



IRF NEWS



Message from the President

Dear IRF members,

I would like to report that the Executive Board made an important decision this past month. We have voted to hire our first paid staff member. After extensive reviews of our financial status, we decided that we could hire a paid staff member. Our constitution allows us to do this. We decided that the position would be a paid to an independent contractor and would be a month to month position initially. We have worked hard to develop a financial base so this could happen.

We would also like to announce that we have contracted Luke St Onge to do this work. He will basically do what he has been doing for many years, but we can now pay him for his services. Almost all International Federations have paid staff to run the daily operations of the organizations. The volunteers that we all have do not have the time to do this important work. On behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to congratulate Mr. St Onge and indicate that we all look forward to working with him in the years ahead. He will answer to the Executive Board who will review his achievements. He will also provide the Executive Board with monthly reports that includes our financial status. I am sure that he will continue to keep the total International Racquetball membership informed of his work. My special thanks goes to the members of the Executive Board who worked efficiently and effectively before making this important decision. This a positive move for the IRF.

I would also like to express my personal thanks to the organizing committee of the World Senior Championships that was just completed. They continue to excel with each tournament they complete. They also provide a great amount of financial support to the IRF. We certainly would not have been able to make the decision on the paid staff member without this support. This is why our sport is special and we appreciate all you do for the IRF.

I would also like to thank Luke St Onge and Osvaldo Maggi for their outstanding work at the recent PASO meeting in Rio. PASO continues to be a challenge for Racquetball, but we have many strong supporters in the organization who I know will look after Racquetball. Luke So Onge will keep us all informed of our position in the 2007 Pan American Games. Hopefully, things will continue as they have for the past three games.

I would also like to encourage every country to participate in the World Juniors that will be held in December in Mexico. I hope to see many of you there. I know it will be an outstanding event.

Dr. Keith Calkins
IRF President

TEAM BOLIVIA WINS AT BOLIVARIAN GAMES



AND TEAM GERMANY SUCCEEDS IN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



ERF EUROPEAN Championships



The 13th edition of the European Championships have been held in Hamburg, Germany this July.

It was the biggest European event over the last 10 years, 8 Men and 3 Women teams, 80 players totally. Unfortunately, only three women teams competed in this event.

And for the first time, players from **Scotland** participated in a European Championship! A working federation will be formed there soon while and one more country will be added to the European Community.

While Ireland sent the by far biggest amount of players ever to this event (30), Polish and Austrian Racquetballers also competed in these Europeans.

Jorg Ludwig, President of the German Federation and head of the Local Organizing Committee was satisfied with the outcome of this event: „Given the fact that we took over the “burden” in February, I think Germany has done a great job and we also have to thank all competitors in this event.”

ERF President Erik Meyer stated: „We really enjoyed our stay over in Hamburg. Play was exiting, hospitality was great and the banquet was exquisite.”

Oh, yes, some exciting games took also place on the courts in Hamburg, Germany... see all finishers on the next page.

And congratulations to all European Champions 2005! Go Europe!



Singles Champions 2005
Joachim Loof (GER) &
Marie-Josée Collet (FRA)

ERF EUROPEAN Championships

TEAM COMPETITION

Mens Team

1. Germany
2. Austria
3. England
4. Ireland
5. Poland
6. Netherlands
7. Belgium
8. Scotland

Womens Team

1. Ireland
2. France
3. Germany



Press Coverage



Doubles England vs. Austria



Team Ireland 2005

Mens Singles

1. Joachim Loof (GER)
2. Martin Klippel (GER)
3. Pascal Matla (NED)
3. Trevor Meyer (GER)

Mens Doubles

1. Bertels/Klippel (GER)
2. Hanley/Gannon (IRE)
3. Meyer/Loof (GER)
3. Lysakowski/Lysakowski (AUT)

Juniors U 14 Singles

1. Johnny O Keeney (IRE)
2. Tom Aarrow-Newman (ENG)
3. André Chun (GER)
3. Paoric Clarke (IRE)

Juniors U 18 Singles

1. Marcel Czempisz (GER)
2. Chris Carey (IRE)
3. Brian Byrne (IRE)
3. Ruari O Hagan (IRE)

Girls U 18 Singles

1. Niamh Coffey (IRE)
2. Ailish Gibney (IRE)
3. Julie Skehan (IRE)

Mens Seniors 30+

1. Jimmy Gannon (IRE)
2. Mike Mesecke (GER)
3. Bart Wouters (BEL)
3. Martin Fitzpatrick (IRE)

Mens Seniors 40+

1. David Brett Williams (ENG)
2. Padraic Benson (IRE)
3. Bjorn Jensen (GER)
3. Errol Mccammon (ENG)

Mens Senior Doubles 30+

1. Jensen/Mesecke (GER)
2. Deboutte/Wouters (BEL)
3. Brett Williams/Mccammon (ENG)
3. Comerford/Murphy (IRE)

Womens Singles

1. Marie-Josée Collet (FRA)
2. Susan Neary (IRE)
3. Bernadette Comerford (IRE)
3. Geraldine Byrne (IRE)

Womens Doubles

1. E. Gibney/Coffey (IRE)
2. B. Comerford/Neary (IRE)
3. Gibney A./Byrne (IRE)
3. Kortess/ Hartmann (GER)

Juniors U 16 Singles

1. Ruari O Hagan (IRE)
2. Johnny O Keeney (IRE)
3. Colm O Regan (IRE)
3. André Chun (GER)

Junior Doubles U 18

1. O Hagan/O Keeney (IRE)
2. Byrne/ O Regan (IRE)
3. Aburrow-Newman (ENG)
3. Carey/Ahern (IRE)

Mens Seniors 35+

1. David Brett Williams (ENG)
2. Padraic Benson (IRE)
3. Bjorn Jensen (GER)
3. Olaf Gerullis (GER)

Mens Seniors 50+

1. Michael Murphy (IRE)
2. John Comerford (IRE)
3. Gisbert Göde (GER)

Ladies Seniors 30+

1. Geraldine Byrne (IRE)
2. Bernadette Comerford (IRE)
3. Mirjam van Rijn (NED)

Pictures by Michael Haverty (Ireland) and Mike Mesecke (Germany)

Complete draws can be found at www.racquetball.de/euro2005/

2005 BOLIVARIAN Games



EVENT		NAME	
Individual	Men	1. MONROY AIGNER, RICARDO JAVIER	BOL
		2. GOMEZ REYES, FRANCISCO JAVIER	COL
		3. GUTIERREZ NAVARRO, JUAN MANUEL	COL
	Women	3. LAPREA , MARCELO	VEN
		1. PARADA CHAVEZ, YAQUE SHIRLEY	BOL
		2. GOMEZ REYES, MARIA CAROLINA	COL
Doubles	Men	3. SOTOMAYOR , VERÓNICA	ECU
		GEYER , LILY	VEN
		1. CANEDO TERCEROS, SANTIAGO BERNARDO	BOL
		ZAMBRANA ALMARAZ, JORGE EDUARDO	BOL
		2. BALMORI FERNANDEZ, FABIAN	VEN
		LAPREA , MARCELO	VEN
	Women	3. GUTIERREZ NAVARRO, JUAN MANUEL	COL
		CUEVA CRESPO, JOSÉ	ECU
		RÍOS , FERNANDO	COL
		RIVAS MEJIA, JUAN PABLO	COL
		1. ROMERO CABALLERO, MARÍA FERNANDA	BOL
		CABALLERO MORALES, CARLA MARIOLY	BOL
Team	Men	2. REVERON ISAACS, VIVIANA	VEN
		GEYER , LILY	VEN
		3. CARPIO , IVONNE	ECU
	Women	GOMEZ REYES, MARIA CAROLINA	ECU
		RAMIREZ RODRIGUEZ, CLAUDIA	ECU
		SOTOMAYOR , VERÓNICA	ECU
		1. BOLIVIA	.
		2. COLOMBIA	.
		3. ECUADOR	.
	Women	1. BOLIVIA	.
		2. VENEZUELA	.
		3. ECUADOR	.



Pictures by Roberto Aracena (Bolivia) and Luis Campo (Colombia)



IRF WORLD Juniors

DECEMBER 15-21, 2005

Juarez Racquet Club
Teofilo Borunda 9171, Cd. Juarez, Mexico
Tel: Mr. Miguel Gardea 011-52-6561-990717 or
011-52-6566-384617



• **ENTRY FEE:** \$80.00 First event, 35.00 Second event, \$35.00 third event (mixed doubles only).

• **ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entry must be received by *Friday, November 25* (post-marked no later than 11/21). Only pre-paid entries are placed into the draw – all entries are final – no refunds after the deadline date.

• **LATE FEES:** Any payments received after the deadline will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee.

• **ADDITIONAL FEES:** Returned checks for payment will be surcharged \$23.00, and \$10.00 will be added for declined credit card charges.

• **STARTING TIMES:** Starting times will be available after 12:00 noon on *Thursday, December 15*. *Please do not call the IRF office for starting times!* Call the host club OR check the draw which will be available following opening ceremonies

• **CHECK IN:** Registration will be held at the club from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on *Thursday*, and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on *Friday*.

• **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Usher Barnoff, IRF Technical Director @ 1-403-605-5951.

• **COACHES & PARENTS MEETING:** A meeting for coaches and parents will be held at the club. Check at the registration desk, on arrival, for details.

• **Age & Citizenship Requirement** • Players must meet the proper age requirement as of January 1 of the current event year. All entrants must be in good standing with the IRF federation of the country for which they compete and either have a valid passport or meet the eligibility requirements of their respective national Olympic Committees.

• **Membership** • National association membership is required of all participants. At the time of registration entrants must present a current membership card, a receipt, or a cancelled check (indicating recent enrollment) as proof of membership.

• **JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT** • All participants and chaperones will be asked to sign an official Code of Conduct upon registering for the tournament. In brief, the Code of Conduct states:

1. A nightly "in room" curfew of 11 p.m., unless accompanied by chaperone;
2. There will be no possession or use of alcoholic beverages at the tournament sites or host motel;
3. Any physical damage to a room or loss of non-perishable items in the room (i.e., towels, lamps, etc) will be paid for by those participants assigned to the room in which the damage or loss occurs;
4. *Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated, for example — a) Any act considered to be an offense under federal, state, local, and IRF laws/rules. b) Gross misconduct (i.e. inappropriate horseplay, stealing, etc.) c) Unsportsmanlike conduct.*

PENALTIES — Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in:

1. Full or partial restriction of movement at the tournament;
2. Written report to the Executive and Disciplinary Committees for further action;
3. Loss of opportunity to participate in future IRF programs;
4. Expulsion from tournament and return home at own expense. For further information, contact the tournament director.

Download complete entry form at:

http://www.internationalracquetball.com/events05/05irf_jrs1.htm

News from the Dominican Republic....

By Rafael Fernandez



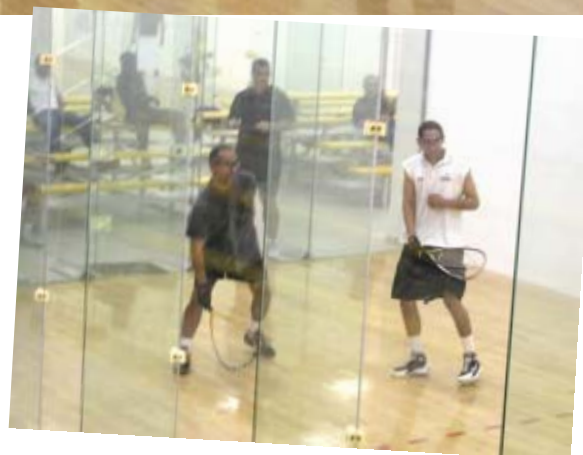
The Dominican Racquetball Federation organized its first SUMMER 2005 Racquetball Tournament in The Racquetball Center with the participation of over 47 players in several different divisions.

The Honor Serve was made by famous Female Volleyball Player Evelyn Carreras, Libero for the Gold Winner Dominican Republic PAN AMERICAN GAMES - Santo Domingo 2003 Volleyball Team.

As in the tournaments organized before, the lower divisions were the highest attended ones with around 55% of the players. This is happening due to the many programs that are being implemented by the Racquetball Federation to develop Racquetball in the Dominican Republic.

Round Robbins were made from which four players classified to define the winner of the each division.

The Technical director of the tournament is Rosa Amelia Gomez, Director of Racquetball Development of the Federation.



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Ektelon Sponsorship Finalized for IRF Member Countries



Ektelon, the top manufacturer of quality racquetball products and a major sponsor of the International Racquetball Federation has named top IRT professional John Ellis as the sales and promotion representative to the IRF.

All IRF members are invited to contact John and develop a product program for their teams and country. Contact John Ellis at ellistyle@comcast.net. The support for Ektelon supports the development of racquetball worldwide through the International Racquetball Federation.



IRF signs e-commerce agreement

The IRF signed an e-commerce agreement with G&J Sports in Albuquerque, New Mexico/USA. G&J is the Pro Shop of Gary Mazaroff and an IRF/G&J website will soon be online. G&J will carry all popular racquetball equipment and ship worldwide. Look for the link on our website at www.internationalracquetball.com soon and buy your equipment through the G&J and join the IRF in helping to develop racquetball worldwide. You can contact Gary direct at gmampro@aol.com.

From the Regional Associations....



ERF elects new Executive Officers

During the European Championships a new Executive Committee was elected: Mr. Erik Meyer (Belgium, President), Mr. Mike Mesecke (Germany, Vice President), Mr. Michael Haverty (Ireland, Secretary) and Mr. Karel Matla (Netherlands, Treasurer). Pascal Matla (Netherlands) was appointed as Technical Director.



ARF organises 14th Asia Championships in Deagu, Korea

The 14th ARF Asia Racquetball Championships 2005 will be held in Daegu, South Korea on November 25-27. Players from Korea, Japan, Saipan, Guam and other territories are expected to compete. The event is an IRF regional competition and will be organised by the Korean Racquetball Federation and is sanctioned by the Asia Racquetball Federation (ARF). More information will follow later.

From around the world

Guatemala



The construction of some more courts in Guatemala is on it's way. Four courts in the Cascadas Sports Club in Guatemala City are hopefully ready by the Independent

Tournament held in September this year. The courts may also be used for the 2006 Pan American Championships.

USA

Junior Team USA , lead by Head Coach Kelley Beane, have started a week of training at the Olympic training Ceneter in Colorado Springs. More than 30 juniors attended the camp. The team will represent the US at the Junior Worlds 2005 in Mexico in December.

Ireland

Pat Keane from the Touraneena club in Waterford has been re-elected as President of the Racquetball Association of Ireland for the coming season. Jimmy Gannon (Arklow) has been relected Vice President and Gary Lynch (Belfast) holds his position as General Secretary. The AGM of the Association was held on Saturday 16th July.

Peru

On July 16-29, Colombian player and AmPRO Instructor Luis F Campo visited the city of Toquepala e Ilo in Peru, giving racquetball clinics for interested players in that region. The players interest in these clinics was very high and there is also high interest in competing in major championships in the near future. For more information please visit the C o l o m b i a n w e b p a g e www.planetracquetball.com.

Netherlands

The Autumn Open 2005 will be held on October 14-16, 2005 in the Netherlands again. Two clubs will be used for this event: The Racquetcenter de Leyens in Zoetermeer and the Westvliet Wellness & Racquet Club in The Hague.

From around the world

Colombia

Entries are now accepted for the 2005 Torneo Internacional de Racquetball in Santiago de Cali, Colombia on Oct 12-14. The event is hosted again by the Club Deportivo Cañasgordas. Download the information on the IRF website

Dominican Republic

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Netherlands

Michiel van der Holst won the 28th Dutch National Championships by beating Zoetermeer's Pascal Matla in the final with 15-13, 15-11. In doubles, Matla was able to win again with his teammaid Edwin Schipper. Mirjam van Rijn was able to succeed in the Womens Singles competition. The 28th Dutch Nationals took place in Zoetermeer's Racket Center de Leyens.

Asia on the web



The Asia Racquetball Federation has a new website:

Check out www.asiaracquetball.com for all information from the Asian region and the upcoming Asia Championships in Korea!!

For more news check out www.internationalracquetball.com

Racquetball in IOC Recognized Events

by Luke St. Onge



Racquetball is once again a full medal sport in the Central American Games in December in Guatemala City, Guatemala, the Boliviano Games which was held in Colombia in August, the Central American Caribbean Games to be held

in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in July of 2006, The South American Games to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, September of 2006. Racquetball in the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2007 continues to be possible with the final decision to come before the end of the year.

CENTRAL AMERICAN GAMES

Racquetball was first competed in the CAGs in 1989 in Honduras. The CAGs is made up of the 7 Central American Countries of Belize, El Salvador, Panama, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Honduras. The CAGs are held every 4 years and competitions are held in most Olympic Sports and Racquetball. The CAGs are under the direction of the National Olympic Committees of those countries. Since 1989 only Nicaragua has not participated in Racquetball.

CENTRAL AMERICAN CARIBBEAN GAMES

The CACGs are Olympic like competition amongst the National Olympic Committee's of the countries who border the Caribbean Ocean. Racquetball was first competed in 1990 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico with Mexico, Venezuela, Honduras, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Costa Rica competing. The CAGs are held every 4 years 2 years before the Olympic Games.

BOLIVIANO GAMES

The Boliviano Games are Olympic like

competition held every four years between the South American Countries that were liberated by Simon Bolivar from the Spanish during the 1800's.

Countries competing in Racquetball are Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia. Both Panama and Peru have competed in Racquetball in the past but did not send teams this year.

SOUTH AMERICAN GAMES

The Sur Games, as they are known, are Olympic like competitions, held every four years which is 2 years before the Olympic games. The competition again is made up of Olympic sports and Racquetball. Countries competing in Racquetball over the years have been Argentina, Colombia, Bolivia, Chile, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru.

The 2006 edition of the Sur Games will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in September.

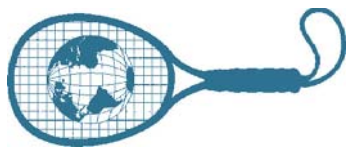
PAN AMERICAN GAMES

The Pan American Games are second only to the Olympic Games in importance and quality of competition. Many Olympic Sports use the Pan American Games as qualifying competitions for the Olympic Games. The Pan Ams are made up of the 42 national Olympic Committees of the America's and the Games are held every four years in the year before the next Olympic Games.

Racquetball made its debut in the Pan Ams in 1995 in Buenos Aires, Argentina and has been on the program in Winnipeg, Canada-1999, and Santo Domingo, Dominican republic-2003. There is very expectation that Racquetball will be a full medal sport in the 2007 Pan Ams with the final decision still to come.

Racquetball as a sport is recognized by over 20 National Olympic Committees in the America's. Teams from the America's dominate the World Stage boasting 7 teams out of the top 10 in the World with the USA, Mexico, and Canada being 1, 2, and 3 .

The IRF has made application to be a full medal sport in the Asian Games and the South Pacific Games.



IRF WORLD Seniors

Albuquerque, NM USA

Women Final Matches/Positions

35+ Tina Hagen (USA) def. Jean Halahan (USA) 1, 4 40+ Lorraine Galloway (USA) def. Anita Maldonado (Puerto Rico) 45+ Debra Tisinger (USA) def. Cheryl Johnson (USA) 50+ Joanne Pomodoro (USA) def. Kay McCarthy (USA) 4, 2 55+ Dee Stribling (USA) def. Paula Sperling (USA) 3, (9), 5 60+ Nidea Funes (Puerto Rico) def. Gail Schaefer (USA) 65+ Gloria Piscoran (USA) def. Mildred Gwinn (USA) 70+ Lola Markus (USA) def. Louise Kiss (USA)

Men Final Matches/Positions

35+ Woody Clouse (Eritrea) def. Jeff Wilson (USA) 2, (1), 0 40+ Keith Minor (USA) def. Mike McPhee (Canada) 9, 4 45+ Tom Neill (USA) def. Manuel Santiago (Puerto Rico) 6, (5), 7 50+ Ken Smith (USA) def. Darryl Warren (USA) (6), 0, 5 55+ Russ Montague (USA) def. Frank Taddonio (USA) 3, (1), 3 60+ Joe Quirke (Ireland) def. Terry Albright (USA) 5, 0 65+ Leland Rients (USA) def. Jerry Northwood (USA) 1, 8 70+ Jerry Holly (USA) def. Don Alt (USA) 75+ Ralph Waddington (USA) def. Joe Lambert (USA) 80+ Victor Sacco (USA) def. Robert McAdam (USA)

DBls Mixed Doubles Final Matches/Positions

35+ Shari Coplen/Woody Clouse def. Jean Halahan/Dale Durboraw 40+ Joy Desantis/Kevin Watson def. Lorraine Galloway/David Watson 45+ Cheryl Johnson/Tom Neill def. Debra Tisinger/John Vohland 50+ Karen Key/Frank Taddonio def. Joanne Pomodoro/Gary Mazaroff 55+ Susan Craig/Tom Curran def. Paula Sperling/Luke St. Onge 60+ Cecilia Palaski/Terry Albright def. Judy Mori/Brandt Bower 70+ Lola Markus/Ralph Waddington def. Louise Kiss/Wendell Hall



IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships on ESPN

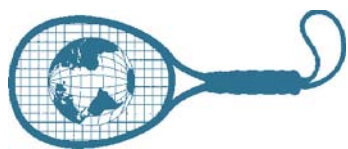
The five-day 21st annual IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships got off to a great start with a national broadcast on ESPN SportsCenter's special "50 States in 50 Days" traveling road show on Tuesday September 2.

On Day 45 of the cross-country tour, the "50 States, 50 Days" bandwagon arrived in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where ESPN anchor Linda Cohn and her crew highlighted the state's rich sport history and built programming around the World Senior Championships. The live broadcast was based at the El Pinto restaurant, a local favorite, and the show previewed pro golfer Begay, Joe and Gavin Maloof, owners of the Sacramento Kings, then showed taped action and interviews of racquetball players from morning action at Midtown Sports Club.

ESPN roving reporter George Smith captured interviews with Texan Robert McAdam (Men's 80+), New Yorker Victor Sacco (M80+) and Lucy Zachrisson (W45+) of Guatemala while the salsa dancers were warming up the ESPN fans at El Pinto.

McAdam has become the elder spokesman for racquetball and recently was inducted into the National Masters Hall of Fame. At age 84, he recently had time to pair up with his playing partner and conducted a racquetball clinic to beginners at a Texas high school.

Kevin Joyce



IRF WORLD Seniors

2005 Final Rankings

	Nation	Pts
1.	United States	5000
2.	Mexico	2100
3.	Puerto Rico	1900
4.	Costa Rica	700
5.	Ireland	700
6.	Colombia	600
7.	Canada	500
8.	Eritrea	500
9.	Montserrat	500
10.	Peru	500
11.	Guatemala	400
12.	Uruguay	200
13.	Argentina	100
14.	Dominican Republic	100
15.	Korea	100
16.	Nigeria	100
17.	Philippines	100
18.	Switzerland	100
19.	Virgin Islands	100
20.	Bolivia	0
21.	Honduras	0
22.	Zimbabwe	0



Pictures: Luke St. Onge (USA)



IRF WORLD Rankings

as of Oct 1, 2005
See complete rankings
on the website

Mens Singles

	Last name	First name	Country	Points
01.	Huzcek	Jack	USA	900
02.	Beltran	Alvaro	Mexico	400
03.	Carson	Rocky	USA	300
03.	Istace	Brian	Canada	300
03.	Loof	Joachim	Germany	300
03.	Meija	Gilberto	Mexico	300
07.	Klippel	Martin	Germany	200
08.	Gagnon	Vincent	Canada	175
09.	Gutierrez	Polo	Mexico	150
09.	Matla	Pascal	Netherlands	150
09.	Meyer	Trevor	Germany	150
09.	Osborne	Corey	Canada	150
13.	Castro	Cesar	Venezuela	100
13.	Hiroshi	Shimizu	Japan	100
15.	Canedo	Santiago	Bolivia	75
15.	Kurzbard	Fernando	Argentina	75
15.	Lysakowski	Jan	Austria	75
15.	Lysakowski	Ralf	Austria	75
15.	Nolan	Mark	England	75
15.	Vanderson	Shane	USA	75
15.	Wouters	Bart	Belgium	75

Mens Doubles

01.	Vanderson	Shane	USA	600
01.	Dennison	Mike	USA	600
03.	Green	Mike	Canada	500
04.	Maggi	Daniel	Argentina	450
04.	Manzuri	Shai	Argentina	450
06.	Moreno	Javier	Mexico	400
06.	Gutierrez	Polo	Mexico	400
08.	Bertels	Oliver	Germany	300
08.	Guidry	Mike	USA	300
08.	Klippel	Martin	Germany	300
08.	Thoerner	Jason	USA	300
08.	O'Brian	Tom	Canada	300
13.	Gannon	Jimmy	Ireland	200
13.	Hanley	Patrick	Ireland	200
13.	Istace	Brian	Canada	200
16.	Canedo	Santiago	Bolivia	175
16.	Fajre	Pablo	Chile	175
16.	Hirsekom	Jorge	Venezuela	175
16.	Roessler	Sebastian	Chile	175
20.	Bacmeister	Carlos	Mexico	150
20.	Loof	Joachim	Germany	150
20.	Lysakowski	Jan	Austria	150
20.	Lysakowski	Ralf	Austria	150
20.	Meyer	Trevor	Germany	150
20.	Pena		Mexico	150
26.	Mercado	Fernando	Bolivia	100
26.	Hernandez		Venezuela	100
26.	Moralez	Gustavo	Guatemala	100
26.	Benfeldt	Manolo	Guatemala	100
30.	Amaya		Bolivia	75
30.	Bier	Rolando	Honduras	75
30.	Deboutte	Niklaas	Belgium	75
30.	Hickey	Tristan	Ireland	75
30.	Hughes	Liam	Ireland	75
30.	Matla	Pascal	Netherlands	75
30.	Matramoros	David	Honduras	75
30.	Noland	Mark	England	75
30.	Oswald	Andy	England	75
30.	Reinhardt	Ralf	Venezuela	75
30.	Schipper	Edwin	Netherlands	75
30.	Wouters	Bart	Belgium	75

Womens Singles

	Last name	First name	Country	Points
01.	Gudinas	Cheryl	USA	800
02.	Grisar	Angela	Chile	475
03.	Enriquez	Nancy	Mexico	450
04.	Walsh	Kristen	USA	300
04.	Collet	Marie-Josée	France	300
04.	Dunn	Amanda	Canada	300
07.	Neary	Susan	Ireland	200
08.	Comerford	Bernadette	Ireland	150
08.	Byrne	Geraldine	Ireland	150
08.	Salas	Samantha	Mexico	150
11.	Toshiko	Sakamoto	Japan	100
11.	Rajsich	Rhonda	USA	100
11.	Powell	Lori-Jane	Canada	100
11.	Torres	Lupita	Mexico	100
15.	van Rijn	Mirjam	Netherlands	75
15.	Coffey	Niamh	Ireland	75
15.	Gibney	Elma	Ireland	75
15.	Kortes	Yvonne	Germany	75
15.	Caballero	Marioly	Bolivia	75
15.	Garcia	Claudine	Dom. Republic	75
15.	Grandmaitre	Josee	Canada	75

Womens Doubles

01.	Acosta	Susy	Mexico	700
01.	Torres	Rosy	Mexico	700
03.	Russel	Kim	USA	600
03.	Rice	Jackie	USA	600
05.	Nunez	Paola	Bolivia	450
06.	Coffey	Niamh	Ireland	300
06.	Gibney	Elma	Ireland	300
06.	Santos	Corola	Bolivia	300
06.	Saunders	Jennifer	Canada	300
06.	Grandmaitre	Josee	Canada	300
11.	Grisar	Angela	Chile	250
11.	Marquez	Fabiola	Chile	250
13.	Comerford	Benadette	Ireland	200
13.	Gudinas	Cheryl	USA	200
13.	Neary	Susan	Ireland	200
13.	Walsh	Kristen	USA	200
17.	Garcia	Claudine	Dom. Republic	175
18.	Byrne	Geraldine	Ireland	150
18.	Gibney	Ailish	Ireland	150
18.	Hartmann	Renate	Germany	150
18.	Kortes	Yvonne	Germany	150
18.	Parada	Yaque	Bolivia	150
23.	Gaspar	Maylen	Dom. Republic	100
23.	Miyamoto	Hiromi	Japan	100
23.	Hashimoto	Itsuyo	Japan	100
23.	Mondonado	Anna	Puerto Rico	100
23.	Rodriguez	Vivien	Puerto Rico	100
23.	Collet	Marie-Josée	France	75
28.	Geyer	Lily	Venezuela	75
28.	Gomez	Maria	Colombia	75
28.	Haverty	Majella	Ireland	75
28.	Matheus	Guimoar	Venezuela	75
28.	Neubauer	Julie	Canada	75
28.	Powell	Lori-Jane	Canada	75
28.	Raphanel	Nathalie	France	75
28.	Ruiz		Colombia	75
28.	Sauvignon	Karina	Dom. Republic	75
28.	Shanahan	Helen	Ireland	75
28.	Skehan	Julie	Ireland	75
28.	van Rijn	Mirjam	Netherlands	75

From around the world

Guatemala



Guatemala's Ladies team is currently training hard for the upcoming events in the region. Under their new coach Ivan Villegas, the team prepares to compete in the Central American Games this December as well as the Pan Am Championships

next year in Guatemala. According to IRF Vice President Lucy Zachrisson, there is great progress within the team.

Switzerland

Swiss Racquetball invites all players travelling to and through Europe to stop by at the Indoorsport Club in Aesch/Birmensdorf for some games. Aesch is around 20-30 minutes outside of Zurich, best reached by car - but also accessible by Train and then Bus. There are 2 courts with glass backwalls and most of the local players meet on Wednesdays.

Korea

The Korea Racquetball Federation will have it's 2005 DOBE Education National University Championships on October 1-2 at the Green Racquetball Club in Go Yang, Kyunggido, Korea. All university players under 26 are eligible to enter this event. See more information on the Racquetball Korea website.

Germany



Germany's young talent André Chun from Bad Windsheim took advantage of an offer that was made to him during the European Championships: He spent his last week of

summer vacation in Hamburg, the heart of the racquetball movement in Germany. Technique training with National Coach Bjorn Jensen and tactical training with German National Champion Martin Klippel were on his schedule.

News from the Pros



Christie van Hees from Canada won the season's first stop of the Womens Professional Racquetball Organisation (WPRO) in Rosarito, Mexico against Cheryl Gudinas (USA) in the final. In Stockton, CA/ USA, the Mens Professional Tour (IRT) had it's Stockton Pro-Am for the 23rd time.

Jason Mannino (USA) defeated legendary Cliff Swain in the final.

2005 US Open



... and you are invited! Racquetball's premier event, The Choice Hotels

U.S. Open Championships 2005, will celebrate it's 10th anniversary this year. USA Racquetball invites all players worldwide to compete. Check out all information on www.usopenracquetball.com

Rosarito a huge success again

According to Vice President Rosy Torres, her annual 2005 Rosarito Beach Open were another huge success this year.



"We had 156 entries this year, the numbers are increasing every year. We may have to think about building 4 more courts sometime", she said. The tournament has also been a WPRO event, the Womens Pro Tour.

Want to plan a vacation in Rosarito?
<http://www.rosaritobeachhotel.com/>

IRF International Calendar of Events

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International Olympic Committee



General Association of International Sports Federations



Association of Recognized IOC International Sports Federations



International World Games Association

Date	Events 2005	Site	Country
Sep 30-Oct 2	22nd Hamburg Open	Hamburg	Germany
Sep 28-Oct 2	38th U.S. National Doubles	Tempe, AZ	USA
Oct 2	2do Torneo New Generation	San Jose	Costa Rica
Oct 08-10	Japan National Singles Championships	Tokyo	Japan
Oct 12-17	Torneo Internacional de Racquetball	Santiago de Cali	Colombia
Oct 15-16	Autumn Open	Zoetermeer	Netherlands
Nov 14-30	6to Torneo Nacional Singles	San Jose	Costa Rica
Nov	Antwerp Open	Antwerp	Belgium
Nov 16-20	The Choice Hotels 10th US OPEN 2005	Memphis, TN	USA
Nov 25-27	14th Asia Championships 2005	Daegu	Korea
Nov	4th UK Open	Alconbury	England
Dec 01-04	3er Torneo Nacional	Barranquilla	Colombia
Dec 09-18	VIII Central American Games	Guatemala City	Guatemala
Dec 15-21	IRF 17th World Junior Championships	Juarez	Mexico

Date	Events 2006	Site	Country
Jan	French Open 2006	Paris	France
Jan	National Team Selection DOUBLES	Calgary	Canada
Jan 27-29	24th German National Championships	Hamburg	Germany
Feb	National Team Selection SINGLES	Brossard	Canada
Mar	19th USAR National High School Championships	St. Louis, ON	USA
Mar	National NMRA Championships 2006	Canoga Park, CA	USA
Mar	Irish National Singles Championships 2006	Kingscourt	Ireland
Mar 19-21	Dutch Open 2006	Zoetermeer	Netherlands
Mar	19th Pan American Racquetball Championships	Guatemala City	Guatemala
Mar	34th USAR National Intercollegiate Championships	tba	USA
Mar 31 - Apr 2	25th German Open 2006	Hamburg	Germany
Apr	4th English Open	Rendlesham	England
May	Japan Open 2006	Tokyo	Japan
May 13-14	Antwerp Open	Antwerp	Belgium
May	39th US National Singles 2006	Houston, TX	USA
Apr 29-May 1	Arklow Irish Open	Arklow	Ireland
Jun 22-26	32nd USAR Junior Olympic Championships	Portland, OR	USA
July	Central American Caribbean Games	Santo Domingo	Dom. Republic
Aug	13th IRF World Championships 2006	Santo Domingo	Dom. Republic
September	South American Games	Buenos Aires	Argentina

2nd Qualifier in Guatemala

The second and final qualifying tournament took place in the month of August with the following results.

Mens Team Results

1. Gustavo Morales
2. Juan Jose Salvatierra
3. Fernando Sierra
4. Manolo Bendfelt

Womens Team Results

1. Jennifer Bendfelt
2. Lucy Zachrisson
3. Elissa Beltranena
4. Patty Beltranena

This roster will be the official Guatemala Racquetball Team that competes in the upcoming Central American Games 2005 in Guatemala City.

In closing....

The next edition of IRF NEWS will be published in January 2006.

The IRF wishes all players and supporters a great season 05/06.

Contributions or suggestions for the next edition are always welcome. Just send everything to info@internationalracquetball.com