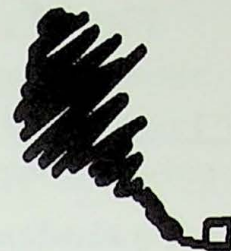




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National Gold comes home to Florida!

37 Floridians travelled to Houston, Texas in what has now become an annual pilgrimage - seeking the "Holy Grail"..... a coveted US National Championship. In attendance Floridians finished fourth but as for National Championships.....a Gold Medal Performance by all! 10 National Titles were claimed by the team from the "Sunshine State" in a truly spectacular demonstration of dominance on and off the court.

On the Mens side National Titles were claimed by **Armando Alonso** - Mens 35+, **Tim Hansen** - Mens 40+, **Bob Talley** - Mens 45+ A/B, **Mitt Layton** - Mens 50+. On the Ladies side four of the state's top players claimed six titles: **Susan Pfahler** - Womens 45+, **Agatha Falso** - Womens 50+, **Jo Kenyon** - Womens 60 and 65+, and **Ramona Vonondarza** in the Womens D and 25+ C/D.



***National Champions! Susan Pfahler,
Agatha Falso, Jo Kenyon, Armando Alonso***

In addition to the Gold medal finishes silver medals were claimed by **Jon Wuerffel** - Mens 50+ A/B, **James Russell** - Mens B, and **Agatha Falso** in the Womens 55+. (Continued on page 3)



Award Winners: Jo Kenyon and Van Dubolsky



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Former FRA Board Member, *Teri Lawrence* is currently recovering from a serious auto accident - see her letter to FRA players on page 3.

Just a Rumor... Rumor has it that The Quad-angle West Athletic Club will be renovating some club space - 800 square ft. spaces! We sure hope that more courts are on the menu!

Best Kept Secret: *Naples Fitness Center.* This facility has an owner who is passionate about his racquetball, caring about his members and his facility and is working hard to make it in the always challenging business market. Congratulations to Geoff & Tracey Hunter - you're doing a great job!



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Sunshine State Games Seeking the Best of Florida's Amateur Athletes

For 21 years, the Sunshine State Games have strengthened amateur athletics in Florida. When the Games began in 1980, only New York had such a program in operation. Today, over 40 states feature State Games competitions for over 500,000 participants annually.

The Sunshine Games offer everyone the opportunity to compete at all levels. Gainesville will host this event for the 7th time offering 22 sports with 35 different locations.

Over the years the SSGames have featured competition for future Olympians such as Ruthie Bolton (basketball), Roy Jones Jr. (boxing), Brandy Johnson (gymnastics), Nicole Haislett & Nancy Hogshead (swimming) as well as Dennis Mitchell and Jearl Miles in track & field.

We invite all of you to participate or just come and watch this statewide multi-sport event. The entry deadline for Racquetball is July 3rd.

For more information please contact Mary Lyons at 904-241-6789.

US National Singles Championship

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Off the court four Floridians were honored as well. **Van Dubolsky** was inducted into the Racquetball Hall of Fame for his many (and I mean many - many - many...) contributions to the sport over the years. In addition to Van's many on-court successes - State, Regional... Championships Van founded the Florida Racquetball Association and has served on the FRA Board of Directors since its inception. Van has also served as a member of the AARA/USRA Board of Directors since 1982 and has served one term as its President. Thanks to a strong Florida vote, Van was also re-elected to the USRA Board once again - thanks to all who voted. Van joins Jo Kenyon as Florida's 2nd member of the USRA Hall of Fame. Joining Van in this year's induction were Ruben Gonzalez - top ranked amateur & professional player for 20 years and Jim Winterton - US Team Coach for many years. Congratulations Van!



Jean Trimble, Bill Herr & Kassi Herr in Houston

Congratulations also go out to **Jo Kenyon** who was honored as the Female Age Group Athlete of the Year with the Peggy Steding Award. The Hall of Famer had a Hall of Fame year in 1999 - US National Singles (60 & 65+) Champion, US Open (60 & 65+) Champion, National Doubles 65+ Champion, IRF World Senior Championship - 2nd place - and all of this with her new Titanium hip! At age 66, Jo becomes the oldest recipient of the Steding Award and joins Eileen Tuckman and Susan Pfahler as Florida's recipients of this prestigious award. Way to go Jo!

The USRA also presented a Sportsmanship Award this year and among the recipients for this year were two Floridians who displayed the kind of sportsmanship that we can all be proud of at the '99 US National Doubles Championship. Congratulations to **Aaron Metcalf** and **Ross Greenberg** who not only won a National Championship but won the respect of the entire racquetball community. Great job guys!

USRA

Dear friends in the FRA,

How do I begin to express my sincere appreciation for the beautiful flowers that I received from the FRA following my auto accident? It was a lovely surprise that brightened my day immensely during a very rough time. Thank you to everyone for your cards, prayers and unbelievable support. While my recovery is not progressing as quickly as I would like, having friends like you sure make it worth the fight to get back on the court real soon.

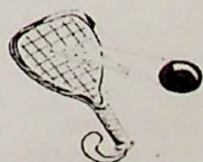
As most of you know, the motivation to play and especially compete in the game of racquetball is different for each individual player. Some play to have fun, others to relieve stress. Many play for the exercise and then there are those who play to challenge themselves and test their own potential. I, like many of you, play for all of these reasons and one more. I loved making new friends while playing a great sport. Each tournament I would make at least one new friend to share a laugh, a beer (or ten), and a great conversation.

So today I can say I am very thankful to have been a part of such a great organization full of truly wonderful people. Thank you all for helping me have so much fun! I look forward to seeing you back on the court in the near future and let me apologize now for having to kick your butts!

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.
Best wishes to everyone!

Love,

Teri Lawrence



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***Congratulations... You're flying
a little higher these days !***

Congratulations to all State, Regional & National Singles skill division winners! Your win now elevates you to the next higher skill division for all future events. Your strong finish has also elevated your ranking point total above the cutoff level for your respective division - so you won't see your name in the FRA Rankings on pages 5 & 6 of this publication. Congratulations to all and we all look forward to seeing you "Fly a little higher" in your next event!

<i>Vivian Gomez - A</i>	<i>Diana Sanders - A</i>	<i>Clay Burris - A</i>	<i>Jose Lopez - A</i>
<i>Eddie Perez - B</i>	<i>James Russell - B</i>	<i>Fanny Scargle - B</i>	<i>Reinaldo Rodriguez - C</i>
<i>Dwayne Kirkland - C</i>	<i>Ann Matto - C</i>	<i>Ramona Vonondarza - D</i>	<i>Terri Hench - C</i>
<i>Robert Villanueva - D</i>	<i>Chris Bermudez - D</i>	<i>Jim Dowling - D</i>	<i>Mike Dolitsky - D</i>

Women's Weekend Out 2000

By Mary Moreland



If you didn't attend the "Women's Weekend Out" March 25-26th this year, you missed a great opportunity. This Florida Racquetball Association sponsored event organized by FRA Board Member, Laura Brandt, assembled together a group of some of the finest, most qualified AmPRO Certified Instructors in Florida.

From a proper warm-up to tournament entry, we were presented with information that could have filled a book! In addition to personalized instruction, we enjoyed getting to know the other ladies and were graciously treated to an opportunity to learn the game, the rules, the organization and of course everything we were doing wrong or right. This all came together at the Quadrangle East Athletic Club in Coral Springs, where we were given four courts to work on improving our skills.

In addition to the delicious food, we were treated to T-shirts to remember the weekend which featured a group photo taken on Saturday morning and transferred to the shirts on-site while we competed for handouts from Laura's "goodie bag" full of racquetball giveaways. Our knowledge (or lack thereof) was challenged and tested on the official USRA Rulebook. The instructors then tested that knowledge as we applied it on the courts, learning and practicing proper mechanics, shot selection, court position, and the clincher --reviewing it all with the instructor during the video analysis. This was a valuable but painful experience. However, we can now use this tape for purposes such as amusing our friends and family or motivating ourselves to never miss similar shots again -- EVER!

This event was well planned and thoughtfully presented as an opportunity for women players to improve and enhance their game, and if you missed this event or know someone who did, make it a point to mark it on your calendar next year as a can't miss. This event was geared toward players of all skill levels and all ages, and if you want feedback about your game while learning or sharing your skills with other women players, this is THE event not to miss. Every woman player in Florida should sign up next year! A heartfelt thanks to all five instructors for giving their time for us. I look forward to meeting these ladies again at the next competition--cheering them on, and competing against them. Eileen, keep that video of you beating me, because I'm coming after you at the next tournament.

Thanks to AmPRO Instructors Sue Hann, Jean Trimble and Laura Brandt and also to Vivian Gomez and Helen Marseco for their help. Special thanks to the Quadrangle East Athletic Club for hosting this event and supporting womens programs.

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Girls 10 & under

- 300 Hunter, Paige
- 200 Parrish, Sarah

Boys 6 & under

- 150 Hunter, Matthew
- 100 Godwin, Calvin

Boys 8 & under

- 350 Hunter, Matthew
- 150 Scondras, James
- 92 Greaney, Chris
- 50 Godwin, Calvin
- 30 Forrest, Ben
- 17 Kirkland, Tyler
- 10 Lopez, Valen
- 10 Lopez, Carlos Jr.

Boys 8 & under

- 350 Hunter, Matthew
- 150 Kirkland, Tyler
- 150 Greaney, Chris
- 150 Scondras, James
- 100 Forrest, Ben

Juniors/ 10 & under

- 260 Lopez, Carlos Jr.
- 250 Slocum, Harrison
- 175 Scondras, Pete Jr.
- 150 Godwin, Jamin
- 150 Rosenman, David
- 100 Hunter, Matthew
- 75 Parrish, Sarah
- 75 Pfahler, Cameron
- 50 Hunter, Geoffrey
- 50 Lopez, Carlos
- 30 Marseco, Vinnie

Boys 10 & under

- 150 Scondras, James
- 100 Godwin, Calvin
- 75 Hunter, Matthew
- 50 Hunter, Paige

Boys 12 & under

- 430 Parrish, Tim
- 210 Zahner, David
- 200 Slocum, Harrison
- 177 Lopez, Carlos Jr.
- 125 Scondras, Pete Jr.
- 117 Godwin, Jamin
- 115 Rosenman, David
- 105 Kovalick, March
- 100 Marseco, Michael
- 100 Dubolsky, Mitchell
- 75 Hunter, Geoffrey
- 50 Flink, Kevin
- 50 Rosenman, Larry
- 45 Sheppard, Shane
- 32 Mendal, Jared

Boys 14 & under

- 460 Slocum, Brad
- 200 Parrish, Tim
- 190 Davison, Bill
- 150 Massong, Kiel
- 100 Burris, Clay
- 100 Kovalick, March
- 100 Flink, Kevin
- 75 Soto, Steven
- 60 Goldenberg, Josh

- 50 Godwin, Jamin
- 30 Zahner, David
- 30 Quiones, March
- 20 Ivey, Robert Jr.

Boys 16 & under

- 400 Burris, Clay
- 317 Klein, Craig
- 175 Slocum, Brad
- 130 Meadows, Justin
- 120 Davison, Bill
- 42 Elmore, Brandon
- 30 Marseco, Michael
- 20 Cendoya, Anthony

Boys 18 & under

- 150 McElhiney, Matt
- 100 Harmon, Mike
- 80 Goldenberg, Sean

Mens Open Singles

- 450 Balmori, Fabian
- 397 Fontana, Matt
- 297 Hansen, Tim
- 205 Scargle, John
- 195 Forrest, Randy
- 185 Metcalf, Aaron
- 160 Alonso, Armando
- 100 Harmon, Mike
- 100 Xynidis, Jon
- 95 Junkie, Julio
- 75 Cabana, Orlando
- 74 Burris, Ron
- 60 Kramer, Ricardo
- 50 Engel, Allan
- 50 Fluharty, Terry

Mens 24 & under

- 350 Bledsoe, Jason
- 200 Ciguere, Paul
- 150 Stanford, John
- 75 Landrum, Jason
- 75 Litchfield, Brad
- 50 Sussman, Ryan
- 50 Haughton, Brent
- 50 Milliffe, Kevin

Mens 25+

- 350 Metcalf, Aaron
- 150 Dispenza, Frank
- 150 Balmori, Fabian
- 135 Ellman, Randy
- 130 Nguyen, Todd
- 125 Friderich, Todd
- 100 Cabana, Orlando
- 100 Rubin, Scott
- 50 Martino, Mike
- 50 Martin, Judd
- 30 Landrum, Jason

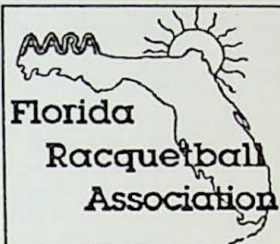
Mens 30+

- 500 Levy, Dana
- 325 Ledig, John
- 280 Morgan, Robt./Orl
- 195 Canuel, Joe
- 172 Bell, Cedric
- 157 Mitchell, Blaine
- 110 Kemp, Adam
- 100 Nichols, Charlie
- 50 Capo, Hector
- 50 Junkie, Julio
- 50 Murray, Phil

- 50 Cole, Charles
- 45 Soltren, Pete
- 42 Sanchez, Jose

Mens 35+

- 825 Alonso, Armando
- 492 Scargle, John
- 450 Consoli, Scott
- 430 Levy, Dana
- 300 Hansen, Tim
- 300 Morgan, Robert
- 262 Mitchell, Blaine
- 257 Forrest, Randy
- 100 Fluharty, Terry
- 59 Bell, Cedric
- 50 Einiger, Warren
- 42 Kramer, Ricardo



Mens 40+

- 600 Fluharty, Terry
- 600 Hansen, Tim
- 350 Kirkland, Gordon
- 300 Arrowsmith, Ken
- 227 Burris, Ron
- 200 Pfahler, Randy
- 200 Ganley, Vinnie
- 130 Scondras, Peter
- 125 Greaney, Bill
- 122 Long, Neil
- 117 Perconti, Sal
- 85 Grayson, Jacky
- 75 Diaz, Greg
- 50 Doster, Ron
- 50 Murray, Mark

Mens 45+

- 500 Layton, Mitt
- 395 Prater, Don
- 325 Long, Neil
- 250 Talley, Bob
- 180 Godwin, Randy
- 170 Perconti, Sal
- 150 Crea, John
- 127 Hooley, Ken
- 125 Arrowsmith, Ken
- 100 Ford, Bob
- 97 Marseco, Ron
- 86 Kovalick, Joe
- 75 Hines, Randy
- 50 DeRobertis, Bob
- 50 Corsaut, Oscar

Mens 50+

- 1050 Layton, Mitt
- 475 Prater, Don
- 197 Kovalick, Joe
- 150 Winslow, Mike
- 150 Dubolsky, Van
- 125 Rand, Jerry
- 125 Rowe, Tom
- 122 Kelleher, Jerry
- 100 Branley, Bob

- 100 Green, John
- 100 Burdo, Ron
- 80 Larkin, Pat
- 65 Burton, Joe
- 52 Peterson, Bruce
- 50 Dauphinee, Mike

Mens 55+

- 500 Winslow, Mike
- 300 Thomas, Terry
- 240 Rand, Jerry
- 155 Kehrig, Bill
- 150 Shaak, Craig
- 140 Davis, Tom
- 135 Kozyra, Bob
- 120 Deegan, Russ
- 110 Borgon, Frank
- 75 Pease, John
- 67 Vineyard, Jim
- 60 Stallworth, Fred
- 55 Puleo, Ron
- 52 Peterson, Bruce
- 50 Rowe, Tom

Mens 60+

- 375 Puleo, Ron
- 250 Aimis, Jay
- 210 Weins, Mike
- 200 Murguia, Tony
- 150 Alt, Don
- 150 Mojer, Mike
- 100 Day, Dan
- 100 Lacoparra, A.
- 75 Blondi, Vinny
- 50 Glick, David
- 50 McCarthy, Robert
- 40 Morrison, Mike
- 35 Naiman, Steve

Mens 65+

- 250 Turney, Milas
- 225 Mojer, Mike
- 150 Alt, Don
- 150 Pineros, Tony
- 125 Donohue, Marty
- 100 Weins, Mike
- 55 Verweibe, Eugene
- 55 Martin, Terry
- 50 Day, Dan
- 50 Lacoparra, A.
- 50 Dwyer, Alan
- 45 Healy, Mark

Mens 70+

- 530 Roberts, Mal
- 480 Fugate, Stan
- 100 Thompson, Robt.
- 50 Lambert, Harold

Mens 75+

- 150 Thompson, Robt
- 100 Sans, Nick

Mens 80+

- 150 Spear, George

Mens A

- 167 Lopez, Jose
- 165 Ale, Thomas
- 155 Perez, Alain
- 150 Prater, Don
- 135 Dispenza, Frank
- 124 Lopez, Carlos
- 110 Ellman, Randy

- 100 Farias, Mark
- 100 Goldman, Andrew
- 100 Mondello, Mike
- 100 Lilliquist, Derek
- 90 Perez, Horacio
- 80 Garcia, Juan
- 75 Saber, Mark

Mens B

- 177 Sotolongo, Paul
- 117 Reaves, Dennis
- 114 Rodgriguez, David
- 110 Klein, Craig
- 100 Meadows, Guy
- 90 Balestri, Lou
- 80 Ale, Thomas
- 77 Castro, Hugo
- 75 Litchfield, Brad
- 75 Noldberg, Jeff
- 60 Koperman, Fabian
- 50 Herr, Bill
- 50 Parrish, Dee
- 50 Hamrick, Alex
- 47 Adkinson, Allen

Mens C

- 100 Caines, Marcos
- 100 Faircloth, Harlan
- 92 Unzueta, Richard
- 75 Fahlman, Terry
- 70 Dredge, Allister
- 67 Templin, Randal
- 62 Nivela, Jose
- 60 Naiman, Steve
- 60 Rogue, Roger
- 60 Johnson, Ronnie
- 55 McBride, Pat
- 50 Semeah, Yves
- 50 Coderre, Craig
- 50 Esker, Robert
- 50 Kovak, Mike

Mens D

- 75 Lacoparra, A.
- 75 Sims, Scott
- 54 Bogusky, Steve
- 47 Valcina, Eric
- 47 Goldenberg, Sean
- 30 Flink, Kevin
- 25 Elmore, Brandon
- 25 Grubbs, Steve
- 25 Sussman, Ryan
- 20 Mann, Scott

Mens Novice

- 17 Ivey, Robert Jr.
- 17 Practico, Vince
- 10 Goldenberg, Josh

Womens Open

- 550 Pfahler, Susan
- 327 Trimble, Jean
- 230 Marseco, Helen
- 175 Cox, Sue
- 162 Lepow, Lori
- 150 Bouchard, P Karen
- 150 Delbusto, Yesenia
- 130 Geels, Kathy
- 110 Karnback, C.
- 105 Brandt, Laura
- 70 Adams, Sue
- 50 Gray, Holly

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Womens 25+

1	225	Cox, Sue
2	200	Gomez, Vivian
3	150	Delbusto, Yesenia
4	75	Vonondarza, Ramona
5	50	Delgado, Isabel
6	50	Scargle, Fanny
7	50	Andola, Claudine
8	25	Songer, Kristan

Womens 30+

1	300	Lepow, Lori
2	250	Brandt, Laura
3	175	Hench, Terri
4	150	Scargle, Fanny
5	75	O'driscoll, Jodie

Womens 35+

1	610	Lepow, Lori
2	250	Brandt, Laura
3	250	Marseco, Helen
4	125	Karnback, Corinne
5	107	Hann, Sue
6	75	Kresa, Cari
7	75	Trimble, Jean
8	37	Watson, Jan
9	35	Serridge, Eilene

Womens 40+

1	350	Kresa, Cari
2	250	Trimble, Jean
3	75	Silva, Maria
4	75	Herr, Kassl
5	50	Chang, Angela
6	50	Matto, Ann
7	25	Jolliff, Laurie

Womens 45+

1	1300	Pfahler, Sue
2	375	Adams, Sue
3	155	Weins, Karen
4	150	Jones, Jackie
5	100	Falso, "Agnes"

6	100	Fish, Renee
7	75	Chang, Angela
8	75	Bouchard, Karen P
9	75	Arnold, Judy
10	25	Smith, January

Womens 50+

1	200	Murray, Maryjo
2	75	Kenyon, Jo

Womens 60+

1	900	Kenyon, Jo
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Womens 65+

1	1350	Kenyon, Jo
2	100	Zenk, Ruth

Womens A

1	450	Gomez, Vivian
2	255	Fasano, Nancy
3	250	Sanders, Diana
4	205	Weins, Karen
5	170	Butler, Melody
6	150	Reischmann, Sue
7	75	Chikalla, Patti
8	75	Martin, Darcey
9	70	Scargle, Fanny
10	67	Kirkland, Lindy
11	50	Herr, Kassl
12	50	Kenyon, Jo
13	50	Alonso, Barbara
14	50	Oldenburg, Rani
15	30	Glansberg, Andee

Womens B

1	205	Avchen, Alice
2	200	Johns, Tami
3	137	Vonondarza, Ramona
4	125	Arnold, Judy
5	105	Jolliff, Laurie
6	50	Martin, Darcey
7	50	Bentolilla, Eve
8	47	Hench, Terri

9	37	Darnell, Deb
10	30	Crabb, Patricia
11	30	Andola, Claudine
12	25	Barten, Sharon
13	20	Fine, Sonja
14	20	Zeidner, Phillis
15	17	Stein, Marcy

Womens C

1	150	Arnold, Judy
2	115	Moreland, Mary
3	100	Aguirre, Crysti

4	100	Vonondarza, R.
5	80	Bradshaw, Debbie
6	80	Bentolilla, Eve
7	75	Hunter, Tracy
8	55	Songer, Kristan
9	50	Velenti, Anne
10	50	Zeidner, Phyllis
11	25	Conrad, Courtney
12	20	Serridge, Eilene
13	17	Kee, Alma
14	17	Crawl, Lorraine
15	15	Godwin, B.

Womens D

1	150	Andola, Claudine
2	100	Kee, Alma
3	100	O'driscoll, Jodie
4	75	Serridge, Eilene
5	50	Keener, Linda
6	50	Holland, Joann
7	50	Paulk, Jana
8	30	Hornbuckle, Kay
9	30	Costelli, Nancy
10	20	Kehrig, Judy
11	15	Nelson, Bonita

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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Results from the Greater Gator Cash Open March 24-26, 2000/ UF Recreation Center

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Fabian Balmori	Tim Hansen	Ross Greenberg	Mike Harmon
A	Tim Corlew	Bryan Rucks	Elliot Gamsey	Tim Stophel
B	Chip Wolfe	Marc Jamerson	Alex Hamrick	John Yankowsky
C	John Patrick	Hubert Collins	Chad Levy	Jeremy Nesbitt
30+	Mike Mondello	Scott Erker	Marc Jamerson	Scott Washburn
35+	Scot Consoli	Randy Forrest	Brent Huber	Greg Neimeyer
50+	Graig Shaak	Mario Ariat	Russ Deegan	Wayne Tinny
Consolation Divisions				
Open	Mike Mondello	Greg Neimeyer	Todd Feldman	
A	Jeff Nordberg	Brad Litchfield	Daniel Diaz	Don Petrella
B	Leo Marion	Jeff Bell	Tony Payne	Bart Huber
30+	Bill Coe	John Patrick		
35+	Elliott Gamsey	Daniel Diaz	Don Petrella	Mark Gardner
Open	Scot Consoli	Fabian Balmori	Aaron Metcalf	Tim Hansen
Doub	Randy Forrest	Brent Huber	Ross Greenberg	Julio Junkle
A Doub	Brad Litchfield	Mark Jamerson	Tim Corlew	Don Petrella
	Tim Stophel	Bryan Rucks	Marion	Oscar Etemadli
B Doub	Russ Deegan	Bill Coe	Bart Huber	Kevin Milliffe
	Jeff Nordberg	John Patrick	Dave Schilling	Tony Payne
Ladies C	Joan Kinder			

Results from the Quad West Spring Classic April 7-10, 2000/ Quad West, Clearwater

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Fabian Balmori	Scott Consoli	Jason Bledsoe	Frank Dispenza
A	Oliver Abeleda	Carlos Lopez	Warren Eininger	Ignacio Cendoya
B	Fabian Kopetman	Scott Piel	Carlos Mendina	Yves Semah
C	Alan Dredge	Carl Zellman	Richard Unzueta	Randal Templin
D	Justin Morales	Sean Goldenberg	Jonathan Miller	Vin Pratico
All Age	Jason Bledsoe	Jason Landum	Frank Dispenza	
30+B	Warren Eininger	Fabian Kopetman	Robert Ortiz	Jim Armstrong
35+	Scot Consoli	Greg Stoner	Ignacio Cendoya	Richard Kramer
40+B	Steve Feldman	Bob Harrow	Alan Dredge	Robert Villanueva
45+	Ron Marseco	Jerry Keheher	Pete Silver	Yves Semah
60+	Tony Murgula	Terry Martin	Nick Sans	Bill Weinacht
B18/16-	Craig Klein	Sean Goldenberg	Anthony Cendoya	
B14-	Kevin Plink	Josh Goldenberg	David Rosenman	Jonathan Miller
A Doub	Hervy Boney	Glen Nowicki	Todd Lascola	Vinny Marino
	Jerry Kelleher	Ken Angelocci	Oliver Adeleda	Chris Johnson
C Doub	Jose Nivela	Erik Valencia	Ralph Doerner	James Gottlieb
	Pedro Pena	Richard Unzueta	Yoram Amihud	Schuster
Ladies				
Open	Helen Marseco	Laura Brandt	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
WB-C	Eve Bentollia	Alice Auchen	Phyllis Ziedner	Jackie Jones

Results from the 2000 Regional Singles Championship May 4-7, 2000/ The Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Matt Fontana	Tim Hansen	Randy Forrest	Armando Alonso
Elite	Geoff Hunter	Jason Bledsoe	Jose Lopez	Gordon Kirkland
A	Clay Burris	Thomas Ale	Mark Farias	Alain Perez
B	James Russell	Paul Sotolongo	Guy Meadows	Jeff Nordberg
C	Reinaldo Rodriguez	Dwayne Kirkland	Harlan Faircloth	Terry Fahman
D	Robert Villanueva	Mike Dolitsky	Jim Dowling	Chris Bermudez
M24-	Jason Bledsoe	Cliff Chambers	Paul Ciguere	Brad Litchfield
M25+	Tim Hardison(SC)	Terry Adams (SC)	Todd Nguyen	Scott Rubin
M30+	John Ledig	Dana Levy	Joe Canuel	Blaine Mitchell
M35+	Dana Levy	John Scargle	Blaine Mitchell	Armando Alonso
M40+	Gordon Kirkland	Randy Pfahler	Vinnie Ganley	Ron Burris
M45+	Russ Palazzo(CN)	John Crea	Don Prater	Neil Long
M50+	Don Prater	Russ Palazzo(CN)	John Green	Joe Kovalick
M55+	Mike Winslow	Terry Thomas	Russ Deegan	John Pease
M60+	Jay Alms	Mike Mojer	Ron Puleo	Dario Mas(DE)
M65+	Millas Turney	Mike Mojer	Mike Weins	
M70+	Stan Fugate	Mal Roberts	Robert Thompson	
M75+	Robert Thompson			
M24-B	Kevin Milliffe	Brent Houghton		
M35+B	Greg Stoner	Robert Sheppard	Marc Jamerson	Terry Fahman
M40+B	Mark Hillman	Guy Meadows	Alfi Azpiaz	Don Burt
M50+B	Mike Kovach	Tom Davis	Bruce Peterson	Frank Kerwick
M55+B	Huelan Grfer	Vinny Blondi	Mike Weins	
Ladies	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Susan Pfahler	Sue Cox	Jean Trimble	Lori Lepow
Elite	Helen Marseco	Corinne Kambach	Sue Hann	Maria Silva
A	Diana Sanders	Vivian Gomez	Nancy Fasano	Karen Weins
B	Fanny Scargle	Tami Johns	Judy Nisbett	Alice Avchen
C	Ann Matto	Terri Hench	Ramona Vonondarza	Mary Moreland
D	Angie Dooley			
Novice	Sarah Parrish	Connie Coile		
W25/30+	Laura Brandt	Sue Cox	Vivian Gomez	Terri Hench
W35+	Lori Lepow	Helen Marseco	Laura Brandt	Corinne Kambach
W40+	Carl Kresa	Agatha Falso	Sue Hann	Maria Silva
W45+	Sue Pfahler	WilmaJean Trimble	Agnes Falso	K "P" Bouchard
W35+B	Tami Johns	Angie Dooley	Ann Matto	
W45+B	Gail Wambold	Karen Weins	Judy Nisbett	
Juniors	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Jr 16-	Clay Burris	Craig Klein	Brad Slocum	Bill Davison
Jr 14-	Brad Slocum	Kiel Massong	Tim Parrish	
Jr 12-	Tim Parrish	Carlos Lopez	Mitchell Dubolsky	David Rosenman
Jr 10-	Carlos Lopez	David Rosenman	Matthew Hunter	Cameron Pfahler
Jr 8-	Matthew Hunter			
Jr 8- MB	Matthew Hunter	Tyler Kirkland	Ben Forrest	Chris Greaney

Congratulations also to Florida players who travelled north to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in another Southern Regional Singles Championship.

Aaron Metcalf - 1st/ Mens 25+ & 3rd/ Mens Open
Terry Fluharty - 1st/ Mens 40+ & 5th/ Mens 35+
Robert Morgan - 3rd/ Mens 35+ & 5th/ Mens 30+
Randy Forrest - 4th/ Mens 35+ & 5th/ Mens Open
Don Prater - 2nd/ Mens 50+ & 4th/ Mens 45+
Graig Shaak - 2nd/ Mens 55+
Bob Talley - 1st/ Mens 45+
Jon Wuerffel - 5th/ Mens 50+

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JUNIOR JAMBOREE 2000

By Lori Lepow

The Orlando Fitness and Racquet Club was the site of the 2000 Junior Jamboree held the weekend of June 10th and 11th. The event was hosted by the Florida Racquetball Association in an effort to promote junior racquetball. It was **HUGE** success!!



24 juniors ages 7 to 16 attended the event. While many of the kids were from Orlando, some players attended from other areas including **Geoffrey, Matthew, and Paige Hunter** from Naples, **Katie Lyons** and **Cameron Pfahler** from Jacksonville and **Tim and Sarah Parrish** from Ormond Beach.

In addition to several players who were "seasoned veterans" there were some intermediate players and beginners as well. Everyone got their share of instruction and playing time and had a great time on and off the court.

Saturday began with some classification of players and some basic drills and fundamentals for all of the juniors. After lunch, it was time to hit the pool for a swim and then back inside for some dodgeball and basketball. These activities were followed by a "hands-on" martial arts demonstration by a local expert. Then it was back to more court time before cooking dinner out by the pool and another swim. The evening activity was popcorn and a movie before heading to bed for another day of playing on Sunday.

After breakfast on Sunday, it was time for some "target practice". Serve and shot targets were created and the players won prizes for hitting the targets. In addition, several players got a chance to "challenge the coaches" in some games. Before departing, awards were given to the participants. Several players even received new racquets! Word has it that all of the kids had a great time and returned home with an interest in playing more racquetball!!!

Without the help of many of the adults, the event wouldn't have been possible. **Bill and Kassi Herr, Guy Meadows** as well as **Geoff and Tracy Hunter** helped organize the event and coach. In addition, the following players volunteered their time as coaches and chaperones: **Lori Lepow, Harvey Miller, Randy Forrest, Kevin Leon, Tom Davis, Judd Martin, Oscar Corsaut, Sue Hann, Paul Owens, Mark Farias, Gail Wombold, Susan Pfahler, Dee Parrish** and **James Montesi**.



A big thanks to our host, The Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club and everyone who helped make the weekend a success! It is events such as this one that ensure the future of our sport by getting juniors involved.

*For more information on future Junior racquetball events, contact Bill Herr at 407-263-6278 or Geoff Hunter at 941-591-8709.



Regional Singles

by: **Kassi Herr**

The final USRA Regional Championship Qualifying Tournament- *The Road to the Finals* - was held May 5-7th at the **Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club**. Over 180 players participated from all over Florida as well as Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi and as far as New York.

The Mens Open draw featured last year's semi-finalist **Tim Hansen** as well as **Matt Fontana, Armando Alonso** and **Randy Forrest**. These four top seeded players all advanced to the semi-finals. The finals featured the familiar pairing of Matt Fontana and Tim Hansen. It was a close and exciting match until late in the first game when Tim dove for a ball and injured his hand. He finished the first game, losing 15-13. The injury proved serious enough that he was unable to complete the match. It was a disappointing finish for the enthusiastic spectators.

The Women's Open draw included **Helen Marseco** and **Jean Trimble**, both semi-finalists from last year, as well as **Susan Pfahler** and **Lori Lepow**. This division proved to be less predictable, with the #1 seed Helen Marseco losing to **Sue Cox** in the quarterfinals in a close tie-breaker. Sue continued her run of upsets with a semi-final win over Lori. On the other side of the draw Susan Pfahler won the semi-final match over Jean Trimble which set up a final showdown between Pfahler, the #1 ranked player in Florida and the streaking Sue Cox. Pfahler played her usual consistent style and was able to stop Cox in two games to capture the Regional title.

One of the most crowd pleasing matches was a quarterfinal match-up in the Mens 30+ division between **Julio Junkie** and **Blaine Mitchell**. Much "trash-talking" took place as the match stayed close and the lead went back and forth. Julio won the first game 15-14, and game 2 went to Blaine, 15-12. The players seemed to be inspired by the crowd reaction and tempers got pretty heated in the tiebreaker. Referee **Greg Stoner** did a great job of not letting things get out of hand as Blaine emerged victorious from the inevitable 11-10 tiebreaker.

John Ledig was also on the injured list at the end of the weekend, laying open his chin as he landed on his own racquet after diving. The accident happened on Sunday morning during John's finals match against Dana Levy (30+). Fortunately, paramedic **David Slem** was in the house. David did a quick patch on John's chin during an injury time-out, then John went on to win the match before leaving to get stitches.

A Silent Auction was held throughout Friday and Saturday to sell donated items to raise money for the participating "Team Florida" players going to the National Singles Championship in Houston. In addition "Team Florida" shirts and hats were sold as a fund-raiser. The auction & shirt/hat sale was a huge success, raising over \$500.

Fund-raising also went on for the Florida Junior program. **Tami Johns** set up her massage chair and donated half of all proceeds to the program. Many generous referees also pitched in their \$5 ref payments to this most worthwhile cause. When all was said & done over \$270 was raised for the development of junior racquetball. A junior referee clinic was held and a test administered by FRA's Referee Certification Director, **Karen Bouchard**. Five junior players participated and all scored perfect marks on the test. They were awarded "Official Junior Referee" pins. Congratulations to **Carlos Lopez Jr., David Rosenman, Sarah Parrish, Matthew Hunter, and Cameron Pfahler**.

Thanks to our host club - **The Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club** who once again did a great job of hosting this event- not to mention converting court 5 back from squash to racquetball which makes large events like this one possible. Thanks to all the tournament staff for doing a great job of keeping things running on time and also to the many players who helped out including David Slem, Tami Johns and so many others who make it safer and more fun for all.



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Not Ready for Prime Time Court Time!

by "Skip Toeball"

I have to start out by confessing that I am known among my friends as the "King of Cheap-O"! A while back my friend Mike finally talked me into trying this game of racquetball. For months I have been giving Mike all of the usual excuses, I don't have a racquet, I am not a member of his club, I don't have the time... etc... Finally I ran out of excuses when he said that his wife had given him a new racquet for his birthday and I could use his old one, he could arrange for a trial membership at his club, and he could reserve a court after work or on weekends. He even said he would play with me in the mornings before work if I wanted. I figured that he must be desperate for someone new to beat so I finally agreed to play. Mike made a court reservation for one day after work that left me enough time to get home to watch "Who wants to marry a millionaire". Much to my surprise I had a very good time and got lots of exercise. I had so much fun that I agreed to play every Tuesday after work.

After about a month I started to feel guilty about having to borrow Mike's racquet every time we played and the club's loaner racquets were always taken by those pesky kids, so I decided to get my own. That very weekend my wife was shocked when I suggested that I tag along when she went garage sale shopping. She always told me that she could find anything at a garage sale, so I figured I could find a great racquet for almost nothing.

Sure enough at our second stop I had my choice of a wooden one with a fat handle- like a sawed off tennis racquet- a round aluminum one or an orange plastic job. I decided to take the orange one since it was only five dollars and the lady threw in a can of racquetballs. She said her dog got tired of playing with them, but they were still blue, round and free... so how bad could they be?

I had never seen anyone at the club with this racquet, so I bet I'll be the first one, I thought. I could hardly wait for our next game to casually show Mike my new racquet and say we'll use my can of balls this time. You should have seen the look on his face when I whipped out my bag (actually my wife's aerobic bag) my orange beauty. I left him standing outside the court with his mouth hanging open. Right away I noticed that my racquet was smaller and shorter than Mike's and the balls didn't seem to bounce as well. I figured that I'd just have to run faster and hit the ball harder than before. No problem, I am getting better every time we play anyway! As a matter of fact, I am getting so good that I almost beat Mike last week, pretty soon I'll have to play on the challenge courts to get a good game.

Well, as it turned out, I didn't play as well that week. I convinced myself that all I needed was to play some more with my new racquet and I'd be better than ever. I was right about this being a neat racquet; because after the game several good players stopped by to say how great they thought this racquet used to be. Funny thing, they were all much older than me. If it is such a good racquet, I wonder why they don't play with it now? Several weeks later, not only was I not playing better, I was playing just awful. After an especially frustrating loss to Mike, he suggested that I talk to the AmPRO Certified Instructor at the club for some help.

At the first session- even before we got onto the court he took me to the pro shop to select a few demo racquets with grip sizes that felt good in my hand. He told me that he had played with my "orange beauty" years ago but this racquet was not suited for today's game. The new racquets were made of materials that made them lighter even though they were longer and bigger. The newer racquets, he explained, have larger sweet spots for hitting with more power and more control at the same time. He convinced me that my "orange beauty" belonged in a museum and not on the courts. When I hit a few shots for him on the court afterwards he suggested that I not hit so hard. He said that I would have better ball control and would be less likely to develop arm trouble. Too late for the latter and he was right on the former.

The first session was devoted to just stroke techniques and the tip that I probably would have better success with my serves if I hit it more to my opponents backhand instead of always to his forehand. After just one session I played with more confidence against Mike. I didn't beat him this time, but I made him actually run to get some of my shots. I also noticed that it was harder for Mike to return my serve. After the next session with the instructor I selected a racquet that felt the best, and to my surprise it was not even that expensive. I didn't have to skip lunch for a week to afford it; not bad huh?

I still haven't beaten Mike yet, but he is perspiring now when our games are done. I wonder if those new Ektelon sneakers I saw in the pro shop will help me run faster? I wonder, maybe I need some of those Polka-dot shoelaces? Will a glove help me play better? Maybe I need one of those yellow headbands!

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Where are they now?

By: Mary Lyons

This is a feature that I've been trying to get up & running for several years. Totally by chance at a friend's Halloween party in Tallahassee I ran into one of the many racquetball players who helped to shape the face of Florida racquetball in the 70's and early 80's and decided to feature Matt Matthews as our first "lost but found" player. For those of you who knew Matt and would like to get in touch, please contact me and I'll assist you.

I hope that you enjoy this feature and invite you to contact me with names & addresses of your favorite old-time players.

Matt's most productive years in racquetball were 1978-1980 when he won consecutive Florida State and Regional Championships. Then, after going to numerous pro stops to fight it out in the early qualifying rounds, Matt worked his way up to the #20 spot on the Pro Tour. The luxury of not having to qualify was shortlived as a reorganizing of the Pro Tour transformed the events into a top 16 "invitation only" format. At that point Matt

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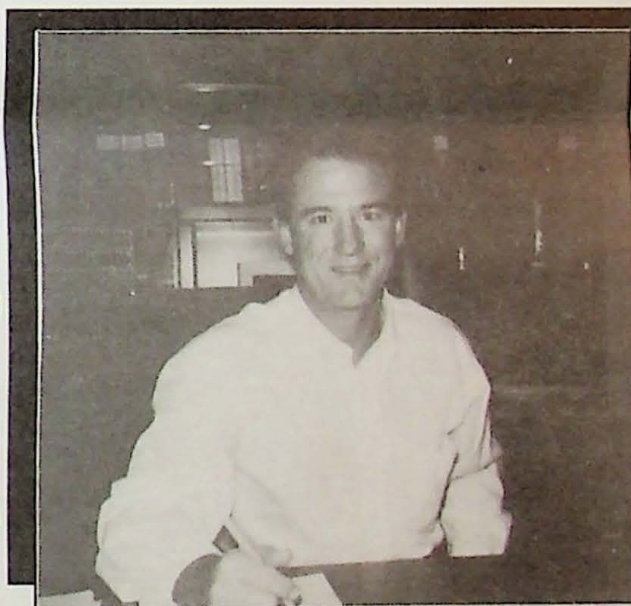
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Matt Matthews - 1977 Tallahassee YMCA Champion with runner-up Steve Ellis.

spent some time as General Mgr. of several of those restaurants. In 1987 Matt got married and started law school at Stetson College of Law in St. Petersburg. His daughter was born at the end of his first year and he decided to move back to Tallahassee where he graduated from the FSU College of Law. Since 1990 he has been practicing law in Tallahassee - specializing in estate planning, environmental, business and real estate law.

Matt currently lives on a small horse farm in northeast Tallahassee. He stays in shape by playing basketball during his lunch hour and enjoys off-shore fishing in the Gulf whenever he can. He told me that he had recently been invited to play racquetball with some of his basketball buddies - I bet they were surprised! "Last week I played doubles and had fun... I may start playing some more".



Matt Matthews, P.A. in his office today.

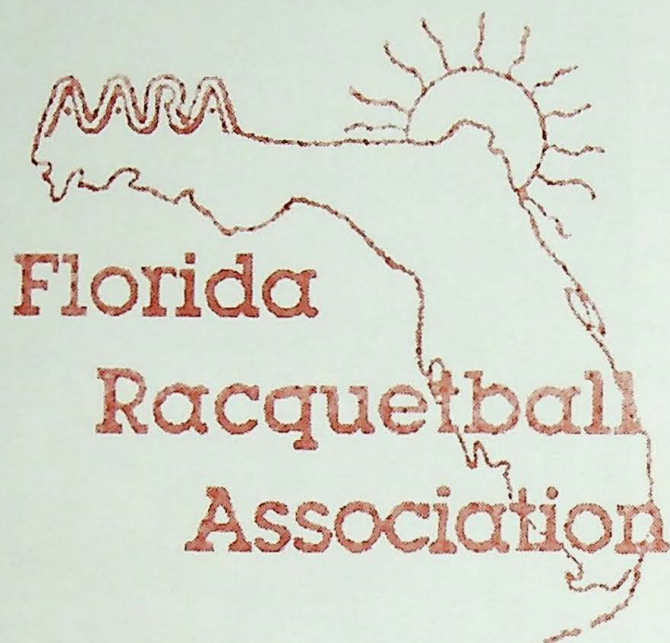
stopped playing racquetball and except for a few games with friends for fun, he hasn't played since.

After 1981 Matt worked developing commercial property into restaurant sites for his family's restaurant business and

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June 23-24	2	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Natl. Transplant Games (Natl. Kidney Foundation) Tourn. Director: Mike Mojer 407-645-3550	October 13-15	2	Orlando, Sanlando Park Tourn. Director: Lori Lepow 407-290-9887
June 24-28	6	Minneapolis, MN * USRA Jr. National For Info: USRA 719-635-5396	October 20-22	2	Coral Springs, Quadrangle East 4th Annual Steve Chapman Memorial Tourn. Director: Fred White 954-753-8900
July 7-9	3	Gainesville, University of Florida Rec. Center 2000 Sunshine State Games For Info.: Mary Lyons 904-241-6789	October 27-29	2	Tampa, Interbay YMCA Tourn. Director: Orlando Cabana 813-839-0210
July 28-30	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle West Athletic Club Quad West Summer Classic Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 727-535-4901	November 3-5	2	Lakeland, Lakeland YMCA Tourn. Director: Judd Martin 941-644-3528
August 11-13	3	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club FRA State Doubles Championship Tourn. Director: Bill Herr 407-880-7790 x 552	November 15-19	5	Memphis, TN/ US Open Championships For Info: USRA 719-635-5396
Aug. 29 - Sept 2	5	Albuquerque, New Mexico World Senior Championships For Info.: Gary Mazaroff 505-266-8960	December 1-3	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle West Athletic Club Quad West Winter Classic Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 727-535-4901
September 15-17	4	Gainesville, UF Southwest Rec. Center Regional Doubles Championship Tourn. Director: Joddi Stahl 352-336-9318	December 8-10	2	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club OFRC Holiday Cash Classic Tourn. Director: Mike Mojer 407-645-3550
October 4-8	6	Baltimore, MD/ US National Doubles For Info: USRA 719-635-5396	December 16-20	5	IRF World Jr. Championships/ Site TBA For Info: USRA 719-635-5396
October 6-8	2	St. Petersburg, Lifestyles Tourn. Director: Adam Kemp 727-347-7701			

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