

California Junior Racquetball

Due to Peter McMillin having to leave the state for employment opportunities, I have been asked to join the Board of the CSRA and be the Junior Liaison. It is a position I look forward to working on and hopefully helping move Junior Racquetball in the state forward. I would like to be in touch one way or another with those in the state running Junior racquetball programs whether two players or fifty. Please e-mail (Bri@Jupe.Com) or call me (707 766-9105) with your information (name, club, contact info, program description, and areas of interest with Junior RB). I have some goals short and long term, I would like to present here. Please feel free to give me any feedback you may have.

Short-term:

1. Establish a committee of Junior directors as well as other interested parties from Northern and Southern California to work as a team in establishing Junior tournaments and programs statewide. The committee would be involved in establishing and growing some of the short and long term goals. This would take very little time but could be very rewarding.
2. Establish a consistent State Championship scheduled with enough time for families to plan for. John Ellis and the Stockton crew ran a great tournament this past May. We are hoping to once again have the state championships in Stockton with a current tentative date of the weekend of May 6th.
3. Establish a minimum of four regional (i.e. two Southern California and two Northern California) Junior only tournaments that could lead up to the state championship.
4. Create a packet of information for those wanting to start a Junior program at their club. AMPRO instructors and sponsored players should be looking at the possibility of a

Junior program at their club.

Long-term:

1. Establish High School programs throughout the state. Oregon has the most successful High School and Junior programs in the country and I would like to try to emulate what they have done. Let's start small and work towards having competitive High School leagues and state championships.
2. Having High School programs leads to needing feeder systems. Would like to have a goal of all clubs having at least one representative to run a program or teach juniors individually. AMPRO instructors and sponsored players are the most likely candidates for this.
3. Manufacturers involvement in providing equipment and sponsoring junior programs and tournaments.
4. Establish an extensive mail/e-mail list of players and program directors to communicate events and any other junior information.

Would be interested in any and all feedback on the above. Please e-mail or call. If interested in being on the committee, let me know.

Thank You, Brian Dixon

Tournament Results

Greater Sacramento Open

On January 13-15, 2006, tournament directors John Ellis and Steve Cook ran the Awesome 4th annual "Greater Sacramento Open." It was the largest turnout in Northern California in over ten years with 250+ players! What a turnout.

The tournament was hosted by the Wenmat Athletic Clubs, which included both the Carmichael and Signature Athletic Clubs. On Saturday night there was a great dinner party at The Fire Escape Pub and Grill.

Thank you John and Steve for your endless support for racquetball.

MOS results: John Ellis defeated Michael Bronfeld
MOD results: John Ellis/Jason Samora defeated Jose Rojas/Isamel Aldana

For more results go to: www.greatersacramentoopen.com

Superbowl Open

On January 27-29, 2006 John Ellis and Steve Cook held the annual "Super Bowl Open" racquetball championships at the In-Shape Sports Club in Stockton. There were 180 participants.

MOS results: Michael Bronfeld defeated John Ellis
MOD results: Michael Bronfeld/Jason Samora defeated

John Ellis/Gerry Price

For more results go to:
www.superbowlopen.com

Stuck In Lodi Open

On February 17-19, 2006 Steve Cook hosted his annual "Stuck in Lodi" Open racquetball tournament at Twin Arbors Athletic Club which ran ahead of schedule all weekend with the help of Dave Ortega and others. Much thanks!

MOS results: Michael Bronfeld defeated Jason Samora
MOD results: Michael Bronfeld/Jason Samora defeated Isamel Aldana/Jose Rojas

For more results go to:
www.californiaracquetball.com

Click on tournament schedule and find the Stuck in Lodi event

There was great junior participation with over thirty junior players at all 3 of these events. We need to thank Jody Nance for her tireless support.

Margaret Pederson, Nor Cal VP

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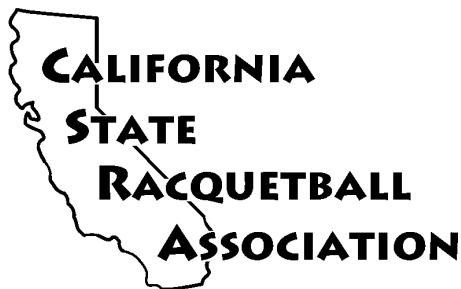
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be exposed to the
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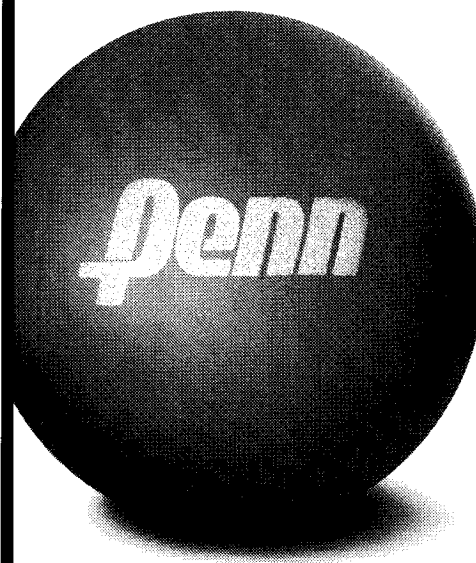
Community Voice

Anyone wishing to post info about a mixer, demo night or any other up coming event at their club that is not a sanctioned tournament this is the place to do it. Please e-mail your info to Steve Cook at cooksprtng@sbcglobal.net

Penn renews a 2 year contract to be the "Official Ball" of CSRA

Penn will continue to provide two cases of Blue Penn balls, scorecards and draw sheets to tourney directors who request these items when turning in the sanctioning forms. This agreement, running from September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2006, extends this long-standing relationship between CSRA and Penn. We are excited to carry on this terrific alliance.

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Due to the cost of printing and mailing we will no longer be mailing out the CSRA "Beyond The ShortLine" newsletter. With the computer age more popular then ever we will be sending out the newsletter electronicly or it can be downloaded from the CSRA website at www.californiaracquetball.org



CALIFORNIA STATE JUNIOR RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 5-7, 2006



Hosted by:

In-shape Sports Club @ West Lane
Stockton, CA



Entries can be download from the CSRA website
at www.californiaracquetball.org

2006 Torrance Open

The West End Athletic Club was the site of the newly revived West End Open. Back in the day, this was a regular stop on the California Racquetball Calendar with a featured and BBQ free flowing libations. With the help of David Fabrikant and Roland Grassl, this event has been brought back to life. Tournament Directors Peggine & George Tellez enjoyed the compliments of several players for running the tournament on-time and with plenty of food. Speaking of food, Jim Banuelos was key in bring the "down-home" tastes of his Carne Asada. Another feature of this event was the introduction of the "Paid Ref" in Southern California. Entrants ponyed up an extra \$5 per event, this was paid to the loser of a previous round to help heal the wounds of a loss or used as incentive to find a replacement ref. The reaction was

positive and appears to be catching on.

There was a wide variety of divisions for the players; the only thing lacking was the missing women. We know your out there so come on, let's play!!

The results for the Torrance Open are as follows:

Mens Open Singles

Jeff Johnson def. Willie Tilton

MAS

David Nash def. John Guerrero

MCS

Phillip Jensen def. Judy Hulen

M45S

Ray Montenegro def. Rick Betts

Mens Open Doubles

Jon Dunn/Greg Solis def. Dawoud

Gharfashod/Jason Geis

MAD

Alex Baker/Ro Blackwood def Greg Imuta/Voskanian

M 35 D (round robin)

1st Chris Gee/Gil Guzman

2nd Greg Benson/David Nash

M Elite S

Roland Grassl def. Dan Keesey

MBS

Michael Frederick def. Majeed Shahin

MDS (round robin)

1st Jason Fabrikant

2nd Jocelyn Loreda

M55S

Alan Weiner def. Steve Morris

M Elite D

Jim Banuelos/Dan Keesey def Ray

Montenegro/Barry Loomis

MBD (round robin)

1st Brad Levine/Michael Saad

2nd Judy Hulen/Vivian Schneider

Petitions will be Accepted for the Board of Directors

The CSRA Board of Directors will name three Directors at the Annual Meeting to be held September 2006. Members in good standing not nominated by the Nomination Committee, but wishing to be considered for the Official Ballot must gather a petition containing 100 valid signatures including the member's legibly printed name. The signatures must be of CSRA members in good standing indicating their support for said petitioner. Petitions must be submitted to the Nomination Committee, by mail, postmarked no later than May 31, 2006. Mail petitions to the CSRA Headquarters: PO Box 2984, Costa Mesa, CA 92628-2984.

Lack of legible information will be cause for invalidation of

that supporter.

The Official Ballot will be mailed to all current members in the State Double entry and/or on the E-news 3rd quarter issue of the CSRA newsletter. Ballots must be returned to the CSRA Headquarters by September 1, 2006. The election committee will certify the election results. Election results based on popular vote shall be announced at the annual meeting, September 2006.

Once the Official Ballot has been established, the candidates may submit a statement of candidacy to be printed in the 3rd quarter CSRA E-newsletter or with the State Doubles entry form. If you have any questions, please call (714) 319-9669.

Upcoming Events

March 17-19, 2006

St. Patrick's Shamrock Open

Host: Meridian Sports Club

Address: 1535 Deerpark

City: Fullerton, CA

Contact: Mickey Bellah

Phone: (714) 961-0400

March 24-26, 2006

California State Singles Championships

Host: Fitness West Sports Club

Address: 2945 Juniper Serra Blvd

City: Daly City, CA 94014

Phone: (650) 994-9080

April 7-9, 2006

Sierra Spring Splat

Host: Millenium Sports Club El

Dorado

Address: 4242 Sports Club Drive

City: Shingle Springs, CA 95682

Contact: Ms Sherrika Darnell

Phone: (916) 496-0388

April 20-23, 2006

USA Racquetball Regional Racquetball Championships

Host: Los Caballeros Sports Club

Address: 17272 Newhope Street

City: Fountain Valley, CA 92708

April 28-30, 2006

Raq-Attack

Host: Dan Gamel's H&R Club

Address: 4774 N. Blackstone Avenue

City: Fresno, CA 93720

Contact: Darlene Oeshlschlager

Phone: (559) 227-5405

May 5-7, 2006

CSRA State Junior Championships

Host: CSRA/ISSC

Address: 1074 E. Bianchi Road

City: Stockton, CA 95210

Contact: John Ellis

Phone: (209) 969-4497

Fall Tournament Western Collegiate Racquetball Conference

The Western Collegiate Racquetball Conference (WCRC) is reinvigorated and growing as over 40 men and women players from seven schools converged on Berkeley for the first tournament of the 2005-2006 intercollegiate season.

Sacramento State, UC Berkeley, and UC Davis teams returned to compete with new teams from Stanford, UC Santa Cruz, San Jose State and CSU East Bay.

Despite missing several of their strong players, national powerhouse Sacramento State won the overall team title by taking top spots in both Men's and Women's Division I. They were led by their top player Mark Salinas, a senior at Sacramento State, who is also playing in the open division at CSRA tournaments.

Stanford's new team was a close-second due to the depth on its men's team, sweeping top spots in Men Div II and Div III. Berkeley finished a strong third, with the best women's team overall. UC Davis placed fourth, with a balanced team of men and women.

New programs at UC Santa Cruz and San Jose State fielded enthusiastic teams who've been tearing up the courts with inter-school scrimmages - we're looking to some great competition as these new teams gain experience!

The next tournament is tentatively scheduled for February 4th - details should be set by January 6th. Contact John Bardos (jbardos@ucsc.edu, 831-335-3308) if you are a collegiate student wishing to participate.



Tournament pictures and results can be found on the WCRC website:
www.WCRCRacquetball.org



Always having fun ...

Annual Junior Only Tournament held October 9th in Petaluma

About 30 Junior Racquetball players gathered at Petaluma Valley Athletic Club on October 9th. Entries included players from Sacramento, Pleasanton, San Ramon, San Francisco, Novato, and of course Petaluma. Tournament directors were Vinnie Caramagno and Brian Dixon... Barry Lynes did the draw.

Play began promptly at 8:20 with no complaints (at least



*Bobby Sehrgoshai and Devon Pimentelli
(1st and 2nd in the 12 and under division)*

none out load). We schedule only about 20 minutes per match as the juniors generally do not take timeouts or do they take breaks between games. This plan works a little better if there are no Multi-bounce matches being played. As you can imagine these can take a while, but are fun to watch! One 15 point game took 45 minutes to play.

As always the juniors did not complain and were always willing to help out. There were many offers to referee, despite it being a self ref tournament.

All divisions were round robin so all players had at least three matches to play. The day ended perfectly with Hayden Richter playing Zach Brancato in the Advanced division. As it turns out, this was for the championship of this division. Perfectly the first two games were split and we were off to a tie breaker. The game went back and forth until Hayden scored the last point for the 11-10 win.

Other finishers included: Stephen Bledsoe, Matt Bluhm, Bobby Sehrgoshai, Devon Pimentelli, Vinny Fausone, Kyle Spongberg, Matt Grover, Ryan Giannini, Brady Oslar, Adam Lapranchi, Conor Pimentelli, Zach Copper, Jack Burns and Makayla Costa.

Congratulations go to all players for great sportsmanship and some terrific playing. See you next year...

Brian Dixon
Junior Racquetball Director
Petaluma Valley Athletic Club

Californiaracquetball.org — The Web Site

If you haven't found us by now..... We are here. With a new contact email on the site.

- See what is happening in racquetball clubs besides tournaments by visiting the "Village Voice" page. If you have events for publication, contact Alex Glaros at: aglaros@surfmail.net or George Tellez at: geotellz@pacbell.net.
- The calendar page is updated as soon as there is a change of event status.
- **Downloadable entry forms (until the new online system is in place) If you have a sanctioned tournament coming up, get the entry forms uploaded to the web site. Send it to Alex Glaros in PDF form for immediate posting and save money in extra postage.**
- The rankings page will continue to carry the "State Rankings" as well as the **New** National Rating system with the California players listed. (We will carry the old system for a little longer)

- There will be a place to view *starting times* for future events involved with the new tournament draw program—keep your eyes out for more on this.
- How would you like to be able to *view results for a tournament in progress*? This is another area we would like to deliver to the members. If the new tournament program frees up the CSRA officials from chasing down players for membership compliance, loading the results of the event for web viewing could be great use of that spare time.
- We are getting ready to implement a page that will allow players *looking for doubles partners* to meet up as we have heard that is something members would find useful.

We are sure you have more ideas, let's hear them. Contact me directly: peggine@pacbell.net.

At your service,
Peggine Tellez, President, CSRA

The Jack Hughes Education Scholarship Award – 2006

The Board of Directors is seeking the nominations and letters of referral for the "Jack Hughes Educational Scholarship." The Jack Hughes Education Scholarship Award was created to provide financial assistance to a deserving student, someone who has promoted racquetball to our youth and has been an upstanding example of sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

We invite you to submit letters of recommendation for students whom you feel could benefit from such a scholarship.

Please send your letters by July 31, 2006 to the CSRA headquarters: PO Box 2984 Costa Mesa, CA 92628-2984 or fax to 949/722-1062.

Attention California Racquetball Directors and Junior Racquetball Instructors

I am trying to compile a list of Junior racquetball programs throughout the state. Please send me information about your program including contacts (names, phone, e-mail), club information, and something about the Junior program. We are trying to grow Junior programs in the state, and

this information will be needed in doing this. If you know of any programs, whether it is two kids or 50, please forward any information to me that you can... You can e-mail me at Bri@Jupe.com; fax at (707) 581-1714, or call me at (707) 766-9105... Thanks for any information, Brian Dixon

Online Membership System

You have to check this out!!!!

Go to the USRA web site: USRA.org, then go to the **Member Login**. Provide your membership number to get your password.

From here you will be able to change your address, correct personal information and view your competitive history.

If it is time to renew your membership, go to the **Activate your Membership** tab, provide your membership number or search by your name. If you have been a member sometime after 1996, you are already in the database. Update your personal information and renew your membership.

This new system is really the cornerstone for the new rating

system and the tournament draw program that will be used for all sanctioned events in the very near future.

No more wondering if your membership has expired and whether you'll need to bring the extra money to renew. With the new tournament program, most entries will be taken online with membership verification or application built in to the entry form. Rankings/Ratings will be stored in your membership file, which will save you from having to search for your name in the National ratings data file.

This new three-pronged system will finally bring this great sport into the 22nd century and allow it to take its place as one of the best and well-managed competitive sports.

The USRA deserves our support and applause for this huge undertaking.

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Western Collegiate Racquetball Conference

Collegiate racquetball has been one of the sport's bright spots in recent years. Shane Wood, USAR Intercollegiates Program Director, wrote in May about the year-over-year growth they have had in collegiate racquetball in the eastern region (see <http://meetandplay.com/> - Forum - Collegiate Racquetball) ...

The ECRC has pretty steadily grown 50-100% each year for the last 3 or 4 years. We used to have a base of 5-7 teams. This year, we had 28 teams compete, and 5 more already that we got set up at clubs at their schools and will be participating next season.

Our goal is to bring this same opportunity and growth to the schools here on the west coast. The first tournament of the 2005-2006 season had over 40 players from 7 colleges and universities complete in a fun day-long tournament at UC Berkeley. Racquetball clubs are reforming and growing at other colleges and universities in Reno and Southern California, and we look forward to an expanding 2006-2007 season.

Collegiate tournaments are all about teamwork and fun competition, and are one of the best ways to grow your game. All players will score points based on how they finish in the tournament, and all players will contribute to their team's overall success.

Our tournaments are easy one day tournaments, and we're usually done by the afternoon. We are using the "Olympic" format for tournament play, which assures all players that they will play a number of matches throughout the day - win or lose!

Collegiate racquetball clubs and teams are also all about meeting new people, and playing racquetball with new players on new courts! The players in our new club this year at UC Santa Cruz have already played at 4 new clubs, got good experience playing on glass back wall courts, had a great opportunity to "played the pro" at a clinic, and had a great time competing in our fall tournament.

Schools in the conference also scrimmage against one another regularly throughout the school year. These fun informal events are a great chance to play a variety of people, and to learn and try out new shots. Scrimmages include all club members - not just team members - and are a great way to involve more people and grow the racquetball community!

We are looking to help other schools, especially in Southern California and Reno, build programs, get involved in collegiate tournaments in their area, and get involved in the fun! If you'd like to play in an intercollegiate event, or to get help in starting a club, contact:

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