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From The President

Illinois rocks! You only have to look as far as the January-February 2003 issue of *Racquetball Magazine* to figure that out. Illinois has a huge impact on the national racquetball scene.

Cheryl Gudinas' impact has been so great that she is not only featured on the magazine cover, but also in a feature article written by Illinoisan Dick Barton. Cheryl won the US Open and attributes much of her success to Illinois role models like Chris Evon and Lynn Adams, Illinois practice partners including Bob Clar, Ted Huddleston, Gary Lehnert and Steve MacInnis, and workouts designed by her Illinois trainer, Eugene Coyle.

Eugene's talents are showcased in his own article. It seems Eugene has not only helped Cheryl gain success, but has also helped Sudsy Monchik get back to the top of his game after suffering an injury. And, guess what? Sudsy won the men's side of the US Open.

If you continue reading the magazine, you'll find our own Krystal Csuk, recognized for earning a spot on the US National Team by virtue of her win in last spring's US Intercollegiate Championships and for being a two-time recipient of a USRA scholarship. You'll also be reminded that Dave Negrete is leading the men's professional tour as IRT Commissioner.

Then there are the lists. First and second place finishers are listed for each division offered in the US Open. There are 8 Illinois players listed there. Four won first place (Cheryl, Ben Croft, Leo Klimaitis, and Brenda White). The other four came



in second in their divisions (John O'Donnell, Jr., Krystal, Andy Hawthorne, and Cheryl Kirk). Not bad.

Further back in the magazine are the ranking lists. Illinois players are listed 52 times here. Age group rankings include Trevor Snyders in the Boy's 10 and Under, Philip Dziuk in the Men's 75+ ...and lots of others in between.

The next issue of *Racquetball Magazine* will include the ballots for the annual USRA Board Elections. You'll find Illinois there, too, as Geoff Peters seeks to regain his position on the USRA Board of Directors. *Don't forget to vote.*

The ISRA State Doubles Championships were held the first weekend of February. About 25% of our membership participated (203 players). Just think if we could move that number up to 35 or 40% for ISRA State Singles the first week of April. Illinois would *really* rock!

Laurel

Central Illinois Racquetball Tournament Calendar 2003 Season

March 16-18, 2003

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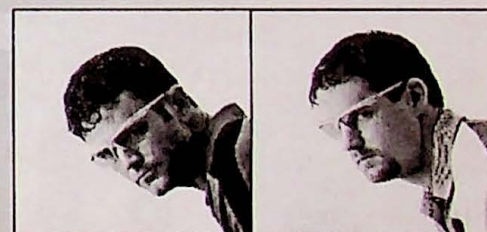
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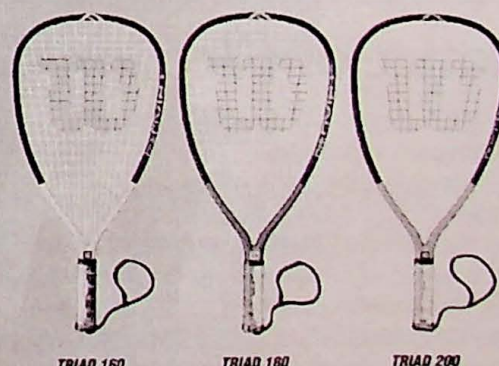


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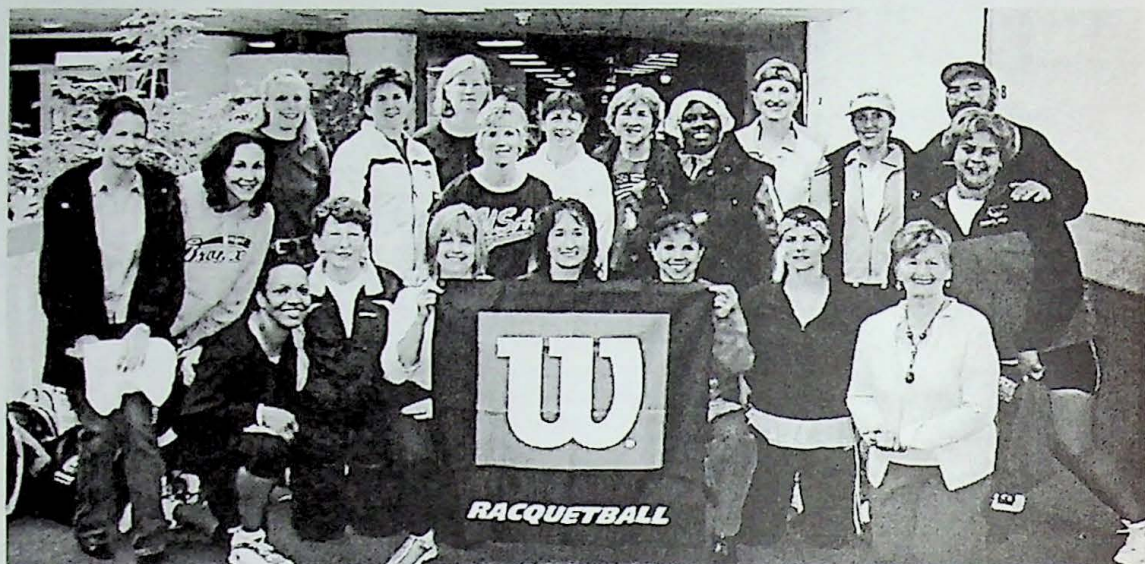
December 8, 2002

Athletic Club of Bloomingdale

On a cold but sunny day in December...just when we thought the 2002 tournaments were but a fond memory...along came...

The Wilson Women's One Day! Chris Evon, Terri Graham, and Dave Negrete provided the opportunity for 29 of us to get together for some (a lot!) of racquetball, time with friends, and food (the latter provided by the perpetually hospitable Mrs. Pat Negrete).

The ladies competed in three divisions — Open, A, and B. There were two flights in each division, 2 games to 11. Then, as we stumbled toward the locker room, Dave yelled, "Not so fast! You still have the



This tournament warmed up a cold December day!

playoffs!" So we staggered back, played 1-3 additional matches, and then crawled upstairs to enjoy the food and prize drawing.

As always, Wilson provided a plethora of door prizes — everyone got something. And as an added bonus, Dave Negrete announced that he had donated part of the proceeds of the tournament to Wilson's breast cancer research initiative. Players made cash donations, and as a result this day became even more meaningful.

The winners of each division received Victoria's Secret gift certificates...what else for a women's tournament?? The newly-lingered winners were Liz Molitor (Open), Joan Vande Kieft (A), and Karen Thurlow (B).

I heard rumors that a few energetic souls

stayed to play some doubles into the late afternoon...me, I high-tailed it home for a nap!

—Cheryl Kirk

Participants:

Open (11)

Cathy Bertucci, Diane Bunker, Laurel Davis, Janet Eminger, Tina Hernandez, Martha Huske, Nancy Kronenfeld, Liz Molitor, Nancy Schum, Julie Vincent, Mary White

A (10)

Pandora Brown, Lori Good, Pam Grace, Margaret Hoff, Lola Markus, Patti Ummel, Barb Utterback, Joan Vande Kieft, Kathy Welker, Lynn Yeazell

B (8)

Deb Brodigan, Carrie Howard, Pauline Kelly, Cheryl Kirk, Margaret Olawoye, Angie Thorpe (WI), Karen Thurlow, Carolyn Watkins



Wilson sponsors Terri Graham and Chris Evon with host Dave Negrete

Notice of Election of ISRA Officers and Board Members

The ISRA Board will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at the National City Bank office in Oak Brook at 2021 Spring Road, Suite 600 (use the elevator in the southwest corner of the building). As with all ISRA meetings, this meeting is open to the membership; however, this session is particularly important since all members attending have a vote in the election of the ISRA Board of Directors. Officer and Board positions are for staggered two-year terms. This year, the open positions include President, Secretary, two of the four Zone Vice Presidents and 5 of the Governing Board members.

The Officer slate is:

Laurel Davis for President
Judy Young for Secretary
Lynne Weisbart for North Zone VP
Jim Jeffers for Central Zone VP

The following five individuals are being re-nominated to the Governing Board: Mike Davern, T.J. Ferro, Pam Grace, Geoff Peters, and Tom Utterback. Per the ISRA bylaws, opposing slates and individuals must be nominated in writing and received prior to May 1. If there are no opposing nominations, the Nominating Committee's slate will be accepted

automatically. Anyone interested in running for office or a Board position should contact Laurel Davis at laurel.davis@nationalcity.com or Cheryl Kirk at cherylkkirk@aol.com.

Additionally, any ISRA member who wishes to help improve the quality of racquetball in Illinois is welcome to join the Auxiliary Board. Please contact Laurel Davis at the above e-mail address. Come out and support Illinois Racquetball!

Signed,
The Nominating Committee:
Cheryl Kirk (Chair), Patrice Calvi, Rich Clay

Wilson 2nd Junior Holiday Classic

December 29, 2002
Oak Park Athletic Club

Twenty-six junior racquetball players from Illinois returned on Sunday, December 29th, 2002, to the site where just last year, history was made! In 2001, Bill Lyman and Wilson got together to host the first stand-alone Illinois junior racquetball tournament that anyone can remember.

In 2002, Bill and Wilson again teamed up to showcase the growing talents of Illinois junior racquetball players. It was a great time for the kids and the parents!

As is his custom, Bill Lyman went out of his way to offer gifts, tournament shirts, and trophies.

And, providing lunch and dinner meals for everyone along the way were Anthony's Pizza & Pasta and RC Cola. Thank you very much for your generous support of Illinois junior racquetball!

The Division Champions were, in 18 & Under, Mike Steinhaus, in 16 & Under, Jason Young, in 14 & Under, Brandon Ritschard, in 12 & Under, Geoff Goldblatt, and, in 10 & Under, Trevor Snyders.

Congratulations to these fine junior racquetball players!

—Fred Ritschard

Results

Division, # entries

First; Second; Semifinals; Quarterfinals

10 & Under (8)

Trevor Snyders; Nick Loy; Matt Loy, Joey Eminger; Dan Knickelbein, Michael Wuttke, Erich Schubert, Alex Knickelbein, 1st Consolation – Erich Schubert

12 & Under (6)

Geoff Goldblatt; Trevor Snyders; Zac Antonoff, Gino Wuttke; Adam Ivetic, Joey Limonciello, 1st Consolation – Adam Ivetic

14 & Under (8)

Brandon Ritschard; Jeff Novak; Geoff Goldblatt, Chris Muruato; Nick Ericksen, Mike Antonoff, Erin Egan, Chris Schubert, 1st Consolation – Chris Schubert

16 & Under (3)

Jason Young; David Thomas, Michael Davern, Jr.

18 & Under (3)

Michael Steinhaus; Jeff Albert; Chris Snyders



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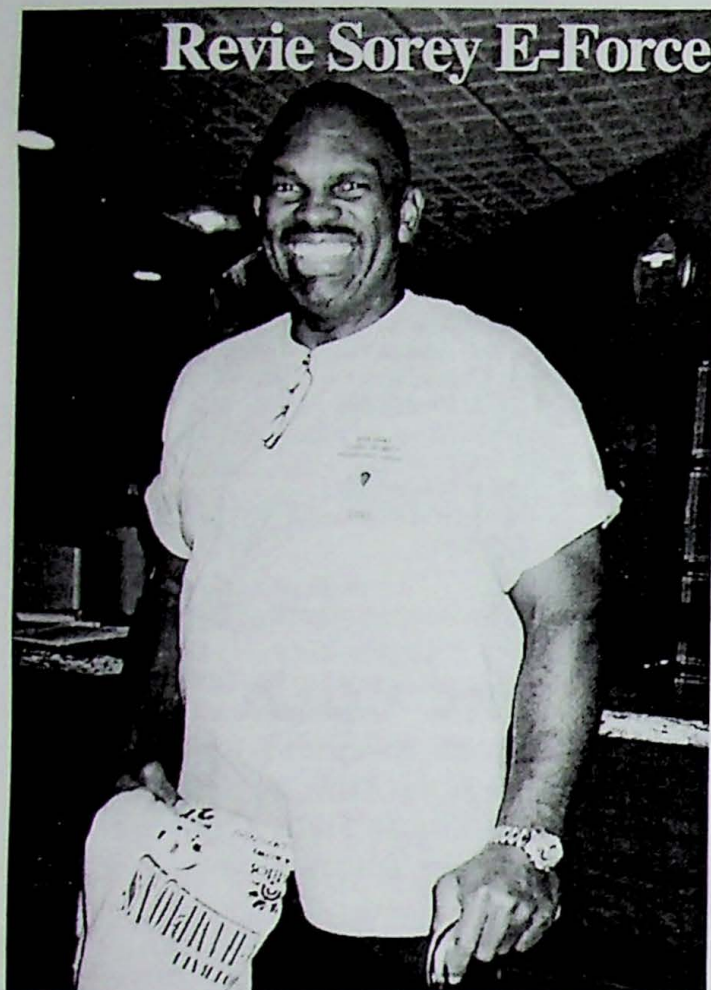
Here's a challenge to all ISRA Members:

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- ▶ Take him/her to your club... and teach the game. Stay with them until they can join a league on their own.
- ▶ Just think how good you'll feel when each of us sponsors the players of tomorrow!



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Revie Sorey E-Force Celebrity Racquetball Classic



January 17-19, 2003
Chalet City Club & Lifetime Fitness

Revie Sorey has been working hard – harder than he ever did while playing pro football or preparing for nationals, harder than he ever did for anything he has ever encountered in his life. Since suffering a stroke in October, his goal was to be well enough and strong enough to be at the tournament that bears his name, the Revie Sorey Classic. And he made it!

What a wonderful tribute it was! People came in from all over to honor Revie for all that he has done and continues to do for racquetball and for all of us. Many people who weren't even playing, like racquetball great Johnny Northern, Terry Truvillion, Vince Session and Luke Gunn, all from Detroit, came in just to pay tribute to Revie and wish him well.

It was a weekend of warm friendships, great food, loads of fun and great racquetball. The show of friendship was so evident in the setting of our beautiful new tournament home, Chalet City Club. The club provided such a warm and welcoming ambiance throughout the tournament. It was a beautiful sight to see everyone sitting around the fire between matches chatting, relaxing and even playing chess! Now when have you ever seen chess

played at a racquetball tournament?

Great food? We had plenty of that! Rick Cavaliere's Dr. Pizza, provided an entire Italian dinner from pasta to meatballs and sausage. And Royce Simpson showed us what great chicken

Popeye's has. Casciani's pizza was gobbled up. And the beef and chicken fajitas from Chili's were fabulous. Believe me, no one went hungry.

Loads of fun? The auction and party on Saturday night was so much fun that no one wanted to leave. People stayed until

the last call at 2 a.m. just laughing, talking and joking.

Great racquetball? The draw, consisting of a really good mix of players from Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, provided some stiff competition and exciting matches. Brian Simpson was victorious in Men's Open Singles and Sara Borland walked off with top honors in Women's Open Singles.

All in all, it couldn't have been a more perfect way to welcome back our dear friend, Revie Sorey. Revie embodies the true spirit of good sportsmanship and friendship. Our hats are off to you Revie. We are so glad that you are back!

—Anita Efron

Results

Division (# of entries)
1st; 2nd; Semifinals

Men's Open (12)

Brian Simpson (IN); Chris Wright (MO); Matt Anderson (IN), Ben Croft

Men's AA (2)

Thomas Braun; Bob Clar



Chess meets racquetball — an interesting combination!

Men's A (10)

Bill Lattner; Larry Vena; Tony Gonzalez, Kevin Johnson

Men's B (20)

Angel Khamis; Walter Fornek; Ricky Moore (KY), John Beaulieu

Men's C (18)

Dave Cieslewicz; Mike Moran; Desmond Slusher, Juan Martinez

Men's D (19)

Blair Wagner; Dan Doretti; Robert Cecich, Kevin Laird

Men's 30/35+ (6)

John Kundrot (MI); Keith Minor; Martin Gonzalez, John Amatulli (IN)

Men's 40+ (4)

Greg Hodges (MI); Bob Clar; Jeff Hotler (IN); Kevin Yeazell

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Tournament Director Jeff Grace assists Geoff Peters at Tournament Control



Men's Open champ Brian Simpson

Men's 45+ (13)

Dave Milazzo; Dennis Healy; Horace Miller, Tony Cosmano

Men's 50/55+ (12)

Gregg Mandell; Steve MacInnis; Horace Miller, Dennis Healy

Women's Open (3)

Sara Borland (IA), Ellen Somberg, Janet Eminger

Women's A (4)

Pam Grace; Pandora Brown; Lynne Weisbart; Lynn Yeazell

Women's B (4)

Lori Good; Joan Vande Kieft; Kelly Carson; Carolyn Watkins

Women's C (6)

Karen Thurlow; Kelly Carson; Thelma Howard (MI), Erin Egan
1st consolation: Erin Egan

Women's 35+ (3)

Felicia Mann (MI); Joan Vande Kieft; Lynne Weisbart

Men's Open Doubles (5)

Ben Croft/Chris Wright (MO); Matt Anderson (IN)/Brant Spiwak (WI); Jim Davis (IN)/Ryan Griffin (IN); Tim Austin (IN)/Jose Martinez (IN); Martin Gonzalez/Joe Silius

Men's A Doubles (11)

Jeff Jovien/Keith Mecklenburg; Tony Gonzalez/Al Robledo; Delmer Reed/Frank Ball, Jim Bono (IN)/Drake Deavours (IN)

Men's B Doubles (11)

Frank Ball/David Edwards; Walter Fornek/Tom Lamberson; Joe Ahner (IN)/Brian Coney (IN), Roy Orr/Chris Ragsdale

Men's C Doubles (6)

Darryl Earl/Royce Simpson; Robert Cecich/Bob Woycheese; Ted Richardson/Alfonso Pugh (MI), James Gillette/Terry Carr

Men's 35+ Doubles (7)

Greg Hodges (MI)/John Kundrot (MI); Bob Clar/Joe Gill; Jim Hillman/Keith Minor, Wil Rounsaville/Winston Cole

Women's Open Doubles (3)

Diane Moore (IN)/Mary Pomeroy (IN); Patrice Calvi/Nancy Amaro; Julie Carter/Janet Eminger

Women's A/B Doubles (4)

Lori Good/Cheryl Kirk; Pat Jennings/Mary Herron; Pam Grace/Barb Vagedes; Carolyn Watkins/Dorothy Che-Menju

Mixed Open Doubles (5)

Mary Pomeroy (IN)/Tim Austin (IN); Ellen Somberg/Jim Hillman; Diane Moore (IN)/Rich Lopez (IN); Patrice Calvi/Joe Silius; Pat Jennings/Ken Cook

Mixed A Doubles (5)

Pandora Brown/Jeff Hotler (IN); Felicia Mann (MI)/Ron



Dennis Healy and Delmer Reed felt welcome at The Chalet

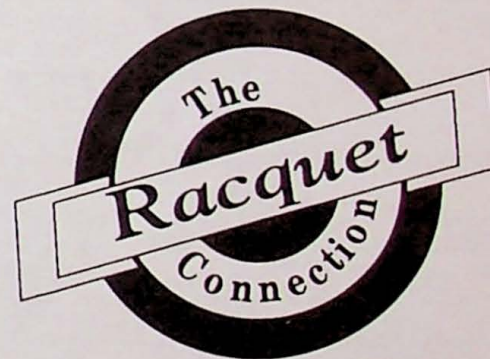
Barton (MI); Barb Vagedes/John Matarrese; Lynn Yeazell/Dan Flood; Dorothy McDavid/Russell Branch (KY)

Mixed B Doubles (3)

Leila Grey/Desmond Slusher; Elaine Isham/Ray Almarez; Dorothy Che-Menju/Willie McGee



Tony Gonzalez and Al Robledo (2nd-Men's A Doubles) with Anita Efron



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Super Bowl Two-Day

January 24-25, 2003

B.R. Ryall YMCA, Glen Ellyn, IL

We had a great showing for a two-day tournament and a lot of "first timers" joining the competition at the B.R. Ryall YMCA's 2-day Super Bowl Racquetball Tournament! The Men's Open had eight entrants and some fantastic competition. John Bryk came out of his 12-year hiatus to play in our tournament but ran into Chuck Snyders in the semi-finals. Chuck and Tom Utterback put on a great show in the finals with Snyders winning 11-9 in a tie-breaker marathon game! In the Open Doubles, Dave Bachar and Don Grigas destroyed all competition — 11 points by George Pappas and Doug Halverson was the most any team could score. The future of racquetball was in full force with 20 juniors participating in both the adult skill divisions and junior divisions. It is both wonderful and scary in equal measure to watch how great some of these kids are playing: wonderful to see so many great juniors playing and scary to think about how they will be beating a lot of us in the very near future! Watch out for Mike DeGonia — he looks like the next coming of Ben Croft!

— Sean Nelson

Results

Division, # of entries

First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (8)

Chuck Snyders; Tom Utterback; George Pappas, John Bryk

Men's A (9)

Al Ramirez; Kevin Massard; Rich Wells, Sean Nelson

Men's B (13)

Scott Field; Brett Crawley; Mark Mazza, Mike DeGonia

Men's C (7)

Brandon Ritschard; Pete Schmeichel; Brian Tubbs, Blair Wagner

Men's D (13)

Will Kazmier; Brian Tubbs; Blair Wagner, Jeff Novak

Novice (7)

Trevor Snyders; Jack Schubert; Cal Healy, Ty Healy

Men's Open Doubles (8)

Dave Bachar/Don Grigas; George Pappas/Doug Halverson; Chuck Rupsis/Chuck Snyders, Tom Utterback/John Bryk

Men's A Doubles (4)

Al Ramirez/Phil Schmidt; Bob Morrison/Rich Wells; Sean Nelson/Frank Aguilar, Ron Calloway/Dan Flood

Men's B/C Doubles (8)

Scott Field/Jim Emslie; Jim Camasto/Tom Lamberson; Tom Curtis/Barb Curran, Greg Benjamin/Kevin Massard

Men's C Doubles (4)

Bob Brennan/Mark Johnson; Pete Schmeichel/John Massard; Jim Gillette/Adam Kadridas, Keith Weiner/Mark Mazza

Juniors 16 & Under (8)

Mike DeGonia; Jeff Novak; Chris Muruato, Jason Young

Juniors 14 & Under (6)

Geoff Goldblatt; Mike Antonoff; Chris Schubert, Gino Wutke

Juniors 12 & Under (7)

Trevor Snyders; Zak Antonoff; Matt Loy, Nick Loy

Juniors 10 & Under (2)

Erich Schubert, Matt Loy

Geoff Peters Runs for USRA Board

After being narrowly defeated for re-election to the USRA Board of Directors last year, Geoff Peters has been nominated by the USRA BOD Nominating Committee to serve on our national governing body. "I am honored to have been nominated by the Board members that I served with most recently", said Peters. "It is a measure of their respect for what I can offer to the USRA from my business and operations background."

Geoff has been involved in racquetball for almost 30 years, as a collegiate player, State Board member (in two states), adult competitor, and now as a club owner (The Southlake Club). He is a Director of Procurement for Sears Roebuck and

Company by day, and plays at Southlake and Glass Court (when he can find the time!) In addition, he will be our State Singles Tournament Director and the Regional Tournament Director this year. During his most recent stint on the Board, Geoff served on the Finance, Hall of Fame and Membership Committees.

The ballot for the USRA election will be in the March/April edition of Racquetball Magazine. Please take the time to vote and have input to who is on the National Board. If you have questions about Geoff or his candidacy, his statement is available online at www.racquetballmagazine.com or you can email him at Petersgeoff@hotmail.com.

One-Day Doubles Tune-Up

February 1, 2003

Southlake Club, Mundelein, IL

Southlake has been hosting a one-day doubles tournament for several years now, but with varying dates in winter and spring. On February 1st, Southlake hosted its 3rd annual doubles tournament as a tune-up to the State Doubles. The tournament has seemed to find a comfortable "nest" as a regular in the ISRA tournament calendar.

The 50 participants spent their Saturday in a warm and friendly environment with plenty of food, racquetball chit-chat...and yes, lots of competitive matches. With 5 different divisions, the "big" cash winners in the Men's Open were the veteran team of Bob Clar and Joe Gill. Congrats to Bob and Joe and the other winners listed below.

The food, by El Barrios in Mundelein, was plentiful as always, and consolation matches were automatic for first round non-winners. The record for the day was seven matches in eight hours by T.G. Venkateshwaran and Joe Gill. Tired, but ready for the next weekend!

—Bob Croft

Results

Division/# entries

1st; 2nd; Semifinals

Men's Open (5)

Joe Gill/Bob Clar; T.G. Venkateshwaran/Carl D'Ambrose; Ron Calloway/Keith Mecklenburg; Doug Halverson/George Pappas; John Thorson/Geoff Peters

Men's A (6)

Tom Horton/Rick Mundrane; Tom Nyman/George Nonas; Howie Robins/Steve Jungmann; Carl D'Ambrose/Mike Ardito 1st Consolation: Jim Emslie/Scott Field

Men's B (8)

Tom Nyman/George Nonas; Rob Littledale/Brett Crawley; Luis Monsreal/Nils Mogensen, Jim Miller/Sami Abualsamid 1st Consolation: William Helm/Chris Scaramo

Men's C (7)

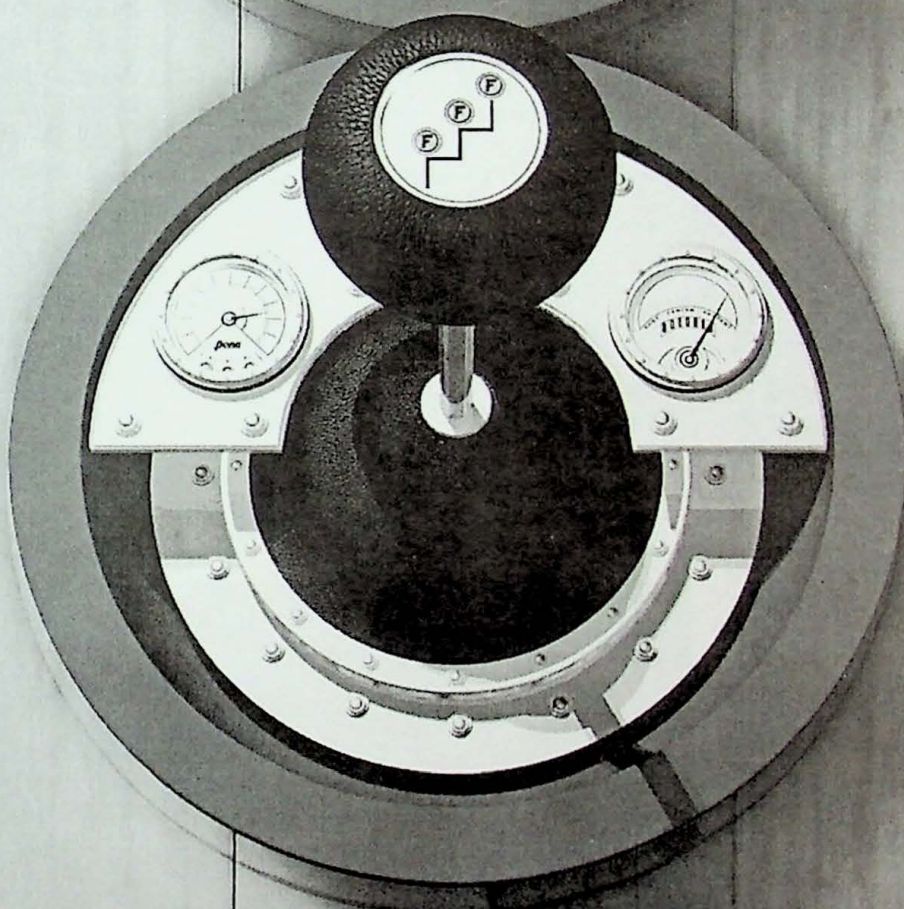
William Helm/Chris Scaramo; Roger Bettenhausen/Steve Bettenhausen; Joey Limonciello/Ken Zwyers, John Massard/Pete Schmeichel 1st Consolation: Roux Hoare/Alberto Palacios

Mixed Open (4)

Bob Clar/Laurel Davis; T.G. Venkateshwaran/Colleen Johnson; Joe Gill/Karen Thurlow; Jorge Ortiz/Joan Vande Kieft

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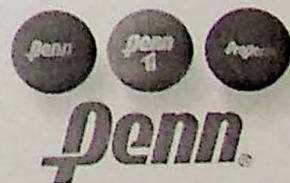


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Glass Court Swim & Fitness

February 7-9, 2003

Married couples, kids and parents, kids vs. parents, family members showing up both to play and to cheer...this State Doubles, even more than in the past, seemed a family event. Couples Yeazell, White, Grace, Szechowycz, Wells. Siblings Conforti x 2 and Bettenhausen x 2. Kids and dads — Schuberts, Antonoffs, Muruatos — and "Illinois family members" (not by blood, but by racquetball) came from all around — Peoria, Champaign, Springfield, for example, to join us on this cold pre-Valentine's Day weekend. And at least two couples were *literally* in the family way— Pete and Karin McCauley (obviously!) and Kevin and Lynn Yeazell (new announcement!) Congratulations!

DeGonia at the check-in desk on Saturday afternoon?) Patrice Calvi does a great job of recruiting and training. We're always looking for folks who want to donate a little of their time and learn more about the inner workings of a tournament.

The formidable team of Ben Croft and Bill Lyman overcame Keith Minor and Rick Ricksecker in a tiebreaker, 11-5, in the Men's Open final.

Bill and partner Mike Burns took Men's 40+ again this year...Dave Olson continued his outstanding season, coming in first in Men's 50+ with partner Gregg Mandell. Barry Siegel and Marshall Waldo teamed up to repeat last year's victory in Men's 55+. In the Women's Open, Nancy Amaro and Ellen Somberg defeated Diane Bunker and Janet Eminger. Brenda White could barely drag all her 1st place medals out the door — Women's AA with Pam Schubach, Women's 45+ and Women's 50+ with Nancy Kronenfeld. Ben Croft earned a second gold in Mixed Open (with Colleen Johnson), defeating Krystal Csuk and T.J. Ferro. The



Cheryl Kirk congratulates 60+ winners Ed Stoller and Harold "Bill" Williamson

Peoria team of Kurt Mankle and Pam Schubach took the gold in Mixed 30/35/40+. And Kathy Dunham and Joe Silius repeated in the Mixed 50+. Great job, everyone!

Thanks to all who played! (Special note to those who entered three divisions — hope you're fully recovered and walking upright once again!) Check out the results below...

—Cheryl Kirk



Ellen Somberg & Nancy Amaro — Victorious on Sunday!

All the tournament accoutrements were in place — raffle, medals, food. Have to mention the tournament gift — the red fleece pullover was all the rage: extra's were sold out by Saturday evening — the sure mark of a coup de shirt.

Thanks as always to the excellent staff of Glass Court. Diane DeArmas was under the weather (feeling better now, thankfully), but daughter Jennifer Jaskier and other staff members pitched in and made sure the hospitality was of the exemplary quality traditionally experienced at this fine club. Sponsors Nabisco, Jay's, Frito Lay, Keebler, RC Cola, Little Debbie, Entenmann's, and Cub Foods ensured "no hungry or thirsty players". We appreciate your support of Illinois racquetball! Our gratitude goes also to the many volunteers who pitched in to support Tournament Director Laurel Davis and her team of coordinators. (Was that Mike



Ken Cook & Ray Willis — 2nd in the 45+ A/B

Results

Division (# entries)

1st, 2nd, Semifinals

Men's Open (7)

Ben Croft/Bill Lyman; Keith Minor/Rick Ricksecker; Pat Armstrong/Rick Reynolds, Eric Rieman/Russ Tatar

Men's AA (3)

George Pappas/Doug Halverson; Mike Ardito/T.G. Venkateshwaran; Rich Clay/Tom Utterback

Men's A (17)

Dan Flood/Keith Mecklenburg; Carl D'Ambrose/Jim McHale; Kelvin Branch/David Royster, Chris Cotton/Pete McCauley

Men's B (22)

Jeff Jovien/Matt Malcheski; Corey Engel/David Kerr; Kevin Massard/Jim Mueller, Steve Zeitlin/Terry VanderMeersch

Men's C (12)

George Nonas/Tom Nyman; Chris Liljestrang/Ruben Muruato; Fred Conforti/Mike Conforti, Darryl Earl/Royce Simpson

Men's D (9)

Chris Muruato/Ruben Muruato; Terry Carr/James Gillette; Geoff Goldblatt/Joey Limonciello, Ken Braxton/David Kramer

Men's 25/30+ (6)

Rick Reynolds/Pat Armstrong; Jim Freaner/Kurt Mankle; Joey Logan/Lem Rowans, Dennis Negrete/Russ Tatar

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Men's 35+ (5)

Jim Hillman/Keith Minor; Mike Bogue/Angelo Moca; Bob Clar/Joe Gill; Barry Dixon/Chuck Snyders; Jeff Baumgartner/T.J. Ferro

Men's 35+ A/B (6)

Jim McHale/George Steffens; Jim Elliott/Craig Wagner; Steve Jungmann/John Puccio; Rick Falcone/Greg Tomek

Men's 35+ C/D (1)

Rick Falcone/Greg Tomek

Men's 40+ (7)

Mike Burns/Bill Lyman; Jeff Jovien/George Pappas; Mike Bogue/Angelo Moca, Bob Clar/Ron Calloway

Men's 45+ (7)

Tony Cosmano/Doug Peterson; Gregg Mandell/Dave Olson; Rick Dern/Dave Milazzo, Gary Frumkin/Mike Burns

Men's 45+ A/B (4)

Al Ramirez/Phil Schmitt; Ken Cook/Ray Willis; Kelvin Branch/David Royster; John Massard/Pete Stopinski

Men's 45+ C/D (4)

Roger Bettenhausen/Steve Bettenhausen; Alberto Palacios/Mike Mahon; John Burke/Ed Olah; Al Brunner/Mike Padavic

Men's 50+ (7)

Gregg Mandell/Dave Olson; Frank Rusch/Joe Silius; Dennis Healy/Randy Puebla, Dennis McKee/Frank Milazzo

Men's 55+ (5)

Barry Siegel/Marshall Waldo; Willie McGee/Joe Quirke; David Crouse/John O'Donnell, Jr.; Ed Stoller/Harold Williamson; Bill Schram/John Talty

Men's 55+ C/D (2)

Alberto Palacios/Mike Mahon; John Burke/Ed Olah

Men's 60+ (2)

Ed Stoller/Harold Williamson; Bill Schram/John Talty

Men's 65+ (1)

Ed Stoller/Harold Williamson

Women's Open (6)

Nancy Amaro/Ellen Somberg; Diane Bunker/Janet Eminger; Patrice Calvi/Kathy Dunham, Laurel Davis/Liz Molitor

Women's AA (4)

Pam Schubach/Brenda White; Pandora Brown/Mary White; Patrice Calvi/Kathy Dunham, Laurel Davis/Liz Molitor

Women's A (4)

Marian Bala/Karen Lindeman; Pam Schubach/Terry Sutton; Lori Good/Cheryl Kirk; Patti Drendel/Maria Johnson

Women's 35+ (3)

Nancy Kronenfeld/Brenda White; Cheryl Kirk/Joan Vande Kieft; Lori Good/Pam Grace

Women's 45+ (2)

Nancy Kronenfeld/Brenda White; Cheryl Kirk/Joan Vande Kieft

Women's 50+ (1)

Nancy Kronenfeld/Brenda White

Mixed Open (6)

Colleen Johnson/Ben Croft; Krystal Csuk/T.J. Ferro; Laurel Davis/Bob Clar, Liz Molitor/Dennis Negrete

Mixed AA (2)

Lynn Yeazell/Kevin Yeazell; Karen Thurlow/Joe Gill

Mixed A (6)

Jill Wells/Rich Wells; Pandora Brown/Keith Mecklenburg; Terry Sutton/Jim Freaner, Mary White/Mike White

Mixed B (5)

Cheryl Kirk/Mike Mahon; Janet Christie/Kevin Massard; Dorothy Che-Menju/Lee Cherry; Joan Vande Kieft/Roux Hoare; Carrie Howard/Royce Simpson

Mixed C (4)

Greta Reynolds/Steve Kelly; Debbie

Szechowycz/Andre Szechowycz; Carolyn Watkins/Alberto Palacios; Erin Egan/Geoff Goldblatt

Mixed 30/35/40+ (8)

Pam Schubach/Kurt Mankle; Nancy Amaro/Tom Utterback; Maria Johnson/Jeff Baumgartner, Len Restaino/Patrice Calvi

Mixed 45+ (5)

Kathy Dunham/Joe Silius; Colleen Johnson/Dave Milazzo; Patti Drendel/Don Grigas; Laurel Davis/Geoff Peters; Carole Lisson/Steve Galla

Mixed 50+ (2)

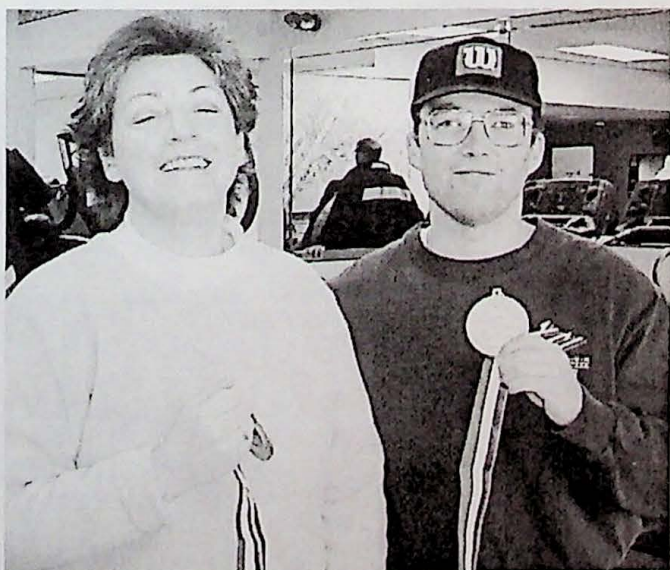
Kathy Dunham/Joe Silius; Carole Lisson/Steve Galla



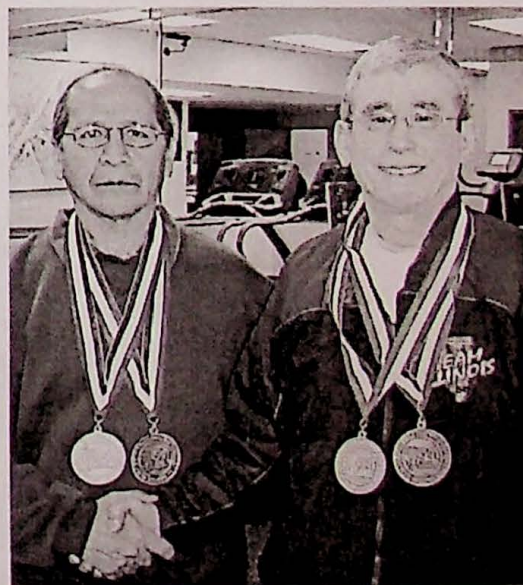
Mixed C champs Greta Reynolds & Steve Kelly



Pat Armstrong & Rick Reynolds take Men's 25/30+



Peoria's Pam Schubach & Kurt Mankle placed 1st in Mixed 30/35/40+



Alberto Palacios & Mike Mahon — 2nd in 45+ C/D and 1st in 55+ C/D!

Women's Senior/Master National Racquetball Championship Goes South...

...literally! The 14th Annual WSMRA National Racquetball Championships were held in Orlando, Florida. Over 100 women (101 to be exact!) participated. Eleven women from Illinois attended; the only states with higher participation were Florida (of course) and California. The round robin format consisted of two games to 11 with each opponent. Everyone played at least 6 matches over the weekend. The age divisions that had more than one flight or group of players had qualifiers that went into playoff rounds beginning late Saturday and finishing up with the semis and finals on Sunday. Team Illinois divisions entered and results appear below...a fine showing by the ladies from our fine state!



Team Illinois in Orlando: (back row) Martha Huske, Margaret Hoff, Tina Hernandez, Nancy Kronenfeld, Brenda White, Liz Molitor, Lola Markus (front row) Pauline Kelly, Lynne Weisbart, Julie Vincent (not pictured — Donna Heinzl)

—Nancy Kronenfeld

Participants:

Donna Heinzl - 50+ - Quarterfinals
Valentina Hernandez - 45+
Margaret Hoff - 55+ - Third Place
Martha Huske - 45+

Nancy Kronenfeld - 50+ - Semifinals
Pauline Kelly - 60+
Liz Molitor - 45+ - Quarterfinals
Lola Markus - 70+ - First Place
Julie Vincent - 40+
Lynne Weisbart - 45+
Brenda White - 50+ - Quarterfinals

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March 12 – 15th
NMRA Masters National
Championships
The Spectrum Club,
Canoga Park, CA
Debbie Tisinger
(818) 884-5034
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March 13 – 16th
Shamrock Shootout
The Glass Court Swim
and Fitness
Doug Halverson
(630) 629-3390
SANCTIONED

March 21 – 23rd
March Madness
Edens Athletic Club,
Chicago
Joe Gill
(773) 286-6700
SANCTIONED *

March 29 – 30th
ISRA Junior State Singles
& Doubles
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Chuck Snyders
(630) 629-3390
SANCTIONED *

April 3 – 6
ISRA State Singles
The Chalet,
Willow Springs
Geoff Peters
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April 3 – 6th
E-Force 31st Intercollegiate
Championships
Location TBD
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*** Junior Divisions Offered**

April 10 – 13th
Ektelon USRA Regional
Championships
Glass Court
Swim & Fitness
Geoff Peters
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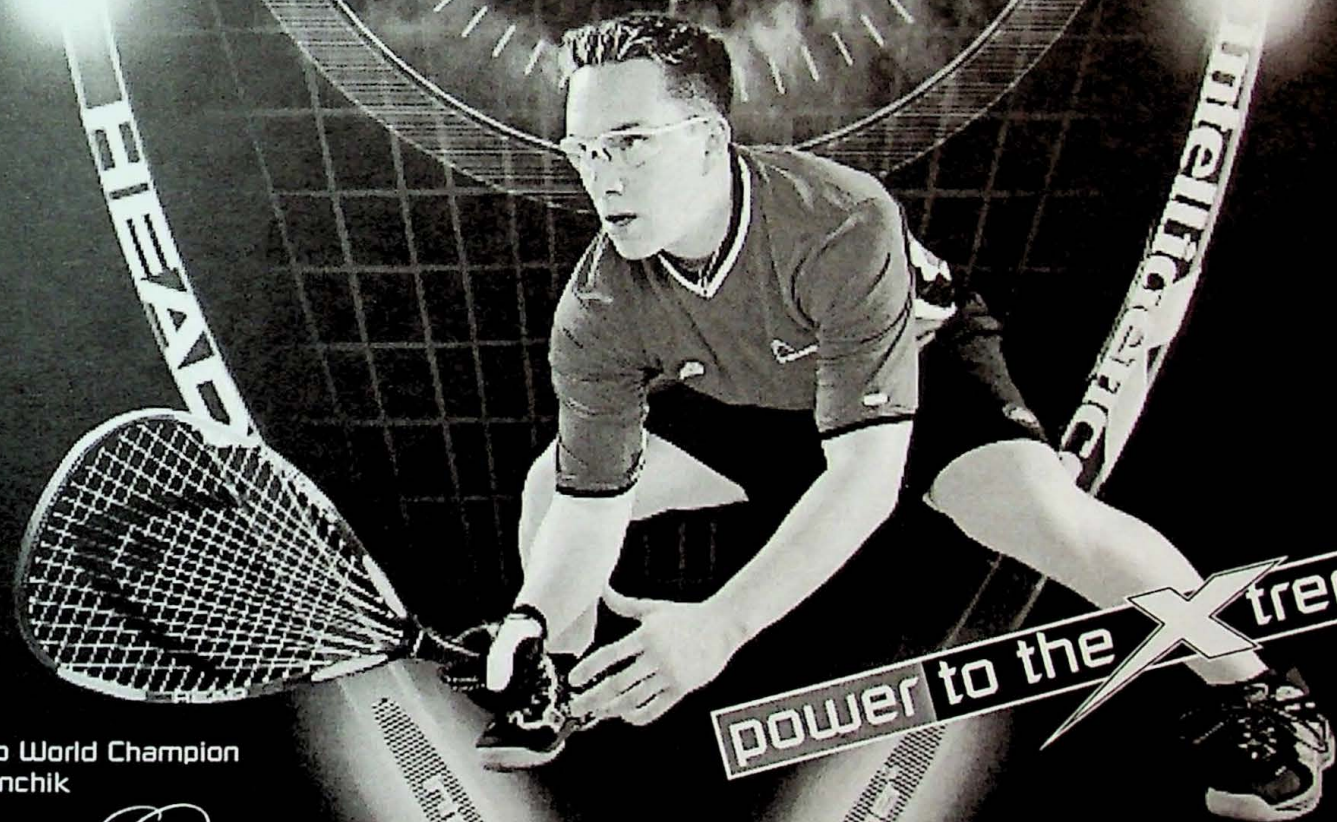
April 19th
USRA Junior Regional
Championships
Shelby County Athletic Club,
Shelby IN
Cathy McGrath
(317) 879-8100
SANCTIONED *

May 21 – 26th
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Championships
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773-286-6700

Saturday 12-3 p.m.

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(with membership card)

Glass Court Challenge Court

630-629-3390

Saturday 7 a.m. - Noon

\$6.00

Landmark Health & Racquetball

309-685-8200

Peoria, IL

First & Third

Fridays of Month

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

\$5.00

Oak Park Athletic Club

708-848-5200

Wednesday 4-7

and

Saturday 12-3 p.m.

\$8.00

Palos Olympic Health

& Racquet Club

708-974-1900

Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

\$5.00

Southlake Challenge Court

847-949-8180

Saturday

10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$10.00 for ISRA Members
(with membership card)

Sunset Racquetball & Fitness Center

630-232-7867

Geneva, IL

Saturday 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Members: \$2

Non-Members: \$5

To add your
club to this
list, contact:

Lynne Weisbart

847-732-7245

Junior Team Illinois

Calendar of Events

Weekly Team Practices
and Challenge Courts

"Ryall Tuesdays"

4pm-7pm

(see website — address below)

- Interstate Competitions -

May 3, 2003

"The Michilli Cup"

2nd Annual State Challenge

Orchard Hills Swim & Sport Club

Grand Rapids, MI

For more information on the
above-listed JTI events, or for
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