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## On the COVER

The JTI Family meets at Glass Court  
most Sundays, October through April.



# From the **PRESIDENT**

Have you ever heard the phrase "Never forget where you came from"? It might refer to where you grew up as opposed to where you live as an adult. Maybe you had the opportunity to get a better education than your parents, resulting in a better job, resulting in a nicer home and neighborhood. It is always good to remember where you came from and to appreciate what that upbringing taught you that allowed you to get to a better place.

So what if the place you achieved was better health, lifelong friendships, or even the joy of playing pickleball? And the place that you came from that allowed you to achieve those things was RACQUETBALL? After all you have gained, should you be appreciative of what racquetball did for you? Do you have any responsibility towards racquetball? I think you do.

How many times has someone asked you to support them in some charity event they are participating in? And how many times do you do it? If you're like me, I contribute every time I am asked. But when I ask someone about why they haven't renewed their USAR/ISRA membership, I hear that it is because they aren't playing in tournaments. Maybe they don't remember where they came from...

If racquetball is what helped you find better health, lifelong friendships, and new ways to exercise as you age, I think it is fitting to support racquetball. Be a member. It's only \$50 per year (\$4.17/month, 14 cents a day). If you don't want to do that, make a donation. Whatever you do, please don't forget where you came from. Racquetball helped make you what you are today!

I may be preaching to the choir if you are reading this in *ISRA Courtside*. But maybe you can send this to others who may not see it? Together, We are Racquetball!

See you on the courts,

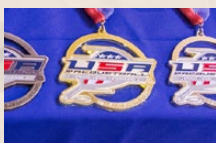
*Laurel*



## **Your donations and membership dollars help make all of this possible:**



USA Racquetball has over 151,000 visitors to the website each year, with over 31,200 participants in local and national tournaments. There are currently over 3.9 million racquetball players around the country we hope will experience the camaraderie of the game.



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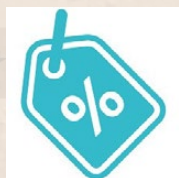
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- Healthy Living
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# ISRA Family News

## Racquetball in the Stars

Years ago, John Africano was an astronomer with Boeing LTS Inc. and for the Minor Planet Center, and he was also an excellent racquetball player. He played out of Colorado Springs and spent a lot of time on the Big Island in Hawaii observing the Universe.

John was given the honor of naming two minor planets (often aka asteroids) after something special to him. He obtained permission from the International Racquetball Federation and the Minor Planet Center to name an asteroid after the sport he loved. Consequently, #12426 is registered as "racquetball." This asteroid was discovered from Maui in 1995. Visit <http://www.minorplanetcenter.net/iau/lists/MPNames.html#T> and search under the letter "R."

Around that same time, USA Racquetball's Leadership Conference was held at the USOC Training Center, and there was always a theme.

That year the theme became The Future of Racquetball (based on the asteroid naming), and attendees received a t-shirt featuring an alien named Racquetball.

John passed away in 2006 of a heart attack at age 55, but he will be remembered as a great player, a great person, and a great supporter of racquetball.

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## Racquetball Players Naper Olympic Reunion Saturday, December 2, 2017

The Naper Olympic Health Club on 75th St. in Naperville closed on October 14, 2006.

But life in racquetball goes on, and on Saturday, December 2, 2017, players reunited at Pepe's Mexican Restaurant in Naperville to catch up, trade stories, and relive "the good old days."

Don Grigas and Kit Lawson coordinated the soiree, and about 30 players turned out for margaritas and reminiscing. Most still play, and we thank Dave and Margo Gebraski for providing that home away from home for so many years!



*Kathy Ruzycki and Cheryl Gudinas were Naper Olympic regulars*



*Dave Gebraski, Kit Lawson, Don Grigas, and Rich Gebraski reminisced at Pepe's*



*The ISRA Women's Travel League met for their traditional holiday celebration at Glass Court on 12/18/17. Happy New Year to All!*

## REMEMBERING GEORGE KLEBER, 1949-2017

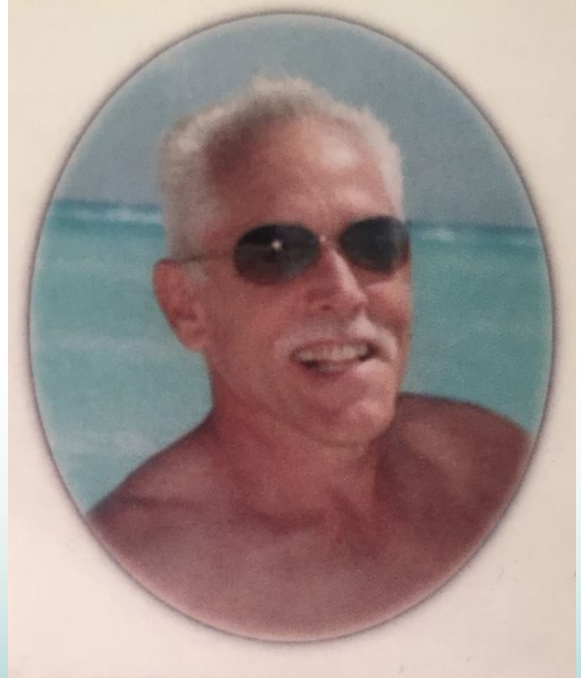
George Kleber was a fellow racquetball player who gave his all in every match he ever played. He was a tournament B player and a longtime Men's Open/A travel league player for 20+ years. George, an Army veteran who served in Vietnam, was small in stature, but he was strong and extremely fast.

George played travel league out of the Tinley Park (park district) and Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. He always looked forward to playing doubles against the strong teams like Minor/Hillman, Bachar/Grigas, Gudinas/Gary, et al., and he enjoyed the good times we shared afterwards with our competitor friends in the local bars. I was usually George's doubles partner and shared all those great times and awesome memories.

George passed away on September 26, 2017, and Sue, his wife of 43 years, passed three months earlier. My longtime friend, you will be deeply missed on the courts and on the golf course. I dedicated my first birdie to you, but I think you had something to do with the four additional I had that day.

God Bless,

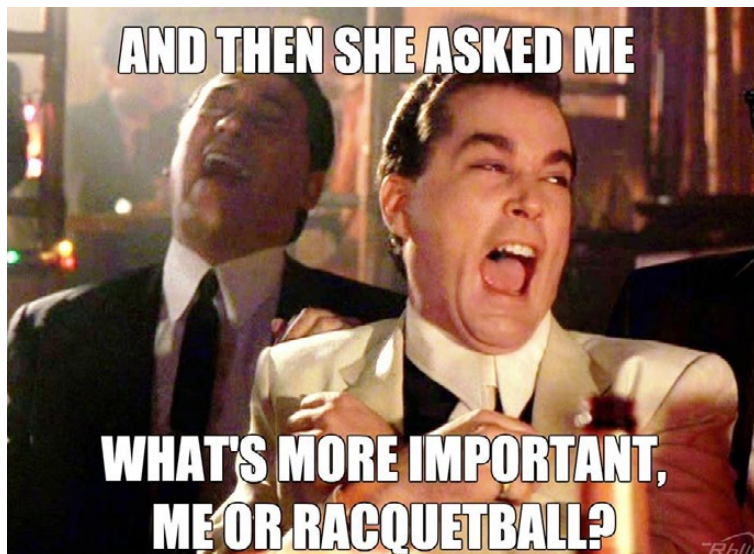
*Joe Silius*



*"Footwork is the key to the universe." -- Debbie Tisinger Moore*

*"Racquetball players love an audience. It could be Rocky Carson, or it could be a three-year-old. It doesn't matter." -- Anonymous*

*"Make no mistake. You didn't really beat your instructor...unless he wanted you to." -- Anonymous*



# KILLSHOT Kids' Corner

## JTI UPDATE

Under the leadership of Marian Bala, Andy Pitock, Carolyn Vazquez, and Michael Fornero, Junior Team Illinois went into full swing at Glass Court on October 1st.

Ten players ranging from ages 9 through 15 take to the courts Sunday mornings (except when tournaments take over!). The coaching staff has been incorporating warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, and competition (including how to read scorecards and compete in matches with referees) as part of the curriculum.

A continuing aspect of this year's program is the involvement of parents who work with the kids, sharing their own expertise and love of the game. We so appreciate the help of dads like Barry Dixon, Steve Gollins, Jorge Ortiz, Raul Sanchez, and Jairo Torres. Their assistance allows the coaches to spend one-on-one time with players.

We are also grateful for the dedication of the non-playing parents who make sure their kids get to Glass Court throughout the season, make monetary and other donations, and bring treats for the kids to enjoy after their lessons!



*The Future of JTI!*



*Five Junior players (and one in training) at the Turkey Shoot*

So it's not "all work and no play" on Sundays at JTI! We hosted a holiday celebration for the players on December 17th, and the JTI season will conclude with a pizza party in early April.

To allow the players to showcase their skills, ISRA State Singles and USAR Regionals will offer junior divisions in February and April, respectively. There is talk of a few making it over to Des Moines in late June to compete in USAR Junior Nationals. We know Michael Fornero will be there, and perhaps a few first-timers will attend as well. Stay tuned!

-- Cheryl Kirk

# 2017 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 Saturday, February 24, 2018.

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 Csuk, 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); Keith Minor, Nancy Amaro (2014); Eugene Coyle, Lynn Yeazell (2015); Alok Mehta, Karin McCauley (2016).

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 Beltramo (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), Jeremy Dixon (2014), Alcides Gutiérrez Bernal (2015), Michael Fornero (2016).

**Act Now: Nominations must be received by Sunday, February 4, 2018!**

Submit your nomination(s) to Marla Cusano, Awards Chair, at [marcusano@comcast.net](mailto: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!

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## 2017 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of ISRA member initiating nomination (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2018 Distinguished Service Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2018 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 Saturday, February 24, 2018.

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 Senters (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 Stuert (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); Marian Bala (2015); Dan Jaskier (2016); Cheryl Kirk (2017).

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## 2018 ISRA Distinguished Service Award NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# 24th Annual Summerfest Shootout

Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard

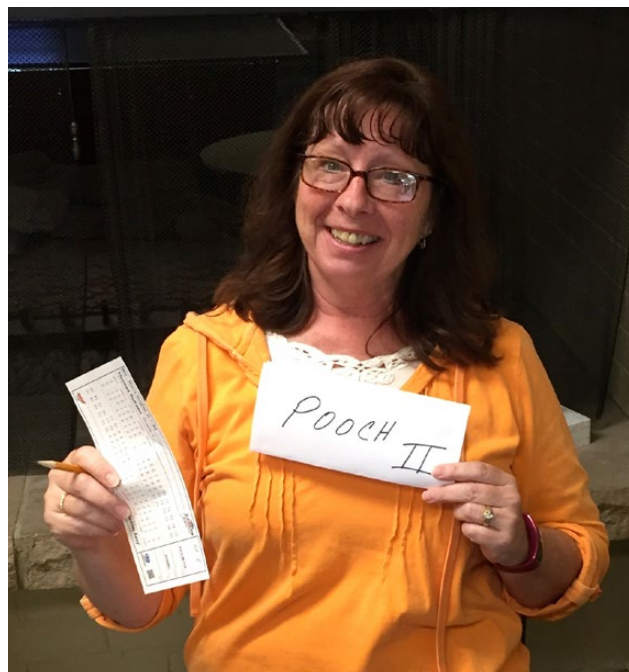
July 28-30, 2017

Tournament Directors -- Doug Halverson and Dan Jaskier

Summerfest is in the record books as the first tournament of the 2017-18 season! Players numbering 102 (84 men/18 women) came to Glass Court to play in 18 divisions, representing 10 states: Illinois (45 cities/towns), Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.



We had a nice round robin of five juniors who hit the courts on Sunday -- three from Illinois and two from Iowa. Thanks to Marian Bala, Andy Pitock, Jeremy Dixon, and Michael Fornero for their supervision and guidance!



*Dolores Lamberson stepped into the Friday night desk slot vacated by John Puccio*



*Kit Lawson: Ready to Hit the Pool!*

A very warm "thank you" goes also to the volunteers who gave their time and expertise to the smooth running of the event -- it could not be done without you: Marian Bala, Eric Battaglia, Todd Burris, Marla Cusano, Laurel Davis, Joe Eminger, Michael Fornero, Lori Good, Pam Grace, Dolores Lamberson, Geoff Peters, Rick Seaberg, Dave Singer, John Thorson, Claudia Torres, and Montserrat Torres.

Much gratitude also goes to the event's sponsors, Anthony's Pizza and Penn.

Thanks to Glass Court (Joe DeArmas, Dan Jaskier, and their great staff) for these tournaments throughout the year. They make a big difference in the lives of Illinois racquetball players and those who come from far and wide to enjoy the competition and famous hospitality of this great club!

Check out the results below, and for a look at the draws, visit <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=21716>

-- Cheryl Kirk

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# 24th Annual Summerfest Shootout continued from page 12



*Eric Battaglia and Matthew Nuttall*



*Men's B Doubles finalists Miguel Angel Perez, Daniel Barrera, Ranferi Salgado, and Porfirio Villalobos*

## RESULTS | 24th Annual Summerfest Shootout

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

**Men's Open (16):** Thomas Carter (PA); Mike Snarr; Brian Phillips (SC), Andrew Price

**Men's AA (6):** Lucas Shoemaker (IA); Michael Fornero; Eric Mathews, Matthew Nuttall (IN)

**Men's A (20):** Adam Mills; Jake Ryan; Juan Martinez, Joe Vallender

**Men's B (11):** Nadeem Sharifuddin; Aaron Dardani (NY); Ranferi Salgado, Todd Burris

**Men's C (17):** Daniel Barrera; Kyle Mobley; Robert Dreger, Hector Herrera

**Men's D (9):** Kyle Mobley; Matt Hogan; Josh Hafliger, Ryan Urbaniak

**Men's 30+/40+/45+ (5):** Ryan Griffin (IN); Arun Baskaran; Eric Burnett (IN)(3rd)

**Men's 50+/55+ (7):** Brian Phillips (SC); Tom Neal; John Moscato, Eugen Gheorghiu

**Men's 60+ (6):** Joe Vallender; Ray Redelman; Hector Herrera, Bruce Green (MN)

**Men's 40+Int/45+Int (5):** Calvin Price; Andres Schcolnik; Ray Meisner

**Men's Open/40+ Doubles (6):** Andrew Price/Alok Mehta; Jeremy Dixon/John Thorson; Anthony Cosmano/Michael Fornero, Brent Huff/Martin Gonzalez

**Men's A Doubles (7):** Dave Singer/Jake Ryan; Gary Mammele (IN)/Shane Jackson; Bernie Bustos/Jairo Torres, Matthew Nuttall (IN)/Eric Burnett (IN)

**Men's B Doubles (4):** Porfirio Villalobos/Ranferi Salgado; Daniel Barrera/Miguel Angel Perez; Gary Mammele (IN)/Randal Ashton (3rd)

**Women's B/C Singles (5):** Edith Seaman; Natalie Kendrick (OH); Lori Kumorek (OH)(3rd)

**Women's Open/A Doubles (5):** Lynn Yeazell/Rebecca Bowman (IN); Cheryl Kirk/Lori Good; Dolores Lamberson/Susan Mueller (3rd)

**Mixed Open/40+ Doubles (4):** Lucas Shoemaker (IA)/Sara Jeys (IA); Brent Huff/Rebecca Bowman (IN); Lynn Yeazell/Martin Gonzalez (3rd)

**Mixed A Doubles (3):** Daniel Jaskier/Cheryl Kirk; Deanna Munro/Glen Bero; Barbara Vagedes/Doug Halverson (3rd)

**Junior 12-/10- (5):** Jackson Jeys (IA); Erick Gutierrez; Lucy Jeys (IA)(3rd)

## Glass Court Invitational/IRT Tier 5

**Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard**

**October 21, 2017**

**Tournament Directors -- Dan Jaskier,  
Cheryl Kirk, and Jeff Grace**

This beautiful fall day saw 52 players (43 men/9 women) arrive in Lombard from Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin plus 28 Illinois cities/towns to compete in 11 divisions (plus playoffs in the Men's Pro and Men's D divisions).

Congratulations to Men's Pro winner Alok Mehta who graciously donated his winnings back to the event in support of Glass Court and racquetball.

These volunteers greatly contributed to the success of this one-day event: Marian Bala, Todd Burris, Marla Cusano, Mike Davern, Lori Good, Dolores Lamberson, Susan Mueller, Geoff Peters, Andy Pitock, Rick Seaberg, Carolyn Vazquez, Alok Mehta, Christopher Anton, Claudia Torres, Montserrat Torres.

Technology challenge...we experienced Internet connection difficulties with the R2 tournament management system throughout most of the day. Rather than going to a manual approach (aka "the good old days" before R2), the tournament desk was able to connect with R2 and run the event (i.e. assign courts, input scores) entirely on an iPhone. It was something of a eye chart, so we were happy to have the signal mysteriously return around 5:00 pm.

See the results below...and for a full look at the draws, visit:

<http://www.r2sports.com/website/event-results.asp?TID=21791>

-- Cheryl Kirk



*So many costumes, so little time!*



*Mixed A Finalists -- Rick Seaberg, Gisela Gomez, Vickie Onesti, and Jairo Torres*

# Glass Court Invitational/IRT Tier 5 continued from page 14



*Men's A winner Bernie Bustos with admiring fans*



*Claudia and Montserrat Torres posted the draw sheets perfectly!*

## RESULTS | Glass Court Invitational/IRT Tier 5

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

**Men's IRT Pro Playoff (2):** Alok Mehta; Fernando Javier Rivera

**Men's IRT Pro Group 1 (3):** Fernando Javier Rivera; Curt Gustafson (WI); Tyler Peterson (IA) (3rd)

**Men's IRT Pro Group 2 (3):** Alok Mehta; Jeremy Peters (WI); Michael Fornero (3rd)

**Men's A Singles (9):** Bernie Bustos; Todd Burris; Christopher Anton, Peter McCauley

**Men's B Singles (11):** Todd Burris; Christopher Anton; Brad Simon, Richard Seaberg

**Men's C Singles (9):** Robert Dreger; Hector Herrera; Anthony Giacalone, Carlos Canessa

**Men's D Singles Playoff (2):** Ryan Urbaniak; Matt Hogan

**Men's D Group 1 (3):** Matt Hogan; Bob Diorio; Nicholas Hung (3rd)

**Men's D Group 2 (3):** Ryan Urbaniak; Tom Trecker; Adam Coyner (3rd)

**Men's Age (45+/55+/60+/65) (5):** Joe Vallender; Nadeem Sharifuddin; Eugen Gheorghiu (3rd)

**Men's Open Doubles (3):** Michael Fornero/Fernando Javier Rivera; Andy Pitock/Daniel Jaskier; Curt Gustafson (WI)/Jeremy Peters (WI)(3rd)

**Men's A/B Doubles (4):** James Zidek/Juan Martinez; David Coyner/Peter McCauley; Michael Kowalczyk/Ron Berquist (MN) (3rd)

**Men's C Doubles (3):** Daniel Barrera/Carlos Canessa; Anthony Giacalone/Bob Diorio; Jeffrey Metry/Matt Hogan

**Men's Centurion 100+ Doubles (4):** Andy Pitock/Eric Jensen; James Zidek/Juan Martinez; Jeffrey Grace/Mike Davern (3rd)

**Women's Open/40+/A Doubles (4):** Carolyn Vazquez/Lori Good; Susan Mueller/Dolores Lamberson; Vickie Onesti/Gisela Gomez (3rd)

**Mixed A Doubles (3):** Jairo Torres/Vickie Onesti; Gisela Gomez/Richard Seaberg; Julianne Valentino/Michael O'Dea (3rd)

## Holiday Tradition Continues

# 26th Annual Turkey Shoot Open/IRT Pro Stop

**Glass Court Swim & Fitness, Lombard**  
**November 17-19, 2017**

**Tournament Directors -- Dan Jaskier and Doug Halverson**

Fall is always that time of year when people reflect, give thanks, plan holiday time with family, AND (if you're a racquetball player), register for the Turkey Shoot. The 2017 edition certainly lived up to its reputation with great hospitality and a sense of family that also highlights and includes the next generation of racquetball: Junior Team Illinois (JTI).

We started things off with players in a variety of divisions, representing from locales as close as Indiana to as far away as Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Then on Sunday, just when you thought there was time to recover, we cheered on the JTI players and visiting youth as they heated up the courts in the junior divisions.

Congratulations to these players who won full-draw skill divisions and will be moving up to the next division at the end of the season: Antonio Vazquez won Men's A, Christopher Anton took Men's B, and Paul Nijensohn was the Men's B champion. (See full results in this article and visit <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults>.)

asp?TID=22290 for a full look at the brackets.)

The great thing about the Turkey Shoot is that there is a wide variety of skill levels offered and players ready to serve up some spicy matches for spectators all weekend. It is always a competitive time culminating in the time-tested tradition of a turkey dinner with all the trimmings...DELISH. We certainly hope that if you missed the event this year that you will join us in 2018 for another racquetball family reunion and your chance to be a part of one of our premiere Illinois racquetball events. Bring bring your "A" game (or higher!), the family, and a holiday appetite.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the volunteers and staff that helped keep this a smooth event for everyone -- we couldn't do it without you!

-- Carolyn Vazquez

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He's baaaaack! John Puccio schools Jim Zidek on tournament desk duties

## Turkey Shoot Stats

**Divisions: 22**

**Players: 120 (95 male/25 female)**

**States: 9 -- Illinois, Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri**

**Countries: 2 -- Bolivia, United States**

## 2017 Turkey Shoot Open

**Thanks to our sponsors and volunteers!**

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**Marian Bala, Todd Burris, Marla Cusano, Laurel Davis, Michael Fornero, Jeff Grace, Pam Grace, Cheryl Kirk, Dolores Lamberson, Geoff Peters, John Puccio, Joe Silius, Dave Singer, Jim Zidek**

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*Tournament Director Doug Halverson and long-time volunteer Pam Grace*



*Bird's eye view of Court 4 mixed doubles action*



*Doug Halverson and Dan Jaskier congratulate Men's Pro/Open winner Kyle Ulliman*



*Jerry Kee did his famous turkey impersonation*

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*Fernando Javier Rivera inspires Brent Huff, Alcides Gutierrez, and Eric Van Marion to go airborne  
Photo by Monique Cervoni*

## RESULTS | 26th Annual Turkey Shoot Open/IRT Pro Stop

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

**IRT PRO/OPEN (21):** Kyle Ulliman (OH); Brian Simpson (IN); Noe Rivera (Bolivia), Jeremy Dixon

**Men's AA (5):** Michael Fornero; Cristian Moreno; Frank Wrobel, Cristian Moreno

**Men's A (12):** Antonio Vazquez; Ed Esparza; Todd Burris, Nadeem Sharifuddin

**Men's B (13):** Christopher Anton; Todd Burris; Robert Dreger, Rick Seaberg

**Men's C (16):** Paul Nijensohn; Misaël Corral; Anthony Giacalone, Steve Troc, Jr.

**Men's D (4):** Helder Dos Santos; Bob Diorio; Simon Lafromboise (3rd)

**Men's 30+/35+/45+ (4):** Arun Baskaran; Cristian Moreno; Tom Barr (3rd)

**Men's 55+ (4):** Jeff Hotler (IN); Tony Costello; Eugen Gheorghiu (3rd)

**Men's 60+ (6):** Jim Hillman; Ray Redelman; Drake Deavours (IN), Bruce Green (MN)

**Men's 65+ (3):** Joe Vallender; Doug Carmichael; Andres Scholnik (3rd)

**Men's Open Doubles (8):** Brent Huff/Fernando Javier Rivera; Eric Van Marion/Alcides Gutierrez; Jorge Ortiz/Eric Mathews, Noe Rivera (Bolivia)/Danny Ortega

**Men's A Doubles (8):** Juan Martinez/James Zidek; Jerry Kee/Jairo Torres; Valentinas Presniakovas/Daniel Terrazas II, Sanjay Gurav/Peter McCauley

**Men's B/C Doubles (7):** Allen Bell/Mark Buckley; Glen Bero/Anthony Giacalone; Steve Troc, Jr./Wayne Lorenz, Jesus Lopez/Roberto Dunaway-Torres

**Men's 100+ Doubles (4):** Keith Minor/Bruce Young; Eric Jensen/Andy Pitock; James Schlicher/John Thorson (3rd)

**Women's Open (3):** Rebecca Bowman (IN); Janet Eminger; Amy Pivovar (NE)

**Women's B/C/D (4):** Lily Pattyn (OH); Edith Seaman; Lori Kumorek (3rd)

**Women's Doubles (4):** Lori Kumorek/Lily Pattyn (OH); Dolores Lamberson/Susan Mueller; Melissa Musick/Gisela Gomez (3rd)

**Mixed Open Doubles (6):** Sara Jeys (IA)/Alok Mehta; Rebecca Bowman (IN)/Keith Minor; Alcides Gutierrez/Gisela Gomez, James Schlicher/Amy Pivovar (NE)

**Mixed A Doubles (5):** John Puccio (AZ)/Laurel Harper; Melissa Musick/Jerry Kee; Deanna Munro/Glen Bero (3rd)

**Mixed 40+ Doubles (4):** Andy Pitock/Cheryl Kirk; Lynn Yeazell/Martin Gonzalez; Allen Bell/Susan Mueller (3rd)

**Juniors - All:** Jackson Jeys (IA); Devin Mehta; Brandon Gollins (3rd)

**Junior Boys:** Jackson Jeys (IA); Devin Mehta; Brandon Gollins (3rd)

**Junior Girls:** Lucy Jeys (IA); Montserrat Torres

# 2017 NMRA International Championships

**Wisconsin Athletic Club - West Allis, WI**

**July 12-15, 2017**

**Tournament Directors -- Scott Kraemer/Cindy Tilbury**

NEVER let it be said that you don't get your money's worth at NMRA events, and pride of survival is a side benefit! After 30 games of doubles between Wednesday night and Saturday morning, walking unaided was a triumph in itself.

Seven Team Illinois players made the trek north to the Milwaukee area to join 95 additional players (79 men/23 women in total) competing in 17 age divisions ranging from 40+ to 85+. Kudos go to the "most seasoned" players, Mike Martin (89) and Marquita Molina (77). Seventy-three players entered two divisions -- warriors!

The NMRA's approach is to base standings on overall points earned in the division played (often combined), then award places based on the division entered.

## Team Illinois

Each and every player from Illinois brought "metal" back over state lines into Illinois:

Eugene Coyle -- Men's 50+ -- Gold (won combined 40/45/50)

Cheryl Kirk -- Mixed 60+ (Dave Milazzo) -- Bronze;  
Women's 60+ Doubles (Sharon McNeill, MD) - Gold

Nancy Kronenfeld -- Mixed 65+ (Frank Taddonio, AZ) -- Gold

Dennis McKee -- Men's 65+ Doubles (Barry Hendricks, AZ) -- Silver

Men's 70+ Doubles (Barry Hendricks, AZ) -- Bronze

Dave Milazzo -- Men's 60+ -- Silver;  
Mixed 60+ (Cheryl Kirk) -- Bronze



Ray Redelman -- Men's 60+

Ray Redelman -- Men's 60+ -- Pewter

Patrick Taylor -- Men's 75+ -- Silver

For a full look at the draws, go to <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=18834>.

The NMRA's next competition will be the NMRA National Championships, May 2-5, 2018, in Warren, New Jersey, at the Warren Health & Racquet Club. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalmastersracquetball.com/competition/annual-championships>.

-- Cheryl Kirk



Cheryl Kirk and Dave Milazzo -- Mixed 60's

# 2017 UnitedHealthcare US OPEN Racquetball Championships

**October 4-8, 2017**

**Main Venue -- Life Time - Target Center**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**Tournament Director -- Doug Ganim**

Another US OPEN is in the record books. This is the premier grand slam event in racquetball, and Team Illinois players made us proud as they competed alongside nearly 700 additional competitors from 43 states (plus Washington, DC) and 15 countries.

## Overall US OPEN Stats

Players: 723 (575 men, 148 women)

Countries (15): Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, South Korea, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela

Pro Divisions competed on the all-Lucite stadium court, and the following results were logged:

Kane Waselenchuk (USA/Canada) vs. Rocky Carson (USA), 11-6, 11-4, 8-11, 11-4

Kane Waselenchuk/Ben Croft (USA) vs. Alvaro Beltran (Mexico)/Daniel De La Rosa (Mexico), 15-10, 10-15, 11-7



*Michael Fornero, Alcides Gutierrez, and Gallagher Garcia  
Photo bomb: Bruce Young and...is that you, Val?*



Paola Longoria (Mexico) vs. Frédérique Lambert (Canada), 11-7, 11-4, 2-11, 11-3

Paola Longoria/Ana Gabriela Martinez (Guatemala) vs. Adriana Riveros (Colombia)/Cristina Amaya (Colombia), 15-5, 15-8

All divisions/draws can be viewed at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney.asp?TID=21382>.

## Team Illinois

Forty-four players (36 men and 8 women) from Illinois made the trip to Minneapolis to compete in a full complement of divisions broken out by singles, doubles, age, skill, and age/skill combined -- women's, men's, and mixed.

Illinois ranked fifth in the number of players competing, coming in behind only Minnesota (105), California (62), Texas (47), and Florida (47).

Illinois Medal Count (32) -- 12 gold, 5 silver, 15 bronze/pewter (semifinals/3rd/4th)

## Individual Results

### Randal Ashton

Men's C Singles

Men's 65+B/C Singles

Men's 65+ Doubles (Gary Mammele, IN)

### Glen Bero

Men's Heroes Singles (Public Service) B/C

Men's C Doubles (Anthony Giacalone) -- 1st

### Jorge Colon

Men's D Singles -- SF

Men's C Doubles (Mitchell Connor, FL) -- 4th

### Carlos Contreras

Men's B Singles

Men's 35+B Singles -- SF

### Anthony Cosmano

Men's A Singles

Men's 25+A Singles

Men's A Doubles (Michael Fornero) -- SF

### Eugene Coyle

Mixed 30+ Doubles (Sara Jeys, IA) -- 2nd

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# 2017 UnitedHealthcare US OPEN Racquetball Championships

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**Jeremy Dixon**

Men's Elite Singles -- SF  
Men's Elite Doubles (Alcides Gutierrez)

**Michael Fornero**

Men's Elite Singles  
Men's A Doubles (Anthony Cosmano) -- SF

**Lee Frick**

Men's 55+ Doubles (Tom Neal) -- SF  
Men's Centurion A Doubles (Jake Ryan)

**Gallagher Garcia**

Men's B Doubles (Jose Garcia)  
Mixed B Doubles (Gisela Gomez)

**Jose Garcia**

Men's B Singles  
Men's B Doubles (Gallagher Garcia)

**Anthony Giacalone**

Men's D Singles -- 1st  
Men's 45+C Singles  
Men's C Doubles (Glen Bero) -- 1st

**Gisela Gomez**

Women's B/C Singles  
Mixed B Doubles (Gallagher Garcia)

**Martin Gonzalez**

Men's A Doubles (Jose Martinez, IN)  
Men's Centurion A Doubles (Jose Martinez, IN) -- 1st

**Kelly Gremley**

Women's Open Doubles (Vallana Perrault, MN) -- 2nd  
Mixed Elite Doubles (Kyle Hermans, WI) -- 3rd

**Alcides Gutierrez**

Men's A Singles  
Men's Elite Doubles (Jeremy Dixon)

**Jeffrey Hill**

Men's B Doubles (Jake Ryan)  
Men's Centurion B Doubles (Dave Singer) -- 1st

**Brent Huff**

Mixed 30+ Doubles (Rebecca Bowman, IN) -- 1st

**Shane Jackson**

Men's A Doubles (Josh Paul, IA) -- SF  
Men's B Doubles (Jack Johnson) -- 2nd  
Men's Centurion B Doubles (Gary Mammele, IN)

**Jack Johnson**

Men's B Singles  
Men's 35+A Singles  
Men's B Doubles (Shane Jackson) -- 2nd

**Cheryl Kirk**

Women's Centurion A Doubles (Terry Rogers, CA)

**Tim Klein**

Men's A Singles  
Men's 24+ Singles

**Leo Klimaitis**

Men's 70+ Singles

**Jason Lewis**

Men's B Singles  
Men's 45+B Singles  
Men's Centurion B Doubles (Randy Puebla)

**Letty Maldonado**

Women's B Singles  
Women's 35+A Singles -- 1st

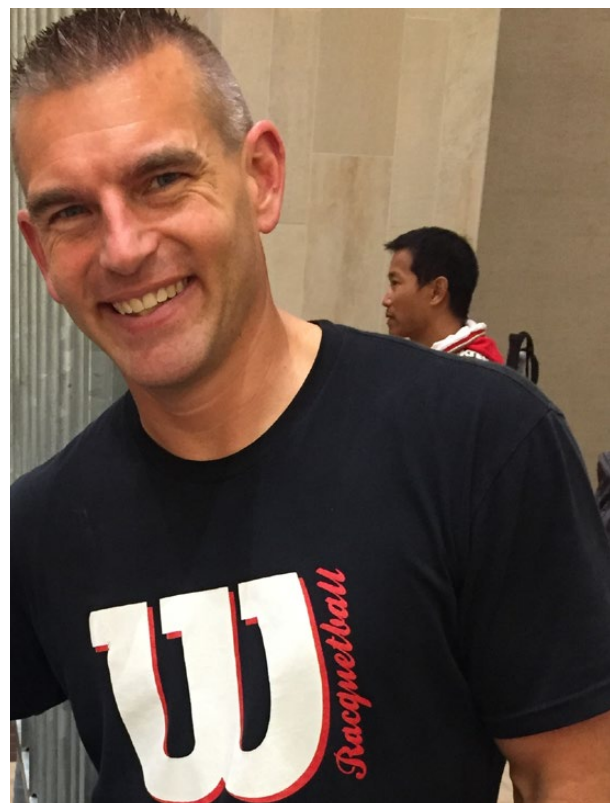
**Dave Milazzo**

Men's 60+ Singles -- SF

**Frank Milazzo**

Men's 65+ Singles  
Men's 65+ Doubles (Rick Williams, TX) -- SF

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*Brent Huff did double duty as an athlete and also an athletic trainer*

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**Horace Miller**

Men's 70+ Singles

**Susan Mueller**

Women's B Singles

Women's B Doubles (Brigitte Willis) -- 3rd

Women's Centurion B Doubles (Vickie Onesti)

**Tom Neal**

Men's 55+A Singles -- 2nd

Men's 55+ Doubles (Lee Frick) -- SF

Men's Centurion A Doubles (Gary Mammele, IN)

**Vickie Onesti**

Women's B Doubles (Tish Rodgers, CO)

Women's Centurion B Doubles (Susan Mueller)

Mixed B Doubles (Jairo Torres)

**Danny Ortega**

Men's A Singles

Men's A Doubles (Frank Wrobel)

**Alberto Palacios**

Men's 75+ Singles -- 1st

**Valentinas Presniakovas**

Men's B Doubles (Bruce Young)

Men's Centurion B Doubles

(Bruce Young)

**Randy Puebla**

Men's 65+A Singles -- SF

Men's Centurion B Doubles

(Jason Lewis)

**Roberto Rivas**

Men's B Singles

Men's 45+B Singles

Men's B Doubles (Mitchell

Conner, FL)

**Jake Ryan**

Men's A Doubles (Dave Singer)

Men's B Doubles (Jeffrey Hill)

Men's Centurion A Doubles

(Lee Frick)

**Richard Seaberg**

Men's 55+B Singles

Men's Centurion B Doubles

(Drake Deavours, IN)

**David Singer**

Men's A Doubles (Jake Ryan)

Men's Centurion B Doubles

(Jeffrey Hill) -- 1st

**Jairo Torres**

Men's B Singles

Men's 45+B Singles

Mixed B Doubles (Vickie Onesti)

**Brenda White**

Women's 65+ Singles -- 1st

Women's 65+ Doubles (Kay McCarthy, TN) -- 1st

**Brigitte Willis**

Women's B Singles

Women's 50+ Singles

Women's B Doubles (Susan Mueller) -- 3rd

**Frank Wrobel**

Men's A Singles

Men's 25+A Singles -- 1st

Men's A Doubles (Danny Ortega)

**Bruce Young**

Men's B Doubles (Valentinas Presniakovas)

Men's Centurion B Doubles (Valentinas Presniakovas)

-- Cheryl Kirk



Pro Am Doubles warriors Samuel Murray (Canada) and Michael Fornero vs. Gallagher Garcia and U.S. Team Member Jose Diaz

# 33rd IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships

**Midtown Sports & Wellness - Albuquerque, NM**  
**August 29-September 2, 2017**  
**Tournament Director: Gary Mazaroff**

Four Team Illinois members closed out August and headed into September enjoying the fine weather in Albuquerque. This splendidly presented event features an excellent lunch every day, silent auction, awards banquet, shuttle between clubs, hospitality room, door prizes, and more.

The event is self-officiated; three games are played to 11 points with 3 bonus points for games won and 7 for the match win. The formats are round robins and pool play with the latter moving into playoffs. Thirty divisions were competed in addition to 5 single elimination playoff divisions that were created from pool play results.

Medals are broken out by age groups and also by playoff wins. Per IRF practice, there are no playoffs for third and fourth; instead, bronze medals are awarded to 3rd and 4th place.



*Bill Matotan and Lake Westphal -- Men's 95!*

Twenty-four states and nine countries were represented. The countries were Australia, Canada, Chile, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, and the United States.

Stats -- 177 players (133 men, 44 women) ranging in age from 35-95. Eighty entered one division, 82 entered two, and 15 hardy souls entered three.

A very special match was competed on Friday of the event when Bill Matotan and Lake Westphal faced off in the first-ever Men's 95+ division. Both

wearing red in respect for the U.S. Armed Forces, they played a fair and congenial match with Lake coming out on top for the Gold. The gentlemen were interviewed and videotaped by local news outlets, gaining recognition for their lifelong racquetball accomplishments and bringing visibility for the sport itself. To say this was an emotional and inspiring occurrence would be an understatement!

Much gratitude goes to the WSRC Council members who have produced this fine experience 33 years in a row:

Paula Sperling (President), Joe Gellman (Vice President), Carol Gellman (Secretary), Sandy Schauer (Treasurer), Gary Mazaroff (Executive Director), Felicia A. Duran, Luke St. Onge, Edwina Waddington



## Team Illinois Results

Alok Mehta and Eugene Coyle dominated the Men's 45+ and Men's 50+ singles divisions respectively, both capturing Gold, and Alok brought home the win in Mixed 45+ Doubles as well!

Eugene Coyle, Men's 50+ -- Gold

Cheryl Kirk, Women's 60+ Doubles (Shirley Parsons, CO) -- Silver; Mixed 60+ Doubles (David Wolfson, GA)

John Mason, Men's 55+

Alok Mehta, Men's 45+ -- Gold; Men's 35+ Doubles (Raaj Mohan, India) -- Silver, Mixed 45+ Doubles (Tina Bragdon, CO) -- Gold

Check out draws and results at: <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TiD=18974>

-- Cheryl Kirk



*Illinois medalists Alok Mehta, Cheryl Kirk, John Mason, and Eugene Coyle*



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# XXIX IRF WORLD JUNIOR RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**November 4-11, 2017**

**Life Time -- Target Center**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA**

**Tournament Committee -- Cheryl Kirk, Luke St. Onge, and John Wilinski**

*by Cheryl Kirk*

*(Excerpt reprinted courtesy of USA Racquetball)*

What a great opportunity for so many great junior players to experience World Juniors, right here in our own country, and what a wonderful experience to offer to the players and delegations from 12 other countries. The IRF and USA Racquetball was proud to host everyone at Life Time Target Center, the Home of the US OPEN!

Forty-six players, 8 US Team coaches and staff members, 10 private coaches, and an impressive number of parents/siblings/friends populated the U.S. Delegation. Approximately 135 attended. This had to be a record!

U.S. States represented were Arizona, California, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. Thirteen in all, plus staff members hailing from Colorado, Hawaii, and Illinois...over 30% of the U.S. States were represented at World Juniors!

## US JUNIOR TEAM

### WORLD CUP (18-, 16-, 14-)

#### Boys Singles

18 & Under -- Mauro "Daniel" Rojas (CA), Dane Elkins (CA)

16 & Under -- Sahil Thakur (CA), Cayden Akins (TX)

14 & Under -- Akul Ramayani (NY), Antonio Rojas (CA)

#### Boys Doubles

18 & Under -- Mauro "Daniel" Rojas (CA) / Lukas Le (TX)

16 & Under -- Mitchell Turner (OR) / Julian Singh (CA)

14 & Under -- Akul Ramayani (NY) / Antonio Rojas (CA)

#### Girls Singles

18 & Under -- Jordan Cooperrider (FL), Hollie Scott (WA)

16 & Under -- Briana Jacquet (AZ), Nikita Chauhan (CA)

14 & Under -- Annie Roberts (OR), Julia Stein (PA)



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Junior Team USA!

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## Girls Doubles

18 & Under -- Hollie Scott (WA) / Megan Carver (WA)  
16 & Under -- Briana Jacquet (AZ) / Graciana Wargo (FL)  
14 & Under -- Julia Stein (PA) / Heather Mahoney (CA)

## ESPRIT (14-, 12-)

(Note: Bolded names signify team point-earning positions)

## Boys Singles

12 & Under -- **Vedant Chauhan (CA)**, **Josh Shea (NY)**, Benjamin Horner (IA), Nikhil Prasad (CA), Gatlin Sutherland (MT), Aidan Weller (TX)

10 & Under -- **Joseph Marshall (TN)**, **Angel Eden Galvan (CA)**, Eshan Ali (CA), Advait Kartik (CA), Bobby Singh (CA)

## Boys Doubles

12 & Under -- **Vedant Chauhan (CA)** / **Josh Shea (NY)**, Nikhil Prasad (CA) / Gatlin Sutherland (MT)  
10 & Under -- **Angel Eden Galvan (CA)** / **Eshan Ali (CA)**, Joseph Marshall (TN) / Bobby Singh (CA)

## Girls Singles

12 & Under -- **Heather Mahoney (CA)**, **Ava Kaiser (MN)**, Arya Cyril (CA), Esha Cyril (CA), Camila Gomez (CA), Kareena Mathew (OR)  
10 & Under -- **Sonya Shetty (CA)**, **Ava Naworski (CA)**, Ashlyn Carver (WA), Adriana Perez (CA)

## Girls Doubles

12 & Under -- **Arya Cyril (CA)** / **Esha Cyril (CA)**, Ava Kaiser (MN) / Kareena Mathew (OR)  
10 & Under -- **Sonya Shetty (CA)** / **Ava Naworski (CA)**, Adriana Perez (CA) / Ashlyn Carver (WA)

## CHALLENGER (Boys 14-, 12-, 10-)

## Boys Singles

14 & Under -- Andrew Gleason (IA), Krish Maini (WI), Armando Angel Perez (CA), Cody Thomas (CA)  
12 & Under -- Krish Maini (WI)  
10 & Under -- Alexander Gomez (CA), Caleb Marshall (TN), Taij Singh (CA), Joshua Tramm (MN)

## STAFF

Charlie Pratt (OR/FL) -- Head Coach  
Jennifer Meyer (CO) -- Assistant Coach (Esprit)  
Jody Nance (CA) -- Trainer/Assistant Coach  
David "Bobby" Horn (CA) -- Assistant Coach  
Robert "Robbie" Collins (HI/CA) -- Assistant Coach  
Cheryl Kirk (IL) -- Team Leader  
Jason Thoerner and Renée Gundolff -- USAR Staff Support

## Opening Ceremonies

The festivities began just after 6:00 pm with the Parade of Nations where all 13 countries participating marched in one at a time to stirring Olympic music. Delegations from Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Korea, Mexico, and the USA (last as host country) entered proudly into the ceremonies.

After the Color Guard entered and the U.S. National Anthem was played, several individuals delivered comments to the audience: Marcelo Gómez (Master of Ceremonies), Cheryl Kirk (USA Racquetball), John Wilinski (Life Time), Ron Grimes (E-Force), Ms. Li Fu (President, China Racquetball Federation), and Osvaldo Maggi (President, International Racquetball Federation). Sudsy Monchik, highly decorated former US Junior Team member, provided some inspiring words for the players as well.



Cheryl and a few good buddies

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After a week of spirited competition (see team results below), Coach Charlie Pratt summed it up: "I cannot thank the parents, kids, coaches, IRF, and USA Racquetball enough for everything. It was truly a special week. There was something in the air. The excitement of our home country, the community, the racquetball family. In all my years on the team, I never felt anything like that. It's hard to describe unless you were there, just an overall unity. See you all in Iowa for Junior Nationals next June. Go USA!!"

Visit [www.internationalracquetball.com](http://www.internationalracquetball.com) for a look at the full draws, and please go to <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-racquetball/racquetball-magazine> to find a complete article on this event in the Winter issue of *Racquetball* magazine.

## WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

### Overall Results -- Country Standings

#### World Cup -- Girls

1. Bolivia
2. Mexico
3. USA
4. Canada

#### World Cup -- Boys

1. Mexico
2. USA
3. Bolivia
4. Ecuador

#### World Cup -- Combined

1. Mexico
2. Bolivia
3. USA
4. Ecuador

#### Esprit Cup -- Girls

1. USA
2. Mexico
3. Bolivia
4. Costa Rica

#### Esprit Cup -- Boys

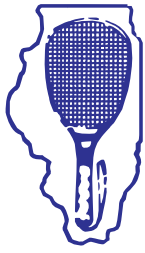
1. Mexico
2. USA
3. Bolivia
4. Ecuador

#### Esprit Cup -- Combined

1. Mexico
2. USA
3. Bolivia
4. Costa Rica



*Smooth as Silk -- Akul Ramayani of New York took double Gold in the 14's!*



2018 Tournament

# CALENDAR

For updates or edits to the ISRA Tournament Calendar, please contact  
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**January 26-28, 2018**

**ISRA State Doubles Championships**

**Glass Court Swim & Fitness**

**Lombard, IL**

**Laurel Davis**

**[laurelmdavis@comcast.net](mailto:laurelmdavis@comcast.net)**

**February 7-11, 2018**

**USAR National Doubles Championships**

**Sun Devil Fitness Complex**

**Arizona State University**

**Tempe, AZ**

**Nick Irvine (719) 635-5396**

**February 22-25, 2018**

**ISRA State Singles Championships**

**Glass Court Swim & Fitness**

**Lombard, IL**

**Cheryl Kirk**

**[cherylkkirk@aol.com](mailto:cherylkkirk@aol.com)**

**March 15-18, 2018**

**Shamrock Shootout/IRT Pro Stop**

**Glass Court Swim & Fitness**

**Lombard, IL**

**Doug Halverson**

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**May 2-5, 2018**

**NMRA National Championships**

**Warren Health & Racquet Club**

**Warren, NJ**

**Cindy Tilbury**

**[cindy.tilbury@att.net](mailto:cindy.tilbury@att.net)**

**April 20-22, 2018**

**USAR Chicagoland Regionals**

**Glass Court Swim & Fitness**

**Lombard, IL**

**Geoff Peters**

**[petersgeoff@hotmail.com](mailto:petersgeoff@hotmail.com)**

**May 23-27, 2018**

**USAR National Singles Championships**

**ClubSport Pleasanton**

**Pleasanton, CA**

**Nick Irvine (719) 635-5396**

**June 20-24, 2018**

**USA Racquetball Junior Olympics**

**Wellmark YMCA**

**Des Moines, IA**

**Nick Irvine (719) 635-5396**

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for more information on each of these sanctioned events.**

*All tournaments listed are sanctioned by USA Racquetball.*

***Illinois tournaments are highlighted in blue.***

SUBJECT		USAR			IRF
		STANDARD RULES Sections 1,2 and 3	LPRT MODIFICATION	IRT MODIFICATION	
MATCH		WIN 2 OUT OF 3 GAMES 1.5	WIN 3 OUT OF 5 GAMES 12.1	Same as USAR Standard Rules	SAME AS STANDARD USAR
GAME		FIRST SIDE REACHING REQUISITE SCORE WINS Games 1 and 2 played to 15; Tie breaker to 11 (1.5)	Each game to 11 MUST WIN BY 2 POINTS (12.1)	Same as USAR Standard Rules	SAME AS STANDARD USAR
OUT OF COURT LINE		NONE	NONE	NONE	12 FEET HIGH ON BACK WALL 2.1(b)8
NOT WEARING WRIST CORD DURING WARM-UP DURING PLAY		FIRST ASSESS TECHNICAL WARNING; IF NOT CORRECTED ASSESS TECHNICAL FOUL 2.5(d) LOSS OF RALLY 3.13(c) 8	Not required during warm-up 12.7 Same	Not Required during warm-up 11.14 Same	1st OFFENSE: TECHNICAL FOUL 2ND OFFENSE: FORFEIT MATCH 2.4(c)
NOT WEARING EYEWEAR DURING WARM-UP DURING PLAY		FIRST ASSESS TECHNICAL WARNING; IF NOT CORRECTED ASSESS TECHNICAL FOUL 2.5(d) 1st OFFENSE: TECHNICAL FOUL 2ND OFFENSE: FORFEIT MATCH 3.17(a)9	Not required during warm-up 12.7 Same During Play	Not Required during warm-up 11.14 Same During Play	1st OFFENSE: TECHNICAL FOUL 2ND OFFENSE: FORFEIT MATCH 2.5(b)
ILLEGAL RACQUET		FORFEIT GAME 2.4(b) ; IF DUE TO GRIP, TECHNICAL FOUL 2.4(c) ; IF GRIP CORRECTED BETWEEN GAMES NO PENALTY 2.4(c)	SAME	SAME	TECHNICAL FOUL; NO ALLOWANCE FOR GRIP 2.4(e)
OUT-OF-COURT BALL Ball strikes floor then leaves court		DURING SERVE: RE-SERVE; DOES NOT CANCEL PREVIOUS FAULT 3.8(c) DURING RALLY: REPLAY HINDER 3.14(a)1	SAME	DURING SERVE: SAME DURING RALLY: LOSS OF RALLY 11.8	SAME AS STANDARD USAR
SERVING BALL WITHOUT A BOUNCE		FAULT SERVE 3.9(g)	SAME	SAME	LOSS OF SERVE 3.9(a)
SAFETY ZONE VIOLATION		LOSS OF SERVE 3.10(i)	SAME	IRT AND IRF: SERVER MAY EXIT SERVICE ZONE ONCE BALL IS STRUCK	
CARRYING THE BALL		UNINTENTIONAL PERMITTED 3.13(b)	SAME	SAME	LOSS OF RALLY 3.9(e)
SCREEN DURING RALLY		REPLAY HINDER 3.14(a)4	SAME	SAME	NO REPLAY FOR SCREEN DURING THE RALLY
TIMEOUTS DURING GAME		THREE, 30 SEC TIMEOUTS 3.16(a)	TWO, 45 SEC TIMEOUTS 12.5(a)	1, 60 SEC TIMEOUT 11.12(a)	TWO, 60 SECOND TIMEOUTS 3.15(a)
REST PERIOD BETWEEN GAMES		Games 1-2: 2 Minutes TIE BREAKER: 5 Minutes 3.16(a)	GAMES 1-3: 1 ½ MIN GAME 4-5: 2 ½ MIN 12.5(b)	2 MINUTES ALL GAMES 11.12(c)	2 MINUTES ALL GAMES 3.15(d)
EQUIPMENT TIMEOUT		MUST USE REGULAR TIMEOUTS 3.16(c)	SAME AS USAR STANDARD	REFEREE DISCRETION 11.12(d)	2 MINUTES FOR UNIFORM; 30 SECONDS FOR EQUIPMENT 3.15(c)
CALLING TIMEOUT WHEN NONE REMAIN		TECHNICAL FOUL 3.16(a);3.17(a)6(iv)	SAME	SAME	TECHNICAL WARNING 3.16(6)v

SUBJECT	USAR			IRF
	STANDARD RULES Sections 1,2 and 3	LPRT MODIFICATION	IRT MODIFICATION	
INJURY TIMEOUT	15 MIN TOTAL FOR MATCH, CUMULATIVE 3.16(b)	SAME	SAME (per IRT Governing Rules and Guidelines)	SAME AS STANDARD USAR
COURT HINDERS	YES 3.8(a); 3.14(a)1	NO, EXCEPT FOR CONTACT WITH FOREIGN OBJECTS 12.6(a)	NO, EXCEPT FOR WET BALL ON FIRST SURFACE TOUCHED AND CONTACT WITH FOREIGN OBJECTS 11.7 & IRT Guidelines	YES 3.7(a);3.13(a)1
APPEALS PER GAME	3 per game B.7(d)	SAME	2 in games to 15 points 1 in games to 11 points 11.7 & IRT Guidelines	SAME AS STANDARD USAR
ASKING FOR APPEAL WHEN NONE REMAIN	NOT RECOGNIZED BY REFEREE	SAME	SAME	TECHNICAL WARNING 3.16(a)6(v)
REFEREE “NO CALL” WHEN USING LINE JUDGES	REFEREE <u>MUST</u> MAKE A CALL ON ALL PLAYS, EVEN IF VIEW IS OBSTRUCTED	SAME	SAME	REFEREE MAY ISSUE A “NO CALL,” IF VIEW IS OBSTRUCTED AND DEFER DECISION TO LINE JUDGES. IF ONE LINE JUDGE ALSO MAKES A “NO CALL,” REMAINING LINE JUDGE MAKES FINAL DECISION. A.7(b)
DOUBLES				
ORDER OF SERVE	MAY CHANGE EACH TIME TEAM STEPS IN TO SERVE 4.2(a)	SAME	SAME	MUST INFORM REFEREE ORDER OF SERVE EACH GAME. 4.2(a) ALL POINTS SCORED OUT OF ORDER ARE SUBTRACTED FROM THE TEAMS SCORE 4.4(a)
SAFETY ZONE VIOLATION	LOSS OF SERVE 4.2(b)	SAME	IRT AND IRF: SERVER AND NON-SERVING PARTNER MAY EXIT SERVICE ZONE ONCE BALL IS STRUCK Exiting Before Ball is Struck= Loss of Serve 4.2(b)	IRT AND IRF: SERVER AND NON-SERVING PARTNER MAY EXIT SERVICE ZONE ONCE BALL IS STRUCK Exiting Before Ball is Struck= Foot Fault 4.2(b)
WHEN TO EXIT SERVICE BOX (Doubles Box)	AFTER BALL PASSES SHORT LINE 4.2(b)	SAME	MAY EXIT SERVICE BOX ONCE BALL IS STRUCK USAR 11.4	MAY EXIT SERVICE BOX ONCE BALL IS STRUCK IRF 4.2(b)
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