

# BEYOND THE SHORT LINE



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September 2006

## California Tops at US National Junior Olympic Championships

There were 31 Junior players from California who attended the National Championships held in Lansing, Michigan in June. When the points were added up, the California juniors finished on top of all other states!

The play was done Olympic style. There were several players finishing as national champions (winners of Gold division) in multiple divisions. These include; Jose Rojas (16 and under, doubles 16 and under), Ismael Aldana (doubles 16 and under; mixed doubles 16 and under), Marcos Rojas (12 and under, doubles 12 and under), and Devon Pimentelli (mixed doubles 12 and under, 12 and under girls). There were other national champions that included: Jose Diaz, Alejandro Guzman, Teresa Diaz, Ricardo Diaz, and Aubrey O'Brien.

Players from throughout the state attended this event with 14 coming from the Stockton/Lodi area. Players also came from Vacaville/Fairfield, Auburn, Woodland, Sacramento area, Danville/San Ramon/Pleasanton, and Placentia. As this was not a cheap trip to make, many players did fund raisers to be able to make the journey.

Players attending the event in alphabetical order: Ismael Aldana (Stockton), Cody Alsup (Vacaville), Sherrika Darnell (El Dorado Hills), Esteban Diaz (Stockton), Jose Diaz (Stockton), Ricardo Diaz (Stockton), Teresa Diaz (Stockton), Victor Frausto (Woodland), Johnathon Garcia (Vacaville), Alejandro Guzman (Stockton), Omar Guzman (Stockton), Bobby David Horn (Stockton), Kyra Klopp (Folsom), Tyler Lanman (Danville), Christian Llanes (Stockton), Vikram Maru (Placentia), Andrew Meyer (Elk Grove), Ryan Meyer (Elk Grove), Jordan Nance (Lodi), Logan Nance (Lodi), Aubrey O'Brien (Auburn), Ashley O'Brien (Auburn), Devon Pimentelli (San Bruno), Jacob Pritchard (Fairfield), Nicholas Riffel (Auburn), Jose Rojas (Stockton), Marcos Rojas (Stockton), Bobby Sehrgosha (Pleasanton), Jose Serrano (Stockton), and Sabrina Viscuso (Auburn)...

Congratulations to all and hopefully you will be motivating more Juniors in the state!!!

Brian Dixon  
CSRA Junior Racquetball Director  
Petaluma Valley Athletic Club Junior Racquetball Director

## California State Junior Championships held in Stockton

During the weekend of May 6-7, juniors throughout the state gathered in Stockton to compete in the state championships. This was singles and doubles. The tournament was run by John Ellis and Steve Cook. As with most junior tournaments I have been involved with, this ran very smoothly with no major controversy or issues. When players were not on the court they could be found helping with the desk, reffing, rooting for their fellow players, or just chowing down on the excellent food provided by the tournament crew.

Champions included:

18 and under Boys – Jose Rojas  
16 and under Boys – Marcos Rojas  
14 and under Boys – Jose Diaz  
12 and under Boys – Alex Guzman  
10 and under Boys – Bobby Sehrgosha  
18 and under Girls – Sherrika Darnell  
14 and under Girls – Devon Pimentelli

10 and under Girls – Sabrina Viscuso  
Mixed doubles 18 and under - Jose Rojas/Sherrika Darnell  
Mixed Doubles 14 and under – Cody Alsup/Devon Pimentelli  
Boys Doubles 16 and under – Marcos Rojas/Jose Diaz  
Boys Doubles 14 and under – Tyler Lanman/Victor Frausto  
Boys Doubles 12 and under – Jeremy Newman/Nicholas Riffel  
MultiBounce winners – Mauro Daniel Rojas and Bradley Kazmierczak  
Congratulations to all the winners and more importantly everyone who attended including parents, family, friends, and coaches. Let's continue to support the growth of Junior Racquetball in California!!

Brian Dixon  
CSRA Junior Racquetball Director  
Petaluma Valley Athletic Club Junior Racquetball Director

Please check out the March 2006 newsletter for info about Junior Goals, etc...

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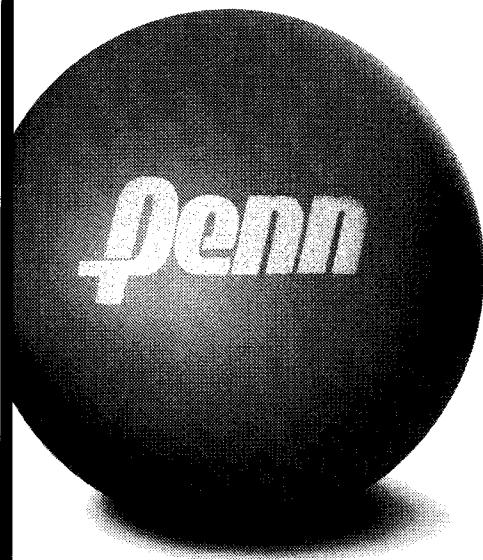
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## Community Voice

*Anyone wishing to post info about a mixer, demo night or any other up coming event at their club that is not a sanctioned tournament this is the place to do it. Please e-mail your info to Steve Cook at [cooksprtg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cooksprtg@sbcglobal.net)*

## Bally Total Fitness of Los Gatos hosted the “Elana Aalways Smiles Charity Fundraiser” Racquetball Tournament 2006

This past July, Bally Total Fitness of Los Gatos hosted the Elana Aalways Smiles Charity Fundraiser Racquetball Tournament. Through entry fees, donations, a silent auction and raffle, the event raised \$12,000, which will go directly to the Elana Aal Fund. Showing 100% support, Bally's welcomed tournament players for its first full tournament in many years. The weekend brought in strong participation from clubs as far away as Stockton, Pleasanton, Watsonville, and Sacramento—showing we truly have an enormous racquetball family that can rally for such an important cause.

Rich Aal, an avid racquetball player, was told in April that his 8-year old daughter, Elana, had bone cancer (osteosarcoma). She went through chemotherapy first, followed by 11-hour limb preservation surgery the day after the tournament. She will continue with treatments for at least the next year. You can learn more about Elana and her incredible support network at her Yahoo groups site: <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/FriendsofElanaAal/>

With the support of Bally's and the entire racquetball community, the tournament was a HUGE success with an incredibly wonderful vibe all weekend long. Debra Nathan, who first thought of putting the tournament together, commented: “This tournament displayed compassion among the racquetball community that I never expected. I'm a huge believer in community service and seeing the camaraderie among the participants of all the clubs throughout NorCal, brought both joy to my heart and tears to my eyes. I think it is safe to say, that Rich was feelin the love.”

“Words can't truly express the immense gratitude I have for all of the support we received,” said co-director Colleen Keating. “I was overwhelmed by the generosity and



appreciation that so many people showed. I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community of people who are connected by the sport we love.”

Elana was able to visit all 3 days, and her family found comfort and welcome distraction in the weekend right before her surgery. Pictures from the tournament can be found at [www.csracquetball.com](http://www.csracquetball.com).

This was a doubles event only, with 92 racquetball players entered for a total of 70 teams. Every division provided a

minimum of 2 matches with drop-down and round-robin formats. The group photo was taken after most of the clean-up was done...with help, of course, from a LOT of players. THANK YOU to all who participated...lending items, helping, donating, playing...and for AAL of the positive thoughts for our little trooper, Elana. It was Aal for Elana!! We love you, Sweetie...



## Californiaracquetball.org — The Web Site

If you haven't found us by now..... We are here. With a new contact email on the site.

- See what is happening in racquetball clubs besides tournaments by visiting the "Village Voice" page. If you have events for publication, contact George Tellez at: [geotellz@pacbell.net](mailto:geotellz@pacbell.net).
- The calendar page is updated as soon as there is a change of event status.
- *Downloadable entry forms.* If you have a sanctioned tournament coming up, get the entry forms uploaded to the web site. Send it to Jack Hughes at [racquetballplus@comcast.net](mailto:racquetballplus@comcast.net) in PDF form for immediate posting and save money in extra postage.
- The rankings page will continue to carry the "State Rankings" as well as the **New** National Rating system with the California players listed. (We will carry the old system for a little longer)
- Online entry system now available for tournaments that sanction and use the new R2 Sport tournament program. Tournament directors have access to tournament pro-

gram or utilize Jack Hughs to set up the event.

- R2 Sports tournament program allows viewing of *starting times* for future events — keep your eyes out for more on this.
- How would you like to be able to *view results for a tournament in progress?* This is another area we would like to deliver to the members. If the new tournament program frees up the CSRA officials from chasing down players for membership compliance, loading the results of the event for web viewing could be great use of that spare time.
- We are getting ready to implement a page that will allow players *looking for doubles partners* to meet up as we have heard that is something members would find useful.

We are sure you have more ideas, let's hear them. Contact me directly: [peggine@pacbell.net](mailto:peggine@pacbell.net).

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Peggine Tellez, President, CSRA



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## Spring Sprung at the Sierra Spring Splat

In this spring, 2006, Sherrika Darnell, a passionate 17-year-old racquetball player organized and directed her first CSRA-sanctioned racquetball tournament. The Sierra Spring Splat 2006 took place at Sherrika's beautiful home club, Millennium SportsClub El Dorado, in Shingle Springs, CA. Sherrika has been the Racquetball Director at Millennium SportsClub since she turned 15 years old. The Sierra Spring Splat 2006, Sherrika's second tournament, ran on April 7-9, and was filled to maximum capacity. About 110 racquetball players from across California, including over 20 juniors, gathered for an event that kept all four of Millennium SportsClub's racquetball courts fully booked over the three days of the tournament.

The tournament featured some of California's top players, including Michael Bronfeld, Jason Samora, Ishmael Aldana, Jose Rojas, and Marko Perez. There were many crowd-pleasing matches at all levels. The Bronfeld vs. Samora Men's Open Singles final match, which ended in an incredible 11-9 tiebreaker win for Bronfeld, was particularly memorable. Competition was fierce, but the spirit was fun. One participant commented, "This tournament feels like one big family reunion." Players and their families really enjoyed the generous catering at the event, provided by sponsors like Mimi's Café in Folsom, Subway of El Dorado Hills, and VIP Chinese Buffet in Cameron Park. Sherrika received many kind comments and even thank-you notes on the event. "I thoroughly enjoyed hosting my California racquetball family at Millennium SportsClub this year," says Sherrika. "The event was a tremendous success, and I can't wait to see everybody again at the Sierra Spring Splat

2007." In May, Sherrika Darnell went on to become California Junior State Champion, winning 18-girls singles and 18-mixed doubles (with Jose Rojas) at the 2006 California Junior State Championships, in Stockton, CA. Sherrika is also current Junior World Champion in 18-mixed doubles.

### Sierra Spring Splat Winners list:

\*MOS: 1st \*Michael Bronfeld \*2nd \*Jason Samora  
 \*MELS: 1st\* Dereh D'Amour\* 2nd \*Jacob Pritchard  
 \*MAS: 1st \*Ivan\* \*Matsui\* 2nd \*Juan Reyes  
 \*MBS:1st \*Brian Harris\* 2nd \*Louis Hill  
 \*MCS:1st \*Mark Nives\* 2nd \*Kyle Kazmierczak  
 \*MDS:1st \*Lauro Islas\* 2nd \*Mike Buckingham  
 \*M45+: 1st \*Gary Hudgeons\* 2nd \*Jim Pritchard  
 \*M55+:1st \*Bert Castelanelli\* 2nd \*David Ortega  
 \*WOS 1st \*Sherrika Darnell\* 2nd \*Aubrey O'Brien\*  
 WA/BS 1st \*Paula Campbell\* 2nd \*Susan Felix  
 \*WC/D 1st \*Dianne Matteson\* 2nd \*Deanna Cotter  
 \*MOD 1st \*Bronfeld/Perez\* 2nd \*Aldana/Rojas  
 \*MELD 1st \*Ortega/Castelanelli\* 2nd \*Beltran/Newman  
 \*MAD 1st \*Matsui\*/\*Ferris\* 2nd \*Buckingham/O'Neil  
 \*MBD 1st \*Julian/Harris\* 2nd \*Lee/Leyte  
 \*MC/DD 1st \*Hinkle/McCorroll\* \*\*2nd\* Kazmierczak\*/  
 \*Islas\*  
 WOD 1st \*Pederson/Darnell\* 2nd \*Diaz/O'Brien  
 \*WA/BD 1st \*Campbell/Felix\* 2nd \*Beazley/Slatter  
 \*MxO 1st \*Samora/Darnell\* 2nd \*Pritchard/O'Brien  
 \*MxA 1st \*Ferris/Tomlinson\* 2nd \*Filter/Smeltzer  
 \*MxC/D 1st \*Porter/Matteson\* 2nd \*Darnell/De Felice

R.Erik Darnell

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- ✓ Eligibility for State & National Rankings
- ✓ Inclusion in State Affiliate Organization
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## Fundraiser Racquetball Tournament

### Schoeber's Athletic Club, April 7-8, 2006

On April 7-8, 2006, some of the top racquetball players in the Bay Area gathered at the Schoeber's Athletic Club in Pleasanton for a rigorous weekend of racquetball to raise money for a homeless shelter in Contra Costa County that was on the verge of closing due to lack of funds. The Mountain View Family Shelter in Martinez provides lodging, meals, and counseling to homeless families while they search for jobs and put their lives in order. A few months ago, after reading an article in the paper about the shelter, I decided I wanted to do something to help. As an Ektelon sponsored junior racquetball player, I thought a racquetball



tournament would be a great way to raise money for the shelter. When I approached my racquetball instructor, Lee Hardiman about the tournament, she immediately offered her full support, and volunteered the entire Hardiman family to help out as well. There was a lot of planning to be done, so we got right to work. Schoeber's agreed to let us use their club for the tournament; Lee Hardiman put together our corporate sponsors; and my mom and I collected raffle prizes and designed our tournament brochure. Then Jack Hughes helped me put together the draw sheets.

Although a lot of work went into putting on the tournament, it was a great experience for me, and I think it was a pretty big success. Not only was it an exciting



weekend of racquetball, but more importantly, we were able to raise \$3,300 for the shelter!

The juniors portion of the tournament took place on Friday night. We divided the kids into 3 groups by age and ability and set them free on the courts to play their round robin matches. At the end of the night, we all gorged on pizza, and I presented trophies to all of the junior players.

We held the adult portion of the tournament on Saturday, beginning with a brunch put on by Carol Hardiman. In the mens open division, Gil Cepeda and Michael Lin from San Jose defeated Al Muranaga and George Clark in both singles and doubles. The womens open division was dominated by Elaine Dexter in singles and Cindy Gilbert and Brenda Lee in doubles. There were many exciting matches during the day, and our players seemed to be having a good time.

I would like to thank the Hardiman family, Jack Hughes, and Margaret Pederson for all their help with the tournament. Having their support really meant a lot to me, and I couldn't have done it without them. Thank you also to all of our great sponsors: Ektelon, E-force, Farmers Insurance, United California Brokers, Mike Lippitt, Al Muranaga, Denny Erardi, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Velocity Training, Body Max, G & B Supply, Starbucks, Safeway and Kinkos. Last, but not least, thank you to all of the



**Fundraiser Racquetball Tournament***continued...*

players who gave up their weekend to play in the tournament. I really enjoyed meeting all of you, and I hope you had a good time at the tournament. Next year, I'm hoping to put on a similar tournament to raise money for the Alzheimers Association to honor my grandfather, Ervin Lanman, who despite his struggle with alzheimers is still one of the greatest men I know! I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Tyler Lanman



## Upcoming Events

**September 7-10, 2006****Stockton Pro-Am**

HOST: ISSC @ West Lane

STREET: 1074 E. Bianchi Rd.

CITY: Stockton, CA 95210

CONTACT: John Ellis &amp; Steve Cook

PHONE: (209) 969-4497

WEBSITE: [www.stocktonproam.com](http://www.stocktonproam.com)**State Doubles Championships****September 15th - 17th**HOST: Spectrum Club, Canoga Park  
*(updated venue)*

STREET: 22235 Sherman Way

CITY: Canoga Park, 91303

CONTACT: CSRA Board Members

ONLINE ENTRY: [www.r2sports.com/tourney.asp?TID=1509](http://www.r2sports.com/tourney.asp?TID=1509)

application (updated Aug 25)

**September 22-24, 2006****Valley Championships**

HOST: Millenium Sports Club

STREET: 350 East Yosemite Avenue

CITY: Merced, CA 95340

CONTACT: Tom DeLeon

PHONE: (209) 722-3988

**September 27-October 1, 2006****USA Racquetball National Doubles Championships**

HOST: USA Racquetball National Doubles Championships

STREET: Arizona State University

CITY: Tempe, Arizona

CONTACT: Jim Hiser

PHONE: (719) 635-5396

**September 29-October 1, 2006****Solano Open**

HOST: Solano Athletic Club

STREET: 1471 Holiday Lane

CITY: Fairfield, CA 94533

CONTACT: Jim Schmader

PHONE: (707) 429-4363

**October 13-15, 2006****Tournament of Terror**

HOST: Spectrum Club

STREET: 22235 Sherman Way

CITY: Canoga Park, CA 91303

CONTACT: Debbie Tisinger

PHONE: (818) 884-5034

**October 20-22, 2006****Thunderbolt Open**

HOST: Dan Gamels Health &amp; Athletic Club

STREET: 4774 North Blackstone

CITY: Fresno, CA 93720

CONTACT: Darlene Oehlschlaeger

PHONE: (559) 227-8405

**October 27-29, 2006****Pomona Valley Open**

HOST: The Claremont Club

STREET: 1777 Monte Vista Avenue

CITY: Claremont, CA 91711

CONTACT: Diana O'Brien

PHONE: (909) 625-6791 ext. 255

**October 27-29, 2006****Vintage Doubles Benefit**

HOST: Petaluma Valley Athletic Club

STREET: 85 Old Corona Rd

CITY: Petaluma, CA 94952

CONTACT: Vinnie Caramagno

PHONE: (707) 789-9898

**November 10-12, 2006****Cross Court Open**

HOST: Cross Court Athletic Club

STREET: 433 West Cross Street

CITY: Woodland, CA 95695

CONTACT: Steve Harris

PHONE: (530) 666-1319

**November 17-19, 2006****All Valley Open Championships**

HOST: Mid Valley Athletic Club

STREET: 18420 Hart

CITY: Reseda, CA 91335

CONTACT: Alan Weiner

PHONE: (818) 705-6500

## 2006 – 2007 Racquetball Season Ready to Roll (out)

So many things happen during the summer to improve racquetball. Here are some items you should know about.

### **Limited Athlete License:**

For years the volunteers for the State organizations across the country have heard from players that they may only play in one tournament a year at their own club. For the longest time the USA Racquetball's insurance carrier could not accommodate "one-time" event insurance coverage. That has changed now and we believe will open the door to those players who have been reluctant to join USA Racquetball via their state-sanctioned events.

Starting August 1, players may elect to sign up for their competitive license for just that particular event with the benefit of insurance coverage for both themselves and their tournament directors plus receive one USA Racquetball magazine for just \$15. After that 1<sup>st</sup> event, should they find they are able to play in another event, that player can either pay the remaining \$20 within 90 days of first event to take advantage of the full benefits of membership or simply pay another \$15 to participate in just that particular event.

### **Membership Fee Increase:**

It is never easy to tell folks that we need to raise the membership fee for our sport. But there it is. There hasn't been an increase in 5 years and even at \$35 our sport still commands the lowest membership fee for any USOC recognized sport. If you want to ease the sting of the increase, for a limited time, you can sign up for a 3-year membership for \$100.

### **Tournament Software:**

All sanctioned events have the capability of using the R2Sports Tournament Software. This software has the ability to submit the tournament results electronically to the National office of immediate rankings update. This program may be a bit complex to use if you only to 1 or 2 tournaments a year. However, the CSRA is proud to offer Tournament Director Assistance with the program and deliver an event in ready-to-go form. This program pulls player info from the USA Racquetball player database and Rankings system for "no hassle" seeding of players.

### **Sanctioning Fee for "One-Day" Events:**

CSRA is introducing \$100 sanctioning fee for "One-Day" events like local Shoot-Outs or specialty events. This new category of sanctioned event will carry the same benefits of

membership, ranking, magazines, tournament software as traditional styled events. The same requirements for results reporting and membership transmission will still apply. Our Treasurer/Tournament Coordinator-Jack Hughes-must still receive results and membership reports the week following the event.

### **Racquetball Results:**

Check out the success of California players at the National Singles Championships in Houston. We had 44 players travel to the Downtown Houston YMCA site in May.

M Open Rocky Carson, MB 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin MacAllister, M24 2<sup>nd</sup> Micah Rich, M25 2<sup>nd</sup> James Swift, M45 3<sup>rd</sup> Ken Stone, M45A 1<sup>st</sup> Tyrone Gilmore, M50A 3<sup>rd</sup> Rick Betts, M55 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Mannino, M60 2<sup>nd</sup> Mickey Bellah, M60B Hank Estrada, W24Gold, 1<sup>st</sup> Janel Tisinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sherrika Darnel, W40Gold 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie Tisinger, W45Gold 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie Tisinger, W55Gold 1<sup>st</sup> Elaine Dexter, 2<sup>nd</sup> TerriAnn Rogers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Merijean Kelley, W60Gold, 1<sup>st</sup> Merijean Kelley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nidia Funes, WRed 1<sup>st</sup> Debilynn Kahikina,

The US Team took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Mens, Womens & the Overall standings while participating in the IRF World Championships in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.

California Juniors took 1<sup>st</sup> place for the Overall standings in the National Juniors event in Michigan

### **Double Jump Ranking System:**

Do you still have questions about the USA Racquetball Ranking System?

The double-jump ranking system is dynamic in its ability to move players as it responds to results based on the level of the player beaten and the time and ability level of previously recorded wins of this winner. It works in conjunction with the R2Sports Tournament program; however results can still be entered manually.

The system is active, letting players move up the rankings quickly. All matches are computed in the order that they were actually played regardless of when they are actually submitted for ranking. Also player movement is calculated and occurs after each and every match. (The player's movement is not calculated by using a group of match entries with calculations based on the starting position of each player for that ranking run.) This ensures that each player's ranking reflects their actual track record and their increase or decrease in ability level over time.

The system disregards wins that would be considered "anomalies" (flukes) by enforcing time constraints on "the

next win" against the same opponent.

The system allows players to move up in ranking immediately following a win against a player of a lesser ranking than their own previously recorded "best win". This movement or non movement is also dependant on the time since that previous win.

The system does not unjustly penalize the losing player by reducing their ranking to a level below that of other players who have not yet proven their ability to defeat said losing player.

Example: #112 Joe beats #85 Fred on 4/10/06. Joe stays at his position but the date and player he beat is noted in his file.

Three tournaments later, #112 Joe beats #79 Mark. Joe moves to Fred's position, Fred moves down one position and the new date and player is noted in Joe's file. Joe has one year to beat Mark again to assume Mark's position. This is a simplified example since players can play several matches in a tournament. The program will record the matches in sequence and continually update the rankings.

### **E-Nouncements/E-Newsletter:**

ANNOUNCING a change in the way you get your racquetball newsletter for California!!!

To create a better and timelier product, as well as saving costs, the CSRA newsletter is now accessible primarily through our web page at: [www.californiaracquetball.org](http://www.californiaracquetball.org)

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***Check out the website on a regular basis for the tournament calendar: updates, entry forms, draw/start times for events that use the CSRA tournament system.***

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We have had births and deaths and at least three players that I can think of off the top of my head that are doing battle with the evil "C" cancer. Please keep your fellow sportspeople in your thoughts.

We get set to say Thank You, So Long and Good Luck to Alex Glaros, our hardworking and ever-faithful Webmaster to the CSRA website. There are not words in our vocabulary to express our thanks for what Alex has done for the CSRA. He has worked tirelessly under the constraints of the Board to keep information flowing and built an easy to use website giving players an attractive and useful method of communicating the happenings in Racquetball. You have been the glue that has held the web site together and up to date. It has been a pleasure to work with Alex and a delight to get to know the man. Keep your passion for the sport and we will see you soon on the courts.

Now we start a new chapter in the evolution of the CSRA website. Meet Matthew Hills!!! Racquetball enthusiast, Stanford Grad and, we say this with affection, computer geek. Matthew has volunteered to pick up the flag and run with it to make sure the CSRA website is well managed and up to date. Matt has BIG shoes to fill but is ably qualified and highly recommended. Thank you in advance for the work you will be doing and your capacity for patience. WELCOME to MATTHEW.



## USA Junior Racquetball

USA Junior Racquetball would like to thank the attendees at the Los Cab Regional Qualifier Tournament for their generous support of the USA Junior Racquetball team. Thanks to your donations, USA Junior Racquetball was able to raise \$350. All donations collected will be used for Juniors Only, i.e. the USA Junior Team trip to the 2006 World Junior Championships. Your donation of \$10 or more to the USA Junior Racquetball is tax deductible and you receive this great wrist band showing your support of Junior Racquetball. I would encourage all to visit the USA Junior Racquetball website to see what our kids are accomplishing as a result of your support.

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Congratulations goes to Jose Rojas, winner of the annual Junior Athlete of the Year Award. The award was presented this year at the Junior Nationals held on June 21 through June 24 in East Lansing, Michigan.

Again, thanks to all my friends for their support. Play hard and have fun. And get juniors involved.

Peter McMillin

## Congratulations Del!

U.C. Berkeley's Head Coach Del Villanueva was in June 2006 given the "Volunteer Coach of the Year" award which included a certificate and glass award by the United States Olympic Committee.

Del has been teaching at UC Berkeley the last 11 years.

Currently they are the Conference Champions for 2006.

The USAR also has awarded Del "The 2006 Coach of the Year."

The CSRA's Board of Directors and association members wish to honor and thank you for all of your efforts!

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