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from the editor

With only four months to go, I'd like to jump right in with both feet to become one of the many millions of people who will reflect on the past — while looking toward our future — as the millennium approach-eth. Well, there might not be quite so much of that on the subject of racquetball, but I wanted to get my two cents in early anyway.

So, as much as we talk about racquetball being a "community," shouldn't we face facts? If it were truly one big, happy family, there wouldn't be quite so many distant cousins, twice-removed, wandering around without any feel for their "roots." You know, players who don't even *know* that there is any organized structure



for the sport they enjoy? Don't know their "Gee-neology?" [Gee, there's a national office? Gee, and a state association? I can buy an official rulebook? A magazine? Attend major tournaments? Gee!] If we accept the most-conservative data, which sets the number of regular racquetball enthusiasts at roughly nine million, we're left with about 8,975,000 long-lost relatives wandering around looking for the picnic. How do we invite them?

At the beginning of the summer, our thought was to have those of you "in the know" spread the word through a membership drive [see page 5]. Our office was practically *faint* at the prospect of just doubling our membership base (leaving 8,950,000 still at large). We offered some incentives to bring in new members (balls for everyone!), and prize drawings (there's plenty left ...) then waited to watch our numbers grow. Let's just say that we are all still fully-conscious.

The point? The membership drive is entering its last phase and our little community remains just that. Where are all our league, shuttle, mixer, pick-up game and once-a-week-at-six-am brethren? Reaching them one-on-one is effective, but slow. Entire league sign-ups are quicker. You, or your club's league director, can make multiple copies of the form on page 5 and use them to claim a can of balls for each new member you sign up. Quick, easy, and you could end up with a case-ful to yourself!

So, I reflect on the time when racquetball was a much larger community. And I hold out hope for a bright future in which the USRA will provide services to ... oh, let's say one percent (yes, 1%) of the estimated playing population. By my count, that would be a whopping 90,000! You know, I *may* faint ...

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The portable court performed beautifully in its first trip abroad, where Michael Bronfeld finally downed long-time rival Sherman Greenfeld. Photo: Luke St. Onge.

... on the cover

Cheryl Gudinas won her first U.S. National Singles Championships in Houston last May, then followed up with another first — a Pan American Games gold medal in Winnipeg. Photo: Rick Cardella.

reader forum



Thanks for the Memories!

I'm sitting in my room thinking of the last ten years and how fast they have gone. I'm thinking of all the great players I have coached and what an honor it has been to work with the greatest people and athletes in our short history of racquetball. The list of players reads like a who's who of our sport ... and each and every one of them has touched my heart and inspired me. It's too bad our racquetball public cannot get to know you and see you all battle it out for our country. Few get to see the effort they have put in — time and time again — in tournaments that hold no true financial reward, but just to represent our country.



Top: Coach Winterton on the sidelines with an overheated Michael Bronfeld at the Pan American Games, the last event of his tenure with the adult U.S. Team. Bottom: Laura Fenton and daughter Jennifer help cheer in Winnipeg. Photos: USRA Staff.

To our opponents, who I respect greatly and would love a chance to coach, I thank you. Outstanding Canadian athletes over the years, the entire Mexican team, team Bolivia, team Chile, team Germany, Ireland, Australia, Japan, and Korea, I thank you. Your excellence has given us the incentive to train harder.

To Fran Davis, with whom I started coaching, I owe much. She has been a good friend, co-worker, student and teacher. To Tom Travers, who has been an excellent assistant coach, I thank you for your dedication and your sense of humor. To Diana McNab, whose dedication and techniques helped to shape our team, thanks. To Scott Phelps, who helped change our great game and the way players condition for it; thanks. To Laura Finch who picked up the ball after Diana, thanks. To the many team leaders and managers that I tortured relentlessly over the years and, most of whom, rose to the occasion when crunch time came ... thanks!

Finally, to my son, Colin, and my wife, Ann, thanks for putting up with the 20 day "disappearing acts" that were demanded every year. I am proud of our record. Our team has compiled a record of 21-0 over the last nine years. I am proud that many of our team members now want to coach and pass on their expertise to so many others. I am proud to be associated with so many men and women who want to give back to our great sport.

Here in Winnipeg, we are underdogs for the first-time ever in an international competition. Canadian world champions Sherman Greenfeld and Christie Van Hees hold winning records against the players we are sending up against them. On paper it looks bad. Marv Levy, the great former coach of the Buffalo Bills, had a saying before every game; "Where would you rather be than right here, right now?" That's exactly how I feel before the opening ceremonies tonight. We're going to do a fantastic job. Our players have always risen to the occasion. We are going to win this. Thanks for everything.

Jim Winterton

Head Coach, U.S. National Team

July 23, 1999 — Winnipeg

University of Manitoba, Tachet Hall

Postscript: This "farewell" piece was written on the evening before we started the Pan Am Games which are now history. We succeeded again. Michael Bronfeld rose to the early task of defeating Sherman and Cheryl Gudinas defeated Van Hees for the gold. The doubles teams of Doug Ganim and Drew Kachtik and Jackie Paraiso and Joy MacKenzie were dominant. Adam Karp defeated Michael for the gold once again and Laura Fenton took a bronze. The game isn't played on paper, it's played on the court. The heart of a player cannot be measured on paper. Perhaps that is the greatest thing about my experience with the U.S. Racquetball Team. I have always had faith in them, and thus they have returned that confidence in our staff. To all of you; I am humbled to have worked with you. See you all on the tournament trail!

Fenton Fan

About a year ago my 9-year-old son and I discovered racquetball and a few months later he played in the Junior Regional Tournament in Monterey, California. Unfortunately, he was

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soundly beaten by a series of internationally ranked juniors. After his matches, Laura Fenton and her daughter Jennifer, who we didn't even know before then, took Eli aside and literally taught him a real backhand and power serve. Imagine our surprise to discover a year later that Laura came so close to being the number-one women's player in the United States.

Our brief excursion into the higher levels of competitive racquetball showed us everything that is good about professional women sports figures, especially compared to the shortcomings of traditional, mass-marketed sports. Whether it's stories about players calling hinders on themselves at 14-14 or tournament medals for kids who have lost every game they played, racquetball is truly an activity that fosters the best qualities of sportsmanship and character building.

Not too many kids have racquetball figures as role-models, but I'm happy to say that, in our house, names like Fenton and Monchik are said with the same respect and admiration as Bonds and Rice.

*Howard and Eli Smukler
Berkeley, California*

Missing in Action

The reason for my email is sort of interesting. I'm looking for an old racquet. Remember the DP 8000? That is the frame I used when I was playing the tour...that's scary to admit.

Anyway, my wife Lauren put together a very nice, framed collage of my racquetball memorabilia (RB covers, pics, logo'd shirts, etc), and it has a space in the frame for a racquet. There's my problem. I don't have any old DP 8000's. It's funny, when I was playing the tour, I had 50 of them. Now, I need one and don't have any.

Is there any way to put out an "all points" bulletin in the magazine to see if someone has one they would be willing to give up? There's probably a free pair of Converse shoes in it for someone who can help me out! Thanks in advance for any assistance you can give me.

*Gregg Peck | Coppell, Texas
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Library Carded

Over a year ago I inquired in the main library in Cincinnati about getting [a RACQUETBALL] subscription. It took forever, but when it was on the shelf I

was sooo happy. I was then curious and asked the librarian to do a search to find out how many libraries (in the whole USA) carried proof that racquetball is alive via [RACQUETBALL] magazine! To my surprise there were only 14. That is 14 — like Pete Rose's number? 14? Yes, 14. Well, I just about grew six frown wrinkles immediately. How can there only be so few in the nation? If this is true, that is one good reason why kids do not know about our great sport! If 14 is accurate, then I ask all racquetball players to rush to their neighborhood libraries and demand a subscription to the publication that covers the greatest sport of all time!!

*Dale Knotts
Cincinnati & Kentucky*

On the Hunt

Does anyone at the magazine remember a racquetball "trainer" called Jokari? It is a small (6"x5"x4") red, heavy base with a long, stretchy cord attached to a real racquetball. It does a great job replicating 3-wall racquetball (4-wall if you're strong enough!). I bought mine in Homestead, Florida in 1978. I've called all the local sporting stores but no luck. Any ideas?

*Cynthia Tickell | Tampa, Florida
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usra policies & procedures

"MATURE" NATIONAL SINGLES ENTRANTS !

Effective in 2000, the USRA Board of Directors has re-established its former policy regarding regional qualifying for National Singles competition — **for all entrants!** ALL players, of any age, must pre-qualify for competition in Houston by competing in a designated regional qualifier. However, the Board also recognized two additional senior/master events at which formerly-exempted players can qualify for national competition.

The Women's Senior/Master Championship in Baltimore, Md. [Jan. 21-23] and the NMRA Masters Singles Championships in Fountain Valley, Calif. [Feb. 16-19] will both be considered "regional events" for the purpose of qualifying their 45-and-over participants for competition in the 2000 National Singles in Houston [May 26-31]. Please note that all 35+ and 40+ players must still qualify through a regularly scheduled regional event, and that all other stipulations remain in force — you must compete in (not merely enter) the qualifying event, age requirements, etc.

"JUNIORS" LISTEN UP, TOO !

Also effective in the new year, former junior regional qualifying requirements have been lifted — and replaced with the stipulation that Junior Olympic entrants must first compete in a recognized Level 3 State Championship in order to qualify for the 2000 event. Although there are no longer separate regional qualifying tournaments for juniors, all other stipulations remain in force — you must compete in (not merely enter) the qualifying state event, age requirements, etc.

For Juniors, two events serve as qualifiers for the U.S. Junior National Team in 2000. The National High School champions (1 each, male & female = 2) will be appointed to the team for a term of one year, along with the top three finishers at the Junior Olympic Championships in the 18-, 16- and 14- divisions (3 each, male & female, from each division = 18). Like its adult counterpart, the 20-member U.S. Junior Team competes internationally and conducts annual goodwill tours. [policy revised, effective 01/2000]

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U.S. TEAM STAFF

The USRA is accepting applications for Assistant Coach and Team Leader positions in the 2000-2001 season. Applicants for assistant coach positions should hold applicable certifications in AmPRO instruction, Level One coaching and stringing. Team Leader applicants should also be Referee certified at Level Two, plus be familiar with U.S. Team policies and procedures. Resumes must be submitted to the USRA office [Attn: Jim Hiser], no later than October 30, 1999.

U.S. JUNIOR TEAM STAFF

The USRA is accepting applications for Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Leader positions in support of the U.S. Junior Team for the 2000-2002 season. Head and Assistant coach applicants should hold applicable certifications in AmPRO instruction and Level One coaching. Team leader should have a working knowledge of U.S. Junior Team policies and procedures. Resumes must be submitted to the USRA office [Attn: Jim Hiser], no later than June 1, 2000.

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Top (left to right): Joy MacKenzie, Michael Bronfeld, Adam Karp, Jackie Paraiso
Bottom (left to right): Drew Kachtik, Laura Fenton, (now) Head Coach Tom Travers, Doug Ganim
Not pictured: Cheryl Gudinas, who collapsed from heat exhaustion following the medal ceremony.

From day one, everyone knew racquetball would be one of the hottest sports at this summer's Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Unusually high 90-degree temperatures for the region made the situation more literal, and even ticket sales were heated, as racquetball's gold and bronze-medal matches sold out early, and seats to the semifinal matches quickly melted away. And before the first match was ever played, Winnipeg's own Sherman Greenfeld was selected to deliver the athletes' oath at Opening Ceremonies. That singular honor stirred up the press corps and hoards of cheering countrymen in Winnipeg Stadium, many of whom echoed those patriotic sentiments all the way through the final day of competition at the Winnipeg Winter Club.

Local Talent

Although many of the matches in preliminary round-robin play (for seeding) proved to be anxiety-ridden, Puerto Rico's Rob DeJesus did the most damage to Team Canada's medal plans right out of the box when he upset its national champion, Kane Waselenchuk on opening day. The single loss in the round resulted in Waselenchuk being bumped into the lower half of the playoff bracket, where he would be forced to meet teammate Greenfeld in the quarterfinals. Immediately, the Canadian fans loyalties were split.

In that later match-up, Greenfeld had the hometown advantage with a standing-room-only crowd at the Winnipeg Winter Club — the majority of which were obviously on hand to cheer their "prince" in a rematch of the Canadian National Championship final. Greenfeld, who had hinted all week that the Pan Am Games would be his final tournament before retiring, had no intention of being knocked out of such a major event in his own backyard so quickly. After losing the first game to his Edmonton rival, he rallied back to down seventeen-year-old Waselenchuk in the tiebreaker, drawing support from the boisterous crowd chanting his name in unison, and motivation from local media surrounding the court.

Grudge Matches

Greenfeld's semifinal against the USA's Michael Bronfeld didn't get any easier for the veteran. Bronfeld was eager to meet the nemesis who had beaten him repeatedly in previous international tests. After learning he would meet Greenfeld in the semifinals, Bronfeld remarked, "I'm glad Sherman beat Kane. I want to beat him, and I want to beat him in his hometown. It's my turn now."

With his father Ed on the sidelines, Bronfeld lived up to those fighting words. He was also backed by a small, but loud, group of USA athletes — including team staffers Marc Auerbach and Kelley Beane — who did a respectable job of being heard over the hometown crowd. Bronfeld easily took the first game, 15-6, before Greenfeld put up a fight and rallied to take the second game, 15-12. Bronfeld put his words back into action in the tiebreaker with an 11-5

victory, which knocked
Winnipeg's charmer into the
bronze medal match.

by christie hyde

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Curtis Winter - Men's Singles & Doubles

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Michael Bronfeld - Men's Singles
Laura Fenton - Women's Singles
Doug Ganim - Men's Doubles
Cheryl Gudinas - Women's Doubles
Drew Kachtik - Men's Doubles
Adam Karp - Men's Singles
Joy MacKenzie - Women's Doubles
Jackie Paraiso - Women's Doubles

VENEZUELA

Jorge Hirsekorn - Men's Singles & Doubles
Ralf Reinhard - Men's Singles & Doubles



Top: Heat exhaustion and dehydration weren't laughing matters in Winnipeg, and players didn't take long to break a sweat. Trainers kept icy towels on hand for the fashionably-exhausted — like Michael Bronfeld after his semi-final win over Greenfeld. Center: Sherman Greenfeld congratulations bronze medal winner Rob DeJesus. Bottom: Angela Grisar (right) is interviewed after her bronze medal doubles win by new USRA staffer Christie Hyde. Staff photography.



ReMatch

In a high-flying battle between the USA's 'Flying Fish' Adam Karp and the U.S. Air Force's Rob DeJesus, Karp advanced to the gold-medal round with a 15-4, 15-12 win, to set up a rematch of the U.S. National Singles Championship final. After taking the silver medal at the 1995 Pan Am Games and both the '98 and '99 U.S. National Singles Championships, Bronfeld was confident prior to the gold-medal match,

"I'm tired of silver. I'm ready for gold." But, the 1999 Pan Am Games would not prove to be golden for the Pacific Grove, Calif. resident, as he fell to Karp, 15-9, 15-12. "I played good all week, but I didn't play very well today," said Bronfeld. "I had opportunity after opportunity, but I didn't produce. I was really disappointed by that. I would like a gold, but I'll take a silver."

In the bronze-medal match, Greenfeld met DeJesus in the world champion's final grasp at a medal in front of friends and neighbors. Despite pushing it to a tiebreaker, Greenfeld could not match DeJesus, and the Arizona resident, who plays for Puerto Rico, captured the bronze. Following the match, Greenfeld took the referee's microphone to make a speech confirming his retirement to the mass of fans in the stands. "Nothing beats what I had here this week," he commented. "I wish I could have won the gold for you all today, but just having you all here to watch me play after twenty years in this sport is something I'll never forget."

Marathoner

The women's competition was not without its own surprises. Chile's Angela Grisar proved to be the hardest working player of the Games, by advancing the furthest, not only in singles, but also in doubles. Grisar heated up the women's singles competition with her upset over Canada's Josée Grand'Maitre, 8-15, 15-3, 11-8, in the quarterfinals, erasing any hope of an all-Canada final. But in the semifinals, Grisar's string of luck ended when she met the USA team in both singles and doubles. At 11:30 a.m., Grisar and partner Loreto Barriga took the court against U.S. twins Jackie Paraiso and Joy MacKenzie. After that 15-3, 15-12 loss, Grisar had only a few hours to rest before her 4:30 p.m. match against the USA's top singles player, Cheryl Gudinas. A tired Grisar fell once again to a powerful USA opponent, 15-6, 15-11, moving her into both the women's singles and doubles bronze-medal matches.

The USA's Laura Fenton met Canada's world champion, Christie Van Hees, hoping to advance to the gold-medal round, where she could avenge her loss to Gudinas in the finals at the U.S. National Singles Championship. However,

the power of the young Van Hees was too much for the 37-year-old Fenton, who had problems adjusting to the extreme Winnipeg heat and humidity. Despite her 10-year-old daughter Jennifer waving an American flag and cheering her on from the stands, Fenton fell to Van Hees, 15-9, 15-6.

An openly disappointed Fenton dropped into the bronze-medal round, but tried to be upbeat despite her disappointment. "The biggest thing is that I feel I am the luckiest person here considering my age, stage of life and where I came from," Fenton remarked. "Most

meaningful to me was having my daughter here to see her mom playing."

Fenton's daughter did get to see her mom on the podium stand. Although it wasn't accepting the gold, as she had hoped, Fenton defeated Grisar, 15-5, 15-8, to take the bronze medal. Grisar didn't walk away from the Pan Am Games empty handed either. Only an hour before meeting Fenton in the women's singles bronze-medal match, Grisar and Barriga captured Chile's first racquetball medal by knocking off the pair from Bolivia, 15-4, 13-15, 11-2, to grab the women's doubles bronze.



silver streak turns gold

finishes from that event on her bio. This year she was out for the gold and got it, beating fellow Pan Am-qualifier Laura Fenton in the final.

Winning the national title put Gudinas in the top-spot at the Pan Am Games, where she was determined to settle for nothing less than a follow-up gold. But a tough field of players crossed her path to the tall platform, including Canadian world champion, Christie Van Hees.

The much-anticipated match between Van Hees and Gudinas finally materialized in the gold-medal round at the Pan Am Games. After winning the first game, Gudinas couldn't produce in the second game, resulting in a tiebreaker.

"In the second game, (Van Hees) was playing great and I wasn't putting the ball down the line," said Gudinas, who gave up a two-point lead in the second game. "I had some poor shot selections, and she was killing the ball. My serve finally started coming around, and I hoped I could put her away in a tiebreaker."

After Gudinas went up 7-3 in the tiebreaker, Van Hees rallied back to take control and bring herself to match point at 10-8. Then, serving for the gold medal, Van Hees drove in a short serve to give Gudinas an opportunity to bounce back. But a quick side out gave the serve back to the Canadian without Gudinas gaining any points. Once again Van Hees served for the gold.

"I couldn't help thinking it was over," Gudinas said. "I had all this stuff going through my head like 'you can't win them all' or 'if I don't win, it's not the end of the world.' Finally I asked myself 'why shouldn't I win?'"

During this contemplation, fate smiled on Cheryl. In the heat of the moment, Van Hees neglected to check her receiver, whose racquet had been raised above her head, signalling 'not ready.' Van Hees had already received one warning on the infraction, so it was side out once again.

"When I got my serve back for having my racquet up, I thought 'what are the chances that I can get three points in a row.'" But she did. The obviously-shaken Van Hees fell victim to two consecutive backhands down the line to tie the score at 10-10. Gudinas then drove a forehand cross-court pass just out of the frustrated Van Hees' reach for the win and the gold medal.

"I finally got my gold, just like at nationals," an ecstatic Gudinas boasted after her gold-medal match. "I've always finished second. I knew this was my tournament for the taking, just like I felt after beating Jackie (Paraíso) in the semifinals at nationals.

"For so many years I finished behind Michelle Gould. All I could think about was 'Michelle's not playing anymore. I have no excuse for not winning.' I wasn't going to let this opportunity slip away."

Cheryl Gudinas doesn't want any more silver medals. After years of finishing second to Michelle Gould, Gudinas finally earned her first U.S. National Singles Championship title in May, then proved that it wasn't just a fluke with a second gold-medal performance at the 1999 Pan American Games.

Throughout most of her career, gold has been elusive for Gudinas ... she earned silver at the 1995 Pan American Games, '96 World Championships, '99 Tournament of the Americas and '99 Pan Am Trials. Going into this year's Nationals, she had already listed two second-place

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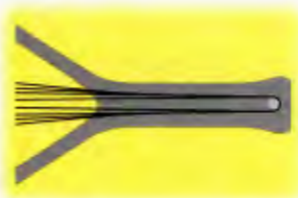


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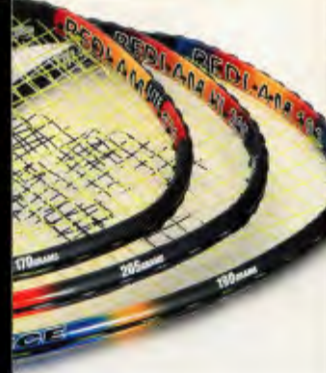


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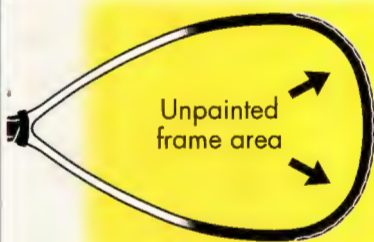
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The Pan Am's attracted attention from dignitaries and media alike. Top: PARC President Keith Calkins (left) gives a warm welcome to PASO President Mario Vazquez Rana, when he arrived to watch the Mexico vs. Bolivia doubles bronze medal playoff. Center: Mexico's Alvaro Beltran is cornered for comments before his bronze medal match. Bottom: Laura Fenton is disappointed, but gracious, after her semi-final loss to Christie Van Hees. Staff photography.



An obviously tired Grisar was happy with her bronze-medal performance in the women's doubles competition, but admits that playing both singles and doubles had an impact on her play. "I think more than being physically tired, I was mentally exhausted," she said after losing to Fenton. "I was really nervous for the doubles match. After I got the medal, I relaxed. I couldn't focus on what I needed to do in the singles match."

One Last Time

After the women's singles and doubles bronze medals were decided, play moved into the gold-medal rounds, where the matches heated up even more. In women's doubles, twin-sisters Paraiso and MacKenzie meet Canada's Lori-Jane Powell and Deborah Ward in the twins final match as doubles partners. Prior to the start of the Pan Am Games, MacKenzie announced that she would be retiring from the sport following the Games to spend more time with her family. The undefeated duo took the court determined to end their career together with another gold medal and handed Powell and Ward a 15-6, 15-2 loss and the silver.

Ward conceded the skills of their victors. "They just attacked consistently and kept the pressure on. They are an awesome team. They know each other inside and out. You can't find two players who play like them."

The sisters were pleased with their gold medals, but admit it comes with a bit of sadness. "It's rewarding to win with Joy again and be able to have her last match be a successful, victorious one. It's sad at the same time, because I have to find a new partner," commented Paraiso, who will pair up with Pan Am-teammate Fenton for the upcoming doubles season. "No one will fill the shoes that she filled. No one will match up with me like her."

MacKenzie took time to reflect on her career after winning her final gold medal. "This gold medal is something I'll remember for a long time. It will hold a lot of memories of good people and good friends that I've made along the way," she commented. "I'm glad I had the opportunity to play with Jackie as long as I have. It's been a good ride."

Crowded House

The men's doubles final was yet another match up between the USA and host-country Canada. The USA doubles team of Doug Ganim and Drew Kachtik met Canada's Roger Harripersad and Kelly Kerr for the gold medal. Prior to the match, many questioned how Ganim would perform after injuring his elbow earlier in the week and undergoing aggressive therapy to enable him to play at all. But there was no more questioning after the pair took the court. The duo from the USA played their best game of

the week, literally knocking off Harripersad and Kerr for the gold, 15-6, 15-5.

"We complemented each other excellent, we covered each other well, and we were both making our shots," an enthused Kachtik remarked following the match. "We were just an excellent combination today. That's really the best feeling — playing that good together."

The Canadian duo was devastated. "I feel horrible. Second is second. I came here to win gold. I have enough silver medals," a disappointed Harripersad commented. "Our game plan hinged on them playing the way they played all week. We didn't expect them to be able to kill so successfully. Their reflexes were great."

Close Call

While women's doubles had the most sentimental final, women's singles had the most exciting one. Gudinas met world champion Van Hees in the gold-medal match, which proved to be a true nail-biter. After taking the first game, 15-13, Gudinas let the second game slip away, losing it 9-15. In the surprising tiebreaker, the 1995 Pan Am Games silver medalist took a 7-3 lead before Van Hees rallied back with her dominating drive serve to turn the tide. Van Hees battled back to a 10-8 advantage, and was serving for the gold, but faulted with a short serve to give Gudinas a brief, but unrealized, chance to come back. Another side out put Van Hees back on serve for the gold, where she made a second costly error and neglected to check her receiver, who had held her racquet above her head to signal "not ready" as the drive to the left side was launched. Since Van Hees had already received a referee's warning for the infraction, the result was another side-out. This time Gudinas capitalized by tying the score at 10-10 with two consecutive backhands down the line. She then drove a forehand cross-court pass just out of the frustrated Van Hees' reach for the win. [See sidebar, page 11]

An obviously distraught Van Hees receded into the confines of the Winnipeg Winter Club locker room to collect her thoughts before facing the waiting media and fans following the match. "It is hard losing 11-10, but I have no regrets," she admitted. "My whole heart was in the match. My only consolation is the World Championships, and no one can take that away from me."

At the award ceremonies, the stars and stripes were hoisted again and again, as the USA accepted four gold, one silver and one bronze medal. Canada earned the second highest tally, with three silver, while Mexico, Puerto Rico and Chile each earned a bronze.

Although the USA dominated the medal platform once again at the Pan Am Games, thanks to the decade-long efforts of now-retired U.S. Team Coach Jim Winterton, everyone admits the level of international competition is on the rise. In his new role as Head Coach, Tom Travers and future U.S. squads will have their hands full in coming years from their Pan American competitors.

True Sweep for U.S. Team

In 1995, the sport of racquetball debuted at the Pan American Games as a medal event. The USA sent a full team to Argentina and completely dominated the Games, capturing the top-three finishes in both men's and women's singles*, the gold medal in the men's and women's doubles, and the gold medals for men's and women's teams, plus the overall team win.

This year, while the USA team hoped for another good showing, everyone was aware that the competition from fellow-Pan Am countries had greatly increased. Canada's team boasted the men's and women's world champions. Puerto Rico's team was lead by the current U.S. 25+ national singles champion. And many of the South American countries had been training with U.S. coaches and athletes, including Chile, who had enlisted former-U.S. National Team member Mike Guidry as its head coach.

However, the much-improved competition did not stop the USA team, as it swept the gold medals once again. All told, the USA won four gold, one silver and one bronze medal, and was the only team to have every one of its members leave Winnipeg wearing a medal.

"Our team is awesome. If we play well every match, we're going to win," men's singles silver medalist Michael Bronfeld had predicted. "I've been on some really good teams, but this is one of the better ones."

FINAL RESULTS ... Men — Singles: 1. Adam Karp, Stockton, Calif., 2. Michael Bronfeld, Pacific Grove, Calif., 3. Rob DeJesus, PUR 4. Sherman Greenfeld, CAN. Doubles: 1. Doug Ganim/Drew Kachtik, Cleveland, Ohio/Lewisville, Texas, 2. Roger Harripersad/Kelly Kerr, CAN, 3. Javier Moreno/Alvaro Beltran, MEX. **Women** — Singles: 1. Cheryl Gudinas, Chicago, Ill., 2. Christie Van Hees, CAN, 3. Laura Fenton, Lincoln, Neb. Doubles: 1. Joy MacKenzie/Jackie Paraiso, San Diego, Calif. 2. Lorraine Powell/Deborah Ward, CAN, 3. Angela Grisar/Loreto Barriga, CHI

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**Rulings preventing such a "podium sweep" by a single country saw fourth place finishers awarded bronze medals at the '95 Pan Ams, but in fact Robin Levine and Derek Robinson won their respective third place matches over Canada's Josee Grandmaitre and Sherman Greenfeld. The "platform" issue was addressed by the roster reduction of singles players from three per country to two in 1999.*

Junior Olympic Notebook

**Josh Tucker & Brooke Crawford win 18s
by Ben Simons**

The Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona hosted the HEAD 26th USRA Junior Olympics this past June, where just under 300 summer-vacationers converged to test their skills against the best juniors athletes in the country. In addition, players in the 14's, 16's, and 18's were shooting for spots on the U.S. Junior National Team. Temperatures reached 106 degrees, and competition was just as hot inside.

Several activities were planned throughout the week, but one of the highlights had to be the exhibition between top tour players Sudsy Monchik and Adam Karp, organized by Doug Ganim and HEAD. The crowd was packed in to watch the show put on by the current amateur and pro national champions, with incredible dives and shots. The highlight had to be the five-dive rally that ended on a no-look rollout by Sudsy.

"We are thrilled to support junior racquetball as the title sponsor of the Junior Olympics. It is great to see such strong activity, especially in younger age brackets," said Ganim. "These players are the future of the sport and we are going to aggressively promote junior racquetball."

Coaches Impressed

And what do the coaches think of this year's junior talent? Eric Muller, U.S. Junior National Team Coach, felt that the boy's 18's was the strongest division he had seen in a long time. "There are five guys that have a legitimate chance to win: Tucker, Vanderson, Ford, Garner, and Gehling. There is a lot of talent in the field."

Jim Winterton, newly-appointed Junior Team Coach, first attended a junior event in 1977. "The talent today

is unbelievable, take the girls 10 and under! Drive Z's, Lob Z's, Jam Serves? You're looking at pretty sophisticated strategies and skills. Not only are the kids getting better, but the coaching is also improving. Something that is neat that is starting to happen is that players like Robin Levine, Eric Muller, Todd O'Neil, Chris Cole, Jim Floyd and Laura Fenton are helping the juniors and giving back to the sport."

Tucker Takes the 18's Undefeated

The 18's played out to find the top two seeds in the finals, Josh Tucker and Shane Vanderson. Tucker, although struggling at the Intercollegiates and losing to Huczek in Houston, was still confident and focused. Having never won a Junior Nationals, plus this being his last year as a junior, he truly wanted to win. "I've been going to St. Louis to play the Open players there to prepare for this."

His dedication showed as he advanced to the finals without dropping a game. In the semi's, Tucker made quick work of Jeff Garner 15-3, 15-4. Jeff was not happy with the loss, but he was excited about his first appointment to the Junior National Team. Vanderson, on the other hand, ran into a little trouble in the semis against another first time Junior Team member, Mitch Williams. Williams, very excited about making the National Team, was confident entering the match.

"Shane has got the better of me every time we have played I am 0-3 against him, but it would be nice to win today."

Vanderson easily won the first game but ran into some trouble in game two. Williams surprised Vanderson with some great gets and shots, then took the second game, but Vanderson wasn't about to let this match slip away. Vanderson jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead, before Williams began to generate a lot of side outs and looked as though he would come back. Williams could not capitalize on any of the side outs and this allowed Vanderson to move on with an 11-0 win.



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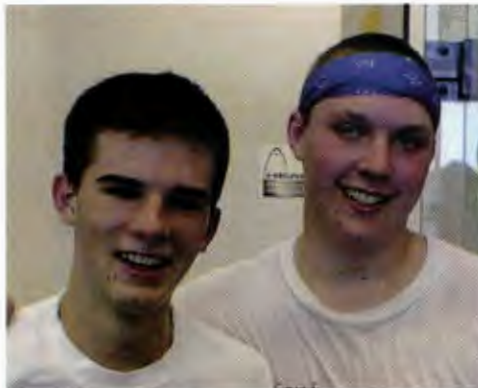
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LEFT: CRYSTAL WINFREY WITH TEAM OHIO TROPHY. CENTER: TRIPLE GOLD MEDAL WINNER NICK ARTURO. [STAFF PHOTOS] ABOVE: MIKE HARMON & MATT GEHLING. PHOTO: COURTESY GUY MEADOWS.

The finals between these two great sportsmen had all the makings of a marathon. They began trading points early with long rallies, but neither player was able to establish control. Tucker overturned the referee's skip call to give Vanderson an short-lived advantage at 3-4, and Both players kept the ball on the forehand side of the court, with every serve directed to the right. Vanderson pulled to a 7-5 lead, definitely playing his best all week, before Tucker took a strategic time-out. After regaining the serve, Tucker ran a string of five points with incredible drive serves to Vanderson's backhand to take a 10-7 lead. The two then traded points and time outs to get to 13-10, with Tucker still leading, until Vanderson closed the gap to 13-12. A skipped set-up by Vanderson gave Tucker game point advantage, but Vanderson regained serve after a time out. A Tucker skip and a flat roll out by Vanderson evened the score at 14 all. Back in the box after the next rally, Tucker laid in a second serve ace to Vanderson's backhand to take game one.

Game two started out much the same, with both players hitting well and scoring points evenly up to 8-5 in Tucker's favor. But that was as close as it would get. An aggressive Tucker took control by mixing up great backhands, precise passes, and hard serves to take the second game, and the match 15-7.

Crawford vs. Borland Again

The Women's 18 & under the competition was familiar, as Brooke Crawford and Sara Borland once again found themselves in the finals. In her last year in the junior ranks, #1 seeded Crawford wanted to win this tournament as a boost for Worlds. "I really had to focus on the Junior Worlds in December to get focused for this event; winning this tournament will help me for

Worlds." With only one World title to her credit, she wants another.

Maybe too focused on Worlds, Crawford almost fell in the first round to Janel Tisinger, but was able to pull out the 11-9 tiebreaker and move through the rest of the draw to the finals. Borland made her way there by defeating Crystal Winfrey and Megan Bals. "Brooke is beat-

able, I know I can do it. Physically I know I can do it, I just need to execute. I have been training on the mental part for this."

The first two games were hard fought by both, with Crawford taking the first 15-10 and looking as though she may cruise to a straight-game victory. But Borland had other ideas and began to execute her skills to win the second 15-12. With a large crowd anticipating a great tiebreaker, the two entered the court. Then, Crawford proved why she is #1. She came out hot and never cooled down, running away with the tiebreaker 11-0 to once again defeat Borland in the finals.

Ohio Sister Duos Shine

Sisters Adrienne and Kelley Fisher of Ohio made their presence felt in this year's draw and finished very well. This was Adrienne's first attempt to make the Junior National Team by competing in the 14 & under and the 16 & under. After losing in the quarters of the 16's, she still had a chance in the 14's. Not only did she make the team, but she won the 14 & under title. Her sister Kelley advanced to the finals of 12 & under without losing a game but lost the finals to Ashley Leggett.

Another Ohio-based "sister act" is made up of Crystal and Dominique Winfrey. Crystal competed in the 18 & under and the 16 & under and earned her spot on the Junior Team by making it to the semifinals of the 16's. Dominique lost in the quarters of the 12 & under.

Up-and-comer Jose Rojas

One of the most talked about players of the tournament was Jose Rojas from California. Rojas won the 8 & under with no player scoring more than three points in any game. Jose also advanced to the finals of the 10 &

under without losing a game, but was defeated in straight games by the event's only triple-gold medal winner, Nick Arturo.

Huczek Still on Track

In the 16's, Jack Huczek kept on his career track toward becoming the only player ever to win every junior division title twice. After losing a match he should have won in Houston, and losing badly to Vanderson in the High School Championships, he was definitely ready for this event.

His goals this week had been to work on his confidence and hit better passes, and in doing so he cruised through the draw, limiting opponents to only an average score of 4.3 points per game. The finals against Bart Crawford were no different, but it was the hardest match for Huczek. Neither player made many unforced errors during the match, but Huczek totally controlled center court and ran Crawford all over the remaining footage. Although Bart was hitting good shots, he wasn't killing the ball and Huczek got to just about everything. In the middle of the second game Crawford began to look fatigued and frustrated. The match ended with Huczek winning 15-7, 15-8, without his winning streak ever being in serious jeopardy.

No Racquet, Will Travel

Shannon Inglesby claimed the best story of the tournament. She won a Christie Van Hees autographed Head Ti 175 at the Tournament of Roses in Portland. She let her mixed doubles partner borrow the racquet and he lost it — an honest mistake; he put it on the wrong bag. They made phone calls to the clubs and to everyone they knew but could not locate the racquet.

So Shannon came to Tempe without a racquet, hoping to borrow or purchase one when she arrived. After borrowing a racquet from the Head booth right before her match, Shannon ran into Michelle Gonzales. Michelle had been the only girl they had not talked to from the Tournament of Roses and, as luck would have it, she brought the racquet with her. Shannon was able to play with her autographed racquet and won that match. She then went on to become the Girls' 10 and under national champion.

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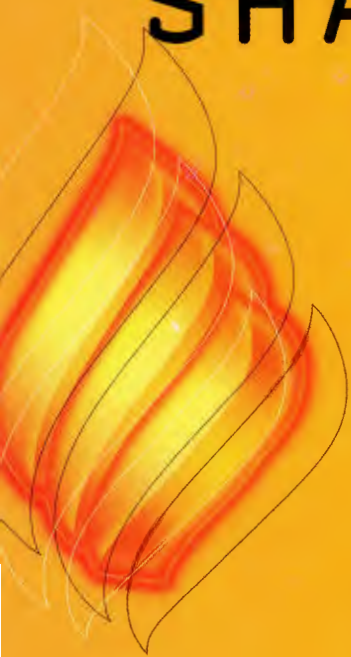
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 Boy's 16-: #1 Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, Mich.) def. #3 Bart Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore.) 15-7, 15-8
 Boy's 14-: #1 Steven Klaiman (Houston, Texas) def. #3 Brandon Shoemaker (Findlay, Ohio) 15-7, 8-15, 11-2
 Boy's 12-: #2 Joey Lakowske (Corvallis, Ore.) def. Matt Johnson (Farmington, N.M.) 9-15, 15-14, 11-10
 Boy's 10-: #1 Nick Arturo (Anchorage, Alaska) def. Jose Rojas (Stockton, Calif.) 15-2, 15-4
 Boy's 8-: #1 Jose Rojas (Stockton, Calif.) def. Jack Bredenbeck (New Brighton, N.M.) 15-3, 15-1
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 Boy's 6- MB: Joseph Lee (Baton Rouge, La.) def. Andres Garcia (Calif.) 11-3, 11-9

- Girl's 18-: #1 Brooke Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore.) def. #2 Sara Borland (Bettendorf, Iowa) 15-10, 15-15, 11-0
 Girl's 16-: #2 Kristen Walsh (Salt Lake City, Utah) def. #1 Krystal Csuk (Naperville, Ill.) 15-9, 15-6
 Girl's 14-: #1 Adrienne Fisher (Centerville, Ohio) def. #2 Lindsay Deutsch (Studio City, Calif.) 15-1, 12-15, 11-6
 Girl's 12-: #1 Ashley Legget (Klamath Falls, Ore.) def. #2 Kelley Fisher (Centerville, Ohio) 15-4, 15-5
 Girl's 10-: Shannon Inglesby (Portland, Ore.) def. #2 Liz Taylor (Portland, Ore.) 15-2, 15-1
 Girl's 8-: Kaitlin Inglesby (Portland, Ore.) def. Wesley Toland (Parkin, Ark.) 15-13, 15-3
 Girl's 8- MB: Wesley Toland (Parkin, Ark.) def. Stephanie Moyle (Beaverton, Ore.) 11-5, 11-9
 Girl's 6-: Kaitlin Inglesby (Portland, Ore.) def. Stephanie M. Rojas (Keno, Ore.) 2-11, 11-1, 11-2

DOUBLES

- Boy's 18-: #3 Matt Gehling (Annapolis, Md.)/Michael Harmon (Sarasota, Fla.) def. #1 Josh Tucker (Joplin, Mo.)/Shane Vanderson (Dublin, Ohio) 15-8, 15-3
 Boy's 16-: #2 Bart Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore.)/Steven Klaiman (Houston, Texas) def. #1 Matthew McElhiney (Bradenton, Fla.)/Zack Miller (Alta Loma, Calif.) 4-15, 15-1, 11-4
 Boy's 14-: #1 Ryan Lindell (Beaverton, Ore.)/Dan Sheppick (Milwaukie, Ore.) def. #3 Clay Burris (Brandon, Fla.)/Shane Karmelin (Dacula, Ga.) 15-12, 15-12
 Boy's 12-: #2 Joey Lakowske (Corvallis, Ore.)/Charles Pratt (Portland, Ore.) def. #1 Andrew Grissom (San Jose, Calif.)/Michael Keddie (Manchester, N.H.) 15-10, 11-15, 11-6
 Boy's 10-: #1 Nick Arturo (Anchorage, Alaska)/Brad Starken (Muskego, Wis.) def. #2 Barndon Callihan (Anchorage, Alaska)/Johnny Melgaard (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho) 15-4, 15-7
 Girl's 18-: Sara Borland (Bettendorf, Iowa)/Brooke Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore.) def. Megan Bals/Kristen Kovar (Lincoln, Neb.) 15-8, 15-4
 Girl's 16-: Krystal Csuk (Naperville, Ill.)/Kristen Walsh (Salt Lake City, Utah) def. Jenny Cary (Hillsboro, Ore.)/Cari Mitlitsky (Fresh Meadows, N.Y.) 15-11, 15-12
 Girl's 14-: Jenny Cary (Hillsboro, Ore.)/Cari Mitlitsky (Fresh Meadows, N.Y.) unchallenged
 Girl's 12-: Ashley Legget/Ashley Willhite (Klamath Falls, Ore.) def. Elizabeth Ferguson/Katie Ferguson (Portland, Ore.) 15-9, 15-2
 Girl's 10-: Jennifer Fenton (Troutdale, Ore.)/Kara Mazur (Avon, Ct.) Ddef. Shannon Inglesby (Portland, Ore.)/Brittany Legget (Klamath Falls, Ore.) 5-15, 15-10, 11-10
 Mixed 18-: #1 Kristen Walsh (Salt Lake City, Utah)/Brent Walters (Fayetteville, N.C.) def. #3 Megan Bals (Lincoln, Neb.)/John Churchwell (Anderson, Calif.) 15-13, 15-4
 Mixed 16-: #2 Crystal Winfield (Powell, Ohio)/Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, Mich.) def. #4 Adrienne Fisher (Centerville, Ohio)/Cory Martin (Kenosha, Wis.) 15-8, 15-6
 Mixed 14-: #1 Jesi Fuller (Albuquerque, N.M.)/Dan Sheppick (Milwaukie, Ore.) def. #2 Jenny Cary (Hillsboro, Ore.)/Ryan Lindell (Beaverton, Ore.) 15-12, 15-11
 Mixed 12-: #1 Ashley Willhite (Klamath Falls, Ore.)/Andrew Grissom (San Jose, Calif.) def. #2 Elizabeth Ferguson/Charles Pratt (Portland, Ore.) 15-2, 15-10
 Mixed 10-: #1 Liz Taylor (Portland, Ore.)/Nick Arturo (Anchorage, Alaska) def. #2 Jennifer Fenton (Troutdale, Ore.)/Johnny Melgaard (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho) 15-7, 15-12

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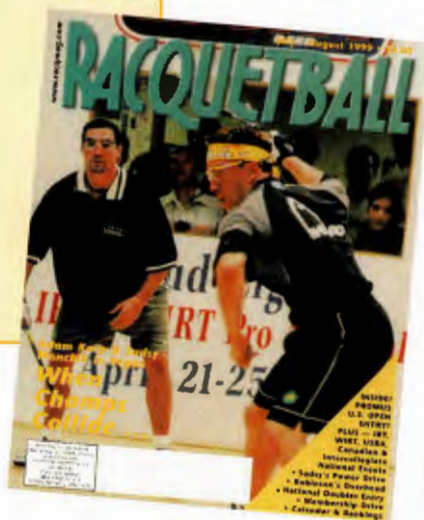
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Top-10 Most Dominant!

1. Junior Player Jack Huczek
2. Female Michelle Gould
3. Male Marty Hogan
4. Administrator Charlie Drake
5. Tournament Directors Doug Ganim
..... Rob Farrens
6. Personality Marty Hogan
7. Manufacturer D.P. Leach/Ektelon
8. Injury Dave Peck (leg)
9. Publication International Racquetball
10. Contributor S.G.M.A./Promus

1. Jack Huczek has won every junior age division in *every year* that he has competed thus far. [No, Sudsy did *not* do that! He won each junior singles age division *once*.]
2. Michelle Gould never let anyone even get close during her heyday. It would have been nice to see Lynn Adams or Heather McKay, in their prime, compete against her.
3. Marty Hogan changed the game style.
4. Charlie Drake, for better or worse, had a major influence.
5. Doug Ganim for developing the U.S. OPEN and Ohio Super 7 series. Farrens has persistence and hosts the longest running pro stop (20 years?).
6. Hogan's charisma attracted sponsors and spectators.
7. D.P. Leach controlled the tour and its major players. Ektelon did the same with the amateur circuit.
8. Dave Peck's devastating injury kept him from becoming a serious threat to both Yellen and Hogan.
9. During its heyday, the word on racquetball!!
10. SGMA sponsored many amateur and professional programs. Promus Hotel Corporation provided an opportunity to attract outside sponsors.

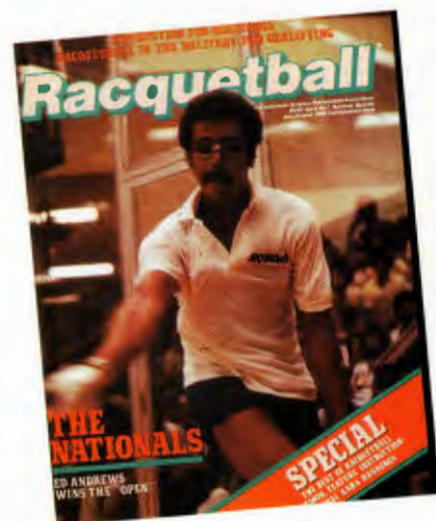


The Century's Best ...

The "Draw of the Century?" shown on pages 26-27 takes a look at potential match-ups among the top-32 men's pro players of all time — and is meant for your pleasure and discussion. In attempting to analyze the players, Jim Hiser has placed athletes in the 'era' of their opponents (thus Sudsy with small racquets and slower ball). He has personally seen all of the selected athletes

compete, plus solicited additional opinions from many of the "old timers" as well as newer pro's in researching the super-draw.

In the next issue we will advance two remaining rounds of the draws with the winners of the men's quarters and semis, plus add the women's companion round of 32, to present you with our choices for the top men's and women's players as we close out the 20th century. In the January/February issue of 2000, the winners will be announced!



Until then, along with these player evaluations, we'll also be compiling more Top-10 lists of the best and worst things to happen to racquetball ... including claims to the best forehand, backhand, doubles team, service game, etc.

Undoubtedly most everyone will have differing opinions on these matters, but hopefully this series will bring back fond memories of the sport as we count down to Y2K!



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head-to-head

ROUND OF 32

- Hogan vs. Keeley Too much power, Keeley's ceiling balls are ducks for Hogan
Doyle vs. Bledsoe Bledsoe's speed forces Doyle to error out
Wagner vs. Guidry Close, but Wagner's consistency gets edge
Muehleisen vs. Roberts Roberts' power and shot making ability destroys Dr. Bud
Brumfield vs. Inoue Brumfeld neutralizes Egan's power and mentally frustrates his opponent
Strandemo vs. Gregg Peck . . . Peck's consistent backhand pinch makes the difference
Serot vs. Kachtik Best match of 32s; Kachtik's determination gives him the slight edge
Greenfeld vs. Yellen Yellen destroys Sherman's backhand serve; Sherman is exhausted and scores no points
Swain vs. Ferris Swain's serve is too dominant, but Ferris surprises some people
Andrews vs. Ray Mike's consistency allows him to capitalize on mistakes; lobs kill Andrews
Ellis vs. Obremski Great match; Ellis able to kill ball on crucial points
Dave Peck vs. Newman Similar games, but Dave survives
Harnett vs. Schmitke No contest — lefty Harnett's reverse pinch is on
Hilecher vs. Mannino Who intimidates the best? Mannino makes too many errors
Gonzalez vs. Myers Closer than most think; Myers has chance, but doesn't capitalize
Neiderhoffer vs. Monchik . . . Neiderhoffer's good for a game; Sudsy has too many weapons, but did look worried

ROUND OF 16

- Hogan vs. Bledsoe A war — Hogan survives, but both are exhausted
Roberts vs. Wagner Both have chance to win; Roberts aces out
Brumfield vs. Gregg Peck . . . Brumfeld gets into Gregg's head; Gregg's backhand is better, but fails under pressure!
Yellen vs. Kachtik Yellen is just too consistent, Drew fights to end!
Swain vs. Ray Ray just shakes his head; Swain dominates every area!
Dave Peck vs. Ellis Peck goes to war — no holds barred — brings too much psych for John
Harnett vs. Hilecher Harnett is too athletic, plays great, has too many weapons and can return the screen serve
Monchik vs. Gonzalez Student learned too well, but Sudsy not as dominant as many think!

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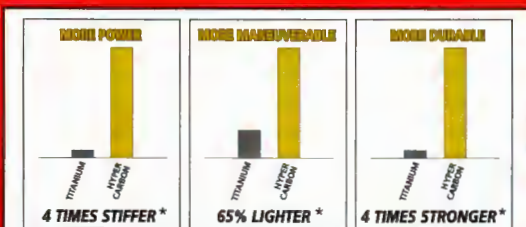
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the draw of

1	Marty Hogan				
32	Steve Keeley	Hogan	11-2, 11-5, 11-0		
17	Tim Doyle			Hogan	11-5, 5-11, 11-9, 11-8
16	Dave Bledsoe	Bledsoe	11-10, 8-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-9		
9	Rich Wagner				
24	Mike Guidry	Wagner	11-7, 8-11, 11-10, 11-3		
25	Bud Muehleisen			Roberts	11-9, 7-11, 11-8, 7-11, 11-10
8	Andy Roberts	Roberts	11-5, 11-3, 11-5		
5	Charlie Brumfield				
27	Egan Inoue	Brumfield	2-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-7		
21	Steve Strandemo			Brumfield	11-10, 11-9, 2-11, 11-2
12	Gregg Peck	G. Peck	10-11, 8-11, 11-7, 11-10, 11-10		
13	Steve Serot				
20	Drew Kachtik	Kachtik	5-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-10, 11-10		
29	Sherman Greenfeld			Yellen	11-5, 11-3, 11-5
4	Mike Yellen	Yellen	11-3, 11-6, 11-3		

*next issue
... semis*

the century ?

?	Swain	11-3, 11-3, 11-8	Swain	Cliff Swain	3
			11-5, 6-11, 11-3, 11-8	Dan Ferris	30
		5-11, 11-7, 5-11, 11-7, 11-9	Ray	Ed Andrews	19
				Mike Ray	14
	D. Peck	11-5, 11-5, 0-11, 11-5	Ellis	John Ellis	11
			11-9, 5-11, 11-3, 11-5	Dan Obremski	22
		11-10, 11-8, 11-7	D. Peck	Jack Newman	27
				Dave Peck	6

... quarters
...women!

?	Harnett	5-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 11-9	Harnett	Brett Harnett	7
			11-1, 11-3, 11-1	Bill Schmitke	26
		5-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-6	Hilecher	Jason Mannino	23
				Jerry Hilecher	10
	Monchik	11-1, 11-7, 11-7	Gonzalez	Ruben Gonzalez	15
			11-10, 1-11, 5-11, 11-9, 11-9	Lindsey Myers	18
		11-2, 6-11, 11-8, 11-7	Monchik	V. Neiderhoffer	31
				Sudsy Monchik	2



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Bagarozza became Mrs. Sudsy
Monchik on July 10 in
Bermuda, where the couple
enjoyed a brief honeymoon
during the off season.
Congratulations!
Photo: John Gillooly.

New Draw Format and Prize Money for IRT

The International Racquetball Tour unveiled major changes to its draw format and prize money distribution at the first stop of the 1999-2000 season in New Orleans. Effective this season, all IRT events (other than the Promus U.S. OPEN & Pro Nationals) have been shortened to this four-day schedule:

Thursday night/Rounds of 64 & 32
Friday/Round of 16 & Quarterfinals
Saturday/Semifinals
Sunday/Final

"This new format allows many players the opportunity to compete in the pro division since all play now begins Thursday night instead of Wednesday. In addition, it allows more spectators and amateur players to get a chance to see all the best players in the world over the course of a couple of days" commented IRT Commissioner Hank Marcus. "The intent was to make it easier in terms of time commitment and travel for the younger, up-and-coming players."

The opportunity to arrive late on Thursday and be able to play the pros gives a number of new players the chance to experience the IRT" continued Marcus. The new draw format pre-sets the top eight seeds into the Round of 16, while the Rounds of 64 and 32 are played on Thursday night. "The new format works great and allows a number of new people to play in the pros who couldn't in the past. The draws are going to get tougher" commented top-ranked Sudsy Monchik.

In conjunction with the new draw format, IRT has re-structured the distribution of prize money to make sure those players who reach the Round of 16 will earn substantially more. "Once again this is an opportunity for IRT to reach out to the younger athletes and top regional players by making it easier and potentially more lucrative to play in tour events" added Marcus.

Willis Takes Over WIRT

The Women's International Racquetball Association recently named Ed Willis of Arlington, Va. as its new commissioner, effective with the 1999-2000 season. Willis, a long time tournament director and friend to the women's game, will begin his duties immediately. Willis takes over for Molly O'Brien who is moving on to a new career. "Ed brings a new enthusiasm and energy to WIRT that will translate into new events and sponsors. In addition he has spent many years working with the players on the WIRT tour and has their trust and support" commented Hank Marcus. "The contributions that Molly made to WIRT and the sport in general, over decades, is unmatched and she will be missed by all involved" added Marcus.

Anyone interested in information concerning WIRT can contact Ed Willis by Phone: 703-527-7785; Fax: 702-527-5295; or E-mail: EWillisII@aol.com



IRT Rankings

[Through 08/09/99]

Player	Last Issue	Last Year	Total Points
1. Sudsy Monchik	1	2	4,416
2. Cliff Swain	2	1	4,041
3. John Ellis	3	3	2,986
4. Mike Guidry	5	7	2,213
5. Jason Mannino	4	5	2,205
6. Derek Robinson	7	11	2,116
7. Tim Doyle	6	15	1,964
8. Adam Karp	8	10	1,900
9. Andy Roberts	9	4	1,661
10. Rocky Carson	11	30	1,273
11. Dan Fowler	10	6	1,265
12. Doug Eagle	13	17	1,095
13. Mike Locker	15	39	1,064
14. Louis Vogel	14	12	986
15. Eric Muller	16	26	955
16. Mike Ray	12	8	945
17. Kelly Kerr	17	22	764
18. Tony Jelso	18	13	578
19. Dan Llacera	19	21	538
20. Luis Bustillos	21	40	455

WIRT Rankings

[Through 1999 Season]

Player	Last Issue	Last Year	Total Points
1. Jackie Paraiso	1	2	1,245
2. Cheryl Gudinas	2	4	757
3. Christie Van Hees	3	19t	696
4. Kersten Hallander	4	14t	564
5. Lydia Hammock	5	9	563
6. Robin Levine	8	12	502
7. Molly O'Brien	6	7	456
8. Michelle Wiragh	9	25	423
9. Janet Myers	7	11	387
10. Lori-Jane Powell	16	36	256
11. Laura Fenton	18	5	251
12. Doreen Fowler	10	10	247
13. Susana Acosta	17	41	219
14. Phyllis Morris	12	17	211
15. Aimee Roehler	11	58	202
16. Sandy Kubany	14	27	183
17. Caryn McKinney	15	18	180
18. Beverly Supanick	13	33t	171
19. Lisa Kerr	-	32	153
20. Mindy Hartstein	19	13	150

1999-2000 IRT SCORECARD & CALENDAR

New Orleans.....Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain6, 1, 6

September 2-5.....Stockton, CA.....In Shape Sports Club at Westlane
 Sept. 23-26.....Riverside, CA.....The Tournament House
 October 15-17.....Salem, OR.....Courthouse Athletic Club
 October 21-24.....Albuquerque, NM.....TBA
 October 28-31.....Bloomington, IL.....Athletic Club of Bloomington
 December 1-5.....Memphis, TN.....Racquet Club of Memphis
 December 9-12.....Lakewood, CO.....Lakewood Athletic Club
 January 13-16.....Denver, CO.....TBA
 January 20-23.....Boston, MA.....Ridge Athletic Club
 February 10-13.....Fairfield, NJ.....46th Fitness
 February 17-20.....Brooklyn Ctr, MN.....NW Hwy 100 Racquet/Swim
 February 24-27.....Rochester, NY.....Penfield Racquet & Fitness
 March 9-12.....Birmingham, AL.....TBA
 March 23-26.....Santa Barbara, CA.....Goleta Valley Athletic Club
 April 26-30.....Las Vegas, NV.....Las Vegas Sporting House
 May 11-14.....Seattle, WA.....TBA
 May 18-21.....San Diego, CA.....Sorrento Valley Fitness Club
 June 1-4.....Portland, OR.....Multnomah Athletic Club

1999-2000 WIRT SEASON CALENDAR

October 21-24.....Albuquerque, NM.....TBA
 November 5-7.....Baltimore, MD.....Merritt Athletic Club
 December 1-5.....Memphis, TN.....Racquet Club of Memphis
 January 7-9.....Chalfont, PA.....TBA
 February 4-6.....Roanoke, VA.....TBA
 March.....Northern VA.....TBA
 April 26-30.....Las Vegas, NV.....Las Vegas Sporting House
 June 1-4.....Portland, OR.....Multnomah Athletic Club

New Tour Logos !

Special thanks to Brian Mirich and his team at Courtesy Sports for designing new IRT and WIRT tour logos for the coming season.

The new logos (shown at right) have already begun to show up at scheduled stops, and a full changeover to the new visuals will be complete by January 1. See more of Courtesy Sports work online at www.courtesysports.com



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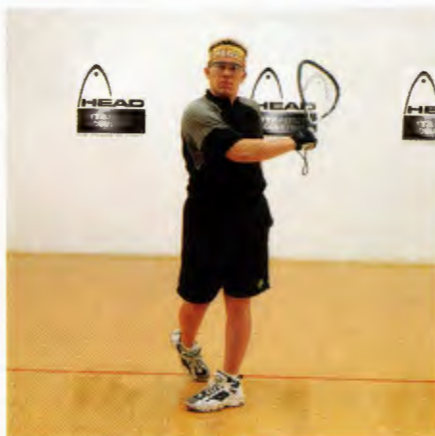
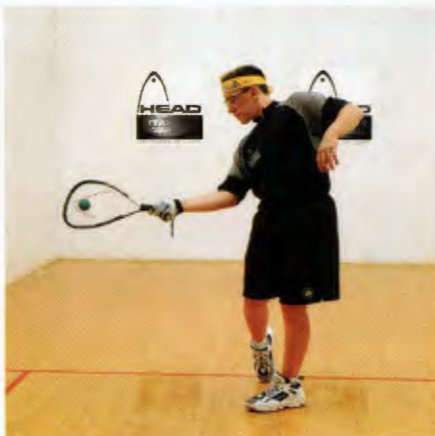
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PHOTOS: MIKE BOATMAN



Last issue I said I was going to make you tougher than tough from the service box by introducing you to my "Power Drive Serve." I hope you've had a chance to practice it and incorporate it into your game.

Today I want to teach you my *lob serve*, which has become quite a weapon even at the professional level. Most players, pros and amateurs alike, love low and hard serves because the ball winds up in their hitting zone (below the knees) and they see that serve over 90 percent of the time. Using the *lob serve* as a first or second serve can be effective for three reasons:

1. The ball is hit softly, quite a change of pace from the 100+ mph ball hit during the power drive serve.
2. The ball is hit higher and is out of your opponent's hitting zone (more like chest high or higher).
3. You have higher percentages of getting the ball over the short line which makes it an excellent second serve choice.

This concept mirrors a pitcher in baseball: If a pitcher only throws fast balls right over the middle of the plate the batter gets used to it and learns to handle them quite well.

If the pitcher then throws a change up, or changes where the ball goes over the plate, the batter will be kept off balance and guessing — and not get used to the same pitch over and over again.

In racquetball the concept of having variety in your serve, just like a pitcher has in baseball, is critical to forcing a weak return or no return at all (an ace). The change of pace and/or height can cause this weak return of serve.

Now let's break down my lob serve so you too can have a dynamite first or second serve to cause those weak returns or — even better — no returns at all.



TRICK #1: THE READY POSITION

- Feet on the back line (short line), lined up about shoulder width apart next to one another
- Knees soft and relaxed
- Body erect
- Weight even (50/50)
- Racquet cocked up and waist high
 - Eyes on ball



TRICK #2: THE STEP

- It's a one-step straight ahead motion, unlike the two-step drive serve motion, because we *don't* want to generate power
- A short step with the left foot (for righties) or right foot (for lefties)
- Front toe slightly opens to front corner
- Racquet goes back
- Knees continue to be soft and relaxed
- Weight shifts slightly to front foot (60/40)
- Body erect
 - Eyes on ball



OF LIGHT.



TRICK #3: The Swing

- Ball dropped off front foot about chest high
- Racquet begins to move across the body
- The step is completed
- Hips and shoulders begin to open
- Knees soft
- Body erect
- Weight slightly on front foot (55/45)
- Eyes on ball

TRICK #4: The Contact Point

- Legs in line with each other, weight back to 50/50
- Ball at full extension from body
- Racquet comes through, waist to chest high, slightly angled up so the ball lofts over the short line
- Wrist relatively stiff
- Hips and shoulders open even more, towards corner
- Back foot pivots and slightly bent
- Body erect
- Eyes on ball



TRICK #5: The Follow-Through

- Legs are completely in line with each other and weight is 50/50
- Racquet completely around and pointing to backwall
- Hips and shoulders completely open facing front wall
- Body erect
- Knees relaxed
- Eyes on ball

Well, you've now got the magic of my *lob serve*. Too often players get stuck on only serving the drive serves because it feels good, sounds good and looks good. But I caution you to learn and develop my magical lob serve because sooner or later as you move up the ranks you will need this very serve to strategically help you win a match.

Remember, if you are playing the power player, the big bruiser who likes the balls hit low and hard, you will turn to the lob serve to defuse his power. The magic continues — stay tuned for next issue's magical show.





Head Rules by Fran Davis

Pass or Kill?

Q:&A...Q&A

Pass or Kill? What should I do?

Good question since, at the USRA National Championships in Houston, I was asked that question all weekend long. At the same time, I had the pleasure of sitting next to my partner in crime, Sudsy Monchik — the #1 pro ranked player in the world, while we coached Eric Muller against Chris Wright in the round of 16.

Throughout the entire match we told Eric to pass, pass, pass because of Chris's position: too far forward (in front of the dotted line). And it was ironic we told Eric in the close tiebreaker not to skip the ball, and he won the match on a backhand down-the-line pass. Sudsy and I turned to each other, high five-d and said, "it's about time."

Before we go any further, let's define a pass, a pass-kill and a kill:

PASS — bounces twice before the backwall and hits 18" and lower on the front wall.

PASS-KILL — bounces twice before the dotted line and hits 12" and lower on the front wall.

KILL — bounces twice before the short line and hits 6" and lower on the front wall.

Food for thought

I think everyone would agree the kill shot is the lowest percent shot possible of all three of these shots because a 6" target is harder to hit than an 18" or 12" target.

More food for thought

The national average of hitting a kill shot from the dotted line is 30 percent. I think we all agree that the odds of effectively killing the ball diminish the deeper you go in the court.

I work with the top-three male professionals in the game today at my camps, and they all advocate that if they had a choice to win the rally with a pass or kill, they would always elect the pass. It's a sure thing. It's money in the bank. They all learned the hard way coming up the ranks. They told me: "The more you attempt to kill, the more you skip. The more you skip, the more matches you lose." Pretty simple philosophy.

A good general rule of thumb

Pass or Pass-Kill when your opponent is in front of you or boxed in against either side wall.

Kill when your opponent is behind you and you are on, or in front of, the dotted line.

I read this back in the 80's (from one of the pros) and it's always stuck in my mind ... "Pass for the dough, kill for show!"

Good luck in your passing game — the odds are in your favor.

Q:&A...Q&A

I play racquetball 3-4 times a week and have found my skill getting progressively better over the past three years. My problem is I'm stuck in no man's land between A and Open.

I've been told that need to spend time on the court alone, just hitting, to progress to the next level. When I do this, I find myself getting bored or playing sloppy, practicing bad shots more than good ones. Could you address this issue and talk about 1-2 drills that I can do while practicing alone on the court? *Jeff Marmer | Loveland, Ohio*

Short and Focused Practice Sessions

If you assume that you have to practice for at least one hour, and you go into a drill session without a plan, then your practice can be tedious and boring. Instead, break your practice down into 10-minute segments. I think most of us can concentrate on a task for ten minutes. Pick only one or two areas to work on, and start out with only 1-3, ten-minute segments.

For instance, you decide you want to hit better down-the-line passing shots with your forehand. For ten minutes, set yourself up with a short ceiling ball, and hit down-the-line pass shots. The key is to be picky and specific for those ten minutes. Don't accept a killshot, or a ball that hits the sidewall or comes off the back wall too high. The tougher your expectations are during practice, the easier it will be to make the shot in a match. After you finish the first 10-minute session, walk off the court, get a drink of water and analyze what you need to do to make the next 10-minute session better. Complete 1 to 3 sessions, then move into a second skill. It's best to stick to only two skills, keeping your practice session short and focused.

Rally Ending Shots

There are three types of shots we hit when we play racquetball... a ball we hit on the run; one that is hit right at us and we have to use our reactions; and the shot where we have time to plant our feet and step in to the ball, or ... the setup! Guess what? We get an abundance of setups every match, every game and every rally! If we could just execute a high percentage of our setups, our skill level would improve dramatically. Just think, if you have one hundred setups per game, and you can end the rally 50 times instead of 30 times, how much easier it would be to win games. What is a setup? The three most common setups are a ceiling ball that drops short, a ball off the back wall, and a pinch that is hit high and rebounds off the third wall. So in your 10-minute drill session, hit yourself a setup and work on a specific shot, over and over.

When you repetitively work on a shot, your muscles remember the feelings and the motions. The more you hit a shot in practice, the easier it is to hit in a match. Oh, and one last hint ... during your drill session, envision yourself in an open match. See your opponent in good court position, ready to pounce on your shot. See yourself in a specific situation, such as 10-9 in the tiebreaker. Now, give yourself that short ceiling ball set-up. Can you end the rally? Can you hit the pinch, the killshot, the pass? This will add the mental dimension to any workout that you can do. Stick with it, even through the frustration, and you will be rewarded!



Game Plan
by Lynn Adams

**Keep Practice
Short & Sweet !**



A New Phenomenon: Cross-String Breakage

String breakage used to be almost entirely confined to the main strings (the vertical ones); the problem virtually never affected the cross strings (the horizontal ones). But since the introduction of new racquets with oversize faces and unusual stringing designs, cross-string breakage has become a problem for some players. And it's a conundrum for stringers (and string manufacturers, too), because even the pros aren't sure what's going on. So this column is actually a request for help, as you'll see below.

In a past column (March/April 1997), we discussed the four typical causes of string breakage. "Sawing" or "cutting" occurs when the mains and crosses shift and pound against one another, so that eventually the crosses cut right through the mains. A particularly hard smash — especially if it's a mis-hit outside the sweet spot and close to the frame — may stretch the string beyond its tensile limits and cause "catastrophic" breakage. Cracked grommets may cut through the string right near the frame. And frequent wall-bangers may abrade the string where it passes outside the head of the frame, but only if the racquet's bumper strip is absent. Only the first two causes are common.

At this point, information about cross-string breakage is still mostly anecdotal, and we don't have enough data to even know where the strings are breaking most often. One stringer tells me that it's occurring in crosses three through five (from the top), close to the centerline of the racquet. Another reports that it's mostly confined to crosses two and three, close to the frame. One finds it affecting a variety of strings, while another says it mainly shows up in Kevlar/nylon hybrid sets.

They all agree, however, that thinner strings are more susceptible to the problem, so there's your "easy" answer. If you don't care why it's happening, shift from a thin 17 gauge string to a thicker 16 gauge one. Be forewarned, however, that you will trade off some playability.

For those of us who do wonder, here are some speculations as to why. The bigger the racquet, the more "open" the string pattern — in other words, the string spacing is wider. (This is especially so in racquets with a "fan"-shaped pattern, where the mains radiate out from a point near the handle.)

This seems to allow the strings to shift around more against each other, but why it should suddenly represent a problem for the crosses, as opposed to the mains, is still a mystery.

Along with making racquets larger, the manufacturers have (amazingly) made them lighter as well. Light weight means players can swing the racquet faster, to hit the ball harder. If we're really hitting harder than before, that might explain an increase in breakage. But again — why the crosses? Could players be swinging so hard now that they're losing control, and making more mis-hits? Or maybe the larger racquet heads encourage mis-hits in some other way?

The Kevlar® aramid is a fairly abrasive material. In hybrid sets consisting of Kevlar and nylon strings, the Kevlar is always the main string. This seems to explain why the crosses are breaking in these hybrid sets, but it doesn't help us when it comes to all-nylon string jobs, or other hybrid combinations. You might try changing the tension of your strings, or using different tensions for the mains and the crosses in hybrid sets, and see if that has an effect.

So we don't know why cross strings are breaking, but we'd like to, so that we can address it. What we need is data about breakage. Next time you break a cross-string, please send me as much of the information shown below as you can.

For providing valuable input for this article, special thanks to: Don Barrington of the River Bend Athletic Club, Peace Dale, RI; and Rex Lawler, Lawler Court Products, Terre Haute, IN.

RACQUETBALL CROSS-STRING BREAKAGE SURVEY

Racquet type: _____	How often do you play? _____		
String type: _____	Gauge _____	Tension _____	Make _____
How long did the string last? _____	Hours _____	Matches _____	Days _____
Are you satisfied with this level of durability?	☐ Yes	☐ No	
Where did the cross-string break occur?	☐ Near centerline of racquet	☐ Near side	☐ At the grommet
Player level:	How many from the top? _____		
What type of Player are you?	☐ Beginner	☐ Intermediate	☐ Advanced
	☐ Power	☐ Control	☐ Equal power & control

Feel free to include your own suggestions and hypotheses. You can reach me at: Ashaway Racket Strings, P.O. Box 549, Ashaway, RI 02804. Fax: (401) 377-9091. E-mail: ashawaysales@edgenet.net. Web site: www.ashawayusa.com



changingtimes

by Luke St. Onge

I have just returned from what I believe was the greatest racquetball event ever held in the short history of our sport — the 1999 Pan American Games. For many reasons, this experience was truly exceptional.

For the first time, racquetball was fully integrated into the single most-important multi-national sports competition outside the Olympic Games themselves. This provided us with an opportunity to showcase our sport for the many international sport federation presidents in attendance, as well as his excellency, Juan Antonio Samaranch and PASO President Mario Vazquez Rana, both of whom observed racquetball for the first time.

The portable court was a standout in itself, as press and spectators surrounded it in packed stands from the quarterfinals on. The court was set up in Winnipeg's main tennis facility, the Winnipeg Winter Club, which took our sport out of the fitness arena and into the "main stadium." Just as impressive was the use of a full referee contingent of uniformed Level III International Officials, along with assigned line judges for each and every match. This type of formal staging gave our athletes the best possible backdrop for their finest performances.

Racquetball was presented side-by-side in the same venue with squash. With both our portable courts

featured, there was no contest, in my mind. For the first time, spectators could make a direct comparison between the two, and racquetball came out well ahead. Why? The bright court, the athleticism, the crack of the ball, the speed, the excitement of the crowd — there was just no comparison.

And what of the other comparisons? As the "Rodney Dangerfield" of racquet sports, 'we don't get no respect.' Clearly the biggest difference between the two sports is cold, hard cash. Squash has financial resources that racquetball does not. It's just that simple.

I would like to thank the following people who made this opportunity a reality: Dr. Roger Jackson, Chairman of the PASO Technical Commission; Mike Moore, Vice President of Sports for Winnipeg; and Keith Calkins, President of the Pan American Racquetball Confederation. Also thanks to the staff of the Winnipeg Winter Club, the presidents of the National Olympic Committees of Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Puerto Rico, USA and Venezuela. A special thanks to Technical Director Jim Hiser and the International Referees and linesmen who adjudicated this important event objectively and with the dignity it deserved.

Finally, our warmest thanks to the wonderful people of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, who opened their hearts and embraced racquetball as a major sport in the Pan American Games.



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Date	Host Club	City/State	Clinician	Contact
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September 13-15	Northwest Fitness	Houston, TX	Gary Mazaroff	505/266-8960
October 1-3	Central Penn Fitness Center	Harrisburg, PA	Gary Mazaroff	505/266-8960
October 22-24	Gold's Gym	Syracuse, NY	Jim Winterton	315/426-9204
November 12-14	Executive Health & Fitness	Manchester, NH	Jim Winterton	315/426-9204

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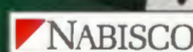
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If you've never been to Memphis for the Promus U.S. OPEN, this should be the year that you treat yourself to the ultimate experience our sport has to offer. The Promus Hotel Corporation U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships, December 1-5, will be a celebration of the sport that will provide "sensory overload" for anyone who loves this game. If you've attended in any one of the past three years, you already know that this event is not to be missed. What you don't know is that we've planned newer and even more exciting additions to make this year's event better than ever!

So you've never attended the Promus U.S. OPEN. What can you expect? For starters, you'll take part in the only racquetball event to attract all the top players in the world as pros battle for the largest prize money purse of the year...over \$45,000! The world's best amateurs also join the action ... 13 different countries were represented in last year's event, including elite athletes from Bolivia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands and Puerto Rico. It's like nothing you have ever seen. The dazzling made-for-TV portable racquetball court, with stadium seating for over 1,000 fans, will make you feel like you're sitting *inside* the court with 180 mph rockets shooting right past your body.

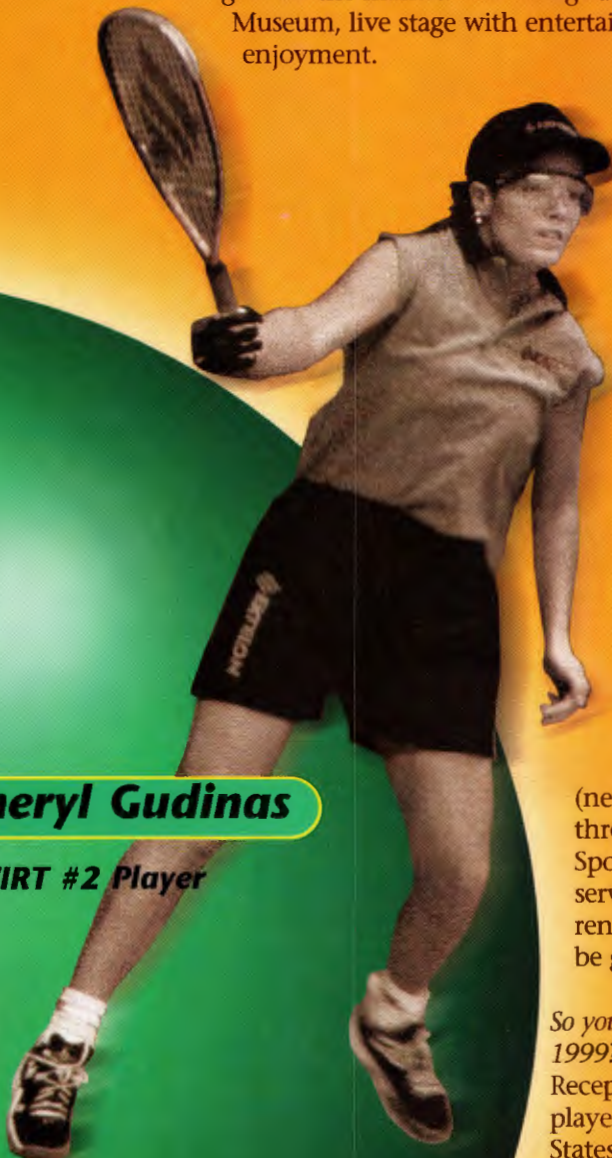
But before any of that even begins, high-energy athlete presentations will give you goosebumps. Booming music, laser light shows, dramatic player introductions, live on-court entertainment between games, state-of-the-art video scoreboard, and fan fair activities will keep you entertained non-stop. The hours will seem like minutes.

When you're not watching your favorite pros do battle, the Promus U.S. OPEN offers tons of excitement in the Hospitality Village, which features all the major racquetball manufacturers displaying the latest and greatest racquetball gear on the market. The Village also includes a cash bar and concession area, a Racquetball Museum, live stage with entertainment, Souvenirs, and other off-court activities for your enjoyment.

Nobody likes to whoop it up more than racquetball players and the Promus U.S. OPEN is happy to oblige with a Tuesday evening get together in the Hospitality Village, an International Reception on Wednesday evening, an incredible Casino Night on Thursday night, and a Player's Dance Party in the pub on Friday night. Then to top it all off, on Saturday evening over 800 racquetball fans will gather for the greatest racquetball celebration of the year — the Party with the Pros! This grand gala event features elegant ice carvings, an incredible hors d'oeuvres buffet, multi-media slide show, silent auction for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, cash bar, huge dance floor, and one of the hottest dance bands in the South (bring your disco shoes!). Amateur players competing in the Promus U.S. OPEN will be admitted free. Guests of players will be charged only \$25.

If all this weren't enough to keep you occupied, you also have the option of competing in one of the 88 different amateur divisions offered for every skill and age level, including men's, women's, and mixed doubles (new for 1999!). All amateur matches are played at one of three nearby facilities (University of Memphis, Wimbledon Sportsplex, and The Racquet Club), with regular shuttle service between all three and the host hotels. No need to rent a car! Commemorative Promus U.S. OPEN medals will be given to the top four finishers in each division.

So you've been to the Promus U.S. OPEN before. What's new for 1999? LOTS! For starters we've added a special International Reception on Tuesday evening. This event will honor all the players and fans who have traveled from outside the United States to attend.



Cheryl Gudinas

WIRT #2 Player

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Another major addition is amateur doubles divisions for men, women, and mixed teams — making the Promus U.S. OPEN the only major USRA event to offer both singles and doubles divisions for all levels of adult play. If you would like to play doubles but don't have a partner, simply send in your entry form with "find" written on the line for partner's name and we will set you up. Who knows, you may meet your next best friend!

And once again, we've upgraded the Saturday evening Grand Gala — Party with the Pros. This year's theme will be "DISCO" and we have hired one of the most entertaining 70's style bands in the U.S. — Dr. Zarr and the Funkmiesters. Dance the night away to your favorite tunes from the past and you may want to bring a camera. This band puts on quite a show!

So it's your grandmother's 100th birthday and you can't attend the 1999 Promus U.S. OPEN. How can you deal with the depression? The all new Promus U.S. OPEN website — www.promususopen.com — is the answer! This exciting new racquetball cybersite will be updated throughout the tournament including the latest results, digital photos from the event, and a daily event newsletter published by Racquetball Magazine. Dial up the 1999 Promus U.S. OPEN throughout the week — it will be the next best thing to being there! Visit www.promususopen.com now for a digital version of the entry form and ticket application.



Cliff Swain

IRT #2 Player

So what do I do now?! The first thing you need is to get your hands on an Entry Form/Ticket Application. It was located in the center of the last issue of Racquetball Magazine (July/August). If you missed it you can view it at www.promususopen.com or call the USRA at (719/635-5396) to have one mailed out to you. Entries are already pouring in and the draw will be limited to the first 600 entries received (this event sells out every year!). Ticket sales for the pro matches are already brisk and you must purchase tickets in advance to be guaranteed a seat (and take advantage of package discounts). Act now so you won't be left out of what will be the most exciting racquetball event of the year — The 1999 Promus Hotel Corporation U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships!

What They're Saying about Impact ...

Hank Marcus, IRT Commissioner — The greatest impact of the Promus U.S. OPEN — beyond the tremendous excitement, energy, and exposure it brings to the sport — is the opportunity for all factions to work together. USRA, IRT, WIRT and the manufacturers coming together for the common good of the sport itself may sound trite and obvious but many said it would never happen. In fact, the opportunity for all to work together on this event has fostered a trust and relationship that will benefit the sport as we move into the new millennium.

Doug Ganim, HEAD USA — Of course I am definitely a bit biased because of the role I have played in getting the Promus U.S. OPEN off the ground ... however I sincerely believe that the USRA's creation of this event will be looked back on years from now as a key development in our sport's history and the absolute turning point where the sport began to regain its popularity. The significance of the event lies in the fact that we now have a bona fide template on how to accomplish two significant factors that will shape the future of racquetball. The first is how to successfully televise professional racquetball so that the average sports enthusiast can enjoy the show, and the second is to create a racquetball event worthy of significant "outside the sport" sponsorship dollars. We must now use this model to expand the visibility and popularity of the sport.

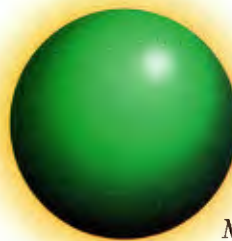
Amy Wishingrad, PENN Racquet Sports — As the largest manufacturer of racquetballs in the world, PENN was thrilled to see the USRA develop the Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships. The sport needed a major event to jump start interest and enthusiasm. Now racquetball has its first real "Grand Slam" event — the Promus U.S. OPEN. From my perspective, racquetball's future looks brighter than ever!

Sudsy Monchik, #1 ranked player in the world and two-time Promus U.S. OPEN Champion — I think it means everything! Ever since I was a little boy all I have dreamed about was playing racquetball in front of huge crowds, and on national television. Just when I thought my dreams were

nothing more than silly childhood wishes, the Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships was born and everything I had hoped for became an instant reality. The portable court, over 1,000 screaming fans, ESPN2, a large prize money purse (yea I still like money!), and all the other first class amenities and perks make this event absolutely awesome. What we need is twelve more!

Ron Grimes, President, E-FORCE — The Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships is the first showcase event in the sport of racquetball. This is significant for a couple of key reasons. First, if racquetball is going to go

anywhere substantially as a sport we are going to need a series of major showcase events to keep the excitement level consistently high. This vision needs to start somewhere and what we have in the Promus U.S. OPEN is that all important first step. Second, we desperately need to proclaim the benefits of participating in the sport of racquetball to as much of the general public as we possibly can. These benefits include touting the fitness, fun, social interaction, and friendships that the sport can bring to peoples lives. The Promus U.S. OPEN, and future similar events, attracts television and other media exposure which gives us an excel-



lent platform to tell people how playing racquetball can improve the quality of life.

Sharlene Sones, General Manager, Ektelon — The Promus U.S. OPEN Racquetball

Championships is an important annual event for the sport of racquetball. It brings amateur players, pro players, and racquetball fans together for a true celebration of the sport. In addition, the television exposure and media attention the event garners represents a strong start towards getting racquetball's popularity moving upward.

The Line on the Men by Lefty O'Neil

The word on the street is that promoter Doug Ganim is going to bring in Michael Buffer to do the intro for the finals on Sunday. "Let's get ready to rumble ... !!" Lights, camera, action. This event has brought out the highest level of play in the world. The past three finals have been nothing short of awesome. Be sure to move around and see all the players ... especially in the early rounds! Some of the best matches I have ever seen took place on the back courts of the Racquet Club of Memphis. But once the action begins remember: 1) the following odds are subject to change; 2) I cannot be held responsible for any bar rounds lost; 3) any and all wagering is illegal in the state of Tennessee!

Sudsy Monchik "The Kid" [1-7] — Can't touch this ... This is a huge event for someone who wants to be remembered as the best to ever play the game. So even if Suds wins every other stop all year but loses this one to Cliff, people will say "Yea, you were great but you lost to Swain twice at the US OPEN." Sudsy is playing equal to any legendary pro in their prime, such as: Swain, Yellen, Hogan, Brumfield. His ability to shuffle his feet, get to the ball (diving if necessary), and then kill it is awesome. He puts his opponents under so much pressure with his big serves, effortless re-kills and blinding quickness. If you ask him, he'd probably say "I crush a lot" and "Where's the first place check?" Recently wed, "The kid" is extremely happy and content on and off the court.

Cliff Swain [5-1] — I, I want to be like Cliff ... In his illustrious 14-year career, Cliff has lost count of the many tournaments he's won (my guess is 70+), but in the last 11 months, he's not taken a single final on the IRT TOUR. But I still love this guy — even though he stole my last two girlfriends, before I was married. It will be a cold day in hell before he meets my wife. Wait a minute ... my son Paul has really skinny ankles, big hips and long lanky arms. Mary Helen!! Cliff has an almost flawless record against everyone on tour except Sudsy. His serve percentage is down against Sudsy because the pressure to hit a good one is so high. He has to change his serve pattern and end the rally as quick as possible to have a chance to win. And even though he's lost the last few tournaments I don't ever count Cliff out. He is a winner.

John Ellis "Ellie" [9-1] — One of my greatest thrills at IRT events is watching Ellie get a set up at the short line, then crush it cross

court about 180 mph. Always a crowd favorite here, John aims to please with his tough play and laid-back "California" attitude. "Ellie" can be found touring with Barnum and Bailey Circus in the off season — he's the one being shot out of the cannon. To win in Memphis, John has to shorten his swing in the front court and hit a higher percentage of re-kills. And it wouldn't hurt to serve and shoot like a madman.

Jason Mannino "J" [9-1] — If you ever wondered how Ruben Gonzales played in his prime, catch one of Jason's matches. A fearless retriever with great racquet skills, Jason dives as many times as it takes to win the rally. In a close match against Sudsy in New Orleans, "J" dove at least 50 times ... because his dad Russ said he'd buy him a Snickers every time he did. A two-time tour winner, Jason is a nightmare to play. Whether he's yelling at himself, you, the crowd, or the ref, he will do anything to wear you down. Oddly, he has a reputation for fair play. You might think that because he tries so hard to win he would take calls like some of the other pro's.

Tim Doyle "TD" [11-1] — You wanna win or what? Tim just moved to San Diego to run E-Force's player program. So, any chance you get, make sure to talk to him about becoming sponsored and getting lots of free gear. Currently ranked #7 Tim has come back from a series of nagging injuries. Formerly ranked as high as #2 Tim has to work on his footwork to beat the top dogs. A great serve and shooter, I would like to see Tim give up the game because I can't beat him.

Andy Roberts "The King" [12-1] — Who do ya like? The pride of Memphis, Andy had some injuries last season that hurt his ranking. He was supposed to retire last season but his wife Kim kicked him out of the house. Andy has to find his form of old when he shot about 90 percent from the field. His speed has always been his Achilles heel, so some big serves will help.

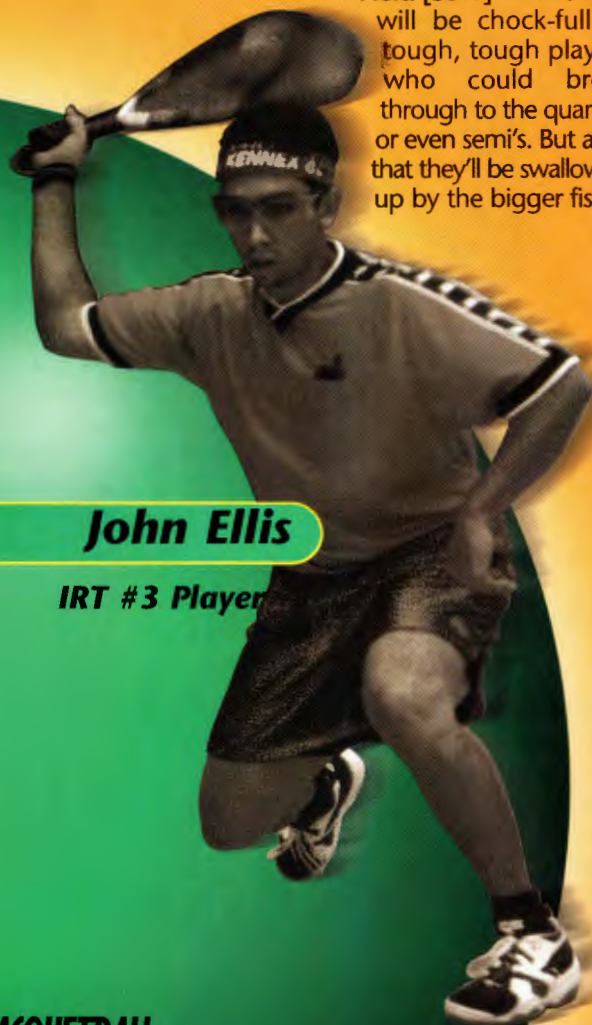
Adam Karp "Fishsticks" [13-1] — 1999 Pan American champion and winner of every recent amateur title you can think of, Adam covers the court like a blanket. The only thing he needs to work on to beat the top dogs is his drive serve and power. If you want to see some great athleticism, open up the tank, sprinkle some food in and watch him go.

Mike Guidry [13-1] — A diving machine and fitness freak, Mike has incredible endurance. To do well he must develop a game plan against the top players. Mike has so much talent and energy he has a tendency to just run-and-gun and not focus on his opponent's weaknesses. Unless he is playing me, and then he just beats me like drum. Mike coached Chile this past summer at the Pan American Games, where they won their first Pan Am medal, ever!

Derek Robinson [13-1] — If you're ever up in the tri-cities in Washington state, give big "D" a call and go get some of grandma's jam, it's great. In Memphis, the big man has to mix up his serves and move those long legs. One of the best short-hoppers in the game, he is very hard to lob serve. He is also hard to pass and is deceptively quick with a long reach. He plays the top players tough, but has to stay focused in the earlier rounds.

Eric Muller [14-1] — He would be about 8-1 if he wasn't working full-time. Watch out for this guy — he loves this event! A scrappy competitor who played well in Houston at the amateur nationals and should be tough. Check the waistline if he shows up. If he's carrying an extra 20, I want him.

Field [35-1] — The field will be chock-full of tough, tough players who could break through to the quarters or even semi's. But after that they'll be swallowed up by the bigger fish.



John Ellis

IRT #3 Player

And the Women's "Book" • by Jim Hiser

Jackie Paraiso [1-1] — Now that she's re-focusing on singles, she'll have plenty of desire to avenge her loss at the USRA National Championship. Although she won the '98 Promus U.S. Open, her semi-final loss in Houston put a damper on her season. She has the best all-around game, covers the court better than most of her opponents and has better shot-making skills from deep court. She has the motivation, desire and revenge factors in her favor. Beware!

Cheryl Gudinas [2-1] — Riding high after her best season ever with wins at the USRA nationals and the Pan Ams, she's finally emerged from playing "second fiddle" to Gould and definitely has the tools to win her first U.S. Open. Needs offensive service weapon to hang with Jackie and must be emotionally prepared for Robin Levine and Christie Van Hees, both of whom have service games and determination on their sides. Could use more first-step quickness, but always comes prepared for the big events.

Christie Van Hees [2-1] — Her disappointing 11-10 loss at Pan Ams should provide fire for revenge. She probably has the best drive serve on the tour, but will she stick with it? On the receiving end, she struggles with serves to her forehand and needs to be more consistent with her returns. She seems to improve with every event, but her seeding may determine if she makes finals. She plays Cheryl tough, but has trouble with Jackie.

Robin Levine [3-1] — Everything depends on which Robin shows up. Over the past year, she's played like Wonder Woman (in Mexico) and like Todd O'Neil (bad! bad!) in Bolivia and Houston. She's probably the most dangerous of the seeded players, since you can never know what game she'll bring to the court! But whatever she brings, her opponents know that they can't take anything for granted; they're in for a fight! Most inconsistent of the top seeds, but also the most dangerous if she's hot! She'll dive as much as it takes to win any rally, with little regard for walls or floor. She'll give her opponents all they can handle. Or not.

Laura Fenton [5-1] — Laura finally broke into the top-four at "The Finals." Over the past 12 months, she's shown increasing signs of brilliance — like her comeback against Cheryl in Houston. She's also shown inattentiveness, or complete absence — like her low-scoring loss to Christie at the Pan Ams. Her tendency to lapse into a defensive mode allows opponents to dictate the pace, and she needs to gain control over that particular factor to stay in the game. She needs to get (and stay) aggressive, develop a more consistent drive serve and go for it! Has nothing to lose.

The Field — Kersten Hallander seems to have talent and potential, but needs consistency to eliminate unforced errors. Lydia Hammock needs her best game (and perhaps divine intervention) to break into the semis. Kerri Stoffregen must play tougher competition regularly to advance against this field, but she has upset potential. Chile's Angela Grisar has tons of talent, but needs more experience; coached by Mike Guidry, she'll move up sooner than expected so don't take her for granted.

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1997 Adam Karp/Bill Sell (Calif.)	Joy MacKenzie/Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)
1996 Todd O'Neil (Texas)/Derek Robinson (Wash.)	Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
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1994 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)/Tim Sweeney (Ill.)	Jackie Gibson/Joy MacKenzie (Calif.)
1993 John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.)	Laura Fenton (Mass.)/Michelle Gould (Idaho)
1992 Joel Bonnett (Mich.)/Bill Sell (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
1991 John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.)	Michelle Gilman (Idaho)/Jackie Paraiso Gibson (Calif.)
1990 Jim Floyd (Mich.)/Tim Hansen (Fla.)	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)/Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)
1989 Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)	Cindy Doyle (N.Y.)/Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1988 Brian Hawkes/Bill Sell (Calif.)	Malia Bailey (Va.)/Toni Bevelock (Ariz.)
1987 Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)	Mona Mook/Trina Rasmussen (Calif.)
1986 Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)	Mona Mook/Trina Rasmussen (Calif.)
1985 Tim Anthony/Andy Roberts (Tenn.)	Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Malia Kamahoahoa (Va.)
1984 Dan Obremski (Pa.)/Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio)	Diane Bullard/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1983 Steve Trent/Stam Wright (Calif.)	Carol French/Malia Kamahoahoa (Va.)
1982 Steve Trent/Stam Wright (Calif.)	Tammy Hajjar/Beth Latini
1981 Ed Andrews/Mark Martino	Carol French/Andrea Katz
1980 Jeff Kwartler/Mark Malowitz	Karen Borge/Mary Ann Cluess
1979 Jeff Kwartler/Mark Malowitz	Diane Bullard/Nancy Hamrick (Fla.)
1978 Jeff Kwartler/Dave Peck	Fran Davis/Elaine Lee
1977 Steve Trent/Stam Wright	Karin Walton/Shannon Wright
1976 Gene Gibbs/Bob Kraut	Sue Carow/Kathy Williams
1975 Charlie Brumfield/Craig McCoy	Jennifer Harding/Janell Marriott
1974 David Charlson/Steve Strandemo	Ann Gorski/Peggy Steding
1973 Charlie Brumfield/Steve Serot	Ann Gorski/Peggy Steding
1972 Mike Luciw/George Rudysz	Kimberly Hill/Jan Pasternak
1971 Ken Porco/Mike Zeitman	
1970 Bob Wallace/Bob Yellin	
1969 Al Hyman/Mike Zeitman	
1968 Simie Fien/Jim White	

Men's 24-	Women's 24-
1998 Jeff Bloom (La.)/Mark Bloom (Texas)	No division
1997 Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Andrew Haywood (Texas)	Cari Kresa/Jean Trimble (Fla.)
1996 Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Andrew Haywood (Texas)	Rachel Gellman (Ariz.)/Renee Ramirez (Texas)
1995 Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Steven Shapiro (Ga.)	Rachel Gellman (N.M.)/Lourdes Garcia Sanders (Colo.)
1994 Aaron Metcalf/Jason Thoerner (Fla.)	Amy Kilbane/Kerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1993 Kelly Gelhaus/Robin Dixon (Calif.)	Laura Rogers/Pam Smith (Texas)
1992 Adam Karp/John Mack (Calif.)	Amy Kilbane (Ohio)/Dana Sibell (Minn.)
1991 John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.)	Cindy Doyle/Holly Gray (Calif.)
1990 Joe Cline (N.J.)/Ron Digiacomo (N.Y.)	Beth Gutowski/Joetta Hastings (Mich.)
1989 Rob McKinney (Pa.)/Todd Stead (Minn.)	Kersten Hallander/Claudia McCarthy (Fla.)
1988 Gus Farrell/Hart Johnson (Minn.)	Linda Belanger/Teresa Pitts (Md.)
1987 Joe Cline (N.J.)/Ron Digiacomo (N.Y.)	Dot Fischl (Pa.)/Tammy Hajjar (Calif.)
1986 Gus Farrell/Hart Johnson (Minn.)	Melanie Britton/Chris Collins (Fla.)
1985 Mark Malowitz/Mike Thurmond (Texas)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1984 Bubba Gautier/Tim Hansen (Fla.)	No division

Men's 25+	Women's 25+
1998 Rob DeJesus (Ariz.)/Tom Fuhrmann (Texas)	Susan Dale (Can.)/Jodi Paul (Pa.)
1997 Tim Hansen/James Lorello (Fla.)	Susan Dale (Can.)/Karen Key (Ariz.)
1996 Tim Hansen/James Lorello (Fla.)	Teri Lawrence/Dori Moss (Fla.)
1995 Billy Perrone (Kan.)/Brad McCuniff (Iowa)	Chau Phan/Dina Moreland (Calif.)
1994 Jeff Conine (Fla.)/Marty Hogan (Mo.)	Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)/Kim Russell (Ga.)
1993 Hart Johnson/Todd Stead (Minn.)	Marianne Cluess (N.Y.)/Lorraine Galloway (N.J.)
1992 Rick Bezousek (Neb.)/Bruce Erickson (Minn.)	Dina Moreland/Debbie Tisinger (Calif.)
1991 Rick Bezousek (Neb.)/Bruce Erickson (Minn.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1990 Rick Bezousek (Neb.)/Bruce Erickson (Minn.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1989 John Peterson (N.Y.)/Jimmy Young (Pa.)	Lynn Cardwell/Gina Waldron (Minn.)
1988 Brent Huber/Mark Morrison (Fla.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1987 Rich Hill/Tom Neill (N.M.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1986 Scott Clark (Ky.)/Jim Young (Pa.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1985 Dan Factor (Calif.)/Gary Merritt (Texas)	Diane Bullard/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1984 Dan Factor (Calif.)/Marshall Greenman (Texas)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1983 Mark Morrow/Bruce Radford (Calif.)	Linda Kennedy/Molly O'Brien (Pa.)
1982 Tony Krause (Ore.)/Fielding Snow (Wash.)	Eileen Ehrlich (Maine)/Janet Simon (Mass.)

Men's 30+	Women's 30+
1998 Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)/Drew Kachtik (Texas)	Kersten Hallander/Chau Phan (Calif.)
1997 Gregg Peck (Texas)/Bret Harnett (Calif.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1996 John Amatulli (Ind.)/Gregg Peck (Texas)	Chris Evon/Terri Graham (Calif.)
1995 Robin Dixon/Steve Lerner (Calif.)	Kersten Hallander/Dori Moss (Fla.)
1994 Tim Hansen (Fla.)/Joe Icaza (Ga.)	Diane Green/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1993 Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Diane Green/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1992 Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
1991 Dave Peck (Colo.)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Diane Green/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1990 Gary Mazaroff/Tom Neill (N.M.)	Fran Davis (N.J.)/Mary Lyons (Fla.)
1989 Steve Trent/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
1988 Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1987 Ken Garrigus/Mike Romo (Ariz.)	Gail Troxell/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1986 Joe Icaza/Frank Johnson (Fla.)	Eileen Ehrlich/Gail Troxell (Fla.)
1985 Ken Garrigus/Mike Romo (Ariz.)	Janice Brown/Linda Loughrey (Colo.)
1984 Bob Baruck (Nev.)/Steve Dunn (Calif.)	Carol Frenck (Va.)/Vicki Bone (Ore.)
1983 Mark Morrow/Bruce Radford (Calif.)	Jeanine Farrell (Va.)/Marilyn Ross (Pa.)
1982 Bill Dunn/Bill Thurman (Calif.)	Wanda Collins/Lee Jew (Wash.)
1981 Johnny Hennen/Larry Liles (Tenn.)	Martha Callahan/Eileen Ehrlich
1980 Mike Luciw/Mike Romano	

Men's 35+	Women's 35+
1998 Tom Ackerman (N.J.)/Kevin Pillion (Va.)	Chris Evon/Terri Graham (Ill.)
1997 Robin Dixon/Steve Lerner (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1996 Marty Hogan (Mo.)/Steve Trent (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1995 Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1994 Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1993 Dave Peck (Texas)/Don Thomas (Ariz.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1992 Dave Peck (Texas)/Rich Wagner (Calif.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gail Woods (La.)
1991 Bobby Corcorran/Keith Fleming (Ariz.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gail Woods (La.)
1990 Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gail Woods (La.)
1989 Dave Kovanda/Ron Woolard (Ohio)	Julie Jacobsen/Patricia Schmidt (Wis.)
1988 Stu Hastings/Rick Vanderlind (Mich.)	Carol Frenck/Betty Lewis (Va.)
1987 Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1986 Van Dubolsky/Joe Icaza (Fla.)	Carol Frenck/Michelle Persinger (Va.)
1985 Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Sherry Armstrong/Linda Loughrey (Colo.)
1984 Van Dubolsky/Joe Icaza (Fla.)	Susie Bates/Barb Smith (Idaho)
1983 Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Carol Frenck/Mildred Gwinn (Va.)
1982 Bill Dunn/Bill Thurman (Calif.)	Sharon Kennedy /Barb Smith (Idaho)
1981 Rick Miller/Harry Miller	No division
1980 Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)/Myron Roderick (Okla.)	Cindy Callahan/Martha Callahan (Mass.)
1975 Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)/Myron Roderick (Okla.)	
1974 Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)/Myron Roderick (Okla.)	

Men's 40+	Women's 40+
1998 David Azuma (Ore.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1997 Dave Azuma (Ore.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Elaine Dexter/Leslie Pawka (Calif.)
1996 Jerry Hilecher/Leo Gurnoe (Calif.)	Elaine Dexter/Leslie Pawka (Calif.)
1995 Troy Stallings/Glen Withrow (Minn.)	Julie Jacobson (Wis.)/Nancy Kronenfeld (Ill.)
1994 Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)	Janell Marriott (R.I.)/Janet Myers (N.C.)
1993 Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1992 Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)	Donna Carpenter/Phyllis Davidson (Calif.)
1991 Dave Kovanda/Ron Woolard (Ohio)	Shelly Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1990 Jim Bailey (Va.)/Larry Liles (Tenn.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1989 Van Dubolsky/Leo Marsocci (Fla.)	Eve Dillin/Barb Tennesen (Minn.)
1988 Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Pat Tarzon (Ill.)
1987 Alex Cooley/Joseph Durrant (Ariz.)	Agatha Falso/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1986 George Deluca/Craig Kunkel (Calif.)	Agatha Falso/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1985 Les Ditttrich/Ron Strom (Minn.)	Agatha Falso/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1984 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Mark Wayne (Calif.)	Vicki Edelman/Mimi Kelly
1983 Jim Austin (Texas) /Bill Schmidtke (Minn.)	
1982 Jim Austin (Texas)/Bill Schmidtke (Minn.)	
1981 Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)/Myron Roderick (Okla.)	
1980 Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)/Myron Roderick (Okla.)	
1973 Carl Loveday/Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1972 Marlow Phillips/Joe Zelson (Mo.)	
1971 Vince Cutshall/Don Erickson (S.D.)	
1970 Marlowe Phillips/Joe Zelson (Mo.)	
1969 Milt Harris/Marlow Phillips (Mo.)	

Men's 45+	Women's 45+
1998 Gene Pare/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Janell Marriott (R.I.)/Janet Myers (N.C.)
1997 Gene Pare/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)

1996	Gene Pare/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1995	Jim Bailey/Ed Remen (Va.)	Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1994	George Deluca/Craig Kunkel (Calif.)	Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1993	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1992	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Nidia Funes/Merjean Kelley (Calif.)
1991	Graig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Sharon Hastings-Welty (OR)
1990	Bob Lindsay/Tom McKie (Texas)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Sharon Hastings-Welty (OR)
1989	Bob Lindsey/Tom McKie (Texas)	Bridgette Hartz (Mich.)/Linda Siau (Ariz.)
1988	Graig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Jo Kenyon/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1987	Graig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Jo Kenyon/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1986	Jack Ross/Fred White (Fla.)	
1985	Ron Galbreath/Joe Jackman (Pa.)	
1984	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1983	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Pete Talbot (N.J.)	
1982	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)/Myron Roderick (Okla.)	
1981	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)/Myron Roderick (Okla.)	
1980	Pete Talbot (N.Y.)/Charlie Wickham (N.C.)	
1978	Gene Grapes/Al Schattner (Pa.)	
1977	Gene Grapes/Al Schattner (Pa.)	
1975	John Fazio/Jim White (Wis.)	
1974	John Fazio/Jim White (Wis.)	

Men's 50+		Women's 50+
1998	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (N.C.)	Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1997	Tom Hanson/Mike Pawka (Calif.)	Nidia Funes/Merjean Kelley (Calif.)
1996	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Nidia Funes/Merjean Kelley (Calif.)
1995	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1994	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	No division
1993	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)/Fred Letter (N.J.)	No division
1992	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)/Fred Letter (N.J.)	No division
1991	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Marion Johnson (Texas)/Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1990	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Les Ditttrich (Minn.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)/Sylvia Sawyer (Utah)
1989	Monte McCunniff/Bob Sheldon (Iowa)	Annabelle Kovar/Margaret Ogden (Neb.)
1988	Otis Chapman/Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Marion Crawford/Lenore Shapiro (N.Y.)
1987	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Pat Colombo (N.Y.)	Rose Mooney (Colo.)/Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1986	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Thomas Waltz (Conn.)	
1985	Otis Chapman (Ohio)/Pete Talbot (N.J.)	
1984	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1983	William Roy (Tenn.)/Tom Waltz (Conn.)	
1982	Duncan Stockwell/Ron Thompson (Canada)	
1981	Gene Grapes/Al Schattner (Pa.)	
1980	Gene Grapes/Al Schattner (Pa.)	
1973	Sam Caizza/Gene Grapes (Pa.)	

Men's 55+		Women's 55+
1998	Graig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Combined division
1997	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Joy DeSantis (Calif.)/Gail Schaefer (Md.)
1996	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Combined division
1995	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Susan Embry/Nancy Martin (Calif.)
1994	Lee Graff (Ore.)/Thomas Penick (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1993	Art Johnson (Colo.)/Jerry Stoltman (Wis.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1992	Tom Moore/Allan Weckerly (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1991	Tom Moore/Allan Weckerly (Calif.)	Sue Embry (Calif.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1990	Tom Moore/Allan Weckerly (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)/Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1989	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Pat Colombo (N.Y.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Rose Mooney (Colo.)
1988	Don Alt (Fla.)/Otis Chapman (Ohio)	
1987	Duncan Stockwell (Canada)/Pat Whitehill (Wash.)	
1986	Joe Rizzo (Nev.)/Al Rossi, Calif.)	
1985	Don Berk/Jack Burnstein (Ill.)	
1984	Lake Westphal/Pat Whitehill (Calif.)	
1983	Milt Karp (Texas)/Robert Troyer (Ill.)	
1982	Burt Morrow/Leo Shelton (Calif.)	
1981	David Perelman/Marvin Schinagle	
1980	Ike Gumer/Irv Zeitman (Ky.)	
1975	Don Green/Cal Murphy (Calif.)	
1974	James Divito/Stan Rizzio (Ill.)	

Men's 60+		Women's 60+
1998	Ron Pudduck (Mich.)/Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Combined division
1997	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1996	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1995	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)

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1994	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1993	Don Alt (Ohio)/Don Woodington (Fla.)	No division
1992	Don Alt (Ohio)/Don Woodington (Fla.)	No division
1991	James Keenan (Calif.)/Paul Ryan (Colo.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1990	Harvey Clar (Calif.)/Pat Whitehill (Wash.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)/Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1989	Fred Briscoe (Canada)/Al Rossi (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (Va.)/Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1988	Don Berk/Jack Burnstein (Ill.)	
1987	Don Berk/Jack Burnstein (Ill.)	
1986	Saal Lesser (N.Y.)/Al Rossi (Calif.)	
1985	Stan Bernie/Carl Loveday (Calif.)	
1984	Ike Gumer/Allen Shepard (Ky.)	
1983	Ike Gumer/Irv Zeitman (Ky.)	
1982	Burt Morrow/Les Skelton (Calif.)	
1981	Ike Gumer/Irv Zeitman (Ky.)	
1980	Ike Gumer/Irv Zeitman (Ky.)	

Men's 65+

1998	Don Alt (Fla.)/Otis Chapman (Ohio)
1997	Don Alt (Fla.)/Otis Chapman (Ohio)
1996	Ridlon Kiphart/Joe Lambert (Texas)
1995	Alan Adirim/Duncan Stockwell (Canada)
1994	Herb Nathan/Mal Roberts (Fla.)
1993	Russell Carruth/Norman Skanchy (Utah)
1992	John Bareilles (Va.)/Mal Roberts (Fla.)
1991	John Bareilles (Ariz.)/Mal Roberts (Fla.)
1990	Saal Lesser/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)
1989	Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
1988	Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
1987	Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
1986	Stan Berney/Carl Loveday (Calif.)
1985	Ike Gumer/Irv Zeitman (Ky.)
1984	Ike Gumer/Allen Shepard (Ky.)
1983	Ike Gumer (Ky.)/Byron Harless (Fla.)

Men's 70+

1998	Joe Goldman (Mass.)/Joe Lambert (Texas)
1997	Joe Goldman (Mass.)/Joe Lambert (Texas)
1996	Philip Dziuk (Ill.)/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)
1995	Ivan Bruner (Wis.)/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)
1994	Saal Lesser/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)
1993	Nick Sans (Calif.)/Lake Westphal (Ariz.)
1992	Nick Sans (Calif.)/Lake Westphal (Ariz.)
1991	Don Goddard (Mt.)/Irving Zeitman (Ky.)
1990	Jim Fitzharris (Minn.)/Nick Sans (Fla.)
1989	Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
1988	Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
1987	Ike Gumer/Allen Shepard (Ky.)
1986	Ike Gumer/Andrew Hyman (Ky.)
1985	Ike Gumer (Ky.)/Allen Shepherd (Md.)

Men's 75+

1998	Earl Acuff (N.C.)/George Spear (Fla.)
1997	Nick Sans/Lake Westphal (Calif.)
1996	Don Goddard (Mont.)/Art Goss (Colo.)
1991	Ike Gumer (Ky.)/Allen Shepherd (Md.)
1990	Ike Gumer (Ky.)/Allen Shepherd (Md.)
1989	G. Robert Mowerson/Stephen Ordos (Minn.)

SKILL & COMBINED AGE + SKILL DIVISIONS

Men's A Division		Women's A Division
1998	Ted Castro (Va.)/Dale Valentine (Calif.)	Mary Keenan/Linda Mojer (Colo.)
1997	Eric Henderson/Tommy Medina (Ariz.)	Michelle Draggoo/Debbie Kennis (Mont.)
1996	Myron Hicks/Tommy Medina (Ariz.)	Jeannie Cannella/Mary Keenan (Colo.)
1995	Myron Hicks/Don Ottasen (Ariz.)	Sandra Cabrera/Mary Rossi (Calif.)
1994	Oscar Delgado/Frank Garcia (Fla.)	Nora Byrn/Tracey Smith (Tenn.)
1993	Mark Spangenberg/Brian Mirich (Calif.)	Barb Goodman/Linda Mojer (Colo.)
1992	Nathan Deer (Ky.)/Walter McDade (Tenn.)	Claudia Andrade/Cari Kresa (Fla.)
1991	Gabe Astalos (Ariz.)/Adam Karp (Calif.)	Norma Bilbo (N.M.)/Pam Garcia (Fla.)
1990	Arsenio Amat (Fla.)/Mark Bustos (Calif.)	Samantha Daly/Lisa Laidley (Md.)
1989	Chris Eagle/Doug Eagle (N.C.)	Deanna Montag/Joleen Price (Minn.)
1988	Tim Harcharik/Brian Jorgenson (Pa.)	Becky Shirk/Cindy Tilbury (Minn.)
1987	Peter Francheschi (N.Y.)/Michael VanOre (N.J.)	Christine Fernandez/Debra Vinger (Wis.)
1986	Thomas Jobe/Kurt Nystrom (Fla.)	No division
1985	Daryl Rosidivito/Peter Zollers (Pa.)	No division
1984	Mike Dick (Nev.)/Armondo Flores (Calif.)	Sue Hill/Nancy Rogers (Ore.)
1983	Andy McDonald/Rick Sorenson (Calif.)	Beth Aloji/Candy Winter (Fla.)
Men's B Division		Women's B Division
1998	David Hohman (Mo.)/J.W. Peebles (Md.)	Faye Cobb/Stephanie Cobb (Mich.)
Men's C Division		Women's C Division
1998	David Dibernardino/Stephen Lee (Md.)	Robbie Compson/Summer Markert (Md.)
Men's 24- A/B		Women's 24- A/B
1998	James Swift/Jason Wagner (Calif.)	No division
Men's 25+ A/B		Women's 25+ A/B
1998	Dana Cornelius/Jonathan Dunn (Calif.)	Christine Allison/Erika Hawley (De.)
Men's 25+ C/D		Women's 25+ C/D
1998	Steve Conklin/Stephen Lee (Md.)	Yvonne Nelson/Sandra Siffrin (Md.)
Men's 35+ A/B		Women's 35+ A/B
1998	Steve Myers (Md.)/James Snowden (Va.)	Deb Brosious/Mary Beth Rodriguez (Pa.)
Men's 45+ A/B		Women's 45+ A/B
1998	Bert Castelanelli/Dave Ortega (Calif.)	Gail Bell/Jean Heckman (N.Y.)
Men's 45+ C/D		Women's 45+ C/D
1998	Harvey Baines/Tom McGuirk (N.Y.)	No division

OPEN, SKILL & OPEN AGE GROUP MIXED DOUBLES

Mixed Open Divisions

- 1998 Jackie Paraiso/Rocky Carson (Calif.)
- 1997 Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)/Jimmy Lowe (Alaska)
- 1996 Jackie Paraiso/Joey Paraiso (Calif.)
- 1995 Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Eric Muller (Mass.)
- 1994 Elaine Hooghe/David Hamilton (Ohio)
- 1993 Malia Bailey (Va.)/Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)
- 1992 Malia Bailey (Va.)/Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)
- 1991 Michelle Gilman (Idaho)/Jeff Evans (Ore.)
- 1990 Michelle Gilman (Ore.)/Tim Hansen (Fla.)
- 1989 Dottie Fischl (Pa.)/Aaron Katz (Texas)
- 1988 Dana Sibell (Minn.)/Mike Guidry (Texas)
- 1987 Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)
- 1986 Trina Rasmussen (Ore.)/Bobby Rodriguez (Colo.)
- 1985 Toni Bevelock/Andy Roberts (Tenn.)
- 1984 Malia Kamahoa (Va.)/Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio)
- 1983 Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)
- 1982 Tammy Hajjar/Dan Obremski (Pa.)
- 1981 Sharon Fanning/Jack Newman

Mixed A

- 1998 Illeana Villareal/Alain Pujolar (Fla.)
- 1997 Linda Mojer (Colo.)/Larry DeSorbo (Ariz.)
- 1996 Christine & Jim Wright (Del.)
- 1995 Connie Fall/Jack Abramo (Calif.)
- 1994 John Marinich (Ga.)/Janice Miller (Ohio)
- 1993 Sharon Jhan/Kevin Wriston (Texas)

Mixed B

- 1998 Ann Winder/Mike Kellem (Md.)

Mixed C

- 1998 Cari Mitlitsky/Hal Mitlitsky (N.Y.)

Mixed 24-

- 1998 Aimee Roehler/Craig Rappaport (Pa.)
- 1997 No Division
- 1996 Illeana Villareal/Alain Pujolar (Fla.)
- 1995 Lisa McLaws/Brian Mirich (Calif.)
- 1994 Laura Fenton (Mass.)/Rick Decastro (Md.)
- 1993 Laura Wall/Marko Perez (Calif.)

Mixed 25+

- 1998 Jody Nance/Marko Perez (Calif.)
- 1997 Jody Nance/Marko Perez (Calif.)
- 1996 Elaine Mardas/Dave Ganim (Ohio)
- 1995 Lisa McLaws/Brian Mirich (Calif.)
- 1994 Pat Chesterman/Mark Nomura (Calif.)
- 1993 Jody Zogg/Marko Perez (Calif.)
- 1992 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)
- 1991 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)
- 1990 Laura Fenton (Neb.)/Tony Upkes (S.D.)
- 1989 Linda Wright-Moore/Bret Olesen (Neb.)
- 1988 Martha McDonald/Greg McDonald (Fla.)

Mixed 30+

- 1998 Jody Nance/Marko Perez (Calif.)
- 1997 Jody Nance/Marko Perez (Calif.)
- 1996 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)
- 1995 Lynn Skadeland (N.D.)/Jon Martin (Ore.)
- 1994 Debbie & Kevin Tisinger (Calif.)
- 1993 Caryn McKinney (Ga.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
- 1992 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)
- 1991 Linda Moore/Craig Olsen (Neb.)
- 1990 Linda Moore/Craig Olsen (Neb.)
- 1989 DeeDee Wolcott (Calif.)/Mike Weum (Minn.)
- 1988 Martha McDonald/Greg McDonald (Fla.)

Mixed 35+

- 1998 Laura Fenton (Ore.)/Troy Stallings (S.D.)
- 1997 Malia Bailey/Mark Baron (Va.)
- 1996 Malia Bailey/Mark Baron (Va.)
- 1995 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)
- 1994 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)
- 1993 Molly O'Brien (Pa.)/Jim Bailey (Va.)
- 1992 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
- 1991 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
- 1990 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
- 1989 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
- 1988 Fredina Iffert/Scott Johnson (PA)

Mixed 40+

- 1998 Susan Pfahler/Gordon Kirkland (Fla.)
- 1997 Elaine Dexter (Calif.)/David Azuma (Ore.)
- 1996 Elaine Dexter/David Azuma (Calif.)
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Mixed 45+

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- 1997 Shelley Ogden (Ohio)/Mike Stephens (Mich.)
- 1996 Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)
- 1995 Shelley Ogden (Ohio)/Mike Stephens (Mich.)
- 1994 Agatha Falso/Leo Marsocci (Fla.)
- 1993 Agatha Falso/Leo Marsocci (Fla.)
- 1992 Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)/Jim Hiser (Colo.)
- 1991 Karen San Filippo/Michael VanOre (N.J.)
- 1990 Karen San Filippo/Michael Vanore (N.J.)

Mixed 50+

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- 1997 Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)
- 1996 Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)
- 1995 Nidia Funes/Denis Lose (Calif.)
- 1994 Rose Stoltman (Wis.)/Arthur Johnson (Colo.)
- 1993 Nidia Funes/Denis Lose (Calif.)
- 1992 Helen Dunsmoor (Idaho)/Luis Guerrero (Calif.)
- 1991 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Jim McPherson (Okla.)
- 1990 Sandy McPherson/Jim McPherson (Okla.)

Mixed 55+

- 1998 Joy DeSantis (Calif.)/Rex Lawler (Ind.)
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- 1991 Helen Dunsmoor/Jack Dunsmoor (Idaho)

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- 1997 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Joy Krevsky (Pa.)
- 1996 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)
- 1995 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)

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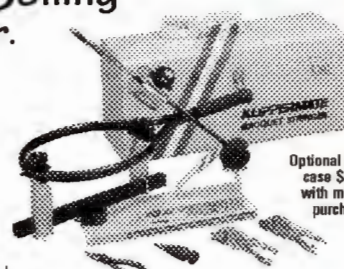
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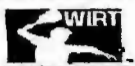
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	North Valley Open @ North Valley Athletic Club	Chico, CA	530-891-4700
	Outback Blast It @ the Sports Center	Fayetteville, NC	910-864-3303
	Se Regional Doubles @ Racquetpower	Jacksonville, FL	904-241-6789
September 24-26	Apple Open @ Spa Fitness Center	Watsonville, CA	831-722-3895
	Lifestyle Open @ Lifestyle Fitness & Racq Club	St. Petersburg, FL	727-347-7701
	New England Doubles @ Downtown Health & Racq Club	New Haven, CT	203-248-1869
	Splatshot Pro/am @ The Tournament House	Riverside, CA	909-682-7511
	Texas State Doubles @ Northwest Fitness Center [3]	Houston, TX	713-895-8688
September 25	Doubles Mixer @ Severna Park Ran Club	Millersville, MD	410-987-0980

october ...

October 1-3	Lakeland YMCA Open	Lakeland, FL	941-644-3528
	Thunderbolt Open @ Dan Gamel's Health & Racquet	Fresno, CA	559-227-8405
	14th Annual Solano Open @ Solano Athletic Club	Fairfield, CA	707-429-4363
	Steve Chapman Memorial @ Quadrangle Athletic Club	Coral Springs, FL	954-753-8900
October 6-10	Halloween Open @ Healthworks	Wallingford, CT	203-248-1869
	Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships [6]	Baltimore, MD	719-635-5396
October 15-17	Sleepy Hollow Open @ Twin Arbors Athletic Club	Lodi, CA	209-334-4897
October 16	Noblesville Fall Classic @ Noblesville Athletic Club	Noblesville, IN	765-935-5169
October 22-24	Great Pumpkin Open @ Midtown Athletic Club	Sacramento, CA	916-441-2977
	Paul Gorman Memorial @ Interbay-Glover YMCA	Tampa, FL	813-839-0210
	Rio Open @ Sport & Health - Rio	Gaithersburg, MD	301-258-5100
	Tournament of Terror @ Spectrum Club	Canoga Park, CA	818-884-5034
October 29-31	Crystal Gateway Open @ Skyline Clubs @ Crystal Gtwy	Arlington, VA	703-527-7785

november ...

November 5-7	Baltimore Pro-Am Ektelon @ Merritt Athletic-Security	Baltimore, MD	703-527-7785
	Bay Area Sales Open @ Royal Athletic Club	Burlingame, CA	650-697-9162
	Cross Court Open @ Cross Court Athletic Club	Woodland, CA	530-666-1319
	Froggy Open Racquetball Tourn @ Nautilus Fitness Center	Erie, PA	814-868-0072
	NFC Tournament @ Northwest Fitness Center	Houston, TX	713-895-8688
	Harbour Island Athletic Club Open	Tampa, FL	813-881-1088
November 12-14	Head Titanium Series #1 @ What A Racquet	Daly City, CA	415-757-0199
	High Sierra Shootout @ Snowcreek Athletic Club	Mammoth Lakes, CA	760-934-8511
	Winter Classic @ Quad West Athletic Club	Clearwater, FL	727-535-4901
November 13-14	14th Annual Club Invitational @ Rollingwood Racquet Club	Fair Oaks, CA	916-988-1727
November 14-15	Turkey Shoot @ Player's Athletic Club	Warren, MI	810-774-6900
November 19-21	Greenbriar Classic @ Greenbriar Athletic Club	Indianapolis, IN	317-255-3321
	Holiday Cash Classic @ The Orlando Fitness & Racquet	Orlando, FL	407-645-3550
	Turkey Shoot @ Sports Club of Asheville	Asheville, NC	704-252-0222
	MD/DC State Doubles @ Severna Park R & N Club [3]	Millersville, MD	410-987-0980

december ...

December 1-5	Promus Hotel Corporation 4th U.S. Open [5]	Memphis, TN	719-635-5396
December 3-5	Santa Claus @ Merritt Athletic-Security	Baltimore, MD	410-298-8700
December 4	One Day Shoot-Out @ Maverick Athletic Club	Arlington, TX	817-275-3348
December 10-12	Connecticut Cup @ Downtown Health & Racquet Club	New Haven, CT	203-248-1869

calendar...calendar...

December 11	X-mas Classic @ The Tysons Club. McLean, VA	703-527-7785
December 11-13	Holiday Shoot-out @ Northwest Fitness Center. Houston, TX	713-895-8688
December 17-21	The Whole Enchilada @ Racquetball & Fitness San Antonio, TX	210-344-8596
December 17-21	ProKennex 11th IRF World Junior Championships [5]. Fountain Valley, CA	719-635-5396

january ...

January 7-9	Jim Backes Open @ Healthworks. Wallingford, CT	203-248-1869
	Off The Wall New Years @ Natomas Racquet Club Sacramento, CA	916-649-0909
January 14-16	Indiana State Doubles @ Greenbriar Athletic Club [3] Indianapolis, IN	317-255-3321
January 21-23	Women's Senior/Master Association Championships [5]. Baltimore, MD	410-655-7958
January 16-18	Superbowl Open @ ISSC At West Lane Stockton, CA	209-472-2100
January 28-30	Hog Classic @ Omega 40 Ormond Beach, FL	904-672-4044
	Sycamore Open @ Indiana State University. Terre Haute, IN	812-235-3701

february ...

February 4-6	Valentine Open @ Bristol Hosp. Wellness Center. Bristol, CT	203-248-1869
	Wintergreen Classic @ Laurel Sport Fit-Racquet Laurel, MD	410-987-0980
February 11-13	22nd Indy Open @ Noblesville Athletic Club Noblesville, IN	317-255-3321
February 16-19	NMRA U.S. Masters Singles Invitational [5]. Fountain Valley, CA	602-849-6298

upcoming 1999 national & international events ...

October 6-10	Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships [6] Baltimore, MD	719-635-5396
Nov. 30 - Dec. 5	Promus Hotel Corporation 4th U.S. OPEN [5]. Memphis, TN	719-635-5396
December 17-22	ProKennex 11th IRF World Junior Championships [5] Fountain Valley, CA	719-635-5396

2000 ...

January 13-16	USRA Leadership Conference. . . . U.S. Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO	719-635-5396
January 21-23	Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Association Championships [5]. . . Baltimore, MD	410-655-7958
February 16-19	NMRA U.S. Masters Singles Invitational [5]. Fountain Valley, CA	816-229-1300
March 3-5	Wilson 13th USRA National High School Championships [6]. TBA	719-635-5396
March/April TBA	E-Force 28th IRF World Intercollegiate Championships [5]. TBA	719-635-5396
April 13-16	Ektelon USRA Regional Championships [4] Nationwide	719-635-5396
April 14-23	PARC Tournament of the Americas Cochabamba, Bolivia	719-635-5396
May 24-29	Ektelon 33rd USRA National Singles Championships [6]. Houston, Texas	719-635-5396
June 24-28	Head 27th USRA Junior Olympic Championships [6]. TBA	719-635-5396
July 12-15	NMRA International Masters Invitational Colorado Springs, CO	816-229-1300
August 4-12	IRF 10th World Championships San Luis Potosi, Mexico	719-635-5396

• **Bolded listings are USRA National Championships or International Racquetball Federation Events**

• **For remaining sanctioned events [brackets] indicate event level (unmarked = Level 2)**

• **Please note: USRA memberships are processed by month, not date ... when expiration is shown as 08/99, you must renew your membership in the month of August in order to play in any sanctioned events held that month.**



Attending the 1999 Promus U.S. OPEN, December 1-5? Here's Your To Do List: ☐ Get Entry Form/Ticket Application
☐ Send the USRA your completed Entry Form/Ticket Application ☐ Dust off

your bell bottom pants and platform shoes for the grand gala – the Party with the Pro's. ☐ Call Omega Travel at 800-844-4924 to make discount airline reservations to Memphis. ☐ Practice counting

to 21 so you won't be confused while playing blackjack at the Promus U.S. OPEN Casino Night! ☐ Call one of

the Promus Hotel Corporation properties (see entry form) in Memphis and make your hotel reservations. ☐ Work

RACQUETBALL

MEN

Men's Open

1. Dan Llacera, DE
2. Mike Locker, MN
3. Adam Karp, CA
4. Matt Gehling, MD
5. Michael Bronfeld, CA
6. Todd O'Neil, TX
7. Doug Ganim, OH
8. Brian Fredenberg, TX
9. Bobby Haab, CT
10. Mike Johnston, CO

Men's A

1. Barney Revuelta, TX
2. David Ghio, CA
3. Mike Cole, NH
4. Fernando Gambirazio, CA
5. Travis Woodbury, VA
6. Sanjay Laforest, NY
7. Doug Brehm, TN
8. Seth Parker, PA
- 8T. Keith Taylor, NC
10. Not a Member, LA

Men's B

1. Ryan Lindell, OR
2. Eddie Pavloski, TX
3. Angelo Perilli, PA
4. Bill Boada, LA
5. Felix Marrero, LA
6. Tony Garcia, TX
7. Dan Shupsky, FL
8. Joe Bonavita, DE
9. Joe Dörner, FL
10. Cary Slade, IL

Men's C

1. Peter Michael, TX
2. Donnie Crowe, LA
3. Craig Sparks, AR
4. Wes McDonald, LA
- 5T. Matt Clark, IA
- 5T. Eric Fritchley, OH
- 5T. Melvin Todd, TX
8. Roger Dial, SC
- 9T. Bruce Schaff, CO
- 9T. Andy Silva, FL

Men's D

- 1T. Jerry Buchanan, LA
- 1T. Garry Carter, CA
- 3T. Ryan Kinnaman, AR
- 3T. Matt Stroup, NJ
5. Kris Robinson, KY
6. David Eaton, OH
7. Dan Robison, UT
8. Drew Toland, AR
9. Mike Keddle, NH
10. Brad Vaughn, NC

Men's Novice

1. Bobby Lavelle, OH
2. Chad Chaloux, NH
3. Carlos Guzman, TX

4. Tavares Patton, NY
- 5T. Robert Lee, NM
- 5T. Christopher Nichols, AR
- 7T. Felix Ruiz, NJ
- 7T. Not a Member, AZ
- 9T. Matt Keddle, NH
- 9T. Craig Mirsky, PA

Men's 24-

1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Ryan Homa, WI
3. Jack Long, TX
4. Brad Hansen, IA
5. Kyle Veenstra, WI
6. Mike Harmon, FL
- 7T. Josh Tucker, MO
- 7T. Dan Whitley, MO
- 9T. Not a Member, LA
- 9T. Bart Crawford, OR

Men's 25+

1. Mike Locker, MN
2. Rob DeJesus, AZ
3. Sameer Hadid, CA
4. Scott Grunin, NY
- 5T. Kevin Graham, ND
- 5T. Barney Revuelta, TX
7. Al Schof, LA
- 8T. Jeff Arnett, MO
- 8T. Chris Zalegowski, NH
10. Tony Shawver, GA

Men's 30+

1. John Davis, LA
2. Jeff Bell, AZ
- 3T. John Collison, DE
- 3T. Brad McCuniff, IA
- 3T. David Watson, OK
6. Hector Capo, FL
7. Alan Sheppard, NC
8. David Smith, GA
9. Jim Frautschi, MN
10. Ira Holland, VA

Men's 35+

1. Mitch Smith, PA
2. Dave Eagle, OH
3. David Watson, OK
4. Bobby Haab, CT
- 5T. David Lockridge, GA
- 5T. Jimmy Lowe, AK
7. Tom Utterback, IL
8. Bill Serafin, NJ
9. Gary Tanko, WI
10. Scott Cullins, FL

Men's 40+

1. Don Ott, IN
2. Michael Anderson, MI
3. Walter Schramm, NY
4. Steve Wattz, CA
5. Tom Travers, OH
6. Roger Miller, VA
7. Bill Yates, OH
8. Gary Tanko, WI
- 9T. Greg Diaz, FL
- 9T. Dan Hardan, WA

Men's 45+

1. Gary Mazaroff, NM
2. Jim Luzar, WI
3. Dominic Palmieri, OH
4. Steve Silverman, SC
5. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
6. Tom Weniger, CA
- 7T. Ed Garabedian, PA
- 7T. Tom Travers, OH
- 9T. Richard Bocanegra, KS
- 9T. Russ Palazzo, CT

Men's 50+

1. Greg Hasty, IL
2. Bill Welaj, NJ
3. Ed Remen, NC
4. Tom McKie, TX
5. Jim Bailey, VA
6. Dan Davis, TX
7. Ron Galbreath, PA
8. Don Scales, TX
9. Mark Daigle, NY
10. Doug Douville, UT

Men's 55+

1. Glenn Allen, VA
2. Ray Huss, OH
3. Warren Reuther, LA
4. Jim Trammell, MO
5. Ron Galbreath, PA
6. Bob Coe, TX
7. Mike Aubrey, AZ
8. Len Wilson, PA
9. Peter Silver, FL
10. G. Kyle Smith, TX

Men's 60+

1. Lee Graff, OR
2. Rex Lawler, IN
3. Charlie Garfinkel, NY
4. Jerry Holly, CA
5. Jim Wilking, UT
6. Grant Morrill, PA
7. Ron Adams, CA
- 8T. George Wade, MO
- 8T. Bob Webster, AL
10. Dario Mas, DE

Men's 65+

1. Don Alt, FL
2. Otis Chapman, OH
3. Paul Banales, AZ
4. John O'Donnell, IL
5. Don Maxey, TX
6. Robert Miller, SC
- 7T. Charles Kaiser, MI
- 7T. Skip Kiphart, TX
- 7T. Bob Kleinschmidt, MN
- 7T. Clement McIntosh, GA

Men's 70+

1. Joe Lambert, TX
2. Barney Friesth, SD
3. Bill Reese, TX
- 4T. Philip Dziuk, IL
- 4T. Mal Roberts, FL
- 6T. Carl Buschner, MA

- 6T. Chuck Lake, VA
- 6T. Chuck Martarano, IL
9. Stan Fugate, FL
10. Richard Martinez, VA

Men's 75+

1. Nick Sans, CA
2. Earl Acuff, NC
3. Robert McAdam, TX
4. J.W. Studak, TX
5. Al Romero, NM
6. Bill Matotan, NM
7. Cam Snowberger, SC
8. Mike Friedman, ME
- 9T. Carlton Appleby, CA
- 9T. George Spear, FL

Men's 80+

1. Earl Acuff, NC
2. George Spear, FL
3. Charlie Russell, CA
- 4T. Ben Marshall, TX
- 4T. Ben Penchan, TN
- 6T. Bill Sherman, TX
- 6T. Harry Steinman, MD
8. Walter Gardner, UT

Men's 85+

1. Harry Steinman, MD
2. Ralph Hoyle, NY

WOMEN

Women's Open

1. Cheryl Gudinas, IL
2. Denise Mock, TX
3. Kerri Stoffregen, IL
- 4T. Sadie Gross, TN
- 4T. Robin Levine, CA
6. Ines Queiros, CT
7. Laura Fenton, OR
8. Lydia Hammock, CA
9. Kersten Hallander, VA
10. Aimee Roehler, PA

Women's A

1. Esther McNany, CT
2. Janel Tisinger, CA
3. Sharon Steele, SC
4. Sheri Zappala, NY
5. Christina Pastore, MA
- 6T. Kelly Goddard, VA
- 6T. Shirley Parsons, CO
8. Lori Edmonds, NE
9. Patrice Calvi, IL
10. Kathy Cornell, MD

Women's B

1. Michelle Poage, AK
2. Diane Taylor-Whitman, MA
- 3T. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
- 3T. Kathy Welker, TX
5. Renee Kemp, MD
6. Rhonda Kochis, OK
7. Catherine Radloff, IL
8. Charlotte Kochersperger, PA

9. Ashley Schuchmann, OH
10. Pam Grace, IL

Women's C

1. Cheryl Kirk, IL
2. Alice Avchen, FL
3. Janice Kennedy, GA
4. Sharon Curran-Wilks, NC
- 5T. Stephanie Guthrie, GA
- 5T. Beth Rist, LA
- 7T. Anne Debose, TX
- 7T. Lynn Hiorns, IL
- 9T. Leslie Aulph, MO
- 9T. Angela Cook, PA

Women's D

1. Pamela Trent, MD
- 2T. Ramona Vonondarza, FL
- 2T. Nikki Winfrey, OH
4. Samaria Bennett, TX
5. Gretchen Gobar, NH
6. Sunshine Dryer, OK
7. Gennie Salinas, TX
8. Kelly McCloskey-Romero, NM
- 9T. Rita Derr, CO
- 9T. Patty Evans Roberts, CA

Women's Novice

1. Gretchen Gobar, NH
2. Nancy Bennett, PA
3. Lynette Ross, PA
- 4T. Kelly Parker, ID
- 4T. Gena Reilly, NM
6. Anna Post, VA
- 7T. Theresa Alimena, OH
- 7T. Kim Boehmler, DE
- 7T. Lai Man Cheung, PA
- 7T. Stephanie Garcia, NM

Women's 24-

1. Aimee Roehler, PA
2. Kerri Stoffregen, IL
3. Shannon Feaster, MD
4. Sara Borland, IA
5. Brooke Crawford, OR
- 6T. Megan Bals, NE
- 6T. Kristen Fritz, PA
- 6T. Christina Lewendal, OR
- 6T. Kristen Sutek, TX
10. Kristen Kovar, NE

Women's 25+

1. Heather Dunn, VT
2. Jo Shattuck, CO
- 3T. Jennifer Dering, NY
- 3T. Lori Lepow, FL
5. Jen Yokota, MO
6. Lisa Marie Papp, GA
7. Kelley Beane, NH
8. Lisa Koolman, PA
9. Holly Remen, NC
10. Kim Herrold, SC

rankings...rankings

Rankings are based on
results processed by the
national office as of:
July 15, 1999

Women's 30+

1. Kim Russell, TN
2. Michelle Wiragh, VA
3. Lorraine Galloway, NY
4. Lori Lepow, FL
5. Kelley Beane, NH
- 6T. Cheryl Conrad, IA
- 6T. B.J. Ehrigott, CT
- 6T. Micky Richer, CO
9. Mindy Hartstein, NY
10. Felicia Mann, MI

Women's 35+

1. Lorraine Galloway, NY
- 2T. B.J. Ehrigott, CT
- 2T. Laura Fenton, OR
4. Denise Mock, TX
5. Holly Remen, NC
6. Debbie Tisinger, CA
7. Kim Machiran, MO
8. Karin Sobotta, WA
9. Paula Saad, MI
10. Jean Trimble, FL

Women's 40+

1. Debbie Tisinger, CA
2. Linda Moore, NE
3. Susan Pfahler, FL
4. Val Shewfelt, UT
5. Janell Marriott, RI
- 6T. Chris Evon, IL
- 6T. Jean Trimble, FL
8. Sherri Feldman, NY
- 9T. Jill Mitchell, AK
- 9T. Peggy Stephens, KY

Women's 45+

1. Karen Key, AZ
2. Brenda White, IL
3. Raymie Roland, CA
4. Jere Luttner, TX
5. Debbie Chaney, IN
6. Janell Marriott, RI
7. Joanne Pomodoro, MA
8. Marsha Berry, KY
9. Deb Mustone, VA
10. Lesley Kishigian, MI

Women's 50+

1. Sharon Huczek, MI
2. Merjean Kelley, CA
3. Donna Ebner, MO
- 4T. Mary Lou Furaus, NM
- 4T. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
6. Shelley Ogden, OH
7. Pattie Schof, LA
8. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
9. Cathy Stryker, VA
10. CeCe Palaski, CA

Women's 55+

1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
2. Gail Schaefer, MD
3. Mildred Gwinn, NC
4. Gerri Stoffregen, OH

5. Nidia Funes, CA
6. Joy DeSantis, CA
7. Nancy Kay Butts, WI
8. Marquita Molina, CA
9. Sylvia Sawyer, UT
10. Louise Graham, WI

Women's 60+

1. Annabelle Kovar, NE
2. Jo Kenyon, FL
3. Susan Embry, WA
4. Lavonne Kohlhepp, WI
5. Audrey Lenroot, WI
6. Jean Tull, VA
7. B.J. Calloway, GA
8. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
9. Danielle Smith, AK

Women's 65+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
2. Lola Markus, IL
3. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
4. Louise Kiss, NM
5. Marilyn Hoaglund, MN
6. Ruth Zenk, FL
7. Paula McNeish, FL

Women's 70+

1. Reta Haring, WI
2. Dorothy Vezetinski, WA
- 3T. Tillie Davies, AZ
- 3T. Mary Lou Kackert, NM

Women's 75+

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
2. Christine Stephens, TX
3. Beth Keene, TX
4. Eleanor Quackenbush, OR

BOYS

Boy's 6 & Under

1. Kyle Rynard, IN
2. Joseph Lee, LA
3. Matthew Markert, LA
4. Jake Bredenbeck, MN

B6- Multi-Bounce

1. Joseph Lee, LA
2. Calvin Godwin, FL
3. Andres Garcia, CA
- 4T. Matthew Hunter, FL
- 4T. Ryan Kutner, TX
6. Jake Bredenbeck, MN
7. Marco Rojas, CA
8. Taylor Regier, OR
9. Not a Member, OR
10. Brad Falvey, WI

Boy's 8 & Under

1. Jose Rojas, CA
2. Erick Podwill, OR
3. John Sanderson, UT
4. Jordan Faith, CO
5. Sean Wichers, CO
6. Jake Bredenbeck, MN
7. Billy Wainwright, OR

- 8T. Not a Member, TX
- 8T. Chris Rynard, IN
10. Joseph Lee, LA

B8- Multi-Bounce

1. Joseph Lee, LA
2. Billy Wainwright, OR
3. Miguel Martinez, AK
4. Sean Wichers, CO
5. Jordan Faith, CO
6. Andrew Peterson, OR
7. Calvin Godwin, FL
8. Chris Rynard, IN
9. Isaac Mitchell, AK
10. Matthew Hunter, FL

Boy's 10-

1. Nick Arturo, AK
2. Mark Beaudry, CO
3. Connor Reynolds, GA
4. Jose Rojas, CA
5. Matt Keddie, NH
6. Brandon Callihan, AK
7. Jansen Allen, TX
- 8T. Jonathan Doyle, OH
- 8T. Johnny Melgaard, ID
- 8T. Brad Starken, WI

Boy's 12-

1. Joey Lakowski, OR
2. Chris Coy, OK
3. Matt Johnson, NM
4. Drew Toland, AR
5. Eddie Mazur, CT
6. David Lewis, CO
7. Charles Pratt, OR
8. David Laforest, NY
9. Marc Kovalick, FL
10. Mike Keddie, NH

Boy's 14-

1. Steven Klaiman, TX
2. Ben Croft, IL
3. Ryan Lindell, OR
4. Brandon Shoemaker, OH
5. Dan Sheppick, OR
6. Clay Burris, FL
7. Jacob Karmelin, GA
8. Adrian Anulewicz, CT
9. Garrett Olson, ME
10. Mike Keddie, NH

Boy's 16-

1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Joey Delfino, MA
3. Dan Beaudry, CO
4. Rusty Powell, LA
5. Sanjay Laforest, NY
6. Bart Crawford, OR
7. Matthew McElhiney, FL
8. Erik Leetch, AR
9. Brandon Burgess, CO
10. Justin Meadows, FL

Boy's 18-

1. Josh Tucker, MO
2. Shane Vanderson, OH
- 3T. Stephen Lewis, WA
- 3T. Stan Shaw IV, MA
5. Jeffrey Garner, AL
6. Joe Marchetti, AK
- 7T. Jack Huczek, MI
- 7T. Mitch Williams, NC
9. James Marchetti, AK
10. Jason Kerwood, OR

GIRLS

G6- Multi-Bounce

1. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
2. Stephanie Rojas, OR
3. Tristyn Trelease, OR
4. Sierra Adam, CO
- 5T. Katie Faith, CO
- 5T. Tia Smith, OR
- 7T. Ashley Bechard, WI
- 7T. Kaitlynn Pacinelli, NM
- 7T. Amy Willhite, OR
10. Elizabeth Brenner, OR

Girl's 8 & Under

1. Wesley Toland, AR
2. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
3. Stephanie Moyle, OR
4. Samantha Pimental, OR
5. Shannon Inglesby, OR
6. Danielle Key, AZ
7. Brianna Elder, MD
8. Not a Member, OR
9. Ashley Wetherell, NJ
10. Nicole Grundman, MN

G8- Multi-Bounce

1. Stephanie Moyle, OR
2. Wesley Toland, AR
3. Cory Laurita, CO
4. Stephanie Rojas, OR
5. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
- 6T. Nicole Grundman, MN
- 6T. Shannon Inglesby, OR
8. Amy Willhite, OR
- 9T. Sierra Adam, CO
- 9T. Julia Negrete, IL

Girl's 10-

1. Kara Mazur, CT
2. Liz Taylor, OR
3. Shannon Inglesby, OR
4. Dannielle Pimental, OR

- 5T. Michelle Key, AZ
- 5T. Rebeka Kopf, NY
7. Erin Pratte, NY
8. Katie Wafer, CO
9. Sharon Jackson, IN
10. Brittany Legget, OR

Girl's 12-

1. Ashley Legget, OR
- 2T. Kastle Arturo, AK
- 2T. Kynzie Dalton, OR
4. Kelley Fisher, OH
5. Kimberly Walsh, UT
6. Elise Wilson, CT
7. Brandie Hanson, OR
8. Natalie Starken, WI
9. Not a Member, OR
10. Tiffany Loman, CO

Girl's 14-

1. Adrienne Fisher, OH
2. Jenny Cary, OR
3. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
4. Lindsay Deutsch, CA
5. Erica Beaudry, CO
6. Jesi Fuller, NM
7. Mary Sweeney, NY
- 8T. Da'Monique Davis, TX
- 8T. Crystal Winfrey, OH
10. Not a Member, SC

Girl's 16-

1. Kristen Walsh, UT
2. Krystal Csuk, IL
3. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
4. Nickii Whitney, VT
5. Kristen Kovar, NE
6. Molly Law, CO
7. Lauren Deutsch, CA
8. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
9. Erica Beaudry, CO
10. Ashley Legget, OR

Girl's 18-

1. Brooke Crawford, OR
2. Michelle Gonzalez, OR
3. Kristen Walsh, UT
4. Sara Borland, IA
5. Megan Bals, NE
6. Tiffany Sheppick, OR
7. Chris Young, AK
8. Lauren Deutsch, CA
9. Crystal Winfrey, OH
10. Meghan Guardiani, MA

Event Level & Description

Finish & Point Awards

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5-8
1 = Closed State Tournament	30	20	15	10	5
2 = Open Tournament	50	30	20	15	10
3 = State Championship	150	100	75	50	25
4 = Regional Championship	250	150	100	75	50
5 = National Invitational	300	200	150	100	75
6 = National Championship	600	400	300	200	100*

*In draws of 48 or more at a national championship,
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