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## Shay Inducted into Hall of Fame!

by Bill Feigen

Longtime Deerfield resident Art Shay recently was inducted into the Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame. He was honored for being the National Golden Masters Champion and winning the Illinois State 65+ Championship in 1990 as well as placing in the State Championships in several other years. He is the first racquetball player to be so honored.

Shay, 74, is best known for illustrating and co-authoring a myriad of racquetball books with such illustrious players as Marty Hogan, Charlie Brumfield, and Jean Sauser. He also ghosted and photographed Paul Haber's classic, "Inside Racquetball." Sixty covers for the old "Handball Magazine" were also illustrated by Shay.

A well-known photo journalist who has fifty *Time-Life* stories to his credit, Shay was also the recipient of the first Howard Cosell Journalism/Martyrs Award, given in memory of the Israeli Olympians who were murdered in Munich.

An article in the *Chicago Tribune Magazine*, December 15, 1996, referenced Shay's 1,004 magazine and book covers; 25,000 published pictures; 79 illustrated, written and/or co-authored books; and noted that his works hang in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., as well as other museums and notable collections of fine photography.

In the works is "Nelson Algren's Chicago," slated for publication later this year. One of his oldies, "The 40 Common Errors in Golf and How to Correct Them," still sells briskly.

Recently, on Channel 11's "Chicago Tonight" program, host John Calloway cited Shay as "The Best Photojournalist Chicago Ever Produced."

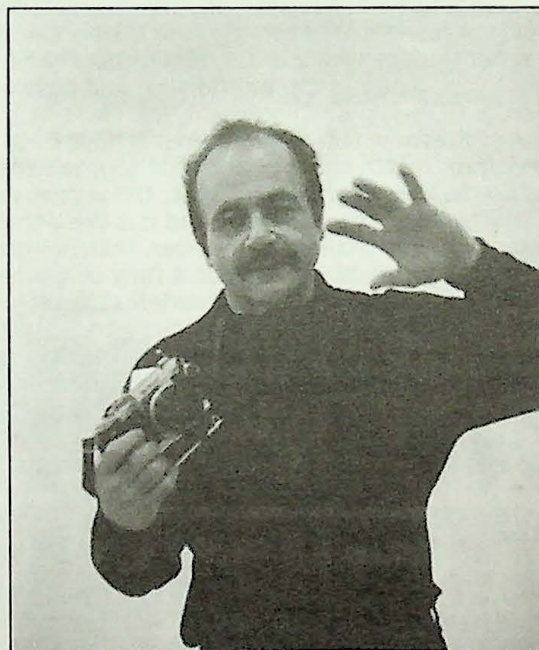


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Customer Service - Getting it right the first time!*

We've had an ongoing discussion within the ISRA Board during the past several months about how to provide the best service for our members. After all, we are a volunteer, member-driven organization whose goal is to promote racquetball within Illinois. With this in mind, the ISRA tries to schedule events as conveniently as possible for our members. Once the event is scheduled -- we've been having some trouble accommodating the special requests of players regarding scheduling of their matches. At the State Doubles Championships and even more so at the Revie Sorey Celebrity Classic, it appeared that judgment errors were made and players accommodated to the detriment of others.

Let me explain how scheduling is handled. If a player has a potential time conflict, we still want them to enter the event -- especially if it is relatively easy to work around the issue. In the past, however, we have encountered players who have decided that they can avoid Friday night matches by simply saying "NO FRIDAY" on their entry blank. Clearly this is more easily accommodated in the Women's 55+ division than it is for the player who thinks that the poor tournament director can juggle around the much larger Men's B and C divisions to cater to them! But, tournament directors will do everything they can to accommodate those players who list real conflicts on their entry forms and who are realistic in which divisions they enter. (If you can't play on Friday night -- enter the age group or doubles rather than the skill divisions.) After all, we want you to play in the tournament and have a great time.

The problems in recent tournaments have been happening because of players asking for match changes after the tournament has started. While we want to accommodate whenever possible, the person on-site has to check all possible conflicts with other players -- and it is likely that someone else will be inconvenienced by the change. Remember, matches are spaced to minimize conflicts with multiple divisions, provide a flow of referees, and provide rest for players whenever possible. It is an extremely difficult job to do prior to an event -- and nearly impossible to change correctly once the tournament is underway. So please, to help us provide the best service for everyone, identify the issues on your entry blank (don't phone them in) and then play your matches as scheduled. Everyone will be better off as a result!

We look forward to seeing you at the rest of our sanctioned events this spring!

*Geoff*

### *SHAY continued from previous page*

Shay was born in The Bronx, N.Y. and played one-wall handball at James Monroe High School. Later, he photographed the United States Handball Association Tour for several years. During this time, he ghosted and illustrated Paul Haber's classic "Inside Handball."

Shortly thereafter, Shay discovered racquetball. In 1977, he founded a club called the Fruit Juices...after the locker room machine in front of which the members posed for photographs. The organization still thrives, with 60 members, most of whom play three or four times a week, as Shay does, at the Edens Court House in Chicago.

Retired Racquetball Pro Jack Newman remembers Shay beating him in Milwaukee when Newman was 12. Newman says, "I cut my teeth on Shay's books. I studied them, absorbed them, and begged my Dad to get the latest ones. My autographed copies are among my proudest possessions."

Former women's racquetball pro Jean Sauser says, "When I met Art, I was managing the desk at our old Northbrook club. Shay got me to put my racquetball ideas on paper, and we did a number of books together, several of which are still in print."

The racquetball gene, laments Shay, has skipped his four children, but three of his grandsons are coming along fine...especially when they're visiting Illinois.

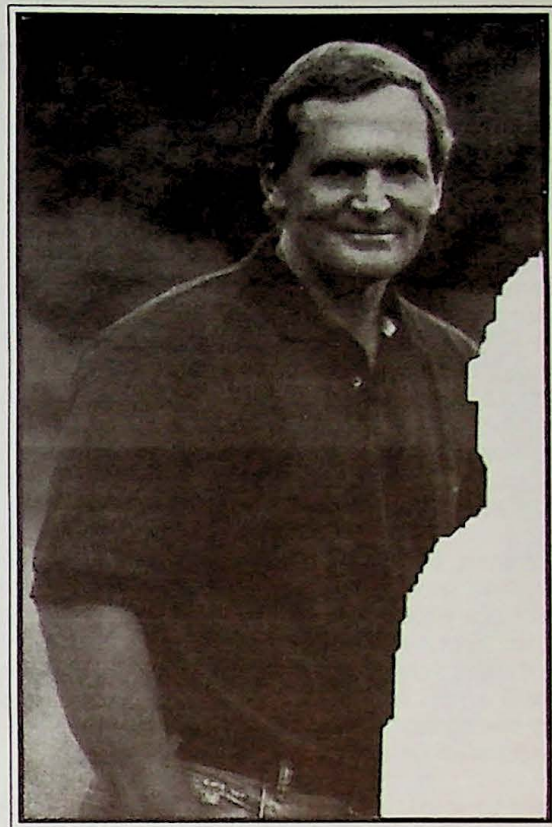
Says Shay, a trim 158 pounds -- down 30 after heart surgery eight years ago -- "I plan to play until I retire, which will be the afternoon I die or the morning after."

## Vince Toepper

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*In Memory of Vince Toepper...* Vince Toepper passed away on Saturday, February 8th, doing what he truly loved; playing racquetball. Vince was 56. Vince always gave 100% to every shot, even if he had to sacrifice his body to do so. For anyone who played any Masters Tournaments or any tournament, for that matter, Vince was the guy you would see with the knee pads, a cut on his chin, diving for ball after ball with unlimited energy. Vince started his racquetball days at the old Court Club in Richton Park, where he supported the sport by co-sponsoring several tournaments. No matter what day you walked into the club, Vince would always be there with a gallery of people watching him tumbling for every shot. He was a great athlete and win or lose, he always had a warm smile and unsurpassed sportsmanship. After his family, golf was Vince's first love, followed by racquetball. He loved the competition and played both games the only way he knew how; giving 100%, as he did with everything in life. It was a pleasure to know Vince as a fellow player, but especially as the caring, friendly person he was. I'm sure Vince would like to be remembered as a fierce competitor as well as a gentleman and sportsman. We'll miss you, Vince.

*Tom Utterback  
S.J. Bettenhausen*



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## PRINCE Promotes Winters to Director, Indoor Court Sports

Rick Margin, VP of Marketing for the Prince Sports Group, announced that, effective immediately, Scott Winters has been promoted to Director, Indoor Court Sports, which includes responsibility for the Prince® Squash, Prince® Badminton and Ektelon® racquetball product lines.

"Scott has been a valuable contributor since joining the Benetton Sportssystem family of products three years ago," Margin related. "He has excelled in every area for which he has had responsibility and brings a wealth of experience in all facets of the business. He has a long track record in the racquet sports and fitness industry, including instruction and management activities. Hence, his proven business leadership, product knowledge and development, and his marketing and promotion skills make him a 'natural' for this position," he continued.

"Squash, badminton and racquetball are fast-paced, exciting sports. Prince and Ektelon have strived to ensure that our product lines reflect the latest in technological innovations and style. The equipment generates power without sacrificing control, maximizes performance, looks great and is fun to use," Winters commented. "I feel that my background and experience will help me maintain our leadership role in promoting these sports."

Prior to joining the Prince Sports Group as Product Manager for Ektelon in 1993, Winters had established and

managed a successful sports sales and marketing firm which operated in the U.S. and abroad. Previously, Winters was the National Sales and Marketing Manager for Sportstech Industries where he had responsibility for the Estusa squash and badminton products, as well as the Estusa tennis line. He is also credited with establishing the company's racquetball division.



Before that, Winters served as Vice President/General Manager of RichCraft Resources, a racquetball subsidiary of FTM Sports. Over the years, he has successfully directed more than 100 promotional events, including the largest organized league in racquetball history. He has been active in the United States Racquetball Association (USRA) in various capacities, including positions as State Association Director and National Junior Commissioner. Winters also founded two racquetball-related non-profit organizations. Currently, he serves on the Executive Board for the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA).

The father of two, Winters resides with his wife, Julie, in Yardley, PA. He is a graduate of the University of California (Irvine) and has spent more than 15 years in sport instruction and health facility management.

## Racquetball Poised for Growth

*Industry Initiative Will Yield New Players, say Sales Exec*

There are signs that racquetball is awakening from its long slumber and will soon resume its role as a popular growth sport, according to Kenneth Levine, director of sales at Ashaway Racket Strings and chairman of the Racquet Sports Committee of the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA). In recent remarks to that body, Levine noted that unit sales of racquetball equipment are up nationally for the first time in years. Furthermore, new industry initiatives have recently begun to promote the sport nationally to both trade and consumer markets.

In 1995 (the last full year for which records are available), unit sales of racquetball equipment rose three percent over the previous year. "three percent is the industry's target for long-term annual growth, so we're very pleased that we're already on track," said Levine. He noted that 1996 sales of racquetball products were up even further at Ashaway Racket Strings. Ashaway is the only U.S. manufacturer of racquet string, and is the official string of the United States Racquetball Association.

"The racquetball industry now has a promotional strategy in place, and it's beginning to pay off," said Levine. "We're seeing new players enter the sport again." Levine said that, prior to the new initiatives, there had been no serious national promotion of racquetball since 1980, and as a result, core participation has been flat for the past decade.

One of the major initiatives of the SGMA's Racquet Sports Committee has been the production and distribution of a video and workbook package that demonstrates how sports club owners can net \$90,000 annually from a racquetball court. The program, it is believed, has helped

slow the conversion of racquetball courts to other purposes, and may help foster new court construction in the near future.

The success of the first large-scale U.S. Open Racquetball Championship, held in Memphis in November, is another healthy sign for the industry. "The sport now has a high-profile, premier event," said Levine, noting that national television coverage of the tournament was made possible by a grant from the SGMA. Finally, the USRA has built a portable, glass-walled court that will travel around the country, providing many Americans with their first look at the exciting action that occurs inside a racquetball court.

"With all of these initiatives moving forward, I expect to see racquetball become a growth industry," said Levine. "It is a great sport, and the more people know about it, the more popular it will become."

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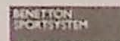
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## Travel League

Blink and it's gone...I'm not talking about Cheryl Gudinas' drive serve, I am talking about the travel league season. This year has just about come to an end and the scent of playoffs is in the air!! (Or is that Ben Gay?)

Men's Open/A and Men's B divisions will have playoffs. The top four teams from the North and South will be competing for the bragging rights to the City Champ title. Teams will be notified of their playoff positions and locations of their first match by the end of the last week of regular play.

Survey's were sent out to team captains to vote on what type of format we should use for the Travel League end of season party and awards. And the winner is... One-Day Mini Tournament, with early dinner to follow. The date for this event will be Saturday, April 5. It will be held at the Glass Court in Lombard. Play is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. with the dinner planned for approximately 8 p.m. These times are tentative and will depend on how many players we get for the tournament. We will try to schedule as many round robins as possible so you can have more bang for your buck!! The banquet, awards and raffle will follow match play. (Doug Halverson is buying the first round!!) EKTELON and PENN, as always, have provided us with some great prizes for this event. We would like to thank them for their great sponsorship and support of the Travel League. Entry forms for this event will be mailed to team captains. If you need additional entry forms, call the Glass Court at 630-629-3390.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of the league, and we hope to see you all at the Tournament and Party!!

*Lori Kaiser, Sara Meline*  
League Coordinators

## ISRA Slates New Board of Directors!

The annual meeting of the Illinois State Racquetball Association is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Sports Complex. All current ISRA members are invited to attend this open meeting and vote for the next ISRA Board of Directors. The nominating committee of the Board has submitted the following slate to the membership, for your approval:

President: Laurel Davis (2 yr. term); Executive Vice President: Tom Utterback (1 yr. term); Treasurer: Rich Clay (2 yr. term); Secretary: Judith Young (1 yr. term); South VP: Carol Bastien (1 yr. term); Central VP: Bev Powell (1 yr. term); West VP: Lori Kaiser (2 yr. term); North VP: Lynne Weisbart (2 yr. term); Board Members: Bill Feigen (1 yr. term); T.J. Ferro (1 yr. term); Pam Grace (2 yr. term); Doug Halverson (2 yr. term); Gloria Lang (1 yr. term); Bill Lyman (2 yr. term); Sara Meline (2 yr. term); Geoff Peters (1 yr. term); Susie Richardson (1 yr. term); Howie Spaeth Jr. (2 yr. term); John Thorson (2 yr. term).

## 1997 ISRA Travel League

Standings as of February 5, 1996

### MEN'S OPEN/A DIVISION

#### NORTH

1. Woodfield
2. Bloomingdale 1
3. Glass Court
4. Elgin YMCA
5. Bloomingdale 2
6. Lattof YMCA

#### SOUTH

1. Naperville
2. Westmont
3. Silver Lake
4. Glass Court
5. Hillside
6. Richport YMCA
7. Chalet

### MEN'S OPEN/B DIVISION

#### NORTH

1. Woodfield
2. Bloomingdale
3. Edens
4. Naper Olympic
5. Logan

#### SOUTH

1. Naper Olympic
2. Courts Plus
3. Wheaton
4. Glass Court
5. Palos
6. Norris

### MEN'S C DIVISION

1. Centre Court
2. Wheaton
3. Lattof YMCA
4. Lemont
5. Edens
6. Courts Plus
7. Glass Court
8. Richport YMCA

### MIXED OPEN/A

1. Bloomingdale
2. Westmont
3. Glass Court

### WOMEN'S OPEN/A NIGHT

1. Glass Court
2. Bloomingdale
3. Tinley Park
4. Edens
5. Palos

### WOMEN'S B DIVISION

1. Woodfield
2. Glass 2
3. Naper Olympic
4. Glass 1

### WOMEN'S B & BELOW

1. Glass Court
2. Naperville
3. Wheaton

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**Results - ISRA State Doubles**

Tournament Director: Laurel Davis

MENS' OPEN (6): 1-D. Negrete/D. Johnson; 2-J. Negrete/E. Coyle; S-G. Hsty Jr./J. Erlichman; S-K. Minor/R. Ricksecker.  
 MEN'S A (20): 1-H. Spaeth/D. Young; 2-T.J. Ferro/J. Thorson; S-E. Williams/D. Carter; S-W. Cole/G. Bartkiewicz.  
 MEN'S B (13): 1-R. Orr/S. Hannon; 2-D. Flood/J. Gaw; S-K. Mankle/D. Huff; S-E. Kahn/J. Kahn.  
 MEN'S C (11): 1-C. Jaeschka/R. Levine; 2-D. Werner/F. Smalarz; S-P. Peterson/D. Drucker; S-J. Brownwell/S. Reiser.  
 MEN'S D (3): 1-J. Bownewell/S. Reiser; 2-R. Cavaliere Jr./D. Cavaliere.  
 MEN'S 30+ (6): 1-D. Negrete/E. Coyle; 2-J. Negrete/K. Minor; S-H. Spaeth/F. Bunker; S-D. Bachar/D. Grigas.  
 MEN'S 35+ (3): 1-S. Lloyd/S. Koburi; 2-D. Milazzo/C. Kissel.  
 MEN'S 35+/45+ Int. (7): 1-F. Gaynor/R. Younker; 2-B. Hoffreiter/J. Barthalomay; S-P Peterson/D. Drucker.  
 MEN'S 40+ (10): 1-G. Mandell/D. Olson; 2-H. Miller/W. Cole; S-S. Lloyd/A. Moca; S-D. Milazzo/F. Milazzo.  
 MEN'S 50+ (4): 1-R. Johnson/E. Gruenwald; 2-B. McGowan/J. Snarr; 3-E. Olah/W. Walsh.

WOMEN'S A (6): 1-C. Jaskier/P. Calvi; 2-K. Yackley/M. Konow; S-P. Grace/T. Hiller; S-D. Bunker/J. Carter.  
 WOMEN'S B/C (8): 1-B. Utterback/P. Nelis; 2-D. Windsich/S. Cunningham/ S-D. Szurberla/P. Hollingsworth; S-L. Weisbart/D. Thompson.  
 WOMEN'S 40/45+ (5): 1-L. Davis/L. Molitor. 2-M. Girup/B. Vagedes; 2-S. Coursey/P. Schubach.

MIXED OPEN (7): 1-S. Osman/R. Ricksecker 2-D. Carter/J. Carter; S-K. Dunham/F. Rusch.  
 MIXED A (7): 1-A. Tyler/D. Negrete; 2-P. Grace/J. Grace; S-J. Nagel/T. Hiller; S-J. DeArmas/P. Calvi.  
 MIXED B/C (7): 1-P. Nelis/J. Matarrese; 2-G. Parzygnat/S. Nelson; S-T. Curtis/C. Kirk; S-M. Mahon/P. Hopp.  
 MIXED 35+/40+/45+ (6): 1-K. Dunham/J. Silius; 2-M. Girup/D. Young; S-F. Bunker/D. Bunker.

**Eighth Annual Women's Senior/Master National Championship**

This year the Women's Senior/Master National Championship headed south to The Sports Barn in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Eighty-six women (ranging in age from 35 to 78) played in a round robin tournament throughout the weekend. Six players from Illinois made the trip - Margaret Hoff, Pauline Kelly, Nancy Kronenfeld, Lola Markus, Margaret Olawoye and Brenda White. By Sunday afternoon, there were three Illinois racquetball players in the championship round.

The tournament results were:

35+: 1-Teb Tsinger, CA; 2-Robin Whitmire, GA; 3-Cheryl McConaghy, NM.

40+: 1-Susan Morgan-Pfaler, FL; 2-Linda Moore, NE; 3-Meena Evans, NC.

45+: 1-Eileen Tuckman, FL; 2-Nancy Kronenfeld, IL; 3-Judy Sands, NJ (formerly Illinois).

50+: 1-Margaret Hoff, IL; 2-Sharon Chandler, WA; 3-Merijeau Kelley, Ca.

60+: 1-Jo Kenyon, FL; 2-Kathy Mueller, AZ.

65+: 1-Lola Markus, IL; 2-Reta Harring, WI.

75+: 1-Mary-Low Acuff, NC.

Next year's event will be held the last weekend in January in Los Angeles, California. The Women's Senior/Master Championships is run by the Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Council and if you are interested in becoming a member of our organization or traveling out to next year's event, please contact: Nancy Kronenfeld at (847) 825-5564.



Margaret Hoff, Nancy Kronenfeld, Pauline Kelly and Lola Markus strike a pose at The Sports Barn in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## Revie Sorey Classic Turns 15!

The 15th Annual Revie Sorey Racquetball Classic brought lots of excitement and innovations. It seems like every year Revie comes up with a new twist or two, and the 1997 tournament was no exception.

So what did he dream up this year? Well, for starters, the theme of the event, "It's time to go to work!" was carried out on the snazzy shirts and the awards for first and second place winners. The winners received great looking sports watches and handsome clocks.

In addition, for the first time, the state demonstrating the highest excellence in racquetball was awarded the Revie Sorey Classic Traveling Trophy. The competition was fierce, but in the end, Illinois and Michigan shared the honors with 100 points each. Not far behind with 90 points was Ohio; Indiana and Wisconsin garnered 55 points and Missouri had 50. The traveling trophy will be on display at Bloomingdale Sports Complex.

It was great to see so many people competing from all

over the country. They came in from Missouri, New York, Nevada, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, and of course, Illinois -- well over 500 entries in all.

A special thanks to racquetball great Ruben Gonzalez, who demonstrated racquetball at its finest. But our hometown hero, Tim Sweeney, edged out all competitors to take the top prize in the Men's Open.

Once again, Cheryl Gudinas walked away with the top women's honors. Men's Open Doubles winners were Chris Wright and Bruce Erickson. Women's Open Doubles were won by Elaine Mardas and Kerri Stoffregen. Cheryl Gudinas and Mike Johnston shared the Mixed Open Doubles award.

Plans are already in order for the Sweet Sixteen Revie Sorey Classic. He'll be back at Bloomingdale Sports Complex and Nordic Hills Resort, so circle your calendars for January 16-18, 1998.

## Naper's Csuk Battles World's Best Racquetball Players

by Stan Goff, Sun Publications

Krystal Csuk has gotten so good at racquetball that regional and national tournaments will no longer let her pick on people her own size -- they're going to make the 14-year-old Naperville girl play against much older and more experienced players from now on.

That's because Csuk, a student at Gregory Middle School, has been piling up wins of late in both singles and doubles.

In December at the AARA Junior Worlds Racquetball Tournament at the Las Caballeros Racquetball Center in Fountain Valley, Calif., she placed fourth in singles and teamed with Seth Taylor of Shelbyville, Ind., to finish second in mixed doubles.

Csuk then returned to Illinois in time to take first in the Women's A division of the Revie Sorey tournament, Jan. 17-19, at the Bloomingdale Sports Complex. Last year she won the Women's C title, this year she jumped to A and won, and now she'll be asked to play against the best women from now on.

"I've played against older people all along," said Csuk, who started playing racquetball less than four years ago because her mom enjoys the sport. "They said I've got to play Open (Division) next year."

While the competition will get tougher, Csuk expects to be able to hold her own against the top racquetball women around. "I've played against some people who play Open, and it's not a huge step, but it is a big one.

Csuk and her mom, Pam Hepp, play at Naper Olympic Club and Krystal is coached by T.J. Ferro, who also plays at the 75th Street racquetball/fitness facility. "He really deserves a lot of credit," Hepp said of her daughter's coach. "He spends a lot of time with her."  
And the work has really paid off. Csuk said she "wasn't

very good at the beginning," but now she's one of the top young players around. Last summer Csuk and Taylor took first in the Mixed 14 category at the Junior Nationals in Milwaukee, Wisc., and Csuk also claimed top honors in Girls' 14 Singles at the Nationals. At Sorey's tournament two weeks ago, she pulled off the double again, as her and Taylor won the Mixed A crown while she was claiming first in singles.

Despite traveling to racquetball tourneys, and playing basketball and volleyball at Gregory, Csuk still manages to get straight A's in school. She's even sponsored by Ektelon.

Csuk said she first started to take the sport seriously after competing in her first Nationals in California two years ago. She also said she likes playing both singles and doubles.

Her and Taylor seem to be a perfect fit, having won three of the four tournaments they've entered together, and taking second in the fourth. "His mom started talking to me at a tournament," she said in explaining how she got hooked up with the Indiana native. "And we started out pretty well together."

At the Worlds, played Dec. 19-22, players from the United States, Canada, Chile, Venezuela, Mexico and China participated in California. While advancing to the finals in doubles, the team of Csuk and Taylor defeated a Canadian team in a tiebreaker and then knocked off last year's World's Champions. Joel Worthington of Kansas and Kristin Walsh of Idaho, 15-8, 15-12.

Once in the finals, they suffered a three-game setback to Scott Fisher and Molly Law of New York.

Csuk said she hopes to pick up tennis some time soon, but for now racquetball is her main focus.

# ISRA Junior Racquetball

March 1997

## A New Beginning

One of the most ambitious junior racquetball programs in the nation will soon begin at Chicagoland racquetball facilities.

For the first time, local facilities will combine efforts with ISRA resources, which includes free equipment use, qualified instructors and adult supervision. Planned events include free clinics, weekly classes, teams, challenge courts and pizza parties.

The focus will be on novice, beginner and intermediate players. Three age groups will be targeted: pre-school ages 3-6, youth ages 7-12 and teens 13 to 18 years old. Beginner, intermediate and advanced skill levels will be offered.

In the past 6 months over 100 juniors have participated in clinics and pizza parties. Cooperation from local facilities and help from volunteers like you will determine the success for juniors in the future.

## Volunteers Needed

- Fundraising
- Help During Clinics
- Join The New ISRA Junior Auxiliary Board

(See back page for more details.)



*The Southlake Club*

## First Official ISRA/USRA Junior Clinic

On March 29, the first official ISRA/USRA junior racquetball clinic will be held at The Southlake Club in Mundelein, located in the northern suburbs. Club manager Kathy Logic has done a great job organizing junior classes/leagues and has already hosted several junior clinics.

The March 29 clinics are for beginner to intermediate players and include a free pizza party following each clinic! A pre-school clinic for ages 3-6 will be held 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and a youth clinic for ages 7-12 will be at 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.. Cost is \$8 per child, all equipment is provided. Clinic size is limited, advanced registration required.

As part of the new Junior Program, no ISRA membership is required for this event! Both clinics will be instructed by Jordan Kahn. The Southlake Club is located at 1200 South Lake Street (Rt. 45) in Mundelein, just north of Rt. 60. For more information, call Kathy Logic at (847) 949-8180.

## Your Local Park District

While only a few park districts have their own racquetball facility, most are more than happy to work with local private clubs. Park districts increase programs while clubs gain new participation.

There are a number racquetball clubs that already offer park district programs. New Junior ISRA programs will help promote cooperation between park districts and racquetball facilities. Look for a list in of clubs in upcoming issues.

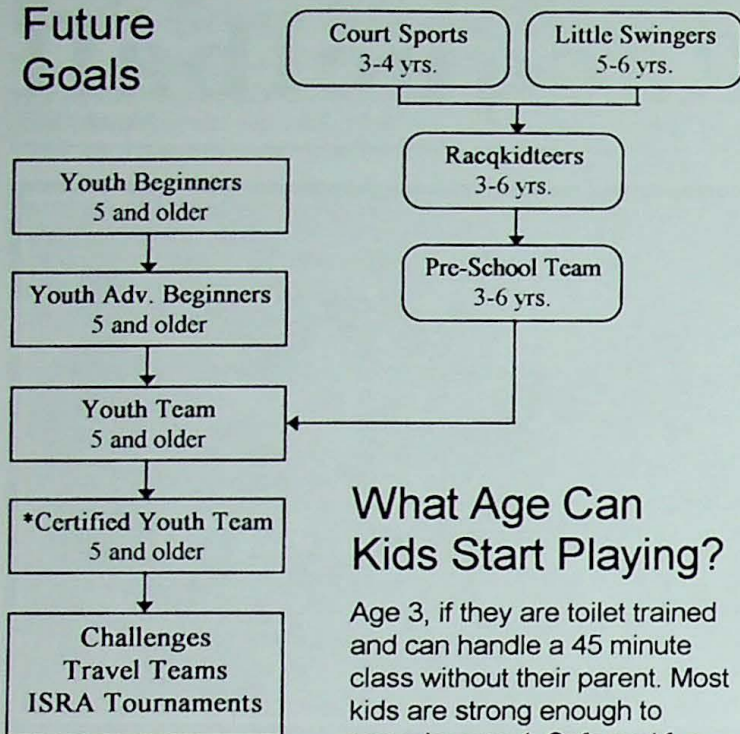
## Sponsors Needed For New Junior Programs

Financial help is necessary to offer the type of quality programs required for juniors in the future.

- Newsletter Advertisement
- Event Sponsorship
- Raffle Prize Donations

See back page for more information on advertising and donations.

## Future Goals



## What Age Can Kids Start Playing?

Age 3, if they are toilet trained and can handle a 45 minute class without their parent. Most kids are strong enough to serve by age 4. Safe and fun, basic racquetball skills are learned while enjoying special innovative games and drills.

**\*Certified Youth Team**  
Players allowed by instructor to play unsupervised



The Southlake Club

## Multi-Bounce

Learning racquetball is like learning to drive a car with a stick-shift, it takes patience and practice. The same is true for beginner players, especially younger players. For this reason, multi-bounce (the ability to let the ball bounce more than once) was invented. Confidence, control, and safety are enhanced. Hitters aren't hurried and receivers have time to get out of hitters way. Three and two bounce games are used as players advance.

## Maccabi Youth Games

Looking for players to try out for the Jewish Community Center's North American Youth Games. The Games are an Olympic format competition which enables athletes between the ages of 13 and 16 to come together for a week of sports competition, social activity and Jewish cultural events.

The purpose is to promote Jewish identity and affiliation among Jewish teams. Making new friends and celebrating one's heritage is equally as important as the athletic competition. An expected 3000 athletics from the United states and foreign countries will participate in 15 different sports.

The games will be played in August but the TRY OUTS are SOON!! Two well known racquetball players who support Maccabi are Marty Hogan and Mike Yellin. Marty was inducted into the St. Louis Jewish Sports Hall of Fame as well as the International Hall of Fame for his racquetball career. Olympic swimmer Mark Spitz was also a former Maccabi participant.

Try outs 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 9, 1997, at the Kaplan JCC, 5050 W. Church, Skokie, (847) 675-2200. Age participants must be 13 by August 1, 1997 and be less than 17 on August 1, 1997. Must be of Jewish descent.

Lynne Weisbart is the racquetball (and table tennis) coach for the Chicago delegation of the Maccabi Youth Games. If you think you are interested or know of someone who might be, call Lynne at (847) 480-1952 or fax (847) 509-1603.

## ISRA Junior Racquetball Needs...

Sponsors	Players
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### Attention Junior Players And Parents!

We need to update the Junior list of players to insure you are correctly listed. Please contact us immediately and pass the word along to other juniors who may be interested.

### Please call or write us...

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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Revie Sorey January 16-19, 1997

MEN'S OPEN (23): 1-T. Sweeney; 2-B. Erickson; S-J. Bonnett; S-C. Wright. MEN'S A (38): 1-L. Leverett; 2-J. Stellern; S-B. Graf; S-J. Cole. MEN'S B (38): 2-R. Dim; 2-C. Willix; S-C. Martin; S-J. Lucci. MEN'S C (44): 1-T. Kennedy; 2-M. Gonzales; S-A. Kohl; S-J. Sparks. MEN'S D (27): 1-D.L. Brand; 2-J. Levy; S-P. Schmeicel; S-T. Chappell. NOVICE (5): 1-Knott; 2-Bauer. MEN'S 30+ (7): 1-J. Hamilton; 2-K. Minor. MEN'S 40+ (20): 1-R. Anderson; 2-M. Hill; S-J. Silius; S-C. Evans. MEN'S 45+ (19): 1-V. Griffin; 2-B. Fulkerson; S-B. Nelson; S-H. Miller. MEN'S 50+ (17): 1-H. Miller; 2-J. Winkiel (5); S-R. Hutcherson; S-P. Taylor. MEN'S 60+ (6): 1-H. Morrison; 2-B. Shalimson. WOMEN'S OPEN (13): 1-C. Gudinas; 2-K. Stoffregen; S-E. Mardas; S-K. Machare. WOMEN'S A (12): 1-C. Csuk; 2-E. Somberg; S-D. Kroll; S-M. Crawford. WOMEN'S B (7): 1-D. Thompson; 2-T. Truvillion. WOMEN'S C (9): 1-J. Bowling; 2-L. Nelson. WOMEN'S D (6): 1-D. Perry; 2-D. McDavid; WOMEN'S 30/35+ (10): 1-K. Macharin; 2-J. Stoffregen; S-M. Girrup; S-F. Mann. MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES (9): 1-Erickson/Wright; 2-Coyle/Hamilton; S-Locker/Frantschi; S-Bonnett/Anderson. MEN'S A DOUBLES (26): 1-DeArmas/Klopke; 2-Cole/Avery; S-Thorsen/Ferro. MEN'S B DOUBLES (13): 1-Gorski/Ippolito; 2-Orr/Hannon; S-Peterson/Gaw; S-Barton/Battle. MEN'S C/D DOUBLES (12): 1-Johnson/Johnson; 2-Cherry/McGhee; S-Zwyer/Brand; S-Reiser/Baxa. MEN'S 30+ DOUBLES (6): 1-Negrete/Hamilton; 2-Minor/Hillman. MEN'S 40+ DOUBLES (16): 1-Rusch/Silius; 2-Grieeen/AH; S-Mandell/Olsen; S-Hutcherson/Lawler. WOMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES (9): 1-Stoffregen/Mardas; S-Hammer/Pomeroy; S-Rogers/Hardick; S-Martin/Arks. WOMEN'S B/C DOUBLES (5): 1-Larson/Johnson; 2-Midthan/Erositt. MIXED OPEN DOUBLES (10): 1-Gudinas/Johnston; 2-Gould/Wright; S-Lopez/Moore; S-Borland/Spaeth. MIXED A DOUBLES (14): 1-Csuk/Taylor; 2-Cusano/Carter; S-Nativo/Calvi; S-Banks/Arvia. MIXED B DOUBLES (9): 1-Krueger/Campbell; 2-Campbell/Krueger; S-Fehsel/English; S-Hepp/Hanellan. MIXED C DOUBLES (6): 1-Dillard/Krueger; S-Rogers/McIntyre. MIXED 35+ DOUBLES: 1-Parks/Engram; 2-Cusano/Spix; S-Carter/Carter; S- Butterbrough/Butterbrough.

## Super Bowl Open Elgin YMCA, January 24-25, 1997

MEN'S OPEN(13): 1-E. Coyle; 2-S. Lloyd; S-M. Smith; S-J. Hawkins; MEN'S A (7): 1-B. Dunlap; 2-F. Aguilar; S-T. Stevens; S-J. Garcia. MEN'S B (16): 1-Bartholemew; 2-Biggerstaff; S-Breskevich; S-Ross. MEN'S C (13): 1-P. Plarski; 2-Walsh; S-Vetter; S-Heithoff. MEN'S D (7): 1-Plarski; 2-Walsh. MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES:(9): 1-Hawkins/Coyle; 2-Goodyear/Klingberg; S-Moca/Lloyd; S-Parks/Kramer. MEN'S A DOUBLES (4): 1-Ramirez/Schmitt; 2-Aguilar/Giardino. MEN'S B DOUBLES (7): 1-Garcia/Lanpierz; 2-Springer/Biggerstaff.

## Bloomington Open January 31 - February 2, 1997

MEN'S A (12): 1-R. Clay; 2-T.J. Ferro; S-C. Citti; S-Adraba; MEN'S B (13): 1-S. Palamara; 2-C. Citti; S-S. Boss; S-C. Martin. MEN'S C (16): 1-K. Yeazell; 2-S. Palladino; S-R. Morrison; S-D. Bonn. MEN'S D (12): 1-R. Gates; 2-R. Morrison; S-J. Andrews; S-M. Collins. MENS' 30/35/40 (11): 1-S. Lloyd; 2-E. Erias; S-J. Hillman; S-S. Koburi. MEN'S 45/50 (11): 1-B. Nelson;

2-E. Gruenwald; 3-R. Brown; 4-T. Marker. MEN'S A DOUBLES (4): 1-J. Nagle/B. Jimenez; 2-D. Cole/D. Junis. MEN'S B DOUBLES (6): 1-G. Henton/J. Royster; 2-Tamplin/Johnson. MEN'S 60 DOUBLES (5): 1-J. Kelly/K. Patas; 2-F. Bunker/M. Bogue. MEN'S 80/100 DOUBLES 1-S. Stopinski/T. Baxa; 2-H. Spaeth/L. Restaino. WOMEN'S A/B (5): 1-C. Arvia; 2-R. Ferconio. MIXED OPEN DOUBLES (4); 1-C. Jaskier/H. Spaeth; 2-J. Baumgartner/M. Johnson. MIXED A/B DOUBLES: 1-P. Calvi/ J. DeArmas; 2-B. Utterback/J. Amsden.

## 1997 Illini Classic February 7-9, 1997

MEN'S OPEN (11): 1-J. McDowell; 2-G. Hasty II; S-M. Vicary; S-B. Graf. MEN'S A (16): 1-K. Bauer; 2-S. Gullick; S-R. McGowan; S-E. Dow. MEN'S B (14): 1-R. Ours; 2-M. Laffey; S-A. Giftos; S-M. Arbuckle. MEN'S C: 1-M. Williams; 2-C. Styroky; s-L. Amacher; S-M. Call. MEN'S D (4): 1-J. Whitted; 2-K. King. MEN'S NOVICE (4): 1-G. Ruiz; 2-S. Stone; MEN'S 65+ (2): 1-J. O'Donnell. MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES (7): 1-McDowell/Horve; 2-Vicary/Hasty II. MEN'S A DOUBLES (7); 1-Goepfinger/Mankle; 2-Help/Zoellner. MEN'S B DOUBLES (8): 1-Asper/Phipps; 2-Calvin/Clark; S-McDaniel/O'Donnell; S-Boyer/White. WOMENS OPEN/A (4): 1-J. Kubach; 2-C. Bastien. WOMEN'S C (4): 1-K. Harris; 2-K. Welnicki. MIXED A DOUBLES (3): 1-Harris/Mankle; 2-Anderson/Boyer.



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USRA President Van Dubolsky congratulates John O'Donnell on his 2nd place finish in the Men's 65+ division at the USRA National Championships.



Van Dubolsky, USRA President, congratulates Horace Miller on his 2nd place finish in the Men's 50+ division at the USRA National Championships in May.

## Illinois Artists Compete for USRA Logo Design

Congratulations to the following artists from Illinois who submitted designs for the new USRA Logo! They were all finalists in the competition, which drew over 100 competing entries from all over the world:

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**March 21-23**  
Team Concepts Gold's  
Gym Pro-Am  
Gold's Gym  
Syracuse, NY

**March 26-29**  
Paine Webber Pro-Am  
Club TBA  
Phoenix, AZ

**April 9-13**  
VCI Doubles  
Championships  
Schoeber's Athletic Club  
Pleasanton, CA

**April 23-27**  
Foxwoods IRT Pro  
Nationals  
Las Vegas Sporting House  
Las Vegas, NV

**April 30 - May 4**  
San Diego Pro-Am '97  
Club TBA  
San Diego, CA

**May 14-18**  
Bay101 IRT World  
Championships  
Bayhill Athletic Club  
Milpitas, CA

**June 4-8**  
Spalding Tournament of  
Champions  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
Portland, OR

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**March 14-16**  
RAD Athletics Super Series  
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Columbus, OH

**April 23-27**  
Foxwoods WIRT Pro  
Nationals  
Las Vegas Sporting House  
Las Vegas, NV

**May 1-4**  
Crystal City Classic Pro-Am  
The Skyline Club at Crystal  
Gateway  
Arlington, VA

**May 14-18**  
Bay101 WIRT World  
Championships  
Bayhill Athletic Club  
Milpitas, CA

**June 5-8**  
RAD Tournament of  
Champions  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
Portland, OR

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**April 11-13**  
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**April 25-27**  
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