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# From the PRESIDENT

It has been awhile since the last newsletter was published, so you will find this one **full** of news, pictures and results. Enjoy!

What has your ISRA Board been up to since the last newsletter? Well, I am glad you asked. Here is an update:



**Working with a web designer to create a new ISRA website –** better graphics, lots of pictures and up-to-date content. Check it out at [www.illinoisracquetball.com](http://www.illinoisracquetball.com).

**Reviewing, updating and rewriting the ISRA Bylaws.** A task force of ISRA Board members embarked upon an odyssey late last year to bring the ISRA Bylaws into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The document was adopted 1/18/1989 and last amended 5/1/1995. The ISRA Board ratified the new document, and the next step was to present it to our membership for review and comment. The old and new documents appeared on the website for your review from October 18 through December 1. At the December 9, 2013, ISRA Board meeting, the Board will vote to officially adopt the new bylaws, and they will become effective that evening.

### Working on implementation of a Referee Certification program.

USA Racquetball provides a pre-packaged Referee Certification Program for states to use to cultivate good referees. John O'Donnell, Jr., is leading the initiative for Illinois. The initial certification requirements are as follows:

- Attend a rules clinic
- Pass a written test with a score of at least 86 or above (closed book test)
- Referee ten matches (eight matches at any level, plus two assessed matches)
- Pass two match assessments (one singles and one doubles) with a score of at least 90% on each. These matches must be (1) a semi final or final match in Men's B (or higher) singles and (2) a semifinal or final match in Men's C (or higher) doubles. The matches selected for these assessments must be approved by the assessor as being ones that offer a valid test of referee skills.
- Pay a \$10 fee
- Certification is valid for three years from the effective date.
- A person will be allowed only one attempt to pass the written test and/or match assessment at each tournament.

As you can see, attaining certification is not easy. However, knowing the rules better would probably make anyone who referees a match feel more confident in their abilities. I hear two primary reasons why people don't want

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## On the Cover...

Dan Jaskier and Doug Halverson at Summerfest -- another successful Glass Court tournament!

# ISRA FAMILY NEWS

## Greg Hasty Inducted into Landmark Hall of Fame

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, longtime player Greg Hasty was inducted into the Landmark Hall of Fame in Peoria. Greg has been playing for 30+ years and prior to that was an accomplished handball player. Greg articulates his goals as wanting to be competitive throughout his lifetime, wanting to be #1, and wanting to remain healthy.

Greg has won numerous tournaments over his lifetime with the three most recent being the 2013 Ektelon National Singles, the 2013 IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships, and the 2013 US Open, all in the Men's 65+ division. He was the ISRA Male Player of the Year in 1994 and 1998. Greg has won the U.S. Open Racquetball Championships multiple times including Men's 55+ in 2003, Men's 60+ in 2008, and Men's 65+ in 2012. He was also ISRA State Doubles Champion in Mixed 30/35+ in 1994 and 1995 with his cousin Brenda White as his partner.

During the induction ceremony, Greg thanked everyone for their support and competition because without the club members' willingness to play, he would not be the player he is today. He also thanked Landmark for providing a quality club for him and all the other players whose passion he shares - to play the sport we love and have some success along the way.



*John Snarr (r) presents the Hall of Fame plaque to Greg Hasty*

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to ref: (1) they are unsure of all the rules, and (2) they don't want to take abuse from players who try to intimidate the ref.

Maybe there is another way to look at it. If more people know ALL of the rules and are confident in administering them, maybe some of the abusive players can be tamed! According to Rule 3.17(a) of the USA Racquetball Official Rules, penalties (technical foul, minus one point) can be assessed against players who participate in the following activities:

1. Profanity
2. Excessive arguing
3. Threat of any nature to opponent or referee
4. Excessive or hard striking of the ball between rallies
5. Slamming of the racquet against walls or floor, slamming the door, or any action that might result in damage to the court or injury to other players.
6. Delay of game. Examples include: taking too much time to dry the court; excessive questioning of the referee about the rules; exceeding the time allotted for warm-up (see Policy A.8), timeouts, or between games; calling a timeout when none remain or after the service motion begins; taking more than ten seconds to serve or be ready to receive serve; repeatedly serving before the score or "second serve" is called
7. Intentional front line foot fault to negate a bad lob serve
8. Anything the referee considers unsportsmanlike behavior
9. Failure to wear lensed eyewear designed for racquet sports [See Rule 2.5(a)] is an automatic technical foul on the first infraction, plus a mandatory timeout (to acquire the proper eyewear) will be charged against the offending player. A second infraction by that player during the match will result in automatic forfeiture of the match.

John is likely to be leading a clinic at a tournament near you. Stop in to the clinic to see what it is all about. Good referees are hard to find! I bet we would all like to have more of them.

I wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season. If you are traveling over the holidays and looking for a tournament to play in another state, check out this link on the USA Racquetball website – <http://usaracquetballevents.com/future.asp>

See you on the courts,

***Laurel***

(Note: for space considerations, we are migrating to publishing R2 Sports links for results – in some articles, only the link is provided. Simply click on the link, and it will take you directly over to the results.)

# ISRA FAMILY NEWS *cont. from previous page*

## Welcome, Bella!

Isabella Olivia Vazquez entered the world on May 26, 2013, weighing 7lbs. 5oz. and measuring 19 inches. Proud parents Carolyn and Carlos Vazquez dote on this little one.

(FAQ: Yes, all the hair on her head now was on her head when she was born!)

Carolyn is rather fond of her new daughter, go figure. "She has been a great blessing in my life, and she is my mini-me. We generally go everywhere together, and friends refer to us as 'Peanut Butter and Jelly.' I am peanut butter: the glue of this whole project!"

"You ask when she is going to start racquetball? She already has! I was teaching her the fundamentals while she was in the womb while I was playing travel league, and she has quite the grip and the strength to prove it. I have a special team of designers working on a racquet for her as well – LOL!"



## Enter Andres!

Congratulations to Danny Ortega and Sarah Garcia, proud parents of new son

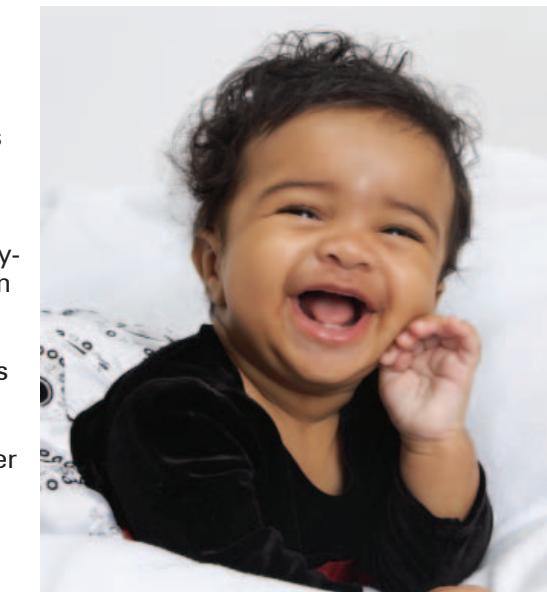
Andres, born November 20, 2013. Baby Andres weighed in at 8 lb. 5 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. He and little Bella Vazquez will be natural doubles partners just a few years from now!

## In Memory of Katie

Katie Silius passed away on March 14, 2013. The parents of Rachel, Melanie, and Stacy and grandparents of six, Joe and Katie were married just two days shy of 45 years. A memorial tribute party and blessing for her garden was June 29th.

Joe reminisces about this special event: "June 29th was a beautiful day when a coming together of family and friends paid tribute to Katie, my beautiful wife of 45 years. The 85 plants and

various garden decor brought by the 150 attendees expanded her garden threefold. A blessing was given over the statue of a young woman sitting with her knees tucked up and cradled in her arms, eyes closed, head tilted upward to the sky with a look of joy and serenity on her beautiful face. This is exactly how Katie would sit on our deck, saying 'this is paradise.' I would like to extend a special thank you for all expressions of sympathy, prayers, and gifts, and to all who helped with the party and took pictures. I am truly blessed to have such a beautiful loving family and so many thoughtful and compassionate friends."



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# ISRA FAMILY NEWS

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## In Memory of Chuck

Chuck Rupsis, 64, a long-time member of our racquetball family, passed away on November 15, 2013, in the arms of his beloved life partner Barb Vagedes. Chuck was a devoted father to three sons, Randy, Brian and Bradley.

Barb and Chuck first met as racquetball doubles partners in a mixed league at Glass Court in Lombard. A couple of years passed, then they got back together, this time as a couple, in 2005. The romance blossomed, and they were together from that point forward.

Chuck was owner of RAM Home Improvements, specializing in building additions, remodeling and repairs. His hobbies included his Corvette, his boat, cigars and traveling.

A graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank, IL, Chuck received a full football scholarship to Indiana State University. He had scholarship offers for baseball as well.

Chuck played briefly for the Chicago Bears (circa 1972). The saying went, "If Butkus went out, Rupsis went in!"

After he blew out his knee and had to leave the Bears, he realized a partial recovery and played semi pro football for a time. He played racquetball for many years until hip and knee pain sidelined him permanently.

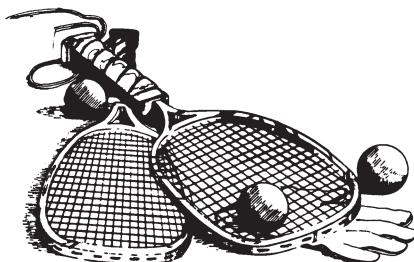
On August 3, 2013, Chuck took a bad fall at a friend's lake house. Battling serious complications, he spent time in the hospital and in rehab facilities until his condition worsened in November.

Chuck Snyders offers these parting words to his buddy: "My close friend and comrade-in-crime has passed. No more pain, no more struggles. You have touched many more lives than you'll ever know, CR. You've been the go-to guy for me over the years, especially around the homestead! I'll miss our many golf outings, our dollar bets, and especially our solving the world's problems during our coffee klatches. Here's hoping they have cigars, golf, Toyotas, football leagues, lotto, and hot tubs in heaven, a few of your favorites. You'll be remembered by many as the gentle giant with a huge heart. You will be sorely missed by the Snyders clan: part of our family has passed on.

Goodbye, Chaz."

Barb wishes to recognize Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge for their kind and loving care of Chuck in his final days.

A memorial service was held at the Wayside Chapel in Palos Park on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and a celebration of Chuck's life is being planned for January at Glass Court.



# ISRA Officer and Board Member **ELECTION HELD**

The Annual Meeting of the ISRA Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

ISRA Board Elections were held, with the following results: Laurel Davis is President, Marla Cusano was re-elected Secretary, and Pam Schubach was re-appointed Central Zone VP. The following three individuals were re-elected to the Governing Board: Mike Davern, Pam Grace, and Rick Seaberg. Dolores Lamberson and Eric Mathews were elected to the Governing Board for a first term.

Not all Officer and Governing Board positions were on this year's election slate since the Board operates on a two-year staggered term format to help ensure balance and continuity.

The ISRA continues to welcome volunteers who would like to join the Auxiliary Board and become more involved in supporting racquetball on the state level.

Any member who would like to lend time and talent in support of Illinois racquetball should contact Laurel Davis ([laurelmdavis@comcast.net](mailto:laurelmdavis@comcast.net)) or any ISRA Board member.

Signed,  
The ISRA Nominating Committee  
Cheryl Kirk (Chair), Geoff Peters, and Michelle Halverson

## *Players Seek* **REFEREE CERTIFICATION**

*by John O'Donnell, Jr.*

Beginning early this year, the ISRA has offered rules and case study clinics at all sanctioned tournaments toward the purpose of participants becoming a certified Level One referee. To date, 26 individuals have attended a rules clinic with seven of those completing a case study clinic. All seven players who have completed the first two steps of the process have taken the written test. Three of those tested have earned the necessary passing grade of 86%. Congratulations to Jim Maroon, Bilal Muhammed and Todd Burris!

The next step to certification for the three players successfully completing the test is officiating at least ten racquetball matches with two of those observed and evaluated. Once certified, that qualification is valid for three years, provided the individual attends at least one case study clinic each year. The entire process must be completed within one calendar year. Certified referees will receive a certificate suitable for framing and a wallet card to identify their qualification. The ISRA Board approved increased match compensation for referees completing the certification process.

Todd Burris put the finishing touches on his efforts to attain Level 1 Certification as a USA Racquetball referee at Glass Court's Turkey Shoot on Saturday, November 23, 2013. He initiated the several-month-long process early in the year at State Singles by participating in the first of two rules clinics. He then passed the written test and completed the required officiating of ten matches (with two of those being evaluated) within the specified one-year time frame. Considerable time and effort was required to reach that goal. Congratulations, Todd!

To improve your knowledge and enjoyment of our game, attendance at a rules clinic can be beneficial without necessarily committing you to the full process of referee certification. With questions, case study interpretations, and open discussion of match situations, your knowledge and understanding of racquetball can be greatly improved. Come join us for some interesting and spirited conversation!



*Illinois' first Level 1 Referee Todd Burris and John O'Donnell, Jr.*

# What Racquetball MEANS TO ME

by Brent Huff

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

I grew up in Oneida, IL, but I live in St. Charles now with my wife Tami and stepdaughters Lexi and Aly. I'm 37, a Certified Athletic Trainer and Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist with over 30 years in racquetball. I play out of LA Fitness in South Elgin

## **What influenced you to start playing racquetball?**

Both my parents played when I was growing up.

## **What are your goals in racquetball for next year?**

Make it to (and win!) the Elites at National Doubles and National Singles.

## **What makes you love this sport?**

The competition for one, fitness for two, and finally everybody that I have been fortune enough to meet throughout my years and am able to call my friends, even going back to when I was a little kid running around at Northgate Racquetball & Health Club in Galesburg, IL. There are still people there who ask my parents about me and what I'm doing, and they are surprised to hear that I still am playing competitively and also that I'm lucky enough to have traveled with the US National Team three times now (Dominican Republic and twice to Colombia).

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# MOVIN' ON UP

## 2013-2014 Season

Racquetball success equates to greater challenges. These individuals/teams won at least one full-draw division during the 2012-2013 season and recently received "The Letter" (suitable for framing) notifying them of their new eligibility. Congratulations, and good luck to all in the coming year!

### **Men's Open**

David Kerr, Jr., Summerfest  
Tom Ness, Turkey Shoot  
Shane Longest, ISRA State Singles  
Keith Mecklenburg, Shamrock Shootout

### **Men's A**

Sriram Ravindran, Summerfest  
Andrew Stoltmann, Turkey Shoot  
Nazeer Chaudhry, ISRA State Singles  
Ric Marroquin, Shamrock Shootout

### **Men's B**

Chris Kabana, Summerfest  
Rogelio Ruiz, Turkey Shoot  
Hung Che, ISRA State Singles  
Joe Eminger, Shamrock Shootout

### **Men's C**

Nikhil Iyer, Summerfest  
Nils Mogensen, US Open  
Brian Hampton, ISRA State Singles  
Ravi Kishore Yenduri, Shamrock Shootout

### **Men's Open Doubles**

Samuel Gomez/Tyler Harrison, ISRA State Doubles

### **Mixed Open Doubles**

Georgia Russell/Samuel Gomez, Racquet for the Cure  
Joann Kempthorne/Jim Freaner, Summerfest  
Laurel Harper/Jesus Rojas, Turkey Shoot  
Kristin Coulter/Shane Jackson, ISRA State Doubles  
Dolores Lamberson/Chris Liljestrand, Shamrock Shootout

# What Racquetball **MEANS TO ME** *cont. from previous page*

## What is your philosophy on life?

Know who you are as a person on the inside and be honest with yourself, because if you're not, then you're just cheating yourself. Every day is a new day, live it to the fullest. Don't take anything for granted. If you want something badly enough, you will work hard to achieve it.

## What was your most memorable moment(s) in racquetball?

First, winning a National Championship in Houston. Second, being selected as athletic trainer for the U.S. National Team.

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

Continue my professional development to include certifications in holistic healthcare and golf mechanics. But as a fun dream -- play golf with Michael Jordan!

## What else would you like your racquetball colleagues to know about you?

I'm a Wilson and Rollout Racquetball sponsored player. If you ever have any questions about equipment or clothing, please feel free to drop me a line. I'm also open to any questions/conversations regarding strength, conditioning, and nutrition (especially if you are tired of the normal things that don't seem to help you achieve your goals).



Brent Huff (center) at the World Games in Colombia with (l to r) Rocky Carson, Cheryl Gudinas, Rhonda Rajsich, and Jose Rojas

# USAR REGIONALS

## *Illinois Regional Qualifier*

April 20-21, 2013

Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard

Tournament Director: Geoff Peters

To finish off the 2012-2013 local tournament season, Dan Jaskier and the Glass Court staff hosted the Illinois Regional Qualifier for USAR National Singles. Geoff Peters and a dedicated group of volunteers executed the event for 59 players from four states – Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Texas.

Many thanks to volunteers John Puccio, Alyssa Puccio, Liz Moltor, Pam Grace, Dave Singer, Abby Singer, Sam Singer, Jeff Grace, Dolores Lamberson, Lori Good, Laurel Davis, and Cheryl Kirk for helping to make this tournament a success.

Check out the results on the next page!



*Women's D players Sue Bracker and Jennifer Nowacki*



*Jerry Fronczak and Jeff Martin – Men's A/B Doubles Champs*

# USAR REGIONALS

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Men's 60+B champ Ernie Tan



Medalists Three: Ric Marroquin, Hung Che, and Jesus Rojas

## RESULTS

Division/# entered: First; Second; Semifinals

**Men's Open (4):** Alok Mehta; Clint Hickman; Shane Longest (3rd), James Schlicher (4th)

**Men's Elite (4):** Brent Huff; Johnny Reimers (IA); Antonio Vazquez (3rd), Jesus Foyo (4th)

**Men's A (7):** Frank Carrano; Dan Jaskier; Jesus Foyo, Danny Ortega

**Men's B (6):** Ric Marroquin; Chris Choi; Jesus Rojas, Danny Ortega

**Men's C (8):** Adam Mills; Ravi Kishore Yenduri; Randall Chertkow, Hector Herrera

**Men's D (8):** Matt D'Amico; Tim Hanna; Kevin McCabe, Roberto Rivas

**Men's 45+ (3):** John Puccio; Johnny Reimers (IA); Eric Battaglia (3rd)

**Men's 50+/55+/60+ (4):** Tim Dern; James Jones; Jerry Fronczak (3rd)

**Men's 50+:** Tim Dern

**Men's 55+:** James Jones; Geoff Peters

**Men's 60+:** Jerry Fronczak

**Men's 80+:** John O'Donnell, Jr.

**Men's 45+/50+/55+/60+A (4):** Blair Wagner; Ray Redelman; Wil Rounsville (3rd)

**Men's 45+:** Blair Wagner

**Men's 50+A:** Richard Seaberg

**Men's 55+A:** Ray Redelman

**Men's 60+A:** Wil Rounsville

**Men's 35+/40+/50+/55+B (5):** Chris Choi; Hung Che; Richard Seaberg (3rd)

**Men's 35+B:** Hung Che

**Men's 40+B:** Chris Choi

**Men's 50+B:** Richard Seaberg

**Men's 55+B:** Bob Fulton; Ray Meisner

**Men's 60+B/80+:** Ernesto Tan; Bob Fulton (TX); Ray Meisner (3rd)

**Men's 60+B:** Ernesto Tan; Bob Fulton (TX); Ray Meisner (3rd)

**Men's 30+/40+C (3):** Ravi Kishore Yenduri; Randall Chertkow

**Men's 30+C:** Ravi Kishore Yenduri

**Mens' 40+C:** Randall Chertkow

**Women's C/D (4):** Chris Cerny (IN); Lisa Mayer; Jennifer Nowacki (3rd)

**Women's C:** Chris Cerny (IN); Lisa Mayer

**Women's D:** Jennifer Nowacki; Sue Bracker

**Men's Open/40+ Doubles (4):** Shane Longest/Alok Mehta; Clint Hickman/James Schlicher; Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen (3rd)

**Men's Open Doubles:** Shane Longest/Alok Mehta; Clint Hickman/James Schlicher

**Men's 40+ Doubles:** Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen; John Puccio/ Tim Dern

**Men's A/B Doubles (5):** Jeff Martin/Jerry Fronczak; David Singer/Jake Ryan; Dan Jaskier/Joe DeArmas (3rd)

**Mixed Open/A Doubles (3):** Brent Huff/Cheryl Kirk; Kevin Yeazell/Lynn Yeazell; Antonio Vazquez/Joan Vande Kieft (3rd)

**Mixed B/C Doubles (2):** Jennifer Nowacki/Ravi Kishore Yenduri; Fredrick Nash/Lisa Mayer

# 2013 USAR 46th Ektelon NATIONAL SINGLES

The Meridian Sports Club  
Fullerton, CA USA  
5/15/2013 - 5/19/2013

Players numbering 435 competed in 87 divisions at this annual season-ending event. Although national championship titles and medals are awarded only to U.S. citizens and residents, the presence of IRT and LPRT divisions as well as unofficial doubles divisions allowed international players the opportunity to participate to the tune of ten countries outside the U.S. Competitors from 34 U.S. states joined in the action.

In the Men's Team Qualifying division, Marco Rojas defeated fellow Californian David Horn, 5, 6. The Women's Team Qualifying division saw Rhonda Rajsich emerge as champion vs. Janel Tisinger, 12, 7.

In the IRT, Canadian Kane Waselenchuk defeated Rocky Carson (CA), 1, 2, 3. It was a Mexican final in the LPRT with Paola Longoria beating fellow countrywoman Samantha Salas, 8, 1, 5.

Congratulations to Team Illinois medalists at National Singles!

Gold: Chris Evon - Women's 50+, Greg Hasty - Men's 65+,  
Juan Herrera - Men's Pro/Open Doubles with  
Juan Torres



Keith Minor and Wil Rounsville

Silver: Keith Minor - Men's 40+

Bronze: Cheryl Gudinas - US Team Qualifying, Ray Meisner - Men's 60+B

Team Illinois at Nationals consisted of 11 players this year:

Ben Croft - Men's IRT Pro  
Chris Evon - W50+ defeated Debra Tisinger-Moore (CA) for the gold medal, 5-13, 13-15, 5-11  
Cheryl Gudinas - Women's LPRT Pro semifinalist; Women's US Team Qualifying (Bronze)  
Gregory Hasty - Men's 65+ Gold  
Juan Herrera - Men's Doubles – Pro/Open Gold with Juan Torres; Men's IRT Pro  
Brent Huff - Men's 35+; Men's Elite (quarterfinalist)  
Ray Meisner - Men's 55+B (4<sup>th</sup>), Men's 60+B (Bronze)  
Keith Minor - Men's 40+ Silver; Men's 45+ (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Geoff Peters - Men's 55+A; Men's 45+ Doubles with Wil Rounsville  
Wil Rounsville - Men's 60+A; Men's 45+ Doubles with Geoff Peters  
Pat Taylor - Men's 70+ (semifinalist)

For a closer look at the results and the draws, visit:

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=10176>



Greg Hasty - Men's 65+ Gold!

# 9th Annual RACQUET FOR THE CURE

Landmark Racquet and Health Club, Peoria  
June 7-8, 2013

Fifty-one players competed in the 9th Annual Racquet for the Cure in June at Landmark Racquet and Health Club to raise money for the Susan G. Komen local memorial affiliate (Susan Komen was from Peoria and lived there before she passed). The number of divisions was expanded to include more for the men as they wanted to continue to support the fundraising efforts of the event. At the banquet and silent auction held on Saturday evening, several survivors spoke and thanked everyone for their support to find a cure. Many shared their personal experiences or spoke of a loved one who had been impacted. Over \$5,000 was sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The volunteer organizers are looking forward to celebrating and offering the 10th Annual event in 2014!

-- Pam Schubach

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=11223>



*Top: Mike Vicary and a Mystery Woman*

*Middle: Women's A Doubles Champs Cheryl Kirk and Dolores Lamberson*

*Bottom: Tournament volunteers Jim Maroon, Pam Schubach, Geralyn Maroon, and John Snarr*

# 21st Annual **SUMMERFEST**

**July 26 -28, 2013**  
**The Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard**  
**Tournament Directors –**  
**Doug & Michelle Halverson**

In what should have been the hottest part of the summer, the weather turned surprisingly cooler and the heat moved inside as 126 players turned out for the 21st Annual Summerfest Tournament. While most of the players were from Illinois, many traveled to enjoy the great competition and famous Glass Court hospitality. Players came from Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin to include some racquetball fun with their summer visit to the Chicago area.

Hats off to the many volunteers that kept the tournament running smoothly and on time. It was great to see Marian return, with her leg on the mend, as kitchen taskmaster complete with her souped-up walker ready in case of unruly food-grabbers. Lori Good was really 'good' at getting players to return their cards so she could assign the next match. Thanks to the Glass Court staff and the many wonderful volunteers including Laurel Davis, Pam Grace, Jeff Grace, Liz Molitor, Jim Wehrli, Jonelle Dubois, Joe Silius, Kara Peters, Eric Mathews, Amanda Podlesak, John Puccio, Lora Reeser, and Dolores Lamberson.

There was great racquetball the whole weekend with players competing in 21 divisions of singles and doubles. We had several brand new novice-level players who came to enjoy the tournament competition. The men's divisions kicked off on Friday night to get things rolling. By Sunday, the joint was still hopping and glass court viewers were

treated to some excellent racquetball finals matches. It seemed like Cirque du Soleil was in town as there was a lot of flying and diving along with fantastic gets by Trevor Snyders and Eugene Coyle as they battled for the Men's Open title. Both men put their all into the match as Trevor pulled out a two-game win. Down the hall, the Women's Open match was just as exciting as Kelly Gremley and Rebecca Bowman fought their own battle. The crowd was three rows deep, standing on tip-toes and chairs to get a glimpse of the nail-biting action on the court. The games were so close, and the crowd wanted a tiebreaker just to see more fabulous racquetball, but Kelly was able to hang on and win in two games.

Plenty of great finals in many divisions were still going on as the outdoor party began. There was a wonderful barbecue of burgers and brats, some beautiful sunny weather, and an inviting pool after the action settled down. Another successful tournament hosted by Glass Court and the Halversons!

--Dolores Lamberson

*Alcides Gutierrez with his best buddy*



*Men's 40+ Doubles Gladiators Dave Milazzo, Tony Cosmano, Steve MacInnis, and Andy Pitock*



# SUMMERFEST

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*Men's Open finals: Eugene Coyle with winner Trevor Snyders*



*Men's A finalists Tom Bassett and Frank Carrano*

## RESULTS

**Division/# entered:** First; Second; Semifinals

**Men's Pro/Open (13):** Trevor Snyders; Eugene Coyle; Juan Martinez III (MO), Keith Minor

**Men's AA (8):** Tony Domelle (PA); Sriram Ravindran; Saad Siddiqui, Justus Benson

**Men's A (19):** Thomas Bassett; Frank Carrano; Johnny Reimers (IA), Sriram Ravindran

**Men's B (19):** Benjamin King; Matt Reeser; Ryan Baumgartner, Ron Alesia

**Men's C (16):** Nikhil Iyer; Ravi Kishore Yenduri; Todd Greenstein, Eugen Gheorghiu

**Men's D (16):** Eugen Gheorghiu; Anthony Cosmano; Jim Borre, Jesus Lopez

**Men's Novice (3):** Tony Giacalone; Mark Diddens; Pedro Velez

**Men's 35/40/45+ (7):** John Thorson; John Puccio; Kyle Smith (IN), Bob Riley (NC)

**Men's 50/55+ (8):** David Milazzo; Bob Riley (NC); Ray Redelman, Thomas Lamberson

**Men's 60/65+ (7):** Steve MacInnis; Joseph Vallender; Horace Miller, Jerry Fronczak

**Men's 45 Int (5):** Ray Meisner; Ron Alesia; Richard Seaberg, Jeffery O'Hern

**Women's Open/A (7):** Kelly Gremley (IN); Rebecca Bowman (IN); Letty Maldonado, Cari Mory

**Women's B/C (4):** Lisa Mayer; Amy Anderson; Linda Stevens (IN); Viri Del Bosque

**Women's D/Novice (2):** Amy Anderson; Vickie Onesti

**Men's Open Doubles (7):** David Bachar/Keith Minor; Juan Martinez III/Eugene Coyle; Eric Mathews/Zach Archer, Brian Berkelhamer/Jorge Ortiz

**Men's A Doubles (8):** Alcides Gutierrez/Arnold Ortega; Antonio Vazquez/Rogelio Ruiz; Kerry Spix/Jeffrey Grace, Jose Alberto Acosta/Ranferi Salgado

**Men's B Doubles (5):** James Wehrli/Wayne Lorenz; Porfirio Villalobos/Jose Alberto Acosta; Jeffrey O'Hern/Victor Allen; Arnie Walker/Mike Uchida

**Men's C Doubles (3):** Jesus Lopez/Porfirio Villalobos; Michael Fornero/Ravi Kishore Yenduri, Bilal Muhammad/Rashid Muhammad

**Men's 40+ Doubles (5):** Andy Pitock/Steve MacInnis; Brian Berkelhamer/Lem Rowan; David Milazzo/Tony Cosmano; Michael Hammel/John Puccio

**Women's Open/A Doubles (4):** Lynn Yeazell/Rebecca Bowman; Cari Mory/Laurel Harper; Letty Maldonado/Joy Herth; Julianne Valentino/Pamela Grace

**Mixed Open Doubles (8):** David Bachar/Janet Eminger; Juan Martinez III (MO)/Letty Maldonado; Tony Domelle(PA)/Kelly Gremley (IN); Martin Gonzalez/Lynn Yeazell

**Mixed A/B Doubles (6):** Dolores Lamberson/Jerry Fronczak; Barb Vagedes/Doug Halverson; Julianne Valentino/Frank Valentino, Jonelle Dubois/James Wehrli

# 1st Annual **FALL BRAWL** presented by E-Force

**The Glass Court Swim & Fitness**

**September 20-21, 2013**

**Tournament Directors: Jeff Grace, Pam Grace  
and Joey Logan**

Eighty-nine players from Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin turned out on this fine autumn weekend to compete for cash prizes and bragging rights. Players in 16 divisions competed in singles and doubles competition in this two-day event that left time on Sunday for honey-do's and raking of fall leaves!

These sponsors helped make this inaugural tournament a great success: E-Force, The Glass Court Swim & Fitness, KWM Gutterman (Keith Minor), Anthony's Pizzeria (Tony Cosmano), Kirsten's Danish Bakery (Paul and Kirsten Jepsen), Northern Illinois Steel Supply Co., Comfort Inn & Suites, Gildea & Coghlan, Ltd., Response Graphics & Embroidery (Lynn and Kevin Yeazell), Broaster's Chicken, Sachs Ernest & Associates, JFL Investigations, Comet Messenger Service (Jim Sailer), J L Grace & Associates.

Jeff, Pam, and Joey extend their sincere gratitude to the volunteers who stepped up once again to assist with check-in and tournament



*Tournament Director Jeff Grace (center)  
congratulates Men's C Doubles champs  
Andrew Anderson and David Oleski*



*Becki Bowman, Letty Maldonado, Judy Sands, and  
Dolores Lamberson – Women's Open*



*Men's D finalists Roberto Rivas  
and Dave Schubert*

desk  
duties  
– what  
would we  
do without you?

This charity event raised funds for a very worthy cause, the Heritage Community Service, Inc., a mentoring and tutoring organization in the Chicagoland area.

View Fall Brawl results and draws at: <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=11453>



*Rick Seaberg and Todd Burris – Men's B*

# 2013 UnitedHealthcare U.S. OPEN RACQUETBALL Championships

**Life Time Fitness  
Target Center  
Minneapolis, MN  
October 2-6, 2013**

Ninety divisions...726 players from 43 states and 13 international countries – wow!

Forty Team Illinois players were part of the action, bringing a total of 21 medals back home.

## **Illinois Medal Count**

Gold (8) – Dave Singer (2), John O'Donnell, Jr., Greg Hasty, Samuel Gomez, Lee Frick, Jake Ryan, Joyce Satorius

Silver (5) – Cari Mory (2), Alcides Gutierrez, Keith Minor, Mitch Williams

Bronze (semifinals) (8) – Ron Alesia, Jonathon Bowles, Ben Croft, Shane Jackson, Gary Mammele, Tom Neal, Keith Minor, Geoff Peters

## **Team Illinois at the US Open**

Ron Alesia, Grayslake  
Men's Age Singles - 45+ C  
(SF), Men's Doubles - Centurion+ A w/Antonio Vazquez, Men's Singles - C (QF)

Jonathon Bowles, Elgin  
Men's Age Singles - 35+ B, Men's Singles - C (SF), Mixed Doubles - B w/Katherine Grill

Eugene Coyle, Palatine  
Men's Age Singles - 45+, Men's Singles - CPRT 40+

Ben Croft, Lake Bluff  
Men's Singles - IRT Pro (SF)

Lee Frick, Harvard  
Men's Age Singles - 55+ A, Men's Doubles - Centurion+ B (Gold) w/Dave Singer



*Geoff Peters with doubles partners  
Krystal Csuk and Shari Coplen*

Alvaro Garcia,  
Bolingbrook  
Men's Singles - B,  
Mixed Doubles - B (QF)  
w/Joy Herth

Samuel Gomez, Peoria  
Men's Age Singles -  
25+ B (Gold), Men's  
Doubles - B (QF)  
w/Jeff O'Hern, Men's  
Singles - B

Katherine Grill,  
Champaign  
Mixed Doubles - B w/  
Jonathon Bowles,  
Women's Age Singles  
– 50+

Alcides Gutierrez,  
Chicago  
Men's Age Singles -  
35+ B (silver), Men's  
Doubles - A  
w/Antonio Vazquez,  
Men's Singles - B

Gregory Hasty, Peoria  
Men's Age Singles -  
65+ (gold)

Joy Herth, Lockport  
Mixed Doubles - B  
(QF) w/Alvaro Garcia,  
Women's Singles - B

Shane Jackson, Danville  
Men's Doubles - 35+ w/Tom Neal, Men's Doubles – A w/Kyle Smith (IN), Men's Doubles B (SF) w/Gary Mammele

Leo Klimaitis, Barrington Hills  
Men's Age Singles - 65+, Men's Age Singles - 65+ A

Letty Maldonado, Plainfield  
Mixed Doubles - Open w/Juan Martinez III, Women's Doubles – Elite with Becki Bowman (IN), Women's Singles A

Gary Mammele, Danville  
Men's Doubles - B (SF) w/Shane Jackson, Men's Doubles Centurion+A (SF) w/Tom Neal

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# U.S. OPEN RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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- Ray Meisner, Glendale Heights  
Men's Age Singles - 45+ B, Men's Age Singles - 55+ B (QF)
- Horace Miller, Chicago  
Men's Age Singles - 65+
- Keith Minor, Channahon  
Men's Age Singles - 45+ (silver), Men's Singles - CPRT 40+ (SF)
- Cristian Moreno, Oak Lawn  
Men's Doubles - A w/Arnold Ortega, Men's Doubles - Centurion+A w/Wil Rounsville, Men's Singles - A
- Cari Mory, Lake Forest  
Women's Age Singles - 45+ A (silver), Women's Singles - A (silver)
- Bilal Muhammad, Chicago  
Men's Singles - D
- Mike Mulle, Lake Barrington  
Men's Age Singles - 35+ C, Men's Age Singles - 45+ B
- Tom Neal, Danville  
Men's Age Singles - 50+, Men's Doubles - 35+ w/Shane Jackson, Men's Doubles Centurion+A (SF) w/Gary Mammele
- John O'Donnell, Jr., Champaign  
Men's Age Singles - 80+ (gold)
- Jeff O'Hern, Moline  
Men's Age Singles - 45+ C, Men's Doubles - B (QF) w/ Samuel Gomez
- Arnold Ortega, Alsip  
Men's Doubles - A w/Cristian Moreno, Men's Doubles B w/Danny Ortega, Men's Singles B
- Danny Ortega, Alsip  
Men's Doubles - B w/Arnold Ortega, Men's Singles - B
- Geoffrey Peters, Chicago  
Mixed Doubles - Centurion+ A (SF) w/Shari Coplen (MO), Mixed Doubles - Open w/Krystal Csuk (TX)
- Ray Redelman, Wheaton  
Men's Age Singles - 45+ B (QF), Men's Age Singles - 55+ B
- Wil Rounsville, Chicago  
Men's Age Singles - 60+, Men's Doubles - Centurion+ A w/Cristian Moreno
- Jake Ryan, Algonquin  
Men's Doubles - B (gold) w/Dave Singer, Men's Singles - B
- Raul Sanchez, Bolingbrook  
Men's Age Singles - 35+ C, Men's Doubles - C w/ George Parobek (IN), Men's Singles - C
- Joyce Satorius, Minooka  
Women's Age Singles - 55+ C (gold), Women's Singles - D
- Richard Seaberg, North Aurora  
Men's Age Singles - 45+ B, Men's Singles - B
- Dan Sharp, Rock Island  
Men's Age Singles - 55+ B, Men's Doubles - B w/Josh Paul (IA)
- David Singer, Algonquin  
Men's Doubles - B (gold) w/Jake Ryan, Men's Doubles - Centurion+ B (gold) w/Lee Frick
- Louis Smalley, Oak Park  
Men's Singles - D
- Patrick Taylor, Barrington Hills  
Men's Age Singles - 70+
- Antonio Vazquez, Beach Park  
Men's Age Singles - 45+ A (QF), Men's Doubles - A w/Alcides Gutierrez, Men's Doubles - Centurion+ A w/Ron Alesia
- Mitch Williams, Rolling Meadows  
Men's Age Singles - 30+ (silver), Men's Doubles - Open (QF) w/Brent Walters (NC)
- Elsewhere...  
In IRT action, Kane Waselenchuk (CAN) def. Rocky Carson (CA) 9, 1, 6  
In the LPRT, Paola Longoria (MEX) def. Rhonda Rajsich (AZ) 4, 1, 7
- For a close-up look at the draws and results, visit:  
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=10724>



# BOB SCHWAB

## Memorial Tournament

Landmark Racquet and Health Club, Peoria  
October 18-19, 2013

In October, another successful Landmark tournament was held in memory of Bob Schwab, Landmark's first Hall of Fame Inductee. Bob was a club pro, instructor, coordinator, volunteer, player, and all-around supporter of the sport. The tournament had players from the St. Louis area, Des Moines, Indianapolis, Chicago, and of course Central Illinois. Hospitality was wonderful and the courts were fast. Several new names to Landmark emerged in their divisions and commented on the amenities of the club and the warm welcome they received. Seventy players participated in this memorial tournament.

-- Pam Schubach

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=11633>



## 2013 HALLOWEEN CLASSIC

**2013 Halloween Classic**  
**Forest View Racquet Club, Arlington Heights**  
**October 19-20, 2013**  
**Tournament Director: Dave Negrete**

Divisions: 8  
Participants: 39  
Men: 27  
Women: 12

Nice turnout in the Mixed Doubles (8 teams) and Men's C/D (8) divisions!

**Results**  
*Division (# entered): First, Second; Semifinals*

**Men's Open (5):** Dave Negrete, Alok Mehta; Antonio Vazquez, Moses Elias  
**Men's A/B (7):** Tony Reitinger, Jr., Hector Sanchez; Ravi Kishore Yenduri (3rd), Jeff Doyle (4th)  
**Men's C/D playoff:** Mark Rzepecki, Matt Reeser  
**Men's 50+ (5):** Tom Utterback, Tom Lamberson; Joseph Vallender (3rd), Frank Bunker (4th)

**Women's Open/A Doubles (5):** Diane Bunker/Julie Vincent, Patrice Calvi/Kathy Ruzicki; Janet Eminger/Nancy Amaro (3rd), Martha Huske/Valentina Hernandez (4th)

**Mixed Open/A/40 Doubles playoff:** Diane Bunker/Frank Bunker, Judy Sands/Scott Fauque



# TURKEY SHOOT OPEN

## IRT Satellite

The Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard

November 21-24, 2013

Tournament Directors – Doug and Michelle Halverson

It was a jam-packed schedule from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon! What a great turnout, the best in several years, for the much-anticipated Turkey Shoot Open! With 189 players competing in 28 singles and doubles divisions (including a Junior Singles round robin), no court stood idle through the course of the weekend. Happily, thirty-seven of the players were women (19.8%).

Several birthdays were celebrated over the four days of the event: Lori Good, Deanna Munro, Mike McFadden, Horace Miller, Amy Anderson, and Jim Hillman.



Sponsors make all the difference in the success of an event. Warm thanks to Anthony's Pizzeria (Tony Cosmano), Kirsten's Danish Bakery (Paul and Kirsten Jepsen), Head/Penn Racquet Sports, Little Debbie (Joe and Janet Eminger), and Response Graphics & Embroidery (Lynn and Kevin Yeazell)

Dan Jaskier and Doug and Michelle Halverson offer their gratitude to the volunteers, many of whom step up to help at every Glass Court event: Marian Bala, Marla Cusano, Mike Davern, Laurel Davis, Jonelle Dubois, Peggy Fornero, Lori Good, Jeff Grace, Pam Grace, Cheryl Kirk, Liz Molitor, Geoff Peters, John Puccio, Bill Roberts, Joe Silius, Abby Singer, Dave Singer, Sam Singer, Chuck Snyders, Pam Snyders, Jim Wehrli

John O'Donnell, Jr., ISRA South Zone VP and holder of numerous state and national titles conducted a Rules & Referee Clinic on Saturday afternoon (see article this issue). Congratulations to Todd Burris, the first Level 1 certified referee under Illinois' new referee certification initiative!



Singer & Puccio – Friday Night Tournament Desk Team Extraordinaire

Match winners were required to referee after their victories. While this makes for a lot of refereeing for some folks, it also ensures a referee in an excellent mood, all the time!

The full draw of 18 in the IRT Men's Pro division was made even interesting with the presence of Rhonda Rajsich, #1 U.S. women's player who defeated local top players Clint Hickman and Zach Archer before falling to Juan Herrera in the semifinals 2, 2, 6. Herrera went on to defeat Keith Minor 10, 8, 6 in the finals.

Cheryl Gudinas made an appearance as well, teaming with Keith Minor in the Men's Open Doubles. They were defeated by Shane Longest and Brent Huff in the semifinals, disappointing those who would have loved to have seen the finals between Gudinas and Minor vs. Herrera and Rajsich. The latter team took Longest and Huff out 11, 9 for the win.

We were happy to note that we had two father/son doubles teams in the Men's C Doubles draw -- Mariusz and Marty Kwiatkowski of Schaumburg and Mike and Michael Fornero of Woodridge. Family racquetball, love it!

To view the divisions and results, visit:

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=11708>

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*Pam and Chuck Snyders – Saturday Tournament Desk Dream Team*



*Men's 60+ champ Jerry Fronczak*



*Tom Utterback and Janet Eminger – Mixed 40+ Doubles*



*Dan Jaskier congratulates Women's Open Winner Kelly Gremley*

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Cheryl Kirk, Rhonda Rajsich (#1 U.S. Women's player), and Doug Halverson



Men's A Champ Ryan Fosco

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**Glass Court Swim & Fitness extends warm wishes to the ISRA racquetball family for an enjoyable holiday season and a bright and healthy 2014!**

*Dan Jaskier, Joe DeArmas  
and the Glass Court Staff*

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***Beginning in January, Club Pro Andy Pitock will be conducting advanced level sessions on court strategy for groups of up to four. Andy also teaches beginner and intermediate lessons. Call Dan Jaskier for more information!***

# THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

By Cheryl Kirk

## Gudinas Competes in Colombia's World Games; Huff is US Team Trainer

In late July, US Team players Rocky Carson, Cheryl Gudinas, Rhonda Rajsich, and Jose Rojas traveled to Cali, Colombia, accompanied by US Team Coach Dave Ellis and US Team Trainer Brent Huff, to compete in the World Games.

The World Games, including 4,000 athletes from more than 90 countries competing in 31 sports, took place July 25-August 4. Occurring every four years, this was the first time the World Games was held in South America. Racquetball was one of the charter members of the World Games that first took place in Santa Clara (USA) in 1981.

Each of the U.S. Team athletes earned their spot in the semifinals but then lost (three to Mexico, one to Colombia). That put them into the unenviable position of playing off for the bronze against each other! Rajsich and Carson earned bronze medals as a result of those playoff matches.

It's always great to see the U.S. come out on top, but this time it wasn't to be.



*U.S. Delegation to the World Games*

However, their sportsmanship and their respect for the game were clearly inspiring to the SRO crowd of spectators. Those of us who witnessed it couldn't have been more proud of the U.S. players!



*Alok Mehta and Watmora Casey*

## IRF World Seniors Racquetball Championships Albuquerque, NM August 27-31, 2013

Fifteen players from 14 countries competed for medals and glory at this 29<sup>th</sup> annual event. Countries represented were Bolivia, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Guatemala, India, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Korea, Taiwan, United States (21 states), and Venezuela.

There were seven players competing from Illinois USA\* with two more familiar faces in attendance as well (Alok Mehta representing India and Watmora Casey playing for the British Virgin Islands).

\*Eugene Coyle, Greg Hasty, Cheryl Kirk, Leo Kilmaitis, John Mason, Dave Negrete, and Pat Taylor represented the USA and Illinois. With a round

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## THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE *continued from previous page*

robin format, everyone logged a lot of court time in this four-day event.

Congratulations to gold medalists Eugene Coyle (Men's 45+), Greg Hasty (Men's 65+), and Alok Mehta (Mixed 40+ with partner Tina Bragdon – CO).

This annual event boasts a beautiful city, a great host hotel, nice clubs, and wonderful staff, volunteers and players. Plan to add this event to your 2014 calendar! August 26-30, same time, same place!

### **XXV IRF World Junior Championships Sucre, Bolivia 20 - 26 OCTOBER 2013**

The U.S. Team delegation to October's IRF Junior Worlds event included 17 players (10 boys/7 girls ranging in age from 11 to 18), 13 parents, three coaches, and this writer as "cruise director." The divisions were divided up into World Cup (18's, 16's, 14's singles and doubles), Esprit Cup (12's and 10's singles and doubles), and Challenger Cup (non-qualifying divisions). The World and Esprit Cup players qualified at the USA Racquetball Junior Olympics held last June.

The U.S. Junior Team coaches at the event were Cheryl Gudinas (IL), Nick Montalbano (NY/CO), and Team Trainer Jody Nance (CA, who also served as a coach).

Bolivia was a racquetball cultural experience! President Evo Morales attended and spoke at the



*U.S. Junior Team Coaches Cheryl Gudinas, Nick Montalbano, and Jody Nance*

Opening Ceremonies. The atmosphere was electric at the 14-court club throughout the week with crowds chanting "Bolivia! Bolivia!" during every match. Bolivian National TV broadcasted live matches every day!

While the U.S. was minus a Girl's 18 singles and doubles competitor, through the combined efforts of every player on the U.S. team, the following outcome was realized:

World Cup (18's, 16's, and 14's) – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Boy's, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Girl's, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Overall Team.

Esprit (12's and 10's) – 4<sup>th</sup> place in Boy's, 4<sup>th</sup> place in Girl's, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Overall Team.



*Cheryl Kirk with new friends in Bolivia*



2014 Tournament

# CALENDAR

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**January 4, 2014**

**One-Day Doubles Warm-Up (Men's Divisions)**  
Glass Court Swim & Fitness  
Lombard, IL  
Dan Jaskier (630) 629-3390

**January 5, 2014**

**One-Day Doubles Warm-Up (Women's/Mixed Divisions)**  
Glass Court Swim & Fitness  
Lombard, IL  
Dan Jaskier (630) 629-3390

**January 17-19, 2014**

**25th Annual Women's Senior Masters Championships**  
Los Caballeros  
Fountain Valley, CA  
Terry Rogers  
[rogersta@comcast.net](mailto:rogersta@comcast.net)

**January 31-February 2, 2014**

**ISRA State Doubles Championships**  
Glass Court Swim & Fitness  
Lombard, IL  
Laurel Davis (630) 476-6896

**February 8-9, 2014**

**St. Valentine's Day Massacre**  
Forest View Racquet Club  
Arlington Heights, IL  
Dave Negrete (630) 430-1478

**February 12-16, 2014**

**47th USAR National Doubles Championships**  
Arizona State University  
Tempe, AZ  
Terri Lewis (719) 635-5396

**February 26-March 2, 2014**

**28th USAR High School Championships**  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
Portland, OR  
Terri Lewis (719) 635-5396

**March 7-9, 2014**

**March Invitational**  
Landmark Health & Racquet Club  
Peoria, IL  
John Snarr (309) 685-8360

**March 11-15, 2014**

**USAR Intercollegiate Championships**  
NC State  
Raleigh, NC  
Terri Lewis (719) 635-5396

**March 13-16, 2014**

**Shamrock Shootout**  
Glass Court Swim & Fitness  
Lombard, IL  
Dan Jaskier (630) 629-3390

**April 3-6, 2014**

**ISRA State Singles Championships**  
Glass Court Swim & Fitness  
Lombard, IL  
Cheryl Kirk (630) 215-4242

**May 21-25, 2014**

**2014 USAR National Singles**  
Meridian Sports Club  
Fullerton, CA  
Terri Lewis (719) 635-5396

**June 25-29, 2014**

**2014 USAR Junior Olympics**  
Highlands Ranch Rec Center  
Highlands Ranch, CO  
Terri Lewis (719) 635-5396

**July 25-27, 2014**

**22nd Annual Summerfest**  
Glass Court Swim & Fitness  
Lombard, IL  
Dan Jaskier (630) 629-3390

Visit [www.illinoisracquetball.com](http://www.illinoisracquetball.com) for online entry links

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## Racquetball

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Park District  
(630) 739-0272

Bolingbrook, IL  
Sundays 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Mondays & Thursdays  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
\$2.00 Members and  
Non-Members

### B.R. Ryall YMCA (630) 858-0100

Glenn Ellyn, IL  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00  
p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
FREE for YMCA Members  
\$8 Non-Members

### Buehler YMCA (847) 359-2400

Palatine, IL  
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
\$15.00 One-Day Guest Pass

### Courts Plus (Elmhurst Park District) (630) 833-5064

Monday-Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Members \$2.00  
Monday-Friday  
\$3.00 Saturday

### Fitness Formula Clubs Old Town (312) 640-1235

1235 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL  
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
\$20 for guests

### Forest View Racquet and Fitness Club

(847) 640-2574  
Arlington Heights, IL  
Thursday  
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
\$2.00 Members  
\$5.00 Non-Members

### Heritage YMCA (630) 420-6270

Naperville, IL  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
\$4.00 Members  
\$8.00 Non-Members

### Landmark Racquet & Health Club (309) 685-8360

Peoria, IL  
First and Third  
Friday each month  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
\$5.00

### Life Center Health and Fitness at the Bartlett Park District

(630) 540-4848  
Bartlett, IL  
Wednesdays  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Saturdays  
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
\$4.00 Members  
\$6.00 Non-Members  
\$9.00 Non-Residents

### Norris Rec Center (630) 377-1405

St. Charles, IL  
Tuesday and Thursday  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
\$5.00 Members  
and Non-Members

### Schaumburg Park District

(847) 490-2505  
Schaumburg, IL  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
\$3.00 Members  
\$9.00 Non-Members

### Silver Lake Country Club (708) 349-6940

Orland Park, IL  
Friday 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
\$7.00 Members  
and Non-Members

### West Cook YMCA (708) 383-5200

Oak Park, IL  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Free to YMCA Members  
\$9.00 Non-Members

To add your club to this list, contact:

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