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# What a busy summer 2007

...and plans for the summer 2008 are already underway...

World Senior Championships, European Championships, Asia Championships, South American Championships, as well as some other very important and great tournaments throughout the summer 2007...

Racquetball players from around the world were busy to compete for important gold medals, honor and to renew old friendships.

...and the next summer is already in the making as the 14th World Racquetball Championships will be held in Kingscourt, Ireland next year.

Needless to say that a lot of things have to be organized for the event. Recently, the official logo has been published and an event website was launched.





Dear IRF members,

Last month I had the opportunity to again attend the World Seniors Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This year there were 18 Countries represented and the competition was excellent. It is always a joy to see the organizing committee put forth such a grand effort. Everyone in attendance seemed to truly enjoy the opportunity to compete and share their friendships.

Gary Marazoff was as always a master at his job of keeping the event going on time. My special thanks to everyone who made the event such a success. It was also quite rewarding to have Paula Sperling present the IRF with a check for \$10,000.00. The World Seniors have done so much for the International Federation. On behalf of the Executive Board of IRF, we thank you for your dedication and willingness to give.

The IRF continues to grow and promote the Sport of Racquetball. We hope to receive word from the IOC regarding our request for IOC recognition. I previously wrote about completing the IOC Questionnaire and now we will hopefully continue our recognized place in the IOC structure. We should know of our status in the next few months. We will keep you posted.

I am continually impressed with the number of tournaments that are offered our players throughout the World. Please keep up the good work in this regard. Hopefully everyone visits the IRF Web site. Mike Mesecke works hard to keep us current. I would ask that you continue to send him information that we can use on the site. It is important that we all stay in contact and keep the information flowing.

I again want to ask that you make plans ASAP to attend the World Juniors in Bolivia, December 2007 and the World's in Ireland, August 2008. The tourist season is high in Ireland in August so I encourage to plan ahead. Especially the plane reservations as they book up quickly. You can get the information regarding these events on the Web site. Please keep in touch and if you have issues or concerns let me know of them.

Keith Calkins  
President IRF

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## History making Asia Championships 2007

The 15th Asia Championships 2007 made history. Never before have been more countries competing in this event and for the first time China and Taiwan were represented. The team titles were split between the two leading countries with Japan winning the ladies title and Korea winning the mens team competition.



**Men's Open Champion:**  
Kyunggido Korean Team

**Women's Open Champion:**  
Japan Team

### Important news from the Asia Racquetball Federation:

Memberships for China and Taiwan have been officially approved at the ARF congress 2007.

The next Asia Championships in 2009 will be held in Japan. The goal is to have 10 countries competing.

Mrs. Yunhui Cobb has been elected into the ARF Executive Committee.

Korean Olympic Committee supports efforts by the ARF to become a member of the Asian Olympic Committee.





Albuquerque, New Mexico "The Land of Enchantment"; it is home to a majestic region of mountains and desert beauty. It's also home to the International Racquetball Federation's World Senior Championships. This event celebrates the union of players 35-90 from around the world, who play for nothing more than the love of the game. The unique blend of players from 18 countries makes this a special tournament. It is played without referees, which helps players give the calls they want in return. It also makes players communicate through hand gestures and nods when a common spoken language is not shared. The one thing that is clearly apparent is the love and passion that everyone has for the game.



The tournament has drawn over 400 players and has a proud list of past champions. The list looks like a 'Who's Who' of great players, including the likes of Ruben Gonzalez, Andy Roberts, Doug Ganim, Laura Fenton, and Zelda Friedland. This event provides a perfect venue to experience the feeling of an international competition. The format ensures that each entrant plays a 'ton' of racquetball regardless of the win-loss record. There is as much Spanish spoken as there is English, and players represent countries from as far away

**Women Final Matches/Positions**

- 35+ Jo Shattuck (Colorado) def. Jean Halahan (New York) 6, 9
- 40+ Blanca Jordan (Mexico) def. Carmen Mucharraz (Mexico)
- 45+ Debra Tisinger-Moore (USA) def. Cindy Tillbury (USA)
- 50+ Mary Keenan (USA) def. Karen Key (USA)
- 55+ Shirley Parsons (USA) def. Paula Sperling (USA)
- 60+ MeriJean Kelley (USA) def. Cecilia Palaski (USA)
- 65+ Mildred Gwinn (USA) def. Nidea Funes (Puerto Rico)
- 75+ Lola Markus (USA) def. Louise Kiss (USA)
- 80+ Ruby Bishop (USA)

**Men Final Matches/Positions**

- 35+ Woody Clouse (USA) def. Enrique Esparza (Mexico) 4, 10
- 40+ Keith Minor (USA) def. Victor Lopez (Mexico) 2, 5
- 45+ Arturo Martin (Mexico) def. Fred Johnson (USA) 8, 2
- 50+ Tom Travers (USA) def. Steve Wattz (USA) 1, 8
- 55+ Frank Taddonio (USA) def. Darryl Warren (USA) 3, 8
- 60+ Brandt Bower (USA) def. Arturo Radillo (Mexico) (10), 6, 4
- 65+ Mitch Melewski (USA) def. Tom Rearden (USA)
- 70+ Arthur Hotchkiss (USA) def. Terry Lauritsen (USA)
- 75+ Don Alt (USA) def. Aaron Vederoff (USA)
- 80+ Dean Harvel (USA)
- 85+ William Matotan (USA)
- 90+ Epimenio Martinez (USA)

**Dbls Mixed Doubles Final Matches/Positions**

- 35+ Jo Shattuck/Allan Chacon def. Jean Halahan/Dale Durboraw 2, 8
- 40+ Maylen Gaspar/Benjamin Doniego def. Lupita Jasso/Jeff Baskett
- 45+ Cheryl Johnson/Fred Johnson def. Cyd Evans/Chris Evans (3), 7, 8
- 50+ Karen Key/Frank Taddonio def. Mary Keenan/Ken Sylvester
- 55+ Shirley Parson/Mitch Milewski def. Susan Craig/Reed Barnitz
- 60+ MeriJean Kelly/Hank Estrada def. Cecilia Palaski/Terry Albright
- 65+ Mildred Gwinn/Luke St. Onge def. Linda Harvel/Dean Harvel
- 75+ Lola Markus/Ralph Waddington def. Louise Kiss/Wendell Hall
- 80+ Ruby Bishop/Epimenio Martinez

as China. The joyful passion that the Colombians bring for the sport and for life is apparent. The sound of laughter echoing through the courts and through the hallways is proof that it is hard to come to this event and not make life long friends. As much as anything else, this event is a celebration of how the American invented game has grown throughout the world and brings cultures together for a common interest. We can all thank racquetball for that!

Special congratulations to Jose Guzman, from Barranquilla, Colombia, for winning the Al Wetherill Sportsmanship Award. It annually honors one who displays sportsmanship on and off the court and is a delegate for the sport. Additional pats on the back should be extended to Debra Tisinger-Moore for adding to her record of 15 consecutive titles. Keith Minor and Woody Clouse both won for the third consecutive year. The entire staff, led by Gary Mazaroff, continues to offer a smooth and enjoyable event. It concludes with a beautiful banquet, auction, and awards ceremony.

I highly encourage you to start your racquetball season a little early and attend this great annual event.

Woody Clouse



# Congratulations to Ireland for winning 15 out of 17 titles at the 14th ERF European Championships in Brembate, Italy!!



Also congratulations to defending champion Marie-Josée Collet (France) and new European Champion Victor Montserrat (Catalonia/Spain).

The 2007 Europeans were a great success for European Racquetball and for the first time it brought our sport to Italy where Marco Arnoldi and his enthusiastic team put up a great event.

Over 60 players from nine countries competed in Italy for European gold medals in various divisions. Italy, Marco Arnoldi and everyone involved deserve a big **WELL DONE AND THANKS!!**



**MENS SINGLES FINAL:**  
VICTOR MONTSERRAT (CATALONIA(SPAIN)) - NOEL O'CALLAGHAN (IRELAND) 15-1, 14-15, 11-7

**MENS LADIES FINAL:**  
MARIE-JOSÉE COLLET (FRANCE) - SUSAN FARELL (IRELAND) 15-13, 15-2

**MENS DOUBLES FINAL:**  
TRISTAN HICKEY/ADAM NEARY (IRELAND) - PASCAL MATLA/MICHEL V.D.HOLST (NETHERLANDS) 15-7, 12-15, 11-8

**LADIES DOUBLES FINAL:**  
SUSAN FARELL/ANTONIA NEARY (IRELAND) - MARIE-JOSÉE COLLET/NATHALIE RAPHAEL (FRANCE) 15-8, 9-15, 11-7

**LADIES 30+ FINAL:**  
BERNADETTE O'CALLAGHAN (IRELAND) - AYTEN KECECI (TURKEY) 15-5, 15-1

**MENS 30+ FINAL:**  
JOE FARELL (IRELAND) - BART WOUTERS (BELGIUM) 15-4, 15-2

**MENS 40+ FINAL:**  
JIMMY GANNON (IRELAND) - STEPHEN O'LOAN (IRELAND) 15-6, 15-9

**MENS 50+ FINAL:**  
TONY NEARY (IRELAND) - JOHN COMERFORD (IRELAND) 15-5, 15-8

**MENS 30+ DOUBLES FINAL:**  
PAUL DEVOS/PADRAIC BENSON (BEL/IRE) - BART WOUTERS/NIKLAAS DEBOUTTE (BELGIUM) 15-13, 15-11

**GIRLS 16 AND UNDER SINGLES FINAL:**  
MAJELLA HAVERTY (IRELAND) - ANTONIA NEARY (IRELAND) 4-15, 15-7, 11-7

**GIRLS 18 AND UNDER SINGLES FINAL:**  
EITHNE SKEHAN (IRELAND) - ANTONIA NEARY (IRELAND) 15-10, 15-1

**GIRLS 18 AND UNDER DOUBLES FINAL:**  
EITHNE SKEHAN/MAJELLA HAVERTY (IRELAND) - LARA LUDWIG/SINA KRIEGER (GERMANY) 15-2, 15-1

**BOYS 16 AND UNDER SINGLES FINAL:**  
JONATHAN O'KEENEY (IRELAND) - RUAIDHRI O'ROURKE (IRELAND) 15-9, 15-0

**BOYS 18 AND UNDER SINGLES FINAL:**  
JONATHAN O'KEENEY (IRELAND) - RUAIDHRI O'ROURKE (IRELAND) 15-4, 11-15, 11-7

**BOYS 18 AND UNDER DOUBLES FINAL:**  
JONATHAN O'KEENEY/RUAIDHRI O'ROURKE (IRELAND) - MICHAEL O'LOAN/SEAN KEANE 15-5, 15-10

**FINAL STANDINGS:**

**MENS TEAM**

1. IRELAND
2. GERMANY
3. CATALONIA (SPAIN)
4. THE NETHERLANDS
5. BELGIUM

**LADIES TEAM:**

1. IRELAND
2. GERMANY
3. FRANCE
4. CATALONIA (SPAIN)

Marco Arnoldi, President of Racquetball Italia, receives a special recognition by the ERF. Right: Erik Meyer, President ERF



## Worlds 2008 Website

Less than a year until the Opening Ceremony of the 14th IRF World Championships in Ireland.

While the Kingscourt Organizing Committee is currently working hard on the construction of the demanded 5th court, some other important issues have been decided as well.

The Worlds 2008 official logo has been approved and an official website is published, with some first information on the 2008 event, some news about the host country Ireland, as well as other interesting stuff.

Check out [www.racquetball-wc2008.com](http://www.racquetball-wc2008.com).



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## ERF Congress

The well attended 2007 European Congress was held on August 1 at the Jolly Hotel in Bergamo, Italy.

This year was election year and all four members of the Exco were available for re-election. President *Erik Meyer*, Vice President *Mike Mesecke*, General Secretary *Michael Haverty* and Treasurer *Karel Matla* will stay in office for another 2-year-term.

Also *Pascal Matla* will stay onboard as Technical Director.

Some rule and constitutional changes were also on the congress' agenda. Those changes will be downloadable on the ERF website soon.

A motion was discussed whether the ERF shall support the Racquetball on Squashcourt version (also known as Australian Racquetball, Racketball or Sofracket). The sport enjoys great



## Kingscourt Open 2007

The Kingscourt Handball & Racquetball Club hosts the Kingspan Kingscourt Open 2007 on October 27-29. It will be one of the last international competitions before the World Championships 2008 will be held in Kingscourt as well. Players from all over Europe and around the world are expected to compete in the 2007 Kingscourt Open and to test the courts....

participation in England and Catalonia (Spain) already. All ERF members are asked to check out the possibilities themselves.

The ERF also invited all members to submit their bids for hosting the 2009 European Championships. A decision of the host country will be announced by the end of the year.

## Grisar wins the South American title



Chile's Angela Grisar won the 2007 South American Championships Ladies Singles title. She defeated Veronica Sotomayor (Ecuador) 15-10, 15-11. Grisar also paired up with her long-time doubles partner Fabiola Marquez to win the Ladies Doubles competition as well.



### Campeonato Sudamericano de Racquetball Cuenca - Ecuador

#### Womens Singles Open:

Angela Grisar (CHI) def. Verónica Sotomayor (ECU) 15-10, 15-11

#### Womens Doubles Open:

Grisar/ Marquez (CHI) def. Daza/Loma (BOL) 15-14, 14-15, 11-7

#### Mens Singles Open:

Fernando Ríos (ECU) def. Luis Iporre (BOL) 13-15, 15-14, 11-6

#### Mens Doubles Open:

Monroy / Iporre (BOL) def. Gutiérrez / Rivas (COL) 15-11, 15-6

#### Juniors 16U:

José Daniel Ugalde (ECU) def. Roland Keller (BOL) 15-2, 6-15, 11-6

#### Juniors 14U:

Carlos Keller (BOL) def. Jorge Luis Michel (BOL) 15-11, 15-5

#### Juniors 12U:

Sebastián Oña (BOL) def. Danilo Torrico (BOL) 15-5, 15-13

#### Seniors 35+

Gonzalo Amaya (BOL) def. Alfonso Barahona (ECU) 15-4, 15-3

Mens Team	Ladies Team	Mixed Teams
01. Bolivia (38 pts)	01. Chile (41 pts)	01. Bolivia (73 pts)
02. Ecuador (32 pts)	02. Bolivia (35 pts)	02. Ecuador (59 pts)
03. Colombia (25 pts)	03. Ecuador (27 pts)	03. Chile (41 pts)
04. Venezuela (13 pts)	04. Venezuela (11 pts)	04. Colombia (25 pts)
Junior Team	Overall Standings	
01. Bolivia (95 pts)	01. Bolivia (168 pts)	
02. Ecuador (50 pts)	02. Ecuador (109 pts)	
03. Colombia (20 pts)	03. Colombia (45 pts)	
04. Venezuela	04. Chile (41 pts)	

### Ireland



Jim Winterton will coach the Irish National Team for the 2008 World Championships which will be held in Kingscourt, Ireland in August of 2008.

The vastly experienced US coach who previously coached USA and Mexico to win World titles takes over the role from the beginning of the new season.

### Guatemala



Special honor for Lucy & Raul Zachrisson, Juan Salvatierra and Ernesto Townson. Those four from Guatemala competed in the

recent World Senior Doubles in Germany and brought home three gold and one bronze medal(s). No wonder that they were specially honored by their National Federation for such an achievement.

### USA

20 junior athletes trained in Phoenix, Arizona in preparation for the Junior World Championships to be held in Cochabamba, Bolivia this December. The team trained at the Arizona State racquetball courts and also at the Velocity Training Center owned and operated by former racquetball player Rich Barker.

### Colombia



Already the 14th edition of the "Torneo Internacional de Racquetball" will be held in Santiago de Cali, Colombia on October 09-15 this year in the Club

Deportivo Cañasgordas. The event is sanctioned by the Federación Colombiana de Racquetball. Contact tournament director Juan Manuel Gutierrez for more or download the flyer below.

### Brazil



Racquetball in Brazil is moving forward quickly. A new junior program has been recently established and currently junior girls are in the majority to learn

the basics of racquetball. "There are a lot of children interested in having racquetball lessons", says Silvia Zillo from the Brazil Racquetball Federation. Maybe some of them can already compete in the 2007 World Juniors?!

### Netherlands

A few weeks ago, a local TV station in the Netherlands, visited a training session of the Dutch Racquetball Team. In their sport program all different kind of sports are tried out by the reporter, this time it was racquetball. The broadcast can now be viewed on the internet.

### Germany



The European Racquetball Tour (ERT) has successfully started the 2007/2008 season with its premiere event in Hamburg, Germany. The 24th Hamburg

Open 2007 attracted players from 7 countries from around the world and showed great European sportsmanship and also some surprises and upsets in the Mens Open Singles division. While current European Champion Victor Montserrat from Barcelona lost his quarterfinal match against Germany's Oliver Bertels 15-14, 6-15 and 11-2, his predecessor, former European Champion Joachim Loof (Germany) did better, reached the final and defeated Richard van Doezum (Netherlands) 15-8, 15-13, after he defeated Oliver Bertels in the Semis himself.

## From Luke St. Onge

### *What a year 2007 for Racquetball...*

Dear IRF Members,

It is hard to believe that we are now heading into the Fourth Quarter of 2007. In my 30 years of being involved in this aspect of the sport I have never scene such activity.



What a year: Regional Championships were held in Chile, Italy, Ecuador, and Korea. World Championships were held in Hamburg, Germany (World Senior Doubles), World Senior Singles once again in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, and the Junior Worlds yet to be held in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Racquetball was reinstated as a full medal sport for the 2011 Pam American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. We are confirmed as a full medal sport in the Central American Games in Honduras as well as the Central American Caribbean Games in Puerto Rico. We are awaiting final confirmation for the South American Games in Colombia and The Bolivarian Games.

The Asian Racquetball Federation held its Regionals with 5 countries and Europe with 9 Countries attending.

During the Asian Racquetball Championships, the Korean Racquetball Federation announced that it was going to build a portable Court that would be used to promote Racquetball in Asia especially China and would be used in the World Games which will be held in Taipei in 2009 where Racquetball will once again be a full medal sport.

The IOC has begun to have all of its Recognized Sports (Those sports which have a chance for the Olympic Program) evaluated for continued recognition by the IOC. This evaluation form has become very sophisticated and we fulfilled all of the requirements. We now are awaiting the results, which will be known sometime

in 2008.

The IRF moved the 2008 Worlds from Paris to Ireland and all are looking forward to a great 2008 Worlds.

President Keith Calkins continues to represent the IRF on the ARISF's board as Vice president and I have been elected to the Sports Federations as a Vice President, which interfaces with the Pan American Sports Organization in the Americas. Who would have thought that all of this would be taking place for our sport.

In 2008 there will be elections for all of our Regional and International positions. It will be critical to maintain good highly respected leaders to represent us for the next 4 years. Please take part in this process-without excellent Leadership we cannot move forward.

Take care and I hope to see you on the Racquetball trail.

#### Next IPRO Events:



##### **October 3-4, 2007**

**What:** Certification Course

**Where:** Utah State University; Logan, UT

**Clinician:** Jo Shattuck (303)949-7785

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##### **October 13-14, 2007**

**What:** Certification Course

**Where:** Sport City; Mexico DF, Mexico

**Clinician:** Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

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##### **October 20-21, 2007**

**What:** Certification Course

**Where:** LA Fitness; Atlanta, GA

**Clinician:** Gary Gloeggler (678)575-6579

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##### **November 13-14, 2007**

**What:** Certification Course

**Where:** Wellworkz; Memphis, TN

**Clinician:** Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

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##### **November 27-29, 2007**

**What:** Certification Course

**Where:** National Sports Center; Guatemala City, GU

**Clinician:** Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

## Successful Torneo Junior Independencia in Costa Rica



The Guatemala junior players did well at the first Torneo Independencia 2007 that was held in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Especialy Juan José Salvatierra Jr, who has been training for more than nine months, was very proud and happy about his bronze medal in the Juniors U 10-12 division.

Even more proud was his father Juan Salvatierra who also served as coach for the whole Guatemala Junior Team playing in Costa Rica...

Young Salvatierra is a result of the recently initiated Guatemala Racquetball Acadamy. The hard work pays off now...



The Guatemala Coaching Team



## IRF International Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Site	Country
Jan 13-14	26th French Open 2007	Paris	France
Jan 26-28	ARF Asia Open 2007	Fukuoka	Japan
Feb 02-04	26th German Nationals 2007	Hamburg	Germany
Feb 24-25	National Doubles & Overage C'ships	Arklow	Ireland
Feb 21-25	Cali National Championships	Cali	Colombia
Feb 28-Mar 4	USA National High School C'ships	St. Louis	USA
Mar 3-4	2nd Italian Open 2007	Brembate	Italy
Mar 10-11	National Singles & Junior C'ships	Kingscourt	Ireland
Mar 16-18	28th Dutch Open 2007	Schinnen	Netherlands
Mar 23-25	Turkey Open 2007	Istanbul	Turkey
Mar 30-Apr 1	26th German Open 2007	Hamburg	Germany
Mar 30-Apr 7	20th Pan American Championships	Santiago de Chile	Chile
April 26-30	I Selectivo Júnior	Cuenca	Ecuador
Apr 29-May 1	Arklow Irish Open 2007	Arklow	Ireland
Apr 28-31	USA National Intercollegiates 2007	Tempe, AZ	USA
May 18-21	Torneo Nacional Santiago	Santiago	Chile
Jun 06-09	2nd IRF World Senior Doubles	Hamburg	Germany
Jun 07-10	II Selectivo Júnior	Cuenca	Ecuador
Jun 28-Jul 1	Campeonato Nacional Masters 2007	Guadalajara	Mexico
Jul 14-16	Torneo Nacional Rancagua	Rancagua	Chile
Jul 21-22	Torneo Regional La Serena	La Serena	Chile
Jul 29-Aug 4	14th ERF European Championships	Brembate	Italy
Aug 25-26	15th ARF Asia Championships	Daegu	Korea
Aug 23-26	III Selectivo Júnior	Cuenca	Ecuador
Aug 28-Sep 1	19th World Senior Championships	Albuquerque, NM	USA
Aug 30-Sep 2	Campeonato Sudamericano de RB	Cuenca	Ecuador
Sep 21-23	22nd Hamburg Open	Hamburg	Germany
Nov 17-18	Belgian Open 2007	Antwerp	Belgium
Nov 14-18	12th The Choice Hotels U.S. Open	Memphis, TN	USA
Nov 08-11	Campeonato Nacional Absoluto	Cuenca	Ecuador
Dec 14-20	19th World Junior Championships	Cochabamba	Bolivia



Europe already published it's major events for the next season...

2007	EVENT	LOCATION	COUNTRY
Sep 21-23	<b>24th Hamburg Open 2007</b>	Hamburg	Germany
Oct 13-14	K-Town Open	Kaiserslautern	Germany
Oct 13-14	Ballinrobe Open	Ballinrobe	Ireland
Oct 27-28	Ramstein Halloween Tournament	Ramstein	Germany
Oct 27-28	Lakenheath Halloween Tournament	Lakenheath	England
Oct 27-29	Kingscourt Open 2007	Kingscourt	Ireland
Nov 01-04	<b>International Trophy of Barcelona</b>	Barcelona	Catalonia
Nov 17-18	Turkey Shootout	Vogelweh	Germany
Nov 17-18	<b>Belgian Open 2007</b>	Antwerp	Belgium
Dec 01-02	Christmas Angel Tree Rollout 2007	Heidelberg	Germany
Dec 08-09	Schinnen Open	Schinnen	Netherlands
2008	EVENT	LOCATION	COUNTRY
Jan 12-13	21st French Open 2008	Paris	France
Feb 01-03	27. German Nationals 2008	Hamburg	Germany
Feb 9-10	Moylagh Open	Moylagh	Ireland
Mar 08-09	<b>3rd Italian Open 2008</b>	Brembate	Italy
Mar 15-16	Schinnen Tournament	Schinnen	Netherlands
Mar 22-23	Grafenwoehr Tournament	Grafenwöhr	Germany
Mar 22-23	Fermoy Open	Fermoy	Ireland
Mar ?	<b>Turkey Open 2008</b>	Istanbul	Turkey
Apr 04-06	<b>27th German Open 2008</b>	Hamburg	Germany
Apr 05-06	K-Town Spring Open	Kaiserslautern	Germany
Apr 12-13	<b>18th Castlebar Open 2008</b>	Castlebar	Ireland
Apr 19-20	Irish Junior Open 2008	Fermoy	Ireland
May 02-04	<b>Arklow Irish Open 2008</b>	Arklow	Ireland
May 10-11	USAFE Championships	Ramstein	Germany
May 24-25	Kilkenny Open	Kilkenny	Ireland
July 19-20	Summer Slam 2008	Heidelberg	Germany
Aug 01-10	14th IRF World Championships	Kingscourt	Ireland