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They did it again !

Mexico won the 2007 World Junior Cup. It is the 6th time in a row for the Mexican team to win the Junior World Cup in Racquetball. Team USA finished second and host country Bolivia placed third.

Next stop on the international scene: The 21st PARC Pan American Racquetball Championships in San Jose, Costa Rica. See all information in this newsletter.



Dear IRF members,

Happy New Year To All The Racquetball World

The year is officially over for the IRF with the conclusion of the 2007 Junior Worlds in Bolivia. On behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to thank the Organizing Committee in Bolivia for their work in making the event so successful. It is also important to sincerely thank the staff for all the day to day work at the Tournament. Thanks Oswaldo Maggi, Usher Barnoff, Gary Mazaroff, Otto Dietrich and Gary Ryan and others that I know worked. Each year the Juniors become more demanding and competitive and our Athletes excel at a higher level. It is also appropriate to thank the parents who do such much to make sure the Athletes are in attendance. Without everyone's total support we could not have this wonderful event. Our congratulations to Mexico for winning their 6th straight World Juniors Championships. This is an outstanding record that keeps getting better each year. Mexico has set the standard extremely high for the rest of the World. The United States and Bolivia finished second and third. You can find all the results on the IRF web site. We have many GREAT WORLD CHAMPIONS and we are proud of you and every player who went to Bolivia. All of you are Champions in our minds.

As we move to 2008, the IRF will be faced with many challenges. We continue to grow Internationally and expand our expectations as we do so. We all need to look forward to attending the World's in Ireland. Plan early as this will be an outstanding opportunity to visit a beautiful Country and participate in a highly competitive Worlds. The organizing committee are working hard to make this an outstanding Tournament. We also will have the World Seniors and the World Juniors. Regional and National events will again be strong and competitive all around the World's. In March the Executive Board will hold an important meeting in Costa Rica during the Tournament of the Americas. The Board will develop a slate of Officers that will be presented to the Congress in Ireland. We have identified information so every International Federation can submit potential candidates for the slate. We need strong leadership in the years ahead and encourage those who are interested to follow the procedure that is available. If you have questions, please check with you recognized federation leadership and they can assist you. We also will review the IRF Constitution and make suggestions for improving the document. The Board will also get an up-date on the 2008 World's at the meeting.

I would like to report that I recently visited Barcelona, Spain and had several meetings with Mike Mesecke and the Officers of the Catalana Racquetball Federation. We reviewed plans and visited the site for a new facility that will have five Racquetball Courts. The facility will be located at the Canal Olimpic De Catalunya. This facility will be constructed by the Government as has the full support of Ignasi Donate, Director of International projects, Carles M. Macian, Director of Sport and Julio Fernandez, Director of the Canal Olimpic De Catalunya. Our special Thanks to the European Racquetball Federation and the Catalan Racquetball Federation for the work they have done to make this project possible. Erik Meyer, Mike Mesecke, Joseph Maria Ripoll and Victor Montserrat are the individuals who have worked to see the project become a reality. This will be an excellent facility for future International Events.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for all their volunteer work in 2007. We need a strong net work and you continue to step forward. Please keep up the good work.

Keith Calkins
President IRF

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2007

2007 has been a very special year for the International Racquetball Federation. Let's take a little recap on what happened this year....

JANUARY...

Junior Camp in Chile +++ Montserrat and Ventura win French Open +++ Marcelo Gomez becomes new President for Costa Rica Racquetball +++ Successful Asia Open in Fukuoka, Japan



2008 IRF World Championships moved to Kingscourt, Ireland +++ Guatemala Racquetball designs new website +++ Klippel & Kortez win German Nationals in Hamburg +++ Keith Calkins and Luke St. Onge meet with PASO President Mario Rana to discuss the 2011 Pan American Games +++ Ailish and Elma Gibney win Irish National Doubles 3rd time in a row +++

FEBRUARY...

MARCH...

Roberto Aracena re-elected as President for FEBORA +++ Victor Montserrat wins Italian Open +++ Independance Cup 2007 in Santo Domingo +++ Rafael Fernandez re-elected in the Dominican Republic +++ Chile's Angela Grisar wins her first pro Stop +++ Noel O' Callaghan wins Irish National Singles for the 17th time +++ Michiel v.d. Holst wins 2007 Dutch Open +++

APRIL...

Trevor Meyer and Brenda Kyzer win at 2007 German Open +++ Bolivia's National Team has breakfast with the country's President +++ Alvaro Beltran (Mexico) and Rhonda Rajsich (USA) win at Pan American Championships in Chile +++ IRF headquarter moves into new office +++ Usher Barnoff receives Calgary Sportsman of the year award.

MAY...



Liam Hughes wins Irish Open 2007 +++ Haynes defends her U18 title at Canada's Junior Nationals +++ Racquetball Italia takes part in a sports fair to showcase the sport to juniors +++ Mitch Williams and Rhonda Rajsich win US Team qualifying division at US National Singles +++ Kris Odegard wins Canadian Nationals.

JUNE...

Successful IRF World Senior Doubles in Hamburg, Germany +++ Hirotake Usami wins 2007 Japan Open +++ 34th Junior Olympics in Tempe, Arizona +++ Friendship tournament between players from Korea and Japan +++ 62 players at Ecuador's 2nd Junior selective



JULY...



Francisco Gómez and Carolina Gómez win first Colombian National tournament 2007 +++ Samantha Salas wins in Korea +++ Racquetball is official sport for the 2011 Pan American Games +++ Racquetball on TV in The Netherlands +++ Rocky Carson and Rhonda Rajsich win World Outdoor Championships +++ Ireland wins European Team Championships in Brembate, Italy.

2007

AUGUST...

Marie-Josée Collet (France) and Victor Montserrat (Catalonia/Spain) are European Singles Champions 2007 +++ Sean Gargan new President of the RAI +++ John Ellis in Bolivia +++ TV coverage in The Netherlands +++ special recognition for Keith Calkins +++ Brazil starts junior program +++ South American Championships begin

SEPTEMBER...

Woody Clouse defends his title at IRF World Seniors +++ Angela Grisar wins at South American Championships +++ Jim Winterton announced as head coach for Ireland in 2008 +++ 2008 Worlds website launched +++ Successful Asia Championships in Japan +++ Joachim Loof wins Hamburg Open in Germany +++ Aubrey O'Brien (USA) featured in Sports Illustrated magazine +++ Torneo Independencia in Costa Rica



Ciara McManaman wins first Open Singles title +++ van Hees and Huczek win at Canadian Open 2007 +++ Racquetball Canada names Ron Brown as Head Coach +++ Kris Odegard wins Kingscourt Open +++ Ireland named friendliest place on earth +++

OCTOBER...



Montserrat and Ventura win first international event in Barcelona +++ PRO/AmPRO clinic in Mexico City +++ Racquetball Canada launches new website +++ Bolivia's President Morales confirmed his attendance at Junior Worlds +++ Mexico hosts 2008 IRF World Senior Doubles +++ Seventh win for Francisco Gómez in Barranquilla +++ US Open: The Three R's of Racquetball +++ Timothy Hardison wins Belgian Open +++ Van Doezum is on a roll...

NOVEMBER...

DECEMBER...

Touraneena and Arklow successful at Irish Club Nationals +++ ERF grants 2009 European Championships to Barcelona +++ Bolivia's President joins Team E-Force.... +++ Successful Junior Worlds in Bolivia, first time ever in South America



AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2008

PanAms in Costa Rica, Worlds in Ireland, World Senior Doubles in Mexico and World Seniors in the USA... Besides that many exciting and encouraging news from around the world. Stay tuned...



BOY'S SINGLES

- 18- Ruben Estrada (Mexico) def. Jose Rojas (USA) 15-6, 15-7
- 16- Jose Rojas (USA) def. Alejandro Cardona (Mexico) 7-15, 15-3, 11-1
- 14- Marco Rojas (USA) def. Carlos Keller (Bolivia) 6-15, 15-8, 11-2
- 12- Rodrigo Garay (Mexico) def. Roman Ramos (Mexico) 15-11, 15-6
- 10- Marcelo Vargas (Bolivia) def. Alex Almada (Mexico) 15-6, 15-13

GIRL'S SINGLES

- 18- Paola Longoria (Mexico) def. Jenny Daza (Bolivia) 15-4, 15-8
- 16- Maria Paz Munoz (Ecuador) def. Christina Cordova (Ecuador) 15-13, 15-8
- 14- Frederique T. Lambert (Canada) def. Aubrey O'Brien (USA) 15-7, 9-15, 11-7
- 12- Ximena Gonzalez (Mexico) def. Paola Padilla (Mexico)
- 10- Natalia Mendez (Bolivia) def. Karla Gascon (Mexico) 15-4, 15-2

BOY'S DOUBLES

- 18- David Ortega / Ruben Estrada (Mexico) def. David Echalar / Kadim Carrasco (Bolivia) 15-2, 15-5
- 16- Alejandro Cardona / Pedro Gonzalez (Mexico) def. Jake Bredenbeck / Taylor Knoth (USA) 15-7, 15-1
- 14- Carlos Keller / Jorge Luis Michel (Bolivia) def. Kevin Caouette / Samuel Murray (Canada) 7-15, 15-3, 11-6
- 12- Conrado Moscoso / Sebastian Ona (Bolivia) def. Andres Acuna / Andres Fabian (Costa Rica) 15-6, 6-15, 11-10
- 10- Alan Palomino / Alex Almada (Mexico) def. Christian Mina / Marcelo Vargas (Bolivia) 11-15, 15-4, 11-9

GIRL'S DOUBLES

- 18- Jenny Daza / Yazmine Sabja (Bolivia) def. Luisa Alderete / Paola Longoria (Mexico) 15-14, 0-15, 11-4
- 16- Jessica Parrilla / Rocio Enriquez (Mexico) def. Cristina Cordova / Maria Paz Munoz (Ecuador) 15-12, 15-8
- 14- Jocelyn Loredo / Sofia Rascon (Mexico) def. Brigitte Richard / Frederique T. Lambert (Canada) 13-15, 15-12; 11-3
- 12- Masiel Rivera / Melisa Artero (Bolivia) def. Lucia Gonzalez / Ximena Gonzalez (Mexico) 15-13, 9-15, 11-10
- 10- Natalia Mendez / Nathaly Mina (Bolivia) def. Margarita Crespo / Patricia Mendizabal (Bolivia) 15-8, 15-5

Bolivia's President joins Team E-Force....

Bolivia's President Evo Morales is now part of Team E-Force... While he attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2007 IRF World Juniors, an E-Force racquet was presented to him by Osvaldo Maggi, thanking President Morales for his ongoing support for racquetball. As of now it remains unconfirmed whether the President will join the Bolivian Racquetball Team in the near future.
:-)



World Cup

14, 16, 18 Team

	Boys	Girls
01.	USA	Mexico
02.	Mexico	Canada
03.	Bolivia	USA
04.	Ecuador	Bolivia
05.	Canada	Ecuador
06.	Costa Rica	Ireland
07.	Ireland	Colombia
08.	Colombia	Costa Rica
09.	Chile	
10.	Argentina	
11.	Venezuela	
12.	Dominican Republic	
13.	Guatemala	
14.	Honduras	
15.	Cuba	
16.	Puerto Rico	

Esprit Cup

10, 12 Team

	Boys	Girls
01.	Mexico	Mexico
02.	Bolivia	Bolivia
03.	Costa Rica	Canada
04.	USA	Costa Rica
05.	Canada	USA
06.	Venezuela	
07.	Guatemala	
08.	Ecuador	
09.	Chile	

Combined World Cup Standing

- 01. Mexico
- 02. USA
- 03. Bolivia
- 04. Canada
- 05. Ecuador
- 06. Costa Rica
- 07. Ireland
- 08. Colombia

Combined Esprit Cup standing

- 1. Mexico
- 2. Bolivia
- 3. Costa Rica
- 4. USA
- 5. Canada



Racquetball's World Championships will be held in Europe for the second time only. Ireland will be the host of the 14th IRF World Championships on August 1-10, 2008.

Latest developments for this August in Ireland

- *13 European countries are expected to compete in the upcoming IRF World Championships*
- *Hotel booking are now welcomed at hotelreservation@racquetball-wc2008.com*
- *Airport pick-ups will be arranged for all teams and delegates that participate in the Worlds 2008*
- *The Opening Ceremony will take place right in the town of Kingscourt on August 1st, 7.30 pm*
- *Local officials are of full support for the first World Championship held ever in that county of Ireland*
- *The Closing Ceremony will be held in the official host hotel, The Fairways, in Dundalk*
- *Players will receive detailed tourist information with their player bags*

Some information on Kingscourt: (That's where we play...)

Kingscourt is a busy market town in the south-east corner of County Cavan.

Kingscourt's Catholic Church, sitting on a ridge high above the town, displays excellent stained glass windows by the renowned Irish artist Evie Hone, who also provided designs for Eton College Chapel.

Situated one mile from Kingscourt, Dun a Rí Forest Park is a place of beauty. Situated in a tranquil glen, Dun a Rí is home to stoat, hare, mink, rabbit and otter, as well as red and grey squirrel along the banks of the River Cabra, which runs through the park. Take a romantic walk through deep, leafy glades over old bridges. Nearby Lough-an-Leagh mountain (1119ft) is an area of outstanding natural beauty. On a fine day it is possible to see 14 counties from the summit. There is a beautiful walk at the top of Lough-an-Leagh.

A number of surrounding lakes, such as Ervey and Greaghlonge are well stocked with many species of coarse fish.

Some information on Dundalk: (That's where we stay...)

Dundalk (Irish: *Dún Dealgan*) is the county town of County Louth in Ireland, situated close to the border with Northern Ireland. It takes its name from Dún Dealgan, Dalga's fort home closely associated with the famous mythical warrior Cúchulainn and was granted its charter in 1189. It is sited on the lowest bridging point of the Castletown River. The town's crest reads "The place where brave Cúchulainn was born."

Dundalk today retains the linear characteristics of a medieval town, although there is evidence of prehistoric and early Christian settlements. The town is now the sixth largest conurbation in the Republic of Ireland in population and is strategically located on the east coast equi-distant between Dublin and Belfast, the two largest cities on the island. The town has a total population of 35,085 (2006 Census). Dundalk is very advantageously positioned in relation to international airports, Dublin International Airport and Belfast International Airport.

There are 4 shopping centers in Dundalk: Dundalk Shopping Centre, Carroll Village, Longwalk, Marshes.

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TORNEO/TOURNAMENT:
XXI CAMPEONATO PANAMERICANO DE RACQUETBALL
XXI PANAMERICAN RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FECHA/DATE: 14 - 23 MARZO 2008 / MARCH 14th. - 23th. 2008

LUGAR / PLACE: SAN JOSE - COSTA RICA

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CATEGORIAS/DIVISIONS:
(NATIONAL TEAMS) OPEN MEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)
OPEN MEN DOUBLES (ONE TEAM)
OPEN WOMEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)
OPEN WOMEN DOUBLES (ONE TEAM)

Copa Juniors/Juniors Cup: -16 MEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)
-14 MEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)
-12 MEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)
-16 WOMEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)
-14 WOMEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)
-12 WOMEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)

Copa Amistad/Friendship Cup: +35 MEN SINGLE (TWO PLAYERS)
+35 MEN DOUBLES (TWO TEAMS)

COSTO DE LA INSCRIPCION:
ENTRY FEE: PRIMER EVENTO/FIRST EVENT: U\$S 100,00
SEGUNDO EVENTO/SECOND EVENT U\$S 60,00

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Download the complete tournament information at <http://www.internationalracquetball.com/uploads/2008%20Pan%20Am%20Championships.pdf>

France



Carlos Ovieda (Spain) and Yvonne Kortès (Germany) are the 2008 French Open Singles Champions. Ovieda defeated Noel O'Callaghan in straight two games while Kortès succeeded over Anna Ventura from Barcelona in a close match 14-15, 15-2, 11-6. German legends Trevor Meyer and Joachim Loof claimed another success together in the doubles division, defeating O'Callaghan/v. Doezum (IRE/NED).

Guatemala



The first stone of the 1st National Multiracquet Complex at La Democracia Park has been placed by IRF official Lucy Zachrisson and Guatemala's President Oscar Berger Perdomo. This multisport Park offers skating ring, soccer stadium, olympic pool, track and field, handball, volley- and basketball and very soon two racquetball, two tennis, two Fronton and two squash courts. It will be open for the public.

Catalunya (Spain)



Victor Monserrat and Anna Ventura are the National Champions in Catalunya (Spain) 2007. The event was held in December in the Club Natacio Barcelona. Montserrat defeated

Alberto Serfaty 15-10 and 15-11 in the Mens Singles final while Ventura had another close match against Elisabeth Consegal with 15-13, 7-15, 11-7.

Belgium

Timothy Hardison (USA) is the winner of the Belgian Open 2007. He defeated Richard van Doezum (Netherlands) with 2-1 in the Mens Singles Final. Hardison competed in all ERT events this season so far with the Belgian Open being his first win. Van Doezum reached another singles final in Belgium after the Hamburg Open in September.

USA



It was all smile as the 2007 Choice Hotels US OPEN Championships concluded on Sunday crowning nearly 70

champions in professional and amateur divisions. Rhonda Rajsich claimed her second US OPEN Championship in the Women's Professional division defeating Cheryl Gudinas-Holmes. Rocky Carson won his first ever US OPEN Men's Professional Championship ousting Jack Huczek in front of a sellout crowd. The newly formed Classic Pro Racquetball Tour crowned an inaugural champion as Ruben Gonzalez took out Woody Clouse in a five game marathon that lasted nearly two hours.

Colombia



For the seventh consecutive time Francisco Gómez won the open singles in the 13th edition of the National racquetball tournament at

the Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla, Colombia. Over 100 players participated in this event, while Ektelon was the official ball sponsor. Sebastian Franco and Juan Garzón won the first and second place in the junior division - sure this is going to be the first step to join the Colombian team for the world junior championship that will be held in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

National Ranking Tournament in Puerto Rico



Puerto Rico Racquetball invites all Open and A players with Puerto Rican heritage to compete in the 2008 Ranking Tournament which will be held at the YMCA in San Juan from February 21 to 24, 2008. All interested in participating should send an email to Pucho Miranda at puchomiranda@hotmail.com or call him at (787) 642-8473 after 8:00pm standard time.



Nicaragua holds first international event ever

Nicaragua will have its first international racquetball tournament ever on February 18-23 in the country's capitol Managua. 14 countries are expected to send players to this inaugural event which will be held at the Club Terraza.

INVITAN A:

Mercedes-Benz CLUB TERRAZA

Primer Torneo Internacional Racquetball
Open Cash Mercedes-Benz Managua 2008

Lugar: Club Terraza, Managua, Nicaragua.

Fechas: Inicia Lunes 18 de febrero de 2008 hasta el Sábado 23 de febrero de 2008

Costo de la Inscripción: US \$40.00 (Cuarenta Dólares Americanos).

Cantidad de Jugadores por países: 3

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Para más Información visitar:
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Next IPRO Events:

January 15-16, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: LA Fitness; Federal Way, WA
Clinician: Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

January 19-20, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: Michigan Athletic Club; Grand Rapids, MI
Clinician: Jo Shattuck (303)949-7785

February 01-02, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: Schaumburg Tennis Club
Clinician: David Negrete (630)430-1478

February 04-06, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: Midtown Sports & Wellness
Clinician: Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

February 12-13, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: LA Fitness; Tempe, AZ
Clinician: Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

February 23-24, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: Denver Athletic Club; Denver, CO
Clinician: Jo Shattuck (303)949-7785

February 26-27, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: Worldgate; Reston, VA
Clinician: Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110

March 03-04, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: Utah Valley State College; Orem, UT
Clinician: Darryl Warren (310)530-9606

March 03-04, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: LA Fitness; Atlanta, GA
Clinician: Gary Gloeggler (678)575-6579

March 04-05, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: Sorrento Valley Racquet Club; San Diego, CA
Clinician: Aaron Embry (619)339-9979

April 22-23, 2008

What: Certification Course
Where: Schaumburg Tennis Club
Clinician: TBA

IRF International Calendar of Events

Last revised: January 21, 2008

Date	Event	Site	Country
Jan 12-13	27th French Open 2008	Paris	France
Jan 12-13	National Team Selection Doubles	Windsor, ON	Canada
Jan 25-27	ARF Asia Open 2008	Fukuoka	Japan
Jan 25-27	19th WSMRA National Championships	Overland Park, KS	USA
Jan 31-Feb 1	National Team Selection Singles	Winnipeg	Canada
Feb 01-03	27th German Nationals 2008	Hamburg	Germany
Feb 13-14	US National Doubles	Tempe, AZ	USA
Feb 18-23	Torneo Internacional de Racquetball	Managua	Nicaragua
Feb 21-24	National Ranking Tournament 08	San Juan	Puerto Rico
Feb 27-Mar 2	USA High School Championships	Portland, OR	USA
Mar 8-9	3rd Italian Open 2008	Brembate	Italy
Mar ?	Turkey Open 2008	Istanbul	Turkey
Mar 8-9	National Singles & Junior C'ships	Kingscourt	Ireland
Mar 14-22	21st Pan American Championships	San Jose	Costa Rica
Mar 26-29	USAR Intercollegiate Championships	Overland Park, KS	USA
Apr 4-6	27th German Open 2008	Hamburg	Germany
Apr 12-13	Castlebar Open 2008	Castlebar	Ireland
Apr 19-20	Irish Junior Open 2008	Fermoy	Ireland
Apr 21-26	Canadian Junior Nationals	tba	Canada
May 2-5	Irish Open 2007	Arklow	Ireland
May 19-24	Canadian National Championships	Burlington, ON	Canada
May 21-26	USAR National Singles	Houston, TX	USA
Jun 11-14	3rd IRF World Senior Doubles	San Luis Potosi	Mexico
Aug 1-10	14th IRF World Championships	Kingscourt	Ireland
Aug 26-30	20th World Senior Championships	Albuquerque, NM	USA
Sep 19-21	Hamburg Open 2008	Hamburg	Germany
Oct 22-26	13th The Choice Hotels U.S. Open	Memphis, TN	USA
Nov 15-16	Belgian Open 2008	Antwerp	Belgium
Dec	20th World Junior Championships	TBA	TBA

ERF grants 2009 European Championships to Barcelona

The European Racquetball Federation (ERF) has granted the 15th European Championships 2009 to the city of Barcelona. An agreement was signed on December 6th by Josep Ripoll, President of the Catalan Racquetball Federation and Mike Mesecke, ERF Vice President. The Construction for a new 5-court-facility in the Barcelona vicinity will start in February 2008.

