



Doubles, Doubles & More Doubles!



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From the **PRESIDENT**

We have many deserving members of the Hall of Fame. Some were chosen based on playing ability, some based on dedication to junior racquetball and some based on promotion and support of the sport.

On Saturday, April 2, the "Pied Piper" of Illinois racquetball will be inducted into the Illinois State Racquetball Association Hall of Fame, and his contributions fall into *all* of those categories. Who is the "Pied Piper"? Who else but Dave Negrete!

I use the term "Pied Piper" to refer to Dave because he has an entourage...a following... some peeps... whichever term you prefer. When he and I worked on State tournaments together, he would put the word out and get an additional 15 or 20 players to enter the event.

Dave is a player, starting racquetball as a junior player and ending his competitive playing career as a top Open player. I remember watching Dave play several matches in Houston one year. I learned so much from watching him and then tried to incorporate those observations into my game. While at those tournaments, Dave often provided coaching assistance for Illinois players.

Dave is a teacher, too. He teaches juniors and all levels of adult players, both male and female. I have experienced



the impact of his teaching firsthand — in my opponents!

Dave has been a club manager, club owner, tournament director, USA Racquetball Board member and Commissioner of the IRT. He helped gain support for creation of the new all-Lucite court and brought to reality his vision for bringing the Pro Nationals to Schaumburg, and to Navy Pier, and also to an outdoor venue in Denver. Dave was a recipient of the coveted Joe Sobek Contributor Award in 2009 at National Singles.

I could go on and on. But, it is time to celebrate his accomplishments! Please join us at Glass Court at 7:30 pm on April 2. If you have a story or would like to provide some commentary on what Dave has meant to you and your racquetball career, please e-mail me at laurelmdavis@comcast.net.

See you on the courts!

Laurel

On the Cover...

Clockwise from top left:

Diane and Frank Bunker at the Glass Court One-Day Warm-up

Dave Olson and Gregg Mandell at ISRA State Doubles in Peoria

Kacie Berkelhamer and Adina Ortiz with dads Brian and Jorge at ISRA State Doubles

Dave and Nancy Kronenfeld at USAR National Doubles in Tempe, AZ

Letters to the EDITOR

To the Editor:

I want to say something about the helper(s) in a racquetball tournament. If it's a person who takes out the trash, checks you in, runs the desk, referees your match, is the director, or the owner...people assist during a tournament weekend for you and for the love of the game, and most are volunteers! In my many years in this sport, I have observed and experienced occasional unjust treatment afforded to volunteers. If you as a player are having a bad day (perhaps you just lost), it is not the tournament helper's fault nor is it your referee's fault.

Also, you pay one tournament fee – please remember that this does not entitle your family and friends to tournament hospitality, and it doesn't entitle anyone to get upset when a volunteer says something about it. Food is ordered according to the number of players in the tournament. As a helper, I have had food thrown at me and worse. I know most of you are not like this. For all of you who have expressed appreciation and pitched in when you had a moment, thank you! For those who fall into the prior category, please imagine yourself in the volunteer's place at the next event.

— *A Racquetball Player
and Volunteer*

To The Editor:

As our present junior players start to transition into the adult levels of competition, it is important to make the following observation: our adult racquetball community has welcomed them with open arms. The level of encouragement exhibited, the good sportsmanship and the competitive play are commendable. At every level, routinely, fair play and good sportsmanship is demonstrated.

Players like Mike Toland and Samuel Gomez who competed against juniors in our recent State Doubles event in Peoria should be commended for their actions on the court. And, in the finals of the Men's C division, Alcides Gutierrez and Ranferi Salgado, ultimately winning in a close 11-10 tiebreaker, showed nothing but excellent rapport with our junior players on the court and after the match.

We all hear so much about the negatives of life, it's so important to recognize the positive aspects of our society, our community and our sport. Great Job!

— *An Observer*

Hello Everyone!

I have been playing professional racquetball since 1990...that's a long time! Having traveled to countless events over the years, I have developed such an appreciation for everyone who makes these great events possible. Without the tournament directors, the players, the volunteers, and the sponsors, where would our sport be?

Coaching the National Junior Team for the last twelve years as well, I see the importance of continuing to grow the sport. Brainstorming ideas, Cheryl Kirk and I came up with several we would love to pursue in the next year or so. One would involve bringing the Women's Professional Tour (WPRO) back to Chicago...home of my first professional racquetball experience...which paved the way to my racquetball career.

Our vision involves combining the women's professional players with the current US Junior Team girls and having a Women's Pro Stop (including amateur divisions, of course) that would feature a doubles division where each junior girl would be teamed with a top tour player. This would provide experience for the juniors; bring awareness to women's racquetball; and promote our sport in our state and nationally as well.

Cheryl Kirk and I are reaching out to Team Illinois to ask for anyone interested to work with us in making this event happen. We are searching for enthusiasm, volunteers and, of course, *sponsors*.

Please contact either Cheryl or me with questions, offers of support and ideas to help bring this great event idea to reality!

*Yours in Racquetball,
Cheryl Gudinas*

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SAVE THE DATES!

Men's ISRA Travel League Party Friday, April 8, 2011

The Glass Court
Swim & Fitness
830 E. Roosevelt Rd.
Lombard, IL
Check ISRA website
for further details

ISRA Golf Outing Saturday, July 16, 2011

Village Greens of
Woodridge
1575 W. 75th Street
Woodridge, IL
Shotgun start
1:00 p.m.

GLASS COURT ONE-DAY

Doubles Warm-up

January 8, 2011

Tournament Directors:

Andy Pitock, Dan Jaskier, Brian McNally and Cheryl Kirk

Baby, it's cold outside! Precisely the reason to have a doubles "warm-up" in early January...plus a great way for teams planning to compete at State Doubles (in Peoria later in the month) to get in some practice before the "main event."

This one-day event heated up the courts at Glass with 68 players in five divisions, four offering consolation as well. The format was one of maximum efficiency designed for the convenience of the participants – Women's divisions in the morning, followed by Mixed mid-day, then the Men's events in the afternoon. A lot of racquetball quickly, then participants got the rest of the day and weekend to do other stuff (like there IS anything else??).

Father-and-son-team Chuck and Trevor Snyders emerged the winners in the Men's Open/A while Laurel Davis and Liz Molitor claimed the Women's Open/A honors. Rich Bowman and Nancy Healy motored on over from Indiana to claim the top Mixed spot.

Food, fun, exercise, and *practice* made for a great combination on this winter Saturday. Thanks to all who came out to play and to the volunteers who pitched in to keep the tournament running smoothly all day. Check out the results...

— Cheryl Kirk

more photos on next page



Trevor and Chuck Snyders won in the 'breaker!

RESULTS

Division/# entered: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open/A (11): Chuck Snyders/Trevor Snyders; Jose Martinez (IN)/Rich Bowman (IN); Frank Bunker/Jerry Fronczak, Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen

Men's Open/A Consolation (4): Clint Hickman/John Thorson; Basilio Salazar/Federico Salazar; Patrick Sands/Jim Wehrli, Aaron Pace/Sanjay Gurav

Men's B/C (10): Gary Stone/Marty Henneberry; James Camasto/Wayne Lorenz; Michael Ryan/Salvador Galvan, Tom Barr/Art Davis, Jr.

Men's B/C Consolation (5): Tim Habjan/Daniel Kennedy; Hung Che/Philip Kluss; Dan Musgrove/Dave Wielgus, Jason Goodman/Sam Goodman

Women's Open/A (8): Laurel Davis/Liz Molitor; Karen Blair/Laurie Bender; Pam Grace/Tina Hernandez, Carolyn Watkins-Vazquez/Marcia Waren

Women's Open/A Consolation (4): Diane Bunker/Judy Sands; Joy Herth/Marian Bala; Barb Vagedes/Marla Cusano

Mixed Open/A (12): Rich Bowman (IN)/Nancy Healy (IN); Janet Eminger/Tom Utterback; Andy Pitock/Marian Bala, Judy Sands/Scott Fauque

Mixed Open/A Consolation (5): Frank Bunker/Diane Bunker; Mike Davern/Tina Hernandez; Dustie Baker/Jim Maroon, Cheryl Kirk/Rick Seaberg

Mixed B/C (2): Karen Blair/Marty Henneberry; Dustie Baker/Samuel Gomez



*John Thorson and
Clint Hickman, Men's Open/A
Consolation Winners*



*Tina Hernandez
returns to Illinois!*



*Marty Henneberry
and Gary Stone,
Men's B/C Winners*

NOTICE OF ELECTION *of ISRA Officers and Board Members*

The ISRA Board will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2011. As with all ISRA meetings, this meeting is open to the membership. The Annual Meeting is particularly important since all members attending have a vote in the election of the ISRA Board of Directors. If you plan to attend, please contact Geoff Peters at petersgeoff@hotmail.com for time and location.

Officer and Board positions are staggered two-year terms. This year, the open positions include President, Secretary, two of the four Zone Vice Presidents and four Governing Board member positions.

The Officer slate is:

Laurel Davis for President
Marla Cusano for Secretary
Kevin Brylski for North Zone VP
Pam Schubach for Central Zone VP

The following four individuals are being re-nominated to the Governing Board:

Mike Davern, Pam Grace, Cheryl Kirk,
and Rick Seaberg

Per the ISRA bylaws, opposing slates and individuals must be nominated in writing and received prior to May 15, 2011. If there are no additional nominations, the Nominating Committee's slate

will be accepted automatically. Anyone interested in running for office or a Board position should contact Geoff Peters at petersgeoff@hotmail.com.

Additionally, any ISRA member who wishes to help improve the quality of racquetball in Illinois is welcome to join the Auxiliary Board. Come out and support Illinois Racquetball!

Signed,

*The Nominating Committee
Geoff Peters (Chair), Joe Silius, and
Lynne Weisbart*

WS/MRA NATIONALS

Basking in the Colorado Sunshine

The Women's Senior/Masters Racquetball Association (WS/MRA) selected Denver for the site of their 22nd National Tournament, and it turned out to be a great choice. The tournament was over the Martin Luther King weekend (Jan 14th-16th) at the Highlands Ranch Recreation Center in Littleton, Colorado. Who would have thought we could walk around in shorts in the 55+ degree weather that graced us the whole weekend of the tournament?

Each year the WS/MRA tournament kicks off the tourney Thursday afternoon with "fun" doubles. Players greeted old friends and checked out the courts in the mile-high altitude. The doubles is also a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research. Wilson donates items for a raffle and anyone contributing to the "cause" has her name put in the raffle bucket. Over \$400 was raised for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Later that evening after the tournament meeting, players got to check out the great embroidered tournament jacket that was to be

the souvenir. Not only could every woman try it on beforehand to see what size she wanted to order, but she could also have her name embroidered on the final product....and order some great sweatpants to match.

On Friday morning the serious singles round robin competition got under way. When entrants weren't on the court, they could scope out their competition, snack on the great food or browse through the items offered in the silent auction. Tournament Directors Marcia Richards, Lori Inskeep and Cindy Tilbury had great assistance from members of both the Colorado Racquetball Association and the USAR Board of Directors, so matches were on time if not early. Aside from the court action, the Saturday night banquet was a big hit with Marcia Richards' mailman doubling as a DJ. He played one great hit after another and as usual the women danced like crazy. Cheryl Kirk, who was celebrating her birthday that evening, even serenaded us with her rendition of Meatloaf's "Paradise by the Dashboard Light."

Colorado did have the most players from their state, but Illinois was a major participant with 11 women players heading out west to the tourney: Dustie Baker, Donna Heinzl, Margaret Hoff, Martha Huske, Pauline Kelly, Cheryl Kirk, Nancy Kronenfeld, Lola Markus, Patti Moser, Joyce Satorius, and Joan Vande Kieft. Congratulations to our medalists!

Joan Vande Kieft – 3rd Place, 60+
Margaret Hoff – 1st Place, 65+
Pauline Kelly – 2nd Place, 70+
Lola Markus – 1st Place, 75+

So when and where in the world will the WS/MRA be going next year for the National Championships? The WS/MRA will head south to Sarasota, Florida. **Mark your calendar now for the weekend of January 13-15, 2012.** For more information on the WS/MRA, check out our website: www.wsmra.com or click on the ISRA website link.

-- Nancy Kronenfeld



*Front row (L to R): Pauline Kelly, Donna Heinzl, Martha Huske, Dustie Baker
Back row (L to R): Patti Moser, Lola Markus, Joyce Satorius, Margaret Hoff, Nancy Kronenfeld,
Joan Vande Kieft, Cheryl Kirk. Photo courtesy of Nancy Kronenfeld*

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2011 Illinois State DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 28-30, 2011

**Landmark Racquet & Health Club,
Peoria**

Tournament Director – Laurel Davis

Mission accomplished! The ISRA Board had a goal this year — to take State Doubles to the rest of the state rather than having the rest of the state come to Chicagoland. With the cooperation of a joint tournament committee and a great host club, the tournament held the last weekend of January was a success.

There were 142 players at the tournament, about 10 less than last year. But, the proportion of players from different areas of the state was different in that all areas of the state were represented — north, south, east and west.

Larry Vena of the Chicagoland area took a team approach. His entire Men's Open travel team headed south to compete. Also, Glass Court owner Dan Jaskier had the opportunity to attend a tournament and actually enjoy himself without additional responsibilities. He and partner Keith Mecklenburg made it to the final of the Men's A division

where they lost a close one to youngsters Kenny Brown and Eric Mathews.

In the Men's Open, Keith Minor and Jason Thoerner repeated as champions. The second place team was Brian Berkelhamer and Jorge Ortiz. The outcome was not as close as last year. Maybe Brian and Jorge were a little short on rest? They brought their children along for a weekend of excitement (see cover).

In the Women's Open, Patrice Calvi and Kathy Grill knocked off a couple of seeded teams (Davis/Molitor and Kempthorne/Schubach) before succumbing to champions Nancy Amaro and Janet Eminger in the final.

In the Mixed Open, Landmark players Mike Snarr and Pam Schubach beat Keith Minor and Patrice Calvi in a tiebreaker to take the championship.

Please check the results for the rest of the action. There was a lot of play (many players competed in three divisions) and tons of camaraderie as well. In fact, I received several Facebook invitations following the tournament! As soon as I figure out how to respond to you all, I will do that. And, through

connections made at State Doubles, Kim Wainwright and Lisa Vicary turned up at Glass Court several weeks later for some Saturday morning women's doubles action!

So, as I said — mission accomplished. It could not have happened without a lot of help. Thanks to the Tournament Committee of John Snarr, Bob Schwab, Jim



*Bob Schwab,
Tournament Desk MVP*

Maroon, Pam Schubach, Geoff Peters, Cheryl Kirk and Marla Cusano. Also, thanks to Liz Wilson at Landmark for all of her help.

Last but not least, we had a great group of sponsors for this tournament. Our Silver sponsors were Jim Stowell (Baird and Company) and Keith Minor (KWM Gutterman). Bronze sponsors included PNC Bank and Peoria Racquet for the Cure. There were several Donor Board sponsors, as well, including C. Kirk Consulting, Mike Davern, Paul Jepsen, Jim Maroon, Liz Molitor, Geoff Peters and Pam Schubach. Thanks to all of you for your support of Illinois Racquetball!

Things heard around the tournament: "Pullover jackets are awesome, best souvenir ever; great club; loved the free beer; liked being able to go from the club to the Bullpen Lounge without leaving the building; food was good." Also heard: "A little light on food on Sunday; some of the seeding could have been better." If you attended in January and have comments you would like to share, please send them to me at laurelmdavis@comcast.net.

— Laurel Davis



*Tournament Committee Cheryl Kirk, Pam Schubach,
TD Laurel Davis, John Snarr
(not pictured — Bob Schwab, Jim Maroon,
Geoff Peters, Marla Cusano)*

more pictures on pages 9 and 10

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Illinois Juniors Jason Goodman, Jeremy Dixon, Sam Goodman and Matt Robinson



Dan Curless, John Snarr and Matt Kaag



*Mixed 45-55+ Champs
Tom Utterback and Janet Eminger*



*Front, L to R, Sandra Filipp,
Kenny Brown, Kelly Gremley
Back, L to R, Carl Carman, Justin Peterson,
Eric Mathews, Jonathon Bowles*

2011 Illinois State **DOUBLES** *continued from previous page*



Drew Vicary trying to relax on Saturday evening



Lisa Vicary and Kim Wainwright, Women's B Champs



Sandy Camp and Patrice Calvi wore Packers apparel at an Illinois event??



Bears fans dealt with the situation

Thanks to our ISRA State Doubles Sponsors!

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RESULTS

Division/# entered: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's 25-40+A (5): Jack Johnson/Shane Jackson; Jim Wehrli/John Puccio; David Coyner/Peter McCauley (3rd)

Men's 45+A (3): Geoff Heekin/Shawn Warner; John Mason/Bill Kuhlman; James Zidek/Wayne Lorenz (3rd)

Men's 50-60+A (3): Pat Moran/Bill Coon; Michael Veeder/Mike Kull; Bill Roberts/Geoff Peters (3rd)

Men's 40/45/55+ Int (4): Michael Ryan/Salvador Galvan; Douglas Gordon/Matthew Kaag; Bill Coon/Pat Moran (3rd)

Women's Open (8): Nancy Amaro/Janet Eminger; Katherine Grill/Patrice Calvi; Brenda White/Kristin Coulter, Joann Kempthorne/Pam Schubach

Women's AA (3): Ellen Somberg/Lynn Yeazell; Becky Gerig/Georgia Russell; Kelly Gremley/Maritza Ortega

Women's A (5): Kelly Gremley/Maritza Ortega; Marian Bala/Cheryl Kirk; Julianne Valentino/Pam Grace (3rd)

Women's B Doubles (4): Kim Wainwright/Lisa Vicary; Dustie Baker/Letty Rivera; Liz Anderson/Shelley Steward (3rd)

Women's Age (5): Brenda White/Ellen Somberg; Georgia Russell/Marcia Warren; Diane Bunker/Judy Sands (3rd)

Mixed Open (12): Mike Snarr/Pam Schubach; Keith Minor/Patrice Calvi; Nancy Amaro/Trevor Snyders, Janet Eminger/Tom Utterback

Mixed AA (5): Ellen Somberg/Mike Vicary; Kristin Coulter/Miguel Riollano; Brent Huff/Shelley Stewart, Maritza Ortega/Oscar Madrigal

Mixed A Doubles (10): Patrice Calvi/Patrick Sands; Eric Mathews/Kelly Gremley; Kerry Spix/Marla Cusano, Kristin Coulter/Miguel Riollano

Mixed B/C Doubles (4): Letty Rivera/Tony Garcia; Carl Carman/Sandra Filipp; Dustie Baker/Samuel Gomez (3rd)

Mixed 40+ (4): Marcia Warren/Tom Lamberson; Dennis Negrete/Janet Christie; Judy Sands/Scott Fauque (3rd)

Mixed 45/50/55+: Janet Eminger/Tom Utterback; Diane Bunker/Frank Bunker; Joe Silius/Nancy Amaro (3rd)

Mixed 40/45/55+A: Georgia Russell/Jim Maroon; Carolyn Watkins-Vazquez/Jerry Fronczak; Cheryl Kirk/Jim Wehrli (3rd)

Mixed Age Intermediate (6): Letty Rivera/Tony Garcia; Carl Carman/Sandra Filipp; Erin Hayworth/Matthew Kaag, Kim Wainwright/Mike Toland

2011 USAR National DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

ASU Recreation Center, Tempe, AZ
February 9-13, 2011
Tournament Director – Jim Hiser

US Team Qualifying*

Men's – Rocky Carson/Jack Huczek
vs. Chris Crowther/Shane
Vanderson, 7, (5), 10

Women's – Jackie Paraisoj/Aimee
Ruiz vs. Krystal Csuk/Cheryl
Gudinas, 2,1

* 1st and 2nd place teams in
National Doubles earn appointments
to the US National Team

Stats

Total Participants – 352

Illinois Participants – 13

(Arizona 102, California 92,
Texas 20, Florida 11)

Illinois Medal Count (by teams): 12

Gold – 5
Silver – 3
Bronze – 1
Pewter – 3

Double Gold – Graham, Kronenfeld

Double Medalists – Evon, Graham,
Kirk, Kronenfeld, Minor

Team Illinois Results

Player – Division/Partner/Results

*** denotes Top Finisher (QF and above),
pp denotes pool play competition*

Patrice Calvi – Women's 50+A, Cheryl
Kirk, 3rd; Women's A, Cheryl Kirk, 4th pp

Mark Calvin – Men's Elite, Brent Huff**;
Men's 35+, Brent Huff, 4th**;; Mixed A,
Carrie Hoeft (VA)**

Krystal Csuk – Women's Team Qualify-
ing, Cheryl Gudinas, 2nd**;; Mixed 25+,
Geoff Peters, 4th

Chris Evon – Women's 45+, Terri Gra-
ham, 1st**;; Mixed Centurian Open, Tim
Hansen (FL), 2nd**

Terri Graham – Women's 45+, Chris
Evon, 1st**;; Mixed 45+, Jimmy Lowe
(HI), 1st**

Cheryl Gudinas – Women's Team Quali-
fying, Krystal Csuk, 2nd**

Brent Huff – Men's Elite, Mark Calvin**;
Men's 35+, Mark Calvin, 4th**;; Mixed
Elite, Carrie Hoeft (VA)**

Cheryl Kirk – Women's A, Patrice Calvi,
4th pp; Women's 50+A, Patrice Calvi,
3rd**;; Mixed 50A/60A, Jim Elliott (UT),
"Team TJ," 4th**

Nancy Kronenfeld – Women's 55+,
Laura Patterson (NC), 5th; Women's
60+, MeriJean Kelley (CA), 1st**;; Mixed
60+, Tony Upkes (SD), 1st**

Keith Minor – Men's 40+, Brad
McCunniff (IA), 4th**;;
Men's 45+, Brad
McCunniff (IA), 2nd**
Geoff Peters – Mixed
25+, Krystal Csuk, 4th;



Keith Minor, Mark Calvin
and Brent Huff at the
ASU Rec Center

Mixed 50+A, Ann Draudt (TX), 4th pp
Joe Silius – Men's 55+, Mike Aubrey
(AZ); Men's 60+, Mike Aubrey (AZ)**
Tim Sweeney – Men's 40+, Doug
Ganim (OH), 1st**



Geoff Peters and Krystal Csuk
before their first match



2011 USAR National **DOUBLES** *continued from previous page*



*"Team TJ"
Cheryl Kirk and Jim Elliott*



*Ladies' Night Out revelers - Krystal Csuk, Jose Martinez (IN),
Cheryl Gudinas, Usher Barnoff (Canada), Patrice Calvi,
USAR staffer Joe Williams, USAR Executive Director Jim Hiser*



*Women's Open Finals, L to R, Cheryl Gudinas, Aimee Ruiz,
Jackie Paraiso, Krystal Csuk*



*Patrice Calvi and Joe Silius
courtside at the finals*

The Kill Shot **KIDS CORNER**

Photos courtesy of Illinois Juniors Racquetball

Our season is well under way. We have a nucleus of 10-15 juniors, and all are participating weekly and developing their racquetball skills.

ISRA STATE DOUBLES



L to R: Steve Vitale (front), Nathan Baker, Jason Goodman, Jeremy Dixon, Matt Robinson (back), Nate Goodwin, Sam Goodman

Juniors who played at State Doubles held in January at Landmark Health & Racquet Club in Peoria enjoyed a weekend of fun and a lot of racquetball!

Our format was a round robin with each player competing with a new partner in every game. The format led to very competitive play. All told, each junior played in over 10 games and the group spent about 8 hours total on the court Saturday and Sunday.

Many thanks to the tournament directors for the allocation of court time for the junior players. Special thanks to E-Force for donating a racquet and to Pam Grace for donating four tickets to the Chicago Auto Show for our silent auction.

MEET OUR JUNIORS



Nathan Baker

Nathan Baker is a freshman at Washington High School in Washington, IL. He played football last fall, starting at center, and he wrestles during the winter. His favorite school subjects are math and history. Nathan likes fishing, four-wheeling, bowling and working out. During the spring, racquetball and track & field are his athletic activities. He recently participated in the State Doubles Juniors event, played well and had a good time. Nathan has a great sense of humor and constantly reaches out to help others.

For more information about Illinois Juniors Racquetball, contact Barry Dixon at bdixon@holophane.com or Steve Goodman at goodman055@comcast.net.

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What Racquetball MEANS TO ME

by Brady Mann

Photo by Emily Mann

Age, hometown, occupation, family, years in racquetball and home club?

I'm 40, from Secor, IL; mechanical engineer turned contractor; 23 years playing, last 12 at Landmark in Peoria, IL.

What influenced you to start playing racquetball?

A fellow classmate in Milwaukee won a B title and gave me a racquet to play with. Then I moved to SIU Carbondale and played every day, then on to Champaign, IL at the Fitness Center.

What are your goals in racquetball for this year?

Not to get hurt and to stay competitive.

What makes you love this sport?

Thinking very quickly. It's a mental game as much as physical.

What is your philosophy on life?

Do it once and do it right.

What was your most memorable moment in racquetball?

Winning an A singles division in Peoria.

What cause(s) do you support?

Nursing homes, because we all get old!

What is one thing you would like to do that you have not done yet?

Jump out of an airplane.



What else would you like your racquetball friends to know about you?

My wife Emily and I are members of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). We recently won the coveted AACA Cup for "Out-standing Restoration of Pre-1921 Automobiles" for our 1909 Economy!



2011 Tournament

CALENDAR

For updates or edits to the ISRA Tournament Calendar, please contact Geoff Peters at (773) 251-4413 or at Petersgeoff@Hotmail.com

March 10-13, 2011
2011 Shamrock Shootout - JR
The Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard
Doug Halverson
(630) 629-3390

March 23-26, 2011
NMRA National Championships (45+)
Portland, OR
Steve Cohen
www.r2sports.com

March 31-April 3, 2011
ISRA State Singles Championships - JR
The Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard
Cheryl Kirk (630) 215-4242

April 6-9, 2011
2011 USAR National Intercollegiate Championships
Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Heather Fender
(719) 635-5396

April 29-May 1, 2011
USAR Chicagoland Regional Qualifier - JR
The Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard
Geoff Peters
(773) 251-4413

May 25-30, 2011
USA Racquetball 44th National Singles Championships - JR
Fullerton, CA
Heather Fender
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Thursday

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Saturday

9 -10 a.m.

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Peoria, IL

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