

California Racquetball

A Newsletter for the Members of the California Amateur Racquetball Association

Summer 1997

GET READY FOR PHOENIX! California Gearing Up for National Doubles

City Square Sports Club will be the site of the 1997 U.S. National Doubles Racquetball Championships on October 15-21, 1997. This event is a U.S. National Team Qualifier, with Open Finalists being appointed to the U.S. National Racquetball Team for one year.

Phoenix has long been the site of choice for California doubles players, offering low airfares, pleasant climate and altitude, and an easy one-hour time change to adjust to.

City Square Sports Club offers 12 championship glass courts with an exhibition court that has glass on the front and right side

walls of the court. McKennah's Sports Bar is adjacent to the club, in the same building, and offers daily specials, dancing, pool and shuffleboard for "off the court" activities. There are numerous golf courses and shopping centers nearby as well as the State Fair, which generally runs the same week as the National Doubles.

Play for Men's Open, All Skill, All Age, 25+ through 50+ begins

at 8:00 a.m. on Wed., Oct. 15; Mens 55+ through 65+ and Womens Open, All Skill, All Age, 25+ through 45+ and All Mixed Divisions begin on Thursday, Oct. 16. Mens 70+ through 80+ and Womens 50+ through 80+ begin on Friday, Oct. 17.

Entries must be received by Wednesday, October 1, 1997.

Contact the USRA at (719) 635-5396 for more information.

Site Picked for State Doubles Championships

Royal Athletic Club in Burlingame, has been selected as the site for the upcoming State Doubles Championships to be held September 12-14, 1997. Located just south of San Francisco, Royal Athletic Club has hosted many local, State, and National Events. Jack Hughes and Terry Rogers serve as the capable tournament directors and are looking forward to providing another prime event for players to participate in.

This event is a perfect lead-in for the National Doubles Championships in Phoenix the following month. Competition should be keen and an anticipated 200 teams are expected.

For an entry form or additional information contact Jack Hughes or Terry Rogers at (415) 697-9162.

Reporting Injury Claims

1. Notify the USRA by telephone or FAX of the person who was injured OR have the injured person call directly.
 2. A claim form with a letter and summary of insurance coverage will be sent to the injured party from the USRA office.
 3. The claim form must be completed in full by the injured party and returned to the USRA for membership and tournament validation.
- Important policy provisions to consider:
- The injured party has 30 days from date of injury to contact a physician
 - The claim form must be filed with the insurance carrier within 90 days from the date of injury
 - \$4000 deductible must be met by the injured party before this coverage goes into effect

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 9 - 11, 1997 - Racquetball World
Canoga Park

1997 California Racquetball Singles Championships "Look What I Got for You, Mom!"

A lot of mothers were probably wondering where everybody was this Mother's Day. This year's State Championships were held at Racquetball World in Canoga Park over the Mother's Day weekend, May 10-11. Hopefully, it was worth it, with a lot of gold, silver, and bronze medals going home with a lot of players.

Men's Divisions: Open was won by #15 ranked pro, Kelly Gelhaus over U.S. Junior Team Member, Rocky Carson, who's currently ranked #2 nationally in the Boy's 16 (15-4, 15-11). Kelly had an easy first game against Rocky, but the high school student played tough in the second to earn 11. John Wong took the AA gold over Clint Abdalla (15-9, 15-3) and Steve Dark downed Brian Lorber in the A's (15-7, 10-15, 11-4). Mom must be proud of her two sons, Reed Bastian who took the B's over Rick Villavicencio (15-8, 15-12), and Brad Bastian, only 16 years old, who won the C division against Aaron Kaufman (15-9, 15-11). D's was won by Keith Shigeta over Bobby Quintana (15-12, 15-4) and the Novice gold to Brad Black with the silver to TJ Janadi (15-8, 15-9).

24 and under was won by Dillon Silver over Greg Solis (15-14, 9-15, 11-7). In the tightest match of the finals, Jorge Prieto took the 25+ division against Jay Huot (12-15, 15-13, 11-9); John Wong took his second gold medal of this Championship by winning the 30+ over Bill Keiran (15-7, 4-15, 11-9); Bart Landsmen defeated Steve Wattz for the 35+ (15-4, 10-15, 11-9) and adding the 45+ division title to his collection, over Garrett Parks (15-12, 15-3). R.O. Carson, ranked #10 nationally, downed Luis Guerrero in the 50+ (15-10, 6-15, 11-8); Hal Price won the 55+, also against Luis Guerrero (15-10, 15-10), Jerry Holly, #2 in the national, repeated as 60+ champion with David Guerra taking second, and John Reid, ranked #8 nationally, defended the 65+ title over Jim Dunn.

Women's Divisions: The Open division was won by Kersten Hallander over home club pro, Debra Tisinger. Debbie made a great comeback to win the first game, but winded, lost the next two games to a diving Kersten who made some great shots in mid-flight (13-15, 15-5, 11-02). Sherron Boyea defeated Karen Schmidt for the AA title (10-15, 15-10, 11-2); Jill Crouse took home the first of her two gold medals in the A division, against Diane Rossiter (15-7, 15-1). Karen Holly won the B's and C.C. Palaski took second in round robin play; Rosario Bauer defeated Charlene Cotroneo in the C's (9-15, 15-6, 11-7); and Alicia Matza won gold and Dawn Carson silver in the D's.

Jill Crouse earned her second gold in the 25+ over Peggine Callahan in round robin play; Mae Varon won the 30+ by forfeit over Monique Flaherty; Debra Tisinger, ranked #1 nationally, took the 35+ title against Wolanna Taragan (15-13, 15-3); 40+ was won by Loretta Anderson over Sherron Boyea (15-11, 15-9); and Joy Desantis took first and C.C. Palaski second in 50+.

Wilson provided equipment prizes to first through third place in all divisions, and the top four Open finishers in both Men's and Women's earned cash, for first place \$600 to Kelly Gelhaus and \$400 to Kersten Hallander. To help players prepare for the tournament, Penn Racquetball brought U.S. Racquetball Team coach, Fran Davis, to conduct a clinic. Fran focused on serving, "50 Ways to Serve Your Opponent," and court positioning and gave participants a chance to play an educational few points with her.

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CALIFORNIA RACQUETBALL



Wilson Introduces Stretch Racquets

To help racquetball players take fullest advantage of the recent URSA rule change, Wilson Racquetball has introduced five longer racquets featuring the company's patented Stretch technology. Wilson engineers completely redesigned each Stretch racquet to maximize its power. Importantly, they kept the handle length the same as a conventional 21-inch racquet, and lengthened the hitting surface by a full inch where it counts most. The combination of greater overall length and greater mass in the racquet head generates a level of power not achievable by length alone.

"We were surprised that the other racquetball companies chose to simply add an extra inch to their racquet handles," commented Tom Odishoo, Business Director at Wilson Racquetball. "This approach represents little, if any, investment in technology".

Stretch racquets are 22 inches in length with 107-square hitting surfaces. They feature a "no torque" throat design to stabilize the longer frame length, and a built-in vibration damper to eliminate shock. Wilson's Stretch technology is available in two distinct racquet series--the ultralite Air Hammers (175-190 grams) and the explosive Energy racquets (220-230 grams).

"Players should compare all the new longer racquets carefully", cautioned Odishoo. "If a racquet has the same head shape and hitting area as last year's model, but has a slightly longer handle, players should ask a lot of questions about that racquet before they buy it." For more information on the new Stretch racquets, contact Wilson Racquetball at (800) 272-6060 or fax (773) 714-6782.

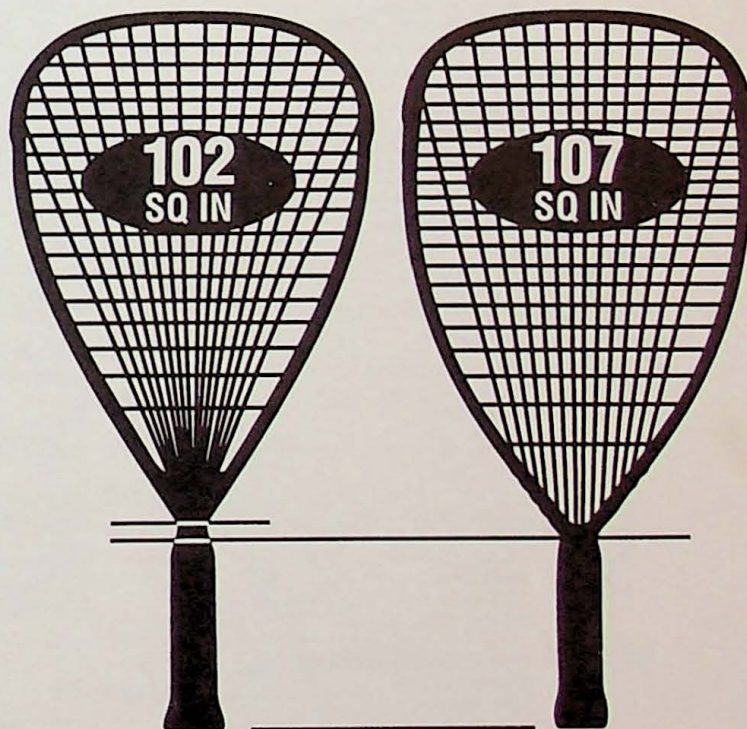
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Greater length
adds power

Stretch Racquet
Greater length
plus greater mass
maximizes power

CARA Penn Tournament Circuit

CALIFORNIA AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

June 1997 to January 1998

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Jun 7
Jun

Lynn Adams for Ladies Only
Sequoia A.C./Racquetball World
22235 Sherman Way
Canoga Park, CA 91303
Debra Tisinger
818.884.5034

Jun 20-22

1997 Caliente Open
The Racquet Centre
10933 Ventura Blvd. North
Hollywood, CA 91604
Tony Cortes
310.861.6028

Jun 20-22

Summer Splat
Modesto Court Room
2012 McHenry
Modesto, CA 95350
Lewie Rocha
209.577.1060

Jun 20-22

Gold Country Open
Auburn Court House
1158 "F" Avenue
Auburn, CA 95945
Lynn Johnson
916.885.1964

Jul 11-13
Jul

Southern California Racquetball Championships
Los Caballeros Sports Village
1017272 Newhope
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
Mike Martinez
714.546.8560

Jul 11-13

Redwood Empire Open
Rancho Arroyo Racquet Club
85 Corona Road
Petaluma, CA 94952
Jude Prokop / Vinnie Caramagno
707.795.5461

Jul 18-20

"The Way It Wuz...Again!"
Schoebers Athletic Club
3411 Capitola Avenue
Fremont, CA 94538
R. Ramirez / Kim Cameron
510.794.9594

Aug 15-17
Aug

Summer Sizzler Open
Twin Arrows Athletic Club
1900 S. Hutchins
Lodi, CA 95240
Dennis Kaufman / Barbara Tibbens
209.334.4897

Aug 15-17

Craig McCoy Memorial
The Tournament House
6250 Brockton
Riverside, CA 95695
Robin Dixon
909.682.7511

28-Sep 1
Sep

Stockton Pro-Am
ISSC at West Lane
1074 East Bianchi
Stockton, CA 95210
Barbara Tibbens
209.472.2100

Sep 12-14

CARA State Doubles Championships
Royal Athletic Club
1718 Rollins Road
Burlingame, CA 94010
Jack Hughes
415.697.9162

Sep 19-21

Courtesy Sports Racquetball Series #1
Courtesy Sports/Schoebers Fremont
4865 El Camino Real
Los Altos, CA 94022
Ninja
415.968.7970

Sep 26-28

Fall Valley Championships
Merced Sports Club
350 E. Yosemite Avenue
Merced, CA 95340
Clarita Parra
209.722.3988

Sep 26-28

Ralph's/Food 4 Less Splat Shot Pro/Am
The Tournament House
6250 Brockton Avenue
Riverside, CA 95695
Robin Dixon
909.682.7511

Oct 3-5
Oct

Apple Open
Spa Fitness Center
25 Penny Lane
Watsonville, CA 95076
Sharon Rummel
408.722.3895

Oct 10-12

12th Annual Solano Open
Solano Athletic Club
1471 Holiday Lane
Fairfield, CA 94533
Jim Schmaeder
707.429.4363

Oct 10-12

Thunderbolt Open
Dan Gamel's Health & Racquet Club
4774 No. Blackstone
Fresno, CA 93726
Darlene Oehlschlaeger
209.227.8405

Oct 17-19

TBA
Claremont Club
17777 Monte Vista
Claremont, CA
Sue Wilbur
909.625.6791

Oct 24-26

Great Pumpkin Open
Midtown Athletic Club
725 14th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Brian Mekeel
916.441.2977

Oct 24-26

Tournament of Terror
Racquetball World
22235 Sherman Way
Canoga Park, CA 91303
Debbie Tisinger
818.884.5035

31-Nov 2
Nov

Baystar Open
Racquetball Plus/Royal Athletic Club
1718 Rollins Road
Burlingame, CA 94010
Jack Hughes / Terry Rogers
415.697.9162

Nov 7-9

Cross Court Open
Cross Court Athletic Club
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Woodland, CA 95695
Steve Harris / Tom Wendt
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Ninja
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Nov 27-29

Turkey Shoot
The Racquet Centre
10933 Ventura Blvd. No.
Hollywood, CA 91604
Tony Cortes
310.861.6028

Dec 5-7
Dec

Holiday Invitational
Mariner Square Athletic Club
2227 Mariner Square Loop
Alameda, CA 94501
Jim & Connie Tench
510.523.8011

Dec 12-14

Winter Classic
Gold River Racquet Club
2201 Gold Rush Drive
Gold River, CA 95670
Kari McDonough
916.638.7001

Jan 2-4
Jan

Off the Wall New Years Celebration
Natomas Racquet Club
2450 Natomas Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833
Brian Mekeel
916.649.0909

Jan 16-18

Superbowl Open
ISSC at West Lane
1074 E. Bianchi
Stockton, CA 95210
Barbara Tibbens
209.472.2100

CARA STATE HEADQUARTERS

1961 Main Street, Suite 133
Watsonville, CA 95076
408.722.1463

U.S.R.A. National Events

Jun 21-25 Ektelon USRA 24th U.S. Junior Olympic Championships Baltimore, Md
Aug 15 - 21 Junior Team Trial Colorado Springs, Colorado
Aug 26-30 IRF 9th World Senior Racquetball Championships Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tom Youngs Athletic Club
Oct 15-19 Ektelon USRA 30th U.S. National Doubles Championships Phoenix, Ariz
Nov 12-16 Promus Hotel Corporation 2nd U.S. Open Memphis, Tenn
The Racquet Club of Memphis
Dec 19-23 IRF 9th World Junior Championships Fountain Valley, Calif

Contact the U.S.R.A. at 719.635.5396 for more information



TWIN ARBORS ATHLETIC CLUB PRESENTS:
"SUMMER SIZZLER OPEN"
RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

August 15, 16, 17 1997

Tournament Directors: Barbara Tibbens, Steve Cook, Dave & Pat Ellis



Men's Singles

___ Open\$\$
___ AA\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C
___ D
___ Novice
___ 19 +
___ 25 +
___ 30 +
___ 35 +
___ 40 +
___ 45 +
___ 50 +
___ 55 +

Women's Singles

___ Open\$\$
___ AA\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C
___ D
___ Novice
___ 25 +
___ 30 +
___ 35 +
___ 40 +
___ 45 +
___ 50 +

Events with fewer than 8 entries
may be combined

Doubles

MEN'S

___ Open\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C
___ D

WOMEN'S

___ Open\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C/D

MIXED

___ Open\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C

**CASH EVENTS WILL BE PRO-RATED TO A DRAW OF 16 PLAYERS.*

\$ Open Divisions: 1st - \$150 2nd - \$100 AA Divisions: 1st - \$50

Entry Deadline: Monday, August 11th 1997 7:00 p.m. Sharp!!

~ Quality Tournament T-shirt ~

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Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____
Club Affiliation _____
Partner's Name _____ Phone _____
Amount Enclosed _____ T-shirt size XL L M S

ENTRY FEES: Open/Cash Events - 1st \$40 2nd \$20 Non Cash Events - 1st \$35 2nd - \$15.

CARA/AARA SANCTIONED. All participants must be CARA members. Members must show membership card or receipt. A membership can be purchased at the tournament for \$20.00.

GUEST WAIVER: I, hereby for myself, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Twin Arbors Athletic Club, their respective agents, or any facility used for this tournament, for any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my competition in said tournament.

Signature _____ Date _____

Payment Method Check Enclosed _____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____
Credit Card# _____ Expires _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Make Checks Payable To: Twin Arbors Athletic Club, 1900 S. Hutchins St, Lodi, CA 95240
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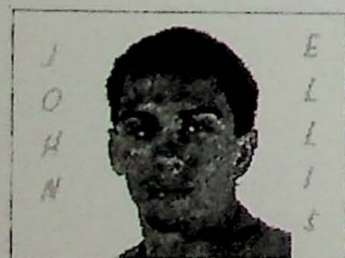
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August 29 thru September 1 1997

Tournament Directors: Barbara Tibbens, Dave & Pat Ellis & Rob Farrens

Entry Deadline: Friday, August 22nd 1997 7:00 p.m. Sharp!!

Men's Singles

___ Pro\$\$\$
___ Open\$\$
___ AA\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C
___ D
___ Novice
___ 19 +
___ 25 +
___ 30 +
___ 35 +
___ 40 +
___ 45 +
___ 50 +
___ 55 +
___ 60 +
___ 65 +
___ 70 +

Women's Singles

___ Open\$\$
___ AA\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C
___ D
___ Novice
___ 25 +
___ 30 +
___ 35 +
___ 40 +
___ 45 +
___ 50 +

Events with fewer than 8 entries
may be combined

Junior's

___ Boys 18 & Under
___ Girls 18 & Under
___ Boys 16 & Under
___ Girls 16 & Under
___ Boys 14 & Under
___ Girls 14 & Under
___ Boys 12 & Under
___ Girls 12 & Under
___ Boys 10 & Under
___ Girls 10 & Under
___ Boys 8 & Under
___ Girls 8 & Under

*Prizes for all Junior's
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Doubles

MEN'S
___ Open\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C
___ D
WOMEN'S
___ Open\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C/D
MIXED
___ Open\$\$
___ A
___ B
___ C

*CASH EVENTS WILL BE PRO-RATED TO A DRAW OF 16 PLAYERS

\$ Open Divisions: 1st - \$300 2nd - \$200 3rd - \$100 AA Divisions: 1st - \$100 2nd - \$50

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Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____
Club Affiliation _____
Partner's Name _____ Phone _____
Amount Enclosed _____ Shirt size XL L M S Birthdate of Juniors _____

ENTRY FEES: Pro Event \$60 Open/Cash Events - 1st Event \$40 2nd Event \$20
Non Cash Events - 1st Event \$35 2nd Event \$15. Juniors \$15

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Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

Send Entry Form & Make Checks Payable To: In-Shape @ West Lane, 1074 E. Bianchi Rd.
Stockton, CA 95210 (Attn: Barbara Tibbens) (209) 472-2100 or FAX to (209) 472-2235

INTERCOLLEGIATE REPORT

Del Villanueva, CARA Associate Director and Head Coach of the University of California at Berkeley submits the following Intercollegiate Report:

'96-'97 Regional Activity and Information (Section 14 - California, Nevada, and Hawaii)

- There were 2 schools on the tournament circuit: UC Berkeley and UC Davis
- The Region did not have a commissioner this season
- In efforts to have a Regional qualifier for Nationals, I contacted some schools and State Directors of nearby states under advisement of ACRA commissioner, Neil Shapiro, to inquire whether there might be interested schools, and to help us "spread the word". Successful Regionals were held with UC Davis, US Santa Barbara, and UC Berkeley (both UC Davis and Santa Barbara have responsive and supportive coaches). Regionals were sanctioned and supported by the ACRA/USRA and Luke St. Onge (Special thanks to Peggine Callahan for some of these referrals).
- I will be contacting Neil Shapiro, ACRA commissioner, to inform him of our needs in this Region at this time, and will keep the CARA Board updated on my progress. The '97='98 season looks more promising from feedback I've received from some schools.
- Meanwhile, I'll be available to consult with teams/schools who are interested in the following:
 1. How to form a Team
 2. Affiliation with the ACRA
 3. Fund Raising
 4. Training Formats
 5. Sports Club Management

Important Information/Changes

- Regional championship participation will no longer be required to play Nationals. The USRA feels that the added expense of playing and traveling to Regionals prevents many schools from playing Nationals.
- ACRA Commissioner, Neil Shapiro, will step down from his position in May. The USRA/ACRA will be training an "intern" to help run the ACRA in the meantime.
- Bids have been received from Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Minnesota to host the '98 World/Nationals I intercollegiate Championships.

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Cities to be Visited: 1997-1998 Season

MAY 9-11,97 Los Angeles, CA.

MAY 30-June 1,97 Portland, OR.(Juniors Only)

JULY TBA 97 New Jersey

AUGUST 22-24,97 San Francisco, CA.

SEPTEMBER TBA Boston, MA.

OCTOBER TBA Chicago, IL.

DECEMBER 4-11,97 Aruba, "Caribbean Island"

JANUARY 98 TBA Denver, CO.

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August 15th, 16th, 17th

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RACQUETBALL CLUB: _____
PARTNER'S NAME: _____

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MEN'S SINGLES

OPEN _____ 40+ _____
AA _____ 45+ _____
A _____ 50+ _____
B _____ 55+ _____
C _____ 60+ _____
D _____ 65+ _____
30+ _____ 70+ _____
35+ _____
JUNIORS
15 & Under

WOMEN'S SINGLES

OPEN _____ 40+ _____
A _____ 45+ _____
B _____ 50+ _____
C _____ 55+ _____
D _____ 60+ _____
30+ _____ 65+ _____
35+ _____ 70+ _____

MEN'S DOUBLES

OPEN _____
A _____
B _____
C _____
35+ _____
AA _____

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Advanced _____
Intermediate _____

MIXED DOUBLES

Upper Mixed _____
Lower Mixed _____

(Age groups will be combined if there are insufficient entries - Please enter early!)

PRIZE MONEY & AWARDS

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2nd - \$300.00

Semis - \$50.00

Men's Open Doubles

1st - \$400.00

2nd - \$200.00

Women's Open Singles

1st - \$400.00

2nd - \$200.00

Men's AA Singles

1st - \$100.00

2nd - \$50.00

PLAY STARTS: Thursday - 6 p.m.; Friday - 3 p.m. (only if necessary);
Saturday - 8 a.m.; Sunday - 8 a.m.

All players will receive a Quality Tournament Shirt.
Phone entries will be charged on VISA or Mastercard
and will be charged an additional \$5.00.

For full cash award - 16 member draw is necessary.
(otherwise pro-rate money)
Juniors will play on Saturday.

Tournament Directors: Vance Lerner, Robin Dixon

Tournament Ball: Penn

Rules: .. MEN'S OPEN - PRO SERVE RULE IN EFFECT (SINGLES ONLY)

First two games to 15, tiebreaker to 11;
everybody referees; lensed eyeguards are mandatory, CARA.

Entry Deadline: Monday, Aug. 11th, 1997 (8 p.m.)

Starting Times: Wednesday, Aug. 13th, 1997, 5 p.m.

Towel Deposit: Bring your own towel and lock.

Dates: Aug. 15th - Aug. 17th, 1997.

Location: Tournament House Racquetball & Fitness Club
6250 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506 - (909) 682-7511

Hospitality: All weekend. Our usual great stuff.

Entry Fee: 1st Event Open - \$40

2nd Event Open - \$20

ALL OTHER EVENTS — 1st Event - \$35; 2nd Event - \$15

For Tournament Information, call:
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Ektelon Scores "First" in Going to New Lengths with Patent-Pending Longbody Technology

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

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

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

Besides being in the enviable position of sharing R&D with Prince, the world leader in LongBody technology for tennis racquets, Ektelon has enlisted the help of several of the world's top racquetball players in perfecting the technology specifically for racquetball. These players include Andy Roberts, Drew Katchtik, Mike Guidry, and Dan Fowler. These players, all ranked in the top 10 on the men's pro tour (IRT), started play-testing Ektelon prototypes last year and have been playing with LongBody racquets since January, 1997. The winningest player of all time, Michelle Gould, and her chief rival, Cheryl Gudinas, are expected to make the switch to LongBody racquets immediately after the National Singles Championships in May when the women's amateur season is over.

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

Penn Racquet Sports Employees Honored

IRT Commissioner Hank Marcus dropped by the Penn Racquet Sports facility in Phoenix recently during an IRT stop in Arizona. During the visit, Marcus presented a plaque to the Penn employees in the racquetball production area. The inscription on the plaque reads as follows: "In Appreciation to the Employees of Racquetball Production for Outstanding Quality and Workmanship."

Penn's Pro green ball is the official ball for the IRT through the year 2001. Penn developed the green ball in 1994 working in conjunction with the IRT.

"Our partnership with Penn over the years has been great," said Hank Marcus. "We continually see a quality ball that is both durable and offers consistency for the players. The employees that dedicate everyday to ensuring those high production standards are a key part of our partnership with Penn."

The International Racquetball Tour was formed in 1989 to legitimize professional racquetball and encourage more players to join the tour. During the past season, the Women's Professional Racquetball Association became partners with the IRT as the Women's International Racquetball Tour. This season also includes another landmark event for racquetball with the playing of the first US Open, Pro Nationals and Tournament of Champions.

Penn Racquet Sports produces tennis balls and racquetballs for use around the world and is the official ball of most major international tournaments. Penn has built a leading market position in the U.S. and holds the status of America's #1 sellign ball. Penn is also the official ball of the California Amateur Racquetball Association.

C.A.R.A. RANKINGS - As of June 15, 1997

WOMENS OPEN

1. Lisa Hjelm 245
2. Mary Tessier 235
3. Lydia Hammock 170
4. Jody Zogg-Nance 140
5. Shelly Killion 135
6. Nancy Giosa 85
7. Cheryl Rauch 72
8. Debbie Tisinger 70
9. Sandra Ruiz 60
10. Phyllis Tyler 50

WOMENS AA

1. Rose Cornelius 90
2. Michele Kinaan 85
3. Phyllis Tyler 35
4. Dionna Brown 30
5. Dena Carter 30
6. Cherron Boyea 25
7. Margaret Pederson 25
8. Solana Taragon 25
9. Peggine Callahan 20
10. Emma Jackson 20

WOMENS A

1. Joyce May 115
2. Sue Felix 80
3. Ruby Braxton 70
4. Sandra Maxwell 70
5. Barbara Tibbens 60
6. Sherron Boyea 55
7. Mandy York 55
8. Aleta Conlee 50
9. Esther Lozano 50
10. Kathy Barserian 40

WOMENS B

1. Chopi Masada 100
2. Elaine Wilkinson 75
3. Mandy York 70
4. Charlot McLendon 65
5. Jennifer Milstein 55
6. Julie Hooker 40
7. Maurice Quevedo 340
8. Donna Osborne 35
9. Jennifer Birds 30
10. Alyse Cori 30

WOMENS C

1. Charlene Cotroneo 120
2. Judith Goddard 65
3. Maggie Walker 65
4. Maria McGlone 60
5. Mary Malone 55
6. Luara Gonzales 50
7. Adlisha Payne 50
8. Lori Penn 50
9. Robelyn Quevedo 50
10. Rosario Bauer 45

WOMENS D

1. Dorothy Militar 50
2. Jan Smith 45
3. Stella Atienza 40
4. Lori Penn 35
5. M'Liss Keller 30
6. Janice Payne 30
7. Marsha Quan 30
8. Janel Tisinger 30
9. SLuni Turchan 30
10. Carol Brady 25

WOMENS 25+

1. Pat Chesterman 25
2. Peggine Callahan 10

WOMENS 30+

1. Mary Tessier 50
2. Peggine Callahan 30
3. Sherron Boyea 25
4. Michele Kinaan 25

5. Betsy Rollins 25
6. Jill Crouse 10
7. Gail Filgate 10

WOMENS 35+

1. Debbie Tisinger 120
2. Sandra Maxwell 100
3. Sherron Boyea 85
4. Rose Cornelius 65
5. Bev Supanick 40
6. Christine Daniele 30
7. Paula Campbell 25
8. Karen Holden 25
9. Tracey Riley 20
10. Kim Cameron 20

WOMENS 40+

1. Karen Holden 120
2. Elaine Dexter 80
3. Raymie Roland 75
4. Leslie Pawka 25
5. Cheryl Henderson 20

WOMENS 45+

1. Terry Ann Rogers 205
2. Nidia Funes 30
3. Carol Clements 25
4. Loretta Anderson 25
5. Dawn Kerrigan 10
6. Marquita Molena 10

WOMENS 50+

1. J. Williams 60
2. Mary Walker 30
3. Marquita Molena 25
4. CeCe Palaski 25
5. Sue Embry 15

WOMENS 55+

1. Marquita Molina 25
2. Sue Embry 10

WOMENS 60+

1. Mary Walker 20

MENS OPEN

1. Jeff Mayorga 255
2. Josh Messina 220
3. Franco Palmer 132
4. Dale Milhollin 112
5. Michael Brontfeld 90
6. Sameer Hadid 90
7. Herb Yamashiro 90
8. Mike Grandstaff 87
9. Brad Carter 85
10. Dave Garcia 80

MENS AA

1. Dana Cornelius 90
2. Armando Villa 90
3. Ed Jaramillo 85
4. Tom Blas Jr. 80
5. Jeff Barron 60
6. Steve Saragosa 60
7. Scott Foster 57
8. Ron Cappel 50
9. Tim Iseminger 50
10. Victor Koliczew 50

MENS A

1. Daniel Gong 155
2. Andy Weisz 140
3. Eric Torres 130
4. Ken Lake 100
5. John Schriever 95
6. Jeremy Bianucci 80
7. Bill Groombridge 80
8. Bill Donges 72
9. Jason Wagner 72

10. Brian Lorber 70

MENS B

1. Reed Bastian 165
2. Anthony Taylor 120
3. Ted Pistoresi 110
4. Warren Courtney 100
5. Pat Fernandez 100
6. Nick Irvine 92
7. Lee Hammons 85
8. Steve Skobrak 80
9. Jerry Thurston 80
10. Bob Moltozo 75

MENS C

1. Phil Milstein 160
2. Mike Castro 120
3. Eddie Medina 120
4. Marcus Johnson 110
5. Gerardo Amador 100
6. Jim Goodman 97
7. Matthew Yim 95
8. Dave Roselli 90
9. Scott Colmer 80
10. Brad Bastian 75

MENS D

1. Lewis Todechney 162
2. David Penn 155
3. Terry Durham 110
4. Tom Lopez 105
5. David Revera 100
6. David O'Brien 90
7. Larry Blake 85
8. Henry Arcangez 75
9. Michael Perez 75
10. Chico Ruiz 65

MENS 19+

1. Franco Palmer 130
2. Greg Solis 60
3. Rocky Carson 40
4. Matt Hawkins 35
5. Nate Osborne 20
6. Bill West 20
7. Eric Mora 10
8. Jason Tillery 10

MENS 25+

1. Bryan Londo 240
2. John Ivers 60
3. Dale Milhollin 60
4. Jim Bannelos 40
5. Chris Hardwick 40
6. Curtis Lezama 35
7. Ryan Silacci 35
8. J. Huot 30
9. Mark Nomura 25
10. Craig Turner 25

MENS 30+

1. Ken Fichthorn 100
2. Steve Wattz 100
3. Oscar Carrasco 90
4. Lloyd Arms 60
5. Bill Sell 60
6. Bill Groombridge 50
7. Micah Brown 40
8. John Wong 40
9. Scott Crleps 30
10. John Schriever 30

MENS 35+

1. Jim Durham 180
2. Gil Cepeda 120
3. Gary Buzzell 95
4. Dana Cornelius 90
5. Mike Martinez 80
6. Jim Schmader 80
7. Rick Ramirez 55
8. Stan Wright 45

9. Brad Carter 40
10. Steve Ducich 40

MENS 40+

1. Darryl Warren 200
2. Gary Buzzell 185
3. Manuel Hernandez 75
4. Gene Pare 60
5. Steve Penn 50
6. Dave Stone 50
7. Rick Ramirez 35
8. Geoffren Janovetz 30
9. Garrett Parks 30
10. Paul Ramos 30

MENS 45+

1. Bruce Metras 385
2. Bert Castelanelli 185
3. Brad Parra 170
4. Darryl Warren 145
5. Garrett Parks 140
6. Bill Sbarra 120
7. Pepe Berasain 110
8. Micah Brown 110
9. Jim Tibbens 90
10. Leo Gumoe 60

MENS 50+

1. Tim Scott 70
2. Bob Page 70
3. Brad Parra 60
4. Stan McGinnis 60
5. Terry Brown 50
6. R.O. Carson 40
7. Hal Price 30
8. Mike Pawka 30
9. Jerry LaBaw 30
10. Leo Gumoe 30

MENS 55+

1. Gary McAuley 80
2. Harold Price 75
3. Luis Guerrero 60
4. Jay Jayson 60
5. Ron Benson 55
6. Jack Howard 55
7. Jerry Holly 35
8. Cary Walker 25
9. Ted Cooke 20
10. Chuck Barrett 10

MENS 60+

1. Jerry Holly 100
2. Ron Dorst 70
3. Ken Moore 35
4. Russ Bates 30
5. Vance Lerner 30
6. Roger McEachern 30
7. Mort Rothbard 25
8. Vinnie Caramagno 20
9. Fred Pourroy 20
10. Robert Campbell 10

MENS 65+

1. Vance Lerner 50
2. John Reid 50
3. Vinnie Caramagno 30
4. Fred Pourroy 20
5. Tony Duarte 10
6. Len Kaiser 10
7. Joe Vitale 10

MENS 70+

1. Nick Sans 60
2. Bob Nedd 50
3. Tony Duarte 25
4. Mike Bugel 20
5. Ben Gencarella 20

GIRLS 14/UNDER

1. Adlisha Payne 25
2. Annie Hammons 20

GIRLS 12/UNDER

1. Amy Blaisdel 25

BOYS 10/UNDER

1. Geoffrey Mora 30
2. Ray Hammons 25
3. Andrew Grissom 25
4. Ronnie Racacho 10
5. Josh Sanchez 10

BOYS 12/UNDER

1. Alexandro Aldana 45
2. Brad Bodai 25
3. Michael Perez 20
4. Ray Hammons 10

BOYS 14/UNDER

1. Rey Garcia 30
2. Lucas Johnson 25
3. Michael Rojas 20
4. Geoffrey Mora 10
5. Tom Durham 10
6. David Penn 10

BOYS 16/UNDER

1. Jason Wagner 25
2. Mike Castro 25
3. S. Kuprowicz 10
4. Jessie Sanchez 10

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Name Those Players!

How about this for a "blast from the past"!

This photo was taken circa 1992 at a tournament in Northern California. Both players are well known on the tournament circuit and played the majority of Nor Cal tournaments. One of them was a standard doubles partner for Brad Carter.

That's all the hints you're getting. The first CARA member to correctly identify these two players (and WHAT they are doing) *in writing* gets a free one year membership to CARA.

Results in next newsletter.



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