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From the President

We're into summer and the Illinois racquetball season has wrapped up for another year. The season wound up on a high note with the first Motorola IRT Pro Nationals at Schaumburg Tennis Plus. The event took place over 5 days at two venues and was a huge success. It took a great number of volunteers, as well as some "out of town" talent (Doug Ganim and Jim Hiser), to pull off this event.

The ISRA volunteered to staff the check-in desk and tournament control at Harper College. I'd like to thank each of you who spent time helping out with the tournament — it couldn't have happened without you! I'd also like to recognize Geoff Peters for spending hours on the telephone in order to fill out the work schedule, including the challenge of finding people to staff workstations during the business day on Thursday and Friday.

The tournament accomplished more than serving as a venue for the professional players to compete in their national tournament or for amateur players to meet the Regional requirement prior to heading for Houston in May — for many, it rejuvenated an interest or passion for racquetball. In my role as ISRA President, I find that administrative tasks often impact my joy of the game. I get focused on running an event and making sure the participants are enjoying the experience. It affects my play and sometimes my enthusiasm. I think the same thing has

happened to many players over the years. The reasons might be different — jobs, families, injuries — but the result is the same.

What struck me about the IRT Pro Nationals was the number of players who came out to play or watch who have been missing from the tournament scene for a very long time. There were players and spectators who haven't been seen around a tournament for many years. It was just the kind of event we needed to bring back some players we've lost and to reenergize the rest of us. It was exciting and a great foundation on which to build. The opportunity to watch the enthusiasm and to talk to old friends helped me remember why I am drawn to this game.

Congratulations to Dave Negrete and his team of volunteers. I hope we'll all come together "same time, next year," making this event even

bigger and better. It's good for racquetball.

Have a great summer,

Laurel



Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I hope many of you had a chance to attend the IRT Pro Nationals sponsored by Motorola this past month. What an event to have right here in our own backyard! Kudos to Dave Negrete and the literally dozens and dozens of individuals who volunteered time and money to this event. If you missed it, you missed the event of the season and the biggest thing to hit Illinois in years and years.

Players and fans were amazed at the extensive venue at Schaumburg Tennis Plus and at the incredible quality of play on the portable glass court. Those who complained about the cost of the event and did not attend just didn't get the concept of making racquetball a national sport. This event is another step in that direction. If you want to see what you were missing, or if you attended and want to relive the experience,

check out the incredible pictures taken by Geoff Thomsen of Double Donut Studios. Geoff got right in the action with great shots taken from the back and side glass walls and from the small glass portals in the front wall. Go to www.doubledonut.com, see these shots and read the play-by-play of every match from the quarterfinals on. You will also be able to view the matches on The Tennis Channel; it was announced during the weekend that it was getting picked up by Comcast Cable. This means that many Chicago-area cable subscribers should be able to see the show. Please check your cable listings and the ISRA website to catch all of the action. Hope to see more Illinois players at the tournament next year. It was truly a treat to have a national event in the Chicago area.

— Mike Davern

ISRA Family News

Tying the Knot

Ken Cook and Monica Payton were married in Kauai on February 20th. Ken said, "I wanted to get married at Revie's but Monica would not have it. Please ask everyone, from the old Hyde Park Racquet Club to Omni 41 and the whole ISRA, to wish us a happy and joyful marriage."



NMRA Championships

Dennis Healy, Lola Markus, Kathy Ruzyski, and Wil Rounsaville traveled to Canoga Park, CA, to compete in this popular tournament (247 entries!). What better place to be in March when you're from Illinois — a great excuse for fun, camaraderie and warmer temps! Kathy Ruzyski took the gold in Women's 55+ and Lola Markus teamed with Ron Dorst (CA) for the gold in Mixed 70+.

Intercollegiates

The 33rd U.S. Intercollegiate Championships were held March 31 - April 3 at the ASU campus in Tempe, Arizona. Over 400 of the best collegiate players representing 41 colleges competed.

Ben Croft, second-year student at Colorado State University, once again led his teammates to the Men's Team Intercollegiate Title. Ben won the Division I title in both singles and doubles. In winning his singles event, he earned a one-year appointment to the Adult U.S. National Team.

Mike DeGonia and *Andrew Benko* headed a five-man team from Southern Illinois University and finished 24th in the Men's Team standings (very respectable for their first year and with only five players). The team hopes to recruit some women players and is already looking forward to participating next year.

Racquetball Ambassador

ISRA and JTI member *Kevin Schulz* is doing his part. As quoted in the Thursday, April 28 issue of the *Pioneer Press*:

[Freshman Kevin Schulz] ventured onto the tennis court after several years of playing racquetball. "Kevin plays racquetball competitively," [Coach Jimmy] Ku said. "His racquetball experience has translated well onto the tennis court."

Coach Ku doesn't know the half of it! Kevin is a respected member of our racquetball community, placing strongly in several Men's C tournament divisions this past year. He was the recipient of the 2004 Dvorak Award.

Kevin helped to organize a Mundelein High School tennis team end-of-the-year party at the Southlake Club, where nearly 20 kids were introduced to the sport of racquetball.

In Memoriam

Bert Coghill, 58, of Orland Park, died of pneumonia on April 30 in Rochester, Minnesota. Long-time ISRA members will remember Bert as an avid tournament and travel league player out of Silver Lake in the 80's. In 1990, he suffered a severe injury from which he never fully recovered. Bert is survived by his wife Taren, son Clint, daughter Kelli Calzaretta, two brothers and six grandchildren.

10th Annual Palos Olympic Open

February 18-20, 2005
Palos Olympic Health & Fitness
Tournament Director: Larry Vena

Division: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (12): John Amatulli (IN); Brian Simpson (IN); Eugene Coyle, Keith Minor

Men's A (7): Ben Fraga; John Matarrese; Keith Kareiva, Trevor Snyders

Men's B (16): Tom Lamberson; Walter Fornek; Ray Shimizu, Mark Stevenson

Men's C (8): Mike Vieni; Roger Siegel; John Talty, Mike Ryan

Men's D (6): Mike Vieni; Vince Carvallo; William Galloway, Rodrigo Vazquez

Women's Open (4): Janet Eminger; Kathy Ruzyski; Barbara Curran (3), Patrice Calvi (4)

Women's A/B (4): Gwen English; Maureen McKay; Lee Neubauer (3), Pam Jacobsen (4)

Junior Beginner (7): Brian Lynch; Lauren Pacetti; Ricardo Gonzalez, Blake Beehler

Junior Intermediate (11): Alex Beehler; Colin Lynch; Steven Gronkiewicz, Chris Bono (IN)

Junior Advanced (9): Matt Pietrus; Mike Peters; Joey Eminger, Alex Beehler

Men's Open Doubles (6): Martin Gonzalez/Tony Gonzalez; Joe Silius/Larry Vena; Frank Ball/Wil Rounsaville, Joe Gill/Bob Clar

Men's A Doubles (8): Tony Gonzalez/Jim Bono (IN); Frank Ball/Wil Rounsaville; Bill Kuhlman/Al Robledo, David Royster/George Henton

Men's B Doubles (5): George Kleber/Joe Keane; Tom Levis/Bob Woycheese; Dean Hollowell/Richard Lux, Bill Hawkins/Jerry DeGonia

Mixed Open Doubles (6): Tom Utterback/Janet Eminger; Patrice Calvi/Joe Silius; Tom Curtis/Barbara Curran, Tom Levis/Maureen McKay

Chuck Galkin Memorial Tournament

February 4-6, 2005
B.R. Ryall YMCA, Glen Ellyn
Tournament Director — Sean Nelson

Division: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (10): Dave Bachar; Tom Utterback; John Bertholomey, Vito Rubiano

Men's AA (4): Dave Schoonover; Bob Morrison; Barry Dixon, Sid Harshavat

Men's A (11): Geoff Goldblatt; Al Rubiano; Bob Brennan, Sid Harshavat

Men's B (9): Jim Burns; Steve Saeks; Trevor Snyders, Pete Schmeichel

Men's C (11): Vey Miracle; Jim Camasto; Humberto Sosa, Bryan Tubbs

Men's D (11): Chuck Thompson; Moses Elias; Kenny Brown, Scott Martin

Men's Open Doubles (3): Dave Bachar/Bob Morrison; Chuck Snyders/Barry Dixon; Al Rubiano/Vito Rubiano

Men's A Doubles (6): Jeff Grace/Dave Schoonover; Pete Schmeichel/Paul Nicotra; Geoff Goldblatt/Trevor Snyders, Tony Ferruzza/Behrooz Smazel

Men's B Doubles (6): Tony Ferruzza/Mike Fornero; Paul Nicotra/Pete Schmeichel; Ray Meisner/John Geatros, Bob Brennan/Dave Schultz

Juniors 10- Multi (3): Sean Lynch; Dan Pacetti; Jeremy Dixon

Juniors 12- (10): Joey Eminger; Johnny Bertholomey; Brian Lynch, Dave Negrete, Jr.

Juniors 14- (8): Kyle Dunechan; Gabriel Ortiz; Rachel Vena, Daniel Chaudry

Juniors 16- (4): Matt Loy; Matt Pietrus; Ian Szechowycz (3), Mike Peters (4)

Edens March Madness

March 11-13, 2005

Edens Athletic Club, Chicago

Tournament Director – Joe Gill

Fierce yet fair – competition in Illinois racquetball showed its colors as Edens Athletic Club hosted the annual March Madness tournament. Eighty players (30% of whom played in multiple events), battled long hours and a solid three days vying for tournament gold in fourteen divisions. The competition proved to be honorably fair with referees serving more as scorekeepers. The tournament peaked Sunday afternoon as Eugene Coyle and Jorge Ortiz thrilled the standing-room-only gallery, Coyle eking out the victory in a tiebreaker.

Sponsors provided plenty of goodies and extras to all the tournament players. Everything ran smoothly and on time, thanks to Dick Goldblatt, Laura Brown, Carolyn Watkins and Geoff Peters. The staff at Edens is happy to assist with such a "funtastic" event.

Congrats to all our winners and look for the Summer Slam this June 25th. Spread the fun of racquetball and remember — Grip it, Rip it, Roll it!

*See ya on the courts,
Joe Gill*

Results:

Division: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (9): Eugene Coyle; Jorge Ortiz; Desmond Slusher, Bob Clar

Men's AA (4): George Pappas; Angel Khamis; Tony Rosselli, John Baumeister

Men's A (10): Desmond Slusher; Geoff Goldblatt; Ubaldo Melo, Pat Taylor

Men's B (17): Blair Wagner; Antonio Correa; Tony DiCianni, Leo Formanski

Men's C (12): Steve Brady; Atheefur Papa; Antonio Correa, Arlyn Tratt

Men's D (10): Moses Elias; Mark Roberts; John Pagan, Andy Scholnik

Men's 45+ (9): Tom Connelly; Chuck Snyders; Mario Becerra, Frank Milazzo

Men's 65+ (3): Ray O'Brien; Ysmael Padilla; Ken Yahiro (3)

Men's 75+ (1): Ken Yahiro

Women's Open/A (4): Rene Roux; Lori Good; Carolyn Watkins (3), Marlin Ortiz (4)

Men's Open Doubles (9): Eugene Coyle/George Pappas; Bob Clar/John Baumeister; Frank Ball/Delmer Reed, Jorge Ortiz/Harold Hernandez



L-R: Sponsors Jim Valenti of Valenti Construction and Howard Nixon of Iron Financial



L-R: Harold Hernandez, John Baumeister, Jorge Ortiz, and Sponsor Bob Clar

Men's AA Doubles (3): Mike Berdell/Geoff Goldblatt; Fred Barbara/Weber; Harper/Siegel

Men's B/C Doubles (9): Brian Lien/Dale Willenbrink; Alberto Palacios/Gerardo Sulic; Leo Formanski/Atheefur Papa, Antonio Correa/Steve Brady

Mixed Open/A Doubles (4): Lori Good/Brian Berkelhamer; Carolyn Watkins/John Beaulieu; Rene Roux/Geoff Peters (3), Marlin Ortiz/Jorge Ortiz (4)

Mixed B/C Doubles (4): Valarie Enwall/Alberto Palacios; Marlin Ortiz/Arturo Arauco; Erin Yore/Jon Sitt (3), Donna Torren/Ysmael Padilla (4)

ANNUAL ISRA GOLF OUTING

WHEN: Saturday, July 9, 2005
Tee times begin at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Fox Run Golf Links
333 Plum Grove Road
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Phone: 847-228-3544

COST: \$75.00 per person - includes golf and cart, buffet dinner immediately following golf.

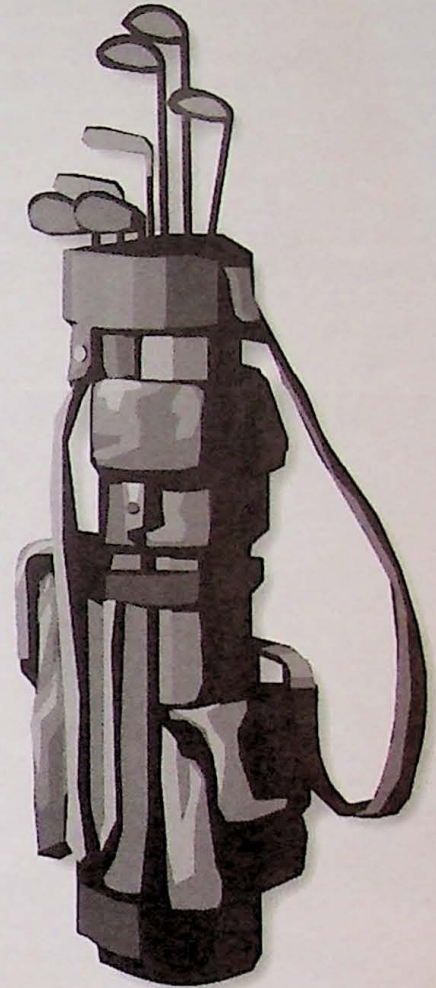
PRIZES: Door prizes galore!
Low net team (men and women)
Longest Drive (men and women)
Closest to the Pin (men and women)

DEADLINE: Friday, July 1, 2005

Payment MUST be made in full for entire foursome by Friday July 1st
Checks ONLY, payable to ISRA

Mail bottom portion of this form with foursome names and payment to:
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Orland Park, IL 60467

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Players in your foursome: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

ISRA State Singles Championships

February 25-27, 2005

The Chalet, Willow Springs

Tournament Director – Laurel Davis

The Chalet in Willow Springs was once again host to a great tournament, offering the opportunity to bring home the gold and bragging rights for the year. Illinois has some of the best racquetball players in the country and has been home to many great professional male and female players, past and present. With a full schedule of open tournaments throughout the season, this is the one time when Illinois non-residents cannot participate.



*Illinois Royalty
Lynn Adams Clay and Rich Clay*

Our sincere thanks go to our tournament sponsors: The Blarney Stone, Cub Foods, E-Force, Ektelon, Entenmann's, Frito-Lay, Head/Penn Racquet Sports, Hostess, Jay's, Junior Team Illinois (JTI), Keebler, Little Debbie, McDonald's, Molitor Grounds Maintenance, Nabisco, National City Bank, Valley Linens, and Wilson. And, as always, we are so grateful for the assistance of the many volunteers who unselfishly give their time for the benefit of our sport and its players!

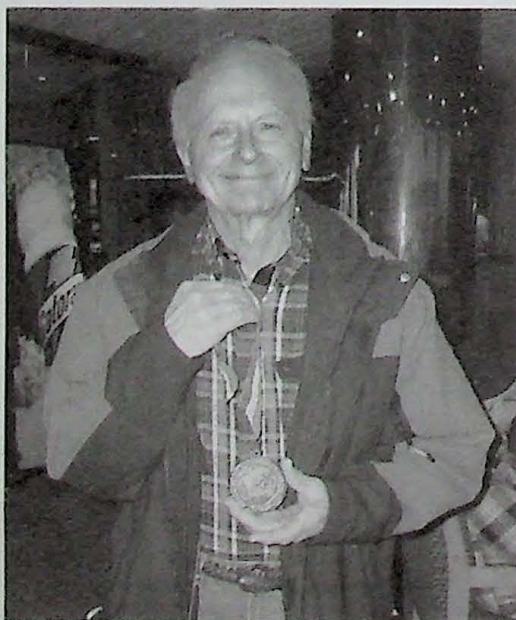
This year's 52 divisions provided exciting racquetball competition at all levels. There were new winners, repeat winners, multiple winners...at the top of the Men's Open and 35+ divisions, fitness guru Eugene Coyle overcame defending champ Keith Minor in a match where gymnastics seemed to erupt during crowd-pleasing rallies; diving gets were the protocol. The phenomenal condition of these two guys is amazing — neither seemed to be breathing all that heavily during the grueling match.

Dave Bachar proved he is more than just a great doubles player by taking home the gold in the Men's 40+ division. Bill Lyman ("Mr. Semi-Retired") took top spot in the

45+ against perennial tournament winner Dave Milazzo. Gregg Mandell defeated his longtime friend and doubles partner Dave Olson in the 50+ to keep his string of victories going at three straight state titles. In the Men's 55+, the always-consistent Dennis McKee claimed his third straight state title, defeating Joe Silius. Pat Taylor, William Gingold, Ed Olah and John O'Donnell, Jr. all took home gold in the 60+, 65+, 70+, and 75+ divisions respectively. These guys just keep going; my hat's off to them especially when players many years their junior quit the game because of a little pain or arthritis. Keep it up, guys!

Other notable gold medalists: Vince Carvallo (Men's D), Trevor Snyders (Men's C), Richard DeArmas (Men's B) and Tony Rosselli (Men's A, 25+ A and 30+ A) all earned their way into the next higher division in the 2005/2006 season. Also, Lynn Yeazell (30 A+, 30+ B, and 35+ B) had that euphoric look with three gold medals to take home. What a great day! Double gold was bestowed on Jorge Ortiz (AA and 25+), Alberto Palacios (55C and 60C), Cheryl Kirk (B and 45+ B) and Ms. Speedy Liz Molitor (Open and 45+). For all the others who earned gold, congratulations! When all is said and done, our awards are our achievements for us to keep, share and remember for the rest of our lives. For all the others who did not get the gold, including myself, next year will be here before we know it, and who knows, just maybe some of the medals will be going home to new addresses!

— Joe Silius



Men's 70+ Champ Ed Olah



*John O'Donnell, Jr. —
Back in Action!*

Results:

Division: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (10): Eugene Coyle; Keith Minor; Cary Slade, William Lattner

Men's AA (2): Jorge Ortiz; George Pappas

Men's A (19): Tony Rosselli; Bob Dunlap; Joe Waller, Geoff Goldblatt

Men's B (16): Richard DeArmas; Chris Caldwell; Trevor Snyders, John Puccio

Men's C (22): Trevor Snyders; Kevin Schulz; Scott Fauque, Wayne Lorenz

Men's D (19): Vince Carvallo; Gerardo Sulic; Joe Lococo, Dave Wielgus

Men's 25+ (3): Jorge Ortiz; Carlos Delgado; Larry Vena (3)

Men's 30+ (2): Carlos Delgado; Larry Vena

Men's 35+ (5): Eugene Coyle; Keith Minor; Cary Slade (3)

Men's 40+ (5): Dave Bachar; William Lattner; Tom Utterback (3)

Men's 45+ (9): Bill Lyman; Dave Milazzo; Andy Pitock, Steve Lloyd

Men's 50+ (9): Gregg Mandell; Dave Olson; Winston Cole, TJ Ferro

Men's 55+ (8): Dennis McKee; Joe Silius; Horace Miller, Dennis Healy

Men's 65+ (4): William Gingold; David Seltzer; Bob Goodman (3); Ysmael Padilla (4)

Men's 70+ (3): Ed Olah; Bob Goodman; Ray O'Brien (3)

Men's 75+ (3): John O'Donnell, Jr.; Tony Lang; Ken Yahiro (3)

Men's 25+ A (4): Tony Rosselli; Sid Harshavat; David Kerr, Jr. (3), Juan Alcantar (4)

Men's 30+ A (3): Tony Rosselli; David Kerr, Jr.; Juan Alcantar (3)

Men's 35+ A (4): Desmond Slusher; John Puccio; Joe Waller (3), Blair Wagner (4)

Men's 35+ B (3): Kevin Laird; Scott Fauque; Steve "Big Cat" Williams (3)

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ISRA State Singles

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Men's 35 + C (1): Scott Fauque
Men's 40 + A (4): Chris Caldwell; Ubaldo Melo; John Mason (3), Jim Capone (4)
Men's 40 + B (6): Jim Capone; Tom Lamberson; Mark Gardner, Wayne Lorenz
Men's 40 + C (1): Wayne Lorenz
Men's 45/50 + A (8): Frank Ball; Bob Dunlap; John Mason, Steve Butler
Men's 50 + A (3): Bob Dunlap; Steve Butler; Delmer Reed (3)
Men's 45 + B (7): Randy Ems; Bill Butterworth; Scott Martin, Frank Valentino
Men's 45 + C (5): Bill Butterworth; Scott Martin; Robert Gallo, Gerry Kudanian
Men's 50 + B (9): Jim Maroon; Paul Jepsen; David Kerr, Sr., Frank Smalarz
Men's 50 + C (4): Paul Jepsen; Salvador Galvan, Wayne Grane; Bruce Kletsy
Men's 55 + A (5): Platt Hill; Delmer Reed; John Usmial (3), Leo Klimaitis (4), John Talty, Sr. (4)
Men's 55 + B (5): Ray Meisner; George Kleber; Alberto Palacios (3), Sal Oliver (4), David Kerr, Sr. (5)
Men's 55 + C (2): Alberto Palacios; Sal Oliver
Men's 60 + B (6): Ken Collin; Alberto Palacios; John Burke, Len Ruzyski
Men's 60 + C (4): Alberto Palacios; Len Ruzyski, John Burke; Al Basile

Women's Open (4): Liz Molitor; Janet Eminger; Lori Good, Nancy Kronenfeld
Women's A (6): Julia Perkins; Barbara Curran; Pam Grace, Lori Good
Women's B (8) (BCD): Cheryl Kirk; Kelly Carson; Leila Gray, Lynn Yeazell
Women's C (2): Janet Christie; Marlin Ortiz

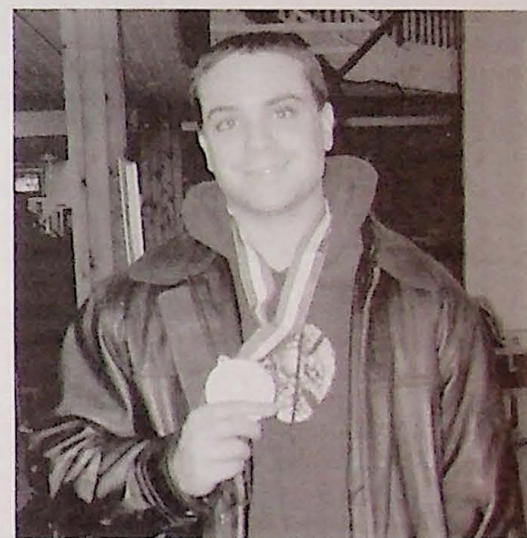
Women's D (2): Kelly Woycheese; Marlin Ortiz
Women's 40 + (4): Barbara Curran; Janet Eminger; Patrice Calvi (3), Laurel Davis (4)
Women's 45 + (4): Liz Molitor; Kathy Ruzyski; Joan Vande Kieft (3), Pam Grace (4)
Women's 30 + A (4): Lynn Yeazell; Bernadette Bland; Carolyn Watkins (3), Julianne Beran (4)
Women's 30 + B (3): Lynn Yeazell; Bernadette Bland; Julianne Beran (3)
Women's 35 + B (1): Lynn Yeazell
Women's 45 + A (4): Julia Perkins; Cheryl Kirk; Gwen English (3), Dorothy Che-Menju (4)
Women's 45 + B (2): Cheryl Kirk; Dorothy Che-Menju
Women's 55 + A (2): Gwen English; Dorothy Che-Menju
Women's 55 + B (1): Dorothy Che-Menju



Ms. Speedy Liz Molitor runs away with Women's Open, again!



Frank Ball and Julia Perkins-Ball — 3 medals plus 1 box of donuts add up to one great weekend!



Men's B Champion Richard DeArmas is Movin' On Up!



Eugene Coyle and Keith Minor — 1st & 2nd in both Men's Open and Men's 35+

March Invitational 2005

March 4-6, 2005

Landmark Racquet & Health Club, Peoria

Tournament Directors – Kurt Mankle & Mike Vicary

After months of planning, Landmark's March Invitational went off smoothly...in a BIG way! The tournament was full (160 players) and we hit our entry limit a day and a half before the deadline. The March Invitational continues to be the most popular in Central Illinois and provides great competition and sportsmanship, an excellent social environment, and terrific hospitality.

The Landmark staff (maintenance, front desk, banquet services, hospitality helpers, babysitting, and managers) did a great job before, during and after the event. Our loyal volunteers put forth a great deal of help with bracket setting, time slotting, set-up, control table, check-in table, and refer-

ees. We greatly appreciate those who participated in this year's tournament and all of the many spectators who came out to watch the action.

Our continued gratitude goes out to all of our sponsors. With their help, we can run our tournament at a high standard of excellence. Several of our sponsors have been consistent with their support over many years — special thanks to Jim & Karen Carter of Carter Law Offices, Scott and Dan Sutton of Sutton Carpet, Bill Leroy of ReMax Unlimited and Wilson Racquet Sports. And, to National City, Head, Pepsi, Tri-Country Appraisal, Country Companies,

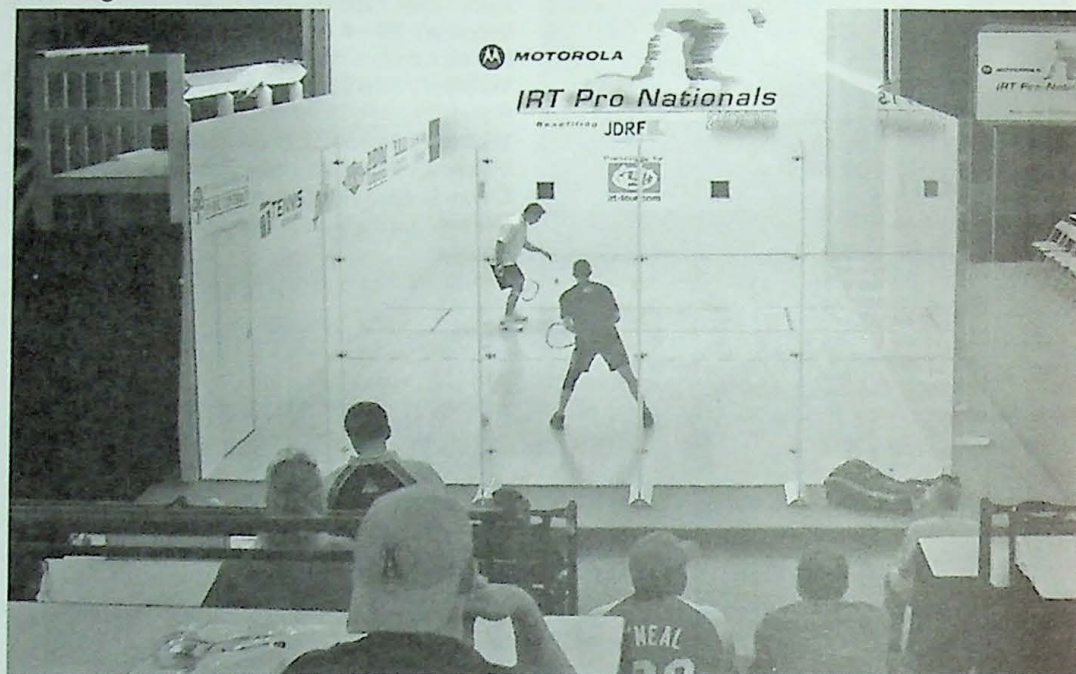
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Motorola Pro Nationals/USA Racquetball Regionals

April 20-24, 2005

Schaumburg Tennis Plus/Harper College, Schaumburg
Tournament Director – Dave Negrete

No longer is Memphis the only "real" grand slam event on the pro tour schedule. After years of waiting for that one sponsor to support Dave Negrete and his plans to bring a mega event to Chicago area, Dan Aderhold and Motorola finally stepped forward. With only three months to plan the event, Dave recruited the assistance of Doug Ganim, Jim Hiser, and USA Racquetball to move forward with his dream. Although not as many players signed up in this first year as normally play at the US Open, the Chicago Motorola Pro Nationals exceeded everyone's expectations. The event exhibited the same fan excitement, superior player performance and overall dramatic presentation as the US Open. Thanks to Dave and the numerous supporters who believed in this dream, Chicago now has its own grand slam event.



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The Portable Court comes to Schaumburg!

March Invitational

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Salomon Smith-Barney, Carl Carter, and Dennis Toland — we sincerely thank you!

Since this tournament has reached its capacity for several years now, we look forward to gaining our 9th court (former Kid's Room). This will ease our court time immensely and hopefully eliminate midnight start times on Friday.

One of the most exciting components of this tournament was our junior turnout. For the first time, we had a junior division just for the girls! We were very pleased with our high school level and junior novice players as well. Many of these kids were playing their very first tournament.

We hope if you played that you enjoyed your tournament experience. If you weren't able to join us...mark your calendar for the **No Frills Fall Warm-Up Tournament on September 30th – October 2nd.**

—Terry Sutton

Men's A: Sieg Hoppe (Muscatine YMCA), Tim Shoemaker (Davenport AC); Manny Hernandez (Streator YMCA)

Men's B: Bob Kistenfeger (Decatur YMCA), Robert Ryan (Peoria Landmark); Tom Eilers (Decatur Image)

Men's C: Jesse Purvis (Peoria Landmark), Bill Nicholson (Nash Rec Center); Justin Anderson (Peoria Landmark)

Men's 40+ : Rick Reynolds (Peoria Landmark); Mike Campbell (Jacksonville Fitness World); Steve Morrow (Morton Village Courts)

Men's 40+ B: Jon Aitken (Morton Village Courts), Mike Denhart (Danville YMCA); Rick Felsing (Peoria Landmark)

Women's B: Shelley Marquez (Springfield R&F), Missy Moses (Peoria Landmark)

Women's C: Debi Ramos (Peoria Landmark), Cara Phillips (Peoria Landmark)

Junior High School: Spencer Graves (Peoria Landmark), Michael Hinnen (Peoria Landmark); Kyle Sutton (Peoria Landmark)

Junior Novice: Will Herr (Springfield R&F), Dylan Shoemaker (Davenport AC); Joe O'Neil (Peoria Landmark)

Junior Girls: Shelby Zeigler (Peoria Landmark), Rachel Mankle (Peoria Landmark), Katie Motteler (Peoria Landmark)

Men's Open Doubles: Rick Reynolds/Mike Vicary (Peoria Landmark), Tony Marquez/Steve Horve (Springfield R&F/Decatur YMCA)

Men's AA Doubles: Steve Clark/Mark Calvin – Springfield R&F, Brad Frerichs/Dave Litman (Decatur YMCA/Rantoul Forum Fitness)

Men's A Doubles: Randy Puebla/Brian Andresen (Davenport AC/North Scott Fitness), Mike Schrey/Jeff Rogers (Springfield LRS); John Snarr/Ken Brackett (Peoria Landmark)

Men's B/C Doubles: Jim York / Kevin Gallagher (Ottawa YMCA), Larry Rottunda/Jeff Fulks (Bloomington Four Seasons); Ron Jones/Tom Otten (Peoria Landmark)

Women's O/A Doubles: Pam Schubach/Brenda White (Peoria Landmark), Julie Rogy/Kelly Carter (Peoria Landmark/Bloomington Four Seasons, Cheryl Kirk/Barb Curran (Naperville Olympic)

Women's B/C Doubles: Pam Stanek/Missy Moses (Peoria Landmark), Shelley Marquez/Liz Anderson (Springfield R&F/Champaign Fitness Center), Debi Ramos/Erin Hayworth (Peoria Landmark)

Mixed O/A Doubles: Pam Schubach/Kurt Mankle (Peoria Landmark); Kelly Carter/Mike Vicary Bloomington Four Seasons/Peoria Landmark; Barb Curran/Tom Curtis (Naperville Olympic)

Mixed B/C Doubles: Liz Anderson/Doug Gordon (Champaign Fitness Center/Peoria Landmark), Jenni Morgan/Matt Kaag (Peoria Landmark), Lori Bilbrey/Chris Dimmitt (McDonough City YMCA)

March Invitational Results:

Division: 1st, 2nd; Consolation

Men's Open: Garrett Rush (Galesburg YMCA), Tony Marquez (Springfield R&F)

Men's AA: Cal Palmer (Galesburg YMCA), Miguel Riollano (Streator YMCA)

Motorola Pro Nationals

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The qualifying and 16's went much as expected. The drama, as usual began in the quarterfinals...

Waselenchuk and Robinson: Although Kane continued his dominance of the 2004/2005 season, the real story of the match was Derek Robinson's retirement from the tour. Considered one of the best instructors among the professional players, Derek had decided prior to the match that this would be his last professional event as a full-time pro player. Holding back tears of emotion, Derek, in his normal professional and classy manner thanked his fans and fellow players, placed his shoes and racquet in the center of the court and left the court to a standing ovation from the crowd.

Beltran and Carson: Alvaro never seemed to find his rhythm and seldom put any pressure on Rocky. Although Rocky lost his composure and concentration in the middle of the second game after referee Jason Thoerner missed a call, Rocky still managed to eliminate Alvaro in three games.

Mannino and Swain: Everyone was prepared for a war and no one was disappointed — a five-game back-and-forth intimidating, athletic, powerful battle by two warriors who fought to the end, each never giving in. Although Mannino survived, Cliff Swain gave Jason everything he could handle. The power and athleticism Cliff displayed in the first game was almost imaginary. How can a 39-year-old continue to perform at such a high level? Swain's years and Mannino's consistent pressure and returning ability eventually took its toll in the fifth game as Cliff missed what normally would be easy set-ups, permitting Jason to escape with an 11-9 fifth-game victory.

Vanderson and Huzcek: These two players who, although both only 22 years of age, have already had a ten-year rivalry dating back to their junior and collegiate years. This day was all Jack as he played perhaps his best back-to-back games ever against Shane. The first two games were a lesson in perfect shot making, excellent, almost flawless, strategy and complete domination. In the third game, Shane's drive serve forced Jack to make diving serve returns and Shane took his first lead of the match 7-3. But Jack's consistency caused Shane to force shots and Jack won in three straight.

Semifinals

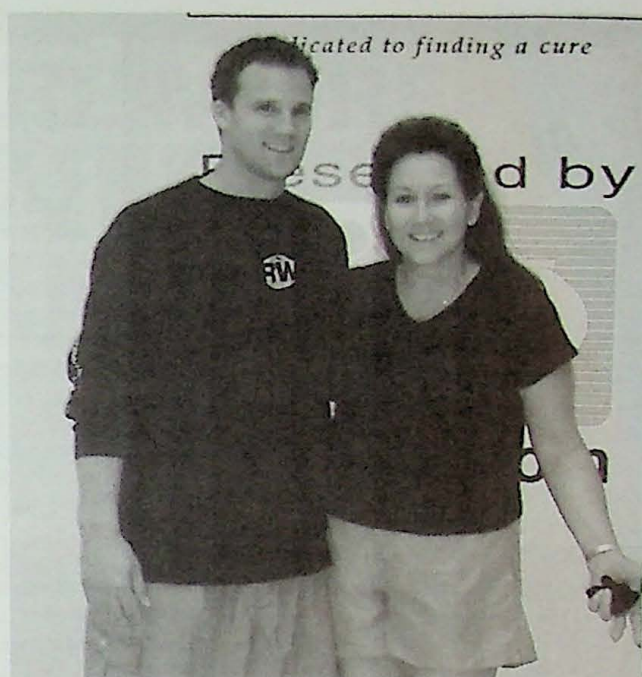
Huzcek and Mannino: Although each is respectful of the other's talent, these two players always seem to bring the best out in each other. In the seesaw first game that saw both players making tremendous gets, Huzcek survived as the winner. Games two and three were all Mannino as his half lob serve seemed to often handcuff Jack. But in games four and five everything changed. Jack's combination of short-hopping Jason's half lob serve and his own almost perfect high lob nick serve continually had Jason on the defensive, allowing Jack to easily win both games and the match.

Carson and Waselenchuk: Carson was way off his game and normal calm demeanor. Continually disagreeing with the officiating, Rocky waged a losing verbal battle throughout the match. This obviously affected his concentration, allowing Kane to not only dictate the pace but also easily win in three straight games.

The Finals

Huzcek and Waselenchuk: Even with all the pressure on Kane, who had predicted a three-game straight victory, it was Jack who seemed nervous and out of his normal game style. Although Jack controlled much of game one, he often missed normally-easy game ending rallies, allowing Kane to win the first game 11-9. Game two saw Kane at his best, mixing drives and lobs, finishing every set-up with a blazing kill and showing everyone why he is the number one player in the game. Game three went much the same until 8-2 when Jack took a timeout. Returning with straight drive serves along the glass, Kane uncharacteristically skipped 5 straight back hand shots, allowing Jack back in the match and an eventual 12-10 victory. Game four started like game three with Kane out front most of the game until 10-6. Jack again fought back with consistent short-hop, roll-out splats off of Kane's serve. At 11-10, Kane pulled out the shot of the game when Jack's back hand kill floated (Jack broke his string) to the back left corner, taking a weird hop directly into Kane's body. He jumped, shooting the ball between his legs into the left corner for a perfect pinch and the championship.

Without question, Kane is the best player in professional racquetball. Although the gap between one and two may not as great as many had thought before Chicago, it is still



Martha Huske teamed up with Rocky Carson in the Pro Am Doubles benefiting JDRF

significant. Normally professionals are able to adapt after playing someone several times and figuring out their weaknesses. How to you find a weakness in a player who undoubtedly has the fastest hands in the game and stands as one of the best pure shooters of all time?

*Jim Hiser, Executive Director
USA Racquetball*

USA Racquetball Regionals Results:

Division: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (16): Andy Hawthorne (OH); Alejandro Herrera (FL); Kyle Veenstra (WI), Mike Dennison (OH)

Men's A (22): Bryan Crosser (IA); Dan Lavelly (OH); Sam Wildofsky (OH) (3rd), Vince Amato (IL) (4th)

Men's B (11): Mike Hammel (IL); Scott Ness (IL); Bryan Shaw (MO) (3rd), Pete Schmeichel (IL) (4th)

Men's C (11): Mike Vieni (IL); Larry Hicks (KY); Fred Conforti (IL) (3rd), Nils Mogensen (IL) (4th)

Men's D (10): Aaron Pace (IL); Matt Sochacki (IL); George Parobek (IN), Gerardo Sulic (IL)

Men's 24+ (2): Darrel Miller (WI); Chris Wachtel (OH)

Men's 25 + (3): Joey Logan (IL); Quentin Mieure (IL); Jorge Suarez (MN) (3rd)

Men's 30 + (2): Quentin Mieure (IL); Jorge Suarez (MN)

Men's 35 + (11): (Final not played); Ruben Gonzalez (NY); Dan Llacera (DE); Martin Gonzalez (IL), Tom Travers (OH)

Men's 40 + (8): Keith Minor (IL); John Amatulli (IN); Angelo Batistatos (IN) (3rd), Steve Goedker (MI) (4th)

Men's 45 + (8): Greg Hodges (MI); Dave Milazzo (IL); Jeff Trepanier (WI), Lance Hodgkinson (OH)

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Men's 50 + (9): Gregg Mandell (IL); T.J. Ferro (IL); Ron Woolard (MI) (3rd), Sal Perconti (FL) (4th)
Men's 55 + (8): Dennis McKee (IL); Horace Miller (IL); Pat Taylor (IL); Tom Blakeslee (MI)
Men's 65 + (6): Elliott Papermaster (WI); John O'Donnell, Jr. (IL); Jim Harper (IL) (3rd), Charles Kaiser (OH) (4th)
Men's 70 + (5): John O'Donnell, Jr. (IL); Jim Harper (IL); Charles Kaiser (OH) (3rd), Tony Lang (IL) (4th)
Men's 75 + (3): John O'Donnell, Jr. (IL); Tony Lang (IL) (2T); Robert Martin (MI) (2T)
Men's 25 + A (6): Bryan Crosser (IA); Brent Huff (IA); Sid Harshavat (IL) (3rd), Jason Hicks (KY) (4th)
Men's 24-B (3): Siram Ravindran (IL); Akil Sethurman (IL); Caleb Zimmerer (OH) (3rd)
Men's 25 + B (1): Bryan Shaw (MO)
Men's 30 + C (2): Rick Foster (MI); Chris Mayer (MI)
Men's 40 + C: Rick Foster (MI)
Men's 35 + A (10): Kevin Massard (IL); Watmora Casey (IL); Chris Caldwell (IN); Bill Kuhlman (IL)
Men's 40 + A (3): Watmora Casey (IL); Jeffrey Johnson (MI); Jim Schavochoy (IL) (3rd)
Men's 35 + B (5): Twayne Howard (MI); Juan Martinez (IL); Rick Seaberg (IL) (3rd), Jon Soike (IL) (4th)
Men's 40 + B (3): Rick Seaberg (IL); Jon Soike (IL); Leo Formanski (IL) (3rd)
Men's 45 + A (8): Watmora Casey (IL); Jim Zimmerer (OH); John Mason (IL) (3rd), Frank Ball (IL) (4th)
Men's 50 + A (8): Bob Dunlap (IL); Chuck Van Hoose (MI); Ron Marr (KY); John Koziol (IL)
Men's 55 + A: Chuck Van Hoose (MI); John Koziol (IL); Elliott Papermaster (WI) (3rd)
Men's 45 + B (5): John Geatros (IL); Leo Formanski (IL); Jon Soike (IL) (3rd), Royce Simpson (IL) (4th)
Men's 50 + B (4): Jim Maroon (IL); Chuck Van Hoose (MI); John Massard (IL) (3rd), John Koziol (IL) (4th)
Men's 55 + B (3): Chuck Van Hoose (MI); John Massard (IL); John Koziol (IL) (3rd)
Men's 50 + C (4): Larry Hicks (KY); George Parobek (IN); John Massard (IL) (3rd), Robert Martin (MI) (4th)
Men's 55 + C (1): John Massard (IL)

Women's Open (9): Claudine Garcia (Dominican Rep); Diane Moore (IN); Laura Olson (WI); Chris Evon (IL)
Women's A (7): Gabrielle Shnurman (IA); Carolyn Watkins (IL); Sarah Hoffman (IN); Lori Good (IL)
Women's B (5): Leila Gray (IL); Lynn Yeazell (IL); Cheryl Kirk (IL) (3rd), Lily Berry (OH) (4th)
Women's C (4): Laura Rosiles (IL); Maria Niaves (WI); Janet Christie (IL) (3rd), Deb Bordignon (WI) (4th)
Women's D (1): Deb Bordignon (WI)
Women's 35 + (5): Shari Coplen (MO); Genevieve Washington (MI); Paula Saad (MI) (3rd), Julie Vincent (IL) (4th)
Women's 40 + (3): Shari Coplen (MO); Julie Vincent (IL); Laura Olson (WI) (3rd)

Women's 45 + (5): Liz Molitor (IL); Cindy Tilbury (CO); Peggy Stephens (KY) (3rd), Karen Green (MI) (4th)
Women's 50 + (5): Kathy Ruzycki (IL); Joan Vande Kieft (IL); Sharon Huczek (MI) (3rd), Martha Huske (IL) (4th)
Women's 55 + (3): Kathy Ruzycki (IL); Sharon Huczek (MI); Lola Markus (IL) (3rd)
Women's 70 + (1): Lola Markus (IL)
Women's 35 + B (3): Lynn Yeazell (IL); Cheryl Kirk (IL); Tia Lecland (MI) (3rd)
Women's 40 + A (1): Lori Good (IL)
Women's 45 + B (1): Cheryl Kirk (IL)

Men's Open Doubles (3): Brian Berkelhamer (IL)/ Mitch Becker (IL); Martin Gonzalez (IL)/ Tony Gonzalez (IL); Brad McCunniff (IA)/Bob Nelson (IL) (3rd)
Men's A Doubles (5): Andrew Goldman (IL)/ Robert Morgan (IL); John Zimmerer (OH)/Sam Wildofsky (OH); Wil Rounsaville (IL)/Frank Ball (IL) (3rd), Jason Hicks (KY)/Larry Hicks (KY) (4th)
Men's B Doubles (4): Paul Nicotra (IL)/Jim Gillette (IL); Joe Dobrzynski (IL)/Mike Hammel (IL); Pete Schmeichel (IL)/Greg Benjamin (IL) (3rd), Nils Mogensen (IL)/Luis Monsreal (IL) (4th)
Men's C Doubles (3): Mike Vieni (IL)/David Carr (IL); Gerardo Sulic (IL)/Alberto Palacios (IL); Alex Martin (MI)/Robert Martin Jr. (MI) (3rd)
Men's 35 + /50 + Doubles (5): Tom Travers (OH)/Lance Hodgkinson (OH); Robert Morgan (IL)/Andrew Goldman (IL); Ron Woolard (MI)/Eric Barkey (CA) (3rd), Dennis McKee (IL)/Sal Perconti (FL) (4th)

Women's Open/A Doubles (4): Laura Olson (WI)/Trish Beatty (WI); Renee Roux (IL)/Karen Thurlow (IL); Cindy Tilbury (CO)/Tamera Schlegel (CO); Julie Vincent (IL)/Martha Huske (IL) (4th)

Mixed Open Doubles (4): Trish Beatty (WI)/Shannon Riley (WI); Joe Klibowitz (WI)/Linda Covault (WI); Karen Thurlow (IL)/Joe Gill (IL) (3), Shari Coplen (MO)/Wil Rounsaville (IL) (4th)
Mixed A/B/40 + Doubles (6): Leila Gray (IL)/Desmond Slusher (IL); Bertal Zimmerer (OH)/Sam Wildofsky (OH); Sarah Hoffman (IN)/Mike Hernandez (IN); Laurel Davis (IL)/Mike Davern (IL)
Mixed C/D Doubles (3): Lily Berry (OH)/Caleb Zimmerer (OH); Dorothy Che-Menju (IL)/Royce Simpson (IL); Janet Christie (IL)/Alberto Palacios (IL) (3rd)

Boys 12- (8): Brad Schopieray (MI); Logan North (OH); Eric Sporer (MI) (3rd), D.J. Ganim (OH) (4th)

Boys 10- (Boys 12- drop down) (4): Conlon Berry (OH); Trevor Sporer (MI); Justin Kuhlman (IL); John Bertholomey (IL)

Girls 12-/10- (4): Mercedes Arias (MI); Kayla Reidt (MI); Jessica Reidt (MI) (3rd), Jessica Geer (MI) (4th)

Boys 16- (4): Joey Limonciello (IL); Andrew Price (MI); Tyler Aderhold (IL) (3rd), Frank Antonelli (MI) (4th)

Boys 14- (4): Andrew Price (MI); Frank Antonelli (MI); Lucas Arias (MI) (3rd), Matt Barbuscak (MI) (4th)

Boys 18- (3): Alex Ackermann (IN); Scott Ness (IL); Jason Young (IL) (3rd)

A few words from Dave Negrete:

This Motorola Pro Nationals could not have happened without the great volunteer staff that assisted with the event. You all made it happen! Special thanks go to Julie Vincent, Martha Huske, Liz Molitor, Cathy Tojaga, Janet Christie, Lori Good and Diane Bunker for their endless hours of help at the event. Also, thanks to the ISRA and Jaime Vine and the staff of STP for all their support.

Big thanks to the Klimaitis, Taylor, Miller, Minor and Aderhold families for helping to make this event a reality.

Julia Negrete (my daughter) and her two friends sang the National Anthem a capella before the Men's final.

As always, many thanks to Pat Negrete (my mother) and Dennis Negrete (my brother) for their unwavering support.

Big thanks to Terry Bell from Rose Construction and the crew from Pat Taylor for assembling the court.

The event raised \$7,800 for the Chicago chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Thank you to all the locals who played in the Pro Am Doubles!

It was great to see all the juniors out from Michigan and Ohio. Both Dave Negrete and Doug Ganim's boys played in the junior division. Thanks to Illinois kids for playing/supporting the event: Joey Limonciello, Jason Young, Joey Eminger and Geoff Goldblatt.

Thanks to the AC/DC cover band Dirty Deeds for rockin' the house at the Friday night bash. Great beer was available at the event all week from Prairie Rock Brewery, which also hosted the Saturday night party.

Kane selected me for the honor of taking Derek Robinson's shoes and racquet off the court to help pass the torch on to the next generation. Good luck, Derek!

For those of you who missed it this year, mark your calendars for next year, same time, same place!

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Junior Team Illinois — It's A Wrap... Almost

With baseball, soccer and tennis now underway, it is unbelievable how quickly this racquetball season has come and gone. JTI will remember this 2004/2005 season as a year of growth. We peaked at 51 members, many who were new to the sport. We witnessed many new players competing in their first tournaments, all the way from Multi-Bounce through our 18 & Under players.

Twenty-eight JTI players competed in the Midlands Tournament at the Omni 41 facility in Indiana, with Junior Team Illinois winning the tournament and keeping the "Midlands Plaque" in Illinois for our 4th consecutive year. Way to go, JTI!

This year's nominees for the ISRA 2004 Most Improved Player Award were none other than our own Geoff Goldblatt and Kevin Schulz. Congratulations to Geoff as recipient of the award. Both these guys have done a great job this past year. And, JTI congratulates Jake Sutton of Peoria as the winner of the 2005 James B. Dvorak Award. Jake will be attending Trinity International University this fall, majoring in

religious studies.

Junior Team Illinois also held our 2nd annual JTI Lock-In at the Glen Ellyn YMCA on April 1st. JTI kids and their parents all had a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped make the lock-in a success.

The last event of the season will be Junior Nationals at the end of June in Portland, Oregon. JTI competitors Geoff Goldblatt, Joey Limonciello and Trevor Snyders will be competing and we wish them luck!

The last scheduled activity of the season will be our outing to the Kane County Cougars baseball game.

At JTI looks ahead, we would like to extend an invitation to any racquetball players and/or parents who would like to get involved. It's all about getting racquets into kids' hands and having *fun*. Juniors are the future of our sport!

See Ya Courtside,

Chuck Snyders
President, JTI

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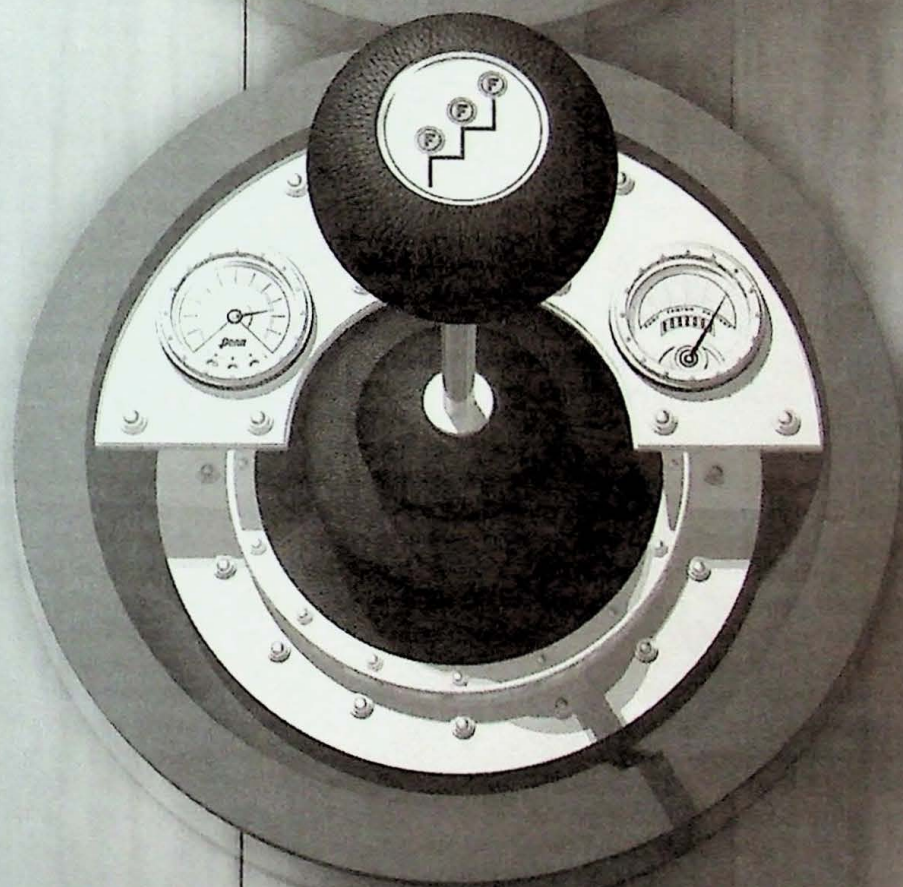
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ISRA Top Players and Contributors Recognized at Illinois State Singles

The Chalet, site of the ISRA State Singles, was once again the host of the ISRA Annual Awards Ceremony. ISRA President Laurel Davis and ISRA Vice President Cheryl Kirk conducted the proceedings, recognizing the 2004 Male and Female Players of the Year, the 2004 Most Improved Player; and the 2005 Distinguished Service Award. A large and appreciative crowd was on hand to view the ceremony at this second annual ISRA State Singles banquet. Congratulations to winners and nominees alike!

— Mike Davern

Distinguished Service Award - Geoff Peters

The sport of racquetball, and especially, the state of Illinois, is fortunate to have Geoff Peters on its side. In nominating Geoff for the ISRA 2005 Distinguished Service Award, we recognize an individual who plays many roles within the sport: player, club owner, ISRA Board member, USA Racquetball Board member and Ektelon advisor. All of these roles are volunteer roles, his time freely given behind the scenes over countless hours. Many see Geoff at the tournaments and at his club, The Southlake Club, Mundelein. However, many do not realize the many roles he plays within the state and nationally.

In one of his most important roles, Geoff uses his finance, economic and marketing skills for the benefit of USA Racquetball on the national level. An elected member of the National Board, Geoff serves as Secretary, an Executive Committee position. He is a USAR Lifetime Member and attends vir-

tually all national tournaments. He has been an ISRA Board member for the past 20 years (serving in numerous capacities) and a perennial tournament director. Geoff and his wife Deb are the majority owners of The Southlake Club.

Fellow nominees: Pam Schubach and Chuck Snyders

Male Player of the Year - Dave Milazzo

Even though Dave Milazzo won the Player of the Year Award in 2003, he had an even better year in 2004. Every Men's age group player over the age of 45 knows of Dave's amazing ability on the courts. In Men's 45+, Dave won 2004 Illinois State Singles, Midwest Regionals and the last Midwest Senior/Masters tournament. Dave represented Illinois in both the 2004 NMRA national tournaments held in Canoga Park, California and West Allis, Wisconsin. He played in both finals, taking second both times. In Illinois, Dave won the Halloween Classic, Valentine's Day Massacre, Southlake, and Eden's tournaments. During the 2004 season, Dave made it to the finals of every local, regional and national tournament he entered, an amazing level of play against top competition. Dave is also a respected player for his fair play and sportsmanship.

Fellow nominees: Dave Bachar, Ben Croft, TJ Ferro, Gregg Mandell and Keith Minor

Female Player of the Year - Krystal Csuk

At age 22, Krystal has been playing in Illinois for 12 years. Through coaching from

TJ Ferro and others and with a lot of hard work and dedication on her own, Krystal has risen to #18 on the LPRA tour, up from #24 in 2003. A regular player in the ISRA Men's Open Travel League, she is respected as a top competitor on the BR Ryall YMCA team. She is studying for a degree in sports physical therapy at Northern Illinois University. While moving up to second round and quarterfinal finishes in LPRA tour events, she took first in Women's Open here in Illinois at the Revie Sorey, Regionals and Turkey Shoot. She is known as a fierce competitor who exhibits great sportsmanship on and off the court. This is Krystal's second time receiving the award, having been a previous recipient in 1997.

Fellow nominee: Cheryl Gudinas

Most Improved Player - Geoff Goldblatt

Geoff moved upward in the tournament rankings this year, from Men's C all the way up to Men's A. Geoff took second in Men's C at the BR Ryall YMCA tournament before winning State Singles in the same division. He placed first in two Men's B events (Eden's Fall Classic and the BR Ryall 4-Wall Brawl) and three Men's A divisions: Dog Days, Eden's Fall Classic and Southlake Fall Classic. And, he had to carry his partner, IRT Pro Jason Mannino, to a first place victory in the charity doubles event held in connection with April's Motorola Pro Nationals! We expect to see Geoff start making his mark in Men's Open before too long...

Fellow nominee: Kevin Schulz

Travel League Standings – 2004/2005 Season

On April 15th, we wrapped up the Travel League season with our annual party and awards banquet at Glass Court Swim & Fitness. All who attended went home with some great prizes. The season ended thus:

Men's Open Division North –

B.R. Ryall YMCA

Men's Open Division South - Glass Court

Men's A/B Division - Naper Olympic

Men's B/C Division - Glass Court

Women's Open Division - Latoff YMCA

Play-off Winners were:

Men's Open - Glass Court

Men's A/B - Edens Athletic

Men's B/C - Glass Court

I want to thank everyone for participating this year and making this a very competitive league. I especially want to recognize Liz Molitor for recording all the scores. She does a great job tracking down all of missing pieces every week — quite a challenge when scores are not reported! I hope everyone liked the reports going to the web site. Many thanks to Diane Bunker! The web site makes it easier for all involved and results are available more quickly. We had 29 teams this year and I know we can do better next year — please start talking it up now...

Have a great summer and see you on Tuesday, August 23, at Glass Court for the Captain's Meeting!

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Shamrock Shootout

March 18-20, 2005

Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard
Tournament Director – Doug Halverson

With "The Shamrock" to look forward to, it just seems like gray and windy March is a little easier to take. No matter what the weather, you can always count on the warm hospitality, wonderful tournament gifts (this year a great v-neck pullover), plus the major workout that comes with a Glass Court tournament (on the courts and on the dance floor).

Tournament Director Doug Halverson wishes to thank the many volunteers who pitched in for draws, check-in, tournament control, etc. – it takes a village to pull off a tournament! A special thanks from all of us to Michelle Halverson, who labors many hours behind the scenes to ensure all is well going into the Tuesday night organization-fest.

Ben Croft made a trip home from Colorado to take the Men's Open title, turning the tables on last year's winner Brian Simpson (IN). Kevin Yeazell triumphed in the AA. With wins in the A's and B's, Dave Schoonover and David Wolford solidified their moves up to Men's Open and A, respectively. Mike Hammel and Gerardo Sulic will be receiving "the letter" this summer for their efforts in Men's C and D, respectively, having earned a spot in the next higher division.

Diane Moore motored on over from Indiana to take Women's Open and Kathy Ruzyski emerged the winner in Women's AA. Lori Good will take her new spot in Women's Open next season due to her full-draw Women's A efforts on this particular weekend.

Plenty of action, plenty of fun. Thanks to Diane and Joe DeArmas and the Glass Court staff for hospitality that can be depended upon year after year!

—Cheryl Kirk

Results:

Division: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (14): Ben Croft; Brian Simpson (IN); Keith Minor, Eugene Coyle



Patrice Calvi, ISRA Leprechaun

Men's AA (5): Kevin Yeazell; George Pappas; Mike Davern, Mike DeGonia
Men's A (14): Dave Schoonover; David Kerr, Jr.; Joe Waller, Mike DeGonia
Men's B (20): David Wolford; Trevor Snyders; Ray Shimizu, Jim Mecha
Men's C (29): Mike Hammel; Brian McNally; Joe Lococo, Mike Vieni
Men's D (20): Gerardo Sulic; Oliver Antonoff; Joe Lococo, Aaron Pace
Men's 30/35/40+ (10): Keith Minor; Ryan Homa (WI); William Lattner, Barry Dixon
Men's 35+ Int (7): Jim Mecha; Rick Seaberg; Ray Meisner, Todd Allen
Men's 45+ Int. (4): John Massard; Dan Musgrove; Bruce Kletsy (3), David Johnson (WI) (4)
Men's 45+ (10): Chuck Snyders; Dave Milazzo; Tim Dern, Jim Hillman
Men's 50/55+ (4): Frank Milazzo; Bernie Scheer (WI); Pat Taylor (3), Kevin Johnson
Men's 60/65+ (5): Pat Taylor; John Talty, Sr.; Manuel Rosiles (3), Richard Stokes (4)

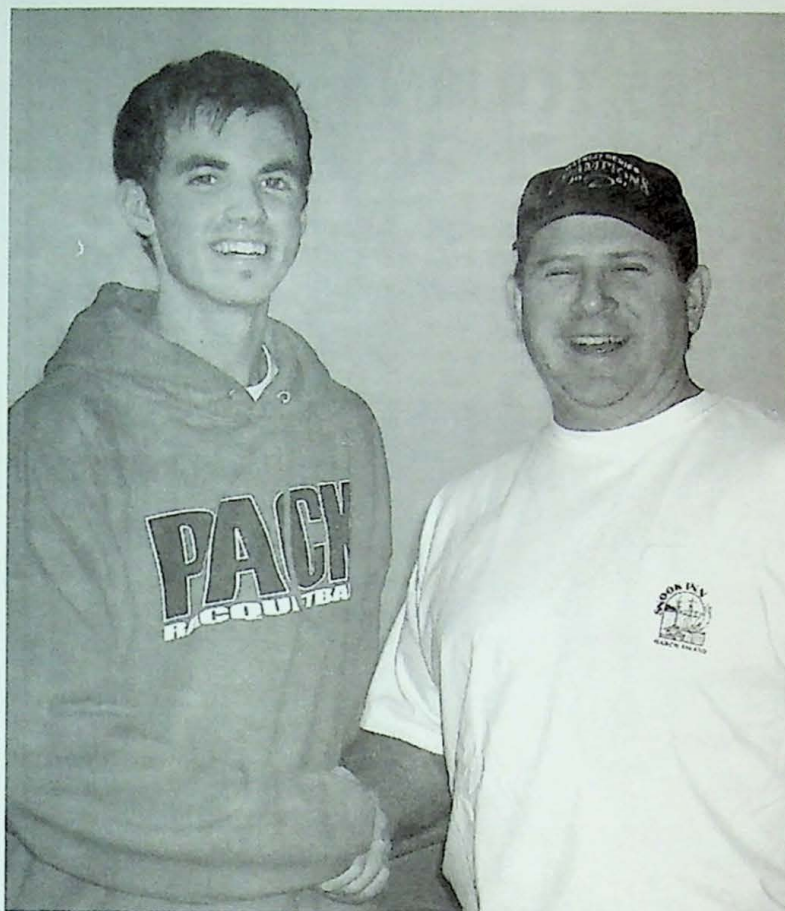
Women's Open (8): Diane Moore (IN); Julie Vincent; Ellen Somberg, Liz Molitor
Women's AA (4): Kathy Ruzyski; Diane Bunker; Marcia Warren, Joan Vande Kieft
Women's A (9): Lori Good; Pam Grace; Marcia Warren, Kathy Welker Mecklenburg
Women's B/C/D (9): Marlin Ortiz; Laura Rosiles; Julianne Beran, Carrie Howard

Men's Open Doubles (9): Brian Simpson (IN)/ Ben Croft; Eugene Coyle/Dave Negrete; Eric Rieman/Doug Halverson, Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen



Kaitlyn's first tournament, with Joe DeArmas (proud grandfather), Jennifer Jaskier (proud aunt), and Kimberly Jaskier (proud mom) looking on!

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*Tournament Director Doug Halverson congratulates
Men's Open Champ Ben Croft*



Newlyweds Keith and Kathy (Welker) Mecklenburg

Shamrock Shootout

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Men's A Doubles (11): Matt Malcheski/Dave Schoonover; Joey Brownlee/Keith Mecklenburg; Dan Flood/Jeff Grace, Rajesh Sondhi/Tim Brown
Men's B Doubles (9): Tony Ferruzzo/Mike Fornero; Ray Meisner/John Geatros; Jamal Sinno/Bob Randazzo, Pete Schmeichel/Lee Scoville

Men's C Doubles (17): Mike Hammel/Joe Dobrzynski; Alberto Palacios/Gerardo Sulic; Kevin Massard/John Geatros, David Carr/Mike Vieni

Men's 40+ Doubles (7): Frank Ball/Winston Cole; Ron Calloway/Dan Flood; George Pappas/Joe Silius, Frank Milazzo/Tony Cosmano

Women's Open Doubles (3): Julie Vincent/Diane Bunker; Marian Bala/Kathy Ruzyski Nancy Amaro/Janet Eminger

Mixed Open Doubles (8): Dave Milazzo/Liz Molitor; Chuck Snyders/Janet Eminger; Andy Pitock/Marian Bala, Ellen Somberg/Jim Hillman

Mixed A Doubles (5): Lori Good/John Puccio; Cheryl Kirk/Jim Wehrli; Pam Grace/Jeff Grace, Joe Waller/Lynn Yeazell

Mixed B/C Doubles (8): Paul Jepsen/Julianne Beran; Alberto Palacios/Marlin Ortiz; Dorothy McDavid/Joe Quirke, Carrie Howard/George Henton

St. Valentine's Day Classic (IRT Satellite)

February 10-13, 2005

Schaumburg Tennis Plus

Tournament Directors — Dave Negrete and Diane Bunker

Division: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Pro (18): Shane Vanderson (OH); Jason Thoerner (GA); Andy Hawthorne (OH), Ben Croft

Men's Elite (4): Jorge Ortiz; Joe Gill; Geoff Goldblatt, Carlos Delgado

Men's A (14): Geoff Goldblatt; Brent Huff; David Kerr, Joe Waller

Men's B (8): Juan Martinez; Tom Lamberson; Ray Meisner, Blair Wagner

Men's C (9): Fred Conforti; Kevin Schulz; Vince Carvallo, Scott Rogala

Men's D (8): Gerardo Sulic; Vince Carvallo; George Parobek (IN); Aaron Pace

Men's 45+/55+ (7): Pat Taylor; Dennis McKee; Bruce Nelson, John Mason

Men's Open Dbls (8): Shane Vanderson (OH)/Andy Hawthorne (OH); Keith Minor/John Amatulli (IN); Dave Negrete/Jason Thoerner (GA), Ben Croft/Eugene Coyle

Men's A/B Dbls (5): Jeff Grace/Ben Fraga; Brad Jantz (WI)/Willie Scott (WI); Juan Martinez/Rick Seaberg, Geoff Goldblatt/Brandon Ritschard

Men's C Dbls (3): Gerardo Sulic/Alberto Palacios; John Sitt/Arlyn Tratt; Scott Swanson/Tom Travis

Mixed Open Dbls (7): Krystal Csuk/Juan Herrera (CA); Diane Moore (IN)/Keith Minor; Karen Thurlow/Joe Gill, Diane Bunker/Dave Negrete
Mixed Open Elite (3): Janet Christie/Dennis Negrete; Joan Vande Kieft/Jorge Ortiz; Lynn Yeazell/Joe Waller

Women's Open (8): Diane Moore (IN); Krystal Csuk; Diane Bunker, Liz Molitor

Women's Elite (4): Julie Vincent; Lori Good; Martha Huske, Tracy Cerovski (OH)

Women's A/B (10): Lori Good; Bernadette Bland; Lynn Yeazell, Carolyn Watkins

Women's B (6): Lola Markus; Lynne Weisbart; Janet Christie, Tracy Cerovski



2005 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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June 22-26
2005 Junior Olympic
Championships
Portland, OR
Heather Fender
(719) 635-5396
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July 9
ISRA Golf Outing
Fox Run Golf Club
Tom Utterback
(708) 269-1135

August 13-14
Dog Days Open
The Southlake Club
Mundelein
Cindy Flores-Mocarski
(847) 949 - 8180
SANCTIONED*

June 25
Edens Summer Slam
Edens Athletic Club,
Chicago
Joe Gill
(773) 286-7600
SANCTIONED*

July 29-31
Summerfest
The Glass Court Swim
and Fitness Club,
Lombard
Doug Halverson
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September 28-October 2
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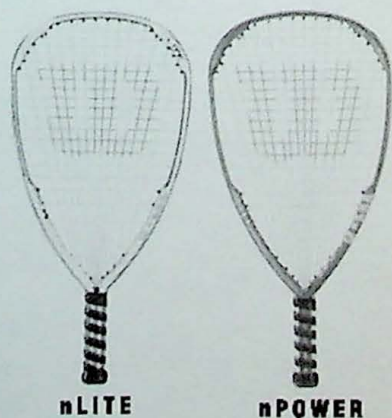
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