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## Publishers Note:

"Keep your eye on the ball" said the instructor. How many times have you heard that? Obviously, without eye contact your game will suffer, sometimes to the point of embarrassment.

But, you know, after reading a recent article in the JAMA concerning ocular hazards in racquet sports, I was vividly reminded of the problems involved with keeping the ball off your eye. Not only the ball, but an opponent's racquet, finger, elbow, or sometimes a fist.

The problem is obviously serious to the AMA and to those who have temporarily or permanently been sight impaired as a result of senseless on court mishaps. Obviously, no one expects it to happen, particularly between two experienced players. But ask yourself, how many close calls have I had, incidents where another fraction of an inch might have spelled disaster. If you have stopped to think about it, then you must realize how lucky you are that it wasn't closer.

Why, then, as an industry, do we not demand the use of eye protection devices? Vanity? Because we feel ourselves immortal from disaster? Because no one has come up with a protective eyeguard that allows peripheral vision and unimpaired forward vision?

I don't know why you don't wear protection. I do know that almost all clubs post signs indicating that racquet guards are necessary for protection of the walls. If a racquet can destroy a hard plaster wall, what can it do to the fragile human frame. Pro shops make them available in metal, plastic, clear plastic and a variety of other materials. There is bound to be a type to protect you without seriously impeding your game.

You are not immortal, eye guards do provide good visual coverage of the play areas, and if vanity is your problem, consider your appearance should a hard metal racquet strike an unprotected face. Not a pretty thought for sure, but one that takes on a great deal more realism than unquestionably denying the existence of such hazards.

No one can answer for you, except yourself. But as Smokey the Bear would have said if he played racquetball, "only you can prevent eye injuries. Please, wear an eye protector."

Rick Coyne  
Publisher



# LEN ZIEHM REPORTS

*What do you do after winning a national championship? Take a vacation? Wait for the money to roll in? Write your memoirs? Hardly, if you're Shannon Wright or Marty Hogan, a year ago they were the best racquetball players in the United States, and they still are until someone proves otherwise. The months since they won those titles in June, in suburban Detroit, have passed quickly. In separate interviews with Racquetball Today they tell how it feels to be the best there is in their sport — and assorted other things.*

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**SHANNON WRIGHT** is just 22 years old, but she already has won several national titles. Last year's was old hat; in only one game at the nationals did an opponent score more than 10 points against her and she never lost a game en route to the championship.

Since that championship, Shannon and business manager Jim Lewis have moved from California to Las Vegas.

"Mainly I've been busy growing up," she said. She's taken two courses in philosophy at University of Nevada-Las Vegas "just for fun." She's close to getting her private pilot's license. And she's been busy painting a new house.

"We went to Europe for a vacation," she reported, "but the plane rides were so long. I just hate commercial planes, maybe because I do so much traveling anyway. There's too many idiot people on them smoking cigarettes.

Shannon once was a smoker; she learned to quit and now she's very vocal against smoking.

Along with Lewis, she's heavily into distance running and they planned to run the Hawaii Marathon until schedule conflicts developed.

"I don't think that I could run a marathon right now," she said. "I could do a half-marathon — 13 miles. I still run three to six miles a day."

Matching last year's success in racquetball seems like a hard thing to do, but she claims that's not worrying her.

"I finally got over the point in life where I have to prove something," she said. "Racquetball is a business, and I treat it that way. I'm in it to win and make money. Now that's not saying I won't put things back into the sport too, but that is my reason for being in it."

She says she wants "to better the image of women's racquetball...I don't want to be associated with some of the men professionals. On the women's tour there are better attitudes. They know what competing is all about."

She also reports her Shannon Wright Racquet, produced by Wilson Sporting Goods, is "selling as fast as we can produce them, which isn't too fast yet, but we're happy." With Lewis' help she's also considering putting out a second racquet, maybe under a private branding, and endorsing gloves and sportswear.

Lewis, incidentally, doesn't sound as patient as Shannon. He's not happy with the development of the pro tour. "It's stagnated slightly," he says. "It's not promoted enough. New sponsors have come in, but not as major sponsors. Colgate still has a stranglehold. There's no competition for purses."

So he's working on the organization of a supplemental women's tour. He's also pushing a clinic business and organizing exhibitions. If only a few of his racquetball dreams materialize, Lewis will be as major a force in the sport as Shannon is now.

**MARTY HOGAN** finally won the national title that eluded him the two previous years after he'd been the dominant player on the men's tour.

People kept bringing up the fact that I hadn't won the nationals," he admitted. "It didn't bother me because I had dominated the sport so much. But it was definitely a burden I was glad to get rid of."

Finally winning the title, however, didn't change him. "It hasn't gone to my head," he said. "I always thought the nationals would be an honor to win, but I don't think I celebrated much. A week later I was back working out again."

Celebrating, he said, will come when he graduates from San Diego State. He's a junior now. "Graduating," he grinned. "Now that will be a real accomplishment. That'll be much harder than winning the nationals."

Hogan is a serious student. He's carrying 18 units this semester and limiting his clinic appearances severely. The money, he feels, can wait awhile.

"Mainly now I go to school and work out," he said. "I'm pretty expensive for clinics and exhibitions. I charge \$1,000 to \$1,500 a day and even at that price I turn down a hundred offers a year. If I wanted to I could give clinics almost every weekend."

So why doesn't he? "Mainly, because I'm interested in my education now," he said, "and I'm making a good living as it is."

Hogan hadn't played a tournament since the nationals, though he was planning to play in September's event in St. Louis. He said he'd limit his events this year to just the Colgate tour events; last year he was national champion for both the National Racquetball Club and International Racquetball Association.

"I will support anything Colgate does," he said, "because I believe the people there have done so much for racquetball."

Though he won't be playing in as many tournaments, Hogan still is driven to win. "I'm not easily satisfied," he said. "Winning the nationals was a great step in my career, but I want to prove I can win it more than once. I want to win it at least 10,000 more times."

Hogan's famed serve, clocked at 142 miles per hour, hasn't slowed down. He said it's since been clocked as fast as 160 miles per hour and he thinks it might get faster if he conversion to a new racquet successful. He plans to switch to a Leach Graphite 100 for the St. Louis tournament. He had been using a Little Bandido.

The new racquet sells for about \$100 and Hogan has been hitting with it a couple of months. "It's the best racquet made now," he said. "With it I can get more control and more power. I think I can improve if I use it."

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**THE PRO TOURS** this year will have some new sponsors, and the 1979 nationals will offer \$50,000 in prize money. The pros will now be competing for \$30,000 in prize money per tournament as compared to the \$15,000 they played for last year. Regardless of the prize money, however, the national title will be the supreme prize. The 1979 nationals don't have a site yet. NRC president Bob Kendler is considering Diego, Tempe, Ariz., Miami, the Sports Illustrated club in Belleville, Mich., and Westminster, Calif. He could have additions to that list by now, especially if his plans for a portable glass court work out. Wherever the nationals are held, however, you can be sure of one thing: Shannon Wright and Marty Hogan will be there.

## Local Talent Competes in N.Y.



Jim Scheyer

The 1978 Champion Products — Roch Invitational gathered together some of the top players from the east coast and Canada, including three state champions, as well as Bob VanTuyle, Jim Scheyer, and Dan Bertolucci from Chicago. The tournament was held at the Winton Racquetball Club in Rochester, New York from June 30 to July 2, 1978.

The round robin format of the tournament divided 24 players into four brackets. Players within each bracket played each other with the total point leader (determined by total game points) in each bracket advancing to the semi-finals.

One semi-final round defending champion Le Marsocci facing Jim Winter-

rematch. Marsocci won again in 2 games. The other semi-final pitted 1977 runner-up Jim Scheyer against Massachusetts State Champion Mike McDonough. Scheyer and McDonough emerged from their brackets undefeated; McDonough edging Bob VanTuyle to win his bracket.

In the best match of the tournament, McDonough defeated Scheyer 21-14, 14-21, 11-8. Scheyer led 7-2 in the tiebreakers, but McDonough's forehand caught fire and he turned the match around. McDonough blasted Marsocci in the finals, winning easily in two games. Scheyer defeated Winterton for third place. The women's draw was also round robin format, with Donna Meger defeating Carol Malikow 21-

10; 21-8 for the title.

# Tennis Elbow

By Dick Ruske

Some months back I was having a great deal of difficulty with my right elbow and the "locker room" doctors diagnosed it as tennis elbow. It was easy for me to go along with these self-appointed physicians because their fees were very reasonable. They were not able to cure the soreness but at these prices why complain? But complain I did, at least to myself, every time I got off the court and my elbow started to pulsate. But, thanks to a television sport show, I learned how to cure my problem myself, and if any of you are interested, here is how

it is accomplished.

The television show I was watching was narrated by a staff of medical men who knew what they were talking about. The theme was about weekend athletes who work all week and then jump right into the athletic field of combat without pre-conditioning their limbs and stretching their unused muscles. They even stressed the importance of conditioned athletes doing a few warm-ups and stretching exercises before indulging in their chosen sport.

Practicing a stretching exercise they recommended was what cured my aching elbow. Most everything you

do, they said, with your arms and hands, is a pulling motion. Stretch these muscles in the other direction and it may help you. (It might not be a bad idea to check with your doctor first.)

Place your five finger tips (for the sake of argument call your thumb a finger) as though you were trying to pick up a small object from a table or pick a cherry off a tree. Place a rubber band over the first five joints of the fingers and extend your fingers outward. I felt a little discomfort when doing this at first but after a few extensions this would disappear. After a

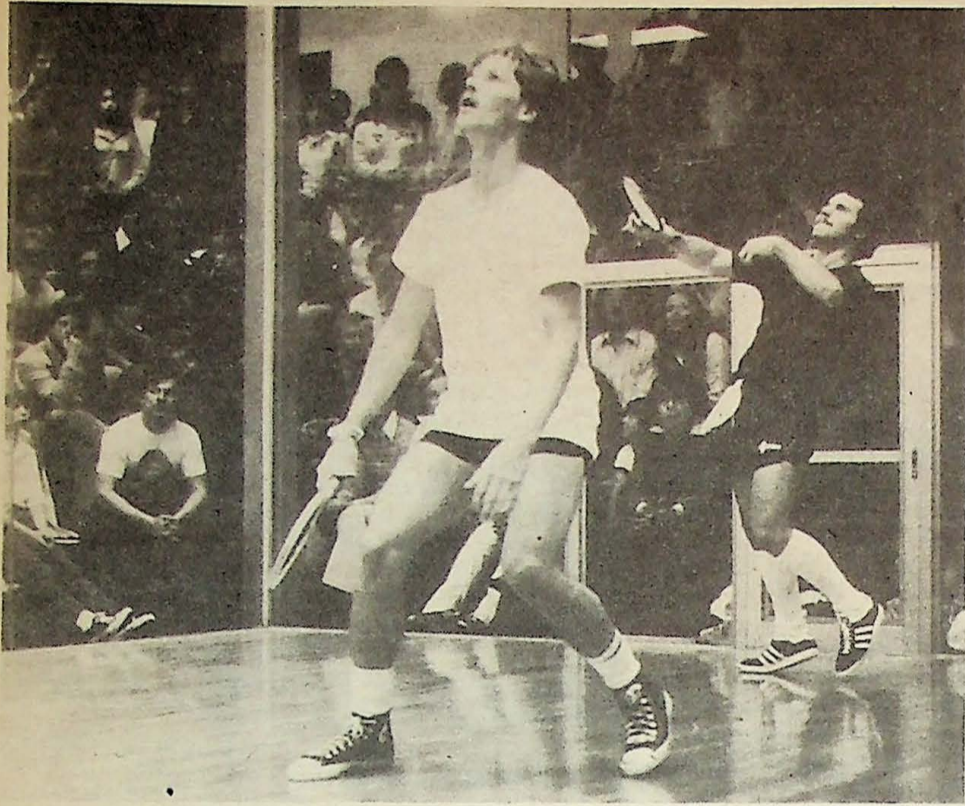
few hundred extensions I had to go to a heavier rubber band and even double it to do some good. It seemed like it was just a matter of weeks and the pain and soreness disappeared, so far never to return. This seemed a relatively short period of time for me but it may take longer for others.

Remember, the more frequently this exercise is done the sooner you should reap the benefits.

See you on the courts.

**Editor's Note:** Dick Ruske is Racquetball Instructor at the Morton Grove Park District Courts.

# Chicagoland Racquetball Assn. Sponsors Exhibition



**Bob Deuster (front), Illinois State Racquetball Association champion, will share his winning technique during a demonstration on Racquetball Day at Woodfield Shopping Center, Saturday afternoon, October 7th. Deuster is head pro at the Arlington Heights Court House and a member of the advisory staff at Vittert Sports.**

Racquetball hits Woodfield Shopping Center on Saturday, October 7, from noon to 4 p.m., as the Chicagoland Racquetball Association and Vittert Sporting Goods present an action-packed afternoon of racquetball activities.

Highlights of the Racquetball Day festivities include pointers from Illinois state racquetball champion Bobby Deuster, the latest in racquetball clothing and equipment, promotional giveaways and a grand prize drawing. Every attendee will also be eligible to receive a coupon for a free introductory group racquetball lesson, redeemable at any Chicagoland Racquetball Association club.

The excitement begins with a fall preview of the new

racquetball fashions from Tennis Lady at the Magic Pan Creperie. Informal modeling begins at 12:15 p.m., and reservations are welcome.

At 1 p.m. Illinois State Racquetball Association officers Tom Street and Al Shetzer kick off the speaker line-up in the mall's Grand Court area. The pair will explain why over 100,000 people of all ages and athletic abilities are enjoying racquetball's fun and fitness benefits in the Chicagoland area.

Deuster is second on the agenda, presenting a demonstration of the strategies and techniques that have made him a champ. Schaumburg Court House pro Jacque Jost follows with tips for making racquetball a family sport, and

Clyde Senters of Vittert closes the program with suggestions for choosing the proper equipment.

Attendees will have the chance to win one of four family memberships being offered from the Schaumburg Court House or the Arlington Heights Court House, a \$65 retail value. Six other winners will be awarded a deluxe racquetball package from Vittert, containing a racket, carry-all bag and shirt and shorts set, all valued at \$42.

Information about locating a nearby Chicagoland Racquetball Association club will be provided and complimentary issues of Racquetball Today will be distributed.

Woodfield Shopping Center is located on Golf Road at Route 53 in Schaumburg.

# Cancer benefit marks Lehmann Courts opening

Suzanne Piche, (see cover photo) the current "Miss Illinois-Universe", was the first player in the new Lehmann Courts Racquetball Club, which opened for the public in early October. Suzanne, an ardent fan of the sport, visited Lehmann Courts to help promote the American Cancer Society Benefit Grand Opening Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th. Lehmann Courts is Chicago's newest racquetball and running celebrities from radio, TV and the sports world. Jack Taylor of WGN-TV News is celebrity co-chairman with Bob Sirott of WLS-Music radio. Ron Rubenstein is also a member of the celebrity committee, concentrating his efforts on the "who's who" in the racquetball world.

The benefit will showcase the glamorous new facility that includes 14 racquetball courts, a glass enclosed, year-a-round running track which is fully climate controlled, saunas, steam room, complete exercise facility, a large co-ed whirlpool, and a huge lounge, complete with fireplace, cocktail lounge and fresh juice bar.

Benefit tickets, which include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a chance to play racquetball or watch the celebrities in action, are \$15.00 per person,

payable to the American Cancer Society. Victor Levin, of the People's Gas, Light & Coke Company, is the benefit Chairman.

Steve Boren is the program director and head-pro at the new sports complex. He has been a racquetball professional for the past three years and is a member of A.P.R.O., the American Professional Racquetball Organization. He is a Junior Director of the Illinois State Racquetball Association, and a Field Junior Commissioner in the I.R.A., the International Racquetball Association.

The extensive staff will be headed by Marilyn Gallo, whose prior activities include a number of years in management. She has selected an aggressive young team to help make Lehmann Courts the friendliest, most modern and most sociable racquetball facility in the Chicago area.

A large parking area is available on the premises for the convenience of its membership. This is another "first" in the beautiful Diversey-Belmont Harbor area of Lincoln Park where parking is sometimes a precious commodity.

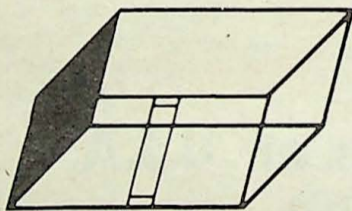
Among the future plans for Lehmann Courts is a city wide American Cancer Society "Open", a Racquetball Benefit Tournament now

scheduled for December 1st thru 3rd. This tournament is sanctioned and being prepared in cooperation with the Illinois State Racquetball Association. Applications for this tournament are now being taken at Lehmann Courts or the American Cancer Society. Entry fee is a \$20.00 donation to the Society with the competition leading to the award of a new "CHICAGO CUP" trophy to winners in all classes, in addition to many other prizes.

Another "first" at Lehmann Courts will be a competition between area hospitals. An open house for hospital personnel will introduce those interested in racquetball and physical fitness to the new complex. Area hospitals participating in the program include Children's Memorial, Augustana Hospital, Ravenswood Hospital, Illinois Masonic, St. Josephs, Weiss Memorial, Grant, and Columbus Hospitals. The hospitals are promoting racquetball and jogging at Lehmann Courts in order to involve their staff in additional social and health activities.

For further information on the American Cancer Society Grand Opening and regarding the forthcoming Cancer Society "Open" at Lehmann Courts, please call the Society at 372-0471.

## THROUGH THE



## GLASS COURT

by Velva Lee Heraty

The purpose of this column is to clarify any areas of confusion in racquetball for the enthusiastic player.

This month's article will touch on three situations today that deserve defining.

The first and quite common situation is presuming a side-out occurs when a server gets hit by his own serve AFTER it falls short. Many players leave the service zone after being hit by their own short serve. THIS IS A MISTAKE. According to Dan Bertolucci, associate coordinator of the United States Racquetball Association (USRA) the only time a side-out occurs when a server hits himself with his own serve is when the ball is on the fly. In other words, if a server hits himself with his own ball after it falls short of the service zone the ball is

considered DEAD and no side-out penalty occurs.

Another misunderstanding in racquetball that surfaces on all levels of play is the rare serve that is a perfect and flat rollout off the back wall. It is erroneously called long by many racquetballers even though, according to USRA National Coordinator Terry Fancher, it is good AND AN ACE. Terry reasons that any serve considered valid on the side wall should be considered good on the back wall. Therefore, a flat rollout and an ace off the side wall would also be considered an ace off the back wall. Had the same serve reached the front wall in the same fashion it would be called short since in order to be an ace serve it has to rebound off the front wall and pass the service zone first.

The third area of confusion among players is the ball that sails from the front wall to the back wall, bounces, then hits the front wall again. Many players stop playing when this occurs however THE BALL IS STILL IN PLAY and should be returned by the receiver. This is a recent racquetball phenomena since the advent of the faster ball. In the past this situation was extremely rare but now, with a variety of lively balls on the market, it is becoming more commonplace.

In conclusion, the long and short of it is this: try to hit yourself with your serve AFTER it falls short; Serve ALL YOUR ACES off the back wall, not the front wall and DON'T GIVE UP on those lively fly balls sailing to and fro — and to again.

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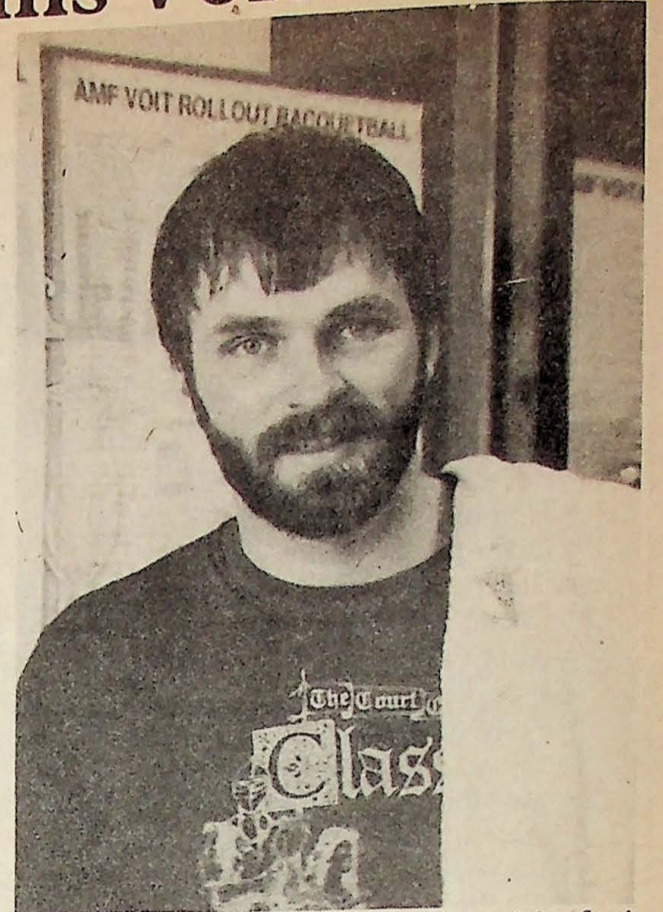
# Ikier Wins Voit Classic

by Jim Harper

There were sponsors too numerous to mention, and certainly too many C players, at the Voit Tournament at the Glass Court the weekend of September 8 - 10. The many sponsors provided such things as good hospitality, useful gift-paks, and some excellent prizes which were awarded as far down the line as the quarter finalists. Saul Sandoval, the Tournament Chairman, and his staff kept things moving on time after the first day. Overall, the feeling was that Tournament Experience, Inc. has put together a good package, although there were some shortcomings. The C players had to play three times on Saturday and four times on Sunday, and other divisions had to play as many as three matches on Sunday as well. There were no consolation matches or matches for third place, but if there had been, the tournament certainly would not have finished on time. All this made a good case for limiting the draws in the B and C Divisions so that players are not dead tired by the time they get to the finals on Sunday.

### MEN'S OPEN

Paul Ikier and Ric Dern put on outstanding displays as they advanced to the finals. Ikier had an easy round of 16 wins over Rick Gonzalez, 21-4, 21-4, and then ousted Jim Scheyer, 21-16, 21-13 for a



THE WINNER. Paul Ikier, sans black glove, right after the match. Ikier took it 21-10, 21-4.

semi-final confrontation with Bob Deuster. It was a classic, as Deuster, who had upset number three seed Tom Kutas 21-20, 20-21, 11-5, came out shooting well. He took the first game 21-17 as his forehand pinches were crisply accurate. Ikier came back in game two, 21-18, to even things up. It was the classic tie-breaker with both men hitting beauti-

fully and making gets the average player can only dream about. At 10-all, Ikier took away from Deuster, 11-10. Dern advanced from the round of 16 with a 21-25, 21-14 victory over rangy Bill Donnelly, then caught Dennis Majher cold in game one for a 21-7, 21-16 quarter-final win.

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# Winning!

by Sue Carow

Center Court Control — the Cold Calculating Champ! Battling to control or dominate the center court area is WAR. "There is no more important strategic skill in Racquetball than center court position," states Steve Strandemo, long-time nationally-ranked Pro. The strategist should always attempt to keep the initiative — the attack. The attack is carried out from center court where the attacker has a wide range of choice (shots); the defender can only react. From center court (one step behind the service short line extending to about 10 feet from the back wall and to within 2-3 feet of both side walls), the player is equi-distant from all sections of the court, giving easy access to opponent's ball. The center court "attacker" can kill into the corners, "fly" kill, pass down-the-line or cross-court, hit "z" balls, around-the-wall balls or ceiling balls. With the exception of backwall shots, all shots in Racquetball can be executed from center court.

With both players definitely desirous of center court, war is declared. How to gain it and maintain it becomes the goal. The simplest way of taking control of center court is winning the previous point. This places the serve in the commanding position of power. The serve is a weapon to control the center and thus, the game.

The smart player will vary serves, probing for his opponent's weaknesses. After each serve, he should quickly exit from the service box, continuously watching the ball move toward the opponent. His body turns to the same side the ball is traveling, and

he looks out of both eyes concentratedly (with the racquet-face held in protective pose in front of eyes). The server can then tell with what stroke the opponent will hit the ball, enabling him to readily move to the best position for the server to take after serving is at the left portion of center court (if serving to a right-handed person's backhand). From this spot, he can guard against all returns with the least amount of movement. 1-2 steps forward is the small space to be covered for kill-attempts to the left corner; on ceiling back 2-3 steps; on passes to the right, the server must take 1-2 steps to cut the ball off before it passes.

Clear cut control of center court is almost obsolete in top racquetball matches. The maneuvering for consistent positioning in the same 3-5 foot area is exciting and exacting. The competitor with the best anticipation and quickest accurate strokes will usually prevail. Nobody owns center court. If Player A hits the ball down either side of the court, he can remain in center court or move into that area as his opponent, Player B, moves to retrieve his shot. However, if Player A's ball rebounds into the middle, Player A must move far enough to one side to allow Player B sufficient room to swing properly AND to have an open hitting line to the front wall. Player A might only have to move 2 or 3 feet away. Then, once Player B has hit, Player A immediately moves back into the middle area.

There are 4 serve returns that would enable the receiver to gain center court — the kill shot return (to be attempted

only off a weak serve), ceiling ball (most often used), cross court drive, and pass down-the-line on left.

In order to play a tough center court game, the serious player should develop a sound strategy so that the smart offensive shots occur instinctively. Less thinking is the ultimate goal. During crucial rallies, the polished player's shot selection is determined by the position of his opponent and his opponent's prior shot. Do not follow a beginner's dictum to take chances for kill shots only (or mostly) when serving. Chaos rules when a player ponders before reacting and returning the ball. Such queries as: "Who's serving?" "How many points left to 21?" interfere with the shotmaking. Perennial Pro Steve Keeley refers to this temporary mental lapse as "paralysis via analysis" syndrome. Remember to play the right shots all the time, and start preparing for your next shot as soon as you complete your follow-through. Think offensively and aggressively, and when a scoring opportunity arises, take it!

Mutual respect must be shown to the opponent by allowing them to take their fair swing without having to worry about hitting you with the ball or racquet. Possession of center court should be an obsession in racquetball competition. The "war" talk should be placed in proper perspective, however. Keep in mind the modus operandi of the Game — You are obligated to give your opponent enough room to swing. In tight quarters, Oneupmanship and gamesmanship must give way to Sportsmanship.

## "bunny you should ask" Heart Tourney Proves Successful



On September 16, 1978 the Third Annual Celebrity Heart Association Racquetball Tournament was held. Thirteen celebrities from television, radio, and newspapers were paired up with thirteen members of racquetball clubs around the Chicagoland area.

Each Chicagoland Racquetball Association Club had donated \$150.00 to the Chicago Heart Association in order for their member to play with a celebrity. The Chicago Heart Association tournament coordinator, Chuck Sheftel (general manager/sports,

director at the Forest Grove Swim and Racquet Club) said, "We (the Chicago Heart Association) are very appreciative of all the celebrities and participating clubs. It was a successful afternoon with the

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## On The Cover

Suzanne Piche, the current "Miss Illinois Universe" is shown receiving a "brush-up" on her game from Lehmann Courts' head-pro Steve Boren. Suzanne will join many T.V., radio, and sports celebrities to promote the American Cancer Society Benefit Grand Opening Celebration on Wednesday, October 25th at Lehmann. See related story page 3.



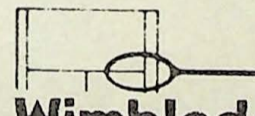
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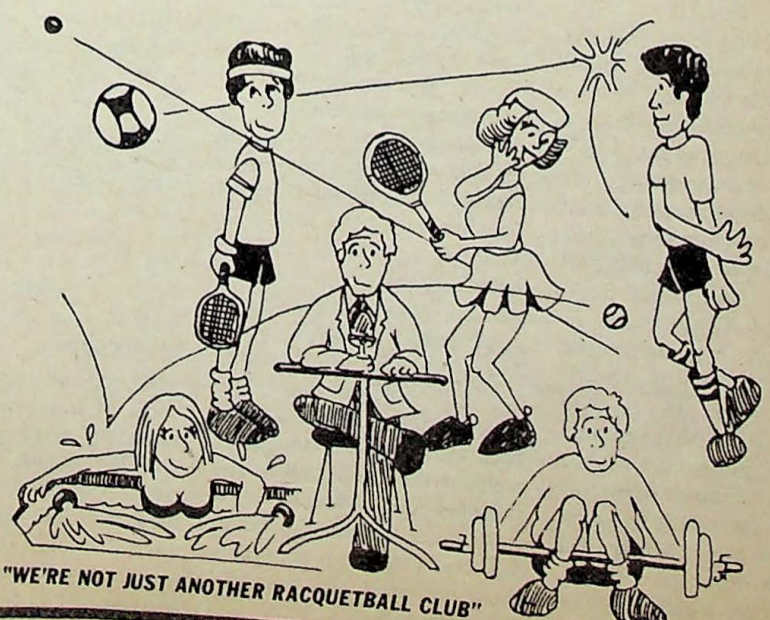
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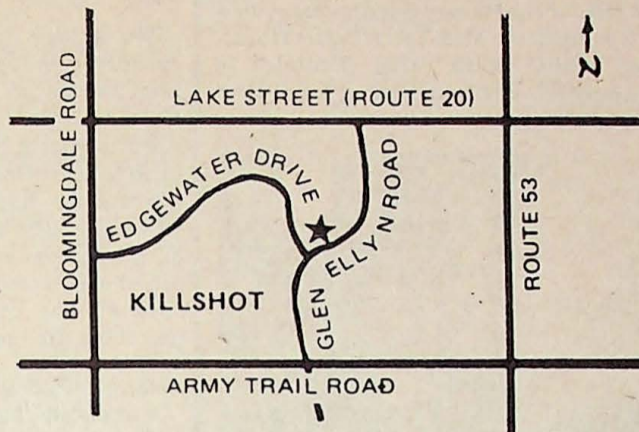


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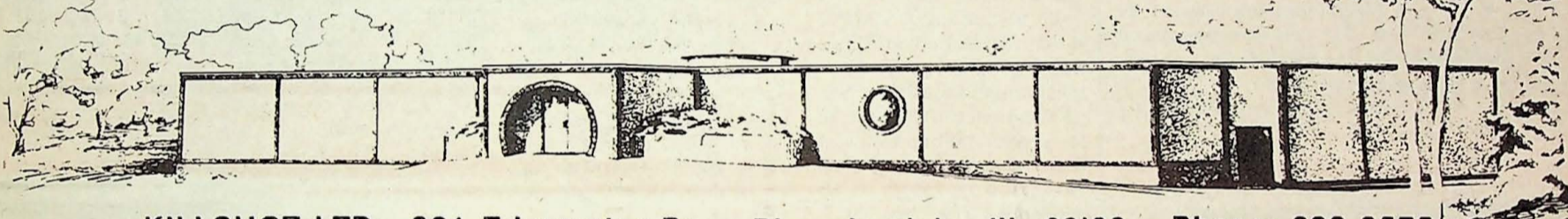
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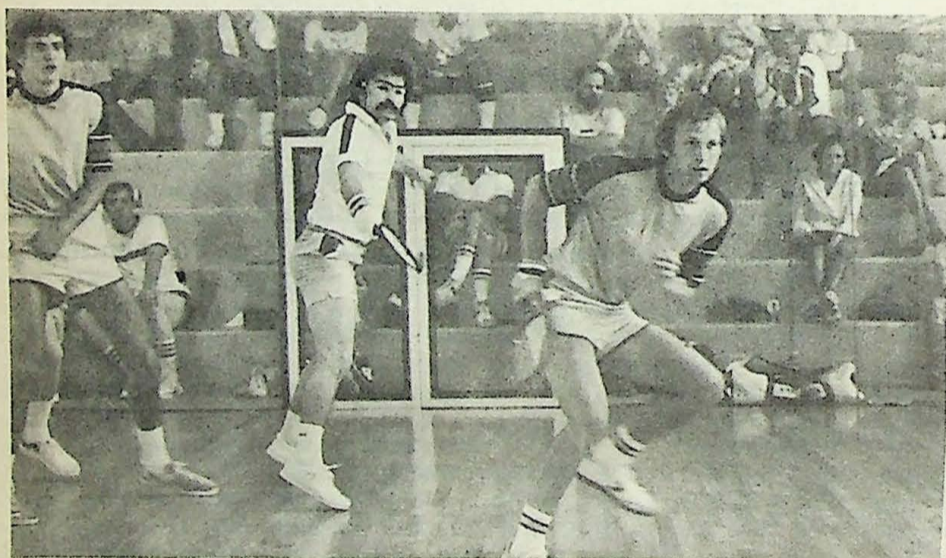


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Charlie Rish, left, Steve Strandemo, and John Lynch, right, during an exhibition match held at The Evergreen Bath and Tennis Club.

## Lynch & Rish Hold Clinics

After a slow start and John Lynch's serves cooled down a bit, Charlie Rish played a steady, heady comeback game. Rish took the lead for good in the teens of their one 31 point game exhibition match. Lynch again began firing aces trailing 30-19, but Rish tallied the final 31st point with Lynch breathing down his back with a total of 28 points. Terry

Fancher and Steve Strandemo were on location at the Evergreen Club for the shooting of an instructional film, produced by the Athletic Institute. Lynch and Rish made the doubles challenge with Strandemo and Fancher gladly accepting. A very exiting 31 point doubles exhibition followed with all four players putting out that

little bit extra. Not once during the match did more than 3 points separate the two teams as Strandemo and Lynch played it out against each other on the left side.

well-played racquetball at the Evergreen Bath & Tennis Club. Charlie Rish and John Lynch as "Professional Racquetball Clinics" have signed for a series of racquetball exhibitions and clinics with several court clubs in the Chicago and Detroit areas for the Fall season. They have several open dates remaining and interested groups and court clubs should contact their agent, George Weaver, 8300 Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (telephone: 876-3464).

## Killshot Room

by Mort Leve

To keep the embers glowing for the grand ol' game of handball...Terry Muck, editor of HANDBALL Magazine and one of the truly great "pros" of all-time has instigated an effort to rate the top ten players of all time. With a quarter of a century observations, with the Association and yearly unbroken stint of attendances at various and sundry showdown tournaments, I listed Jim Jacobs, Paul Haber, and Vic Hershkowitz in that order.

Jacobs ruled the roost in the last 50s and early 60s, then Haber took over...Vic has been the man Jim dethroned in 1955. Right now it's that amazing young Naty Alvarado in domination with Fred Lewis his main nemesis.

Amongst the Chicagoans who have been most prominent in the national scene foremost — Johnny Sloan, who thrived and holds the record for the handball "hat trick", five simultaneous singles/doubles national victories in U.S. Handball Association, AAU, and YMCA. Sloan has been a Hawaiian resident for the past seven years. Then there was his sharp shooting "Windy City Wrist Kid", Phil Collins, doubles partner. In the 30s and 40s it was the legendary Joe Platak, often referred to as the "Babe Ruth" of handball.

I never had the pleasure of watching southpaw Joe play the game, only a one-time film. The ball was deader in those days and Joe would dominate center court. Of the current group outstanding is the power shooting Dennis Hofflander. Viet Nam vet Hofflander, now a Chicago fire department para-medic, looked like he was going to be king of the national hill but assorted injuries have frustrated this. He is rated with Muck, Alvarado and Lewis as the supreme four on the pro tour.

The YMCA's continued to "house" the close-knit Chicago area fraternity. There's always action at such hotbeds as the Northwest Suburban, Irving Park, LaGrange, and Evanston Y's; and the Touhy avenue JCC.

With each new court club we find a small percentage of handballers, so we're far from a "dying breed." With Mike Dau, Lake Forest College handball coach, stimulating top notch development; and the handball headquarters in Skokie spearheaded by "Mr. Handball" himself, Bob Kendler and his aids — Bob Peters, Ken Schneider, Terry Muck, and Joe Ardito — the Windy City remains the focal point of the game.

Where are they now??? Paul Haber has been the golf pro at



the Naperville Country Club. Hershkowitz, the retired Brooklyn fireman, has moved from the Ft. Lauderdale area to Los Angeles suburb of Tarzana. Jacobs has minted a fortune with his fight film agency in New York, and has his own stable of boxers. He has contracted for a South African heavyweight and hopes to get a title go in the near future.

Jim Cosentino, who has been a strong tourney player, works in Kansas City and is putting a court club together in the K.C. suburbs. Lake Forest College alumni, Wes and Willie Yee, work in this area and are real strong performers. Vern Roberts Jr., who was a national collegiate singles winner while at Lake Forest, manages the Evergreen Park club.

Ray Benson and Chuck Biersborn, both handball buffs, put together the Wheaton Sports Center, and have Don Watson managing it.

The 27th Annual Illinois Handball Association Contenders Singles Tournament is being held at the Northwest Suburban YMCA, 300 Northwest Hwy., Des Plaines, Nov. 4-11. Contact Joe Ardito, 673-4000 for particulars. Bonus award — special Bob Kendler round trip coach airfare to the 29th annual USHA nationals at Coral Gables, Florida, May 5-12.

### CYO Racquetball/Handball Tourney Set

The Catholic Youth Organization will begin the '78-'79 CYO Racquetball/Handball Tournaments the week of Oct. 17, at Racquetball and Handball courts throughout metropolitan Chicago. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners and to north and south runners up. Every participant will receive a T-shirt. There are no age or religious restrictions to enter.

# Peggy Steding Interview — Part 2 —

by Velva Lee Heraty

This is the second half of the Heraty-Steding interview that took place last Spring at the Mid-Town Court House. This segment deals mainly with FIRE (Females In Racquetball Everywhere) on the tournament level; both as pros and amateurs.



Peg Steding and Velva Lee Heraty during interview at Mid-Town Court House.

**HERATY** — Peg, how do you feel about the separate pro-stops this year — the women playing in one place and the men in another?

**STEDING** — Personally, I had thought for a long time that the women could stand on their own. The past two tournaments they've had have proven that. Omaha and Philadelphia were super. They had great crowds and the clubs were full. I do enjoy talking to the men, and I know them all quite well, but I especially enjoyed the women's tour.

**HERATY** — Was there any one thing that made them special?

**STEDING** — I think the key to it is, really, who has the tournament. No matter where you go if there is no PR done, or any publicity, you could have both men and women someplace and you won't get the crowds. In Omaha they had only one paper but every day it featured great big articles about the pro stop. Whenever I turned on the TV all the local stations featured the tour. I mean EVERY station. That's what it takes to get the crowds out.

**HERATY** — We're planning to put together a local publication for next season (RACQUETBALL TODAY) which will promote the sport for the non-player enthusiast as well as the everyday club player. What are your feelings on this?

**STEDING** — That's great! Those are the people you want to get out to the pro stops. Most of those players never see a pro game. Once they do, they're all enthused about it. I had a man come up to me in Omaha after a semi-final match with Sarah (Green) that lasted 2 hours and twenty minutes. It was really a super match. He said, "I just want to thank you because I've been trying to get my wife to play and she would always say no, but she got so excited seeing you play tonight that she wants to come back tomorrow and start taking lessons." I was really pleased to hear that.

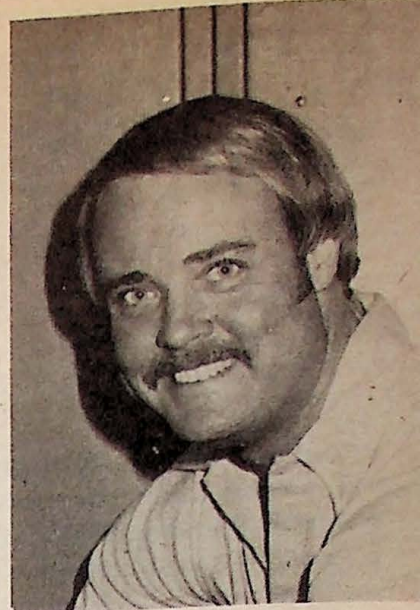
**HERATY** — What advice would you give the average woman player if she approached you and said "Peg, I'm ready to move on in racquetball; I want to enter a tournament; what should I do?"

**STEDING** — Well, players like that usually go out and practice regularly with the same playing partner. They may even go out and drill each other. But, you know, to go out and play in a tournament is a whole different thing. Good players may not even be able to hit their foot in a tournament. Some people are just that way. But the experience, that's what they need. The more tournaments you enter, even though you get beat and beat bad, if a player really wants to play on a competitive level they have to go back to the drawing board. You know, you can learn just as much from losing as from winning. Analyze your losses, work to improve your game and practice a lot. Do what you have to do. Another important thing to remember is not to play another person's type of game. Maybe a player doesn't have the wrist, for example, like I do and couldn't play my style of game. Well, they shouldn't try to. Most of the women pros have these nice long pretty swings but my swing is mostly in the wrist.

**HERATY** — Do you flail? (a forehand stroke where the racquet is snapped by arm and wrist action, using the arm and wrist as a whip, affording a distinct power advantage to the shot or serve)

# COUNTER REACTION

by *Bob Schiel*



We all have read letters in newspapers and other publications that implore advice from those "veteran conjurers" on subjects ranging from astrology to zoology. One such letter was recently sent to a small midwest gazette that boasted of having an expert staff versed in every aspect of court sports. The letter went something like this:

Dear Mr. Ratchetmaven;

I recently have started playing racquetball and have progressed enough to consider purchasing equipment. I have been trying everything that the club rents out and occasionally use a racquet from the lost and found. Both of the racquets that I've used from the club appear to be a little "flat" on one side but the girl tells me I can get to the shots that hug the side walls much better with such a racquet. Does that make sense to you? Elsie Zilch uses a racquet that her husband made for her, he's a machinist here in town and she has just won two matches on the ladies "Beat the Rooster" challenge ladder. Elsie says that she likes these early morning matches but wishes the lights would warm up a little faster so she could get a better jump on a drive serve. Well, her racquet is really something. It's a gleaming copper color, real copper (can you believe that?),

and has a wild boar grip, but the real secret is in the frame. Her husband, Elmer, put fishing weights every two inches in then wrapped nylon tape around them. Elsie claims she could have beaten her first opponent but she accidentally hit her own knee with the racquet and it slowed her up a bit. I really would appreciate your advice, Mr. Ratchetmaven.

Signed,  
Gullible Gussie

Dear Gullible Gussie;

Your friends should stick to their own game of "court casualty" and let you decide on your own equipment. As for the girl at the club, she probably never has played the game, as we both realize it's the top of the racquet that should be flat as you derive more power from a swing parallel to the side wall. My advice, dear, is to borrow racquets from various players at the club, (I'm sure they won't mind), but pay particular attention to detail. You failed to mention if you were right or left handed. The wrong grip selection could make a difference!

Signed,  
Mr. Ratchetmaven

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**HERATY** — What do you think are the most common errors the average racquetball player commits?

**STEDING** — I think that the big thing for women is learning to move on the court. Most times they can be in the way of the ball or this, that, and the other when it comes to moving. I don't think they don't want to move, I think they don't know HOW to move. There should be lessons just on how to move on a court. Another thing, to be good in a racquet sport, I don't care which one it is, learn the proper grip. Even if you never take a lesson, like me, just go to a pro and learn how to hold the racquet. I have seen so many players holding their racquets wrong. They turn it around like so (demonstrating a wrong grip) and it's all wrong. It may do for a forehand but what are they going to do with the backhand? Really, it's so important.

**HERATY** — Peggy, every pro seems to be writing a book, are you?

**STEDING** — Yes I am, as a matter of fact. I'm working on a methods book. It has a right way and a wrong way style to it.

**HERATY** — Is it like Sauser's book?

**STEDING** — No, it will be different from Jeannie's book. We have a publisher already but still have to get everything together.

**HERATY** — Tell me Peggy, how important do you think concentration is in the game?

**STEDING** — I think it's 90% of the game. Usually, when I lose, it's because I've had poor concentration during the game. When that happens you're watching everything on the court but the ball. It's like you're out for a Sunday stroll. It shows too. It looks like you couldn't care less if you hit the ball or not. It's like being nervous. You don't have to be a beginner jumping off in your first tournament to be nervous. I know plenty of pros who are nervous to the hilt every time they walk onto a court to compete.

**HERATY** — One last question, Peg. Do you feel women are dressing more neatly now?

**STEDING** — Yes, I do. I think the days of the cut-offs are over. Women all over the place are neater today. To me, it depends on what you're most comfortable in. Leaving tennis for racquetball I already was used to shorts and a shirt but I do notice there's more high style in racquetball. I'll tell you this, Velva, I think racquetball's going to be the greatest sport for women ever, no matter what they wear.

**HERATY** — I do too, Peggy.

**STEDING** — No, I don't flail. My power is just in the snap of the wrist. The thing I'm trying to point out is this; once you learn the basics, develop your style of game; your own way of playing. Let's say somebody wanted to play like me and they tried and tried but physically their wrist wasn't strong, well, they couldn't master that style then. So, instead of playing my game, they should develop their own talents. I don't mean they shouldn't go in there and learn the angles and how to shoot the ball. I mean, a player should always develop their own style. Find your strongest talent and develop it. Most times somebody tried to play another style of game and they just wind up hurting themselves anyway.

**HERATY** — Peggy, how important do you think solo practice is?

**STEDING** — Very important. It's especially important to a beginner. In fact, I think it's necessary. Nobody really likes to practice by themselves, I hate it, but that's the best way to learn all the angles, the pinch-shots, the pass-shots and the roll-outs. To learn these takes a lot of practice.

**HERATY** — How do you feel about amateur racquetball tournaments?

**STEDING** — I think you need the tournaments. That's how you maintain interest in the game. You know, you have to jump off somewhere on the competitive level. Even when you get beat you have to go back in and try harder. A lot of players get at a certain level just playing among themselves and their game goes nowhere. But you get in a tournament and run into all different playing styles, and types of players and it's a whole new challenge for you.

**HERATY** — What about the player who can't make a three day commitment? Should they go to a tournament just to watch? Would watching a better player improve somebody's game?

**STEDING** — Yes, that can be very helpful. You know, a lot of people think they see really good racquetball when they watch a top "house" player but they don't realize how good the game can be played until they've seen a pro match. Most people are really amazed. I've talked to a lot of women who tell me I'm an inspiration to them. They say, "Here I am, thirty, and I think I'm too old to play; but here you are, at your age (42) on the pro tour." I tell 'em I didn't even take up the game until I was 35.

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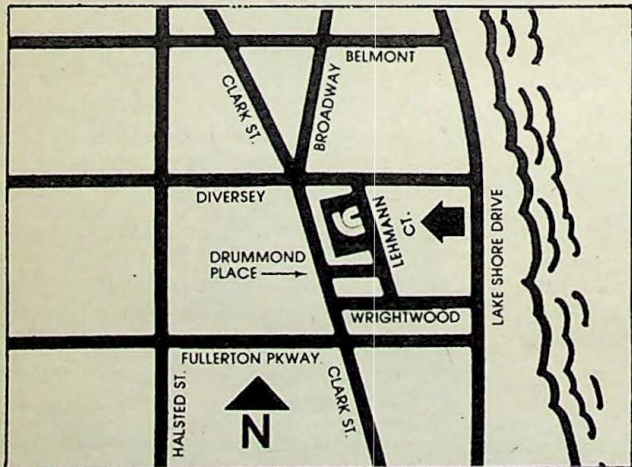
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## What's A Nice Girl Like Me Doing On A Racquetball Court?

(fiction)

There can be nothing quite as devastating to the die-hard racquetball enthusiast as getting the doughnut. In more common parlance that means a score of zero, zip, nothing. I know, it happened to me last night during what could have been the beginning of a really good thing. I was on the court struggling to get past the doughnut when somewhere between the hot pursuit of the ball, a host of close encounters, and 21-0, I realized he had me. In racquetball parlance that means unofficial defeat.

What's a nice girl like me doing on a racquetball court anyway? Who needs a steady stream of adrenalin flowing? Why not start running instead of getting a tour of the courts by some smug victor with an ego-extended racquet?

I can remember being very happy with my life B.R. (Before Racquetball). I had a lot of self-confidence, I was mellow. I mastered all my challenges. Here I am now, A.R. (After Racquetball); hot, sweaty, choked, psyched-out, defeated, frustrated and above all, vulnerable. I ask myself, is this what mama dress me in pinafons for?

I'm sure I visually sagged into the locker-room. Sensing a victim, nobody made

comment. My habitual weight momentarily lifted my spirits. I had lost a pound. Of pride I concluded.

Glancing in the mirror on the way to the shower was something I shouldn't have done to myself. Surely this isn't the devoted racquetball player eager for competition just a mere hour ago. Surely this isn't the disco dancer of the night before dazzling everybody with her foot-work. And surely this isn't the confident and flirty FIREpower player looking forward to knowing my doughnut-tender better. What's a nice girl like me doing in a locker room anyway?

I can't remember how long I spent in the sauna, however, feeling very down, I went from there, via the shower, to the whirlpool.

There's nothing quite like a whirlpool. The sauna drained me, the shower squeaked me clean, but the whirlpool? Ahhhhhhh, the whirlpool soothed me. Just hearing the water begin to swirl had a tranquilizing effect. Here, after all, was an opportunity for total abandonment; complete and sensuous submersion; a loving embrace of fluid warmth. Is the doughnut so bad after all? Do I secretly play to lose? Is racquetball an excuse for the soothing

aftermath? I can't answer, but as I lie submerged a metamorphosis takes place. I can feel the tension draining out of me. The legs begin to loosen and my "racquetball elbow" doesn't nag me. I feel pure of spirit. After this great purging benevolence sets in. Suddenly I feel ready for discos, and men, and racquetball, and even pinafons! Even more important I know I can look into that mirror on the way back to the locker room.

The whirlpool casually slows down. I'm ready to face what has to be faced and do what has to be done. I retrace my steps. The mirror's my friend. I chat with fellow players in the locker room. I know he is waiting upstairs yet I take my time. There's perfume and make-up and curls to be curled. I feel great. Things couldn't be better.

"See you," I remarked as I leave the locker room. It's great to be alive.

Going up the stairs I see his racquetball bag first. Next his eager look, not quite disguised. He rises to approach me. Coming off a 21-0 game he affects a confident yet sheepish look. I know now that I'VE GOT HIM. Drawing my forefinger and thumb together to form an "O", I execute a casual wave and keep going. What I am feeling much too mellow to say aloud is, "Get lost Doughnut-Head."

"Into The Future and Beyond"

## Louis Zahn Data introduces L-35 D Terminal

The Louis Zahn Data Service Corp., undisputedly recognized as the foremost Data Processor for the ever-growing Racquetsports industry, has taken another quantum leap forward. Allen Gunther, President of Zahn Data, informed Racquetball Today that Sweda International was recently given, by Zahn, a seven figure purchase order for the new L-35D point of sale, electronic terminal/registers, which can be leased or purchased from Zahn.

According to Darryl Santoro, Vice-President of Zahn Data, this "state of the art" electronic terminal/register features magnetic tape cassette, point of sale, data capture, automatic pricing look-ups or presets, and a remote 3rd station slip printer with alpha discription by department printed on the sales slips. If this sounds a bit like STAR WARS technological wizardry accompanied by an "out of this world" price tag, you're wrong, on the latter judgement anyway.

The new technology appreciably lowers data processing costs; so much in fact that any club can now benefit from computerized accounting management systems at an affordable price. Zahn's nationally and internationally utilized Racquetball Charge Systems/PCB with Automatic Membership Renewal Billing and their other accounting management programs have relied on the Sweda 725 register as the input vehicle. With the upgrade to the L-35D, Zahn's clients will enjoy more instantaneous information and ever better controls at lower prices.

To fully understand the impact of the L-35D, one must be familiar with the

Racquetsports Industry and the logistics of good club management.

A successful club owner realizes the profound importance of good management information, but also realizes that the more information he or she requires, the more work there is for the front desk people. The members are anxious to finalize their court sales transactions and get on teh court. They don't want to linger at the front desk while the desk personnel code information for the owner.

The L-35D provides the ideal solution. It provides the owner with a wealth of information without slowing down the front desk operation. This seemingly paradoxical task is accomplished via sophisticated electronics. A distinct advantage of the L-35D is the automatic pricing look-ups. A major number of its' many departments can automatically reflect predetermined prices. The front desk person depresses a key labeled open time prime or non prime, and faster than they can say "enjoy your game", the transaction is finalized, capturing all information required by management.

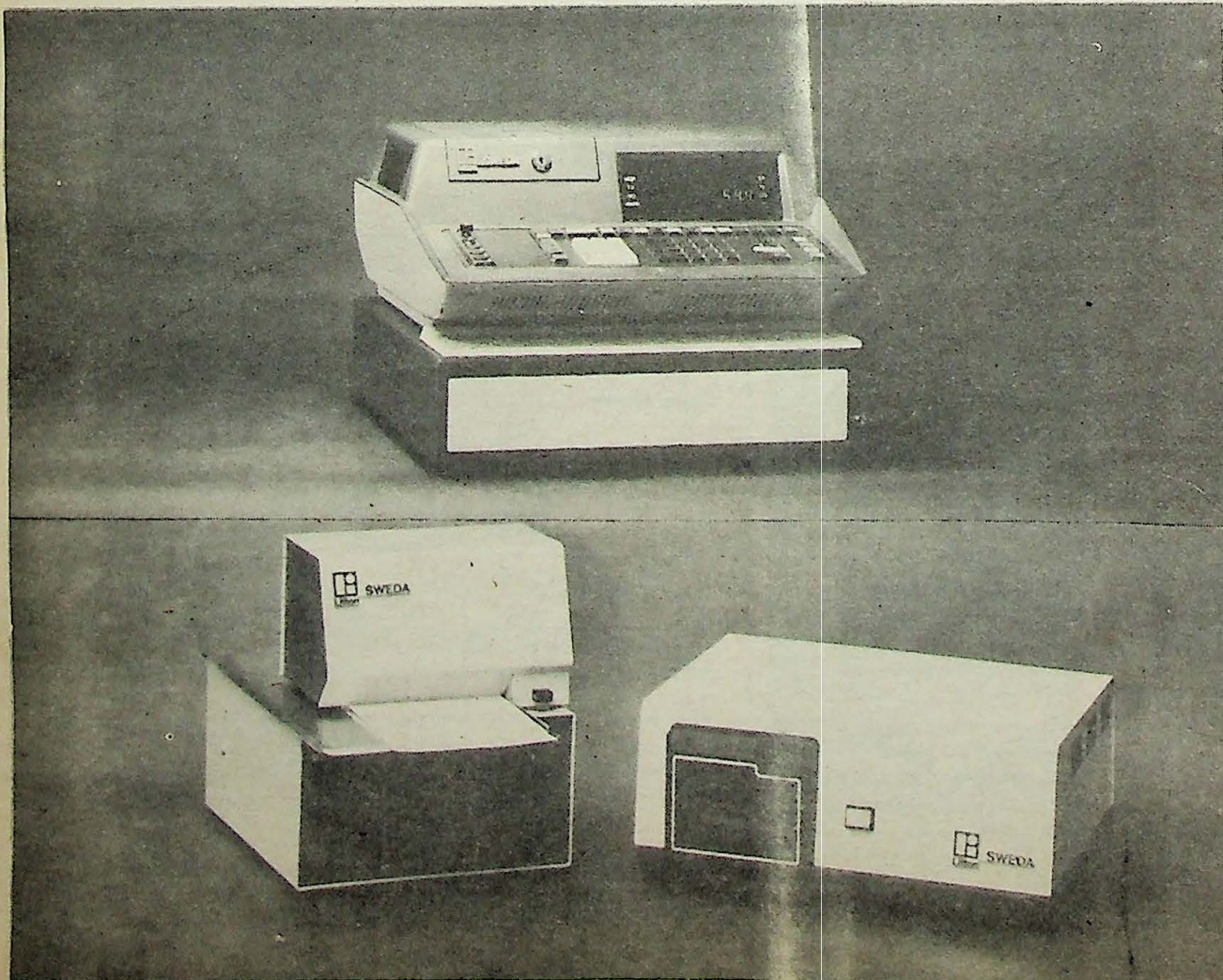
Zahn will program the terminal to the specifications of the club, thereby providing complete flexibility. All of the information entered into the register is captured on magnetic tape cassettes - another plus of the L-35D. These mag cassettes are sent to Zahn's Processing Center where they are fed electroni-

cally into the computers. This facilitates faster and more economical processing of data allowing Zahn to significantly lower their Data Processing costs, while increasing their management information capabilities.

This article was subtitled "into the future and beyond". What about the "beyond"? Zahn Data chose the L-35D because of its present and future capabilities. The obsolescence factors, usually associated with machinery, do not seem imminent with the new terminal.

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Darryl Santoro, Vice-President of Zahn Data, has extended an open invitation to all interested owners and developers to see the L-35D at Zahn Data's Processing Facility in Melrose Park, Illinois. Breakfast, lunch and/or dinner will be provided. For more information write Louis Zahn Data Service Corp., 1920 George St., Melrose Park, Ill 60160 or call collect at 312/681-3060.



L-35 D Terminal

## Colleen Shields Westward Bound



The backbone of the ISRA Volunteer Committee, Colleen Shields and Debbie Darlington, are leaving the "windy city" to play racquetball in a sunnier climate. Both have graciously offered to be Racquetball Today's Arizona correspondents, and we are looking forward to hearing from them soon.

## "The K's Have It"

# Kutas & Kronenfeld Top S & S II

by Jim Harper

August 25-27 were the dates for the 2nd annual S & S Insurance Agency Open this year. Eleven divisions were shared by 330 participants at the Downtown Court Club in Chicago. Ample food and refreshments were provided by hosts Tom Street and Al Shetzer and club owners Jim and Bill Bronner.

### MEN'S OPEN

There were 26 excellent players attracted to this division and in the quarter finals things began to heat up. Greg Mandell let it be known that the giants don't frighten him. Bob Deuster fell to the Mandell marksmanship, 17-21, 21-6, 11-10 in a finger-nail biting cliff hanger. Jim Scheyer and Don Constable played as close as you can in one of most exciting shoot-outs of the tourney, as Jim hung on for the tie-breaker win, 20-21, 21-20, 11-10. Tom Kutas took Gary Whittaker, 21-6, 16-21, 11-5, while Dennis McDowell barely survived a superb challenge from a fired-up Harvi Miller, 21-19, 21-18.

Scheyer remained hot in the semi's, taking it from Mandell, 20-21, 21-11, 11-4, while Kutas played extremely well against McDowell, 21-18, 21-14.

In the finals, Kutas and Scheyer traded hot games, Kutas taking the first 21-8, Scheyer the second, 11-21. In the tie-breaker, Kutas pulled out the big victory, 11-7. McDowell took third place over Mandell, 21-14, 21-9.

The Consolation bracket was won by Dan Bertolucci over Mike Ellis, 21-19, 21-11.

### WOMEN'S OPEN

Bev Franks rolled on through the quarters

as she eliminated Elena Carbajal, 21-11, 21-3, while Judy Sawicki was having a hard time with Jacque Jost, 21-15, 21-16. In the lower bracket, Colleen Shields was in top form, which she had to be to oust Lynn Farmer in a very exciting contest, 21-14, 16-21, 11-10. Nancy Kronenfeld continued without incident as she defeated Barb Allweiss, 21-10, 21-10.

In the semi's the going got rough for the top two seeds as both had to go to tie-breakers to advance to the finals. Franks topped Sawicki, 21-9, 15-21, 11-7, while Kronenfeld withstood Shields' onslaught, 21-19, 10-21, 11-8.

Nancy and Bev went at it with great vigor in the finals. Both participants played well enough to win game one, but in the final analysis, somebody has to make that last point, and Nancy did it, 21-19, then used the momentum to carry her to a 21-14 Championship.

Sawicki defeated a dispirited Shields for 3rd place, 21-5, 21-10. In the Consolation bracket, Linda Schwartz copped the trophy over Glorian Fredin, 21-9, 21-17.

### MEN'S B

In this 38 man draw Barry Siegal emerged as a powerhouse to be reckoned with. He marched past several opponents to meet Frank Ritter, another slammer in the finals. Joining Siegal and Ritter in the semi's were other quarter-final winners Don Jenkins, who squeezed past Scott Roberts, and Dave Prym, who burst the bubble of young Jordan Kahn, 21-15, 21-16. Siegal continued hot in the semi's with superb control of his passing game, and good, solid forehand shooting in a victory over Don Jenkins, 21-14, 21-8. Ritter completed the pairing with a big win over Prym, 21-12, 21-9.

The finals promised to be an exciting contest of power and control against pure power, but it was not meant to be as Siegal cramped up in the legs and was unable to compete, leaving Ritter the Champion by default. Where Jenkins and Prym found the energy is a secret but they went at it tooth and nail in the match for 3rd place, and Prym came out on top, 21-20, 20-21, 11-10. In the Consolation bracket, Bob Barrett took the iron 21-11, 21-8 over Mike McGill.

### MEN'S SENIORS

Tom Street copped the title here, but not because his opponents thought he ought to win his own tournament. Street had victories over Jim Bergschneider, 21-5, 21-18, Stan Waksmundski in a three-gamer, and managed to stay on top of Bill Williamson in a long two game match, 21-17, 21-18. Tom continued to play well in the finals, but it took him three games and over two hours to get past Rich Donati for the number one spot, 21-14, 17-21, 11-3.

Bill Williamson took third place over a tired Shelly Clar, 21-9, 6-21, 11-6, and Don Webb was the Consolation winner over Gary Saretsky.



Tamas Kutas, Winner Men's Open, S & S Tourney

### WOMEN'S B

Gigi Weigman, unseeded, took out all of her opponents to win the big prize. Her championship match with Diane Williams was a smooth display of court ability by both players, but Gigi had that little extra, 21-15, 21-17.

Third place was won by Laurel Davis over Pat Lodyga, 21-13, 19-21, 11-8. Joan Rogers coasted to the Consolation championship with a victory over Pat Mickesh, 21-10, 21-11.

### MEN'S "C"

As usual, lots of new faces here, and Frank Splitt showed he had the ability to go all the way. He defeated Dick Kamper in the Finals.

**Quarters:** Dick Kamper over Tom Creal, 21-8, 21-6; Tim Dern over Jim Shales (default); Horace Miller over Rick Farmer, 21-11, 21-20; Frank Splitt over Bob Mlsek, 16-21, 21-10, 11-5.

**Semi's:** Kamper over Dern, 21-5, 21-9; Splitt over Miller, 21-16, 21-17.

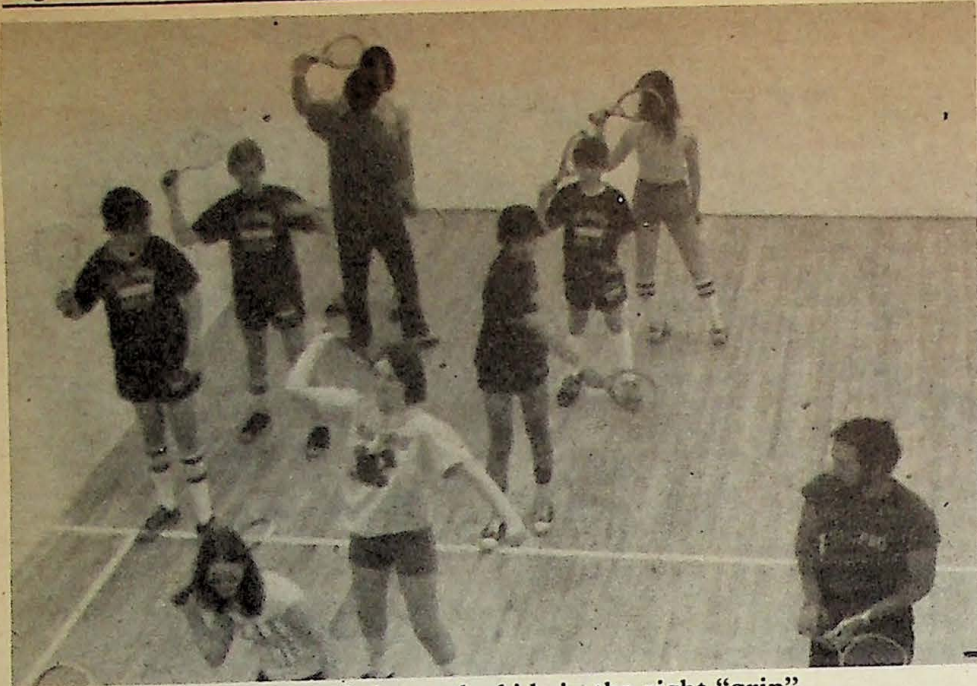
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Lynn Paul & Daughter. Both earned "I beat Ron Paul" ribbons at the S & S Open.

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Chuck Sheftel gets the kids in the right "grip"

## Special Clinics Held

by Velva Lee Heraty

The Illinois State Racquetball Association (ISRA) and the American Professional Racquetball Organization (APRO) ran two very special clinics this Spring for the Northwest Special Recreation Association, an extension of the northwest suburban local park districts serving people with special needs.

Last April 14th twenty educable mentally handicapped high school students were treated to a morning of racquetball courtesy of the ISRA, APRO and the Forest View Racquet Club in Arlington Heights, where the clinics took place. The kids were divided into six groups and taken onto the courts for their very first racquetball lesson. A hour later they were wacking that ball and loving every

minute of it.

The following week, on April 24th, forty-three hearing impaired junior high students were on hand for their own clinic, once again through ISRA, APRO and Forest View volunteers. Chuck Sheftel, president of APRO was the ultimate teacher since he was well versed in sign language so there was no problem getting racquetball lingo across to the kids — especially the term cut-throat!

Racquets and balls were supplied by the ISRA and Forest View Racquet Club.

If there are any special groups interested in a racquetball clinic contact either the ISRA at 570 E. Higgins Road in Elk Grove Village or Chuck Sheftel c/o Forest Grove Swim and Racquet Club, 1760 Hicks Road, Palatine.

## Open Letter From The ISRA

Dear ISRA Member:

The 1978 season kicked off with the S & S Tournament at Jim Bronner's beautiful Downtown Court Club. Tournament participation is up substantially and we now have the unpleasant problem of limiting the draw at major tournaments because we don't have court facilities large enough to handle more than 300 entries. You should take note of this and get your entries in early if you want to play.

The Metropolitan Racquetball League sponsored and run by the ISRA will start in October. League participation is open to all facilities in the Metropolitan Chicago area. This includes Court Clubs, Park Districts, YMCA, JCC and Colleges. If you want to enter a team please contact the ISRA office.

The referee committee, headed by Phil Simborg and Bill Feigen, got off to a good start at the S & S Tournament. We need more participation from all players interested in improving the quality of refereeing. We solicit your active support in this endeavor and would like to remind everyone that we will be glad to hold Clinics for your benefit. Court Club managers should contact us to arrange these Clinics.

Tournament directors are requested to clear their dates with us to make sure their tournament will not conflict with other scheduled tournaments. This applies to sanctioned and non-sanctioned events.

In this regard, we would like to extend our thanks to AMF-Voit, Ektelon — Natural Lite, Paddock Publications, and the YMCA directors who have reserved dates on our schedule for their tournaments.

Our goal is to increase the participation of all racquetball players and provide the most competitive and enjoyable tournaments for our racquetball community.

We have no control or authority, nor do we wish any, over who runs a tournament; however, we do feel that it is detrimental to our sport for tournament directors to schedule events that compete with other tournaments. Our schedule lists only those events that have been cleared with our office and we hope you will participate in these events.

Our computer seeding is ready but has not gotten off the ground because we need more volunteers to help us do the necessary paper work to get past tournament results into the computer. If you have a few spare hours available please give us a call and volunteer your help.

Our annual ISRA meeting will take place sometime in October, as required by our constitution. Notice will be mailed to all ISRA members.

The ISRA Doubles and Singles Tournament will be held in February and May, respectively. Companies interested in sponsoring either of these events should let us know.

One final personal note: We would like to thank our many volunteers who's help and support have enabled us to make our association one of the largest and most active in the country.

Our membership has grown from 200 to approaching 3,000 members. Tournaments have increased annually from five or six to thirty or forty, uniform rules have all but eliminated sandbagging in sanctioned tournaments, volunteer writers, and the generosity of unselfish racquetball newspaper publishers, allow us to produce this newsletter.

The Chicagoland Racquetball and Handball Association's help has also been mutually beneficial. Writers like Len Ziehm of the Sun Times and Mike Conklin of the Chicago Tribune have helped get our story across to the public. Seamco and Leach have supported us from day one and it is gratifying when Governor Thompson, an active player, can take time out of his busy schedule to support Racquetball in Illinois.

Thank you all again for your continued support.  
Personal Regards,

Thomas R. Street  
President

Alan M. Shetzer  
Secretary-Treasurer

# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

\*October 6, 7, 8, 1978  
Women's Racquetball Open  
Tinley Park Raq Club  
Contact: Mike Bazzo  
312-532-7900

\*October 13, 14, 15, 1978  
Charlie's 1st Annual Doubles  
Joliet, Illinois  
Contact: Dave Prym  
815-729-4503

\*October 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1978  
NRC - Pro Stop  
Southfield, Michigan  
Contact: Terry Fancher  
312-673-4000

\*October 27, 28, 29, 1978  
Pabst Extra Light Circuit  
Site: Indian Trails Court Club  
Contact: Jim Hicks  
312-755-5500

\*November 3, 4, 5, 1978  
Forest View Open  
Forest View Racquet Club  
Arlington Heights, Illinois  
Contact: Jeff Wilke  
312-640-2574

\*November 3, 4, 5, 1978  
Wordtec Open  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Contact: David Fleishaker  
502-585-5369

\*November 10, 11, 12, 1978  
Omni Tournament  
Contact: Len Sporman  
219-865-6969

\*November 17, 18, 19, 1978  
Junior Fall Open  
Northbrook Court House  
Contact: Steve Boren  
312-871-8300

\*November 17, 18, 19, 1978  
Midwest Invitational  
Mid-Town Court House  
Contact: Bill Hoffman  
312-787-8400

\*December 1, 2, 3, 1978  
American Cancer Society  
1st Annual Open  
Lehmann Courts  
Contact: Joan Martin  
312-372-0471

\*January 13, 14, 15, 1979  
Illini Open  
Champaign, Illinois  
Contact: Paul Vinciguerra  
217-384-7557

\*January 19, 20, 21, 1979  
Rockford Open  
Site to be announced  
Contact: Jeff Luedke  
815-877-9549

\*February 2, 3, 4, 1979  
Illinois State Doubles  
Site: To be announced

February 16, 17, 18, 1979  
St. Valentine's Day  
Massacre —  
Kill Shot, Ltd.

March 2, 3, 4, 1978  
IRA State Singles  
Site: To be announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge  
901-274-2363

\* March 9, 10, 11, 1979  
YMCA State Doubles  
Kankakee YMCA  
Contact: John Jennings  
815-933-1741

April 6, 7, 8, 1979  
IRA Regionals  
Site: To be announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge  
901-274-2363

\*April 5, 6, 7, 8, 1979  
USRA Regional  
Site: Madison, Wisconsin  
Contact: Terry Fancher  
312-673-4000

\*April 21, 22, 1979  
Fourth Annual Paddock  
Publications  
R/B Tournament of  
Champions  
Site: Buehler YMCA  
Contact: Robert Paddock  
312-394-2300

\*May 3, 4, 5, 6, 1979  
Illinois State Singles  
Site: To be announced

\*May 16, 17, 18, 1979  
NRC — Pro Stop  
Site: Chicago Area - to be  
announced.  
Contact: NRC office  
312-673-4000

May 24 - 28 1979  
IRA - Nationals  
Site: To be announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge  
901-274-2363

\*June 9 - 18, 1979  
NRC - National Champion-  
ships  
Site: Tempe, Arizona  
Contact: NRC Office  
312-673-4000

\* Indicates ISRA sanctioned  
tournament.

**Please... anyone who is planning a racquetball tournament, or who is aware of any tournaments, contact the Illinois State Racquetball Association office with the dates. We are trying to coordinate the tournament dates to the benefit of our membership.**

## BRACKET PLAY

A number of complaints have recently been received concerning the NCCA-Wilson National Championships. The complaints revolve around the eligibility of players in certain brackets (sandbagging).

While the Illinois State Racquetball Association and the United States Racquetball Association did not participate or sanction this event; the problems that arose are understandable.

The tournament was designed for so called club level players as distinguished from the state level tournament players.

This distinction is valid as a general rule and we have found that club level players... A, B or C, are one step below a state level player. "A" club players are "B" state level players,

etc.

State level players in Illinois consist of approximately 1000 players which is a small fraction of the estimated 125,000 players in the state. However, these players also belong to court clubs and, for the NCCA Tournament, qualify under their guidelines.

Illinois has very little problem now with players playing in the wrong bracket. Our rules are simple:

1. Any player reaching the finals of any bracket (B or C) must move to the next highest bracket and any player reaching the semi's twice must also move up.

2. Any player winning two rounds in a bracket are ineligible to play in a lower bracket, e.g. winners of two rounds in a "B" bracket cannot play in the "C".

The ISRA through our seeding committee, whose services are available for all sanctioned tournaments, have records of the majority of tournaments over the last several years and players ineligible for the bracket they entered are moved up.

What bracket should a player enter?

Our advice is to enter the lowest bracket available based upon your past tournament experience. The ISRA rules will move you to the next bracket if you win.

One other thing... don't be misled by your club rank. An "A" player at some clubs may only be a "C" player somewhere else.

On the subject of brackets, you should realize that in an ISRA sanctioned tournament there are more than A, B and C brackets. When we sanction a tournament we try and require that consolations be held in all brackets. The consolations serve as the A-, B- or C- brackets. Further, official seeding guidelines have the lowest ranked player playing the highest ranked in every bracket, particularly in the first round, there will always be a number of blow outs.

If you have the misfortune to get blown out in your first round and do equally as bad in the consolation, don't be discouraged; go out and practice. Typical tournament players play three to four times a week and most of the higher ranked players, five or six times.

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# Champaign Racquetball Summer Sizzles

by Bill Williamson

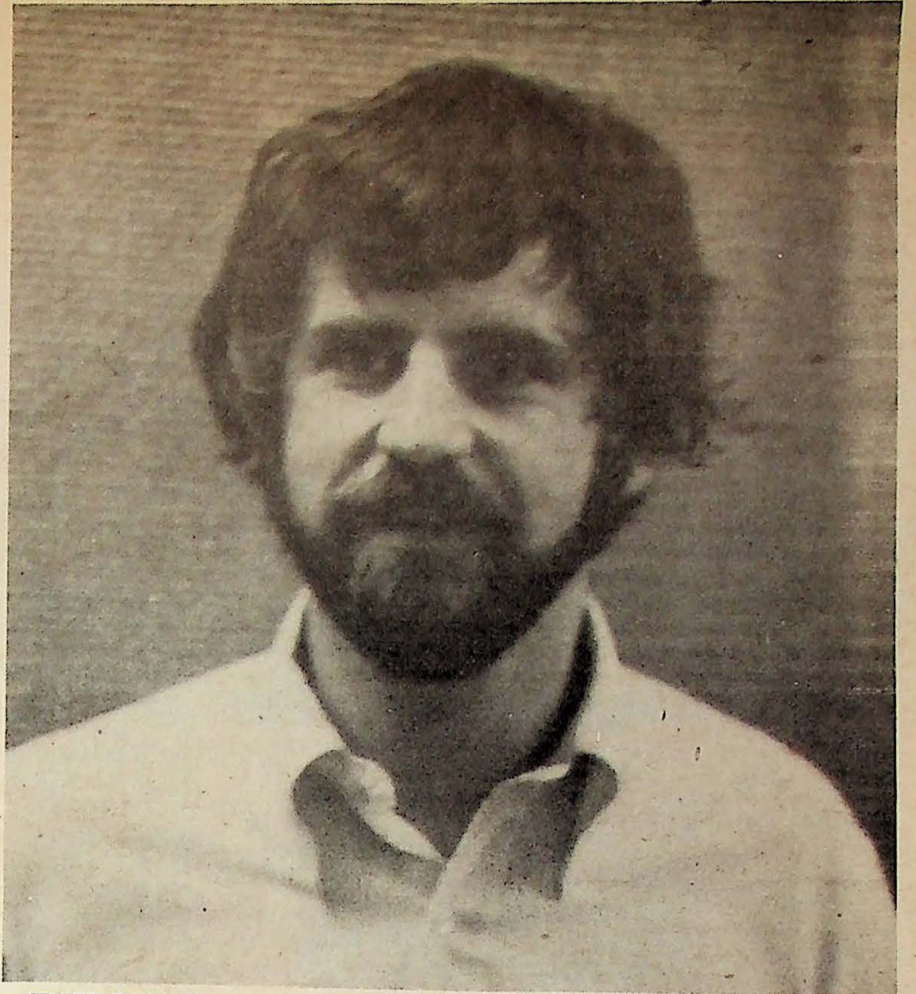
October finds racquetball players in the Champaign-Urbana area looking back with fond memories to the incredible ISRA state singles tournament and looking forward with anticipation to the start of active tournament play. All from here who played at Lombard add their thanks and congratulation to Tom Street, Al Shetzer, and the myriad of others who worked so hard to make the state singles the largest and best run tournament any of us had ever seen.

Earlier in the spring, the University's Intercollegiate Racquetball Team traveled to Marietta, Georgia for the IRA Intercollegiate. The team finished third behind perennial powerhouse Memphis State and newcomer Texas. Top performer for the Illini was Carolyn Ghelardini who won the Women's Singles Division. As a result of this impressive performance, she was offered and has accepted a position as a teaching professional in Marietta.

Play this summer has been hot, literally and figuratively, as a number of the better players have kept up their racquetball in the non-air conditioned IMPE courts on campus. Those who have ventured forth for tournaments have done well. Phil Dziuk finished second to Al Hanke at the Omega Master's Invitational at the Sky Harbor Court Club in

Highland Park. Phil reports that everyone who participated was pleased with this successful and well-run event. (Don Webb and I hope that there will be similar Seniors' events in the future!) Two of the top women players in the area reached the Women's A final at the Spaulding-Vittert Mid-States Open in St. Louis. This time it was Julie Simon who had the upper hand as she defeated Barb Larrain 21-13, 21-12 to take the championship.

One local tournament was held at the Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul. Airman Phil Gullett organized a Summer Racquetball Classic with the help of Mark Randall and David Bennett. The championship bracket saw a number of youth-age confrontations with the veterans having the best of it. In the first quarter-final Dick Walker, who recently turned 45 and became a Master, lived up to that title as he beat Randall 15-4, 15-11. Two other players also won in this round as Wallace Reynolds beat Douglas Park 15-9, 15-1 while Bill Williamson beat Gullett 15-4, 15-4. (Though USRA rules were otherwise followed, 15-point games were used to avoid exhaustion as the entire four rounds were played in one day.) The only young semi-finalist was David Bennett, consolation champion at the recent Rockford Nehi Open,



Bill Williamson - Champaign Area Rep.

## 2nd Annual S & S Open

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**Finals:** Splitt over Kamper, 21-19, 21-15.  
**3rd Place:** Dern over Miller, 21-11, 21-14.  
**Consolation:** John Weishaar over Steve Snyder, 21-18, 21-5.

### MEN'S MASTERS

Bob Troyer had everything under control as he took every match in two games to win the title.

**Quarters:** Bob Troyer over Tony Lang, 21-4, 21-10; Chuck Martarano over Dorsey Boulton; Dan Day over Art Dern, 21-18, 15-21, 11-6; Tony Yucevicius over Al Ring, 2-4, 21-19.

**Semi's:** Troyer over Martarano, 21-4, 21-19; Yucevicius over Day, 21-6, 5-21, 11-0.

**Finals:** Troyer over Yucevicius, 21-13, 21-2.  
**3rd Place:** Day over Martarano, 21-20, 20-21, 11-6.

**Consolation:** Bob McAdam over Harold Katz, 31-27.

### JUNIOR BOYS

John Slazas was as tough as nails in this Division as the Number 1 seed went all the way to defeat Gordon Gallagher in the finals, 21-4, 21-13.

**Quarters:** John Slazas over Eugene Hollander, 21-5, 21-3; Jean Moskwa over Jack Newman, 12-21, 21-11, 11-9; Gordon Gallagher over Dave Negret, 18-21, 21-13, 11-6; John Amatulli over Bob Clar, 21-17, 21-6.

**Semi's:** Slazas over Moskwa, 21-14, 21-11; Gallagher over Amatulli, 11-21, 21-11, 11-9.

**Finals:** Slazas over Gallagher, 21-4, 21-13.  
**3rd Place:** Amatulli over Moskwa, 21-9, 21-14.

**Consolation:** Chris Warning over Andy Wilson, 21-19, 21-18.

### MEN'S NOVICE

In this 25 man draw, John Hurvis rose to the top, winning all five of his matches.

**Quarters:** Steve Browning over Steve Davis, 21-9, 21-10; John Hurvis over Jack Kramer, 21-9, 21-7; Rich Merkel over Alan

Nadolna, Default; Lyndon Taylor over Ken Ulickey, 21-10, 21-4.

**Semi's:** Hurvis over Browning, 15-21, 21-16, 11-6; Merkel over Taylor, 21-17, 21-11.

**Finals:** Hurvis over Merkel, 21-3, 21-5.  
**3rd Place:** Browning over Taylor, Default.  
**Consolation:** Norm Goldring over Mandell, 21-14, 21-10.

### WOMEN'S "C"

Ann Breithaupt displayed stamina and skill as she took the title from Mary Brosius.

**Quarters:** Mary Brosius over Amy Gudbrandsen, 21-14, 21-9; Sally Diller over Krista Fox, 21-12, 21-19; Ann Breithaupt over Sharon Faust, 21-18, 21-12; Mary Bingham over Sue Korienek, 21-9, 21-15.

**Semi's:** Brosius over Diller, 21-19, 21-15; Breithaupt over Bingham, 21-20, 18-21, 11-10.

**3rd Place:** Diller over Bingham, 21-14, 21-9.  
**Consolation:** Pat Kettinsky over Bobbie LaMarre, 21-13, 16-21, 11-6.

### WOMEN'S NOVICE

Kathy Knueppel became Champion of the Novice players, as she defeated Nancy Naylor.

**Quarters:** Nancy Naylor over Nancy Radosta, 21-7, 21-17; Marlene Levinson over Sheryl Monroe, 21-10, 21-11; Kathy Knueppel over Sandra Kramer, 21-1; 21-7; Debbie Doherty over Roberta Clark, 21-6, 21-5.

**Semi's:** Naylor over Levinson, 21-15, 21-12; Knueppel over Doherty, 21-6, 21-5.

**Finals:** Knueppel over Naylor, 21-3, 21-2.  
**3rd Place:** Doherty over Levinson, Default.  
**Consolation:** Sue Papuga over Nancy Radosta, 31-6.

Thanks again to John Weishaar, Marlys Sperger and the fine staff at the Downtown Court Club for the excellent job they did in helping to run the tournament. All the players deserve a pat on the back, too, for pitching in where they were needed.

who defeated Carl McIntyre 15-8, 15-10 in his quarter-final.

In the semi-finals, Reynolds defeated Walker 15-7, 15-1 while Williamson beat Bennet 15-10, 15-4 in a match closer than the scores indicated. Williamson edged Reynolds for the championship though the title was in doubt until late in the tie-breaker. Reynolds took the first game 15-12 with a combination of steady play and excellent shooting whenever Williamson left the ball short. Williamson turned it around with better play and a few more Reynolds' errors to take the second game 15-8, and the tie-breaker 11-4. Bennett and Walker split the first two games in their third place match 15-10, 12-15. Bennet reached 10 first in the tie-breaker but Walker drew upon his reserves to also reach 10. Bennett was able to get Walker out, however, and won the next rally and third place, 11-10.

In the consolation bracket there was only one match requiring a tie-breaker. Ironically, this was the eventual champion's first round match as Louis Syteck beat Donald Newman 6-15, 15-3, 11-4. In the semi-finals, Syteck beat Mike Pitou 15-2, 15-3, and Stephen Rezac beat Dean Anderson 15-7, 15-5. Syteck took the consolation championship 15-9, 15-5 in a match marked by hard shots and, unfortunately, numerous near-avoidable hinders on the part of both players.

All of the participants were impressed at how well the tournament was run. Airman Gullett and his fellow organizers are to be congratulated on the good job they did. Area players hope that this can become an annual event.

Two tournaments on the August 25-27 weekend have marked the start of serious fall competition. A major regional tournament was the S & S Insurance Open in Chicago run with the usual aplomb, efficiency, and fatigue by sponsors Tom Street and Al Shetzer (and a host of capable volunteers). Dennis Majher, Don Webb, and Bill Williamson made the trip from Champaign-Urbana with Bill taking third and Don the consolation championship

in the Senior's division (the results of this tournament appear elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter). The tournament was highlighted by excellent play and organization; an exhibition by former Illini champs John Lynch and Charlie Rish; and an elegant buffet Saturday night.

During the same weekend more than 40 players competed in an Open Tournament at the Court Club in Champaign for the benefit of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation. This tournament was the first held at the club and was open to all residents of nine east-central Illinois counties. The Men's A and Senior divisions were dominated by top local players as neither John Barrett nor Phil Dziuk gave up more than 12 points in a game as they won these titles. Second place went to David Grouse in the A and Carl Hudson in the Seniors while Don Farlow was the Senior consolation champion.

The largest draw and most competitive play was in the Men's B division where the semi-finalists were Pat Casey, David Bennett, Ed Chin, and Wallace Reynolds. In the semi-finals, Reynolds dominated Chin 21-11, 21-1 while Casey and Bennet went to a tie-breaker with Bennett winning 8-21, 21-10, 11-6. Finalists Reynolds and Bennett both play at Chanute Air Force Base and had finished 2nd and 3rd in the Summer Racquetball Classic held at the Base earlier in the summer. Each improved one position this time as Reynolds won a long, tightly contested match. Their competition was as close as the scores of 21-18, 21-19 would imply. Consolation champion was Ken Perry.

Three top women players from the area competed in the Women's A round robin. As earlier in St. Louis, the championship was determined in the match between Julie Simon and Barb Larrain. Julie won again but only after a tough 19-21, 21-19, 11-6 battle. Host pro Randy Kalal took third in the group. Mary Dennis dominated the B division five-women round robin as she never yielded more than eight points in any game. Beth Chambers and Betty Schopert took second and third, respectively.



Gay Kenna presenting Tom Hurvis, Men's Novice winner, with his trophy.



Bill Williamson & Dave Prym, S & S Open

**Heart of Illinois Tournament**  
Bloomington, Illinois  
September 15-16-17, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Dennis McDowell  
2nd Dennis Majher  
3rd Phil Howard  
4th Lou Martier

**Men's B**  
1st Kirth Rich  
2nd John Fleischaker  
3rd Gary Frasco  
4th Dave Prym

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Don Webb  
2nd Marshall Peterson  
3rd Rex Lawler  
4th Bob Scrogg

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1st Don Webb  
2nd Marshall Peterson  
3rd Rex Lawler  
4th Bob Scrogg

AMF Voit Classic  
Lombard, Illinois  
Sept. 8-9-10, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Paul Ikier  
2nd Ric Dern  
3rd Zuckerman  
4th Bob Deuster

**Men's B**  
1st John Slazas  
2nd Gregg Steger  
3rd Ron Paul  
4th Bob Gloden

**Men's C**  
1st Jack Newman  
2nd Don Jenkins  
3rd Terry Marker  
4th J. Cooke

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Shelly Clar  
2nd Tom Street  
3rd Jordan Tilden  
4th B. Trawl

**Women's Open**  
1st Jean Sauser  
2nd Glenda Young  
3rd Sue Carow  
4th Hope Weisbach

**Women's B**  
1st Kris Biggs  
2nd Laurel Davis  
3rd Eileen Mortenson  
4th Sue Prisching

**Women's C**  
1st Sally Diller  
2nd Crystal Helm  
3rd Gay Kenna  
4th Kathy Roberts

S & S Insurance  
Agency Open  
Chicago, Illinois  
Aug. 25-26-27, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Tom Kutas  
2nd Jim Scheyer  
3rd Dennis McDowell  
4th Gregg Mandell

**Men's B**  
1st Frank Ritter  
2nd Barry Siegal  
3rd Dave Prym  
4th Don Jenkins

**Men's C**  
1st Frank Splitt  
2nd D. Kamper  
3rd Tim Dern  
4th Harvey Miller

**Men's Novice**  
1st J. Hurvis  
2nd R. Merkel  
3rd S. Browning  
4th L. Taylor

**Men's Juniors**  
1st John Slazas  
2nd Gordon Gallagher  
3rd John Amatulli  
4th Sean Moskwa

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Tom Street  
2nd Rich Donati  
3rd Bill Williamson  
4th Shelly Clar

**Men's Masters**  
1st Bob Troyer  
2nd Tony Yucevicius  
3rd Dan Day  
4th Chuck Martarano

**Women's Open**  
1st Nancy Kronenfeld  
2nd Bev Franks  
3rd Judy Sawicki  
4th Colleen Shields

**Women's B**  
1st Gigi Weigman  
2nd Diane Williams  
3rd Laurel Davis  
4th Pat Lodyga

**Women's C**  
1st Ann Breithaupt  
2nd Mary Brosius  
3rd Sally Diller  
4th Mary Bingham

**Women's Novice**  
1st K. Knueppel  
2nd N. Naylor  
3rd D. Doherty  
4th M. Levinson

Wyler's 3rd Annual  
Women's Open  
Northbrook, Ill.  
July 28-29-30, 1978

**Open**  
1st Glenda Young  
2nd Hope Weisbach  
3rd Bev Franks  
4th Nancy Kronenfeld

**Women's B**  
1st Pat Klinger  
2nd Sue Prisching  
3rd Roselle Jacobsen  
4th Kim Ruck

**Women's C**  
1st Mary Trousdale  
2nd Mary Andrews  
3rd Donna Willerth  
4th Jan Troy

**Women's Juniors**  
1st Betsy Koza  
2nd Vicki Carr  
3rd Fran Kenck  
4th Debbie Loiacano

**Women's Seniors**  
1st Gail Klein  
2nd Hope Schwartz  
3rd Ade Crabtree  
4th Renee Coplan

1978 Illinois State  
Singles Championships  
Lombard, Illinois  
May 5-6-7, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Bob Deuster  
2nd Steve Sulli  
3rd Dennis McDowell  
4th Ric Dern

**Men's B**  
1st Kevin Semenas  
2nd Herb Grigg  
3rd Jerry Sayers  
4th Gary Saretsky

**Men's C**  
1st Jim Cartwright  
2nd Ed Burns  
3rd John Jennings  
4th Jim Schneider

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Jim Clemons  
2nd Shelly Clar  
3rd Jordan Tilden  
4th Joel Goldberg

**Men's Masters**  
1st Bob Troyer  
2nd Roger Eggert  
3rd Al Hanke  
4th Jack Schuberth

**Men's Golden Masters**  
1st Ralph Shively  
2nd C. Gerrish  
3rd Al Salvesen  
4th Ed Jacobitz

**Junior - Boys 17 & under**  
1st Boris Carvalho  
2nd Gordon Gallagher  
3rd Rich Samson  
4th Brad Shanks

**Junior-Boys 15 & under**  
1st John Slazas  
2nd Jack Newman  
3rd Sean Moskwa  
4th M. Santeen

**Men's Novice**  
1st Stuart Dubin  
2nd Walter Mah  
3rd M. Mason  
4th B. Schwartz

**Women's Open**  
1st Glenda Young  
2nd Sue Carow  
3rd Nancy Kronenfeld  
4th Pam Prina

**Women's B**  
1st Mary Tordella  
2nd Susan Yovic  
3rd Maureen Kruml  
4th Laurel Davis

**Women's C**  
1st Sue Prisching  
2nd Connie Yolkadov  
3rd Gay Kenna  
4th Joan Azeka

**Women's Seniors**  
1st Fran Deuster  
2nd Georgia Maskalunas  
3rd Lois Dowd  
4th Lola Markus

**Women's Juniors 17 and under**  
1st Karen Paice  
2nd Barb Allweiss  
3rd Betsy Koza  
4th C. Siebert

**Women's Novice**  
1st L. Edgington  
2nd J. Taylor  
3rd Mary Trousdale  
4th Pat Dohr

YMCA State Doubles  
Palatine, Illinois  
April 14-15-16, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Dorn-Abruscato  
2nd Hobday-Boris  
3rd Gibellina-Eastman  
4th Harper-Weishaar

**Men's B**  
1st Beck-Mannierre  
2nd Penkrot-Hollingshead  
3rd Cartwright-Olson  
4th Meisner-Schmidt

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Michaely-Street  
2nd Shook-Hill  
3rd Deuster-Dern  
4th Rusch-Withrow

**Women's Open**  
1st Weiss-Ripp  
2nd Armstrong-Maskalunas  
3rd Farmer-Fredin  
4th Sulli-Jost

**Women's B**  
1st Eisenmann-Leyerle  
2nd Sharpenter-Ruck  
3rd Smith-Kenna  
4th Klein-Anderson

Spring Fever Open  
Chicago, Illinois  
Mar. 31, Apr. 1-2, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Ric Dern  
2nd Bob VanTuyle  
3rd John Barrett  
4th Stuart Rothstein

**Men's B**  
1st Bob Slick  
2nd Gittel  
3rd Tom Golueke  
4th Jim Burger

**Men's C**  
1st Suhr  
2nd McGill  
3rd Israel  
4th Beck

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Jordan Tilden  
2nd Tom Street  
3rd Shelly Clar  
4th Scott Berry

The ISRA bracket rules are simple. It is no secret to the players themselves as to how they did in past tournaments, sanctioned or non-sanctioned. However, as a reminder both to the players and to tournament directors, we are listing the top four finishes from most of the recent past Illinois tournaments.

**Men's Masters**  
1st R. Porter  
2nd Dan Day  
3rd Art Dern  
4th B. Shulimson

**Men's Novice**  
1st D. Cleland  
2nd Smalarz  
3rd Burks  
4th Stanhaus

**Women's Open**  
1st Judy Sawicki  
2nd Sheryl Weiss  
3rd Barb Edelstein  
4th Judy Ripp

**Women's B**  
1st Barb Allweiss  
2nd Connie Godinez  
3rd Karen Cadish  
4th Rosalie Rappin

**Women's C**  
1st L. Collins  
2nd Diane Williams  
3rd Connie Yolkadov  
4th Crystal Helm

**Women's Novice**  
1st Joan Azeka  
2nd Pannier  
3rd Toming  
4th Bloom.

USRA Midwest Regionals  
March 9-12, 1978  
Evergreen Park, Illinois

**Men's Open**  
1st D. McDowell  
2nd P. Ikier  
3rd J. Wirkus  
4th B. Deuster

**Men's Seniors**  
1st J. Clemons  
2nd J. Tilden  
3rd S. Berry  
4th R. Donati

**Men's Masters**  
1st M. Stern  
2nd J. Schuberth  
3rd D. Day  
4th T. Yucevicius

**Men's Juniors 17 & Under**  
1st J. Peck  
2nd B. Wirkus  
3rd J. Plestina  
4th D. Mathews

**Men's Juniors 15 & Under**  
1st P. Bakker  
2nd H. Johnson  
3rd J. Newman  
4th M. Manning

**Men's Juniors 13 & Under**  
1st J. Amatulli  
2nd D. Gross  
3rd S. Brechon  
4th A. Gross

**Women's Open**  
1st Pat Schmidt  
2nd Sue Carow  
3rd Glenda Young  
4th Bev Franks

**Women's Juniors 17 & Under**  
1st L. Munzenberger  
2nd E. Kurland  
3rd G. Waldron  
4th S. Gross

**Women's Juniors 14 & Under**  
1st L. Hogan  
2nd K. Paice  
3rd B. Koza  
4th K. Sturtz

**Women's Open Doubles**  
1st Finkenber-Peterson  
2nd Weiss-Ripp  
3rd Hertz-Loizzo  
4th Plauche-Tobin

**Men's Open Doubles**  
1st Singer-Ikier  
2nd Lynch-Fancher  
3rd Ferris-Constable  
4th Senters-Sulli

St. Valentine's Day  
Massacre  
Bloomington, Illinois  
Feb. 17-18-19, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Dennis McDowell  
2nd Clyde Senters  
3rd Bob VanTuyle  
4th Bill Donnelly

**Men's B**  
1st Jim Harper  
2nd Stan Waksmundski  
3rd Bob Szczecinski  
4th Lindsay Eastman

**Men's C**  
1st Gary Lindeman  
2nd John Kelvie  
3rd Norm Kirley  
4th Frank Hughes

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Jordan Tilden  
2nd Shelly Clar  
3rd Bob Stoy  
4th Rich Donati

**Men's Masters**  
1st Jack Schuberth  
2nd Tony Yucevicius  
3rd Harold Katz  
4th Tony Lang

**Women's Open**  
1st Sheryl Weiss  
2nd Carol Ghelardini  
3rd Debbie Darlington  
4th Julie Simon

**Women's B**  
1st Wynn Kouzmanoff  
2nd Sarah Land  
3rd Lois Jundris  
4th Bridgett Huff.

**Women's C**  
1st Diane Rowe  
2nd Karen Paice  
3rd Kris Castella  
4th Joan Rogers

**Women's Novice**  
1st Holly Bona  
2nd Diane Williams  
3rd Linda Kuhn  
4th Barb Olsen

**Men's Juniors**  
1st Boris Carvalho  
2nd Gordon Gallagher  
3rd John Slazas  
4th Sean Moskwa

1978 Illinois State  
Doubles Championships  
Peoria, Illinois  
Feb. 3-4-5, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Hemphill-Lynch  
2nd Senters-Sulli  
3rd Barrett-Majher  
4th McDowell-Butler

**Men's B**  
1st Miller-Slick  
2nd Hollinghead-Penkrot  
3rd Kanefsky-Katler  
4th Pula-Meisenheimer

**Men's C**  
1st Olsen-Oslance  
2nd Babbitt-Denten  
3rd Buske-Verhaege  
4th Friedman-Horwitz

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Lammersfeld-Troyer  
2nd Street-Shetzer  
3rd Webb-Williamson  
4th Berry-Stoy

**Men's Masters**  
1st Martarano-Yucevicius  
2nd Dziuk-Hinds  
3rd Day-Ruske  
4th Dietz-Manning

**Men's Juniors**  
1st Witt-Carvalho  
2nd Boetke-Gallagher  
3rd Clar-Lang  
4th DeBroyn-Powers

**Women's Open**  
1st Carow-Dowd  
2nd Edelstein-Kronenfeld  
3rd Livingston-Principato  
4th Ghelardini-Larrain

**Women's B**  
1st Heinz-Tordella  
2nd Markus-Bahary  
3rd Chiaravalle-Snarr  
4th Clopper-Hart

6th Annual Illini  
Open  
Jan. 13-14-15, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Bob Deuster  
2nd Dennis McDowell  
3rd Steve Sulli  
4th Ric Dern

**Men's B**  
1st Andy Witt  
2nd M. Ellis  
3rd K. Rich  
4th R. Fisher

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Jim Clemons  
2nd Shelly Clar  
3rd Paul Nigro  
4th Tom Street

**Men's Masters**  
1st Mackedon  
2nd J. Schuberth  
3rd F. Hinds  
4th P. Dzuik

**Women's Open**  
1st J. Stoffregen  
2nd J. Thompson  
3rd P. Prina  
4th J. Simon

**Women's B**  
1st C. Ghelardini  
2nd B. Larrain  
3rd G. Weigman  
4th N. Snarr

Vittert Chicago Open  
Northbrook,  
Schaumburg, &  
Arlington Heights, IL  
Dec. 2-3-4, 1977

**Men's Open**  
1st Bob Deuster  
2nd Ric Dern  
3rd Steve Sulli  
4th Dennis McDowell

**Men's B**  
1st Steve Boren  
2nd Glen Gibellina  
3rd Stan Waksmundski  
4th Bill Kane

**Men's C**  
1st Bruce Weiner  
2nd George Silva  
3rd Terry Marker  
4th John Weishaar

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Jim Clemons  
2nd Shelly Clar  
3rd Tom Street  
4th Rich Donati

**Men's Masters**  
1st Jack Schuberth  
2nd Dick Porter  
3rd Tony Yucevicius  
4th Dick Ruske

**Men's Juniors**  
1st Rich Samson  
2nd Boris Carvalho  
3rd Tom Keefe  
4th Barry Chaplik

**Women's Open**  
1st Bev Franks  
2nd Hope Weisbach  
3rd Judy Huhta  
4th Nancy Kronenfeld

**Women's B**  
1st Maryann Livingston  
2nd Elyse Markham  
3rd Renee Coplan  
4th Elena Carbajal

**Women's C**  
1st Cheryl Smith  
2nd Kathy Tracy  
3rd Kris Castella  
4th Sue Korienek

**Women's Novice**  
1st Karen Paice  
2nd Lois Jandris  
3rd Sue O'Brien  
4th Judy Filstead

**Men's Novice**  
1st Sean Wilfong  
2nd Kutyla  
3rd LeGros  
4th Slotten

Midwest Open Doubles  
Bannockburn, Illinois  
(Courts on 22) Nov. 4-5-6,  
1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Senters-Sulli  
2nd McDowell-Butler  
3rd Clar-R. Dern  
4th B. Deuster-Nigro

**Men's B**  
1st Burger-Oaks  
2nd Eastmand-Gibellina  
3rd Harper-Feigen  
4th Golueke-Laycash

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Troyer-Lammersfeld  
2nd Webb-Williamson  
3rd Street-Shetzer  
4th Karlin-Barasch

**Men's Juniors**  
1st Witt-Carvalho  
2nd Carl-Kerulis  
3rd Newman-Dahm  
4th Clar-Lang

**Women's Open**  
1st Franks-Weisbach  
2nd Schwartz-Pollack  
3rd Peterson-Finkenber  
4th Waldron-French

**Women's B**  
1st Loizzo-Principato  
2nd Carbajal-Land  
3rd Huber-Dahm  
4th Ruck-O'Connell

Paul Masson Court  
House Open and  
Invitational  
Schaumburg, Illinois  
Oct. 7-8-9, 1978

**Men's Open**  
1st Bob Deuster  
2nd Ric Dern  
3rd Gordon Kelly  
4th Glen Withrow

**Men's B**  
1st Jim Villano  
2nd Marshall Waldo  
3rd Mark Halperin  
4th Steve Boren

**Men's C**  
1st Bob Abruscato  
2nd Barry Buske  
3rd Gary Lindeman  
4th Howard Tolchin

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Jerry Davis  
2nd Shelly Clar  
3rd Jim Clemons  
4th Jordan Tilden

**Women's Open**  
1st Bev Franks  
2nd Hope Weisbach  
3rd Holly Rentz  
4th Connie Peterson

**Women's B**  
1st Jacque Jost  
2nd Renee Coplan  
3rd Elyse Markham  
4th Barb Allweiss

Courts on 22  
open  
Bannockburn, Illinois  
Sept. 16-17-18, 1977

**Men's Open**  
1st Bob Deuster  
2nd Ric Dern  
3rd Bob VanTuyle  
4th Jim Scheyer

**Men's B**  
1st Stuart Rothstein  
2nd Marshall Waldo  
3rd Jim Harper  
4th Rob Farkas

**Men's C**  
1st Marc Slotten  
2nd Brent Ayre  
3rd Fary Meisner  
4th Jim Verhaege

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Lee Duda  
2nd Shelly Clar  
3rd Saul Sandoval  
4th Tom Street

**Men's Juniors**  
1st Andy Witt  
2nd Dan Murray  
3rd Tom Keefe  
4th Brad Shanks

**Women's Open**  
1st Hope Weisbach  
2nd Sheryl Weiss  
3rd Barb Edelstein  
4th Ade Crabtree

**Women's B**  
1st Colleen Shields  
2nd Claudia Loizzo  
3rd Jackie Jost  
4th Pat Lodyga

**Women's C**  
1st Joan Rogers  
2nd Kip Kendler  
3rd Mary Brosius  
4th Mary Precht

S & S Insurance  
Agency Open  
Schaumburg, Illinois  
Aug. 26-27-28, 1977

**Men's Open**  
1st Bob Deuster  
2nd Tom Kutas  
3rd Ric Dern  
4th Dennis McDowell

**Men's B**  
1st Jack Friedlander  
2nd Duane Mulvaney  
3rd Scott Dial  
4th Bob Slick

**Men's C**  
1st Marshall Waldo  
2nd Randy Ashton  
3rd Ken Welter  
4th Mark Slotten

**Men's Seniors**  
1st Frank Low  
2nd Shelly Clar  
3rd Paul Franks  
4th Roger Eggert

**Men's Juniors**  
1st Andy Witt  
2nd Brett Carl  
3rd Dan Murray  
4th Boris Carvalho

**Women's B**  
1st Debbie Darlington  
2nd Gloriann Fredin  
3rd Sue Sulli  
4th Elena Carbajal

**Women's Seniors**  
1st Lola Markus  
2nd Alyce Kelleher  
3rd Shirley Scheithe  
4th Flavia Bahary

**Men's Novice**  
1st Tim Dern  
2nd Howard Hirschberg  
3rd Brent Ayre  
4th Ben Kanter

**Men's Masters**  
1st Bob Troyer  
2nd Richard Porter  
3rd Art Dern  
4th Chuck Martarano

Wyler's Women's Open  
Northbrook, Illinois  
July 30-31, 1977

**Women's Open**  
1st Bev Franks  
2nd Gail Klein  
3rd Hope Weisbach  
4th Hope Schwartz

**Women's B**  
1st Joan Kauer  
2nd Linda Schwartz  
3rd Alyce Kelleher  
4th Renee Coplan

**Women's C**  
1st Linda O'Connell  
2nd Jill Janczak  
3rd Joan Rogers  
4th Sandy Trachtman

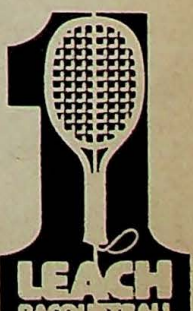
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# Locker Rooms I Have Known

by John R. Green

This is kinda' hard for me to admit publicly, for the first time, but I have to face up to it: I am a locker room junkie!

There. I've said it, and I'm glad. Oh, I hear you out there clucking your tongues. It is easy for you to find fault and express pity; but I am the one who has to live with this, ah, er, um...addiction. Having traveled from New England to California, and Chicago to Dallas in pursuit of the ultimate locker room, I have had some far out experiences; and, of course, some real bummers, too.

For those of you who don't really get high on locker rooms, let me tell you a little of the differences that can be found right here in the greater Chicagoland area. First of all, please understand that not all locker rooms smell like the arm pit of a used tire! That's the hardest thing to accept, once you start mainlining locker rooms, I can assure you.

Having never been to a Jewish Community Center, or a C.Y.O. building, I cannot comment on their facilities. I have been advised they are rather typical of most other public locker rooms. I hope they aren't too similar to some of the Y's or boy's clubs locker rooms I have used in the past

— no bigger than a postage stamp; aisles between the lockers measure a full 19 1/4" in width (causing many, fun filled moments spent dodging the padlocks while putting on your socks!); no benches; nine of the twelve showers are inoperative; the floors are sopping wet; and, somebody's two week old half-eaten sandwich is the prize you find in the last available locker.

The typical racquetball/tennis club locker room is pretty nice, generally — full size lockers; clean, carpeted floors; two or more sinks, adequate showers; sauna; maybe a whirlpool; some Nautilus equipment; razors; blow dryers; etc. Emphasis on CLEAN!

When considering joining a club, always spend some time in the locker room. You know you are in trouble when the drain in the shower is covered with spider webs. Or, the nice soft green carpet is really a three year growth of mildew. And, the cricket singing in locker #147 has taken up permanent residence. If you feel you have to bring your own can of Lysol, forget it.

Surprisingly, most private clubs have superior locker rooms than do many professional teams. With the exception of well equipped

trainer's rooms, and a lot of space allocated to each athlete, the various pro teams in town have locker rooms reminiscent of those found in high schools. Not much more than functional basements, with long runways leading out of the arena (a five minute walk, turn right, and the rest of the way by limousine — driven by a business agent, of course).

The health clubs are entirely another matter. Most have no benches, half-size lockers, and no other amenities. Health clubs make their money on the first year membership fees. Because they do not charge a usage fee for the equipment, pool, etc., (as racquetball/tennis clubs do — by the hour per court) they cannot afford to have a free towel service, or free hair spray, whatever. They do have excellent training equipment and other facilities: pool, sauna, steam bath, whirlpool, sunlamp room, etc. Also, some of them are getting into racquetball (at very reasonable fees, I might add). Just be sure to bring your own soap, towel and lock.

It's the lack of the benches that really makes these clubs an awkward place in which to change clothes. One big open room with as many as 30 people milling around in various stages of undress,

# AT YOUR SERVICE

"the best buy in town"



by Lucia Haas

How many gals do you know who feel they are their ideal, perfect weight and that their figures are marvelously toned and in perfect proportion? I have searched for that person for ages, but I've yet to find her. I almost located this perfect creature once, but, alas, she informed me that the back of her thighs weren't firm enough. Good Grief!! Anyway, the point I'm trying to make is that all of us feel we could improve in some area and almost all of us are absolutely right! The goal of total physical fitness is a national craze right now, and it's the best phenomena we've

had for a long time. Therefore gals, let's do it!! Let's become perfect physical specimens!

"Great!" you say, but how is this miracle supposed to happen? I sure don't have all the answers, but I do have some ideas.

First of all, it's sad but true that if you're overweight you're going to have to diet. It's not easy, but there are ways to make it a little more tolerable. For instance, some of my friends have embarked upon a program they are calling "The Fall Fat Off" and it works like this. Each gal has agreed to pay a substantial (They said it must be enough to be meaningful.) amount of money to the others in the group if she doesn't lose 10 lbs. by a certain date. So far they've begun to lose some weight and are having a ball checking on each other's progress. I'll let you know in future columns how successful their program was for them.

I do know, however, of another program that has definitely been successful for a woman who belongs to our

club. She has lost 45 pounds during the past two years and is bound and determined to keep it off. She said she just got sick and tired of being heavy, started to diet and lost 25 pounds in 18 months. She then lost 20 more pounds during the next 6 months. You may wonder what in the world she did that last six months to lose so much weight so quickly. Ladies, she took up RACQUETBALL!!! That's right, that made the big difference. She started playing three times a week and noticed how much better she felt afterward. She weighed-in regularly at the club, learned to use the Universal weight machine and took a sauna after each game. She says she doesn't know if the sauna helped her lose weight, but it made her feel great. It calmed her down and made her relax. Now that she is at her ideal weight she plans to stay there. She says she will continue to play racquetball three times a week feeling that its the only way she can maintain her weight within a five-pound range. She also jogs now as a member of our club's aerobic exercise program. She looks great and walks around with a big smile knowing she has achieved her goal.

Gals, you can do it too. Racquetball is so much fun, so easy to learn and it really burns up calories. Memberships and weekday court times are very reasonable. They're the best buy in town. I strongly suggest that you take a lesson, join a league, play in a round robin and make the racquetball club your physical fitness headquarters. You'll love yourself for it. I promise.

Monday). There has to be a couple hundred mini-lockers for members to keep their equipment in the club.

However, the only things not provided FREE by the Club are sneakers and rackets! Everything else is free: handsome T-Shirts and shorts; socks; jocks; soap; etc. If you forget to bring your shoes, then paper shoes are available. Absolutely incredible!

The showers are individual, glass enclosed, with a private towelng off/dressing area. The lockers are spacious, convenient, spotless. Lots of full length mirrors are placed around.

The courts are excellent. Extremely well lit. Floors are perfect.

There is a price for all this, to be sure. If you enjoy convenience, luxury and that feeling of belonging to a Very Special Club (and can afford it) the Courtier Club is where it's at, people. This is undoubtedly the finest club of it's kind in the greater

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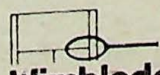
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One of my personal pet peeves is rock music blaring out of quadrasonic speakers. I don't require elevator music; but Black Sabbath or Rod Stewart is just too much. Once, I walked into a locker room that had a new set of "Mind Blower" (that's the brand name!) speakers broadcasting some "heavy" music that sounded like the landing pattern at O'Hare! I fled the scene.

Most racquetball clubs do not provide enough Nautilus-type equipment. Doing several stretching exercises just before going on the court should be a major pre-match warm-up for the more serious racquetball devotee. A bench press and a slant board is the extent of most club's commitment to a "training" room.

Much more is needed. There is a multi-purpose training piece that is currently available, that takes up very little space. Similar to the fine equipment found at the Glass Court, Lombard, it provides several ways to stretch, as well as do some weight work, too.

Locker keys have a way of "walking off" much to the dismay of the club's management — and ultimately to the person(s) who assisted the key make its' getaway. Many times I have walked into a locker room that has 100 lockers, with only 20 keys in view, and there was only six or seven other men in the club at the time. Finding a usable locker, sometimes, is as hard as finding a park bench in Ft. Lauderdale; or, a ringside seat at a show bar! People have a habit of dropping keys into their pockets. It is a conditioned reflex. And, a good habit — as long as the key they are pocketing belongs to them! If you have any locker keys at home, or in your car — please return them.

One other area needs some additional thought: more entrance identification to the women's and men's locker rooms. I cannot count the number of times I have walked

into a women's locker room, thinking it was the men's. Also, I have been surprised by women accidentally coming into the men's. Maybe some pink beaded curtains at the entrance to the women's locker room would be a giveaway club that I am about to enter the wrong one. (I really don't know why I worry about it. After blushing, mumbling my apologies and making a mad dash to the exit — putting my foot in the trash can and bumping into the wall — I often hear calls of: "What's the rush?" "Any time!" Scares me to death.)

The ULTIMATE Locker Room has been discovered! Nirvana has been attained. The Courtier Club, 1440 Renaissance Dr. (just off Northwest Hwy.), Park Ridge, has the nicest locker room I have ever seen. The term locker room, however, is inadequate. The Courtier Club is far more than a mere racquetball club. The third floor is all health club: several courts; a massage room; an adequate weight training room; TV lounge with bar; two beautiful inlaid whirlpools; a "cooling tank" (resembles a very large whirlpool, but kept at 75 degrees); and, of course, THE Locker Room!

I am impressed! The locker room area is generous, spreading over several hundred square feet, with lots of privacy. The lockers are 1 1/2 the size of normal lockers. Plush, thick carpets everywhere, with benches covered in matching material. The motif is Moorish, heavy, masculine (Ladies Day is

# Roll It Out

## "Would you want yourself for a referee?"

by Jim Harper



That's a poignant question everyone should ask themselves when being called on to officiate: If you enter a tournament and win your match, you are generally required to referee the next match on your court. Most tournaments couldn't run efficiently without this stipulation. If you've had a tough contest, you're tired, maybe worried about your next opponent, or thinking about what you did wrong or right in your last match. Any one of a hundred things could be going through your head while you're refing.

But what about the poor slob down on the court who expect some good officiating from the person upstairs? Sure, they could say to each other, "The ding-a-ling up there doesn't know beans from bananas, so we'll call our own game." But then at 19-all, player "A" calls a double bounce get on himself that you missed, while at 20-19 player "B" "aces" game point on a short serve that you also miss,

and does not call it on himself. A verbal donnybrook ensues leaving a sour taste in everyone's mouth.

The point is, that kind of pressure should not be placed on the players who already have enough to worry about playing their match. Player "B" may have really believed his "short serve" was good. You tend to see what you want to see. As a referee you owe it to the players to concentrate on their game as hard as they are.

If you don't feel you can do this the way you would want it to be done for yourself, go to the referee's committee or the tournament chairman and ask for a replacement. If they can't replace you, ask a reliable tournament participant or spectator if they will fill in for you. If that fails, at least try to get two line judges for the contest while you ref. This will give the players an opportunity to appeal your call, or "non-call", and the linesmen will give them more confidence that they are getting a

fair shake in the refereeing department.

Of course, some participants are never satisfied and have been known to loudly hum "Three Blind Mice". Take them with a grain of salt, and call 'em like you see 'em.

Would you want yourself for a referee? I wish everyone could say "yes" to that question. Since they can't, if you have a good idea about improving the refereeing situation, let me know about it. Send it, or any other burning thoughts about racquetball, to:

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**Footnote:** Last month's column on eye guards had some effect even before it was published. At the S & S Insurance Tournament, all Junior participants were required to wear eye guards. Thanks, Tom and Al, for the support.

# Locker Rooms

(from page 9)

Chicagoland area. I think I O.D.'ed on this one.

I gotta tell you about one men's locker room I encountered in Dallas. Not only was it plush, with attendants at the ready, and ultra-ultra, it had one other feature I have never seen before: there was an automatic atomizer spraying two second bursts of Hai-Karati after shave into the air

at one minute intervals! The aroma was reminiscent of something in my past. They used Channel # in the women's locker room, probably delivered by Neiman-Marcus!

As I said earlier, there are many different types of locker rooms to be found around Chicago. I love 'em all, even the poorer ones! That aroma of

exercise, the 80 proof sweat, the comraderie, the personal feeling of having tried your best (and still lost), the long hot shower that washes away most of the pain (and some of the humiliation). I am hooked!

Now, if only I could come to grips with my other vices: chocolate; bow-legged women; the three day work week.....

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## Total Physical Fitness and...

# Nautilus Strength Conditioning

Many new methods of achieving physical fitness have become popular over the past several years. Some of these methods have been derived from activities which at one time were only a practice of a selected few. One example, racquetball, is a game that has been brought out of the YMCA's and downtown men's clubs and has become one of America's newest sport and fitness crazes, played by men and women of all ages.

Another form of exercise which has taken new interest by men and women is strength conditioning. Many articles have been written in a variety of books and women's magazines concerning weight training for women, an almost unheard of activity for females. Many of the myths and misunderstandings about the affects on women lifting weights have been broken down and a better understanding of the total benefits has been developed. One popular disbelief is that if women strength trained they would develop big and bulky muscles like men. This is not true because women lack sufficient testosterone levels to stimulate large muscle growth. Many men, other than body builders, football players, and olympic competitors have taken an interest in this form of conditioning. The reason for this increased participation is a greater understanding of the many benefits a proper weight or strength conditioning program has to offer for all people.

A proper weight conditioning program can offer great increases in strength, stamina, and endurance — something everyone can use in their everyday routines if they honestly evaluate themselves.

Second, a good strength conditioning program can offer cardiovascular improvement. Following proper procedures, an individual can gain improvement in his or her heart and lung efficiency much like a jogging program without the stress placed on the feet, ankles, knees and back. Research shows that performing a weight training exercise in rapid succession will elevate the heart rate sufficiently to produce a training effect.

Thirdly, a proper strength conditioning program can develop flexibility, or a greater range of movement in all joint areas. In the past the term "muscle bound" was synonymous to a strength program, but by using proper techniques and equipment a great amount of flexibility can be gained.

One major reason for our better understanding of strength conditioning has been the development of sophisticated scientifically researched equipment and training procedures. The forerunner of these improvements has been a man in Deland, Florida named Arthur Jones who has developed a series of machines named Nautilus for the purpose of developing

strength flexibility and over all human efficiency. In the last several years Nautilus has gained a phenomenal popularity across the country among athletes and is currently being discovered by many individuals, chiefly for the tremendous physical fitness benefits the Nautilus program has to offer.

A Nautilus program consists of a group of machines which isolates different muscle groups of the body. This isolation affords a more efficient exercise and a better development. Along with the isolation, the machines are designed to stretch each area to its extended limit without over extending them. Besides providing resistance to these muscle groups, the machines automatically vary the resistance to coincide with the changing strength levels a particular body part encounters as it moves through a full range of movement. Also, a Nautilus workout, because of the total efficiency of the equipment and method of training will only take 30 minutes, 3 times a week.

These main features and a number of other beneficial features have made Nautilus equipment another of the most popular forms of exercise today. Ed Farnham, general manager of the Nautilus factory in Deland, estimates there are currently 650 commercial fitness centers across the U.S.A. which feature Nautilus equipment and the program that accompanies it.

Racquetball is now beginning to notice the benefit associated to the Nautilus program. Many new racquetball facilities are beginning to make room for a supervised weight conditioning program and the Nautilus equipment has been a very big part of this addition.

By combining racquetball with the strength program those facilities will be able to offer their members fun, competition and an excellent comprehensive physical fitness program.

Specifically, a strength conditioning program like Nautilus has much to offer the racquetball player. The program is a total body strengthening program; wrist and forearm for racquet control; shoulder and chest for a better swing, hips and back for more power, upper leg and calves for longer playing endurance and better mobility. All of these add up to be a big advantage for the advanced player as well as the beginner. Another advantage that many people never think of is the prevention of injury. A good strength conditioning program can reduce the chance of injury during physical activity.

The growth in popularity of these two terrific physical fitness activities and their present combination is a big step toward the added enjoyment and health of the millions of people who make up a more active and healthy generation.

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# Heart Assoc. Tournament (from page 4)

funds going toward a very, very worthy cause."

After a "gruelling" round robin doubles tournament the top two teams vied for the number one position. The roster of the teams were as follows: Rich Rieman (WMAQ-TV) and Bob Everhart (Downtown Court Club); Art Dunn (Chicago Tribune) and Judy Young (Cove Courts); Rosemarie Gulley (WLS-TV) and Steve Boren (Lehmann Courts); Playboy Bunnies Marion Taylor and Cheryl Lerman with Mike Delaney (Courts of the Phoenix); Paul Brian (WCLR-FM) and Dave Ossowski (Olympian Court Club); Lee Sherwood (WMAQ-AM) and Sue Carow (O'Hare Racquet House); Dave Logan (WLUP-FM) and Jerry Smith (Northbrook Court House); Dillon Smith (WMAQ-TV) and Jerry Fronczak (Chalet Sports Core); Dave Baum (WIND-AM) and Judy Whisner (Forest Grove Swim and Racquet Club); Fred Winston (WFYR-FM) and Johnny

Amatulli (Omni-41); Jerry Taft (WMAQ-TV) and Mel Thillens (Skokie Court House); Dale McCarren (WBBM-AM) and Gerry Kabala (Oakbrook Handball/Racquetball Club); and Gary Meier (WLUP-FM) and Bruce Varveris (independent).

The top two teams ended up being Dale McCarren and Gerry Kabala versus Jerry Taft and Mel Thillens. The match consisted of one game to twenty-one points. The two teams seemed a bit tired after the two and one-half hour round robin play, but McCarren and Kabala squeaked by with a 21-18 victory. Also, at the same time, Dillon Smith of WMAQ-TV was challenged by Paul Brian of WCLR-FM. WMAQ-TV came out victorious by the steady play of Dillon Smith, 21-3. WCLR-FM had to pay \$210.00 to the Heart Association whereas WMAQ-TV only had to pay \$30.00.

The club players also can win a fun weekend at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club or a 10

speed bicycle if they collect enough sponsors. The person who raises the most funds by getting pledges based on the number of points scored by the celebrity/player team throughout the tournament has a chance to win one of the above prizes. The winner will be determined after October 2, 1978.

Also, many companies were gracious enough to donate their services. Seamco donated the racquetballs, D.B. Kaplan made a spectacular eight foot long and six inch high submarine sandwich, A-Best presented with winners and runner-ups with beautiful trophies, the Playboy Enterprises donated a weekend at the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, and the Ritz-Carlton gave away a free dinner for two.

Every year the Chicago Heart Association has improved their tournament for celebrities, players, and spectators. Wait til next year everyone!

# JUNIOR SQUARE

## "Keeping of the Temperament"

By Steve Boren

There is a continual outcry from parents, coaches, and fans for victory at all costs to the participants. Unfortunately, the Junior Player does not have the prudence or maturity to separate hard and determined play from unsportsmanship type of conduct.

There is a strange and frightful attitude being developed by our players, which I shall call the "Hogan Syndrome". This syndrome calls for loud, rude, demonstrative, and childlike behavior by the players. Intimidation through antics on a court is the practiced norm, not the exception. There is no emphasis on the excellence of play. Much disrespect is shown toward the opposing player, referee, and gallery. The Junior Players receive their education by emulation of a professional's personality, such as those of Marty Hogan, Charlie Brumfield, and Shannon Wright with these professional abilities and skills not matched by the player. I received a letter from Norman B. Lew, full time coach, and part time instructor of racquetball. I believe Norm points out a contributing factor of the "Hogan Syndrome" in the "street" player. Here is the letter:

*Dear Steve, We all have heard about individuals who have grown up in the "streets". People who have fought hard in order to survive in a strange volatile environment without any help or guidance from a concerned mentor.*

*Each sport has its "streets". Whether it is basketball, learned in the pick-up, three on three world of a hot summer school yard, or the muddy, bruise inflicting grid iron of a Sunday morning football game. Racquetball, yes even racquetball, has its "streets". This*

*young game of speed and stamina, in which skills from many other sports are incorporated, is not the most attractive place for a young athlete to grow.*

*This letter has been written for one reason: to salute the kids who have made it on their own amidst pressure from insecure over-protective parents and coaches, many of whom spend a great deal of time projecting their not so projectable athletic shortcomings on guess who? The kids have also survived the unruly forms of gamesmanship resorted to by frustrated opponents and spectators who seem to forget what this game is all about.*

*Hats off to these kids who have made it in the sometimes cruel environment of racquetball. An environment often laden with unskilled officiating, as well as merciless, unethical individuals who can bring about, in a young player, more anxiety and emotional chaos that you or I can imagine.*

*What does the future hold in store for many of the kids of our sport? Let's hope more and more of them find the inner knowledge to look and feel beyond the shortsightedness of fans, coaches, players, and parents who can't possibly know what it is like to grow up in the streets of racquetball.*

Sincerely,  
Norman B. Lew

With the help of concerned individuals, coaches and our state racquetball leaders, this syndrome may be converted toward the player of emotional and mental control while on or off the court. A professional such as Jennifer Harding, Kathy Williams, or Steve Keeley should be a standard bearer.

Without emotional control and with the "Hogan Syndrome" our Junior Players will only be provided with a swollen and shallow mind and poor performance on the

court. Our game, Racquetball, is still a New Sport and not a place for intimidation.

\* \* \* \* \*

Recognition should be given toward two of our leading Junior Players in the Chicago Area. John Slazas (16 years old) and Jack Newman (15 years old) proved themselves capable of extremely consistent and excellent play by winning the AMF Voit Roll-out Tournament, held at the Glass Courts in Lombard. John won the "B" division and Jack the "C" division. This showed that with outstanding play and a level head our Junior Players are among the best in the nation. Congratulations to both these young men.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

- Tinley Park Raq Club  
Oct. 27, 28, 29  
17 & under boys and girls  
Contact: Mike Bazzo
- Forest View Raq Club - Arl Hts.  
Nov. 3, 4, 5  
Forest View Open  
17 & under boys and girls  
Attn: Jeff Wilke
- Northbrook Court House  
Nov. 17, 18, 19  
Junior Fall Open  
13 & under; 15 & under;  
17 & under, boys & girls  
Contact: Steve Boren — 871-8300
- Omni 41, Sherreville, Ind.  
Nov. 17, 18, 19  
Omni Tournament  
Contact: Len Sporman — (219) 865-6969
- Lehmann Courts, Chicago  
American Cancer Society  
1st Ann. Open  
Contact: Steve Boren — 871-8300

## World Record Attacks Bozza

By Jim Harper

Denise Bozza, the personable Assistant Manager at the Evanston Court Club, gave her all for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign over the Labor Day weekend. Denise attempted to set the World Record for the Racquetball Marathon at the beautiful Downtown Court Club.

She started at 9:00 A.M. Friday September 1 amid cheers from interested onlookers, and believed she was chasing 61 hours and 10 minutes. It was soon learned, however, when someone opened the most recent issue of National Racquetball, that Gerry Corcoran, the pro at the Phoenix, Arizona Metro Racquet Club, went an incredible 100 hours, 13 minutes from April 28 through May 2.

Denise continued with vigor, though, as many people had pledged dollars and time to play against her, many of them her friends and patrons of the Evanston Court Club. Tom Street, president of the ISRA was there the first day, along with Dale McCarron of WBBM radio, to provide competition for Denise. Two people in particular played major roles in helping Denise go as far as she did. Sue Papuga, who works at the Downtown Court Club, and Sean Moskwa, an excellent Illinois Junior player, filled in the empty time slots, mostly from midnight to dawn, and kept up Denise's spirits.

At 46½ hours Denise called it a "nice try" and retired from her attempt. "The free court time was great," she said, "but I was just too tired to keep going." Denise earned about \$1,500 for Muscular Dystrophy, though, an excellent tribute to everyone involved. Congratulations, Denise, on your fine effort.



John Slazas — 1st Place Juniors, S & S Open  
1st Place, Voit Men's "B"

# AMF VOIT RACQUETBALL CLASSIC (from page 4)

He then showed number one seed Jerry Zuckerman that life is not easy in the semi's, 21-19, 11-21, 11-5. Ric's backhand was smokin' as he consistently rolled it out of the left corner.

There were great expectations for the finals, but they did not materialize. Ikiar, dressed all in white except for the menacing black glove he wore on his right hand, was all business and capitalized on Dern's mistakes. The scores were 21-10, 21-4. Ric, disappointed in his inability to place the ball where he wanted it, just could not get untracked, and Ikiar sure-handedly put the ball away every time he got the opportunity to shoot.

### WOMEN'S OPEN

The Women's Open was then looked-to for the exciting finish when Glenda Young, Illinois State Singles Champ, hooked up with Jean Sauser of the pro circuit in the finals. But it was the same story there as Jean was just too powerful for any of her opponents. She

defeated Glenda for the Championship 21-10, 21-9 after having beaten Hope Weisbach in the semi's 21-4, 21-7 and Nancy Kronenfeld in the quarter's, 21-7, 21-10.

Glenda had a good match with Francine Davis in the quarters, taking a big lead in game one, only to see it evaporated to 18-all before she pulled it out 21-19 and 21-13. She met Sue Carow in the semi's and had a much easier time than she had in the State as Sue could not keep the ball down. The scores were 21-12, 21-9.

### MEN'S SENIORS

Shelly Clar came through this division with flying colors. One of the few people who said he actually liked playing with the Rollout Bleu ball, Shelly had great control as he defeated Bob Johnson, Bob Trawl and Tom Street for the title. Street had knocked off Paul Franks in an exciting tie-breaker, and Jordan Tilgen of

his way to the finals.

### MEN'S B

Young John Slazas showed youth was important for being in shape to last through as grueling a tournament as this

one. John, recent winner of the Junior crown at the S & S Tournament, shot extremely well and demonstrated a court knowledge that belied his years as he marched to the championship.

**Semi's:** John Slazas def. Bob Gloden; Greg Steger def. Ron Paul.

**Finals:** Slazas def. Steger.

### MEN'S C

Another Junior took command here and outlasted the field. Fifteen year old Jack Newman showed how much his game has improved as he defeated veteran Don Jenkins for the title in an exciting tie-breaker match, 11-5.

**Quarter's:** Don Jenkins def. Tim Dern; Jim Cooke def. Bob Boliere; Terry Marker,

def. Bob Doogan; Jack Newman def. Steve Schneider.

**Semi's:** Jenkins def. Cook; Newman def. Marker.

**Finals:** Newman def. Jenkins, 11-5.

### WOMEN'S SENIORS

Bev Franks went through this division like Sherman through Georgia. She won in the quarters 21-3, 21-7 and in the semi's 21-6, 21-13 to gain the finals against Georgia Maskalunas. Georgia had won in the quarters 21-0, 21-1 and in the semi's by the identical scores of 21-4. She was not prepared for Bev, however, as Franks displayed top form in her passing and shooting game to take the title, 21-4, 21-3.

### WOMEN'S B

This division was captured by Kris Biggs who was joined in the semi's by Sue Prisching, Laurel Davis and Eileen Mortenson.

Kris defeated Prisching in a

tough, slam-bang match, 14-21, 21-11, 11-4, while Davis was carried to three games by Mortenson before she gained the finals, 21-6, 13-21, 11-0.

Biggs then took Davis' measure for the Championship, 21-10, 21-14.

### WOMEN'S C

Sally Diller took top honors here as the tournament drew to a close. She defeated Gay Kenna in the semi's and outlasted Crystal Helm in the championship match. Crystal had bested Kathy Roberts in her semi-final contest.

There were some complaints about the ball, the heavy C draw, the sand bagging, (although none of the sand baggers won), and the number of rounds that had to be played on Sunday. All in all, however, the tournament package was pretty nice, and the players all cooperated in helping the tournament proceed on time.

# RACQUETBALL TODAY

## 1978

# Tournament Schedule

\*October 6, 7, 8, 1978

Women's Racquetball Open  
Tinley Park Raq Club  
Contact: Mike Bazzo  
312-532-7900

\*October 13, 14, 15, 1978

Charlie's 1st Annual Doubles  
Joliet, Illinois  
Contact: Dave Prym  
815-729-4503

\*October 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1978

NRC - Pro Stop  
Southfield, Michigan  
Contact: Terry Fancher  
312-673-4000

\*October 27, 28, 29, 1978

Pabst Extra Light Circuit  
Site: Indian Trails Court Club  
Contact: Jim Hicks  
312-755-5500

\*November 3, 4, 5, 1978

Forest View Open  
Forest View Racquet Club  
Arlington Heights, Illinois  
Contact: Jeff Wilke  
312-640-2574

\*November 3, 4, 5, 1978

Wordtec Open  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Contact: David Fleishaker  
502-585-5369

\*November 10, 11, 12, 1978

Omni Tournament  
Contact: Len Sporman  
219-865-6969

November 4-11, 1978

27th Annual I.H.A. Contenders  
Singles Handball Tournament  
N.W. Suburban YMCA  
Contact: Joe Ardito  
312-673-4000

\*November 17, 18, 19, 1978

Junior Fall Open  
Northbrook Court House  
Contact: Steve Boren  
312-871-8300

\*November 17, 18, 19, 1978

Midwest Invitational  
Mid-Town Court House  
Contact: Bill Hoffman  
312-787-8400

\*December 1, 2, 3, 1978

American Cancer Society  
1st Annual Open  
Lehmann Courts  
Contact: Joan Martin  
312-372-0471

\*January 13, 14, 15, 1979

Illini Open  
Champaign, Illinois  
Contact: Paul Vinciguerra  
217-384-7557

\*January 19, 20, 21, 1979

Rockford Open  
Site to be announced  
Contact: Jeff Luedke  
815-877-9549

\* Indicates ISRA Sanctioned Tournament

\*April 21, 22, 1979

Fourth Annual Paddock Publications  
R/B Tournament of Champions  
Site: Buehler YMCA  
Contact: Robert Paddock  
312-394-2300

\*May 3, 4, 5, 6, 1979

Illinois State Singles  
Site: To be announced

\*May 16, 17, 18, 1979

NRC - Pro Shop  
Site: Chicago Area - to be announced  
Contact: NRC office  
312-673-4000

May 24 - 28 1979

IRA - Nationals  
Site: To be announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge  
901-274-2363

\*June 9 - 18, 1979

NRC - National Championships  
Site: Tempe, Arizona  
Contact: NRC Office  
312-673-4000

\*April 5, 6, 7, 8, 1979

USRA Regional  
Site: Madison, Wisconsin  
Contact: Terry Fancher  
312-673-4000

April 6, 7, 8, 1979

IRA Regionals  
Site: To be announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge  
901-274-2363

\* March 9, 10, 11, 1979

YMCA State Doubles  
Kankakee YMCA  
Contact: John Jennings  
815-933-1741

March 2, 3, 4, 1978

IRA State Singles  
Site: To be announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge  
901-274-2363

February 16, 17, 18, 1979

St. Valentine's Day Massacre  
Site: Killshot, Ltd.

\*February 2, 3, 4, 1979

Illinois State Doubles  
Site: To be announced



Joy Coppel  
(Photo by Joe Gino)

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# NCCA Nationals Held At Downtown Court Club

by Jim Harper

The week end of August 26 and 27 was very active at the Downtown Court Club. Owners Jim and Bill Bronner hosted both the S & S Insurance Open and the NCCA National Championships.

The NCCA, (National Court Clubs Association), began play in June with local club matches in A, B and C Divisions. Some 3,500 people entered the tournament, and the local club winners went to one of three regional sites. Of the 350 regional contestants, 18 came to Chicago for a double round robin Championship event. The NCCA was extremely pleased with the results, and hopes for an even bigger and better event next year.

Although this was billed as an amateur program that would give an opportunity to the player who didn't usually enter tournaments, the talent in Chicago's finals was formidable.

In the Men's Open there was Ric Dern from Arlington Heights, Illinois, Larry Meyers from Oceanside, California, and Doug Clark from Marleton, New Jersey. Shooters Dern and Meyers dominated the play. Their first match was a barn burner until mid-way into the second game. Dern was shooting and retrieving beautifully, and Meyers was hanging right in there with him, making some incredible gets. At 19-all Ric put in two tough serves that Meyers could only return for set ups, and Dern had it, 21-19. Trailing 9-11 in game two, Dern went to a backhand ceiling return and his shooting hand cramped up. He returned after a brief time out, but shortly thereafter his right leg cramped and he dropped game two 21-10. The tie-breaker was much the same story as Ric just could not get to Meyer's excellently placed shots, and he defaulted at 0-7.

On Sunday it was all Meyers as Larry was precision hot, defeating Ric 21-10, 21-12.

Both players took the measure of Clark, as Meyers continued his winning ways 21-9, 21-7 on Saturday and 18-21, 21-1, 11-5 on Sunday. Dern had won 21-17, 11-21, 11-7 on Saturday, and they did not play on Sunday.

In the Men's B, it was Gary Kelly of Toway, California all the way in four two-game matches. He was the decisive victor over Tom Essa from Greensboro, North Carolina, 21-7, 21-16 and 21-11, 21-10. He had the same results against John Richardson from Livonia, Michigan, winning 21-10, 21-16 Saturday, and 21-10, 21-6 Sunday. Richardson and Essa split their two matches, with Richardson taking Saturday's contest 20-21, 21-11, 11-3, and Essa bouncing back Sunday for a 7-21, 21-15, 11-10 victory. Richardson was awarded second place when he defeated Essa in a 21 point tie-breaker.

In the Men's C, Mike Smith of Valley City, California came

out on top after a tough struggle with Roy Leggatt of Burlington, Ontario, Canada in a 21-16 tie-breaker. Leggatt took Saturday's match over Smith, 21-8, 11-21, 11-6, but Smith reversed things on Sunday, 21-8, 21-16. Both players defeated Ted Louie twice, Smith winning 21-6, 21-4 and 21-10, 16-21, 11-0, while Leggatt took Saturday's contest 21-2, 21-2. They did not play Sunday.

All the players enjoyed the Championship matches and the fine hospitality shown them.

The Women's Open Division was also blessed with some outstanding performers. Hope Weisbach, formerly of Northbrook, Ill. and now from Tempe, Arizona, took the title in a fierce contest with Francine Davis of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

On Saturday, Weisbach started out like a house on fire, blowing Francine out of the court 6-21 and taking a nice lead in game two. Then Hope seemed to tire and not get into position in time to execute her shots, and Francine cranked up and started rolling 'em out. With an excellent comeback, Francine took game two, 21-20, and kept on rolling through the tie-breaker, 11-7.

But on Sunday, Weisbach came back strong to defeat Davis, 21-16, 21-15. The tie-breaker play-off was nip and tuck, reaching 17-all before Weisbach applied the final pressure to take the Championship, 21-17. This was Hope's second national championship in 1978, having taken the International Racquetball Association crown in Denver last May.

Both Weisbach and Davis defeated Beth Mowery of Lexington, Kentucky twice. Hope had victories of 21-20, 21-4, and 21-6, 21-13, while Davis beat Beth on Saturday 21-6, 21-8 and they did not play on Sunday as Francine secured second place.

The Women's B was won handily by Carole Charfauros from California as she defeated Linda Nastasi of Montvale, New Jersey and Debbie Erhart of Bloomfield, Michigan. She outpointed Linda 21-12, 21-13, and 21-14, 21-8, and Debbie succumbed 21-10, 21-11, and 21-12, 21-15. Debbie was competing in her first tournament ever, and made a fine showing while taking third place. She lost to Nastasi 21-18, 21-10 on Saturday, and 21-10, 21-12 on Sunday.

"Crazy Chris" McGirr from El Cajon, California romped through the Women's C finals. She defeated Pam Perrotti of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, 21-5, 21-4 and 21-14, 21-12; Lydia Coatar of Chicago fell victim to Chris' sharpshooting, 21-5, 21-12 and 21-8, 21-18.

Lydia was also playing in her first open tournament, and she split her contest with Perrotti, losing on Saturday but winning on Sunday and then taking the 21 point tie-breaker to win second place.

## Referee's Corner

by Phil Simborg

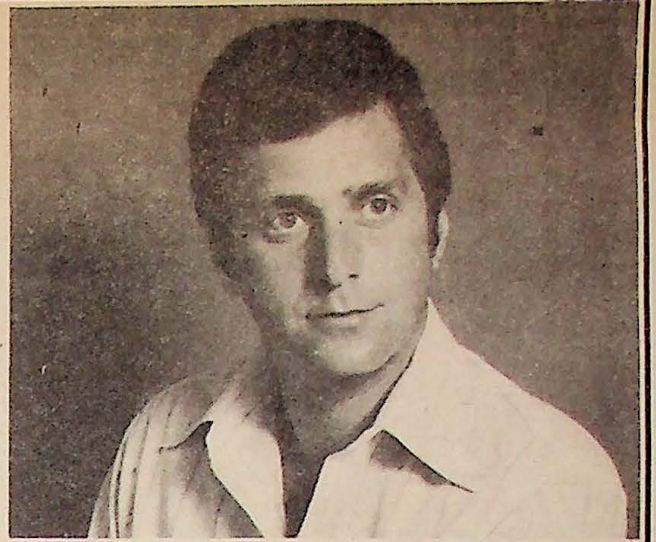
Last month, members of the Illinois State Racquetball Association Referee's Committee met with Terry Fancher and Dan Bertolucci of the U.S.R.A. for the purpose of developing an official set of rules, guidelines, and interpretations to apply to all ISRA sanctioned tournaments. As unbelievable as it sounds, we discussed every single rule and facet of the game, and we were able to come to complete agreement on the interpretation and application of every rule!

In the course of our discussions, we generally agreed that the rules of the game, as outlined in the **Official USRA Rulebook**,

are quite fair and good, but they required additional examples and explanations in order to be fully understood and applied. Fortunately, much of this additional insight is already provided in the **Official USRA Guide for Referees**.

We went through the USRA Guide from cover to cover, and agreed that it was generally very good, but we determined that there were several areas that still needed revision or clarification, so we went one step further, and wrote an ISRA Referee's Guide that adds to and amends the USRA Guide.

The ISRA Guide deals with 19 separate items that we believe are not satisfactorily



covered in the USRA Guide. In the coming months, this column will discuss those 19 items in detail, but for your reference, some of the things our additional guide does is to more clearly define and describe screen serves; how closely to enforce "fringe rules" such as leaving the court during time outs, length of time for time outs between games, foot faults, court hinders, receiving line violations; and other factors that will give the referee some general insight as to how to better control the match.

Therefore, in Illinois, at ISRA sanctioned tournaments, we now have a single, complete set of rules and guidelines which have been distributed to all members of the ISRA Referee's Committee, top referees and players, and anyone else who asks for the package. Furthermore, this has all been adopted as the "Official" policy of the ISRA, and I think you'll soon see some dramatic results. For one thing, there is now a consistent set of policies, procedures, and rule interpretations applicable to all ISRA sanctioned tournaments. Secondly, tournament directors and officials, players, spectators, or anyone else interested can now receive, free-for-the-asking, a complete, comprehensive set of rules along with examples and interpretations by simply writing to me (Phil Simborg, 2400 W. Sibley Blvd., Posen, Illinois 60469 — 312-371-2150). For another thing, until you spell out your policy in writing, it's difficult for anyone to criticize your policy;

therefore, we now have something that can be constantly tested, scrutinized, criticized, revised and improved. With each revision we make (and I expect there will be many rewrites and revisions) there should be improvement. The overall efforts should be improved understanding and application of the rules, or in other words, better and more consistent refereeing, and therefore, fairer and more enjoyable tournaments for all.

Having a uniform set of rules is a big step, but it's only the first step. We presently have only 36 members of the Referee's Committee. We need at least double that amount to be sure we have enough "workers" at the tournaments, and we must insist that all the members are highly knowledgeable about the rules and are, themselves, skilled referees. If you think you qualify and would like to help, please call or write me — you will immediately be sent all the rules and guidelines, you'll be added to the Committee mailing list, and you will be tested on your knowledge and refereeing ability. Then, if you truly are skilled, you'll be given a visitor identifying you as an official, and you'll be asked to act as an official at sanctioned tournaments.

Further, if you have any other ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve the quality of refereeing, please drop us a line.

Phil Simborg  
ISRA Referee Committee  
Co-Chairman

## Leve Moves To Arizona

Mort Leve, president of Court Club Enterprises has moved his headquarters from Northbrook, Ill. to Scottsdale, Arizona.

"We are enlarging our operations to include more emphasis on the management/personnel workshops and also to provide a general international clearing house for the sport of racquetball through formation of the World Court Clubs Association."

Leve adds, "World Court Clubs Association will be dedicated to the development of Court Clubs as a means of promoting racquetball, handball, and amenity activities; also, to provide a service to clubs in operation, their personnel; and to the product manufacturers and representatives associated with the industry."

"Racquetball has gone through such a rapid growth that there is a definite need for an organization that will be responsible to the entire industry, not confined to any one sector."

Leve has a varied and rich background in both handball and racquetball. He spent 23 years, first as executive director and editor for the United States Handball Association, and then coupled the same positions with the formation of the International Racquetball Association in 1968. His son, Chuck, is now executive director with the U.S. Racquetball Association. Mort founded the National Court Clubs Association in 1973 and started court development seminars to aid would-be entrepreneurs in putting their financial packages together. Over the past five years he has conducted more than 40 such seminars throughout the United States and Canada. He left the National Court Clubs Association in 1977 to concentrate his efforts on consultations and seminars.

"The growing trend in the industry is toward the club concept, affording the member more than just the in-and-out bowling lane type pure court facility. In the club atmosphere move, there would be the inclusion of such amenities as the sophisticated, supervised exercise programming, cocktail lounges/discos, gymnasium, swimming pools, indoor and outdoor tennis, and jogging. In essence, the effort is being made to provide 'something for everyone' and insure against the looked-for shake down period that is bound to come in a few years in which those clubs with the lesser type mousetrap, management weaknesses, and mediocre locations will come up against looked for competition," Leve comments.

New address — 7856 E. Keim Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona. 85253. Area Code 602. 991-0253.

### Upcoming Court Development Seminars

ATLANTA — Nov. 3-4 — Sheraton Airport.  
PHILADELPHIA — Nov. 18-19 - Sheraton Airport Inn, followed by Management/Personnel Workshop, Nov. 19-20.  
LOS ANGELES — Dec. 9-10 — Hyatt House at Airport, followed by Management/Personnel Workshop, Dec. 10-11.

Further details:  
Mort Leve, Court Club Enterprises, 7856 E. Keim Drive, Scottsdale, AZ. 85253. Area Code 602. 991-0253.

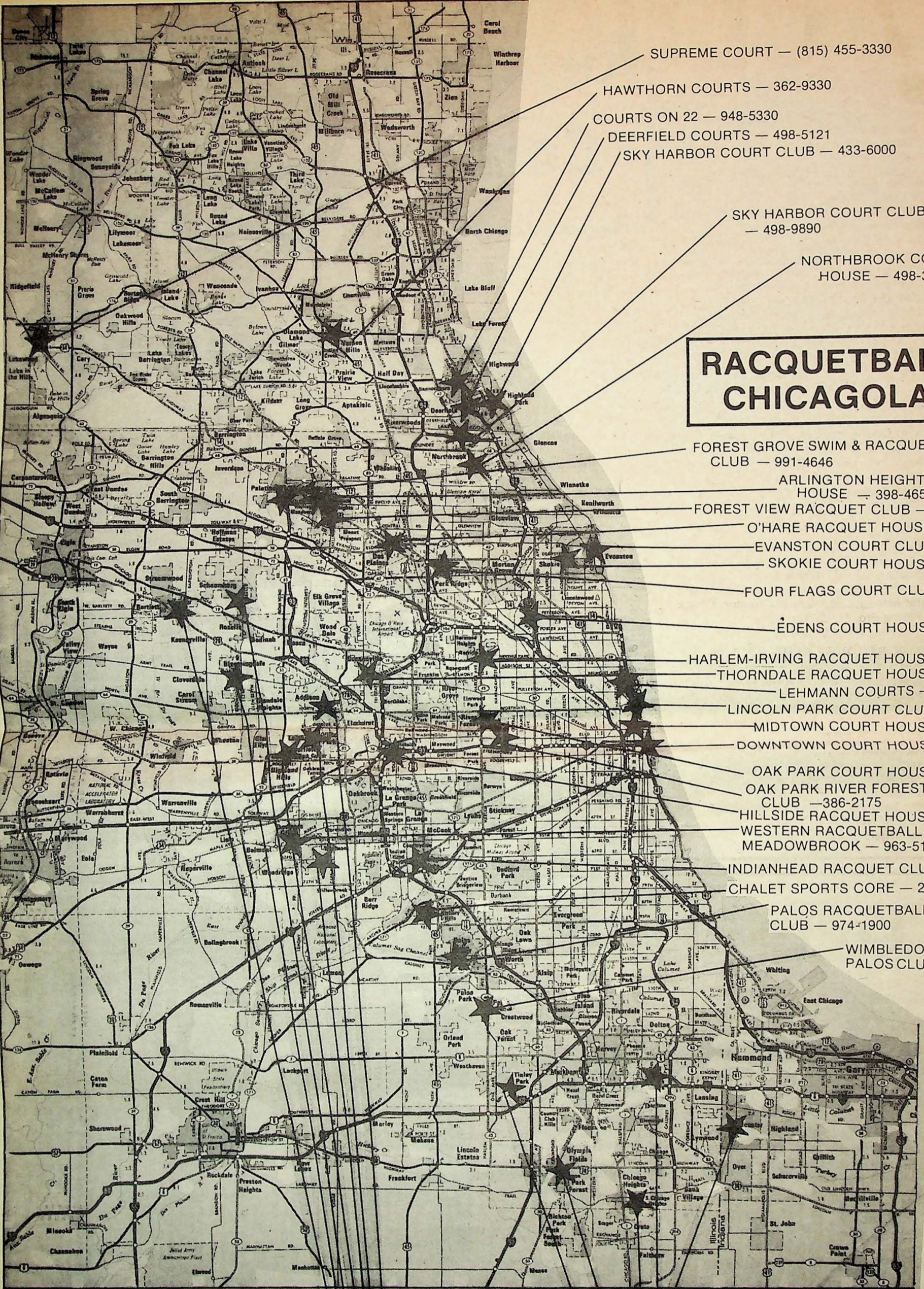


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(See New Expanded Locator Map in November issue of Racquetball Today.)

# CLUB GUIDE

**OLYMPIC RACQUETBALL CLUB**, 9245 Calumet Ave., Munster, Indiana. (219) 836-2000 and (312) 895-2290. Ten deluxe concrete, hardwood floor racquetball/handball courts with non-glare lighting, air-conditioned and humidity controlled for comfortable year round play. Sauna, steam room and hydro-therapeutic whirlpool in each locker room, 1/5 mile running track, 15 station universal exercise machine, free attended children's playroom. Pro shop, racquet rental, group and private lessons with experienced instructors. Open 7 days a week. Open September, 1978.

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**KILLSHOT, LTD.**, 321 Edgewater Drive, Bloomingdale, Ill. 893-9575. 15 climate controlled racquetball/handball courts, fully carpeted locker rooms, large co-ed whirlpool, separate saunas, and massage rooms, extensive exercise room, fully equipped pro shop, attended nursery, spacious lounge with viewing gallery. Horseshoe-shaped bar with 2 way fire-place. Private and group lessons. General Manager/Head Pro: Don Jenkins. Manager/Pro: Sue Sulli.

★★★★

**PALOS RACQUETBALL CLUB**, 11050 So. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, Ill. 974-1900. Racquetball and handball on 15 regulation courts with non-glare lighting, air-conditioned and humidity controlled for comfortable year round play. Carpeted locker rooms, saunas, whirlpools, steamroom, universal exercise room, free attended nursery, pro shop, jogging track and racquet rental. Open 7 days a week. Manager: Sue Stoner.

★★★★

**FOREST GROVE SWIM & RACQUET CLUB**, 1760 No. Hicks Rd., Palatine, IL. 991-4646. 4 racquetball/handball courts; 8 indoor and 8 outdoor tennis courts; swimming pool. Saunas, co-ed whirlpool, body shop, lessons and leagues. General Manager and Sports Director: Chuck Sheftel; Head Tennis Pro: Al Velasco.

★★★★

**HANOVER PARK RACQUET CLUB**, 1919 Walnut, Hanover Park, IL 837-6300. 4 racquetball/handball courts, 6 tennis courts, 3 platform tennis courts, saunas, co-ed whirlpool, nursery and playroom for infants and children. Manager: Rick Heroux; Racquetball Pro: Shar Klein.

★★★★

**LINCOLN PARK COURT CLUB AT PIPER'S ALLEY**, North Avenue and Wells Street, Chicago. 943-2266. 12 air-conditioned racquetball/handball courts, men's and women's saunas and whirlpools, executive conference room, full service bar, exercise area, universal gym, free attended nursery. Cut rate parking with direct entrance to club. General manager: Sandy Feinglass.

**TINLEY PARK RACQUETBALL CLUB**, 17500 Duvan Dr., Tinley Park, IL. 532-7900. Open 7 days - 6 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. 10 regulation racquetball/handball courts with unique use of glass for uninterrupted playing and viewing. Luxurious health facilities: incl. saunas, steambath, whirlpools, Universal exercise areas. Free attended nursery. Pro shop, racquet rentals, complete lessons. program. Temperature controlled for comfortable year-round play. Home of the plush Prime Time Lounge. Managed by Five Stars International Enterprises, Inc.

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★★★★

**CHALET SPORTS CORE**, 8300 South Wolf Road, Willow Springs, Ill. 246-4031. 9 racquetball/handball courts (1 with glass back wall). Free attended nursery, carpeted locker rooms with showers, saunas, exercise room, membership lounge, restaurant, and ice skating arena.

★★★★

**INDIAN TRAILS COURT CLUB**, 3227 East End Ave., Corner Sauk Trail and East End, South Chicago Heights, IL. 755-5500. Eight racquetball courts (5 glass), sauna, whirlpool, and exercise room. Manager: John Brandley.

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**FOREST VIEW RACQUET CLUB**, 800 East Falcon Drive, Arlington Hts., Ill. 640-2574. 8 air-conditioned racquetball/handball courts; 6 indoor tennis courts; 6 outdoor tennis courts. Separate saunas and whirlpools, men's and women's locker rooms, attended nursery. Manager/head pro: Jeff Wilke. Racquetball pro: Georgia Maskalunas.

★★★★

**LEHMANN COURTS**, 2700 No. Lehmann Ct., Chicago, IL. 871-8300. 14 racquetball/handball courts, incl. 3 glass exhibition courts, year round enclosed running track, complete exercise room, cocktail lounge-health juice bar, comp. nursery, and on-premise parking available. Mgr.: Marilyn Gallo, head pro/activities director: Steve Boren.

★★★★

**SUPREME COURT**, One Virginia Rd., Crystal Lake, IL. (815) 455-3330. 10 air-conditioned racquetball courts, saunas, whirlpools, carpeted locker rooms, attended nursery, fully equipped pro shop. Manager: Dick Olsen; Pro: John Isaacson.

**WIMBLEDON USA PALOS CLUB**, 12221 S. Ridgeland, Palos Heights, Ill. 389-9100. 5 handball/racquetball courts; 9 indoor tennis courts; 2 outdoor tennis courts, men's and women's saunas and whirlpools, exercise room, free attended nursery, cocktail lounge, fireplace lounge. Complete lesson programs. Manager: Dennis Nauslar. Racquetball Pro: Jim Shields. Tennis Pro: Pete Stearns.

★★★★

**COVE COURTS**, Finley and 22nd, Lombard, IL. 495-2285. Hours 6:00 a.m. 'til midnight. Open 7 days. 8 regulations racquetball/handball courts, each individually climate controlled with non-glare lighting; viewing gallery; sauna; exercise room; free attended nursery; pro shop. Complete lesson programs. Manager/Head Pro: Glen Gibellina; Assistant Pro: Joey Maggio.

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**OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST RACQUET CLUB**, 301 W. Lake St., Oak Park, Ill. 386-2175. 6 racquetball/handball courts (2 with glass backed walls), 8 tennis courts, air-conditioned, saunas, co-ed whirlpool, exercise room, fully equipped pro shop, free attended nursery. Racquetball Pro: Sue Prisching. Tennis Pro: Leigh Oliver.

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**SOUTH HOLLAND COURTS**, 345 W. Taft Drive, (South Holland Industrial Park), South Holland, Ill. 596-6606. 8 regulation racquetball/handball courts, free attended nursery (9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.-Monday thru Friday), carpeted locker rooms, saunas, whirlpools, T.V. lounge, pro shop. Manager: Al Rago.

★★★★

**FOUR FLAGGS COURT CLUB**, 8245 Golf Rd., Niles, IL. 966-8787. 11 racquetball/handball courts (2 with glass-backed walls for observation), second floor viewing area, two lounges, free attended nursery, saunas, whirlpools. Leagues, group and individual lessons available.

★★★★

**INDIANHEAD RACQUET CLUB**, 6550 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL. 482-4800. 6 indoor tennis courts, 8 racquetball courts (opening Jan. '79), carpeted locker rooms, whirlpools, saunas, steamroom, attended nursery, complete pro shop, health club with Nautilus equipment (opening Nov. '78). Reciprocal memberships with Oak Park River Forest Racquet Club and Wimbledon USA.

★★★★

**COURT ON 22**, 2223 Half Day Road, Bannockburn/Deerfield, IL. 948-5330, 6 racquetball courts, 9 indoor air-conditioned satin turf courts, whirlpools and saunas, attended nursery.

★★★★

**THE DEERFIELD COURTS**, 455 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL. 498-5121. 6 racquetball courts; 9 indoor air-conditioned satin turf courts, 2 practice lanes, whirlpool, sauna, and pro shop.

## A Tour of the Courts

by Rosemary Ruane

Club members at The Palos Racquetball Club are experiencing a unique approach to physical fitness — The 100 Mile Club. The program combines running, on the club's 1/5th mile jogging track, and racquetball. One hour of racquetball is equivalent to three miles of running/jogging. After a member logs 100 miles they receive a certificate and patch with their name, club name, and distance. Three members are currently vying for the next step — The 200 Mile Club. Peg Guerra, who has logged 160 miles, is in the lead, followed by Shirley Reineke with 155 miles, and Sharon Wrobel with 140 miles. We wish all the participants the best of luck.

The South Suburban Racquetball League will begin their fall/winter season in mid-October with approximately nine clubs participating. The League's summer finals were held the weekend of September 15th. Evergreen Bath and Tennis Club placed first with 411 points; Tinley Park Racquetball Club — 360

pts; Court Club of Richton Park — 354 pts; Silver Lake Country Club — 351 pts; Omni 41 — 132 pts.

First place winners in The Court Club of Calumet City's Ladder Board Entry Tournament, held the weekend of September 15th, were Jim Vanderbergh — intermediate division and Ray Zanocco — novice division. Both Vanderbergh and Zanocco were presented with a \$25.00 gift certificate.

A Shot Clinic is being conducted at The Hawthorn Courts located in Vernon Hills. The eight week program includes drill and instruction; with a different shot being executed each Saturday morning. Time: 9:00 until 10:00. \$2.00 per person. Reservations are necessary.

The Courts of the Phoenix is combining gourmet cooking with racquetball. One day a week Chef Kenneth Brown gives a lesson in gourmet cooking. After you've completed the cooking (and eating) class, you will receive a free racquetball lesson (to work off those calories). Call 248-4477 for correct date and time. The

club will also host a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28th. Prizes will be awarded for best costume. Open to the public. Reservations are necessary.

The Roselle Racquet Club, U.S.A., is currently under construction. John Cibulka, owner and manager expects the eight court facility to open December 1st.

Congratulations to Marty Kander, health club director at The Mayer Kaplan JCC, and Jo Ellen Kaufman, who will be married in late October. Mazel Tov!

The spirit of Killshot, Ltd. wasn't dampened by the rain, when one and a half feet of water flooded the lower portion of the club. The entire Killshot staff appreciates their members patience and understanding. Leagues and lessons will resume in early October on their 15 courts.

Congratulations to Dave Rosengard who is the new club manager at Courts on 22. Dave recently moved to the Chicago area from Omaha, Nebraska where he was promotion and sales director for The Kansas City Royals.

The Evergreen Bath and Tennis Club will host a party, for members only, on October 14th. Call 425-7200 to make your reservations.

Due to the inclement weather, and construction delays, the two new racquetball courts at The Oak Park-River Forest Racquet Club will not be completed until early November. A Special Party to celebrate Oak Park-River Forest's new look has been postponed until November. Call the club for correct date and time.

The Charlie Club hosted The Will County Open the weekend of September 8th. First, second, third, and first consolation winners were: Men's A division: Dave Prym, John Manner, Dennis Siebert and Jim Mabbot. Men's B division: Mike Eberhard, Gary Filter, Mark Brickley and Erin Johnson. Women's A division: Willie Hancock, Jackie Kennedy, Sue Narakas and Pat Jungles. Women's B division: Penny Polanarkis, Sally Duffy, Cindy Houtz and Sue Manner. Winners were presented with trophies. Charlie's First Annual Dou-



bles Tournament will be held on October 13 - 15. Check Racquetball Today's Tournament Schedule for details. Best of luck to Jim and Bill Bronner who are the new owners of The Glass Court, 830 E. Roosevelt Road, Lombard.

The Naperville Athletic Club, 800 West Fifth Street, Naperville, is currently under construction. The new club, a complete athletic facility, will feature 12 racquetball handball courts, a complete exercise room, rugby and soccer field, deck tennis courts, and a softball diamond. According to Greg Smith, general manager, completion date has been set for late December.

First place winners in The Cove Courts Junior Tourney, held the week-end of

September 22nd, were: Tina Heath, Country Club Hills, girl's 8-13; Sharon Faust, Highland, Indiana, girl's 14 and over; Scott Brechon, Rockford, boy's 13 and under; John Slazas, Park Ridge, boy's 14 and over. Winners receive trophies, T-shirts, Pro-Tec Eyeguards, compliments of Tom Street and Alan Shetzer, and keychains compliments of Trenway.

Special Birthday Greetings to Racquetball Today's Publisher, Rick Coyne, and Associate Publisher, Alan Shetzer. Rick and Alan will both celebrate their birthdays on October 1st.

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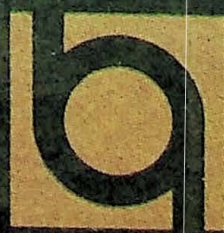
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