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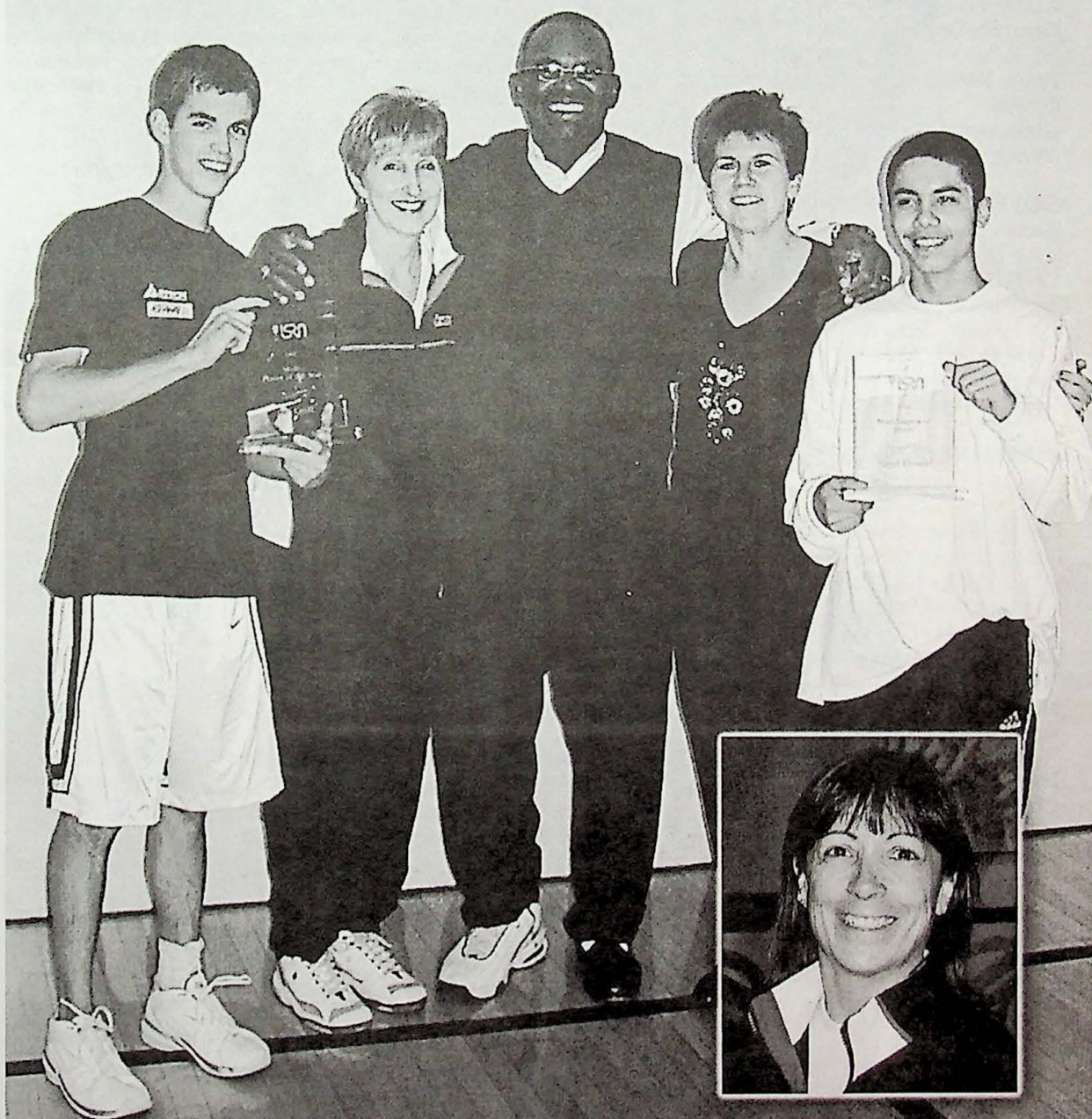
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From The President

For the last twenty-one months I have been writing about my participation in the University of Illinois' Executive MBA Program. Many of you have asked about my progress and expressed support. I have really appreciated your interest and kind words. As of this writing, the last class, the last project and the last test have all been completed. The only EMBA things left to do are to attend the graduation ceremony and to CELEBRATE!!!

So, where does that leave me? Possibly a little tired, but with a lot more time to spend on racquetball-related activities. Although the current season is near its end, the ISRA has plans to work on things this summer that will enhance the services we can provide next season:

Item # 1 on the agenda is a new website. ISRA member **Leo Klimaitis** has made a generous donation that has been designated for a website upgrade. The new website will be pleasing to the eye and easy to keep current. We have researched the websites of many other states in order to get ideas on format and content. The website should be in place before next season starts.

Item # 2 is an expanded summer racquetball tournament schedule — to help you keep your game, and yourself, in shape. Historically there has been one sanctioned tournament each summer, the Summerfest Tournament at the Glass Court. Two additional tournaments have been added to this summer's calendar — one before



Summerfest (at the Edens Athletic Club) and one after Summerfest (at the Southlake Club). **And, here's the deal — anyone who plays in all 3 tournaments will receive a free second entry (worth \$20) to next season's ISRA State Doubles tournament!** These tournaments include not only racquetball but summer FUN, such as swimming, volleyball and barbecues.

Other activities still on the horizon include the USRA Nationals in Houston (over Memorial Day weekend), the ISRA Annual Meeting and Elections (June 18), and the ISRA Golf Outing (July 12). Good luck to those going to Nationals, and we hope to see many of you on the links in July. It's a great way to keep that on-court camaraderie going.

We have enjoyed another great racquetball season. Look inside for stories on the ISRA Junior State Singles & Doubles, ISRA State Singles, and the Annual ISRA Awards. Thanks to all who participated. **You are the ISRA!**

Laurel

Letter to the Editor

On behalf of each and every junior racquetball player, parent, family member, personal friend, and the assorted interested parties who just came out to watch, I wish to extend a heartfelt "ATTA WAY!" to the ISRA Board Members who so ardently and passionately supported the 2003 Illinois Junior State Doubles & Singles Championships! As the first-ever, stand alone, junior state championship tournament to be held in Illinois, this one was a beaut! Special recognition should be afforded ISRA Board Member Chuck Snyders for the awesome way in which he managed something this memorable. And, in his "under-the-microscope" debut as a tournament director!

From the letter to the tournament players from ISRA President Laurel Davis to the leadership and sponsorship efforts donated by Cheryl Kirk and including the extra hours of contribution by ISRA Board Mem-

bers Tom Utterback, Rich Clay, and TJ Ferro, everything from the ISRA was just inimitable!

Kinda reminds me of the unprecedented "good idea", a family barbecue, that the ISRA hosted at last year's Junior National Championships, held here in Illinois! Just top shelf. Again.

Thanks to the entire ISRA Board & Staff, for caring so much about junior racquetball in Illinois!

Warm regards,

Fred Ritschard Director, JuniorTeamIllinois

Editor's Note — And a special thanks to you, too, Fred, for all you do for our junior players in Illinois... your dedication is sincerely appreciated!



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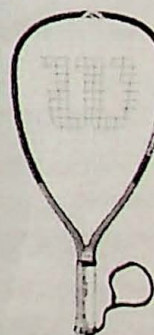
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St. Valentine's Day Massacre

BR Ryall YMCA, Glen Ellyn, IL
February 14-16, 2003

Tournament Director: Dave Negrete

Results

Division, # entries
1st; 2nd; Semifinals

Men's Open (13) IRT Rules

Ben Croft; Eugene Coyle; James Ford, Cary Slade

Men's AA (4)

Eric Rieman; Kevin Yeazell; John Bryk, Jorge Ortiz

Men's A (13)

Todd Sauerbrun; Kevin Massard; Leo Klimaitis, Kevin Johnson

Men's B (8)

John Anaya; Brett Crawley; Mike DeGonia, John Geatros

Men's C (8)

Juan Martinez; Will Kazmier; Blair Wagner, Brandon Ritschard

Men's D (8)

Jeff Novak; Blair Wagner; Chris Muruato, Joel Garay

Men's 30/35+ (7)

Cary Slade; Tim Austin (IN); John Bryk, Dennis Negrete

Men's 40/45+ (6)

Frank Bunker; Tim Dern; Kevin Yeazell, John Geatros

Men's 50/55+ (6)

Pat Taylor; Leo Klimaitis; Dick Heithoff, Ron Yonkee

Women's Open (6)

Sara Borland (IA); Liz Molitor; Janet Eminger, Diane Bunker

Women's A (2)

Lori Good; Lynn Yeazell

Women's D (3)

Janet Christie; Erin Egan; Lauren Ritschard

Junior Boys 10- (4)

Matt Loy, David Negrete, Erich Schubert, Joey Eminger

Junior Boys 12- (4)

Trevor Snyders, Zac Antonoff, Nick Loy, Michael Wuttke

Junior Boys 14-

Brandon Ritschard, Chris Schubert, Mike Antonoff

Junior Boys 16-

Jeff Novak, Chris Muruato

Palos Tournament a HUGE Success!

8th Annual Palos Olympic Open
February 21-23, 2003

If you missed this one, you missed a great time! There were a record number of entries for this popular mid-winter tournament and Tom Utterback did a great job keeping matches running on time. Cash prizes were awarded to Open Division champs, with a big upset in the Women's Open Division – Ellen Somberg came out on top, defeating a very tough young player, Krystal Csuk, in a tiebreaker. The Men's Open champ was Ben Croft, defeating Eugene Coyle in the finals.

Many thanks to Jerry and Mike DeGonia who pitched in and helped out all weekend in Rich Clay's absence. Everyone's favorite beverage and lots of great food were on hand the entire weekend. Twenty-three women participated and eleven "For Women Only" raffle prizes were given away. Joey Logan had a sales table set up for "One Shot" merchandise that proved to be a big hit, and once again "Bubbles Racquet Repair" was busy stringing racquets and selling grips, eyeguards and other racquetball accessories.

Make sure you play this south-side tournament next year. It's a lot closer than you think, and really NOT in Indiana!

— Barb Utterback

Results

Divisions, # entries
1st; 2nd; Semifinals

Men's Open (10) IRT Rules

Ben Croft; Eugene Coyle; James Ford, Joey Logan

Men's A (13)

Kevin Johnson; Tony Sambo; David Royster, Larry Vena

Men's B (18)

Kelvin Branch; Ray Shimizu; Mike DeGonia, Joe Keane

Men's C (17)

Bill Hawkins; Carlos Merino; George Vowell, Dan Opferman

Men's D (15)

Darren Halligan; Bob Cecich; Trevor Snyders, Jim O'Keefe

Men's 35/40+ (11)

Dennis Negrete; Chuck Snyders; Jeff Hotler (IN), Tom Utterback

Men's 45+ (5)

Brian Castillo; Jim Hillman; Horace Miller; Kevin Yeazell; John Matarrese

Men's 50/55/60+ (8)

Joe Silius; Len Restaino; Joe Quirke, Horace Miller

Women's Open (6)

Ellen Somberg; Krystal Csuk; Diane Bunker, Liz Molitor

Women's A/B (7)

Julia Perkins-Ball; Pandora Brown; Maureen McKay, Kelly Carson

Women's C/D (7)

Kelly Carson; Julianne Beran; Sharon Kareiva, Sue Wojnowski

Men's Open Doubles (6)

Ben Croft/Bill Lyman; James Ford/Eugene Coyle; Tim Austin (IN)/Mark Thorn (IN), Dave Bachar/Don Grigas

Men's A Doubles (9)

Larry Vena/Ron Scaduto; David Royster/Kelvin Branch; Bill Pavlovich/Paul Curran, Delmer Reed/Jeff Grace

Men's B Doubles (9)

Matt Malcheski/Dan Jaskier; Joe Keane/Ray Shimizu; Jim Wehrli/John Levy, Howard Williams/Frank Ball

Men's C Doubles (6)

Will Llaguna/Carlos Merino; Bob Woycheese/Bob Cecich; Mike Padavic/Al Brunner, Phil Mangiaracina/Darren Halligan

Mixed Open Doubles (7)

Krystal Csuk/James Ford; Len Restaino/Liz Molitor; Diane Bunker/Frank Bunker, Larry Vena/Janet Eminger

Mixed A/B Doubles (3)

Julia Perkins-Ball/Delmer Reed; Kathy Welker/Keith Mecklenburg; Barb Utterback/Jim Amsden

Juniors Beginner (5)

Gino Wuttke; Erik Young; Adam Ivetic; Michael Wuttke; Joey Eminger

Juniors Intermediate (5)

Trevor Snyders; Nick Loy; Chris Muruato; Geoff Goldblatt; Lauren Ritschard

Juniors Advanced (3)
Brandon Ritschard; Mike DeGonia; Scott Ness

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Illinois Players...Out & Around!

Wilson 16th USRA National High School Championships
February 27-March 2
St. Louis, Missouri

Mike DeGonia, battling a bad cold, won his first two matches, before falling to the third seed. Mike also teamed up with Alex Brown (MI) in the doubles competition.

Ben Croft took silver, retiring in the tiebreaker after tearing ankle ligaments in the second game.

We grow 'em tough in Illinois!

NMRA Masters National Championships
March 12-15, 2003
Canoga Park, California

Team Illinois made a fine showing in California!

Dennis Healy, Bronze, Men's 50+
Nancy Kronenfeld, Silver, Women's 50+

Pat Taylor, 4th, Men's 60+
John O'Donnell, Jr., Gold, Men's 70+
Lola Markus, Gold, Women's 70+
Phil Dziuk, 4th, Men's 75+
John O'Donnell, Jr. and **Harold "Bill" Williamson**, 4th, Men's 65+ Doubles
Phil Dziuk and **Mike Martin** (CO), Silver, Men's 75+ Doubles

2003 E-Force 31st U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships
April 2-6, 2003
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona

Defending champion **Krystal Csuk** took a quite respectable second place medal home, losing to Kristen Walsh (UT) in the Women's Gold finals.

Andy Hawthorne (Baldwin Wallace) emerged in a decisive victory against Jeffrey Garner (TN) in the Men's #2 Division. Andy and partner Shane Vanderson (Baldwin Wallace) won the Men's Gold doubles as well.



Tough competitors Ben Croft and Mike DeGonia



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Shamrock Shootout

Glass Court Swim & Fitness
March 13-16, 2003

"Consistently outstanding" are the words that come immediately to mind when you think about a Glass Court tournament. Usually the players get top billing in tournament articles, but I'd like to take just a minute and recognize Diane and Joe DeArmas and their Glass Court staff. The service and TLC all of us in the racquetball community receive when we attend one of their tournaments is so *consistent*, and so *outstanding*, that we must remember not to take them for granted! This season, Glass Court has hosted Summerfest, Turkey Shoot, ISRA State Doubles, Shamrock Shootout, ISRA Junior Singles & Doubles (this issue), and USRA Regionals (coming in the July issue). That's a big chunk of our tournament calendar, and it couldn't be in better hands. Thanks, Glass Court, for all you do for Illinois racquetball!

And now to the Shamrock...
Players from Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and a whole *slew* of Illinois players, came together to compete for cash and glory over this pre-St. Pat's Day weekend. Brian Simpson of Indiana

defeated Ryan Homa of Wisconsin in the Men's Open, while Krystal Csuk and Liz Molitor were 1-2 in the Women's Open.

A blast to the past – 38 entries in the Men's C and 44 (count 'em, 44) in the Men's D felt like old times. Twenty-three entries in the Women's singles divisions...not bad, but come on, ladies, we can do better!

Seventy-five doubles teams took to the courts! The Indiana team of Jim Davis and Ryan Griffin edged out Illinois' own Ben Croft and Bill Lyman for the top spot in Men's Open (8), 13, 7...but Illinois teams, including Bob Clar and Laurel Davis in Mixed Open, dominated the rest of the divisions. And congratulations to Janet Eminger and Kathy Welker who took first in the Women's Open!

The perfect Glass weekend was punctuated by a spirited performance by the 11th



Women's Open doubles champs Janet Eminger & Kathy Welker — next stop? The Mall?

Street Band (over from Indiana), and Joe DeArmas doled out the traditionally plentiful raffle prizes to a packed house.

Joe and Diane extend their thanks to the many staff members, volunteers, and players who collaborated on another memorable Shamrock Shootout! Results below...

— Cheryl Kirk
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Shamrock Shootout *continued*

Results

Division, # entries

1st; 2nd; Semifinals

Men's Open (16)

Brian Simpson (IN); Ryan Homa (MN);

Cary Slade, Eugene Coyle

Men's AA (8)

Russ Tatar; John Thorson; Kent Hadraba,

Eric Rieman

Men's A (11)

Larry Vena; Todd Sauerbrun; Kevin

Johnson, Tony Rosselli

Men's B (22)

Greg Martis; Keith Stevens; John Anaya,

Ray Shimizu

Men's C (38)

Chris Liljestrand; Mike Moran; Sergio

Sanchez, Jeff Martin

Men's D (44)

Adrian Beltramino; Michael Steinhaus; Bill

Doyle, Richard DeArmas

Men's Novice (2)

Mark Roberts; Mark Stern

Men's 30/35+ (8)

Brian Simpson (IN);

Eugene Coyle; John

Thorson, Cary Slade

Men's 40/45+ (11)

Bob Clar; Winston Cole;

Dave Milazzo, Tom

Utterback

Men's 45+ Intermediate

(12)

Len Schultz; Frank

Valentino; Leo

Formanski, Randy Ems

Men's 50+ (6)

Jim Davis (IN); Horace

Miller; Gregg Mandell,

Len Restaino

Men's 55+ (8)

Joe Quirke; John Usmial;

Ray Willis, Bob Wolter

Men's 60+

John Ramsay

Women's Open (9)

Krystal Csuk; Liz Molitor;

Ellen Somberg, Diane Bunker

Women's AA (4)

Nancy Schum; Laurel Davis;

Janet Eminger, Kathy Dun-

ham

Women's A/B (10)

Marcia Tilley; Char Borre;

Carolyn Watkins, Cheryl Kirk

Women's C/D (4)

Julianne Beran; Maria Niaves

(WI); Janet Christie; Sue

Rosengard

Men's Open Doubles (6)

Jim Davis (IN)/Ryan Griffin

(IN); Ben Croft/Bill Lyman;

Tim Austin (IN)/Bob Wright

(IN), Doug Halverson/George

Pappas

Men's A Doubles (11)

Al Robledo/Derrick Childress;

Matt Malcheski/Dave

Schoonover; Ralph Wakerly/John Moscato,

John Matarrese/Kevin Massard



Men's AA 1-2, Russ Tatar and John Thorson



*Relaxing between matches —
Diane & Frank Bunker and Janet Christie*

Men's B Doubles (13)

Matt Malcheski/Kevin Massard;

Joey Brownlee/Grant Macuba; Dan

Peterson/Joe Wilhelm, Joe Quirke/John

Talty

Men's C Doubles (9)

Wayne Lorenz/Mike Mahon; John Massard/

Richard DeArmas; Roger Bettenhausen/

Steve Bettenhausen, Tas Tsakiridis/Trent Wilfinger

Men's 40+ Doubles (6)

Rich Clay/Len Restaino; Joe Silius/Bill

Lyman; John Moscato/Ralph Wakerly,

Tom Utterback/Frank Bunker

Women's Open Doubles (3)

Janet Eminger/Kathy Welker; Nancy

Schum/Jill Wells; Kathy Dunham/

Patrice Calvi

Women's A Doubles (5)

Marian Bala/Karen Lindeman; Julia

Perkins-Ball/Pat Jennings; Maria

Johnson/Lynn Yeazell; Pandora

Brown/Barb Utterback

Mixed Open Doubles (9)

Bob Clar/Laurel Davis; Joe Silius/

Patrice Calvi; Joe Gill/Karen Thurlow,

Jim Hillman/Ellen Somberg

Mixed A Doubles (6)

Julia Perkins-Ball/Delmer Reed; Ray Willis/

Pat Jennings; Joe DeArmas/Jennifer Jaskier,

Kathy Welker/Keith Mecklenburg

Mixed B/C Doubles (7)

Tom Curtis/Barb Curran; Mike Mahon/

Cheryl Kirk; Mike Labak/Deb Windisch,

Janet Christie/Kevin Massard



*Sunday morning wouldn't be
Sunday morning without Don Klopke
on Tournament Control!*

Annual Meeting Reminder

As mentioned in the March 2003 *ISRA Newsletter*, the Annual Meeting of the ISRA Board will take place on Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at the National City Bank office in Oak Brook at 2021 Spring Road, Suite 600 (use the elevator in the southwest corner of the building). As with all ISRA meetings, this meeting is open to the membership; however, this session is particularly important since all members attending have a vote in the election of the ISRA Board of Directors. If you've ever wondered what's discussed at a Board meeting and/or have a desire to become more involved in Illinois racquetball, this would be a great place to start!

ISRA Junior State Singles & Doubles

March 29-30, 2003

Glass Court Swim & Fitness

Thirty-three of the finest junior racquetball players in the state of Illinois competed furiously for two days at the Glass Court Swim & Fitness Club, in Lombard, Illinois. This year's first-ever, stand-alone ISRA Junior State Singles & Doubles Racquetball Championships Tournament was a rousing success and a great representation of outstanding Illinois junior racquetball.

Among the top players competing this year were the ISRA's 2003 Male Player of the Year Award Winner (Ben Croft—B18's), the ISRA's 2003 Most Improved Player of the Year Award Winner (Angel Khamis—B16's & B18's), and five athletes ranked in the USRA's Top 25 juniors: Ben Croft—B18's; Lauren Ritschard—G18's; Brandon Ritschard—B14's; Erin Egan—G14's; and Trevor Snyders—B12's. Additionally, many more representatives of this



This Juniors tourney took the cake!

country's fourth-ranked junior team, JuniorTeamIllinois, were in attendance: specifically, Mike DeGonia, Erich Schubert, Geoff Goldblatt, Angel Khamis, Nick Loy, Scott Ness, Jeff Novak, Chris Schubert, Chris Muruato, Mike Antonoff,

Kevin Schulz, Zac Antonoff, Matt Loy, Mike Steinhaus, Chris Snyders, Joey Limonciello, Jeff Albert, Erik Young, Michael Wuttke, and Gino Wuttke.

Terry Sutton led a group of five outstanding citizens and junior racquetball players north, from the Peoria and Bloomington areas, to this event (Jake Sutton, R.J. Mercer, Kyle Sutton, Michael McDowell and Spencer Graves). All five went home with trophies! Elliot Merriman (B16's) came in from Mendota to showcase his considerable skills and winning attitude. Real nice son you have

there, Mike and Debbie...and a future champion, no doubt!

Kyle Koburi and David Thomas showed

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4th Annual Edens March Madness

Edens Athletic Club

March 21-23, 2003

Enjoying an ever-increasing number of divisions each year, the Edens Athletic Club welcomed participants in full skill divisions, round robins and JuniorTeamIllinois play. Abundant hospitality provided much-needed fuel for players as well as visitors throughout the weekend. Angel Khamis, Brian Gioia and Todd Sauerbrun had little time for rest as all three advanced to finals in two divisions. Eugene Coyle had to take things into his own hands as doubles partner Joey Logan fell victim to the injury bug...Eugene took both the Open Singles and Doubles titles even with Joey hobbled up.

The tournament ran a full three days as open players Jorge Ortiz and Brian Feng kicked off the event Friday at 5:00 pm, with JuniorTeamIllinois players Joey Limonciello and Chris Schubert wrapping things up Sunday evening...a lot of racquetball and fun throughout the weekend!

With Edens Athletic Club's rising popularity in our racquetball community, it was great to see new faces as well as the regulars in this sanctioned event. The much appreciated support team of

volunteers and staff made sure the tournament was successful and enjoyable. If you missed this tourney, look for the Fall Classic and come on out!

— Joe Gill

Results

Division, # entries
1st; 2nd; Semifinals

Men's Open (11)

Eugene Coyle; Todd Sauerbrun; John Bryk, Joey Logan

Men's AA (4)

Keith Mecklenburg; Brian Feng; Joe Gill, George Pappas

Men's A (12)

Todd Sauerbrun; Angel Khamis; Kevin Johnson, Lou Rosen

Men's B (13)

Angel Khamis; Cliff Benson; John Beaulieu, John Anaya

Men's C (12)

Will Kazmier; Brian Gioia; Greg Mellis, Blair Wagner

Men's D (14)

Brian Gioia; Russ Maziarka; Fred Breitberg, Greg Mellis

Men's 45+ (8)

Frank Milazzo; Ken Valdiserri; Dave Milazzo, Pat Taylor

Men's 55+

Pat Taylor

Men's 65+ (5)

Bob Goodman; Joe Levin; Ken Yahiro; Fernando Urbina; Richard Rucuba

Men's 75+ (2)

Richard Rucuba; Ken Yahiro

Women's A/B (3)

Joan Vande Kieft; Karen Thurlow; Carolyn Watkins

Men's Open Doubles (8)

Eugene Coyle/Joey Logan; Martin Gonzalez/Tony Gonzalez; George Pappas/Mike Sasseti, Bob Clar/Fred Barbara

Men's A/B Doubles (4)

Jim Capone/Jim Shavocky; Rick Falcone/Greg Tomek; John Anaya/Joey Prust; Pete Shesek/Ed Gustafson

Men's B/C Doubles (4)

Geoff Goldblatt/James Gillette; Roux Hoare/Mike Stevenson; Blair Wagner/Atheefur Papa; Chris Snyders/Trevor Snyders

Junior Boys 18- (2)

Brandon Ritschard; Chris Muruato

Junior Boys 14- (5)

Joey Limonciello; Chris Schubert; Geoff Goldblatt; Mike Antonoff; Kevin Schulz

Junior Boys 12- (5)

Trevor Snyders; Zac Antonoff; Nick Loy; Matt Loy; Erich Schubert

Junior Girls 18- (2)

Erin Egan; Lauren Ritschard

ISRA Junior State Singles & Doubles continued

us some great racquetball...in many venues throughout this country, both would be state champions — they're both super players and wonderful kids.

What a great time this was!

Chuck Snyder made his debut as Tournament Director at this major event — so much TLC given to those in

attendance! Every detail was thoughtfully addressed. The standard has been set. Extremely well done, Chuck!

TJ Ferro (ISRA Governing Board Member & JuniorTeamIllinois Head Coach) secured the sponsorship of many companies (RC Cola/ Cub Foods/ Entenmann's/Frito-Lay/ Hostess/Jay's/Keebler/Little Debbie) in support of our Illinois juniors. And for most of Saturday afternoon, TJ manned the tournament desk and offered instruction to the next generation of tournament coordinators (Brandon Ritschard, Matt

Loy, Mike Antonoff, Jeff Novak, Chris Schubert, Trevor Snyders, Mike DeGonia, et al). Tom Utterback (ISRA Governing Board) drove north from Palos to give of himself and his expertise all weekend.

Bill Lyman (ISRA Governing Board) was his usual JTI-friendly self. Rich Clay (ISRA Treasurer and USRA National Rules Commissioner) conducted an informative Rules and Referee Clinic on Saturday.

The many tournament local sponsors, such as

Anthony's Pizza (Berwyn, IL); Glen Ellyn



*The Peoria/Bloomington gang:
(front) Kyle Sutton, Spencer Graves, Michael McDowell
(back) Jake Sutton, Terry Sutton, R.J. Mercer*



*Hey, hey, it's the monkeys!
Brandon Ritschard, Mike DeGonia, Mike Antonoff*

Sports Pub (Glen Ellyn, IL); Dr. Pizza (North Riverside, IL); JuniorTeamIllinois Racquetball (Glen Ellyn, IL); the Glass Court Swim & Fitness Health Club (Lombard, IL); and McDonald's Corporation (Oak Brook, IL) really extended themselves to ensure great enjoyment at this inaugural junior racquetball event.

Founding leaders, behind the scenes, were luminaries such as Nicki Fazio-Egan (two great tournament cakes and lots of, you guessed it, BALLOONS!). Jim Egan, Fred Ritschard, Jack Schubert, Mike Antonoff and Kevin Loy served as Tournament Coordinators.

Many thanks to Joe & Diane DeArmas (Glass Court proprietors & junior racquetball supporters) and their staff (very notably, Char Borre) for all they do for the racquetball kids; and, even more especially, for opening their hearts and their club for this most warm and memorable junior tournament.

— Fred Ritschard

Results

Division; # entered

1st; 2nd; Semifinals; Quarterfinals

Note: Silver = Consolation

Boys 10 & Under (3)

Matt Loy; Kyle Sutton; Erich Schubert

Boys 12 & Under – Gold (4)

Trevor Snyders; Zac Antonoff; Nick Loy; Matt Loy

Boys 12 & Under – Silver (4)

Michael McDowell; Spencer Graves;

Michael Wuttke; Kyle Koburi

Boys 14 & Under – Gold (5)

Brandon Ritschard; Geoff Goldblatt; Trevor Snyders; Mike Antonoff; Chris Schubert

Boys 14 & Under – Silver (5)

Joey Limonciello; Kevin Schultz; Nick Loy; Gino Wuttke; Erik Young

Boys 16 & Under – (11)

Angel Khamis; Brandon Ritschard; Jeff

Novak, Mike DeGonia; Chris Schubert,

Scott Ness, Chris Muruato, Jake Sutton; 1st

Consolation – Jake Sutton

Boys 18 & Under – (10)

Ben Croft; Mike DeGonia; Mike Steinhaus,

Angel Khamis; Jeff Albert, Scott Ness, Jeff

Novak, Jake Sutton; 1st Consolation – Jake

Sutton

Girls 18 & Under – (2)

Erin Egan; Lauren Ritschard

Boys 12 & Under Doubles – (4)

Trevor Snyders/Zac Antonoff; Matt Loy/

Nick Loy; Kyle Koburi/Michael McDowell;

Spencer Graves/Kyle Sutton

Boys 14 & Under Doubles – (3)

Joey Limonciello/Geoff Goldblatt; Chris

Schubert/Mike Antonoff; Erik Young/Gino

Wuttke

Boys 18 & Under Doubles – (3)

Ben Croft/Mike DeGonia; R.J. Mercer/Jake

Sutton; Chris Snyders/Mike Steinhaus



*Chris Snyder gets
ready for a match...*



*Moms just want to have fun!
Joan Young, Pam Snyder, Sue Antonoff,
Nicki Fazio-Egan, Gina Loy*

ISRA State Singles Change For The Better!

April 4-6, 2003

The Chalet

This was a big year of change for the Illinois State Singles Championships with a new location and new divisions of play! We crowned 40 new state champions ranging from 18-year-old Ben Croft in the Men's Open Division to Tony Lang in the Men's 75+ competition. Our host club was The Chalet, a great multi-purpose health and racquetball facility run by the Pleasantdale Park District in suburban Willow Springs. With ten courts, great locker rooms, a basketball court for shooting off excess steam and yes, a bar (so that fluids could be quickly replenished), we couldn't have asked for a better site!

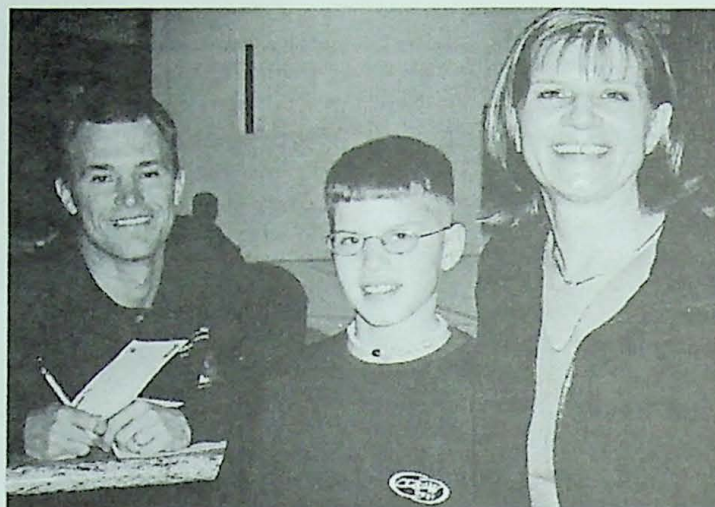
The weekend got off to a rocky start for the Tournament Committee as the address on the entry form (despite working just fine for the Revie Sorey tournament just 6 weeks earlier) failed to get all of the mail delivered on a timely basis. Despite

This is the first year that the Illinois State Singles tournament has switched to the national format of offering A/B and C/D competition in the various age groups. As a result of this, the Men's 40+ had 23 entries, but they were split up into three divisions - won by Bill Lyman, Wil Rounsaville and Royce Simpson respectively. Each division of play is smaller, but the competition is pretty consistent (no easy first round matches anymore) and we hope that this will encourage many of the

players who had given up competition to come back out and play! This is also the first year that JuniorTeamIllinois had a big impact on the adult draws. In addition to Ben Croft, players like Angel Khamis, Mike DeGonia, Joey Limonciello, Trevor Snyders, Erin Egan and Lauren Ritschard all performed well enough to appear in the results below! Ben came back from his second place finish (to 2002 Champion Eugene Coyle) to beat Greg Hasty II in this year's championship match. Greg has been playing extremely well of late, and took out Eugene in straight games in the semifinals on Saturday night. On the women's side, Ellen Somberg dominated a small but

competitive Women's Open draw which was missing Cheryl Gudinas (training for the World Championships) and Krystal Csuk (who finished 2nd at the Intercollegiates in Phoenix that same weekend). Our women's draw was below prior years and will no doubt rebound next season!

The first-ever ISRA Marketplace debuted on Saturday at The Chalet where Head/Penn, Wilson and Ektelon staffed product tables surrounded by jewelry, smoothies, massages and racquet stringing services. In addition, the ISRA brought out some of its bargain goods from past events. We



Chuck, Trevor, and Pam Snyders played and pitched in all weekend!

hope to continue the Marketplace in the future!

Saturday night saw the Annual ISRA Awards Ceremony and the very special induction of Revie Sorey into the ISRA Hall of Fame (see article this issue).

Special thanks go to the volunteers and to the entire Chalet staff, who were great hosts the entire weekend. We hope they feel the same way about us - we look forward to returning to Willow Springs for future tournaments.

—Geoff Peters

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*Newlyweds (12 days!)
Sid and Kunjal Harshavat celebrate success*

holding the draw until Wednesday night, the tournament director had to pull an all-nighter on Thursday night when 31 players called in to get starting times - and we had yet to receive their entry forms! We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused, and we certainly appreciate the way people handled those phone calls Thursday night telling them their first round match was earlier than expected as we accommodated the lost entries. At press time (4/25) we have just been notified by The Chalet that they have received several more entries in the mail!



*Tony Lang
Men's 75+ State Champ*

ISRA State Singles continued

Results

Division; # entered

1st; 2nd; Semifinals; Quarterfinals

Men's Open (16)

Ben Croft; Greg Hasty II; Eugene Coyle, Cary Slade; Thomas Braun, Barry Dixon, Joe Gill, Mike Bogue

Men's AA (8)

Martin Gonzalez; John Thorson; George



Rich Clay congratulates Women's B players Lori Good (2nd) and Karen Thurlow (1st)

Men's 30+ A/B (6)

Todd Sauerbrun (1); Alfredo Romero (S), David Kerr (S); Rich Wells, Paul Berkelhamer, Scott Barnes; 1st Consolation – Rich Wells

Men's 30+ C/D (8)

Desmond Slusher; Juan Martinez; Mike Thompson, Phil Mangiaracina; Blair Wagner, John Brand, Todd Jones

Men's 35+ (7)

Eugene Coyle; John Thorson; William Lattner, Barry Dixon; Joe Gill, John Bryk, Cary Slade

Men's 35+ A/B (6)

Eric Battaglia; C.J. Khamis; Tom Lamberson; Randy Ems, John Puccio; 1st Consolation – John Puccio

Men's 35+ C/D (6)

Desmond Slusher (1); Juan Martinez (2); Phil Mangiaracina (3); Blair Wagner, John Brand, Todd Jones

Men's 40+ (6)

Bill Lyman; Sean Moskwa; George Pappas, Rick Reynolds; Rich Clay, Joe Keane

Men's 40+ A/B (11)

Wil Rounsaville; Joe Keane; Ken Valdiserri, Randy Ems; Kevin Johnson, John Mason, John Matarrese, Chris Selvig

Men's 40+ C/D (6)

Royce Simpson; Jon Soike; Frank Valentino, Pete Schmeichel; Bob Woycheese, Roux Hoare

Men's 45+ (8)

Dave Milazzo; Steve Lloyd; Rick Reynolds, Winston Cole (inj); Michael Mulcahy, Jim Hillman, Brian Castillo, Geoff Peters

Men's 45+ A/B (9)

Wil Rounsaville; Joe Keane; Ken Valdiserri, Randy Ems; Kevin Johnson, John Mason, John Matarrese

Men's 45+ C/D (3)

Frank Valentino (1); Bob Woycheese (S), Roux Hoare (S)

Men's 50+ (11)

Gregg Mandell; Greg Hasty; Dennis Healy, TJ Ferro; Delmer Reed, Angelo Moca, Horace Miller, Frank Milazzo

Men's 50+ A/B (10)

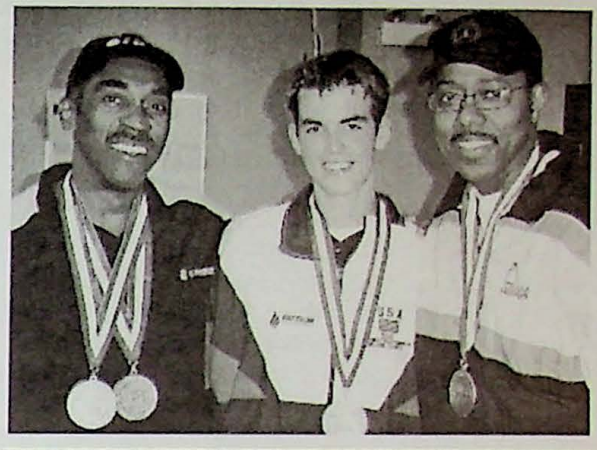
Wil Rounsaville; Delmer Reed; Ray Meisner, Jeff Grace; Paul Jepson, Dick Heithoff, Bill Roberts, Chuck Wolske

Men's 50+ C/D (1)

Bob Woycheese

Men's 55+ (6)

Dennis McKee; Greg Hasty; Horace Miller, Joe Silius; Pat Taylor, Joe Quirke



Wil Rounsaville, Ben Croft & Delmer Reed show off their medals

Men's 55+ A/B (7)

John Massard; John Ramsay; John Talty, Ed Olah; Don Davis, John Koziol, Willie McGee

Men's 55+ C/D (6)

John Massard; Barry Anders; John Lane, Lee Cherry; Len Tulipano, Bob Wolter

Men's 60+ (7)

Pat Taylor; Harold "Bill" Williamson; Ed Stoller, Ed Olah; Bob Goodman, Bill Schram, Max Call

Men's 60+ A/B (5)

John Ramsay; John Talty (S), Ed Olah (S); Don Davis

Men's 60+ C/D (4)

John Lane, Lee Cherry; Len Tulipano, Bob Wolter



Laurel Davis with Greg Hasty II, Greg Hasty, and lots of hardware!

Men's 65+ (6)

Harold "Bill" Williamson; Ed Stoller, Ed Olah; Bob Goodman, Bill Schram, Max Call

Men's 70+ (4)

John O'Donnell, Jr.; Tony Lang; Ken Yahiro, Max Call

Men's 75+ (2)

Tony Lang; Ken Yahiro

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ISRA Top Players and Contributors Recognized at Illinois State Singles

The Chalet, site of the ISRA State Singles Championships, also served as host for the ISRA Annual Awards ceremony on April 5, 2003. ISRA President Laurel Davis conducted the proceedings, recognizing the 2002 Male and Female Players of the Year and the Most Improved Player, as well as the 2003 Distinguished Service Award recipient and the ISRA's newest Hall of Fame inductee. A large and appreciative crowd was on hand to view the ceremony. Congratulations to both the winners and the nominees!

Hall of Fame - Revie Sorey

Revie Sorey is just the third person to be inducted into the ISRA's Hall of Fame. Revie has been a mainstay in Illinois racquetball for over 25 years. Revie's motivation has been unique. He loves racquetball, he loves hosting a party and he loves giving back to the community. His annual *Celebrity Classic* tournament has attracted players from all over the Midwest, year after year. He personally ensures that everyone has a great time and he donates the tournament proceeds each year to a worthwhile charity. Revie, you're the best! We are proud to include you in our Hall of Fame.

Distinguished Service Award - Cheryl Kirk

Since Cheryl assumed responsibility for the ISRA's most daunting task - the newsletter - she took it from a good newsletter to possibly the best one in the country. Former newsletter editor, Mike Davern, says this about Cheryl's efforts: "Many ISRA members are not fully aware of the time and effort it takes to put a

newsletter together. I would guess it would be in excess of 20 hours an issue - all without pay. Tasks include writing, editing, collecting results, assigning articles, obtaining ads, taking pictures, writing captions, and coordinating the layout, printing and mailing processes."

Cheryl and service seem synonymous. Cheryl is competent, professional and caring. She is fully engaged in the racquetball community: as an Ektelon sponsored player, tournament volunteer and ISRA Vice President and board member. The ISRA Board is ecstatic to have someone of her caliber in its ranks. Congratulations, Cheryl. You have set a standard for others to aspire to!

Fellow Nominees: Jeff Grace, John O'Donnell, Jr., Dave Olson, Fred Ritschard.

Female Player of the Year - Liz Molitor

Liz has worked very hard over the last couple of years to raise the level of her game and it shows in the results. She has placed first or second in nearly every tournament she has entered over the last year. In addition, she is a role model for the sport of racquetball.

Liz is a fair player and displays a pleasant court demeanor. She works to ensure the future of the game by teaching and coaching some of our JTI players. She also contributes by serving as scorekeeper for the ISRA Travel League and volunteering at tournaments.

Fellow Nominees: Krystal Csuk, Joan Vande Kieft, Brenda White



Award Winners Kirk, Sorey, Khamis & Croft (not pictured - Liz Molitor)

Male Player of the Year - Ben Croft

Ben serves as a Co-Captain of JuniorTeamIllinois, was appointed to the U.S. Junior National Team, also in 2003, and has succeeded in improving his game to the point where he is usually the #1 seed in Men's Open Division draws throughout Illinois. Additionally, Ben is currently ranked #35 on the IRT Tour, as a professional. Earlier this month (February), Ben just turned 18 years old. Ben will be running a summer camp at the Southlake Club in Mundelein for kids from the Mundelein Park District who have a budding interest in racquetball.

Ben has asked that the following message be relayed to his fellow Illinois players: "Thanks to everybody! I will be starting my freshman year at Colorado State University in August 2003, which means for the first time in many years, I will not be competing in the Chicagoland tournaments. While I am excited about the prospect of college, I will definitely miss the environment that I grew up in and love. I want to thank everyone for the wonderful friendships and memories that have been such an important part of my life." Ben, we knew you when...!

Fellow Nominee: Dave Milazzo

ISRA State Singles

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Women's Open (5)

Ellen Somberg; Kathy Dunham; Diane Bunker; Patrice Calvi; Laurel Davis (inj)

Women's A (4)

Joan Vande Kieft; Pam Grace; Lynne Weisbart; Jennifer Jaskier

Women's B (9)

Karen Thurlow; Lori Good; Jennifer Jaskier, Carolyn Watkins; Julianne Beran, Kelly Carson, Carrie Howard, Cheryl Kirk; 1st Consolation - Kelly Carson

Women's C/D (6)

Kelly Carson; Janet Christie; Julianne Beran, Erin Egan; Lauren Ritschard, Pam Snyders; 1st Consolation - Pam Snyders

Women's 35+ A/B (5)

Joan Vande Kieft; Lori Good; Cheryl Kirk; Karen Thurlow; Carrie Howard

Women's 40+ (6)

Ellen Somberg; Nancy Kronenfeld; Kathy Dunham, Diane Bunker; Pam Grace, Lynne Weisbart

Women's 40+ A/B (3)

Joan Vande Kieft; Cheryl Kirk; Carrie Howard

Women's 45+ A/B (2)

Cheryl Kirk; Carrie Howard

Women's 50+ (4)

Nancy Kronenfeld; Kathy Dunham; Pam Grace, Lynne Weisbart

Women's 50+ A/B (2)

Lynne Weisbart; Pam Grace

Most Improved Player - Angel Khamis

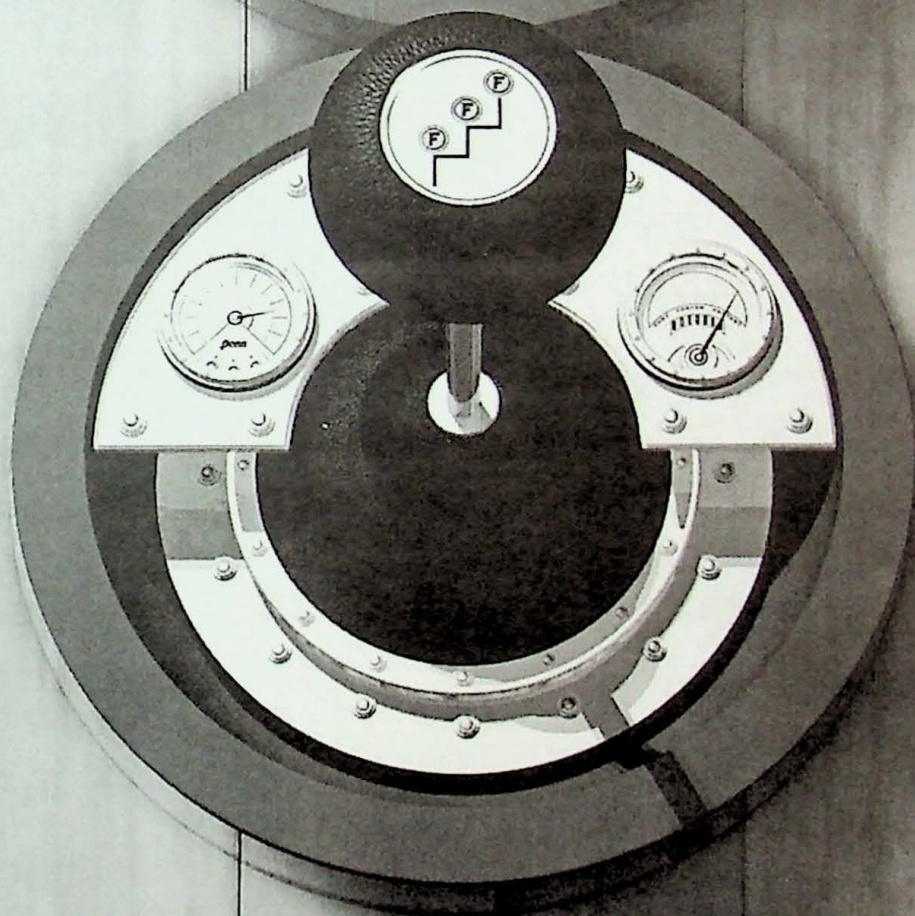
Angel has risen quickly from Men's D to Men's B. In early 2002, he placed first in Men's D at the Palos Olympic Open, Edens March Madness, and State Singles, then took top honors in Men's C in this season's Edens Fall Classic and Turkey Shoot, earning immediate elevation to Men's B. As a result of his Men's B victory at the 2003 Revie Sorey Celebrity Classic, Angel will be competing in Men's A at the beginning of the 2003-2004 season. Well done, Angel!

Fellow Nominee: Tony Rosselli

—The ISRA Officers and Board of Directors

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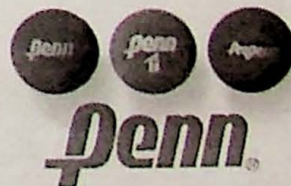


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ISRA Announces "The James B. Dvorak Award"

The Board of Directors of the ISRA has announced the funding of an annual award in honor of the late James B. Dvorak, father of local competitor Doug Dvorak. Doug is the founder of the Halloween Classic, the perennial IRT Pro Stop. He ran the first three events while he was the racquetball professional at the Woodfield Racquet Club. Doug still competes occasionally and is known for his competitiveness on the court and especially his doubles play.

"My father appreciated everything rac-

quetball did for me" said Dvorak, "and when he came to watch tournaments he always enjoyed watching the young kids play. He passed away over a year ago, and my wife Cathy and I wanted to honor his memory in some lasting and tangible way. Therefore, we have decided to fund an annual award that the ISRA will present to a deserving junior player who exemplifies the sportsmanship and leadership my dad felt racquetball provided."

The ISRA Board will partner with JuniorTeamIllinois each year and present

the award at the annual JTI Banquet in the fall. The recipient will be announced in the ISRA Newsletter and will be recognized at the Annual ISRA Awards Ceremony at Illinois State Singles. An honorarium and a plaque will commemorate his or her achievement.

All Illinois junior players who are members of the Illinois State Racquetball Association are eligible. Nominations can be forwarded either to Geoff Peters (ISRA) or to Fred Ritschard (JTI). The deadline for nominations is July 15, 2003.

March Invitational Tournament

Landmark Racquet & Health Club

February 28-March 2, 2003

Results (unsanctioned)

1st; 2nd; 1st Consolation

(Club affiliation in parentheses)

Men's Open

Greg Hasty II (Landmark); Tony Marquez (FitnessClub-Springfield); Rob Hartman (Scott AFB)

Men's A

Rich Bremer (Davenport Athletic Club); Raphels Malone (Riverside Health & Fitness); Justin Wilkins (North Scott Fitness Center)

Men's B

Chuck George (IL Valley YMCA); Kevin Eick (Central College); Bob Kistenfeger (Greater Decatur Y);

Men's C

Kevin Eick (Central College); Ben Plue (Landmark); Jon Bradshaw (Landmark)

Men's 40+

Bill Gray (Landmark); Dennis Healy (Two Rivers YMCA); Steve Donarski (Bureau Cty. Metro Center)

Men's 40+ B

Sonny Parks (Landmark); Chris Dimmitt (Macomb YMCA); George Nauman (Dubuque YMCA)

Women's Open

Ellen Somberg (Oak Park Athletic Club); Brenda White (Landmark); Kathy Dunham (Naper Olympic)

Women's A

Char Borre (Glass Court Swim & Fitness); Ruth Rivera (Davenport Athletic Club); Jennifer Jaskier (Four Seasons-Bloomington)

Women's B

Ruth Rivera (Davenport Athletic Club); Kristin Coulter (Ottawa YMCA); Lori Bilbrey (Macomb YMCA)

Women's C

Pam Stanek (Landmark); Jenni Morgan (Landmark); Kristin Coulter (Ottawa YMCA)

Juniors (17 & under)

Alex Baile (The Edge-Peoria); Scott Moore (Landmark); Ray Nicholson (Nash Rec Center)

Juniors (13 & under)

Spencer Graves (Landmark); Dylan Shoemaker (Davenport Athletic); Kyle Sutton (Landmark)

Men's Open Doubles

Greg Hasty II/ Rick Reynolds (Landmark); Mark Thorn (Indiana)/Mike Vicary (Landmark); Mike Snarr (North Carolina)/John Snarr (Landmark)

Men's A Doubles

Steve Clark (Springfield)/Tod Dillard (Jacksonville); Dennis Healy (Two Rivers YMCA)/ George Nauman (Dubuque); Dave Herzog (Quad Cities)/Rich Bremer (Davenport AC)

Men's B/C Doubles

Chuck George/Wayne Zera (IL Valley YMCA); Matt Kaag/R.J. Mercer (Landmark); Ken Springer/ Mike Flaherty (Plum Hollow)

Women's Doubles

Ellen Somberg (Oak Park)/Brenda White (Landmark); Terry Sutton/Pam Schubach (Landmark); Kathy Dunham (Naper Olympic)/Carole Lisson (Glen Ellyn)

Mixed Open/A Doubles

Jim Freaner/Pam Schubach (Landmark); Kurt Mankle/Terry Sutton (Landmark); Julie Rogy/Brad Goepfinger (Landmark)

Mixed B/C Doubles

Jim York/Becky Jones (Ottawa YMCA); Steve Kelly/ Greta Reynolds (Landmark); Matt Kaag (Landmark)/ Lori Bilbrey (Macomb YMCA)

Editor's Note: Landmark always runs a great tournament! Thanks to Terry Sutton for reporting these results.

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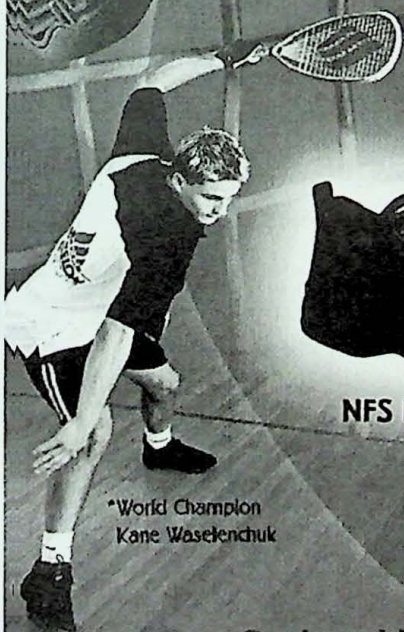
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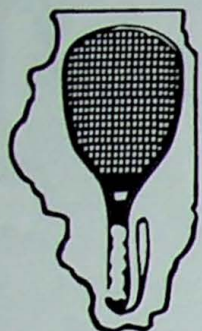
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May 21 - 26

Ektelon 36th US National Singles

Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX

Contact: Heather Fender

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June 25 - 29

Head 30th Junior Olympic Championships

Manchester, NH

Contact: Heather Fender

(719) 635 - 5396

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June 28th

Edens Summer Open

Edens Athletic Club, Chicago

Contact: Joe Gill

(773) 286 - 6700

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July 23 - 26

NMRA International Masters

Invitational

Minneapolis, MN

Contact: Heather Fender

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July 25-27

Summerfest

The Glass Court Swim and Fitness,

Lombard

Contact: Doug Halverson

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August 1- 17

Pan American Games

Santo Domingo, Dominican

Republic

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August 23

1st Annual Dog Days Open

The Southlake Club, Mundelein

Contact: Bob Croft

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Fall**

**Tournament
Calendar!**

August 27-30

IRF 15th World Senior Racquetball Championships

Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Heather Fender

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Oct 1-5

Ektelon 36th US National Doubles

Minneapolis, MN

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Nov 19-23

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Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

\$5.00

Southlake Challenge Court

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Saturday

10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$10.00 for ISRA Members

(with membership card)

Sunset Racquetball & Fitness Center

630-232-7867

Geneva, IL

Saturday 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Members: \$2

Non-Members: \$5

To add your
club to this
list, contact:

Lynne Weisbart

847-732-7245

Junior Team Illinois

Calendar of Events

Weekly Team Practices and Challenge Courts

"Ryall Tuesdays"

4pm-7pm

(see website — address below)

COMPETITIONS

May 17th, 2003

2003 USRA Junior Regional Championships

Wisconsin Athletic Club, Waukesha, WI

Ben Blint (262) 544-4111

*USRA Sanctioned

May 18th, 2003

JTI 'Junior Nationals' Warm-Up Clinic

Glass Court Swim & Fitness

Lombard, IL

Fred Ritschard (630) 688-3138

*JTI Kids invited (\$10 fee)

Non-JTI kids welcome (\$20 fee)

June 14th, 2003

JTI 'Junior Nationals' Warm-Up Clinic

Southlake Racquet Club

Mundelein, IL

Bob Croft (847) 949-8180

*JTI Kids invited (\$10 fee)

Non-JTI kids welcome (\$15 fee)

June 25th-June 29th, 2003

2003 HEAD USRA 30th Junior Olympic
National Racquetball Championships

Executive Health & Sports Center

Manchester, NH

Heather Fender (719) 635-5396

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For more information on the above-listed
JTI events, or for membership information,
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