



Message from the President

Dear IRF members,

During the past three months the IRF conducted two of its major World Tournaments. The 13th World Championships for Open players was held in the Dominican Republic in August. All of us realize how much work goes into running an event of this magnitude. On behalf of the Executive Board of the IRF, I would like to acknowledge the work of Rafael Fernandez. Rafa was the Tournament Director and was the driving force behind this successful event. We were fortunate to play in the wonderful eight court facility that was constructed for the 2003 Pan American Games. The entire organizing committee should be praised for their commitment to this excellent Tournament. We enjoyed seeing many new players who represented 27 countries. There were four World Champions crowned that should be recognized. Christy Van Hess, Canada, Jack Huczek, United States in the Women's and Men singles and Aimee Ruiz, Laura Fenton, USA, Javier Moreno, Alvaro Beltran, Mexico, in Women's and Mens Doubles. The USA successfully defended their World Team Championship Trophy. I personally would like thank Rafael Fernandez for his dedication and hard work. I would also like to recognize, Usher Barnoff, Otto Dietrich, and Gary Mazaroff for the end-less hours they spent on making this event happen. Unfortunately, I became ill and had to return to the United States the day before the World Congress. My special thanks to Luke St Onge for conducting the Congress. 23 countries attended the Congress, which from what I understand was an excellent meeting. Thank you all for doing our work with such efficiency and effectiveness. The 14th Worlds will be held in 2008. We hope to announce the location in the next Newsletter.

Last month our Second World's were held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The World Seniors has been an IRF event since 1889. This event continues to be a major fund raiser for the IRF. This year at the awards banquet, Paula Sperling, President of the World Seniors Racquetball Council, presented the IRF a check for \$10,000.00. We are most grateful not only for this support, but for the Council's efforts in presenting a wonderful tournament. There were over 220 players competing in this years Tournament. Everyone plays hard and sincerely represents the "True Spirit of Sport". My thanks to the Council members and to everyone who helps support the IRF. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals who love the Sport of Racquetball. I look forward to attending this event in 2007.

Dr. Keith Calkins
IRF President

2006 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SANTO DOMINGO AN OLD AND A NEW WORLD CHAMPION...



They already met in the semi finals of the individual ladies singles competition of the 2006 World Championships in Santo Domingo. Defending World Champion Cheryl Gudinas (USA) and 2000 World Champion *Christie van Hees* (Canada) probably played THE match of the singles competition with van Hees winning in straight two close games 15-13, 15-14 to finally beat Angela Grisar (Chile) in the Ladies final. It is van Hees' second singles title.

In the Mens draw, *Jack Huczek* (USA) defended his title against team mate Shane Vanderson.

And..... BREAKING NEWS:
**2008 World Championships to
be held in Paris, France!!** Page 10

13th IRF WORLD Championships

team medal rounds

Position MEN: USA def. Canada 3-0 WOMEN: USA def. Canada 2-1

#1 Singles Jack Huczek def. Kris Odegard 15-5, 15-9 Rhonda Rajisch def. Christie van Hees 15-11, 8-15, 11-3
#2 Singles Shane Vanderson def. Francois Viens WBF - injury Francois Cheryl Gudinas def. Jennifer Saunders 15-13, 15-11

Doubles Jack Huczek/Rocky Carson def. Mike Green/Brian Istace 15-4 Josee Grand'Maitre/Lori-Jane Powell def. Aimee Ruiz/Laura Fenton 15-2, 15-14, 11-6



team finishes

Men's Team	Women's Team	Overall/Combined
1. United States	1. United States	1. United States
2. Canada	2. Canada	2. Canada
3. Mexico	3. Japan	3. Mexico
4. Venezuela	4. Mexico	4. Bolivia
5. Bolivia	5. Chile	5. Venezuela
6. Korea	6. Bolivia	6. Korea
7. Costa Rica	7. Korea	6. Chile
8. Chile	8. Venezuela	6. Japan
9. Ecuador	9. Ecuador	9. Ecuador
10. Japan	10. Ireland	10. Costa Rica
11. Puerto Rico	11. France	11. Ireland
12. Ireland	12. Costa Rica	12. Dominican Republic
13. Dom. Republic	13. Germany	12. Germany
14. Germany	14. Dom. Republic	14. Puerto Rico
15. Guatemala	15. Guatemala	15. Guatemala
16. Netherlands	16. Netherlands	16. Netherlands
17. Catalonia	17. Catalonia	17. Catalonia
18. Italy	18. Puerto Rico	18. Belgium
18. Belgium		18. Poland
18. Poland		18. Italy
21. Switzerland		21. Nicaragua
22. Nicaragua		21. Colombia
22. Colombia		21. France
		21. Switzerland

individual world title matches

men's singles: Jack Huczek (USA) def. Shane Vanderson (USA) 15-10, 14-15, 11-4

men's doubles: Javier Moreno/Alvaro Beltran (Mexico) def. Jack Huczek/Rocky Carson (USA) 15-8, 15-14

women's singles: Christie van Hees (Canada) def. Angela Grisar (Chile) 15-4, 15-1

women's doubles: Aimee Ruiz/Laura Fenton (USA) def. Angela Grisar/Fabiola Marquez (Chile) 15-6, 15-4

doubles

Men's BLUE: Hiroshi Shimizu / Michimune Kono (Japan) def. Ricardo Monroy/Roland Keller 15-12, 15-13

Men's RED: Gen Young Kang / Sung Suk Kim (Korea) def. Fernando Sierra/Juan Luis Galvez (Guatemala) 13-15, 15-11, 11-4

Men's WHITE: Adam Neary/Joe Farrell (Ireland) def. Edwin Schipper/Richard van Doezum (Netherlands) 15-10, 12-15, 11-7

Women's BLUE: Nancy Enriquez/Samantha Salas (Mexico) def. Carola Loma/Jenny Daza (Bolivia) 15-8, 15-13

Women's RED: Ivonne Carpio/Cristina Cordova (Ecuador) def. Vivianna Reveron/Guiovanna Henriquez (Venezuela) 15-5, 15-8

Women's WHITE: Rosa Gomez/Yira Portes (Dom. Republic) def. Deborah Kessler/Naomi Sasso (Costa Rica) 15.10, 11-15, 11-9

singles compass division finals

Men's BLUE: Jorge Zambrana (Bolivia) def. Santiago Canedo WBF injury

Men's RED: Joaquin Solera (Costa Rica) def. Tristan Hickey (Ireland) 15-5, 15-2

Men's WHITE: Fernando Rios (Ecuador) def. Jose Daniel Ugalde (Ecuador) 15-7, 15-10

Women's BLUE: Anita Maldonado (Puerto Rico) def. Estuko Noda (Japan) 15-9, 15-12

Women's RED: Veronica Sotomayor (Ecuador) def. Maria Paz Munoz (Ecuador) 15-5, 15-14

Women's WHITE: Mayra Quiroga (Bolivia) def. Patricia Beltranena (Guatemala) 15-4, 15-1

13th IRF WORLD Championships



Ladies Singles Gold Division



Mens Singles Gold Division



Ladies Doubles Gold Division



Mens Doubles Gold Division

News from the Asia Racquetball Federation (ARF)

Yunhui Cobb

During the World Racquetball Championship in the Dominican Republic in August of this year, the Asian Racquetball Federation (ARF) elected a new executive board and also voted on a new constitution.



The new ARF board members are as follows:



Mr. Gu-Hyun Kong

President:

Mr. Gu-Hyun Kong (Korea)

Vice President:

Mr. Toshiharu Yanagi (Japan)

Secretary General:

Mr. Sang-Soo Lee (Korea)

Treasurer:

Mr. Yasushi Tanahara (Japan)

Liason officer:

Mrs. Yuni Cobb (Korea)



Mr. Toshiharu Yanagi

More exciting news is that the Taiwan Racquetball Federation, the country that is hosting the 2009 World Games, is going to be a new member of ARF in the very near future. Asia Racquetball is growing!!



Mr. Sang-Soo Lee

The Asia Racquetball Federation is also planning on having the Asia Racquetball Open in January 2007 and the Asia Racquetball Championships in August 2007 in Japan.

More information on those events will be forthcoming. Please also check the official ARF website for updates in the future.



Mr. Yasushi Tanahara



Mrs. Yuni Cobb

Asia Racquetball at
www.asiaracquetball.com

2006-2008 Rule changes

Usher Barnoff

The 2006 IRF Congress voted for the following rule changes:

1. 10 SECOND RULE

The rule now reads:

The 10 second rule applies to the server and receiver simultaneously. Collectively, they are allowed up to 10 seconds after the score is called to serve or be ready to receive. It is the server's responsibility to look and be certain the receiver is ready. If a receiver is not ready, they must signal by raising the racquet above the head or completely turning the back to the server. These are the only two acceptable signals. **The receiver cannot cause the server to violate the 10 second rule.**

2. OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR

Any coach or player conducting themselves in a negative manner towards the referee or linesperson of a match shall receive the following penalties:

- First Offence — technical warning (minimum)
- Subsequent Offences — technical on the coach/person's player or team.

3. MULTI - BOUNCE

Rule 6.3 FRONT WALL LINES

Two parallel lines (tape may be used) should be placed across the front wall such that the bottom edge of one line is 3 feet above the floor and the bottom edge of the other line is 1 foot above the floor. **At all times**, any ball that hits the front wall (i) below the 3-foot line and (ii) either on or above the 1-foot line must be returned before it bounces a third time. However, if the ball hits below the 1-foot line, it must be returned before it bounces twice. If the ball hits on or above the 3-foot line, the ball must be returned as described in the basic return rule.

4. SAFETY ZONE VIOLATION

Revised wording:

3.10(i) Safety Zone Violation. The server may enter the safety zone at any time after serving (striking) the ball. If the doubles partner enters into the safety zone before the served ball passes the short line, it shall result in the loss of serve.

NOTE: The receiving line is still in effect for the receiver (i.e. encroachment)

5. From "Policies & Procedures":

A.1.(e) [revised]

A team consists of two (2) singles players and a doubles team. The teams are allowed to mix the players from the individual event into any position (i.e. singles 1, singles 2 or doubles) in the team event.

Download the new IRF Rulebook 2006-2008 at [http://](http://www.internationalracquetball.com/uploads/IRF%20Rules%202006-2008.pdf)

www.internationalracquetball.com/uploads/IRF%20Rules%202006-2008.pdf

The Secretary General's report

Luke St. Onge

Dear Racquetball Enthusiast,

We are most pleased to end the 2006 Racquetball year with the Junior Worlds to be held at Arizona State University Tempe, Arizona, USA.



The Juniors return to the United States after an absence of two years where they were held in Mexico.

The 2006 Junior Worlds is the dream of Frank Taddino, a member of the USA Racquetball Board of Directors. Frank felt it was time to bring the Junior Worlds back to the USA and went about putting together a proposal that the IRF Ex Committee could not pass up and thus the Junior Worlds will be held at Arizona State University.

We are most fortunate to have the Tempe Convention and Visitors Bureau who have put together an excellent opening ceremony as well as a new approach to the awards banquet.

The banquet will be held at the Arizona Mills Mall at the Restaurant GAMEWORKS which features one of the most fantastic game rooms in the U.S. After a BarBQ dinner each player will be given tickets to explore and enjoy the fun in GAMEWORKS.

The IRF team under the direction of Technical Director Usher Barnoff who will have the responsibility of seeding, scheduling and administering 40 divisions, 320 player many of whom will play in 3 divisions, 3 major Cup Competitors, as well as managing the Olympic format in many of the divisions.

For the first time the IRF will have a communications director working with the local and international media. Paula Sperling, President of the World Senior Racquetball Championships, joins the IRF team as a volunteer along with Gary Mazaroff and Ralph Waddington.

Stay tuned to the IRF Website for further information.



AmPRO Get certified

September 23-24, 2006

What: Certification Course

Where: LA Fitness; Atlanta, GA, USA

Clinician: Gary Gloeggler (678)575-6579

September 25-26, 2006

What: Certification Course

Where: LA Fitness; Tempe, AZ

Clinician: Karen Key (480)545-1363 & Gary Mazaroff

October 11-13, 2006

What: Certification Course

Where: La Loma, San Luis Potosi, Mexico

Clinician: Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

November 4-5, 2006

What: Certification Course

Where: STP; Chicago (area), IL

Clinician: David Negrete (630)483-6829

November 11-12, 2006

What: Certification Course

Where: Denver Athletic Club; Denver, CO

Clinician: Jo Shattuck (303)949-7785

January 13-14, 2007

What: Certification Course

Where: Auburn Racquet & Fitness Club; Auburn, CA

Clinician: Dave George (650)589-6904

May 30-31, 2007

What: Certification Course

Where: Redmond Athletic Club; Redmond, WA

Clinician: Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

June 04-05, 2007

What: Certification Course

Where: Sport Department, Hamburg, Germany

Clinician: Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

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The official ProShop of the IRF



IRF WORLD Seniors

Albuquerque, NM USA

Another successful IRF World Seniors in Albuquerque, USA!! Way over 200 players from around the world came to Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA to compete in the 18th World Senior Racquetball Championships 2006.

This event is unique in our sport. It is friendship, competition and fun, just everything that you need to enjoy your time in and off the court.

In addition to the singles competition, mixed doubles has been offered for the second consecutive time, and with great success: 40 teams entered the mixed doubles divisions from 35 to 75 years!!

Games were played in three different clubs, with shuttles taking care of all players at all time.

The Local Organizing Committee, chaired by Paula Sperling, once again did a great job with „our“ World Seniors and many already confirmed the return to the 2007 edition. See you there...

Women Final Matches/Positions

- Womens 35+** Jean Halahan (USA) def. Tina Hagen (USA) 7, 6
Womens 40+ Lorraine Galloway (USA) def. Lupita Jasso (Mexico)
Womens 45+ Debra Tisinger (USA) def. Sheri Coplen (USA)
Womens 50+ Joanne Pomodoro (USA) def. Mary Keenan (USA) 7, 8
Womens 55+ Shirley Parsons (USA) def. Susan Craig (USA)
Womens 60+ Merijeau Kelley (USA) def. Mary Lou Furaus (USA)
Womens 65+ Mildred Gwinn (USA) def. Marquita Molina (USA)
Womens 70+ Lola Markus (USA) def. Louise Kiss (USA)

Men Final Matches/Positions

- Mens 35+** Woody Clouse (USA) def. Jeff Wilson (USA)
Mens 40+ Keith Minor (USA) def. Arturo Martin (Mexico) 5, 5
Mens 45+ Bur Raby (USA) def. Fred Johnson (USA) (10), 5, 8
Mens 50+ Rick Betts (USA) def. Bill Yates (USA) 6, 8
Mens 55+ Russ Montague (USA) def. Sal Perconti (USA)
Mens 60+ Glenn Cunningham (USA) def. Ron Burdo (USA) 8, (6), 7
Mens 65+ Leland Rients (USA) def. Jerry Northwood (USA)
Mens 70+ Toby DeCesare (USA) def. Ken Karmel (USA) 0, 1
Mens 75+ Skip Kiphart (USA) def. Antonio Piñeros (Colombia)
Mens 80+ Duane Russell (USA) def. Dick Kincade (USA)
Mens 85+ Robert McAdam (USA) def. William Gillio (USA)

Dbls Mixed Doubles Final Matches/Positions

- Mixed Doubles 35+** Shari Coplen & Woody Clouse def. Jean Halahan & Dale Durboraw 8, 3
Mixed Doubles 40+ Key & Robert E. Lee def. Cheryl Uher & Darryl Uher 3, 8
Mixed Doubles 45+ Debra Tisinger & Carlos Ascunce def. Tammy West & Gary West
Mixed Doubles 50+ Joanne Pomodoro & Gary Mazaroff def. Mary Keenan & Wayne Toyne
Mixed Doubles 55+ Shirley Parsons & Roger Barber def. Susan Craig & Reed Barnitz
Mixed Doubles 60+ Mary Lou Furaus & Jerry Northwood def. Merijeau Kelley & Hank Estrada
Mixed Doubles 65+ Mildred Gwinn & Aaron Vederoff
Mixed Doubles 75+ Lola Markus/Ralph Waddington def. Louise Kiss/Wendell Hall



Pictures: 35+ finishers
See pictures of all World Champions on our website.



2ND IRF WORLD SENIOR DOUBLES RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

HAMBURG, GERMANY June 6-9, 2007

Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City:	State: ZIP:
Country:	Gender (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Email:	
Age As Of 06/06/2007:	Date Of Birth:

NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITHOUT FEE. FEE ENCLOSED:

- Individual First Event - \$70.00
 - Second Event per player - \$30.00
 - Non-Player Spectator(s) - \$ 30.00
 - Late Fee - \$15.00
- (Enter Spectator(s) Names(s) below.)

Spectator(s):

Check Method Of Payment Below – Total Fee Enclosed: \$

U.S. Currency Only. Add \$5.00 processing fee for VISA or Mastercard.

- Check
- Money Order
- Bank Draft
- VISA
- Mastercard

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 28, 2007.

WAIVER: In consideration of my participation in the World Senior Doubles Racquetball Championships, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims that I may have against the World Senior Doubles Racquetball Championships Council, Sport Department, International Racquetball Federation, European Racquetball Federation, German Racquetball Federation, and their respective agents, representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries or damages, whether caused by negligence of the above or otherwise. I also acknowledge the potential risk of eye injury during competition and can provide certification in writing that my protective eye guards (including prescriptive frames/lenses) conform with all standards specified by the IRF rules. By registering to compete in this event, I release all rights to the use of event photographs in which my image appears.

(Original Signed Waiver Required For Participation.)

Participant Signature & Date: _____

**CHECK EVENT(S)
- LIMIT 2 EVENTS PER
PLAYER, ONE MUST BE
MIXED**

- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

Men's Doubles Partner: _____

Women's Doubles Partner: _____

Mixed Doubles Partner: _____

CHECK AGE GROUP

- Dbls 30+ FS
- Dbls 35+
- Dbls 40+
- Dbls 45+
- Dbls 50+
- Dbls 55+
- Dbls 60+
- Dbls 65+
- Dbls 70+
- Dbls 75+
- Dbls 80+
- Dbls 85+

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IRF WORLD Juniors

DECEMBER 15-21, 2006

**Arizona State University
ASU Recreation Center
Tempe, Arizona, USA**



- **ENTRY FEE:** \$90.00 First event, 40.00 Second event, \$40.00 third event (mixed doubles only). All entries must be made directly through the players' National Racquetball Federation and not directly to the IRF.
- **ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entry must be received by *Friday, November 24* (post-marked no later than 11/20). 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 5:00pm on *Wednesday, December 13*. *Please do not call the national office for starting times!* Check the IRF website at www.internationalracquetball.com.

Starting times may change due to additions or deletions in the draws.

- **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. Registration will be made by the Team Leader of each delegation or Coach on behalf of the delegation. Individual players do not have to check in personally.

- **EVENT SCHEDULE:** All entrants must be prepared to begin play on Saturday at 8:00 am.
Thursday, practice & registration
Friday, practice, registration, coaches meeting
Friday, 7:00pm Opening Ceremony
Saturday, 8:00am play begins
Sunday; 8:00am play begins
Monday, 8:00am play begins
Tuesday, 8:00am play begins
Wednesday, 8:00am play begins Wednesday, 7:00pm, banquet
Thursday-800am play begins
Thursday, after play: Team Medal Ceremony

- **OFFICIATING:** Losers are required to referee. Failure to referee will result in a penalty points being deducted from your team.

- **COACHES MEETING:** A meeting for coaches will be held Friday afternoon at the host hotel at 3:00pm

- **EYEWEAR:** IRF Official Rules will govern the mandatory use of protective lensed eyewear. It is the player's and/or guardian's responsibility to make certain that their eyewear conforms to the standard.

- **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. Non-members will be required to purchase an IRF membership on site.

Download complete entry form at:

http://www.internationalracquetball.com/events06/06irf_jrs1.htm

From around the world

Bolivia

The recent National Bolivian Junior Championships were held in Cochabamba on June 23-28. 109 players from six regional associations competed in age groups between 9 and 19 year. team champion became the Chuquisaca Association.

Ireland

Following the recent Annual General Meeting of the Racquetball Association of Ireland, Pat Keane has been re-elected for a second term as President of the Association. Sean Gargan of Kingscourt takes over the Vice Presidency while Gary Lynch retain the position of General Secretary.

Mexico



Miguel Perea was only one of the many Mexican seniors who competed in the *Nacional Selective Master 2006* at the Club Hacienda San Javier in Guadalajara this June. Perea, current General Secretary of the Mexican Racquetball Federation,

lost his final match in the Seniors Singles 40+ division against Arturo Martin with 15-9, 15-10.

Venezuela

Successful racquetball junior camp in Venezuela: 12 juniors were attending a camp conducted by National Team players Cesar Castro and Fabian Balmori and in preparation of the upcoming IRF Junior Worlds 2006 in Tempe, AZ, USA.

Turkey



Ms. Ayten Kececi from Istanbul became the new President for Racquetball Turkey. ERF President Erik Meyer welcomed Ms. Kececi to the European community. Turkey was represented for the first

time by Ms. Kececi at the recent European congress in Hamburg, Germany.

From around the world

Italy

Racquetball Italia has just recently announced the dates and general information for the 2006 Italian Championships in Brembate. Find more information on the Italian website. At www.racquetball.it.

Netherlands

The Netherlands Racquetball Association (NRA) has scheduled its National Championships for November 3-5 this year. The competition will be held at the Westvliet Welness & Racquet Club in The Hague. Michiel van der Holst and Mirjam van Rijn are the defending champions in the mens and ladies singles competitions.

Germany

Successful start of the 2006/07 European Tour. The 2006 Hamburg Open concluded with no surprises in the Mens and Ladies Singles finals when Martin Klippel (Germany) claimed a straight victory against Ireland's Tristan Hickey in the final with 15-4, 15-5 while Yvonne Kortess (Germany) defeated Julie Skehan (Ireland) 15-6, 15-6.

News from the Pros



After two years of retirement from pro racquetball former Junior World Champion Sudsy Monchik has answered the call to return to the game. Sudsy has been training hard and has made the commitment to play full

time on the IRT for the coming season. "I am not coming back to just sign autographs and blow kisses. I am coming back to win tournaments", Monchik stated.

See the complete press release at www.irt-tour.com

For more news check out www.internationalracquetball.com

14th IRF World Championships 2008 granted to Paris, France

IRF WORLDRankings



The IRF Executive Committee voted unanimously to bring the 2008 14th IRF World Racquetball Championships to Paris, France.

This will be the the second time that the World Championships will be held in Europe after the Championships in Hamburg, Germany in 1988.

The event will take place in the City Form Club in Nanterre, a local district of Paris. The club also serves as site of the French Open every year. In addition, the 1989 European Championships have been held there.

IRF President Keith Calkins, contacted at his California home, stated: "The IRF belives that a World Championship in Paris will offer a terrific opportunity for our sport to expand and grow. We believe that the event will attract new countries and the top players in the World. We have been looking forward to holding the Worlds in Paris for some time. The IRF Executive Committee totally supports Paris and we know that these Worlds under the umbrella of the European Racquetball Federation will be a quality event."

Mr. Erik Meyer, IRF Executive Vice President and chairman of the Local Organizing Committee stated: "We are most excited to have the IRF come to Europe after an absence of 20 years. Racquetball in Europe is growing and the Worlds will be a great asset to push us further. We will also have a chance to showcase racquetball to the International Olympic Committee prior to the 2009 vote by the IOC on new sports for the 2016 games."

40 countries from around the globe are expected to qualify for the 14th IRF World Championships and compete for the World Title.

For more information on Racquetball's premier international competition please visit the IRF website in the months ahead.



Mens Open Singles

	Last name	First name	Country
01.	Huzcek	Jack	USA
02.	Vanderson	Shane	USA
03.	Pena	Abraham	Mexico
04.	Loof	Joachim	Germany
04.	Meija	Gilberto	Mexico
04.	Odegard	Kris	Canada
07.	Klippel	Martin	Germany
07.	Clouse	Woody	USA
09.	Matla	Pascal	Netherlands
09.	Meyer	Trevor	Germany

Womens Open Singles

	Last name	First name	Country
01.	van Hees	Christie	Canada
02.	Grisar	Angela	Chile
03.	Longoria	Paola	Mexico
04.	Saunders	Jennifer	Canada
05.	Gudinas	Cheryl	USA
05.	Collet	Marie-Josée	France
05.	Walsh	Kristen	USA
08.	Neary	Susan	Ireland
09.	Acosta	Susana	Mexico
09.	Comerford	Bernadette	Ireland
09.	Byrne	Geraldine	Ireland

Womens Open Doubles

01.	Grisar	Angela	Chile
01.	Marquez	Fabiola	Chile
01.	Ruiz	Aimee	USA
01.	Fenton	Laura	USA
05.	Grandmaitre	Josee	Canada
06.	Rice	Jackie	USA
06.	Coffey	Niamh	Ireland
06.	Gibney	Elma	Ireland
06.	Powell	Lori-Jane	Canada
06.	Ruiz	Aimee	USA
06.	Wakimoto	Naomi	Japan
06.	Sakamoto	Toshiko	Japan

Mens Open Doubles

01.	Carson	Rocky	USA
01.	Huzcek	Jack	USA
03.	Green	Mike	Canada
03.	Istace	Brian	Canada
05.	Moreno	Javier	Mexico
05.	Beltran	Alvaro	Mexico
07.	Hirsekom	Jorge	Venezuela
08.	Bertels	Oliver	Germany
08.	Klippel	Martin	Germany
08.	Clouse	Woody	USA
08.	Tilton	Willie	USA
08.	Castro	Cesar	Venezuela

Official IRF Rankings as of September 5, 2006

See the complete world rankings in all divisions online

Kay McCarthy receives Al Wetherill Memorial Sportsmanship Award

Mike Mesecke

During the recent IRF World Senior Championships in Albuquerque, long time player Kay McCarthy received the Al Wetherill Memorial Sportsmanship Award .

This Award is presented to one or two players at the World Seniors Tournament, selected by the WSRC Council, for his or her demonstration of sportsmanship on the racquetball court. Since 1993, the WSRC Council presented each recipient of this award with a permanent memento of their having received this recognition.



ERF Congress 2006

Mike Mesecke

The European Racquetball Federation Congress has been held in Hamburg, Germany on September 16th, in conjunction with the 23rd Hamburg Open, the first event of the European Racquetball season.

The ERF welcomed some new and some not so new members to the Federation. Italy re-joined the ERF after a long time absence from the European scene, while Turkey and Catalonia (Spain) joined the European movement for the first time. While Italy hosted it's Italian Open this year for the first time, it is expected that the newcomers Turkey and Catalonia (Spain) will be having their international events in 2007.

The congress voted in favor of President Erik Meyer's proposal to host the 14th IRF World Championships 2008 in Paris. These Worlds shall be organized in cooperation with all European countries. The 2008 Worlds would only be the second World Championship in Europe (after 1988 in Hamburg, Germany).

No decision has been made yet on the site of the 2007 European Championships. Ireland and Italy showed interest in hosting this event, while there were also discussions to also have this event in Paris. A final vote will be made by November 1.

The congress also voted on several European rule changes and on some constitutional changes as well. In general, the 2006 ERF congress was productive, historical, still too short but for sure important for the future of the sport in Europe.

IRF NEWS

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IRF International Calendar of Events

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International World Games Association

Date	Events 2006	Site	Country
Oct 07-09	Japan National Singles	TBA	Japan
Oct 07-09	4ª Fecha Circuito Nacional de Racquetball	La Serena	Chile
Oct 12	3era. Ronda Campeonato Nacional y 3er Selectivo	Cuenca	Ecuador
Nov 01-05	Mexican National Juniors Championships	Guadalajara	Mexico
Nov 04-05	East & West Japan Rookies	TBA	Japan
Nov 11	6to Torneo Nacional	San Jose	Costa Rica
Nov 17-20	Thanksgiving Racquetball Tournament	San Juan	Puerto Rico
Nov 15-19	11th The Choice Hotels U.S. Open 2006	Memphis, TN	USA
Dec	69th Torneo Nacional Tres Copas	Sucre	Bolivia
Dec 08-10	5ª Fecha Circuito Nacional de Racquetball	Santiago	Chile
Dec 15-21	18th IRF World Junior Championships 2006	Tempe, AZ	USA

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Date	Events 2007	Site	Country
Jan 12-14	26th French Open 2007	Paris	France
Jan	ARF Asia Open 2007	tba	Japan
Feb 02-04	26th German Nationals	Hamburg	Germany
Mar 30-Apr 1	26th German Open 2007	Hamburg	Germany
Apr	20th Pan American Championships	Santiago de Chile	Chile
Apr 29-May 1	Arklow Irish Open 2007	Arklow	Ireland
May	Antwerp Open	Antwerp	Belgium
Jun 06-09	2nd IRF World Senior Doubles Championships	Hamburg	Germany
Aug	14th ERF European Championships 2007	tba	tba
Aug	14th ARF Asia Championships	tba	Japan
Aug 12	4to Torneo Nacional	San Jose	Costa Rica
Aug	19th World Senior Championships	Albuquerque, NM	USA
Sep	24th Hamburg Open	Hamburg	Germany
Nov	Belgian Open 2007	Antwerp	Belgium
Nov	12th The Choice Hotels U.S. Open	Memphis, TN	USA
Dec	19th World Junior Championships	tba	tba

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