

# Beyond the Short Line



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The online newsletter for the California State Racquetball Association members....  
Get tips...latest news....fun pics....upcoming events....player advice...etc...

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Welcome to the California State Racquetball Association (CSRA) newsletter, an electronic publication produced quarterly (March, June, September, and December).

Our goal is to include articles with useful and timely information for the California Racquetball community.

We want to provide you with valuable information so please let us know what you would like to read and see in our Newsletter. For instance, do you have a club you think is terrific and would like to have highlighted? Do you have helpful hints you would like to let other players know about? Do you have a question for the Pro or coach? Send your questions and suggestions to Brian Dixon at [Bri@Jupe.com](mailto:Bri@Jupe.com)....Enjoy!

## President's Corner...

As my time serving as your CSRA President draws to a close, I get to reflect on the last few years to see if I am leaving the position & racquetball better off than when it was handed to me?

History and the members will judge this success or lack there of. For me, it boils down to this: We overcame a debilitating lawsuit that saw the destruction of the old organization, but brought forth a new, wiser and more grounded CSRA. Our business structure has certainly been strengthened and our status as a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization makes us a viable charitable organization dedicated to expanding racquetball in California. We have seen amazing website/communication utilization brought about by Alex Glaros and now carried on in professional fashion by Matthew Hills. The National Ranking system will soon replace our State run ranking system, though our format has been invaluable to our players and tournament directors.

The explosion of the online entry/tournament program by R2Sports continues to amaze me and makes life in the membership world much easier. Now that the USRA database program, the ranking system and the tournament program are all integrated, a lot of the manual, time-consuming aspects of tournament preparation have been streamlined.

We have watched as the USRA went through its fund/financial woes and now has come out the other side more sensitive to the needs of the membership and works to improve communications.

The re-birth of our Newsletter – “Beyond the

## State Doubles

Coming to  
Los Cab  
September 19-21

Look for entry in  
mail and online

Shortline” and of our Jack Hughes Educational Scholarship are reasons to celebrate our stronger future.

I guess the biggest indicator of our strength going forward is the new blood the CSRA is attracting. We continue to build our Advisory Board and the membership continues to elect folks willing to carry on the work necessary to continue the development of racquetball in California.

None of this work is done alone. It takes the whole group of volunteers working together and

to that end, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation is given to Jack Hughes, our stalwart workhorse whose duties have included: tournament guidance counselor for the R2Sport system, rankings administrator, USRA/financial liaison, CSRA Treasurer, tournament calendar minder and resident historian. I am sure several other things that Jack does were missed, but you get the picture. Margaret Pederson has been the face most of you see at the tournaments in Northern California. She has worked with the tournament directors as their troubleshooter and handled the membership aspect with professionalism and brings her sunny disposition to all those around her. Margaret can be counted on for her artistic creativity and generosity of her time and efforts. Del Villanueva has lead the oft-time lonely battle to shine the light on Collegiate development, but with the renewed interest in several of the area colleges, the beginnings of a true Intercollegiate system is starting to take root. Reinforcements have arrived by way of John Bardos and Jeffery Weiss, who's expressed interest in collegiate growth mirror Del's. Brian Dixon has been on a mission to promote and develop junior

racquetball and has been instrumental in the birth of the Junior State Championship tournament. His vision of "hot-spot" junior programs linked by inter-state play will take a sizable crew of like-minded people to maintain the progress.

Already, there are programs in Stockton and Pleasanton as well as his in Petaluma. Aaron Embry's talents and experience in junior development will provide a good foundation for work in the Southern part of the state. This is

an area that will need a lot of hands on deck. George Tellez, also my better half, works serenely behind the scenes producing the minutes and agenda that keep our organization in good standing with the State Corporation rules.

You also see him working at many of the tournaments in Southern California checking on membership status and answering association questions.

Larry Steiner, one of our newer board members, has come out swing with ideas to increase racquetball participation and bring in new venues for our

players. Not one to let sleeping dogs lie, his energy has brought about the many ways we can get our message out to our

members that you are seeing today on our website. Mike Lippitt is our newest board member. He brings with him a

wealth of experience from working with the NMRA board. His efforts to learn about the CSRA have

brought about a re-examination of our goals and missions that you now see as clearly defined in our Mission Statement. Mike has brought his

marketing skills to bear with the inception of the "Sponsor" Advertising program. With these kinds of ideas,

the CSRA is definitely poised to move forward in its efforts to expand racquetball in California. You folks are in great hands. It has been an honor to serve you.  
**President until September 20, 2008, Peggine Tellez**

## CPRT a Success in Concord.....



The Classic Professional Racquetball Tour (CPRT) headed to Concord, California for the Concord Classic hosted by the Big C Athletic Club on April 10-13. This was the final regular season event before the CPRT Pro Nationals in Las Vegas on May 1-4.

A full CPRT draw of sixteen, plus qualifying matches, highlighted one of the largest amateur tournaments to host the CPRT this season with nearly 200 players. Leading the lineup were the top two ranked CPRT players including the winner of the

last two CPRT events; Cliff Swain of Boston, MA and Woody Clouse of Highlands Ranch, CO. Seeded third was New York City's Ruben Gonzalez and rounding out the top four was Bret Harnett of Las Vegas. Local favorite Gerry Price then tour regulars Tom Travers and Steve Wattz follow in the seeding. Rounding out the top eight is top US age group amateur Jimmy Lowe making the trip across the Pacific from Hawaii for his first CPRT appearance. The draw was filled out by some of the Northern California's top 40 and over players taking their best shot at the CPRT professionals.

A full slate of amateur singles and doubles divisions with 198 players filled a great weekend that benefited the US National Racquetball Team and the National Fibromyalgia Research Association.

The Concord Classic kicked off Thursday night with a highly competitive, six-team Sponsor Doubles. Coming out on top with 4 wins was the pairing of Brian Dixon & local legend Gerry Price over Tyler Lanman & Cliff Swain by a single point. Event host Mike Lippitt & Jimmy Lowe had three wins while Al Muranaga & Woody Clouse had two. Rounding out the field with single wins were the teams of Jeff Auen & Bret Harnett and Harold Jagoda & Ruben Gonzalez. The great racquetball was followed by a prime rib dinner from Lee & Larry's Bad Ass BBQ for the players & sponsors.

The top eight seeds all moved into the quarterfinals of the Concord Classic on Friday afternoon. The most competitive match had seventh seed Steve Wattz coming from behind over Dale Millhollin 9-6, 3-9, 6-9, 9-7, 9-7. Sixth seed Tom Travers dropped a game to Armando Villa as did fourth seed Bret Harnett to Gil Cepeda. Top seeded Cliff Swain stopped qualifier Chris Hubbard in straight games as did number two Woody Clouse over qualifier Steve Cook. Also advancing in three straight were third seed Ruben Gonzalez over Bill George, fifth seed Gerry Price over Derek D'amour and seventh seed Jimmy Lowe over Herb Yamashiro.

The quarterfinals were in the books as Bret Harnett traded games with Gerry Price before pulling away for a 9-6, 5-9, 9-0, 9-2 victory in the first match of the night. Ruben Gonzalez was next into the semis with another four game; 9-5, 9-5, 6-9, 9-1 win over Tom Travers. Second seed Woody Clouse dominated Steve Wattz 9-1, 9-1, 9-2 to take his place against Gonzalez in Saturday's opening semi-final. In perhaps the best CPRT match of the season; top seeded Cliff Swain outlasted the upset bid by CPRT newcomer Jimmy Lowe 9-5, 6-9, 7-9, 9-7, 9-4.

For the third straight CPRT event, Cliff Swain and Woody Clouse would face-off in the finals. Play opened in the semis with Clouse stopping Ruben Gonzalez 9-3, 9-6, 7-9, 9-1 followed by Swain making quick work of Bret Harnett 9-7, 9-3, 9-2. The finals would tell whether Clouse could break through and be the first CPRT pro to defeat Swain.

Cliff Swain came out playing near perfect racquetball but Woody Clouse played him close in a match that easily could have gone much longer than the three games it did. Swain dominated the first game 9-1 with rocket serves and flat shots before Clouse brought up his level of play with leads in both the second and third games and even chances to win the second. Swain's intensity and top level play closed out Clouse 9-8, 9-6 for his third CPRT victory in as many tries.

Big thanks go to tournament directors John Ellis & Steve Cook and the entire staff of the Big C Athletic Club.

## Passing of a Friend

It is never easy to write about the loss of a friend whose time came entirely too soon, but it is also a time to remember all the good things about that person and celebrate the fact that they made an impact in our lives.

Rick Roa passed away June 1<sup>st</sup>, in a much unexpected fashion. Quietly, in his sleep, he left us for a better place. Rick's connection to racquetball goes back some 20+ years when he came on the scene as the founder of Crew West Apparel. Looking back at racquetball history and you see players that Crew West sponsored and clothes they wore in tournaments. An avid player and someone with a ready smile, people seemed to know that they had a friend in Rick. I counted him as someone with a great sense of loyalty and a creative mind. He always was happiest when he was in the throes of crafting a logo or shirt design. Rick was a fixture at Los Caballeros in Fountain Valley, his second home, where he held court in the Pro-shop, stringing racquets like my grandma knitted sweaters. He could be counted on to run the racquetball leagues, organize shoot-outs, and promote women's & junior racquetball development. Rick was also a solid backer of the CSRA & USRA and was responsible for bringing several local, state and National events to his home courts. The suddenness of losing Rick is tough to take, but we want to remember him for all he brought to us.



## Californians Bring Home the Hardware at Nationals

Congratulations to all the 37 California players attending the 2008 National Singles Championships in Houston, Texas. Over 500 players nationwide participated in this very special 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the National Singles. The highlight of the event was the gathering together of the past inductees into the Hall of Fame for the first time to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hall of Fame.

A twist in this year's Singles was the addition of the National Military Championships with the men and women of the armed forces to competing for National titles.

Here is a look at how our California players fared – Congratulations to all.

Starting with our US Team Rep – Rocky Carson took top honors on the Men's side. Rocky will no doubt let his stick do his talking at the upcoming international events. We have double medal winners: Chhem Young-pen 3<sup>rd</sup> Military30 & 4<sup>th</sup> Military Open/A, Monique Flaherty 4<sup>th</sup> W25/30 & 4<sup>th</sup> W35. And family racquetballers bringing home more medals: Mom - Debra Tisinger-Moore 2<sup>nd</sup> W45 & Daughter - Janel Tisinger 1<sup>st</sup> WOpen.

Mike Orr 1 <sup>st</sup> M30+	Tyrone Gilmore 1 <sup>st</sup> Military40
Thomas Fuhrmann 3 <sup>rd</sup> M35+	Alicia Paoletta 4 <sup>th</sup> WC
Stephen Harper 4 <sup>th</sup> M35B	Alyse Cori 2 <sup>nd</sup> W50/60A
Jimmy Vequez 1 <sup>st</sup> M40C	Merjean Kelley 1 <sup>st</sup> W60
Rick Betts 1 <sup>st</sup> M50A	Marquita Molina 2 <sup>nd</sup> W65
Jerry Holly 2 <sup>nd</sup> M70+	Maggie Smargon 4 <sup>th</sup> WA
Reid Percivalle 1 <sup>st</sup> Military30	Aubrey O'brien 3 <sup>rd</sup> WOpen

## Special Juniors Section

by Brian Dixon, Junior Liaison

May and June were big months for Junior Racquetball in California. In May we had the State Championships at Laguna Creek club in Elk Grove and then in June the Junior Nationals were hosted at the Big C in Concord. Because of this, we are having a special extended Junior section this month. There is a review of both tournaments and also some feedback on the nationals from junior program directors Elaine Dexter and Jody Nance. The coaches corner this month is also Junior themed. At Junior events, it is always impressive how the kids play with very little controversy and do not need a lot of breaks or timeouts. They are always willing to help out reffing etc...If you have not attended a Junior only tournament, I highly suggest attending the next one. Better yet, put one on at your club. Most Junior only events are best done as a one day event so families can prepare. The CSRA has waived their sanctioning fee for a one day Junior only event, so the only fee to sanction is \$50 to USAR. I do suggest sanctioning so the kids can get their ranking points and also get benefits of membership. This also gives you access to the RS2 software, and promotion on the CSRA website etc...



## California State Junior Championships

Junior players from throughout California attended the state championships held May 17-18th in Elk Grove at the Laguna Creek club with support of Quentin Pitman. The tournament was run by directors extraordinaire John Ellis and Steve Cook. Play began early Saturday, ending Sunday afternoon. Singles and doubles were played. The club was a great host for the event. When kids were not playing or reffing, they could be found playing some pool, some ping pong, or maybe some air hockey.

Results:

- Multibounce: 1st Dillon Huang, 2nd Cameron Ghodoucy, 3rd Victoria Leon
- Boys 10 and under: 1st Mauro Rojas, 2nd Bryan Crabtree, 3rd Conor Pimentelli
- Boys 12 and under: 1st Sawyer Lloyd, 2nd Bobby Sehrgosha, 3rd Estaban Diaz
- Boys 14 and under: 1st Devon Pimentelli, 2nd Luke Sewall, 3rd Edgar Ortiz
- Boys 16/18: 1st David Hord, 2nd Jose Diaz, 3rd Kyle Kazmierczak
- Girls 14/12 and under: 1st Sabrina Viscuso, 2nd Christina Keyes, 3rd Sara Leon
- Girls 18 and under: 1st Devon Pimentelli, 2nd Teresa Diaz, 3rd Brittany Mayo
- Boys Doubles 16/18: 1st Victor Frausto and Tyler Lanman; 2nd Anthony Esmallov and Mitch Forrest; 3rd Kevin Winn and Jose Diaz





## Junior National Championships come to Concord California...



The Junior National Championships were hosted at the Big C in Concord this year. There was also additional play at the Renaissance Club Sport in Walnut Creek. Thanks to CSRA Board members Jack Hughes and Margaret Pederson for assistance there!...There were over 200 players from across the country (32 states) attending the event. For the third year in a row, California won the state competition over second place Oregon. The next three were Ohio, Colorado and Michigan.. Play began Wednesday morning and wrapped up Sunday afternoon. Part of the result of the Nationals is determining which players make the National team. Of the 30 players on the team, 9 are from California. This team will compete in the World Championships to be held in December at Arizona State University.



California players finishing in the top three in the Gold Division include (alphabetical order):



- Ismael Aldana—3rd 18 Doubles
- \*Jose Diaz—2nd 14 and under singles; 1st 14 and under Doubles
- Teresa Diaz—3rd 18 and under Singles
- Cameron Ghoddoucy—3rd 8 and under Multibounce
- David Horn—3rd 18 and under Doubles
- Dillon Huang —1st 6 and under Multibounce
- \*Victoria Leon—2nd 8 and under singles; 2nd Multibounce; 3rd 10 and under
- \*Sawyer Lloyd—2nd 12 and under singles; 1st 12 and under Doubles; 1st 12 and under Mixed doubles
- \*Aubrey O'Brien—1st 16 and under; 2nd 16 and under doubles
- \*Devon Pimentelli—1st 14 and under singles; 1st 14 and under doubles; 2nd 14 and under mixed doubles
- Antonio Rojas—2nd 6 and under multibounce
- \*Jose Rojas—1st 18 and under singles; 1st 18 and under doubles
- \*Marco Rojas—1st 14 and under singles; 1st 14 and under doubles
- \*Bobby Sehrgosha—3rd 12 and under singles; 1st 12 and under doubles; 3rd 12 and under mixed doubles
- \*Sabrina Viscuso—1st 12 and under singles; 1st 12 and under doubles; 3rd 12 and under mixed doubles..

Those marked with an "\*" have made the National team. Others finishing in the top three of Non-Gold divisions included: Logan Nance, Luke Sewall, Zach Brancato, Cody Alsup, Mauro Rojas, Conor Pimentelli, Dima Gafarov, Tyler Lanman, David Horn, Cameron Ghoddoucy, Antonio Rojas, Andres, Barrera, and Michelle Hernoko.

Congratulations to all of the player who participated and good luck to the National team! Thank you to Jim Evans

## Calendar Upgrades:

Check out the calendar on the website..We have made some improvements...

- All sanctioned tournaments are posted in Sanctioned tournament section
- "Tentative" tournaments are now posted for scheduling etc...Limited info...
- Regional and National events now being posted..
- Local Play events (non sanctioned etc..)
- Juniors, Collegiates, Masters have their own sections
- More to come.....



groups and the National tournament:

and his crew at the Big C for making this a great event. Thank You to John Ellis and Larry Steiner for some of the behind the scenes negotiations for this to take place....Following are some notes from Junior Program directors Elaine Dexter and Jody Nance about their



**Elaine Dexter** (Pleasanton Club Sport)...How exciting it was to have the junior nationals right here in California! We were thrilled to be able to drive only 1/2 hour to transport kids to the tournament, coach them and watch various matches. With the help of Ken Stone and Mark "Ninja" Nomura, I was able to coach and watch all of our 9 junior players participate in this great event. Many of our junior players were playing in this national tournament for the first time, and I'm hoping that the experience will entice them to travel to other states to compete in these nationals every year. The connection all the players develop with kids in their age group from all over the country is wonderful to witness. Juniors of each age group pack around the tournament together making up games, watching matches of kids in their divisions, and cementing friendships that are not forgotten throughout the rest of the year. When our returning junior players attend these events, they pick up with their national friends immediately, as though no time has passed since seeing each other last. And, of course, as a coach, it is so much fun to watch their development from age group to age group, especially off the court. On the court, the kids display amazing professionalism only to return to their pack of friends after the match, whether they win or lose. Winning or losing certainly doesn't affect the camaraderie between these players. If there are problems during the matches, it is usually the result of parents being a bit too competitive or expecting too much from our junior referees. I will admit that the refereeing could probably be handled a bit differently, and, this may be something to explore for the future, but we need to let our juniors learn how to judge matches and to not be influenced, or worse, harrassed by the spectating adults :)



Scott Renton Nation-

We are proud of all our players, their effort and their

demeanor on the court, but I would like to give a special congratulation to Bobby Sehgosha for making the National team by winning the boy's 12 doubles with his partner, Sawyer Lloyd of Petaluma (another great young California player) and, to Cameron Ghoddoucy for being awarded a National All American Athlete certificate for finishing in the top 4 of the gold division in the 8 and under boys singles. Bobby Sehgosha was also awarded this certificate for finishing in the top 4 of the gold division of Boy's 12's singles.

I can only hope that more California racquetball facilities will foster junior programs so that we can continue to recruit and train young players in this sport. Only a very few clubs in northern California brought kids to this event, and we should have had 10 times as many players, but I'd like to thank Jody Nance of Stockton/Lodi for her continuing efforts in junior racquetball with spectacular results, to Brian Dixon of Petaluma for his dedication in promoting junior racquetball, to the entire Ellis Family (John, Dave and Pat) for all their hard work at the tournament and with their junior players, and to Garyn Scott of ClubSport Fremont for picking up the ball at his club and starting a promising junior program there. I'm glad to be associated with them and also to have the opportunity to work with the absolutely terrific kids from ClubSport in Pleasanton who are more fun and rewarding to coach than I can properly express.



**Jody Nance** (In -Shape, Stockton) - Stockton In-Shape Shooters junior racquetball team was proud to have 11 of its team members compete in the USAR Jr. Olympic National Championships. It was a wonderful tournament that hosted America's top junior players! I was also pleased to see the number of athletes from CA, especially No. CA. The hard work of many junior coaches is evident by the continued dominance of CA at this tournament! Here is a wrap up of the Stockton teams' performances.

The highlight of the weekend was that **Jose Rojas** was honored with USAR Male Jr. Athlete of the Year, and **Ismael Aldana** was honored with USAR Jr. Sportsmanship Award. They both have a lifetime of achievements and both give it all on the court! I am so incredibly proud of these boys!

We are pleased to report that we came home with **5** National titles, **2** seconds, and **3** thirds in the gold division as well as many in the consolation divisions. Three of the players made the USA Jr. National team and will represent the USA at the Jr. World Championships in Tempe, AZ in Dec. Four others received National All American certificates for placing in the top 4 positions.

Leading the team was **Jose Rojas** whose 18u double gold performance was impeccable. He had some good competition along the way, but commanded his way without a

game lost in both singles and doubles with partner Jansen Allen of Rice, TX. His little brother, **Marco Rojas**, who following his brothers path was also a double gold winner in the 14u singles and doubles. He also did not lose a game in either singles or doubles and held his opponents below 9 in singles. **Jose Diaz** was a gold and silver medalist in the 14s. He, with partner **Marco**, won the doubles. **Jose** is the silver medalist in singles, his only loss of the tournament. **Antonio Rojas**, who has the most incredible follow through of any child I have ever coached, took second in the 6u MB. He also won the Blue division in the 8u MB. **Teresa Diaz** had a wonderful tournament bringing home the bronze in the girls 18u singles. She has a terrific win over Inglesby and took the national champion, Jackson, to a tiebreaker losing a close one 7-11. **Ismael Aldana** and teammate **Bobby (David) Horn** teamed up to take the bronze in the boys 18 doubles. They had a tough loss in the semis then started off slow in the playoff but dug deep to pull off a tiebreaker 11-8. **Ismael** lost singles in the quarterfinals to John-Craig Chisholm. **Bobby** won silver in the red division of the 18s, a very good showing! In the Blue division we had **Daniel Rojas** with a 2nd in 10u singles and won the 10u mixed consolation with partner Jordan Cooperrider of FL. **Alejandro Guzman** brought home a bronze medal in the 14u singles Blue division. **Logan Nance** won his first round of 12 doubles with partner Mendoza from AZ then lost the second round dropping to win the

consolation division. **Logan** also brought home the silver medal in the red 12u division. **Edgar Ortiz** played hard making it to the quarterfinals of the red division.

There are many reasons to the successful achievements of the children above. I have been fortunate to work with these kids from a very young age. However, the In-Shape club has John Ellis who mentors the older kids, Dave Ellis who contributes much time to Diaz' and all the kids. We have personal trainers that donate their time and efforts to conditioning.

Most importantly we have wonderful parents that support their kids and embrace their talents. Thanks to all who have contributed to this program!

Sincerely,  
Jody Nance, coach In-Shape Shooters

### Coaches Corner...Brian Dixon

#### Keeping it Fun and interesting for the younger kids and new Beginners...

One big challenge with the new beginners and young kids is keeping the game interesting and fun and not Frustrating. In Petaluma, Coach Orlando Mayo and myself do some different things to keep it fun ...

When kids are just learning the first week may



mostly consist of bouncing the ball up and down with prizes for those who can bounce the longest. This may lead into an intro of the forehand...In week three we pull out the stack of Frisbees. Kids play catch, but most fun is who can hit the coach the most times. My shins usually ache for the next week. After throwing the Frisbees we show how this is much like the backhand, then pick up the racquets and try some. The Frisbees are always on hand if a refresher is needed.

In week 4 or 5, we may bring out the Badminton Birdies. The kids pair off on the court and hit the Birdies back and forth. It is great hand eye coordination and pretty easy for just about anyone.

Most new beginners will start out as multibouncers. The goal is to move to a 3 bouncer, then a 2 bouncer, then the 1 bouncer. It helps to build confidence early on and we start setting goals of when they are ready to drop a bounce.

Another fun thing we do is bring out the ball shooting machine. We set it around 40MPH for the beginners and have them think about footwork etc. as the ball is shooting. For the Intermediate/Advanced kids we will set it up to 90-100MPH for drive serve returns etc..

I believe the main things in bringing kids back are consistency and fun...If you just learn or just play games it can get old. Throw something different in every once in a while and keep them wanting to come back....



## Masters info...Mike Lippitt

California held its annual Senior Games in South Pasadena in early June. The event was very well attended because 2008 is the qualifying year for the U.S. State Games to be held in Palo Alto in the Summer of 2009. The top three teams in doubles and the top three finishers in singles qualify for the U.S. Games with no seeding. Kudos to all the folks who helped organize and run the tournament, but special thanks go to Len Sonnenberg, Secretary to the CA State Games, and Steve Cohen, Treasurer to the National Masters and great racquetball advocate and supported.



Additional kudos to Steve who helped bring the National Masters back to CA at the Spectrum in Canoga Park. For those of us over 45, the NMRA is an awesome experience with pool play and round robin, great sportsmanship, and great hospitality. I'll get you the exact dates, but typically it is in early March from Wednesday though Saturday.

## California State Doubles Championships coming...

The state doubles will be held at Los Cab (club of the month in the newsletter—page 7). We hope to have teams competing from Northern and Southern California, so pick your partner and make plans for this event! We will have pool Play so plan to play some matches while there!!

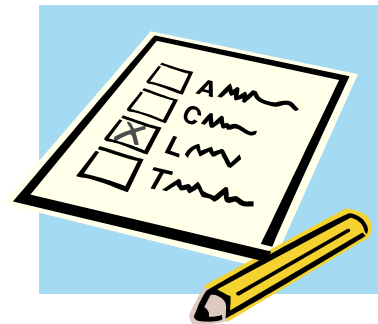


The entry will be online and mailed soon. Please keep an eye out for it or keep checking [www.CaliforniaRacquetball.org...](http://www.CaliforniaRacquetball.org...)

See you there...

## New Elections....

**The Ballot for the new Board elections will be included with the State Doubles entry. Another reason to keep an eye out for it. Even if you do not plan on playing at Doubles, please complete and return the ballot. They are due back by September 15th, with results tabulated on September 19th at the State Doubles championships.**



**Your vote does count and there are a few Board members up for re-election**



## Fran Davis Clinics coming up in California....

San Francisco August 1-3

Get more info at  
[www.FranDavisRacquetball.com](http://www.FranDavisRacquetball.com)

See entry form attached...



## Club of the Month....



### **Los Caballeros Racquet & Sports Club 17272 Newhope Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 714/ 546-8560**

Los Caballeros Racquet & Sports Club has been one of the premier training and sporting facilities in Southern California for over 30 years and has routinely recognized at one of the Best Tennis Clubs in the Orange County.

From a racquetball stand point, it has been home to many local, State, National & Pro events including a 5 year run of the Junior World Championships. It has a stadium-glass backed court for prime viewing and in the main r-ball plaza has glass back walls on 6 of 7 other courts. This club also has 8 more courts with mezzanine viewing. As on of the few remaining clubs in the country with more than 10 courts, it is prized as a location able to handle large events. 4 outdoor racquetball courts make this a flexible racquetball home.

Los Cab is rich with racquetball programs for leagues, shoot-out and summer junior introduction.

Many pro, competitive and extreme athletes make Los Cab their training home and it is not unusual to run into someone who looks "familiar". Los Cab is a sprawling sports complex serving USTA Tennis, Novaquatics Swim Training Center. With organized programs for virtually all types of sports for adults and kids, Los Cab is an ideal home to families involved in sports. 2 full-sized Basketball courts, Indoor & Sand volleyball courts, Squash and Handball and a host of other amenities such as Catering/Banquet Facilities, Snack Bar, Condominiums and Real Estate Services, Hair Salon, Nail Salon, Physical Therapy, Martial Arts, Pro Shop, Tennis Academies makes it hard not to spend time there enjoying the opportunity for physical fitness.

### **JACK HUGHES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

After an almost 5 year hiatus, we are please to announce the return of the **JACK HUGHES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** This scholarship is open to any California resident, college student, who has demonstrated their desire to expand racquetball.

The window to apply for this scholarship is from March 15<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Jack Hughes Scholarship is awarded at the State Doubles tournament usually held in September. The Scholarship award will be paid directly to the recipients' college.

For a complete Scholarship packet, please contact Margaret Pederson - [mpederson@seaofglass.us](mailto:mpederson@seaofglass.us) or Del Villanueva - [delfirst2fifteen.1@netzero.com](mailto:delfirst2fifteen.1@netzero.com) or Peggine Tellez - [peggine@pacbell.net](mailto:peggine@pacbell.net)

The information will need to be supplied to the CSRA Board of Directors by in order to be considered. Return the completed package to: CSRA P O Box 2984 Costa Mesa, CA 92628-2984.



### **Welcome New Advisory Board Members**

We are delighted to welcome 4 new Advisory Board Members to assist the CSRA Board of Directors:

Steven Harper gets around! North Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Kuwait and now San Diego. These are a few of Steven's favorite racquetball haunts. Being in the NAVY accounts for his travels, but Steven brings with him a vision to bring racquetball back to its glory in the military ranks. He sees racquetball as a serious way to maintain fitness, mental welfare and morale. Steven has already shown his drive to ramp up racquetball in the rapidly growing military areas by his work with USRA/Military Liaison Ray Cordera to bring back the Military Divisions at the 2008 US Singles Championships in Houston. Steven – we salute you!!

John Bardos comes to us with a serious pedigree in racquetball. He started playing back in 1978 and has been the instructor/coach at UC Santa Cruz since 1987. He has been working with local colleges to develop racquetball clubs to encourage intercollegiate competition. In 2005, John became the "commissioner" for the West Coast Racquetball Conference and has also been working with the USRA on the Intercollegiate Council. John will be a tremendous asset as the CSRA pumps up its focus on college player development and growth.

Aaron Embry has been a professional & competitive player for 30 years and has gone on to teach and run racquetball programs at various clubs. Aaron is also the co-founder of the San Diego Junior Racquetball Association and has gained his Level III AmPro Certification. He brings a great enthusiasm for junior player development an area that is vital to the growth of racquetball in California.

Jon Christ comes to us by way of New York where he smartly decided that a racquet would save his hands from the perils of handball back in 1975. John moved to San Diego California in 1983 and has been competitive in tournaments ever since. He has been very active member of the NMRA and in the Senior Olympics.

Please join us all in extending a warm welcome to our newest Advisory Board members. If any of you are interested in the Advisory Board opportunity, we would love to hear from you! There is plenty of room and things to do for racquetball in California.

If you are interested – here is what you do. Submit your letter of intention. A letter about yourself, your racquetball history, areas in our sport you feel you can contribute and your ability to commit your time.

Simple send that to the CSRA Board of Directors via [www.californiaracquetball.org](http://www.californiaracquetball.org) and at the next meeting, your resume will be evaluated and a decision will be made.

### **CSRA Board of Directors**

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**Have a Funny Racquetball picture? Send it in....**



**Any good advice for fellow Players? Send it in...**

**Send to Brian Dixon... [Bri@Jupe.com](mailto:Bri@Jupe.com)**

**Share the newsletter...**

**forward it...send friends to website...**

**print it and post at your club**



## **The CSRA Website**

**[www.CaliforniaRacquetball.org](http://www.CaliforniaRacquetball.org)**

Do you see the address above? Write this down. Memorize it. Add it to your favorites. Forward to your friends. Visit it on a regular basis for up to date news and information on what is happening with California Racquetball...

- **Check out upcoming events**
- **Access online information and entries**
- **Check out pics of your friends from different tournaments**
- **Check out up to date rankings**
- **Improve your game with tips from the experts**
- **Access the CSRA newsletter**
- **Get California club information**
- **Check out Junior news and events**
- **Read tournament results**
- **Join USAR/CSRA**
- **What is the mission of CSRA?**
- **Check what is up with California Collegiates**
- **What are the Benefits of membership?**
- **What are the Benefits of sanctioning?**

### **Benefits of joining the USAR/CSRA include:**

- subscription to RACQUETBALL magazine (with news, tutorials, and the official rules of play)
- eligible to participate in CSRA and USAR tournaments
- official ranking in the state and national rankings
- Secondary accident insurance coverage during sanctioned events

### **Other membership benefits and programs:**

- American professional Racquetball Organization (AMPRO)
- National instructor and referee certification programs
- Coaching development
- High school and collegiate programs
- Junior athlete development
- Scholarship programs
- U.S. National Team and Junior Team USA
- Discount of 15% at Choice hotels
- Discount on Enterprise car rentals
- Discount on United Airlines flights

Join today at [USAR.org](http://USAR.org) or at [www.CaliforniaRacquetball.org](http://www.CaliforniaRacquetball.org)



**Racquetball Camp Date, Location and Times\*:**

- **Dates:** August 1-3, 2008
- **Location:** Prime Time Athletic Club  
1730 Rollins Road  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
650-759-1324 Cell :Dave George  
Contact:Dave George Dave@DaveAtTheClub.com
- **Times:** Friday 6:30 PM – 9:30PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
\*Additional hours may be added based on # of campers.

**Includes:**

- 13+ Hours of instruction and court time
- Physical and mental aspects of the game
- Video Tape Analysis / Camp Booklet
- Camp T-Shirt / Penn Racquetballs

**Cost:**

- **\$499/person** payable within 30 days (non-refundable)\*
- **\$399/person** postmarked 30 days, or more, in advance of the camp (non-refundable)\*
- **\$375/person** two or more applications, with payments accompanied in the same envelop (non-refundable)\*



Name: ..... Sex: ..... Level of Play: .....

Home Address: ..... City.....St .....Zip.....

Bus Phone#: (.....)..... Hm Phone#: (.....).....Cell# (.....).....

Fax# (.....).....Email: .....

# of Campers: ..... Discount Code (if applicable): ..... Amount Enclosed: .....

Card Type: ..... Card #: ..... Exp. Date: .....

Signature: .....Camp Date: **August 1-3, 2008**

**Payment Method:**

- Check (payable to "A Healthy Racquet, Inc."), Visa or MasterCard only accepted.
- Space is limited so make your reservations early by going online: [www.FranDavisRacquetball.com](http://www.FranDavisRacquetball.com) or by contacting Fran Davis at **A Healthy Racquet, Inc.**, 1037 NE 65th St. #343,Seattle, WA 98115

**Questions:**

- Contact Fran Davis direct at: **206-522-FRAN** (3726) Phone / **206-260-7909** Fax or email: [camps@FranDavisRacquetball.com](mailto:camps@FranDavisRacquetball.com)

**How Did you Hear About the Camp:**

- Web/Internet  Magazine  Referral (name:\_\_\_\_\_)
- Previous Camper (name: \_\_\_\_\_)  Other:\_\_\_\_\_

**Instructors \*\***



**FRAN DAVIS**

World Premier Racquetball Coach  
U.S. National Team Coach  
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1997 USOC Racquetball Coach of the Year  
National Champion  
2004 Hall of Fame  
U.S. National Team Coach 1990-96, 2002  
World Championship Coach 1990-96, 2002  
Pan American Coach – Gold Medal 1995



**JASON MANNINO**

#1 Ranked Pro Player in the World 2002/2003  
1999 & 2006 U.S. Open Champion  
Top 5 World Ranked Player for past 6 years  
U.S. Pro Nationals Champion  
Instructor for hundreds of players nationally each year

\*\* Camp will include Fran and/or Jason based on # of campers.