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Just For The Fun Of It

by Bryan Bennett, U.R.A. President

As I think back on my evolution in racquetball, it occurred to me that my reasons for playing the game have changed over the years.

Like most of you, I began playing racquetball because it is a great workout. I kept playing because it was fun, and the better I got the more fun it was. After discovering tournaments, I let the fun aspect of the game become secondary to winning. All of a sudden it became more important to win than to have fun. Don't get me wrong. I enjoyed winning, but playing the game wasn't as fun as it once was.

Well, maybe it's a result of my age, or because I wasn't winning like I wanted to—or a combination of both—but I've come full circle. I'm going to play racquetball because it's fun and will keep playing only if it continues to be fun.

Last year the Alta Canyon and Marv Jenson tournaments set a great example for all tournament directors. The entry fee was less than fifteen dollars, shirts were optional, and no awards or prize money were offered. What they did provide was plenty of good competition and lots of fun. I think they proved to everyone that elaborate awards, shirts, and prize money just raise entry fees, *not* participation.

I realize that playing well and winning is very enjoyable. I also know that playing poorly and losing is disappointing. I just want to encourage everyone to remember why you first stepped on the court and why you went back. Let's all recall those days and have some fun!

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The 1997-98 tournament schedule will be mailed to all U.R.A. members during the month of August. See you in the fall!

Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers

by Hope Hendricks, U.R.A. Board Member

On April 14, 1997, the Utah Racquetball Association Board of Directors held their annual meeting. The board welcomed three newly-elected board members: Bryan Bennett, Rico Dubach, and Marcus Dunyon. Bryan and Rico were reelected and Marcus is a new board member. All board members serve a three-year term.

In compliance to the updated bylaws discussed at this meeting, the board of directors elected the officers for the 1997-98 season. Bryan Bennett was reelected as president, Rico Dubach is the new vice president, Troy Pattee was reelected as secretary, and Treasurer Rose Hernandez was also reelected.

If you have been wondering what your board members do to represent you, their specific responsibilities are the following:

- President (Bryan Bennett): Prepares the agenda and chairs board meetings, provides overall direction to the U.R.A. board, interfaces with the USRA, and follows up on tasks assigned to board members.
- Vice President (Rico Dubach): Chairs board meeting in the absence of the president, organizes elections and accepts nominations for office, oversees committees for year-end awards, and oversees the tournament liaisons.
- Secretary (Troy Pattee): Records board meeting minutes and presents copies to the board at the following meeting, keeps a record

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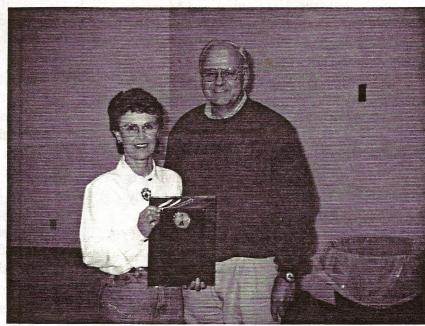
Traveling League Finishes for Year

The traveling league matches were completed in March. The team standings before the league tournament were as follows:

Place	Team	
1	Sports Mall #1	
2	Deseret Gym	
3	Redwood Center	
4	Sports Mall #2	
5	BYU	
6	Ogden Athletic Center	
7	Bountiful Rec Center	
8	Provo Rec Center	
9	Towne & Country	
10	Weber State University	
11	Alta Canyon	
12	Life Center	

The 12 teams were separated into two divisions for a doubleelimination tournament. The final standings ended this way:

Division 1		Division 2		
1st	BYU	1st Bountiful Rec Center		
2nd	Redwood Center	2nd	Towne & Country	
3rd	Deseret Gym	3rd	Alta Canyon	



Division I winners Sylvia Sawyer and Roger Flick accept the award for BYU's team. Photo by Marcus Dunyon.

book with copies of all previous meetings, keeps current copy of U.R.A. bylaws with the record book, and keeps a copy of the current treasurer's report with the record book.

- Treasurer (Rose Hernandez): Manages all U.R.A.-related financial transactions, works with the board to ensure conformance to state and federal law, and prepares a financial report for each board meeting.
- Sanctioning Director (Val Shewfelt):
 Manages current membership lists and
 rankings from the USRA, distributes
 membership dues to the USRA and the
 U.R.A., confirms that tournament results
 have been properly submitted to the USRA,
 and distributes a list of new and renewing
 members to the newsletter director. Chairs
 the annual tournament director's meeting.
- Newsletter Director (Hope Hendricks): Manages, produces, and distributes quarterly newsletters to all U.R.A. members.
- Annual Directory/Fund-Raising Director (Rico Dubach, Marcus Dunyon):
 Coordinates membership lists, advertising, and compilation of annual directory to be distributed with winter newsletter, pursues fundraising opportunities, gathers
 advertising for the newsletter and directory.
- Photographer/Publicity Director (Scott Boyd, Marcus Dunyon, Troy Pattee):
 Coordinates with each tournament liaison and director for pictures and summary for local newspapers, submits pictures with descriptions for newsletter articles.
- Traveling League Liaison (Mike Retford):
 Works with Ruth McGovern in planning and organizing the traveling league.

- Collegiate Director (Val Shewfelt): Works with the Utah collegiate teams in planning and organizing tournaments.
- Junior Director (Mike Retford): Works with junior representatives in organizing and running juniors programs.
- Women's Director (Rose Hernandez, Val Shewfelt, Hope Hendricks): Runs ladies traveling league and works toward promoting and organizing women's participation in racquetball.
- Tournament Liaison (All Board Members):
 Verifies that each player is a current U.R.A.
 member, assists the tournament director, and writes an article for the newsletter.

In addition to these specific responsibilities, your board members do many more things to help the U.R.A. membership. We are always looking for assistance because of the many tasks that need to be accomplished. Please let us know if you would like to help!

Ladies Traveling League

The Ladies Traveling League is held once a month on a Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and costs \$3. All levels of play are welcome, from novice to open players. Please come and join us!

July 12	Sports Mall 5445 South 900 East Murray	
August 2	Towne & Country	
	2250 South 800 West Woods Cross	

If you have any questions about the Ladies Traveling League, contact Rose Hernandez at 943-6541.

A Tribute to Karl Doppel

by Susan Williams, U.R.A. Member

On March 22, 1997, Karl Doppel died in the Holy Cross Hospital. I find it appropriate that he took his leave on the concluding day of the state singles tournament. As the years come and go, this tournament will stand as a memorial to Karl. This will be a time to remember him for the kind of man, racquetball player, and friend he was.

Karl was a good and honest man. I heard many people say, "Karl is honest to his detriment." He told me that it wasn't worth lying over a point because his *integrity* was worth far more than a point. Due to his extreme competitive nature, this had a big impact on me. I knew that anything he was actually WILLING to give up a point for, he really believed in.

Karl was kind to all. A person didn't have to be from the same race, religious background, athletic skill level, or gender. They didn't have to have a college education (like he did) or make as much money. He accepted people for who they were. He could talk to anyone and JAW with the best.

Karl was an incredible athlete. On the racquetball court he moved like a gazelle. His beautiful fluid movements were an art to watch. He was quick as a cobra and as scrappy as a badger. This was a great combination. His greatest asset was not his athletic skill, it was his love for the game. He just loved to play racquetball.

Karl was a phenomenal partner. It was sheer joy to play along side him. He was an unselfish player. Not many players will allow their weaker partner to take every shot that comes their way. He

Editor's note: Karl Doppel died after a short battle that started with strep throat but developed into pneumonia. Karl and his wife, LeeAnn, were married for for 17 years. They had four children: Ryne Lee, Trey Karl, Kea Jay, and Dezi Grace. Susan Williams was Karl's friend and doubles partner. The U.R.A. extends their thanks to Susan for writing this article.

never "took over" the game, even if it would have resulted in a win. I was an equal partner, which made me a better racquetball player and person because . . . Karl believed in me. I will forever be grateful.

Those who really knew Karl had a love/hate relationship with him. Karl would push, pull, ride, hound, holler, and scold his friends on the court. Sometimes we would reach the point of pushing and hounding back. However, we all knew Karl did this to make us better racquetball players. His methods usually worked. One of these methods is "pure Karl" (this brings a smile to my face). He called any unintentional shot that resulted in a point a "shit shot." We ALL were a little leery about having our shots labeled as such, so we worked just a little bit harder so this wouldn't happen.

He had many positive methods of teaching: patience, support, and encouragement. He always had these to offer and did it willingly. He would spend hours directing and educating us on the correct swing or shot. And then he would be patient through our trial and errors.

One thing that I always respected about Karl is that he would take responsibility for HIS bad shots. He never blamed them on anybody else or pretended that it didn't happen.

Karl was well loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a kind man, a great racquetball player, and a dear friend. He will truly be missed. Farewell and goodbye.





St. Valentine's Day Massacre

by Rose Hernandez, U.R.A. Treasurer

The St. Valentine's Day Massacre was held at the Redwood Multi-Purpose Center from February 11 to the 15th.

It's easy to see why Ruth McGovern has been voted the best tournament director so many times. She always puts on a good show. Ruth is always on hand to make sure everything runs smoothly. She may be as busy as a bee stringing racquets, but she's always on top of everything. Ruth made sure there was plenty of Valentine's Day treats throughout the week. If you missed out on this fun tournament, you'd better mark your calendar for next year!

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Corbin Carter	Jerry Montanez	Glen Aitken
Men's A	Randy Krantz	Paul Ethington	Marcus Dunyon
Men's B	Lee Hanley	Eric Carver	Tom McEwan
Men's C	Mike Meservy	Barney Christiansen	Paul Henderson
Men's D	Greg Wayman	Keith Peterson	Rob McGovern
Women's Combined	Cherie Barth	Val Shewfelt	Kris Terry
Boy's 16 & under	Adam Tueller	Rob McGovern	Matt Zwalen
Boy's 12 & under	Rich Terry	Cris Cecka	Steven McGovern
Junior's 14 & under	Linda Carter		
Junior's 10 & under	Jessie Ballard		

Mary Jenson Spring Smash

byRose Hernandez, U.R.A. Treasurer

The Marv Jenson Spring Smash was held at the Marv Jenson Fitness Center from February 27 to March 1.

Tournament directors Doug Scott and Scott Rees deserve a big THANK YOU for putting on such a well-organized tournament. There was plenty of food and loads of fun! The draw was quite successful for a weekend tournament.

The Men's Open finals between Sean Lucky and Larry Moon was a great match to watch. Sean found his game and went on to win the match in a tie breaker. Larry showed us his great athletic skill by pushing Sean to the limit. Congratulations to both players!

The results of the Mary Jenson Spring Smash are on the next page.

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Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Sean Lucky	Larry Moon	Jerry Montanez
Men's A	Alan Jorgensen	Marcus Dunyon	Terrance Holbrook
Men's B	Eric Carver	Pat Conway	Richard Lawrence
Men's 40+	Alan Jorgensen		
Men's 50+	Richard Lawrence	Pat Conway	
Women's Open/A	Christine McAlpine	Cherie Barth	Sandee Roach
Men's Open/A Doubles	Moon/McNabb	Bennett/Glavas	Timmons/Ericson
Men's B/C Doubles	Carver/Carver	Pollman/Johnson	Dolbin/Hansen
Mixed Open/A Doubles	Barth/ Dhaenens	Henley/McNabb	Shewfelt/Montanez

With a little . . . Luck of the Heights

by Rose Hernandez, U.R.A. Treasurer

The 1997 Luck of the Heights Tournament took place at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center on March 12th through March 15th. Eighty individuals participated and 38 of those entered two events. All players received green souvenir sweatpants to match the shorts and sweatshirt from previous tournaments. (What a fashion statement.)

The co-sponsors who assisted with hospitality included Great Harvest Bread, Einstein Brothers Bagels, Coca-Cola, and Smith's Food and Drug. Wow! What hospitality!

Thanks go to tournament director Vickie Rodman and assistant tournament director Rose
Hernandez. They would like to thank Ruth McGovern for helping with the draw. And let's not forget the
players who came early and stayed late to referee matches throughout the four day event. You all deserve a
special award and you know who you are!

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Tony Glavas	Jerry Montanez	Glen Aitken
Men's A	Bruce Smith	Chris Gale	Steve Parker
Men's B	Richard Lawrence	Fred Nash	Pat Conway
Men's C	John Duda	Scott Boyd	Barney Christiansen
Men's D	Samuel Boggs	Tadashi Sakashita	Brad Brumbaugh
Men's 25+	Craig Ericson	Troy Pattee	
Men's 40+	Steve Coray	Gary Fritzsche	Gene Rolfe
Men's 50+	Steve Parker	Pat Conway	Richard Lawrence
Women's Open	Marianne Walsh	Christine McAlpine	Cherie Barth
Women's A	Hope Hendricks	Val Shewfelt	Kris Terry
Women's B	Lily Yee	Laurie Egbert	Kris Justensen
Women's C	Lily Yee	Angie Leedy	Ginger Bair
Men's Open/A Doubles	Shearman/Jorgensen	Coray/Lucky	Taber/Dunyon
Men's B/C Doublas	Davis/Groves	Ballard/Boyd	Roach/McAlpine
Mixed B/C Doubles	Barber/Egbert	Marriott/Terry	Steiner/Hernandez
Junior's	Rich Terry	Cris Cecka	Linda Carter

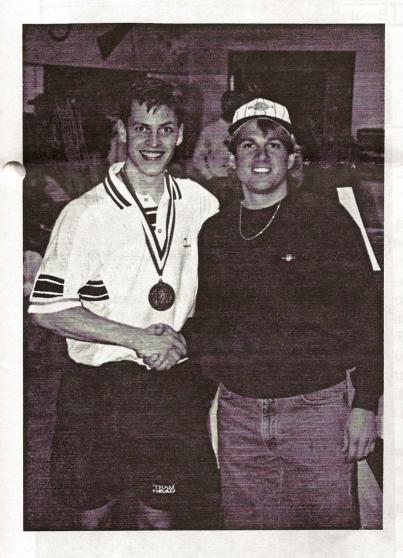
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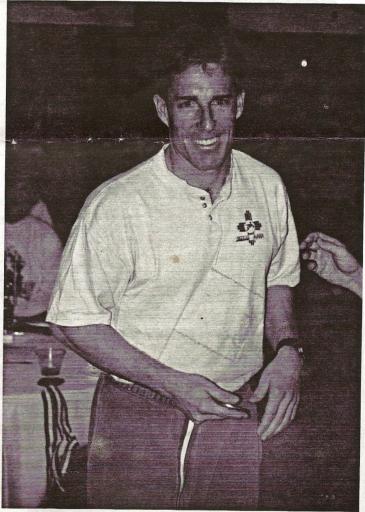
Utah State Singles Championships

by Bryan Bennett, U.R.A. President

The state tournament was a big success. The combination general meeting and awards banquet was well attended—with good food and fun. The concept of recognizing the winners at the banquet was well received and will continue at future state tournaments. By the way, if you won a medal, but didn't attend the meeting to receive it, I have it. Call me at 476-9190 and I'll get it to you.

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Adam Anderson	Sean Lucky	Jerry Montanez
Men's A	Don Sanderson	Randy Krantz	Sean Widauf
Men's B	Lee Hanley	Eric Carver	Pat Conway
Men's C	Scott Boyd	John Duda	Barney Christiansen
Men's D	Tadashi Sakashita	Bill Beesley	Erin Steiner





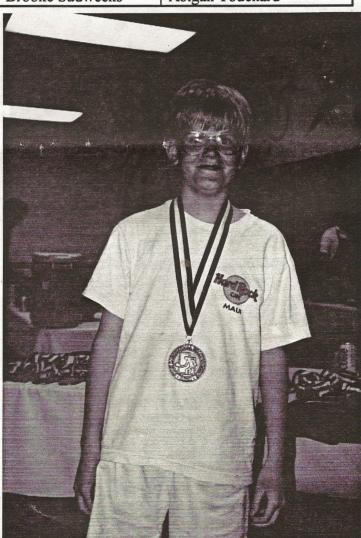
Sponsor Trevor Sudweeks congratulates Adam Anderson, this year's Men's Open winner. Photo by Steve Coray.

Don Sanderson won the Men's A and Men's 35+ divisions. He was also named the Most Improved Male Player! Photo by Steve Coray.

Women's Open	Marianne Walsh	Christine McAlpine	Cherie Barth
Women's A	Darla Wenger	Sandra Mitchell	Jennifer Bennett
Women's B	Colleen Keegan	Lily Yee	Amanda Munot
Women's C	Cory Watterson	Michelle Olsen	Carri Sandstrom
Men's 25+	Troy Pattee	Jerry Montanez	Phil Burbank
Men's 30+	Mike Pitcher	Craig Wandling	Eddie Conner
Men's 35+	Don Sanderson	Enrico Dubach	Bryan Bennett
Men's 40+	Rick Strout	Alan Jorgensen	Steve Coray
Men's 45+	Alan Jorgensen	Merlin Jolly	Dennis Fischer
Men's 50+	Jim Wilking	Hal Labelle	Tom Nystrom
Boy's 18	Nathan Porter	Ben Kartchner	Tyler Watson
Boy's 16	Adam Tueller	Brian Retford	Samuel Boggs
Boy's 14	Cameron Burnside	Tyson Morris	Jason Cardon
Junior's 12	Paul Bennett	Jason Cardon	Kimberly Walsh
Junior's 10	Stephen Cranney	Jonathon Dubach	Jessie Ballard
Junior's 8	Korey Walsh	Brooke Sudweeks	Abigail Touchard



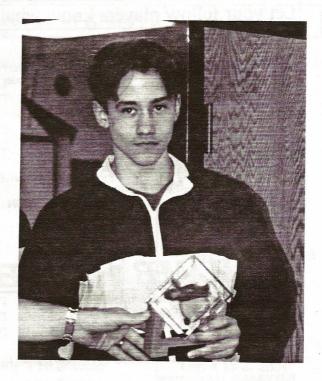
Sponsor Trevor Sudweeks congratulates Marianne Walsh, this year's Women's Open winner. Photo by Steve Coray.



Stephen Cranny shows off his medal for winning the Junior's 10 and under division. Photo by Steve Coray.



Marcus Dunyon won this year's Sportsmanship Award. Photo by Steve Coray.



Cameron Burnside accepts his award for Most Improved Junior. Photo by Steve Coray.

Viva Las Vegas!

by Marcus Dunyon, U.R.A. Board Member

It isn't fair to have so much fun in one place.

The Foxwood IRT Pro Nationals were held April 23 through 27 in Las Vegas at the Sporting House. Nearly six hundred people participated in this tournament. People from all over the United States and a few teams from Mexico and Canada participated in this outlet regional tournament. Utah was well represented with thirteen people going down to enjoy the city and cheer for each other in the competition. Tony Glavas, Eddie Conner, Robert Lopez, Gene Rolfe, Val Shewfelt, Adam Anderson, Adam Tueller, Trevor Sudweeks, and Marcus Dunyon were a few of the players who travelled down to participate. Some of the other folks who went down to support Utah's players were Sean Lucky, Troy Powell, Steve Coray, and Rick Strout.

The competition was fierce and the whole group played well. In fact, Val and Tony made it to the semi finals of their singles division. But the honor of taking first place in the Men's C Doubles division went to Eddie Connor and Robert Lopez. They received gifts and a vacation package to the Foxwood Hotel and Casino. One of the things I noticed is that the players in Utah can definitely compete at the national level in their respective divisions.

This tournament was also an opportunity to watch the best players in the world. From the very beginning, you soon realize how incredible these athletes are at this level of play. Their speed, quickness, and power is truly awesome. Many great matches were played: Cliff Swain and Mike Ray, then Andy Roberts and Cliff Swain, and in the finals Andy Roberts went on to beat Sudsy Monchik—the number one player in the world!

As usual, Las Vegas was hopping all the time and you couldn't help but find some fun everywhere you went. I highly recommend this tournament to anyone who loves to play racquetball. The competition and experience, coupled with the fun of Las Vegas, made this a very enjoyable time.

Hope to see you there next year!

Penn Top 10 Rankings (as of 6/9/97)

Men's Open

- Adam Anderson
- Tony Glavas
- Jerry Montanez
- Mathew Christensen
- Sean Lucky
- Glen Aitken
- Craig Ericson
- 8 Corbin Carter
- Larry Moon
- Tom Shearman 10

Men's A

- Don Sanderson 1
- 2 Randy Krantz
- 3 Sean Widauf
- 4 Marcus Dunyon
- Alan Jorgensen
- Greg Baker 6
- Chris Gale
- 8 Brian Gill
- Steve Parker
- 10 Gene Rolfe

Men's B

- Lee Hanley
- Pat Conway
- Eric Carver
- Richard Lawrence
- 5 Brad Ballard
- James Quent
- **7T** Roger Coltharp
- Curtis Goble
- Lawrence Trujillo

Men's C

- Scott Boyd
- John Duda 2
- Barney Christiansen 3
- Eric Gardner 4
- 5 Shaun Hancock
- 6 **Bob Pendleton**
- Ben Evans
- 8T Len Arave
- 8T Bill Beesley
- **8T** Eric Carver

Men's D

- 1 Tadashi Sakashita
- 2 Robert Watson
- 3 Greg Wayman
- Bill Beesley
- Michael Retford
- Andy Nelson
- Steven Wayman
- Samuel Boggs

- Jesse Cervantes
- 8T Matthew Orton
- Keith Peterson

Women's Open

- Marianne Walsh
- 2 Christine McAlpine
- 3 Cherie Barth
- 4 Kristen Walsh
- 5 Sandee Roach
- 6 Val Shewfelt
- Cindy Richards
- 8T Janette Olsen
- Sheli Bodily
- 10 Darla Wenger

Women's A

- 1 Val Shewfelt
- 2 Darla Wenger
- 3 Jennifer Bennett
- 4 Sandy Mitchell
- 5 Hope Hendricks
- 6 Janette Olsen
- 7 Jacci Bacon
- 8 Marianne Walsh
- Cherie Barth
- Kris Terry

Women's B

- Colleen Keegan
- 2 Lily Yee
- 3T Val Shewfelt
- 3T Valorie Woodbury
- 5 Amanda Mundt
- 6T
- Norma Carlisle Laurie Egbert 6T
- 6T Rose Hernandez
- 9T
- Jacci Bacon
- 9T Vicki Bennion

Women's C

- 1 Michelle Olsen
- 2 Kara Watterson
- 3 Angie Leedy
- Carrie Soderstrom
- 5T Sarah Campbell
- 5T Joan Carman
- **7T** Lori Te'o
- **7T** Deb Thornton
- Lily Yee
- Kathleen Sanders

Women's D

- 1T Samantha Hinton
- 1T Amy Rogers
- 3 M. Smith-Touchard
- Kathy Kiermaier 4T
- Shari McKee

Boy's 18 & under

- Nathan Porter
- Ben Kartchner
- Terrance Holbrook
- Cannon Crittendan
- 5 Adam Tueller
- Tyler Watson 6
- 7T Mike Hadley
- **7T** Jason Nordgran
- 9T Bryan Flamm
- 9T Zach Robinson

Boy's 16 & under

- Adam Tueller
- 2 Brian Retford
- 3 Nathan Porter
- 4 Rob McGovern
- 5T Jennifer Bennett
- Samuel Boggs 5T
- Tyler Watson 5T David Coccimiglio 8T
- **8T** Zach Robinson
- Matt Zwahlen

Boy's 14 & under

- Cameron Burnside 1
- Tyson Morris 2
- 3 Brian Retford
- 4 Tyler Watson
- Rob McGovern
- Nicholas Dubach 6
- Jason Cardon
- 8T Sam Sneed
- **8T** Nick Watson Michael Retford

- Boy's 12 & under
- Paul Bennett
- 2 Dustin Cederholm
- 3 Candice Tueller 4T
- Jason Cardon 4T Cris Cecka
- 6 Richard Terry
- 8 Quang Ngyen
- 9 Nathaniel Cranney
- 10 Carson Foss

Boy's 10 & under

- Paul Bennett
- 2T Stephen Cranney
- 2T Richard Terry
- Jon Dubach 4
- 5T Steven McGovern
- Andy Shearman 5T
- **7T** Andy Flamm
- **7T** Andrew Gale 9
- Jonathan Thorne Codi Bacon

Boy's 8 & under MB

- Korey Walsh
- Gage Rasmussen 2
- 3T Jon Dubach
- John Sanderson 3T

Girl's 18 & under

Christopher Carter

Kristen Walsh

Girl's 16 & under

- Jennifer Bennett
- Laura Cocaneur

Girl's 14 & under

- Kristen Walsh
- 2 Linda Carter

Candice Tueller

Jennifer Bennett

- Girl's 12 & under
- Kimberly Walsh
- 2T Linda Carter Candice Tueller

- Girl's 10 & under Kimberly Walsh
- 2 Jennie Ballard

Lindsay Fowler

Girl's 8 & under

- Brook Sudweeks
- Abigail Touchard

Girl's 8 & under MB

Jessie Ballard

USRA Rule Changes

The USRA Board of Directors accepted the following rule changes that were submitted by the National Rules Committee. The changes are effective on September 30, 1997.

RULE CHANGE #1. If the referee's call of "receiver encroachment" in the return of serve is overturned on appeal AND the return of serve is judged by the referee to be irretrievable, then the outcome of the appeal should be a side-out rather than a replay. See Rule 3.8(e).

RULE CHANGE #2. Revise Rule 4.14(f), as well as any others related to it, to declare than any ball leaving the court results in the immediate loss of the rally by the person/team that hit it last.

RULE CHANGE #3. Modify Rule 3.7(a), as well as any others related to it, to provide that if there are line judges, ANY call (or non-call) may be appealed except for technical fouls and forfeitures.

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