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What's Happening

November Tournaments

5-9	State Doubles	Marv Jensen
20-23	November Contenders	Orem Fitness Center

December Tournaments

3 -7	Aggie Open	Utah State University
10-14	Utah Age Division Challenge	Orem Fitness Center

January Tournaments

7-11	Sports Mall	Sports Mall
21-25	Orem Open	Orem Fitness Center
28-1	Alta Canyon	Alta Canyon

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Quick Tips

- Watch the ball at all times. This means watching your opponent hitting the ball.
- Always move to center court position.
- Get your racquet up and ready as early as possible.



Big Shout Out

Big Shout Out to Ruth McGovern

I just wanted to take a moment to give Ruth McGovern a huge **THANK YOU!**

Most Utah players don't have children playing racquetball; therefore, they only know Ruth for the tournaments she runs. For the rest of us that have spent many summers in the Juniors League, we know Ruth as a Rock Star and admire all her hard work during the summer league and State Juniors Championships. I personally am on the second round. Randy and I had two boys raised through the Juniors and High School Leagues and are starting through it again with JoEll. Like us, a lot of people help with the juniors while their kids are involved and as soon as they are grown we fade away. Ruth does not. She is steadfast in her love of this great game and determined to give kids a great program. This is why I wanted to give Ruth a big high five.

This year JoEll played her finals match against a young man from Ogden. This boy was super amazing and is the only one in his family that plays racquetball. I thought two things during this match. One, without Ruth and this program this boy would probably not get to ever play kids his age. And two, here is an up and coming State Champion. The second thought is proof of Ruth's success. The four Men's Open semi-finalists in the 2013 State Championships were all former Junior Champions.

So next time you see Ruth give her a nice pat on the back, or better yet see if she could use a hand. Let's keep her legacy going.

The Juniors program runs from June until August and the High School program runs from October until February. Please contact a board member if you want to get involved.

- Pam Martin



Hall of Fame Spotlight

Luzell Wilde- 1st Inductee to Utah Hall of Fame in 1999

Luzell Wilde has accomplished more in racquetball than most players ever will. He has earned first place in over 45 national championships and was inducted into the USRA Hall of Fame in 1989 and the Masters International in 1996. All of that in a sport he didn't even begin playing until he was almost 50!

Born in Carey, Idaho, on October 25, 1917, Luzell didn't participate in sports much. There were too many other priorities during his younger years. After moving to Salt Lake City, Luzell started working for New York Life Insurance Company in 1942. A few months later he served the military in Europe for all of World War II. After returning to Utah in 1946, Luzell met Georgia and they married later that year. They had four children and "about a dozen" grandchildren.

In 1965, Luzell joined the newly-constructed Deseret Gym in Salt Lake City. First he tried handball, but after seeing someone play with a "paddle," he decided that sport wouldn't hurt the hand so much. In 1971, the Deseret Gym hosted the National Championships. Getting trounced 21-0 in the 45+ age bracket (the oldest bracket at the time) didn't stop Luzell from practicing and competing. His next national event was in 1977, but he didn't win one until 1981.

Sponsored by Ektelon since 1978, Luzell won the 1983 U.S. national Singles Championships in the 65+ division. Since then he competed in more than 200 national matches and won 45 national championships. Luzell criss-crossed the country with his sweet wife, Georgia, driving and camping in a small motorhome that Luzell built. Luzell reported that his wife attended over 90 percent of his tournaments over the years (only missing when a grandchild was born).

Between 1993 and 1997, Luzell had several operations. In October of 1997, he had the biggest, a quintuple heart bypass with a valve repair. In spite of this, seven months later Luzell won the 1998 U.S. National Singles Championships in the 80+ division! All of this at an age when most of us would be happy to still be moving.

Luzell was always an active local racquetball member as well. He coached juniors for many years and served on various racquetball boards. Luzell passed away on December 15th, 2004. He is missed by the racquetball community and in a society that idolizes our sports champions, Luzell Wilde is a true racquetball hero.



Splat

By Ben Rand

Seeing as the "Avoidable" or Penalty Hinder is among the most controversial and difficult calls in racquetball, I thought it would be good to quote the actual rule from the 2012 USAR Official Rules of Racquetball:

Rule 3.15 Penalty Hinders

A penalty hinder, results in the loss of the rally. A penalty hinder does not have to be an intentional act, but an intentional hinder would be a penalty hinder. Replay hinders are described in Rule 3.14. Any of the following results in a penalty hinder:

(a) Failure to Move. A player does not move sufficiently to allow an opponent a shot straight to the front wall as well as a cross-court shot which is a shot directly to the front wall at an angle that would cause the ball to rebound directly to the rear corner farthest from the player hitting the ball. In addition, when a player moves in such a direction that it prevents an opponent from taking either of these shots.

(b) Stroke Interference. This occurs when a player moves, or fails to move, so that the opponent returning the ball does not have a free, unimpeded swing. This includes unintentionally moving in a direction that prevents the opponent from making a shot.

(c) Blocking. Moves into a position which blocks the opponent from getting to, or returning, the ball; or in doubles, the offensive player who is not returning the ball hinders or impedes either defensive player's ability to move into a position to cover the pending shot that comes into play.

(d) Moving into the Ball. Moves in the way and is struck by the ball just played by the opponent.

(e) Pushing. Deliberately pushes or shoves opponent during a rally.

(f) Intentional Distractions. Deliberate shouting, stamping of feet, waving of racquet, or any other manner of disrupting one's opponent.

(g) View Obstruction. A player moves across an opponent's line of vision just before the opponent strikes the ball.

(h) Wetting the Ball. The players, particularly the server, should ensure that the ball is dry prior to the serve. Any wet ball that is not corrected prior to the serve shall result in a penalty hinder against the server.

(i) Apparel or Equipment Loss. If a player loses any apparel, equipment, or other article, play shall be immediately stopped and that player shall be called for a penalty hinder, unless the player has just hit a shot that could not be retrieved. If the loss of equipment is caused by a player's opponent, then a replay hinder should be called. If the opponent's action is judged to have been avoidable, then the opponent should be called for a penalty hinder.

A couple of interesting observations. One, jumping to allow a shot to pass underneath is not necessarily sufficient action to avoid a penalty hinder. If you are in line with your opponent's straight-in shot, or the cross court to the opposite corner and you get hit, it can still be considered a penalty hinder even if you were trying to jump the ball. Here, I have to quote rule 3.14, situation a.2 which covers replay hinders when the ball hits opponent:

2. Ball Hits Opponent. When an opponent is hit by a return shot in flight, it is a replay hinder. If the opponent is struck by a ball, that obviously did not have the velocity or direction to reach the front wall, it is not a hinder and the player who hit the ball will lose the rally. A player who has been hit by the ball can stop play and make the call though the call must be made immediately and acknowledged by the referee. Note *this interference may, under certain conditions, be declared a penalty hinder.* Also see Rule 3.15.

Second, I don't read anything in this rule that mentions the need to be "set up" for a kill shot. While having your racquet ready to make the shot should make it fairly obvious for the referee, the point of the rule is that if the opponent's position prevents the hitter's ability to take either of the prescribed shots, it's a penalty hinder.

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**Utah State Juniors Championships
August 7-August 10, 2013
Redwood Center**

Division Type	Division Name	Winner	Runner-Up	Third	Fourth
Boy's Singles	12 and Under	Tavish Quigley	Shaheen Takmili	Samuel Flores	Mike Wyatt
Boy's Singles	12 and Under Consolation	Harrison Adamson	Colton Schmitz	Ivan Gonzales	Brandon Anderson
Boy's Singles	14 and Under Blue	Samuel Flores	Scott Abbott	Isaac Bowen	Joshua Jacobsen
Boy's Singles	14 and Under Gold	Aurash Takmili	Tavish Quigley	Shaheen Takmili	Mike Wyatt
Boy's Singles	14 and Under Red	Colton Schmitz	Braden Mills	Peyton Benich	
Boy's Singles	14 and Under White				
Boy's Singles	16 and Under	Eric Christensen	Cade Hyde	Aurash Takmili	Jordan Etherington
Boy's Singles	16 and Under Consolation	Joshua Jacobsen	Max Benich	Richard Cloward	Robert Hutch
Boy's Singles	18 and Under	Joel Armstrong	Greg Dorius	Taber Quigley	Cameron Etherington
Boy's Singles	Multibounce 8 and Under	Preston Aitken	Brayden Schmitz	Caleb Wolfe	Tanner Abbott
Girl's Singles	14-12	Jillian Brown	Alyssa Belt	Telaysha Martinez	Kyli Boyce
Girl's Singles	16-18	Rebecca Van Rhee	Tarah Barker	Kylie Belt	Milena Boyce
Girl's Singles	6-8 Multi-Bounce	Clarissa Quigley	Shakayleigh Martinez	Mari Etherington	
Juniors	10under2B	Joell Martin	Preston Aitken	Katie Etherington	Parvaneh Takmili

**Fall Opener Membership Drive
September 3-September 7, 2013
Marv Jenson Fitness Center**

Division Type	Division Name	Winner	Runner-Up	Third	Fourth
Men's Age Singles	40+	Steve Black	Amulek Alcazar	Jared Clawson	Mike Sumner
Men's Age Singles	M30/35	Lery Miza	Zack Wilson	Eddie Greenwood	
Men's Age Singles	M50/70	Brad Schmidt	Brian Paston	Jerry Bradshaw	Brian Pella
Men's Doubles	A	Greg Young / Jared Daniels	Art Santana / Perry Allen	John Parry / Terry Petrie	Gamaliel Bautista / Sonja Septon
Men's Doubles	Elite	Brad Schmidt / Jerry Bradshaw	Jeremy Wolfe / Troy Quigley		
Men's Doubles	Open	Devan Van Valkenburg / Jesse Van Valkenburg	K. C. Tubbs / Steve Bohman	Adam Wyatt / Shane McDougal	Gary Chun / Kelly Cunningham
Men's Singles	A	John Parry	Tony Benich	Amulek Alcazar	Paul Burningham
Men's Singles	B	Mike Sumner	Jeremy Evans	Keith Jeppson	Russ Hansen
Men's Singles	Elite	Pahool Miramontes	Shane McDougal	Tom Ballou	Mathew Christensen
Men's Singles	MC/D	Matt Alder	Zack Wilson	Eddie Greenwood	Mike Martinez
Men's Singles	Open	Peter Wrigley	Jesse Van Valkenburg	Andrew Gale	Steve Bohman
Mixed Doubles	Upper	Peter Wrigley / Staci Christensen	Ben Rand / Erika Rand	Gamaliel Bautista / Sonja Septon	
Women's Singles	Elite	Katherine Affeltranger	Staci Christensen	Susan Miller	
Women's Singles	Open	Mallory Parry	Sonja Septon	Erika Rand	Loretta Peterson

**UVU Membership Drive Tournament
September 19-September 21, 2013
Utah Valley University**

Division Type	Division Name	Winner	Runner-Up	Third	Fourth
Men's Age Singles	Men's Age Singles	Trevor Manning	Greg Arnson	Jared Clawson	Ron Cloud
Men's Age Singles	Men's Age Singles Consolation	Jared Clawson	Jonathan Leavitt		David Chugg
Men's Doubles	Men's Doubles	Joseph Blank / Scott Burr	Adam Wyatt / Shane McDougal	Caleb Kruger / Clint Savage	Zach Byers / Bryce Ruff
Men's Doubles	Men's Doubles Consolation	Gamaliel Bautista / Wilber Cerna	Jason Lund / Joseph Thriot	Rick Fish / Rob Cousins	
Men's Singles	A	Jeff Webb	Trevor Manning	Adam Wyatt	Scott Herbst
Men's Singles	A Consolation	Amulek Alcazar	Justin Hanks	Jason Lund	Gamaliel Bautista
Men's Singles	B	Justin Hanks	Shahram Takmili	Amulek Alcazar	Clint Savage
Men's Singles	B Consolation	Zack Wilson	Lery Miza	Colton Webb	Rick Bertelsen
Men's Singles	Men's Singles C/D	Kyle Morgan	Zack Wilson	Colton Webb	Kenny Matthews
Men's Singles	Men's Singles C/D Consolation	David Chugg	Shaheen Takmili	Jonathan Leavitt	
Men's Singles	Open	Scott Burr	Andrew Gale	Joseph Blank	Brandon Gould
Men's Singles	Open Consolation	Shane McDougal	Jared Clawson	Steve Black	
Mixed Doubles	Mixed Doubles	Emily Webb / Jeff Webb	Kylie Belt / Tjay Belt	Roger Flick / Sylvia Sawyer	
Women's Singles	Women's Singles	Eliza Culverwell	Katherine Affeltranger	Amy Morby	Cathy Jones

**Bountiful Bash Membership Drive
September 9-September 21, 2013
South Davis Rec Center**

Division Type	Division Name	Winner	Runner-Up	Third	Fourth
Men's Age Singles	M35-50+	Ron Scoville	Enrico Dubach	Eric Larson	Jerry Bradshaw
Men's Age Singles	M35-50+ Consolation	Michael Dufrene	Brian Pella	Brad Schindler	Art Santana
Men's Doubles	A	Mark Allen / Perry Allen	Jerry Bradshaw / Tasesa Akeripa	Daniel McKenzie / Jack Bybee	Art Santana / Wade Burkett
Men's Doubles	B	Chuck Smith / Mark Whittington	Dustin Drake / Patrick Tanner	Armand Matern / Removed	Chuck Baker / Scott Isaacson
Men's Singles	A	Jack Bybee	David Diaz	Daniel McKenzie	Michael Dufrene
Men's Singles	A Consolation	Eric Dahlin	Eric Larson	Mark Allen	Tasesa Akeripa
Men's Singles	MENS B & C	Brad Schindler	Dustin Drake	Patrick Tanner	Chuck Smith
Men's Singles	MENS B & C Consolation	Chris Segura	Scott Isaacson	Chris Horne	Armand Matern

**U of U Open Tournament
October 1-October 5, 2013
University of Utah**

Division Type	Division Name	Winner	Runner-Up	Third	Fourth
Men's Age Singles	40+	Jared Clawson			
Men's Age Singles	45+	Mike Van Valkenburg			
Men's Age Singles	50+	Enrico Dubach	Jerry Bradshaw		
Men's Age Singles	55+	Steven Clark			
Men's Age Singles	Men's Age Singles	Steven Clark	Enrico Dubach	Jerry Bradshaw	Jared Clawson
Men's Doubles	A	Jerry Bradshaw / Tasesa Akeripa			
Men's Doubles	B	Chuck Smith / Mark Whittington			
Men's Doubles	Mens Doubles	Jesse Van Valkenburg / Mike Van Valkenburg	Adam Wyatt / Shane McDougal	Jerry Bradshaw / Tasesa Akeripa	Carter Allen / Pahool Miramontes
Men's Doubles	Open	Jesse Van Valkenburg / Mike Van Valkenburg	Adam Wyatt / Shane McDougal	Carter Allen / Pahool Miramontes	
Men's Singles	A	Wilber Cerna	David Diaz	Carter Allen	Korey Walsh
Men's Singles	B	Zach Byers	Rodmehr Semnani	Brent Armbruster	Naveen Divakaran
Men's Singles	Open	Andrew Gale	Scott Burr		
Mixed Doubles	Upper	Adam Wyatt / Loretta Peterson	Jesse Van Valkenburg / Katherine Affeltranger	Enrico Dubach / Susan Miller	Kayla McCloy / Pahool Miramontes
Women's Singles	Open	Eliza Culverwell	Katherine Affeltranger	Loretta Peterson	Kayla McCloy

**Provo Open
October 16-October 19, 2013
Provo Rec Center**

Division Type	Division Name	Winner	Runner-Up	Third	Fourth
Men's Age Singles	Men's Age Combined	Jerry Bradshaw	Todd Bohman	Greg Arson	
Men's Doubles	MA/B Doubles	Gamaliel Bautista / Blaine Jensen	Bryce Ruff / Zach Byers	John Parry / Mallory Parry	Caleb Kruger / Clint Savage
Men's Doubles	Open	Braden Hess / Brian Zundel	Patrick Harris / Paul Snyder	Greg Young / Jared Daniels	Jerry Bradshaw / Mike Van Valkenburg
Men's Singles	A	Blaine Jensen	Braden Hess	Gamaliel Bautista	Ben Sisson
Men's Singles	B	Mike Kniephof	Preston Speakman	Clint Savage	Zack Wilson
Men's Singles	C	Spencer Loveless	Michael Wagner	Kasey Woolf	Zack Wilson
Men's Singles	Open	Steve Black	John Parry	Paul Snyder	Patrick Harris
Men's Singles	Open Consolation	David Diaz	Diego Diaz		
Women's Singles	C	Marcy Loveless	Val Shewfelt	Kamila Welling	Jessilee Loucks
Women's Singles	Open	Mallory Parry	Eliza Culverwell	Valorie Draper	Sara Moulton

2013 – 2014 Utah Racquetball Tournament Schedule

August	7-10	Juniors State Tournament	Redwood Rec Center rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
September	3-7	Fall Opener Membership Drive	Marv Jensen inkmanvan@gmail.com	URA /Mike VanValkenburg 801-928-4713
	17-21	Utah County Membership Drive	Utah Valley University ruff.bryce@gmail.com	URA/ Bryce Ruff 801-995-9207
	17-21	Bountiful Bash Membership Drive	South Davis Rec Center rico@swissboy.biz	URA/Rico Dubach 801-298-3656
October	1-5	U of U Open	University of Utah kmcclown@hotmail.com smiller@crs.utah.edu	Kayla McCloyn/Susan Miller 801-641-6672/801-641-6682
	9-12	Huntsman Senior Games	St. George rbjohn@icloud.com rbjohn175@gmail.com	John Haynes 801-541-3425
	15-19	Provo Open	Provo Rec Center plsnyder1@gmail.com	Paul Snyder 801-429-9730
	22-26	Jordan Valley	Jordan Valley rvanwagoner1@msn.com	Randy Van Wagoner 801-557-5152
November	5-9	State Doubles	Marv Jensen randy@utahracquetball.org	Garrett Snyder / Randy Martin 385-468-1630/ 801-699-6266
	20-23	November Contenders	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
December	3 -7	Aggie Open	Utah State University j.r.g@aggiemail.usu.edu	Josh Greenwell 208-589-2191
	10-14	Utah Age Division Challenge	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
January	7-11	Sports Mall	Sports Mall rbjohn@icloud.com rbjohn175@gmail.com	John Haynes 801-541-3425
	21-25	Orem Open	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
	28-1	Alta Canyon	Alta Canyon shanejmac@gmail.com	Shane McDougal 801-860-3491
February	4-8	State High School	Marv Jensen inkmanvan@gmail.com	Mike Van Valkenburg 801 -928-4713
	4-8	UVU open	Utah Valley University ruff.bryce@gmail.com	Bryce Ruff 801-995-9207
	11-15	Valentine's Day Massacre	Redwood Rec Center rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
March	11-15	Luck of the Heights	Cottonwood Heights rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
April	1-5	State Singles	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
	22-26	Spring Smash	Marv Jensen randy@utahracquetball.org	Garrett Snyder / Randy Martin 385-468-1630/ 801-699-6266