue to play racquetball -- a sport and a game that is both physical and cerebral at the same time. Few other activities make you think and move so quickly in response to an opponent's challenge. The good news is that the more we play, the better we feel -- both physically and emotionally. After a difficult day at the office, out on sales calls, or at home with the kids, isn't a racquetball game the perfect antidote for that mid-winter depression? For those of us who don't get out often enough -- doesn't it feel good when you get the opportunity?

So, while you're making that New Year's Resolution, try one of these on for size:

- If you play once a week -- resolve to play twice a week.
- If you play twice a week -- resolve to play a tournament each month to test new competition.
- If you play tournaments regularly -- resolve to play one or more events that you have never entered.
- If you've never played a tournament -- resolve to enter one of the ISRA Sanctioned events that offer Novice skill divisions.
- If you don't want to play tournaments -- resolve to come out and watch one of the tournaments this spring. You'll be shocked at how exciting it is!
- If you enjoy racquetball -- resolve to introduce someone new to the game.

See, these are actually the types of resolutions that we can accomplish - so get to it and set the stage for the best 1997 possible!

See you on the courts...

Geoff

How to Handle the Player that Won't Get Out of Your Way

by Jordan Kahn

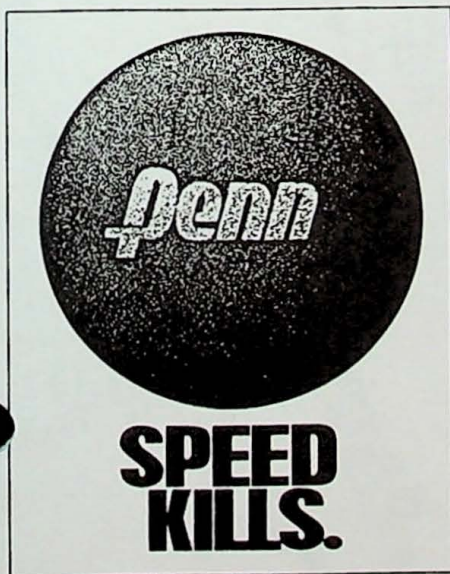
Have you ever played someone who doesn't get out of your way, stands in front of you before you swing, and seldom turns to see where their own shot went? If you have encountered such a player, you probably know how frustrating it is trying to explain to them they have to move out of the way, especially if that person was misguided enough to believe players should never look back after their shot!

Luckily, a few years back I found a solution to this problem. Screaming, explaining the rules and hitting them with the ball will not work. These players don't intentionally get in the way, they just fail to turn their heads to watch the ball and are not aware they are in your way. The secret is getting these players to change a bad habit of not looking behind them after their own shot.

Try this: Next time a player is in your way (because they fail to look back), catch the ball and just stand quietly. Wait for the other player to turn and ask you what's wrong. Explain that you were afraid you might hit them and would like to replay the rally. Keep doing this until the other player is convinced you are cheating and wants to catch you in the act, which means they will start to pay more attention to the ball behind them, thus moving out of your way.

It's worth trying just to see the expression on the other player's face (when you catch the ball) as they finally turn to see what happened!

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ANIMALS OR ATHLETES?

What separates people in racquetball from the "wild kingdom" is not just their intellect, but the manner in which they conduct themselves. We are able to prove dominance over one another in sport, rather than clawing, biting or fighting each other to see who comes out the victor. Thanks to the ISRA/USRA Players Pledge of Conduct, the following is held true:

As a member in good standing of the ISRA/USRA, I understand that I am responsible to the governing body for the sport of racquetball in the State of Illinois and therefore:

I pledge to act and play in a sportsman-like manner at all times before, during and after any ISRA/USRA sanctioned event.

I pledge to participate in the level of play for which I am qualified.

I pledge to respect the property of the host facilities as well as the properties of any individuals, sponsors or others associated with any ISRA/USRA event.

I understand that a referee, tournament director, and/or the designated rules committee may forfeit me or disqualify me from a tournament in accordance with the USRA rules. I also understand the right to appeal such rulings as follows:

1. *Tournament Director (verbal).*
2. *Tournament Rules committee (verbal).*
3. *ISRA State Board of Directors (written).*
4. *National USRA Board of Directors (written).*

And that for any forfeiture, default, disqualification or unsportsman-like behavior that is brought before the ISRA/USRA Board of Directors for consideration, I understand that a first offense may lead to a denial of participation in any ISRA/USRA sanctioned event for up to six (6) months. A second offense may lead to denial of participation in any ISRA/USRA sanctioned event for up to one (1) year, and a third offense may lead to a lifetime ban from participating in any ISRA/USRA sanctioned event.

Profanity, court abuse, referee disrespect, disregard of the rules and/or unsportsman-like behavior will not be tolerated in any ISRA/USRA sanctioned event, by players, parents, spectators, or others as provided in the official USRA rulebook.

All such rulings of the ISRA Board of Directors shall be reported to the National USRA Board of Directors.

I am proud to say that currently, we have not had to exercise these procedures to the full extent as has been done in other states. Keeping a level head even when the going gets tough minimizes unnecessary outbreaks that lead to disciplinary action and ill feelings. A true athlete displays their talent, not their temper. See you Courtside,

Rich Clay, National Rules Committee

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- **PENN** Racquet Sports and the International Racquetball Tour (IRT) have signed a new contract naming Penn's Pro Penn green ball as the official ball for the tour until 2001. Penn developed the green ball in 1994 working in conjunction with the IRT. The ball offers greater visibility and is made to provide better and more consistent play. "Our partnership with Penn over the last three years has been great because the Pro Penn ball continues to offer the playability, consistency and durability that tour players demand," said Hank Marcus, IRT Commissioner. "I'm looking forward to our next five years together and to a great future for the game of racquetball."
- "PENN's new racquetball glove line has had a favorable reception by the trade, and even our competitors have shown interest in this year's line," said Jay Simmons, Penn's Senior Product Manager. "Other new, exciting products will also be available soon."

All of Penn's gloves are made of genuine hand-selected, premium grade Cabretta leather -- one of the finest glove leathers in the world. Cabretta leather provides a superior gripping surface and stays extremely soft and naturally durable. Each glove also offers a lightweight power mesh back for a snug and comfortable fit, openings between each finger for ventilation, a wide absorbent wrist band and an extra duty Velcro closure.

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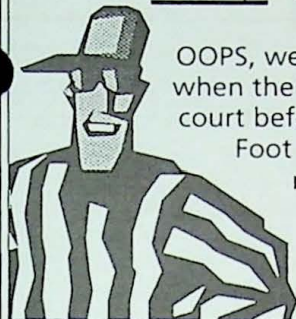
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- **RAD** Eyeguards recently signed Mike Ray, Adam Karp and Laura Fenton (among others) as sponsored players.
- Recently signed highly-ranked "**Python Players**" include: Sudsy Monchik, Mike Ceresia, Cliff Hendrickson, Buzz Sawyer, Grant Giles, Kevin Graham, James Lorrello, Richie Baer, Rob Dejesus, Shane Dodge, Dave & John Negrete, Ryan Homa, Jed Bhuta, Shane Wood, Ryan Staten, Jack Huczek, Ed Remen, Otis Chapman, Don Alt, Paul Banales, Malia Bailey, Lynn Coburn, Kersten Hollander, Joanne Pomodoro and Fran Davis.
- **ENERGY 9.9** and New **AIR HAMMER** from **WILSON**. Wilson has introduced the explosively-powered Energy 9.9, and an all-new

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It's NOT The Rule!



OOPS, we blew it! In last month's article, when the server's partner got to the back court before the ball did, we called it a Foot Fault. However, as two astute readers pointed out, it is Loss of Serve!

Sorry for the error.

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

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ultralite Air Hammer 9.9. The Energy 9.9 uses patented Strike Zone technology to stiffen the upper third of the racquet to deliver explosive power and consistent response, plus an exclusive Integrated String Damper to eliminate vibration and prevent arm fatigue.

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STATE SINGLES RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Look for your entry
blank in this issue!



Penn.

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1996-97 ISRA Travel League

Standings as of December 10, 1996

MEN'S OPEN/A DIVISION

NORTH

1. Bloomingdale 1
2. Woodfield
3. Elgin YMCA
4. Glass Court
5. Bloomingdale 2
6. Lattof YMCA

SOUTH

1. Naperville
2. Westmont
3. Silver Lake
4. Glass Court
5. Hillside
6. Richport YMCA
7. Chalet

MEN'S OPEN/B DIVISION

NORTH

1. Woodfield
2. Edens
3. Bloomingdale
4. Naper Olympic
5. Logan

SOUTH

1. Naper Olympic
2. Courts Plus
3. Wheaton
4. Glass Court
5. Palos
6. Norris

MEN'S C DIVISION

1. Centre Court
2. Wheaton
3. Lattof YMCA
4. Courts Plus
5. Lemont
6. Edens
7. Richport YMCA
8. Glass Court

MIXED OPEN/A

1. Bloomingdale
2. Westmont
3. Glass Court

WOMEN'S OPEN/A NIGHT

1. Glass Court
2. Bloomingdale
3. Tinley Park
4. Edens
5. Palos

WOMEN'S B DIVISION

1. Woodfield
2. Naper Olympic
3. Glass 2
4. Schaumburg
5. Glass 1

WOMEN'S B & BELOW

1. Glass Court
2. Naperville
3. Wheaton

1997 Distinguished Service Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 1997 ISRA Distinguished Service Award, to be presented at the 1997 State Singles, March 2, 1997.

Criteria for consideration include:

- Commitment to the sport of racquetball and quality of service.
- Accomplishments which have benefited the sport and its players.

Nominations may be made by any ISRA member. A signed, dated nomination together with a typed statement of the nominee's contributions must be received by the Nominating Committee prior to January 31, 1997. Winners chosen by the ISRA governing board will be honored at the 1997 State Singles. If you have any questions, please contact ISRA Secretary Judy Young at (630) 969-6093.

Past recipients of the Zahn/Distinguished Service Award are: Tom Street (1978), Bob Troyer (1979), Art Michaely (1980), Gay Kenna (1981); Jim Harper (1982), Jim Cartwright (1983), Alan Shetzer (1984), Clyde Senters (1985), Diane Gabrisko (1986), Geoff Peters (1986), Bill Feigen (1987), Alvin Barasch (1988), Judy Young (1989), Bill Roberts (1990), Al Danielwicz (1991), Bill Piggott (1992), Rich Clay (1993), Dave Negrete (1994), Lori Kaiser (1995), Brian Stuertz (1996).

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (night) _____

Nominee's contributions to the sport of racquetball (please attach a separate sheet).

Name of ISRA member initiating nomination (please print): _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (night) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return by January 31, 1997 to:

ISRA State Racquetball Association
1953 Morton Road
Lisle, IL 60532

1996 ISRA Players of the Year Award

Vote for your favorite male and/or female Player of the Year (see form below). Please submit a brief paragraph regarding your selection(s) using the following criteria:

1. Number of years played.
2. Improvement.
3. Sportsmanship.
4. Personal Accomplishments.
5. Contributions to the sport of racquetball.

Note: Nominees may be, but do not have to be, Open players, but must be ISRA/USRA members. Winners will be chosen by the ISRA Governing Board and will be honored at the 1997 State Singles Championships, March 2, 1997.

Past Recipients: Chris Evon (1988), Marshall Waldo (1988), Cheryl Gudinas (1989), Rich Clay (1989), Pat Tarzon (1990), Bill Lyman (1990), Laurel Davis (1991), Ron Johnson (1991), Lola Markus (1992), Bill Lyman (1992), Cheryl Gudinas (1993), Andy Pitock (1993), Cheryl Gudinas (1994), Greg Hasty (1994), Cheryl Gudinas (1995), Horace Miller (1995).

Ballot Deadline is January 31, 1997.

NOMINATION FORM

Male Nominee's Name _____

Phone # _____

Female Nominee's Name _____

Phone # _____

Name of ISRA member initiating nomination (please print): _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (night) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Mail ballot to:

ISRA Players of the Year
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

TURKEY SHOOT

November 21-24, 1996
 Mass Court Swim & Fitness Club
 Tournament God: Doug Halverson

MEN'S OPEN (13): 1-J. Negrete; 2-S. Moskwa; S-J. Ellenberger, A. Spaeth. MEN'S AA (5): 1-T. Vandennakker; 2-M. Bogue. MEN'S A (24): 1-K. Fleck; 2-M. Slater; S-S. Thorson, R. Clay. MEN'S B (27): 1-A. Rubiano; 2-C. Citti; S-M. Burkhardt, S-J. Riske. MEN'S C: 1-E. Gutierrez, 2-B. Johnson; S-B. Kizior, S. Trizzino. MEN'S D (23): 1-N. Kritzek; 2-R. Morrison; S-P. Snyder, G. Negele. MEN'S NOVICE (6): 1-R. Cavaliere Jr.; 2-C. Blazek; S-J. Andrews, N. Bishoff. MEN'S 20/35 (10): 1-G. Hasty; 2-J. Silius, S-J. Nagel, T. Reardon. MEN'S 40 (6): 1-G. Hasty; 2-L. Restaino, S-J. Mataresse, T. Kennedy. MEN'S 60+ (4): 1-Hugh Morrison. MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES (8): 1-J. Ellenberger/J. Plazek; 2-J. Negrete/D. Johnson; S-D. Bacher/D. Grigas; S-A. Spaeth/B. Lyman. MEN'S A DOUBLES (16): 1-T. J. Ferro/N. Bishoff; 2-R. Cavaliere/M. Beckman; S-J. Thorson/M. Kinkin; S-S. Condon/J. Jovien. MEN'S B DOUBLES (8): 1-S. Riske/Errman; 2-K. Mankle/D. Huff; S-M. White/M. Mahon; S-S. Gorski/V. Ippolitto. MEN'S C DOUBLES (11): 1-D. Peterson/J. Wilhelm; 2-M. Mahon/S. Dubois; S-C. Morales/B. Randazzo, S-T. Baxa/S. Reiser. WOMEN'S OPEN (4): 1-L. Molitor; 2-B. White. WOMEN'S A (8): 1-A. Tyler; 2-K. McCauley; S-K. Yackley, S-D. Bunker. WOMEN'S B (10): 1-D. Thompson; 2-P. Blakely; S-L. Miller, S-P. Nelis. WOMEN'S C (5): 1-B. Carrington; 2-J. Jaskier. WOMEN'S D/NOVICE (4): 1-L. Samela; 2-A. Lawrence. WOMEN'S OPEN/A DOUBLES (6): 1-C. Lisson/R. Ferconio; 2-P. Calvi/S. Williams; S-P. Blakely/M. Miranda; S-K. Yackley/M. Konow. WOMEN'S B/C DOUBLES (4): 1-P. Grace/T. Hiller; 2-L. Wiesbart/D. Thompson. MIXED OPEN/A DOUBLES (10): 1-J. Baumgartner/M. Johnson; 2-D. Halverson/C. Jaskier; S-J. Silius/C. Dunham; S-D. Carter/J. Carter. MIXED B/C DOUBLE (5): 1-T. Curtis/C. Kirk; 2-J. Gaw/J. Jaskier.

Cardiac Classic Racquetball Tournament

December 13-15, 1996
 Evergreen Racquet & Fitness, Evergreen Park
 Tournament Director: Winston Cole

Just a note to all the racquetball players in the state: As a long-time participant in tournaments, I had one of the most enjoyable weekends of racquetball that I have had in a long time. The tournament that I am speaking of is the Cardiac Classic at the Evergreen Racquet & Fitness Center. If you were able to get your holiday shopping done early, this tournament would have been perfect for you. Scheduling and start times were accurate, the environment was comfortable, and the hospitality was overwhelming. So I thank the tournament director, Winston Cole, and encourage you all to consider participating in the Cardiac Classic next year.

--John Thorson

MEN'S OPEN (15): 1-Jim Ellenberger; 2-Tim Sweeney; Semi-Bruce Erickson, Mike Johnston. MEN'S AA (7): 1-Greg Hodges; 2-Jon Cole. MEN'S A (15): 1-John Thorson; 2-T. J. Ferro; Semi-Eddie Carr, Mitch Slater. MEN'S B (8): 1-Cary Slade; 2-James Lucci; Semi-Chris Caldwell, Craig Citti. MEN'S C (12): 1-Ed Gutierrez; 2-Steve Grujjich; Semi-Len Schultz, Chris Caldwell. MEN'S D (14): 1-Vincent Williams; 2-Ron Villalobos; Semi-Len Schultz, Chris Caldwell. MEN'S 35/40+ (7): 1-Greg Hodges; 2-Len Restaino; Semi-John Mataresse, Dan Kruse. MEN'S 45/50 (6): 1-Erhard Gruenwald; 2-George Henton; Semi-Delmar Reed, Don Cipriani. WOMEN'S A/B (6): 1-Ellen Somberg; 2-Pamela Blakely; Semi-Dorothy Jackson, Gwen English. MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES (7): 1-Jim Ellenberger/Tim Sweeney; 2-Chris Wright/Bruce Erickson; Semi-Alex Spaeth/Howie Spaeth, Mike Johnston/John Amatulli. MEN'S A DOUBLES (10): 1-Delmar Reed/Eddie Carr; 2-John Thorson/T. J. Ferro; Semi-Dan Kruse/Keith Kareiva, D. Junis/Winston Cole. MEN'S B/C DOUBLES (8): 1-Joe Morici/Tim Kliros; 2-Jeff Justice/Mike White; Semi-Lee Cherry/Willie McGee, Brian Johnson/Ron Villalobos. MIXED B/C DOUBLES (5): 1-Tim Kliros/Gwen English; 2-Lee Cherry/Dorothy Jackson; Semi-Ken Fleck/Hartman, Willie McGee/McDavid.



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1997 IRT Events

- January 15-19**
Ralph Schomp
Automotive Invitational
Denver Athletic Club
Denver, CO
- January 22-25**
IRT Columbus Pro-Am
Continental Athletic Club
Columbus, OH
- January 29 - February 2**
Racquet Club of Pittsburgh
Pro-Am
Racquet Club of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA
- February 12-16**
VCI Pro-Am
Souther Athletic Club
Atlanta, GA
- February 26 - March 2**
Penfield Pro-Am
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Rochester, NY
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Syracuse, NY
- March 26-29**
Paine Webber Pro-Am
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Phoenix, AZ
- April 9-13**
VCI Doubles Championships
Schoeber's Athletic Club
Pleasanton, CA
- April 23-27**
Foxwoods IRT Pro Nationals
Las Vegas Sporting House
Las Vegas, NV
- April 30 - May 4**
San Diego Pro-Am '97
Club TBA
San Diego, CA
- May 14-18**
Bay101 IRT World Championships
Bayhill Athletic Club
Milpitas, CA
- June 4-8**
Spalding Tournament of
Champions
Multnomah Athletic Club
Portland, OR

1997 WIRT Events

- January 9-12**
1997 Grand Slam Pro-Am
Highpoint Athletic Club
Chalfont, PA
- February TBA**
RAD Athletics Super Series
Club TBA
Roanoke, VA
- March 14-16**
RAD Athletics Super Series
Continental Athletic Club
Columbus, OH
- April 23-27**
Foxwoods WIRT Pro Nationals
Las Vegas Sporting House
Las Vegas, NV
- May 1-4**
Crystal City Classic Pro-Am
The Skyline Club at Crystal
Gateway
Arlington, VA
- May 14-18**
Bay101 WIRT World
Championships
Bayhill Athletic Club
Milpitas, CA
- June 5-8**
RAD Tournament of Champions
Multnomah Athletic Club
Portland, OR

1997 Tournament Calendar

- January 10-12**
Illini Open
IMPE Bldg./Champaign
Kevin McDonald (217) 359-2947
ISRA SANCTIONED
- January 16-19**
Revie Sorey Celebrity Classic
Championships
Bloomingdale Sports Complex
Anita Efron (708) 474-2440
ISRA SANCTIONED
- January 24-26**
Women's Senior/Masters
Championships
Chattanooga, TN
Nancy Kronenfeld (847) 825-5564
USRA SANCTIONED
- January 24-26**
Super Bowl Open
Channing YMCA, Elgin
Scott Klingberg (847) 888-7400
ISRA SANCTIONED
- January 25**
One Day Doubles Only
Champaign Fitness Center
Bob Graf (217) 356-1616
- January 31 - February 2**
Bloomingdale Open
Bloomingdale Sports Complex
Howie Spaeth (630) 893-9577
ISRA SANCTIONED
- January 31 - February 2**
Winter Classic
Decatur YMCA
Dick Dechert (217) 428-6606
- February 7-9**
Illini Classic
Champaign Fitness Center
Bob Graf (217) 356-1616
ISRA SANCTIONED
- February 7-9**
Valentine Open
The Club, Springfield
Barry Slifer (217) 787-1111
- February 14-16**
ISRA State Doubles
presented by National Systems
Woodfield Athletic Club
Laurel Davis (630) 325-6410
ISRA SANCTIONED
- February 14-16**
President's Day Open
Image Health & Fitness, Decatur
Larry Boyer (217) 424-9925
- February 21-23**
3rd Annual Olympic Open
Palos Olympic Health & Fitness
Tom Utterback (708) 974-1907
ISRA SANCTIONED
- February 29 - March 2**
ISRA State Singles
Championships
Bloomingdale Sports Complex
Bill Roberts (847) 370-9825
ISRA SANCTIONED
- March 7-9**
Roberts Packaging Open
Woodfield Athletic Club
Diane Negrete (847) 884-0678
ISRA SANCTIONED
- March 13-16**
Shamrock Shootout
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Diane DeArmas (630) 629-3390
ISRA SANCTIONED
- March 14 - 16**
St. Pat's Day Open
Springfield Racquet & Fitness
Brian Kosa (217) 787-2460
- March 21-23**
March Madness
Oak Park Athletic Club
Bill Lyman (708) 848-5200
ISRA SANCTIONED
- March 28-30**
Landmark Invitational
Landmark Racquet &
Health, Peoria
Sue Malone (309) 685-8200
- April 11-13**
Negrete Open
Woodfield Athletic Club
Diane Negrete (847) 884-0678
ISRA SANCTIONED
- April 25-27**
USRA Regional Championships
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Geoff Peters (773) 935-9685
USRA SANCTIONED
- May 3-4**
Region 8 USRA Junior Olympic
Championships
TBA - Chicago Area
Rich Clay (847) 918-7407
USRA SANCTIONED
- May 21-26**
USRA National Championships
Downtown YMCA, Houston
Margo Daniels (719) 935-5396
USRA SANCTIONED



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