

BEYOND THE SHORT LINE



March 2007

California Stockton Shooters

Stockton Shooters are very proud to announce that they have more than 20 junior racquetball players. Ranging from D players all the way to Open players.

Besides going to their gym, In Shape City, everyday to play racquetball, they also have intense training every Tuesday and Friday with their coach Jody Nance.

They were taught that racquetball is not only about winning but also how you carry yourself when you lose. Trophy is a nice thing to take home every tournament but to Stockton

Shooters good friendship comes first.

Besides Jose Rojas and Ishmael Aldana being in the group, it includes Marco Rojas, Jose Diaz, Jose Serrano, David Horn, Teresa Diaz, Aubrey O'Brien, Melvin M., Marvin M., Alex Guzman, Omar Guzman, Christian Llanes, Lauro Islas, Pablo Islas, Sue Sublaban, Brian K., Kyle K., Logan Nance, Jordan Nance, Daniel Rojas, Steven Diaz, and Ricky Diaz. They are truly the pride of Stockton. The pride of California. The most powerful team in California.

December ClubSport Junior Tournament

Saturday, December 9th, 2006 was the day of ClubSport's 3rd annual junior tournament. I guess the "3rd time is a charm" saying is really true as this event ran more smoothly and successfully than any had to date. 35 junior players entered the event in 6 different categories; some of the categories with multiple pools of play. It was great to see first time tournament entrants from the Fremont ClubSport's program run by Garyn Scott. Brian Dixon's Petaluma (Petaluma Valley Athletic Club) junior program along with John Abbott's Novato (Rolling Hills) program brought 10 enthusiastic entrants; a great sign for junior racquetball in that area of CA. We had 2 players from Madera who made the trek to our club and 4 players came from Auburn. The play was noticeably superior to years past, which indicates our junior coaches are doing a great job with these players, and the camaraderie between the players and the great sportsmanship displayed was outstanding. I must say, that kids are much neater and tidier than adults to clean up after at the end of an event.

These kids did a great job of volunteer refereeing, and helping out at both the raffle table and at the tournament desk. Because of the success of this tournament, ClubSport will be holding another junior only tournament in the same format on Saturday, March 17th. Please mark your calendars for this one-day event.

One new highlight of the tournament was the high school point scoring division. All the players of high school age played for their respective schools. Some areas have high

school programs in place and others are working toward that. It was great to see 2 high school girls playing on a glass court vying for their school's bragging rights. The more kids from each high school that enter these events, the more points that school accumulates, and the higher division each student enters, the more value those points are given. The results of the tournament are listed here, and the results of the high school division are as follows:

1.(tied)	Foothill High School, Pleasanton	280
	Montevista High School, Danville	280
3.	Madera High, Madera	277
4.	Petaluma High, Petaluma	273
5.	Vanden High, Fairfield	224
6.	Amador High, Pleasanton	178
7.	Colfax High, Colfax	74
8.	Casa Grande High, Petaluma	38
9.	San Marin High, Novato	30
10.	Mission San Jose High, Fremont	23
11.	Good Shepherd Christian Academy, Fremont	19
12.	St. Vincent High, Novato	12

Elaine Dexter
ClubSport of Pleasanton

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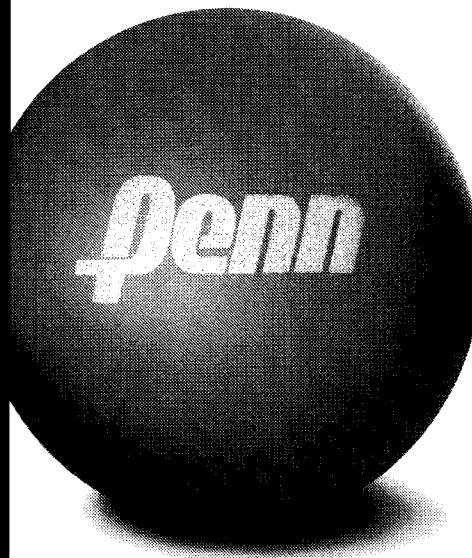
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Juniors from California have impact at Junior Worlds....

The IRF World Junior Championships were held in Tempe Arizona from December 16th through December 21st. . . Players from California played a significant part in the USA finishing second to Mexico in this championship. . . The finish between first and second was a very slim margin. Many players from Jody Nance's junior program in Stockton participated as well as other Juniors from the state. Players from California participating included:

Ismael Aldana, Jose Diaz, Ricardo Diaz, Teresa Diaz, Alex Guzman, Omar Guzman, Logan Nance, Jordan Nance, Ashley O'Brien, Aubrey O'Brien, Devon Pimentelli, Daniel Rojas, Jose Rojas, Marco Rojas, Bobby Sehgosh, Jose Serrano, and Sabrina Viscuso. . .

There were many finishers, and I would like to just highlight a few significant ones here. To get complete results, you can go to the R2Sports site at <http://r2sports.com> and go to tournament results. . .

- Ismael Aldana and Jose Rojas placed second in boys 16 doubles
- Ashley O'Brien and Sabrina Viscuso finished third in girls

10 and under doubles

- Bobby Sehgosh and Sabrina Viscuso took second in the Mixed 10 and under
- Marco Rojas teamed up with Elizabeth Brenner from Oregon to take first in the mixed 12 and under. . . Alex Guzman and Devon Pimentelli took second
- Jose Serrano and Teresa Diaz placed second in the mixed 16 and under
- Ismael Aldana beat Jose Rojas in the tie breaker for first and second in boys 16 and under
- Aubrey O'Brien played a tough match making it to second in the girls 14 and under
- Many other finishers. . . .

Please check out website for all results. . . Congratulations to all who participated. You have done California and the USA proud!!

Brian Dixon
Board of Directors – Junior Liason

Flights to Chile for Participation in the Pan American Championships

During the years of 2005 and 2006, the United States of America National Racquetball Team had three successful international competitions. Our Team participated in the Pan American Championships both in 2005 and 2006 (Venezuela and Guatemala), as well as in the 2006 World Championships in the Dominican Republic. In each of the tournaments, our athletes were successful in winning the Men's Championship, the Women's Championship, and the Overall Championship. The Team was funded only partially by USA Racquetball. Volunteers within our organization worked together to find funds to pay for the basic necessities of travel, lodging, entry fees, and meals for the Team. Many generous sponsors came forward to give financial aid to the Team. Athletes and Staff Members also volunteered their time and worked without pay making it possible for the Team to compete and for our great country to be represented at international events.

This year, Team USA has one event, the Pan American Championships in Santiago, Chile. The dates are March 27 through April 8. Rhonda Rajsich, Kristen Walsh, Janel Tisinger, Chris Crowther, Woody Clouse, Andy Hawthorne, and Jason Samora are the United States athletes that will be representing our country. The staff includes two coaches, Dave and John Ellis, and medical trainer Brandon

Hetzler.

Our budget has been set at \$6000 by USA Racquetball. We have received one additional generous donation of \$1000. It is estimated that we will need six hotel rooms for the 12 nights. At \$90 per room per night, the amount of \$6482 will be needed for lodging. Needed for meals would be \$25 per day per person or \$3000. Entry fees are approximately \$700.

Our biggest expense, however, is our transportation. Flights are expensive with fares in the range of \$1000 to \$1200, depending on the individual's airport of departure. **We are looking for individuals who would be willing to donate 40,000 frequent flier miles to sponsor the transportation of a player or a staff member.** At the writing of this letter, we have had one generous donation of 80,000 miles, which was used to book two flights. If you are in a position to help, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Dave Ellis, Coach
USA Racquetball

Stockton WPRO Superbowl Open

By Brenda Kyzer

The WPRO was in Stockton, California the weekend of January 19-21. The tournament directors were IRT Pro, John Ellis and Steve Cook. John and Steve's entire staff did an excellent job throughout the entire weekend. Hospitality was 2nd to none as all meals were home cooked and really delicious! John's Mom, Pat was the organizer and main cook. Great job Pat! I basically threw my diet right out the door on Saturday night with two helpings of the rice & chicken with some sort of Mexican sauce over the top. I almost hurt myself with how much I ate. It was delicious!

This was John's first stab at making this a Racquet for the Cure event with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. I believe it was a success with a number of about \$800 raised floating around on Saturday night. The primary reason for the success came from the Saturday night raffle. The array of items available was unbelievable as Ektelon and Wilson donated some very nice items. John solicited the help of his many junior players to help sell raffle tickets and not only did they do a great job, they had fun! They probably raised 80% of that money by pursuing players throughout the club on Saturday. It was hard to say no to them.

I was unable to make the Thursday night doubles due to flight problems (17 hours to fly from North Carolina to California), but heard the event was good. Bill George and Aubrey O'Brien (filling in for me) won the event. I was so sad when I realized on Thursday that I wasn't going to make the event because I was going to be letting Bill down, but felt relieved when him and Aubrey ended up winning. Good job to you both. Speaking of Aubrey....I played this 14 year old US Junior National team member in the round of 16's. Talk about an up and comer!!! She is the real deal. I think I was dealing with serious jet lag as I was not at my best playing against her, but even if I had been 100% I still would have had to play extremely hard to beat her. She played with confidence and poise. She never gave up and it's a good thing because two of her games were won in come from behind fashion, including the 4th game when I was up 10-3. Still not sure how I won, but I did and I

was thankful. Aubrey is definitely on the list of young players to watch.

The round of 16's also saw former WPRO regular player Amy Foster play against Kristen Walsh. It was a nicely played match with games alternating between players. Kristen won the first 12-10 and the 3rd game 11-3. Amy won the 2nd game 11-4 and the 4th game 11-6. It was all Kristen in the 5th as she won the match 11-1. I think that Kristen



Rhonda, Cheryl, John, Paul, Shannon

playing on the tour full time had something to do with mental toughness in the 5th game. But...it sure was nice seeing Amy back at an event. Maybe she will catch the bug.

Probably one of the most pre-tournament hyped up matches was between Adrienne Fisher and Samantha Salas. Samantha has been on fire lately and Adrienne seems to have a little more spunk in her shots as well. Both have great power and really wooed the crowd, but it ended up being all Samantha as she dominated the front court and won 0, 9 & 7.

Jo Shattuck had a very nice win over Mexican junior Paola Longoria. Jo played smart and confident. I wish I had been the commentator on racquetballonline.tv for this match as Jo is normally behind the mic for all my matches. I would

have loved to provide the same good commentating as she normally provides.

The Quarters had good match ups. Samantha gave Cheryl Gudinas a run for her money as the two went 5 games. Cheryl won the first 2 and looked like she was going to close it out, but Samantha fought back and won the next 2. Cheryl however showed the kid from Mexico that she still

smart and won in 3 games. It was a good feeling to win in 3 because obviously I would not be as worn out for my semi's and actually left more time to rest.

Jo Shattuck played Rhonda in the bottom half of the quarters. Jo didn't have enough to put Rhonda down (and neither did anyone else as Rhonda ended up winning the tournament). The scores were respectable (8,2,7) and I believe overall, Jo was happy with her performance.



Rhonda & Cheryl

has what it takes to win a 5 game match. 11-6 Cheryl in the 5th.

Kristen Walsh and Kerri Wachtel were matched up again for the 3rd time in a row this season. Kerri had prevailed the last two meetings but this time Kristen won in a tough 5 game. Kristen lost the 1st and 4th games and was close to winning in the 3rd when she finally gave up the game to Kerri 15-13. In the 5th game, Kristen pretty much rolled everything out. Kerri seemed to struggle with her normally easy shots.

I played Angela Grisar in the Quarters. It was our 3rd meeting in the last 3 tournaments as well. The previous two meetings have resulted in one win for Angela in 5 games and one win for me in 5 games. I swear, there is nothing worse than thinking about playing a 5 gamer with Angela. She is so tough and seems to get to everything. Just when you think you have a little bit of a lead, she fights her way back. But....this was to be my day as I played extremely

become cold again. I had not taken my long sleeve shirt off yet for the match and in fact never did. Rhonda quickly went up 7-0 and I never really got warm. I only scored 2 points and was rather disappointed at that point with my performance. Game three went a little better with my serves and shot selection. The score was pretty even until 7 and Rhonda put it away there. I'm still very excited about my 5th semi this year. Still looking for a final.

In the other semi, Kristen Walsh played Cheryl Gudinas. It was all Cheryl as Kristen did not play her top game that she had earlier against Kerri. The scores were 7, 5 & 4. Cheryl looked as though she found more of a groove that had been missing from her earlier match with Samantha.

I cannot write about the finals as I was not there, but understand that Rhonda continued to play well and ended up beating Cheryl in 4 games. This now moves Rhonda back to the number 1 ranking position.

I faced Rhonda in the first semi of the afternoon. I felt ready and was excited to finally get to play Rhonda after not having played against her in about 4 or 5 years. The court was set to sub-zero temperatures and it was very hard to warm up. But I finally got going after Rhonda jumped out to a 9-3 lead in the first game. I worked my way back to 9-9. Serving at 9-9, Rhonda won a rather long rally and when she went to serve, I never returned to the box. Rhonda took game one 11-9. I left the court, went to get something to drink, sat down and rested a minute. Upon returning to the court for the 2nd game, I quickly realized that doing that was the wrong thing as I had

WCRC Tourney – Saturday, February 3 at UC Davis!

The Winter 2007 UC Davis WCRC tournament was a big success ... We had 50 participants, a racquetball clinic, and a very special guest!

The balanced Davis Men's team scored well in each of the three Men's divisions, combining with the strong Davis women's team - which scored almost half of Davis' total points - for a tournament winning 1040 points. Despite the

addition of Ruben Cruz to Men's I and Josh Martinez to Men's II, Sacramento continues to have the strongest Men's team.

Women's WCRC racquetball is continuing to grow. Ji Youn Lee is new this year to the Davis team, and has won the Women's Division at both tournaments this year! Tami McLaughlin and Martina Keova were the first two women to

represent a Santa Cruz women's team, and they competed very well in this tournament - their first tournament ever! And, we had a new WCRC school and women's player: Faith Walstrum from Solano State - she finished 3rd overall! Anna Trinidad (Sacramento) and Christine O'Neil (Stanford) are also new women's players this tournament, and we hope to continue to see them all in future events.

Very Special Guest

Our very special guest this tournament was Aubrey O'Brien – the 2006 US National Junior Olympic Champion, Girls 14 & Under. Aubrey has just recently turned Pro and is ranked 33rd in the world! Aubrey took on all willing participants in the "Chal-



very strong showing from the Sacramento Men's team, the Berkeley women's team finished strongly enough to give Berkeley the closely contested second place over Sacramento: Berkeley 854 points, Sacramento 826 points.

Tim Cowan from San Diego State University made the trip all the way to Davis to play in his first WCRC tournament and finished second in Men's II - thanks Tim! Jongyoon Peck from Stanford won Men's II, so welcome Jongyoon to Men's Division I.

Adam Riech from Berkeley is new to the WCRC this year and made a big improvement from the Fall WCRC tournament to win Men's Division III! See you in Div II!

Justine Cone is back on top winning Men's Division I! But close behind is one of the top new WCRC players, Alejandro Ron, who finished second in Men's Division I! Both players are from Sacramento, and with the





lenge the Champion" and dazzled the crowd with her hard hitting shots combined with careful control and placement. She also held a women's racquetball clinic teaching the ease with which "anyone" can hit the ball HARD and with control. You can read more about Women's Professional Racquetball at: <http://www.LadiesProRacquetball.com>

We look forward to having more clinics involving more people at future WCRC events – court space permitting!

Thank you Eltelon and John Ellis for bringing us Aubrey and making this WCRC tournament extra special!

Amazing Junior Racquetball Talent

Talent across the world of junior racquetball is absolutely amazing. From the young 6 year old to the 18, or even 16, year old that plays at the professional level, it is great racquetball. What is even more impressive is that we have some of the world's best junior racquetball players here in California (especially northern CA).

We had an extremely successful tournament representing our country with pride and great skill. 16 countries were represented by 306 athletes. California produced 3 world champions and 6 runner-ups (~17% of all 1st and 2nd places)!

Heading California this year was **Marko Rojas (Stockton)** who returned home with 3 world titles in the 12 division. He won singles defeating Mexico's # 1 player Daniel De La Rosa in two straight. He did not loose one game in singles the entire tournament. In doubles with partner **Jose Diaz (Stockton)**, they had to fight a little harder, but still emerged victorious. Elizabeth Brenner (OR) and Marko still dominated the mixed division defending their title from last year in Juarez, MX. **Alejandro Guzman (Stockton)** and **Devon Pimentelli (Vallejo)** were their runner-up in that division.

Ismael Aldana (Stockton) returns as world champion in the 16 age division defeating teammate **Jose Rojas (Stockton)** in a technically excellent 11-10 tiebreaker. It was the match of the tournament played with admirable intensity and great sportsmanship. However, it was the quietest crowd at any final. I believe if a poll would have been taken the answer, "either one" would be the most popular answer to the question, "who do you want to win?" It made us very proud to have a Stocktonian final with these two respected and admired juniors. In doubles **Jose** and **Ish** took 2nd to Mexico. An off game for the twosome.

Aubrey O'Brian (Auburn) got 2nd in the 14s loosing a close tiebreaker 11-9 to Veronica Sotomayer from Ecuador.

Veronica was predicted to walk through the tournament without a fight. I think Veronica was surprised by the tenacity of Aubrey and will worry all year knowing she will encounter Aubrey again next year.

Devon Pimentelli (Vallejo) had great wins to get to the finals. She played a hard match but Mariia Josei Vargas of Bolivia emerged victorious 15-6, 15-8

Jose Serrano (Stockton) and **Teresa Diaz (Stockton)** took 2nd in Mx 16 doubles, and Teresa took 2nd in the Friendship Cup (a tourney for those not the top 2 in their country). **Bobby Sehrgosha (Pleasanton) & Sabrina Viscuso (Auburn)** placed 2nd in the Mx 10 doubles.

Jordan Nance (Lodi) and **Ricky Diaz (Stockton)** both got 3rd place in 6 multibounce singles and **Ashley O'Brian (Auburn)** got 3rd in 10 doubles.

Other good finishes include **Logan Nance (Lodi)** and **Bobby Sherghosa's (Pleasanton)** 2nd in the top consolation in boys 10 doubles. **Bobby** also returned with a bronze in the top consolation of the 10's singles. **Daniel Rojas (Stockton)** got gold in the top consolation 8 multibounce singles and 2nd in 8 single bounce singles.

I am proud of all the performances by our juniors. I want to especially thank all of our untiring parents who give up their time to get the children to the club to allow development of their racquetball skills. Thanks also to all of our sponsors especially **TEAM HEAD** and **TEAM EKTALON** for providing equipment and accessories that heighten these talented junior's skills.

We'll look forward to 2007 World's in Bolivia.

Proudly submitted,

Jody Nance, coach
In-Shape Shooters Jr. Racquetball team

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 Matt Hills at: hills@stanford.edu or George Tellez at: 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 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 Hughes 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.

At your service,
Peggine Tellez, President, CSRA



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2007 State Championships

The Fitness West Club in Daly City played host to this years State Singles Championships. This was also the first year that a State Singles could be eligible as an alternate Qualifier for entry into the 2007 National Singles in Houston.

The R2Sports online entry system is gaining in popularity with the players across the country with the players about to gain access to their start times and division draws as well as entering the tournament. The players in the State Singles have also shown a partiality to the online system with over half of the 120 participants signing up on the web.

Jack Hughes was able to update the draws actively during the tournament utilizing a paperless system for the first time. For future events, this online system is available to all tournament directors for all sanctioned events and includes the assistance of our board members whom have experience with the R2Sports system.

This year the Board of Directors tried something a little different with prize money pools in every division. For straight draws, prize money was awarded though the Semi-finals and for Round Robin draws, prize money was awarded by points for 1st, 2nd & some 3rd places based on

winning at least one match and the size of the draw.

Several players chose to donate their prize money back to the racquetball association for use in the Juniors and general development programs as well as a few folks making a donation on their entry form. Our sincere thanks to: Jack Easterday, Tony Jammal, Nidia Funes, Tori Davis, Jeff Marshall, Mark Nives, Alyse Cori & Margaret Pederson.

I would personally like to thank the participating Board of Directors for their efforts over the weekend to provide a quality event centered on the players satisfaction: Jack Hughes, Brian Dixon, Del Villanueva, Larry Steiner, Margaret Pederson and a super special THANKS our perennial volunteer – Terri Ann Rogers.

Congratulaions to all players for participating in your State Singles Championships.

The following is the Champion and Finalist results for the 2007 State Singles Championships. For complete results, please review the draws by going to the tournament website through the californiaracquetball.org/calendar link.

MEN'S OPEN

Jason Samora / Herb Yamashiro

MEN'S ELITE

Matt Barserian / Gil Cepeda

MEN'S A

Jeremy Mayer / Kevin Loop

MEN'S B

Kyle Kazmierczak / Jim Latter

MEN'S C

Zachary Brancato / Jack Easterday

MEN'S D

Jesse Serna / Mitch Forrest Jr.

MEN'S UNDER 24

Matt Berserian / Kyle Severns

MEN'S 25+

Brian Feng / Jason Samora

MEN'S 35+

Armando Villa / Richardo Espinosa

MEN'S 45+

Jim Durham / Steven Ducich

MEN'S 55+

Jim Ferrell / John Lomonaco

MEN'S 65+

Ron Dorst

MEN'S 75+

Vinnie Caramagno / Jose Sanchez

MEN'S UNDER 24 A

Carlos Penagos / Tony Jammal

MEN'S 35+ A

Joel Schneider / Jeff Marshall

MEN'S 45+ A

John Lomonaco / Richard Aal

MEN'S 35+ B

Charlie Terrazas / Jose Castillo

MEN'S 45+ B

Paul Flores / Clay Alexander

MEN'S 55+ B

Hank Estrada / Carlos Contreras

MEN'S 45+ C

Jack Easterday / Doug Litwin

MEN'S 55+ C

Warren Hackbarth / Henry Taylor

WOMEN'S OPEN

Mary Tessier / Aubrey O'Brien

WOMEN'S ELITE

Esther Lozano / Margaret Pederson

WOMEN'S A

Alyse Cori / Devon Pimentelli

WOMEN'S B

Haoning Yang

WOMEN'S C

Jessica Winn / Irene Djohan

WOMEN'S D

Linda Winn / Beverly Bachoo

WOMEN'S 45+

Lee Hardiman

WOMEN'S 25/35 B/C

Haoning Yang / Amy Palko

WOMEN'S 25+ C

Irene Djohan / Angela Hahn

Upcoming Events

April 13–15, 2007

2007 Regional Championships

Los Caballeros Sports Club

17272 Newhope St

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Contact: Rick Roa/Peggine Tellez

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April 20–22, 2007

Greater Sacramento Open

Signature Athletic Club

6001 Fair Oaks Blvd

Carmichael, CA 95608

Contact: John Ellis

(209) 477-2306

April 27–29, 2007

Raq-Attack

Dan Gamel's H&R Club

4774 N. Blackstone Avenue

Fresno, CA 93726

Darlene Oehlschlaeger

(559) 978-2420

email: Darlene@gamel.com

May 4–6, 2007

CSRA State Junior Championships

CSRA/ISSC

1074 E. Bianchi Road

Stockton, CA 95210

John Ellis

(209) 472-2100

May 18–20, 2007

Mid Valley Open

Spectrum Club Canoga Park

22235 Sherman Way

Canoga Park, CA 91330

Contact: Alan Weiner (818) 621-4488

email: awpup@msn.com

August 3–5, 2007

Summer Sizzler Open

Twin Arbors Athletic Club

1900 South Huthchins

Lodi, CA 95240

Steve Cook

(209) 334-4897

August 24–26, 2007

CSRA State Doubles Championships

Prime Time Athletic Club

1718 Rollins Road

Burlingame, CA 94010

Jack Hughes

(650) 349-9533

September 14–16, 2007

Stockton Pro-Am

In Shape Athletic Club

1074 Bianchi Road

Stockton, CA 95210

John Ellis

(209) 472-2100

October 5–7, 2007

Solano Open

Solano Athletic Club

1471 Holiday Lane

Fairfield, CA 94533

Jim Schmader

(707) 429-4363

October 9–11, 2007

Tournament of Terror

Spectrum Club

22235 Sherman Way

Canoga Park, CA 91303

Debbi Tisinger

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2006 – 2007 Racquetball Season Ready to Roll (out)

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 1st 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.

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

Quarterly E-mail announcements will alert you to the newest issue.

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.

This site has so much to offer: State Rankings, newsletters, events, Junior & Collegiate news, tips, photos and other racquetball related items...

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