



California Racquetball



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Californians Fare Well in Houston

A fair share of Californians made the trip the Ektelon AARA 29th U.S. National Singles Championships in Houston over Memorial Day weekend, and several came home packing medals. They include: **Gene Pare** of Campbell (silver-Mens 45+), **Dina Moreland** of Claremont (silver-Womens 30+), **Debbie Tisinger** of Canoga Park (silver-Womens 35+), **Elaine Dexter** of Dublin (silver-Womens 45+), **Meri Jean Kelley** of Palo Alto (silver-Womens 50+). As of press time third, fourth and consolation winners had not been published. See the next Racquetball Magazine for full highlights and results.

ProKennex Racquetball Signs Mike Martinez to Professional Advisory Staff

Mike Martinez, a member of PROKENNEX Racquetball Professional Advisory Staff since 1990, has signed a new multi-year pact to continue his role with the company, which includes product development, player development and marketing.

Martinez, an experienced and highly qualified player and instructor, serves as national promotional manager of PROKENNEX Racquetball's Team Tour Gear, comprised of elite racquetball players now competing and winning with the revolutionary *Kinetic* racquet.

Martinez has been among the top open-division players in California over the past decade, with more than 35 Open Singles and 20 Open Doubles titles to his credit. He is the 1994-95 and 1995-96 World Senior Champion, the 1995-96 National Three Wall Senior Champion, 1996 California 35+ State Champion, and was a finalist in the 1996 California State Singles and Doubles Open division Championships. His consistent on-court performances during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 California Racquetball Association seasons earned back-to-back number-one rankings.

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Actively involved in promoting the sport of racquetball, Martinez is the Racquetball Director at Los Caballeros Racquet & Sports Club in Fountain Valley, California. The club is the host site of numerous state, regional, national, and world racquetball championships. In 1990 he was elected as Southern California Vice President of the California Racquetball Association.

Martinez will compete with the new PROKENNEX *Kinetic Diamond*, the only racquetball racquet to have a secondary energy source to increase the power zone, stabilize the racquet frame on off-center hits, and virtually eliminate shock and vibration.

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News from the National Board

Some highlights from the National Board Meeting held in Houston prior to the National Singles Championships:

- The American Amateur Racquetball Assoc. (AARA) changes name to US Racquetball Assoc. (USRA) in keeping with other NGB and Olympic sports names, i.e. US Basketball, US Swimming, US Gymnastics
- The board of directors voted for increased support of the US Open (Racquetball Championships) to be held in Memphis in November. This spectacular Pro/Am will utilize three clubs and feature full television and media coverage, a trade show, clinics, and a new, portable glass exhibition court
- Keith Caulkins, former AARA President, was elected to the board of directors by the AARA body
- A one-year extension to the one-serve rule for Open divisions was extended. One-service continues to be an option at the state level, although it is required at Regional and National competition
- Regional sites for 1997 were revisited. California will have one regional site and Regionals across the nation will run on the same weekend in April. "Satellite" sites will be featured, one in the west, east, and southeast for all who cannot participate on the primary weekend but must qualify for the National Singles.

**Next Board Meeting
to be Held at The State Doubles
Championships at Los Caballeros
September 14, 1996 at 1p.m.**



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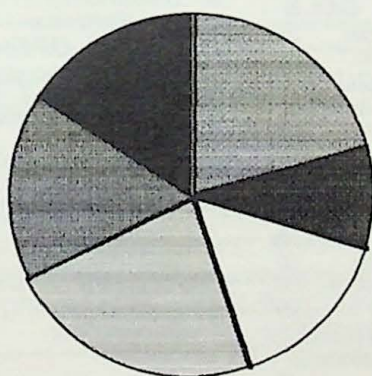
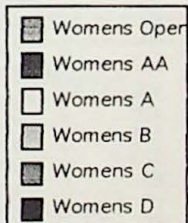
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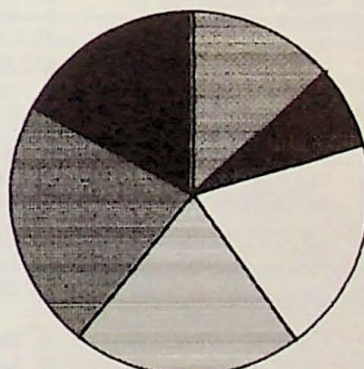
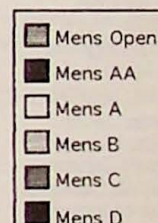
"Thank You" from the Ferrins

Editor's note: Rick Ferrin, a long-time racquetball player from central California was diagnosed with cancer this spring. Subsequent surgery and treatment has been successful, and a benefit tournament was hosted by West Lane Racquet Club in April to help defray medical and expenses. The following letter was received from the Ferrins: "We have been trying to think of a way to thank everyone (without everyone's address) for their support. I think we have found a way: THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Your thoughtfulness has not gone unnoticed. We appreciate everyone's prayers and donations to help our family through this experience. We appreciate everyone's prayers and donations to help our family through this experience. It has been an experience! We are thankful to God and everyone who has been there for us during this time. We could not have made it through without your kindness. For those of you who are unaware of what I am talking about, on Feb. 20, 1996 my husband, Rick Ferrin, underwent 6 hours of surgery to remove 1/3 of his tongue and 82 lymph nodes on his left side of his neck (FYI Rick is a lefty). The surgeon found one positive lymph node and proceeded to do a radical neck dissection to remove any and all positive nodes, in case it has spread further. Thank God there was no more. Rick just had a check-up and is healing beautifully and will not need follow-up for three months. Rick has been a little discouraged because it is taking him awhile to recover and he has not been able to hit the ball....much. Of course, those of you who know Rick know he will not be down for long. Boy, is he stubborn! He has put himself on a program and he is strengthening his arm and doing well. On April 19, CARA sanctioned a tournament for Rick and it was so beautiful. There were some special people we wanted to thank: Barbara & Jim Tibbens for organizing and directing, West Lane Racquet Club for the use of their facility, Gary Heil, Pat and John Ellis, Church's chicken, Jeff Mayorga for the entry forms, Brian Mirich of Courtesy Sports for the awesome shirts, Vic and Nancy Mandella, and everyone who donated, prayed, and came to encourage our family. For those of you who were not able to make it to the event, Rick "Lefty" Ferrin played right handed doubles with Gary Heil and they took second place. Look out! Rick Ferrin will be back! Again, thank you for your love and support. May God Bless all of you as he has blessed us with you.-- Jolie & Rick Ferrin

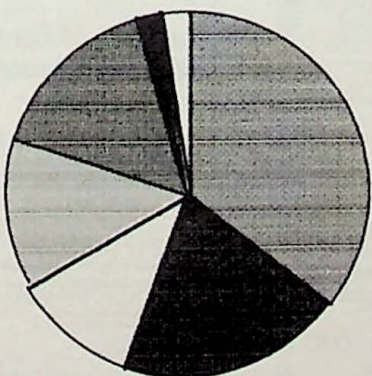
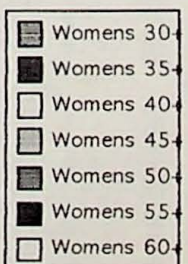
Female Players Ranked in C.A.R.A.



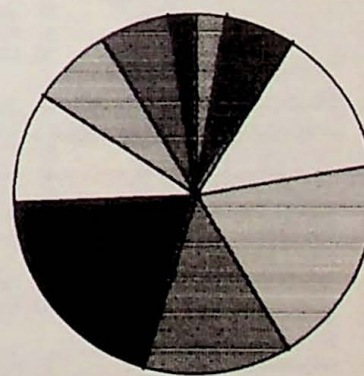
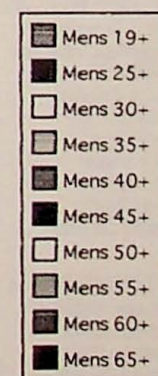
Male Players Ranked in C.A.R.A.



Female Age Division Players



Male Age Division Players





CALIFORNIA RACQUETBALL

RANKINGS - AS OF JUNE 16, 1996

WOMENS OPEN		5. Bev Supanick 40	9. David Andrade 40	3. Gary McAuley 70	2. Trent/Wright 25
1. Lisa Hjelm 310		WOMENS 40+	10. Scott Colmer 40	4. Jack Howard 55	3. Johnson/Perez 15
2. Mary Tessier 255		1. Karen Holden 120		5. Ron Adams 50	4. Fichthorn/Pare 15
3. Debbie Tisinger 195		2. Elaine Dexter 80	MENS 19+	6. Russ Bateds 50	MENS 35+ DBLS
4. Dina Moreland 160		WOMENS 45+	1. Franco Palmer 130	7. Pete Buchanan 40	1. Fierst/Weniger 30
5. Karen Holden 155		1. Terry Rogers 205	2. Greg Solis 60	8. Dave Guerra 40	2. Barnes/Mentzer 25
6. Sandra Cabrera 108		2. Loretta Anderson 49	3. Rocky Carson 40	9. Jay Jayson 30	3. Craig/Turner 20
7. Cheryl Ford 65		3. Nidia Funes 45	4. Matt Hawkins 35	10. Terry Preister 30	4. Butler/Bumoe 10
8. Louise Winter 60		WOMENS 50+	5. Nate Osborne 20	MENS 60+	MENS 40+ DBLS
9. Raymie Roland 45		1. Merjean Kelly 130	6. Bill West 20	1. Jerry Holly 110	1. Barkey/Pare 40
10. Jackie Gibson 40		2. Sue Embry 80	MENS 25+	2. Ron Dorst 70	2. Clyde/Hayes 25
WOMENS AA		3. Jeanette Williams 60	1. Bryan Londo 240	3. Vance Lerner 45	MENS 45+ DBLS
1. Michelle Kinaan 120		4. Mary Walker 30	2. John Ivers 60	4. R. McEachen 30	1. Castelanelli/Ortega 30
2. Rose Cornelius 60		MENS OPEN	3. Dale Millhollin 60	5. Jay Striem 30	2. Jayson/Koning 20
3. Mary Rossi 55		1. Jeff Mayorga 195	4. Jim Bannelos 40	6. Fred Pourroy 28	MIXED OPEN DBLS
4. Jill Crouse 45		2. Brian Londo 185	5. Chris Hardwick 40	7. Ken Moore 25	1. Cabrera/Carter 80
5. Chau Phan 40		3. Joe Paraiso 180	6. Curtis Lezama 35	8. V. Caramagno 20	2. Holden/Winings 75
6. Kim Cameron 35		4. Steve Lerner 135	7. Ryan Silacci 35	9. Ted Cooke 20	3. Cameron/Ramirez 50
7. Nicole Saring 30		5. Franco Palmer 128	8. J. Huot 30	10. Jim Dunn 20	4. Paraiso/Paraiso 40
8. Dionna Brown 25		6. Michael Bronfeld 120	9. Mark Nomura 25	MENS 65+	5. Giosa/Quinn 30
9. Emma Jackson 25		7. Adam Karp 108	10. Craig Turner 25	1. V. Caramagno 30	6. Hjelm/Wright 30
10. Raymie Roland 25		8. Rocky Carson 105	MENS 30+	2. Bob Henley 30	7. Kilbane/Carter 30
WOMENS A		9. Mike Grandstaff 103	1. Steve Wattz 100	3. Bill Gencarella 25	8. McKeel/Jackson 30
1. Sherron Boyea 75		10. Brad Carter 103	2. Bill Sell 75	4. John Reid 25	9. McLaws/Spangenberg 30
2. Sandra Maxwell 70		MENS AA	3. Oscar Carrasco 60	MENS 70+	10. Minor/Alired 30
3. Cheryl Henderson 40		1. Ed Jaramillo 90	4. Steve Ducich 60	1. Ben Gencarella 50	MIXED A DOUBLES
4. Eshler Lozano 40		2. Kevin Watson 90	5. Ken Fichthorn 60	2. Bob Nedd 50	1. Brown/Brown 60
5. Sue Felix 30		3. Jim Maldonado 80	6. Dave Genevay 60	MENS OPEN DBLS	2. Tibbens/Tibbens 35
6. Diana Gonzalez 30		4. Louis Reba 80	7. John Ivers 60	1. Mayorga/Mulcock 95	3. Campbell/Chartrand 30
7. Sherry Knecht 30		5. Bill West 80	8. John Wong 60	2. Azuma/Stone 40	4. Cornelius/Cornelius 30
8. Joyce Schafer 30		6. Dana Cornelius 70	9. Bill Groombridge 55	3. Carter/Stone 40	MIXED B DOUBLES
9. Barbara Tibbens 30		7. Jorge Prieto 60	10. Ken Stone 45	4. Jelsco/Lerner 40	1. Lutz/Lutz 65
10. Diana Torres 30		8. Oscar Carrasco 50	MENS 35+	5. Moody/Ost 40	2. Brabbe/Panginan 60
WOMENS B		9. Gil Cepeda 50	1. Mike Martinez 190	6. Karp/Sell 35	3. Pickford/Imus 38
1. Ruby Braxton 123		10. Chris Crowther 50	2. Jim Durham 145	7. Spangenbergx2 35	4. Ellison/Stankovich 30
2. Kathy Barserian 100		MENS A	3. Bill Sell 60	8. Bronfeld/Paraiso 30	MIXED C DOUBLES
3. Elaine Wilkinson 85		1. Bill Groombridge 270	4. Stan Wright 60	9. Blood/Carter 30	1. Watford/Strauss 25
4. Sandra Maxwell 70		2. Andy Weisz 270	5. Darryl Keene 55	10. Ferrin/Reba 30	2. Nobles/Blazius 25
5. Chopi Masada 60		3. Tom Blas 92	6. Gary Buzzell 48	MENS AA DBLS	3. Lofton/Horyza 25
6. Anita Miller 55		4. Vwer Castelanelli 92	7. Rick Ramirez 45	1. George/Thomas 25	4. Erde/Pentilescu 25
7. Alyse Cori 50		5. Jonathon Dunn 85	8. Gil Cepeda 40	2. Quinn/Ramierz 25	WOMENS OPEN DB
8. Mandy York 50		6. Joe Bihar 80	9. Steve Ducich 40	MENS A DOUBLES	1. Hjelm/McDonough 140
9. Flo Broughton 45		7. Dana Cornelius 80	10. Craig Kunkel 40	1. Alagata/Beever 70	2. Cabrera/Ford 30
10. C. McClendon 45		8. John Lee 69	MENS 40+	2. Davis/Marshall 55	3. Chesterman/Dexter 30
WOMENS C		9. John Nigro 65	1. M. Hernandez Sr. 180	3. Carson/Cornelius 40	4. Funes/Holden 30
1. Linda Davis 50		10. Mike Dietsch 60	2. Darryl Warren 170	4. Castelanelli/Lund 40	5. Paraiso/McKenzie 30
2. Laura Gonzalez 50		MENS B	3. Gary Buzzell 150	5. Castelanelli/Ortega 40	6. Funes/Kelly 25
3. Darcy Janowicz 50		1. Ted Pistoiresi 130	4. Alan Brint 120	6. Lattanzio/Goodpaster 30	WOMENS AA DBLS
4. Mariah Cameron 45		2. Aiman Matta 90	5. Rick Ramirez 65	7. Bauman/Weisz 30	1. Danielle/Rummel 25
5. Diana Compton 45		3. Albert Flores 85	6. Gene Pare 60	8. Childs/Weniger 30	2. Cornelius/Muller 10
6. C. Cotroneo 40		4. Ron Adams 80	7. Mike Sage 50	9. Corpuel/Villalobos 30	WOMENS A DBLS
7. Alicia Palaby 40		5. Falz Hakim 79	8. Tom Weniger 50	10. Ellison/Voyne 30	1. Corona/McKeel 25
8. Tammy Beever 30		6. Steve O'Neill 75	9. Dave Stone 44	MENS B DOUBLES	2. Reeves/Smith 25
9. Tammy Card 25		7. Bob Thompson 75	10. Greg Sheffield 40	1. Fernandez/McBride 55	
10. Andrea Cregassa 25		8. Warren Courtney 70	MENS 45+	2. King/Tassey 45	
WOMENS D		9. Daniel Gong 70	1. Bruce Metras 180	3. Arsenault/Vincent 40	
1. Julia Bauman 50		10. Lee Hammons 70	2. Leo Gumoe 160	4. Budde/Harris 40	
2. Andrea Miller 40		MENS C	3. Garrett Parks 115	5. Buhr/Little 40	
3. Jeana Barrett 30		1. Raymond Hom 195	4. Micah Brown 110	6. DeMora/Lozano 40	
4. Kari Goldberg 30		2. Al Muranago 114	5. Archie Lee 105	7. Hidalgo/Witrado 40	
5. Espe Gunheim 30		3. Ed Collantes 100	6. Pepe Berasain 100	8. Kappahn/Nippes 40	
WOMENS 30+		4. Matthew Yim 80	7. Bert Castelanelli 65	9. Mansour/Williams 40	
1. Mary Tessier 75		5. Lee Park 80	8. Bruce Goldstone 65	10. Martinez/Parker 40	
2. Peggie Callahan 60		6. Zack Miller 72	9. R.O. Carson 60	MENS C DOUBLES	
3. Debbie Tisinger 60		7. Eric Palmer 70	10. Mike Palmer 50	1. Brackins/Casey 70	
4. Vicky Aguilar 40		8. Fred Medina 65	MENS 50+	2. McCoy/McCoy 55	
5. Connie Fall 40		9. Jim Goodman 65	1. Jack Howard 90	3. Horyza/Luhrs 50	
6. Jill Croue 30		10. Derrick Tolliver 60	2. Mike Pawka 80	4. Perez/Trent 50	
7. Tisa Mylar 30		MENS D	3. R.O. Carson 60	5. Green/Heggen 40	
8. L. Anderson 25		1. Derek Taylor 125	4. Brad Parra 60	6. Lopez/Romero 40	
9. Lisa Hjelm 25		2. Bill O'Neil 105	5. Tim Scott 60	7. Jones/Stebbins 35	
10. Elaine Dexter 15		3. Terry Durham 95	6. Ron Benson 50	8. Case/Trautwein 30	
WOMENS 35+		4. Lee Halvorsen 90	7. Stan McGinnis 50	9. Cisneros/Medina 30	
1. Debbie Tisinger 120		5. Mike Mangagnini 70	8. Terry Brown 40	10. Cruz/Storm 30	
2. Sandra Maxwell 100		6. Mike Langford 50	9. Rod Hall 35	MENS 30+ DBLS	
3. Sherron Boyea 60		7. Nick Irvine 49	10. Gordon Larkin 30	1. Barkey/Lerner 40	
4. Rose Cornelius 55		8. Michael Sharp 44	MENS 55+		
			1. Jerry Holly 105		
			2. Harold Price 75		

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Rankings

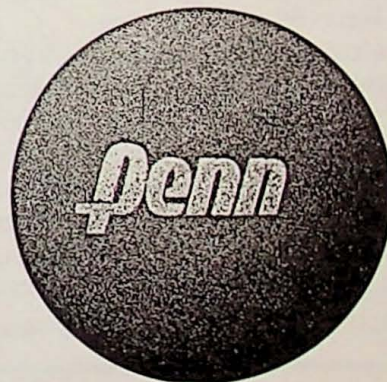
Jack Hughes keeps track and publishes all results and rankings. If you have any questions regarding your ranking points please call Jack Hughes at (415) 697-9162 or write him c/o State Headquarters.

Calendar

The Penn/CARA Tournament Circuit for July 1996 through January 1997 has been published and distributed to all clubs. It is available at sanctioned events or by sending a large, self-addressed stamped envelope to State Headquarters (.78 cents).

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Report from the Field

Each tournament director is provided with a form to fill out for a Tournament Director's Report. Here's what we got from Tim Scott on the Hawaiian Open:

"Comments about the CARA representative: As usual, Mr. Curtis was a great help to our tournament, even if he was older than the last time we had the pleasure of his visit. We were quite awed to be in the presence of "His High Heaviness", but don't think that our walking three steps behind him or requiring new CARA members to pledge undying fealty and have no other President before them, in any way interfered with his doing his job. But then, that's why they pay him the big bucks!!

Comments regarding any player(s) with reference to unsportsmanlike conduct, abuse of opponent, referee or facility, or any other concerns: Except for the usual group of keg-huggers, there were no known incidents of abuse of animals, children, or the facilities. The sun shone, birds sang, food disappeared, sportsmen and sportswomen were just that, and a way cool time was had by all."

Results from the Hawaiian Open

Womens Open: Phillis Tyler def. Kim Perry
 Womens A: Sue Felix def. Sandra Maxwell
 Womens B: Chopi Masada def. Julie Hooker
 Womens C: Charlene Cotroneo def. Donna Osborne
 Womens D: Brianne Mekeel def. Stella Atienza
 Mens A: John Mook def. Arron Rambach
 Mens B: Mike Ramsey def. David Sulis
 Mens C: Jorma Teresinski def. Andrew Smith
 Mens D: Jim Metroka def. Will Olive
 Mens Nov.: Mike Mekeel def. David Henshall
 Mens 35+: Jim Schmader def. Steve Penn
 Mens 40+: Manuel Hernandez Sr. def. Mike Sage
 Mens 45+: Archie Lee def. Bert Castelanelli
 Mens 50+: Tim Scott def. Bob Page
 Mens 55+: Russ Bates
 Mens A Dbls: Murrieta/Saragosa def. Beltran/Miguel
 Mens B Dbls: Halvorsen/Horrie def. Serrano/Ogaz
 Mens C Dbls: Luhrs/Horyza def. Hawthorne/Felix
 Senior Dbls: Schmader/Penn def. Scott/Bates
 Wom. B Dbls: Reeves/Smith/Krehe/Masada
 Wom. C Dbls: Cotroneo/Goodwin def. Sunahara/Lofton
 Mixed Open: Long/Jackson def. Perry/Curtis
 Mixed A: Riley/Smith def. Vance/Mariani
 Mixed B: Lutz/Lutz def. Heggen/Fong

"I WANT MY MTV POINTS!"

CARA/USRA has no record of receiving results from the following sanctioned tournaments:

January - **Woodland Classic**, Woodland(916) 666-2444

February - **Winter Open**, Mammoth Lks (619) 934-8511

Give us a hand and contact these clubs if you earned points. Sanctioning rights will be withheld from any tournament not complying by turning in results.

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Penn Racquet Sports Sponsors Free Racquetball Clinic for Its Employees

Penn Racquet Sports recently held a free racquetball clinic for the employees of its Phoenix, AZ facility.

The clinic, which was conducted at the Arizona Athletic Club, was taught by racquetball professional Mike Ray. Ray, a native of Hilton Head, SC competes on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT) and is currently ranked #4.

"The clinic was a great way to introduce the game of racquetball to some of our employees who have never played the game," said Carrie Cimino, Penn's Western Regional Promotions Manager. "It was also exciting to meet one of the players that plays and competes with the racquetballs that are manufactured everyday at our facility."



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CALENDAR NEWS

July 19-21, "The Way it Wuz" Open, Schoebers Athletic Club, Fremont (510) 794-9594 Randy Christopher

August 9-11, 1996 Caliente Open, The Racquet Centre, Hollywood (310) 861-6028 Tony Cortes

August 16-18, TBA, Cardio Fit, Mission Viejo (714) 586-1010, R.O. Carson

August 16-18, Summer Sizzler Open, Twin Arbors A.C., Lodi (209) 334-4897 Dennis Kaufman

August 29-Sept. 2, Stockton Pro-Am, West Lane A.C., Stockton (209) 472-2100 Rob Farrens

Sept. 6-8, Pro Kennex Grand Prix Series, Courtesy Sports/Schoebers Fremont (415) 968-7970

Sept. 13-15, CARA State Doubles Championships,
Los Caballeros Sports Village, Fountain Vly (714) 546-8560 Mike Martinez

Sept. 20-22, 9th Annual Apple Open, Spa Fitness, Watsonville (408) 722-1463 Sharon Rummel

Sept. 26-29, Ralph's/Food 4 Less Splat Shot, Tournament House, Riverside (909) 682-7511 Robin Dixon

Sept. 27-29, Fall Valley Championships, Merced Sports Club, Merced 209) 722-3988 Clarita Parra

Oct. 4-6, 9th Annual Solano Open, Solano A.C., Fairfield (707) 429-4363 Marilyn Fong

Oct. 4-6, Tournament of Terror, Racquetball World, Canoga Park (818) 884-5035 Debbie Tisinger

Oct. 11-13, Clayton Valley Open, Clayton Vly A.C., Concord (510) 682-1060 Brad Carter

Oct. 18-20, Thunderbolt Open, Dan Gamels Racquet Time, Fresno (209) 227-8405 Darlene O.

Oct. 18-20, Octoberfest, Auburn Court House, Auburn (916) 885-1964 Chris Hudson

Oct. 25-27, Great Pumpkin Open, Midtown A.C., Sacramento (916) 441-2977 Brian Mekeel

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