



# ILLINOIS STATE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION



## 1997 ISRA Awards

The 1996-1997 ISRA awards, recognizing those who have distinguished themselves by their outstanding achievements on and off the court, were presented at Bloomingdale Sports Complex during the 1997 Illinois State Singles Championships.

For nineteen years, the Illinois State Racquetball Association has honored one individual each year who has selflessly contributed his or her time for the promotion of the sport of racquetball. This year's **Distinguished Service Award** was presented to **Diane DeArmas**, well-known for many years in Illinois racquetball. Diane has been enthusiastically involved for fifteen years as a player, instructor, program director, tournament director and club owner. The governing board of the ISRA recognizes the truly outstanding presence Diane has brought to Illinois racquetball. Past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award (and Louis Zahn Award) are: Tom Street (1978), Bob Troyer (1979), Art Michaely (1980), Gay Mason (1981), Jim Harper (1982), Jim Cartwright (1983), Al Shetzer (1984), Clyde Senters (1985), Diane Ogradowski (1986), Geoff Peters (1986), Bill Feigen (1987), Alvin Barasch (1988), Judy Young (1989), Bill Roberts (1990), Al Danielwicz (1991), Bill Piggott (1992), Rich Clay (1993), Dave Negrete (1994), Lori Kaiser (1995), and Brian Stuertz (1996).

Each year the ISRA also recognizes one male and one female player who have made notable achievements on the court during the previous year. The **1996 Male Player of the Year** had a truly spectacular season, winning it all! **John Negrete** had two firsts at State Doubles, two firsts at State Singles, and won 30+ at Regionals, not to mention at the Bloomingdale Open and the Turkey Shoot. He put Illinois on the map at National Singles by making it to the quarters in the 25+ age division. This outstanding Open player is consistently ranked as one of the top two players in the state. Congratulations on a great year, John! Past recipients of the Illinois Male Player of the Year award are: Marshall Waldo (1988), Rich Clay (1989), Bill Lyman (1990), Ron Johnson (1991), Bill Lyman (1992), Andy Pitock (1993), Greg Hasty (1994), Alex Spaeth (1994) Most Improved Player, and Horace Miller (1995).

**Dawn Gates** was the ISRA's deserving choice for the **1996 Female Player of the Year** award, with major wins in Illinois and at the national level. Dawn dominated the Women's Open division with wins at State Singles, the Illini Open, the Bloomingdale Open, the Olympic Open, and the Shamrock Shoot-Out. She was a semi-finalist at Revie's, and won Mixed Open at both the Olympic Open and the Shamrock Shoot-Out. Moving out-of-state, she was second in Women's 18+ at Junior National Singles and won both Women's 18+ and Mixed 18+ at Junior National Doubles. What an accomplishment... congratulations, Dawn! Past recipients of the Female Player of the Year

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

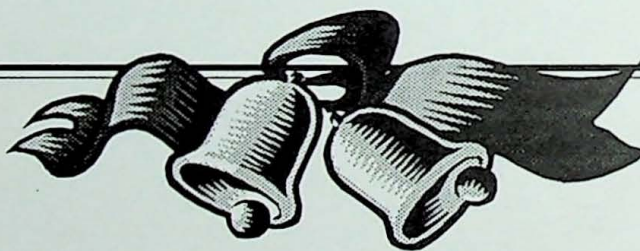
This is the last time that I will have the pleasure of penning this column. The ISRA nominating committee has endorsed a full slate of board members to be voted on by you, the membership, at our June Annual Meeting. This meeting is open to all current ISRA members and will be held at the Bloomingdale Sports Complex on June 4th at 7:00 p.m. At the meeting, the membership will elect a board as well as confirm Laurel Davis as the next ISRA President, Tom Utterback as the Executive Vice President, Rich Clay as the Treasurer, and Judy Young as Secretary.

We've accomplished much in the last two years -- and most of it was due to the hard work and sacrifices of your volunteer board. The four individuals above were major contributors, but so, too, were the many board members (both past and present) who have given up their time and expertise to ensure that the ISRA stays focused on racquetball and continually upgrades all of our programs and tournaments.

I'm going to miss being president. The chauffeur-driven limo to all ISRA sanctioned events, elimination of entry fees, the legions of adoring fans, and most of all, the special "No Foot Fault Rule," have made tournament weekends especially rewarding. The good news is that Laurel is ready, able and willing to move the organization forward. She has been involved in nearly all aspects of the ISRA, and most recently, has been handling disciplinary issues and our annual tournament calendar. I'm confident that she will be an effective leader for our organization and our sport as we move toward the next century. Likewise, your new board will include some old war horses (like myself), as well as some new faces interested in developing new programs and improving old ones. We're certainly looking forward to an exciting 1997/98 season!

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your president for the past two years -- and I look forward to continuing on the ISRA Board in the future!

Geoff



*Congratulations to*

*Tim Vandenaekker*

*&*

*Nancy Lara*

*April 26th, 1997*

**AWARDS** continued (from page 1)

award are: Chris Evon (1988), Cheryl Gudinas (1989), Pat Tarzon (1990), Laurel Davis (1991), Lola Markus (1992), Cheryl Gudinas (1993), Cheryl Gudinas (1994), and Cheryl Gudinas (1995).

Occasionally we notice a player who shoots up the ladder, just getting better and better with each tournament. **Krystal Csuk** went from a "C" player to an "A" player last year, with wins at both the local and the national levels; she deservedly is this year's winner of the **1997 Most Improved Player** award. Besides taking top honors in her divisions at Revie's, the Bloomingdale Open, the St. Valentine's Massacre, State Singles, and the Regionals, she won Women's 14+ at Junior National Singles and won Mixed 14+ at Junior National Doubles. Watch out, "Open" women, Krystal is moving up!

While it is an honor to win one of the ISRA annual awards, it is also an honor to be nominated. It is often a difficult choice and there are many people who have made outstanding contributions on and off the court. The other nominees were: Distinguished Service award -- Laurel Davis, Bill Lyman, Geoff Peters, and Tom Utterback. Male Player of the Year -- Herb Grigg, Horace Miller, and Bruce Nelson. Female Player of the Year -- Krystal Csuk, Cheryl Gudinas, and Lola Markus.



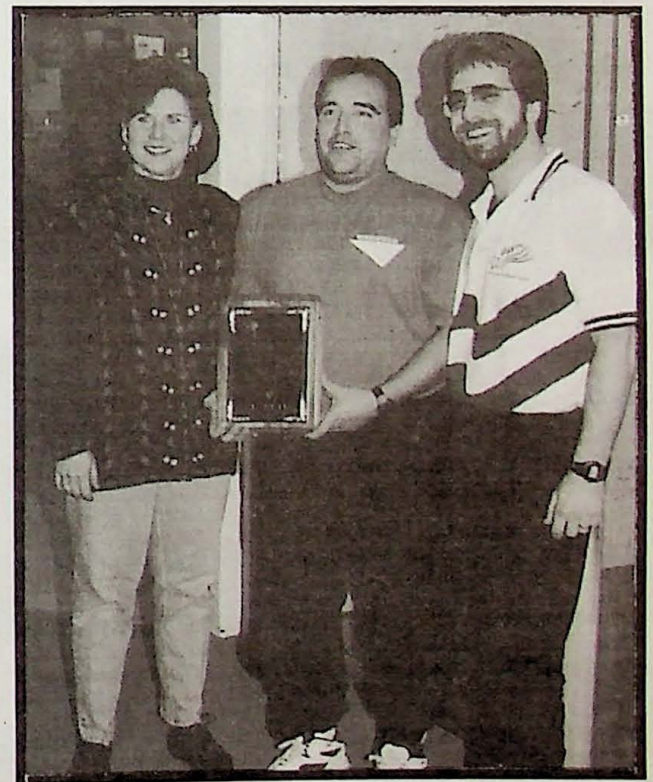
*Diane DeArmas with her husband Joe and daughters Carrie and Jennifer after winning the Distinguished Service Award.*



*Rich Clay and Laurel Davis congratulate Diane DeArmas on her selection for the "ISRA Distinguished Service Award"*



*Rich Clay and Laurel Davis present the "Most Improved Player" award to Krystal Csuk.*



*John Negrete with Rich Clay and Laurel Davis after receiving his plaque as ISRA Male Player of the Year for 1996!*

## ISRA/INSRA Boards Take Disciplinary Action

The INSRA Board of Directors decided to put two players on probation for 1997.

Butch Quisenberry and Frank Rusch were placed on probation for the entire year after a fight broke out at the Senior/Masters Tournament at the Greenbriar Athletic Club in September last year. The two players also are prohibited from playing in the same tournament this year by tournament director Mike Arnolt because of the incident. The Board made the decision at the November meeting by a vote of eight to one.

The Illinois players were given 30 days to appeal the decision, but neither did.

When Arnolt heard about the incident from witnesses, he decided to expel Quisenberry from the tournament.

As a result of the incident, the INSRA has passed a Players Code of Conduct for its members to follow. The board

does not want a repeat of an incident like this.

Quisenberry showed up at the Greenbriar Open in January and was a gentleman on the court. He thanked INSRA Board President Jeff Wright and the Board for allowing him to play in Indiana tournaments.

As a result of the same incident, the ISRA Board of Directors voted in January to suspend Quisenberry for one year from the date of the infraction.

No action was taken against Rusch, and he remains eligible for sanctioned tournament play in Illinois.

The ISRA has a Players Code of Conduct in place which is published on a regular basis in the ISRA Newsletter for members' reference. All players, by entering a sanctioned event, agree to abide by the rules of sportsmanship outlined.

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## EKTELON Scores "First" in Going to New Lengths with Patent-Pending LongBody™ Technology

Ektelon®, the world's number one brand in racquetball and the industry's technological leader for nearly 30 years, has announced that it will introduce six longer-length racquetball frames in June. Ektelon's LongBody™ racquet technology, which is patent-pending, will effectively extend racquet frame length up to one full inch to deliver more power and reach. The U.S. Racquetball Association (USRA) has ruled that 22-inch frames (one inch longer than the standard length) will be legal for sanctioned amateur competition, effective September 1, 1997. Ektelon predicts that the introduction of its LongBody racquets into the racquetball arena promises to be one of the most important -- even revolutionary -- launches ever made in the sport.

According to Scott Winters, Director of Indoor Court Sports, "Ektelon hasn't just tacked on an inch to the end of our racquets. Rather, we have developed a series of frames that are also *perfectly balanced* to deliver enhanced performance and comfort for players at all levels. Ektelon LongBody racquets will offer *measurable* increases of up to 10% more power and 13% more reach, in addition to being kind to your arm."

Several of the new racquets will have all of the special features Ektelon introduced in 1996 to improve racquet power, vibration dampening, and durability. These features -- which include the patented breakthrough PowerWeb™ racquet technology for added power. The Wall Beater™ Bumper system for shock absorption and durability, and the patented Vision Grip™ cushion handle system -- helped Ektelon capture nearly 90% of market share for high-end racquets in the fourth quarter of 1996. With the new LongBody racquets, Ektelon is also introducing Sweet Spot Suspension System, a unique feature that uses larger grommets strategically positioned to further dampen vibration and create an enlarged sweet spot. "All of our new racquets will offer racquetball enthusiasts immediate improvement in performance -- and, importantly, will make the game even more fun to play," Winters noted.

Besides being in the enviable position to share R&D with Prince, the world leader in LongBody technology for tennis racquets, Ektelon has enlisted the help of several of the world's top racquetball players in perfecting the technology specifically for racquetball. These players include Andy Roberts, Drew Katchtik, Mike Guidry and Dan Fowler. These players, all ranked in the top ten on the men's pro tour (IRT), started play-testing Ektelon prototypes last year and have been playing with LongBody racquets since January, 1997. The winningest player of all time, Michelle Gould, and her chief rival, Cheryl Gudinas, are expected to make the switch to LongBody racquets immediately after the National Singles

Championships in May when the women's amateur season is over.

Accompanying the LongBody racquet launch will be the introduction of a completely new Ektelon apparel, sport bag, and accessories line, including designer eyeguards with some unique features unlike any others available today. A new Natural Foot Shape™ (NFS) 1.5 shoe is also slated for release. NFS shoes are the official footwear of the IRT and the WIRT. According to Winters, "Cosmetics on these ancillary products will be the hottest the game has ever seen. The consumer can expect to see high-fashion products, color-coordinated with our new, exciting, vibrant racquet designs and providing a complete, integrated look for players ready for the 21st century. This is just one more indication that the industry can continue to look to Ektelon for innovation, leadership, and excitement right down to the last detail, both on and off the court."

## EKTELON Selected as Official Ball of International Racquetball Federation

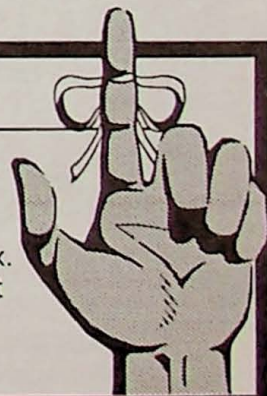
The Ektelon Premium Select racquetball was recently named the "Official Ball" of the International Racquetball Federation (IRF) and all of its sanctioned events in 1997 and 1998.

"We've always had good yearly ball sales," Ektelon's Director of Indoor Court Sports Scott Winters said. "Joining with the IRF tournament schedule gives us an opportunity to align ourselves with the exciting play on the international level."

The Ektelon Premium Select ball will first be incorporated into the IRF schedule at the 1997 Pan American Tournament of the Americas in Chihuahua, Mexico on March 21-30.

### A Reminder

The ISRA Annual Elections will be held at the June board meeting, which is Wednesday, June 4th at the Bloomingdale Sports Complex. The meeting is open to all current ISRA members and will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.



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## Travel League

The 1996-1997 Travel League season has come to an end. Saturday, April 15th, 1997 we wrapped up the season with a one day mini-tournament. As always, Diane DeArmas and staff did a fantastic job of running the tournament. Over 60 people participated with most people playing two divisions. With all the round robins, everyone got more than their \$15 worth of fun, food and exercise.

TOP GUNS for the day were Jim Gaw and Liz Molitor. Ektelon brought a speed gun and players had a chance to see just how hard they could hit the ball. Let me tell you, there was lots of grunting going on.

After presenting the awards to all first and second place finishers, we had our infamous raffle. Not only did everyone receive a can of balls, we also had golf umbrellas, t-shirts, gloves and towels compliments of PENN. EKTELON generously donated to the raffle also by giving away four top-of-the-line racquets. Watch out for these four players next year:

Bill Moser - Power Ring  
 Sharilyn Pope - Strobe Light  
 Char Borre - Strobe Light  
 Jeff Machul - Thunderstick

Congratulations to all division winners and our new city Champions:

Men's A - Woodfield  
 Men's B - Courts Plus

If you know of anyone who would like information for a travel team for the 1997-1998 season, please have them call Sara Meline (847) 362-3111 or Lori Kaiser (630) 837-5152. Input is always welcome.

Lori Kaiser, Sara Meline  
 League Coordinators

## ISRA Slates New Board of Directors!

The annual meeting of the Illinois State Racquetball Association is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Sports Complex. All current ISRA members are invited to attend this open meeting and vote for the next ISRA Board of Directors. The nominating committee of the Board has submitted the following slate to the membership, for your approval:

President: Laurel Davis (2 yr. term); Executive Vice President: Tom Utterback (1 yr. term); Treasurer: Rich Clay (2 yr. term); Secretary: Judith Young (1 yr. term); South VP: Carol Bastien (1 yr. term); Central VP: Bev Powell (1 yr. term); West VP: Lori Kaiser (2 yr. term); North VP: Lynne Weisbart (2 yr. term); Board Members: Bill Feigen (1 yr. term); T.J. Ferro (1 yr. term); Pam Grace (2 yr. term); Doug Halverson (2 yr. term); Gloria Lang (1 yr. term); Bill Lyman (2 yr. term); Sara Meline (2 yr. term); Geoff Peters (1 yr. term); Susie Richardson (1 yr. term); Howie Spaeth Jr. (2 yr. term); John Thorson (2 yr. term).

### 1997 ISRA Travel League

Standings as of March 18, 1997

#### MEN'S OPEN/A DIVISION

##### NORTH

1. Bloomingdale 1
2. Woodfield
3. Elgin YMCA
4. Glass Court
5. Bloomingdale 2
6. Lattof YMCA

##### SOUTH

1. Westmont
2. Naperville
3. Glass Court
4. Silver Lakes
5. Hillside
6. Richport YMCA
7. Chalet

#### MEN'S OPEN/B DIVISION

##### NORTH

1. Woodfield
2. Bloomingdale
3. Edens
4. Naper Olympic
5. Logan

##### SOUTH

1. Courts Plus
2. Glass Court
3. Wheaton
4. Naper Olympic
5. Palos
6. Norris

#### MEN'S C DIVISION

1. Centre Court
2. Wheaton
3. Lattof YMCA
4. Lemont
5. Edens
6. Courts Plus
7. Richport YMCA
8. Glass Court

#### MIXED OPEN/A

1. Bloomingdale
2. Westmont
3. Glass Court

#### WOMEN'S OPEN/A NIGHT

1. Glass Court
2. Bloomingdale
3. Tinley Park
4. Edens
5. Palos

#### WOMEN'S B DIVISION

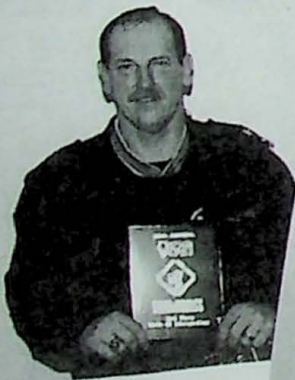
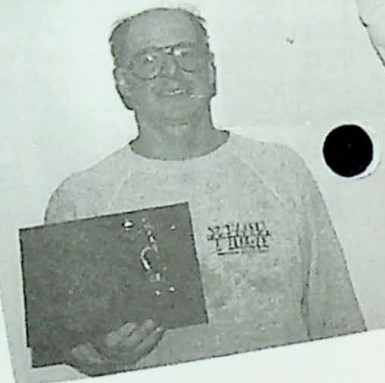
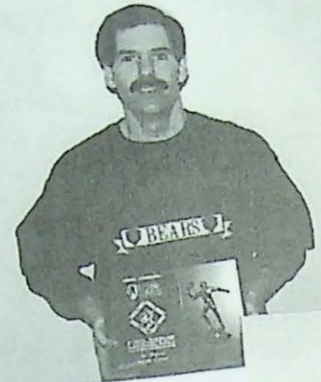
1. Woodfield
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4. Glass 1
5. Schaumburg

#### WOMEN'S B & BELOW

1. Glass Court
2. Wheaton
3. Naperville

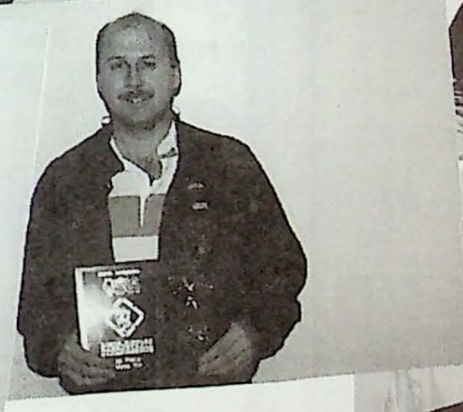
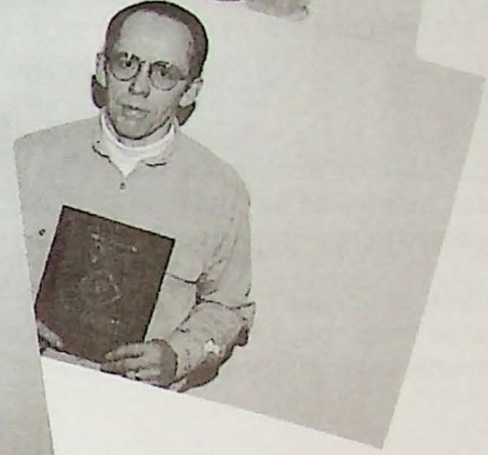
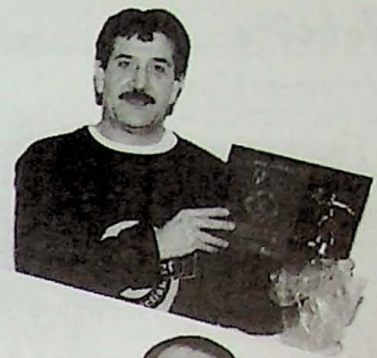
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## ISRA Website

([www.uic.edu/~earias1/issa.htm](http://www.uic.edu/~earias1/issa.htm))

The Illinois State Racquetball Association has a website! The ISRA home page has been in existence for approximately three months. Thanks to Ed Arias, the ISRA has one of the best racquetball home pages on the Internet. Ed is getting his Doctorate degree at UIC Circle and has been kind enough to put a website together, using UIC equipment, for the ISRA and various clubs in the Chicagoland area.

Ed will be leaving UIC Circle and continuing his education at University of Wisconsin in the next couple of months. Therefore, the ISRA must look for another service provider for our website. If anyone has access to or has any information that would be beneficial to finding another service provider, contact Howie Spaeth at (630) 893-9577.

The ISRA would like to thank Ed for all his creativity and donated time. You put together a wonderful racquetball information side ([www.uic.edu/~earias1/racquetball.htm](http://www.uic.edu/~earias1/racquetball.htm)).

## USRA Signs Apparel Agreement with ART WEARS of Omaha

The United States Racquetball Association (USRA) recently signed a long-term agreement with Arts Wears Apparel of Omaha, Nebraska, to become the official supplier of USRA logo apparel.

Art Wears was selected from a host of suppliers due to President Rick Bezousek's close relationship with racquetball.

Bezousek, an elite racquetball player who competed in past Olympic Festivals, developed Art Wears ten years ago to supply clothing to Starter, Logo Products, Ektelon and many other popular clothing brands.

In addition to the USRA's logo apparel, Art Wears will supply souvenirs for all prestigious national racquetball events.

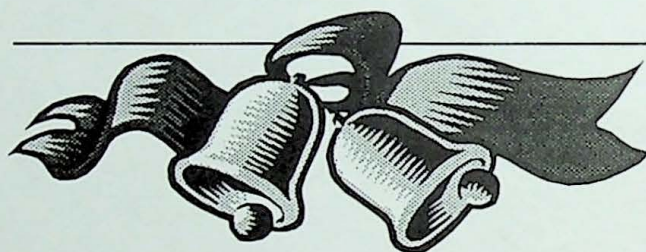
"We have been looking for just the right company to help develop a quality line of clothing for the sport of racquetball," USRA Executive Director Luke St. Onge said on Friday. "Rick (Bezousek) and Art Wears fit our needs perfectly. They are innovative, on the edge, aggressive and knowledgeable about our sport. Through Arts Wears, we feel that we can fully penetrate the racquetball apparel market."

## USRA/ISRA Rule Change Announced

**22-inch Racquets to Become Legal September 1, 1997**

At the request of the Racquetball Manufacturers Industry, the USRA Board went into special session recently to approve an increase in racquet length from 21" to 22" -- to take effect September 1, 1997.

Following a similar trend in tennis, the USRA Board of Directors voted unanimously to allow 22" racquets to be used in sanctioned in play. After considerable study -- and a Rules Committee vote of six to one in favor of recommending the new racquet specification -- the revision to rule 2.4(1) was approved. It was felt that the one-inch extension will bring new excitement to the sport -- not unlike the introduction of oversized frames to the market in 1984. Safety was not at issue in the decision, based on a comparison to North American squash, which is played within a smaller court area using an even longer racquet. But increased ball speed may yet become a factor. If so, the USRA would consider slowing down the ball for sanctioned play. This new rule will be in effect for all USRA/ISRA sanctioned tournaments after 9/1/97.



*Congratulations to  
Tim Veservick  
&  
Lesley Batterman  
May 10th, 1997*

## Five Elected to Racquetball Hall of Fame

Illinois' own Lynn Adams and Chuck Leve, along with Marty Hogan, Heather McKay and Dave Peck will be inducted into the Racquetball Hall of Fame at the United States Racquetball Association (USRA) Awards Banquet on May 24, 1997 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston, Texas. Chosen by the USRA Board of Directors, the inductees will join the 19 others that have been elected since 1973.

Lynn Adams (Libertyville) won 325 of her 369 professional matches, for a .887 winning percentage. An eight-time Player of the Year (1992-88, 90), Adams won six pro tour season titles (1982-83, 85-88) and seven overall championships (1982-83, 85-88, 90). Even more impressive is Adams' courageous fight against muscular dystrophy throughout her life and racquetball career.

Chuck Leve (Northbrook) has been an integral part of racquetball since 1969. Leve was the Executive Secretary of the International Racquetball Association (IRA) in '70. Even after following IRA President Robert Kendler to the newly formed National Racquetball Club (NRC) in 1973, Leve privately felt that the amateur players were being left out. In 1976, he formed the United States Racquetball Association (USRA) to service those players outside the professional ranks. After the NRC and USRA went out of business in '83, Leve joined the National Court Club Association, now known as the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association (IHRSA). Now the Director of Sales and Promotions for IHRSA, Leve continues to extend his support to the sport of racquetball. Today's USRA was formerly known as the American Amateur Racquetball Association (AARA) and was derived from the IRA.

Marty Hogan (Chesterfield, MO), the sport's first million dollar man, owned the men's professional tour from 1977 to 1982, earning six national championships. Hogan garnered several top honors from the 75 boy's 18-and-under national singles crown to the '94 men's 25-and-over national doubles championship with Major League Baseball All-Star Jeff Conine. In his day, Hagan was tagged as the "King of Racquetball" and transformed the sport into the power game that it has become.

Heather McKay (Brisbane, Australia) had lost only two matches in two decades of international squash competition before turning to the sport of racquetball in 1980, at the age of 39. McKay didn't waste much time earning the title of best women's racquetball player in the world, winning the pro national's in 1980 and 1981. She again won the coveted title in '84. Before returning to

Australia in '85, the Canadian National amassed nine national titles and the '84 Steding Cup, given yearly for outstanding contributions to women's racquetball.

Dave Peck (Austin, Texas) was awarded the professional tour's Rookie of the Year trophy in 1978. In the years proceeding, Peck established his place among the racquetball elite, winning the Ektelon National Championship in 1981 and 1982. The powerful Texan also captured the Catalina National title and Player of the Year honors in '81. With a brilliant pro career under his belt, Peck continues to play competitively in the amateur ranks. In 1995, he captured both the national singles and doubles crowns for the Men's 35-and-over age groups.

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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Palos Olympic Open February 21-23, 1997

**Tournament Director:** Tom Utterback

**MEN'S OPEN (9):** 1-A. Spaeth; 2-G. Hasty Sr.; S-T. Utterback; S-J. Logan.  
**MEN'S A (13):** 1-J. Pearlman; 2-M. Slater; S-J. Amsden; S-C. Citti. **MEN'S B (11):** 1-C. Citti; S-D. Kruse; S-T. Opgenorth; S-C. Slade. **MEN'S C (16):** 1-J. Burns; 2-L. Schultz; S-P. Plarski; S-L. Brand. **MEN'S N (5):** 1-A. Bonzales; 2-J. Andrews.  
**WOMEN'S O/A (6):** 1-L. Davis; 2-M. Girup; S-P. Calvi; S-N. Rocha. **WOMEN'S B/D (7):** 1-P. Nelis; 2-S. McIntyre; S-L. Weisbart.  
**MEN'S A DOUBLES (6):** 1-Pearlman/Slater; 2-Spaeth/Salasel; S-Childress/Billingslea. **MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES (4):** Spaeth/Olivieri; 2-Utterback/Clay.  
**MEN'S B DOUBLES (6):** 1-Nelson/Shermulis; 2-Justice/White. **MEN'S C DOUBLES (8):** 1-Levy/Armstrong; 2-Robles/Rogers; S-Brand/Zwyers; S-Shisukoff/Kovacevic.  
**WOMEN'S B DOUBLES (2):** 1-Weisbart/Parzygnot.  
**MIXED A/B DOUBLES (4):** 1-Utterback/Amsden; 2-Crawford/Cotton.

## Illinois State Singles February 28 - March 2, 1997

**Tournament Director:** Howie Spaeth

**MEN'S OPEN (14):** 1-John Negrete; 2-Eugene Coyle; S-Alex Spaeth; S-Jim Ellenberger. **MEN'S AA (6):** 1-Leon Berryman; 2-Scott Koburi. **MEN'S A (29):** 1-Winston Cole; 2-T.J. Ferro; S-Pat Murray; S-Joe Stellern. **MEN'S B (26):** 1-Ron Dim; 2-Craig Citti; S-Al Rubiano; S-John Matarrese. **MEN'S C (23):** Eric Rieman; 2-William Richards; S-Ray Meisner; S-Peter McCauley. **MEN'S D (17):** 1-Joey Prust; 2-Lee Scoville; S-Tony Rosselli; S-Chris Ruthman. **MEN'S 25/30 (7):** 1-John Negrete; 2-Eugene Coyle; S-Joey Logan; S-Frank Bunker. **MEN'S 35+ INT. (13):** 1-John Dimasi; 2-Behrooz Solaxel; S-Steve Bettenhausen; S-Randy Ems. **MEN'S 40+ (18):** 1-Steve Lloyd; 2-Dave Milazzo; S-Dave Olson; S-Greg Hasty Sr. **MEN'S 45 (14):** 1-Herb Grigg; 2-Bruce Nelson; S-Dave Olson; S-Greg Hasty Sr. **MEN'S 45+ INT. (6):** 1-Ray Meisner; 2-John Elisiak. **MEN'S 50+ (14):** 1-Erhard Gruenwald; 2-Herb Grigg; S-Dennis McKee; S-Joe Quirke. **MEN'S 55+ (4):** 1-Ron Johnson; 2-Tom Rearden. **MEN'S 60+ (6):** 1-Hugh Morrison; 2-Bill Walsh; S-Max Call; S-Ed Olah. **MEN'S 65/70+ (5):** 1-John O'Donnell; 2-Dave Soifer.  
**WOMEN'S OPEN (4):** 1-Liz Molitor; 2-Laurel Davis. **WOMEN'S A (14):** 1-Diane Bunker; 2-Amy Tyler; S-Leslie Miller; S-Julie Carter. **WOMEN'S B (11):** 1-Pandora Nelis; 2-Leslie Miller; S-Lola Markus; S-Gwen English. **WOMEN'S C (6):** 1-Bette Kidd; 2-Jennifer Jaskier. **WOMEN'S 30/35+ (6):** 1-Carol Bastien;

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*Diane Bunker  
Women's A State Champion*



*Winston Cole moves up to Open!*



*The tournament staff gathers on Sunday!*



*John Negrete was a double winner in  
Men's Open and Men's 30+*

## RESULTS continued from previous page

2-Liz Molitor; S-Debra Thompson; S-Laurel Davis.

### March Madness

March 21-23, 1997

#### Oak Park Athletic Club

Tournament Director: Bill Lyman

MEN'S OPEN (8): 1-Bill Lyman; 2-Alex Spaeth; S-Jack Huczek; S-Boris Carvallo. MEN'S AA (4): 1-Tom Connelly; 2-Keith Kareiva; S-Dan Baker; S-Kevin Canfield. MEN'S A (8): 1-Howie Spaeth; 2-Keith Kareiva; S-Mitch Slater; S-Craig Citti. MEN'S B (14): 1-Craig Citti; 2-Tony Mangiaracina; S-Joey Brownlee; S-Pete Langmar. MEN'S C (13): 1-Joe Demarco; 2-Robert Gates Jr.; S-Steve Guhich; S-Joe Wilhelm. MEN'S D (14): 1-Robert Gates Jr.; 2-Joe DeMarco; S-Perry Plarsici; S-Ron Sklare. MEN'S 40/50 (10): 1-Ed Arias; 2-Erhard Gruenwald; S-Joe Quirke; S-Jim Hillman.

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES: 1-Alex Spaeth/Jack Kelly; 2-Bill Lyman/Jack Huczek; S-Tom Connelly/Boris Carvallo; S-Howie Spaeth/Ken Paris. MEN'S B DOUBLES: 1-Dick Hansen/Curt Skaverup; 2-Larry Zakosek/Kevin Canfield; S-Scott Reiser/Tom Baxa; S-Joe Quirke/John Talty. MEN'S C DOUBLES: 1-Tim Habjan/Larry Zakosek; 2-Brian Johnson/Robert Johnson/ S-Mike Padavic/Al Brunner/ S-Perry Plarski/Dave Ball. WOMEN'S B/C: 1-Ellen Somberg; 2-Sandra McIntyre; S-Val Demich; S-Jill Balanda.

### 1997 Ektelon/USRA Regional Championship Qualifier

April 25-27th, 1997

#### Glass Court Swim & Fitness

Tournament Director: Geoff Peters

MEN'S OPEN: 1-Jim Ellenberger (Chicago); 2-Brad McCunniff (Cedar Falls, IA); 3-Doug Pumroy (Ottumwa, IA); 4-Lem Rowans (Oak Park). MEN'S 25+: 1-John Negrete (Schaumburg); 2-Doug Halverson (Lombard); 3-Joey Logan (Chicago); 4-Nick Curcio (Palos Hills). MEN'S 30+: 1-Brad McCunniff (Cedar Falls, IA); 2-Greg Hodges (Detroit, MI); 3-John Negrete (Schaumburg); 4-Lem Rowans (Oak Park). MEN'S 35+: 1-Dave Eagle (Dayton, OH); 2-Greg Hodges (Detroit, MI); 3-Doug Pumroy (Ottumwa, IA); 4-Dave Negrete (Schaumburg). MEN'S 40+: 1-Gregg Mandell (Chicago); 2-Dave Milazzo (Chicago); 3-Greg Hasty Sr. (Peoria); 4-Jim Brane (Kansas City, MO). MEN'S 50+: 1-Horace Miller (Chicago); 2-Mike Arnolt (Indianapolis, IN); 3-David Peters (Park Ridge); 4-Joe Quirke (Willow Springs). MEN'S 55+: 1-Tom Rearden (Belleville); 2-Don Davis (Peoria); 3-Paul Becker (Muskegon, MI); 4-John Talty (Burbank). MEN'S 60+: 1-Jerry Stoltman (Mequon, WI); 2-Ed Olah (Wheaton); 3-Hugh Morrison (Wheaton); 4-James Brown (Lincolnwood). MEN'S 65+: 1-Chuck Kaiser (Grand Rapids, MI); 2-Dick Wadewitz (Platteville, WI); 3-Harry Heftner (Wilmette). MEN'S 70+: 1-Dick Wadewitz (Platteville, WI), 1-Ken Yahiro (Chicago); 3-John Siewert (Wisconsin Rapids, WI). WOMEN'S OPEN: 1-Jen Yokota (St. Louis, MO). WOMEN'S 25+: 1-Ellen Somberg (Oak Park); 2-Jamie Treacy (Cedar Rapids, IA); 3-Amy Tyler (St. Charles); 4-Val Demich (West Chicago). WOMEN'S 30+: 1-Ellen Somberg (Oak Park); 2-Jamie Treacy (Cedar Rapids, IA); 3-Katherine Grill (Champaign). WOMEN'S 35+: 1-Ellen Somberg (Oak Park). WOMEN'S 40+: Nancy Kronenfeld (Park Ridge); 2-Brenda White (Peoria); 3-Lola Markus (Park Ridge); 4-Lynne Weisbart (Northbrook). WOMEN'S 45+: 1-Nancy Kronenfeld (Park Ridge); 2-Lola Markus (Park Ridge); 3-Pauline Kelly (Park Ridge); 4-Rose Stoltman (Mequon, WI). WOMEN'S 55+: 1-Pauline Kelly (Park Ridge); 2-Rose Stoltmann (Mequon, WI). WOMEN'S 65+: 1-Lola Markus (Park Ridge).

MEN'S A: 1-Pat Murray (Urbana); 2-Jay Pearlman (Chicago); S-John Cole (Indianapolis, IN), S-T.J. Ferro (Naperville). MEN'S B: 1-Craig Citti (Palatine); 2-Keith Stephens (McKees Rock, PA); S-Cary Slade (Naperville); S-Eric Lacksheide (Rockford). MEN'S C: 1-Martin Gonzales (Country Club); 2- Joe Wilhelm (Bloomington); S-Twayne Howard (Comstock, MI); S-Kelvin Branch (Country Club). MEN'S D: 1-Nick Kritzer (Brookfield); 2-Jason Hicks (Berea, KY); S-Tim Murray (Naperville); S-Joe DeMarco (Countryside). MEN'S 30+ INTERMEDIATE: 1-Scott Ross (Schaumburg); 2-Mike Beckmann (Northlake); S-Dan Flood (Hinsdale); S-Naveed Mohammed (Muskegon, MI). MEN'S 45+ INTERMEDIATE: 1-Delmer Reed (Chicago) 2-George Henton (Chicago); S-Jose Castro (Montgomery); S-Ray Meisner (Glendale Heights). MEN'S NOVICE: 1-Scott Lubbers (Muskegon, MI); 2-Kris Robinson (Berea, KY); S-Randy Dukes (Central City, KY); S-Tony Gonzales (Country Club Hills).

WOMEN'S A: 1-Mary Crawford (Chicago); 2-Julie Carter (Lockport); S-Katherine Grill (Champaign); S-Carrie Jaskier (Addison). WOMEN'S B: 1-Leslie Miller (Peoria); 2-Mary de Journo (LaGrange); S-Bette Kidd (Urbana); S-Tracy Horvat (Hammond, IN). WOMEN'S D: 1-Peggy Hartman (Lisle); 2-Gretchen Slusser (Carol Stream); S-Jessica Burkert (Lombard); S-Karen Berry (Bolingbrook). WOMEN'S NOVICE: 1-Karen Berry (Bolingbrook); 2-Laura Pawlowski (Tinley Park); S-Pam Douthit (Chicago). WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE: 1-Pam Grace (Wheaton); 2-Barb Utterback (Orland Park); S-Mary De Journo (LaGrange); S-Bette Kidd (Urbana).

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES: 1-Scott Franklin/Jaime Treacy (Cedar Rapids, IA); 2-Howie Spaeth/Carrie Jaskier (Addison); S-Jeff Grace/Pam Grace (Wheaton); S-Chris Cotton/Mary Cotton (Bolingbrook). MIXED B DOUBLES: 1-Tracy Horvat/Marty Wachel (Hammond, IN); 2-Jennifer Jaskier/Jim Gaw (Lombard); S-Gretchen Slusser/Eric Rieman (Carol Stream).

## ISRA GOLF OUTING

Saturday, July 12th

### NORDIC HILL RESORT

followed by:

Dinner and Racquetball  
at the Bloomingdale  
Sports Complex

for more  
information, contact:

Tom Utterback  
(708) 479-1135



## Ramblings from the Regionals

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- A busy weekend with a draw of 262 entries this year. Just about the same number of entries as last year, but several fewer players.
- Tournament Director Geoff Peters welcomed players from Illinois, Iowa (a good contingent), Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan!
- Rich Clay, Tom Utterback and Doug Halverson labored into the morning hours on Wednesday to complete tournament draws that accommodated nearly everyone's schedules. They were assisted by John Thorson, Jim Gaw, Nick Curcio and Laurel Davis.
- An award for the Best Looking Racquet went to Rose Stoltman of Mequon, Wisconsin who boasted a fluorescent pink number on the court. We'll have to hope she doesn't adopt a matching outfit! Speaking of racquets, husband Jerry was the big winner of an Ektelon Power Ring at the Saturday night raffle.
- How about that food? Once again, club owner Diane DeArmas made sure that she ignored the posted hours and had food available almost constantly!
- We had no double winners this year, although Greg Hodges (two Seconds), John Negrete and Greg Hasty (First and Third) and Dick Wadewitz (First and Second) came close.
- Eric Rieman, where were you on Sunday morning?
- Anyone who can explain Rich Clay and Tom Utterback's ability to help out all day long (and play) and then go to "The Boat" after midnight and show up the next morning -- please explain it to Eric (see above).
- Which tournament player slept in his car all weekend?
- Thanks again to Carrie Jaskier who took the time to get everyone's hometown on the drawsheets -- a nice touch for the Regional!
- We had our first brush with 22" racquets. Remember, they aren't legal for sanctioned play until 9/1/97.
- What did everyone think of using the ProPenn Green Ball? Let your state board members know because next year's sanctioned tournaments may have a choice of which ball to use.
- The Women's and Mixed Doubles draws were a little disappointing. If you have any ideas, let us know...
- Congratulations to Pat Murray (Champaign) who moves up from A's next month. Jay Pearlman and T.J. Ferro who finished Second and as a Semifinalist respectively will also move up to Open for next season.
- We offered both a Men's and Women's novice event for the first time in several years. Congratulations to Karen Berry (Bolingbrook) and Scott Lubbers (Muskegon, MI) for winning their titles.
- Every one of our championship division winners should be a threat to do well in Houston over Memorial Day weekend. Remember to ask them this summer -- results will be in the July newsletter.

## Did You Forget to Pick Up Your Award at State Singles '97?

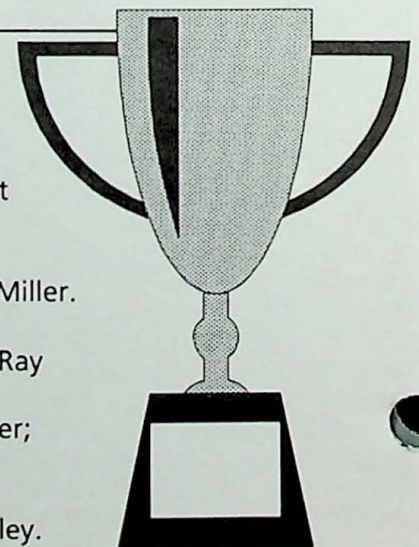
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The Bloomingdale Sports Complex is holding on to the following plaques for places finished that were never picked up by some participants in the State Singles tournament. If you see the name of the division you participated in, and you placed in that respective position and never picked up your plaque, call Bloomingdale Sports Complex at (630) 893-9577, and ask for Howie.

First and Second Place Awards: M50 - Second Place/Herb Grigg; WB - Second Place/Leslie Miller.

Semi-Finalists: MA - P. Murray or J. Stellern; MB - John Mattarese; MB - Al Rubiano; MC - Ray Meisner; MC - Peter McCauley; MD - T. Roselli or C. Ruthman; M35 Int. - R. Ems or S. Bettenhausen; M50 - Joe Quirke; M50 - Dennis McKee; WA - Julie Carter; WA - Leslie Miller; WB - Gwen English; WB - Lola Markus.

Consolation First Place: MC - Manuel Rosiles; WA - Debra Thompson; WB - Karin McCauley.



# Challenge Courts\* in Illinois

To update your listing, please contact Matt Malcheski at (630) 322-9077.



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\$14 for Non members

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708-449-2255

Edens Athletic Club  
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Saturday 12-3

Lakeshore Athletic Club  
(Chicago Downtown)  
(312) 644-4880  
Monday, Wednesday 5-8 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
\$5 Members - \$10 Non-Members

Evergreen Racquet Club  
708-425-7200  
Friday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. - \$5  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - \$5

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(630) 357-7200  
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Peoria  
(309) 685-8200  
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708-595-9009  
Wednesday 5-8 p.m. - \$5

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Oak Park  
708-848-5200  
Saturday 11-3 p.m.

The South Lake Club  
Mundelein  
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Bolingbrook  
(630) 739-0304  
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Chicago  
(312) 413-5150  
Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday, 4-6 p.m. - \$3  
Saturday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - \$3

Wheaton Sports Complex  
Wheaton  
(630) 690-0887  
1st Sunday of Month,  
9 a.m. - Noon - \$9

Woodfield Athletic Club  
847-884-0678  
Saturday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

\*We recommend contacting the club for further details.



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## 1997 IRT Events

**May 14-18**

Bay101 IRT World  
Championships  
Bayhill Athletic Club  
Milpitas, CA

**June 4-8**

Spalding Tournament of  
Champions  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
Portland, OR

## 1997 WIRT Events

**May 14-18**

Bay101 WIRT World  
Championships  
Bayhill Athletic Club  
Milpitas, CA

**June 5-8**

RAD Tournament of  
Champions  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
Portland, OR

## 1997 Tournament Calendar

**May 3-4**

Region 8 USRA Junior  
Olympic Championships  
Bloomington Sports Complex  
Rich Clay (847) 918-7407  
**USRA SANCTIONED**

**May 21-26**

EKTELON USRA 30th  
National Singles  
Championships  
Downtown YMCA, Houston  
Margo Daniels  
(719) 635-5396  
**USRA SANCTIONED**

**June 21-25**

EKTELON USRA 24th U.S.  
Junior Olympic  
Championships  
Baltimore, MD  
Margo Daniels  
(719) 635-5396  
**USRA SANCTIONED**

**June 27-29**

Outdoor Racquetball  
Tournament  
Bloomington Sports Complex  
Howie Spaeth (630) 893-9577

**July 16-19**

NMRA International Masters  
Invitational Singles/Doubles  
Las Vegas, NV  
Margo Daniels (719) 635-5396  
**USRA SANCTIONED**

**July 25-27**

Glass Court Summerfest  
Glass Court Swim & Fitness  
Doug Halverson  
(630) 629-3390

**July 31 - August 3**

Bloomington Sports  
Complex Junior  
Racquetball Camp  
Howie Spaeth (630) 893-9577

**August 15-17**

Belle Island (Detroit)  
Outdoor Tournament  
Howie Spaeth (630) 893-9577

**August 26-30**

IRF 9th World Senior  
Championships  
Albuquerque, NM  
Margo Daniels  
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**October 15-19**

EKTELON USRA 30th U.S.  
National Doubles  
Championships  
Phoenix, AZ  
Margo Daniels  
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**November 12-16**

Promus Hotel Corporation  
2nd U.S. Open  
Championships  
Memphis, TN  
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**December 19-23**

IRF 9th World Junior  
Championships  
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