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from the editor

Okay, I need a hand here. I'm getting input from so many sides that my brain is full and — although I'd love to — I can't undergo a grey matter upgrade as easily as my service technician can slap cheap memory into my desktop. So let's try to pinpoint the cause of the message that could signal my impending brain hemorrhage. You know ... "fatal application error."

The "entries" go something like this: the pros are the only way to go if the sport is to survive (*all the major sports do it*) ... amateurs are the lifeblood of the association (*our volunteers and dues-paying members, anyway*) ... we need commitment to big-money marketing and promotion (*it's a jungle out there*) ... we need more "grassroots" programs (*it's a jungle in here*) ... the industry is in a slump (*let's jump start it with a bigger racquet*) ... look at big-name shoe sales (*please, please let me spend \$150.00 on court shoes*) ... court conversions ruin perfectly good tournament facilities (*who can resist all that floor space?*) ... court construction is on the rise (*people are adding them to dream-home plans*).

And the magazine? **RACQUETBALL** must attract more sponsors and advertisers by becoming a "newstand" piece (*you know, like "Tennis" and "Golf"*) ... it must remain loyal to its readership (*those coerced and cajoled members*) ... we've got to be more controversial in our coverage (*face it, the loudest matches draw the biggest galleries*) ... racquetball has to be squeaky-clean (*and struggle for media coverage*) ... ethics and integrity are crucial to any publication (*no smart subtext here*)... we've got to do whatever it takes to represent the entire sport (*the good, the bad, and the ugly*).



We don't have to like it. I often don't. But each and every one of these issues does have merit in some form. Still, the questions remain — how much can we handle? — can (*and should*) we be all things to all people? — how do we achieve a comfortable balance? And, what's at stake if we fail?

The answers to these questions, and more, tonight on "USRA Live" — where we'll be taking your calls at 555 ...

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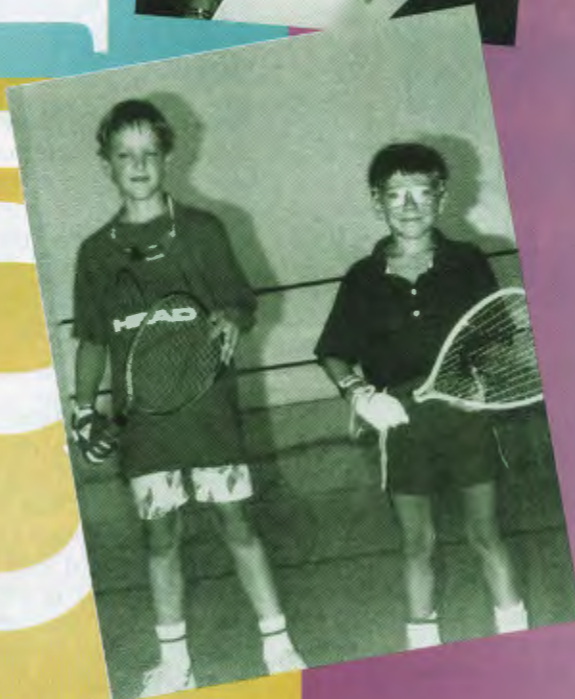
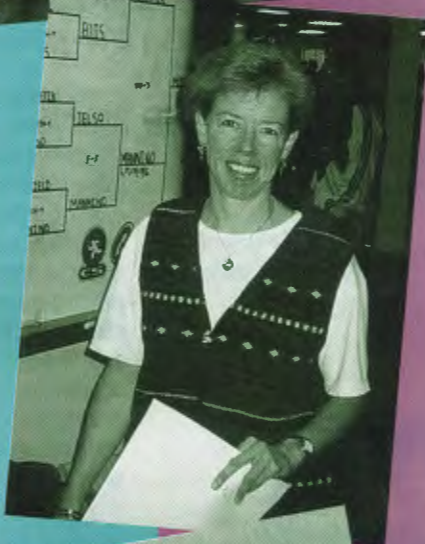
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ON THE COVER Foreground: Todd O'Neil (L) and Doug Dickman (R) prepare to cover Mike Ceresia's forehand shot at the benefit doubles fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital — one of the first matches ever played on the portable court at the Promus U.S. OPEN. Photo: Mike Boatman.



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reader forum

Lynmar Classic Revisited

Yes, the tournament was a total success and the large Open draw (24) was exciting! As Lynmar Tournament Director for 10 years, I want to emphasize the many other factors that contribute to a great tournament. The '96 Classic had four individuals who contributed to the prize money, five food and beverage donations, six organizations providing material and professional support, six tournament desk staff workers, maintenance and housekeeping people, etc. Last . . . and certainly not least . . . are the 126 players in the other divisions who come back year after year, play their hearts out, and have a great time. They are the majority who keep this sport alive, but are too often overlooked. Every one, every level,

is a necessary part of racquetball . . . and what a bonus we have in all those individuals and organizations known as "sponsor."

Pete Dean – '96 Lynmar Classic Tournament Director

Die Hard

Just wanted to drop the USRA a note to thank you very much for the United Airline Tickets I won last year in Albuquerque. Dawn Kerrigan and I used them to go to the woman's tournament in Chattanooga via Chicago to meet up with friends. People thought we were "nuts" to use a free trip in the middle of winter to go back east!?! But as you can understand, "ya gotta' love the sport" as we do!

Carol Palombino
Novato, California

USRA Non-Profit

As a true lover of the sport of racquetball since 1984, I have witnessed the decline of racquetball. I just received the latest issue of the RB magazine and in going thru the events and pictures provided of the on court action, one thing is very evident. In the background I did not notice an abundant overflow of fans watching the action. I can only assume that one had to pay to watch the event if they did not participate in the tournament.

I was a member of the Falcon's Sports and Fitness Complex until they closed down the facility in May 1996. They closed down because they could not make money. Became a member of a new fitness club where most of the Falcons Sports and Fitness Complex players went. Before we all joined the new club they had little activity on three brand new courts until we showed up. I do not want to see racquetball die out. In fact the old players are trying to increase interest in the sport. Being an old member of the Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors (PARI), I will donate my time to conducting a clinic or two in the near future.

What I would like to see the USRA as an organization do is to publish once a year a breakdown of how much money is taken in from all sources followed by breakdown of where the money goes. Then I would ask the membership and the RB magazine if they have any suggestions of how the monies could be better spent.

As a starter I am a cost conscious individual. Families pay enough as it is to become members at a health facility. It becomes more difficult to participate in the add on programs to buy equipment to participate in a sport especially when families have two or three children. However the USRA organization pats itself on the back for having gone to some foreign country and winning tournaments for the sake of promoting racquetball. Why not eliminate this

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temporarily and re-route the money to the grass roots level in promoting racquetball? To who or whom is the USRA responsible to in seeing that the monies is being spent to the advantage of racquetball and not to ones self serving interest?

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[All U.S. Team expenses for international competition are underwritten exclusively through funding granted expressly for that purpose by the U.S. Olympic Committee – **not** using USRA resources. If you'll turn to the board elections on page 56 you'll see exactly to whom the USRA is accountable for its **own** funds. These board members are elected by the membership (you) to do exactly as you've suggested — oversee the financial condition of the association, plus set and review its goals. So don't forget to vote! ... Editor]

U.S. OPEN Coverage

First off, overall, I thought the tournament was great. I have been playing racquetball for over ten years, and this is the first time I have ever gotten to see the top players play. It was something I'll never forget and as long as it stays in Memphis (driving distance), I'll try to be there.

I had two concerns, however. First, unless someone in the women's game arises to challenge Michelle Gould, that part of the tournament will be rather dull. I mean, from a skill standpoint, she was great to watch, but the only question was not IF she was going to win, but by how much. The women did not really seem to have a lot of spirit or emotion when they played. It was serve, kill, serve, kill, side out, etc. etc...

However, emotions ran too high in the men's game. I saw the semis and the finals, and to me, both Woody Clouse and Sudsy Monchik came across as whiners. It was like watching an old tennis match between McEnroe and Connors. Both of them constantly were

complaining about calls. The racquetball was fun to watch, but the referee had totally lost control of the match.

There is actually one thing I am disappointed in actually, and it has to do with the magazine itself. I like getting it and keeping up with the pro game, it's just that all of the tournament results end up being a rote presentation of facts. The scores are given, but there seems to be no story or no heart behind the scores. To give an example, if Sports Illustrated had reported the 1986 Masters (the one where Jack Nicklaus shot 65 on Sunday to win), I think it would look something like this:

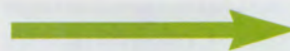
SUNDAY

Jack Nicklaus shot an amazing 65 to win the Masters. He shot 30 on the back nine with some great putting and tee shots.

Where is the excitement in that? If I wasn't there, I want to know a little more of how the match went, or what kind of "stories" there were. A focus on Caryn McKinney would have been a neat way to put an angle on the Open, as well as describing more about the action itself. Take a look at how SI handles the Grand Slam tennis tournaments. That's the approach you need to take. If you do that, I can relate more to the people in the sport.

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[An excellent critique ... now, if I could just get my hands on even a fraction of the budget that SI has for freelance, professional sports writers! ... Editor]



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History Lesson

I attended a couple of sessions of the open racquetball championship and was impressed with the increased interest in the game that I dearly loved for the better part of my life, some 50 years. This was particularly enjoyable to me because I got the impression several years ago that there was, at best a stagnant interest, at worst, a declining interest in the game. I have maintained my own interest in the game even after I found out 10 years ago (because of my rheumatoid arthritis) I couldn't hit the ball from the back court to the front wall.

But here's why I'm writing. I don't know whether you remember it or not, but many years ago I put on an event here in Memphis (at Memphis State) called "Hands vs. The Racquet". At \$20.00 a seat it was a complete sellout, and Sports Illustrated covered it as well as newspapers in California and Chicago.

Both Bud Muelheisen and Paul Haber came in a week ahead. I scheduled handball players at 10:00 am during the week to play against Bud ... and racquetball players at 2:30 PM to play Paul (he didn't get out of bed 'til about 10 or 11 ... he had the reputation of being a "night-owl"). Sports Illustrated said there was over \$100,000 bet on the match. I held a party for the handball players on Thursday ... and for the racquetball players on Friday. I remember two of Bud's friends came in from California just in time for the party and had \$30,000 in cashiers checks they wanted me to try to get some of the handball enthusiasts to cover. My recollection is that 25 of the 30 was covered. SI said it was the greatest match Paul Haber ever played.

When I first got interested in this match, I was convinced that the handball player had no chance and was prepared to bet a stack on Bud. But after watching the practice rounds for four days of both Bud and Paul my confidence finally eroded until — on the day of the match (though my heart was with the racquetball player) — I had no clue of the outcome.

What amuses me is that, about once a year, this match comes up ... and about half of the group thinks Paul won ... the other half swears Bud won. Do you remember?

DeWitt Shy
Memphis, Tennessee



Randy Stafford, officially accepting the center piece of ribbon from the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the debut Promus Hotel Corporation U.S. OPEN in Memphis last November.

ball or a lob serve, but it didn't happen too often.

How about the construction — did the court go up and down as you anticipated?

As with anything you build the first time around, it's going to be more difficult than expected. Luckily, we had constructed the court at another location several months prior to the tournament. We actually only built about half of the project, and that took about a

research on all of the products that went into the construction of this court. In trying to build a made-for-television court we had to incorporate all of the knowledge of television and engineers in their respective areas to arrive at the best materials to use.

For instance, the lighting we chose was a special fluorescent lamp designed for television, which cost five times the normal price. And Lucite is perfectly clear, unlike tempered glass which normally has a greenish tint. We even went as far as to paint the steel support beams a certain color that was better for television.

Now that you can look back on the debut on the portable court, how do you think it performed?

Reactions from the players were the best barometer. The pros indicated they really liked playing on the court because it played like a typical court. I was surprised they liked it as much as they did, it being their first time. The floor system was a little "soft feeling" for the players. I'm certain the floor system slowed the ball down slightly, but the players preferred the softer landings on dives and it was easier on knees during play. Many of the pros actually told me they wish all of their floors were built like this one.

Do you have to make modifications for the next time it's set up?

The only adjustment we'll make is to add additional lighting in the back part of the court. The court is different in that the backwalls and 16' of the sidewalls extend to only 10' in height. This is a modification we had to make due to the materials, and the players had agreed to it early on. We can't change it now, so it's something the players must deal with. Occasionally a ball would be hit over the sidewall from a ceiling

month because of the fabrication that took place. It took us about seven and half days to construct the court at the Racquet Club, and primarily this was due to a lot of creative fabrication that was going on during the construction. The next time around, this fabrication will not have to be done, so we are hoping the construction time will take about four to five days.

The court came down in about two days, and was actually easier than we had anticipated. I do not anticipate the take down time happening any quicker than two days.

Tell us a little bit about the materials that were used.

First of all, the glass — actually not conventional glass but acrylic provided by ICI Acrylics-Lucite — is an ideal material because it is lighter than glass and does not break, nor is it as dangerous to handle as regular tempered glass. We did lots of

pleased with his work ...

... a follow-up interview with Randy Stafford, builder of the first "made for TV" portable glass court ...

The engineering for the acrylic was interesting because we actually had to hire an engineering research firm in England. They provided us with calculations so we could determine the thickness and width of the acrylic, size of fins, and all of our bolt locations. Initially, we were thinking we would use 1/2" Lucite for the viewing panels, but once our research was completed we ended up using 3/4". The impact of racquetball players hitting the walls is much greater than in squash, where they use a 1/2" panel. We had to go with the thicker acrylic to make certain the walls could handle the additional impact loads.

We made one interesting observation after we completed the court. Because of the clarity, we were

Randy Stafford began playing racquetball at the age of 14 at a local athletic club and then began competing in college. He won the very first national intercollegiate doubles title in 1973 with partner David Bledsoe, representing the University of Tennessee — the following year, he went on to win the national intercollegiate singles title, again for Tennessee. He later joined the pro tour and is still very competitive in racquetball. He graduated from Memphis State University with a major in finance and wrote a book on racquetball while a junior at Memphis State. Once out of college, Randy started The Court Company with his long term partner, Mike Mattingly, and together they have built over 3,200 courts since starting construction. Now, at age 42 Stafford is married with one child and continues to play competitively.

worried about players not being able to see the acrylic. We were afraid they might actually run up to the wall, and while stroking a ball, hit it so hard with their racquet, or misgauge their distance from the wall, that they could injure their arms. Nevertheless, the pros adjusted quickly and our concern didn't become an issue.

Is the court structurally strong?

Good question. We consulted structural engineers on every product used on the court. They gave us the calculations which incorporated both the impact loads and weights of the materials to insure the court to be structurally sound. I would have to say three fourths of the nine months spent constructing this court was spent working on the structural integrity of the walls with structural engineers. There was never a day that went by that we were not focused on the integrity of the court system. We know the most important part is the safety of the players and the spectators while the court is in use. Once this data had been compiled and built on sound engineering practices, the court could be built and the proper insurance policies could be written for the protection of everyone involved.

How will the portable court be shipped, loaded and unloaded without damage?

The court can be transported in one 40' trailer and weighs approximately 30,000 lbs. We had about 20 specially fabricated boxes built for all of the different materials. Many

of the boxes are lined with carpet to protect the materials.

How important do you think the portable court is to the future of the sport?

If someone can raise the needed amounts of sponsorship money and take this court on a tour to showcase racquetball to the masses outside of clubs, I think it will be very important to the future of the sport. This court enables spectators to view the game in a different way, in that the players and spectators are closer and can interact together during play. Television viewing is now possible because cameras can be positioned all around the court with the ability to back away for long shots, which has never been done before. For instance, the court can be placed in an arena with stadium seating built around it and the cameras can back far enough away to get an entire view of the court from several angles. The clear Lucite, along with the special lighting, lets the court really stand out on its own and become a spectacle in itself.

You are in the business of building racquetball courts. How do you see the market?

Since the mid eighties, there has been a substantial decline in the number of courts being built up until about 1992. Since that time, the number of courts being built has leveled off and has actually slightly increased. Racquetball is a definite part of our society, and will always be included in many athletic facilities that are still being built. For

instance, we still see courts built in community centers, church facilities, apartment complex clubhouse, military bases, universities, and private homes. We don't see the ten and twenty court facility plans for athletic clubs that used to be the norm, but racquetball is still a part of every multi-faceted athletic club, and will be in the future.

If you would look through a crystal ball and see the future of racquetball, what do you see and what would you like to see?

We know this sport is here to stay. We would like to see the enthusiasm we experienced in the late 1970's and early 1980's return to the sport. We have been building courts for twenty-one years and this is the first time we have seen our entire industry galvanized together to try to promote racquetball. Everyone from the manufacturers to suppliers and the governing bodies, along with the pros, have teamed together to promote our sport. Because racquetball is so much fun to play and watch, I believe once it is presented properly to the masses, we'll see an increase in participation in our sport.

I have heard about, and would like to see, a major promotion using the portable court at Daytona Beach during spring break, or in shopping malls and on TV. I believe we need to reach colleges and universities to recruit players who will end up playing racquetball for a lifetime. I would like to see more public courts built where people can play racquetball at a lower cost. Manufacturers need to develop new clothing lines with ads to promote the sport of racquetball. Have you ever noticed people jogging with a smile on their faces, or doing aerobics and having fun? Racquetball is one of the few sports you can play in one hour, get a complete workout, and still enjoy every minute of it.



At the ribbon cutting ceremony, many were thanked for their help in making the portable court become a reality. For those who couldn't attend, you have our warmest thanks. However, we still have a long way to go before the fundraising is complete (our goal is \$75,000). Help us raise the remaining \$60,000 and add your name to the list shown below – which will later become a permanent plaque that travels with the court. Make your contribution in any one of the four categories listed, and become one of our special portable court "builders." Call the USRA at 719/635-5396 to make your donation!

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world juniors

by Kevin Vicroy

Junior Team USA outdistanced nine other countries to win its eighth World Cup at the 8th IRF Junior World Championships on December 19-22, 1996. The event was held at the Los Caballeros Sports Village in Fountain Valley, Calif.

The United States Junior National Team finished with 1,000.5 points while Mexico placed second with 868.5. Canada took third with 326.5.

1996 Male Junior Athlete of the Year Rocky Carson captured the 18-and-under title. Carson swept the opposition, allowing no more than nine points in a single game. The Santa Maria, Calif., native downed state rival Richie Wagner (Riverside, Calif.) 15-9, 15-4 in the last match.

Current girls National High School Champion, Rhonda Rajsich (Phoenix, Ariz.), took first in the 18- singles and doubles. Teammate Brooke Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore.) duplicated the feat in the girl's 16- singles and doubles.

Rajsich put away a tough Chantal Turgeon (Quebec, Canada) in the finals 15-12, 15-8 to win her first World singles title. The Phoenix native teamed with 1996 Female Junior Athlete of the Year Sadie Gross (Yankton, S.D.) to win the girls 18-and-under doubles title. The two U.S. Junior team members defeated Karina Galina and Adriana Soto of Mexico in the finals 15-9, 15-11.

For Rajsich, it was her third World doubles win. Gross now claims five World titles, three doubles and two singles.

There were several double winners among the over 500 entrants. Willie Tilton (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and Shane Vanderson (Dublin, Ohio) teamed to capture the boy's 16-and-under doubles title after winning the 16- and 14- singles, respectively.

Tilton captured the boy's 16- title by defeating Cesar Urquidi of Chihuahua, Mexico 15-8, 15-10 in the finals. The Colorado native only lost one game throughout the tournament.

Vanderson was even more impressive. The Junior Team USA member won every game he played through the boy's 14- gold bracket. Vanderson defeated Stephen Lewis (Kennewick, Wash.) 15-4, 15-13 in the finals.

The only athlete to win two world singles crowns at this year's event was David Ortega (Chihuahua, Mexico), who finished first in the boy's 8-and-under singles and multi-bounce singles.

Ortega defeated Bryce Milakovich (Upland, Calif.) 15-2, 15-6 for the 8-and-under crown. Fellow countryman, Emilio Valenzuela (Chihuahua, Mexico) fell to Ortega in the multi-bounce final 11-4, 11-3.

Houston, Texas native Jeremy Robbins completed a racquetball style "hat-trick" with his three gold medals — taking the boy's 10- singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

FINAL MATCH RESULTS; SINGLES — Boy's 18-: Rocky Carson (Santa Maria, Calif.) def. Richie Wagner (Riverside, Calif.) 15-9, 15-4; **Boy's 16-:** Willie Tilton (Colorado Springs, Colo.) def. Cesar Urquidi (Chihuahua, Mexico) 15-8, 15-10; **Boy's 14-:** Shane Vanderson (Dublin, Ohio) def. Stephen Lewis (Kennewick, Wash.) 15-4, 15-13; **Boy's 12-:** Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, Mich.) def. Trevor Crowe (Portland, Ore.) 15-4, 15-7; **Boy's 10-:** Jeremy Robbins (Houston, Texas) def. Juan Arzate (Chihuahua, Mexico) 15-12, 15-10; **Boy's 8-:** David Ortega (Chihuahua, Mexico) def. Bryce Milakovich (Upland, Calif.) 15-2, 15-6; **Boy's 8- multi-bounce:** David Ortega (Chihuahua, Mexico) def. Emilio Valenzuela (Chihuahua, Mexico) 11-4, 11-3. **Girl's 18-:** Rhonda Rajsich (Phoenix, Ariz.) def. Chantal Turgeon (Quebec, Canada) 15-12, 15-8; **Girl's 16-:** Brooke Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore.) def. Katie Gould (Ellisville, Mo.) 15-13, 15-6; **Girl's 14-:** Kristen Walsh (Salt Lake City, Utah) def. Maggie DeBord (Lincoln, Neb.) 15-6, 15-13; **Girl's 12-:** Grace Leutele (Sierra Vista, Ariz.) def. Kimberly Irons (Dublin, Ohio) 9-15, 15-6, 11-6; **Girl's 10-:** Adrienne Fisher (Centerville, Ohio) def. Deraí Darling (Gearhart, Ore.) 15-12, 15-9; **Girl's 8-:** Marcela Moreno (Chihuahua, Mexico) def. Ashley Willhite (Klamath Falls, Ore.) 15-5, 15-5; **Girl's 8- multi-bounce:** Eleni Guzman (Chihuahua, Mexico) def. Sarah Moyle (Beaverton, Ore.) 11-5, 11-4.

DOUBLES — Boy's 18-: Pedro Lara/Ignacio Bustillos (Mexico) def. Mark Bloom/Erin Brannigan (USA) 15-13, 15-12; **Boy's 16-:** Willie Tilton/Shane Vanderson (USA) def. James Ford/Ryan Staten (USA) 15-13, 15-10; **Boy's 14-:** Erwin Bernal/Hector Urquidi (Mexico) def. Grant Barker/Jason Jansen (USA) 15-10, 4-15, 11-8; **Boy's 12-:** Bart Crawford/Steve Klaiman (USA) def. Jack Huczek/Cory Martin (USA) 15-8, 13-15, 11-10; **Boy's 10-:** Geoffrey Mora/Jeremy Robbins (USA) def. Juan Arzate/Ernesto Guzman (Mexico) 15-0, 15-7. **Girl's 18-:** Sadie Gross/Rhonda Rajsich (USA) def. Karina Galina/Adriana Soto (Mexico) 15-9, 15-11; **Girl's 16-:** Sara Borland/Brooke Crawford (USA) def. Megan Bals/Leisa Marquart (USA) 15-14, 15-6; **Girl's 14-:** Jeni Fuller/Kristen Walsh (USA) def. Genevieve Brodeur/Veronique Guillemette (Canada) 15-3, 15-8; **Girl's 12-:** Kim Irons/Crystal Winfrey (USA) def. Lindsey Deutsch/Julianna Mayor (USA) 15-4, 15-6; **Girl's 10-:** Adrienne Fisher/Jesi Fuller (USA) def. Brandie Hansen/Katherine Stock (USA) 15-5, 15-2. **Mixed 18-:** Amanda MacDonald/Kris Odegard (Canada) def. Christina Lewendahl/Dan Darling (USA) 15-10, 15-13; **Mixed 16-:** Leisa Marquart/Justin Carey (USA) def. Karina Hamilton/Jorge Pasos (Mexico) 15-10, 4-15, 11-1; **Mixed 14-:** Molly Law/Scott Fisher (USA) def. Krystal Czuk/Seth Taylor (USA) 15-8, 11-15, 11-9; **Mixed 12-:** Crystal Winfrey/Jack Huczek (USA) def. Adrienne Fisher/Steve Klaiman (USA) 15-8, 15-12; **Mixed 10-:** Jesi Fuller/Jeremy Robbins (USA) def. Brandi Jacobson-Printice/James Lunderyou (Canada) 15-6, 15-3.

TEAM RESULTS — Overall: USA (1,000.5); Mexico (868.5); Canada (326.5); **Boy's Team:** Mexico (755.5); USA (628.5); Canada (147); Valenzuela (54); Argentina (25); Chile (17); Puerto Rico (16); Bolivia (15.5); Guam (12); Honduras (1); **Girl's Team:** USA (372); Mexico (179.5); Canada (113).

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HOLIDAY PRO-AM

Lakewood Athletic Club

Denver, Colorado: December 11-15

Off to the High Country!!! The IRT journeyed to Colorado for it's annual trip to the Lakewood Athletic Club. Missing from the tournament was the number three player in the world due to a minor problem with his knee. Would this open up the draw for some new faces in the event?

The First Round

Some local boys made it through the qualifying round to see action in the main draw. Qualifiers included Bobby Rodriguez, Scott Lipparelli, Javier Moreno, Luis Busillos, Mick Eitzel, Brad McCunniff, John Thurman, and Tony Boscia. The only player to push his top-seeded opponent was Eitzel, who gave Drew Katchtik a run for his money before losing in the fifth. Other first round match ups included Reiff over Todd O'Neil, Vogel over Vince Kelley, Jelso over Jeff Bell, Bronfeld over Kelley Kerr, Gelhaus over Buz Sawyer, Karp over Rafael Filippini, Clouse over Doug Eagle and Mulcock over Darrin Schenck.

Round of Sixteen

The next round provided some good matches, a couple of upsets, and a few routine wins for the top players. Swain, Monchik and Ellis all cruised through their respective opponents. Number three seeded Mike Ray got past Gelhaus in four, Jason Mannino advanced over Mike Bronfeld, and Adam Karp upset the number six player Dan Fowler (the high altitude lends itself to Karp's game) in four. Tony Jelso caught Drew Kachtik on a bad day, ousting the #5 seed in three straight. Mike

Guidry outlasted Woody Clouse in true "Guidry Fashion." The players battled for nearly two hours, and Guidry pulled it in 12-10 in the fifth.

Quarterfinals

Cliff Swain won in three again, this time over Guidry, while the world's number one player, Sudsy Monchik, dropped the third game to John Ellis, but prevailed in the fourth 11-1. Mike Ray and Adam Karp battled for five games, with some endless rallies the amazing gets for the which Adam is known. Even though Ray has a knack for pulling out matches like this one, Adam went on to win the fifth, 12-10.



FOREHAND EXCHANGE: CLIFF SWAIN (ABOVE) SETS UP HIS FOREHAND, BUT QUICKLY HAS TO GET OUT OF THE WAY OF SUDSY MONCHIK'S RESPONSE. PHOTOS: COURTESY, HANK MARCUS.



And speaking of marathon matches, Jason Mannino and Tony Jelso had one of the longest wars in recent IRT history. Mannino won the first two games 11-6 and 19-17, but Jelso came back strong to win the next two

11-8 and 11-8. Jason rarely loses a match that goes the distance, and his toughness came through again as he went on to win 11-6 in the tiebreaker.

Semifinals

The not-so-rare match up between #4 Jason Mannino and #1 Sudsy Monchik is one of the most exciting on tour. These two have been playing since they were in diapers, and they still put on quite a show. Monchik dropped the first game, but came on strong to take the next three and advance to the finals. Cliff Swain continued his trend of superb play and did not drop a game to Adam Karp in their match. This was Karp's first trip to

the semi's this season, hopefully the next visit will go a little better. Swain won 11-0, 11-8, 11-1.

Final

The finals had the number one and two players doing battle for the title in Lakewood. Monchik started out by winning the first 11-7 and had a chance to win the second. Swain stepped up and took the second game, 11-9, then continued to play tough to win the next two games 11-7 and 11-5, playing nearly mistake free and hitting a bunch of kills to take the title and the first place check. Congrats Cliff !!!!



Five times apiece: Cheryl Gudinas (left) and Michelle Gould have met in the finals five times this season.

RAD ATHLETIC SUPER SERIES

Lakewood, Colorado: December 11-15

In the first of the RAD Athletic Super Series events, the WIRT took the tour to mile-high Denver and the beautiful Lakewood Athletic Club. While some of the regulars were noticeably absent, others who hadn't been seen in a while came out of the woodwork for the last tournament before the holidays.

Preliminary Round

Newcomers this time around included Molly Law, Lisa Kerr, Lourdes Sanders, and Marcia Richards. In the sixteens, qualifier Cathy Nichols of Canada fell to Michelle Gould, Janet Myers outlasted Diane [Gronkiewicz] Moore but then forfeited her next round to Gould because of the flu. The remaining top seeds all advanced to the next round, with Californian Lydia Hammock reaching the first quarterfinal of her career.

Quarterfinals

In the quarterfinal, Jackie Paraiso defeated Molly O'Brien, Cheryl Gudinas stopped Hammock's run, and in the battle of the new Spalding "dresses" Laura Fenton came out ahead, taking her match over Marcy Lynch.

Semifinals

In routine semi-final matchups, Gudinas faced Fenton yet again, winning the first two handily. In the third however, a 7-3 lead slipped away to an 11-7 loss to Fenton, who began pinching the ball well. In the entertaining fourth, lasting about 35 minutes, Gudinas adjusted the flow of the game by having a little fun to relieve the stress. Although it seemed like a 45-43 marathon to the players, with numerous opportunities for either to take the game, Gudinas prevailed with a 13-11 win in the fourth.

Final

On the other half – what more can be said about Michelle Gould? The rumor is, she's out to break a record. We don't know what record she couldn't have already broken, but she seems to be on a mission. She cruised past Paraiso, taking another semi-final in three straight, then did the same to Gudinas in the final, demolishing her, 11-1, 11-2, 11-1.

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ALL SPORT WIRT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Baltimore, Maryland: November 1-3

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In the 16s...

All top seeds advanced except Molly O'Brien, who fell to Robin Levine. Still on the comeback trail following shoulder surgery last season, Robin cruised through this round, winning in three, 11-1, 11-3, 11-1. But in the quarters, Levine was stopped cold by Jackie Paraiso, who handled Levine's power with ease, giving up only 14 points in the match total. Taking their matches in straight games, top seed Michelle Gould dominated Killer Kilbane and #2 Cheryl Gudinas met hometown favorite Lynne Coburn. The match up between #6 Laura Fenton and #3 seeded Dina Moreland was interesting at the outset, with the first game stretching to Fenton, 14-12. Fenton then settled in with good serves to keep Moreland off balance the rest of the way.



Counterclockwise from top left: Jackie Paraiso, Laura Fenton, Cheryl Gudinas & Michelle Gould warm up for their final, Gudinas deep in thought. Photos: courtesy Molly O'Brien.

Semifinals

In the semi's Paraiso faced Gould for the third time this season and kept Michelle guessing — and running — in the first with some change-ups on the serve. Still, Michelle always seems to find a way to win, and pulled out the first, 12-10. She then held Jackie to only three points in the second, but let her back in the groove in the third to take another close one, 11-9.

Perhaps the most interesting, but not the prettiest, match of the tournament was Fenton vs. Gudinas. Up 10-8 in the first, Gudinas opted for a pinch instead of what would have been a game-winning pass down the right wall — an error that Fenton capitalized on to win the first game 12-10. In the second, Fenton continued to roll, and Gudinas appeared to be a bit shaky, never really gaining

any control. Down two games, a fan asked Gudinas what it would take to get back on track. Gudinas replied: "Maybe the thought of being down two games..." Things did not look good for Gudinas when Fenton finally held match point at 12-11, but Gudinas rallied to run off three points and steal the game 14-12.

With new confidence in the fourth, Gudinas got the z serve working for a shut out, while Fenton agonized over the thought of the lost match point and never got it back together. Gudinas slowly got back in her positive groove to win the match in the fifth, 11-6.

Final

The final was far less eventful, with Gould serving well and keeping Gudinas on defense with precise, high-speed splat shots for the majority of the match.

WIRT TOUR NOTES ...

So far this season ... Jackie Paraiso has finished in the semis in each of the five events ... Cheryl Gudinas is five for five for finishing second ... Gould remains undefeated, and is five for five with the blue ribbon at every stop ... Players to watch for in '97: Robin Levine, Kersten Hallender, Dina Moreland, Lydia Hammock ... What happened to: Chris Evon, Amy "Killer" Kilbane, Tammy Brockbank, Malia Bailey??? Hurry back !!! Queen Bee Award for '96-'97 season: Kim Machiran ... she holds the Australian Queen Bee hat as trophy for this prestigious award. Congrats — it's almost as impressive as the sportsmanship award. • CG

... tour ticker

VCI Pro-Am • February 12-16

Cliff Swain def. Jason Mannino
11-6, 11-7, 11-6

Ralph Schomp Automotive Invitational
• January 15-19

Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain
11-2, 9-11, 11-8, 11-2

AJB Auto Service/Chrysler-Plymouth Grand
Slam Pro-Am • January 9-12

Michelle Gould def. Cheryl Gudinas
11-4, 11-4, 11-2

RAD Athletics Super Series
• December 11-15

Michelle Gould def. Cheryl Gudinas
11-1, 11-2, 11-1

Lakewood Holiday Pro-Am Classic
• December 11-15

Cliff Swain def. Sudsy Monchik
7-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-5

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March 26 – 29
PaineWebber Pro-Am
City Square Sports Club
Phoenix, Arizona

April 2 – 6
Team Concepts/Gold's Gym
Pro-Am @ Gold's Gym
Syracuse, New York

April 9 – 13
VCI Doubles Championships
Schoeber's Athletic Club
Pleasanton, California

April 23 – 27
Foxwoods IRT Pro Nationals
Las Vegas Sporting House
Las Vegas, Nevada

April 30 – May 4
San Diego Pro-Am '97
Club TBA
San Diego, California

May 14 – 18
Bay101 IRT World
Championships
Bayhill Athletic Club
Milpitas, California

June 4 – 8
Spalding Tournament of
Champions @ Multnomah Ath.
Club–Portland, Oregon

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RAD Athletics Super Series
Continental Athletic Club
Columbus, Ohio

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Nevada

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'96-97 irt & wirt rankings

MEN'S STANDINGS

1.	Sudsy Monchik.	New York	2407
2.	Cliff Swain	Massachusetts	2173
3.	Andy Roberts	Tennessee	1660
4.	Jason Mannino	California	1406
5.	John Ellis	California	1248
6.	Mike Guidry	Texas	1217
7.	Mike Ray	South Carolina	1181
8.	Woody Clouse	California	957
9.	Drew Kachtik	Louisiana	906
10.	Dan Fowler	Maryland	858
11.	Adam Karp	California	836
12.	Louis Vogel	New Mexico	813
13.	Tony Jelso	California	656
14.	Michael Bronfeld	California	645
15.	Kelly Gelhaus	California	599
16.	James Mulcock	New Mexico	577
17.	Todd O'Neil	Texas	405
17.	Scott Reiff	Florida	405
19.	Ruben Gonzalez	New York	335
20.	Derek Robinson	Washington	306

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WOMEN'S STANDINGS

1.	Michelle Gould	Idaho	1497
2.	Cheryl Gudinas	Illinois	1106
3.	Jackie Paraiso	California	865
4.	Laura Fenton	Nebraska	750
5.	Lynne Coburn	Maryland	622
6.	Molly O'Brien	Maryland	576
7.	Marcy Lynch	Pennsylvania	532
8.	Janet Myers	North Carolina	495
9.	Lydia Hammock	California	431
10.	Dina Moreland	California	420
11.	Robin Levine	California	387
12.	Doreen Fowler	Maryland	346
13.	Kim Machiran	Missouri	279
14.	Amy Kilbane	Ohio	273
15.	Randy Friedman	New York	257
16.	Lorraine Galloway	New York	207
17.	Anita Maldonado	New York	206
18.	Michelle Wiragh	Maryland	189
19.	Caryn McKinney	Georgia	182
20.	Kersten Hallander	Florida	173

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a timeline history of racquetball

1949

Joe Sobek invents racquetball in Greenwich, Connecticut. He designs a "strung paddle racket," combines the rules of handball and squash and calls his variation "paddle rackets."

1950

The sport gains a following among cross-over handball enthusiasts Robert Kendler, president of the U.S. Handball Association (USHA), takes an interest in the game, both as a player and a promoter.

1960

Increasing popularity of the game attracts new players in all age groups Administrative structure begins to evolve.

1968

The First Gut-Strung Paddle Rackets National Championships are held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin Joe Sobek turns reins of sport over to Robert Kendler Bill Schultz wins first Men's Open national title.

1969

Paddle rackets renamed RACQUETBALL International Racquetball Association (IRA) incorporated Ken Porco named IRA Executive Secretary First IRA National Singles held in St. Louis, Missouri.

basic: spectating

Racquetball – once dubbed “high speed tennis in a box” – is the fastest paced racquet sport in the world. At the elite level, service speeds alone can reach 180 mph – and each shot exchange revs up the tempo. Even at a slightly more moderate local level, heated rallies and diving retrievals by weekend warriors give added meaning to the term blue streak.

Speed and power aside, in its basic form racquetball shares strategies with other racquet sports. Like tennis, a player retrieves each shot on one bounce. Unlike tennis, points are scored only by the server. Like squash, the walls are used to strategically place the ball, and the player, in scoring position. Unlike squash, the lower the shot, the better.

To begin, the server takes up position between two solid lines at mid-court which mark the service zone. The service motion is limited to that area and the ball is put into play after contacting the racquet, the front wall and passing into the back court. On that court, the ball can touch one side wall, but no more. If it hits a third surface (including the ceiling or back wall) before bouncing, a long or

fault serve is called. A serve which does not carry beyond the mid-court service line is short and is also a fault. In everyday play, the server is given two opportunities to put the ball into play. In U.S. National Team qualifying events and international competition, only one serve is allowed.

Once the ball is in play, there is no limit to the number of walls that can be used for shot variations in a rally. A low side-wall-to-front-wall shot is called a pinch, and a slow series of high ceiling-to-front-wall combinations is a ceiling ball rally. In a game, players earn points or win the serve by ending the rally. Good shots hit the front wall so low they can't be returned before the second bounce. Errors, or skipped balls contact the floor before reaching the front wall.

1970

First metal racquet introduced by Bud Held and Ektelon Robert Kendler elected President of IRA 50,000 amateur players estimated in the U.S. National Singles held in St. Louis, Missouri.

1971

National Singles Championships held in Salt Lake City Aluminum alloy frames introduced.

1972

Inaugural issue of RACQUETBALL Magazine published in November First Pro Tour formed Chuck Leve named IRA Executive Secretary Fiberglass frames introduced National Singles held in Memphis, Tennessee.

1973

Robert Kendler leaves IRA to form National Racquetball Club pro group DeWitt Shy named IRA President Myron Roderick named Executive Director of IRA New age groups established in Juniors, Masters and Golden Masters National Singles held in St. Louis, Missouri.

1974

Membership requirement established for all sanctioned tournaments IRA holds first pro tournament IRA membership cost was \$3.00 per year Number of amateur players in the U.S. jumps to 3 million National Singles held in San Diego, California.

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So, once you're hooked and want to study the play-by-play action, remember these basics:

1) keep your eye on the ball; 2) only the server scores points; 3) players must retrieve the shot on one bounce; 4) the ball must reach the front wall to remain in play.

basic: rankings

One of the many benefits of competing in USRA sanctioned events is the potential for earning state and national ranking points that add up to give you good seeding position in future events, and identify you as being among the top players in your field. With a really good season, you might even find yourself listed in the "National Top Ten" published in *RACQUETBALL Magazine*.

Reaching the quarterfinal round, or higher, in a sanctioned event earns you points toward a season record that is maintained over a trailing twelve month period. Points accumulate for one year, and are automatically deleted in the thirteenth month. For example, points earned in February of 1997 will drop from your record in March of 1998.

If you compete in sanctioned events regularly, you can quickly accumulate points that will steadily move you up in the state and national rankings. On the other hand, you can compete less often but still earn big points by finishing well in higher level regional and national events. Refer to the sidebar to see the value of your wins at different event levels.

So you've done well — now what happens? It's the responsibility of the tournament director to document your win before points can be credited to your season record. This is done when official results are received in

the national office containing the full, correct name of each quarterfinalist. At the moment, no registered psychics are on staff in the national office, so only official written results are accepted.

Misspelled or abbreviated names often end up splitting a season record instead of adding up to a high ranking position. For example, it's possible to have 250 points divided into five open tournaments wins (at 50 points apiece) for Allan, Allen, Alan, Alain and A. Player!

Event Level & Description	Finish & Point Awards				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5-8
1 = Closed State Tournament	30	20	15	10	5
2 = Open Tournament	50	30	20	15	10
3 = State Championship	150	100	75	50	25
4 = Regional Championship	250	150	100	75	50
5 = National Invitational	300	200	150	100	75
6 = National Championship	600	400	300	200	100*

**In draws of 48 or more at a national championship, the 9-16th place finishers receive 50 points.*

If you think your season record is short some points, first check with the tournament director to confirm that the official results have been sent in to the national office. Then cross-check your own records, list your recent wins, and call the national office at 719/635-5396 to find out your position and point total.

1975

Tom McKie named IRA Executive Director IRA offices move to Memphis, Tennessee Official IRA patch issued Muehleisen, Porco and Sellers leave IRA board after five years Canadian Wayne Bowes wins Men's International Open Singles.

1976

U.S. Racquetball Association (USRA) founded as rival amateur organization William Tanner takes over as IRA President IRA headquarters move to Dallas, Texas IRA membership fees double to \$6.00 per year National Singles held in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1977

Racquetball becomes an American fitness rage Seamco 444 becomes the official racquetball of the IRA Tom McKie resigns as IRA Executive Director IRA headquarters move back to Memphis, Tennessee National Singles held in Southfield, Michigan.

1978

IRA reorganized in Denver Luke St. Onge takes over as IRA Executive Director Bob Folsom named as President National Singles held in Denver, Colorado.

1979

Open ball policy adopted International Amateur Racquetball Federation (IARF) is founded with 13 member countries IRA changes name to the American Amateur Racquetball Association (AARA) AARA applies for U.S. Olympic Committee membership Graphite frames introduced National Singles held in Las Vegas.

basic: seeding

While ranking points and seeding positions are interrelated, they are *not* one and the same. Seeding is done *using* ranking information, and is meant to insure the best draw possible.

It's just not fair to have the two best players in a division play each other in the first round. (In a round of 16, the first match should be #1 vs. #16, as shown at right). Once it is determined who the top two players are, they should be placed far enough apart in the draw (top & bottom) to guarantee that, barring any upsets, they will face each other in the finals, and not before. After all, the final is meant to be the most exciting match of the tournament ... between the best players.

In preparing a draw, it is important to consider as much

background information about the players as possible. Most events are seeded according to a set of criteria that include a player's results in the previous year's event (if it is ongoing), any recent results, state and national ranking points and "common sense."

Common sense includes — what to do when a player changes age brackets during the year; players who compete on the pro tour while maintaining their amateur status; former pros; personal knowledge of the players (do they play lots of tournaments to earn points, but rarely win them?) — plus many other variables.

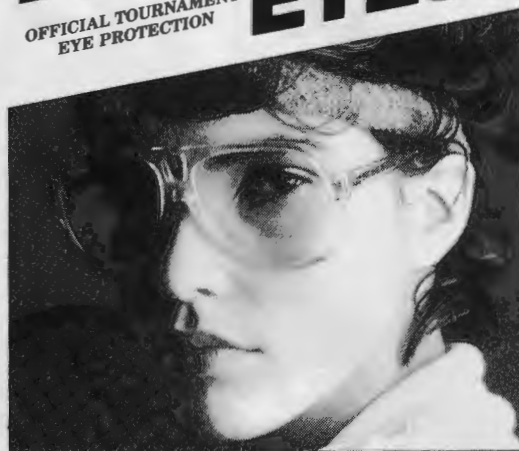
For example, the top ranked player in your area may not automatically retain the #1 seed position when you consider the last-minute entry

of a four-time national champion from out of town. It's all relative.

While tournament directors and seeding committees rarely manage to please all of the people all of the time, many use these standard guidelines to guarantee a fair draw.

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1980

Keith Calkins becomes Board President Han van der Hiejden of Holland becomes IARF President Boron and graphic frames introduced Women's Professional Racquetball Association (WPRA) and pro tour founded National Singles held in Miami, Florida.

1981

World Games I and First Racquetball World Championships held in Santa Clara, California U.S.A. wins first World Cup title over six other countries Penn introduces the "Ultra Blue" racquetball.

1982

AARA accepted as member of the U.S. Olympic Committee USRA organization folds RACQUETBALL Magazine sold AARA signs racquet sponsorship with Diversified Products Penn named official ball Paul Henrickson elected Board President National Singles held in Buffalo, New York.

1983

AARA headquarters relocate to Colorado Springs U.S.A. dominates first IARF Regional Games Downtown YMCA in Houston, Texas established as long-term National Singles site.

1984

First National Elite Training Camp held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs U.S.A. wins World Championships over 13 countries in Sacramento, California Ektelon introduces and test markets the oversize racquet frame Match rules changed from 21 points to 15 per game, with 11 point tiebreaker.

basic: ratings

Ratings reflect skill levels, and differ from rankings and seedings. These recognized player classifications have been developed by the certified instructors and clinicians of the American Professional Racquetball Organization (AmPRO).

Level	Experience	Technique	Competition
"D" Player	... Is someone who is just beginning to receive instruction, but lacks playing experience	... Is in the process of learning, safety, rules, forehand and backhand strokes ... Experiments with Z serves, backwall shots, angles and passing shots	... Is ready to start participating in club leagues and friendly competition
"C" Player	... Is someone who has played over six months ... Plays frequently, and is developing strengths in the basics listed for a D player	... Level of knowledge is rising and can execute most shots with some precision ... Can safely attempt ceiling, pinches, pass shots, and an occasional rollout	... Has taken a lesson and/or attended a racquetball clinic ... Has begun entering small tournaments and has an extra racquet
"B" Player	... Is someone who plays regularly and finds time to perfect their shots	... Has good knowledge of court strategy & positioning in offense and defense situations ... Is able to select the proper shot most of the time ... Still inconsistent but improving ... Is developing patience and is able to accept tips from better players	... Shows interest in private racquetball lessons and instructional camps ... Participates in most club events, like club tournaments, leagues, and round robins
"A" Player	... Is someone who plays regularly ... a top player in the club	... Trains regularly, backhand & forehand strokes are near equal ... Good depth of knowledge, with high shot percentage, no apparent weaknesses ... has perfected the rollout and now re-kills opponent's attempted offensive shots	... Can and probably does compete in sanctioned tournaments ... May seek to participate in an USRA Elite Camp and either has a coach or is seeking a coach
Open	... is classified as the highest level of amateur player	... Rated higher than an A player ... Probably coaches or gives lessons	... Plays in most tournaments, local, state, regional and national levels ... Has completed clinics, maybe an Elite Camp
Pro	... is the highest level of player	... May retain amateur eligibility if all prize money is deposited with the USRA and applied against expenses	... Plays on the Pro Tour and in Pro/Am Tournaments ... Is allowed to play all tournaments that offer prize money

1985

Racquetball is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) World Junlor Racquetball Championships added to Junior Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida.

1986

Mandatory eyeguard rule passed Twenty countries compete at III World Championships in Orlando, Florida U.S.A. ties with Canada to share World Cup Pan American Racquetball Confederation (PARC) formed AARA membership dues increase to \$10.00 per year Van Dubolsky named Board President.

1987

U.S.A. wins Pan American Championships at U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs First AARA National Leadership Conference held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center AARA signs racquet sponsorship with Ektelon.

1988

U.S. National Team wins IV World Cup over 22 countries AARA televises its National Championships for the first time IARF drops the word "amateur" from its title and logo SGMA releases study setting the number of U.S. amateur players at 10 million.

1989

Racquetball granted full member status within USOC As 38th sport, racquetball makes premiere U.S. Olympic Festival appearance in Oklahoma City Random drug-testing of athletes instituted First World Seniors/Masters Championships held in Albuquerque, New Mexico First AARA instructional video produced AARA membership fees increase to \$15.00 per year Ektelon signs four-year contract as official sponsor of the AARA.

basic: everyday rules

The United States Racquetball Association and *RACQUETBALL Magazine* are pleased to offer the following, abridged "Everyday Racquetball Rules" for your use in learning some of the finer points of the game. This summarized, basic version is designed for the everyday, recreational player. In competition, many additional rules would be enforced by your referee. Where sections have been omitted, their contents have been noted so that you can refer to them in the official rulebook, which is published annually in the July/August issue of *RACQUETBALL Magazine*. But for day-to-day spirited competition, the following gives you the basic information you'll need to enjoy safe, fair matches.

I. THE GAME

• TYPES OF GAMES

When two play, it's called singles and when four play, it's doubles. A non-tournament game played by three players is called cut-throat.

• POINTS AND OUTS

Points are scored only by the serving side. Losing the serve is called a

sideout in singles. In doubles, when the first server loses the serve it is called a handout and when the second server loses the serve it is a sideout.

• MATCH, GAME & TIEBREAKER

A match is won by the first side winning two games. The first two games of a match are played to 15 points. If each side wins one game, a tiebreaker game is played to 11 points.

II. COURTS & EQUIPMENT

• COURT SPECIFICATIONS

The four-wall racquetball court is 20 feet wide, 40 feet long and 20 feet high, with a back wall at least 12 feet high. Courts are marked with 1 1/2 inch wide lines (short line, service line, drive serve lines, and receiving line) that indicate the service zone, service boxes, and receiving zone.

• RACQUET SPECIFICATIONS

The racquet, including bumper guard and handle, may not exceed 21 inches in length. The frame may be any material judged to be safe, with a thong that securely attaches it to the player's wrist, and string that does not mark the ball.

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1990

U.S.A. wins V World Cup in Caracas, Venezuela, over 28 countries AARA produces and telecasts five national championships on cable television Keith Calkins named Board President AARA resumes publication of *RACQUETBALL Magazine* after 12 years.

1991

AARA telecasts ten national events on cable sports channels U.S. Team Alumni Association is formed Junior Team USA takes its first international title at the Junior World Championships Racquetball placed on the schedule for the Pan American Games in 1995.

1992

U.S.A. wins VI World Cup in Montreal over 33 countries Junior Team USA takes second world title National Singles celebrates 10th year at the Downtown YMCA in Houston

1993

AARA celebrates its 25th Silver Anniversary National office moves to new building at 1685 West Uintah in Colorado Springs Junior Team USA takes third world title

1994

U.S.A. wins VI World Cup in San Luis Potosi over 27 countries New Skill Level National Championship introduced Competitive license fees increase to \$20.00 per year IRF adopts "one serve" rule in international competition.

everyday rules ... continued

• APPAREL

In sanctioned tournament play, lensed eyewear designed for racquetball (which meets or exceeds ASTM F803 or Canadian [CSA] impact standards) is **REQUIRED**. Players who require corrective eyewear also must also adhere to this rule. Protective eyewear must be worn as designed and may not be altered. Shoes must not mark or damage the floor. Approved eyewear must be worn and wrist thongs must be used during warm-up.

In the Official Rules, OFFICIATING covers the function and duties of referees in tournament play. For everyday etiquette, refer to "Self-Officiating" on page 28.

IV. PLAY REGULATIONS

• SERVE

In tournament play, the player or team winning the coin toss has the option to either serve or receive at the start of the first game. The second game will begin in reverse order of the first game. The player or team scoring the highest total of points in games one and two will have the option to serve or receive first at the start of the tiebreaker. In the event that both players or teams score an equal number of points in the first

two games, another coin toss will take place and the winner of the toss will have the option to serve or receive. In everyday play, the "lag" or courtesy "you serve" will determine the first server.

• START

The serve is started from any place within the service zone, with the exception of certain drive serves. (See "Drive Service Zones") Stepping on, but not over, the lines is permitted. The server may not step over the short line until the ball passes the short line.

• MANNER

The player begins the service motion with any continuous movement which results in the ball being served. The ball must be bounced and hit before it bounces a second time.

• DRIVE SERVICE ZONES

The drive serve lines are three feet from each side wall in the service box. The player may drive serve between the body and the nearest side wall only if the player starts and remains outside of the 3-foot drive service zone, and the racquet does not break the plane of the zone while making contact with the ball. The drive serve zones aren't observed for crosscourt drive serves, the hard-Z, soft-Z, lob or half-lob serves.

• SERVE IN DOUBLES

At the beginning of each doubles game, when the first server is out, the team is out. Thereafter, both players on each team serve until the team receives a handout and a sideout. On each serve, the server's partner must stand erect with their back to the side wall and both feet on the floor within the service box until the served ball passes the short line.

• DEFECTIVE SERVES

There are three types of defective serves: 1) a dead-ball serve which results in no penalty and the server is given another serve (like a wet spot or broken ball), 2) any fault serve (foot fault, short, long, screen, three-wall, etc.), and 3) an out serve which results in an out (double fault, server hits self with serve, etc.)

• RETURNS

Once a "good serve" puts the ball into play, the receiver may not enter the marked safety zone until the ball bounces or crosses the plane of the dashed receiving line – particularly in making an on-the-fly return attempt. After "legal" contact with the ball (after the bounce, or behind the line), the receiver's follow-through may carry the racquet or the body past the receiving line. Failure to return a serve results in a point for the server.

1995

Racquetball makes its debut in the Pan American Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina U.S. National Team "sweeps" medal count at Pan Ams John Ellis & Michelle Gould win singles gold medals, the teams of Jackie Gibson & Joy MacKenzie and Sudsy Monchik & Tim Sweeney win doubles gold Instructor certification program renamed the American Professional Racquetball Organization [AmPRO] Junior Team USA wins fifth consecutive World Team title.

1996

Promus Hotel Corporation U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships debut in Memphis with pros and amateurs in a single event Sudsy Monchik & Michelle Gould win first U.S. OPEN titles on specially-constructed "made for TV" glass court First live coverage of racquetball finals broadcast at World Championships in Phoenix U.S. National Team wins 8th consecutive World Cup team title Nationwide regional weekend established Junior Team USA wins sixth world title AARA enters cyberspace with two websites on the internet Athletes Mary Low Acuff & Johnny Hennen — and contributors Keith Calkins & Gary Mazaroff inducted into the Hall of Fame.

1997

The AARA changes its name to the United States Racquetball Association, adopts new logo National Singles and Doubles Championships celebrate 30th anniversaries RACQUETBALL Magazine enters eighth year of renewed publication Racquet manufacturers petition USRA for rule change to allow oversized frames 22" in length – rule change approved.

- **SIDEOUT**

A server continues to serve until an out serve, OR two consecutive fault serves, OR one player hits partner with an attempted return (in doubles), OR a player or team loses a rally, OR a player or team commits an avoidable hinder. In singles, retiring the server is a sideout. In doubles, the side is retired when both partners have lost service.

- **RALLIES**

Play initiated after the successful return of serve is called the rally. Play stops when: the ball is carried (resting on the racquet long enough that the effect is more of a sling or throw than a hit); the ball caroms off a player's racquet into a gallery or wall opening without first hitting the front wall; a ball obviously doesn't have the velocity or direction to hit the front wall and strikes another player; an avoidable hinder occurs.

The ball remains in play until it touches the floor a second time regardless of how many walls it makes contact with—including the front wall. In singles, if a player swings at the ball and misses it, the player may continue to attempt to return the ball until it touches the floor for the second time. In doubles, if one player swings at the ball and misses it, both partners may make further attempts to return the ball until it touches the floor the second time. Both partners on a side are entitled to return the ball.

- **HINDERS**

There are two types of hinders, 1) a dead-ball hinder which is replayed without penalty (court hinders, body contact, safety holdup, screens, etc.) and 2) avoidable which result in the loss of rally by the offender (these are not necessarily intentional, but clearly take away an offensive shot from your opponent, like blocking, making distracting noise, or playing so close as to be hit by the backswing, etc.). If your court position or manner takes away an offensive shot from your opponent, the right thing to do is call an avoidable hinder on yourself.

In the Official Rules, TOURNAMENTS covers the function and duties of tournament directors in conducting tournament play, and information about national championships. Important "eligibility" sections are reprinted below.

- **PROFESSIONAL**

A professional is defined as any player who has accepted prize money regardless of the amount in any professional sanctioned (including IRT/WIRT) tournament or in any other tournament so deemed as professional by the USRA Board of Directors.

Note: Any player with concerns about losing their amateur status should contact the USRA National Office at the earliest opportunity to guarantee a clear understanding of this rule so that no action is taken that could jeopardize that status. An amateur player may participate in a professional sanctioned tournament but won't be considered a professional (i) if no prize money is accepted or (ii) if the prize money received is placed in trust under USRA guidelines. The acceptance of merchandise or travel expenses shall not be considered prize money, and thus does not jeopardize a player's amateur status.

- **RETURN TO AMATEUR STATUS**

Any player who has been classified as a professional can recover amateur status by requesting, in writing, their desire to be reclassified as an amateur. This application shall be tendered to the Executive Director of the USRA or a designated representative, and shall become effective immediately as long

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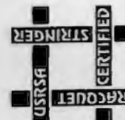
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as the player making application for reinstatement of amateur status has received no money in any tournament, as defined in Rule 5.8 for the past 12 months.

- **USRA ELIGIBILITY**

Any current USRA member who has not been classified as a professional may compete in any USRA sanctioned tournament. Any current USRA member who has been classified as a professional may compete in any event at a USRA sanctioned tournament that offers prize money or merchandise.

Remaining sections of the official rules which aren't presented here cover the following modifications to standard play:

- EIGHT AND UNDER MULTI-BOUNCE
- ONE WALL AND THREE WALL PLAY
- WHEELCHAIR RACQUETBALL
- VISUALLY IMPAIRED RACQUETBALL
- DEAF RACQUETBALL
- IRT & WIRT PROFESSIONAL RULES

basic: self-officiating

At no time should the physical safety of the participants be compromised. Players are entitled, and expected, to hold up their swing, without penalty, any time they believe there might be a risk of physical contact. Any time a player claims to have held up to avoid contact, even if being over-cautious, they are entitled to a hinder (the rally is replayed with penalty).

SCORE

Since there is no referee or scorekeeper, it is important for the server to announce both the server's and receiver's score before each first serve.

DURING RALLIES

During rallies, it is the hitter's responsibility to make the call. If there is a possibility that a skip ball, double-bounce, or illegal hit occurred, play should continue until the hitter makes the call against their own shot. If the hitter does not make the call and goes on to win the rally, and the opponent thought that one of the hitter's shots was not good, they may appeal to the hitter by pointing out which shot was thought to be bad and request that the hitter reconsider. If the hitter is sure of the call, and the opponent is still sure the hitter is wrong, the rally should be replayed. As a matter of etiquette, players are expected to make calls against themselves any time they are not sure. Unless the hitter is certain the shot was good, it should be replayed.

SERVICE

Fault Serves. The receiver has the primary responsibility to make these calls, though either player may make the call. The receiver must make the call immediately, and not wait until the ball has been hit to gain the benefit of seeing how good a return they have made. It is not an option play. The receiver does not have the right to play a short serve just because it could be a set-up.

Screen Serves. When there is no referee, the screen serve call is the sole responsibility of the receiver. If the receiver has taken the proper court position, near center court, does not have clear view of the ball the screen should be called immediately. Receivers may not call a screen after attempting to hit the ball or after taking themselves out of proper court position by starting the wrong way. The server may not call a screen under any circumstances and must expect to play the rally unless a call is made by the receiver.

First and foremost in fair play without a referee:
**SAFETY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY
PLAYER WHO ENTERS THE COURT!**

Other Situations. Foot faults, 10-second violations, receiving zone violations, and other calls may require a referee. However, if either player believes an opponent is abusing any of the rules, be sure there is agreement on what the rule is, and a clear understanding that the rules should be followed.

HINDERS

Generally, the hinder should work like the screen serve — as an option play for the hindered party. Only the person going for the shot can stop play by calling a hinder, and must do so immediately — not wait to see how good a shot they can hit. If the hindered party believes they can make an effective return in spite of some physical contact or screen that has occurred, they may continue to play.

AVOIDABLE HINDERS

Since avoidable hinders are usually unintentional, they can occur even in the friendliest matches. A player who realizes that they have caused such a hinder should simply declare the opponent to be the winner of the rally. If a player feels that the opponent caused such a hinder, but the opponent does not make the call, the offended player should point out that an avoidable hinder occurred. However, unless the opponent agrees that an avoidable hinder occurred, it should not be called. Often just pointing out what appears to have been an avoidable hinder will prevent the opponent from such actions on future rallies.

DISPUTES

If either player, for any reason desires to have a referee, it is considered common courtesy for the other player to go along with the request, and a referee suitable to both sides should be found. If there is no referee, and a question about a rule or rule interpretation comes up, seek out the club pro or a more experienced player. Then, after the match, contact your state racquetball association for an interpretation.

To purchase a complete, unabridged copy of the official rules, contact the USRA at 1685 West Uintah, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2921. Tel: 719/635-5396, Fax: 719/635-0685, or access them online at www.racquetball.org or www.usra.org.

usra achievement award winners

JOE SOBEK OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

Named for racquetball's founder, the Joe Sobek Outstanding Contributor Award is for athletes, coaches, officials and administrators who have demonstrated, over the course of the preceding year, an outstanding commitment to the sport of racquetball. Since its inception in 1973, outstanding contributors received the John Halverson Award. In 1992, the contributor award was renamed for Joe Sobek, and the Halverson Award designated for sportsmanship and fair play.

- 1996 Otto Dietrich (Georgia)
- 1995 Margo Daniels (California)
- 1994 Mary Lyons (Florida)
- 1993 Bill & Mary Walker (California)
- 1992 Alfredo Lamont (Colorado)
- 1991 Fran Davis (New Jersey)
- 1990 Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1989 Gary Mazaroff (New Mexico)
- 1988 Linda Mojer (Florida)
- 1987 Connie Peterson-Martin (Oregon)
- 1986 Ivan Bruner (Wisconsin)
- 1985 Ed Martin (California)
- 1984 Mike Arnolt (Indiana)
- 1983 Al Seitelman (New York)
- 1982 Maureen Henrickson (Massachusetts)
- 1981 Paul Henrickson (Massachusetts) & Ed Martin (California)
- 1977 Sam Caizza (Pennsylvania)
- 1974 Marilyn Rankin (Canada)
- 1973 DeWitt Shy (Tennessee)

JOHN HALVERSON FAIR PLAY AWARDS

In the early 70s, John Halverson inspired a lifetime award in his name. A national masters champion, Halverson embodied the highest level of integrity, sportsmanship and dedication to racquetball. In his memory, the John Halverson Fair Play Award has since been awarded only when the the occasion calls for the highest recognition of fair play and enthusiasm for the sport. Prior to 1992, the Halverson Award was given in recognition of overall contributions to the sport. Former Halverson contributors are now listed as Joe Sobek contributor designees.

- 1995 Chris Cole (Texas)
- 1994 Annie Muniz (Texas)
- 1993 Ralph Reeb (Ohio)
- 1992 David Hunter (Tennessee)



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athlete awards

USRA ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

1995 Michael Bronfeld	Michelle Gould
1994 Michael Bronfeld	Robin Levine
1993 John Ellis	Michelle Gould
1992 Chris Cole	Michelle Gilman Gould
1991 Tim Sweeney	Michelle Gilman
1990 Andy Roberts	Michelle Gilman
1989 Tim Doyle	Michelle Gilman
1988 Andy Roberts	Toni Bevelock
1987 Jim Cascio	Diane Green
1986 Egan Inoue	Cindy Baxter
1985 Ed Remen	Cindy Baxter
1984 Jay Schwartz	Mary Dee
1983 Larry Fox	Cindy Baxter
1982 Ed Andrews	Cindy Baxter
1981 Bud Muehlheisen	Carol French
1980 Bud Muehlheisen	Carol French
1979 Bob McNamara	Jan Pasternak
1978	
1977 Bob McNamara	Sara Green
1976	
1975	Janell Marriott
1974 Bill Schmidtke	Jan Pasternak

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1997	event.....	location
MARCH 21-30	PARC 11th Tournament of the Americas	Chihuahua, Mexico
APRIL 02-06	E-Force USRA 25th U.S. Intercollegiate Championships	Boise, Idaho
APRIL 3-5	NMRA U.S. Golden Masters Singles/Doubles	Baltimore, Maryland
APRIL 17-20	Ektelon USRA Regional Championships	Nationwide
MAY 21-26	Ektelon USRA 30th U.S. National Singles Championships	Houston, Texas
JUNE 21-25	Ektelon USRA 24th U.S. Junior Olympic Championships	Baltimore, Md.
JULY 16-19	NMRA International Masters Invitational Singles/Doubles	Las Vegas, Nevada
AUG. 26-30	IRF 9th World Senior Racquetball Championships	Albuquerque, New Mexico
OCTOBER 15-19	Ektelon USRA 30th U.S. National Doubles Championships	Phoenix, Ariz.
NOVEMBER 12-16	Promus Hotel Corporation 2nd U.S. Open Racquetball Championships	Memphis, Tenn.
DECEMBER 19-23	IRF 9th World Junior Championships	TBA
1998	event.....	location
JANUARY 15-17	USRA 14th Annual Leadership Conference	Colorado Springs, Colorado
JAN. 30 - FEB. 01	WSMA U.S. Women's Senior/Master Championships	Canoga Park, Calif.
FEBRUARY	NMRA U.S. Masters Singles Invitational	TBA
MARCH 05-07	ProKennex USRA 11th U.S. National High School Championships	St. Louis, Mo.

USRA AGE GROUP ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

	<i>Bud Muehleisen Award</i>	<i>Peggy Steding Award</i>
1996	Victor Sacco (N.Y.).....	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1995	Bobby Sanders (Ohio).....	Shelley Ogden (Ohio)
1994	Ron Galbreath (Pa.).....	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1993	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.).....	Susan Pfahler (Fla.) & Ron Galbreath (Pa.)
1992	Dave Peck (Texas).....	Janet Myers (S.C.)
1991	Paul Banales (Ariz.).....	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1990	Dave Kovanda (Ohio)	

USRA JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
1996	Rocky Carson (Calif.).....	Sadie Gross (N.D.)
1995	Shane Wood (Mass.).....	Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
1994	Shane Wood (Mass.).....	Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1993	Shane Wood (Mass.)...	Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1992	James Mulcock (N.M.).....	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1991	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.).....	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)

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Men's Open..... Women's Open

1996	Ruben Gonzalez (N.Y.)	Michelle Gould (Idaho)
1995	Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)	Michelle Gould (Idaho)
1994	Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)	Robin Levine (Calif.)
1993	John Ellis (Calif.)	Michelle Gould (Idaho)
1992	Chris Cole (Mich.)	Michelle Gilman Gould (Idaho)
1991	Tim Sweeney (Ill.)	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1990	Tim Doyle (Ohio)	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1989	Tim Doyle (Ohio)	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1988	Andy Roberts (Tenn.)	Toni Bevelock (Ariz.)
1987	Jim Cascio (Pa.)	Diane Green (Fla.)
1986	Ed Andrews (Calif.)	Cindy Baxter (Pa.)
1985	Ed Andrews (Calif.)	Cindy Baxter (Pa.)
1984	Dan Ferris (Minn.)	Marci Drexler (Calif.)
1983	Dan Ferris (Minn.)	Cindy Baxter (Pa.)
1982	Jack Newman (Ill.)	Diane Bullard (Fla.)
1981	Ed Andrews (Calif.)	Cindy Baxter (Pa.)
1980	Ed Andrews (Calif.)	Carol Frenck (Va.)
1979	John Eggerman (Idaho)	Sheryl Ambler (Calif.)
1978	Lindsey Meyers	Hope Weisbach (Ariz.)
1977	Jerry Zukerman (Mo.)	Karin Walton (Calif.)
1976	Joe Wirkus (Wis.)	Sarah Green (Texas)
1975	Wayne Bowes (Canada)	Peggy Steding (Texas)
1974	Bill Schmidke (Wis.)	Peggy Steding (Texas)
1973	Charles Brumfield (Calif.)	Peggy Steding (Texas)
1972	Charles Brumfield (Calif.)	Jan Pasternak (Texas)
1971	Bill Schmidke (Wis.)	Jan Pasternak (Texas)
1970	Craig Finger (Mich.)	Fran Cohen (Mo.)
1969	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1968	Bill Schultz (Wis.)	

Men's A..... Women's A

1996	Scott Grunin (Mass.)	Cheryl Gistand (Texas)
1995	Rocky Carson (Calif.)	Sadie Gross (S.D.)
1994	David Sparling (Calif.)	Ann Hemphill (Ala.)
1993	Byron Stanley (Texas)	Bridget Barron (Texas)
1992	Grant Giles (Ga.)	Andrea Beugen (Minn.)
1991	Brett Zimmerman (Texas)	Roz Petronelli (Mass.)
1990	Derek Dung (Hawaii)	Jean Halahan (N.Y.)
1989	Todd Felicia (N.Y.)	Kim Allen (La.)
1988	Joel Bonnett (Mich.)	Pat Musselman (Pa.)

Men's 19+..... Women's 19+

1996	Rich Baer (N.Y.)	Amy Kilbane (Ohio)
1995	Brian Fredenberg (Texas)	Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1994	Brian Fredenberg (Texas)	Amy Kilbane (Ohio)
1993	Jeff Evans (Wash.)	Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
1992	Dan Fowler (Md.)	Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
1991	Charlie Garrido (Texas)	Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
1990	Derek Robinson (Wash.)	Dana Sibell (Minn.)
1989	Charlie Nichols (Fla.)	Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)
1988	Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)	Lisa Ecker (Mich.)
1987	Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)	Kersten Hallander (Fla.)
1986	Lance Gilliam (Texas)	Teresa Beresford (Va.)
1985	Joe Cline (N.J.)	Lisa Hjelm (Calif.)
1984	Tim Hansen (Fla.)	Mona Mook (Calif.)

Men's 25+..... Women's 25+

1996	Kevin Graham (Wis.)	Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1995	James Lorello (Fla.)	Kim Russell (Ga.)
1994	Tony Boscia (Colo.)	Kim Russell (Ky.)
1993	Chris Wright (Mo.)	Kersten Hallander (Fla.)
1992	Jim Lowe (Alaska)	Kersten Hallander (Fla.)
1991	Sam Wasko (Va.)	Lauren Sheprow (Fla.)
1990	Jim Cascio (Pa.)	Kersten Hallander (Fla.)
1989	Ron Digiacomo (N.Y.)	Joyce Pochily (N.H.)
1988	Mark Morrison (Fla.)	Malia Kamahoahoa-Bailey (Va.)
1987	Tim Hansen (Fla.)	Chris Evon (Ill.)
1986	Bill Land (La.)	Diane Bullard (Fla.)
1985	Gary Merritt (Texas)	Kathy Gluvna (Ala.)
1984	Bill Land (La.)	Molly O'Brien (Pa.)
1983	Mark Morrison (Fla.)	Cindy Baxter (Pa.)

Men's 30+..... Women's 30+

1996	Bruce Erickson (Mo.)	Kersten Hallander (Fla.)
1995	John Amatulli (Ind.)	Karin Sobotta (Wash.)
1994	Armando Alonso (Fla.)	Karin Sobotta (Wash.)
1993	Jimmy Lowe (Ky.)	Laura Fenton (Neb.)
1992	Dave Peck (Colo.)	Brenda Kyzer (S.C.)
1991	Bill Sell (Calif.)	Mary Lyons (Fla.)
1990	Bobby Corcorran (Ariz.)	Linda Porter (Ill.)
1989	Mark Morrison (Fla.)	Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1988	Bobby Corcorran (Ariz.)	Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1987	Bill Land (La.)	Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1986	Bobby Corcorran (Ariz.)	Gail Woods (La.)
1985	Dennis Aceto (Mass.)	Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1984	Jay Schwartz (Fla.)	Lucy Zarfos (Pa.)
1983	Joe Wirkus (Wis.)	Brenda Loube (Mass.)
1982	Joe Wirkus (Wis.)	Carol Frenck (Va.)
1981	Steve Dunn (Calif.)	Betsy Massie (Calif.)
1980	Mark Hegg	Carol Frenck (Va.)

Men's 35+..... Women's 35+

1996	Dave Peck (Texas)	Mary Bickley (Pa.)
1995	Dave Peck (Texas)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1994	Dave Schwent (Mo.)	Marcy Lynch (Pa.)
1993	Dave Peck (Texas)	Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1992	Dave Peck (Colo.)	Cindy Baxter (Pa.)
1991	Craig Kunkel (Calif.)	Mary Dee Jolly (N.H.)
1990	Davey Bledsoe (Ga.)	Cindy Baxter (Pa.)
1989	Stu Hastings (Mich.)	Janell Marriott (R.I.)
1988	Stu Hastings (Mich.)	Carole Dattisman (Pa.)
1987	Craig Kunkel (Calif.)	Eileen Ehrlich (Fla.)
1986	Craig Kunkel (Calif.)	Eileen Ehrlich (Fla.)
1985	Ed Remen (Va.)	Martha Callahan (Mass.)
1984	Jay Schwartz (Fla.)	Barb Tennesen (Minn.)
1983	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)	Barb Tennesen (Minn.)
1982	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)	Barb Smith (Idaho)
1981	Jay Jones (Calif.)	Barb Smith (Idaho)
1980	Jim Austin (Texas)	Linda Siau (Calif.)
1979	Jim Austin (Texas)	Linda Siau (Calif.)
1978	Jim Austin (Texas)	Barbara Levitt (Colo.)
1977	Jim Austin (Texas)	Sandy McPherson (Okla.)
1976	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	Carmenza Pond (Tenn.)
1975	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1974	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	

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Men's 40+ Women's 40+

1996	Tom Traver (Ohio)	Janet Myers (N.C.)
1995	Ed Garabedian (Pa.)	Janet Myers (N.C.)
1994	Tom Travers (Ohio)	Janet Myers (N.C.)
1993	Tom Travers (Ohio)	Janell Marriott (R.I.)
1992	Fielding Snow (Wash.)	Janet Myers (N.C.)
1991	Davey Bledsoe (Ga.)	Carole Dattisman (Pa.)
1990	Dave Kovanda (Ohio)	Jan Smith (Fla.)
1989	Johnny Northern (Mich.)	Carol Frenck (Va.)
1988	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)	Merijean Kelley (Calif.)
1987	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)	Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1986	Ed Remen (Va.)	Maite Urza (Wash.)
1985	Ed Remen (Va.)	Nancy Katz (Pa.)
1984	Jim Austin (Texas)	Susan Kraft (Kan.)
1983	Jim Austin (Texas)	Renee Hebert (La.)
1982	Charles Garfinkel (N.Y.)	Mildred Gwinn (N.C.)
1981	Bob Petersen (Idaho)	Colleen Sloan (Calif.)
1980	Charles Garfinkel (N.Y.)	Sue Graham (Va.)
1974-79		No results
1973	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1972	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1971	Giles Coors (Tenn.)	
1970	Glenn Turpin (Tenn.)	
1969	Marlow Phillips (Mo.)	

Men's 45+ Women's 45+

1994	Mitt Layton (Fla.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1995	Mitt Layton (Fla.)	Terry Ann Rogers (Calif.)
1994	Dave Kovanda (Ohio)	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1993	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1992	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1991	Herb Grigg (Ill.)	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1990	Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1989	Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Sue Carow (Ill.)
1988	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1987	Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1986	Charles Garfinkel (N.Y.)	Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1985	Charles Garfinkel (N.Y.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1984	Dario Mas (Del.)	Susan Busch (Mo.)
1983	Al Ferrari (Mo.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1982	Charlie Solomon (Ind.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1981	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	Colleen Sloan (Calif.)
1980	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	no event
1979	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	Sue Graham (Va.)
1978	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1977	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1976	Bob McNamara (Minn.)	
1975	John Halverson (Calif.)	
1974	Bill Sellers (Texas)	

Men's 50+ Women's 50+

1996	Ed Remen (Va.)	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1995	Horace Miller (Ill.)	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1994	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1993	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1992	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1991	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1990	Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1989	Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)

1988	Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1987	Bob Wetzel (Calif.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1986	Charles Wickham (N.C.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1985	Charles Wickham (N.C.)	Sue Graham (Colo.)
1984	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)	Colleen Sloan (Calif.)
1983	Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	Noel Dingman (Md.)
1982	Chuck Lake (Va.)	Sippy Hammond (Ohio)
1981	Pat Whitehill (Wash.)	
1980	Chuck Lake (Va.)	

Men's 55+ Women's 55+

1996	Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1995	Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1994	Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1993	Rex Lawler (Ind.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1992	Arthur Johnson (Colo.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1991	Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1990	Arthur Johnson (Colo.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1989	Otis Chapman (Ohio)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1988	Otis Chapman (Ohio)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1987	Otis Chapman (Ohio)	Claire Gautreau (Texas)
1986	Chuck Lake (Va.)	Mary Lou Acuff (Va.)
1985	Pat Whitehill (WA)	Rachel Schild (Idaho)
1984	Fintan Kilbride (CAN)	Janet Kettman (Calif.)
1983	Floyd Svensen (Calif.)	
1982	Fintan Kilbride (CAN)	
1981	Al Rossi (Calif.)	
1980	Hal Gladstone (CAN)	
1979	Gene Grapes (Pa.)	
1978	Floyd Svensen (Calif.)	
1977	Floyd Svensen (Calif.)	
1976	Ike Gumer (Ga.)	
1975	Fred Vetter (Wis.)	
1974	Ike Gumer (Ga.)	

Men's 60+ Women's 60+

1996	Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1995	Otis Chapman (Ohio)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1994	Don Alt (Ohio)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1993	Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1992	Fintan Kilbride (Canada)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1991	Harvey Clar (Calif.)	Joann Jones (Conn.)
1990	Fintan Kilbride (Canada)	Claire Gautreau (Texas)
1989	Fintan Kilbride (Canada)	Claire Gautreau (Texas)
1988	Fintan Kilbride (CAN)	Claire Gautreau (Texas)
1987	Victor Sacco (N.Y.)	Claire Gautreau (Texas)
1986	Victor Sacco (N.Y.)	Claire Gautreau (Texas)
1985	Joe Hero (La.)	Claire Gautreau (Texas)
1984	Earl Acuff (Va.)	Mary Low Acuff (Va.)
1983	Floyd Svenson (Calif.)	
1982	Art Payne (Ohio)	
1981	Don Goddard (Mont.)	
1980	Fred Vetter (Wis.)	
1979	Ed Lowrence (Tenn.)	

Men's 65+ Women's 65+

1995	Victor Sacco (N.Y.)	No division
1995	Joe Lambert (Texas)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1994	Joe Lambert (Texas)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)

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1993 Joe Lambert (Texas) Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
 1992 Fintan Kilbride (Canada) Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
 1991 Mal Roberts (Fla.) Claire Gautreau (Texas)
 1990 Victor Sacco (N.Y.) Claire Gautreau (Texas)
 1989 John Bareilles (Va.) Mary Lou Acuff (Va.)
 1988 Luzell Wilde (Utah) Mary Lou Acuff (Va.)
 1987 Luzell Wilde (Utah) Mary Lou Acuff (Va.)
 1986 Luzell Wilde (Utah) Mary Lou Acuff (Va.)
 1985 Luzell Wilde (Utah) Eleanor Quackenbush (Ore.)
 1984 Earl Acuff (Va.) Lucille Douglas (Texas)
 1983 Luzell Wilde (Utah)
 1982 Ike Gumer (Ky.)
 1981 Ike Gumer (Ky.)
 1980 Ike Gumer (Ky.)
 1979 Lawrence Rankin (Calif.)

Men's 70+

1996 Victor Sacco (N.Y.) Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
 1995 Victor Sacco (N.Y.) Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
 1994 John Bareilles (Va.)
 1993 Nick Sans (Calif.)
 1992 Earl Acuff (N.C.)
 1991 Luzell Wilde (Utah)
 1990 Earl Acuff (N.C.)
 1989 Earl Acuff (Va.)

Women's 70+

1988 Luzell Wilde (Utah)
 1987 Alan Shepherd (Md.)
 1986 Alan Shepherd (Md.)
 1985 Ike Gumer (Ky.)
 1984 Ike Gumer (Ky.)

Men's 75+

1996 Earl Acuff (N.C.)
 1995 Luzell Wilde (Utah)
 1994 Earl Acuff (N.C.)
 1993 Luzell Wilde (Utah)
 1992 Allen Shepherd (Md.)
 1991 Allen Shephard (Md.)
 1990 Allen Shephard (Md.)
 1989 Ike Gumer (Ky.)
 1988 John Pearce (Texas)

Men's 80+

1996 Allen Shepherd (Md.)
 1995 Allen Shepherd (Md.)
 1994 John Pearce (Texas)
 1993 Jack Daly (Va.)
 1992 John Pearce (Texas)
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Wheelchair Open

1996 Rick Slaughter (Tenn.)
 1995 Chip Parmelly (Calif.)
 Donna Cline (Texas)
 1994 Chip Parmelly (Calif.)
 Jeannie Nicklos (Texas)
 1993 Chip Parmelly (Calif.)
 1992 Chip Parmelly (Calif.)
 1990 Gary Baker (Pa.)
 1988 Chip Parmelly (Calif.)
 1987 Chip Parmelly (Calif.)
 1986 Chip Parmelly (Calif.)
 1985 Jim Leatherman (Md.)
 1984 Chip Parmelly (Calif.)
 Tammy Riggs (Calif.)
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 Stacy Norman (Tenn.)
 1982 Jim Leatherman (Md.)

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1993 Jeff Eastman (Wis.)
 1992 Ron Tkachuk (Wis.)

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Men's Open Division

1996 Todd O'Neil (Texas)/Derek Robinson (Wash.) Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
 1995 Adam Karp/Bill Sell (Calif.) Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
 1994 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)/Tim Sweeney (Ill.) Jackie Gibson/Joy MacKenzie (Calif.)
 1993 John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.) Laura Fenton (Mass.)/Michelle Gould (Idaho)
 1992 Joel Bonnett (Mich.)/Bill Sell (Calif.) Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
 1991 John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.) Michelle Gilman (Idaho)/Jackie Paraiso Gibson (Calif.)
 1990 Jim Floyd (Mich.)/Tim Hansen (Fla.) Michelle Gilman (Ore.)/Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)
 1989 Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremski (Pa.) Cindy Doyle (N.Y.)/Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
 1988 Brian Hawkes/Bill Sell (Calif.) Malia Bailey (Va.)/Toni Bevelock (Ariz.)
 1987 Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremski (Pa.) Mona Mook/Trina Rasmussen (Calif.)
 1986 Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremski (Pa.) Mona Mook/Trina Rasmussen (Calif.)
 1985 Tim Anthony/Andy Roberts (Tenn.) Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Malia Kamahoahoa (Va.)
 1984 Dan Obremski (Pa.)/Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio) Diane Bullard/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
 1983 Steve Trent/Stan Wright (Calif.) Carol Frenck/Malia Kamahoahoa (Va.)
 1982 Steve Trent/Stan Wright (Calif.) Tammy Hajjar/Beth Latini
 1981 Ed Andrews/Mark Martino Carol Frenck/Andrea Katz
 1980 Jeff Kwartler/Mark Malowitz Karen Borgia/Mary Ann Cluess
 1979 Jeff Kwartler/Mark Malowitz Diane Bullard/Nancy Hamrick (Fla.)
 1978 Jeff Kwartler/Dave Peck Fran Davis/Elaine Lee
 1977 Steve Trent/Stan Wright Karin Walton/Shannon Wright
 1976 Gene Gibbs/Bob Kraut Sue Carow/Kathy Williams
 1975 Charlie Brumfield/Craig McCoy Jenifer Harding/Janell Marriott
 1974 David Charlson/Steve Strandemo Ann Gorski/Peggy Steding
 1973 Charlie Brumfield/Steve Serot Ann Gorski/Peggy Steding
 1972 Mike Luciw/George Rudysz Kimberly Hill/Jan Pasternak
 1971 Ken Porco/Mike Zeitman
 1970 Bob Wallace/Bob Yellin
 1969 Al Hyman/Mike Zeitman
 1968 Simie Fien/Jim White

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Men's A Division Women's A Division

1996	Myron Hicks/Tommy Medina (Ariz.)	Jeannie Cannella/Mary Keenan (Colo.)
1995	Myron Hicks/Don Ottasen (Ariz.)	Sandra Cabrera/Mary Rossi (Calif.)
1994	Oscar Delgado/Frank Garcia (Fla.)	Nora Byrn/Tracey Smith (Tenn.)
1993	Mark Spangenberg/Brian Mirich (Calif.)	Barb Goodman/Linda Mojer (Colo.)
1992	Nathan Deer (Ky.)/Walter McDade (Tenn.)	Claudia Andrade/Cari Kresa (Fla.)
1991	Gabe Astalos (Ariz.)/Adam Karp (Calif.)	Norma Bilbo (N.M.)/Pam Garcia (Fla.)
1990	Arsenio Amat (Fla.)/Mark Bustos (Calif.)	Samantha Daly/Lisa Laidley (Md.)
1989	Chris Eagle/Doug Eagle (N.C.)	Deanna Montang/Joleen Price (Minn.)
1988	Tim Harcharik/Brian Jorgenson (Pa.)	Becky Shirk/Cindy Tilbury (Minn.)
1987	Peter Francheschi (N.Y.)/Michael VanOre (N.J.)	Christine Fernandez/Debra Vinger (Wis.)
1986	Thomas Jobe/Kurt Nystrom (Fla.)	No division
1985	Daryl Rosidivito/Peter Zollers (Pa.)	No division
1984	Mike Dick (Nev.)/Armondo Flores (Calif.)	Sue Hill/Nancy Rogers (Ore.)
1983	Andy McDonald/Rick Sorenson (Calif.)	Beth Alois/Candy Winter (Fla.)

Men's All Age. Women's All Age

1996	Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Andrew Haywood (Texas)	Rachel Gellman (Ariz.)/Renee Ramirez (Texas)
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Men's 19+ Women's 19+

1995	Jason Theorner (Fla.)/Steven Shapiro (Ga.)	Rachel Gellman (N.M.)/Lourdes Garcia Sanders (Colo.)
1994	Aaron Metcalf/Jason Thoerner (Fla.)	Amy Kilbane/Kerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1993	Kelly Gelhaus/Robin Dixon (Calif.)	Laura Rogers/Pam Smith (Texas)
1992	Adam Karp/John Mack (Calif.)	Amy Kilbane (Ohio)/Dana Sibell (Minn.)
1991	John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.)	Cindy Doyle/Holly Gray (Calif.)
1990	Joe Cline (N.J.)/Ron Digiacoimo (N.Y.)	Beth Gutowski/Joetta Hastings (Mich.)
1989	Rob McKinney (Pa.)/Todd Stead (Minn.)	Kersten Hallander/Claudia McCarthy (Fla.)
1988	Gus Farrell/Hart Johnson (Minn.)	Linda Belanger/Teresa Pitts (Md.)
1987	Joe Cline (N.J.)/Ron Digiacoimo (N.Y.)	Dot Fischl (Pa.)/Tammy Hajjar (Calif.)
1986	Gus Farrell/Hart Johnson (Minn.)	Melanie Britton/Chris Collins (Fla.)
1985	Mark Malowitz/Mike Thurmond (Texas)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1984	Bubba Gautier/Tim Hansen (Fla.)	

Men's 25+ Women's 25+

1996	James Lorello/Tim Hansen (Fla.)	Teri Lawrence/Dori Moss (Fla.)
1995	Billy Perrone (Kan.)/Brad McCunniff (Iowa)	Chau Phan/Dina Moreland (Calif.)
1994	Jeff Conine (Fla.)/Marty Hogan (Mo.)	Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)/Kim Russell (Ga.)
1993	Hart Johnson/Todd Stead (Minn.)	Marianne Cluess (N.Y.)/Lorraine Galloway (N.J.)
1992	Rick Bezousek (Neb.)/Bruce Erickson (Minn.)	Dina Moreland/Debbie Tisinger (Calif.)
1991	Rick Bezousek (Neb.)/Bruce Erickson (Minn.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1990	Rick Bezousek (Neb.)/Bruce Erickson (Minn.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1989	John Peterson (N.Y.)/Jimmy Young (Pa.)	Lynn Cardwell/Gina Waldron (Minn.)
1988	Brent Huber/Mark Morrison (Fla.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1987	Rich Hill/Tom Neill (N.M.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
1986	Scott Clark (Ky.)/Jim Young (Pa.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1985	Dan Factor (Calif.)/Gary Merritt (Texas)	Diane Bullard/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1984	Dan Factor (Calif.)/Marshall Greenman (Texas)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1983	Mark Morrow/Bruce Radford (Calif.)	Linda Kennedy/Molly O'Brien (Pa.)

Men's 30+ Women's 30+

1996	John Amatulli (Ind.)/Gregg Peck (Texas)	Chris Evon/Terri Graham (Calif.)
1995	Robin Dixon/Steve Lerner (Calif.)	Kersten Hallander/Dori Moss (Fla.)
1994	Tim Hansen (Fla.)/Joe Icaza (Ga.)	Diane Green/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1993	Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Diane Green/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1992	Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
1991	Dave Peck (Colo.)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Diane Green/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1990	Gary Mazaroff/Tom Neill (N.M.)	Fran Davis (N.J.)/Mary Lyons (Fla.)
1989	Steve Trent/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
1988	Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan (Fla.)
1987	Ken Garrigus/Mike Romo (Ariz.)	Gail Troxell/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1986	Joe Icaza/Frank Johnson (Fla.)	Eileen Ehrlich/Gail Troxell (Fla.)
1985	Ken Garrigus/Mike Romo (Ariz.)	Janice Brown/Linda Loughrey (Colo.)
1984	Bob Baruck (Nev.)/Steve Dunn (Calif.)	Carol Frenck (Va.)/Vicki Bone (Ore.)
1983	Mark Morrow/Bruce Radford (Calif.)	Jeanine Farrell (Va.)/Marilyn Ross (Pa.)

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	Men's 35+	Women's 35+
1996	Marty Hogan (Mo.)/Steve Trent (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1995	Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1994	Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1993	Dave Peck (Texas)/Don Thomas (Ariz.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
1992	Dave Peck (Texas)/Rich Wagner (Calif.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gail Woods (La.)
1991	Bobby Corcoran/Keith Fleming (Ariz.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gail Woods (La.)
1990	Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gail Woods (La.)
1989	Dave Kovanda/Ron Woolard (Ohio)	Julie Jacobsen/Patricia Schmidt (Wis.)
1988	Stu Hastings/Rick Vanderlind (Mich.)	Carol Frenck/Betty Lewis (Va.)
1987	Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1986	Van Dubolsky/Joe Icaza (Fla.)	Carol Frenck/Michelle Persinger (Va.)
1985	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Sherry Armstrong/Linda Loughrey (Colo.)
1984	Van Dubolsky/Joe Icaza (Fla.)	Susie Bates/Barb Smith (Idaho)
1983	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Carol Frenck/Mildred Gwinn (Va.)
	Men's 40+	Women's 40+
1996	Jerry Hilecher/Leo Gurnoe (Calif.)	Elaine Dexter/Leslie Pawka (Calif.)
1995	Troy Stallings/Glen Withrow (Minn.)	Julie Jacobson (Wis.)/Nancy Kronenfeld (Ill.)
1994	Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)	Janell Marriott (R.I.)/Janet Myers (N.C.)
1993	Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)	Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1992	Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)	Donna Carpenter/Phyllis Davidson (Calif.)
1991	Dave Kovanda/Ron Woolard (Ohio)	Shelly Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1990	Jim Bailey (Va.)/Larry Liles (Tenn.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1989	Van Dubolsky/Leo Marsocci (Fla.)	Eve Dillin/Barb Tennesen (Minn.)
1988	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Pat Tarzon (Ill.)
1987	Alex Cooley/Joseph Durrant (Ariz.)	Agatha Falso/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1986	George Deluca/Craig Kunkel (Calif.)	Agatha Falso/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1985	Les Dittrich/Ron Strom (Minn.)	Agatha Falso/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1984	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Mark Wayne (Calif.)	Vicki Edelman/Mimi Kelly
1983	Jim Austin/Bill Schmidtke (Texas)	
	Men's 45+	Women's 45+
1996	Stan Wright/Gene Pare (Calif.)	Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1995	Jim Bailey/Ed Remen (Va.)	Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1994	George Deluca/Craig Kunkel (Calif.)	Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1993	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1992	Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)	Nidia Funes/Merijean Kelley (Calif.)

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1991	Graig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Sharon Hastings-Welty (OR)
1990	Bob Lindsay/Tom McKie (Texas)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Sharon Hastings-Welty (OR)
1989	Bob Lindsey/Tom McKie (Texas)	Bridgette Hartz (Mich.)/Linda Siau (Ariz.)
1988	Graig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Jo Kenyon/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1987	Graig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)	Jo Kenyon/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1986	Jack Ross/Fred White (Fla.)	
1985	Ron Galbreath/Joe Jackman (Pa.)	
1984	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1983	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Pete Talbot (N.J.)	

	Men's 50+	Women's 50+
1996	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Nidia Funes/Merijean Kelley (Calif.)
1995	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1994	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	No division
1993	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)/Fred Letter (N.J.)	No division
1992	Ron Galbreath (Pa.)/Fred Letter (N.J.)	No division
1991	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Marion Johnson (Texas)/Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1990	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Les Dittich (Minn.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)/Sylvia Sawyer (Utah)
1989	Monte McCunniff/Bob Sheldon (Iowa)	Annabelle Kovar/Margaret Ogden (Neb.)
1988	Otis Chapman/Bobby Sanders (Ohio)	Marion Crawford/Lenore Shapiro (N.Y.)
1987	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Pat Colombo (N.Y.)	Rose Mooney (Colo.)/Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1986	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Thomas Waltz (Conn.)	
1985	Otis Chapman (Ohio)/Pete Talbot (N.J.)	
1984	Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Bud Muehleisen (Calif.)	
1983	William Roy (Tenn.)/Tom Waltz (Conn.)	

	Men' 55+	Women's 55+
1996	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Combined division
1995	Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Susan Embry/Nancy Martin (Calif.)
1994	Lee Graff (Ore.)/Thomas Penick (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1993	Art Johnson (Colo.)/Jerry Stoltman (Wis.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1992	Tom Moore/Allan Weckerly (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1991	Tom Moore/Allan Weckerly (Calif.)	Sue Embry (Calif.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1990	Tom Moore/Allan Weckerly (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)/Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1989	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Pat Colombo (N.Y.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Rose Mooney (Colo.)
1988	Don Alt (Fla.)/Otis Chapman (Ohio)	
1987	Duncan Stockwell (Canada)/Pat Whitehill (Wash.)	
1986	Joe Rizzo (Nev.)/Al Rossi, Calif.)	
1985	Don Berk/Jack Burnstein (Ill.)	
1984	Lake Westphal/Pat Whitehill (Calif.)	
1983	Milt Karp (Texas)/Robert Troyer (Ill.)	

	Men's 60+	Women's 60+
1996	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1995	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1994	Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1993	Don Alt (Ohio)/Don Woodington (Fla.)	No division
1992	Don Alt (Ohio)/Don Woodington (Fla.)	No division
1991	James Keenan (Calif.)/Paul Ryan (Colo.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
1990	Harvey Clar (Calif.)/ Pat Whitehill (Wash.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)/Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1989	Fred Briscoe (Canada)/Al Rossi (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (Va.)/Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1988	Don Berk/Jack Burnstein (Ill.)	
1987	Don Berk/Jack Burnstein (Ill.)	
1986	Saal Lesser (N.Y.)/Al Rossi (Calif.)	
1985	Stan Bernie/Carl Loveday (Calif.)	
1984	Ike Gumer/Allen Shepard (Ky.)	
1983	Ike Gumer/Irv Zeitman (Ky.)	

Men's 65+	
1996	Ridlon Kiphart/Joe Lambert (Texas)
1995	Dean Adirth/Duncan Stockwell (Canada)
1994	Herb Nathan/Mal Roberts (Fla.)
1993	Russell Carruth/Norman Skanchy (Utah)
1992	John Bareilles (Va.)/Mal Roberts (Fla.)

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- 1991 John Bareilles (Ariz.)/Mal Roberts (Fla.)
- 1990 Saal Lesser/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)
- 1989 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1988 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1987 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1986 Stan Berney/Carl Loveday (Calif.)
- 1985 Ike Gumer/Irv Zeitman (Ky.)
- 1984 Ike Gumer/Allen Shepard (Ky.)
- 1983 Ike Gumer (Ky.)/Byron Harless (Fla.)

Men's 70+

- 1996 Philip Dzuik (Ill.)/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)
- 1995 Ivan Bruner (Wis.)/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)
- 1994 Saal Lesser/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)
- 1993 Nick Sans (Calif.)/Lake Westphal (Ariz.)
- 1992 Nick Sans (Calif.)/Lake Westphal (Ariz.)
- 1991 Don Goddard (Mt.)/Irving Zeitman (Ky.)
- 1990 Jim Fitzharris (Minn.)/Nick Sans (Fla.)
- 1989 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1988 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1987 Ike Gumer/Allen Shepard (Ky.)
- 1986 Ike Gumer/Andrew Hyman (Ky.)
- 1985 Ike Gumer (Ky.)/Allen Shepherd (Md.)

Men's 75+

- 1996 Don Goddard (Mont.)/Art Goss (Colo.)
- 1991 Ike Gumer (Ky.)/Allen Shepherd (Md.)
- 1990 Ike Gumer (Ky.)/Allen Shepherd (Md.)
- 1989 G. Robert Mowerson/Stephen Ordos (Minn.)

Mixed Open Divisions

- 1996 Jackie Paraiso/Joey Paraiso (Calif.)
- 1995 Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Eric Muller (Mass.)
- 1994 Elaine Hooghe/David Hamilton (Ohio)
- 1993 Malia Bailey (Va.)/Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)
- 1992 Malia Bailey (Va.)/Michael Bronfeld (Calif.)
- 1991 Michelle Gilman (Idaho)/Jeff Evans (Ore.)
- 1990 Michelle Gilman (Ore.)/Tim Hansen (Fla.)

- 1989 Dottie Fischl (Pa.)/Aaron Katz (Texas)
- 1988 Dana Sibell (Minn.)/Mike Guidry (Texas)
- 1987 Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)
- 1986 Trina Rasmussen (Ore.)/Bobby Rodriguez (Colo.)
- 1985 Toni Bevelock/Andy Roberts (Tenn.)
- 1984 Malia Kamahoahoa (Va.)/Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio)
- 1983 Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)

Mixed A

- 1996 Christine & Jim Wright (Del.)
- 1995 Connie Fall/Jack Abramo (Calif.)
- 1994 John Marinich (Ga.)/Janice Miller (Ohio)
- 1993 Sharon Jhan/Kevin Wriston (Texas)

Mixed All Age

- 1996 Ileana Villareal/Alain Pujolar (Fla.)

Mixed 19+

- 1995 Lisa McLaws/Brian Mirich (Calif.)
- 1994 Laura Fenton (Mass.)/Rick Decastro (Md.)
- 1993 Laura Wall/Marko Perez (Calif.)

Mixed 25+

- 1996 Elaine Mardas/Dave Ganim (Ohio)
- 1995 Lisa McLaws/Brian Mirich (Calif.)
- 1994 Pat Chesterman/Mark Nomura (Calif.)
- 1993 Jody Zogg/Marko Perez (Calif.)
- 1992 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)
- 1991 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)
- 1990 Laura Fenton (Neb.)/Tony Upkes (S.D.)
- 1989 Linda Wright-Moore/Bret Olesen (Neb.)
- 1988 Martha McDonald/Greg McDonald (FL)

Mixed 30+

- 1996 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)
- 1995 Lynn Skadeland (N.D.)/Jon Martin (Ore.)
- 1994 Debbie & Kevin Tisinger (Calif.)
- 1993 Caryn McKinney (Ga.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)

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 1991 Linda Moore/Craig Olsen (Neb.)
 1990 Linda Moore/Craig Olsen (Neb.)
 1989 DeeDee Wolcott (Calif.)/Mike Weum (Minn.)
 1988 Martha McDonald/Greg McDonald (FL)

Mixed 35+

1996 Malia Bailey/Mark Baron (Va.)
 1995 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)
 1994 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)
 1993 Molly O'Brien (Pa.)/Jim Bailey (Va.)
 1992 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
 1991 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
 1990 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
 1989 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)
 1988 Fredina Iffert/Scott Johnson (PA)

Mixed 40+

1996 Elaine Dexter/David Azuma (Calif.)
 1995 Elaine Dexter/David Azuma (Calif.)
 1994 Elaine Dexter/David Azuma (Calif.)
 1993 Donna Carpenter/Richard Chabolla (Calif.)
 1992 Janet Myers (S.C.)/Davey Bledsoe (Ga.)
 1991 Judith Peterson/Darryl Warren (Calif.)
 1990 Karen San Filippo/Michael Vanore (N.J.)

Mixed 45+

1996 Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)
 1995 Shelley Ogden (Ohio)/Mike Stephens (Mich.)

1994 Agatha Falso/Leo Marsocci (Fla.)
 1993 Agatha Falso/Leo Marsocci (Fla.)
 1992 Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)/Jim Hiser (Colo.)
 1991 Karen San Filippo/Michael VanOre (N.J.)
 1990 Karen San Filippo/Michael Vanore (N.J.)

Mixed 50+

1996 Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)
 1995 Nidia Funes/Denis Lose (Calif.)
 1994 Rose Stoltman (Wis.)/Arthur Johnson (Colo.)
 1993 Nidia Funes/Denis Lose (Calif.)
 1992 Helen Dunsmoor (Idaho)/Luis Guerrero (Calif.)
 1991 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Jim McPherson (Okla.)
 1990 Sandy McPherson/Jim McPherson (Okla.)

Mixed 55+

1996 Lola Markus (Ill.)/Lee Graff (Ore.)
 1995 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)
 1994 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)
 1993 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)
 1992 Rose Mooney/John Mooney (Colo.)
 1991 Helen Dunsmoor/Jack Dunsmoor (Idaho)

Mixed 60+

1996 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)
 1995 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)

Mixed 75+

1996 Mary Low & Earl Acuff (N.C.)

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Men's #1 Singles

1996 Eric Muller, Harvard
 1995 Shane Wood, Nichols College
 1994 Tim Sweeney, SMSU
 1993 Tim Sweeney, SMSU
 1992 Tim Sweeney, SMSU
 1991 Tim Sweeney, SMSU
 1990 Todd O'Neil, MSU
 1989 Jimmy Floyd, Univ./Mich.
 1988 Michael Bronfeld, SAC
 1987 Andy Roberts, MSU
 1986 Roger Harripersad, SAC
 1985 Andy Roberts, MSU
 1984 Andy Roberts, MSU
 1983 Jack Newman, MSU
 1982 Jack Newman, MSU
 1981 Larry Fox, Univ./Mich.
 1980 Keith Dunlap, MSU

Women's #1 Singles

Tammy Brockbank, Treasure Valley CC
 Tammy Brockbank, Treasure Valley CC
 Kerri Stoffregen, MSU
 Tanya Spangler, San Jose State
 Cindy Doyle, Coastline CC
 Elaine Hooghe, Franklin Univ.
 Kim Russell, Univ./Kentucky
 Cindy Doyle, MSU
 Robin Levine, SAC
 Toni Bevelock, MSU
 Crystal Fried, SAC
 Crystal Fried, SAC
 Kathy Gluvna, MSU
 Kathy Gluvna, MSU
 Tammy Hajjar, Marist College
 Barbara Faulkenberry, AFA
 Barbara Faulkenberry, AFA

Men's A Singles

1979 Keith Dunlap, MSU
 1978 John Dunlap, MSU
 1977 John Dunlap, MSU
 1976 John Lynch, Univ./Ill.
 1975 Steve Smith, MSU
 1974 Randy Stafford, TN
 1973 Jerry Hilecher, MSU

Women's A Singles

Barbara Faulkenberry, AFA
 Carolyn Ghelardini, Univ./Ill.
 Janet Marshall, MSU
 Sarah Green, MSU
 Martha Byrd, Univ./Fla.

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1996 Brigham Young University (BYU)
 1995 Brigham Young University (BYU)
 1994 SW Missouri State University (SMSU)
 1993 SW Missouri State University (SMSU)
 1992 SW Missouri State University (SMSU)
 1991 SW Missouri State University (SMSU)
 1990 Memphis State University (MSU)
 1989 Memphis State University (MSU)
 1988 Sacramento State (SAC)
 1987 Sacramento State (SAC)
 1986 Sacramento State (SAC)
 1985 Memphis State University (MSU)
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 1982 Memphis State University (MSU)
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 1980 Memphis State University (MSU)
 1979 Memphis State University (MSU)
 1978 Memphis State University (MSU)
 1977 Memphis State University (MSU)
 1976 University of Illinois
 1975 Memphis State University (MSU)
 1974 University of Tennessee
 1973 University of Illinois

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Men's #1 Doubles

1996	Javier Moreno/Luis Munoz, Univ./S.Colorado
1995	Shane Wood/Erik Ekman, Nichols
1994	Fabian Balmori/Luis Munoz, MSU
1993	Joel Bonnett/Scott Reiff, MSU
1992	Mike Engel/Simon Roy, SMSU
1991	Mike Engel/Brian Rankin, SMSU
1990	Tim Hansen/Sergio Gonzalez, MSU
1989	Brian Hawkes/Bill Sell, Cal State/Fullerton
1988	Brian Bliss/Mark Isley, SMSU
1987	Hart Johnson/Todd Stead, St. Paul
1986	Rick Komistek/Andy Roberts, MSU
1985	Rick Komistek/Andy Roberts, MSU
1984	Jim Jeffers/Brian Sheldon, MSU
1983	Tim Hansen/Bubba Gautier
1982	Paul Bakken/Dan Constable, Bethel
1981	Paul Bakken/Dan Constable, Bethel
1980	Dan Cohen/Mike Gora, MSU
1979	Mike Gora/Pete Tashie, MSU
1978	Jerry Bildsy/Carey Finn, MSU
1977	Jim Cullin/David Fleetwood, MSU
1976	Eric Hinds/Dennis Mahjer, Univ./Ill.
1975	Dean Nichopoulos/Jim Thoni, MSU
1974	Jeff Bowman/John Parks, Univ./Ill.
1973	Davey Bledsoe/Randy Stafford, Univ./Tenn.

Women's #1 Doubles

1996	Britt Engel/Sadie Gross (Univ./Memphis)
1995	Dawn Peterson/Nicole Buresh, Univ./Wis.
1994	Kerri Stoffregen/Britt Engel, MSU
1993	Chris Deer/Heather Dunn, SMSU
1992	Heather Dunn/Jen Yokota, SMSU
1991	Ann Deer/Jen Yokota, SMSU
1990	Cindy Doyle/Holly Gray, MSU
1989	Robin Levine/Kelly Pulis, SAC
1988	Robin Levine/Kelly Pulis, SAC
1987	Robin Levine/Kelly Pulis, SAC
1986	Mona Mook/Trina Rasmussen, SAC
1985	Crystal Fried/Tracy Eagleson, SAC
1984	Theresa Beresford/Kim Cooling, MSU
1983	Lisa Faquin/Renee Trammell, MSU
1982	Lisa Faquin/Renee Trammell, MSU
1981	Dawn Kell/Karen Randich, Univ./Ill.
1980	Candi Gavin/Linda Levene, MSU
1979	Kirsten Conrad/Meg Hooper, Auburn
1978	Melanie Mobley/Cynthia Wilson, MSU
1977	Sally Disconza/Kay Haynes, MSU
1975	Janet Marshal/Debbie Vinson, MSU

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Boys 18 and under. Girls 18 and under

1996	Eric Storey (Ind.) Sadie Gross (S.D.)
1995	Shane Wood (Mass.) Sadie Gross (S.D.)
1994	Shane Wood (Mass.) Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1993	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.) Kerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1992	Jason Mannino (N.Y.) Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1991	John Ellis (Calif.) Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1990	Joel Bonnett (Mich.) Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1989	Mike Guidry (Texas) Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1988	Mike Guidry (Texas) Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1987	David Simonette Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1986	Todd O'Neil (Va.) Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1985	Jeff Conine Dina Pritchett
1984	Doug Ganim Toni Bevelock
1983	Ray Navarro Trina Rasmussen
1982	Corey Brysman Marci Drexler
1981	Jack Newman Mona Mook (Calif.)
1980	Sergio Gonzales (Fla.) Mona Mook (Calif.)
1979	Doug Cohen Linda Hogan
1978	Scott Hawkins Lislie Lindskog
1977	Jeff Larson
1976	Bob Adam Jr.
1975	Marty Hogan
1974	Jerry Zuckerman

Boys 16 and under. Girls 16 and under

1996	Rocky Carson (Calif.) Sara Borland (Iowa)
1995	Rocky Carson (Calif.) Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
1994	Eric Storey (Ind.) Sadie Gross (S.D.)
1993	David Hamilton (Ohio) Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1992	Shane Wood (Mass.) Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1991	Jason Mannino (N.Y.) Amber Frisch (Texas)
1990	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.) Jenny Spangenberg (Calif.)

1989	John Ellis (Calif.) Jenny Spangenberg (Calif.)
1988	John Ellis (Calif.) Heather Dunn (Mass.)
1987	Joey Paraiso (Calif.) Timi Dodson
1986	Tim Doyle Tanya Spangler
1985	Scott Richbourg (Fla.) Claudia McCarthy (Fla.)
1984	Mike Lowe Elaine Mardas
1983	Cliff Swain Michelle Morrow
1982	Jeff Mulligan Brenda Young
1981	Lance Lacour Lynn Wojcik
1980	Gerry Price Stacy Fletcher
1979	John Klearman Liz Alvarado
1978	John Egerman Linda Hogan

Boys 14 and under. Girls 14 and under

1996	Shane Vanderson (Ohio) Krystal Csuk (Ill.)
1995	Ryan Staten (Kan.) Sara Borland (Iowa)
1994	Rocky Carson (Calif.) Katie Gould (Mo.)
1993	Rocky Carson (Calif.) Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
1992	Mark Hurst (Fla.) Sadie Gross (Minn.)
1991	Shane Wood (Mass.) Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1990	Jason Mannino (N.Y.) Amy Jerdee (Iowa)
1989	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.) Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1988	Allan Engel (Fla.) Jenny Spangenberg (Calif.)
1987	John Ellis (Calif.) Jenny Lee
1986	Robby Walden (Fla.) Erica Wilhite
1985	Joey Paraiso (Calif.) Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1984	Scott Pekovich Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1983	David Simonette Elaine Mardas
1982	David Simonette Crystal Fried
1981	Luis Miranda Elaine Mardas
1980	Luis Miranda Noelle Kundinger
1979	David Gross Donna Allen

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Boys 12 and under	Girls 12 and under
1996 Jack Huczek (Mich.)	Crystal Winfrey (Ohio)
1995 Jack Huczek (Mich.)	Kristen Walsh (Utah)
1994 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	Rebecca Dolloff (Texas)
1993 Gabe Gose (N.M.)	Sara Borland (Iowa)
1992 Rocky Carson (Calif.)	Jamie Trachsel (Minn.)
1991 Hal Spangenberg (Calif.)	Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
1990 Eric Storey (Utah)	Dawn Gates (Ill.)
1989 Shane Wood (Mass.)	Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1988 Andy Thompson	Aimee Roehler
1987 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1986 Nicky Xynidis (Fla.)	Talya Dodson
1985 John Ellis (Calif.)	Erica Wilhite
1984 Jeff Russell	Jackie Charboneau
1983 Nolan Glantz	Kimberly Pinola
1982 James Lorello (Fla.)	Tanya Spangler
1978 David Gross	Lyn Wojek

Boys 10 and under	Girls 10 and under
1996 Jeremy Robbins (Texas)	Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1995 Steven Klaiman (Texas)	Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1994 Jack Huczek (Mich.)	Crystal Winfrey (Ohio)
1993 Jack Huczek (Mich.)	Rebecca Dolloff (N.M.)
1992 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	Rebecca Dolloff (N.M.)
1991 Gabriel Gose (N.M.)	Sara Borland (Iowa)
1990 R.O. Carson (Calif.)	Jamie Trachsel (Minn.)
1989 Hal Spangenberg (Calif.)	Dawn Gates (Ill.)
1988 Brent Zimmerman	Debra Derr (Fla.)
1987 Wesley Miller	Dawn Marie Gates (Ill.)
1986 Jon Xynidis (Fla.)	Alyssa Boland
1985 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1984 Joaquin Marieta	Talya Dodson
1983 John Ellis (Calif.)	Erica Wilhite
1982 Nicky Xynidis (Fla.)	Talya Sanders
1980 Matt Rudich	Delainie Comer
1979 David Simonette	Timmy Horrocks

Boys 8 and under	Girls 8 and under
1996 Andrew Grissom (Calif.)	Ashley Willhite (Ore.)
1995 Matthew Hammond (Ohio)	Kelley Fisher (Ohio)
1994 Geoffrey Mora (Calif.)	Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1993 Steven Klaiman (Texas)	Kim Irons (Ohio)
1992 Jack Huczek (Mich.)	Molly Law (Colo.)
1991 Jack Huczek (Mich.)	Karina Odegard (Canada)
1990 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	Alexis Feaster (D.C.)
1989 Gabriel Gose (N.M.)	Suzette Solomon (Ind.)
1988 Jacob Gautreau (Texas)	Jamie Trachsel (Minn.)

Boys 8- multibounce	Girls 8- multibounce
1996 Justin Erdman (Ohio)	Trina Harper (Wis.)
1995 Matthew Hammond (Ohio)	Kelley Fisher (Ohio)
1994 Jeremy Robbins (Texas)	Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1993 Brandon Shoemaker (Ohio)	Kim Irons (Ohio)
1992 Evan Honigsfeld (Texas)	Molly Law (Colo.)
1991 Jimmy Rodberg (Minn.)	Karina Odegard (Canada)
1990 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	Alexis Feaster (D.C.)
1989 Gabriel Gose (N.M.)	Lynn Hansen (Iowa)
1988 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	Jamie Trachsel (Minn.)
1987 Jon Boyett	Dawn Marie Gates (Ill.)
1986 Jon Boyett	Dawn Marie Gates (Ill.)
1985 Wesley Miller	Christine VanHees
1984 Scott Zimmerman	Christine VanHees
1983 Sudsy Monchik	Kelli Fisher

The Evolution of Junior Competition: From 1974-77 only Boys 18- results were recorded, and listed with Adult National results.

In 1978, 3 junior divisions were played (17/15/12-)

In 1979, 4 junior divisions (17/15/12/10-)

In 1982, 6 junior divisions (18/16/14/12/10/8nb);

In 1987, 7 junior divisions (regulation rules 8- added)

For purposes of clarity, all results have been inserted into the correct divisions, according to the current junior structure.

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Boys #1 Singles	Girls #1 Singles
1996 Eric Storey (Ind.)	Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)
Lawrence North High School	Thunderbird High School
1995 Eric Storey (Ind.)	Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
Lawrence North High	Baylor High School
1994 Shane Wood (Mass.)	Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
Auburn High School	School without Walls
1993 Jason Armbricht (N.C.)	Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
West Forsyth High School	Borah High School
1992 James Mulcock (N.M.)	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
Albuquerque Academy	Placer High School
1991 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
Tottenville HS	Placer High School
1990 Joel Bonnett (Mich.)	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
Forest Hills Central HS	Placer High School
1989 Jason Waggoner (Fla.)	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
Ft. Myers High School	Ontario High School
1988 Jim Floyd (Mich.)	Holly Gray (Va.)
Bentley High School	Broad Run High School

Team Results

1996	Beaverton High School (Beaverton, Oregon)
1995	Service Stellar High School (Anchorage, Alaska)
1994	Lafayette High School (St. Louis, Mo.)
1993	Lafayette High School (St. Louis, Mo.)
1992	Lafayette High School (St. Louis, Mo.)
1991	Lafayette High School (St. Louis, Mo.)
1990	Parkway West High School (St. Louis, Mo.)
1989	Manatee High School (Bradenton, Fla.)
1988	Manatee High School (Bradenton, Fla.)

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Boys Doubles

- 1996 Larry Peek/Mike Harmon (Sarasota HS, Fla.)
- 1995 Brit Berkey/Bryan Berkey (R. Nelson Snider HS)
- 1994 Jaime Alexander/Andrew Haywood (Nacogdoches HS, Tex.)
- 1993 Shai Manzuri/Dawoud Gharfashad (Foothills HS, Calif.)
- 1992 Jason Thoerner/Andrew Haywood (Lakeside HS/Ga.)
- 1991 Britt & Allan Engel (Manatee HS/Bradenton, Fla.)
- 1990 Scott Reiff/Andy Reiff (Taravella HS, Fla.)
- 1989 Robbie Walden/Allan Engel (Manatee HS, Fla.)
- 1988 Robbie Walden/Allan Engle (Manatee HS, Fla.)

Girls Doubles

- 1996 Erin Frost/Brooke Crawford (Henley HS, Ore.)
- 1995 Dianne Torrey/Meghan Guardiani (Notre Dame Acad., Mo.)
- 1994 Katie Gould/Christy Gould (Lafayette HS, Mo.)

- 1993 Dianne Torrey/Stephanie Torrey (Notre Dame Acad., Mo.)
- 1992 Jennifer Modica/Stacey Olson (St. Joseph's Acad., Mo.)
- 1991 Jodie & Jeannie Eggebrecht (Parkway West/St. Louis, Mo.)
- 1990 Elkova Icenogle/Rusti Icenogle (Placer HS, Calif.)
- 1989 Elkova Icenogle/Hayden May (Placer HS, Calif.)
- 1988 Linda Gates/Martha Gates (Clifton HS, Ill.)

Mixed Doubles

- 1996 Maggie DeBord/Andrew Tucknott (Lincoln SE HS, Neb.)
- 1995 Katie Gould/Brian Thompson (Lafayette High, Mo.)
- 1994 Sadie Gross/Andy Gross (Apple Valley HS, Minn.)
- 1993 Joe Maginn/Colleen Maginn (Portage-Turner HS, Ore.)
- 1992 Elkova Icenogle/Jaron Icenogle (Placer HS, Calif.)
- 1991 Britt Engel/Allan Engel (Manatee HS/Bradenton, Fla.)

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- Men's A** **Women's A**
 1996 Daniel Pischke (Wash.) Michele Kinaan (Calif.)
 1995 Ryan Staten (Kan.) No division

- Men's B** **Women's B**
 1996 Sam Ryder (Wis.) Yesenia Delbusto (Fla.)
 1995 Jim Gignilliat (Fla.) No division

- Men's C** **Women's C**
 1996 Kazushige Oikawa (Japan) Heather Elliott (Fla.)
 1995 Jason Hunt (Ind.) Michele Thomas (Ill.)

- Men's D** **Women's D**
 1996 Leonard Toth (Texas) Terry Truvillion (Mich.)
 1995 Manuel Rodriguez (Ind.) Dorothy McDavid (Ill.)

- Men's All Age A/B** **Women's All Age A/B**
 1996 Alain Pujolar (Fla.) Vallana Perrault (Minn.)

- Men's 25+ A/B** **Women's 25+ A/B**
 1996 Ken Blalock (Texas) Angela Burth (Va.)
Men's 25+ C/D **Women's 25+ C/D**
 1996 Fabrizio Avelar (Venezuela) Tammy Leiting (Wis.)

- Men's 35 A/B** **Women's 35+ A/B**
 1996 Duffy Bracken (Ohio) Rose Cornelius (Calif.)
Men's 35 C/D **Women's 35+ C/D**
 1996 Preston Gaster (N.C.) Kassie Herr (Fla.)

- Men's 45 A/B** **Women's 45+ A/B**
 1996 Thomas Rall (N.Y.) Margaret Hoff (Ill.)

- Men's 45/55 A/B**
 1996 Jerry Williams (Texas)
Men's 55+ A/B
 1996 Jay Krevsky (Pa.)



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 1995 Mike Nigro (Colo.) Esmeralda Berrich (Colo.)
 1994 Joey Sacco (Calif.) Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)

- Men's B** **Women's B**
 1995 Robert Teren (Ohio) Esmeralda Berrich (Colo.)
 1994 Richmond Ellis (Ariz.) Joyce Schafer (Calif.)

- Men's C** **Women's C**
 1995 Glen Childers (Texas) Anita Anthony (Colo.)
 1994 Carlton Rebeske (Ariz.) Karen Wozniak (Ariz.)

- Men's D** **Women's D**
 1995 Mark Schnittker (Colo.) Gina Fulner (Texas)
 1994 Glen Childers, Jr. (Texas)

- Men's A Doubles**
 1995 Brian Pointelin (Mo.)/Ryan Staten (Kan.)
 1994 Raymond Maestas (N.M.)/Michael Nava (N.M.)

- Men's B Doubles**
 1995 Bill Groombridge/David Perry (Calif.)
 1994 Lee Lindenberg (Calif.)/John Schriever (Calif.)

- Men's C Doubles**
 1995 Chuck French/Merlin Rowley (Ariz.)
 1994 Mark Bouchard/Joe Souza (Mass.)

- Men's D Doubles**
 1994 Robert Arroyo (Fla.)/Glen Childers (Texas)

- Women's A Doubles**
 1995 Carmen Alatorre Martin/Angela Burth (Va.)
 1994 Susan Hendricks/Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)

- Women's B Doubles**
 1994 Candy Masson/Concepcion Prat (Ga.)

- Mixed A Doubles**
 1995 Nancy Abram/Charles Yaqkub (Calif.)

- Mixed B Doubles**
 1995 Candy Masson (Ga.)/David Perry (Calif.)

world cup team results

VIII 1996 World Championships Phoenix, Arizona

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Mexico
4. Japan
5. Venezuela

VII 1994 World Championships San Luis Potosi, Mexico

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Mexico
4. Japan
5. Bolivia

VI 1992 World Championships Montreal, Canada

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Mexico
4. Japan
5. Bolivia

V 1990 World Championships Caracas, Venezuela

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Mexico
4. Japan
5. Costa Rica

IV 1988 World Championships Hamburg, Germany

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Mexico
4. Japan
5. Holland

III 1986 World Championships Orlando, Florida

- 1t. USA
- 1t. Canada
3. Japan
4. Mexico
5. Costa Rica

II 1984 World Championships Sacramento, Calif.

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Holland
- 4t. Mexico
- 4t. Japan

I 1981 World Championships Santa Clara, Calif.

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Holland
4. Japan
5. Ireland

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SINGLES WORLD CHAMPIONS

MEN	WOMEN
1996 Todd O'Neil (USA/Dallas, Texas)	Michelle Gould (USA/Boise, Idaho)
1994 Sherman Greenfeld (Canada)	Michelle Gould (USA/Boise, Idaho)
1992 Chris Cole (USA/Flint, Mich.)	Michelle Gould (USA/Boise, Idaho)
1990 Egan Inoue (USA/Honolulu, Hawaii)	Heather Stupp (Canada)
1988 Andy Roberts (USA/Memphis, Tenn.)	Heather Stupp (Canada)
1986 Egan Inoue (USA/Honolulu, Hawaii)	Cindy Baxter (USA/Pa.)
1984 Ross Harvey (Canada)	Mary Dee (USA)
1981 Ed Andrews (USA/)	Cindy Baxter (USA/Pa.)

MEN'S DOUBLES WORLD CHAMPIONS

1996 USA Adam Karp (Santa Ana, Calif.) &	Bill Sell (Huntington Beach, Calif.)
1994 USA John Ellis (Stockton, Calif.) &	Eric Muller (Overland Park, Kan.)
1992 USA Doug Ganim (Columbus, Ohio) &	Eric Muller (Overland Park, Kan.)
1990 USA Doug Ganim (Columbus, Ohio) &	Dan Obremski (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
1988 USA Doug Ganim (Columbus, Ohio) &	Dan Obremski (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
1986 USA Jack Nolan &	Todd O'Neil (Burlington, Vt.)
1984 USA Stan Wright &	Steve Trent
1981 USA Mark Malowitz &	Jeff Kwartler

WOMEN'S DOUBLES WORLD CHAMPIONS

1996 USA Joy MacKenzie (Santee, Calif.) &	Jackie Paraiso (El Cajon, Calif.)
1994 USA Laura Fenton (Leominster, Mass.) &	Jackie Gibson (El Cajon, Calif.)
1992 USA Malia Bailey (Norfolk, Va.) &	Robin Levine (Sacramento, Calif.)
1990 USA Malia Bailey (Norfolk, Va.) &	Jackie Paraiso (El Cajon, Calif.)
1988 USA Diane Green (Orlando, Fla.) &	Trina Rasmussen
1986 CAN Carol McFetridge (Canada) &	Marion Sicotte (Canada)
1984 USA Carol French &	Malia Kamahoahoa (Norfolk, Va.)
1982 USA Mary Ann Cluess &	Karen Borg

WORLD WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONS

1996 Rick Slaughter (USA/Nashville, Tenn.)
1994 Chip Parmelly (USA/Diamond Bar, Calif.)
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Men's 35+ Women's 35+

1996 Steve Lerner (Calif.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1995 Mike Martinez (Calif.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1994 Mike Martinez (Calif.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1993 Bobby Corcoran (Ariz.)	Debra Tisinger (Calif.)
1992 Bobby Corcoran (Ariz.)	Gail Woods (La.)
1991 Bobby Corcoran (Ariz.)	Terry Latham (N.M.)
1990 Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)	Janet Myers (N.C.)
1989 Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)

Men's 40+ Women's 40+

1996 Gene Couch (Fla.)	Taffy Wood (Canada)
1995 Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)	Joanne Pomodoro (Mass.)
1994 Gary Mazaroff (N.M.)	Susan Hendricks (Ariz.)
1993 Jose Carlos Flores (Mexico)	Gail Woods (La.)
1992 Dave George (Calif.)	Nancy Kronenfeld (Ill.)
1991 Darrell Warren (Calif.)	Janet Myers (N.C.)
1990 Fielding Snow (Wash.)	Carole Dattisman (Pa.)
1989 Dave Kovanda (Ohio)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)

Men's 45+ Women's 45+

1996 Dave Kovanda (Ohio)	Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1995 Mike Murphy (Calif.)	Shelley Ogden (Ohio)
1994 Jack Crowther (Calif.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1993 Skip Deal (Calif.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1992 Jack Crowther (Calif.)	Merijean Kelley (Calif.)
1991 Bill Wolfe (N.Y.)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1990 Jeff Leon (Panama)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1989 Ed Remen (Va.)	Linda Siau (Ariz.)

Men's 50+ Women's 50+

1996 Dennis O'Brien (Idaho)	Agatha Falso (Fla.)
1995 Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1994 Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1993 Jerry Davis (Ohio)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1992 Fred Letter (N.J.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1991 Len Corte (Ariz.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1990 Jerry Davis (Ohio)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1989 Dario Mas (De.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)

Men's 55+ Women's 55+

1996 Fred Letter (N.J.)	Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)
1995 Gordon Kelly (Mich.)	Marion Johnson (Texas)
1994 Gordon Kelly (Mich.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1993 Art Johnson (Colo.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1992 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1991 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1990 Art Johnson (Colo.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1989 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)

Men's 60+ Women's 60+

1996 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1995 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1994 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1993 Paul Banales (Ariz.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1992 Don Alt (Ohio)	Lola Markos (Ill.)
1991 Harvey Clar (Calif.)	Lola Markos (Ill.)
1990 Harvey Clar (Calif.)	Bridin Vi Mhaolagain (Ireland)
1989 Phillip Dzvick (Ill.)	Mary Lou Acuff (Va.)

Men's 65+ Women's 65+

1996 Joe Lambert (Texas)	Lola Markos (Ill.)
1995 Joe Lambert (Texas)	Reta Harring (Wis.)
1994 John Bogasky (Va.)	Reta Harring (Wis.)
1993 Joe Lambert (Texas)	Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1992 Fintan Kilbride (Canada)	Joann Jones (Conn.)
1991 Tony Duarte (Calif.)	Dorothy Vezetinski (Wash.)
1990 Art Goss (Colo.)	Betty Mowery (N.M.)
1989 Art Goss (Colo.)	Eleanor Quackenbush (Ore.)

Men's 70+ Women's 70+

1996 Dick Kincade (Colo.)	no division
1995 Tony Duarte (Calif.)	Marion Russell (Calif.)
1994 Glenn Melvey (N.D.)	Eleanor Quackenbush (Ore.)
1993 Nick Sans (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1992 Nick Sans (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1991 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1990 Luzell Wilde (Utah)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1989 Luzell Wilde (Utah)	Mary Low Acuff (Va.)

Men's 75+ Women's 75+

1996 Nick Sans (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1995 Charley Russell (Calif.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1994 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)
1993 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	no division
1992 Fred Felton (Texas)	no division
1991 Allen Shepherd (Md.)	no division
1990 Harmon Minor (Colo.)	no division
1989 John Pearce (Texas)	no division

Men's 80+ Women's 80+

1996 Harry Steinman (Md.)	no division
1995 John Pearce (Texas)	no division
1994 John Pearce (Texas)	no division
1993 John Pearce (Texas)	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1992 Jack Daly (Va.)	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1991 no division	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1990 no division	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)
1989 Howard Cole (N.M.)	Zelda Friedland (N.M.)

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BOYS 18- SINGLES..... GIRLS 18- SINGLES

1996 Rocky Carson (Calif.)..... Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)
1995 Shane Wood (Mass.)... Christine Van Hees (Canada)
1994 Jason Mannino (Calif.)... Claudine Garcia (Dom. Rep.)
1993 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)... Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1992 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)... Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1991 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)... Heather Dunn (Mass.)
1990 Doug Eagle (Texas)..... Heather Dunn (Mass.)
1989 Brian Rankin (Fla.)..... Michelle Gilman (Ore.)

BOYS 16- SINGLES..... GIRLS 16- SINGLES

1996 Willie Tilton (Colo.)..... Brooke Crawford (Ore.)
1995 Rocky Carson (Calif.)... Amanda MacDonald (Canada)
1994 Bucky Freeman (Texas)..... Sadie Gross (S.D.)
1993 Shane Wood (Mass.)..... Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1992 Shane Wood (Mass.)... Claudine Garcia (Dom. Rep.)
1991 Luis Munoz (Mexico)..... Britt Engel (Fla.)
1990 Alan Engel (Fla.)..... Rhonda Holt (Canada)
1989 Fabian Balmori (Venezuela) Elkova Icenogle (California)

BOYS 14- SINGLES..... GIRLS 14- SINGLES

1996 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)..... Kristen Walsh (Utah)
1995 Ryan Staten (Kan.)..... Lisa Kerr (Canada)
1994 Willie Tilton (Colo.)..... Lisa Kerr (Canada)
1993 Bucky Freeman (Texas)..... Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
1992 Mark Hurst (Fla.)..... Sadie Gross (Minn.)
1991 Shane Wood (Mass.)..... Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1990 Paul Apilado (Texas)..... Andrea Beugen (Minn.)
1989 Andy Thompson (Wis.)..... Aimee Roehler (Penn.)

BOYS 12- SINGLES..... GIRLS 12- SINGLES

1996 Jack Huczek (Mich.)..... Grace Leutele (Ariz.)
1995 Jack Huczek (Mich.)..... Karina Odegard (Canada)
1994 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)... Karina Odegard (Canada)
1993 Kris Odegard (Canada)..... Lisa Kerr (Canada)
1992 Willie Tilton (Colo.)..... Riva Wig (Canada)
1991 Jed Bhuta (Ala.)..... Colleen Maginn (Wis.)
1990 Eric Storey (Utah)..... Dawn Gates (Ill.)
1989 Jaron Icenogle (Calif.)..... Shannon Feaster (Va.)

BOYS 10- SINGLES..... GIRLS 10- SINGLES

1996 Jeremy Robbins (Texas)..... Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1995 Steven Klaiman (Texas)..... Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1994 Jack Huczek (Mich.)..... Crystal Winfrey (Ohio)
1993 Jack Huczek (Mich.)..... Karina Odegard (Canada)
1992 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)... Karina Odegard (Canada)
1991 Gabe Gose (N.M.)..... Riva Wig (Canada)
1990 Kane Waselenchak (Canada)..... Riva Wig (Canada)
1989 Hal Spangenberg (Calif.)..... Dawn Gates (Ill.)

BOYS 8- SINGLES..... GIRLS 8- SINGLES

1996 David Ortega (Mexico)... Marcela Moreno (Mexico)
1995 Matthew Hammond (Ohio) Marcela Moreno (Mexico)
1994 Jeremy Robbins (Texas)..... Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1993 Steven Klaiman (Texas)..... Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1992 Jack Huczek (Mich.)..... Molly Law (Colo.)
1991 Matthew McElhaney (Fla.)... Karina Odegard (Canada)
1990 Dan Thompson (Wis.)..... No division
1989 Gabe Gose (N.M.)..... Riva Wig (Canada)

BOYS 8- MB SINGLES..... GIRLS 8- MB SINGLES

1996 David Ortega (Mexico)..... Eleni Guzman (Mexico)
1995 Matthew Hammond (Ohio)..... Kelley Fisher (Ohio)
1994 Jeremy Robbins (Texas)..... Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1993 Brandon Shoemaker (Ohio)... Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1992 Evan Honingsfeld (Texas)..... Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1991 John White (Fla.)..... No division
1990 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)..... Alexys Feaster (D.C.)
1989 Shane Vanderson (Ohio)..... Lynn Hansen (Iowa)

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5. Mike Ceresia, CAN
6. Jacques Demers, CAN
- 7T. Mike Green, CAN
- 7T. Fabian Balmoni, VEN
- 7T. Luis Munoz, MEX
- 7T. Kelly Gelhaus, USA

Men's 35+

1. Dave Peck, USA
2. Steve Lerner, USA
3. Mike Martinez, USA
4. Dave Eagle, USA
5. David Watson, USA
6. Dave Schwent, USA
- 7T. Brad Carter, USA
- 7T. Robin Dixon, USA
- 7T. Bill Lyman, USA
- 7T. Gus Farrell, URU

Men's 40+

1. Gene Couch, USA
2. Tom Travers, USA
3. Clee Melvin, USA
- 4T. Steve Neighbors, USA
- 4T. Ed Garabedian, USA
6. Ellis Walthour, USA
- 7T. Troy Stallings, USA
- 7T. Steve Wattz, USA
- 7T. Leo Jolly, USA
- 7T. John Vohland, USA

Men's 45+

- 1T. Dave Kovanda, USA
- 1T. Gary Mazaroff, USA
3. Mitt Layton, USA
4. Darryl Warren, USA
- 5T. Bruce Nelson, USA
- 5T. Gene Pare, USA
- 5T. Leo Gurnoe, USA
- 8T. Tom Ochoa

- 8T. Jim Luzar, USA
9. Willie Minor, USA

Men's 50

1. Dennis O'Brien, USA
- 2T. Ed Remen, USA
- 2T. Stan Lemon, USA
4. Mike Aubrey, USA
5. John Aldape, USA
- 6T. Horace Miller, USA
- 6T. Russ Deegan, USA
8. Tom McKie, USA
- 9T. William Copeland, USA
- 9T. Joe Reno, USA

Men's 55+

- 1T. Fred Letter, USA
- 1T. Ron Galbreath, USA
3. Bobby Sanders, USA
4. Warren Reuther, USA
- 5T. Jim Trammell, USA
- 5T. Rex Lawler, USA
- 7T. Joe Jackman, USA
- 7T. Jerry Davis, USA
- 7T. Gene Pletcher, USA
10. Robert Large, USA

Men's 60+

1. Paul Banales, USA
2. Don Alt, USA
3. Otis Champman, USA
4. Jerry Holly, USA
5. Charlie Douglas, USA
6. Lee Newman, USA
- 7T. Terry Lauritsen, USA
- 7T. Jim Railey, USA
- 7T. James Emerson, USA
- 7T. David Jordan, USA

Men's 65+

1. Joe Lambert, USA
2. Vance Lerner, USA
3. Jack Bogasky, USA
4. Victor Sacco, USA
- 5T. John O'Donnell, USA
- 5T. Harvey Clar, USA

7. Verlyn Dunn, USA
- 8T. Ralph Waddington, USA
- 8T. Skip Kiphart, USA
- 8T. Gib Smith, USA

Men's 70+

- 1T. Dick Kincade, USA
- 1T. Victor Sacco, USA
3. Tony Duarte, USA
- 4T. Earl Acuff, USA
- 4T. Jack McAfee, USA
- 6T. Mal Roberts, USA
- 6T. Dick Hooley, USA
- 8T. Richard Davis, USA
- 8T. Bud Gartiser, USA
10. Cam Snowberger, USA

Men's 75+

1. Earl Acuff, USA
2. Nick Sans, USA
- 3T. William Gillio, USA
- 3T. Robert McAdam, USA
- 5T. Cam Snowberger, USA
- 5T. Bill Matotan, USA
- 7T. Luzell Wilde, USA
- 7T. Allen Shepherd, USA
- 7T. Al Romero, USA
- 7T. Charles Russell, USA

Men's 80+

1. Harry Steinman, USA
2. Allan Shepherd, USA
- 3T. John Pearce, USA
- 3T. Harmon Minor, USA

Men's Wheelchair

1. Rick Slaughter, USA
2. Stephen Kuketz, USA
3. Ken Michaylenko, CAN
- 4T. Gary Baker, USA
- 4T. Ray Boudreau, CAN
- 6T. Les Gorsline, USA
- 6T. Orlando Torres, PUR
- 6T. Melido J. Mir, PUR

Women's Open

1. Michelle Gould, USA
2. Cheryl Gudinas, USA
3. Josee Grand'Maitre, CAN
4. Christie Van Hees, CAN
5. Malia Bailey, USA
6. Jackie Gibson, USA
- 7T. Lori Powell, CAN
- 7T. Guadalupe Torres, MEX
- 7T. Naomi Wakimoto, JPN
10. Kyoko Ochiai, JPN

Women's 35+

1. Debra Tisinger, USA
2. Mary Bickley, USA
3. Kim Wilkerson, USA
4. Mary Beke, USA
5. Phyllis Morris, USA
- 6T. Carol Kriegler, USA
- 6T. Cheryl McConaghy, USA
- 8T. Robin Rodriguez, USA
- 8T. Nicky Quackenbush, USA
- 8T. Mary Lyons, USA

Women's 40+

1. Taffy Wood, CAN
2. Janet Myers, USA
3. Deborah Holley, CAN
4. Linda Mojer, USA
- 5T. Janell Marriott, USA
- 5T. Brenda White, USA
- 7T. Joanne Pomodoro, USA
- 7T. Mary Bickley, USA
- 7T. Rona Valadez, USA
10. Mary Keenan, USA

Women's 45+

1. Eileen Tuckman, USA
2. Shelley Ogden, USA
- 3T. Yvonne Drexler, CAN
- 3T. Karen Weins, USA
- 3T. Elaine Dexter, USA
- 3T. Nancy Kronenfeld, USA
- 7T. Marg Elligott, CAN
- 7T. Gerri Stoffregen, USA
- 9T. Jean Heckman, USA
- 9T. Joan Parker, USA

Women's 50+

1. Menjean Kelley, USA
2. Agatha Falso, USA
3. Gerri Stoffregen, USA
4. Nidia Funes, USA
- 5T. Sharon Hastings-Welty, USA
- 5T. Pat Tarzon, USA
- 7T. Tawn Wolfe, USA
- 7T. Jeannie Van Winkle, USA
- 7T. Marta Groess, USA
10. Mildred Gwinn, USA

Women's 55+

- 1T. Sharon Hastings-Welty, USA
- 1T. Marquita Molina, USA
3. Jo Kenyon, USA
- 4T. Mildred Gwinn, USA

- 4T. Lou Bradley, USA
- 4T. Margot Gales, USA
- 7T. Annaabell Kovar, USA
- 7T. Nancy Kay Butts, USA
- 9T. Rose Stoltmann, USA
- 9T. Sue Carow, USA

Women's 60+

1. Jo Kenyon, USA
2. Kathy Mueller, USA
- 3T. Susan Embry, USA
- 3T. Mary Low Acuff, USA
5. Mary Walker, USA

Women's 65+

1. Lola Markus, USA
2. Reta Harring, USA
3. Rebecca Dixon, USA
4. Louise Kiss, USA
5. B.G. Railey, USA

Women's 70+

1. Dorothy Vezetinski, USA
2. Mary Low Acuff, USA

Women's 75+

1. Mary Low Acuff, USA
2. Eleanor Quackenbush, USA

Boy's 18-

1. Jeremy Renaud, CAN
2. Rocky Carson, USA
3. Eric Storey, USA
- 4T. Francis Guillemette, CAN
- 4T. Mark Bloom, USA
- 6T. Erin Brannigan, USA
- 6T. Tyler Siggins, USA
8. John Stanford, USA
- 9T. Ignacio Bustillos, MEX
- 9T. Pedro Lara, MEX

Boy's 16-

1. Willie Tilton, USA
2. Rocky Carson, USA
3. Cesar Urquidi, MEX
4. Jeff Garner, USA
- 5T. Ryan Staten, USA
- 5T. Brandon Henline, USA
- 7T. Andrew Tucknott, USA
- 7T. Josh Tucker, USA
- 7T. Rolando Jimenez, MEX
10. Kris Odegard, CAN

Boy's 14-

1. Shane Vanderson, USA
- 2T. Stephen Lewis, USA
- 2T. Jason Janson, USA
4. Scott Fisher, USA
5. Mike Harmon, USA
- 6T. Mitch Williams, USA
- 6T. Ashley Conway, USA
- 6T. Scott Foster, USA
- 9T. Grant Barker, USA
- 9T. Erwin Bernal, MEX

INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

The IRF international rankings shown here are the tallied results of the three IRF recognized world events held in 1996: the World Championships, World Senior Championships and World Junior Championships (Level 3), plus official results from the Canadian and U.S. National Championships (adult & junior, Level 2).

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Event Level & Description

Finish & Point Awards

	#1	#2	#3	#4	5-8
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2 = National Championship	250	150	100	75	50
1 = International Invitational	150	100	75	50	25

*At World Championships only, 9-16th place finishers will receive 50 points; blue division winners receive 20 points, red division winners receive 15 points and white division winners receive 10 points.

rankings...



Boy's 12-

1. Jack Huczek, USA
2. Trevor Crowe, USA
3. Cory Martin, USA
4. Bart Crawford, USA
- 5T. Patric Debord, USA
- 5T. Patric Mascorro, USA
- 5T. Edwardo Ortega, MEX
- 8T. David Foye, USA
- 8T. Remi Perras, USA
- 8T. Andrew Jimenez, USA

Boy's 10-

1. Jeremy Robbins, USA
2. Juan Arzate, MEX
- 3T. Brad Slocum, USA
- 3T. Roberto Porras, MEX
5. Charley Pratt, USA
- 6T. Augusta Tristan, MEX
- 6T. Geoffrey Mora, USA
- 6T. Matthew Hammond, USA
- 9T. Tyler Hollingsworth, USA
- 9T. Mario Mendez, MEX

Boy's 8-

1. Andrew Grissom, USA
2. David Ortega, MEX
3. Nick Arturo, USA
4. Bryce Milakovich, USA
5. David Lewis, USA
- 6T. Cody Drago, USA
- 6T. Emilio Valenzuela, MEX
8. Ivan Sanchez, MEX
9. Jose Ramos, MEX
10. Tim Tilton, USA

Boy's 8- Multi-Bounce

1. David Ortega, MEX
2. Justin Erdman, USA
3. Emilio Valenzuela, MEX
- 4T. Bill Travers, USA
- 4T. Ivan Sanchez, MEX
6. Ken Green, USA
- 7T. Mark Swanson, USA
- 7T. Jose Ramos, MEX
- 9T. Daniel Rodriguez, MEX
- 9T. Korey Walsh, USA

Girl's 18-

- 1T. Chantal Turgeon, CAN
- 1T. Rhonda Rajsich, USA
3. Sadie Gross, USA
4. Amanda MacDonald, CAN
5. Kori Grasha, USA
- 6T. Dawn Gates, USA
- 6T. Lisa Kerr, CAN
- 8T. Adrienna Soto, MEX
- 8T. Colleen Maginn, USA
- 8T. Dina Garcia, MEX

Girl's 16-

1. Sara Borland, USA
2. Brooke Crawford, USA
3. Katie Gould, USA
4. Megan Bals, USA

5. Dionna Brown, USA
6. Melissa Harmon, USA
- 7T. Lisa Kerr, CAN
- 7T. Lianna Kerwood, USA
- 7T. Meghan Guardiani, USA
10. Krystal Czuk, USA

Girl's 14-

- 1T. Krystal Czuk, USA
- 1T. Kristen Walsh, USA
- 1T. Maggie Debord, USA
- 4T. Karina Odegard, CAN
- 4T. Kristen Kovar, USA
- 4T. Melanie Mueller, USA
7. Veronique Guillemette, CAN
- 8T. Genevieve Brodeur, CAN
- 8T. Claudia Corpi, MEX
10. Grace Leutele, USA

Girl's 12-

1. Kimberly Irons, USA
2. Crystal Winfrey, USA
3. Grace Leutele, USA
4. Molly Law, USA
5. Jeni Fuller, USA
- 6T. Flor Rivera, MEX
- 6T. Sara Wenc, USA
- 6T. Lindsay Deutsch, USA
9. Julianna Mayor, USA
10. Cara Mitlitsky, USA

Girl's 10-

1. Adrienne Fisher, USA
2. Derae Darling, USA
3. Jesi Fuller, USA
4. Cari Mitlitsky, USA
5. Brandie Hanson, USA
6. Katherine Stock, USA
7. Jessica Richter, USA
- 8T. Brandi Jacobsen-Prentice, CAN
- 8T. Kimberly Walsh, USA
10. Marcela Moreno, MEX

Girl's 8-

1. Ashley Wilhite, USA
2. Marcela Moreno, MEX
- 3T. Trina Harper, USA
- 3T. Eleni Guzman, MEX
5. Dianne Meyer, USA
6. Sara Moyle, USA

Girl's 8- Multi-Bounce

1. Sarah Moyle, USA
2. Eleni Guzman, MEX
- 3T. Trina Harper, USA
- 3T. Brittany Legget, USA
5. Alicia Mihilewicz, CAN
- 6T. Nicole Robinson, USA
- 6T. Shari Bush, GUAM
- 8T. Sharae Taylor, USA
- 8T. Dianne Meyer, USA
- 8T. Sharon Jackson, USA

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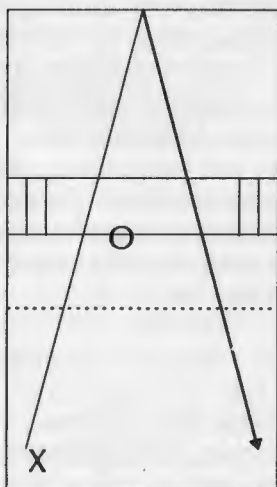
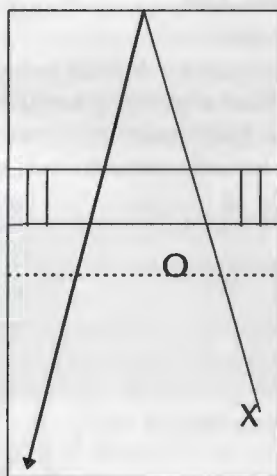
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Cross Court (V Angle)



Use this shot to move your opponent out of position and force a weak return so that you can end the rally. The cross court (v angle) should be one of your most reliable options for returning a drive serve to your forehand or backhand.

To execute the Cross Court (V Angle), aim for the center of the front wall, and open the angle of your front foot slightly so that it points in the direction you want the ball to travel. The ball should hit 18–20" high on the front wall, and travel in a V angle toward the opposite rear corner of the court. Do not try to kill the ball! This is a high percentage shot because it hits 18"–20" high on the front wall. Strive for consistency and power.

Cross Court (see diagrams at left)

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GAME PLAN: Start the New Year Right!

By Lynn Adams

Happy New Year!! I love the beginning of each new year. To me, it signals the fact that life is constantly moving forward, changing and growing. In terms of racquetball, the new year can be a time to look at your game and see if it too is moving forward, changing and growing. As with any part of life, change and growth are essential to keeping us stimulated, excited and alive. If your game has hit a plateau, or you feel the thrill is gone, now is the time to act. Add something new to your game, change a bad habit and see how far you can take your racquetball skills.

This will be a two part series, focusing on bad habits we all seem to have in common, and some ideas on new skills to add to your game.

We'll start by looking at our bad habits, and what we can do to correct them. Please believe me when I say that you are not alone if you see yourself committing one or more of these "bad habits". These are the mistakes that the majority of us have in our game, but they can be changed.

So how can one change a bad habit? If I had a pill that could do the trick, I would be a rich woman. But no, there is only one way to change a habit, and that is through repetition. There is this concept called *muscle memory*, which means your body keeps doing whatever it is used to doing, because you have been doing it for a long time. Your body has a memory, so it keeps

doing what it knows, hence, muscle memory. The only way to change that memory, is to do something different over and over and over until you have a new muscle memory. Time and repetition is the formula for success in changing a habit or adding a new skill.

What are some of the most common "bad habits" that we see in racquetball? Following are some of my observations and some hints on what we can do differently:

1. Short Swing

Some players dream of generating more power, and some players wish they could play without elbow or shoulder pain. Both of these scenarios can be helped by taking a full swing, as opposed to a short swing.

A short swing is a swing that has very little backswing, and the follow through doesn't come all the way around your body. If you want to visualize a big backswing, think of a power hitter in baseball. He holds his bat up high off his shoulder, so he can generate a lot of bat speed coming into the ball. If you want to maximize your power potential, you need a big backswing so you have plenty of time to generate racquet head speed.

Quick tip: When you lift your racquet to the backswing position, turn your head and look at the position of your racquet. If your eyes are even with the strings in your racquet, your backswing isn't high enough. Your eyes should be even with your hand, with the racquet face up above your head.

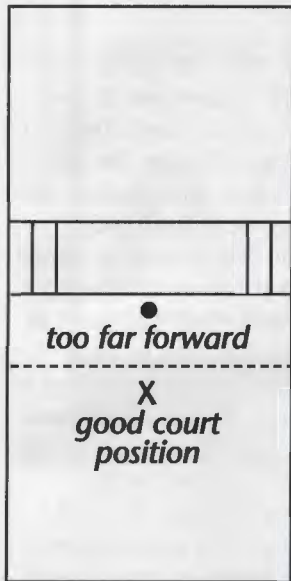
Your follow through should wrap around behind your body if you want to generate maximum power and take the pressure off your elbow. If your racquet is in full sight after you swing at the ball, it's a pretty good bet you've stopped your follow through. Ouch!! It hurts just thinking about it. So, think BIG when you swing at a ball. Big backswing, big follow through.

2. Playing too far forward

Center court theory dictates being in the position that will get you to most of the balls, most of the time. I don't care how fast you are, you will never get to all the shots. You have to give up something. That is a hard concept for us to embrace, but if you can get comfortable with the fact that you can't get everything, you will feel less pressure and become able to focus positively on the shots you can get to.

When you play in front of the five foot line (see diagram, upper right) you put yourself closer to the front wall (duh). What that does is give you less reaction time and render you vulnerable to passing shots, ceiling balls and balls coming right at you. If your opponent hits a good pinch or rollout, it's highly unlikely that you'll get to the shot even playing too far forward.

If you want a chance to get to more shots and have more time to get ready for those shots, pull your court position back to right behind the five foot line.



3. Not turning sideways to the ball

Imagine you are at a baseball game. It is a beautiful day. Your favorite player comes up to bat, steps into the batter's box, and instead of standing sideways to take the pitch, he stands facing the pitcher. Wait a minute, what is this? If he stands that way, how can he step into the pitch? He'll lose power. He'll poke at the ball. If he takes a full swing, he send it foul. What is he doing?!!

A lot of us play facing the front wall, toes pointed forward.

When we play that way, several things happen. One, we poke at the ball, losing power. We can't step into the ball and use leg and body power to give us some extra "oomph" on our shots. Two, it is a difficult stance to move from, because we don't have a pivot foot to push off into the flow of play, consequently, we are slower. And third, you can't see what's going on behind you, so you lose reaction time and you are in the way a lot because you don't know when it's time to move.

The best stance to be in when *you* are hitting the ball is sideways with your toes pointing towards the side wall just like when you are in a batter's box. That way you can step into your shot and use your whole body.

The best stance to be in when *your opponent* is hitting the ball, is slightly sideways, so you can peek over your shoulder to see what's going on behind you and you'll also have a push off foot to propel you into the rally.

4. Hit, Watch, Admire, Move

You hit a shot — a great shot maybe — and you stand there and watch it. You say to yourself "Wow, what a great pinch. Then all of a sudden, your opponent gets to that great pinch, you start to run for the ball, but alas, it is too late. I see this happen to all players, no matter what skill level. Instead of standing and watching your shot, play "hit and move" racquetball. That means after you hit your shot, immediately start moving to center court, watching your shot as you move. That way, you are in good court position and on your toes, ready for anything. No more standing around! Hit and move, hit and move.

Good luck making positive changes and next time we'll talk about new shots you can add to your game. Have fun!

AMPRO TIP: How to Create Passion in your Game and Life!

By Fran Davis & Diana McNab

What is passion anyway? Passion is an internal drive; a strong feeling especially of desire; object of affection or enthusiasm; total enjoyment; total joy. Do you have passion in your game? If not ... how does one achieve it?

The key to creating passion in your game and enjoying the process of becoming the best that you can be is to understand the concept of goal setting, daily commitments and sacrifice.

Both Oprah Winfrey and Sudsy Monchik are prime examples of having passion in their lives and I'd like to share their stories with you

so you too can be on your way to creating passion in your life.

Oprah ...

In the book, "Making the Connection" by Oprah Winfrey and Bob Greene share a conversation:

"How often do you feel joy in your life Oprah?", Bob Greene asked.

"Oh, I'm trying to remember. I think it was 1985 when I was doing the movie, The Color Purple ... I remember I loved every minute of it."

"Both of us felt a sense of sadness as that was 12 years ago!"

That comment made Oprah take a long hard look at her life. Over time

she decided she needed to create some new passion in her life ... she decided as a goal to run a marathon (26.2 miles) ... something she had never done before. She got up at 5:00 am and ran for miles on dusty Indiana back roads, worked out every single day for two years, totally changed her diet, her calendar, her social life and priorities. She mustered up the internal drive, the desire, the enthusiasm and the total enjoyment of achieving this goal she created for herself. The end result was that she completed the marathon — not in record time (4+ hours), but that hadn't been her



goal — it was to finish the 26.2 mile Chicago course and put passion back in her life. She did just that.

Sudsy Monchik ...

The #1 Men's Professional player knows what passion is. He has burning desire, internal drive, enthusiasm and total enjoyment where racquetball is concerned. From a very young age he went down to the club his parents owned to hit balls for hours and watch his mentor and idol, Ruben Gonzalez, practice and teach. In an unmatched junior career, Sudsy won every title from 8 & under to 18 & under. At the time he wasn't totally aware of setting goals, having daily commitments and sacrificing, but in retrospect, unconsciously he did just that. His goal was never to lose as a junior. His daily commitment was to go to the club to practice and play 'til he couldn't stand anymore. He sacrificed going out with his friends after school to ride

his bike or play basketball. Now as the #1 Men's Pro and the first ever U.S. Open Men's Pro Champion he consciously sets goals for himself, has daily commitments and sacrifices plenty ...

His Goals: *To be the dominant player on the men's pro tour for the 96/97 season and finish #1 by a convincing margin. Play racquetball until he is 30-31 years old (he's now 22) and be the most dominant player in the history of the game.*

His Daily Commitments: *20 minutes of on court practice (when there are no tournaments). Work out with his personal trainer. Work out with cardio-equipment. Tons of visualization.*

His Sacrifices: *Prior to the U.S. Open or any major event, no beer or alcoholic beverages for 6 months. Good dietary habits....little to no sweets. Rest body...doesn't go out much late at night.*

You might be reading this article and saying to yourself "How does

this pertain to me...I'm just a recreational player?" Regardless of your level or ability, if you create passion in your game and change the way you think about it, that passion can take you to the next level and maybe beyond. The degree at which you approach this is all relative to who you are and what you want to achieve. You don't have to be a super elite athlete to have passion in your game work for you. What you need to do is evaluate what is going on in your life ... career, work, school, children, family, etc. and what limitations you might have ... time, money, health or energy and then do what you can in moderation ... what works for you.

Just remember the three key things you need to do to create passion: 1) Set Goals, 2) Have Daily Commitments to those Goals, 3) Sacrifice. Then, enjoy the journey that passion brings!



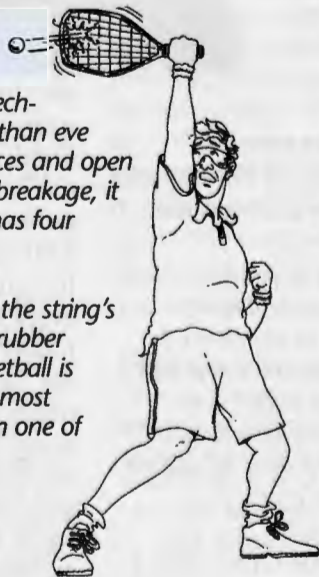
MAINS & CROSSES: Why Strings Break

By Steve Crandall

A broken string is always a hassle, even if you have a spare racquet. It breaks your concentration and forces you to adjust to a different racquet in the middle of a match — which can mean several lost points.

Even with improvements in string technology, breakage is more common than ever because of today's huge racquet faces and open string patterns. In order to reduce breakage, it is important to understand that it has four different causes.

The first cause is stretching beyond the string's elastic limits — similar to pulling a rubber band until it snaps. Because racquetball is primarily a power game, this is the most common break. It usually occurs on one of the central four main strings, within an inch or two of the racquet's head.



The sweet spot is the most resilient — and hence most powerful — area on the racquet. No matter how clever racquet designers may be, they'll never be able to get the sweet spot more than about 3/4 of the way up the face. Every time you grab a shot off the wall, you're hitting above the sweet spot, in a relatively unresilient area. There's simply not much string to stretch between the ball and the head of the racquet, and if the forces are too great, it snaps.

Stringing at lower tension will reduce the incidence of this problem, as will the use of a high-tensile-strength string — for example, a Kevlar®-cored string like DuraKill™, or a hybrid string set with Kevlar mains, like Killfire™. Another solution is to increase string thickness, moving from an 18 or 17 gauge up to a 16 or 15 gauge.

Other relatively common causes of breakage are string-to-string abrasion and cutting. Every time you hit the ball, the cross strings pound against the main strings. In time, they can cut through the outer jacket and into the core. Likewise, "cutting" and underspin shots cause the strings to "saw" back and forth against each other, with much the same effect. Again, thick string withstands this longer than thin string.

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Over-stressing, and string-against-string forces are inherent in the game. They're not entirely avoidable, but you can take steps to reduce their effects. Other types of breaks are due to racquet defects, and can be completely eliminated with proper attention.

A broken, split grommet may present a sharp edge that can cut into the string. If the grommet is missing, the frame itself may cut the string. Next time the strings are out of your racquet, feel the edges of the holes that are drilled into the frame: they may be quite sharp.

The simple solution is to make sure the grommets are sound. A new grommet strip may cost \$5 or \$6 – well worthwhile if it saves you a \$20 stringing job. If the proper grommet strip is

unavailable, your stringer may be able to install a piece of plastic tubing as a temporary repair.

Frequent wall-bangers will occasionally abrade the string where it passes between two grommets on the outside of the frame, at the head of the racquet. This is an uncommon cause of breakage, and it generally occurs only if the proper bumper strip is not installed.

Even with proper care, some string breakage is inevitable. As a string ages, it becomes abraded and loses resiliency. Your best bet is to restring before such degradation occurs: newer strings perform better, and you'll be surprised less often in the middle of a match.

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22 Inch Racquets to become Legal September 1, 1997

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

Following a similar trend in tennis, the USRA Board of Directors voted unanimously to allow 22" racquets to be used in sanctioned play. After considerable study – and a Rules Committee vote of six to one in favor of recommending the new racquet specification – the revision to rule 2.4(a) was approved. It was felt that the one inch extension will bring new excitement to the sport – not unlike the introduction of oversized frames to the market in 1984. Safety was not at issue in the decision, based on a comparison to North American squash, which is played within a smaller court area using an

even longer racquet. But increased ball speed may yet become a factor. If so, the USRA would consider slowing down the ball for sanctioned play.

USRA Hall of Fame to embrace entire sport

The USRA Board also voted to broaden the recognition of its Hall of Fame to include the entire sport. Potential inductees will now be considered on the basis of athletic accomplishments not only at the amateur level, but for current and former professional career achievements as well. In the contributors category, nominees will be considered for work in areas of the sport other than those governed by the USRA.

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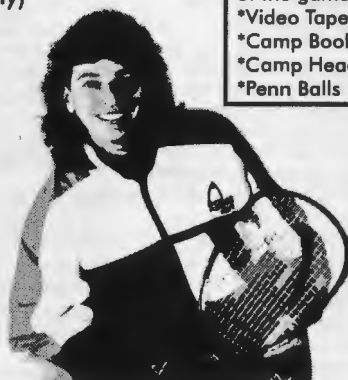
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OTTO E. DIETRICH

Admittedly, my initial interest in being on the Board of Directors a few years ago was to become the National Rules Commissioner — a dream that has now been fulfilled.

But in recent years, I've concentrated less on refing matches myself, and more on imparting rules knowledge and understanding, as well as developing refereeing skills in others — principally by conducting rules clinics and personal training sessions and by writing magazine articles and a definitive guidebook on "officiating racquetball".

During the 7 years I've already served on the Board, I learned that there is far more to the sport of racquetball than just taking turns hitting a little blue ball around a court. Accordingly, I've become involved in several other aspects of the sport and the organization we've created to administer it.

First and foremost is furthering our quest for Olympic competition status. Becoming a full medal sport in the 1995 Pan American program in Argentina was the latest and greatest stop on our journey. I want to be there when that day comes and be able to say that I helped attain that goal.

Maintaining financial stability within the organization is another important organizational goal. My education and nearly 30 years of auditing experience make me well qualified to evaluate internal controls and make recommendations for achieving the needed stability. As the organization and its budget grow, this area will continue to increase in importance.

I haven't been on the board for the past 2 years, but have remained active on various committees. A new term would allow me to continue working on these matters. Therefore, I sincerely request that you support my election to the Board so that we may continue to function as a team to oversee the orderly growth of our sport and our membership.

My qualifications include: a B.S. in Business Administration from Southeast Missouri State University, and service as an audit supervisor for the U.S. Army Audit Agency since 1967. I have also been an AARA member since 1973, founded the United Nations Command (Korea) Racquetball Association in 1976,

founded the Georgia State Racquetball Association in 1982, have been a national rules committee member since 1982, the national rules commissioner since 1988, served on the board of directors 1988-1995 (as its treasurer 1993-1995, and on various committees, such as the U.S. National Team, Hall of Fame, Ethics since 1988); and received the Joe Sobek Contributor award in 1996.

CHRIS EVON

I have been involved with the sport of racquetball for almost 20 years and have seen many changes take place. The pro tours have experienced the ups and the downs. The AARA has gone through changes within its organization from focusing on the Olympic Dream to developing the U.S. Open, to trying to support the player base in the country. I have seen changes that I feel were good for the sport and changes that hindered our sport. I have seen many players come and go. I have watched changes happen and now I want to be a part of the changes. The changes that benefit the sport and all players, of all levels. I am supportive of fair treatment for men, women, juniors, pros, and amateurs I want to have a voice in the decisions, a voice that reflects players thoughts and concerns. Not a voice that is politically correct but a voice that will make a difference for every one of us involved with this sport. I am passionate about racquetball and the future of the sport. I hope you will give me the chance to make a difference.

I am qualified to be on the USRA Board of Directors because of my extensive involvement in racquetball over the past 20 years. I was on the Board of Directors for the WPRA for two years before serving as President of the organization for four years. During that time I was active as a player, and participated on four Olympic Festival teams. I have coached at the Junior Team selection camp and the Elite camps, and have taught racquetball through lessons, camps and clinics for over 15 years. The experience that I have had as a player, a Board member, and as an instructor, have allowed me to see the sport from different points of view. I've had the chance to listen to the opinions of other players, manufacturers, and Board members, and have a sense for the needs of the different groups within our sport.

ANNIE MUNIZ

By serving the state of Texas for many years now, I have learned the importance of how a leadership role can influence the growth and development of racquetball. By surrounding myself with a great support team, we have been able to achieve many accomplishments. We have not only served the state of Texas, but have also assisted with our neighboring states.

I truly believe the state associations are our foundation. I would like to develop more methods of supporting the associations and assisting those trying to get started. I would like to bring in more enthusiasm at the state level not only at the competitive level but mainly at the recreational level.

Through the years I have served on the junior national committee and am currently on the national rules committee. I have been involved with the leadership seminar held in Colorado Springs.

I would like to be elected to the AARA national board to further enhance and continue to grow racquetball. I would like to bring some fresh ideas that will bring us closer to the Olympic movement. I will bring my dedication from the state level to the national level.

I have been president of the Texas Amateur Racquetball Association (TARA) for at least the past seven years. (I wish I could tell you more accurately, but I've enjoyed it so much, I can't tell you when I took over TARA). When I took over the association, it was a one man show. I have taken this association to high standards. We are now very sound and developed.

I can honestly say we are one of the best developed state associations in the country. We currently have nine remarkable board members. We have great communication tools with our newsletter and our home page on the internet.

I have assisted our neighboring states in getting organized and developed. I have been on the AARA's junior council and am currently on the National Rules Committee. I have been awarded the Presidential Award and the John Halverson Award by the AARA.

I feel my best qualification to be on the AARA board of directors comes

from my years of experience and success at the state level. Also not to be forgotten is my involvement at the national level with the juniors and rules committees.

SHARON RUMMEL

I LOVE THIS SPORT!! I have been actively involved in participation and promotion of racquetball for the last ten years, at club, state, and national levels. I feel that I possess qualities that would enable me to contribute back to the sport by serving on the board of directors.

Racquetball is a great sport! It brings people from all walks of life together, forming a bond of sportsmanship and camaraderie, along with encouraging a healthy lifestyle. Racquetball has enriched my life in so many ways, both mentally and physically.

Serving on the board also brings vital information to me at the state level, where I serve on the California branch of the USRA (CARA). The USRA is a model organization and one that the CARA wishes to emulate. I feel that being part of both organizations would be advantageous and allow for a free flow of information between the two.

I have been actively involved in the administration and participation of racquetball for the last ten years. Having held a prior position on the board I feel that I am qualified to actively contribute to the board in a positive way. As an AmPRO certified instructor, executive director of the California Amateur Racquetball Association, and active participant in a minimum of two state tournaments monthly, as well as national events, I feel that I have a realistic picture of where our sport is and where it needs to go.

TIM STOREY

Since my election to the Board in 1994, I have had the opportunity to learn how the USRA functions. Many changes have been implemented during my term, the results have varied from good to bad, with the outcome of some still to be determined. Our organization has continued to evolve to meet the ever-changing demands of its diverse membership.

If re-elected I hope to continue to monitor the direction of the USRA to insure that it serves our members.



board election & rules ballot

well. Many programs and policies have not been structured properly to best serve the interests of our members. I have consistently voted against issues that serve individuals with private agendas. The future of racquetball involves the expansion of our sport. We must initiate action that increase our numbers by promoting events that are pleasurable experience for all who attend.

Please allow me to continue to serve you by re-electing me for one more term. I will be relentless in my pursuit to implement programs insuring the growth, financial stability, and future of our organization. Thank you for your consideration.

My qualifications include: an MBA from the University of Notre Dame, B.S. from Purdue University, current member of the USRA Board, past president Utah Racquetball Association, past president Junior National Council, past Junior regional director, certified Level III Referee, USRA member and competitive player since 1973. I am currently a plant manager for a \$6 billion company, and have the responsibility of serving as a director on numerous boards. My employment has required me to travel extensively and develop relationships with individuals of various cultures, interests, and languages. This experience has provided me with many useful skills necessary in dealing with the diverse issues facing the USRA. One of the most important of these skills is to listen. During my current term I have met many of our organization's members. I have listened to your individual racquetball issues and have attempted to proactively voice your concerns and represent your interests.

CARLTON J. VASS

First of all, I would like to thank all my fellow racquetball players who voted for me three years ago, which allowed me to have a much larger and active role in the future growth of our sport. Again, I must come to you and ask for your vote and continued support for another term on the USRA board if we are to continue with the great things that are going on within our sport today.

Three years ago, I appealed to you to give me an opportunity to serve on the board because I thought I had certain invaluable skills and expertise that could be utilized by the board. They were: my background in insurance and finances enabled me (working with the home office staff) to cut our insurance cost in half. These skills were also instrumental in processing information and data to develop the first ever televised U.S. Open Racquetball Championships.

I have also been to numerous racquetball tournaments across the country and have attended every leadership seminar that we have had over the past three years so that I would be able to have your comments and concerns addressed by the board. Your vote for me will insure that you will have direct access to your board and staff of racquetball.

My qualifications include: Education — Degrees in Business Management from Trident Technical College and North Carolina Central University. Professional — Owner of Financial Services Group for 14 years (Sales and Service of Insurance, Investments, Tax Sheltered Annuities, Pension Plans and other financial products), member of the International Foundation of Certified Employee Benefits Specialists, Charleston County Planning Commissioner, and administrative specialist in accounting and finance for the U.S. Air Force. Racquetball — I began playing racquetball in 1976, refereed numerous local, state, regional, national, U.S. Olympic Festivals, and nationally televised matches, President of the South Carolina Players Association, member of the national rules committee for seven years, a sponsored player, club pro and teaching instructor.

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

At its Fall meeting, the Board of Directors accepted the following rule change proposals:

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #1. If the referee's call of "receiver encroachment" on the return of serve is overturned on appeal AND the return of serve is judged by the referee to be irretrievable, then the outcome of the appeal should be a side-out rather than a replay (See Rule 3.8(e).)

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #2. Revise Rule 4.14(f), as well as any others related to it, to declare that any ball leaving the court results in the immediate loss of the rally by the person/team that hit it last.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #3. Modify Rule 3.7 (a), as well as any others related to it, to provide that if there are line judges, ANY call (or non-call) may be appealed except for technical fouls and forfeitures.

Until its May meeting, the USRA Board encourages you to play a role in the decision process by casting your vote at right. The results of this poll will be factored into the final decision to adopt these changes and make them effective in September.

There are six (6) candidates for three (3) vacancies on the USRA Board of Directors. Biographical and other candidate information appears on these two pages. For this ballot to be valid, the following is required:

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- **No more than three (3) persons may be chosen.**
- **Ballot must be received by MAY 7 (postmarked by May 5).**

Vote for UP TO THREE (3) of the following persons by placing an X on the line preceding their name.

____ Otto Dietrich (GA)*
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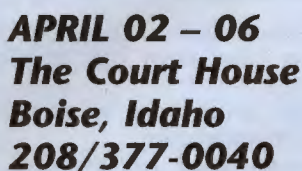
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #1. A sideout should result when the referee's call of encroachment is overturned and my return was irretrievable.
 ____ Yes ____ No

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #2. — If my opponent hits a ball out of court (in any direction) they'll lose the rally.
 ____ Yes ____ No

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #3. — I want to be able to appeal any call, or non-call, my referee makes (except technicals and forfeits).
 ____ Yes ____ No



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203/248-1869

• Junior Region #16

Courts Plus Fitness Center

Jacksonville, N.C.

Director: Jan Stelma

910/346-3446

APRIL 17 - 20

• #2 in Fayetteville, New York

• #3 in Baltimore, Maryland

• #6 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas

- #9 in Canton, Ohio
- #12 in Broomfield, Colorado
- #13 in Billings, Montana
- #14 in Stockton, California

APRIL 24 - 27

• #4 in Jacksonville, Florida

MAY 2 - 4

• Junior Region #5

Court South

Birmingham, Alabama

Director: Jim Garner

205/823-2120

• Junior Region #8

Bloomington Sports Complex

Bloomington, Illinois

Director: Rich Clay

847/918-7407

• Junior Region #11

Hall of Fame Racquetball Club

Columbia Heights, MN

Director: Dave Hart

612/572-0330

MAY 9 - 11

• Junior Region #15

Sunset Athletic Club

Portland, Oregon

Director: John Giunta

503/735-2373

April 24-27

MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS?? Three "post-series" qualifiers will be held the following weekend ...

• Chicago, Illinois •

Glass Court Swim & Fitness

Director: Geoff Peters - 312/935-9685

• Jacksonville, Florida •

[Adult & Junior #4] @ Racquetpower

Director: Mary Lyons - 904/270-2224

• Las Vegas, Nevada •

Las Vegas Sporting House

Director: Mike Coulter - 702/733-8999

MEN

MEN'S OPEN

1. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
2. Todd O'Neil, TX
3. Craig Rappaport, PA
4. Jimmy Lowe, AK
5. George Delaney, MA
6. Eric Muller, MA
7. Doug Ganim, OH
8. Mike Locker, MN
9. Dan Fowler, MD
10. Tony Boscia, CO

MEN'S A

- 1T. Scott Grunin, NY
- 1T. Dan Pischke, WA
3. Scott Foster, CA
4. Jack Huczek, MI
5. Stephen Mykalcio, NY
- 6T. Matt Gehling, MD
- 6T. Geoff Hunter, FL
8. Ruckman Nilsen, KS
9. Alain Pujolar, FL
10. Mike Andreassi, NY

MEN'S B

1. Sam Ryder, WI
2. Cory Martin, WI
- 3T. Tony DeSanto, FL
- 3T. Don Dettmore, FL
5. Moises Martinez, NC
6. Steve Plakotaris, NJ
7. Victor Zambrano, VA
8. Ron Bonds, MI
- 9T. Rich Hurt, NE
- 9T. Rocco Saccente, NY

MEN'S C

1. Lynn Stephens, NC
2. Dave Bartscher, NE
3. Preston Gaston, NC
4. Corey Willix, IL
5. Scott Remsen, MA
- 6T. Fabrizio Avelar, FL
- 6T. Ray Horn, CA
- 6T. Marc Schnittker, CO
- 6T. Chad Tyranski, VA
7. Joseph Austin Jr., LA

MEN'S D

1. Ray Meisner, IL
2. Leonard Toth, TX
3. Frank Jaurigue, OH
4. Hal Mitlitsky, NY
- 5T. Jay Gordon, TX
- 5T. Anthony Zeringue, LA
7. Mike Ciano, MA
- 8T. Gary Bray, FL
- 8T. Jeff Dahr Jr., NE
- 8T. Kenneth Kieren, AR

MEN'S NOVICE

1. Jose Lopez, TX
2. Brian Alipiev, NY

- 3T. Steve Astrin, GA
- 3T. Wayne Clason, MI
- 3T. Kevin Daub, CO
- 3T. Travis Elquist, ID
- 3T. Jason Hadjstylianos, NY
- 3T. Mike Kruczynski, MD
- 3T. Daniel Smith, NH
- 3T. Brian Waldron, OH

MEN'S 19+

1. Rob DeJesus, NM
2. Scott Grunin, NY
3. Rich Baer, NY
4. Franco Palmer, CA
5. Jim Ellenberger, WI
6. Jason Thoerner, FL
7. Matt Fontana, FL
- 8T. Matt Adesso, OH
- 8T. Shane Wood, MA
10. Ryan Homa, WI

MEN'S 25+

1. Kevin Graham, WI
2. Mike Locker, MN
3. James Lorello, FL
4. Jeff Wilson, NM
5. Bryan Londo, CA
6. Dave Ganim, OH
7. Hal Perry, TX
8. Adam Kemp, FL
9. Mark Cavallaro, NY
10. John Davis, LA

MEN'S 30+

1. Bruce Erickson, MO
- 2T. Rabbitt Rogers, ID
- 2T. Alan Sheppard, NC
4. Lance Gilliam, TX
5. John Amatulli, IN
6. Clay Griffin, SC
- 7T. Rob French, CO
- 7T. Tim Hansen, FL
- 7T. Brad McCuniff, IA
10. Steve Hachey, NY

MEN'S 35+

1. Mitch Smith, PA
2. Dave Peck, TX
3. Dave Eagle, OH
4. Mike Martinez, CA
5. Jeff Hanno, NY
6. Martin McDermott, TX
- 7T. Mark Helton, CO
- 7T. Gil Rodriguez, VA
9. John Scargle, FL
10. Gene Couch, FL

MEN'S 40+

- 1T. Gene Couch, FL
- 1T. Ed Garabedian, PA
- 1T. Mitt Layton, FL
4. Steve Neighbors, ID
5. Tom Travers, OH
6. Philip Parker, PA
7. Leo Jolly, NC
8. Steve Schwarz, NY

- 9T. Randy Anderson, MI
- 9T. Mark Baron, VA

MEN'S 45+

1. Mitt Layton, FL
2. Gary Mazaroff, NM
3. Dan Davis, TX
4. Jim Luzar, WI
- 5T. Leo Gurnoe, CA
- 5T. Gene Pare, CA
7. Rick Fusari, FL
8. Frank Ciociola, NY
9. Darryl Warren, CA
10. Bruce Nelson, IL

MEN'S 50+

1. Ed Remen, VA
2. Dennis O'Brien, ID
3. Stan Lemon, TX
4. Horace Miller, IL
5. Russ Deegan, FL
6. Ray Huss, OH
7. Tom McKie, TX
8. Erhard Gruenwald, IL
9. John Mootz, NY
10. Robert Large, KS

MEN'S 55+

1. Rex Lawler, IN
- 2T. Robert Large, KS
- 2T. Wendell Nelson, ID
- 2T. Warren Reuther, LA
- 2T. Bobby Sanders, OH
6. Charlie Garfinkel, PA
- 7T. Ron Galbreath, PA
- 7T. Ron Hutcherson, IN
- 7T. Fred Letter, NJ
- 7T. Dario Mas, DE

MEN'S 60+

1. Paul Banales, AZ
2. David Jordan, NJ
3. Jerry Holly, CA
4. Jack Dunsmoor, ID
5. Rex Benham, AR
- 6T. Don Alt, OH
- 6T. Otis Chapman, OH
- 6T. Art Hurley, NM
- 6T. Jay Krevsky, PA
10. Hugh Morrison, IL

MEN'S 65+

1. John O'Donnell, IL
2. Vance Lerner, CA
- 3T. Verlyn Dunn, ID
- 3T. Joe Lambert, TX
5. Pearce Grove, VA
- 6T. Victor Sacco, NY
- 6T. Ralph Waddington, NM
8. Mal Roberts, FL
9. Bert Shulimson, IL
10. J.D. Driver, MI

MEN'S 70+

1. Victor Sacco, NY
2. Mal Roberts, FL

3. Earl Acuff, NC
- 4T. Richard Davis, TX
- 4T. Dick Kincade, CO
6. Hank Richard, GA
- 7T. Jack Gushue, NY
- 7T. Mike Landy, FL
- 7T. Bill Matotan, NM
10. Michael Bugel, CA

MEN'S 75+

1. Earl Acuff, NC
2. Nick Sans, CA
- 3T. Robert McAdam, TX
- 3T. Hank Richard, GA
5. Al Romero, NM
6. Andy Trozzi, MA
7. Charles Russell, CA
- 8T. Fred Felton, TX
- 8T. C. Allen Shepherd, MD
- 8T. Cam Snowberger, SC

MEN'S 80+

- 1T. C. Allen Shepherd, MD
- 1T. Harry Steinman, MD
3. John Pearce, TX
4. Andy Trozzi, MA
- 5T. Harmon Minor, CO
- 5T. George Spear, NY
7. Walt Mosenthal, MA

MEN'S 85+

1. John Pearce, TX

WOMEN

WOMEN'S OPEN

1. Michelle Gould, ID
2. Tammy Brockbank, IK
- 3T. Cheryl Gudinas, IL
- 3T. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
5. Malia Bailey, VA
6. Mary Tessier, CA
7. Marcia Hartz, NY
8. Roz Petronelli, MA
9. Christine McAlpine, UT
10. Robin Rodriguez, AK

WOMEN'S A

1. Cheryl Gistand, TX
2. Angie Daake, NE
3. Michele Kinaan, CA
4. Carol Zimlinghaus, CO
5. Joanna Boyte, NC
6. Susan Hann, FL
7. Pattie Schof, LA
8. Vallana Perrault, MN
9. Sherron Boyea, CA
10. Darlene Truett, TN

WOMEN'S B

1. Yesenia Delbusto, FL
2. Adrienne Fisher, OH
3. Melanie Mueller, CO
4. Kristen Kovar, NE
- 5T. Becky Kaufman, KS

- 5T. Kim Moore, TN
- 5T. Linda Vallieres, VT
8. Belinda Dettman, FL
- 9T. Sheryl Moser, MN
- 9T. Aimee Perry, VA

WOMEN'S C

1. Heather Elliott, FL
2. Kassi Herr, FL
3. Charlotte Kochersperger, PA
4. Laurie Gordon, CT
5. Lisa Dove, NC
6. Mary McCormack, NJ
- 7T. Becky Bastick, KY
- 7T. Shari Hall, WA
- 7T. Leslie Miller, IL
10. Marquita Molina, CA

WOMEN'S D

1. Terry Truvillion, NY
- 2T. Jesi Fuller, NM
- 2T. Judy Mancusso, VA
4. Linda Robinson, TX
5. Leslie Butler, FL
6. Tricia Antoine, LA
7. Jolene Salo, OH
- 8T. Julie Bauman, CA
- 8T. Cheryl Bird, TX
- 8T. Susan Callum, MA

WOMEN'S NOVICE

1. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
2. Jennifer Swallow, PA
- 3T. Suzanne Carpenter, OH
- 3T. Joanne Herrera, CO
- 3T. Ruth Kuhlig, CT
- 3T. Judy Mancusso, VA
- 3T. Jedonne Montgomery, ID
- 3T. Janet St. Clair, SC
9. Megan Snider, NM
10. Paige Barr, NM

WOMEN'S 19+

1. Amy Kilbane, OH
2. Erika Juhl, DE
- 3T. Aimee Roehler, PA
- 3T. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
5. Heather Dunn, VT
- 6T. Sue Cox, FL
- 6T. Kelly Craig, FL
- 6T. B.J. Ehrigott, CT
- 6T. Allison Garner, TX
- 6T. Rachel Gellman, AZ

WOMEN'S 25+

1. Jen Yokota, MO
2. Elaine Mardas, OH
3. Stacy Sour, CO
4. Kelley Beane, NH
5. Cara Pellowski, WI
6. Sandee Roach, UT
7. Sheila Collins, TN
- 8T. Lisa Shelby, ME
- 8T. Michelle Wiragh, MD
10. Tina Bragdon, CO

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WOMEN'S 30+

1. Kersten Hallander, FL
2. Lorraine Galloway, NY
3. B.J. Ehrgott, CT
- 4T. Dina Moreland, CA
- 4T. Mary Pomeroy, IN
- 4T. Cindy Wittenbrink, NM
- 7T. Phyllis Morris, TX
- 7T. Debbie Tisinger, CA
9. Cindy Tilbury, MN
10. Kelley Beane, NH

WOMEN'S 35+

1. Debbie Tisinger, CA
2. Denise Mock, TX
3. Mary Bickley, PA
4. Carol Kriegler, MN
5. Mary Beke, AZ
6. Roz Petronelli, MA
- 7T. Mary Lyons, FL
- 7T. Marianne Walsh, UT
9. Debbie Spica, LA
10. Sandra Maxwell, CA

WOMEN'S 40+

- 1T. Janell Marriott, RI
- 1T. Janet Myers, NC
- 1T. Marcia Richards, LA
- 1T. Brenda White, IL
5. Joanne Pomodoro, MA
6. Mary Keenan, CO
7. Linda Mojer, CO
- 8T. Shelley Ogden, OH
- 8T. Darlene Truett, TN
10. Mary Harriy-Davidson, MN

WOMEN'S 45+

1. Eileen Tuckman, FL
2. Shelley Ogden, OH
3. Terry Ann Rogers, CA
- 4T. Pattie Schof, LA
- 4T. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
- 6T. Elaine Dexter, CA
- 6T. Dianne Nero, NY
- 6T. Bev Powell, IL
- 6T. Paula Sperling, NM
10. Agatha Falso, FL

WOMEN'S 50+

1. Meri Jean Kelley, CA
2. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
3. Agatha Falso, FL
4. Mildred Gwinn, NC
5. Donna Johnson, ID
6. Nidia Funes, CA
7. Karen Yackley, IL
8. Tawn Wolfe, CA
9. Rose Stoltmann, WI
10. Marta Groess, MN

WOMEN'S 55+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
2. Mildred Gwinn, NC
3. Marquita, Molina, CA
4. Sylvia Sawyer, UT
5. Nancy Butts, WI
- 6T. Sue Carow, IL

- 6T. Helen Dunsmoor, ID
8. Annabelle Kovar, NE
- 9T. Lou Bradley, WI
- 9T. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR

WOMEN'S 60+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
2. Kathy Mueller, MN
3. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
4. Helen Dunsmoor, ID
5. Mary Walker, CA
6. Susan Embry, CA
7. Lola Markus, IL
8. Norma Carlisle, UT
9. Louise Kiss, NM

WOMEN'S 65+

1. Lola Markus, IL
2. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
- 3T. Reta Harring, WI
- 3T. Roberta Schoenfeld, NM
- 3T. Jane Smith, DE
- 6T. Rebecca Dixon, OH
- 6T. Mary Lou Kackert, NM
- 8T. Louise Kiss, NM
- 8T. B.G. Railey, TN
- 8T. Dorothy Vezetinski, WA

WOMEN'S 70+

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
2. Beth Keene, TX

WOMEN'S 75+

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
2. Eleanor Quackenbush, OR
3. Christine Stephens, TX

BOYS

BOY'S 8 & UNDER

1. Nick Arturo, AK
2. David Lewis, CO
- 3T. Cody Drago, OR
- 3T. Andrew Grissom, CA
5. Justin Erdman, OH
6. Brady Prince, MN
7. Kenny Green, GA
- 8T. Paul Bennett, UT
- 8T. Jamin Godwin, FL
- 8T. Bryce Milakovich, CA

B8- MULTI-BOUNCE

1. Justin Erdman, OH
2. Mark Swanson, NM
3. Cody Drago, OR
- 4T. Ken Green, GA
- 4T. Harrison Slocum, FL
- 4T. Bill Travers, OH
- 7T. Jamin Godwin, FL
- 7T. Kenny Green, GA
- 9T. Jeffrey Gordon, TX
- 9T. Ori Melnik, TX

BOY'S 10-

1. Jeremy Robbins, TX
2. Brad Slocum, FL

3. Tyler Hollingsworth, OR
4. Charlie Pratt, OR
5. Andrew Kopf, NY
6. David LaForest, NY
- 7T. Peter Oaks, OH
- 7T. Bradley Rogers, KS
- 7T. Logan Sauter, WI
- 7T. Dan Sheppick, OR

BOY'S 12-

1. Trevor Crowe, OR
2. Jack Huczek, MI
3. Bart Crawford, OR
- 4T. Josh Epstein, NY
- 4T. Seth Parker, PA
6. Clay Burris, FL
7. Patrick Debord, NE
- 8T. Steven Klaiman, TX
- 8T. Cory Martin, WI
10. Erik Leetch, AR

BOY'S 14-

1. Shane Vanderson, OH
2. Scott Fisher, NY
3. Sanjay Laforest, NY
4. Jason Jansen, ND
5. Ashley Conway, NC
- 6T. Mike Harmon, FL
- 6T. Joel Worthington, KS
8. Philip Hammond, TX
- 9T. Jason Janson, ND
- 9T. Jeff Markins, AZ

BOY'S 16-

1. Willie Tilton, CO
2. Justin Carey, NY
3. Ryan Staten, KS
4. Andy Tucknott, NE
- 5T. Rocky Carson, CA
- 5T. Jeffrey Gamer, AL
- 5T. Josh Tucker, MO
8. Brandon Henline, GA
9. Stephen Mykalcio, NY
10. David Liakos, NE

BOY'S 18-

1. John Stanford Jr., FL
2. Stephen Mykalcio, NY
- 3T. Sam Ryder, WI
- 3T. Eric Storey, IN
- 5T. Erin Brannigan, ID
- 5T. Dan Darling, OR
7. Jason Von Kaenel, NE

- 8T. Nate Gagne, ME
- 8T. Jaz Stewart, NY
- 8T. Alan Thomas, OH

GIRLS

GIRLS 8 & UNDER

1. Ashley Willhite, OR
2. Dianne Meyer, OR
3. Rebeka Kopf, NY
4. Trina Harper, WI
5. Christine McCracken, NM
6. Sarah Moyle, OR
- 7T. Paige Chandler, TN
- 7T. Askley Murphy, MO
9. Jenny Epstein, NY
10. Brittany Heathman, NC

G8- MULTI-BOUNCE

1. Sarah Moyle, OR
2. Trina Harper, WI
3. Brittany Legget, OR
4. Dianne Meyer, OR
5. Christine McCracken, NM
6. Nicole Robinson, OR
- 7T. Paige Chandler, TN
- 7T. Ashley Murphy, MO
9. Courtney Cole, NM
10. Kristin Brunelle, OR

GIRL'S 10-

1. Adrienne Fisher, OH
2. Deraí Darling, OR
3. Jesi Fuller, NM
4. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
5. Brandie Hanson, OR
6. Kelley Fisher, OH
- 7T. Jenny Hough, MD
- 7T. Leslie Luna, NM
9. Katherine Stock, OR
10. Ashley Willhite, OR

GIRL'S 12-

1. Crystal Winfrey, OH
2. Kimberly Irons, OH
3. Molly Law, CO
4. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
5. Jeni Fuller, NM
- 6T. Lindsay Deutsch, TX
- 6T. Mary Sweeney, NY
8. Deraí Darling, OR

- 9T. Juliana Mayor, NY
- 9T. Sara Wencil, OR

GIRL'S 14-

1. Maggie Debord, NE
2. Kristen Walsh, UT
3. Kristen Kovar, NE
- 4T. Krystal Csuk, IL
- 4T. Melanie Muller, CO
6. Sara Wencil, OR
7. Adva Buzi, TX
8. Jen Ersek, NY
9. Amy Jo Hollingsworth, OR
10. Megan Price, OR

GIRL'S 16-

- 1T. Sara Borland, IA
- 1T. Brooke Crawford, OR
3. Megan Bals, NE
4. Meghan Guardiani, MA
5. Melissa Harmon, FL
6. Liana Kerwood, OR
7. Katie Gould, MO
8. Leisa Marquart, NE
9. Jennifer Swallow, PA
10. Dionna Brown, CA

GIRL'S 18-

1. Sadie Gross, SD
2. Kori Grasha, NY
3. Rhonda Rajsich, AZ
4. Dawn Gates, IL
5. Meadow Krantz, MN
6. Christina Lewendal, OR
7. Erin Frost, OR
8. Brooke Crawford, OR
9. Colleen Maginn, WI
10. Michelle Reeves, OR

WHEELCHAIR

1. Rick Slaughter, TN
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MARCH 12
Colorado State
Singles @ Flatiron
Athletic Club
Boulder, CO
303-238-5377

MARCH 18
Utah State Singles
SportsMall
Murray, UT
801-964-1278

MARCH 19
Alaska State Doubles
Anchorage, AK
907-337-9550

MARCH 21
Atlantic Coast
Championship
Wilmington Ath. Club
Wilmington, NC
910-763-9655

Greater Cincinnati/
Dayton City @
Waycross Athletic Club
Cincinnati, OH
614-890-6073

John Bareilles Classic
Phoenix Fitness
Sterling, VA
703-430-0666

March Madness
Oak Park Ath. Club
Oak Park, IL
708-848-5200

Merced Open
Merced Sports Club
Merced, CA
209-722-3988

No Frills Tournament
Downtown Ath. Club
Norfolk, VA
804-625-2222

Spring Classic
Sports Club of Asheville
Asheville, NC
704-252-0222

Spring Fling
Inter-Bay YMCA
Tampa, FL
813-839-0210

Spring Fling @ South
Hampshire Racquet
Club - St. Louis, MO
314-353-1500

The Maine Open
Fitness Forum
Sanford, ME
207-324-1154

Third Annual DWN
Open @ Colonial
Racquetball/Fit. Club
Sinking Springs, PA
610-777-7801

Idaho State Singles
AJ's Courthouse
Boise, ID
208-343-2288

Indiana State Singles
Greenbriar Ath. Club
Indianapolis, IN
317-257-3261

Nebraska State
Singles @ Sports
Courts of Lincoln
Lincoln, NE
402-454-2765

West Virginia State
Singles @ Marshall
University
Huntington, WV
304-696-2942

MARCH 22
Mathisen Tire Tourn.
Supreme Courts RB &
Fitness - Virginia, MN
218-749-8318

Racquetball One
Singles Finale
Lansing MAC
East Lansing, MI
616-975-9080

MARCH 28
Quad West Spring
Classic @ Quad West
Athletic Club
Clearwater, FL
813-535-4901

Wyoming State
Singles @ Wyoming
Athletic Club
Casper, WY
307-265-6928

30+ Championships
Bellevue Club
Bellevue, WA
206-455-1616

APRIL

APRIL 4
**EKTELON JUNIOR
REGIONAL #7**
Chancellors Racquet
& Fitness
Houston, TX
713-772-9955

**EKTELON JUNIOR
REGIONAL #10**
Noblesville Ath. Club
Noblesville, IN
317-392-3822

'97 Spring Fling
Heritage Sports Center
Metairie, LA
504-832-5982

All Valley Open
Mid Valley Ath. Club
Reseda, CA
818-705-6500

Carlisle YMCA Spring
RB Tourn. @ Carlisle
YMCA - Carlisle, PA
717-243-2525

Flatiron Invitational
Flatiron Athletic Club
Boulder, CO
303-499-6590

Greater Cleveland City
Champs. @ Solon Ath.
Club - Solon, OH
614-890-6073
Junior Benefit Tourn.
Decathlon Ath. Club
Bloomington, MN
612-854-7171

Singles-Doubles-Or
Nothing @ Courthouse
Health & Fitness
Chelmsford, MA
508-453-4173

Spring Open
Robious Sports &
Fitness - Richmond, VA
804-330-2222

Spring Roll Out
Court South
Westavia Hills, AL
205-823-2120

Spring Rollout
Idaho Athletic Club
Caldwell, ID

The Hog Classic
Omega 40
Ormond Beach, FL
904-672-4044

19th Indy Open
Noblesville Ath. Club
Noblesville, IN
317-776-0224

Arkansas State
Singles @ Walton
Fitness Center
Bentonville, AR
501-273-6131

Kansas State Singles
& Junior @ Salina
YMCA - Salina, KS
913-825-4123

Maine State Singles
The Maine Event
Topsham, ME
207-729-0129

North Dakota State
Singles @ Capitol
Courts-Bismarck, ND
701-221-6855

Oregon State Singles
Powerhouse Gym
Bend, OR
541-388-3307

APRIL 11
**EKTELON JUNIOR
REGIONAL #1**
Racquetball
International
Windham, ME
203-248-1869

**EKTELON JUNIOR
REGIONAL #16**
Courts Plus Fitness Ctr
Jacksonville, NC
910-346-3446

After Tax Raq-Attack
Dan Gamel's Health &
Ath. Club - Fresno, CA
209-227-8405

Greater Columbus City
Championships
Continental Ath. Club
Columbus, OH
614-890-6073

Liberty Bell Pro-Am
Benefit @ Highpoint
Racquet & Fitness
Chalfont, PA
215-822-2303

Pro Kennex Grand Prix
#4 @ Courtesy
Sports/Schoeber's
Pleasanton, CA
415-968-7970

Rick Weaver Buick
Open @ Nautilus
Fitness Center
Erie, PA
814-868-0072

Michigan State
Singles @ Davison
Athletic Club
Davison, MI
810-658-8097

Minnesota State
Singles @ Burnsville
Racquet, Swim & HC
Minneapolis, MN
612-720-6652

South Dakota
State Singles
The Fitness Center
Rapid City, SD
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ADULT & JUNIORS

**[#2] Track and Racquet Club
Fayetteville, NY**

**[#3] Merritt Athletic Club/Security
Baltimore, MD**

[#6] Ozark Sports Club – Ft. Smith, AR

**[#9] Hall of Fame Fitness Center
Canton, OH**

**[#12] The Edge Athletic Club
Broomfield, CO**

[#13] Billings Athletic Club – Billings, MT

**[#14] West Lane Racquet Club
Stockton, CA**

**ADULTS ONLY
Lakewood YMCA
Tacoma, WA**

Maverick Athletic Club–Arlington, TX

**Hall of Fame RB Club
Columbia Hghts, MN**

**Louisiana State Univ.
Baton Rouge, LA**

Southern Athletic Club –Atlanta, GA

1997 USRA NATIONAL EVENTS	
MARCH 21-30	PARC 11th Tournament of the Americas: Chihuahua, Mexico
APRIL 02-06	E-Force USRA 25th U.S. Intercollegiate Championships: Boise
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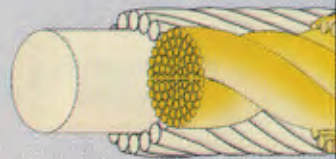
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