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from the editor

I'm getting dizzy. Plates are spinning on sticks all over the place, things are changing faster than I can follow, and much of the time it's my own doing! In the past two issues of RACQUETBALL, you may have noticed a marked increase in the amount of color photography and graphics used throughout the publication. There's no question around the national office that we're committed to making this publication equal to its counterparts like "Tennis" and "Golf." Martha would agree that "it's a good thing ..."

It's also a tricky thing ... and, even though I enjoy the challenge of making each edition as attractive as possible, one of my most important "other" duties is to keep an eye on costs in order to balance our income against expenses each and every time we go to press. When ads are down, we restrain ourselves, concentrate on great content and reduce our costs by being more judicious in the use of color. Then, when ad placements are high, we put those resources directly back into bolder, brighter layouts, professional photography, freelance assignments - or even extra pages!

Over the years, we've settled on a standard of quality that just won't be compromised - if I can help it (does "stubborn" ring a bell for anyone? ...). We've never missed or combined an issue. We established a manageable size, and haven't dropped below 64 pages since. We make excellent use of our "reach" to inform the USRA membership of important goings-on (like the board election on page 50, the first printing of a national singles entry form in the magazine on page 52, an expiration policy clarification on page 63, and an announcement on the new Jr. National Tournament procedures on page 51). At the same time, we make excellent use of our ability to entertain by giving our readership a view of the entire sport, from lots of different angles (like talking with John Ellis on page 8, taking a global viewpoint on page 14, and bringing everyone up to date with industry news on page 23). With a growing subscriber base, it's crucial that we remain aware of that fine line between membership and readership - and commit to balancing just one more spinning plate in the air.

So what am I saying? Simply that the publication you hold in your hands is a big deal. And it's becoming part of an even bigger deal with every passing year, as it evolves into the most tangible and highly visible symbol of the sport. When someone can pick up an issue - miles from the nearest court - and still get a feel for all the excitement inherent in racquetball, I will happily consider myself the best plate-spinner on the planet! But I'm pretty sure I'll still be dizzy ...
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I Want My Skill Divisions...

Reading your editorial [Jan/Feb '98], I found it to be a bit vague. I am referring to the section subtitled National Singles. Does the article imply that there will no longer be any skill division competitions at the U.S. OPEN, or is it saying that there will be; however, you must be invited? If the U.S. OPEN is not having skill divisions anymore, why? And if you have to be invited, how do you get and invitation? I have talked to several others about your article and no one seems to understand exactly what it says. Also many have expressed concerns about the possibility of the U.S. OPEN discontinuing skill level competition. I would greatly appreciate a clarification of this matter.

Paul D. Tucker
Dandridge, Tennessee

You're not alone in your concerns, so here's some background that might be helpful ...

The first two U.S. OPEN tournaments hosted the formerly separate National Skill Level Championships (an event in and of itself, for A,B,C & D skill levels). This year, that event (the National Skills) has been incorporated into the overall National Singles instead of the U.S. OPEN. Here's how it will work in 1998 ...

At National Singles [Level 6]
A,B,C & D Skill Levels (formerly their own tournament, previously held in conjunction with U.S. Open) will be played in Houston on May 20-25 [see pg. 52].

At U.S. OPEN [Level 5]
All skill divisions offered at the U.S. OPEN will be classified as "Level 5" (termed "Invitational") according to the current ranking structure [see pg. 61]. The "Invitational" title is just that, a title, and does not require that any formal invitation procedure be undertaken. Players will be able to enter according to the published restrictions which will be stipulated in the U.S. OPEN entry (relative to being certified at a given skill level, and limited to a set number of total entries).

Essentially, what has transpired is that two high-level opportunities (National Level 6 and Invitational Level 5) have been created for skill level competition. This has been an evolutionary process which hinges on the USRA's ability (through AmPRO) to certify skill level play and control sandbagging. Now, skill level players who may not have the time to compete as frequently in local tournaments will have the option of taking part in these two high end events to earn substantial ranking points. — Editor.

Bah, Humbug ...

Things were looking good 'til Monday when, one hour before my son's match [at the World Juniors in California], his E-Force bag mysteriously disappeared. Playing in running shoes & using a borrowed racquet and eyeguards he lost in a tiebreaker. His opponent's bag also disappeared during the match.

I am most upset about the new Nike size 14 basketball shoes that were in the bag. Three new Bedlamis, 6 new gloves and clothing all gone — along with the confidence he needed to get through his final matches. I do not feel that we can continue to participate in the Junior Nationals and Junior World's at this expense. Getting my two boys to the tournament is named after. Everything about this tournament says to the players "we're here to have fun" — and virtually everyone who plays has a great time.

Bill Gire
Spokane, Washington

He-Man Cross-Training??

I like to call it racquetball for men... using a 1 lb. wooden paddle, a de-compressed ball and the same rules and 4-wall court as racquetball. It's just that the mobility required is doubled. No longer can top notch racquetball players rely on a serve or a lively ball to score points. Pick up a paddle and you must do the work yourself. No string pressure to supply power for you, supply your own.

Marty Hogan once said, "If I could make a living at this, I'd play all the time. What a workout." Now, it's possible that he was just humoring us but I do think he genuinely noticed the difference in the game. To the more proficient players it presents a new challenge and a game in which the single facet of a serve does not have such great bearing on the outcome.

For example, Chris Cole played great at the Michigan State Singles Paddleball Championships and even showed we
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Sudsy Monchik
#1 ranked professional racquetball player in the world.

Cliff Swain
#2 ranked professional racquetball player in the world.
paddleballers a number of shots that we didn't know existed. Chris beat some of paddleball's top players with impressive wins over Mark Piechowiak and Andy Mitchell. I played Chris in the semifinals and felt fortunate to come out of it with a win in a long tiebreaker, 21-13, 11-21, 21-11. We made a believer out of Chris, who is a phenomenal player, and phenomenal individual. Another long-time racquetball athlete, Paula Saad, made it to the women's finals before losing a long, long three game match to paddleball veteran JoAnn Schafer of Kalamazoo. Another excellent performance and again, a champion individual.

With this year's win over my old nemesis and long-time guru, Mike Wisniewski, I have now won three consecutive state singles tournaments. I know that there are racquetball players who can push, and even beat me — I need them to come out of the woodwork to continue to make this so challenging. Ask Chris and Paula. They can attest to the physical challenge that paddleball presents. Try it, you'll love it!!

Bob Groya
NPA

Making a Difference

I would like to share a story of a man who made a difference. Back in August, racquetball aficionado Mike Hurling came to me asking how he could help promote and develop more players. We sat down and mapped out a plan to target the youth. First, Mike contacted all major racquetball equipment manufacturers for support, and thanks to Wilson Sporting Goods for supplying manufacturers for support, and thanks to Mike Hurling. So, if you want to help a great sport, "Be Like Mike", and teach a kid how to play racquetball.

John Primeau
Middlesex, New Jersey

Extreme Racquetball?!?

About three weeks ago, I was driving by a local park that has one-wall racquetball. I was happy to see some folks out there hitting a ball around. As I got closer, I noticed that these guys were FLYING around the court. Open players for sure, I thought. Then, I almost drove off the road when I noticed that they were playing on skates.

I had to get a closer look, so I drove around the rotary again and pulled into the park. These were kids playing, maybe 15 to 17 years old, on rollerblades! I spoke to them for a little while and they said that they'd been playing all summer long. They like the speed and difficulty. I thought that I'd pass this along...

Ed Valenzuela
Lynn, Massachusetts

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Dick Kincaide
Divide, Colorado

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Army Championships

Coming Up

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Ellis Breaks into the Top Three

John Ellis made his third consecutive pro finals appearance at the Laundry Land Pro-Am in Lincoln, Nebraska just before presstime. Heading into the season, Ellis had only one pro stop title to his credit. But the new year started out just fine for the 5-foot-6 Californian as he took career wins #2 and #3, back-to-back, at the Ralph Schomp Automotive Pro-Am in Denver on January 19 and the Columbus Pro-Am the following weekend. RACQUETBALL spoke with John about his recent good fortune on his return from Lincoln.
RB: With three straight finals showings and two victories, how do you account for your recent stellar play? What's going on with you?
Not a whole lot. I'm pretty settled in my life, as far as what I'm doing these days. I'm living in Stockton again - my hometown. I bought a house and I'm around my closest friends. I'm working with my dad a little bit more seriously as far as coming up with game plans for everybody. Getting in better shape - just putting the whole package together helped on this little three-week run.

RB: What about your finals?
I don't want to be too surprised about them. I've very pleased, but I don't want to seem too surprised because this is what Cliff and Sudsy are doing all the time. I want to be up there with those guys and make it a three-way fight instead of a twosome. I just have to try and make it so I get used to it. I expect to get (to the finals) every time. I know there are a couple of other guys ranked below me that are thinking the same way.

RB: You seem more reserved on the court, is that just the kind of person you are?
I'd say I'm one of the more laid back guys on tour. Pretty relaxed. I think people like to watch me play because I'm a shorter guy who's pretty built. I'm not skinny or anything. I'm fast, I hit the ball pretty hard and I think that intrigues people when you have a shorter guy doing that. I don't mind that.

What I do in my personal life is totally personal. I think every kid's parents... that's what they're there to do. To provide the role model, the rules and that sort of stuff. If kids are going to look at me and say that he is very controlled on the court, very relaxed and he doesn't go off the handle and want to incorporate that into their games, then I think that's a good idea.

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Interview by Kevin Vicroy

RACQUETBALL Magazine
But through the years, I'd say that (mental toughness) wasn't my strongest asset, maybe even the weaker part of my game. This year has been different. It has a lot to do with my dad (Dave Ellis, shown below) and it has a lot to do with being a little bit older. I really want to make a living at this sport and don't want to have to go back to college to find something else to do. I want to play racquetball for a living and retire as a racquetball player and have money for myself later in life.

**RB:** How much has your dad helped you this year?

We talk on the phone a lot. What we're working on, big time, is game plans for every player out there that I could play. He's a smart man and knows a ton about the sport — more than I could ever know at this point. He's helping me come up with game plans to attack every player's game out there.

**RB:** What can we expect in the future from John Ellis?

I'd say just a lot of semis and finals and good play. For about another 10 years, a lot of being right there in every match in every tournament. Somebody who's gonna beat me will have to play well. That's all I really want to ask of myself — just to be in every match, mentally and physically.

To be honest with you, I really don't care about being ranked #1. That's not a goal of mine. I don't want to say, "I've got to be ranked number one." I want to win tournaments. I don't care if it's for $15,000 or $50,000. It's the idea of beating the best players in the world. Beating the Cliff's, the Sudsy's, the Andy's (Roberts) and the Jason's (Mannino). Just competing and playing hard is what you can expect.

**RB:** What's homelife like between stops?

Adam Karp lives with me, along with another guy I grew-up with. I own the house and they've got to pay me rent. So, of course, Adam is my second favorite player on the tour right now. I want to see him win as much as possible so he can pay me. And it's nice to have somebody to train with. Our New Year's resolution was to become shredded. Mine was to become shredded and have the body that I want. His was to get bigger because he's already shredded. We're both working out a lot here.

**RB:** You recently signed a contract with Pro Kennex through the year 2000, can you give us any details?

Here's the thing, I think everybody should be giving details. But I'm not going to be the first one to say prices. When, as a sport, the players start letting each other know what they're making ... It's a cycle like in every other professional sport. One person deserves this and that and another deserves something else. (Disclosing details) has yet to happen and that's probably because we don't have enough money in the sport yet.

Let's just say that Pro Kennex is taking care of me very fairly and I'm very happy with the contract I signed. I'm most happy with the products that they have now. I think Pro Kennex has the best racquet (the Kinetic Diamond 15 g) out in racquetball right now. I'm totally satisfied with it and everything about them right now.

**RB:** You're also sponsored by Courtesy Sports, right?

I'm not truly sponsored by them, they're just some longtime friends in racquetball. They make a headband for me and do it for a couple other guys. Yea, I'm sponsored by them somewhat, but basically I just want to see them do really well in the sport because they are putting a lot back into it. So, whatever I can do to help them I generally try to do.

Other than that, I'm looking for sponsors. The good deal with Pro Kennex is that I don't have to wear head-to-toe Pro Kennex. They allow me to go out there and try to make a living for myself by getting other sponsors. I paid for my last pair of shoes. Right now, I need a shoe company, a clothing company and that's the stuff I'm working on. I need the money, too."

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Rocky Carson of Santa Maria, California successfully defended his world title in boy's 18- and-under while Canadian Lisa Kerr of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan swept both the girl's 18- and-under titles at the Pro Kennex International Racquetball Federation World Junior Racquetball Championships, presented by Ektelon, at the Los Caballeros Sports Village, Dec. 19-23.

In the World Cup team competition, the United States Junior National Team tallied 1,455 points to hold off Mexico with 1,073 points and third-place finisher Canadian Lisa Kerr of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan swept defended his world title in boy's 18-and-under while Canada with 784.

The Mexican team dominated the younger divisions with four world crowns. Alejandra Licin defeated USA's Brittany Legget for the girl's 6- title, while teammate Eleni Guzman bested Licin for the 8- championship. Mexico's boy's were equally effective with Juan Sanchez taking the 8- multi-bounce bracket over teammate Jose Ramos and David Ortega in the 8- division defeating Ivan Sanchez of Chihuahua.

Carson averaged a semifinal upset loss at the U.S. Junior Nationals this past June to that event's eventual 18- champion, Mark Bloom. In their Worlds re-match, Carson downed the University of Texas sophomore in a tiebreaker to claim a third world junior title.

Kerr added her fourth and fifth world junior crowns to the trophy case by defeating fellow Canadian Amanda MacDonald of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in the 18-division, and later downsing U.S. national 16-champion Brooke Crawford of Klamath Falls, Oregon in the 16's. Kerr became only the second Canadian to win the girl's 18-world junior title.

Also hailing from Saskatoon, siblings Kris and Karina Odegard each took home world titles for Team Canada. In the Boy's 16-division, Kris put away fellow countryman Kane Waslenchuk for the gold, while sister Karina won the girl's 14-singles crown, then teamed with MacDonald to win the girl's 18-doubles.

U.S. Junior Team member Jack Huczek of Rochester Hills, Michigan, won his sixth consecutive world junior championship by handling Matthew McElhinney of Bradenton, Florida in the boy's 14-division, in two.

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**FINAL SINGLES RESULTS** — Boy's 18: Rocky Carson (Santa Maria, Calif., USA) def. Mark Bloom (Austin, Texas, USA), 15-10, 15-6; Girl's 18: Amanda MacDonald (Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada) def. Karina Odegard (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada), 15-10, 15-9; Mixed 18: Steve Klaiman (Houston, Texas, USA)/Melanie Mueller (Grand Junction, Colo., USA) def. Brandie Hanson (Klamath Falls, Ore., USA)/Charlie Pratt (Portland, Ore., USA), 15-12, 15-13.
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Central American Games
from Staff Reports
The IOC-approved Central American Games were held December 4-14 in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Of the seven Central American countries which make up the region, five sent racquetball teams to the 24-sport international competition. Teams from Costa Rica, Honduras, Belize, Guatemala and El Salvador fought for the gold medal in racquetball.

In the team competition, the up-and-coming Guatemalan team won the combined gold, capturing the gold in the men’s division and silver in the women’s. Highly-favored Costa Rica finished in second place, taking the women’s team gold and the men’s bronze. Honduras took third overall, with a second place finish in men’s and third in women’s.

Franklin Raudales, Honduras’ top singles player, downed Matthew Anderson of Belize in two games to capture the gold medal, and Costa Rica’s Andrea Ortiz repeated her 1995 Central American title by beating teammate Gloriana Herrera in two games.

In doubles play, the Guatemalan men’s team of Manola Benfet and Gustavo Morales upset Costa Ricans Bernal Pacheco and Allan Chacon in two games to win first place. Singles champion Ortiz teamed up with Herrera to defeat the mother-daughter team of Lucy and Karen Zachrisson of Guatemala for the women’s doubles gold medal.

“There has been a tremendous development in the quality of players from Central America,” head IRF official Jim Hiser observed. “It won’t be long before they are real threats for the gold medal in the World Championships and Pan Am Games.” [Complete results on page 16]

Bolivian Nationals
by Gerardo Gil
The city of Cochabamba, once again won the Bolivian Nationals in Oruro, December 4-7. Since 1995, Cochabamba has claimed this National title.

In Men’s Open, the semis were played between #1 seeded Gerardo Gil vs. #5 Gonzalo Amaya, and #2 Ricardo Monroy vs. #3 Juan Carlos Tapia. Gil took the advantage in the first set 15-8, and needed an extra effort to win the second set 15-14. This match was crucial because, with the winning, Gil will be the top player in Bolivia until the end of the season. Monroy won the match to Tapia in two straight sets of 15-14, 15-10, and advanced to his third career final, and his first in 1997.

The final was viewed by over 200 hundred persons who surrounded court #2 of the Claymor Club. It was supposed to be a great match but Gil didn’t have enough power to get in the game as a result of his effort in the semis. But Monroy looked as fresh as the first day and won the match 15-8, 15-5.

In Women’s Open, #2 seeded Paola Nuñez played a big tournament to surprise everybody, winning over the two favorites in the event. She defeated #3 Maria Fernanda Romero 11-15, 15-10, 11-8 in the semis and #1 Yaque Parada 15-10, 9-15, 11-7 in the final to win her first major event in her career. With this title Nuñez will end the season as the top player in Bolivia.
The Men's Doubles final was played between the two top seeded teams in the tournament. Top seeded Amaya/ Tapia vs. #2 Gil/Nunez. The game started with a 15-9 lead by Gil & Nunez that was tied in the second set 13-15, but the pressure that Gil/Nunez put against their rivals gave the win to the team in the third, 11-5.

The #1 seeded team of Parada/Romero won the women's doubles final with not much problems 15-7, 15-5 over Nunez/Ramos to assure their second doubles title in the year.

18th German Nationals in Hamburg
by Mike Mesecke
On January 24-25, the 18th German Nationals were a great success in Hamburg, at the site of the 1988 IRF World Championships. With good press coverage and Germany's top athletes playing their best, this annual event showed that the German Racquetball movement is on the right track.

For the first time ever, three Juniors events had to be scheduled for players between 7-14. Boys and girls competed in the categories of Boys U10, Boys U14 and Girls U10!! All of them were very excited and they are all looking forward to their next big tournament.

There were no big surprises in the Men's final, with another edition of the Trevor Hayter/Achim Loof final playoff. Between Europe's top players, Trevor was the lucky one this time and defended his title again against Achim. They also teamed up to win the Men's Doubles title against Germany's No. 2 doubles team Bernd DeForge/Ralf Klinke.

DeForge also won the Seniors 30+ singles title against Marc Scheffler. In the Seniors 40+ division, Germany's first German National Champion ever, Willi Wenzel from Bad Toelz, won against Roland Christ, also from Bad Toelz. Willi Wenzel won the first edition of the German Nationals in 1982. [Results, pg. 16]

Spring Racquetball in Ireland
by Michael Haverty
Two Irish Tournaments are scheduled for this spring. They are:
1) March 20-22 — Baxter Healthcare Castlebar Open In Castlebar, County Mayo in the West of Ireland.
2) May 1-3 — 16th Irish Open in Arklow, Co Wicklow (near Dublin).

As Americans visit Ireland for St Patricks Day (March 17th), racquetball players may like to play in the Castlebar Open a few days later. Contact Michael Haverty, 8 Cashel Park, Castlebar, Co Mayo Ireland. Tel ++ 353 94 24561. Details can also be found at http://members.tripod.com/~Haverty/castlebarracquetballclub.htm. Further information on Irish Racquetball can be found at http://members.tripod.com/~Haverty/racquetballpages.

German Federation Elections
by Mike Mesecke
On January 23 the German Racquetball Federation annual Congress was held in Hamburg, where annual elections were held for the Executive Committee. In support of the Exco's good work, no major changes were made to the important positions. New officials entered the Exco to support the re-elected members so that the GRF can keep up the good work in the development of German Racquetball.

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Mexico Goes Dutch
by Rene Hehemann
On Wednesday October 22 my brother and I picked up Javier Moreno, Ignacio "Nacho" Bustillos, Alvaro Maldonado, Oviedo Baca, Adolfo "Super Fito" Baca (father and Mexican Team Coach). Enrique Villagran arrived later that afternoon and was met by IRF President Han van der Heiden.

I brought them to the Racketcenter De Leyens in Zoetermeer. The rest of the day they took it easy after a trip of more than 20 hours. Nacho and Alvaro were hosted by Peter de Jong
The next day the Mexicans returned with many impressions. Adolfo, Karel Matla and I went to Antwerp in Belgium to visit Erik Meyer (the recently elected ERF president) on Thursday. On Friday we visited The Hague, to see the house of parliament and the Queens Palace. Especially for Adolfo, who happens to be a lawyer, we went by the Peace Palace (International Court of Justice). A brief visit to the famous Delft Blue Factory/Museum in Delft, was also made. Later that night the tournament started, with about 45 participants from: Austria (1), Belgium (4), Germany (7), Malaysia (1), Mexico (6), the Netherlands (16), New Zealand (1) and USA (6).

On Monday the Mexicans (without Enrique, who traveled for business to Oslo in Norway), Karel, Peter and myself visited Volendam and later that afternoon continued our trip to Amsterdam. The players insisted on shopping and a trip to the Red Light District, where Álvaro became our tour guide! He pretty much knew his way around, after touring the RLD during the World Games in 1993!

The next day the Mexicans returned with many impressions in only six days! And many stories to tell!

**11th Belgian Open 1997 in Antwerp**

by Mike Mesecke

On November 22-23, the 11th Belgian Open took place at the Indoor Club in Antwerp. The new elected president of the European Racquetball Federation, Erik Meyer, brought people from the Netherlands, USA, Canada, Austria, Germany, France and Belgium together to play in this annual event.

In the Men’s Open, another legendary final was played between Achim Loof and Trevor Hayter, both from Hamburg, Germany and although it seemed to be more a battle than anything else, these two close friends are still Europe’s most important racquetball representatives.

This time, Achim, present European Champion played better than his opponent and so he won the final set 11-6. “Achim played the better racquetball today”, said Hayter, after an exciting game.

Together they won the Doubles competition against the two young players Martin Klippel and Ralph Lysakowski. [Complete results at right.]

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**GLOBAL SCOREBOARD**

- **Autumn Open in Zoetermeer; October 24-26**
  - Submitted online by Pascal Matla

  **FINAL RESULTS — Men’s Open:**
  1. Javier Moreno (Mexico); 2. Antonio Arcif (Mexico); 3. Ignacio Bustillos (Mexico); 4. Joachim Loof (Germany); cons: Ralf Lysakowski (Austria); Men’s B: 1. Albert Jalleh (Germany); 2. Niklaus Deboutte (Belgium); 3. Eric Meijer (The Netherlands); 4. Nathan Andre (USA); cons: Renate Hoening (Germany); Men’s Seniors: 1. Dexter Chun (USA); 2. Ron Ruiz (USA); 3. Adolfo Baca (Mexico); 4. Jorg Sattler (Germany). Men’s Doubles: 1. Moreno/Bustillos (Mexico); 2. Naciff/Loof (Mexico-Germany); 3. Maldonado/Baca (Mexico); 4. van der Holst/Vink (The Netherlands).

- **National Overage Championships in Arklow/Ireland**
  - Submitted online by Mike Mesecke, ERF

  **FINAL RESULTS — Men’s Over 45 Singles:**

- **11th Belgian Open in Antwerp; November 22-23, 1997**
  - Submitted online by Mike Mesecke, ERF

  **FINAL RESULTS — Men’s Open:**

- **Central American Games in Honduras:**
  - Submitted online by Joseph Villarreal

  **FINAL RESULTS — Men’s Singles:**

- **French Open in Paris:**
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  **FINAL RESULTS — Men’s Open:**
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**APH Service Company Holiday Pro-Am Mile High Rematch**

*Same ol', same ol'...* For the sixth time in seven outings this season, two-time defending pro tour champion Sudsy Monchik met archrival — four-time champ Cliff Swain — in a tour final ... this time at the APH Service Company Holiday Pro-Am at the Lakewood Athletic Club in mid-December.

But it was only the second time since the 1995 Bay 101 IRT World Championships that Monchik couldn't claim the top seed. Swain had taken it back — and held on firmly — after his finals appearance at the 1997 Promus Hotels U.S. Open last November.

John Ellis opened the quarterfinal action with a quick, four-game victory over Gelhaus before third-seeded Andy Roberts and sixth seed Jason Mannino took center stage. Mannino, who hadn't played the 6-foot-4, 225-pound linebacker-sized Roberts for over a year, downed the Memphis native in three straight.

"Well, he's not young, and he's not skinny," Mannino said after of Roberts after the match. "So, it's kind of hard for him to move from front to back. You've got to make him move up and cover the pinch and the splat so that you can eventually pass him."

The evening concluded with Monchik downing Jelso 11-4, 11-4, 9-11, 11-8 and top seed Cliff Swain holding off Karp, 15-13, 11-5, 12-10.

In just his second semifinal appearance this season, Mannino was treated to a serving clinic by Monchik. After five first-game aces, Sudsy was up 10-1 and cruising to an 11-4, 11-4, 9-11, 11-8 win.

"I think I got a little bit of a bead on it," Mannino said of Sudsy's serves after the first game. "But, that was the best anyone's ever served against me. Not only were there aces and aces and aces, but the ones I got to I couldn't do anything with. They were just perfect. Two games of perfect serves. I was diving for serves — that's ridiculous."

Sudsy, who has been suffering with a broken big toe on his right foot all season, finished with nine aces.

Next up was the red-hot Swain, winner of three straight pro stops, against possibly this season's most promising player, John Ellis.

Ellis went on an 11-2 run to close out the first game, 11-5, but Swain kicked it into gear and held off the 5'6" dynamo, 11-8, 11-8, 12-10 in the final three games.

Even with the win, the Boston native was extremely unhappy with Kelly Kerr's refereeing (left).

"We don't have guys that are professionally trained," Swain said of the tour refs. "That's one of the biggest weaknesses in our game. We don't have paid, trained and traveling referees. When you have guys doing it part-time, you're going to get part-time results."

It wasn't all that shocking to find Swain and Monchik facing each other in the finals — it's been going on all season. The two have worked hard to create one of the best rivalries ever, and the fans get the pay-off.

In game one, Swain started strong by blasting Monchik 11-2. The second game was closer — tied up briefly at 6-6 — but the finish was similar, another win for Swain, 11-6.

"I came out really slow," Sudsy said. "He was playing good and forced me to play pretty bad."

Then the brash Staten Islander got hot and scrapped-out two March — April 1998
narrow game wins of 12-10 each to even the match and force the tiebreaker.

"The reason for that," Swain said of Sudsy's comeback, "was he stayed relaxed, and I started thinking about winning the match. He was just playing one point at a time. When you're down 2-0, it is easy to play better because you're in deep trouble anyway so you might as well just play all out and let it go. Which is what you have to still do when you're up 2-0. I didn't do that."

After tying at 6-6 in the final game, Monchik went up 7-6 on a skipped backhand return by Swain. But some backhand finesse into the right corner put Swain back in the service box — where two crack aces and one skipped return put Swain on his way to an 11-8 game win and his fifth tour stop this season.

Ralph Schomp Automotive Pro-Am
Rocky Mountain High for Ellis

Times, they are a-changin' . . . especially on the IRT. Just when you thought this season was going to be nothing but a Sudsy-Swain one-two punch, John Ellis sneaks up and jumps into the ring with a well-placed right jab. And not just with his play — he's been improving all year — but with his finish at the Ralph Schomp Automotive Pro-Am in Denver to kick off the new year.

With only one career IRT singles victory to his credit (At the '95 Head Pro-Am in Chicago), Ellis took advantage of his ninth showing in a final by upsetting second seeded Sudsy Monchik in one of the most dramatic come-from-behind victories in the history of the tour.

Earlier on, according to Ellis, his best match of the tournament had been his first round, straight game win over Mexican National Team member Luis Bustillos. From there, the stocky Californian went on to narrowly defeat a renewed Derek Robinson in an 11-4 tiebreaker, before taking out the ever-steady #5 Mike Guidry in four games to reach the semifinals.

On his way to meet Ellis in that semi, top-ranked Cliff Swain had taken a similar route, sweeping past Sammy Menache in three, then James Mulcock and Adam Karp in four games apiece.

The bottom half of the bracket held few surprises. Third seeded Andy Roberts lost only one game to tournament

According to Swain, "In the fifth (game), (Sudsy) played probably better than he did the whole match, but I kept my concentration. When we both play well, you're going to have a very tight game like that."

"It's always a battle when we play," Monchik said of his rivalry with Swain. "When it's all said and done, it will probably be the greatest rivalry ever in the sport."

Then Sudsy seemed to dial into the psychic network, as he spoke about trying to regain his top spot, "Hopefully, guys like Jason (Mannino) and John (Ellis) will step up and start beating (Cliff). Who knows? It could be a whole different tour."

Yes, it just might, at that ...
director Brian Pointelin in his first match, before downing Kelly Gelhaus and #6 Dan Fowler in straight games.

From his #2 spot, Monchik took a harder road to the semis with three scrappy, close game wins over Bobby Rodriguez, before going to tiebreakers against U.S. Team member Michael Bronfeld and veteran Mike Ray to squeek into a semi against Roberts.

There Monchik regrouped and played true to form in an 11-7, 15-13, 11-6 drubbing of Roberts. For the first time in several weeks, Sudsy played like the explosive and exciting player that fans have grown to adore.

Swain, boasting a freshly-signed, multi-year contract with Wilson Racquetball, was playing beautifully and seemed unstoppable. But Ellis had other ideas.

Down two games to zero, Ellis fought back and stole game three 11-9. Then, sensing that Swain was a little tired, “Ellie” poured it on to win game four 11-1. A close fifth game ended 11-9 in Ellis’ favor and moved him into his first final of the season with the momentum of a huge upset over the #1 ranked player on the tour.

“I think he got a little more tired than I did,” Ellis said of Swain. “I just stayed in there and got a little more relaxed and snuck out the third. Next thing you know, I won the fourth easily and we’re in a tough fifth.”

In front of a large Denver Athletic Club crowd, Monchik opened the Sunday finals with a crushing 11-1 defeat of Ellis. Then, not only did the wheels fall off Sudsy’s ride, but the engine fell out, the driver’s seat reclined and the radio got stuck on some AM station broadcasting Reverend Billy Bob’s plea for your entire paycheck.

What happened? Ellis initiated a great comeback to win game two, 11-8. Then he won game three 11-7 and was down 10-2 in the fourth when the Ellis comeback machine got back into gear. He won six consecutive points when what could have been a serious incident occurred.

“I was stuck with a shot in the middle of the court,” Ellis said. “Sudsy came in a little early and I caught him in the nose. Then my racquet came up and hit me in the back of the head.” The ball was forgotten as both players stumbled and clutched their heads while the crowd tried to figure out who had done what to whom.

“There was a big dispute about whether it should be a point or play it over, but it didn’t matter. I was happy that we were both OK. A situation like that can be scary with how hard we’re swinging.”

At the conclusion of the match, Sudsy revealed to the crowd what had been said between the two players in the down-time following the accident (above left).

“What guys might have just witnessed history,” Sudsy said to the fans with a sigh. “That was, seriously, the greatest comeback I’ve ever been involved in. I don’t
know what to say, I had him 10-2... I really would have loved to go ‘breaker... I’m still baffled at what just happened. John’s awesome and hopefully we’ll be doing battle like this for another 10 years. I know I’m sick of playing Cliff in the finals.”

“I came out alright, today, then John kind of put me to sleep. Then you saw what happened in the fourth game — I don’t even know what happened. I still can’t believe it’s over. It was absolutely amazing. He scored 10 straight points — made me look like a schoolboy.”

Ellis was happy with the win, but quick to point out that Sudsy was not on his game.

“Suds played a great first game and kicked my ass. I thought he was going to do the same in the second game. Then we started talking a little and getting more relaxed. I think that worked to my advantage.”

“It’s a big win. I’m the best in the world for one week, that’s all it means. We’re going to Columbus next week and I’m going to be mentally ready for that. I want to win that one, too. Whether I do or not, we’ll see.”

**US WEST Communications Announces “Racquetball’s Better Here™”**

US WEST Communications recently announced a new partnership with the IRT that will include sponsorship of four events in the current season. Stops in Denver, Lincoln, Phoenix, and Portland will all be presented by US WEST as part of their new “Racquetball’s Better Here™” promotion. A bonus pool will be ranked from these four events, with the winner awarded the “Racquetball’s Better Here™” / US WEST Cup following the Portland event. The just announced “Racquetball’s Better Here™” program will also include a joint promotion with Spalding Court Sports to offer clinics and appearances by Spalding Touring Pros Jason Mannino, Mike Ray, Woody Clouse, Todd O’Neill, Lydia Hammock, and Marcy Lynch. The campaign will also include a sweepstakes with the grand prize of a trip for two to the Spalding Tournament of Champions presented by US WEST in Portland. The sweepstakes will be promoted in clubs throughout the 14-state US WEST operational region with a poster featuring TEAM US WEST and ads in RACQUETBALL and other publications. US WEST Communications has headquarters in Denver, Colorado and is one of the largest telecommunications firms in the world.

US West representatives were on hand to kick-off the Denver event, along with top pros (L-R): Jason Mannino, Woody Clouse, Leroy Williams (US West), Connie Williams (US West), Mike Ray, Mark Helton (US West), Jeff Montoya (US West). Photo: Steve Lerner.
IRT RESULTS

**TICKER ...**

- **Las Vegas:** Aug. 1-3
  - Foxwoods IRT Pro-Am Doubles — Todd O'Neil & Derek Robinson def. Steve Lerner & Tony Jelso 3-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-17.
- **New Orleans:** Aug. 6-10
- **Stockton:** Aug. 28 - Sept. 1
- **Riverside:** Sept. 24-28
- **Chicago:** Oct. 29 - Nov. 2
  - Halloween Pro-Am — Cliff Swain def. Sudsy Monchik 10-12, 8-11, 11-8, 11-6, 12-10.
- **Memphis:** Nov. 12-16
- **Boston:** Nov. 19 - 23
  - Foxwoods Pro-Am — Cliff Swain def. Mike Ray 5-11, 11-4, 11-4, 11-4.
- **Denver:** Dec. 10-14
  - APH Service Pro-Am — Cliff Swain def. Sudsy Monchik 11-2, 11-6, 10-12, 10-12, 11-8.

WIRT RESULTS

**TICKER ...**

- **Annapolis, Md.: Sept. 5-7**
- **Memphis:** Nov. 12-16
- **Roanoke, Va.: Feb. 6-8**

**IRT SCHEDULE**

- **February 18 - 22**
  - Foxwoods Pro-Am Sportset-Syosset Long Island, N.Y.
- **February 25 - March 1**
  - Piehler Pro-Am @ Penfield Racquet & Fitness Club Rochester, New York
- **March 25 - 29**
  - March Madness Pro-Am Goleta Valley Athletic Club Santa Barbara, California
- **April 22 - 26**
  - WIRT Pro Nationals Las Vegas Sporting House Las Vegas, Nevada
- **May 6 - 9**
  - RAD Tournament of Champions Multnomah Athletic Club Portland, Ore.

**WIRT SCHEDULE**

- **March 6 - 8**
  - Long Island Pro-Am Amritraj Racquet & Health Club — Bayshore, New York
- **April 22 - 26**
  - WIRT Pro Nationals Las Vegas Sporting House Las Vegas, Nevada
- **May 1 - 3**
  - Crystal City Classic Pro-Am The Skyline Club at Crystal Gateway — Arlington, Va.
- **June 4 - 7**
  - RAD Tournament of Champions Multnomah Athletic Club Portland, Ore.

Follow the IRT & WIRT on the Web: Check out the pros on the web at irt-tour.com anytime. Want the updated rankings, results from the last tour stop, entry forms for upcoming pro stops, which player accumulated the most fines at the last event? Everything you want to know about the IRT, WIRT, or your favorite pro players is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year at irt-tour.com. Check out the action!
Wilson Signs Cliff Swain

Wilson Racquetball announced that it has signed an agreement with the world's number one men's touring pro, Cliff Swain, to endorse its racquets, shoes, gloves, strings, grips and bags and to help grow the game of racquetball.

Born and raised in Boston, Mass., Swain got his first racquet from his father, an avid handball player, who introduced Cliff to the game of racquetball at the age of 13. Since then, the lefty captured a junior national title and is now a four-time pro tour champion. Swain is known for his powerful serve (191 mph) and his mental toughness and he's determined to leave a lasting impression on the sport.

"Wilson and Cliff Swain together represent a winning team," explains Terri Graham, Marketing Manager for Wilson Racquetball and Squash. "His winning attitude, his desire to be number one and his love of the game exemplifies Wilson. We are proud to have him as a member of our Wilson Advisory Staff.

"We had the Derek's (Robinson) and Michael's (Bronfeld) out there who represented us very well on the top amateur level and now we've signed the No.1 pro player," Graham told RACQUETBALL in early January. "What more could we possibly ask for?

"Cliff brings a lot to the table. He's very professional, both on and off the court. He's hungry. He works really hard on his game and he's not going to settle for being No. 2. He is a class act."

When Wilson Racquetball began over three years ago, this signing was already in the works. According to Graham (shown top right with Swain), "We had a plan from the beginning and didn't think we would be able to sign a top pro for five years. Things went better than we thought, therefore, we were able to get Cliff. There's nobody better to have than Cliff Swain."

Commenting on the 4 year deal, Graham stated, "I'm comfortable in saying that this is the highest paying contract in the sport of racquetball ... and deservingly so."

PowerKill™ Pro Adds the Power of Zyex®

PowerKill™ PRO string from Ashaway Racket Strings offers power and durability for the new oversize racquets. With a core of advanced Zyex® fibers for exceptional dynamic response, PowerKill™ PRO is a durable 16-gauge (1.34 mm) string that supports the high stresses imposed by the new, extra-large racquet designs, while offering the power and performance of a thin 17-gauge string. A spiral braided jacket provides a good gripping surface that enhances control on pinches, kills and ceiling shots. PowerKill™ PRO is now available in extra-long 40' (12 m) sets to accommodate the new racquets, and in 360’ (110 m) reels.

New Spalding Line

The official racquet of the International Racquetball Tours, Spalding unveiled its new racquet line, focusing on the light, stiff frames that retain the exclusive Reverse Sunburst String Pattern. All the frames got a hot new look with terrific colors and graphics. The flagship of the new line is the Extreme Pro which hits the courts at a whopping 22 inches in length while maintaining a mere 200g mass. The line also re-introduces some favorite frames in new, upgraded versions like the Enforcer and Felon. The line features models to hit most every price point and should start popping up in clubs everywhere.
Zone Strings & Grip signs Jason Thoerner

Zone is happy to have signed one of racquetball's most promising players: Jason Thoerner. The tall South Carolinian placed fifth in the open division at the '97 U.S. National Singles Racquetball Championships in Houston. Jason will be using Zone's new Power Racquetball string to take his game to the next level! "The new Power Racquetball string from Zone is the most powerful string that I have hit with, without sacrificing any control. The ball comes off the strings flatter and harder than any of the other strings on the market," Jason says. "With these strings I'll definitely be in the ZONE!"

New from Network Marketing

Network Marketing has been named the "Master Distributor" for Zone Racquetball Strings. "Zone" makes three quality strings (16g/17g) and is geared to the player seeking power, playability and durability at a reasonable price. • RAD Eyeguards introduced the new Turbo LX at the U.S. Open, which sports a slightly different lens shape than the Turbo and trendy "pinch" temples (straight earpieces) with clear or amber lenses. The result is eyewear that looks sharp and protects well. Suggested retail $24.95. • Kleershot RX: Though Kleershot eyeguards are no longer available in regular lenses, they are still available in prescription lenses ($104.00 complete). Clear replacement lenses are also available ($10.00)

Supershow Rollouts

After a successful debut in Memphis, Leader launched the "Vegas Plus" at the Atlanta Super Show in February. The stylish eyeguard provides players with the reliable protection they expect from Leader. Already the choice of top professional players, including Sudsy Monchik and John Ellis, the Vegas Plus will appeal to amateurs and newcomers to the sport. Female players will appreciate the lightweight frame and comfortable fit. This new sleek shield offers maximal peripheral vision, while the sidearms can be easily adjusted to obtain the ideal personalized fit. A removable "impact disperser" features an absorbent sweat band for added on-court comfort. For more information about the Vegas Plus or other Leader products, visit our web site at www.zleader.com.

Penn Racquet Sports also introduced its new racquetball packaging graphics for the Penn Ultra-Blue Racquetballs and the Pro Penn Green Racquetballs at the 1998 Super Show.

Gemini Intros Second Generation of Racquets

Two new 22-inch racquets – the Hummer and the Endeavor – were introduced in January by Gemini Racquetball. The Hummer is mid-balanced to maximize power, while the Endeavor has a light head for quickness. According to Ron Halloran of Gemini, "We did not want to increase the head size because of the problems with past racquets. Larger head sizes are more difficult to swing and, therefore, control suffers. The Gemini racquets are 101.5 square inches to provide a more concentrated and controllable sweet spot." You can learn more about Gemini’s products via their new Internet web site at www.geminisports.com.

New Windows 95® Program for Tournaments

Aggravated in trying to organize and run his church basketball tournament, engineer Dave Franck at ImageBuilder Software, Inc. designed a way to end his agony: TournamentBuilder™. This Windows 95® program is targeted at those most often assigned to run tournaments: coaches, team managers and parents. The new product quickly and easily seeds participants, designs tournament brackets and creates awards. With a suggested retail price of $29.95, TournamentBuilder™ quickly pays for itself through savings realized by printing personalized certificates. It includes an intuitive interface and help system, along with sample bracket and certificate files which demonstrate program capabilities and can be altered for actual tournaments. System requirements include Windows 95®, 486 PC/66 MHZ or better, 256 color display, 8 MB RAM, 2x CD-ROM, 3MB available disk space, mouse and sound card (optional). For more info, contact at (503) 684-5141 or Kellee "Sparky" Harris at (503) 222-6871. Or browse http://www.imagebuilder.com.

Daub Goes AmPRO

Larry Daub, an independent sales representative for Penn Racquet Sports, recently earned an Advanced AmPRO Instructor certification. AmPRO instructors are qualified to teach at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels, after undergoing rigorous written and on-court examinations. In his position at Penn, Daub is responsible for selling all lines of Penn tennis and racquet balls, apparel and Babolat strings and accessories in a four-state territory that includes Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

March — April 1998
Cover Contest!
Think you know who these players are? The first person to correctly identify all of the athletes pictured will receive a U.S. Olympic Team bag from the Barcelona Games! To enter, make a copy of this cover, mark your guesses on the reproduction and send it into the magazine, along with your name and address. We'll announce the winner in an upcoming issue! And if you're pictured, tell us which one you are, and we'll send you a free glove!

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The USRA conducts five national championships each year, to name the finest adult and junior competitors in singles and doubles, as well as to select the members of its national teams. National championships serve as qualifiers for either the adult U.S. National Team or Junior Team USA. Both teams compete internationally as representatives of the United States. Championships are held annually, at approximately the same time each year.

National High School Championships (March)
Established: 1988
Junior Team USA qualifier. Gold division winners earn a spot on the team, and qualify for goodwill tours abroad and international competition. Also encourages curricular development of High School racquetball (an overall “Team Championship” trophy is awarded).

National Intercollegiate Championships (March/April)
Established: 1973
Pre-qualifying at a Recognized Event is required.
U.S. National Team Qualifier. Gold division winners earn a spot on the team, and qualify for international competition through semi-annual “team trials.” Also encourages curricular development of racquetball at the intercollegiate level (an overall “team championship” trophy is awarded).

National Singles Championships (Memorial Day Weekend in May)
Established: 1968
Pre-qualifying at a Regional Event is required.
U.S. National Team Qualifier. Men's and Women's Open semi-finalists earn positions on the team, and qualify for pool selection to international competitive squads. International Qualifier. When applicable, World Championship and Pan American Games teams are selected by their finishes at this event.

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Junior Olympic Racquetball Championships (June)

Established: 1974
Pre-qualifying at a Regional Event is required.
Junior Team USA qualifier. Selected finishers (Semifinalists in 18- and 16-; Finalists in 14-) earn a spot on the team, plus qualify for goodwill tours abroad and international competition. Also encourages junior racquetball competition and the formation of state junior teams, (an overall state "team championship" trophy is also awarded).

National Doubles Championships (October)

Established: 1968
U.S. National Team Qualifier. Men's and Women's Open finalists earn positions on the team, and qualify for international competition through semi-annual "team trials." Also encourages development of racquetball as a lifetime sport, with additional competitive age divisions offered in five-year increments between 19+ and 80+. An overall "state team championship" trophy is also awarded.

U.S. OPEN (November)

Established: 1995
Pro Tour Showcase. Although not a national championship in its own right, this event was designed to provide a marquee event for the sport of racquetball, featuring competition among the top men's and women's pro tour athletes, plus amateur age & skill level competition. The pro competition, which made its debut in 1996, offers the largest cash award structure in the sport.

Don't Panic ...

If you are a World champion (team, senior or junior), you won't find your record listed in this particular offprint. We've revised our timetable for publishing that information, which will now appear in the separate 1998 Factbook — which is scheduled to appear in the September/October issue of RACQUETBALL. — Editor.
**national singles champions**

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- 1997: Bobby Sanders (Ohio)
- 1996: Ernie Bonifield (Ohio)
- 1995: Robert Benjamin (Ohio)
- 1994: John Bentley (Ohio)
- 1993: Jack Davis (Ohio)
- 1992: William Wright (Ohio)
- 1991: Joseph Lambert (Texas)
- 1990: Victor Sacco (New York)
- 1989: William Wood (Ohio)
- 1988: Otis Chapman (Ohio)
- 1987: Otis Chapman (Ohio)
- 1986: Chuck Lake (Virginia)
- 1985: Pat Whitehill (Washington)
- 1984: Fintan Kilbride (Canada)
- 1983: Floyd Svensen (California)
- 1982: Ralph Johnson (California)
- 1981: Paul Banales (Arizona)
- 1980: Ike Gurner (Virginia)
- 1979: Lawrence Rankin (California)

### Men's 60+
- 1997: Jerry Stolzmann (Wisconsin)
- 1996: Paul Banales (Arizona)
- 1995: Don Alt (Ohio)
- 1994: Floyd Svensen (California)
- 1993: Fintan Kilbride (Canada)
- 1992: Harvey Clarke (California)
- 1991: John Pearce (Connecticut)
- 1990: Joe Heron (Louisiana)
- 1989: Earl Acuff (Virginia)
- 1988: Floyd Svensen (California)
- 1987: Otis Chapman (Ohio)
- 1986: Joe Gumer (Georgia)
- 1985: Ike Gumer (Georgia)

### Men's 65+
- 1997: Otis Chapman (Ohio)
- 1996: Victor Sacco (New York)
- 1995: Joe Lambert (Texas)
- 1994: Joe Lambert (Texas)
- 1993: Fintan Kilbride (Canada)
- 1992: Mal Roberts (Florida)
- 1991: John Bartelle (Virginia)
- 1990: John Berek (New York)
- 1989: Victor Sacco (New York)
- 1988: Otis Chapman (Ohio)
- 1987: Victor Sacco (New York)
- 1986: Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1985: Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1984: Ike Gumer (Georgia)

### Men's 70+
- 1997: Fintan Kilbride (Canada)
- 1996: Victor Sacco (New York)
- 1995: Victor Sacco (New York)
- 1994: John Bartelle (Virginia)
- 1993: Nick Sans (California)
- 1992: Earl Acuff (New York)
- 1991: Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1990: Earl Acuff (New York)
- 1989: Earl Acuff (New York)
- 1988: Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1987: Alan Shepherd (Maryland)
- 1986: Alan Shepherd (Maryland)
- 1985: Ike Gumer (Kentucky)
- 1984: Ike Gumer (Kentucky)

### Men's 75+
- 1997: Earl Acuff (New York)
- 1996: Earl Acuff (New York)
- 1995: Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1994: Earl Acuff (New York)
- 1993: Luzell Wilde (Utah)
- 1992: Allen Shepherd (Maryland)
- 1991: Allen Shepherd (Maryland)
- 1990: Allen Shepherd (Maryland)
- 1989: Ike Gumer (Kentucky)
- 1988: John Pearce (Texas)

### Women's 55+
- 1997: Sharon Hastings-Welty (Oregon)
- 1996: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1995: Kathy Mueller (Minnesota)
- 1994: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1993: Kathy Mueller (Minnesota)
- 1992: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1991: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1990: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1989: Rachel Schindl (Idaho)
- 1988: Janet Kettman (California)
- 1987: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1986: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1985: Mary Lou Acuff (Virginia)
- 1984: Lucille Douglas (Texas)

### Women's 60+
- 1997: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1996: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
- 1995: Mary Lou Acuff (Virginia)
- 1994: Mary Lou Acuff (Virginia)
- 1993: Jo Kenyon (Florida)
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### Women's 65+
- 1997: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
- 1996: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
- 1995: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
- 1994: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
- 1993: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
- 1992: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
- 1991: Mary Lou Acuff (North Carolina)
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### Women's 70+
- 1997: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
- 1996: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
- 1995: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)
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- 1988: Mary Low Acuff (North Carolina)

### Men's 75+
- 1997: George Spear (New York)
- 1996: Allen Shepherd (Maryland)
- 1995: Allen Shepherd (Maryland)
- 1994: John Pearce (Texas)
- 1993: Jack Daly (Virginia)
- 1992: John Pearce (Texas)
- 1991: John Pearce (Texas)

### Women's Wheelchair
- 1997: Donna Cline (Texas)
- 1996: Jeannie Nicklos (Texas)
- 1995: Donna Cline (Texas)
- 1994: Jeannie Nicklos (Texas)
- 1993: Jeannie Nicklos (Texas)
- 1992: Jeannie Nicklos (Texas)
- 1991: Jeannie Nicklos (Texas)

### Men's Wheelchair
- 1996: Rick Slaughter (Tennessee)
- 1995: Chip Parmelly (California)
- 1994: Chip Parmelly (California)
- 1993: Chip Parmelly (California)
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- 1986: Chip Parmelly (California)
- 1985: Jim Leatherman (Maryland)
- 1984: Chip Parmelly (California)
- 1983: Jim Leatherman (Maryland)
- 1982: Jim Leatherman (Maryland)

### Deaf Open
- 1993: Jeff Eastman (Wisconsin)
- 1992: Ron Tkachuk (Wisconsin)

### National Singles Champions

1998 *** USRA National & World Events
- March 6-8: Wilson USRA 17th U.S. National High Schools
- March 25-29: E-Force USRA 26th U.S. National Intercollegiates
- April 01-04: NMRA U.S. Golden Masters: Pittsburgh
- April 03-11: PARC 12th Tournament of the Americas: Winnipeg
- April 16-19: Ektelon USRA Regional Qualifier Series: Nationwide
- July 16-18: RF Ektelon 9th World Championships: Bolivia
- July 22-25: NMRA International Masters: Las Vegas
- Sept. 01-05: RF 10th World Senior Championships: Albuquerque
- Nov. 11-15: Promus Hotels 3rd U.S. OPEN: Memphis
- Dec. 18-22: RF ProKenneX 10th World Juniors: Fouroin Valley

1999 ***
- January: USRA Leadership Conference: Colorado Springs
- Jan. 29-31: Women's Senior/Master Championships: Des Moines

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### Men's Open Division
- **1997**: Adam Karp/Bill Sell (Calif.)
- **1996**: Todd O'Neil (Texas)/Derek Robinson (Wash.)
- **1995**: Adam Karp/Bill Sell (Calif.)
- **1994**: Suddy Monk (N.Y.)/Tim Sweeney (Ill.)
- **1993**: John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.)
- **1992**: Joel Bonnett (Mich.)/Bill Sell (Calif.)
- **1991**: John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.)
- **1990**: Jim Floyd (Mich.)/Tim Hansen (Calif.)
- **1989**: Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremiski (Pa.)
- **1988**: Brian Hawkes/Bill Sell (Calif.)
- **1987**: Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremiski (Pa.)
- **1986**: Doug Ganim (Ohio)/Dan Obremiski (Pa.)
- **1985**: Tim Anthony/Andy Roberts (Tenn.)
- **1984**: Dan Obremiski (Pa.)/Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio)
- **1983**: Steve Tren/Tom Hansen (Calif.)
- **1982**: Steve Tren/Tom Hansen (Calif.)
- **1981**: Ed Andrews/Mark Martino (Calif.)
- **1980**: Jeff Kwartler/Marshalv (Texas)
- **1979**: Jeff Kwartler/Dave Pek (Texas)
- **1978**: Steve Tren/Tom Hansen (Calif.)
- **1977**: Gene Gibb/Bob Kraut (Calif.)
- **1976**: Charlie Brumfield/Craig McCoy (Calif.)
- **1975**: David Charlton/Steve Stramado (Mich.)
- **1974**: Charlie Brumfield (Calif.)/Steve Serot (Mo.)
- **1973**: Mike Lucie/George Rudzysz (Mass.)
- **1972**: Ken Porco/Mike Zettman (Ky.)
- **1971**: Bob Wallace/Bob Yellin (Mich.)
- **1970**: Al Hyman/Mike Zettman (Ky.)

### Men's Skill (A) Division
- **1997**: Eric Henderson/Tommy Medina (Ariz.)
- **1996**: Myron Hicks/Tommy Medina (Ariz.)
- **1995**: Myron Hicks/Don Otaas (Ariz.)
- **1994**: Oscar Delgado/Frank Garcia (Fla.)
- **1993**: Mark Spanenberg/Brian Mirich (Calif.)
- **1992**: Nathan Deer (Ky.)/Walter McDade (Tenn.)
- **1991**: Gayle Astalos (Ariz.)/Adam Karp (Calif.)
- **1990**: Mike Lucie/Mark Bustos (Fla.)
- **1989**: Chris Eagle/Doug Eagle (N.C.)
- **1988**: Tim Harcharik/Brian Jorgenson (Pa.)
- **1987**: Peter Francheschi (N.Y.)/Michael VanOre (N.J.)
- **1986**: Thomas Jobe/Kurt Nystrom (Fla.)
- **1985**: Mike Dick (Nev.)/Armando Flores (Calif.)
- **1984**: Andy McDonald/Rick Sorenson (Calif.)
- **1983**: Simie Fien/Jim White

### Men's All Age
- **1997**: Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Andrew Haywood (Texas)
- **1996**: Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Andrew Haywood (Texas)
- **1995**: Jason Thoerner (Fla.)/Steven Shapiro (Ga.)
- **1994**: Aaron Metcal/John Thoerner (Fla.)
- **1993**: Kelly Gelhaus/Robin Dixon (Calif.)
- **1992**: Adam Karp/John Mack (Calif.)
- **1991**: John Ellis (Calif.)/Eric Muller (Kan.)
- **1990**: Joe Cline (N.J.)/Ron Digiacomo (N.Y.)
- **1989**: Rob McKinney (Pa.)/Todd Stead (Minn.)
- **1988**: Gus Farrell/Hart Johnson (Minn.)
- **1987**: Joe Cline (N.J.)/Ron Digiacomo (N.Y.)
- **1986**: Gus Farrell/Hart Johnson (Minn.)
- **1985**: Mark Malowitz/Mike Thurmond (Texas)
- **1984**: Bubba Gauthier/Tim Hansen (Fla.)

### Women's Open Division
- **1997**: Joy MacKenzie/Jackie Paraio (Calif.)
- **1996**: Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
- **1995**: Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
- **1994**: Jackie Gibson/Joy MacKenzie (Calif.)
- **1993**: Laura Porenton (Mass.)/Michelle Gould (Idaho)
- **1992**: Mary Lyons/Susen Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1991**: Michelle Gilman (Idaho)/Jackie Paraio Gibson (Calif.)
- **1990**: Malia Bailey (Va.)/Toni Bevelock (Ariz.)
- **1989**: Mona Mook/Trina Rasmussen (Calif.)
- **1988**: Mona Mook/Trina Rasmussen (Calif.)
- **1987**: Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Malika Kamahaoahoa (Va.)
- **1986**: Diane Bullard/Jill Pinnell (Fla.)
- **1985**: Tim Hansen/James Lorello (Fla.)
- **1984**: Teri Lawen/Tammy Hajjar (Calif.)
- **1983**: Gus Farrel/Hart Johnson (Minn.)
- **1982**: Charlie Brumfield (Calif.)/Craig McCoy (Calif.)
- **1981**: Ann Gorski/Peggy Steding
- **1980**: Kimberly Hill/Jan Pasternak
- **1979**: Amy Kilbane/Kerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
- **1978**: Adam Karp/Bill Sell (Calif.)
- **1977**: Todd O’Neil (Texas)/Derek Robinson (Wash.)
- **1976**: Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
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### Women's Skill (A) Division
- **1997**: Michelle Dragoo/Debbie Kennis (Mont.)
- **1996**: Jeannie Cannella/Mary Keenan (Colo.)
- **1995**: Sandra Cabrera/Mary Rossi (Calif.)
- **1994**: Nora Byrn/Tracey Smith (Tenn.)
- **1993**: Barb Goodman/Linda Mojet (Colo.)
- **1992**: Claudia Andrade/Cari Kresa (Fla.)
- **1991**: Norma Bligo (N.M.)/Pam Garcia (Fla.)
- **1990**: Samantha Daly/Lisa Laidley (Calif.)
- **1989**: Deanna Montang/Joleen Price (Minn.)
- **1988**: Becky Shirk/Cindy Tilburn (Minn.)
- **1987**: Christine Fernandez/Debra Vinger (Wis.)
- **1986**: No division
- **1985**: No division
- **1984**: Sue Hill/Nancy Rogers (Ore.)
- **1983**: Beth Hol/Candy Winter (Fla.)

### Women's All Age
- **1997**: Cari Kresa/Jean Trimble (Fla.)
- **1996**: Renee Ramirez (Texas)
- **1995**: Lourdes Sanders (Colo.)
- **1994**: Amy Kilbane/Keri Stafford (Ohio)
- **1993**: Laura Rogers/Pam Smith (Texas)
- **1992**: Amy Kilbane/Dana Sibell (Calif.)
- **1991**: Cindy Doyle/Holly Gray (Calif.)
- **1990**: Beth Gutows/Joetta Hastings (Mich.)
- **1989**: Kersten Hallander/Claudia McCarthy (Fla.)
- **1988**: Linda Belanger/Teresa Pitts (Mo.)
- **1987**: Amy Kilbane/Dana Sibell (Calif.)
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- **1969**: Amy Kilbane/Dana Sibell (Calif.)
# National Doubles Champions

## Men's 30+
- **1997**: Gregg Peck (Texas)/Bret Harnett (Calif.)
- **1996**: John Amatulli (Ind.)/Gregg Peck (Texas)
- **1995**: Robin Dixon/Steve Lerner (Calif.)
- **1994**: Tim Hanson (Fla.)/Joe Icaza (Ga.)
- **1993**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)
- **1992**: Dave Peck (Colo.)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)
- **1991**: Gary Mazaroff/Tom Neil (N.M.)
- **1990**: Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)
- **1989**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)
- **1988**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)
- **1987**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)
- **1986**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)

## Women's 30+
- **1997**: Lisa Hjelm/Kari McDonough (Calif.)
- **1996**: Chris Evon/Terri Graham (Calif.)
- **1995**: Kersten Hallander/Dori Moss (Fla.)
- **1994**: Diane Green/Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
- **1993**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1992**: Eileen Ehrlich/Gail Tackley (Fla.)
- **1991**: Janice Brown/Linda Loughrey (Colo.)
- **1990**: Carol Frenck/Vicki Bone (Ore.)
- **1989**: Jeanine Farrell/Mary Lynn (Fla.)

## Men's 35+
- **1997**: Robin Dixon/Steve Lerner (Calif.)
- **1996**: Marty Hogan (Mo.)/Steve Trent (Calif.)
- **1995**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)
- **1994**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Evan Terry (Ariz.)
- **1993**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Don Thomas (Ariz.)
- **1992**: Dave Peck (Texas)/Rich Wagner (Calif.)
- **1991**: Bobby Corcoran/Keith Fleming (Ariz.)
- **1990**: Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)
- **1989**: Dave Kovanda/Ron Woolard (Ohio)
- **1988**: Stu Hastings/Rick Vanderlyn (Mich.)
- **1987**: Pat Page (Minn.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)
- **1986**: Van Dubolky/Adi Icaza (Fla.)
- **1985**: Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)
- **1984**: Van Dubolky/Adi Icaza (Fla.)
- **1983**: Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)

## Women's 35+
- **1997**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1996**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1995**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1994**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1993**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1992**: Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gail Tackley (Fla.)
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- **1990**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1989**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1988**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
- **1987**: Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)

## Men's 40+
- **1997**: Dave Azuma (Ore.)/Stan Wright (Calif.)
- **1996**: Jerry Hillecher/Leo Gurnoe (Calif.)
- **1995**: Troy Stallings/Glen Withrow (Minn.)
- **1994**: Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)
- **1993**: Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)
- **1992**: Jim Bailey (Va.)/Dave Bledsoe (Ga.)
- **1991**: Dave Kovanda/Ron Woolard (Ohio)
- **1990**: Jim Bailey (Va.)/Larry Liles (Tenn.)
- **1989**: Van Dubolky/Leo Marsocci (Fla.)
- **1988**: Johnny Hennen (Minn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)
- **1987**: Alex Cooley/Robert Durrant (Ariz.)
- **1986**: George Deluca/Craig Kunkel (Calif.)
- **1985**: Les Ditrich/Ron Strom (Minn.)
- **1984**: Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Mark Wayne (Calif.)
- **1983**: Jim Austin/Bill Schmitke (Texas)

## Women's 40+
- **1997**: Elaine Dexter/Leslie Pawka (Calif.)
- **1996**: Elaine Dexter/Leslie Pawka (Calif.)
- **1995**: Elaine Dexter/Leslie Pawka (Calif.)
- **1994**: Julie Jaconson (Wis.)/Nancy Kronenfeld (Ill.)
- **1993**: Janet Marriet (R.I.)/Jeanet Myers (N.C.)
- **1992**: Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)/Eileen Tuckman (Calif.)
- **1991**: Donna Carpenter/Phyllis Davidson (Calif.)
- **1990**: Shelly Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)
- **1989**: Agatha Falso/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
- **1988**: Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Pat Tarzcon (Ill.)
- **1987**: Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Pat Tarzcon (Ill.)
- **1986**: Victoria Cudworth/Debra McCray (Tenn.)
- **1985**: Vicki Edelman/Mimi Kelly

## Men's 45+
- **1997**: Gene Pare/Stan Wright (Calif.)
- **1996**: Gene Pare/Stan Wright (Calif.)
- **1995**: Jim Bailey/Ed Remen (Va.)
- **1994**: George Deluca/Craig Kunkel (Calif.)

## Women's 45+
- **1997**: Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
- **1996**: Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
- **1995**: Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)
- **1994**: Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman (Fla.)

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JoAnn & Duane Russell (65+/1st, 60+/3rd)

1993 Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.).............. Shelley Ogden/Geri Stoffregen (Ohio)
1992 Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)............. Nidia Funes/Merijnje Kelley (Calif.)
1991 Johnny Hennen (Tenn.)/Ed Remen (Va.)............. Agatha Falso/Donna White (Fla.)
1990 Bob Lindsay/Tom McKie (Texas).................. Bridgette Hartz (Mich.)/Linda Slav (Ariz.)
1989 Bob Lindsay/Tom McKie (Texas).................. Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Sharon Hastings-Welty (OR)
1988 Craig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)............ Jo Kenyon/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1987 Craig Shaak (Fla.)/Roger Wehrle (Ga.)............ Jo Kenyon/Judi Schmidt (Fla.)
1986 Jack Ross/Fred White (Fla.)....................... No division
1985 Ron Galbreath/Joe Jackman (Fla.)................. No division
1984 Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Bud Muehliesen (Calif.)...
1983 Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Pete Talbot (N.J.)

Women's 50+
1997 Tom Hanson/Mike Pawka (Calif.).................. Nidia Funes/Merijnje Kelley (Calif.)
1996 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.) ............. Nidia Funes/Merijnje Kelley (Calif.)
1995 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.) ............. Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Lola Markus (III)
1994 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.) ............. No division
1993 Ron Galbreath (Pa.)/Fred Letter (N.J.) ........ No division
1992 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.) ............. Marion Johnson (Texas)/Jo Kenyon (Fla.)
1990 Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Les Dittrich (Minn.)........ Kathy Mueller (Minn.)/Sylvia Sawyer (Utah)
1989 Monte McCinnuff/Donna White (Iowa) ............ Annabelle Kvar/Margaret Ogden (Neb.)
1988 Otis Chapman/Bobby Sanders (Ohio) ............. Marion Crawford/Lenore Shaprio (N.Y.)
1987 Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Pat Colombo (N.Y.) ....... Rose Mooney (Colo.)/Kathy Mueller (Minn.)
1986 Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Thomas Waltz (Conn.) ........
1985 Otis Chapman (Ohio)/Pete Talbot (N.J.) ........
1984 Pat Colombo (N.Y.)/Bud Muehliesen (Calif.)...
1983 William Roy (Tenn.)/Tom Waltz (Conn.) .......

Women's 55+
1997 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.) ............. Joy DeSantis (Calif.)/Gail Schaefer (Md.)
1996 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.) ............. Combined division
1995 Jerry Davis (Ohio)/Jack Ross (Fla.) ............. Susan Emery/Nancy Martin (Calif.)
1994 Joe Rizzo (Nev.)/Al Rossi (Calif.) ............... Combined division
1993 Lee Graff (Ore.)/Thomas Penick (Calif.) .......

Women's 60+
1997 Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.) .......
1996 Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.) .......
1995 Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.) .......
1994 Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Tom Moore (Calif.) .......
1993 Don Alt (Ohio)/Don Woodington (Fla.) ......... No division
1992 Don Alt (Ohio)/Don Woodington (Fla.) ......... No division
1991 James Keenan (Calif.)/Paul Ryan (Colo.) ....... Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)/Lola Markus (III)
1990 Harvey Clar (Calif.)/Pat Whitehill (Wash.) .... Mary Low Acuff (N.C.)/Phyllis Melvey (N.D.)
1989 Fred Briscoe (Canada)/Al Rossi (Calif.) .......
1988 Don Berk/Jack Burnstein (Ill.) ..................
1987 Don Alt (Ohio)/Don Woodington (Fla.) ......... No division
1986 Saal Lesser (N.Y.)/Al Rossi (Calif.) .......... No division
1985 Stan Kemie/Carl Loveday (Calif.) ............. No division
1984 Ike Gumer/Allen Shepard (Ky.) ............... No division
1983 Ike Gumer/Irv Zeitman (Ky.) ................. No division

Men's 65+
1997 Don Alt (Fla.)/Otis Chapman (Ohio) .......... No division
1996 Ridlon Kiphart/Joe Lambert (Texas) ......... No division
1995 Dean Adith/Duncan Stockwell (Canada) .... No division
1994 Herb Keenan/Mal Roberts (Fla.) .............. No division
1993 Russel Carruth/Sean Skanchy (Utah) ........ No division
1992 John Bales (Va.)/Mal Roberts (Fla.) ......... No division
1991 John Bales (Ariz.)/Mal Roberts (Fla.) ......... No division
1990 Sold Lesser/Victor Sacco (N.Y.) ............. No division
1989 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Lurel Wilde (Utah) ...... No division
1988 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Lurel Wilde (Utah) ...... No division

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1987 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)  
1986 Stan Berney/Carl Loveday (Calif.)  
1985 Ike Gumner/irv Zeitman (Ky.)  
1984 Ike Gumner/Allen Shepard (Ky.)  
1983 Ike Gumner (Ky.)/Byron Harless (Fla.)

**Men's 70+**

1997 Joe Goldman (Mass.)/Joe Lambert (Texas)  
1996 Philip Dziuk (Ill.)/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)  
1995 Ivan Bruner (Wisc.)/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)  
1994 Saal Lesser/Victor Sacco (N.Y.)  
1993 Nick Sans (Calif.)/Lake Westphal (Ariz.)  
1992 Nick Sans (Calif.)/Lake Westphal (Ariz.)  
1991 Don Goddard (Mt.)/Irving Zeitman (Ky.)  
1990 Jim Fitzharris (Minn.)/Nick Sans (Fla.)  
1989 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)  
1988 Earl Acuff (Va.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah)  
1987 Ike Gumner/Allen Shepard (Ky.)  
1986 Ike Gumner/Andrew Hyman (Ky.)  
1985 Ike Gumner (Ky.)/Allen Shepard (Md.)

**Men's 75+**

1997 Nick Sans/Lake Westphal (Calif.)  
1996 Don Goddard (Mont.)/Art Goss (Colo.)  
1991 Ike Gumner (Ky.)/Allen Shepard (Md.)  
1990 Ike Gumner (Ky.)/Allen Shepard (Md.)  
1989 G. Robert Mowerson/Stephen Ordos (Minn.)

**Mixed Open Divisions**

1997 Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)/Jimmy Lowe (Alaska)  
1996 Jackie Paraiso/Joe Paraiso (Calif.)  
1995 Michelle Gould (Idaho)/Eric Muller (Mass.)  
1994 Elaine Hooge/David Hamilton (Ohio)  
1993 Malia Bailey (Va.)/Michael Bronfield (Calif.)  
1992 Malia Bailey (Va.)/Michael Bronfield (Calif.)  
1991 Michelle Gilman (Idaho)/Jeff Evans ( Ore.)  
1990 Michelle Gilman (Ore.)/Tim Hansen (Fla.)  
1989 Dottie Fischl (Pa.)/Aaron Katz (Texas)  
1988 Dana Siblei (Minn.)/Mike Guidry (Texas)  
1987 Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)  
1986 Trina Rasmussen (Ore.)/Bobby Rodriguez (Colo.)  
1985 Toni Bevelock/Andy Roberts (Tenn.)  
1984 Malia Kamahoboa (Va.)/Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio)  
1983 Toni Bevelock (Tenn.)/Dan Obremski (Pa.)

**Mixed Skill (A)**

1997 Linda Mojer (Calif.)/Larry Desorbo (Ariz.)  
1996 Judy Nance/Marko Perez (Calif.)  
1995 Elaine Mardas/Brian Mirich (Calif.)  
1994 Pat Chesterman/Mark Nomura (Calif.)  
1993 Jody Zoggi/Marko Perez (Calif.)  
1992 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)  
1991 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)  
1990 Laura Fenton (Neb.)/Tony Upes (S.D.)  
1989 Linda Wright-Moore/Brett Olsen (Neb.)  
1988 Martha McDonald/Greg McDonald (Fla.)

**Mixed 30+**

1997 Jody Nance/Marco Perez (Calif.)  
1996 Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin (Ore.)  
1995 Lynn Skadeland (N.D.)/Jon Martin (Ore.)  
1994 Debbie & Kevin Tisinger (Calif.)  
1993 Caryl McKinney (Ga.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)  
1992 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)  
1991 Linda Moore/Craig Olsen (Neb.)  
1990 Linda Moore/Craig Olsen (Neb.)  
1989 Dee Dee Wolcott (Calif.)/Mike Weum (Minn.)  
1988 Martha McDonald/Greg McDonald (Fla.)

**Mixed 35+**

1997 Malia Bailey/Mark Baron (Va.)  
1996 Malia Bailey/Mark Baron (Va.)  
1995 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)  
1994 Chris Evon (Calif.)/Bill Lyman (Ill.)  
1993 Molly O'Brien (Pa.)/Jim Bailey (Va.)  
1992 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)  
1991 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)  
1990 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)  
1989 Fran Davis (N.J.)/Stu Hastings (Mich.)  
1988 Fredina Iffert/Scott Johnson (Pa)

**Mixed 40+**

1997 Elaine Dexter (Calif.)/David Azuma (Ore.)  
1996 Elaine Dexter/David Azuma (Calif.)  
1995 Elaine Dexter/David Azuma (Calif.)  
1994 Elaine Dexter/David Azuma (Calif.)  
1993 Donna Carpenter/Richard Chabolla (Calif.)  
1992 Janet Myers (S.C.)/Davey Bledsoe (Ga.)  
1991 Judith Peterson/Darryl Warren (Calif.)  
1990 Karen San Filippo/Michael Vanno (N.J.)

**Mixed 45+**

1997 Shelley Ogden (Ohio)/Mike Stephens (Mich.)  
1996 Eleen Tuckman (Fla.)/Gary Mazrroff (N.M.)  
1995 Shelley Ogden (Ohio)/Mike Stephens (Mich.)  
1994 Agatha Falso/Lee Mansocci (Fla.)  
1993 Agatha Falso/Leo Mansocci (Fla.)  
1992 Gerri Stoffregen (Ohio)/Jim Hiser (Colo.)  
1991 Karen San Filippo/Michael VanOre (N.J.)  
1990 Karen San Filippo/Michael Vanore (N.J.)

**Mixed 50+**

1997 Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)  
1996 Agatha Falso (Fla.)/Mike Aubrey (Ariz.)  
1995 Nadia Funes/Denis Lose (Calif.)  
1994 Rose Stoltman (Wisc.)/Arthur Johnson (Colo.)  
1993 Nadia Funes/Dennis Lose (Calif.)  
1992 Helen Dunsmoor (Idaho)/Luis Guerrero (Calif.)  
1991 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Jim McPherson (Okl.)  
1990 Sandy McPherson/ Jim McPherson (Okl.)

**Mixed 55+**

1997 Nadia Funes (Calif.)/Les Dittrich (Minn.)  
1996 Lola Markus (Ill.)/Lee Graff (Ore.)  
1995 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)  
1994 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)  
1993 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)  
1992 Rose Mooney/John Mooney (Colo.)  
1991 Helen Dunsmoor/Jack Dunsmoor (Idaho)

**Mixed 60+**

1997 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Jay Krevsky (Pa.)  
1996 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)  
1995 Jo Kenyon (Fla.)/Ron Maggard (Mo.)

**Mixed 65+**

1997 JoAnn Russell/Duane Russell (Mich.)

**Mixed 75+**

1997 No division  
1996 Mary Low & Earl Acuff (N.C.)

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Boys 18 and under .......... Girls 18 and under
1997 Mark Bloom (La) .......... Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz)
1996 Eric Storey (Ind.) .......... Sadie Gross (S.D)
1995 Shane Wood (Mass.) .......... Sadie Gross (S.D)
1994 Shane Wood (Mass.) .......... Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1993 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.) ......... Keni Stoffregen (Ohio)
1992 Jason Mannino (N.Y.) .......... Elka ov Icenogle (Calif)
1991 John Ellis (Calif) ...... Elka ov Icenogle (Calif)
1990 Joel Bonnett (Mich) ...... Elka ov Icenogle (Calif)
1989 Mike Guidry (Texas) .......... Michelle Gilman (Ore)
1988 Mike Guidry (Texas) .......... Michelle Gilman (Ore)
1987 David Simonette .......... Michelle Gilman (Ore)
1986 Todd O'Neil (Va) .......... Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1985 Jeff Conine (Calif) .......... Dina Pritchett
1984 Doug Ganim (N.Y) .......... Tony Bevelock
1983 Ray Navarro (Rexas) .......... Trina Rasmussen
1982 Corey Brysman (Calif) .......... Marci Drexler
1981 Jack Newman (Ill) .......... Mona Mook (Calif)
1980 Sergio Gonzales (Fla) .......... Mona Mook (Calif)
1979 Doug Cohen (Md) .......... Linda Hogan
1978 Scott Hawkins (Calif) .......... Lisile Lindsey
1977 Jeff Larson (Wash) ..........
1976 Bob Adam Jr. (Wis) ..........
1975 Marty Hogan (Mo) ..........
1974 Jerry Zuckerman (Mo) ..........

Boys 16 and under .......... Girls 16 and under
1997 Ryan Staten (Kan) .......... Brooke Crawford (Ore)
1996 Rocky Carson (Calif) .......... Sara Borland (Iowa)
1995 Eric Storey (Calif) .......... Vanessa Tulao (Tenn)
1994 Eric Storey (Ind) .......... Sadie Gross (S.D)
1993 David Hamilton (Ohio) .......... Shannon Feaster (D.C)
1992 Shane Wood (Mass) .......... Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
1991 Jason Mannino (N.Y) .......... Amber Frisch (Texas)
1990 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y) .......... Jenny Spannenberg (Calif)
1989 John Ellis (Calif) .......... Jenny Spannenberg (Calif)
1988 John Ellis (Calif) .......... Heather Dunn (Mass)
1987 Joey Paraiso (Calif) .......... Timi Dodson
1986 Tim Doyle (Ohio) .......... Tanya Spangler
1985 Scott Richbourg (Fla) .......... Claudia McCarthy (Fla)
1984 Nick Arturo (Alaska) .......... Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1983 Cliff Swain (Mass) .......... Michelle Morrow
1982 Jeff Mulligan .......... Brenda Young
1981 Lance Lacour (La) .......... Lynn Wojel (Calif)
1980 Gerry Price (Calif) .......... Stacy Fletcher
1979 John Klearman (Mo) .......... Liz Alvarado (Texas)
1978 John Egerman (Mo) .......... Linda Hogan (Mo)

Boys 14 and under .......... Girls 14 and under
1997 Jack Huzcek (Mich) .......... Melanie Mueller (Colo)
1996 Shane Vanderson (Ohio) .......... Krystal Csk (Ill)
1995 Ryan Staten (Kan) .......... Sara Borland (Iowa)
1994 Rocky Carson (Calif) .......... Katie Gould (Mo)
1993 Rocky Carson (Calif) .......... Vanessa Tulao (Tenn)
1992 Mark Hurst (Fla) .......... Sadie Gross (S.D)
1991 Shane Wood (Mass) .......... Shannon Feaster (D.C)
1990 Jason Mannino (N.Y) .......... Amy Jurish (Ohio)
1989 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y) .......... Elka ov Icenogle (Calif)
1988 Allan Engel (Fla) .......... Jenny Spannenberg (Calif)
1987 John Ellis (Calif) .......... Jenny Lee
1986 Robby Walden (Fla) .......... Erica Wilhite
1985 Joey Paraiso (Calif) .......... Michelle Gilman (Ore)
1984 Scott Pekovich .......... Michelle Gilman (Ore)
1983 David Simonette (Md) .......... Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1982 David Simonette (Md) .......... Crystal Fried (Canada)
1981 Luis Miranda (Texas) .......... Elaine Mardas (Ohio)
1980 Luis Miranda (Texas) .......... Noelle Kunding
1979 David Gross (Mo) .......... Donna Allen

Boys 12 and under .......... Girls 12 and under
1997 Steven Klaiman (Texas) .......... Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1996 Jack Huzcek (Mich) .......... Crystal Winfrey (Ohio)
1995 Jack Huzcek (Mich) .......... Kristen Walsh (Utah)
1994 Shane Vanderson (Ohio) .......... Rebecca Dolfhoff (Texas)
1993 Gabe Gose (N.M) .......... Sara Borland (Iowa)
1992 Rocky Carson (Calif) .......... Jamie Trachsel (Minn)
1991 Hal Spangenber (Calif) .......... Vanessa Tulao (Tenn)
1990 Eric Storey (Utah) .......... Dawn Gates (Ill)
1989 Shane Wood (Mass) .......... Shannon Feaster (D.C)
1988 Andy Thompson .......... Aimee Roehrer
1987 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y) .......... Elka ov Icenogle (Calif)
1986 Nicky Xynidis (Fla) .......... Talya Dsdson
1985 John Ellis (Calif) .......... Erica Wilhite (Ohio)
1984 Jeff Russell (Calif) .......... Jackie Charboneau
1983 Nolan Glanzt (N.Y) .......... Kimberly Pinola
1982 James Lorello (Fla) .......... Tanya Spangler
1981 David Gross (Mo) .......... Lyn Wojek (Calif)

Boys 10 and under .......... Girls 10 and under
1997 Charlie Pratt (Ore) .......... Ashley Legget (Ore)
1996 Jeremy Robbins (Texas) .......... Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1995 Steven Klaiman (Texas) .......... Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1994 Jack Huzcek (Mich) .......... Crystal Winfrey (Ohio)
1993 Jack Huzcek (Mich) .......... Rebecca Dolfhoff (N.M)
1992 Shane Vanderson (Ohio) .......... Rebecca Dolfhoff (N.M)
1991 Gabriel Gose (N.M) .......... Sara Borland (Iowa)
1990 R.O. Carson (Calif) .......... Jerry Zuckerman (Mo)
1989 Hal Spangenberg (Calif) .......... Dawn Gates (Ill)
1988 Brent Zimmerman .......... Debra Darr (Fla)
1987 Wesley Miller (Tenn) .......... Dawn Marie Gates (Ill)
1986 Jon Xynidis (Fla) .......... Alyssa Bolan
1985 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y) .......... Elka ov Icenogle (Calif)
1984 Jack Huzcek (Mich) .......... Jenny Spannenberg (Calif)
1983 John Ellis (Calif) .......... Erica Wilhite (Ohio)
1982 John Gilllooly (Mass) .......... Talya Sanders
1981 John Gilllooly (Mass) .......... Heather Adler (Conn)
1980 Matt Rudder (Nev) .......... Delaine Corner (Calif)
1979 David Simonette (Md) .......... Tammy Horrocks

Boys 8 and under .......... Girls 8 and under
1997 Nick Arturo (Alaska) .......... Brittany Legget (Ore)
1996 Andrew Grissom (Calif) .......... Ashley Wilhite (Ore)
1995 Matthew Hammond (Ohio) .......... Kelley Fisher (Ohio)
1994 Geoffrey Mora (Calif) .......... Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1993 Steven Klaiman (Texas) .......... Kim Irons (Ohio)
1992 Jack Huzcek (Mich) .......... Molly Law (Cal)
1991 Jack Huzcek (Mich) .......... Jenny Lee
1990 Shane Vanderson (Ohio) .......... Alexis Feaster (Ore)
1989 Gabriel Gose (N.M) .......... Suzette Solomon (Ind)
1988 Jacob Gautreau (Texas) .......... Jamie Trachsel (Minn)

Boys 8 - multibounce .......... Girls 8 - multibounce
1997 Brandon Callihan (Alaska) .......... Brittany Legget (Ore)
1996 Justin Erdman (Ohio) .......... Trina Harper (Wis)
1995 Matthew Hammond (Ohio) .......... Kelley Fisher (Ohio)
1994 Jeremy Robbins (Texas) .......... Adrienne Fisher (Ohio)
1993 Brandon Shoemaker (Ohio) .......... Kim Irons (Ohio)
1992 Evan Long (Texas) .......... Molly Law (Cal)
1991 Jimmy Rodberg (Minn) .......... Karina Ogden (Canada)
1990 Shane Vanderson (Ohio) .......... Alexis Feaster (Ore)
1989 Gabriel Gose (N.M) .......... Lynne Hansen (Iowa)
1988 Shane Vanderson (Ohio) .......... Jamie Trachsel (Minn)
1987 Jon Boyett .......... Dawn Marie Gates (Ill)
1986 Jon Boyett .......... Dawn Marie Gates (Ill)
1985 Wesley Miller (Tenn) .......... Christine VanHees (Canada)
1984 Scott Zimmerman .......... Christine VanHees (Canada)
1983 Sudsy Monchik (N.M) .......... Kelti Fisher (Ohio)

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Boy's 18- Doubles 1997 Rocky Carson/Tyler Siggins (Calif.)
1996 Mark Bloom/Eric Storey
1995 David Hamilton/Eric Storey
1994 Justin Bell/Shane Wood
1993 Jason Mannino/Sudsy Monchik
1992 Alan Engel/Brett Parker
1991 John Ellis/Eric Muller
1990 Joel Bonnett/Vince Kelley

Girl's 14- Doubles 1997 Molly Law/Melanie Mueller (Colo.)
1996 Jeni Fuller/Kristen Walsh
1995 Davina Bloom/Meghan Guardini
1994 Jill Brittain/Liana Kerwood
1993 Rhonda Rajich/Vanessa Tulao
1992 Rhonda Rajich/Vanessa Tulao
1991 Debra Derr/Amy Meyer
1990 Andrea Beugen/Shannon Feaster

Boy's 16- Doubles 1997 James Ford (Wy.)/Ryan Staten (Kan.)
1996 Brandon Henline/Willie Tilton
1995 Eric Storey/Brent Zimmerman
1994 Mark Bloom/Bucky Freeman
1993 Jason Mannino/Sudsy Monchik
1992 Justin Bell/Shane Wood
1991 Molly Law/Melanie Mueller (Colo.)

Girl's 12- Doubles 1997 Adrienne Fisher/Kimberly Irons (Ohio)
1996 Kimberly Irons/Crystal Winfrey
1995 Jeni Fuller/Kristen Walsh
1994 Eve Bateman/Rebecca Dolloff
1993 Sara Borland/Keeley Brannigan
1992 Liana Kerwood/Booie Markus
1991 Dawn Gates/Jamie Trachsel
1990 Debra Derr/Amy Meyer

Boy's 14- Doubles 1997 Matt McElhiney (Fla.)/Zack Miller (Calif.)
1996 Jason Janson/Shane Vanderson
1995 James Ford/Ryan Staten
1994 Brandon Friend/Dan Gottlieb
1993 Mark Bloom/Bucky Freeman
1992 Eric Storey/Brent Zimmerman
1991 Wes Miller/Shane Wood
1990 John Ellis/Eric Muller

Girl's 10- Doubles 1997 Ashley Legget/Ashley Wilhite (Ore.)
1996 Adrienne Fisher/Jesi Fuller
1995 Adrienne Fisher/Jesi Fuller
1994 Kimberly Irons/Crystal Winfrey
1993 No division
1992 No division
1991 Sara Borland/Lynn Hansen
1990 Lynn Hansen/Jamie Trachsel

Boy's 12- Doubles 1997 Seth Parker (Pa.)/Travis Woodbury (Va.)
1996 Jack Huczek/Cory Martin
1995 Jack Huczek/Matthew McElhiney
1994 Jason Janson/Shane Vanderson
1993 Jeff Garner/Ryan Staten
1992 Gabe Gose/Willow Tilton
1991 Hal Spangenberg/Robbie Thompson
1990 Eric Storey/Brent Zimmerman

Girl's 10- Doubles 1997 Andrew Grisson (Calif.)/Matt Johnson (N.M.)
1996 Geoffrey Mora/Jeremy Robbins
1995 Clay Burris/John Hellner
1994 Jim Gooden/Juan Martinez
1993 Jack Huczek/Andrew Mead
1992 Dan Thompson/Shane Vanderson
1991 Gabe Gose/Kane Waslenchuk
1990 Jake Gautreau/Rusty Moulton

Boy's 10- Doubles 1997 Andrew Grisson (Calif.)/Matt Johnson (N.M.)
1996 Geoffrey Mora/Jeremy Robbins
1995 Clay Burris/John Hellner
1994 Jim Gooden/Juan Martinez
1993 Jack Huczek/Andrew Mead
1992 Dan Thompson/Shane Vanderson
1991 Gabe Gose/Kane Waslenchuk
1990 Jake Gautreau/Rusty Moulton

Boy's 8- Doubles 1997 Rhonda Rajich (Ariz.)/Vanessa Tulao (Ala.)
1996 Dawn Gates/Rhonda Rajich
1995 Rhonda Rajich/Vanessa Tulao
1994 Tammy Brockbank/Sadie Gross
1993 Andrea Beugen/Shannon Feaster
1992 Rachel Ceglman/Elkova Icenogle
1991 Rachel Ceglman/Jenny Spangenberg
1990 Elkova Icenogle/Rusti Icenogle

Girl's 16- Doubles 1997 Megan Bals/Maggie DeBord (Neb.)
1996 Sara Borland/Katie Gould
1995 Jill Brittain/Liana Kerwood
1994 Rhonda Rajich/Vanessa Tulao
1993 Debra Derr/Alison Thomas
1992 Andrea Beugen/Shannon Feaster
1991 Amy Crocker/Britt Engel
1990 Hayden May/Jenny Spangenberg

By special request ••• We've added doubles results for Junior Olympics as far back as was easily retrievable at press time. Results before 1990 will have to be researched before being added to the official national champions list, along with state affiliations. It's a considerable project, but we'll work on it for the next printing!
### national intercollegiate champions

#### Men's #1 Singles
- **1997**: Brian Simpson, Indiana Univ.
- **1996**: Eric Muller, Harvard
- **1995**: Shane Wood, Nichols College
- **1994**: Tim Sweeney, SMSU
- **1993**: Tim Sweeney, SMSU
- **1992**: Tim Sweeney, SMSU
- **1991**: Tim Sweeney, SMSU
- **1990**: Todd O’Neill, MU
- **1989**: Jimmy Floyd, Univ./Mich
- **1988**: Michael Bronfled, SAC
- **1987**: Andy Roberts, MU
- **1986**: Roger Harriepsad, SAC
- **1985**: Andy Roberts, SAC
- **1984**: Andy Roberts, MU
- **1983**: Jack Newman, MU
- **1982**: Jack Newman, MU
- **1981**: Larry Fox, Univ./Mich
- **1980**: Keith Dunlap, MU

#### Women's #1 Singles
- **1997**: Tammy Brockbank, Boise State
- **1996**: Tammy Brockbank, Treasure Valley CC
- **1995**: Kerri Stoffregen, MU
- **1994**: Tanya Spangler, San Jose State
- **1993**: Cindy Doyle, CC
- **1992**: Elaine Hooghe, Franklin Univ.
- **1991**: Kim Russell, Univ./Kentucky
- **1990**: Elaine Hooghe, Franklin Univ.
- **1989**: Cindy Doyle, MU
- **1988**: Robin Levine, SAC

#### Team Results
- **1997**: Brigham Young Univ. (BYU)
- **1996**: Brigham Young Univ. (BYU)
- **1995**: Brigham Young Univ. (BYU)
- **1994**: SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
- **1993**: SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
- **1992**: SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
- **1991**: SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
- **1990**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1989**: Memphis State Univ (MSU)
- **1988**: Sacramento State (SAC)
- **1987**: Sacramento State (SAC)
- **1986**: Sacramento State (SAC)
- **1985**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1984**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1983**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1982**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1981**: SW Missouri State Univ. (SMSU)
- **1980**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1979**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1978**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1977**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1976**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1975**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1974**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)
- **1973**: Memphis State Univ. (MSU)

#### Women's A Singles
- **1997**: Barbara Faubelken, AFA
- **1996**: Carolyn Cheladini, Univ./Ill. I
- **1995**: Janet Marshall, MSU
- **1994**: Sarah Green, MSU
- **1993**: Martha Byrd, Univ./Fla.
- **1992**: amendment
- **1991**: amendment
- **1990**: amendment
- **1989**: amendment
- **1988**: amendment
- **1987**: amendment
- **1986**: amendment

#### Men's #1 Doubles
- **1997**: Tim Hansen/Sergio Gonzalez, MU
- **1996**: Tim Hansen/Bubba Gautier
- **1995**: Joel Bonnet/Scott Reiff, MU
- **1994**: Jeff Bowman/John Parks, Univ./Ill.
- **1993**: Jim Jeffers/Brian Sheldon, MSU
- **1992**: Tammy Hajjar, Marist College
- **1991**: Toni Bevelock, MSU
- **1990**: Tammy Spangler, San Jose State
- **1989**: Kathy Gluvna, MSU
- **1988**: Kathy Gluvna, MSU

#### Women's #1 Doubles
- **1997**: Candi Gavin/Linda Levene, MU
- **1996**: Davey Bledsoe/Randy Stafford, Univ./Tenn.
- **1995**: Sally Disconza/Kay Haynes, MU
- **1994**: Kirsten Conrad/Meg Hooper, Auburn
- **1993**: Melanie Mobley/Cynthia Wilson, MU
- **1992**: Fabian Balmori/Luis Munoz, Miami
- **1991**: Mike Engel/Brian Rankin, MSU
- **1990**: Mike Hansen/Sergio Gonzalez, MU
- **1989**: Brian Hawkes/Bill Sell, Cal State/Fullerton
- **1988**: Brian Bliss/Mark Isley, SMSU
- **1987**: Joel Bennett/Scott Reiff, MSU
- **1986**: Mike Engel/Simon Roy, SMSU
- **1985**: Brian Hawkes/Bill Sell, Cal State/Fullerton
- **1984**: Mike Engel/Brian Rankin, MSU

#### Women's A Doubles
- **1997**: Mona Mook/Trina Rasmussen, SAC
- **1996**: Ann Deaver/Jen Yokota, SMSU
- **1995**: Sally Disconza/Kay Haynes, MU
- **1994**: Kirsten Conrad/Meg Hooper, Auburn
- **1993**: Melanie Mobley/Cynthia Wilson, MU

#### Team Results: The USRA issues advance, on-site and follow-up press releases on major national and international tournaments to national media by fax and mail - plus reports to its websites (see pg. 26). Advance and follow-up hometown media releases on top finishers can also be provided. To request specific results, or to receive either noted service, please call the USRA Media/Public Relations Office at 719/635-5396, ext. 26.

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Boys #1 Singles
1997 Erin Brannigan (Idaho)  Rhonda Rajsich (Ariz.)
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The Evolution of the Backhand
By Mike Guidry

In the last issue, I went over the changes that the forehand has undergone over the past twenty years. The strokes have changed due to advances in technology with racquets, balls, and training techniques. This issue has the second installment of the series, covering the backhand.

The backhand has undergone just as many changes in two decades. Remember, the goal is to have the most consistent, yet efficient, strokes possible. These adjustments won’t come overnight so be patient and work on them gradually. The most important thing on the backhand is to swing level and hit the ball out in front of you. I hope that this article eases some of the backhand fears that many players have and actually make a few of you like it! Good luck.
90's >>

The grip is rotated about one-quarter of a turn toward the front wall in order to make the racquet head parallel to the front wall. If you keep a forehand grip while hitting a backhand, the ball will have a tendency to rise. The rotated grip will help keep the ball level after contact, thus making for a much more consistent backhand.

Performance Tip: For players who only use one grip, try to rotate your grip slightly at first and then gradually rotate it more as it begins to feel more comfortable. Practice by yourself for a few days after switching grips because it will be more difficult to work on it in a game situation.

<< 70's

The grip used to be more on top of the racquet in the seventies because the ball was much slower and the game required more finesse. With this grip, it is very difficult to hit the ball flat without using what we call an "educated wrist." An educated wrist is not very consistent with the pace of today's game.
70's >>

The racquet was typically in front of the face with the elbow down and the wrist curled. This style of racquet preparation generates very little power and also causes a pendulum swing, which is very inconsistent. Notice how close the racquet is to the body.

<< 90's

Today's professional players use a much more efficient and powerful racquet preparation and stroke. The racquet is reaching towards the back wall and away from the body (It is difficult to tell in the picture, but the racquet is reaching back). The racquet head is upright and the elbow is slightly bent, but level and away from the body. The wrist is straight and not curled as has been taught in the past. This way allows for a swing that is basically straight across and level.

Performance Tip: While doing drills, practice reaching back with your racquet while keeping the racquet head upright and your elbow away from your body. Try to avoid curling your wrist because it is only wasted motion that has no positive benefit.
90's >>

The elbow moves in a level motion that extends away from the body. This type of motion will cause the racquet to generate head speed as well as keep it level through contact. Notice in the picture how far away from the body the elbow is. That is the key in the backhand stroke.

Performance Tip: When practicing, drop the ball farther away from your body so that you have to extend to hit it. Don't step into the ball to get closer to it. You want to make yourself reach out with your arm and racquet. Also, concentrate on keeping the racquet head level throughout the swing.

<< 70's

The elbow moved in a downward motion going sharply across the body. This caused the contact point to be very close to the body with the racquet face open, which would often times cause the ball to slice.
70’s >>

The contact point was very close to the body and in the middle of the stance. This contact point is the result of a pendulum swing. It makes it very difficult to have much control over your shots.

<< 90’s

The ball is away from the body and out off of the front foot, for maximum power. The wrist will naturally snap and the racquet head should be level. Notice that the feet are spread apart and balanced. The elbow is straight and fully extended. The contact point is between knee and mid-thigh height, not ankle high (a nasty rumor that is going around ... hitting that low causes a pendulum swing which makes your backhand inconsistent). Hitting the ball out away from your body will keep the ball flatter as well as increase power tremendously.

Performance Tip: In practice, drop the ball out away from your body and slightly in front of your front toes. Drop the ball straight and not into the side wall (which makes the ball come into the body, causing the elbow to come in as well). Remember that when you step to hit the ball it will adjust your body position, therefore you must drop it in front so you have room to step into it. Practice extending for the ball, but maintaining balance.
The follow through is level after contact of the ball and rises to about shoulder level. The racquet, however, is away from the body and not close to the head. This will keep the ball on a level plane and minimize the chances of the ball flying on you. The follow through is the culmination of a consistent and efficient swing that will improve your game by four or five points per game.

Performance Tip: Concentrate on keeping your racquet head parallel to the ground throughout the swing. You can visualize that you are hitting the ball off of a table and you have to keep the racquet level in order to hit the ball. The follow through will naturally rise slightly to about shoulder so that is OK.

<< 70's

The follow through of the past was a very high and short one. The racquet would end up by the player's head. This follow through causes the ball to rise, as well as puts spin on the ball. This was more effective in the days of slow balls and control style game. It can kill you in today's game because of the speed.
A STRING BUYER’S BILL OF RIGHTS
(and Obligations ...)

There may be a simple message underlying the longevity of this column (it’s been running for over two years): racquet string is not a simple subject. Even though technical details of string and stringing can make a big difference in your game, I’ll willingly acknowledge that the subject is not of earthshaking importance to a lot of players. Rather than taking the time to read these columns (or seek other sources of information on the subject), many players prefer to leave the decisions to their racquet stringers – and that’s just fine, provided the stringer is both technically competent, and responsive to the player’s needs.

Players who can’t get excited about string, but who do take their game seriously, should therefore be willing to spend a few minutes periodically talking with their stringer. Players who do care about their equipment probably need no encouragement; they’re more likely to want to discuss the subject at length, and they have a better understanding of the issues and the terminology involved. But regardless of whether you’re a “string-focused” individual or not, your relationship with your stringer is important.

As with any relationship, there are expectations and obligations on both sides. In the interests of good service to players, and fairness to both parties, we’ve developed the following list of “rights and obligations” for buyers and sellers of racquet string and stringing services. (Ashaway is a String Supplier Member of the U.S. Racquet Stringers Association; this list is intended to supplement the USRSA’s code of ethics, and not to contradict or replace it.)

The rights of customers for string and stringing services:

1. The right to confer with a knowledgeable stringing technician.
   If the kid at the superstore who takes your racquet can’t answer your questions or give useful advice, ask to talk with the individual who does the stringing. If they’re one and the same, go elsewhere.

2. The right to obtain objective, unbiased advice about string and stringing options.
   No stringer can be personally knowledgeable about every available string, or carry every brand in stock. But recommendations should be based on your needs as a player, not on profit margin.

3. The right to a professional-quality stringing job, performed according to the racquet manufacturer’s specifications, and/or by agreement between the stringer and the customer.
   There’s just no excuse for shoddy workmanship.

4. The right to a choice of strings, enabling the customer to obtain the desired balance of properties (e.g., power, control, durability, price).
   If you’re not offered a choice of several racquetball strings, lock out! You’ll probably end up with leftover tennis string.

5. The right to receive service promptly, by the date promised.
   ‘Nuff said?

6. The right to expect that every package of a particular string will be consistent in quality and performance.
   This one is aimed mainly at the string manufacturer, who should practice modern quality control methods to
ensure good product. Stringers, however, can also play a role. Although modern string materials do not have a “shelf life,” string should be stored in a reasonably stable environment, away from direct sunlight and excessive heat and humidity.

**Customers also have the following Obligations:**

1. **Obligation to describe your own skills, needs, and playing habits clearly and objectively when conferring with the stringing technician.**

The stringer can’t make a sound recommendation if he or she doesn’t understand your needs.

2. **Obligation to pay for work performed.**

‘Nuff said, again?

3. **Obligation to pick up work promptly after completion.**

You authorized the work and expected it to be done on time. Please don’t subject the stringer to the unnecessary liability of storing your racquet for an extended period, or make them wait to get paid.

4. **Obligation to understand that the performance-enhancing ability of any equipment is limited.**

You can expect a little extra power, durability, or control from the right string, but not a quantum leap in your performance as a player. Better play comes from practice and instruction.

5. **Obligation to understand that even the best stringing job has a limited lifespan.**

Eventually, all strings wear out, break, or lose their bounce. Make it a policy to replace them before they impair your game.

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**changingtimes • by Luke St. Onge**

Having been with the USRA for a number of years, I have had the opportunity to attend over 14 state leadership conferences here at the Olympic Training Center. This year’s conference was very special, not only to the USRA, but to the sport. Over 35 states were present to take part in a jam-packed and highly-intense agenda. Sessions were offered on liability issues, junior development, rebates, sanctioning compliance, organic documents, media, **RACQUETBALL**, Internet and web sites, tournaments, sponsorship, the dynamic upgrading of AmPac, a report on the new vibrant relationship with court club owners through IHRSA, as well as Olympic and Pan Am updates, and full presentations by virtually all of the industry’s leaders.

Basically, this annual conference has become the USRA’s national sales meeting and this year’s presentation was different from those in the past. There was a notable absence of doomsayers ... no “apocalypse now” types, who have permeated our sport over the past 10 years. And why not? New blood, for the most part. Many current state leaders have grown up with the sport and understand it in a whole new light, quite possibly better than those in the past. The optimism, energy, and excitement shown by these leaders ‘in the now’ are driven by the USRA’s new look and accomplishments, such as the broader focus of **RACQUETBALL** magazine, upgrading of premier national events, the unification of the manufacturers in promoting the sport, the U.S. Open, ESPN television coverage, 600,000 new players in 1996, the PAL program, and the agreement between the IRT and the USRA.

Our vision and our dreams for the sport are becoming a reality. New energy generated in the trenches gives racquetball a jump on its “competition.” We have said many, many times that our volunteers are second to none. What they need is the leadership and tools to make it happen. That opportunity is now upon us ... where do you fit in? Are you a doomsayer, an apocalypse now person? Are you a complainer who only looks at the negative? Or are you part of the new energy, willing to help bring racquetball into the mainstream of sport in the Americas? It’s your choice to become active and involved at a crucial time, and... “lead, follow, or get out of the way!”

RACQUETBALL Magazine
Lisa B. Goldman
Tucson, Arizona

My qualifications include: A M.S. degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, twenty plus years experience as a counselor and consultant working in the private sector, for State agencies, and for the last eight years in a self-employed capacity. I am on the board of directors for the foundation, Art has Heart, founded by Amado Peña. The foundation has successfully raised money to provide scholarships to minority art students in the southwest. Additionally, I am an executive member of the Cabaleros del Sol, the inter-city commerce and trade committees of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce. I believe I have good organizational skills, writing skills, interpersonal skills, and I work well as part of a team toward shared goals. I offer my skills and commitment to work diligently on behalf of the USRA Board.

I have a loyalty and love for racquetball that has remained strong over the 20 years I've been playing as an amateur. Serving on the USRA board would afford me an opportunity to work with others to promote our sport. I am interested in seeing racquetball achieve Olympic competition status and in working very hard to see racquetball grow on a grass roots level.

John Guinta
Portland, Oregon

To this point, my experience and involvement with the USRA is primarily with the Junior players. I have dedicated the past 7 years helping develop, support, and promote Oregon junior racquetball. The ORA has achieved two levels of recognition: 1) Junior membership of 300+, and an exclusive Junior Championship tour. 2) Six consecutive Olympic Junior National Team Championships, 1992-97. I am now ready to move forward, directing all energy toward my nomination to the Board of Directors this May. "'John Guinta the right person to represent the membership? His history shows dedication to achieve success. As important as the people we vote for, voting is equally important. I am ready.

The following summarizes my qualifications: 1999 HS National (3/6-8) Portland, Oregon: Committee Chair; 1998 Junior Olympic National (6/27-7/1) Portland, Oregon: Chair; Current: Oregon Racquetball Assoc. Board member (2 years); Current: USRA Junior Council member (3 years); Current: Region # 15 Junior Commissioner (5 years); Annual Leadership Conference Attendee (5 years); Current: ORSA Vice-President, Board member since 1991; Current: USRA board member. I pledge to continue my commitment to our great sport on the national level and become a voice for the age division players, men and women.

Jack Hughes
Foster City, California

In light of my complete involvement with racquetball, I believe that I am qualified to serve on the board of directors of the USRA. I am involved as a player, coach, state administrator and retailer.

I am a founder of the California Amateur Racquetball Association, which sanctions almost 100 tournaments per year, and have served on the board since 1984. I have filled a number of offices, including two terms as president. Presently, I keep the player rankings, which includes over 3,000 entries, and act as Commissioner of Rules and Officials, conducting clinics for certification of officials. I believe that my many years of service on the board of the largest state association will serve well if I am elected to the USRA board.

In the retail business I own and operate RacketBall Plus, the pro shop at Royal Athletic Club in Burlingame, CA. I would like to be elected to the board so that I can help direct the USRA toward further involvement with grass roots programs. I believe that more programs should be instituted in the clubs and YMCA's because that is the major number of USRA players. I also believe that programs should be developed to bring recreational and club league players into the USRA.

If elected, I pledge to continue my commitment to our great sport on the national level and become a voice for the age division players, men and women.

Ron Maggard
Blue Springs, Missouri

I am honored to have been accepted as a candidate for the national USRA board. Please pass along to the rest of the Nominating Committee my appreciation for considering me a worthy representative of the sport of racquetball.

My qualifications rest with my long time association with racquetball both as a player and club owner. I have been afforded the opportunity to see racquetball from different views.

One view has allowed me to look at this sport through the eyes of a recreational and competitive player. I have been involved in tournaments and league play throughout the United States. In 1996, I was able to travel to Japan to participate on the International level. I am also quite active at my own club, playing 3-4 times a week.

As a club owner, my business connections in the industry have given me the chance to see racquetball through the eyes of the club management professionals, club members and general public. It is this view that I believe is most important to the sport.

As a board member, my goal would be to see racquetball needs to improve its fit in the health and fitness industry. Clubs like mine are our main resource and we need to look at what is needed to strengthen the position in clubs and with club members. I want to lend my club experience to the blueprint of racquetball's future.

Thank you for your consideration and if you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me at my business (816) 228-2722 or home (816) 229-1300.
New Junior Team Qualifying System
Following almost a full year of deliberation and fine-tuning by the Junior Council and the U.S. Junior Team coaching staff, the USRA Board of Directors approved a proposal to change the qualifying procedures for the Junior Team, effective this year. Preliminary revisions (which more closely align the junior selection process with its adult counterpart) were announced at last summer's Junior Olympic National Championships, and are based solely on athlete performance. Beginning with the first team qualifier of the season — the Wilson National High School Championships in March — players will automatically earn a one-year appointment to the Junior Team on the basis of their finishes in specific divisions at two national championships, as shown below:
- Semi-finalists in 18- from Junior Nationals (8)
- Semi-finalists in 16- from Junior Nationals (8)
- Finalists in 14- from Junior Nationals (4)
- Winners of High School Nationals (2)

Junior Team Fundraising
by Harvey Brannigan
The United States Junior Racquetball Team was established in 1990 by the United States Racquetball Association, with the intent of providing a vehicle to assist in the worldwide growth of the sport and its "Olympic Dream." Annual junior team trials are held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and the team competes in the IRF Junior World Championships each year. This past December, this year's team successfully defended its Junior World Team title in Fountain Valley, California.

The U.S. Junior Team coaching staff emphasizes the development of both athletic potential and leadership, with additional focus on academics, deportment, teaching skills, community service and dedication to the growth of racquetball. The coaching staff is molding athletes who are great racquetball players and also exemplary ambassadors for the United States Olympic Program.

Training and competing is a full-time, year-round commitment for each and every member of the team. Next summer the U.S. Junior Team will be making its annual international goodwill trip — most probably to Ireland — and each athlete needs to raise approximately $2,000 in order to take part.

These athletes are looking for corporate sponsors and/or private donations to aid in this project. The USRA is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 corporation, recognized as the national governing body of the sport by the U.S. Olympic Committee — making all cash or in-kind contributions tax deductible.

If you are interested in helping the junior team in this international effort, please make your checks payable to "USRA/US Junior National Racquetball Team" and send them to the USRA/U.S. Junior Team Fund, 1685 West Uintah, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2921.

So far this year, Courtesy Sports has donated $5,000 worth of products to help team members raise money for the international trip. If you'd like to find out how to become a major sponsor, please contact a member of the following U.S. Junior Team staff for details!
- Harvey Brannigan, Junior Team Fundraising Chairperson — 1170 Comeback Bay; Sagle, ID 83860 (phone) 208-265-4774
- Eric Muller, U.S. Junior Team Head Coach — 825 Harvard Business School Student Mail Center, Boston, MA 02138 — (phone) 617-384-0447
- Jim Hiser, USRA Assoc. ED/Programs, 1685 Uintah, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904-2921 (phone) 719-635-5396

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In another creative effort to raise funds for the Junior Team, proud U.S. Junior Team Dads Mike Ford and Harvey Brannigan have come up with an unusual opportunity to win an exclusive Wilderness Guided Fishing Trip to Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming.

All entrants must be in good physical condition to be able to complete the special backwoods trip in July — and only 100 tickets for the drawing will be sold (at $75.00/per) so your chances are pretty good! On May 31, a winner will be chosen at random to take part in a five-day pack-in drop camp where the average fish caught should be in the 1.5 - 2 pound range! Ten additional winners will receive Courtesy Sport products, and all proceeds will go to the USRA Junior Team to help defray the costs of their promotional tour to Ireland in August.

To purchase a ticket for the drawing, send your check made out to "Junior Team Trip" to: Harvey Brannigan, 1170 Comeback Bay, Sagle, Idaho 83860. Questions? Contact Harvey at: 208-265-4774.
Get Ready to Party... at “the Finals!”

On Thursday — BBQ & Welcome Talent Show!
The Texas Amateur Racquetball Association [TARA] will host a real, down-home, Texas-style barbeque at mid-day at the YMCA. Later in the evening, event sponsors Ektelon and Penn will host a Welcome party and Talent Contest! Dancing and special events will begin at 8:30 and last throughout the evening. Five special talent acts (no longer than five minutes each) will compete for more than $1,500 in cash and prizes. Any player or guest interested in competing in the talent contest should submit a letter outlining their specific talent to “The Finals - Talent Contest” - 1685 W. Uintah, Colorado Springs CO 80904-2921.

On Friday — It’s Casino Night!
Join your fellow athletes off-court, in games of luck and chance on Friday evening! For a special night of Las Vegas-style entertainment, a company specializing in casino-like games will host players and guests from 8:30 to 12:00 midnight at the Hyatt Regency. At the end of the evening lucky winners will be able to use their “bankrolls” to purchase special items from golf clubs to bicycles. Don’t miss this great night of fun!

On Saturday — Pomp & Circumstance
Take part in the formal recognition of excellence on Saturday evening, with the USRA Annual Awards Banquet. You’ll join the sport’s best amateurs and pros in a special evening of “coming together” in the truest spirit of racquetball. The Hyatt’s grand ballroom will host over 600 players and guests to honor outstanding performances from 1997 and also to induct new Hall of Famers, Athletes of the Year and other surprise award winners. Special entertainment in a “dinner-and-dancing” atmosphere will make this a memorable evening, win or lose.

On Sunday — Planet Hollywood
We’ve arranged an evening out at Planet Hollywood for players and guests. Making its debut in Houston, Planet Hollywood’s newest restaurant/bar will offer special drink and door prize coupons for racquetball patrons. Look for more information on this exciting opportunity when you arrive at the Finals!

All Week Long — Meet in the Park
Throughout the event, Finals Park will be “off-court central” for your relaxation, entertainment and socializing. One of the Y’s large gymnasia will be converted into a comfortable place for players to relax with tables, chairs, and music. You’ll also be able to participate in daily contests such as free throw, putting, football and frisbee accuracy toss. A separate tent will house special lectures on topics including: stringing secrets, conditioning exercises, nutrition guidelines, rules & refereeing clinics, demonstrations and playing tips by Ektelon’s top-sponsored players, along with scheduled team meetings and other special events.

Phone United’s U.S. Olympic Travel Desk, toll-free, at 800/841-0460 between 8:30 am and 8:00 pm EST weekdays. Then reference the special USRA conference account number - 514 VL - to receive the lowest available United fare!
ENTRY FORM for PRE-QUALIFIED Entrants Only ...
Men age 55 and over, and women 45 and over aren't required to compete
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played in a junior or intercollegiate regional to qualify for associated events,
you don't have to re-qualify for national singles. Since regional competition
is required* for all other participants, entries can be picked up at any qualifying event [see back cover]. Otherwise, you may call the national office to
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**U.S. TEAM QUALIFYING**

In order to earn an appointment to the U.S. National Team, benchmark performances must be reached at selected national championship qualifiers. In 1998, the team will be made up of intercollegiate National champions (1 each, male & female = 2); semi-finalists from the U.S. National Singles Championships (4 each, male & female = 8); and finalists from the U.S. National Doubles Championships (4 teams, 2 each, male & female = 8). By reaching these benchmarks, individuals are appointed to the U.S. Team for a term of one year, and are then added to a pool of athletes to compete internationally and conduct goodwill tours abroad.

For Juniors, two events serve as qualifiers for the U.S. Junior National Team in 1998. The National High School Championships (1 each, male & female = 2) will be appointed to the team for a term of one year, along with top finishers at the Junior Olympic Championships in selected divisions: 18 and under semi-finalists (4 each, male & female = 8); 16 and under semi-finalists (4 each, male & female = 8); plus 14 and under finalists (2 each, male & female = 4). Like its adult counterpart, the 22-member U.S. Junior Team competes internationally and conducts annual goodwill tours.

**NATIONAL SINGLES ENTRANTS!**

Don't forget that women age 45 and over, and men age 55 and over (as of May 20, 1998) are NOT required to pre-qualify for competition at a regional championship in order to compete at national singles. You probably still want to, however, since you can earn valuable ranking points and seed consideration! The same goes for junior and intercollegiate regional participants... So if you have already played in a junior or intercollegiate regional to qualify for associated events, you don't have to re-qualify for national singles at an adult regional championship. See page 52 for details!
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7. Nick Ynindis, FL
8. Jeffrey Garnder, AL
9. Mark Hurst, AL
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2. George Anthon, LA
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6. Mark Bianchi, OK
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8. Ron Bonds, MI
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10. Todd Cook, NC

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3. Kevin Brand, SC
4. Bruce Grusczka, OK
5. Twayne Howard, MI
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7. Tim Anderson, MN
8. Marc Dehart, CO
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2. Jon Hardy, AR
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8. Bryan Jacoby, SC
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3. Elaine Maradas, OH
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5. Thelma Ruhsen, VA
6. Jen Yokota, MO
7. Peggine Callahan, CA
8. Holly Remen, NC
9. Jo Shattuck, CO
10. Ken Harrod, SC

### Women's 30+
1. Lorraine Callaway, NY
2. B.J. Ehrhart, CO
3. Debbie Tinsger, CA
4. Lyda Hamock, CA
5. Holly Remen, NC
6. Lisa Marie Papp, GA
7. Bridget Barron, TX

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National Rankings...
These rankings are based on results processed by the national office as of JANUARY 15, 1998

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BOYS

Boy's 6 & Under
1. Not a Member, WI
2. Michael Kupola, WI

Boy's 8 & Under
1. Nick Arturo, AK
2. Jamin Godwin, FL
3. Mark Beaury, CO
4. Allan Crocket, UT
5. Jansen Allen, TX
6. Conner Reynolds, GA
7. Brad Starken, WI
8. Matt Keddie, NH
9. Kenneth Green Jr., GA
10. Colin Stock, OR

Boy's 8-16
1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Matthew McElhinney, IL
3. Bart Crawford, OR
4. Trevor Crowe, OR
5. Michael Lawrence, AL
6. Erik Leetch, FL
7. Bobby Tantalo, NY
8. Joe Roth, PA
9. Chad Walters, NC
10. Joel Worthington, KS

G6- Multi-Bounce
1. Nikki Robinson, OR
2. Brittney Leggett, OR
3. Amber Hanson, OR
4. Kara Mazar, CT
5. Danniele Pimental, OR
6. Laurie Red, CO
7. Lisa Reid, CO

Girl's 8 & Under
1. Brittney Leggett, OR
2. Rebeka Kopf, NY
3. Shannon Inglesby, OR
4. Jenny Epstein, WI
5. Kara Mazar, CT
6. Danniele Pimental, OR
7. Brandi Alexander, LA
8. Nikki Robinson, OR
9. Brooke Sudweeks, UT
10. Sarah Davis, AR

G8- Multi-Bounce
1. Brittney Leggett, OR
2. Kara Mazar, CT
3. Shannon Inglesby, OR
4. Brooke Schulenberg, MN
5. Melissa Garcia, NM
6. Nikki Robinson, OR
7. Jenny Epstein, NY
8. Rebeka Kopf, NY
9. Sharon Jackson, IN
10. Alicin Schmeling, OK

Girl's 10-
1. Ashley Legget, OR
2. Brandy Hanson, OR
3. Kelley Fisher, OH
4. Ashley Willhite, OR
5. Jenny Hough, MD
6. Natalie Starks, WI
7. Nikki Winfrey, OH
8. Jessie Ballard, UT
9. Katie Lyons, FL
10. Kimberly Walsh, UT

Girl's 12-
1. Kimberly Iorns, OH
2. Carri Mitlitsky, NY
3. Adrienne Fisher, OH
4. Jesi Fuller, NM
5. Lindsay Deutsch, TX
6. Mary Sweeney, NY
7. Debi Darling, OR
8. Brittany Laron, OR
9. Erica Beaury, CO
10. Katherine Stock, OR

Girl's 14-
1. Melanie Mueller, CO
2. Kristen Walsh, UT
3. Kristal Cusak, IL
4. Crystal Winfrey, OH
5. Juliana Mayor, NY
6. Kristen Kover, NE
7. Jenni Fuller, NM
8. Adria Buzz, TX
9. Amy Jo Hollingsworth, OR
10. Jen Erek, NY

Boy's 12-
1. Brittney Leggett, OR
2. Rebeka Kopf, NY
3. Shannon Inglesby, OR
4. Jenny Epstein, WI
5. Kara Mazar, CT
6. Danniele Pimental, OR
7. Brandi Alexander, LA
8. Nikki Robinson, OR
9. Brooke Sudweeks, UT
10. Sarah Davis, AR

Boy's 16-
1. Brooke Crawford, OR
2. Megan Bals, NE
3. Maggie Debor, NE
4. Meghan Guardano, MA
5. Sara Borland, IA
6. Jenn Sowallow, PA
7. Natasha Elmore, OR
8. Not a Member, NY
9. Davina Bloom, LA
10. Michelle Gonzalez, OR

Boy's 18-
1. Mark Bloom, TX
2. Erin Brannigan, ID
3. Jeffrey Garner, AL
4. Rocky Carson, CA
5. Brandon Henline, GA
6. Willie Tilton, CO
7. Tyler Siglin, CA
8. Chris Crawford, CA
9. Larry Peek, FL
10. Bucky Freeman, TX

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**MARCH**

March 18  
Singles Tune-Up  
The Alaska Club East  
Anchorage, AK  
907-337-9550

March 20  
Ektelon Series  
Severna Park R & N Club — Millersville, MD  
410-315-7900

Jewish Community Center Doubles  
TBA, NY  
315-782-1500

Little Rock Spring Open  
Little Rock Athletic Club  
Little Rock, AR  
501-868-7815

March Madness  
Oak Park Athletic Club  
Oak Park, IL  
708-484-5200

Mathisen Tire Tourn. Supreme Court Rac & Fitness — Virginia, MN  
218-749-8318

Merced Sports Club Open — Merced, CA  
209-722-3988

Mishawaka Open  
Pinnacle Mega Club  
Mishawaka, IN  
219-259-8585

Pomona Valley Open  
The Claremont Club  
Claremont, CA  
909-625-6791

Scottsbluff YMCA Open  
Scottsbluff, NE  
308-635-2318

St. Patrick’s Day  
The Fitness Forum  
Sanford, ME  
207-324-1154

The Radical R-Ball Series @ Wales AC  
Worthington, OH  
614-436-6886

Delaware State Singles  
Kirkwood Ftns & Rac Club — Wilmington, DE  
302-478-7919

Idaho State Singles  
Racqueteers  
Burley, ID  
208-678-5011

Junior Regional 1  
NEHR @ West Springfield  
West Springfield, MA  
203-248-1869

Louisiana State Singles  
LA State Univ. Rec Ctr  
Baton Rouge, LA  
504-468-2813

Wyoming State Doubles @ Kourt House Rac & Fitness  
Laramie, WY  
307-742-8136

4th Annual Dwn Open  
Colonial Hills RB & Fitness — Reading, PA  
610-777-7801

March 21  
Racquetball One  
Grand finale @ Jewish Community Center  
West Bloomfield, MI  
616-975-9080

March 24 — 29  
E-Force USRA 26th Intercollegiate Nationals @ City Square Sports Club  
Phoenix, AZ  
719-635-5396

March 27  
Camp Confidence Tournament @ All American Athletic Club  
Baxter, MN  
218-829-6453

OJRA @ Powerhouse Gym — Bend, OR  
541-318-2061

So. Ohio Champs. Waycross Sports Club  
Westerville, OH  
614-890-6073

Spring Classic @ Sports Club of Asheville  
Asheville, NC  
704-252-0222

Sugar Loaf Ford Tournament @ Winona YMCA — Winona, MN  
507-454-1520

Winter Blahs @ New England Health & Racquet — West Springfield, MA  
413-781-0181

Adult Regional  
Glass Court Swim & Fitness — Lombard, IL  
773-935-9685

Indiana State Singles  
Greenbriar Athletic Club  
Indianapolis, IN  
317-889-0892

Nebraska State Singles  
Sports Courts  
Lincoln, NE  
402-454-2765

South Dakota State Singles  
The Fitness Ctr — Rapid City, SD  
605-348-5858

Washington State Singles — TBA  
425-233-3186

2nd Annual Diabetes Shootout @ Turlock Fitness & Rac Club  
Turlock, CA  
209-634-6377

March 31  
Utah State Singles  
Salt Lake Com. College  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-957-5808

Northern Ohio Championships  
Solon Athletic Club  
Westerville, OH  
614-890-6073

Pro Kennaex Super 6 #6  
Southview Athletic Club  
West St. Paul, MN  
612-450-1660

Rac-Attack @ Dan Gamel’s Health & Athletic — Fresno, CA  
209-227-8405

Singles, Doubles or Nothing @ Courthouse Health & Wellness  
Chelmsford, MA  
508-453-4173

Spring Open @ Robious Sports & Fitness  
Richmond, VA  
804-330-2222

Super 6 Series @ City Square Sports Club  
Phoenix, AZ  
602-730-8156

Paradise Club Open  
Stuart, FL  
407-692-4008

Arkansas State Singles  
Ozark Sports Club  
Pt. Smith, AR  
501-645-4002

Idaho State Doubles  
AJ’s Courthouse  
Boise, ID  
208-377-0040

Kentucky State Singles  
Downtown YMCA  
Louisville, KY  
502-231-3576

**APRIL**

April 1  
NMRA Golden Masters Singles/Doubles  
Pittsburgh, PA

Alaska State Singles  
Alaska Club Midtown  
Anchorage, AK  
907-337-9550

April 3  
All Valley Open  
Mid Valley Ath. Club  
Reseda, CA  
818-705-6500

April Fools Healthworks  
Wallingford, CT  
203-248-1869

Cancer Benefit  
merritt-annapolis  
annapolis, MD  
410-269-1976

Gold’s Gym Open  
Dewitt, NY  
315-446-0378

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Baxter, MN  
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March — April 1998
1998 USRA NATIONAL EVENTS

March 25-29
E-Force USRA 29th National Intercollegiates: Phoenix, AZ

April 3-11
12th Tournament of the Americas/Pan Am Qualifier: Winnipeg, CAN

April 16-19
Ektelon USRA Regional Qualifier Championships: Nationwide

April 20-04
NMRA U.S. Golden Masters Singles/Doubles: Pittsburgh, PA

May 20-25
Ektelon USRA 31st U.S. National Singles: Houston, TX

June 27 - July 01
Ektelon USRA 25th U.S. Junior Olympics: Portland, OR

July 10-18
IRF Ektelon 9th World Championships: Cochabamba, Bolivia

July 22-25
NMRA International Masters Invitational: Las Vegas, NV

September 01-05
IRF 10th World Senior Championships: Albuquerque, NM

October 14-18
Ektelon USRA 31st National Doubles Championships: Baltimore, MD

November 11-15
Promus Hotels 3rd U.S. OPEN: Memphis, TN

December 18-22
IRF Pro Kennex 10th World Junior Championships: Fountain Valley, CA

April 25
Michigan State Singles
Davidson Athletic Club
Davidson, MI
810-468-2787

May

May 1
Gib Smith Memorial
Racquet's Edge
Essex Junction, VT
802-879-7734

Illini Classic
Champaign Fitness Ctr
Champaign, IL
217-356-1616

Spring Fling @ Classic
Athletic Club
Lyndhurst, N.J.
201-933-4100

Spring Fling Courtesy
Sports - Clubsport
Pleasanton, CA
415-968-7970

Spring Rollout
Idaho Ath. Club
Caldwell, ID
208-459-0729

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Square Sports Club
Phoenix, AZ
602-730-8156

May 8
Spring Blast
Pro Sports Club
Bellevue, WA
425-883-5566

May 14
National Warmup
Club International
Santa Fe, NM
505-266-8960

May 15
Merced Spring Open
Merced Sports Club
Merced, CA
209-722-3988

May 20-25
IRF World Championships at the
Bay @ Bayhill Ath. Club
Milpitas, CA
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Lexington, KY
606-254-9622

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Spring Fling Cash
Classic @ The Orlando
Fitness & Racquet Club
Orlando, FL
407-645-3550

May 17
Spring Fling Masters
Event @ Racquet's Edge
Essex, VT
802-878-7734

April 4
Old Mill Classic
Old Mill
St. Johnsburg, VT
802-748-5373

April 11
Michigan State Singles
Davison Athletic Club
Davison, MI
810-468-2787

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April 25-26 | INDIANA [10] | Shelbyville | Shelby County AC | Catherine McGrath | 317/879-8100
May 8-10 | MASSACHUSETTS [1] | Haverhill | Cedarvale AC | Bill Gargan | 603/367-8533
April 3-5 | TEXAS [7] | Houston | Northwest Fitness Center | Annie Muniz | 713/432-0881
May 1-3 | WISCONSIN [8] | Greenfield | Southridge AC | Carol Pellowski | 414/421-5770

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