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From the PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays! Please enjoy this newsletter. There is a lot of good reading inside.

As many of you are aware, USA Racquetball has undergone several changes over the last two years. There is a new Executive Director (Steve Czarnecki) and several new staff members. Some new staff members are long-time racquetball players who have spent years inside the sport. Others, like Steve, have lots of experience in other sports but are bringing a new perspective to Racquetball. Along with the USA Racquetball Board of Directors, the staff is working to execute a formal strategy to improve and grow the sport. A formal strategic plan has been created by a Board Committee and approved by the USAR Board of Directors. This plan provides a way to set goals for improving the organization and attracting members in a way that is measurable. Check out www.usaracquetball.com to learn more about the staff members and what they do. Feel free to contact them as well. They are always interested in hearing from the membership.



There are a couple of other items you should know:

1. The price of a LEM (Limited Event Membership) is now \$20. The membership originally started at \$20, was reduced to \$10 and is now back to \$20. The LEM membership was designed for the player who is new to tournament play or is only going to play in one tournament per year. At \$10 per tournament, a player could actually participate in four tournaments and still not pay the amount of a regular member.
2. The 2015 National Singles tournament is moving to Denver! This should be a good change for those of us in the Midwest. Denver is easier and less expensive to get to than California. The USAR Board voted to move the tournament away from California ahead of schedule. We look forward to having better representation from across the country as a result.

The tournament season, as well as Travel League, is in full swing. Thanks to all of the folks who have volunteered at tournaments and to those who have organized and managed the Travel Leagues. We are always looking for new "helpers." Don't look at me or Cheryl Kirk or Doug Halverson as a measure of how much time it takes to volunteer. We are also happy with the person who is willing to work 2-3 hours per weekend at a couple of tournaments a year. It all counts!

As we head into a new year, I know we will all be focusing on exercise and diet so that we can compete at the highest level in the State Doubles and State Singles Championships. While you're getting yourself ready, don't forget to think about the folks that kept you from achieving last year's goals (i.e. the winners) and nominating them for our Annual "Player of the Year" and "Most Improved Player" Awards. And, please enter early for State Doubles and State Singles!

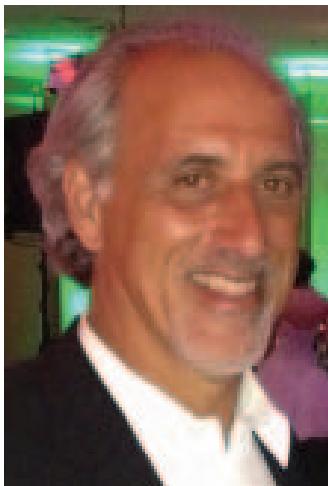
See you on the court,

Laurel

On the Cover...

June 2014: Michael Fornero and Jeremy Dixon at the USAR Junior Olympics (article on page 8)

ISRA FAMILY NEWS



Fred Barbara

Remembering Fred Barbara (1955-2014)

Fred Barbara, a long-time racquetball player and ISRA Travel League competitor, passed away recently in Naples, FL. He was a diehard doubles competitor with his good friend Bob Weber, and he played at Four Flaggs in Niles and the Eden's Courthouse in Skokie among other places. Fred was 59 years old and had a 32-year career as a Chicago firefighter. He retired three years ago as a Captain and was enjoying life in the warm weather when he passed away unexpectedly on November 22nd.

New Babies/Future Players

On July 19, 2014, Hung and Dana Che welcomed Avery Ella, a petite little thing at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 19-3/4 inches. She attended her first tournament as her dad's tiniest cheerleader at the Turkey Shoot. The noise really didn't seem to bother her...she's a natural!

Welcome to Milo E. Torres who entered the world as his daddy's (Memo Torres') first son and his grandparents' first grandson on October 13, 2014. At 8.5 lbs. and 20 inches, he has only a bit more to grow before he hits the courts and starts to annihilate the rest of us.

Memo, congratulations on this beautiful addition to your family!



Welcome, Milo!



The Che Family

Fun in the Sun!

Among the 238 players who competed in Outdoor on the Las Vegas Strip in mid-September at the 3 Wallball World Championships, there were four from Team Illinois who braved the blazing sun and had a great time! I happened to be there in Vegas just prior to the weekend, and look who I ran into in the Stratosphere Lounge! As you can see, these guys (and gal) played virtually non-stop through the event – tough!

Frank Bunker (Lisle) – Men's A Doubles, Men's Combined 100+ Doubles, and Men's Combined 75+ Doubles

Ryan Fosco (Westmont) – Men's A Doubles, Men's Combined 75+ Doubles, Men's A Singles

William Kuhlman (Frankfort) – Men's A Doubles, Men's B Doubles, Men's Combined 100+ Doubles

Letty Maldonado (Plainfield) – Women's B Singles



Kuhlman, Fosco, Kirk, and Bunker in Vegas

MEET THE BOARD

Todd Burris

Name: Todd Burris

Hometown: Bolivar, OH

Family: My wife Alisa Burris. We recently celebrated our 13th wedding anniversary, and I wouldn't know what to do without her. We also have two adorable Siamese cats, Juniper and Sedona. They are three years old and bring much joy to us.

Occupation / Employer: I have been working as a Sales & Use Tax Accountant for the past three years. My place of employment is Vertex, and I've been working there for 18 months. In my role, I prepare approximately 300-400 sales tax returns for four clients.

The busiest time is the middle two weeks of the month, which is considered our compliance period. Previously, I worked at KPMG, one of the biggest accounting firms in the world, for 1-1/2 years in their Sales Tax division. Prior to being an accountant, I was in the banking industry for eight years, and I worked in various positions.

How / when did you start playing racquetball? I really didn't know anything about racquetball until I went to college at Michigan State University in 1987. A friend of mine decided to take a racquetball course to learn the rules and regulations, so I became interested as well. All of my friends enjoyed sports and were athletic. That's why we really liked playing racquetball and felt great from all of the exercise. We would play a couple times a week and have a group of four to six people. At the time, we didn't even know the meaning of a ceiling shot or a Z-serve, but it was fun learning about a new sport.

It wasn't until I moved to the Chicago area in 1998 that I really became involved in racquetball. I moved in with my college friend, Steve Kudwa, and he suggested that we needed to get back in shape. We decided racquetball was the answer and joined the Glass Court in Lombard. We started to play in the Monday and Wednesday leagues. I was 28 at the time and thought I was a decent player since I was pretty fast. Then I played an older gentleman for my first match and assumed this was going to be pretty easy due to the age difference. And I was partially right. It did turn out to be an easy match (for my opponent) as he ran me around the court. I lost 45-15 in our three games so I was determined to improve. Ever since that day, I've been hooked on this sport. But for me, it's more than just the competition that makes me keep coming back for more. The thing I really enjoy about racquetball is that it's not just about the game itself, but the people you meet and the friendships that last a lifetime.

How do you feel about serving on the ISRA Board of Directors? Over the past 12 years, I've enjoyed playing in the tournaments. However, I also feel a great appreciation for how much work is involved and how fortunate we are to have the support of the ISRA. There are many



people that volunteer their time to make the tournaments such a great success. Because racquetball has been such an important part of my life, I really wanted to give back to the sport I love. When I heard about the new Referee Certification program, I thought this would be an excellent opportunity. John O'Donnell Jr., who is also an ISRA Board member, has conducted numerous Rules and Referee clinics at both Peoria's and Lombard's major tournaments. His knowledge and expertise of the sport are great assets to the racquetball community. I would highly recommend that everyone sign up for the clinics and become certified referees.

After completing my certification, I was approached by Cheryl Kirk a few months later. She has been a Board member for many years and has volunteered countless hours helping with tournaments, preparing the newsletters and traveling with the US National Team. When we spoke, she said there were a couple of openings on the Board and asked if I would be interested. I knew many of the individuals from the tournaments and always had a great respect for their dedication and organization, so this was a great opportunity and a dream come true. I went to a few meetings and officially became a Board member in June 2014. It has been a fantastic experience learning the business scope of the ISRA and what happens behind the scenes. More importantly, what's been impressive is the dedication of all the Board members working together to make Illinois racquetball the best it can be at all times.

Outside hobbies: Besides racquetball (which takes up a majority of my free time), I like watching sports on television. Pro football, college football, and basketball are my top choices with March Madness being my favorite sporting event. I also enjoy golfing and bowling when I get a chance. Additionally, I love taking three- to four-mile walks with my wife Alisa at the Busse and Bode Forest Preserves and walking around where we live. She is the primary reason I am able to stay in shape as she works out at the gym seven days a week. I've tried to get her involved in racquetball, but she's seen all the scrapes and bruises from playing, so she regretfully declines.

Anything else to share? One of my mottos in life is "work hard, play harder." Sometimes it feels like I'm going 200 miles an hour both inside and outside of work. I try to keep very busy and probably take on too much at times. But all the stress in life goes away when I'm on the court. I've always considered racquetball my "safe haven." No matter what problems happen throughout the day, I'm able to focus solely on chasing the ball around the court for an hour or two. Even though I may be tired afterwards, I always feel better after playing racquetball than before when I went to the gym. The camaraderie with others and the great exercise is what keeps me coming back!

Referee Certification Program

Alive and Well

Since the last issue of the ISRA Newsletter, we have added three new names to the growing list of Level One Certified Referees.

Interest has continued to grow for members of our State Association. As of this publication, a total of 92 individuals have attended Rules and Case Study Clinics, including 11 Juniors. Of these participants, 17 individuals have taken the Level One Rules Test, with nine receiving passing grades of 86%. With that success, the second step of the year-long process was accomplished.

With classroom attendance and testing complete, the "practical, or lab work" of officiating at least 10 matches, two of which are observed and evaluated, resulted in eight members of the ISRA becoming Certified Referees. The latest graduates of the State Program are Bilal Muhammad, Rick Seaberg, and Matt Reeser. Welcome aboard, gentlemen!

Todd Burris earned the distinction of being the first participant to complete the requirements of our current revitalized activity and attain his certification. Ellen Somberg, Joan Vande Kieft, Andy Pitock, and Jerry Fronczak have also taken the time and expended the effort to reach the goal of referee certification.

All requirements for certification -- attending a rules clinic, attending a case study clinic, receiving a passing grade on a written test, plus officiating ten matches with two evaluated -- must be completed within one calendar year.

Rules clinics, case study clinics, and testing will be offered at all sanctioned tournaments in the coming year. Join us, learn a bit more about our game, and enjoy some spirited discussions about the rules of racquetball!

-- John O'Donnell, Jr.

BOB SCHWAB

Memorial Tournament

Landmark Racquet & Health Club - Peoria, IL October 3-4, 2014

Fifty-nine players competed in this tournament in memory of Bob Schwab, a long-time player, volunteer, and Landmark Hall of Famer.

Three states (Illinois, Iowa, and Rhode Island) were represented in 12 divisions (men's singles and doubles as well as mixed doubles).

Sponsors were RJS Reynolds Enterprises, Robert W. Baird (Jim Stowell), Patsy Hasty CPA PC, Friends of Landmark Racquetball, and Wilson Racquetball.

Division/# entered: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (6): Mike Snarr; Samuel Gomez; Tom Neal, Josh Paul (IA)

Men's Open Cons (3): Arun Baskaran (RI); Miguel Riollano; Tom Neal

Men's Elite (6): Tyler Harrison; Josh Paul (IA); Arun Baskaran, Anand Agarwal

Men's Elite Cons (3): Arun Baskaran (RI); Xavier Pereira; Jack Johnson

Men's A (8): Adam Mills; Steve Hortega; Larry Kane, Lucas Shoemaker (IA)

Men's A Cons (4): Keith Yaklovich; Kristin Coulter; Stefan Bernal, Mike Rudd

Men's B (8): Scott Esker; Lucas Shoemaker (IA); Rhino Dotson, Doug Kerns

Men's B Cons (4): Marc Dean; Jonathon Bowles; Steve Smith, Ben Farnsworth

Men's C (7): Sai Poluru; Joshua Hafliger; Tim Banasiak, Tripp O'Conner

Men's C Cons (3): Gary Davies; Ed Rufus; Jeff Ensinger

Men's 40+ - Open / A (4): Steve Morrow; Alex Kott; Kurt Mankle; Justin Mrowicki

Men's 50+ (5): Dennis Anderson; Jonathan Dunn; Mike Rudd; Jeff O'Hern

Men's 50+ Cons (3): Bob Johnson; Mike Rudd, Jeff O'Hern

Men's 60+ (4): Don Kuehn; Gregory Hasty; Michael Veeder; Randall Puebla

Men's Doubles Open (6): Mike Snarr / Samuel Gomez; Shane Jackson / Tom Neal; Larry Kane / Steve Hortega, Bob Johnson / Xavier Pereira

Men's Doubles Open Cons (3): Derek Morrow / Steve Morrow; Calvin Price / Jim Stowell

Men's Doubles A (7): Don Kuehn / Keith Yaklovich; Calvin Price / Dennis Anderson; Brad Flack / Rhino Dotson, Jack Johnson / Shane Jackson

Men's Doubles A Cons (4): Jack Johnson / Shane Jackson; George Mansour / Stephen Pitstick; Adam Mills / John Bisanz, Jeff O'Hern / Randall Puebla

Men's Doubles B /C (8): Ben Farnsworth / Scott Esker; George Mansour / Stephen Pitstick; Georgia Russell / Kathy Grill, Andrew Heritch / Sal Poluru

Men's Doubles B/C Cons (4): Justin Mrowicki / Tim Banasiak; Marc Dean / Steve Smith; Jeffrey Fulks / Joshua Hafliger, Joann Kempthorne / Pam Schubach

Mixed Doubles Open / A (6): Kurt Mankle / Pam Schubach; Kristin Coulter / Miguel Riollano; Georgia Russell / Tyler Harrison, Jonathon Bowles / Katherine Grill

Mixed Doubles Open / A Cons (4): Anand Agarwal / Joann Kempthorne; Jim Stowell / Sandra Coursey

2014 ISRA Players of the Year

Vote for your favorite Male and/or Female Player of the Year and Most Improved Player using the form below. Please include comments regarding your selection(s) using the following criteria:

1. Accomplishments
2. Number of years played
3. Sportsmanship
4. Improvement
5. Contribution to the sport of racquetball

Nominees must be USAR members and may play at any level. Winners will be chosen by the ISRA Governing Board and will be honored at the ISRA Annual Awards Ceremony on February 21, 2015.

Players of the Year — past recipients: Chris Evon, Marshall Waldo (1988); Cheryl Gudinas, Rich Clay (1989); Pat Tarzon, Bill Lyman (1990); Laurel Davis, Ron Johnson

(1991); Lola Markus, Bill Lyman (1992); Cheryl Gudinas, Andy Pitock (1993); Cheryl Gudinas, Greg Hasty (1994); Cheryl Gudinas, Horace Miller (1995); Dawn Gates, John Negrete (1996); Krystal Csuk, John O'Donnell, Jr. (1997); Mary Crawford, Greg Hasty, Sr. (1998); Terri Graham, Cary Slade (1999); Cheryl Gudinas, Bill Lyman (2000); Nancy Kronenfeld, Bill Lyman (2001); Liz Molitor, Ben Croft (2002); Liz Molitor, Dave Milazzo (2003); Krystal Czuk, Dave Milazzo (2004); Liz Molitor, Keith Minor (2005); Liz Molitor, Keith Minor (2006); Pat Taylor, Julie Vincent (2007); TJ Ferro, Ellen Somberg (2008); Alok Mehta, Nancy Amaro (2009); Juan Herrera, Janet Eminger (2010); John O'Donnell, Jr., Krystal Csuk (2011); Clint Hickman, Nancy Kronenfeld (2012); Greg Hasty, Kelly Gremley (2013).

Most Improved Player Award — past recipients: Robert Gates, Jr. (1998); Ben Croft (1999); Diane Bunker (2000); Ubaldo Melo (2001); Angel

Khamis (2002); Carolyn Watkins, Adrian Beltramino (2003); Geoff Goldblatt (2004 & 2005); Richard DeArmas (2006); Trevor Snyders (2007); Frank Milazzo (2008); Juan Martinez III (2009); Saad Siddiqui (2010); Rhonda Mundhenk (2011), Tom Ness (2012), Cheryl Kirk (2013).

Act Now: Nominations must be received by February 1, 2015!

Submit your nominations to: Illinois State Racquetball Association, 1163 S. Grace St., Lombard, IL 60148; or email your nomination to Marla Cusano at marcusano@comcast.net. Your nomination(s) should include your name, address, day and evening phone numbers, the name of the nominee(s), and the reasons why that person(s) should receive the award, including a list of achievements. *Note: The more detailed your nomination (including tournament results), the better chance your nominee(s) will have!*

2014 ISRA Players of the Year & Most Improved Player NOMINATION FORM

Male Nominee's Name _____

Female Nominee's Name _____

Most Improved Player's Name _____

Include paragraph regarding your selection(s) (may use separate sheet of paper):

Name of ISRA member initiating nomination (please print): _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (night) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return by February 1, 2015, to:

ISRA c/o Marla Cusano
1163 S. Grace St., Lombard, IL 60148

or email nomination to: marcusano@comcast.net.

2015 Distinguished Service Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2015 ISRA Distinguished Service Award. Criteria for consideration include commitment to the sport of racquetball; quality of service; and accomplishments benefiting the sport and its players. Any ISRA member may make nominations. The winner, chosen by the ISRA Governing Board, will be honored at the ISRA Annual Awards Ceremony on February 21, 2015.

Distinguished Service Award – past recipients: Tom Street (1978); Bob Troyer (1979); Art Michaely (1980); Gay Kenna (1981); Jim Harper (1982); Jim Cartwright

(1983); Alan Shetzer (1984); Clyde Sinters (1985); Diane Gabrisko (1986); Geoff Peters (1986); Bill Feigen (1987); Alvin Barasch (1988); Judy Young (1989); Bill Roberts (1990); Al Danielwicz (1991); Bill Piggott (1992); Rich Clay (1993); Dave Negrete (1994); Lori Kaiser (1995); Brian Stuertz (1996); Diane DeArmas (1997); T.J. Ferro (1998); Laurel Davis (1999); Rich Clay (2000); Mike Davern (2001); Pam Grace (2002); Cheryl Kirk (2003); Patrice Calvi (2004); Geoff Peters (2005); Doug Halverson (2006); Laurel Davis (2007); Michelle Halverson (2008); Cheryl Kirk (2009); Lori Good (2010); Diane Bunker (2011); Marian Bala (2012); Marla Cusano (2013); John O'Donnell, Jr. (2014).

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2015 ISRA Distinguished Service Award NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name

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Name of ISRA member initiating nomination (please print):

Phone (day) **Phone (night)**

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return by February 1, 2015, to:

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or email nomination to: marcusano@comcast.net.

Junior Describe Nationals Experience: 2014 Wilson Junior OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Highlands Ranch Recreation Center
Highlands Ranch, CO
June 25-29, 2014

Jeremy Dixon, 16, and Michael Fornero, now 15, traveled to Colorado in June to compete along with 154 other players in over 60 divisions (Olympic format) at the Junior Olympic Championships, also known as Junior Nationals. They represented Team Illinois very well, and each describes his experiences at the event, below.

Jeremy writes:

Nationals is the best time of the year for any young racquetball player. You work all season to get to the level you want to play, and then you lay it all on the line at the biggest tournament of the year. This is the Junior Nationals for me. When I think of my ultimate goal for the season, this is the tournament I immediately have in my head. This year's venue was the Highlands Ranch Recreational Center in Denver, Colorado. I arrived a couple days early with my doubles partner and close friend Michael Fornero. My mom chaperoned us for the first half of the trip. We arrived at our hotel and had a great view of the town and mountains

that Colorado is famous for. If the altitude didn't take your breath away, the sites certainly would. After a couple days of light playing and getting used to the climate, I had my first match. I ended up winning fairly easily and kept going until I lost and made a run in the drop-down division. I played a close match with my former doubles partner, which was a battle because we knew each other's games like the back of our hands. I lost in a close tiebreaker but was still satisfied with my performance and placed 3rd in this division (16- Blue). Next was doubles. Michael and I played pretty well overall in the tournament. After a couple matches we found ourselves in the same drop-down division as I was in singles. We ended up playing my former doubles partner and his brother again and lost a tough match to take 2nd in this division (16- Consolation). These were my competitive experiences at the tournament, but that's only half the fun. I also got to meet people I haven't seen in a couple of years as I skipped the tournament the past season. My former doubles partner who I have mentioned was a good example of this. Braeden D'Almeida is from Michigan, and I enjoyed catching up with him, his brother, and his dad. They're all great guys,

and we always have a good time. There's also a crazy amount of high-profile players at the tournament in every division, and it's amazing to watch kids younger than me play at such a high level. People always ask me what my favorite part of this tournament is, and I always say that it's so much fun to play in such a great tournament. It's run well, and it's a blast to play kids your age, which rarely happens, at least for me. My least favorite part is leaving after a week around people who share the same passion as I do. Rarely do so many players and fans of the sport gather in what seems like racquetball heaven. I wouldn't be able to play at the level I am at now if it weren't for everyone who supports me and coaches me. I would like to deeply thank my parents Jen and Barry Dixon for their support and the rides to the courts 4 or 5 days a week all year round. My coach, Marian Bala (aka Chief). My doubles partner Michael Fornero and his parents Peggy and Mike for their extended support and helping me out in any way they possibly can. My sponsor Ektelon for providing me with the best gear in the game so I can have the tools. The ISRA, Just for Jordan, and everyone from the state who wasn't with me in person, but I knew they were rooting for me.

And everyone at Glass Court for their patience and time in helping me become a better player and playing with me any day of the week. Racquetball is a way of life for me, and I hope that I can continue playing my whole life and that I will continue to improve and be the best player I can possibly be.

Michael adds:

I was very happy with the schedule format and appreciated how well-organized things were. We were at the tournament for a total of seven days in which I played 14 and under singles as well as 16 and under doubles. I advanced to the 3rd round in singles play and we took 2nd place for doubles in the dropdown division. It was fairly done because the most I played was two matches consecutively. My doubles play was consistent, but I seemed to lose focus at times in my singles play. The best part of the tournament was meeting and playing new kids. I would definitely go back because it was an enjoyable experience. I would like to thank my partner Jeremy, my coach Marian, my mother Peggy for coming out to watch, my dad Mike, my sponsor Head, the ISRA, and Just for Jordan for all the support they have given me.



Michael Fornero, "Chief" Marian Bala, Jeremy Dixon

21st Annual **SUMMERFEST OPEN**

Glass Court Swim & Fitness - Lombard, IL

7/25/2014 - 7/27/2014

Tournament Directors: Doug and Michelle Halverson



Calvin Price, 2nd place, Men's 45+ Intermediate

Twenty-plus years and still going strong!

It's a point of great pride and good fortune for Illinois that we have a club like Glass Court that provides a first-class experience, so much so that people come from other states for the hospitality of the event and the quality of the competition. This "lazy little summer tournament" offered some formidable competition in 19 divisions to 110 players from eight states: Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Virginia, and Wisconsin.



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In this first sanctioned event of the 2014-2015 season, three players who were winners of full draw divisions will be "movin' on up" at the end of the season (if not sooner!): Men's B – Jesus Rojas; Men's C – Ravi Kishore Yenduri; and Men's D – Allen Bell. Congrats!

Many thanks to these volunteers who contributed their time and efforts toward this successful event: Marian Bala, Todd Burris, Mike Davern, Jeremy Dixon, Michael Fornero, Jeff Grace, Pam Grace, Joy Herth, Cheryl Kirk, Dolores Lamberson, Eric Mathews, Lisa Mayer, Liz Molitor, Geoff Peters, Andy Pitock, Amanda Podlesak, John Puccio, Lora Reeser, Joe Silius, and Saad Siddiqui.

Following the finals matches, a great summer meal was served up along with the traditional pool party.

Results appear on page 11 and full draws can be viewed at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=12882>.



*Zach Archer and Michael Fornero
(Zach donated his winnings to Illinois Juniors – thank you!)*



Doug Halverson, Dan Jaskier, and Tony Cosmano

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SUMMERFEST OPEN

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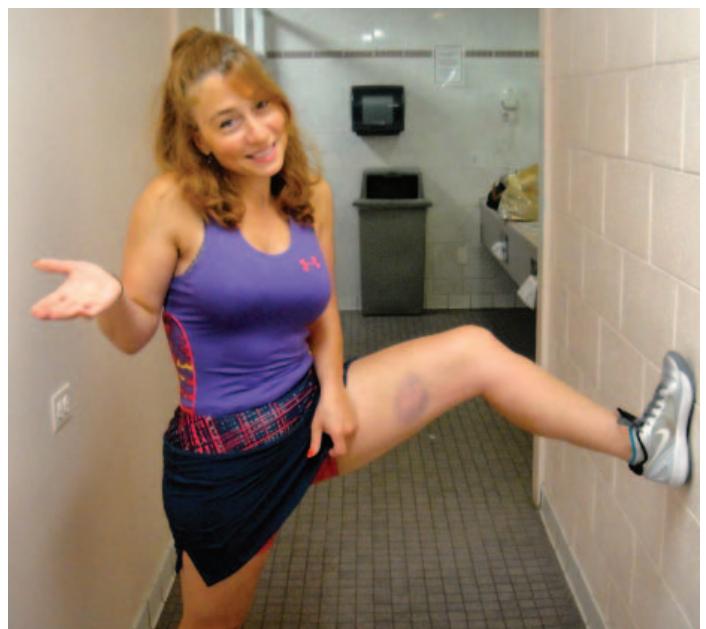
Ric Marroquin celebrated his birthday with family and friends



This guy wandered in from the pool...



Okay, THAT's a hard hit!



SUMMERFEST OPEN *continued from page 10*



Jeff O'Hern and Josh Paul



Cheryl Gudinas dropped in to visit with Eunice Sullivan (left) and Susie Kleinman



Lora Reeser
- MVV
(Most
Valuable
Volunteer)!

RESULTS

Division/# entered: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Open (18): Keith Minor; Zach Archer; Eugene Coyle, Thomas Gerhardt (VA)

Men's AA (8): Jorge Ortiz; Dave Milazzo; Matt Sochacki, Josh Paul (IA)

Men's A (10): Saad Siddiqui; Josh Paul (IA); Matt Reeser, Stefan Bernal

Men's B (14): Jesus Rojas; Todd Burris; Eric Salgado, Roberto Rivas

Men's C (16): Ravi Kishore Yenduri; Jeremy Dixon; Jerry Kee, Bernie Bustos

Men's D (13): Allen Bell; Stephen Lindstrom; Todd Pedersen, James Davis

Men's 30+/35+/40+/45+ (5): Oscar Corona; John Puccio; Brent Huff, Matt Reeser

Men's 50+ (6): Tom Lamberson; Mike Davern; Bob Riley, Ray Redelman

Men's 55+ (4): Tony Cosmano; Bob Riley (NC); Ray Redelman (3rd)

Men's 60+/65+ (3): Bruce Green (MN); Ray Meisner; Bill Roberts (3rd)

Men's 45+ Int (5): Hector Herrera; Calvin Price; James Davis (3rd)

Women's B/C/D/Novice (7): Amy Anderson; Chris Cerny (IN); Emily Fauser, Eunice Sullivan

Women's B/C/D/Novice Consolation (2): Vickie Onesti; Vicki Cunningham

Men's Open/40+ Doubles (8): Damian Zamorano (AZ)/Alok Mehta; Juan Martinez III/Eugene Coyle; Eric Mathews/Zach Archer, Adam Taylor/Brent Huff

Men's A Doubles (8): Arnold Ortega/Alcides Gutierrez; Antonio Vazquez/Roberto Rivas; Drake Deavours (IN)/Matt Beals (IN), Dan Jaskier/Glen Bero

Men's C Doubles (7): Calvin Price/Ravi Kishore Yenduri; Jeremy Dixon/Michael Fornero; Enrique Medina/Stephen Lindstrom, Andrew Anderson/David Oleski

Women's A Doubles (5): Dolores Lamberson/Julianne Valentino; Deanna Munro/Lisa Mayer; Barb Vagedes/Cheryl Kirk (3rd)

Mixed Open/40+ Doubles (7): Rebecca Bowman (IN)/Adam Taylor (IN); Thomas Gerhardt (VA)/Kelly Gremley; Lynn Yeazell/Martin Gonzalez, Geoff Goldblatt/Ellen Somberg,

Mixed A/B/C Doubles (8): Julianne Valentino/Frank Valentino; Glen Bero/Deanna Munro; Eduardo Esparza/Vickie Onesti, Barb Vagedes/Doug Halverson

Mixed A/B/C Doubles Consolation (3): Emily Fauser/Jesus Rojas; Laurel Harper/Matt Beals; Stefan Bernal/Lisa Mayer (3rd)

FALL BRAWL

featuring the World Racquetball Tour

Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard, IL

Tournament Directors: Jeff Grace, Dave Negrete, Joey Logan
October 3-5, 2014

Lights...cameras...action! The World Racquetball Tour stopped off at Glass Court for a show before continuing north. Wow, top-notch racquetball in our own back yard! People paid for tickets to watch the same racquetball action at the US Open in Minneapolis the following week.

Live streaming extended the excitement beyond the walls of Glass Court. Thanks to sponsors Gearbox, Glass Court, Anthony's Pizzeria, Kirsten's Danish Bakery, Comfort Inn & Suites, ENG Networking Group, KWM Guterman, Sue & Leo Klimaitis, John Vercillo, Alok & Heather Mehta, Timber Trails Development Corporation, Coyle & Associates, Amatulli & Associates, Silvon, Center for Sports Orthopedics/Tyler Medical Services, and Wooden Shoe Graphics.

Heritage Community Service, Inc., a mentoring charity, benefited from part of this event's proceeds.

No event would be successful without the volunteers! Much gratitude goes to Marian Bala, Diane Bunker, Marla Cusano, Mike Davern, Jeremy Dixon, Jonelle Dubois, Michael Fornero, Pam Grace, Doug Halverson, Joy Herth, Martha Huske, Cheryl Kirk, Dolores Lamberson, Eric Mathews, Liz Molitor, Patti Moser, Geoff Peters, John Puccio, Lora Reeser, Rick Seaberg, Joan Vande Kieft, and Julie Vincent.

Stats

136 players (31 in WRT) – 105 men, 31 women

22 divisions – men's and women's singles and doubles; mixed doubles

Countries (9)

Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, South Korea, United States, and Venezuela

US States (9)

Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, and New Mexico

Results are on page 14, and check out the full set of draws at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=13118>.



Dave Negrete, Jeff Grace, and Cliff Swain



Alejandro Cardona, announcer Nick Irvine, and Coby Iwaasa

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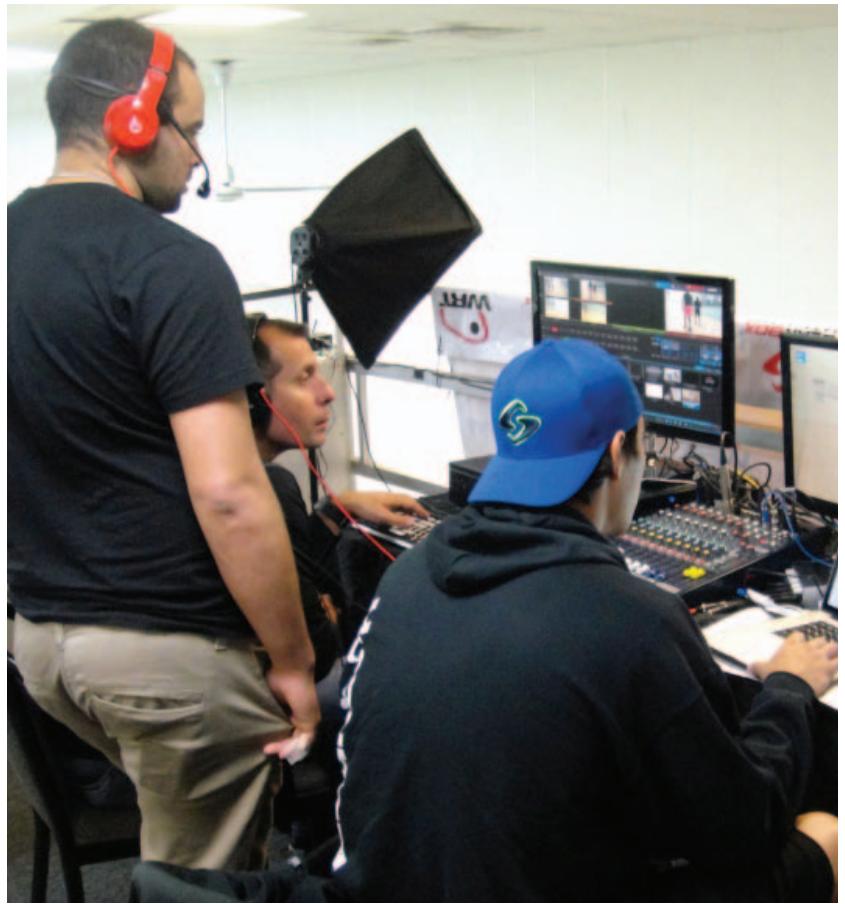
Bobby Horn tapes a WRT interview in the Glass Court lounge



Ray Redelman and John Thorson



*Women's Open Doubles Champs
Joan Vande Kieft and Masiel Rivera*



WRT streamed from the balcony above the glass court

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John Puccio and Eric Mathews



What a photo op! Cliff Swain and Dolores Lamberson

RESULTS

Division/# entered: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's WRT (30): Coby Iwaasa (Canada); Alejandro Cardona (Mexico); Jake Bredenbeck (USA), David Horn (USA)

WRT Open (cons) (14): Daeyong Kwon (Korea); Juan Martinez III (USA); Robert Collins (USA), Roberto Santander (Venezuela)

Men's Open (10): Daeyong Kwon (Korea); Roberto Leyes, Jr. (Venezuela); Dave Milazzo, John Thorson,

Men's AA (5): Clint Hickman; Eric Mathews; Chad Summerfield, Moses Elias

Men's A (16): Roberto Leyes, Jr. (Venezuela); Antonio Vazquez; Alcides Gutierrez, Arnold Ortega

Men's B (14): Todd Greenstein; Jesse Ortiz; Rick Seaberg, Tony Costello

Men's C (13): Jeremy Dixon; Jerry Kee; Allen Bell, Eduardo Esparza

Men's D (8): Gallagher Garcia; Mark Balongag; Lawrence Brown, Andrew Anderson

Men's 40+/50+ (9): John Puccio; John Thorson; Bernie Bustos, Ray Redelman

Women's Open (6): Masiel Rivera (Bolivia); Miok An (Korea); Marie Malhee Kwon (Korea), Joan Vande Kieft

Women's AA (2): Mary Crambes; Letty Maldonado

Women's B (4): Amy Anderson; Chris Cerny (IN); Vickie Onesti (3rd)

Women's C/D (2): Emily Fauser; Edith Seaman

Men's Doubles WRT/Open (14): Cliff Swain (MI)/David Horn (CA); Alejandro Cardona (Mexico)/Sebastian Franco (Colombia); Jaime Martell (Mexico)/Juan Herrera (USA), Coby Iwaasa (Canada)/Roland Keller (Bolivia)

Men's A/B Doubles (6): Antonio Vazquez/Argyll Piansay; Mike Mahon/Rodrigo Diaz; Brian Lien/Wayne Lorenz, Hector Herrera/Ric Marroquin

Men's C/D Doubles (5): Jeremy Dixon/Michael Fornero; Anthony Cosmano/Rick Rinella; Jesus Lopez/Porfirio Villalobos (3rd)

Men's 95+ Combined Doubles (6): Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen; Frank Valentino/Tom Lamberson; Joey Logan/Lem Rowans, James Schlicher/John Puccio

Women's Open Doubles (7): Masiel Rivera (Bolivia)/Joan Vande Kieft; Marie Malhee Kwon (Korea)/Miok An (Korea); Ellen Somberg/Kathy Ruzicki, Diane Bunker/Julie Vincent

Women's A/B Doubles (6): Dolores Lamberson/Julianna Valentino; Chris Cerny (IN)/Joy Herth; Cheryl Kirk/Pam Grace, Deanna Munro/Lisa Mayer

Mixed Open Doubles (3): Alok Mehta/Nancy Amaro; Ellen Somberg/Tom Lamberson; Alcides Gutierrez/Letty Maldonado (3rd)

Mixed A/B/C Doubles (3): Lisa Mayer/Matt Reeser; Jeff Grace/Pam Grace; Eduardo Esparza/Vickie Onesti (3rd)

Mixed 40+ Doubles (4): Andy Pitock/Cheryl Kirk; Jonelle Dubois/Mike Davern; Joey Logan/Lynn Yeazell (3rd)

2014 United Healthcare US OPEN

Life Time Fitness - Target Center - Minneapolis, MN
October 8-12, 2014

US OPEN Stats

Players: 709 players

Divisions: 93 (men's and women's singles and doubles; mixed doubles)

Countries: 15

US States: 44 states

Pro Division Champions

Men's Singles: Kane Waselenchuk (CAN) def. Alvaro Beltran (MEX), 11-6, 11-1, 11-6

Women's Singles: Paola Longoria (MEX) def. Maria Jose Vargas (ARG), 11-5, 11-3, 11-8

Men's Doubles: Ben Croft (USA)/Kane Waselenchuk (CAN) def. Alvaro Beltran (MEX)/Rocky Carson (USA), 9-15, 15-8, 11-5

Paola Longoria (MEX)/Veronica Sotomayor (ECU) def. Rhonda Rajsich (USA)/Marie Jose Vargas (ARG), 15-7, 12-15, 11-7

Team Illinois in the House!

Team Illinois competitors at the US OPEN numbered 43 (33 men/11 women): Josue Del Rio, Rhino Dotson, Eduardo Esparza, Chris Evon, Scott Fauque, Lee Frick, Kelly Gremley, Cheryl Gudinas, Alcides Gutierrez, Greg Hasty, Joy Herth, Shane Jackson, Stanley Jenkins, Jack Johnson, Leo Klimaitis, Nancy Kronenfeld, Letty Maldonado, Gary Mammele, Eric Mathews, Pat McGrath, Dave Milazzo, Frank Milazzo, Keith Minor, Cari Mory, Bilal Muhammad, Tom Neal, Jeff O'Hern, Vickie Onesti, Alberto Palacios, Geoff Peters, Ray Redelman, Matt Reeser, Roberto Rivas, Jesus Rojas, Jake Ryan, Joyce Satorius, Rick Seaberg, Dave Singer, Louis Smalley, Joan Vande Kieft, Antonio Vazquez, Brenda White, Bruce Young. Additionally, Alok Mehta represented India.

Medal Count

GOLD (4)

Chris Evon – Mixed Doubles – Centurion Open/Elite

Lee Frick/David Singer – Men's Doubles – B

Joy Herth – Womens Age Singles – 35+B

Jake Ryan – Men's Singles - B

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Joan Vande Kieft, Ray Redelman, Bilal Muhammad, Alok Mehta, and Alberto Palacios



Jesus Rojas, Matt Reeser, Alcides Gutierrez, Bilal Muhammad, Letty Maldonado, Wil Rounsville, Alok Mehta, and Eric Mathews

SILVER (5)

Eduardo Esparza – Men's Age Singles 45+C
Alcides Gutierrez – Men's Age Singles – 35+B
Nancy Kronenfeld – Women's Age Singles – 60+
Keith Minor – Men's Age Singles – 50 +
Vickie Onesti – Women's Singles - C

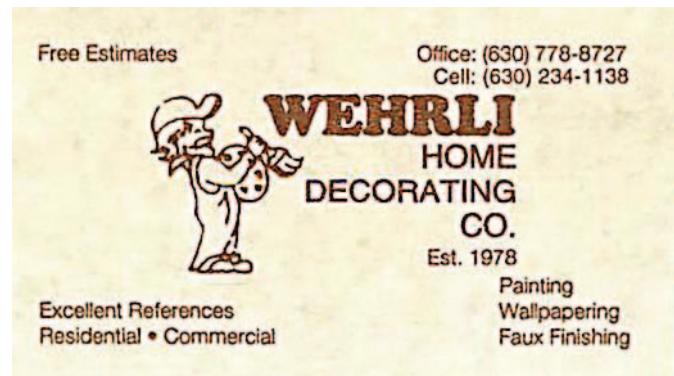
BRONZE (16)

Josue Del Rio – Men's Age Singles – 24 C
Lee Frick/Jake Ryan – Men's Doubles – Centurion+ A
Kelly Gremley – Mixed Doubles – Open
Alcides Gutierrez – Men's Singles – B
Shane Jackson / Gary Mammelle – Men's Doubles – B
Nancy Kronenfeld – Women's Doubles – 55+
Eric Mathews – Men's Age Singles – 24- A
Cari Mory – Mixed Doubles – Elite
Cari Mory – Women's Age Singles – 45+
Geoff Peters – Mixed Doubles – 30+
Ray Redelman – Men's Age Singles – 55+ A
Joyce Satorius – Women's Age Singles – 55+C
Joyce Satorius – Women's Singles – C
David Singer – Men's Age Singles – 45+ C
Brenda White – Women's Age Singles – 60+
Brenda White – Women's Doubles – 55+
Alok Mehta (India) – Mixed Doubles – Centurion Open/ Elite

Alok Mehta (India) – Men's Singles – Elite
Alok Mehta (India) – Men's Age Singles – 45+

Congratulations to all! To view brackets and full results, visit <http://www.r2sports.com/website/event-website.asp?TID=12509>.

-- Cheryl Kirk



23rd Annual Turkey Shoot Open/IRT Satellite

Glass Court Swim & Fitness - Lombard, IL

11/20/2014 - 11/23/2014

Tournament Directors: Doug and Michelle Halverson

In the blink of an eye, it was time for the last major event of the year, and players aplenty turned out for great competition and an advance calorie burn before the holidays! Congrats to all the winners, especially those of full draws (12+ players in men's divisions).



*Tom Neal and Antonio Vazquez
Men's 40+ Doubles, second place*

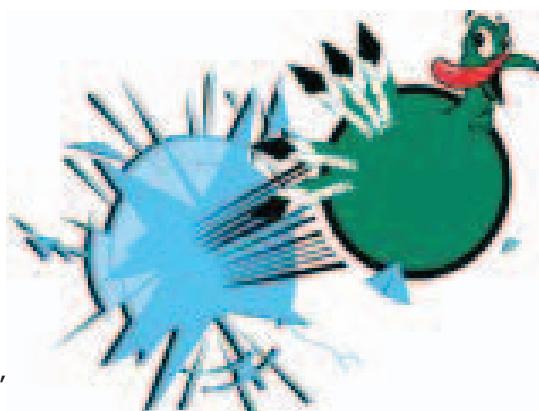
Stats

160 gladiators
Seven states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin

23 divisions

Men's Pro/IRT winner: Juan Herrera

Results on page 19 and draws at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=13368>



A hearty and heartfelt shout-out to the Turkey Shoot volunteers: Marian Bala, Eric Battaglia, Todd Burris, Marla Cusano, Mike Davern, Laurel Davis, Jonelle Dubois, Peggy Fornero, Jeff Grace, Pam Grace, Cheryl Kirk, Dolores Lamberson, Vickie Onesti, Geoff Peters, John Puccio, Dave Singer, Abby Singer, John Thorson, and Jim Wehrli.

In this last tournament article of the year, it's appropriate to offer special gratitude to ALL the volunteers who helped out at the many local, state, and regional tournaments in 2014. You know who they are – the friendly faces who donate their time and expertise at check-in, at the tournament desk, and as referees (even when they don't have to!). Without these volunteers, we couldn't possibly offer you the tournament experiences you have come to appreciate. If you would like to become involved as a tournament volunteer, you will be warmly welcomed! Contact Cheryl Kirk at cheryllkirk@aol.com for more information.

The year 2015 is right around the corner, with more tournaments and a few shootouts to boot. See you on the courts!

-- Cheryl Kirk



Turkey Shoot gals Barb Vagedes, Judy Sands, Laurel Davis, Julianne Valentino, Dolores Lamberson, and Cheryl Kirk

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TURKEY SHOOT *cont. from page 17*



Lamberson, Valentino, and Kirk: "Nobody understands us!"



Women's ABC Doubles winners
Mary Crambes and Joy Herth

Thanks to Our Sponsors!

Glass Court gratefully acknowledges the contributions of these sponsors who helped make the 2014 Turkey Shoot a success:

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**Response Graphics & Embroidery
(Lynn and Kevin Yeazell)**

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TURKEY SHOOT *cont. from page 18*



Bernie Bustos, runner-up in Men's C



Jonelle Dubois, ISRA Board member
and volunteer

RESULTS

Division/# entered: First; Second; Semifinals

Men's Pro/Open (16): Juan Herrera; Keith Minor; Brad Hansen (IA), Brian Simpson (IN)

Men's AA (8): Alok Mehta; Frank Carrano; Moses Elias, Travis Mettenbrink (NE)

Men's A (15): Carlos Reyes (WI); Antonio Vazquez; Hung Che, Cristian Moreno

Men's B (22): Jerry Kee; Joe Eminger; Eduardo Esparza, Platt Hill

Men's C (24): Roberto Rivas; Bernie Bustos; Allen Bell, Eduardo Esparza

Men's D (20): Cody Jones; James Davis; Jim Santangelo, Stephen Soderborg

Men's Novice (6): Cody Jones; Daniel Barrera; Andres Espinosa, Jason Duffecy

Men's 30-45+ (7): Kevin Brylski; Eric Battaglia; Cristian Moreno, Oscar Corona

Men's 35-45+ INT (7): Tony Costello; Jesus Rojas; Randy Ems, Tom Barr

Men's 50+ (11): Dave Milazzo; Cedric Bell; Tom Neal, Tony Cosmano

Men's 55-60+ (6): Platt Hill; Ray Redelman; Frank Milazzo, Bruce Green

Women's Open (4): Renee Roux; Janet Eminger; Kathleen Ruzycski (3rd)

Women's B/C (7): Emily Fauser; Joyce Satorius; Diane Soderborg, Amy Anderson

Men's Open Doubles (7): Eugene Coyle/Keith Minor; Alok Mehta/Juan Herrera; Brad Hansen (IA)/Travis Mettenbrink (NE), Geoff Goldblatt/Jorge Ortiz

Men's A Doubles (10): Chris Liljestrand/James Camasto; Howard Chan/Hung Che; Bill Kuhlman/John Moscato, Dan Jaskier/Glen Bero

Men's B Doubles (10): Rodrigo Diaz/Adolfo Torres; David Singer/Levester Dean; Michael Fornero/Jeremy Dixon, Jim Wehrli/Bruce Young

Men's C Doubles (3): Scott Demonte/Allen Bell; George Parobek (IN)/Jeff Gilliam (IN); Jesus Lopez/Porfirio Vilalobos (3rd)

Men's 40+ Doubles (11): John Thorson/Tom Lamberson; Antonio Vazquez/Tom Neal; Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen, Dave Milazzo/Kevin Brylski

Women's Open Doubles (5): Liz Molitor/Renee Roux; Kathleen Ruzycski/Nancy Amaro; Lynn Yeazell/Laurel Davis (3rd)

Women's ABC Doubles (6): Mary Crambes/Joy Herth; Dolores Lamberson/Lynne Weisbart; Cheryl Kirk/Marla Cusano, Emily Fauser/Noelle Morgan

Women's ABC Doubles (cons) (2): Lisa Mayer/Letty Maldonado; Vickie Onesti/Melissa Musick

Mixed Open/40+ Doubles (7): Judy Sands/Basilio Salazar; Martin Gonzalez/Lynn Yeazell; Janet Eminger/Tom Utterback, Andy Pitock/Cheryl Kirk

Mixed A Doubles (8): Lisa Mayer/Chris Liljestrand; Dolores Lamberson/Glen Bero; Joy Herth/Matt Reeser, Frank Valentino/Julianne Valentino

Mixed B/C Doubles (2): Tony Garcia/Melissa Musick; Carl Carman/Sandra Filipp

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

PASO Pan American Sports Festival Guadalajara, Mexico August 2-9, 2014

The U.S. Delegation made its way in August to the same venue in Guadalajara that was the site of the 2011 Pan American Games. Six U.S. Team players represented their country very well at the event.

Athletes

Jake Bredenbeck (Arizona/Minnesota) – Singles (bronze) and doubles with Jose (silver)
David "Bobby" Horn (California) -- Singles (bronze)
Jose Diaz (California) – Doubles with Jake (silver)
Rhonda Rajsich (Arizona) -- Singles and doubles with Devon (silver)
Da'monique Davis (Texas) -- Singles
Devon Pimentelli (California) – Doubles with Rhonda (silver)

Overall, the U.S. Women's Team earned the bronze medal at the event, and the U.S. Men's Team captured the silver. An overall Team Champion was not named.

Staff

Head Coach Dave Ellis (California)
Team Trainer Brent Huff (Illinois)
Team Leader Cheryl Kirk (Illinois)
Technical Official Bronc Hughes (California)

30th IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships Midtown Sports And Wellness - Albuquerque, NM 8/26/2014 - 8/30/2014

Stats

138 players
10 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Guatemala, India, Italy, Mauritius, Mexico, United States
17 U.S. States
18 divisions



WSRC participants Leo Klimaitis, Eugene Coyle, John Mason, Sue Klimaitis, Dennis Negrete, Dave Negrete, and Matt Sochacki

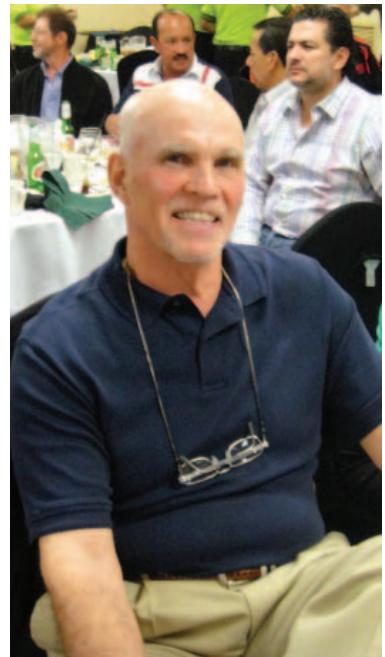


Huff and Kirk accompanied the US Team to Guadalajara

Eight players from Illinois represented Illinois at the event:

Eugene Coyle – Men's 45+ Singles
Gregory Hasty – Men's 65+ Singles
Cheryl Kirk – Mixed 55+ Doubles (with Gary Mazaroff – NM) and Women's 55+ Singles
Leo Klimaitis – Men's 65+ Singles
John Mason --- Men's 55+ Singles
Dave Negrete – Men's 40+ Singles
Dennis Negrete – Men's 40+ Singles
Matt Sochacki – Men's 35+ Singles

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Greg Hasty, Men's 65+ Gold Medalist

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Congratulations to everyone and especially to Greg Hasty for his Men's 65+ gold medal win!

Full results and draws can be viewed at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=12209>

XXVI IRF World Junior Racquetball Championships Cali, Colombia October 18-25, 2014

After much preparation on the parts of everyone on the US Junior Team, the US Delegation made the journey to the XXVI IRF World Junior Championships in Cali, Colombia.

The US Junior Team members competed against 17 other countries including the Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Colombia, Canada, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Costa Rica, India, Ecuador, Ireland, Puerto Rico, Japan, Korea, Honduras, Guatemala, and Panama.

US Junior Team Delegation

The delegation was made up of 26 players (15 boys, 11 girls), 27 parents and cheerleaders, 4 coaches, and a team leader. The 26 players represented nine states: Colorado, Oregon, California, Wisconsin, New York, Florida, Minnesota, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Coaches/Staff

Head Coach Cheryl Gudinas, Assistant Coach Nick Montalbano, Esprit Coach Jen Meyer, Athletic Trainer Jody Nance, and Team Leader Cheryl Kirk



US Junior Team enjoys dinner courtesy of Team Illinois

Both Cheryls thank Team Illinois for their contribution of a dinner for the World Cup players at the event. For the team to be able to meet and eat together after a long day is extremely valuable!

The categories at World Juniors are 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). U.S. World Cup and Esprit Cup players qualified at the USAR Junior Olympics held last June in Denver.



U.S. Medal Counts

World Cup – 1 gold, 1 silver, 5 bronze
Esprit – 1 gold, 1 silver, 7 bronze

Final Standings by Country

=> Combined Overall World Cup Team

Mexico
Bolivia
USA
Costa Rica

=> Combined Overall Esprit Team

Bolivia
Mexico
USA
Costa Rica

A full listing of individual and team results can be found at www.internationalracquetball.com.



2015 Tournament

CALENDAR

For updates or edits to the ISRA Tournament Calendar, please contact
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January 3, 2015

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

January 4, 2015

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

January 15-18, 2015

**26th Annual Women's Senior
Masters Championships**
Life Time Fitness
Minneapolis, MN
Kendra Tutsch

January 23-25, 2015

ISRA State Doubles Championships
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Lombard, IL
Laurel Davis
laurelmdavis@comcast.net

February 11-15, 2015

**48th USAR National Doubles
Championships**
ASU Rec Center, Tempe, AZ
Bob Bodor
www.usaracquetball.com

February 19-22, 2015

ISRA State Singles Championships
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Lombard, IL
Cheryl Kirk
cherylkkirk@aol.com

February 25-March 1, 2015

**29th USAR High School
Championships**
St. Louis, MO
Bob Bodor, www.usaracquetball.com

March 4-7, 2015

NMRA National Championship (45+)
Overland Park, KS
Cindy Tilbury
cindy.tilbury@att.net
www.nationalmastersracquetball.org

March 6-8, 2015

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

March 12-15, 2015

**30th Annual Shamrock Shootout/IRT
Event**
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Lombard, IL
Dan Jaskier (630) 629-3390

March 25-28, 2015

USAR Intercollegiate Championships
ASU Rec Center, Tempe, AZ
Bob Bodor
www.usaracquetball.com

April 23-26, 2015

**USAR Midwest Regional
Championships**
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Lombard, IL
Geoff Peters
petersgeoff@hotmail.com

May 20-24, 2015

**USAR National Singles
Championships**
Highlands Ranch, CO
Bob Bodor
www.usaracquetball.com

June 24-28, 2015

**USAR Junior Olympic
Racquetball Championships**
Stockton, CA
Bob Bodor
www.usaracquetball.com

July 22-25, 2015

**NMRA International
Championship (45+)**
Highlands Ranch, CO
Cindy Tilbury
cindy.tilbury@att.net
www.nationalmastersracquetball.org

July 24-26, 2015

23rd Annual Summerfest
Glass Court Swim & Fitness
Lombard, IL
Dan Jaskier (630) 629-3390

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All tournaments listed are sanctioned by USA Racquetball.

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6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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p.m.

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Palatine, IL

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Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
\$15.00 One-Day Guest Pass

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(Elmhurst Park District)**

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(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

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and Fitness at the
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St. Charles, IL

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Schaumburg Park District
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Schaumburg, IL

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
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\$3.00 Members
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