



# ILLINOIS STATE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION



## Notes from the 1996 Nationals

by Bill Roberts

Thirty-one ISRA racquetball players made the journey to the AARA (soon to be USRA) National Championships in Houston over Memorial Day weekend.

Illinois was 5th in the nation for representation with host state Texas at 105 players, followed by California, Ohio, Florida, and then Illinois.

Illinois had three players make it to the finals in their division: Cheryl Gudinas lost to Michelle Gould for the Women's Open title. Horace Miller lost to perennial champion Ed Remen of Virginia in the Men's 50+, and John O'Donnell from Champaign lost to Victor Sacco of New York in a hard fought tie-breaker in the Men's 65+ division!

Congratulations to all of you Illinois players who participated in what is undoubtedly the toughest amateur tournament in the country each year. We look to see even more of you at the 1997 USRA National Championships next Memorial Day!

## Geoff Peters Wins President's Award

by Bill Roberts

Illinois players congratulate Geoff Peters, ISRA President, for winning the 1995-1996 AARA Presidential Award at the AARA Nationals

This award is presented to the state president who made the most notable contribution to the sport of racquetball each year and has supported the goals of the AARA. Congratulations, Geoff, on a well deserved honor!

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## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

Welcome back, everyone!

The evenings are getting cooler, the days are getting shorter, and yes, the new racquetball gear is showing up in the Pro Shop at your local racquetball club! What better sign could there be that the fall season is upon us? And what a season it's going to be...

Our tournament calendar is already full, the eligibility changes have been announced, and everyone is gearing up for competition. But before you get yourself out on the court to play, I'd like everyone reading this newsletter to make a simple commitment: Each of us needs to introduce one (1), and only one new player to racquetball this fall...

September and October are great months to introduce new players to our sport as many of the clubs have special fall open houses to show off all of the improvements and upgrades made over the summer. Bring a friend to the open house and show them the game -- then have them come to a tournament to see the competition and enjoy the ambiance and camaraderie. We all know that once they play the game, they'll be back, and they'll bring their families and friends as well!

O.K., enough of the editorializing, and back to the racquetball season. The ISRA Board met in August and awarded the State Doubles Championships to the Woodfield Racquet Club and the State Singles Championships to the Bloomingdale Sports Club. The ISRA tournament directors and the respective host clubs will be working closely to ensure successful events for all Illinois players -- this is the year that we want to see all of you come back to the State Championships. Our draws have been lower than expected the past two seasons (with overall tournament attendance up), and this year's events promise to be bigger and better than ever!

So this is the year -- and we look forward to your being part of it! Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Board of Directors with your suggestions, and yes, your complaints! We're committed to promoting racquetball and WANT your input.

Hope to see you on the court.

Geoff

## **Racquetball Continues Turnaround!**

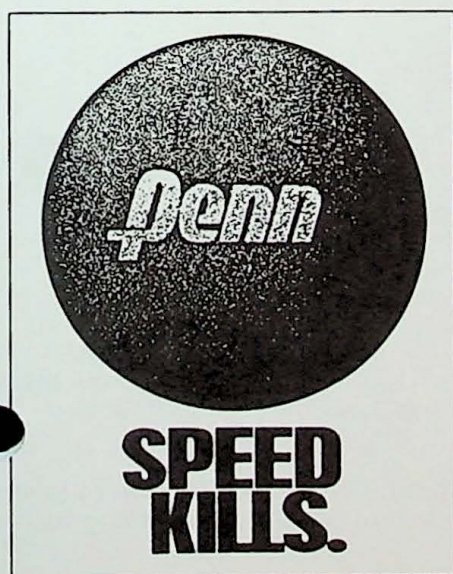
Racquetball is in the early stages of a comeback. The number of Americans who played the game turned up slightly in 1995, to 7.7 million, according to a national survey that has tracked a slow erosion in participation since first measuring it at 10.4 million in 1987.

"And there are other signs of a turnaround," said Brad Patterson, executive director of the Racquet Sports Committee of the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, which sponsors the study. "We expect more new courts to be built this year than taken out, probably a first for the 1990's. Racquetball's governing body has been aggressively promoting the sport at the club level for several years. And now equipment manufacturers are helping step up the campaign."

Luke St. Onge, the executive director of AARA, has seen an increase, too. "Today there are about 25,000 racquetball courts in the U.S. About 1,600 new ones will go up this year, compared to about 800 in 1994," he said. "Our emphasis in the last few years has been to help club owners develop positive, money-making programming. By this we mean assigning someone to create and manage leagues, offer lessons, work with local schools to develop junior players, set up times for senior play -- all the things successful tennis clubs do."

About 3,300 for-profit clubs offer racquetball, as do most universities. "Our new industry program seeks to use these colleges as feeders, enticing racquetball-playing graduates with reduced membership rates in private clubs," St. Onge said.

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## AARA Changes Name! \_\_\_\_\_

At the 1996 AARA Board of Director's meeting on May 21st and 22nd in Houston, the Board adopted several key measures that will impact our sport. The most important of these are:

1. The AARA corporate name will be changed to "United States Racquetball Association" effective January 1, 1997. The new logo will be adopted by August 15, 1996. The name change was made to better reflect the expanding responsibilities of the AARA and at the same time bring our name into sync with the other 40 National Governing Bodies of the United States Olympic Committee.
2. Established a task force to restructure the current relationship of state organizations with the AARA. The task force has been requested to establish parameters whereby state organizations become true affiliates of the AARA and a contract is executed between the two organizations.
3. In an historic decision, all women 45+, and Men 55+, will no longer be required to qualify through a Regional in order to compete in the Nationals.
4. All adult Regionals will be held on the third weekend in April with the outlet Regionals held the following weekend. If Easter falls on the third weekend of April, the Regionals will be held the weekend before Easter and the outlets, the weekend after Easter. There will be no other sanctioned events the third weekend in April.
5. U.S. and team delegates are only exempt from Regionals if they are involved in a bona fide international competition that falls on the Regional weekend.
6. Eliminated the 19+ division in both men and women's events in favor of a 24 and under division. Effective immediately.
7. All Regional contracts will now contain the language that, "...at all Regional events, no state charges may be added to the AARA membership dues."
8. A player competing in either a Junior or a Intercollegiate Regional will automatically qualify for the Adult Nationals and does not have to compete in an Adult Regionals.
9. The following were elected to a three-year term: Mario Mas, Delaware; Shelly Ogden, Ohio; Janell Marriott, Rhode Island; and the following officers for a two-year term: Van Dubolsky, President; Janell Marriott, Secretary; Keith Calkins, Treasurer; Mike Arnolt, Vice-President.
10. Approved St. Louis as the site for the 1997 High School Championships and Boise, Idaho, as the site for the 1997 Intercollegiate Championships.

## Chicago Designated for Outlet Regional! \_\_\_\_\_

The AARA Board of Directors has voted to award an outlet regional to the Chicago area for the 1997 season. The Tournament Director for this event will be Geoff Peters and it will be hosted by the Glass Court Swim and Fitness Club on April 25th - 27th. This is one week later than the other regional events. The closest events to Chicago are: Canton, OH (Doug Ganim) and Minneapolis, MN (Dave Hart). These tournaments will be held April 17th - 20th, so mark your calendars now!

## Ektelon Offers Tournament T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_

For the first time, Ektelon is making available a pre-screened, quality Fruit-of-the-Loom T-shirt for use at sanctioned racquetball events. For more information on how you can outfit YOUR tournament in Ektelon quality at an affordable price, call Ken Diller at (708) 307-1519.

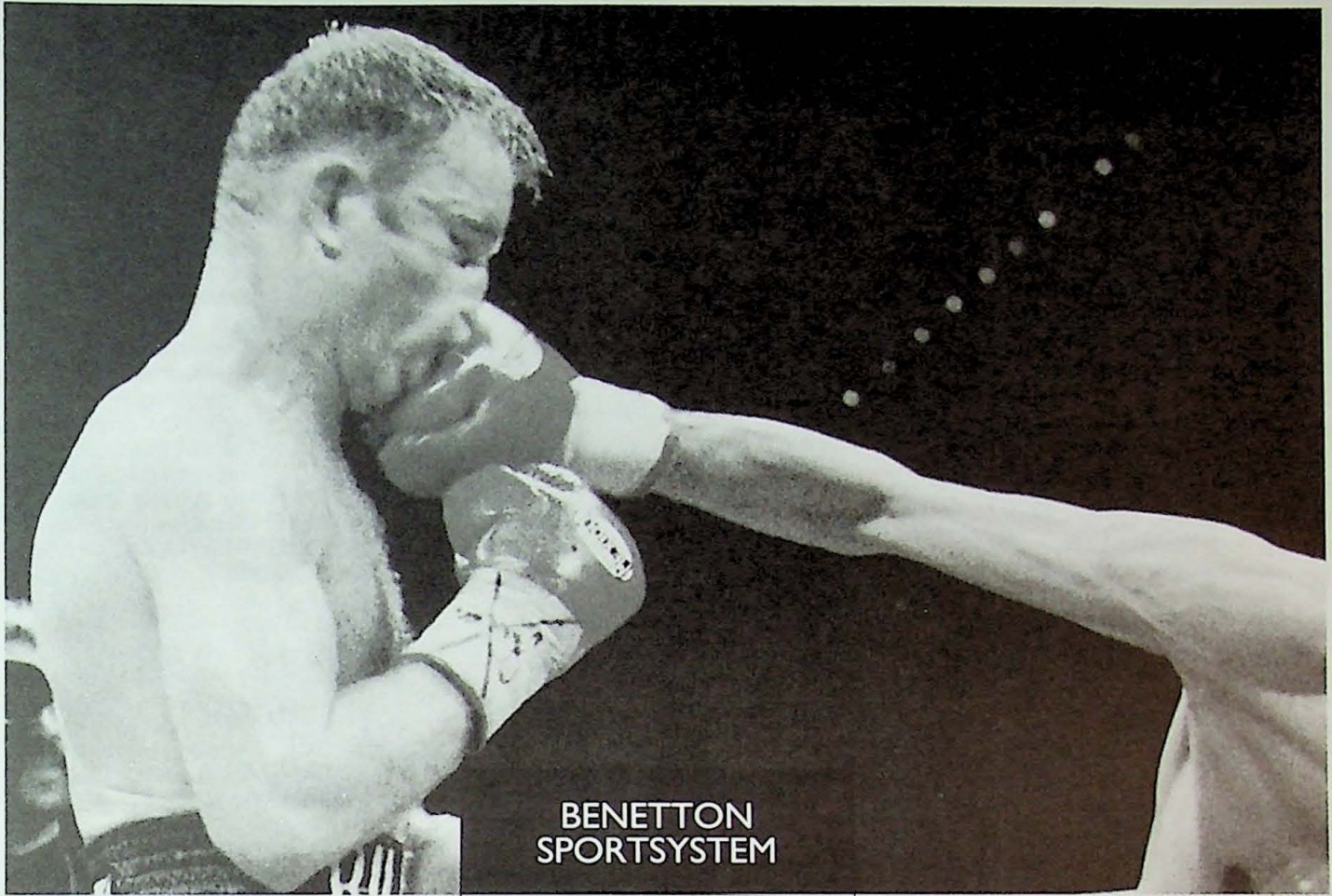


## Scott Winters Named Senior Manager of Ektelon \_\_\_\_\_

Rick Margin, Vice President of Marketing for Prince Sports Group, Inc., recently announced the promotion of Scott Winters to the position of Senior Manager of Ektelon Racquetball. In his new capacity, Winters will be responsible for overseeing all Ektelon product development and marketing. Winters was first hired as the Ektelon product manager in 1994, after being actively involved in the sport at its height, beginning in 1979 as a health club manager and sport programmer/organizer with professional playing and teaching experience. He also claims eight years of top-level product development, sales and marketing experience with Ektelon, Richcraft, Etusa and Transition Racquet Sports. "Racquetball is on the verge of a new awakening," insists Winters. "And I look forward to working with the AARA as well as key retailers and club directors to help grow the game and carry on the integrity of the premium racquetball brand."



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## 1996-97 INSRA Tournament Schedule

September 13-15: ISU Open  
 September 20-22: Senior/Masters Open  
 October 4-6: Ft. Wayne Classic  
 October 16-20: U.S. National Doubles, Phoenix, AZ  
 October 18-20: Noblesville Athletic Club  
 November 1-3: Kernal Klassic  
 November 15-17: U.S. Open, Memphis, TN  
 November 22-24: Racquets Four Classic  
 December 6-8: State Doubles at Omni 41  
 January 10-12: 15th Summit City Open  
 January 24-26: Greenbriar Classic  
 February 7-9: Racquets Four Valentine's Open  
 February 21-23: Fitness Barn Open  
 March 7-9: Omni 41 Open  
 March 21-23: State Singles at  
 Greenbriar Athletic Club  
 April 4-6: 19th Indy Open  
 April 18-20: AARA Regionals, Canton, OH  
 April 25-27: AARA Outlet, Chicago, IL  
 May 2-4: Michiana Open  
 May 21-26: U.S. National Singles, Houston, TX

For more information on INSRA events, contact  
 Rick Killion at (317) 862-1279.

## Eligibility Changes for the 1996-1997 Racquetball Season

It's that time of year again; time to put away those golf clubs and dust off that racquet! It's also time to start thinking about those opponents in your new division. Congratulations to those of you who won tournaments in 1995-1996 and GOOD LUCK!

Name	Tournament	New Division
Jeff Baumgartner	Shamrock	OPEN
Nick Curcio	Turkey Shoot	OPEN
Doug Halverson	Green Bay	OPEN
Joey Logan	State Singles	OPEN
Charlie McLaughlin	Halloween	OPEN
Chris Ryan	Illini Open	OPEN
Norm Rubenzer	Revie Sorey	OPEN
Keith Avery	St. Valentines	A
Dan Baker	State Singles	A
Derek Childress	Turkey Sheet	A
Bruce Conrad	Illini	A
Ken Fleck	Wilson	A
Jeff Holmguard	Shamrock	A
Kevin Johnson	Bloomingtondale	A
Keith Kareiva	Evergreen	A
Mike Kinkin	Revie Sorey	A
Carl Nicks	Halloween	A
Mike Ardito	Halloween	B
Craig Citti	Revie Sorey	B
Eric Lackscheide	Wilson	B
Corey Martin	Turkey Shoot & St. Valentines	B
John Riske	Shamrock	B
Cory Slade	State Singles	B
Jim Makina	Palos	C
Chris Ragsdale	Shamrock	C
Eric Reiman	Halloween	C
Ed Sierawski	State Singles	C
Brian Brown	Revie Sorey	C
Cory Willix	Turkey Shoot	C
Mary Crawford	Turkey Shoot	A
Krystal Czuk	Turkey Shoot	B
Leslie Miller	Shamrock	B
Len Peppi & Rob Zimmerman	Revie Sorey	A
John Thorsen & Jeff Jovien	Revie Sorey	OPEN
Brenda White & Steve Horve	State Doubles	OPEN

For more information on player eligibility, contact Tom Utterback at (708) 479-1135.

## Tournament Ranking

If you want a personal print-out of all your tournament matches for the past season, mail the form below with \$5.00. This is a great way to follow your progress throughout the season. You will be able to track your ranking as it moves up or down with each match. Includes results for singles and doubles. Players -- please send your comments and suggestions about seeding to the same address.

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Questions? Call Judy Young 708-969-6093.

## Attention: Old Timers!

### 1996 Seniors/Master Open

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## Racquetballers Try New Weapons!

by Barb Utterback

IF YOU MISSED IT, you missed a great time at the Annual ISRA Golf Scramble held on Saturday, July 20th. This year's outing was held at the challenging Nordic Hills Country Club in Itasca and the weather was absolutely beautiful. Every foursome shot in the 70's! (Well, almost every foursome!) There were 35 golfers, including five women, and everyone participating had great fun and a lot of laughs. After the golf scramble, all golfers were warmly welcomed at Bloomingdale Sports Complex for a huge feast of barbecued chicken, brats, corn on the cob, salads, fruit, and other goodies! Prizes were given to every participant, and additional prizes were awarded for the lowest score, most honest score, etc., and a special gift was presented to past ISRA President Bill Piggott. After dinner, several golfers switched gloves and played outdoor racquetball well into the evening for an all-around fun-filled day. (Was Laurel Davis REALLY playing racquetball in sandals?)

Special thanks to Tom Utterback for a great job organizing the golf outing, and to the Spaeth family for a delicious barbecue and great hospitality. (Yes, that WAS Patrice Calvi in an apron passing out "beans that were slow-cooked all day.") If you missed this year's golf outing, remember to mark your calendar for next year, as I'm sure Tom will out-do himself next time (with a little help from his wife!). See you next year!

## Liability Nightmares

by Jim Hiser, AARA Asst. Executive Director

As a club owner, the last thing you want to worry about is negligence on the part of your racquetball instructor or tournament director. Are your instructors teaching techniques that are likely to cause injury? Are they instructing in areas outside their expertise (weight training, stretching, nutrition)? At your tournaments, does your event director require eyeguards designed specifically for racquet sports? Is someone on your tournament staff trained in first aid and CPR, and is there someone available during all tournament hours?

As a club owner, you assume responsibility for your tournament director and racquetball instructor. In any of the above situations, you and your club could be held liable if someone were injured. You are responsible for assuring that your staff is knowledgeable in their area of expertise. Instructor certification indicates that you have attempted to make sure that the correct knowledge and teaching techniques are being presented to your customers. Also, certification provides your instructor with liability insurance in case of a lawsuit.

Sanctioning of your tournament events also provides your club with liability insurance, along with a checklist emphasizing areas of liability concern. In the event of an injury, the entire tournament staff is protected by the sanctioning body's liability insurance policy.

In this age of "lawsuit happy" customers, any program that helps reduce your exposure to litigation should be thoroughly investigated and implemented. For more information, call the AARA/USRA National Office at (719) 635-5396, extension 23.

## AmPRO Coaching Program

AmPRO has announced the introduction of the AmPRO Coaching Certification Program, which will be implemented in September and is designed to fill a variety of different coaching applications in three phases: Recreational Coach, Scholastic Coach & Elite Coach.

The **Recreational Coach** program is for individuals interested in coaching at the club level, or in working with their own children. It is a self-study course, presented in a 125-page booklet format, including a take-home examination which must be completed and returned for evaluation. Topics covered include basic first aid, techniques, rules, history, legal concerns, communicating with athletes, and more at this basic level.

The **Scholastic Coach** program is designed for individuals working at the high school and college levels, featuring a three-day clinic, practical on-court testing, and greater emphasis on coaching teams. Nutrition, physical conditioning, and weight training are covered, along with advanced strategy and tournament preparation.

**Elite Coach** certification will be available in a four-day program, and is targeting to individuals who aspire to coach with one of the U.S. National Teams. A mentoring period is required, as well as advanced knowledge of technique, strategy, physiology, nutrition, and weight training.

Anyone interested in more information should contact the AARA National Office at (719) 635-5396, extension 30.

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## Illinois Players Compete

Team Illinois travelled north to Wisconsin for the Tournament with Krystal Csuk, Dawn Gates and Alex Spaeth, bringing home the gold! Contratulations to all our Illinois players who attended!

### Results:

#### SINGLES

BOY'S 18-: Eric Storey (Indianapolis, IN) def. John Stanford (Melbourne, FL) 12-15, 15-16, 11-6.

BOY'S 16-: Rocky Carson (Santa Maria, CA) delf Willie Tilton (Colorado Springs, CO) 15-4, 15-5.

BOY'S 14-: Shane Vanderson (Dublin, OH) def. Jason Jansen (Fargo, ND) 15-8, 15-14.

BOY'S 12-Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, MI) def. Trevor Crow (Portland, OR) 15-3, 15-9.

BOY'S 10-: Jeremy Robbins (Houstin, TX) def. Brad Slocum (Sarasota, FL) 15-13, 15-11.

BOY'S 8-: Andrew Grissom (Campbell, CA) def. Nick Arturo (Anchorage, AK) 15-5, 15-2.

BOY'S MB-: Justin Erdman (Hilliard, OH) dev. Bill Travers (Berea, OH) 11-3, 11-5.

GIRL'S 18-: Sadie Gross (Yankton, SD) def. **Dawn Gates (Kankakee, IL)** 8-15, 15-6, 11-5.

GIRL'S 16-: Sara Borland (Bettendorf, IA) def. Megan Bals (Lincoln, NE) 15-5, 15-3.

GIRL'S 14-: **Krystal Csuk** (Naperville, IL) def. Maggie DeBord (Lincoln, NE) 15-11, 15-10.

GIRL'S 12-: Crystal Winfrey (Powell, OH) dev. Kimberly Irons (Dublin, OH) 15-10, 15-9.

GIRL'S 10-: Adrienne Fisher (Centerville, OH) def. Trina Harper (Eau Claire, WI) 15-3, 15-8.

GIRL'S 8-: Ashley Willhite (Klamath Falls, OR) def. Trina Harper (Eau Claire, WI) 15-3, 15-8.

GIRL'S 8MB-: Trina Harper (Eau Claire, WI) def. Sarah Moyle (Beaverton, OR) 11-7, 11-2.

#### DOUBLES

BOY'S 18-: Eric Storey (Indianapolis, IN)/Mark Bloom (Metairie, LA) def. Rocky Carson (Santa Maria, CA)/Jed Bhuta (Pike Road, AL) 15-13, 15-8.

BOY'S 16-: Willie Tilton (Colorado Springs, CO)/Brandon Henline (Martinex, GA) def. James Ford (Riverton, WY)/Ryan Staten (Didge, KS) 5-15, 15-12, 11-6.

BOY'S 14-: Shane Vanderson (Dublin, OH)/Jason Jansen (Fargo, ND) def. Mitch Williams (Washington, NC)/Ashley Conway (Greenville, NC) 14-15, 15-7, 11-7.

BOY'S 12-: Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, MI)/Cory Martin (Kenosha, WI) def. Bart Crawford (Klamath Falls, OR)/Trevor Crowe (Portland, OR) 8-15, 15-8, 11-3.

BOY'S 10-: Jeremy Robbins (Houston, TX)/Geoffrey Mora (Fresno, CA) def. Tyler Hollingsworth (Salem, OR)/Dan Sheppick (Milwaukie, OR) 12-15, 15-2, 11-7.

GIRL'S 18-: **Rhonda Rajsich (Phoenix, AZ)/Dawn Gates (Kankakee, IL)** def. Sadie Gross (Yankton, SD)/Erica Daniels (Monterey, CA) 15-2, 15-9.

GIRL'S 16-: Sara Borland (Bettendorf, IA)/Katie Gould (Ellisville, MO) def. Liana Kerwood (Beaverton, OR)/Christina Lewendal (Beaverton, OR) 15-14, 15-9.

GIRL'S 14-: Jeni Fuller (Albuquerque, NM)/Kristin Walsh (Salt Lake City, UT) def. Molly Law (Denver, CO)/Melanie Mueller (Grand Junction, CO) by injury forfeit.

GIRL'S 12-: Kimberly Irons (Dublin, OH)/Crystal Winfrey (Powell, OH) def. Amy Jo Hollingsworth (Salem, OR)/Sara Wencil (Klamath Falls, OR) 15-1, 15-4.

GIRL'S 10-: Adrienne Fisher (Centerville, OH)/Jesi Fuller (Albuquerque, NM) def. Derai Darling (Gearhart, OR)/Brandie Hanson (Klamath Falls, OR) 15-5, 15-6.

MIXED 18-: **Dawn Gates (Kankakee, IL)/Alex Spaeth (Bloomington, IL)** def. Eric Storey (Indianapolis, IN)/Erica Daniels (Monterey, CA) 15-6, 15-5.

MIXED 16-: Ryan Edmiston (Salem, OR)/Lianna Kerwood (Beaverton, OR) def. Shane Vanderson (Dublin, OH)/Brooker Crawford (Klamath Falls, OR) 15-14, 15-12.

MIXED 14-: **Seth Taylor (Shelbyville, IN)/Krystal Csuk (Naperville, IL)** def. Kristen Walsh (Salt Lake City, UT)/Joel Worthington (Overland Park, KS) 15-6, 15-7.

MIXED 12-: Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, MI)/Crystal Winfrey (Powell, OH) def. Bart Crawford (Klamath Falls, OR)/Kimberly Irons (Dublin, OH) 9-15, 15-7, 11-10.

MIXED 10-: Jesi Fuller (Albuquerque, NM)/Jeremy Robbins (Houston, TX) def. Tyler Hollingsworth (Salem, OR)/Cari Mitlitsky (Fresh Meadow, NY) 15-11, 15-10.

## Play Like a Pro!

The events and activites of the International Racquetball Tour would not be possible without the support of the dedicated tournament directors, as well as the manufacturers, and below you will find the "Official Products" for the 1996-1997 season:

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# The Top Ten State Rankings as of May 30, 1996

		# of members
1.	California	1,869
2.	Florida	1,204
3.	Texas	1,101
4.	Illinois	1,073
5.	Ohio	1036
6.	New York	931
7.	Minnesota	822
8.	Pennsylvania	787
9.	Missouri	609
10.	Colorado	569

## Annual Awards

At its 29th annual banquet, the AARA inducted four athletes and contributors to its Hall of Fame, plus honored six outstanding athletes and contributors to the sport:

Hall of Fame Athlete:	Mary Low Acuff (NC)
Hall of Fame Contributor:	Keith Calkins (CA)
Hall of Fame Athlete:	Johnny Hennen (TN)
Hall of Fame Contributor:	Gary Mazaroff (NM)
Male Athlete of the Year:	Michael Bronfeld (CA)
Female Athlete of the Year:	Michelle Gould (ID)
Male Age Group Athlete:	Bobby Sanders (OH)
Peggy Steding Award:	Shelly Ogden (OH)
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## 1996-97 IRT Events

**September 18-21**  
Charles E. Smith Companies  
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The Skyline Club at Crystal  
Gateway  
Arlington, VA

**September 25-29**  
Ralph's/Food 4 Less Pro-Am  
The Tournament House  
Riverside, CA

**October 9-13**  
Mid-South Classic Pro-Am  
Sportime Racquet &  
Athletic Club  
Greensboro, NC

**October 23-27**  
Woodfield Halloween Classic  
Woodfield Racquet Club  
Schaumburg, IL

**October 30 - November 3**  
Strong Funds Pro-Am  
West Allis Athletic Club  
Milwaukee, WI

**November 13-17**  
Promus Hotels U.S. OPEN  
Racquet Club of Memphis  
Memphis, TN

**December 11-15**  
Lakewood Holiday  
Pro-Am Classic  
Lakewood Athletic Club  
Denver, CO

**January 15-19**  
Ralph Schomp  
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Denver Athletic Club  
Denver, CO

**January 22-25**  
IRT Columbus Pro-Am  
Continental Athletic Club  
Columbus, OH

**January 29 - February 2**  
Racquet Club of Pittsburgh  
Pro-Am  
Racquet Club of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA

**February 12-16**  
VCI Pro-Am  
Souther Athletic Club  
Atlanta, GA

**February 26 - March 2**  
Penfield Pro-Am  
Penfield Racquet & Fitness  
Club  
Rochester, NY

**March 5-9**  
Coors Light Pro-Am  
Club TBA  
Anaheim, CA

**March 21-23**  
Team Concepts Gold's Gym  
Pro-Am  
Gold's Gym  
Syracuse, NY

**March 26-29**  
Paine Webber Pro-Am  
Club TBA  
Phoenix, AZ

**April 9-13**  
VCI Doubles Championships  
Schoeber's Athletic Club  
Pleasanton, CA

**April 23-27**  
Foxwoods IRT Pro Nationals  
Las Vegas Sporting House  
Las Vegas, NV

**April 30 - May 4**  
San Diego Pro-Am '97  
Club TBA  
San Diego, CA

**May 14-18**  
Bay101 IRT World  
Championships  
Bayhill Athletic Club  
Milpitas, CA

**June 4-8**  
Spalding Tournament of  
Champions  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
Portland, OR

## 1996-97 WIRT Events

**October 3-6**  
Tournament of Terror Pro-Am  
Racquetball World  
Canoga Park, CA

**October 31-November 3**  
Maryland Pro-Am  
Merritt Athletic Club  
Baltimore, MD

**November 13-17**  
Promus Hotels U.S. OPEN  
Racquet Club of Memphis  
Memphis, TN

**December 11-15**  
RAD Athletics Super Series  
Lakewood Athletic Club  
Denver, CO

**January 9-12**  
1997 Grand Slam Pro-Am  
Highpoint Athletic Club  
Chalfont, PA

**February TBA**  
RAD Athletics Super Series  
Club TBA  
Roanoke, VA

**March 14-16**  
RAD Athletics Super Series  
Continental Athletic Club  
Columbus, OH

**April 23-27**  
Foxwoods WIRT Pro Nationals  
Las Vegas Sporting House  
Las Vegas, NV

**May 1-4**  
Crystal City Classic Pro-Am  
The Skyline Club at Crystal  
Gateway  
Arlington, VA

**May 14-18**  
Bay101 WIRT World  
Championships  
Bayhill Athletic Club  
Milpitas, CA

**June 5-8**  
RAD Tournament of  
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### Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Tourney

Attention: Women 35+!! Plan on being in Chattanooga, Tennessee for the **8th Annual National Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Tournament.**

Mark your calendars! This yearly event is scheduled to be in Chattanooga on January 24th through the 26th. You will play plenty of racquetball as it is a round-robin event. Entry forms will be available next month, but if you would like a membership form or any information about the **Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Council**, please contact: Nancy Kronenfeld, Membership Chairman & 1997 Director, (847) 825-5564.



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