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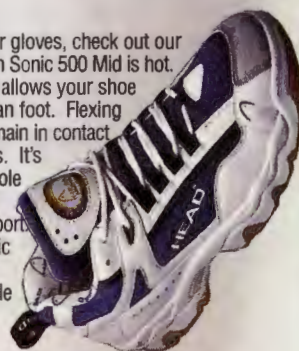
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from the editor

I'm getting dizzy. Plates are spinning on sticks all over the place, things are changing faster than I can follow, and much of the time it's my own doing! In the past two issues of **RACQUETBALL**, you may have noticed a marked increase in the amount of color photography and graphics used throughout the publication. There's no question around the national office that we're committed to making this publication equal to its counterparts like "Tennis" and "Golf." Martha would agree that "it's a good thing ..."

It's also a tricky thing ... and, even though I enjoy the challenge of making each edition as attractive as possible, one of my most important "other" duties is to keep an eye on costs in order to balance our income against expenses *each and every time we go to press*. When ads are down, we restrain ourselves, concentrate on great content and reduce our costs by being more judicious in the use of color. Then, when ad placements are high, we put those resources *directly* back into bolder, brighter layouts, professional photography, freelance assignments – or even extra pages!

Over the years, we've settled on a standard of quality that just won't be compromised – if I can help it (does "stubborn" ring a bell for anyone? ...). We've never missed or combined an issue. We established a manageable size, and haven't dropped below 64 pages since. We make excellent use of our "reach" to inform the USRA membership of important goings-on (like the board election on page 50, the first printing of a national singles entry form in the magazine on page 52, an expiration policy clarification on page 63, and an announcement on the new Junior Team qualification procedures on page 51). At the same time, we make excellent use of our ability to entertain by giving our *readership* a view of the entire sport, from lots of different angles (like talking with John Ellis on page 8, taking a global viewpoint on page 14, and bringing everyone up to date with industry news on page 23). With a growing subscriber base, it's crucial that we remain aware of that fine line between membership and readership – and commit to balancing just one more spinning plate in the air.

So what am I saying? Simply that the publication you hold in your hands is a big deal. And it's becoming part of an even bigger deal with every passing year, as it evolves into the most tangible and highly visible *symbol* of the sport. When someone can pick up an issue – miles from the nearest court – and still get a feel for all the excitement inherent in racquetball, I will happily consider myself the best plate-spinner on the planet! But I'm pretty sure I'll still be dizzy ...



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Monchik attempts a between-the-legs save in his final against Swain in Lakewood. Photo: Kevin Vicroy.

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ON THE COVER

John Ellis has done exceptionally well on the pro tour this season, after an impressive start in the amateur ranks as a junior champion and U.S. Team member. And he gives back to the sport ... he donated a week of his time, plus picked up his own expenses, to instruct at the U.S. Junior Team Trials in Colorado Springs last summer. Now, he's making his move to challenge the pro tour's front runners. Photo: Joe Paraiso/Filter Design — Courtesy Pro Kennex.

reader forum

I Want My Skill Divisions ...

Reading your editorial [Jan/Feb '98], I found it to be a bit vague. I am referring to the section subtitled National Singles. Does the article imply that there will no longer be any skill division competitions at the U.S. OPEN, or is it saying that there will be; however, you must be invited? If the U.S. OPEN is not having skill divisions anymore, why? And if you have to be invited, how do you get an invitation? I have talked to several others about your article and no one seems to understand exactly what it says. Also many have expressed concerns about the possibility of the U.S. OPEN discontinuing skill level competition. I would greatly appreciate a clarification of this matter.

Paul D. Tucker
Dandridge, Tennessee

You're not alone in your concerns, so here's some background that might be helpful ... The first two U.S. OPEN tournaments hosted the formerly separate National Skill Level Championships (an event in and of itself, for A,B,C & D skill levels). This year, that event (the National Skills) has been incorporated into the overall National Singles instead of the U.S. OPEN. Here's how it will work in 1998 ...

AT NATIONAL SINGLES [LEVEL 6]

A,B,C & D Skill Levels (formerly their own tournament, previously held in conjunction with U.S. Open) will be played in Houston on May 20-25 [see pg. 52].

AT U.S. OPEN [LEVEL 5]

All skill divisions offered at the U.S. OPEN will be classified as "Level 5" (termed "Invitational") according to the current ranking structure [see pg. 61]. The "Invitational" title is just that, a title, and does not require that any formal invitation procedure be undertaken. Players will be able to enter according to the published restrictions which will be stipulated in the U.S. OPEN entry (relative to being certified at a given skill level, and limited to a set number of total entries).

Essentially, what has transpired is that two high-level opportunities (National Level

6 and Invitational Level 5) have been created for skill level competition. This has been an evolutionary process which has hinged on the USRA's ability (through AmPRO) to certify skill level play and control sandbagging. Now, skill level players who may not have the time to compete as frequently in local tournaments will have the option of taking part in these two high-end events to earn substantial ranking points. — Editor.

Bah, Humbug ...

Things were looking good 'til Monday when, one hour before my son's match [at the World Juniors in California], his E-Force bag mysteriously disappeared. Playing in running shoes & using a borrowed racquet and eyeguards he lost in a tiebreaker. His opponent's bag also disappeared during the match.

I am most upset about the new Nike size 14 basketball shoes that were in the bag. Three new Bedlams, 6 new gloves and clothing all gone — along with the confidence he needed to get through his final matches. I do not feel that we can continue to participate in the Junior Nationals and Junior World's at this expense. Getting my two boys to the tournament was a struggle for us and now I wish I had not sent them. I know someone had a Merry Christmas at our expense.

I hope to hear from anyone with ideas of not only what we can do about the lost gear, but what we all can do in future tournaments to stop this problem. I offered a reward over the internet but received no information. E-Force has been as generous as possible in replacing some of the stolen articles and I would like to thank them. If anyone has any knowledge of the stolen bags or their contents please contact me.

Sharon Hammond
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Tourney Turnoff

I have noticed the same problems with tournaments that Sandy Reep pointed out in the last issue. As a result of discus-

sions with local tournament players, the club I belong to has initiated a "no frills" tournament. This means there are no tournament shirts, pants, bags, or anything else. The entry is minimal, the last one was \$16.00. You sign up in your class and the tournament directors assign you a partner for a second event, taking some of the over-competitive aspects out of this event and guaranteeing you plenty of play. The tournament is kept small, allowing it to run in only two days so the entire weekend isn't taken up.

This year there was a pot luck on Saturday as a result of a suggestion from one of the players. Otherwise, the only things provided are liquid refreshments. The "prizes" are one half a racquetball glued on top of an inexpensive can of food (which will remain unnamed) that the tournament is named after. Everything about this tournament says to the players "we're here to have fun" — and virtually everyone who plays has a great time.

Bill Gire
Spokane, Washington

He-Man Cross-Training??

I like to call it racquetball for men ... using a 1 lb. wooden paddle, a de-compressed ball and the same rules and 4-wall court as racquetball. It's just that the mobility required is doubled. No longer can top notch racquetball players rely on a serve or a lively ball to score points. Pick up a paddle and you must do the work yourself. No string pressure to supply power for you, supply your own.

Marty Hogan once said, "If I could make a living at this, I'd play all the time. What a workout." Now, it's possible that he was just humoring us but I do think he genuinely noticed the difference in the game. To the more proficient players it presents a new challenge and a game in which the single facet of a serve does not have such great bearing on the outcome.

For example, Chris Cole played great at the Michigan State Singles Paddleball Championships and even showed we

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paddleballers a number of shots that we didn't know existed. Chris beat some of paddleball's top players with impressive wins over Mark Piechowiak and Andy Mitchell. I played Chris in the semifinals and felt fortunate to come out of it with a win in a long tiebreaker, 21-13, 11-21, 21-11. We made a believer out of Chris, who is a phenomenal player, and phenomenal individual. Another long-time racquetball athlete, Paula Saad, made it to the women's finals before losing a long, long three game match to paddleball veteran JoAnn Schafer of Kalamazoo. Another excellent performance and again, a champion individual.

With this year's win over my old nemesis and long-time guru, Mike Wisniewski, I have now won three consecutive state singles tournaments. I know that there are racquetball players who can push, and even beat me — I need them to come out of the woodwork to continue to make this so challenging. Ask Chris and Paula. They can attest to the physical challenge that paddleball presents. Try it, you'll love it!!

Bob Groya
NPA

Making a Difference

I would like to share a story of a man who made a difference. Back in August, racquetball aficionado Mike Hurling came to me asking how he could help promote and develop more players. We sat down and mapped out a plan to target the youth. First, Mike contacted all major racquetball equipment manufacturers for support, and thanks to Wilson Sporting Goods for supplying racquets, as well as E-Force and Ektelon, the youth program was equipped.

Next, we established a series of free youth racquetball clinics every Saturday, from September through November. The first Saturday, we had four players, and then it built up steadily to the present level of thirteen. Throughout it all, Mike has been there. Mike's dedication to the program has been outstanding as he connected with the

kids and lit the racquetball passion in them. Now, we will be running a regular Saturday morning youth league and I am confident that it will continue to grow here at King George Racquetball and Health Club because of Mike Hurling. So, if you want to help a great sport, "Be Like Mike", and teach a kid how to play racquetball.

John Primeau
Middlesex, New Jersey

Extreme Racquetball!?!?

About three weeks ago, I was driving by a local park that has one-wall racquetball. I was happy to see some folks out there hitting a ball around. As I got closer, I noticed that these guys were FLYING around the court. Open players for sure, I thought. Then, I almost drove off the road when I noticed that they were playing on *skates*.

I had to get a closer look, so I drove around the rotary again and pulled into the park. These were kids playing, maybe 15 to 17 years old, on rollerblades! I spoke to them for a little while and they said that they'd been playing all summer long. They like the *speed* and *difficulty*. I thought that I'd pass this along ...

Ed Valenzuela
Lynn, Massachusetts

Rankings Rip-Off

Having been a staunch supporter since 1974, I enjoy your magazine, and always look at the national rankings. It seems to me that, in my age group at least, the rankings don't reflect the true story.

Now I see the rankings in the Jan/Feb edition and am embarrassed and ashamed. I am rated #2 in the 70s, and behind me are many-time champions Joe Lambert and Vic Sacco rated #3 and #4. I have had the privilege of playing these fine players ... and, in well over ten head-to-head meetings, I have never come close to winning. Maybe someday I'll beat Vic when he breaks a leg, or Joe when he breaks his right arm. But until I have beaten them once, I should never be rated ahead of either of them. I understand that ratings come from

local, state, regional and national tournaments, but how could I come out ahead of these two great players?

Dick Kincade
Divide, Colorado

You have it exactly right — it's simply volume, and you just happened to have a cumulative advantage at the time the rankings were pulled for publication in the last magazine ... and this issue as well. If it's any consolation, by the time the next issue goes to press your record will have dropped by at least 200 points which should put you a bit lower down on the ladder. Luckily, where competition seeding is concerned, the national staff is quite adept at sorting out this type of skewed result to place you, and your opponents, in a draw correctly. — Editor

Army Championships Coming Up

Fort Sam Houston, Texas will host the 1998 Army Men's and Women's Racquetball Championship, May 10-16. To be considered, soldiers must apply by submitting an All Army application (DA 4762 and DA 4763). This application may be obtained from any military sports office. The application must be received by the Army Sports Office no later than April 10.

Competition divisions for singles and doubles will be: Men's Open - age 34 and under; Men's Senior- age 35-39; Men's Master-age 40 and up. The women's division will consist of two age divisions. They are: Women's Open-age 29 and under; and Women's Senior-age 30 and up.

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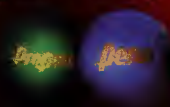
CORRECTION

In the final results of the IRF World Senior Championships, the Men's 80+ winner was incorrectly cited. George Spear won the division in Albuquerque, followed by Andy Trozzi and Harry Steinman.

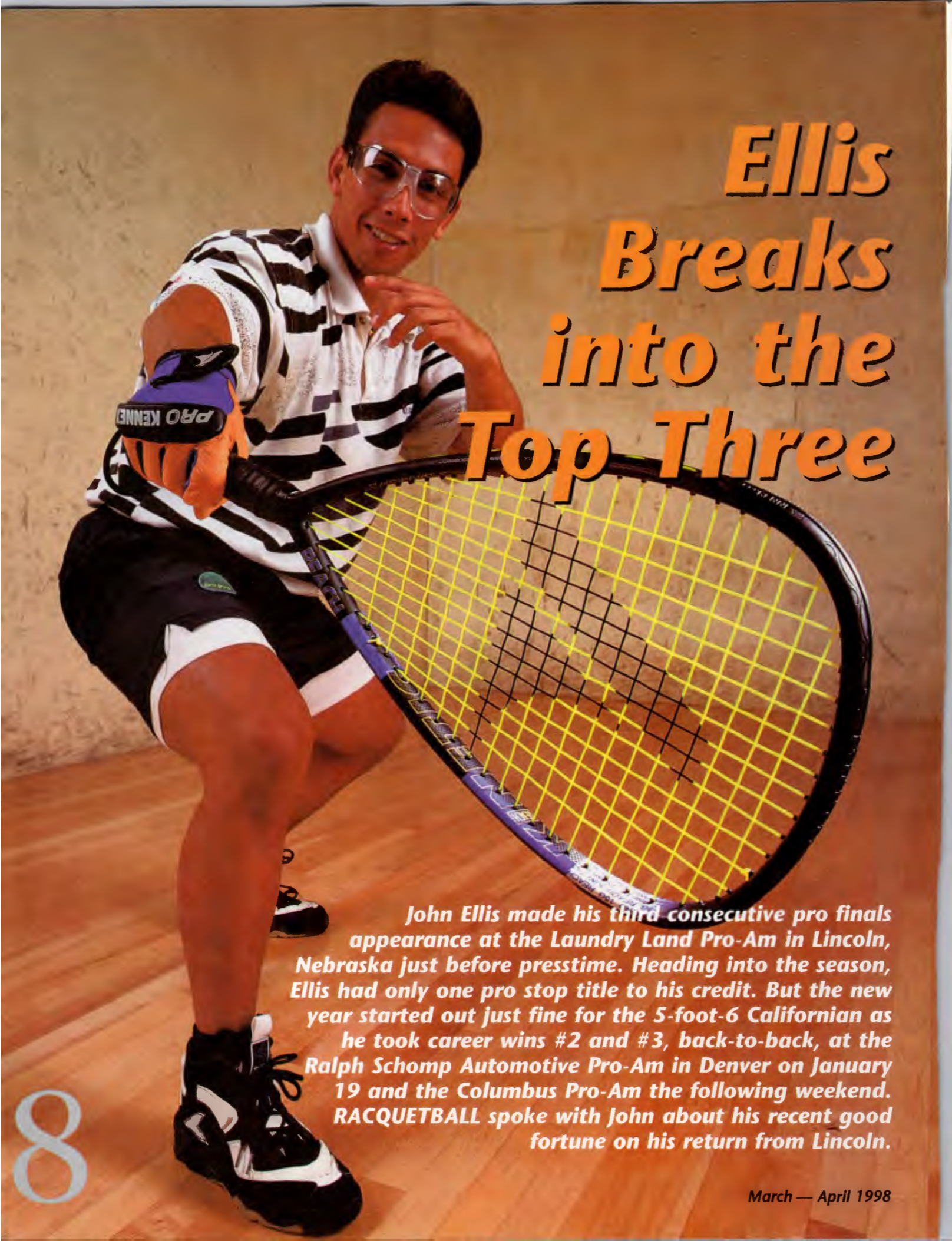
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Ellis Breaks into the Top Three

John Ellis made his third consecutive pro finals appearance at the Laundry Land Pro-Am in Lincoln, Nebraska just before presstime. Heading into the season, Ellis had only one pro stop title to his credit. But the new year started out just fine for the 5-foot-6 Californian as he took career wins #2 and #3, back-to-back, at the Ralph Schomp Automotive Pro-Am in Denver on January 19 and the Columbus Pro-Am the following weekend. RACQUETBALL spoke with John about his recent good fortune on his return from Lincoln.

RB: With three straight finals showings and two victories, how do you account for your recent stellar play? What's going on with you?

Not a whole lot. I'm pretty settled in my life, as far as what I'm doing these days. I'm living in Stockton again – my hometown. I bought a house and I'm around my closest friends. I'm working with my dad a little bit more seriously as far as coming up with game plans for everybody. Getting in better shape – just putting the whole package together helped on this little three-week run.

RB: What about your finals?

I don't want to be too surprised about them. I've very pleased, but I don't want to seem too surprised because this is what Cliff and Sudsy are doing all the time. I want to be up there with those guys and make it a three-way fight instead of a twosome. I just have to try and make it so I get used to it. I expect to get (to the finals) every time. I know there are a couple of other guys ranked below me that are thinking the same way.

RB: You seem more reserved on the court, is that just the kind of person you are?

I'd say I'm one of the more laid back guys on tour. Pretty relaxed. I think people like to watch me play because I'm a shorter guy who's pretty built. I'm not skinny or anything. I'm fast, I hit the ball pretty hard and I think that intrigues people when you have a shorter guy doing that. I don't mind that.

I like playing in front of people so that's nice and I don't go off the handle too often. I won the (IRT) Sportsmanship Award last year. It's funny, but when I won it, I didn't really care. But now, that's really

become a big part of my game – to stay really relaxed, very controlled and not let past points matter to me. The only thing that matters is the up-and-coming point. Now, I'm pretty proud (of the award). I think it has a direct influence on my play.

RB: You work with kids at a lot of camps and clubs, do you see yourself as a role model for racquetball's youth?

I never thought I'd be asked that question. I don't necessarily think that I should be considered (a role model) at all. I think it's the player's responsibility to be professional, look professional and to act professional at the tournament when you're in your own setting like that. As far as a role model and all of that stuff, I don't think so.

What I do in my personal life is totally personal. I think every kid's parents . . . that's what they're there to do. To provide the role model, the rules and that sort of stuff. If kids are going to look at me and say that he is very controlled on the court, very relaxed and he doesn't go off the handle and want to incorporate that into their games, then I think that's a good idea.

RB: Can you give us a little insight into John Ellis?

I'd say that what I'm like on the court is pretty much what I'm all about. Right now, I'd say that I'm just finding that out myself. It's all a learning process, even when you're really good at a sport. I'd say that it's all one big learning process. One thing that I learned at the begin-

ning of the season is that the best way I'm going to succeed is to stay under control out there. I don't think it has always happened, but for the most part, it's going to be happening like that because I choose to have that be the situation.

RB: When you're facing the best, be it Sudsy, Swain or whoever, what puts you over the top?

Well, this (winning) has just happened two times recently, so I really can't say I'm being consistent about it. My record in finals is 3-12 or whatever it is. Right now, I'm pretty strong mentally. I would say that I have as much desire to win in the sport right now as anyone. If that's being mentally strong, then I'm right there.



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Interview by Kevin Vicroy

But through the years, I'd say that (mental toughness) wasn't my strongest asset, maybe even the weaker part of my game. This year has been different. It has a lot to do with my dad (Dave Ellis, shown below) and it has a lot to do with being a little bit older. I really want to make a living at this sport and don't want to have to go back to college to find something else to do. I want to play racquetball for a living and retire as a racquetball player and have money for myself later in life.



RB: How much has your dad helped you this year?
We talk on the phone a lot. What we're working on, big time, is game plans for every player out there that I could play. He's a smart man and knows a ton about the sport — more than I could ever know at this point. He's helping me come up with game plans to attack every player's game out there.

RB: What can we expect in the future from John Ellis?
I'd say just a lot of semis

and finals and good play. For about another 10 years, a lot of being right there in every match in every tournament. Somebody who's gonna beat me will have to play well. That's all I really want to ask of myself — just to be in every match, mentally and physically.

To be honest with you, I really don't care about being ranked #1. That's not a goal of mine. I don't want to say, "I've got to be ranked number one." I want to win tournaments. I don't care if it's for \$15,000 or \$50,000. It's the idea of beating the best players in the world. Beating the Cliff's, the Sudsy's, the Andy's (Roberts) and the Jason's (Mannino). Just competing and playing hard is what you can expect.

RB: What's homelife like between stops?
Adam Karp lives with me, along with another guy I grew-up with. I own the house and they've got to pay me rent. So, of course, Adam is my second favorite player on the tour right now. I want to see him win as much as possible so he can pay me. And it's nice to have somebody to train with. Our New Year's resolution was to become totally

shredded. Mine was to become shredded and have the body that I want. His was to get bigger because he's already shredded. We're both working out a lot here.

RB: You recently signed a contract with Pro Kennex through the year 2000, can you give us any details?

Here's the thing, I think everybody should be giving details. But I'm not going to be the first one to say prices. When, as a sport, the players start letting each other know what they're making . . . It's a cycle like in every other professional sport. One person deserves this and that and another deserves something else. (Disclosing details) has yet to happen and that's probably because we don't have enough money in the sport yet.

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RB: You're also sponsored by Courtesy Sports, right?
I'm not truly sponsored by them, they're just some longtime friends in racquetball. They make a headband for me and do it for a couple other guys. Yea, I'm sponsored by them somewhat, but basically I just want to see them do really well in the sport because they are putting a lot back into it. So, whatever I can do to help them I generally try to do.

Other than that, I'm looking for sponsors. The good deal with Pro Kennex is that I don't have to wear head-to-toe Pro Kennex. They allow me to go out there and try to make a living for myself by getting other sponsors. I paid for my last pair of shoes. Right now, I need a shoe company, a clothing company and that's the stuff I'm working on. I need the money, too."



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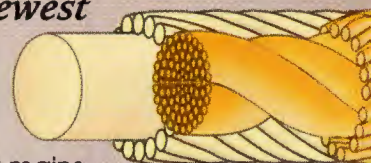
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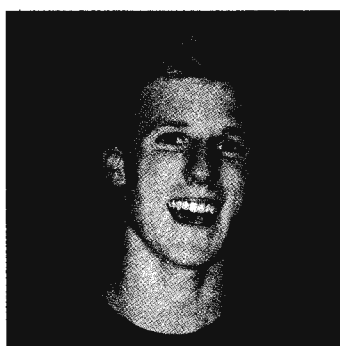
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IX junior worlds

THIRD FOR CARSON AND DOUBLE-GOLD FOR KERR USA RETAINS WORLD TEAM CROWN

Rocky Carson of Santa Maria, California successfully defended his world title in boy's 18-and-under while Canadian Lisa Kerr of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan swept both the girl's 18- and 16-and-under titles at the Pro Kennex International Racquetball Federation World Junior Racquetball Championships, presented by Ektelon, at the Los Caballeros Sports Village, Dec. 19-23.

In the World Cup team competition, the United States Junior National Team tallied 1,455 points to hold off Mexico with 1,073 points and third-place finisher Canada with 784.



Carson avenged a semifinal upset loss at the U.S. Junior Nationals this past June to that event's eventual 18-champion, Mark Bloom. In their Worlds re-match, Carson downed the University of Texas sophomore in a tiebreaker to claim a third world junior title.



Kerr added her fourth and fifth world junior crowns to the trophy case by defeating fellow Canadian Amanda MacDonald of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in the 18-division, and later downing U.S. national 16- champion Brooke Crawford of Klamath Falls, Oregon in the 16's. Kerr became only the second Canadian to win the girl's 18-world junior title.

Also hailing from Saskatoon, siblings Kris and Karina Odegard each took home world titles for Team Canada. In the Boy's 16- division, Kris put away fellow countryman Kane Waslenchuk for the gold, while sister Karina won the girl's 14- singles crown, then teamed with MacDonald to win the girl's 18- doubles.

U.S. Junior Team member Jack Huczek of Rochester Hills, Michigan, won his sixth consecutive world junior

championship by handling Matthew McElhiney of Bradenton, Florida in the boy's 14- division, in two.

The Mexican team dominated the younger divisions with four world crowns. Alejandra Licon defeated USA's Brittany Leggett for the girl's 6- title, while teammate Eleni Guzman bested Licon for the 8- championship. Mexico's boy's were equally effective with Juan Sanchez taking the 8- multi-bounce bracket over teammate Jose Ramos and David Ortega in the 8- division defeating Ivan Sanchez of Chihuahua.

FINAL SINGLES RESULTS — Boy's 18-: Rocky Carson (Santa Maria, Calif., USA) def. Mark Bloom (Austin, Texas, USA), 5-15, 15-4, 11-9; **Boy's 16-:** Kris Odegard (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) def. Kane Waslenchuk (Sprucebrook, Alberta, Canada), 15-8, 15-8; **Boy's 14-:** Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, Mich., USA) def. Matthew McElhiney (Bradenton, Fla., USA), 15-5, 15-4; **Boy's 12-:** Steve Klaiman (Houston, Texas, USA) def. Marcelo Laprea (Venezuela), 15-12, 15-12; **Boy's 10-:** Jamie Landeryou (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) def. Jose Cabrera (San Luis Potosi, Mexico), 15-14, 5-15, 11-8; **Boy's 8-:** David Ortega (Mexico) def. Ivan Sanchez (Chihuahua, Mexico), 15-12, 15-13; **Boy's 8-multi-bounce:** Ivan Sanchez (Chihuahua, Mexico) def. Jose Ramos (Mexico), 11-7, 11-0; **Boy's 6-multi-bounce:** Ryan Noble (Fayetteville, N.C., USA) def. Erick Podwil (Portland, Ore., USA), 11-8, 0-11, 11-7. • **Girl's 18-:** Lisa Kerr (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) def. Amanda MacDonald (Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada), 15-7, 15-9; **Girl's 16-:** Lisa Kerr (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) def. Brooke Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore., USA), 15-12, 15-5; **Girl's 14-:** Karina Odegard (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) def. Kristen Walsh (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA), 12-15, 15-3, 11-0; **Girl's 12-:** Lindsay Duetsch (Houston, Texas, USA) def. Adrienne Fisher (Dayton, Ohio, USA), 15-9, 15-13; **Girl's 10-:** Brandi Jacobson Prentice (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) def. Kelley Fisher (Dayton, Ohio, USA), 15-4, 15-8; **Girl's 8-:** Eleni Guzman (Mexico) def. Alejandra Licon (Mexico), 15-5, 15-5; **Girl's 8-multi-bounce:** Alejandra Licon (Mexico) def. Brittany Leggett (Klamath Falls, Ore., USA), 11-4, 11-2. **FINAL DOUBLES RESULTS — Boy's 18-:** Jed Bhuta (Pike Road, Ala., USA)/Josh Tucker (Joplin, Mo., USA) def. Mark Bloom (Austin, Texas, USA)/Tyler Siggins (Anaheim, Calif., USA), 15-6, 15-7; **Boy's 16-:** James Ford (Riverton, Wyo., USA)/Ryan Staten (Dodge City, Kan., USA) def. Scott Foster (Pleasanton, Calif., USA)/Jack Huczek (Rochester Hills, Mich., USA), 15-9, 15-12; **Boy's 14-:** Bart Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore., USA)/Steve Klaiman (Houston, Texas, USA) def. Mario Hernandez-Yanez (San Luis Potosi, Mexico)/Gilberto Mejia (San Luis Potosi, Mexico), 8-15, 15-13, 11-5; **Boy's 12-:** Juan Arzate (Mexico)/Alejandro Portillo (Mexico) def. Ryan Lindell (Beaverton, Ore., USA)/Chris Meyer (McMinnville, Ore., USA), 15-10, 15-9; **Boy's 10-:** Cesar Guzman (Mexico)/David Ortega (Mexico) def. Andrew Grissom (Campbell, Calif., USA)/Matt Johnson (Farmington, N.M., USA), 15-4, 15-14. • **Girl's 18-:** Amanda MacDonald (Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)/Karina Odegard (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) def. Katie Gould (Ellisville, Mo., USA)/Liana Kerwood (Beaverton, Ore., USA), 15-13, 15-6; **Girl's 16-:** Sara Borland (Bettendorf, Iowa, USA)/Brooke Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore., USA) def. Megan Bals (Lincoln, Neb., USA)/Kristen Walsh (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA), 15-6, 11-15, 11-6; **Girl's 14-:** Molly Law (Denver, Colo., USA)/Melanie Mueller (Grand Junction, Colo., USA) def. Grace Leutele (Sierra Vista, Ariz., USA)/Crystal Winfrey (Powell, Ohio, USA), 15-10, 5-15, 11-5; **Girl's 12-:** Adrienne Fisher (Dayton, Ohio, USA)/Kimberly Irons (Dublin, Ohio, USA) def. Perla Alvarado (Chihuahua, Mexico)/Nancy Enriquez (Chihuahua, Mexico), 15-1, 15-2; **Girl's 10-:** Ashley Leggett (Klamath Falls, Ore., USA)/Ashley Willhite (Klamath Falls, Ore., USA) def. Eleni Guzman (Mexico)/Marcela Moreno (Mexico), 15-14, 12-15, 11-1. • **Mixed 18-:** Amanda MacDonald (Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)/Francis Guillemette (Deauville, Quebec, Canada) def. Julie Neubauer (Calgary, Alberta, Canada)/Kane Waslenchuk (Sprucebrook, Alberta, Canada), 15-4, 15-6; **Mixed 16-:** Karina Hamilton (Chihuahua, Mexico)/Jorge Pasos (Chihuahua, Mexico) def. Meghan Guardiani (Marlboro, Mass., USA)/Stephen Mykalcio (Bellerose, N.Y., USA), 15-14, 15-6; **Mixed 14-:** Krystal Csuk (Naperville, Ill., USA)/Adam Taylor (Shelbyville, Ind., USA) def. Karina Odegard (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)/Terence Li (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada), 15-12, 15-8; **Mixed 12-:** Adrienne Fisher (Dayton, Ohio, USA)/Steve Klaiman (Houston, Texas, USA) def. Kelly Shaw (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)/Tim Landeryou (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada), 15-11, 15-0; **Mixed 10-:** Brandie Hanson (Klamath Falls, Ore., USA)/Charlie Pratt (Portland, Ore., USA) def. Nancy Enriquez (Chihuahua, Mexico)/Ivan Sanchez (Chihuahua, Mexico), 15-14, 15-9.

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Central American Games

from Staff Reports

The IOC-approved Central American Games were held December 4-14 in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Of the seven Central American countries which make up the region, five sent racquetball teams to the 24-sport international competition. Teams from Costa Rica, Honduras, Belize, Guatemala and El Salvador fought for the gold medal in racquetball.

In the team competition, the up-and-coming Guatemalan team won the combined gold, capturing the gold in the men's division and silver in the women's. Highly-favored Costa Rica finished in second place, taking the women's team gold and the men's bronze. Honduras took third overall, with a second place finish in men's and third in women's.

Franklin Raudales, Honduras' top singles player, downed Matthew Anderson of Belize in two games to capture the gold medal, and Costa Rica's Andrea Ortiz repeated her 1995 Central American title by beating teammate Gloriana Herrera in two games.

In doubles play, the Guatemalan men's team of Manola Benfelt and Gustavo Morales upset Costa Ricans Bernal Pacheco and Allan Chacon in two games to win first place. Singles champion Ortiz teamed up with Herrera to defeat the mother-daughter team of Lucy and Karen Zachrisson of Guatemala for the women's doubles gold medal.

"There has been a tremendous development in the quality of players from Central America," head IRF official Jim Hiser observed. "It won't be long before they are real threats for the gold medal in the World Championships and Pan Am Games." [Complete results on page 16]

Bolivian Nationals

by Gerardo Gil

The city of Cochabamba, once again won the Bolivian Nationals in Oruro, December 4-7. Since 1995, Cochabamba has claimed this National title.

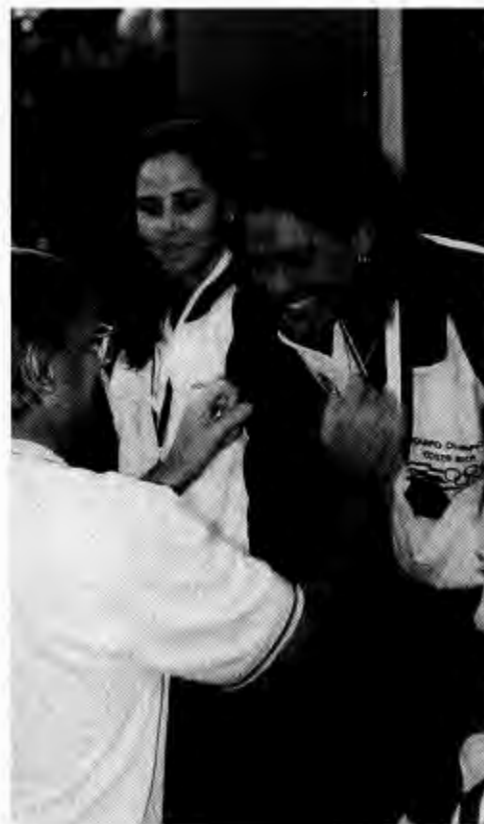
In Men's Open, the semis were played between #1 seeded Gerardo Gil vs. #5 Gonzalo Amaya, and #2 Ricardo Monroy vs. #3 Juan Carlos Tapia. Gil took the advantage in the first set 15-8, and needed an extra effort to win the second set 15-14. This match was crucial because, with the winning, Gil will be the top player in Bolivia until the end of the season. Monroy won the match to Tapia in two straight sets of 15-14, 15-10, and advanced to his third career final, and his first in 1997.

The final was viewed by over 200 hundred persons who surrounded court #2 of the Claymor Club. It was supposed to be a great match but Gil didn't have enough power to get in the game as a result of his effort in the semis. But Monroy looked as fresh as the first day and won the match 15-8, 15-5.

In Women's Open, #2 seeded Paola Nuñez played a big tournament to surprise everybody, winning over the two favorites in the event. She defeated #3 Maria Fernanda Romero 11-15, 15-10, 11-8 in the semis and #1 Yaque Parada 15-10, 9-15, 11-7 in the final to win her first major event in her career. With this title Nuñez will end the season as the top player in Bolivia.



ABOVE: GOLD MEDALIST FRANKLIN RAUDALES OF HONDURAS. BELOW: ANDREA ORTIZ RECEIVES HER GOLD MEDAL FROM IRF SECRETARY GENERAL LUKE ST. ONGE. PHOTOS: JIM HISER.



CENTRAL AMERICAN GAMES – RIGHT: COSTA RICAN WOMEN SWEEP THE SINGLES EVENT — 1. ANDREA ORTIZ; 2. GLORIANA HERRERA; 3. CRYSTAL ARGUILLO.

The Men's Doubles final was played between the two top seeded teams in the tournament. Top seeded Amaya/Tapia vs. #2 Gil/Nuñez. The game started with a 15-9 lead by Gil & Nuñez that was tied in the second set 13-15, but the pressure that Gil/Nuñez put against their rivals gave the win to the team in the third, 11-5.

The #1 seeded team of Parada/Romero won the women's doubles final with not much problems 15-7, 15-5 over Nuñez/Ramos to assure their second doubles title in the year.

18th German Nationals in Hamburg

by Mike Mesecke

On January 24-25, the 18th German Nationals were a great success in Hamburg, at the site of the 1988 IRF World Championships. With good press coverage and Germany's top athletes playing their best, this annual event showed that the German Racquetball movement is on the right track.

For the first time ever, three Juniors events had to be scheduled for players between 7-14. Boys and girls competed in the categories of Boys U10, Boys U14 and Girls U10!! All of them were very excited and they are all looking forward to their next big tournament.

There were no big surprises in the Men's final, with another edition of the Trevor Hayter/Achim Loof final playoff. Between Europe's top players, Trevor was the lucky one this time and defended his title again against Achim. They also teamed up to win the Men's Doubles title against Germany's No. 2 doubles team Bernd DeForge/Ralf Klinke.

DeForge also won the Seniors 30+ singles title against Marc Scheffler. In the Seniors 40+ division, Germany's first German National Champion ever, Willi Wenzel from Bad Toelz, won against Roland Christ, also from Bad Toelz. Willi Wenzel won the first edition of the German Nationals in 1982. [Results, pg. 16]

Spring Racquetball in Ireland

by Michael Haverty

Two Irish Tournaments are scheduled for this spring. They are:

1) March 20-22 — Baxter Healthcare Castlebar Open In Castlebar, County Mayo in the West of Ireland.

2) May 1-3 — 16th Irish Open in Arklow, Co Wicklow (near Dublin).

As Americans visit Ireland for St Patricks Day (March 17th), racquetball players may like to play in the Castlebar Open a few days later. Contact Michael Haverty, 8 Cashel Park, Castlebar, Co Mayo Ireland. Tel ++ 353 94 24561. Details can also be found at <http://members.tripod.com/~Haverty/castlebarracquetballclub.htm>. Further information on Irish Racquetball can be found at <http://members.tripod.com/~Haverty/racquetballpages>.



German Federation Elections

by Mike Mesecke

On January 23 the German Racquetball Federation annual Congress was held in Hamburg, where annual elections were held for the Executive Committee. In support of the Exco's good work, no major changes were made to the important positions. New officials entered the Exco to support the re-elected members so that the GRF can keep up the good work in the development of German Racquetball.

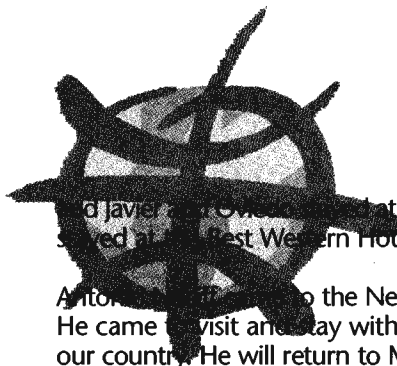
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Mexico Goes Dutch

by Rene Hehemann

On Wednesday October 22 my brother and I picked up Javier Moreno, Ignacio "Nacho" Bustillos, Alvaro Maldonado, Oviedo Baca, Adolfo "Super Fito" Baca (father and Mexican Team Coach). Enrique Villagran arrived later that afternoon and was met by IRF President Han van der Heiden.

I brought them to the Racketcenter De Leyens in Zoetermeer. The rest of the day they took it easy after a trip of more than 20 hours. Nacho and Alvaro were hosted by Peter de Jong



and Javier and Enrique stayed at my place. Adolfo and Enrique stayed at the West Western Hotel in Zoetermeer.

Antonio and Enrique came to the Netherlands a few weeks earlier. He came to visit and stay with his girlfriend in the north of our country. He will return to Mexico sometime next week!

The next day the five Mexican youngsters rented a car for two days and drove to Paris, returning to Zoetermeer on Friday night! Paris is only a five-hour drive from Zoetermeer. Enrique, Adolfo, Karel Matla and I went to Antwerp in Belgium to visit Erik Meyer (the recently elected ERF president) on Thursday. On Friday we visited The Hague, to see the house of parliament and the Queens Palace. Especially for Adolfo, who happens to be a lawyer, we went by the Peace Palace (International Court of Justice!). A brief visit to the famous Delft Blue Factory/Museum in Delft, was also made. Later that night the tournament started, with about 45 participants from: Austria (1), Belgium (4), Germany (7), Malaysia (1), Mexico (6), the Netherlands (16), New Zealand (1) and USA (6).

On Monday the Mexicans (without Enrique, who traveled for business to Oslo in Norway), Karel, Peter and myself visited Volendam and later that afternoon continued our trip to Amsterdam. The players insisted on shopping and a trip to the Red Light District, where Alvaro became our tour guide! He pretty much knew his way around, after touring the RLD during the World Games in 1993!

The next day the Mexicans returned with many impressions in only six days! And many stories to tell!

11th Belgian Open 1997 in Antwerp

by Mike Mesecke

On November 22-23, the 11th Belgian Open took place at the Indoor Club in Antwerp. The new elected president of the European Racquetball Federation, Erik Meyer, brought people from the Netherlands, USA, Canada, Austria, Germany, France and Belgium together to play in this annual event.

In the Men's Open, another legendary final was played between Achim Loof and Trevor Hayter, both from Hamburg, Germany and although it seemed to be more a battle than anything else, these two close friends are still Europe's most important racquetball representatives.

This time, Achim, present European Champion played better than his opponent and so he won the final set 11-6. "Achim played the better racquetball today", said Hayter, after an exciting game.

Together they won the Doubles competition against the two young players Martin Klippel and Ralph Lysakowski. [Complete results at right.]

GLOBAL SCOREBOARD

• Autumn Open in Zoetermeer: October 24-26

Submitted online by Pascal Matla

FINAL RESULTS — Men's Open: 1. Javier Moreno (Mexico); 2. Antonio Naciff (Mexico); 3. Ignacio Bustillos (Mexico); 4. Joachim Loof (Germany); cons: Ralf Lysakowski (Austria). Men's B: 1. Albert Jalleh (Germany); 2. Niklaas Deboutte (Belgium); 3. Eric Meijer (The Netherlands); 4. Nathan Andree (USA); cons: Renate Hoenig (Germany). Men's Seniors: 1. Dexter Chun (USA); 2. Ron Ruiz (USA); 3. Adolfo Baca (Mexico); 4. Jorg Sattler (Germany). Men's Doubles: 1. Moreno/Bustillos (Mexico); 2. Naciff/Loof (Mexico-Germany); 3. Maldonado/Baca (Mexico); 4. van der Holst/Vink (The Netherlands).

• National Coverage Championships in Arklow/Ireland

Submitted online by Mike Mesecke, ERF

FINAL RESULTS — Men's Over 45 Singles: 1. Pat Traynor (Moylagh); 2. Paddy Kennedy (Templederry); 3. Michael Murphy (Arklow); 4. Mick Jennings (Castlebar). Men's Over 50 Singles: 1. Mick Barnes (Arklow); 2. John Comerford (Kilkenny); 3. Mick Jennings (Castlebar); 4. Colm Moorehead (Loughrea). Men's Over 35 Doubles: 1. Michael Murphy/Anthony Butler (Arklow); 2. Pat Traynor/Oliver Gibney (Moylagh); 3. Mick Barnes/Liam Barnes (Arklow); 4. John Comerford/Billy Walsh (Kilkenny).

• 11th Belgian Open in Antwerp: November 22-23, 1997

Submitted online by Mike Mesecke, ERF

FINAL RESULTS — Men's Open: Achim Loof (GER) def. Trevor Hayter (GER) 15:10/11:15/11:6; Men's B: Bart Wouters (BEL) def. Pascal v.d. Linden (BEL) 9:15/15:4/11:10; Men's C: Thomas Genrich (GER) def. Rudy Gardeleyn (BEL) 9:15/15:7/11:6; Seniors: Pierre Siberil (CAN) def. Bjorn Jensen (GER) 15:9/13:15/11:10; Open Doubles: Loof/Hayter def. Klippel/Lysakowski 15:5/15:12.

• Central American Games in Honduras: December 4-14, 1997

FINAL Results — Men's Singles: 1. Franklin Raudales (HON); 2. Matthew Anderson (BEL); 3. Gustavo Morales (GUA). Women's Singles: 1. Andrea Ortiz (CRC); 2. Gloriana Herrera (CRC); 3. Crystal Arguillo (CRC). Men's Doubles: 1. Manola Benfelt/Gustavo Morales (GUA); 2. Allan Chacon/Bernal Pacheco (CRC); 3. Guillermo Garcia/Roberto Nassar (HON). Women's Doubles: 1. Gloriana Herrera/Andrea Ortiz (CRC); 2. Karen Zachrisson/Lucy Zachrisson (GUA); 3. Mireya Batreus/Allison Bendour (HON). Final Combined Team Standings: 1. Guatemala; 2. Costa Rica; 3. Honduras; 4. El Salvador; 5. Belize. Men's Team Standings: 1. Guatemala; 2. Honduras; 3. Costa Rica; 4. El Salvador; 5. Belize. Women's Team Standings: 1. Costa Rica; 2. Guatemala; 3. Honduras; 4. El Salvador; 5. Belize.

• French Open in Paris: January 17-18 1998

Submitted online by Joseph Villarreal & Mike Mesecke

FINAL RESULTS — Men's Open: 1. Achim Loof (Germany); 2. Trevor Hayter (Germany); 3. Martin Klippel (Germany); 4. Joe Villareal (USA). Men's B: 1. Jason Linnell (USA); 2. Charly Hamon (USA); 3. David McCraine (USA); 4. Bart Wouters (Belgium). Men's C: 1. Gilles Jolly (France); 2. Evans; 3. Guy Beaumonet (France); 4. Ynez Slaymaker (USA). Men's D: 1. Reynald Meissner (France); 2. Patrick Delmas (France); 3. Yann Le Penven (France); 4. Carole Viard (France). Senior's 35+: 1. Dan Barbeau (USA); 2. Marty Page (USA); 3. James Johnson (USA); 4. Bruno Bouillac (France). Acknowledgments: Thanks to Pierre Groleau and David Szafranski for having a pleasant tourney for all players.

• 18th German Nationals in Hamburg: January 24-25, 1998

Submitted online by Mike Mesecke, GRF

FINAL RESULTS — Men's Singles: Trevor Hayter def. Achim Loof 15:7/15:9. Doubles: Loof/Hayter def. Klinke/Dr F6ge 15:10/15:14. Women's Singles: Elke Esquibel def. Melanie Voigt 15:5/15:7. Senior's 30+ Singles: Bernd Dr Forge def. Marc Scheffler 15:14/12:15/11:7. Senior's 40+ Singles: Willi Wenzel def. Roland Christ 15:13/15:11. Senior's doubles: B. Jensen/J. Ludwig def. W. Wenzel/W. Stich 15:12/15:6. Boys U10: Jan Jensen def. Maximilian Florian 15:3/15:2. Boys U14: Gun Choi def. Arne Schmitz 12:15/15:10/11:5. Girls U10: Simone Schiborr def. Jennifer Dach 15:9/15:2.



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But it was only the second time since the 1995 Bay 101 IRT World Championships that Monchik couldn't claim the top seed. Swain had taken it back — and held on firmly — after his finals appearance at the 1997 Promus Hotels U.S. Open last November.

John Ellis opened the quarterfinal action with a quick, four-game victory over Gelhaus before third-seeded Andy Roberts and sixth seed Jason Mannino took center stage. Mannino, who hadn't played the 6-foot-4, 225-pound linebacker-sized Roberts for over a year, downed the Memphis native in three straight.

"Well, he's not young, and he's not skinny," Mannino said after of Roberts after the

match. "So, it's kind of hard for him to move from front to back. You've got to make him move up and cover the pinch and the splat so that you can eventually pass him."

The evening concluded with Monchik downing Jelso 11-4, 11-4, 9-11, 11-8 and top seed Cliff Swain holding off Karp, 15-13, 11-5, 12-10.

In just his second semifinal appearance this season, Mannino was treated to a serving clinic by Monchik. After five first-game aces, Sudsy was up 10-1 and cruising to an 11-4, 11-4, 9-11, 11-8 win.

"I think I got a little bit of a bead on it," Mannino said of Sudsy's serves after the first game. "But, that was the best anyone's ever served against me. Not only were there aces and aces and aces, but the ones I got to I couldn't do anything with. They were just perfect. Two games of perfect serves. I was diving for serves — that's ridiculous."

Sudsy, who has been suffering with a broken big toe on his right foot all season, finished with nine aces.

Next up was the red-hot Swain, winner of three straight pro stops, against possibly this season's most promising player, John Ellis.

Ellis went on an 11-2 run to close out the first game, 11-5, but Swain kicked it into gear and held off the 5'6" dynamo, 11-8, 11-8, 12-10 in the final three games.

Even with the win, the Boston native was extremely unhappy with Kelly Kerr's refereeing (left).

"We don't have guys that are professionally trained," Swain said of the tour refs. "That's one of the biggest weaknesses in our game. We don't have paid, trained and traveling referees. When you have guys doing it part-time, you're going to get part-time results."

It wasn't all that shocking to find Swain and Monchik facing each other in the finals — it's been going on all season. The two have worked hard to create one of the best rivalries ever, and the fans get the pay-off.

In game one, Swain started strong by blasting Monchik 11-2. The second game was closer — tied up briefly at 6-6 — but the finish was similar, another win for Swain, 11-6.

"I came out really slow," Sudsy said. "He was playing good and forced me to play pretty bad."

Then the brash Staten Islander got hot and scrapped-out two



narrow game wins of 12-10 each to even the match and force the tiebreaker.

"The reason for that," Swain said of Sudsy's comeback, "was he stayed relaxed, and I started thinking about winning the match. He was just playing one point at a time. When you're down 2-0, it is easy to play better because you're in deep trouble anyway so you might as well just play all out and let it go. Which is what you have to still do when you're up 2-0. I didn't do that."

After tying at 6-6 in the final game, Monchik went up 7-6 on a skipped backhand return by Swain. But some backhand finesse into the right corner put Swain back in the service box — where two crack aces and one skipped return put Swain on his way to an 11-8 game win and his fifth tour stop this season.

According to Swain, "In the fifth (game), (Sudsy) played probably better than he did the whole match, but I kept my concentration. When we both play well, you're going to have a very tight game like that."

"It's always a battle when we play," Monchik said of his rivalry with Swain. "When it's all said and done, it will probably be the greatest rivalry ever in the sport."

Then Sudsy seemed to dial into the psychic network, as he spoke about trying to regain his top spot, "Hopefully, guys like Jason (Mannino) and John (Ellis) will step up and start beating (Cliff). Who knows? It could be a whole different tour."

Yes, it just might, at that ...

Ralph Schomp Automotive Pro-Am Rocky Mountain High for Ellis

Times, they are a-changin' . . . especially on the IRT. Just when you thought this season was going to be nothing but a Sudsy-Swain one-two punch, John Ellis sneaks up and jumps into the ring with a well-placed right jab. And not just with his play — he's been improving all year — but with his finish at the Ralph Schomp Automotive Pro-Am in Denver to kick off the new year.

With only one career IRT singles victory to his credit (At the '95 Head Pro-Am in Chicago), Ellis took advantage of his ninth showing in a final by upsetting second seeded Sudsy Monchik in one of the most dramatic come-from-behind victories in the history of the tour.

Earlier on, according to Ellis, his best match of the tournament had been his first round, straight game win over Mexican National Team member Luis Bustillos. From there, the stocky Californian went on to narrowly defeat a renewed Derek Robinson in an 11-4 tiebreaker, before taking out the ever-steady #5 Mike Guidry in four games to reach the semifinals.

On his way to meet Ellis in that semi, top-ranked Cliff Swain had taken a similar route, sweeping past Sammy Menache in three, then James Mulcock and Adam Karp in four games apiece.

The bottom half of the bracket held few surprises. Third seeded Andy Roberts lost only one game to tournament



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director Brian Pointelin in his first match, before downing Kelly Gelhaus and #6 Dan Fowler in straight games.

From his #2 spot, Monchik took a harder road to the semis with three scrappy, close game wins over Bobby Rodriguez, before going to tiebreakers against U.S. Team member Michael Bronfeld and veteran Mike Ray to squeek into a semi against Roberts.

There Monchik regrouped and played true to form in an 11-7, 15-13, 11-6 drubbing of Roberts. For the first time in several weeks, Sudsy played like the explosive and exciting player that fans have grown to adore.

Swain, boasting a freshly-signed, multi-year contract with Wilson Racquetball, was playing beautifully and seemed unstoppable. But Ellis had other ideas.

Down two games to zero, Ellis fought back and stole game three 11-9. Then, sensing that Swain was a little tired, "Ellie" poured it on to win game four 11-1. A close fifth game ended 11-9 in Ellis' favor and moved him into his first final of the season with the momentum of a huge upset over the #1 ranked player on the tour.

"I think he got a little more tired than I did," Ellis said of Swain. "I just stayed in there and got a little more relaxed and snuck out the third. Next thing you know, I won the fourth easily and we're in a tough fifth."

In front of a large Denver Athletic Club crowd, Monchik opened the Sunday finals with a crushing 11-1 defeat of Ellis. Then, not only did the wheels fall off Sudsy's ride, but the engine fell out, the driver's seat reclined and the radio got stuck on some AM station broadcasting Reverend Billy Bob's plea for your entire paycheck.

What happened? Ellis initiated a great comeback to win game two, 11-8. Then he won game three 11-7 and was down 10-2 in the fourth when the Ellis comeback machine got back into gear. He won six consecutive



points when what could have been a serious incident occurred.

"I was stuck with a shot in the middle of the court," Ellis said. "Sudsy came in a little early and I caught him in the nose. Then my racquet came up and hit me in the back of the head." The ball was forgotten as both players stumbled and clutched their heads while the crowd tried to figure out who had done what to whom.

"There was a big dispute about whether it should be a point or play it over, but it didn't matter. I was happy that we were both OK. A situation like that can be scary with how hard we're swinging."

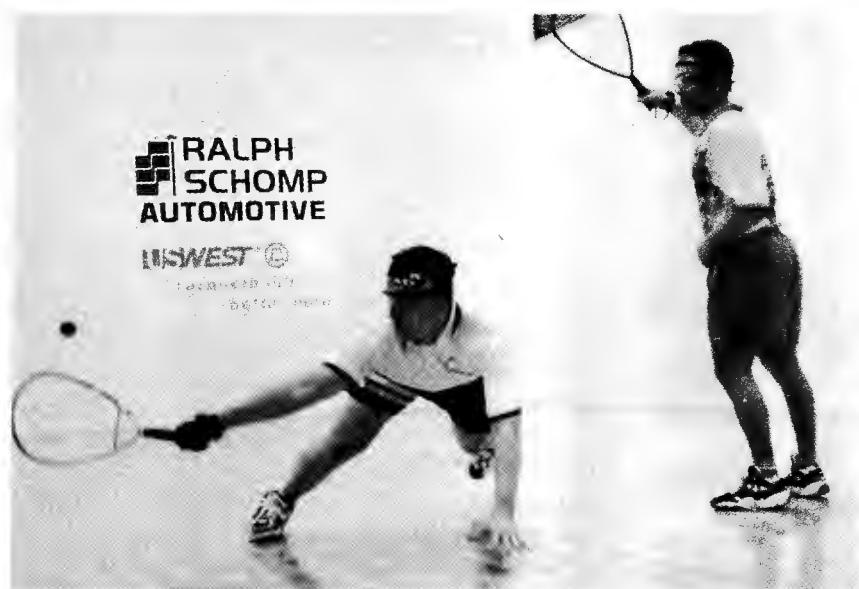
At the conclusion of the match, Sudsy revealed to the crowd what had been said between the two players in the down-time following the accident (above left).

"After I got pelted in the face, I said to John, 'Why don't we just go five (games)?' He said, 'No. Why don't you just let me win?' I said, 'No!,' so he just decided to win on his own."

Ellis scored the match's final three points to capture the win, 12-10, on 10 unanswered points.

"You guys might have just witnessed history," Sudsy said to the fans with a sigh. "That was, seriously, the greatest comeback I've ever been involved in. I don't

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know what to say, I had him 10-2 . . . I really would have loved to go 'breaker . . . I'm still baffled at what just happened. John's awesome and hopefully we'll be doing battle like this for another 10 years. I know I'm sick of playing Cliff in the finals."

"I came out alright, today, then John kind of put me to sleep. Then you saw what happened in the fourth game — I don't even know what happened. I still can't believe it's over. It was absolutely amazing. He scored 10 straight points — made me look like a schoolboy."

Ellis was happy with the win, but quick to point out that Sudsy was not on his game.

"Suds played a great first game and kicked my ass. I thought he was going to do the same in the second game. Then we started talking a little and getting more relaxed. I think that worked to my advantage."

"It's a big win. I'm the best in the world for one week, that's all it means. We're going to Columbus next week and I'm going to be mentally ready for that. I want to win that one, too. Whether I do or not, we'll see."

U S WEST Communications Announces "Racquetball's Better Here™"

U S WEST Communications recently announced a new partnership with the IRT that will include sponsorship of four events in the current season. Stops in Denver, Lincoln, Phoenix, and Portland will all be presented by U S WEST as part of their new "Racquetball's Better Here™" promotion. A bonus pool will be ranked from these four events, with the winner awarded the "Racquetball's Better Here™" / U S WEST Cup following the Portland event. The just announced "Racquetball's

Better Here™" program will also include a joint promotion with Spalding Court Sports to offer clinics and appearances by Spalding Touring Pros Jason Mannino, Mike Ray, Woody Clouse, Todd O'Neil, Lydia Hammock, and Marcy Lynch. The campaign will also include a sweepstakes with the grand prize of a trip for two to the Spalding Tournament of Champions presented by U S WEST in Portland. The sweepstakes will be promoted in clubs throughout the 14-state U S WEST operational region with a poster featuring TEAM U S WEST and ads in *RACQUETBALL* and other publications. U S WEST Communications has headquarters in Denver, Colorado and is one of the largest telecommunications firms in the world.

U S West representatives were on hand to kick-off the Denver event, along with top pros (L-R): Jason Mannino, Woody Clouse, Leroy Williams (U S West), Connie Williams (U S West), Mike Ray, Mark Helton (U S West), Jeff Montoya (U S West). Photo: Steve Lerner.



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IRT RESULTS TICKER ...

Las Vegas: Aug. 1-3

Foxwoods IRT Pro-Am
Doubles — Todd O'Neil
& Derek Robinson def.
Steve Lerner & Tony Jelso
3-11, 11-6, 11-6, 5-11,
11-7.

New Orleans: Aug. 6-10

Elmwood Pro-Am
Summer Cooler — Sudsy
Monchik def. Cliff Swain
11-7, 11-4, 11-5.

Stockton: Aug. 28 - Sept. 1

Coors Light Pro-Am —
Cliff Swain def. Sudsy
Monchik 12-10, 11-5,
11-2.

Riverside: Sept. 24-28

Ralph's Pro-Am — Sudsy
Monchik def. Cliff Swain
11-8, 11-8, 12-14, 6-
11, 11-6.

Chicago: Oct. 29 - Nov. 2

Halloween Pro-Am —
Cliff Swain def. Sudsy
Monchik 10-12, 8-11,
11-8, 11-6, 12-10.

Memphis: Nov. 12-16

Promus Hotels U.S.
OPEN — Cliff Swain def.
Sudsy Monchik 11-6,
11-2, 11-3.

Boston: Nov. 19 -23

Foxwoods Pro-Am —
Cliff Swain def. Mike Ray
5-11, 11-4, 11-4, 11-4.

Denver: Dec. 10-14

APH Service Pro-Am —
Cliff Swain def. Sudsy
Monchik 11-2, 11-6, 10-
12, 10-12, 11-8.

Denver: Jan. 14-18

Ralph Schomp
Automotive Pro-Am —
John Ellis def. Sudsy
Monchik 1-11, 11-8, 11-
7, 12-10.

Columbus: Jan. 21-25

Future Cellular*SBBS Pro-
Am — John Ellis def.
Derek Robinson 7-11,
12-10, 11-3, 11-4.

Lincoln: Jan 28 - Feb. 1

Laundry Land Pro Am —
Cliff Swain def. John Ellis
11-2, 2-11, 8-11, 11-7,
11-8.

IRT SCHEDULE

February 18 - 22
Foxwoods Pro-Am
Sportset-Syosset
Long Island, N.Y.

February 25 - March 1
Piehler Pro-Am @ Penfield
Racquet & Fitness Club
Rochester, New York

March 25 - 29
March Madness Pro-Am
Goleta Valley Athletic Club
Santa Barbara, California

April 22 - 26
IRT Pro Nationals
Las Vegas Sporting House
Las Vegas, Nevada

May 6 - 9
Phoenix Pro-Am
Arizona Athletic Club
Phoenix, Ariz.

June 3 - 7
Spalding Tournament
of Champions
Multnomah Athletic Club
Portland, Oregon

WIRT RESULTS TICKER ...

Annapolis, Md.: Sept. 5-7

RAD Pro-Am — Michelle
Gould def. Cheryl
Gudinas 11-4, 11-5, 11-
2.

Memphis: Nov. 12-16

Promus Hotels U.S.
OPEN — Michelle Gould
def. Jackie Paraiso 12-
10, 11-5, 11-4.

Roanoke, Va.: Feb. 6-8

Berglund Automotive Pro
Am — Michelle Gould
def. Laura Fenton 11-4,
11-3, 11-2.

WIRT SCHEDULE

March 6 - 8
Long Island Pro-Am
Amritraj Racquet & Health
Club — Bayshore, New York

April 22 - 26
WIRT Pro Nationals
Las Vegas Sporting House
Las Vegas, Nevada

May 1 - 3
Crystal City Classic Pro-Am
The Skyline Club at Crystal
Gateway — Arlington, Va.

June 4 - 7
RAD Tournament of
Champions
Multnomah Athletic Club
Portland, Ore.

International Racquetball Tour 1997-98 SEASON RANKINGS

As of February 3, 1998

1.	Cliff Swain.	3453
2.	Sudsy Monchik.	2830
3.	John Ellis.	2484
4.	Andy Roberts.	2427
5.	Jason Mannino.	1917
6.	Mike Guidry.	1642
7.	Dan Fowler.	1440
8.	Mike Ray.	1327
9.	Adam Karp.	1234
10.	Tony Jelso.	1142
11.	Kelly Gelhaus.	1108
12.	Louis Vogel.	1090
13.	Woody Clouse.	1059
14.	Michael Bronfeld.	1014
15.	James Mulcock.	851
16.	Derek Robinson.	731



Women's International Racquetball Tour 1997-98 SEASON RANKINGS

As of February 10, 1998

1.	Michelle Gould.	1218
2.	Jackie Paraiso.	923
3.	Cheryl Gudinas.	893
4.	Laura Fenton.	529
5.	Lynne Coburn.	518
6.	Randi Friedman.	494
7.	Molly O'Brien.	465
8.	Marci Drexler.	447
9.	Janet Myers.	404
10.	Lorraine Galloway.	383
10.	Kersten Hallander.	383
10.	Lydia Hammock.	383
13.	Doreen Fowler.	316
14.	Christie Van Hees.	217
15.	Mindy Hartstein.	153
16.	Caryn McKinney.	135

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Wilson Signs Cliff Swain

Wilson Racquetball announced that it has signed an agreement with the world's number one men's touring pro, Cliff Swain, to endorse its racquets, shoes, gloves, strings, grips and bags and to help grow the game of racquetball.

Born and raised in Boston, Mass., Swain got his first racquet from his father, an avid handball player, who introduced Cliff to the game of racquetball at the age of 13. Since then, the lefty captured a junior national title and is now a four-time pro tour champion. Swain is known for his powerful serve (191 mph) and his mental toughness and he's determined to leave a lasting impression on the sport.

"Wilson and Cliff Swain together represent a winning team," explains Terri Graham, Marketing Manager for Wilson Racquetball and Squash. "His winning attitude, his desire to be number one and his love of the game exemplifies Wilson. We are proud to have him as a member of our Wilson Advisory Staff.

"We had the Derek's (Robinson) and Michael's (Bronfeld) out there who represented us very well on the top amateur level and now we've signed the No.1 pro player," Graham told *RACQUETBALL* in early January. "What more could we possibly ask for?

"Cliff brings a lot to the table. He's very professional, both on and off the court. He's hungry. He works really hard on his game and he's not going to settle for being No. 2. He is a class act."

When Wilson Racquetball began over three years ago, this signing was already in the works. According to Graham (shown top right with Swain), "We had a plan from the beginning and didn't think we would be able to sign a top pro for five years. Things went better than we thought, therefore, we were able to get Cliff. There's nobody better to have than Cliff Swain."

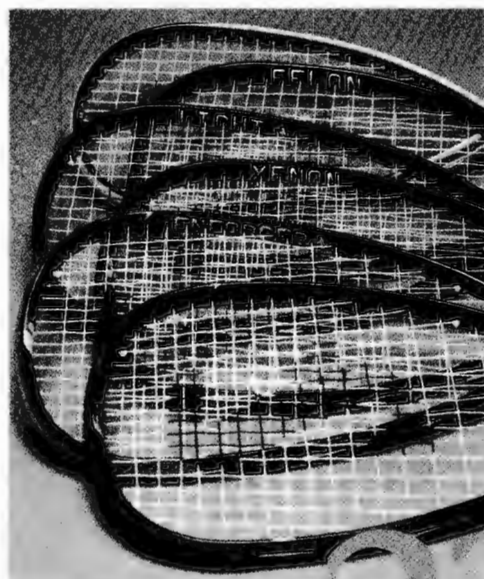
Commenting on the 4 year deal, Graham stated, "I'm comfortable in saying that this is the highest paying contract in the sport of racquetball . . . and deservedly so."

Powerkill™ Pro Adds the Power of Zyex®

PowerKill™ PRO string from Ashaway Racket Strings offers power and durability for the new oversize racquets. With a core of advanced Zyex® fibers for exceptional dynamic response, PowerKill™ PRO is a durable 16-gauge (1.34 mm) string that supports the high stresses imposed by the new, extra-large racquet designs, while offering the power and performance of a thin 17-gauge string. A spiral braided jacket provides a good gripping surface that enhances control on pinches, kills and ceiling shots. PowerKill™ PRO is now available in extra-long 40' (12 m) sets to accommodate the new racquets, and in 360' (110 m) reels.

New Spalding Line

The official racquet of the International Racquetball Tours, Spalding unveiled its new racquet line, focusing on the light, stiff frames that retain the exclusive Reverse Sunburst String Pattern. All the frames got a hot new look with terrific colors and graphics. The flagship of the new line is the Extreme Pro which hits the courts at a whopping 22 inches in length while maintaining a mere 200g mass. The line also re-introduces some favorite frames in new, upgraded versions like the Enforcer and Felon. The line features models to hit most every price point and should start popping up in clubs everywhere.





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Zone Strings & Grip signs Jason Thoerner

Zone is happy to have signed one of racquetball's most promising players: Jason Thoerner. The tall South Carolinian placed fifth in the open division at the '97 U.S. National Singles

Racquetball Championships in Houston. Jason will be using Zone's new Power Racquetball string to take his game to the next level! "The new Power Racquetball string from Zone is the most powerful string that I have hit with, without sacrificing any control. The ball comes off the strings flatter and harder than any of the other strings on the market," Jason says. "With these strings I'll definitely be in the ZONE!"

New from Network Marketing

Network Marketing has been named the "Master Distributor" for Zone Racquetball Strings. "Zone" makes three quality strings (16g/17g) and is geared to the player seeking power, playability and durability at a reasonable price. •• RAD Eyeguards introduced the new Turbo LX at the U.S. Open, which sports a slightly different lens shape than the Turbo and trendy "pinch" temples (straight earpieces) with clear or amber lenses. The result is eyewear that looks sharp and protects well. Suggested retail \$24.95. •• Kleershot RX: Though Kleershot eyeguards are no longer available in regular lenses, but they are still available in prescription lenses (\$104.00 complete). Clear replacement lenses are also available (\$10.00). For info. call/fax Doug Smith at Network Marketing (see display ad on page 54).

Supershow Rollouts

After a successful debut in Memphis, **Leader** launched the "Vegas Plus" at the Atlanta Super Show in February. The stylish eyeguard provides players with the reliable protection they expect from Leader. Already the choice of top professional players, including Sudsy Monchik and John Ellis, the Vegas Plus will appeal to amateurs and newcomers to the sport. Female players will appreciate the lightweight frame and comfortable fit. This new sleek shield offers maximal peripheral vision, while the sidearms can be easily adjusted to obtain the ideal personalized fit. A removable "impact disperser" features an absorbent sweat band for added on-court comfort. For more information about the Vegas Plus or other Leader products, visit our web site at www.zleader.com. ••• **Penn Racquet Sports** also introduced its new racquetball packaging graphics for the Penn Ultra-Blue Racquetballs and the Pro Penn Green Racquetballs at the 1998 Super Show.

Gemini Intros Second Generation of Racquets

Two new 22-inch racquets – the Hummer and the Endeavor – were introduced in January by Gemini Racquetball. The Hummer is mid-balanced to maximize power, while the Endeavor has a light head for quickness. According to Ron Halloran of Gemini, "We did not want to increase the head size because of the problems with past racquets. Larger head sizes are more difficult to swing and, therefore, control suffers. The Gemini racquets are 101.5 square inches to provide a more concentrated and controllable sweet spot." You can learn more about Gemini's products via their new Internet web site at www.geminisports.com.

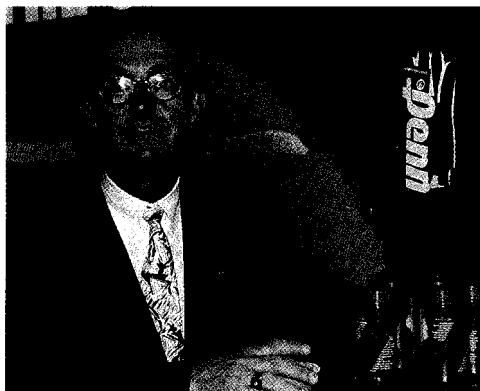
New Windows 95® Program for Tournaments

Aggravated in trying to organize and run his church basketball tournament, engineer Dave Franck at ImageBuilder Software, Inc. designed a way to end his agony: TournamentBuilder™. This Windows 95® program is targeted at those most often assigned to run tournaments: coaches, team managers and parents. The new product quickly and easily seeds participants, designs tournament brackets and creates awards. With a suggested retail price of \$29.95, TournamentBuilder™ quickly pays for itself through savings realized by printing personalized certificates. It includes an intuitive interface and help system, along with sample bracket and certificate files which demonstrate program capabilities and can be altered for actual tournaments. System requirements include Windows 95®, 486 PC/66 MHz or better, 256 color display, 8 MB RAM, 2x CD-ROM, 3MB available disk space, mouse and sound card (optional). For more info, contact at (503) 684-5141 or Kellee "Sparky" Harris at (503) 222-6871. Or browse <http://www.imagebuilder.com>.

Daub Goes AmPRO

Larry Daub, an independent sales representative for Penn Racquet Sports, recently earned an Advanced AmPRO Instructor certification. AmPRO instructors are qualified to teach at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels, after

undergoing rigorous written and on-court examinations. In his position at Penn, Daub is responsible for selling all lines of Penn tennis and racquet balls, apparel and Babolat strings and accessories in a four-state territory that includes Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.





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annual national championships

The USRA conducts five national championships each year, to name the finest adult and junior competitors in singles and doubles, as well as to select the members of its national teams. National championships serve as qualifiers for either the adult U.S. National Team or Junior Team USA. Both teams compete internationally as representatives of the United States. Championships are held annually, at approximately the same time each year.

National High School Championships (March)

Established: 1988

Junior Team USA qualifier. Gold division winners earn a spot on the team, and qualify for goodwill tours abroad and international competition. Also encourages curricular development of High School racquetball (an overall "Team Championship" trophy is awarded).

National Intercollegiate Championships (March/April)

Established: 1973

Pre-qualifying at a Recognized Event is required.

U.S. National Team Qualifier. Gold division winners earn a spot on the team, and qualify for international competition through semi-annual "team trials." Also encourages curricular development of racquetball at the intercollegiate level (an overall "team championship" trophy is awarded).

National Singles Championships (Memorial Day Weekend in May)

Established: 1968

Pre-qualifying at a Regional Event is required.

U.S. National Team Qualifier. Men's and Women's Open semi-finalists earn positions on the team, and qualify for pool selection to international competitive squads. **International Qualifier.** When applicable, World Championship and Pan American Games teams are selected by their finishes at this event.

Also encourages development of racquetball as a lifetime sport, with additional competitive age divisions offered in five-year increments between 25+ and 80+. In 1998, the former Skill Level Nationals were incorporated into the National Singles event, enabling national calibre competition in rated "skill levels" for men and women certified in the "A" "B" "C" and "D" categories of play. An overall "state team championship" trophy is also awarded.

Junior Olympic Racquetball Championships (June)

Established: 1974

Pre-qualifying at a Regional Event is required.

Junior Team USA qualifier. Selected finishers (Semifinalists in 18- and 16-; Finalists in 14-) earn a spot on the team, plus qualify for goodwill tours abroad and international competition. Also encourages junior racquetball competition and the formation of state junior teams, (an overall state "team championship" trophy is also awarded).

National Doubles Championships (October)

Established: 1968

U.S. National Team Qualifier. Men's and Women's Open finalists earn positions on the team, and qualify for international competition through semi-annual "team trials." Also encourages development of racquetball as a lifetime sport, with additional competitive age divisions offered in five-year increments between 19+ and 80+. An overall "state team championship" trophy is also awarded.

U.S. OPEN (November)

Established: 1995

Pro Tour Showcase. Although not a national championship in its own right, this event was designed to provide a marquee event for the sport of racquetball, featuring competition among the top men's and women's pro tour athletes, plus amateur age & skill level competition. The pro competition, which made its debut in 1996, offers the largest cash award structure in the sport.

Don't Panic ...

If you are a World champion (team, senior or junior), you won't find your record listed in this particular offprint. We've revised our timetable for publishing that information, which will now appear in the separate 1998 Factbook — which is scheduled to appear in the September/October issue of RACQUETBALL. — Editor.

national singles champions

Men's Open	Women's Open
1997 Dan Obremski (Pa.)	Michelle Gould (Idaho)
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 Lindsay Meyers (Canada)	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
1997 Ralph Cuesta (Fla.)	Yesenia Delbusto (Fla.)
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 All-Age	Women's All-Age
1997 Rob DeJesus (N.M.)	Kerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
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+
1997 Rich Baer (N.Y.)	Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1996 Kevin Graham (Wis.)	Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1995 James Lorello (Fla.)	Kim Russell (Ga.)

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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+

1997 Gregg Peck (Texas) Lorraine Galloway (N.Y.)
 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 Corcoran (Ariz.) Linda Porter (Ill.)
 1989 Mark Morrison (Fla.) Susan Morgan (Fla.)
 1988 Bobby Corcoran (Ariz.) Susan Morgan (Fla.)
 1987 Bill Land (La.) Susan Morgan (Fla.)
 1986 Bobby Corcoran (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 (Okla.) Carol Frenck (Va.)

Men's 35+ Women's 35+

1997 Tim Hansen (Fla.) Debbie Tisinger (Calif.)
 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 Tuckman (Fla.)
 1986 Craig Kunkel (Calif.) Eileen Ehrlich (Fla.)
 1985 Ed Remen (Va.) Martha Callahan (Mass.)
 1984 Jay Schwartz (Fla.) Barb Tennessen (Minn.)
 1983 Johnny Hennen (Tenn.) Barb Tennessen (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.)

Men's 40+ Women's 40+

1997 Ruben Gonzalez (N.Y.) Mary Bickley (Pa.)
 1996 Tom Travers (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.) Meri Jean 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+

1997 Mitt Layton (Fla.) Janet Myers (N.C.)
 1996 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+

1997 Ed Remen (N.C.) Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
 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.)

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Men's 55+	Women's 55+
1997 Bobby Sanders (Ohio) . . . Sharon Hastings-Welty (Ore.)	
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+
1997 Jerry Stoltmann (Wis.) . . . Jo Kenyon (Fla.)	
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 Svensen (Calif.)	
1982 Art Payne (Ohio)	
1981 Don Goddard (Mont.)	
1980 Fred Vetter (Wis.)	
1979 Ed Lowrence (Tenn.)	

Men's 65+	Women's 65+
1997 Otis Chapman (Ohio) . . . Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)	
1996 Victor Sacco (N.Y.) . . . No division	
1995 Joe Lambert (Texas) . . . Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)	
1994 Joe Lambert (Texas) . . . Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)	
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 Low Acuff (Va.)	
1988 Luzell Wilde (Utah) . . . Mary Low Acuff (Va.)	
1987 Luzell Wilde (Utah) . . . Mary Low Acuff (Va.)	
1986 Luzell Wilde (Utah) . . . Mary Low 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+	Women's 70+
1997 Fintan Kilbride (Canada) . . . Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)	
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.)	
1988 Luzell Wilde (Utah)	
1987 Alan Shepherd (Md.)	
1986 Alan Shepherd (Md.)	
1985 Ike Gumer (Ky.)	
1984 Ike Gumer (Ky.)	

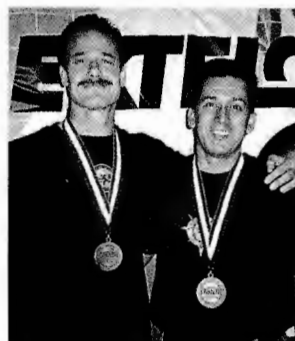
Men's 75+	Men's 80+
1997 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	1997 George Spear (N.Y.)
1996 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	1996 Allen Shepherd (Md.)
1995 Luzell Wilde (Utah)	1995 Allen Shepherd (Md.)
1994 Earl Acuff (N.C.)	1994 John Pearce (Texas)
1993 Luzell Wilde (Utah)	1993 Jack Daly (Va.)
1992 Allen Shepherd (Md.)	1992 John Pearce (Texas)
1991 Allen Shepherd (Md.)	1991 John Pearce (Texas)
1990 Allen Shepherd (Md.)	
1989 Ike Gumer (Ky.)	
1988 John Pearce (Texas)	

Men's Wheelchair	Women's Wheelchair
1996 Rick Slaughter (Tenn.) . . . No division	
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.)	
1983 Jim Leatherman (Md.) . . . Stacy Norman (Tenn.)	
1982 Jim Leatherman (Md.)	

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

1998 ••• USRA NATIONAL & WORLD EVENTS
March 6-8 Wilson USRA 11th U.S. National High Schools
March 25-29 E-Force USRA 26th U.S. National Intercollegiates
April 01-04 NMRA U.S. Golden Masters: Pittsburgh
April 03-11 PARC 12th Tournament of the Americas: Winnipeg
April 16-19 Ektelon USRA Regional Qualifier Series: Nationwide
May 20-25 Ektelon USRA 31st U.S. National Singles: Houston
June 27-July 1 Ektelon USRA 25th U.S. Junior Olympics: Portland
July 10-18 IRF Ektelon 9th World Championships: BOLIVIA
July 22-25 NMRA International Masters: Las Vegas
Sept. 01-05 IRF 10th World Senior Championships: Albuquerque
Oct. 14-18 Ektelon USRA 31st National Doubles: Baltimore
Nov. 11-15 Promus Hotels 3rd U.S. OPEN: Memphis
Dec. 18-22 IRF ProKennex 10th World Juniors: Fountain Valley
1999 •••
January USRA Leadership Conference: Colorado Springs
Jan. 29-31 Women's Senior/Master Championships: Des Plaines

national doubles champions



1997 Medalists!

Top to Bottom:
Ken Goldstein & Jaime Boucher (Skill/4th)
• Gene Pare & Gil Cepeda (40+/3rd) • Jeff Bell & Myron Hicks (25+/3rd) • Zack Miller & Greg Solis (Age/4th)



Men's Open Division

1997	Adam Karp/Bill Sell (Calif.)	Joy MacKenzie/Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)
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 Kamahoa (Va.)
1984	Dan Obremski (Pa.)/Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio)	Diane Bullard/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
1983	Steve Trent/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Carol Frenck/Malia Kamahoa (Va.)
1982	Steve Trent/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Tammy Hajjar/Beth Latini
1981	Ed Andrews/Mark Martino (Calif.)	Carol Frenck/Andrea Katz
1980	Jeff Kwartler/Mark Malowitz (Texas)	Karen Borga/Mary Ann Cluess
1979	Jeff Kwartler/Mark Malowitz (Texas)	Diane Bullard/Nancy Hamrick (Fla.)
1978	Jeff Kwartler/Dave Peck (Texas)	Fran Davis/Elaine Lee
1977	Steve Trent/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Karin Walton/Shannon Wright
1976	Gene Gibbs/Bob Kraut (Calif.)	Sue Carow/Kathy Williams
1975	Charlie Brumfield/Craig McCoy (Calif.)	Jenifer Harding/Janell Marriott
1974	David Charlson/Steve Strandemo (Mich.)	Ann Gorski/Peggy Steding
1973	Charlie Brumfield (Calif.)/Steve Serot (Mo.)	Ann Gorski/Peggy Steding
1972	Mike Luciw/George Rudysz (Mass.)	Kimberly Hill/Jan Pasternak
1971	Ken Porco/Mike Zeitman (Ky.)	
1970	Bob Wallace/Bob Yellin (Mich.)	
1969	Al Hyman/Mike Zeitman (Ky.)	
1968	Simie Fien/Jim White	

Women's Open Division

Men's Skill (A) Division

1997	Eric Henderson/Tommy Medina (Ariz.)	Michelle Draggo/Debbie Kennis (Mont.)
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 Montag/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.)

Women's Skill (A) Division

Men's All Age

1997	Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Andrew Haywood (Texas)	Cari Kresa/Jean Trimble (Fla.)
1996	Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Andrew Haywood (Texas)	Rachel Gellman (Ariz.)/Renee Ramirez (Texas)
1995	Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Steven Shapiro (Ga.)	Rachel Gellman (N.M.)/Lourdes 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 Digiaco (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 Digiaco (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.)	

Women's All Age

Men's 25+

1997	Tim Hansen/James Lorello (Fla.)	Susan Dale (Can.)/Karen Key (Ariz.)
1996	Tim Hansen/James Lorello (Fla.)	Teri Lawrence/Dori Moss (Fla.)
1995	Billy Perrone (Kan.)/Brad McCuniff (Iowa)	Chau Phan/Dina Moreland (Calif.)

Women's 25+

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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+

1997	Gregg Peck (Texas)/Bret Harnett (Calif.)	Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
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.)

Men's 35+

1997	Robin Dixon/Steve Lerner (Calif.)	Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler (Fla.)
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+

1997	Dave Azuma (Ore.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Elaine Dexter/Leslie Pawka (Calif.)
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 Dittich/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+

1997	Gene Pare/Stan Wright (Calif.)	Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
1996	Gene Pare/Stan Wright (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)

Women's 30+



1997 Medalists! Top to Bottom: Elaine Dexter & Leslie Pawka (40+/1st) • Debbie Kennis & Michelle Dragoo (Skill /1st) • Deb Tisinger & Mae Chin Varon (30+/2nd) • Jean Trimble & Cari Kresa (Age/1st, 40+/2nd)



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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+
1997 Tom Hanson/Mike Pawka (Calif.)	Nidia Funes/Merijean Kelley (Calif.)
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 Dittrich (Minn.)	Kathy Mueller (Minn.)/Sylvia Sawyer (Utah)
1989 Monte McCuniff/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's 55+	Women's 55+
1997 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.)	Joy DeSantis (Calif.)/Gail Schaefer (Md.)
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+
1997 Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.)	Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (Ill.)
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+
1997 Don Alt (Fla.)/Otis Chapman (Ohio)
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.)
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)

1997 Mixed Division Medalists! Below L-R:
 Susan Hendricks & Joe Hassey (40+/3rd)
 • Joy DeSantis & Bob Webster (55+/2nd) •
 JoAnn & Duane Russell (65+/1st, 60+/3rd)



- 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+

- 1997 Joe Goldman (Mass.)/Joe Lambert (Texas)
- 1996 Philip Dziuk (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+

- 1997 Nick Sans/Lake Westphal (Calif.)
- 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

- 1997 Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)/Jimmy Lowe (Alaska)
- 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 Kamahoa (Va.)/Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio)
- 1983 Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)

Mixed Skill (A)

- 1997 Linda Mojer (Colo.)/Larry DeSorbo (Ariz.)
- 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 (formerly 19+)

- 1997 No Division
- 1996 Ileana Villareal/Alain Pujolar (Fla.)
- 1995 Lisa McLaws/Brian Mirich (Calif.)
- 1994 Laura Fenton (Mass.)/Rick Decastro (Md.)
- 1993 Laura Wall/Marko Perez (Calif.)

Mixed 25+

- 1997 Jody Nance/Marko Perez (Calif.)
- 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 (Fla.)

Mixed 30+

- 1997 Jody Nance/Marko Perez (Calif.)
- 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.)
- 1992 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)
- 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+

- 1997 Malia Bailey/Mark Baron (Va.)
- 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+

- 1997 Elaine Dexter (Calif.)/David Azuma (Ore.)
- 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+

- 1997 Shelley Ogden (Ohio)/Mike Stephens (Mich.)
- 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+

- 1997 Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)
- 1996 Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)
- 1995 Nidia Funes/Denis Lose (Calif.)
- 1994 Rose Stoltzman (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+

- 1997 Nidia Funes (Calif.)/Les Ditttrich (Minn.)
- 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+

- 1997 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Jay Krevsky (Pa.)
- 1996 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)
- 1995 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)

Mixed 65+

- 1997 JoAnn Russell/Duane Russell (Mich.)

Mixed 75+

- 1997 No division
- 1996 Mary Low & Earl Acuff (N.C.)

national junior champions

Boys 18 and under.		Girls 18 and under	
1997	Mark Bloom (La.)	1997	Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)
1996	Eric Storey (Ind.)	1996	Sadie Gross (S.D.)
1995	Shane Wood (Mass.)	1995	Sadie Gross (S.D.)
1994	Shane Wood (Mass.)	1994	Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1993	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	1993	Kerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1992	Jason Mannino (N.Y.)	1992	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1991	John Ellis (Calif.)	1991	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1990	Joel Bonnett (Mich.)	1990	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1989	Mike Guidry (Texas)	1989	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1988	Mike Guidry (Texas)	1988	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1987	David Simonette.	1987	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1986	Todd O'Neil (Va.)	1986	Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1985	Jeff Conine (Calif.)	1985	Dina Pritchett
1984	Doug Ganim (Ohio)	1984	Toni Bevelock
1983	Ray Navarro (Rexas)	1983	Trina Rasmussen
1982	Corey Brysman (Calif.)	1982	Marcy Drexler
1981	Jack Newman (Ill.)	1981	Mona Mook (Calif.)
1980	Sergio Gonzales (Fla.)	1980	Mona Mook (Calif.)
1979	Doug Cohen (Md.)	1979	Linda Hogan
1978	Scott Hawkins (Calif.)	1978	Lislie Lindskog
1977	Jeff Larson (Wash.)		
1976	Bob Adam Jr. (Wis.)		
1975	Marty Hogan (Mo.)		
1974	Jerry Zuckerman (Mo.)		

Boys 16 and under.		Girls 16 and under	
1997	Ryan Staten (Kan.)	1997	Brooke Crawford (Ore.)
1996	Rocky Carson (Calif.)	1996	Sara Borland (Iowa)
1995	Rocky Carson (Calif.)	1995	Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
1994	Eric Storey (Ind.)	1994	Sadie Gross (S.D.)
1993	David Hamilton (Ohio)	1993	Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1992	Shane Wood (Mass.)	1992	Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1991	Jason Mannino (N.Y.)	1991	Amber Frisch (Texas)
1990	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	1990	Jenny Spangenberg (Calif.)
1989	John Ellis (Calif.)	1989	Jenny Spangenberg (Calif.)
1988	John Ellis (Calif.)	1988	Heather Dunn (Mass.)
1987	Joey Paraiso (Calif.)	1987	Timi Dodson
1986	Tim Doyle (Ohio)	1986	Tanya Spangler
1985	Scott Richbourg (Fla.)	1985	Claudia McCarthy (Fla.)
1984	Mike Lowe	1984	Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1983	Cliff Swain (Mass.)	1983	Michelle Morrow
1982	Jeff Mulligan	1982	Brenda Young
1981	Lance Lacour (La.)	1981	Lynn Wojcik (Texas)
1980	Gerry Price (Calif.)	1980	Stacy Fletcher
1979	John Klearman (Mo.)	1979	Liz Alvarado (Texas)
1978	John Egerman (Mo.)	1978	Linda Hogan (Mo.)

Boys 14 and under.		Girls 14 and under	
1997	Jack Huczek (Mich.)	1997	Melanie Mueller (Colo.)
1996	Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	1996	Krystal Csuk (Ill.)
1995	Ryan Staten (Kan.)	1995	Sara Borland (Iowa)
1994	Rocky Carson (Calif.)	1994	Katie Gould (Mo.)
1993	Rocky Carson (Calif.)	1993	Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
1992	Mark Hurst (Fla.)	1992	Sadie Gross (Minn.)
1991	Shane Wood (Mass.)	1991	Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1990	Jason Mannino (N.Y.)	1990	Amy Jerdee (Iowa)
1989	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	1989	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1988	Allan Engel (Fla.)	1988	Jenny Spangenberg (Calif.)
1987	John Ellis (Calif.)	1987	Jenny Lee
1986	Robby Walden (Fla.)	1986	Erica Wilhite
1985	Joey Paraiso (Calif.)	1985	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1984	Scott Pekovich	1984	Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
1983	David Simonette (Md.)	1983	Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1982	David Simonette (Md.)	1982	Crystal Fried (Canada)
1981	Luis Miranda (Texas)	1981	Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1980	Luis Miranda (Texas)	1980	Noelle Kundinger
1979	David Gross (Mo.)	1979	Donna Allen

Boys 12 and under.		Girls 12 and under	
1997	Steven Klaiman (Texas)	1997	Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1996	Jack Huczek (Mich.)	1996	Crystal Winfrey (Ohio)
1995	Jack Huczek (Mich.)	1995	Kristen Walsh (Utah)
1994	Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	1994	Rebecca Dolloff (Texas)
1993	Gabe Gose (N.M.)	1993	Sara Borland (Iowa)
1992	Rocky Carson (Calif.)	1992	Jamie Trachsel (Minn.)
1991	Hal Spangenberg (Calif.)	1991	Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
1990	Eric Storey (Utah)	1990	Dawn Gates (Ill.)
1989	Shane Wood (Mass.)	1989	Shannon Feaster (D.C.)
1988	Andy Thompson	1988	Aimee Roehler
1987	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	1987	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1986	Nicky Xynidis (Fla.)	1986	Talya Dodson
1985	John Ellis (Calif.)	1985	Erica Wilhite (Ohio)
1984	Jeff Russell (Calif.)	1984	Jackie Charboneau
1983	Nolan Glantz (N.Y.)	1983	Kimberly Pinola
1982	James Lorello (Fla.)	1982	Tanya Spangler
1978	David Gross (Mo.)	1978	Lyn Wojek (Calif.)

Boys 10 and under.		Girls 10 and under	
1997	Charlie Pratt (Ore.)	1997	Ashley Leggett (Ore.)
1996	Jeremy Robbins (Texas)	1996	Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1995	Steven Klaiman (Texas)	1995	Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1994	Jack Huczek (Mich.)	1994	Crystal Winfrey (Ohio)
1993	Jack Huczek (Mich.)	1993	Rebecca Dolloff (N.M.)
1992	Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	1992	Rebecca Dolloff (N.M.)
1991	Gabriel Gose (N.M.)	1991	Sara Borland (Iowa)
1990	R.O. Carson (Calif.)	1990	Jamie Trachsel (Minn.)
1989	Hal Spangenberg (Calif.)	1989	Dawn Gates (Ill.)
1988	Brent Zimmerman	1988	Debra Derr (Fla.)
1987	Wesley Miller (Tenn.)	1987	Dawn Marie Gates (Ill.)
1986	Jon Xynidis (Fla.)	1986	Alyssa Boland
1985	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	1985	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
1984	Joaquin Marieta	1984	Talya Dodson
1983	John Ellis (Calif.)	1983	Erica Wilhite (Ohio)
1982	John Gillooly (Mass.)	1982	Talya Sanders
1981	John Gillooly (Mass.)	1981	Heather Adler (Conn.)
1980	Matt Rudich (Nev.)	1980	Delainie Comer (Calif.)
1979	David Simonette (Md.)	1979	Tammy Horrocks

Boys 8 and under.		Girls 8 and under	
1997	Nick Arturo (Alaska)	1997	Brittany Leggett (Ore.)
1996	Andrew Grissom (Calif.)	1996	Ashley Wilhite (Ore.)
1995	Matthew Hammond (Ohio)	1995	Kelley Fisher (Ohio)
1994	Geoffrey Mora (Calif.)	1994	Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1993	Steven Klaiman (Texas)	1993	Kim Irons (Ohio)
1992	Jack Huczek (Mich.)	1992	Molly Law (Colo.)
1991	Jack Huczek (Mich.)	1991	Karina Odegard (Canada)
1990	Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	1990	Alexis Feaster (D.C.)
1989	Gabriel Gose (N.M.)	1989	Suzette Solomon (Ind.)
1988	Jacob Gautreau (Texas)	1988	Jamie Trachsel (Minn.)

Boys 8- multibounce		Girls 8- multibounce	
1997	Brandon Callihan (Alaska)	1997	Brittany Leggett (Ore.)
1996	Justin Erdman (Ohio)	1996	Trina Harper (Wis.)
1995	Matthew Hammond (Ohio)	1995	Kelley Fisher (Ohio)
1994	Jeremy Robbins (Texas)	1994	Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1993	Brandon Shoemaker (Ohio)	1993	Kim Irons (Ohio)
1992	Evan Honigsfeld (Texas)	1992	Molly Law (Colo.)
1991	Jimmy Rodberg (Minn.)	1991	Karina Odegard (Canada)
1990	Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	1990	Alexis Feaster (D.C.)
1989	Gabriel Gose (N.M.)	1989	Lynn Hansen (Iowa)
1988	Shane Vanderson (Ohio)	1988	Jamie Trachsel (Minn.)
1987	Jon Boyett	1987	Dawn Marie Gates (Ill.)
1986	Jon Boyett	1986	Dawn Marie Gates (Ill.)
1985	Wesley Miller (Tenn.)	1985	Christine VanHees (Canada)
1984	Scott Zimmerman	1984	Christine VanHees (Canada)
1983	Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.)	1983	Kelli Fisher (Ohio)

~~national junior champions~~

Boy's 18- Doubles

- 1997 Rocky Carson/Tyler Siggins (Calif.)
- 1996 Mark Bloom/Eric Storey
- 1995 David Hamilton/Eric Storey
- 1994 Justin Bell/Shane Wood
- 1993 Jason Mannino/Sudsy Monchik
- 1992 Alan Engel/Brett Parker
- 1991 John Ellis/Eric Muller
- 1990 Joel Bonnett/Vince Kelley

Boy's 16- Doubles

- 1997 James Ford (Wy.)/Ryan Staten (Kan.)
- 1996 Brandon Henline/Willie Tilton
- 1995 Mark Bloom/Bucky Freeman
- 1994 Mark Hurst/John Stanford
- 1993 Eric Storey/Brent Zimmerman
- 1992 Jason Armbricht/Shane Dodge
- 1991 Craig Czyz/Jon Xynidis
- 1990 Jason Mannino/Sudsy Monchik

Boy's 14- Doubles

- 1997 Matt McElhiney (Fla.)/Zack Miller (Calif.)
- 1996 Jason Janson/Shane Vanderson
- 1995 James Ford/Ryan Staten
- 1994 Brandon Friend/Dan Gottleib
- 1993 Mark Bloom/Bucky Freeman
- 1992 Eric Storey/Brent Zimmerman
- 1991 Wes Miller/Shane Wood
- 1990 Jaron Icenogle/Scott Zimmerman

Boy's 12- Doubles

- 1997 Seth Parker (Pa.)/Travis Woodbury (Va.)
- 1996 Jack Huczek/Cory Martin
- 1995 Jack Huczek/Matthew McElhiney
- 1994 Jason Jansen/Shane Vanderson
- 1993 Jeff Garner/Ryan Staten
- 1992 Gabe Gose/Willie Tilton
- 1991 Hal Spangenberg/Robbie Thompson
- 1990 Eric Storey/Brent Zimmerman

Boy's 10- Doubles

- 1997 Andrew Grisson (Calif.)/Matt Johnson (N.M.)
- 1996 Geoffrey Mora/Jeremy Robbins
- 1995 Clay Burris/John Hellner
- 1994 Jim Gooden/Juan Martinez
- 1993 Jack Huczek/Andrew Mead
- 1992 Dan Thompson/Shane Vanderson
- 1991 Gabe Gose/Kane Waselenchuk
- 1990 Jake Gautreau/Rusty Moulton

Girl's 18- Doubles

- 1997 Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)/Vanessa Tulao (Ala.)
- 1996 Dawn Gates/Rhonda Rajsich
- 1995 Rhonda Rajsich/Vanessa Tulao
- 1994 Tammy Brockbank/Sadie Gross
- 1993 Andrea Beugen/Shannon Feaster
- 1992 Rachel Gellman/Elkova Icenogle
- 1991 Rachel Gellman/Jenny Spangenberg
- 1990 Elkova Icenogle/Rusti Icenogle

Girl's 16- Doubles

- 1997 Megan Bals/Maggie DeBord (Neb.)
- 1996 Sara Borland/Katie Gould
- 1995 Jill Brittain/Liana Kerwood
- 1994 Rhonda Rajsich/Vanessa Tulao
- 1993 Debra Derr/Alison Thomas
- 1992 Andrea Beugen/Shannon Feaster
- 1991 Amy Crocker/Britt Engel
- 1990 Hayden May/Jenny Spangenberg

Girl's 14- Doubles

- 1997 Molly Law/Melanie Mueller (Colo.)
- 1996 Jeni Fuller/Kristen Walsh
- 1995 Davina Bloom/Meghan Guardini
- 1994 Jill Brittain/Liana Kerwood
- 1993 Rhonda Rajsich/Vanessa Tulao
- 1992 Rhonda Rajsich/Vanessa Tulao
- 1991 Debra Derr/Amy Meyer
- 1990 Andrea Beugen/Shannon Feaster

Girl's 12- Doubles

- 1997 Adrienne Fisher/Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
- 1996 Kimberly Irons/Crystal Winfrey
- 1995 Jeni Fuller/Kristen Walsh
- 1994 Eve Bateman/Rebecca Dolloff
- 1993 Sara Borland/Keeley Brannigan
- 1992 Liana Kerwood/Booie Markus
- 1991 Dawn Gates/Jamie Trachsel
- 1990 Debra Derr/Amy Meyer

Girl's 10- Doubles

- 1997 Ashley Legget/Ashley Wilhite (Ore.)
- 1996 Adrienne Fisher/Jesi Fuller
- 1995 Adrienne Fisher/Jesi Fuller
- 1994 Kimberly Irons/Crystal Winfrey
- 1993 No division
- 1992 No division
- 1991 Sara Borland/Lynn Hansen
- 1990 Lynn Hansen/Jamie Trachsel

Mixed 18- Doubles

- 1997 Liana Kerwood (Ore.)/Erin Brannigan (Idaho)
- 1996 Dawn Gates/Alex Spaeth
- 1995 Sadie Gross/Willie Tilton

Mixed 16- Doubles

- 1997 Megan Bals/David Liakos (Neb.)
- 1996 Liana Kerwood/Ryan Edmiston
- 1995 Vanessa Tulao/Jed Bhuta

Mixed 14- Doubles

- 1997 Krystal Csuk (Ill.)/Adam Taylor (Ind.)
- 1996 Krystal Csuk/Seth Taylor
- 1995 Lindsay Sears/Seth Taylor

Mixed 12- Doubles

- 1997 Kimberly Irons/Brandon Shoemaker (Ohio)
- 1996 Crystal Winfrey/Jack Huczek
- 1995 Crystal Winfrey/Jack Huczek

Mixed 10- Doubles

- 1997 Brandie Hanson/Charlie Pratt (Ore.)
- 1996 Jesi Fuller/Jeremy Robbins
- 1995 Lindsay Deutsch/Steven Klaiman

By special request ... We've added doubles results for Junior Olympics as far back as was easily retrievable at press time. Results before 1990 will have to be researched before being added to the official national champions list, along with state affiliations. It's a considerable project, but we'll work on it for the next printing!

national intercollegiate champions

Men's #1 Singles	Women's #1 Singles
1997 Brian Simpson, Indiana Univ.	Tammy Brockbank, Boise State
1996 Eric Muller, Harvard	Tammy Brockbank, Treasure Valley CC
1995 Shane Wood, Nichols College	Tammy Brockbank, Treasure Valley CC
1994 Tim Sweeney, SMSU	Kerri Stoffregen, MSU
1993 Tim Sweeney, SMSU	Tanya Spangler, San Jose State
1992 Tim Sweeney, SMSU	Cindy Doyle, Coastline CC
1991 Tim Sweeney, SMSU	Elaine Hooghe, Franklin Univ.
1990 Todd O'Neil, MSU	Kim Russell, Univ./Kentucky
1989 Jimmy Floyd, Univ./Mich.	Cindy Doyle, MSU
1988 Michael Bronfeld, SAC	Robin Levine, SAC
1987 Andy Roberts, MSU	Toni Bevelock, MSU
1986 Roger Harripersad, SAC	Crystal Fried, SAC
1985 Andy Roberts, MSU	Crystal Fried, SAC
1984 Andy Roberts, MSU	Kathy Gluvna, MSU
1983 Jack Newman, MSU	Kathy Gluvna, MSU
1982 Jack Newman, MSU	Tammy Hajjar, Marist College
1981 Larry Fox, Univ./Mich.	Barbara Faulkenberry, AFA
1980 Keith Dunlap, MSU	Barbara Faulkenberry, AFA

Men's A Singles	Women's A Singles
1979 Keith Dunlap, MSU	Barbara Faulkenberry, AFA
1978 John Dunlap, MSU	Carolyn Ghelardini, Univ./Ill.
1977 John Dunlap, MSU	Janet Marshall, MSU
1976 John Lynch, Univ./Ill.	Sarah Green, MSU
1975 Steve Smith, MSU	Martha Byrd, Univ./Fla.
1974 Randy Stafford, TN	
1973 Jerry Hilecher, MSU	

Team Results
1997 Brigham Young Univ. (BYU)
1996 Brigham Young Univ. (BYU)
1995 Brigham Young Univ. (BYU)
1994 SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
1993 SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
1992 SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
1991 SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
1990 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1989 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1988 Sacramento State (SAC)
1987 Sacramento State (SAC)
1986 Sacramento State (SAC)

1985 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1984 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1983 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1982 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1981 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1980 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1979 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1978 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1977 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1976 University of Illinois
1975 Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
1974 University of Tennessee
1973 University of Illinois

Men's #1 Doubles

1997 Luis Bustillos/Javier Moreno, Univ./S. Colo.
1996 Javier Moreno/Luis Munoz, Univ./S. Colo.
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

1997 Cindy Richards/Darla Wenger, BYU
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 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 Marshall/Debbie Vinson, MSU

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national high school champions

	Boys #1 Singles	Girls #1 Singles
1997	Erin Brannigan (Idaho)	Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)
	Sandpoint High School	Thunderbird High School
1996	Eric Storey (Ind.)	Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)
	Lawrence North High School	Thunderbird High School
1995	Eric Storey (Ind.)	Vanessa Tulao (Tenn.)
	Lawrence North High School	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 High School	Placer High School
1990	Joel Bonnett (Mich.)	Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
	Forest Hills Central High School	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

	Boys Doubles
1997	Mike Harmon/Larry Peek (Sarasota HS, Fla.)
1996	Mike Harmon/Larry Peek (Sarasota HS, Fla.)
1995	Brit Berkey/Bryan Berkey (R. Nelson Snider HS)
1994	Jaime Alexander/Andrew Haywood (Nacogdoches HS, Texas)
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
1997	Liana Kerwood/Christina Lewendal (Beaverton HS, Ore.)
1996	Erin Frost/Brooke Crawford (Henley HS, Ore.)
1995	Dianne Torrey/Meghan Guardiani (Notre Dame Academy, Mo.)
1994	Katie Gould/Christy Gould (Lafayette HS, Mo.)
1993	Dianne Torrey/Stephanie Torrey (Notre Dame Academy, Mo.)
1992	Jennifer Modica/Stacey Olson (St. Joseph's Academy, 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
1997	Melissa Harmon/Mike Harmon (Sarasota HS, Fla.)
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.)

	Team Results
1997	Beaverton High School (Beaverton, Ore.)
1996	Beaverton High School (Beaverton, Ore.)
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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Men's A Women's A

1997 David Guentert (Kan.) Deb Fiordilino (N.Y.)
1996 Daniel Pischke (Wash.) Michele Kinaan (Calif.)
1995 Ryan Staten (Kan.) No division

Men's B Women's B

1997 Anthony Borden (Texas) Kristen Kovar (Neb.)
1996 Sam Ryder (Wis.) Yesenia Delbusto (Fla.)
1995 Jim Gignilliat (Fla.) No division

Men's C Women's C

1997 Marc Claybon (Ohio) Terry Truvillion (Mich.)
1996 Kazushige Oikawa (Japan) Heather Elliott (Fla.)
1995 Jason Hunt (Ind.) Michele Thomas (Ill.)

Men's D Women's D

1997 Joe Schmitz (Ark.) Rhonda Lindenman (Okla.)
1996 Leonard Toth (Texas) Terry Truvillion (Mich.)
1995 Manuel Rodriguez (Ind.) Dorothy McDavid (Ill.)

NATIONAL SKILL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

[Level Six event, established 1994]

Men's A Women's A

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

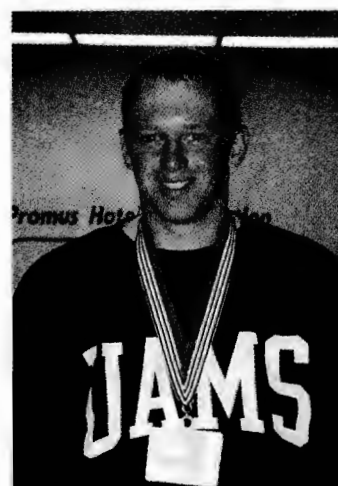
1994 Candy Masson/Concepcion Prat (Ga.)

Mixed A Doubles

1995 Nancy Abram/Charles Yaqkub (Calif.)

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The Evolution of the Backhand

By Mike Guidry

In the last issue, I went over the changes that the forehand has undergone over the past twenty years. The strokes have changed due to the advances in technology with racquets, balls, and training techniques. This issue has the second installment of the series, covering the backhand.

The backhand has undergone just as many changes in two decades. Remember, the goal is to have the most consistent, yet efficient, strokes possible. These adjustments won't come overnight so be patient and work on them gradually. The most important thing on the backhand is to swing level and hit the ball out in front of you. I hope that this article eases some of the backhand fears that many players have and actually make a few of you like it! Good luck.



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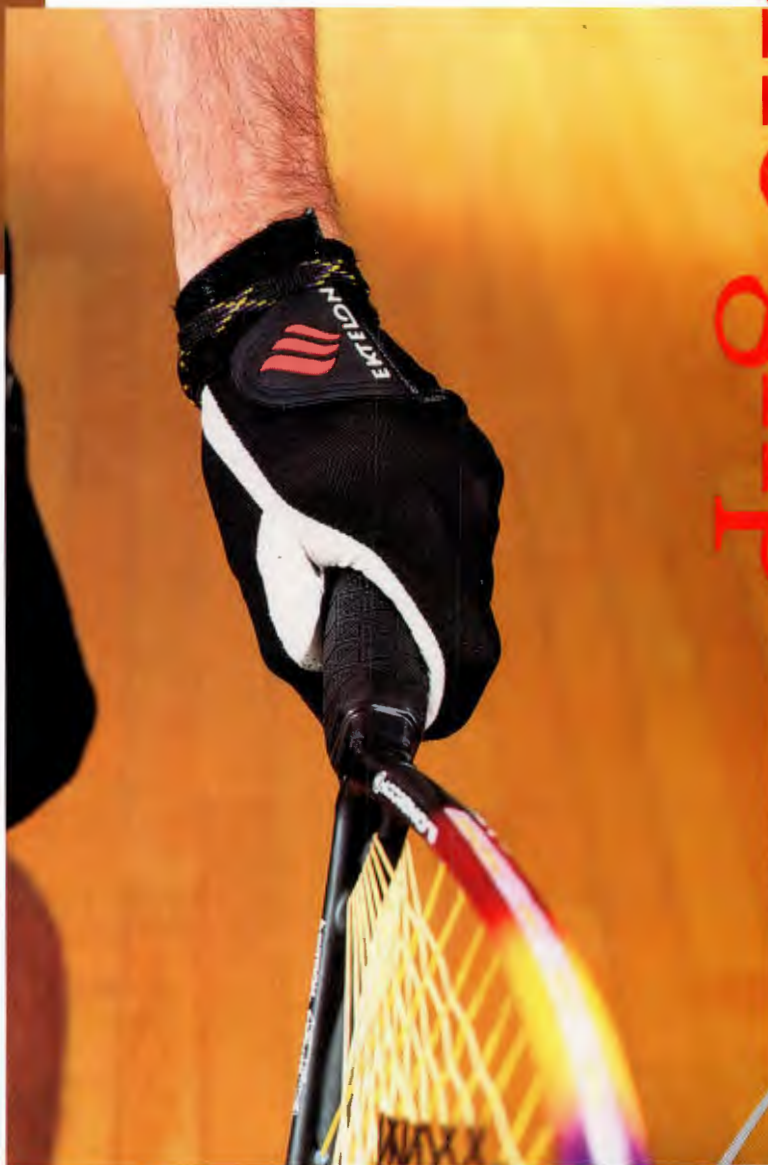
<< 70's

The grip used to be more on top of the racquet in the seventies because the ball was much slower and the game required more finesse. With this grip, it is very difficult to hit the ball flat without using what we call an "educated wrist." An educated wrist is not very consistent with the pace of today's game.

90's >>

The grip is rotated about one-quarter of a turn toward the front wall in order to make the racquet head parallel to the front wall. If you keep a forehand grip while hitting a backhand, the ball will have a tendency to rise. The rotated grip will help keep the ball level after contact, thus making for a much more consistent backhand.

Performance Tip: For players who only use one grip, try to rotate your grip slightly at first and then gradually rotate it more as it begins to feel more comfortable. Practice by yourself for a few days after switching grips because it will be more difficult to work on it in a game situation.



the grip

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70's >>

The racquet was typically in front of the face with the elbow down and the wrist curled. This style of racquet preparation generates very little power and also causes a pendulum swing, which is very inconsistent. Notice how close the racquet is to the body.



<< 90's

Today's professional players use a much more efficient and powerful racquet preparation and stroke. The racquet is reaching towards the back wall and away from the body (It is difficult to tell in the picture, but the racquet is reaching back). The racquet head is upright and the elbow is slightly bent, but level and away from the body. The wrist is straight and not curled as has been taught in the past. This way allows for a swing that is basically straight across and level.

Performance Tip: While doing drills, practice reaching back with your racquet while keeping the racquet head upright and your elbow away from your body. Try to avoid curling your wrist because it is only wasted motion that has no positive benefit.



elbow movement

<< 70's

The elbow moved in a downward motion going sharply across the body. This caused the contact point to be very close to the body with the racquet face open, which would often times cause the ball to slice.



90's >>

The elbow moves in a level motion that extends away from the body. This type of motion will cause the racquet to generate head speed as well as keep it level through contact. Notice in the picture how far away from the body the elbow is. That is the key in the backhand stroke.

Performance Tip: When practicing, drop the ball farther away from your body so that you have to extend to hit it. Don't step into the ball to get closer to it. You want to make yourself reach out with your arm and racquet. Also, concentrate on keeping the racquet head level throughout the swing.



contact point

70's >>

The contact point was very close to the body and in the middle of the stance. This contact point is the result of a pendulum swing. It makes it very difficult to have much control over your shots.



<< 90's

The ball is away from the body and out off of the front foot, for maximum power. The wrist will naturally snap and the racquet head should be level. Notice that the feet are spread apart and balanced. The elbow is straight and fully extended. The contact point is between knee and mid-thigh height, not ankle high (a nasty rumor that is going around ... hitting that low causes a pendulum swing which makes your backhand inconsistent). Hitting the ball out away from your body will keep the ball flatter as well as increase power tremendously.

Performance Tip: In practice, drop the ball out away from your body and slightly in front of your front toes. Drop the ball straight and not into the side wall (which makes the ball come into the body, causing the elbow to come in as well). Remember that when you step to hit the ball it will adjust your body position, therefore you must drop it in front so you have room to step into it. Practice extending for the ball, but maintaining balance.





<< 70's

The follow through of the past was a very high and short one. The racquet would end up by the player's head. This follow through causes the ball to rise, as well as puts spin on the ball. This was more effective in the days of slow balls and control style game. It can kill you in today's game because of the speed.

90's >>

The follow through is level after contact of the ball and rises to about shoulder level. The racquet, however, is away from the body and not close to the head. This will keep the ball on a level plane and minimize the chances of the ball flying on you. The follow through is the culmination of a consistent and efficient swing that will improve your game by four or five points per game.

Performance Tip: Concentrate on keeping your racquet head parallel to the ground throughout the swing.

You can visualize that you are hitting the ball off of a table and you have to keep the racquet level in order to hit the ball. The follow through will naturally rise slightly to about shoulder so that is OK.



follow through

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MAINS & CROSSES

By Steve Crandall

A STRING BUYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (and Obligations ...)



There may be a simple message underlying the longevity of this column (it's been running for over two years): racquet string is not a simple subject. Even though technical details of string and stringing can make a big difference in your game, I'll willingly acknowledge that the subject is not of earthshaking importance to a lot of players. Rather than taking the time to read these columns (or seek other sources of information on the subject), many players prefer to leave the decisions to their racquet stringers – and that's just fine, provided the stringer is both technically competent, and responsive to the player's needs.

Players who can't get excited about string, but who do take their game seriously, should therefore be willing to spend a few minutes periodically talking with their stringer. Players who do care about their equipment probably need no encouragement; they're more likely to want to discuss the subject at length, and they have a better understanding of the issues and the terminology involved. But regardless of whether you're a "string-focused" individual or not, your relationship with your stringer is important.

As with any relationship, there are expectations and obligations on both sides. In the interests of good service to players, and fairness to both parties, we've developed the following list of "rights and obligations" for buyers and sellers of racquet string and stringing services. (Ashaway is a String Supplier Member of the U.S. Racquet Stringers Association; this list is intended to supplement the USRSA's code of ethics, and not to contradict or replace it.)



The rights of customers for string and stringing services:

1. The right to confer with a knowledgeable stringing technician.

If the kid at the superstore who takes your racquet can't answer your questions or give useful advice, ask to talk with the individual who does the stringing. If they're one and the same, go elsewhere.

2. The right to obtain objective, unbiased advice about string and stringing options.

No stringer can be personally knowledgeable about every available string, or carry every brand in stock. But recommendations should be based on your needs as a player, not on profit margin.

3. The right to a professional-quality stringing job, performed according to the racquet manufacturer's specifications, and/or by agreement between the stringer and the customer.

There's just no excuse for shoddy workmanship.

4. The right to a choice of strings, enabling the customer to obtain the desired balance of properties (e.g., power, control, durability, price).

If you're not offered a choice of several racquetball strings, look out! You'll probably end up with leftover tennis string.

5. The right to receive service promptly, by the date promised.
'Nuff said?

6. The right to expect that every package of a particular string will be consistent in quality and performance.

This one is aimed mainly at the string manufacturer, who should practice modern quality control methods to

ensure good product. Stringers, however, can also play a role. Although modern string materials do not have a "shelf life," string should be stored in a reasonably stable environment, away from direct sunlight and excessive heat and humidity.

Customers also have the following Obligations:

1. **Obligation to describe your own skills, needs, and playing habits clearly and objectively when conferring with the stringing technician.**

The stringer can't make a sound recommendation if he or she doesn't understand your needs.

2. **Obligation to pay for work performed.**

'Nuff said, again?

3. **Obligation to pick up work promptly after completion.**

You authorized the work and expected it to be done on time. Please don't subject the stringer to the unnecessary liability of storing your racquet for an extended period, or make them wait to get paid.

4. **Obligation to understand that the performance-enhancing ability of any equipment is limited.**

You can expect a little extra power, durability, or control from the right string, but not a quantum leap in your performance as a player. Better play comes from practice and instruction.

5. **Obligation to understand that even the best stringing job has a limited lifespan.**

Eventually, all strings wear out, break, or lose their bounce. Make it a policy to replace them before they impair your game.



changingtimes • by Luke St. Onge

Having been with the USRA for a number of years, I have had the opportunity to attend over 14 state leadership conferences here at the Olympic Training Center. This

year's conference was very special, not only to the USRA, but to the sport. Over 35 states were present to take part in a jam-packed and highly-intense agenda. Sessions were offered on liability issues, junior development, rebates, sanctioning compliance, organic documents, media, **RACQUETBALL**, Internet and web sites, tournaments, sponsorship, the dynamic upgrading of AmPRO, a report on the new vibrant relationship with court club owners through IHRSA, as well as Olympic and Pan Am updates, and full presentations by virtually all of the industry's leaders.

Basically, this annual conference has become the USRA's national sales meeting and this year's presentation was different from those in the past. There was a notable absence of doomsayers ... no "apocalypse now" types, who have permeated our sport over the past 10

years. And why not? New blood, for the most part. Many current state leaders have grown up with the sport and understand it in a whole new light, quite possibly better than those in the past. The optimism, energy, and excitement shown by these leaders 'in the now' are driven by the USRA's new look and accomplishments, such as the broader focus of **RACQUETBALL** magazine, upgrading of premier national events, the unification of the manufacturers in promoting the sport, the U.S. Open, ESPN television coverage, 600,000 new players in 1996, the PAL program, and the agreement between the IRT and the USRA.

Our vision and our dreams for the sport are becoming a reality. New energy generated in the trenches gives racquetball a jump on its "competition." We have said many, many times that our volunteers are second to none. What they need is the leadership and tools to make it happen. That opportunity is now upon us ... where do you fit in? Are you a doomsayer, an apocalypse now person? Are you a complainer who only looks at the negative? Or are you part of the new energy, willing to help bring racquetball into the mainstream of sport in the Americas? It's your choice to become active and involved at a crucial time, and ... "lead, follow, or get out of the way!"

usra board of directors election & official ballot

There are four (4) 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:

- **Ballot must bear a legible signature, plus the mailing label from this publication, attached below where indicated.**
- **Member must have a current competitive license membership.**
- **Only one ballot per member may be cast (either with a national singles entry or this printed ballot in RACQUETBALL, not both).**
- **No more than three (3) persons may be chosen.**
- **Ballot must be received by MAY 6 (postmarked by May 4).**

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

- ☐ Lisa Goldman (AZ)
☐ John Guinta (OR)
☐ Jack Hughes (CA)
☐ Ron Maggard (MO)

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Lisa B. Goldman
Tucson, Arizona

My qualifications include: A M.S. degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, twenty plus years experience as a counselor and consultant working in the private sector, for State agencies, and for the last eight years in a self-employed capacity. I am on the board of directors for the foundation, Art has Heart, founded by Amado Peña. The foundation has successfully raised money to provide numerous scholarships to minority art students in the southwest. Additionally, I am an executive member of the Caballeros del Sol, the inter-city commerce and trade committee of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce. I believe I have good organizational skills, writing skills, interpersonal skills, and I work well as part of a team toward shared goals. I offer my skills and commitment to work diligently on behalf of the USRA board.

I have a loyalty and love for racquetball that has remained strong over the 20 years I've been playing as an amateur. Serving on the USRA board would afford me an opportunity to work with others to promote our sport. I am interested in working to see racquetball achieve Olympic competition status and in working very hard to see racquetball grow on a grass roots level.



John Guinta
Portland, Oregon

To this point, my experience and involvement with the USRA is primarily with the Junior players. I have dedicated the past 7 years helping develop, support, and promote Oregon Junior Racquetball. The OJRA has achieved two levels of recognition: 1). Junior memberships of 300+, and an exclusive Junior Championship tour. 2) Six consecutive Olympic Junior National Team Championships, 1992-97. I am now ready to move forward, directing all energy supporting my nomination to the Board of Directors this May. Is John Guinta the right person to represent the membership? His history shows dedication to achieve success. As important as the people we vote for, voting is equally important: Please cast your voice.

The following summarizes my qualifications: 1999 HS National (3/6-8) Portland, Oregon: Committee Chair; 1998 Junior Olympic National (6/27-7/1) Portland, Oregon: Chair; Current: Oregon Racquetball Assoc. Board member (2 years); Current: USRA Junior Council member (3 years); Current: Region # 15 Junior Commissioner (5 years); Annual Leadership Conference Attendee (5 years); Current: OJRA Vice-President, Board member since 1991; Current: USRA member: 10 years; USRA national competition: 10 years.



Jack Hughes
Foster City, California

In light of my complete involvement with racquetball, I believe that I am qualified to serve on the board of directors of the USRA. I am involved as a player, coach, state administrator and retailer.

I am a co-founder of the California Amateur Racquetball Association, which sanctions almost 100 tournaments per year, and have served on the board since 1984. I have filled a number of offices, including two terms as president. Presently I keep the player rankings, which includes over 5,000 entries, and act as Commissioner of Rules and Officiating, conducting clinics for certification of officials. I believe that my many years of service on the board of the largest state association will serve well if I am elected to the USRA board.

In the retail business I own and operate RacquetBall Plus, the pro shop at Royal Athletic Club in Burlingame, CA.

I would like to be elected to the board so that I can help direct the USRA toward further involvement with grass roots programs. I believe that more programs should be instituted in the clubs and YMCA's because that is where the major number of USRA amateur members are. I also believe that programs should be developed to bring recreational and club league players into the USRA.

If elected, I pledge to continue my commitment to our great sport on the national level and become a voice for the age division players, men and women.



Ron Maggard
Blue Springs, Missouri

I am honored to have been accepted as a candidate for the national USRA board. Please pass along to the rest of the Nominating Committee my appreciation for considering me a worthy representative of the sport of racquetball.

My qualifications rest with my long time association with racquetball both as a player and club owner. I have been afforded the opportunity to see racquetball from different views.

One view has allowed me to look at this sport through the eyes of a recreational and competitive player. I have been involved in tournaments and league play throughout the United States. In 1996, I was able to travel to Japan to participate on the International level. I am also quite active at my own club, playing 3-4 times a week.

As a club owner, my business connections in the industry have given me the chance to see racquetball through the eyes of the club management professionals, club members and general public. It is this view that I believe is most important to the sport.

As a board member, my goal would be to see how racquetball needs to improve its fit in the health and fitness industry. Clubs like mine are our main resource and we need to look at what is needed to strengthen our position in clubs and with club members. I want to lend my club experience to the blueprint of racquetball's future.

Thank you for your consideration and if you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me at my business (816) 228-2722 or home (816) 229-1300.

team news

New Junior Team Qualifying System

Following almost a full year of deliberation and fine-tuning by the Junior Council and the U.S. Junior Team coaching staff, the USRA Board of Directors approved a proposal to change the qualifying procedures for the Junior Team, effective this year. Preliminary revisions (which more closely align the junior selection process with its adult counterpart) were announced at last summer's Junior Olympic National Championships, and are based solely on athlete performance. Beginning with the first team qualifier of the season — the Wilson National High School Championships in March — players will automatically earn a one-year appointment to the Junior Team on the basis of their finishes in specific divisions at two national championships, as shown below:

Semi-finalists in 18- from Junior Nationals (8)

Semi-finalists in 16- from Junior Nationals (8)

Finalists in 14- from Junior Nationals (4)

Winners of High School Nationals (2)

Junior Team Fundraising

by Harvey Brannigan

The United States Junior Racquetball Team was established in 1990 by the United States Racquetball Association, with the intent of providing a vehicle to assist in the worldwide growth of the sport and its "Olympic Dream." Annual junior team trials are held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and the team competes in the IRF Junior World Championships each year. This past December, this year's team successfully defended its Junior World Team title in Fountain Valley, California.

The U.S. Junior Team coaching staff emphasizes the development of both athletic potential and leadership, with additional focus on academics, deportment, teaching skills, community service and dedication to the growth of racquetball. The coaching staff is molding athletes who are great racquetball players and also exemplary ambassadors for the United States Olympic Program.

Training and competing is a full-time, year-round commitment for each and every member of the team. Next summer the U.S. Junior Team will be making its annual international goodwill trip — most probably to Ireland — and each athlete needs to raise approximately \$2,000 in order to take part.

These athletes are looking for corporate sponsors and/or private donations to aid in this project. The USRA is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 corporation, recognized as the national governing body of the sport by the U.S. Olympic Committee — making all cash or in-kind contributions *tax deductible*.

If you are interested in helping the junior team in this international effort, please make your checks payable to "USRA/US Junior National Racquetball Team" and send them to the USRA/U.S. Junior Team Fund, 1685 West Uintah, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2921.

So far this year, Courtesy Sports has donated \$5,000 worth of products to help team members raise money for the international trip. If you'd like to find out how to become a major sponsor, please contact a member of the following U.S. Junior Team staff for details!

• **Harvey Brannigan**, Junior Team Fundraising Chairperson — 1170 Comeback Bay, Sagle, ID 83860 (phone) 208-265-4774 • **Eric Muller**, U.S. Junior Team Head Coach — 825 Harvard Business School Student Mail Center, Boston, MA 02138 — (phone) 617-384-0447 • **Jim Hiser**, USRA Assoc. ED/Programs, 1685 Uintah, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904-2921 (phone) 719-635-5396

Fly Fishing for Racquetball ??

In another creative effort to raise funds for the Junior Team, proud U.S. Junior Team Dads Mike Ford and Harvey Brannigan have come up with an unusual opportunity to win an exclusive Wilderness Guided Fishing Trip to Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming.

All entrants must be in good physical condition to be able to complete the special backwoods trip in July — and only 100 tickets for the drawing will be sold (at \$75.00/per) so your chances are pretty good! On May 31, a winner will be chosen at random to take part in a five-day pack-in drop camp where the average fish caught should be in the 1.5 - 2 pound range! Ten additional winners will receive Courtesy Sport products, and all proceeds will go to the USRA Junior Team to help defray the costs of their promotional tour to Ireland in August.

To purchase a ticket for the drawing, send your check made out to "Junior Team Trip" to: Harvey Brannigan, 1170 Comeback Bay, Sagle, Idaho 83860. Questions? Contact Harvey at: 208-265-4774.

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55+ A/B & 55+ C/D

NOTE: Due to expanded divisions, players may compete in only one consolation round.

Skill Qualifications

ALL players must qualify by competing in any division at a regional event [see back cover]. Skill division players must also be certified at their entered level, either through an AmPRO skill level certification (conducted by a AmPRO instructor) or through written validation from their state director (confirming competition at the entered level in 1998).

Certification must be completed within the four months directly preceding the National Singles.

Get Ready to Party ... at "the Finals!"

On Thursday — BBQ & Welcome Talent Show!

The Texas Amateur Racquetball Association [TARA] will host a real, down-home, Texas-style barbeque at mid-day at the YMCA. Later in the evening, event sponsors Ektelon and Penn will host a Welcome party and Talent Contest! Dancing and special events will begin at 8:30 and last throughout the evening. Five special talent acts (no longer than five minutes each) will compete for more than \$1,500 in cash and prizes. Any player or guest interested in competing in the talent contest should submit a letter outlining their specific talent to "The Finals - Talent Contest" - 1685 W. Uintah, Colorado Springs CO 80904-2921.

On Saturday — Pomp & Circumstance

Take part in the formal recognition of excellence on Saturday evening, with the USRA Annual Awards Banquet. You'll join the sport's best amateurs and pros in a special evening of "coming together" in the truest spirit of racquetball. The Hyatt's grand ballroom will host over 600 players and guests to honor outstanding performances from 1997 and also to induct new Hall of Famers, Athletes of the Year and other surprise award winners. Special entertainment in a "dinner-and-dancing" atmosphere will make this a memorable evening, win or lose.

On Friday — It's Casino Night!

Join your fellow athletes off-court, in games of luck and chance on Friday evening! For a special night of Las Vegas-style entertainment, a company specializing in casino-like games will host players and guests from 8:30 to 12:00 midnight at the Hyatt Regency. At the end of the evening lucky winners will be able to use their "bankrolls" to purchase special items from golf clubs to bicycles. Don't miss this great night of fun!

On Sunday — Planet Hollywood

We've arranged an evening out at Planet Hollywood for players and guests. Making its debut in Houston, Planet Hollywood's newest restaurant/bar will offer special drink and door prize coupons for racquetball patrons. Look for more information on this exciting opportunity when you arrive at the Finals!

All Week Long — Meet in the Park

Throughout the event, Finals Park will be "off-court central" for your relaxation, entertainment and socializing. One of the Y's large gymnasiums will be converted into a comfortable place for players to relax with tables, chairs, and music. You'll also be able to participate in daily contests such as free throw, putting, football and frisbee accuracy toss. A separate tent will house special lectures on topics including: stringing secrets, conditioning exercises, nutrition guidelines, rules & refereeing clinics, demonstrations and playing tips by Ektelon's top sponsored players, along with scheduled team meetings and other special events.

Phone United's U.S. Olympic Travel Desk, toll-free, at 800/841-0460 between 8:30 am and 8:00 pm EST weekdays. Then reference the special USRA conference account number — 514 VL — to receive the lowest available United fare!



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For divisions shown in blue, players must also be AmPRO certified in the skill level associated with their age group (A, B, C or D).

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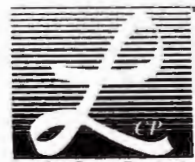
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- 8T. Kim Machiran, MO
- 8T. Lori Perino, MT

Women's 25+

1. Michelle Wiragh, MD
- 2T. Yesenia Delbusto, FL
- 2T. Elaine Mardas, OH
4. Tina Bragdon, CO
- 5T. Thelma Ruhlen, VA
- 5T. Jen Yokota, MO
- 7T. Peggine Callahan, CA
- 7T. Holly Remen, NC
- 7T. Jo Shattuck, CO
10. Kim Herrold, SC

Women's 30+

1. Lorraine Galloway, NY
2. B.J. Ehrgott, CT
3. Debbie Tisinger, CA
4. Lydia Hammock, CA
5. Holly Remen, NC
6. Lisa Marie Papp, GA
7. Bridget Barron, TX

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on results processed by
the national office as of:
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8. Teri Lawrence, FL
9. Mindy Hartstein, NY
10. Stacy Sour, CO

Women's 35+

1. Debbie Tisinger, CA
2. Denise Mock, TX
3. Lorraine Galloway, NY
4. Mary Bickley, PA
5. Carol Bastien, IL
- 6T. Mary Beke, AZ
- 6T. Roz Petronelli, MA
8. Jodi Paul, PA
- 9T. Kim Machiran, MO
- 9T. Janet Tyler, FL

Women's 40+

1. Jan Chayt, VA
2. Linda Moore, NE
- 3T. Karen Bouchard, FL
- 3T. Marcia Richards, CO
- 5T. Mary Bickley, PA
- 5T. Susan Hendricks, AZ
7. Jere Luttner, TX
8. Nancy Kronenfeld, IL
- 9T. Val Shewfelt, UT
- 9T. Jean Trimble, FL

Women's 45+

1. Judy Sands, NJ
2. Shelley Ogden, OH
3. Janet Myers, NC
4. Debbie Chaney, IN
- 5T. Renee Fish, FL
- 5T. Terry Ann Rogers, CA
7. Andee Glansberg, NY
8. Karen Weins, FL
- 9T. Nancy Kronenfeld, IL
- 9T. Carol Palombino, CA

Women's 50+

1. Agatha Falso, FL
2. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
3. Pattie Schof, LA
4. Merjean Kelley, CA
5. Nidia Funes, CA
6. Donna Johnson, ID
7. Gwen Benham, AR
- 8T. May Barber, VA
- 8T. Carol Pellowski, WI
- 8T. Kendra Tutsch, WI

Women's 55+

1. Gail Schaefer, MD
2. Rose Stoltmann, WI
3. Marquita Molina, CA
4. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
5. Jo Kenyon, FL
6. Pauline Kelly, IL
7. Mildred Gwinn, NC
- 8T. Nidia Funes, CA
- 8T. Annabelle Kovar, NE
10. Rose Hernandez, UT

Women's 60+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
2. Susan Embry, CA
3. Mary-Low Acuff, NC

4. Helen Dunsmoor, ID
5. Jane Graham, GA
6. Norma Carlisle, UT
7. Lola Markus, IL
- 8T. Naomi Eads, MO
- 8T. Ellie Sanchez, NM
10. Paula McNeish, FL

Women's 65+

1. Lola Markus, IL
2. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
3. B.G. Railey, Ky
4. Reta Harring, WI
- 5T. Louis Kiss, NM
- 5T. Paula McNeish, FL

Women's 70+

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
2. Dorothy Vezetinski, WA
3. Mary Lou Kackert, NM
4. Beth Keene, TX
5. Roberta Schoenfeld, NM

Women's 75+

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

Women's 80+

1. Zelda Friedland, NM

BOYS

Boy's 6 & Under

1. Not a Member, WI
2. Michael Kaupla, WI

B6- Multi-Bounce

1. Erick Podwill, OR
2. Ryan Noble, NC
3. Jake Bredenbeck, MN
4. John Sanderson, UT
- 5T. Mike Clark, OR
- 5T. Sean Wichers, NM
- 7T. Andrew Nunez, NM
- 7T. Devin Rojas, OR
- 9T. Diego Castaneda, NM
- 9T. Andres Garcia, CA

Boy's 8 & Under

1. Nick Arturo, AK
2. Jamin Godwin, FL
3. Mark Beaudry, CO
4. Allan Crockett, AL
5. Jansen Allen, TX
6. Conner Reynolds, GA
7. Brad Starken, WI
8. Matt Keddie, NH
- 9T. Kenneth Green Jr., GA
- 9T. Colin Stock, OR

B8- Multi-Bounce

1. Brandon Callihan, AK
2. Eric Noble, NC
3. Avery Zuck, OR
4. Matthew Machiran, MO

5. Matt Keddie, NH
6. Justin Asuncion, MA
7. Cam Grundman, MN
8. Colin Stock, OR
9. Tim Tilton, CO
10. Andy Bertagnoli, WI

Boy's 10-

1. Charley Pratt, OR
2. Joey Lakowske, OR
3. Eddie Mazur, CT
4. Drew Toland, AR
5. Chris Coy, OK
- 6T. Matthew Hammond, OH
- 6T. Matt Johnson, NM
8. Andrew Grissom, CA
9. Brad Starken, WI
10. Mike Keddie, NH

Boy's 12-

1. Steven Klaiman, TX
2. Brandon Shoemaker, OH
3. Clay Burris, FL
4. Patrick Debord, NE
5. Seth Parker, PA
6. Adrian Anulewicz, CT
7. Jacob Karmelin, GA
- 8T. Chris Coy, OK
- 8T. Andrew Kopf, NY
10. Chris Meyer, OR

Boy's 14-

1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Matthew McElhiney, FL
3. Bart Crawford, OR
4. Trevor Crowe, OR
- 5T. Michael Lawrence, AL
- 5T. Erik Leetch, AR
7. Bobby Tantalio, NY
- 8T. Joe Roth, PA
- 8T. Chad Walters, NC
- 8T. Joel Worthington, KS

Boy's 16-

1. Ryan Staten, KS
2. Jeffrey Garner, AL
3. Josh Tucker, MO
4. Mike Harmon, FL
5. Matt Gehling, MD
6. Brent Walters, NC
7. Marcus Hughes, GA
8. Fred Tantalio III, NY
9. Shane Vanderson, OH
10. Brad Jantz, WI

Boy's 18-

1. Mark Bloom, TX
2. Erin Brannigan, ID
3. Jeffrey Garner, AL
4. Rocky Carson, CA
5. Brandon Henline, GA
6. Willie Tilton, CO
7. Tyler Siggins, CA
8. Chris Crowther, CA
9. Larry Peek, FL
10. Bucky Freeman, TX

GIRLS

G6- Multi-Bounce

1. Nikki Robinson, OR
2. Brittany Legget, OR
3. Amber Hanson, OR
4. Kara Mazur, CT
- 5T. Jennifer Fenton, NE
- 5T. Dannielle Pimental, OR
7. Laurie Reid, CO
8. Lisa Reid, CO

Girl's 8 & Under

1. Brittany Legget, OR
2. Rebeka Kopf, NY
3. Shannon Inglesby, OR
4. Jenny Epstein, NY
5. Kara Mazur, CT
6. Dannielle Pimental, OR
7. Brandi Alexander, LA
8. Nikki Robinson, OR
9. Brooke Sudweeks, UT
10. Sarah Davis, AR

G8- Multi-Bounce

1. Brittany Legget, OR
2. Kara Mazur, CT
3. Shannon Inglesby, OR
4. Brooke Schulenberg, MN
- 5T. Melissa Garcia, NM
- 5T. Nikki Robinson, OR
7. Jenny Epstein, NY
8. Rebeka Kopf, NY
9. Sharon Jackson, IN
10. Alicin Schmeling, OK

Girl's 10-

1. Ashley Legget, OR
2. Brandie Hanson, OR
3. Kelley Fisher, OH
4. Ashley Willhite, OR

- 5T. Jenny Hough, MD
- 5T. Natalie Starken, WI
7. Nikki Winfrey, OH
- 8T. Jessie Ballard, UT
- 8T. Katie Lyons, FL
10. Kimberly Walsh, UT

Girl's 12-

1. Kimberly Irons, OH
2. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
3. Adrienne Fisher, OH
4. Jesi Fuller, NM
5. Lindsay Deutsch, TX
6. Mary Sweeney, NY
7. Derae Darling, OR
8. Brittany Larson, OK
9. Erica Beaudry, CO
10. Katherine Stock, OR

Girl's 14-

1. Melanie Mueller, CO
2. Kristen Walsh, UT
3. Krystal Csuk, IL
4. Crystal Winfrey, OH
5. Juliana Mayor, NY
6. Kristen Kovar, NE
7. Jeni Fuller, NM
8. Adva Buzi, TX
9. Amy Jo Hollingsworth, OR
10. Jen Ersek, NY

Girl's 16-

1. Brooke Crawford, OR
2. Megan Bals, NE
3. Maggie Debord, NE
4. Meghan Guardiani, MA
- 5T. Sara Borland, IA
- 5T. Jenn Swallow, PA
- 7T. Natasha Elmore, AR
- 7T. Not a Member, NY
9. Davina Bloom, LA
10. Michelle Gonzalez, OR

Girl's 18-

1. Rhonda Rajsich, AZ
2. Liana Kerwood, OR
3. Katie Gould, MO
4. Brooke Crawford, OR
5. Christina Lewendal, OR
6. Melissa Harmon, FL
- 7T. Sara Borland, IA
- 7T. Erin Frost, OR
- 7T. Vanessa Tulao, AL
10. Not a Member, MN

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.

MARCH

March 18

Singles Tune-Up
The Alaska Club East
Anchorage, AK
907-337-9550

March 20

Ektelon Series
Severna Park R & N
Club – Millersville, MD
410-315-7900

Jewish Community
Center Doubles
TBA, NY
315-782-1500

Little Rock Spring Open
Little Rock Athletic Club
Little Rock, AR
501-868-7815

March Madness
Oak Park Athletic Club
Oak Park, IL
708-848-5200

Mathisen Tire Tourn.
Supreme Court Rac &
Fitness – Virginia, MN
218-749-8318

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

Mishawaka Open
Pinnacle Mega Club
Mishawaka, IN
219-259-8585

Pomona Valley Open
The Claremont Club
Claremont, CA
909-625-6791

Scottsbluff YMCA Open
Scottsbluff, NE
308-635-2318

St. Patrick's Day
The Fitness Forum
Sanford, ME
207-324-1154

The Radical R-Ball
Series @ Wales AC
Worthington, OH
614-436-6886

Delaware State Singles
Kirkwood Ftns & Rac
Club – Wilmington, DE
302-478-7919

Idaho State Singles
Racquetters
Burley, ID
208-678-5011

Junior Regional #1
NEHR @ West
Springfield
West Springfield, MA
203-248-1869

Louisiana State Singles
LA State Univ. Rec Ctr
Baton Rouge, LA
504-468-2813

Wyoming State
Doubles @ Kourt
House Rac & Fitness
Laramie, WY
307-742-8136

4th Annual Dwn Open
Colonial Hills RB &
Fitness – Reading, PA
610-777-7801

March 21
Racquetball One
Grande Finale @ Jewish
Community Center
West Bloomfield, MI
616-975-9080

March 25 – 29
E-Force USRA 26th
Intercollegiate
Nationals @ City
Square Sports Club
Phoenix, AZ
719-635-5396

March 26
New Mexico State
Singles @ Tom Young's
AC – Albuquerque, NM
505-266-8960

March 27

Camp Confidence
Tournament @ All
American Athletic Club
Baxter, MN
218-829-6453

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Gym – Bend, OR
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Lincoln, NE
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South Dakota State
Singles @ The Fitness
Ctr – Rapid City, SD
605-348-5858

Washington State
Singles – TBA, WA
425-235-3186

2nd Annual Diabetes
Shootout @ Turlock
Fitness & Rac Club
Turlock, CA
209-634-6377

March 31

Utah State Singles
Salt Lake Com. College
Salt Lake City, UT
801-957-5808

APRIL

April 1

NMRA Golden Masters
Singles/Doubles
Pittsburgh, PA

Alaska State Singles
Alaska Club Midtown
Anchorage, AK
907-337-9550

April 3

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

April Fools
Healthworks
Wallingford, CT
203-248-1869

Cancer Benefit
Merritt-Annapolis
Annapolis, NY
410-269-1976

Gold's Gym Open
Dewitt, NY
315-446-0378

Greater Chicagoland
Open @ Evergreen
Racquet & Fitness
Evergreen Park, IL
708-425-7200

Midwest Seniors-
Masters @ Midtown
Health & Fitness
Cincinnati, OH
513-351-3000

Northern Ohio
Championships
Solon Athletic Club
Westerville, OH
614-890-6073

Pro Kennex Super 6 #6
Southview Athletic Club
West St. Paul, MN
612-450-1660

Raq-Attack @ Dan
Gamel's Health &
Athletic – Fresno, CA
209-227-8405

Singles, Doubles or
Nothing @ Courthouse
Health & Wellness
Chelmsford, MA
508-453-4173

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

Super 6 Series @ City
Square Sports Club
Phoenix, AZ
602-730-8156

Paradise Club Open
Stuart, FL
407-692-4008

Arkansas State Singles
Ozark Sports Club
Ft. Smith, AR
501-646-4002

Idaho State Doubles
AJ's Courthouse
Boise, ID
208-377-0040

Kentucky State Singles
Downtown YMCA
Louisville, KY
502-231-3576

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(Level 3) or higher.

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Racquetball
International
Windham, ME
207-892-3231

Spring Challenge
Lakeland YMCA
Lakeland, FL
941-644-3528

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

April 4
Old Mill Classic
Old Mill
St. Johnsbury, VT
802-748-5313

April 11
Spring Fling Masters
Event @ Racquet's Edge
Essex, VT
802-878-7734

April 16 - 19
Ektelon USRA
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April 24
Hawaiian Open
Sacramento Court Club
Sacramento, CA
916-920-1933

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

Minnesota State
Singles @ Burnsville AC
Burnsville, MN
612-920-6652

Oregon State Singles
Timberhill Ath. Club
Corvallis, OR
541-757-8559

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March 25-29	E-Force USRA 29th National Intercollegiates: Phoenix, AZ
April 3-11	12th Tournament of the Americas/Pan Am Qualifier: Winnipeg, CAN
April 16-19	Ektelon USRA Regional Qualifier Championships: Nationwide
April 02-04	NMRA U.S. Golden Masters Singles/Doubles: Pittsburgh, PA
May 20-25	Ektelon USRA 31st U.S. National Singles: Houston, TX
June 27 - July 01	Ektelon USRA 25th U.S. Junior Olympics: Portland, OR
July 10-18	IRF Ektelon 9th World Championships: Cochabamba, Bolivia
July 22-25	NMRA International Masters Invitational: Las Vegas, NV
September 01-05	IRF 10th World Senior Championships: Albuquerque, NM
October 14-18	Ektelon USRA 31st National Doubles Championships: Baltimore, MD
November 11-15	Promus Hotels 3rd U.S. OPEN: Memphis, TN
December 18-22	IRF Pro Kennex 10th World Junior Championships: Fountain Valley, CA

April 25
Michigan State Singles
Davison Athletic Club
Davison, MI
810-468-2787

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MAY
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May 1
Gib Smith Memorial
Racquet's Edge
Essex Junction, VT
802-879-7734

Illini Classic
Champaign Fitness Ctr
Champaign, IL
217-356-1616

Spring Fling @ Classic
Athletic Club
Lyndhurst, NJ
201-933-4100

Spring Fling Courtesy
Sports - Clubsport
Pleasanton, CA
415-968-7970

Spring Rollout
Idaho Ath. Club
Caldwell, ID
208-459-0729

The Radical R-Ball
Series @ Waycross
Sports Club
Worthington, OH
614-436-6886

Junior Regional #11
Central Courts
Columbia Heights, MN
612-777-6673

2nd Tony Puggioni
Open @ Downtown
Health & Racquet
New Haven, CT
203-248-1869

May 6
Super 6 Series @ City
Square Sports Club
Phoenix, AZ
602-730-8156

May 8
Spring Blast
Pro Sports Club
Bellevue, WA
425-885-5566

California State
Singles @ Royal AC
Burlingame, CA
415-697-9162

May 14
National Warmup
Club International
Santa Fe, NM
505-266-8960

May 15
Merced Spring Open
Merced Sports Club
Merced, CA
209-722-3988

IRT World
Championships at the
Bay @ Bayhill Ath. Club
Milpitas, CA
408-946-2151

YMCA Campaign For
Kids @ Lexington-
Central KY YMCA
Lexington, KY
606-254-9622

May 16
Spring Fling Cash
Classic @ The Orlando
Fitness & Racquet Club
Orlando, FL
407-645-3550

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April 16-19	CALIFORNIA	Sacramento	Natomas Athletic Club	Barb Tibbens	209/772-1460
April 16-19	FLORIDA	Ft. Lauderdale	Quadrangle East	Mary Lyons	904/270-2224
April 16-19	GEORGIA	Atlanta	Southern Athletic Club	Liz Lyon	770/923-5400
April 16-19	OHIO [9]	Canton	Hall of Fame Fitness Center	Doug Ganim	614/890-6073
April 16-19	MARYLAND [3]	Baltimore	Merritt Athletic Club - Security	Molly O'Brien	410/315-7900
April 16-19	MASSACHUSETTS	Haverhill	Cedardale Athletic Club	Bill Gargan	603/367-8533
April 16-19	MINNESOTA	St. Cloud	Suburban Club	Greg Hayenga	320/251-3965
April 16-19	MISSISSIPPI	Jackson	The Court House	Chris Baker	601/956-1300
April 16-19	MISSOURI [6]	St. Louis	Missouri Athletic Club West	Bill Crist	314/539-4428
April 16-19	MONTANA [13]	Billings	Billings Athletic Club	Steve Pinnow	406/252-3950
April 16-19	NEW MEXICO [12]	Albuquerque	Tom Young's Athletic Club	Gary Mazaroff	505/266-8960
April 16-19	NEW YORK	Long Island	Sportset-Syosset	Al Seitelman	516/360-0979
April 16-19	TEXAS	Arlington	Maverick Athletic Club	Bob Sullins	817/275-3340
AFTER ... Last Chance to Qualify at the PRO NATIONALS!					
April 23-26	NEVADA	Las Vegas	Las Vegas Sporting House	Mike Coulter	702/733-8999
EXCLUSIVE JUNIOR QUALIFIERS ... [Region]					
May 1-3	ALABAMA [5]	Birmingham	Court South	Jim Garner	205/823-2120
April 4-5	CALIFORNIA [14]	Fountain Valley	Los Caballeros Sports Village	Earl Miller	909/987-3904
April 25-26	INDIANA [10]	Shelbyville	Shelby County AC	Catherine McGrath	317/879-8100
May 8-10	MASSACHUSETTS [1]	Haverhill	Cedardale AC	Bill Gargan	603/367-8533
May 1-3	MINNESOTA [11]	Columbia Heights	Central Courts	Dave Schulenberg	612/777-6673
March 20-22	NEW YORK [2]	Briarcliff	Club Fit	Jennifer Dering	914/762-3444
April 3-5	N.CAROLINA [16]	Jacksonville	Courts Plus of Jacksonville	David Bergman	910/346-3446
May 8-10	OREGON [15]	Portland	Sunset Athletic Club	John Giunta	503/735-2373
April 3-5	TEXAS [7]	Houston	Northwest Fitness Center	Annie Muniz	713/432-0881
May 1-3	WISCONSIN [8]	Greenfield	Southridge AC	Carol Pellowski	414/421-5770
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QUALIFYING COMPETITION IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN:

1998 Ektelon USRA 31st National Singles [Houston, Texas, May 20-25]

1998 Ektelon USRA 25th Junior Olympic [Portland, Ore., June 27-July 1]

HOWEVER ... women age 45 and over, and men age 55 and over (as of May 20, 1998) are NOT required to pre-qualify for competition at a regional championship in order to compete at national singles. You probably still want to, however, since it's the only way to accumulate ranking points and receive seeding consideration! **AND ...** Juniors/Intercollegiate athletes who have already played in a junior or intercollegiate regional to qualify for their associated championship events, don't have to re-qualify for national singles at an adult regional championship.

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