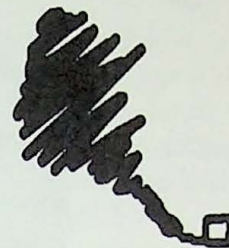




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Dubolsky wants your vote!

I would like to be considered by all USRA (FRA) members as a candidate for a position on the USRA Board of Directors. It has been my honor to serve and represent the association at many different levels since 1978. By profession, I have been a physical science professor at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville since 1972. My racquetball experience dates back to my freshman year in college, 1967. Please review the following list submitted as my racquetball resume.



Qualifications To Be On The Board

1. Involvement on a state & regional level:

Active competitive player since 1967
Florida State Director/ President, 1978-1987
Treasurer and Board Member of FRA since 1978
Southeastern US Regional Director, 1978-1992



2. Involvement on a national and international level:

Presidential appointment to the National Board, 1982
Elected to USRA Board 1983-86 Re-elected, 87-90
Elected & served as President of USRA, 1986-1990
Served as US delegate to International Racquetball Federation, 1986-1990
Served as a US representative to US Olympic Committee House of Delegates, 1987-1990
Served as a national tournament director/ floor mgr for USRA Natl. events from 1983 to present
Presidential appointment to the National Board, 1992
Elected to the Board, 1993
Elected & served as President of USRA, 1994-1996
Team Leader USOC Racquetball 1995 Pan Am Games
Nominated for USRA Hall of Fame, 1999

Obviously, racquetball and the USRA have played a major role in my life. Other than my family, racquetball is more important to me than anything else with which I am involved. I am proud to have played a role in the ongoing evolutionary process that is recorded as our sport's history. I hope that I will have the opportunity to continue to serve everyone who has chosen this sport as one of their primary interests. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Van Dubolsky



F.R.A. Board of Directors elects a new leader.

Following two years of service as FRA President, Laura Brandt has stepped down. Laura plans to continue to play racquetball as well as serve on the FRA Board of Directors and work to promote racquetball. The thanks of all FRA members go out to Laura for her hard work and many hours of volunteer service.



At the annual Board of Directors meeting, held during the State Singles Championship, the Board elected Bill Herr as the new President. Bill who lives in Orlando with wife Kassi, has been very active in promoting racquetball and the FRA locally as well as on the internet. Among his most recent racquetball accomplishments Bill has become AmPRO Certified, he has created the current FRA website - Racquetball-Online.com and maintains its information including - calendar, rankings, results... and much more. Bill will also be directing both the Regional Singles and State Doubles Championships in Orlando for the FRA this year.

Other newly elected board members include Pete Fiskio from Tampa and Guy Meadows of Orlando. Check out the complete list of active F.R.A. Board Members on page 12.

FRA players who need information or would like to volunteer their help can contact Bill at 407-880-7790 extension 552.

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**AMERICA'S #1
SELLING BALL.**



New Faces by:

Frank Dispenza, FRA B.O.D.



Former FRA Board Member, **Teri Lawrence** was recently involved in a serious car accident. She is currently recovering at home in Davie. Best wishes to Teri for a speedy recovery.

Long-Time racquetball player and promoter, **Marty Silverstein** recently passed away following a long battle with cancer. Players in the Boynton Beach area will surely miss Marty and his enthusiasm. Our prayers are with his family.

Got any racquetball news? E-mail Mary at: fralyons@cybermax.net

I've been going to tournaments for a long time now. I hear a lot of talk and complaints about everything. Some things, however, can be changed with just a little socializing. A phrase I hear at most tournaments is "I'm always seeing the same old faces at these tournaments." Well, there are ways to change that and help promote racquetball at the same time.

I personally have gotten four people involved in FRA competition in the last six months. They have all had a great time and look forward to the next event. How did I do it? It was as simple as having a conversation with them. Now, they are all beginners but... we all have to start somewhere!

How often do we see a child or an adult hitting a ball alone in a court and we just walk on by not paying any attention to them? It is so easy to stop and start talking to them and perhaps even play a game with them - just one game - and get them started in this game we love. How about the tennis players that are at our clubs? I have found it very easy to get them into the racquetball courts, and better yet they are the ones that will compete in future tournaments. After all, the sun always shines, the temperature is always "just right" and best of all, the ball always comes back in a racquetball court! If made to feel welcome, tennis players are great converts! For you single men, how hard is it to put a racquet in the hands of a young lady and bring her into the court and hit (show off) with her? What better way to meet her? And ladies... what about bringing your male friends to the club with you sometime? Perhaps you could bring a couple of co-workers to your favorite club to play couple of games and how much fun is it to beat your boss? I'm sure there are a lot more ways to get new players involved. I can tell you that if it wasn't for my friends Mike Rogers and Kirby Williams I would not even know what racquetball is. Just think, if everyone brings one new person into the sport - our playing population would double! I know that I'm in "la-la" land now but wouldn't it be nice to finally see some new faces? All it takes is just a few minutes of your time - take the time to stop and talk to a new player - tell him/her about the FRA and maybe play a couple of games with them. It's always a joy to meet new people and as the saying goes, "you can never have too many friends". I hope to see you ... and a new friend at the next tournament!

Visiting the Olympic-training center for the first time January 21st through January 24th was a trip I looked forward to with great anticipation. Walking from check-in to my dorm room left me breathless. Don't know if it was the sight of Pikes Peak on my left, the anticipation of the adventures that lay ahead, maybe the unaccustomed elevation of the area or could it have been the barracks type dorm room I found. Because I was the first arrival of the three persons scheduled to share the room, I did not feel guilty about grabbing the single bed instead of one of the bunks. Too old and too out of shape for that sort of thing anymore.

After spending about an hour walking around getting my bearings, I headed off to the first scheduled session of lectures/discussions for the day for the USRA Leadership Conference/AmPro 2000. The 5:00 PM session was to be a rules discussion and a referee certification

test conducted by Jim Easterling from Ohio. This was to be followed by opening remarks by Jim Hiser and a discussion about governance responsibilities by state associations

(serious stuff right off the bat).

I waited to have dinner after the evening sessions, how long can all this take, surely I'll have plenty of time before the cafeteria closes. Boy was I wrong! The discussions were interesting, informative detailed and lasted way past the cafeteria closing. I had to settle for a slice of pizza and a few beers at the infamous "Finish Line" just off campus.

I learned my lesson from the night before; I was pretty much the first in line waiting for the cafeteria to open at seven the next morning. The only thing standing between me and a cup of coffee was remembering my pin number and matching my handprint in the super duper security hand scanner. Do you have any idea how hard that can be before a cup of coffee?

I passed and was admitted to the place where the coffee and all the food was. There was even my kind of food there. You know cholesterol raising, artery hardening, gut busting kinds of food. There

were eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, pancakes and butter and I had it all! And I did not even feel guilty about it even though I was sitting among nothing but a group of muscled legs and arms connected to sets of lungs. They were eating whole grain cereals, fruit, and whole-wheat toast and drinking milk and fruit juices. How can you do that before a jolt of Java? That's no way to treat a body!

I was able to tear myself away from the food in time to get to the auditorium just in time for the welcome by Jim Hiser and a member of the US Olympic Organizing Committee. We were then introduced to the members of the USRA staff. Good to finally be able to put faces to the names I had been seeing on the masthead of the Racquetball Magazine all this time.

To say that Sandy Coffman, the Keynote speaker that followed was energetic and inspiring would be like saying that a hurricane is a big wind. She got us all

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USRA Leadership Conference * January 2000 - Colorado Springs
Tom Davis representative from Florida

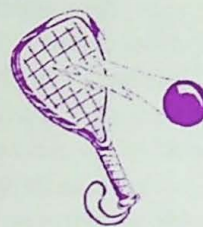
"The Road to the Finals"

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Hosted by:

*The Orlando Fitness
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- Tournament Director: *Bill Herr - 407-880-7790 Ext. 552*
- Entry Deadline: *Friday, April 28th (no phone entries allowed)*
- Official Ball: PRO **Penn** (The Green Ball)
RACQUETBALL
- Entry Fees: Adult: 1st event \$40 2nd event \$20
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For more information or to receive an application call:

Bill Herr at 407-889-7790 ext 552

Get your entry in early - entries will be limited!



* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS		<i>Girls 10 & Under</i>
1	150	Hunter, Paige
2	100	Parrish, Sarah
* FRA RANKINGS		<i>Girls10 Multi-Bounce</i>
1	150	King, Rachel
2	100	Gatz, Mckenzie
3	75	Hunter, Paige
* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS		<i>Jr.6 Multi-Bounce</i>
1	250	Godwin, Calvin
2	250	Hunter, Matthew
* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS		<i>Jr. 8 & Under</i>
1	150	Pfahler, Cameron
2	150	Hunter, Matthew
3	125	Godwin, Calvin
4	30	Scondras, James
5	30	Forrest, Ben
6	17	Greaney, Chris
7	17	Kirkland, Tyler
8	10	Lopez, Valen
9	10	Lopez, Carlos Jr.
* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS		<i>Jr.8 Multi-Bounce</i>
1	400	Godwin, Calvin
2	275	Hunter, Matthew
3	130	Kirkland, Tyler
4	125	Forrest, Ben
5	100	Pfahler, Cameron
6	100	Greaney, Chris
* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS		<i>Jr.10 & Under</i>
1	550	Godwin, Jamin
2	350	Slocum, Harrison
3	280	Scondras, Pete Jr
4	175	Hunter, Geoffrey
5	100	Dorris, Jake
6	80	Parrish, Sarah
7	75	Purcell, Andrew
8	70	Rosenman, David
9	55	Marseco, Vinnie
10	50	Hunter, Paige
11	50	Lopez, Carlos
12	25	Getz, Karedy
* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS		<i>Jr. 10 & Multi-Bounce</i>
1	150	Scondras, James
2	100	Godwin, Calvin
3	75	Hunter, Matthew
4	50	Hunter, Paige
* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS		<i>Jr. 12 & Under</i>
1	530	Kovalick, Marc
2	355	Parrish, Timmy
3	340	Zahner, David
4	250	Marseco, Michael
5	192	Godwin, Jamin
6	185	Flink, Kevin
7	135	Scondras, Pete Jr
8	82	Mendal, Jared
9	80	Slocum, Harrison
10	55	Hunter, Geoffrey
11	30	Deluccia, Brett
12	30	Knudsen, Nick
13	25	Sheppard, Shane
14	20	Moderme, Frank
15	20	Rosenman, David
* FRA SINGLES RANKINGS		<i>Jr. 14 & Under</i>
1	580	Burris, Clay
2	490	Davison, Bill
3	340	Slocum, Brad

4	290	Kovalick, Corey
5	65	Haber, Scott
5	65	Haber, Zach
6	60	Zahner, David
7	60	Kovalick, Marc
8	50	Schmidt, Erick
9	50	Elmore, Brandon
10	50	Sheppard, Shane
11	50	Godwin, Jamln
12	40	Ivey, Robert Jr.
13	40	Deluccia, Brett
14	30	Crick, Joseph
15	30	Quiones, Marc

1	330	Meadows, Justin
2	250	McElhiney, Matt
3	150	Burris, Clay
4	75	Slocum, Brad
5	17	Klein, Craig
6	17	Elmore, Brandon

1	150	Jones, Josh
2	100	Harmon, Mike

1	510	Balmori, Fabian
2	400	Reiff, Scott
3	287	Fontana, Matt
4	247	Hansen, Tim
5	205	Scargle, John
6	180	Engel, Allan
7	145	Cabana, Orlando
8	145	Junkie, Julio
9	132	Burris, Ron
10	130	Xynidis, Jon
11	125	Capo, Hector
12	115	Harmon, Mike
13	112	Alonso, Armando
14	100	McElhiney, Matt
15	94	Martin, Judd

1	350	Harmon, Mike
2	250	Pujolar, Alain
3	130	Stanford, John
4	125	McElhiney, Matt
5	120	Best, Jeremy
6	100	Bledsoe, Jason
7	50	Andrews, Neil
8	35	Meadows, Justin
9	25	Newcomer, Derek
10	25	Jones, Josh
11	15	Peek, Larry

1	400	Balmori, Fabian
2	350	Metcalfe, Aaron
3	275	Cabana, Orlando
4	165	Ellman, Randy
5	150	Fontana, Matt
6	150	Shawver, Tony
7	150	Rostran, Silvio
8	130	Reiff, Scott
9	100	Friderich, Todd
10	80	Ledig, John
11	75	Martino, Mike
12	75	Avelar, Fabrizio
13	50	Cuesta, Ralph
14	50	Engel, Allan
15	50	Sotolongo, Paul

1	497	Capo, Hector
2	375	Levy, Dana
3	300	Bell, Cedric
4	217	Junkie, Julio
5	180	Mitchell, Blaine
6	157	Sanchez, Jose
7	155	Morgan, Robert
8	110	Lopez, Frank
9	100	Forrest, Randy
10	80	Kemp, Adam
11	80	Murray, Phil
12	75	Fuentes, Ralph
13	70	Bishop, Matt
14	60	Soltren, Pete
15	55	Canuel, Joe

1	620	Consoli, Scott
2	425	Hansen, Tim
3	405	Scargle, John
4	400	Cullins, Scott
5	377	Forrest, Randy
6	320	Levy, Dana
7	225	Hunter, Geoff
8	135	Morgan, Robert
9	127	Mitchell, Blaine
10	100	Alonso, Armando
11	90	Ganley, Vinnie
12	59	Bell, Cedric
13	50	Kristjansen, Jeff
14	50	Andrea, William
15	30	Dorner, Joe

1	450	Diaz, Greg
2	310	Arrowsmith, Ken
3	295	Burris, Ron
4	275	Fluharty, Terry
5	220	Perconti, Sal
6	200	Scondras, Peter
7	192	Long, Neil
8	175	Kristjansen, Jeff
9	150	Davane, Bruce
10	110	Creaney, Bill
11	100	Davis, Bruce
12	75	Couch, Gene
13	75	Ganley, Vinnie
14	70	Herr, Bill
15	67	Marseco, Ron

1	505	Prater, Don
2	345	Perconti, Sal
3	325	Hines, Randy
4	300	Layton, Mitt
5	249	Kovalick, Joe
6	205	Godwin, Randy
7	200	Stauderman, Mar
8	180	Ford, Bob
9	135	Hooley, Ken
10	100	Travis, Jerry
11	97	Marseco, Ron
12	50	DeRoberts, Bob
13	50	Houser, David
14	50	Petrella, Don
15	50	Brane, James

1	500	Winslow, Mike
2	300	Layton, Mitt
3	270	Deegan, Russ
4	200	Kantrowitz, Steve

5	200	Storey, Ed
6	180	Miller, Harvey
7	100	Branley, Bob
8	100	Davis, Tom
9	92	Green, John
10	80	Feldman, Steve
11	80	Kozyra, Bob
12	80	Burdo, Ron
13	75	Rand, Jerry
14	67	Kovalick, Joe
15	60	Scher, Nell

1	415	Silver, Peter
2	385	Houser, David
3	240	Rand, Jerry
4	230	Vineyard, Jlm
5	185	Borgon, Frank
6	180	Kozyra, Bob
7	175	Shaak, Craig
8	150	Stuermer, Bill
9	110	Davis, Tom
10	100	Thomas, Terry
11	100	Winslow, Mike
12	75	Adams, Jerry
13	60	Greenberg, St
14	55	Puleo, Ron
15	50	Burdo, Ron

1	240	Lacoparra, Anth
2	210	Puleo, Ron
3	160	Weins, Mike
4	100	Day, Dan
5	35	Nalman, Steve
6	30	Furco, Jim
7	30	Fugerer, Willa
8	20	Scoro, Dan
9	10	Brundage, Bob
10	10	Morrison, Mike

1	550	Alt, Don
2	280	Donohue, Mar
3	250	Weintraub, Irv
4	250	Pineros, Tony
5	130	Healy, Mark
6	100	Mojer, Mike
7	100	Gonzalez, Cels
8	75	Miller, Joe
9	75	Dervves, Piet
10	50	Day, Dan
11	50	Lacoparra, Antho
12	35	Roberts, Mal
13	30	Verweibe, Euge
14	30	Palmer, Paul

1	550	Roberts, Mal
2	390	Fugate, Stan
3	200	Landy, Mike
4	50	Spear, George

1	195	Ellman, Randy
2	175	Prater, Don
3	167	Burris, Clay
4	150	Avelar, Fabrizio
5	150	Mondello, Mike
6	150	Fuentes, Ralph
7	120	Dispenza, Fran

8	112	Kovalick, Joe
9	100	Goldman, Andrew
10	100	Slemp, David
11	100	Long, Neil
12	75	Sanchez, Luis
13	75	Stoner, Greg
14	75	Saber, Mark

1	227	Einiger, Warren
2	205	Taylor, Trent
3	150	Saber, Mark
4	145	Millian, Rich
5	140	Medina, Carlos
6	125	Phillips, Patrick
7	117	Reaves, Dennis
8	100	Ale, Thomas
9	95	Litchfield, Brad
10	85	Adkinson, Allen
11	75	Sotolongo, Paul
12	67	Davis, Bruce W.
13	65	Lynch, Jeremy
14	64	Rodriguez, David
15	60	Parrish, Dee

1	167	Klein, Craig
2	162	Davison, Bill
3	155	Semeah, Yves
4	85	Guthrie, Ed
5	80	Kovalick, Corey
6	75	Pena, Pedro
7	60	Naiman, Steve
8	55	McBride, Pat
9	50	Netterville, Bill
10	50	Kerwick, Frank
11	50	Looney, Brian

1	100	Brown, Richard
2	100	Pedro, Pena
3	100	Jones, Kerry
4	80	Pena, Pedro
5	80	Nuccio, Tony
6	75	Gonzalez, Misa
7	70	Kovalick, Marc
8	70	Bassett, Jessell
9	60	Pool, Virgil
10	60	Morales, Justin
11	50	Dollinger, Brad
12	50	Arrowsmith, Casey

1	50	Faircloth, Harlan
2	30	Morales, Justin
3	17	Ivey, Robert Jr.
4	17	Practico, Vince

1	550	Pfahler, Susan
2	250	Delbusto, Yesenia
3	247	Trimble, Jean
4	205	Marsco, Helen
5	200	Bouchard, Karen
6	200	Gray, Holly
7	167	Lepow, Lori
8	125	Brandt, Laura
9	80	Geels, Kathy
10	75	Cox, Sue
11	50	Delgado, Isabel
12	50	Marsco, Helen
13	47	Hann, Sue

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WOMENS-25

- 1 200 Cox, Sue
- 2 100 Delgado, Isabel
- 3 100 Powl, Patty
- 4 100 Lepow, Lori
- 5 50 Scargle, Fanny

WOMENS-30

- 1 650 Lepow, Lori
- 2 100 Powl, Patty
- 3 15 Pratt, Kris
- 4 15 Reischmann, Sue

WOMENS-35

- 1 350 Marseco, Helen
- 2 250 Trimble, Jean
- 3 180 Lepow, Lori
- 4 100 Brandt, Laura
- 5 100 Karnback, Corinne
- 6 75 Avchen, Alice
- 7 50 Villareal, Ileana
- 8 17 Hann, Sue
- 9 17 Watson, Jan
- 10 10 Serridge, Ellene

WOMENS-40

- 1 600 Pfahler, Susan
- 2 500 Trimble, Jean
- 3 75 Bouchard, Karen
- 4 50 Silva, Maria
- 5 25 Chang, Angela
- 6 20 Jolliff, Laurie
- 7 10 Matto, Ann

WOMENS-45

- 1 405 Adams, Sue
- 2 325 Jones, Jackie
- 3 300 Pfahler, Susan
- 4 250 Fish, Renee
- 5 150 Chang, Angela
- 6 150 Clansberg, Andee
- 7 100 Rogers, Barbara
- 8 100 Weins, Karen
- 9 75 Nisbett, Judy

WOMENS-50

- 1 200 Murray, MaryJo
- 2 30 Stein, Marcy
- 3 10 Rubin, Blanche

WOMENS-60

- 1 900 Kenyon, Jo

WOMENS-65

- 1 1350 Kenyon, Jo
- 2 100 Zenk, Ruth
- 3 75 McNeish, Paula

WOMENS-A

- 1 265 Fasano, Nancy
- 2 250 Jones, Jackie
- 3 200 Adams, Sue
- 4 180 Herr, Kassi
- 5 165 Reischmann, Sue
- 6 150 Chang, Angela
- 7 150 Butler, Melody
- 8 150 Karnback, Corinne
- 9 110 Martin, Darcey
- 10 100 Chikalla, Patti
- 11 100 Clansberg, Andee
- 12 100 Kenyon, Jo
- 13 80 Davis, Connie
- 14 80 Kent, Becky
- 15 80 Scargle, Fanny

WOMENS-B

- 1 200 Chikalla, Patti
- 2 100 Rogers, Barbara
- 3 62 Jolliff, Laurie
- 4 54 Vonondarza, Ramona
- 5 50 Martin, Darcey
- 6 50 Scargle, Fanny
- 7 50 Fenton, Christine
- 8 30 Sullivan, Patty
- 9 30 Matto, Ann
- 10 30 Andola, Claudine
- 11 27 Stein, Marcy
- 12 20 Fine, Sonja

WOMENS-C

- 1 275 Hunter, Tracy
- 2 225 Nisbett, Judy
- 3 50 Lindquist, JoJo
- 4 50 Zeidner, Phyllis
- 5 40 Rubin, Blanche
- 6 30 Pratt, Kris
- 7 30 Songer, Kristan
- 8 30 Bentolilla, Eve
- 9 25 McNeish, Paula
- 10 20 Serridge, Ellene

WOMENS-D

- 1 100 Page, Trista
- 2 75 Hornbuckle, Kay
- 3 70 Kee, Alma
- 4 30 Andola, Claudine

WOMENS-NOVICE

- 1 200 O'Driscoll, Jodie



Florida Racquetball Association Tournament Ranking System

Tournament Level

	1-local	2-open	3-state	4-regional	5-invnt.	6-national
1st Place	30	50	150	250	300	600
2nd Place	20	30	100	150	200	400
3rd Place	15	20	75	100	150	300
4th Place	10	15	50	75	100	200
5th Place	5	10	25	50	75	100

*The FRA Currently provides all state rankings, using results provided by tournaments.

*FRA rankings reflect only points accumulated in indoor 4 wall events.

*Once a player reaches the "cut off" limit in a skill division, that player is no longer eligible to compete in that division and MUST move up to the next higher skill level. Players may NOT drop back down to a lower skill level once their ranking points drop below the cut-off limit.

Skill Division Cut Off Limits

Division	Men	Women	Division	Men	Women
A	250	400	C	150	250
B	200	350	D	100	200

*Players ranked in the top 10 in any skill level may NOT compete in a lower skill level and will NOT be listed in the rankings.

*Cut off limits apply to skill level and age+skill level divisions.

*Once a player has won a skill division in a Level 3 event, he/she may NOT compete in that skill division in future Level 1-2-3 events. He/she may compete in the Level 4 event that year but must move up following that event. This rule applies to doubles and also applies even if the player has not reached the designated cut-off limit.

**If you have any questions regarding the ranking system or your status, please put your question in writing and mail it to the FRA



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TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD

Results from the Godwin Cancer Inst. Tourn January 21-23/ Quad East, Coral Springs

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Luis Bustillos	Matt Fontana	Hervy Bony	Robt. A Morgan
A	Alain Perez	Rene Gonzalez	Pat Phillips	Carlos Lopez
B	Warren Einiger	Hugo Castro	Ken Blitz	David Rodriguez
C	Ilyes Semeah	David Ledy	Henry Delatorriente	Marty McAteer
D	Pedro Pena	Justin Morales	Steven Bogusky	Eric Valcina
M25/35	Robert A Morgan	Randy Ellman	Joe Carter	Glen Carlson
M30B	Fabian Kopetman	Charles Cole	Hugo Castro	Len Marshall
M40/45	Bob DeRobertis	Ron Marasco	Joe Kovalick	Ignacio Cendoya
M40B	Dean Kachel	Neil Scher	Bruce Peterson	Mike Dauphinee
M50/55	Mike Winslow	Jerry Rand	Jerry Keller	Joe Kovalick
B12/14	Mark Kovalick	Marc Quinones	Jarred Mendel	Marc Abrams
Open Dub	Dennis Rivard	Hervy Bony	Ron Marasco	
A Doub	Bob DeRobertis	Jerry Kelleher	Helen Marasco	
	Paul Sotolongo	Ignacio Cendoya	Rene Gonzalez	Randy Gedman
	Fabrizio Avelar	Frank Engel	David Rodriguez	Mark Berwick
B Doub	Steve Feldman	John Tamberelo	Mike Dauphinee	Jerry Rand
	Neil Scher	Greg Paolazzi	Warren Einiger	Bob Boulton
C Doub	Henry Delatorriente	Eric Valcina	Phyllis Zeldner	
	Jose Nivela	Richard Vanzueta	Jim Armstrong	
Ladies C	Phyllis Zeldner	Eve Bentolilla	Lorraine Crawl	

Results from the Quad West Winter Classic February 18-20/ Quad West, Clearwater

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	John Scargle	Randy Forrest	Judd Martin	Ron Burris
A	Scott Sobel	John Ansel	Chip Evans (CA)	Joe First
B	Craig Klein	Shane Dewitt	Dennis Reaves	Allen Adkinson
C	Robert Esker	Ronnie Johnson	Terry Sprosty	Scott Willinger
25+	Mike Martino	Todd Nguyen	Shane Dewitt	
30+	Dana Levy	Adam Kemp	Cedric Bell	Blaine Mitchell
35+	Robert A Morgan	Randy Forrest	John Scargle	Cedric Bell
40+	Ken Arrowsmith	Jacky Grayson	Ron Burris	Sal Perconti
40B	Bob Kozrya	Allen Adkinson	Guy Meadows	Richard Greaves
45+	Ken Arrowsmith	Sal Perconti	Ken Hooley	Joe Kovalick
50+	Ron Burdo	Joe Kovalick	Bruce Peterson	
55+	Wayne Tinny	Bob Kozrya	Bruce Peterson	Jim Vineyard
60/65+	Dan Day	Michael Welns	Jim Flore	Mark Healy
B16-	Clay Burris	Craig Klein	David Zahner	Corey Kovalick
Open	Martin	Middleton	Perconti	
Doub	Hundley	Goldman	Kemp	
A Doub	Blackmer	Vineyard	Carter	Devine
	Burris	Burdo	Nguyen	Holm
B Doub	Mineau	Martin	Johnson	Meadows
	Adkinson	Devine	Reaves	Birt
C Doub	Furco	Kovac	Morrison	Flore
	Celentano	Ross	Sprosty	Welns
Women	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Susan Pfahler	Jean Trimble	Sue Adams	Libbie Soffos
A	Vivian Gomez	Andee Glansberg	Melody Butler	Debra Darnell
B	Fanny Scargle	Trisha Crabb	Terri Hensch	Claudine Andola
D	Annie Valenti	Debra Bradshaw	Alma Kee	
25/30+	Vivian Gomez	Fanny Scargle	Claudine Andola	Libbie Soffos
40/45+	Jean Trimble	Renee Fish	Karen Welns	Welns
Open/A	PFish	Tyler	Adams	Butler
Doub	Pfahler	Bouchard	Baker	
Mixed	Winners	Runners-up	Semi-finalists	Semi-finalists
Mix Open	Bell	Scargle	Forrest	Martin
Doub	Pfahler	Scargle	Trimble	Martin
Mix A	Hooley	Martin	Herr	Middleton
	Baker	Butler	Herr	Adams
Mix C	Dewitt	Tatro	Crabb	
	Darnell	Valenti	Crabb	

Results from the Y2K Racquetball Rollout February 4-6/ LA Fitness, Pembroke Pines

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Matt Fontana	Luis Bustillos	Fabian Balmori	Hervy bony
A	Joey Massachs	Juan Carlos Garcia	Steve Disalvo	Ralph Caballero
B	David Rodriguez	Hugo Castro	Paul Sotolongo	H. DeLaTorriente
C	Rey Rodriguez	Luis Pacheco	Larry Weiner	Jose Nivela
D	Mike Dolitzky	Eric Valencia	Sean Goldenberg	Anthony Cendoya
24-	Jason Bledsoe			
25+	Frank Dispenza			
30+	Charles Cole			
30+B	Will Suero			
35+	Warren Einiger	David McAfee		
35+B	Carlos Medina	Hugo Castro		
40+	Randy Hines	Bob Ford		
40+B	John Clullo	Keenan Jarnigan		
45+B	Bruce Peterson	Luis Pacheco		
50+	Jerry Kellaheer	Neil Scher		
50+B	Randal Templin	Tony Murgia	Jeff Salvin	Mike Dauphinee
70+	Mal Roberts			
18-	Sean Goldenberg			
16-	Anthony Cendoya			
14-	Kevin Flink	John Goldenberg		
12-	Larry Rosenman	Sean Levy	Carlos Lopez Jr.	Corin Weiner
Ladies	Winner	Runner-up		
Open	Kathy Geels			
B	Ramona Vonondarza			
C	Eve Bentolilla	Mary Moreland		
D	JoAnn Holland			
25+	Isabel Delgado			
35+	Laura Brandt			

Results from the 2000 State Singles Championship March 9-12th/ Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	3rd Place	4th Place
Open	Fabian Balmori	Tim Hansen	Aaron Metcalf	Allan Engel
A	Jose Lopez	Derek Lilliquist	Frank Dispenza	Randy Ellman
B	Eddie Perez	James Russell	Lou Balestri	Alex Hamrick
C	Rey Rodriguez	Marcos Calnes	Luis Pacheco	Randall Templin
D	Mike Dolitzky	Stan Fugate	Anthony Lacoparra	Chris Bermudaz
M24-	John Stanford	Paul Giguere	Jason Landrum	Ryan Sussman
M25+	Fabian Balmori	Aaron Metcalf	Todd Friderich	Judd Martin
M30+	Dana Levy	Charlie Nichols	John Ledig	Hector Capo
M35+	Armando Alonso	John Scargle	Blaine Mitchell	Dana Levy
M40+	Terry Fluharty	Gordon Kirkland	Greg Diaz	Ken Arrowsmith
M45+	Neil Long	Don Prater	Ken Arrowsmith	Ken Hooley
M50+	Mitt Layton	Van Dubolsky	Tom Rowe	Jerry Rand
M55+	Terry Thomas	Mike Winslow	Bill Kehrig	Jerry Rand
M60+	Don Alt	Tony Murgia	Ron Puleo	Robt. McCarthy
M65+	Don Alt	Marty Donahue	Mike Mojer	Alan Dwyer
M70+	Mal Roberts	Stan Fugate		
M75+	Robert Thompson	Nick Sans		
M80+	George Spears			
Women	Winner	Runner-up	3rd Place	4th Place
Open	Yessenia Delbusto	Susan Pfahler	Jean Trimble	Lori Lepow
A	Vivian Gomez	Karen Welns	Nancy Fasano	Jo Kenyon
B	Fanny Scargle	Alice Avchen	Laurie Jolliff	R. Vondondarza
C	Terri Hensch	Crystl Aguirre	Ann Matto	Debbie Bradshaw
D	Claudine Andola	Jodie O'Driscoll	Ellene Serridge	Alma Kee
Novice	Sarah Parrish			
W25+	Yessenia Delbusto	Vivian Gomez	Sue Cox	Claudine Andola
W30+	Fanny Scargle	Terri Hensch	Jodie O'Driscoll	
W35+	Lori Lepow	Laura Brandt	Sue Hann	Corrine Kambach
W40+	Jean Trimble	Carl Kresa	Kassi Herr	Angela Chang
W45+	Sue Pfahler	Sue Adams	Jackie Jones	Angela Chang
W50+	Jan Smith	Jackie Jones	Jo Kenyon	Ruth Zenk
W65+	Jo Kenyon	Ruth Zenk		
Juniors	Winners	Runners-up	3rd Place	4th Place
Boys 18	Matt McElhinney	Mike Harmon	Brad Slocum	Justin Meadows
Boys 16	Clay Burris	Craig Klein	Steven Soto	Marc Kovalick
Boys 14	Brad Slocum	Timmy Parrish	Marc Kovalick	Geoffrey Hunter
Boys 12	Harrison Slocum	Pete Scondras	Sarah Parrish	
Jr. 10	Harrison Slocum	Pete Scondras		
Girls 10 MB	Paige Hunter	Sarah Parrish		
Boys 8 MB	James Scondras	Matthew Hunter	Chris Greaney	

*See State Singles photo collage on page 10

"Physically fit people generally live longer, perform better, and get more out of life," Arnold Schwarzenegger, Chairman, President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports, 1991

***LDL Cholesterol:** Regular exercise reduces harmful LDL cholesterol while increasing beneficial HDL cholesterol.

***Arthritis:** Regular exercise helps keep joints flexible, helps build and preserve muscle strength, helps protect joints from further stress.

*I.Q. : Improved circulation from regular exercise typically increases I.Q. in older people.

"Physical fitness is the basis for all other forms of excellence,"

John F. Kennedy

We hope that these 5 benefits of physical exercise will further encourage you to get fit and play lots of racquetball! Racquetball is Fitness & Fun... rolled into one!

Susan Pfahler- *Women's Open*
Helen Marseco - *Women's Age Group*
Kassi Herr - *Women's Skill Group*

Matt Fontana- Mens Open
Mal Roberts- Mens Age Group
Justin Meadows- Men's Skill Group

Paige Hunter- *Female Junior*
Clay Burris- *Male Junior*

Mike Harmon- *Most Improved*
Geoff Hunter- *Sportsmanship*

These awards are presented on behalf of the FRA and are voted on by a committee of active FRA players from around the state.

*Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks
to all those who sent in nominations and
served on the voting committee.*



Timeline: Sometime in the early 1970's (in the wintertime)

Location: Painesville, Ohio (eastern suburb of Cleveland)

Item: From the events that shape your life file

It was a typical cold, snowy day in our neighborhood, as a matter of fact I even think it was a "Snow Day" and we were all home from school due to a blizzard the night before. At any rate the neighborhood gang (you could call yourselves a gang back then and not conjure up any negative references) was doing what we always did, terrorizing the neighborhood on snowmobiles, and having snowball fights, helping to push out stuck cars... etc. And then it happened...

As is always the case during weather like that (20 degrees, wind blowing you sideways) you would have to make a periodic retreat indoors to thaw out and use the facilities. Well, we all decided that we would stay inside and see what kind of trouble we could get into. After too many games of air hockey we were given the ultimatum by our friend's mother "either go down to the basement or back outside".

As fate would have it, we chose the latter and headed down to what was later to be dubbed "The Barrington Ridge Athletic Club". We began to play Ping Pong and since there were more than 4 of us and only one ping pong table the remaining kids needed something to keep themselves occupied while waiting for their turn on the table.

You see, it just so happened that my friend's father, who was a dentist, was a racquetball player and his kids were just learning to play the game and had some old (I mean really old) racquets laying around. So we cleared out a space in that basement and made some crude boundaries and voila "a field of dreams" was made. Sure it was far from how the real game was played, but to us it was the U.S. Open.

Since we only had a couple of racquets to use, the rest of us used ping pong paddles, cut off tennis racquets, a wood paddle... whatever we could find... but it didn't matter, we were hooked. I don't think we ever rode the snowmobiles again that winter.

As we began to get fairly proficient and were ready for more of a challenge, Dr. Deighan was all too happy to load us up into the stationwagon and haul us down to the local Y.M.C.A. where he would teach us the "real" game. A game of a lifetime. We were your typical "court rats" just hanging around and playing whenever and wherever possible. Dr. Deighan would look in on us from time to time as would his older son Kevin. They would give us some tips on serves, ceiling balls, pinch shots and when we were really lucky we could play one of them. To us they were the "gods" of racquetball, they could do all the things that we only dreamed of doing.

We would continue this ritual and get together to play as often as we could all the way through high school. Although I immediately headed south for Florida in 1979 I continued to play and cherish the memories of my introduction to, and subsequent early experiences with racquetball.

It wasn't until sometime later in life that I was truly able to put the value on the time that I spent with my friends and the time that Dr. Deighan and Kevin spent with us. It was truly an experience that helped to define my life. It gave me a foundation of which I was able to build upon not only in the realm of athletics and competition but for the challenges of life. I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to Dr. Deighan, Kevin and all of the people who were kind enough to take an interest in me over the years.

I think that my story probably isn't that unusual. I'm sure that we all have had people that we have looked up to as players and as role models. Someone who touched us in a way that would shape our lives forever. Someone who would unselfishly stop what they were doing to give us a helping hand or to console us after a tough defeat. Someone who was interested in us even though we were a novice player. Think about it, there really must be dozens of people that we have all looked up to for their behavior on and off the court, you know the "real" talented ones that let their racquet do the talking and, win or lose, were as gracious after the match as they were before.

In closing, as we look towards the future of this great game, we all need to dig a little deeper, try a little harder and smile a little brighter and reach out and touch someone. Be an instructor to a new player, be a mentor to an existing player, or just be a friend to whomever you play, win or lose. For the future is now and it is up to us to be the stewards of the game and to foster its existence. As we still hear (and fear) about clubs closing and courts disappearing it's up to us to promote and introduce this great game to as many people as we can.

When it's all said and done there just isn't any other activity that you can get this kind of workout and have this much fun, and above all.... Play for the rest of your life.



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fired up about maintaining our thrust and energy as a volunteer. We just wanted go back to our states to fire up our state organizations after her speech.

After a short break to lower our heart rates, we listened to a discussion by a panel from the Racquetball Manufacturers Committee about steps they were proposing to grow the sport in the year 2000. The proposal by the manufacturing committee to cooperate with USRA, AmPro, and state associations through their sponsored player programs would be a big step. They must be serious because I was told that this was the first time that representatives from Ektelon, Head, E-Force, Wilson and Pro Kenex were all together and no fights broke out. After lunch there were presentations about the AmPro program by Gary Mazaroff and the need to get persons trained, certified and working in clubs.

Kevin Joyce discussed the subject of memberships and the importance of renewals. Focus groups were then set-ups for later discussions.

I had by then, been there for two whole days in the company of about forty racquetball players and have not had the opportunity to play yet. I hope that I did not drag my racquetball bag halfway across the country for nothing.

A guided tour of the USRA office followed dinner, notice I have not missed any more meals. The office was cozy and functional but it was not lavish. Except for Luke St. Onge's personal collection, Where were all the expensive paintings, carvings and rugs? They must have hidden them for the visit, to seem humble you know. Seriously though, the office was nice and it was good to see where the serious business of the USRA is being done.

Saturday morning, after breakfast naturally, the presentation by our own Linda Mojer on telegraphic media and publications was very interesting.

Even though there has been limited exposure of racquetball on TV, there has been lately a great deal of interest from Internet content companies for racquetball programming. The future could see the presentation of amateur racquetball tournaments on the net in real time, match results, highlights, standings and interviews etc. All of this could be presented in much the same manner as we have come to expect from tennis and golf matches on network TV, except this will be on the Internet.

The balance of Saturday morning was reserved for discussions from the focus groups on what sanctioning services should be provided to tournament directors, what the new computer system should provide to the state organizations, AmPro and how to make it work for us and the design of new forms.

I participated in a discussion on what the new computer system upgrade should provide for the state associations. Some of the things we asked for were, up to date online

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membership info for tournament directors, expired members info to improve renewals, up to date rankings for seeding, the ability to enter tournament results directly online to improve tournament reporting etc.

The group photo followed and if you can't tell, I am on the right (your left) with all the Goosebumps. Silly me, I went outside at midday on a sunny day in Colorado without a jacket and overcoat. No one told me that it would take that long to line up forty people to take a picture.

We were promised that a bus would take us to a club after lunch to play some RACQUETBALL! Finally I get to show off my racquetball skills, but I didn't miss lunch. So we arrived at the club to play doubles in a round robin format with rally scoring, team handicaps and some unusual local court hinder rules. Gary Mazaroff arranged all this, where did he ever learn how to organize a tournament? All the same I finally get to play.

Much to my chagrin I found out just how badly an old man can play when he has been sitting down for most of the past few days, eating like a pig and is playing at a altitude of about five miles. It was humbling but it was fun.

A banquet and an auction followed the embarrassing racquetball. The food was good but I was outbid for everything I was interested in. No five-dollar bids around there! I don't think I'll ever remember all the names of the people I met.

A bus back to the dorm, a little sleep and another bus to catch an early morning flight left me exhausted but full of ideas after my three-day journey to racquetball heaven.

Thanks to the USRA Staff for a great job... Again!

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2000 Florida Racquetball Association Calendar of Events

Date	Level	City, Site/ Tourn. Director	Date	Level	City, Site/ Tourn. Director
March 9-12	3	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club FRA State Singles Championship Tourn. Directors: Mike Mojer at OFRC and Bill Herr: 407-880-7790x552	May 24-29	6	Houston, Texas/ Downtown YMCA US National Singles Championship For Info: USRA 719-635-5356
March 24 & 25		Coral Springs, Quadrangle East Athletic Club Womens Weekend Out 2000 For Info: Laura Brandt 954-252-5173	June 23-24	2	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet National Transplant Games (Natl. Kidney Foundation) Tourn. Director: Mike Mojer 407-645-3550
March 24-26	2	Gainesville, UF Student Rec. Center 2nd Annual Spring Classic Tourn. Director: Joddy Stahl 352-336-9318	June 24-28	6	Minneapolis, MN • USRA Jr. National For Info: USRA 719-635-5396
March 31-April 2	2	St. Petersburg, Lifestyles Tourn. Director: Adam Kemp 727-347-7701	July 7-9	3	Gainesville, University of Florida Rec. Center 2000 Sunshine State Games For Info: Mary Lyons 904-241-6789
April 5-9	5	IRF World Intercollegiate Championship For Info: 719-635-5396	July 14-16	1	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club The Orlando Doubles Tournament Tourn. Director: Mike Mojer 407-645-3550
April 7-9	2	Lakeland, Lakeland YMCA YMCA Spring Classic Tourn. Director: Judd Martin 941-644-3528	July 28-30	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle West Athletic Club Quad West Summer Classic Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 813-535-4901
April 7-9	2	Coral Springs, Quadrangle East Athletic Club Quad East Spring Classic Tourn. Director: Fred White 954-753-8900	August 11-13	3	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club FRA State Doubles Championship Tourn. Director: Bill Herr 407-880-7790 x 552
May 4-7	4	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club Regional Singles Championship Tourn. Director: Bill Herr 407-880-7790 x552	September 8-10	4	Regional Doubles Championship - Tentative
			October 6-8	2	St. Petersburg, Lifestyles Tourn. Director: Adam Kemp 727-347-7701



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