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Be A Good Sport

By Bryan Bennett, URA President

During the Bountiful Bash, I had the opportunity to witness sportsmanship on several levels. This ranged from a very close semi-final match where every close call was verified with the opponent to make sure of their agreement, to points being taken simply because the referee called it, to a match being stopped due to foul language and poor sportsmanship.

Although the third scenario is rare—at least the disqualification part—scenario one and two are very common. Experience and observation has shown that almost any match can play out to either scenario, depending on you. I'll explain. How many times have you replayed a point or given a point to your opponent when the call went your way? More often than not your opponent will reciprocate when the opportunity presents itself.

Then there's the time when your opponent does not reciprocate. Now what? Human nature tells us "O.K., if that's the way he wants to play, then anything the ref calls goes." Tough decision. Do you maintain a leadership roll, or do you follow your opponent's example? This is what I mean by the match direction being up to you. All too often we use our opponent's attitude or the fact that there are line judges to use as an excuse to "take a call." The fact is that you are the ultimate line judge or referee, and cannot be overruled when you reverse a call that went your way. This is very tough to do, especially when you feel the outcome of the match may be changed by doing so. But, the reality is that skip balls, poor shot selection, and a lack of defense have more to do with match results than poor sportsmanship.

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Precision Racquet Sports Challenge

By Tony Glavas, Sports Mall

During the 1997/1998 racquetball tournament season, Precision Racquet Sports is sponsoring the following URA sanctioned tournaments:

Sports Mall	Oct. 23-26, 1997
Bountiful Bash	Nov. 18-22, 1997
Luck of the Heights	March 17-21, 1998
Utah State Singles	Mar. 31-April 4, 1998

This program was set up to increase the excitement, quality, and draws of our tournaments. The series promotes participation for both men and women of all skill levels. Precision Racquet Sports will give away a total of over \$1500 worth in prizes to those who enter the tournaments. Points will be awarded for each individual tournament, based on the following values:

1st Place	100 points
2nd Place	60 points
3rd Place	40 points
Quarter Finals	10 points

Updates on player standings will be displayed at each series tournament. After the first two tournaments, each player's accumulated points are listed on the next page.

After the fourth event, the prizes will be awarded at the Utah State Singles Championships in April. This is sure to be a successful program, and will undoubtedly increase the draws in all of these tournaments. So get practicing and we'll see you on the court!

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Precision Racquet Sports Racquetball Challenge Standings

Men's Open		Men's C (cont.)	
Tony Glavas	110	Jim Isaacson	10
Chris Baca	60	Ryan Nielson	10
Mathew Christensen	40	Richard Anderson	10
Rick Corbridge	20	Randy Keele	10
Adam Anderson	10	Wayne Woolston	10
Steve Black	10		
Jerry Montanez	10	Men's D	
Bryan Bennett	10	Walter Serpa	110
John Kitchens	10	Bob Watson	100
Glen Aitken	10	Randy Nelson	100
		Terry Orchard, Jr.	60
Men's A		Bret Bartel	40
Bruce Smith	100	Seth Soha	10
Gary Chun	100	Doug Scott	10
Lynn Corbridge	60	Curtis Beard	10
Nate Porter	60	Tyson Morris	10
Doug Douville	40	Randy Keele	10
Spencer Crozier	40	Kent Chambers	10
Steven Clark	10	David Dimmick	10
John Coutts	10	Dan George	10
Andrew Gordon	10	Sandy Webb	10
Eric Carver	10		
Jim Wilking	10	Women's Open	
Marianne Walsh	10	Susan Williams	110
Ben Steiner	10	Marianne Walsh	100
Greg Baker	10	Christine McAlpine	60
Chris Segura	10	Kristen Walsh	40
T.J. Robinson	10		
		Women's A	
Men's B		Susan Williams	100
T.J. Robinson	100	Val Shewfelt	80
Richard Lawrence	100	Judy Gooch	60
Steve Miner	60	Vicki Bennion	20
Dale Harris	60	Sandra Mitchel	10
Juan Arrieta	40	Christal McLean	10
Kelly Goodfellow	40	Andrea Jones	10
Chris Johnson	20	Barbara Bowen	10
Sam Boggs	20		
James Quent	10	Women's B	
Brad Brumbaugh	10	Melissa Boyd	60
Jim Robertson	10	Deb Thornton	10
Craig Snow	10		
Susan Williams	10	Women's C	
		Joan Carmen	100
Men's C		Debbie Cheney	60
Tadashi Sakashita	200	Maria Gomez	40
Paul Keen	60	Heather Montanez	10
Walter Serpa	60	Brenda Hansen	10
Bob Watson	50		
Barney Christiansen	40	Women's D	
Josh Despain	10	Deb Campbell	10

Tournaments: Let's Be Responsible And Have Fun Too!

By Marcus Dunyon, URA Board Member

Several issues have been brought up about problems with tournaments. To start, most people would agree that the majority of Utah's racquetball tournaments are well run. In fact, we are very fortunate to have tournament directors who are experienced and care about how the participants are treated. Most tournament directors have played enough to know what players like and dislike, but even knowing this, various problems can occur. Please keep this in mind: the folks running our tournaments are doing the best that they can and we, as players, need to be patient when problems arise. If each and every player put a genuine effort into following these suggestions, it would alleviate many problems that can happen.

- **Make sure you have a tournament schedule.** At the beginning of the tournament season, all *current* URA members receive a list of the upcoming tournaments for the year with the fall newsletter. If you do not have a schedule, contact the URA, ask any tournament director, or check with your club.
- **Make sure you enter the tournaments on time.** It is very important that all players submit their tournament entries by the stated deadline. Late entries cause obvious problems because the director has to seed each tournament and late entries force them to redo their draws. This causes a lot of extra work for the tournament director and sometimes forces them to place a player in the wrong bracket based on that person's state ranking. We have experienced players who question why they were put into a specific bracket only to find out that they entered the tournament late.
- **Try to limit requesting exceptions for match days and times.** Be realistic when you enter a tournament. If you know the tournament runs throughout the week, make

plans to be available on those specified days. If you have conflicts, make sure you state them up front and be reasonable about your requests. Remember, if too many players ask for exceptions, the tournament director has a difficult time lining up the matches.

- **Be on time for your scheduled match.** As a tournament player, it is our responsibility to be on time and ready to play our matches. Being late or not showing up creates problems for the tournament director, your opponent, and all the other players as well. Sometimes situations arise, but with enough notice, things can be changed to accommodate emergencies.
- **Be ready (and willing) to referee matches.** If you are supposed to referee a match, be prepared when the players are ready to start. We all want a good referee, and deserve one, but we should be willing to do our part too. In fact, volunteering to referee would help everyone and also speed up the matches.

Tournaments are a lot of fun, but let's not forget that they are a great deal of work for the people running the event. Let's all make an effort to be responsible so things will run as smoothly as possible for everyone involved. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please contact any URA board member and we will address your concerns in future newsletters. ☺

Board Member Change

Troy Pattee resigned from the URA board of directors. Troy was married in July of 1997 and would like to spend his free time with his new bride.

Troy has been a valuable member of the URA Board and he will be missed. We hope you will join us in congratulating Troy and his wife and to wish them good luck with their marriage.

Greg Baker has been appointed by the URA Board to fulfill the remainder of Troy's term. Greg will take over as Secretary of the URA.

High School Players Square Off at Cottonwood Heights!

by Enrico Dubach, URA Vice President

Under the leadership of Marianne Walsh, the new league for high school players had a great start with a match on December 13th at Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center. Thirty-five players, representing eleven area high schools, squared off in a round robin format. Some high schools are combined to form a team while Waterford School was able to field two teams.

Players were divided into three divisions: Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced for boys and girls. Each player earned points for their team by placing in their individual divisions. A first place finish earned 10 points, 8 points for second place, 6 points for third, and 4 points for fourth place. At least one point is earned by each player for participation.

The following lists the team standings after the first match:

- 1st Place (39 points): Taylorsville, East, West and Cyprus High School based at Salt Lake Community College. Coached by Chris Johnson.
- 2nd Place (25 points): Viewmont and Woods Cross High Schools based at Bountiful Recreation Center. Coached by Enrico Dubach.
- 3rd Place (19 points): Waterford School, Team A. Coached by Tim Dolbin.
- 4th Place (18 points): Hillcrest and Murray High School based at Sports Mall. Coached by Tony Glavas.
- 5th Place (15 points): Alta High School. Coached by Cameron Burnside and Tony Glavas.
- 6th Place (14 points): Waterford School, Team B. Coached by Hal Johnston
- 7th Place (13 points): Skyline High School. Coached by Marianne Walsh.

Marianne Walsh has done a great job organizing both the league and the first match. She would like to thank Vickie Rodman for the great food she put together. She would also like

to thank Hal Johnston, Rico Dubach, Chris Johnson, and Tim Dolbin for their help during the match. Of course, nothing happens without the great support from the coaches and parents.

The next match will be held at Bountiful Recreation Center on January 17, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Another match will be at the Salt Lake Community College on January 31, 1998 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. The State High School Championships will be held at the Sports Mall on February 20 and 21. The National High School Championships will be in St. Louis from the 5th through the 7th of March.

We welcome any player from an area high school who would like to join the league. Contact any of the above coaches or Marianne Walsh if you would like to play or can help with coaching.



*Not that this has anything to do with high school, but Bryan Bennett has one of the best tattoos we've ever seen!
Photo by Enrico Dubach.*

TOURNAMENTS

Precision Racquet Sports Tournament

By Marcus Dunyon, URA Board Member

The Precision Racquet Sports Racquetball Tournament was held on October 23 through the 26th. Combined with the prize money offered in the open division, was a new and unique format presented by Tony Glavas and Precision Racquet Sports. A series of events award points to players making it into the quarter finals, semi-finals, and finals. These points are accumulated throughout a series of four tournaments, concluding with the Utah State Singles Championships. Precision Racquet Sports will give away special prizes to the top four point earners in each division. For more information concerning this new and exciting series, call Tony Glavas at the Sports Mall.

The first tournament in the series, held at the Sports Mall, had over 140 entries—making it the largest tournament of the year. Players from all over Utah, a few from Idaho, and several more from Colorado came to compete for the prize money offered in this tournament. Tony Boscia, a regional champion from Colorado who was ranked nationally in the top ten last year, was the odds-on favorite to win. But Adam Anderson, Jerry Montanez, Tony Glavas, Matt Christensen, Steve Black, and a host of other top players from Utah were also vying for the prize money. Mike Johnson, Mick Eitzel, and Brian Pointelin also came from Colorado to get in on the competition. For the women's open, the top players were Marianne Walsh, Kristen Walsh, and Christine McAlpine.

A number of exciting matches were played over this weekend tournament—many going to tie breaker. In the men's open, the competition was fast and furious, with the top seeded players coming through as predicted. Boscia made it into the finals and awaited the winner of the Adam Anderson-Mike Johnson semi final. These two great players dove all over the court, making get after get. It finally came down to Mike Johnson winning in the tie breaker.

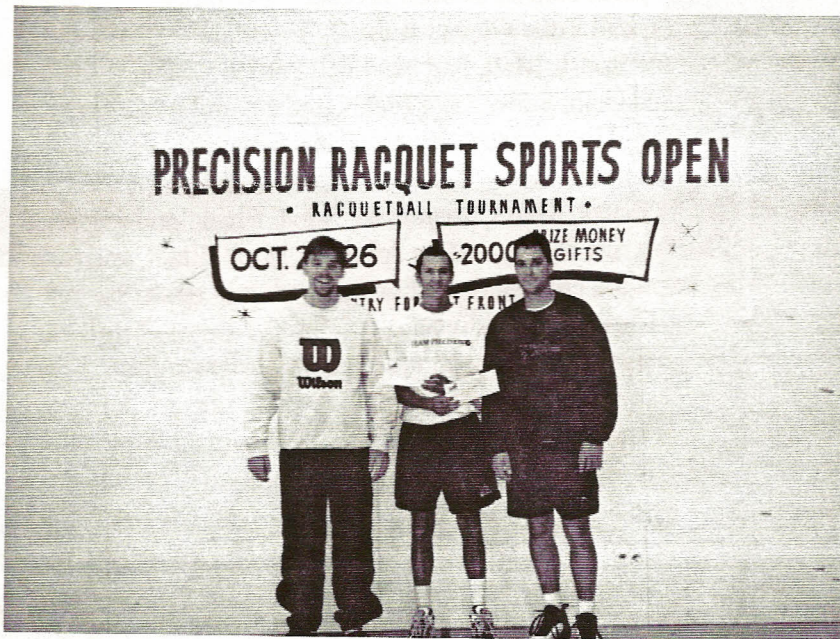
In the final, Boscia and Johnson met for the first time. Boscia started strong and got an early lead before Johnson could recover. Then Johnson started making Boscia work harder for his points. But the lead was too large and Boscia won the first game 15-10. The second game provided more great play with both players flying around the court making some awesome plays. Although Johnson was probably the crowd favorite, the day belonged to Boscia, who won with a score of 15-9.

In the women's open, Marianne Walsh played with pinpoint accuracy, displaying great shots and a control of the same that she has shown over the years by beating both Kristen Walsh and Christine McAlpine to win the event. Christine took second place.

In the men's open doubles, Utah faired a bit better with Steve Black and Sean Lucky taking second place to Tony Boscia and his partner. The many division winners are all worthy of mention, but it was really great to see some of the matches in the junior divisions. These kids are playing their hearts out and it's great to see the players of the future compete. It was also gratifying to see crowds of people watching and cheering on these young athletes.

The list of division winners follows on the next page.

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Tony Boscia	Mike Johnson	Mick Eitzel
Men's A	Bruce Smith	Lynn Corbridge	Doug Douville
Men's B	T.J. Robinson	Steve Miner	Juan Arrieta
Men's C	Tadashi Sakashita	Paul Keen	Bob Watson
Men's D	Walter Serpa	Bob Watson	Brett Bartel
Men's 35+	Bryan Bennett	Enrico Dubach	Steven Clark
Men's 50+	Jim Wilking	Doug Douville	Mike Doilney
Women's Open	Marianne Walsh	Christine McAlpine	Kristen Walsh
Women's A	Susan Williams	Judy Gooch	Val Shewfelt
Women's C	Joan Carmen	Debbie Chaney	Maria Gomez
Boy's 16 & under	Samuel Boggs	Tyler Watson	Cameron Burnside
Boy's 14 & under	Tyson Morris	Tyler Watson	Jason Cardon
Boy's 12 & under	Jason Cardon	David Mitchel	Aaron Pietsch
Junior's 10 & under	Kim Walsh	Jonathon Dubach	Spencer Beard
Junior's 8 & under	John Sanderson	Kory Walsh	Brooke Sudweeks



Tournament Director Tony Glavas (center) presents checks to men's open winners, Mike Johnson (left) and Tony Boscia (right). Photo by Enrico Dubach.

Attention!

Advertise in the URA newsletter for as little as \$25 per issue! For more information, contact Rico Dubach at 298-5066 or 298-3656.

Did You Know....

According to the National Sporting Goods Association, who surveyed 35,000 households, racquetball is the *ninth* fastest growing sport in the United States. In case you were wondering, snowboarding is number one and soccer is number two.

Traveling League Update

The traveling league consists of six teams this year. As of the end of October, the number of matches won by each team is as follows:

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|-------------------|----|----------------|---|
| 1. Redwood Center | 17 | 4. Marv Jensen | 7 |
| 2. Sports Mall | 13 | 5. Orem Rec | 5 |
| 3. Bountiful Rec | 10 | 6. Alta Canyon | 2 |

Mullett Hoover Racquetball Tournament

by Ryan Walker

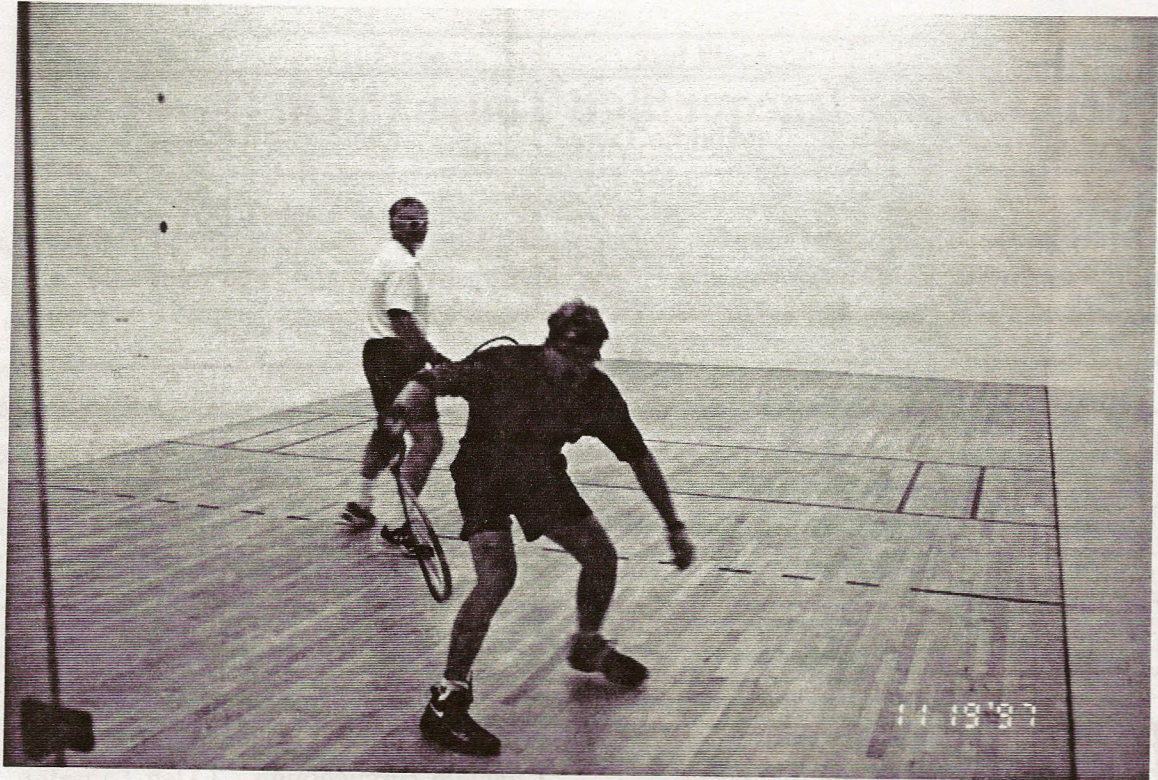
The Orem Fitness Center hosted the 15th annual Mullett Hoover Open Racquetball Tournament sponsored by Mullett Hoover Jewelry and Trophy, M-Construction, and Papa John's Pizza. The tournament was held November 4-7, 1997. The winners are as follows:

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	Consolation
Men's Open	Adam Anderson	Ben McClure	Corbin Carter
Men's A	Jerry Bradshaw	Randy Judkins	Shawn Pike
Men's C	Matt Orton	Barney Christiansen	Royal Crandall
Men's D	Walter Serpa	Randy Nelson	Royal Crandall
Men's Age Combined	Dennis Fisher	Byron "Bud" Boyd	Roger Flick
Men's Open Doubles	Anderson/Glavas	North/LaTurner	Bowler/Carter
Women's A	Valorie Woodbury	Kim Blake	Nicole Passage
Women's B	Kia Elkington	Jennifer Birchenough	Deb Thornton
Women's C	Jennifer Birchenough	Kathy Sanders	Ann Eldridge
Women's Age Combined	Sylvia Sawyer	Val Shewfelt	Ann Eldridge
Women's Doubles	Johnson/McAlpine	Olsen/Shewfelt	Blake/Hinton

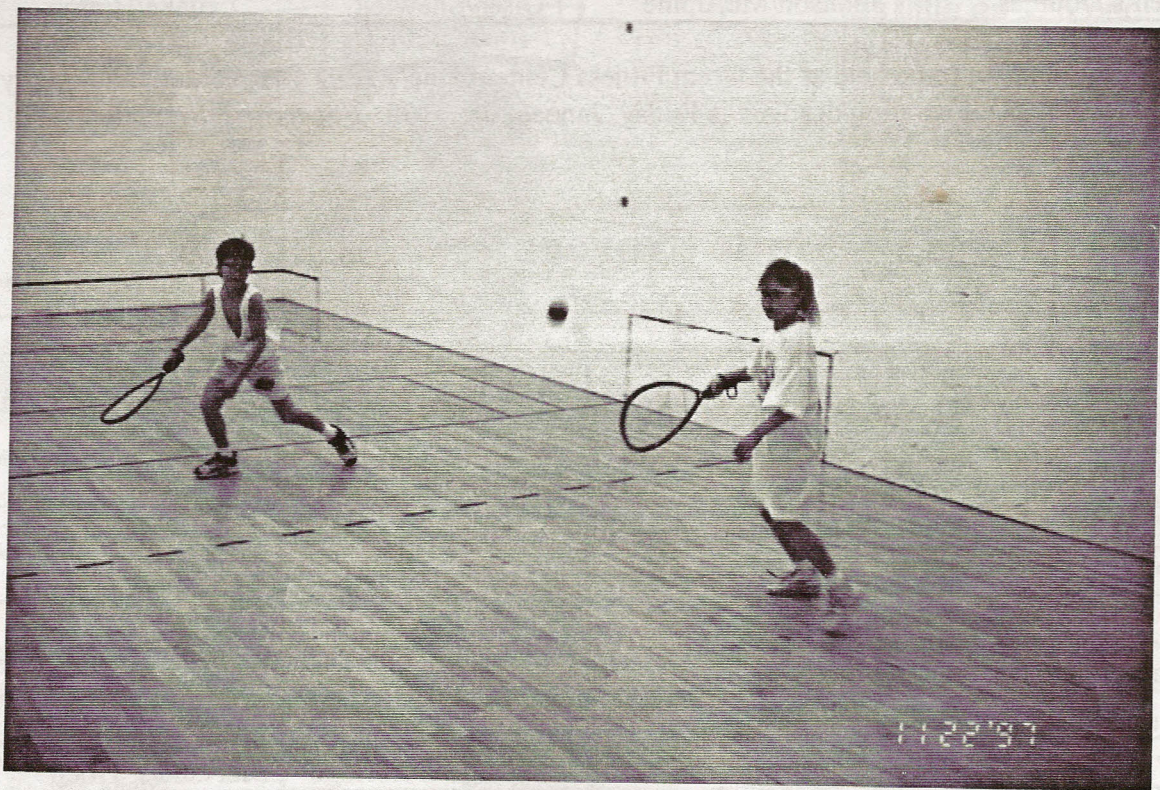
The next tournament to be held at the Orem Fitness Center is the TTOD Orem Open, on January 27-30, 1998. The registration deadline is Friday, January 23, 1998. For more information, call (801) 229-7154.

Bountiful Bash Results (November 18-22, 1997)

Division	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Men's Open	Tony Glavas	Chris Baca	Mathew Christensen
Men's A	Gary Chun	Nate Porter	Spencer Crozier
Men's B	Richard Lawrence	Dale Harris	Kelly Goodfellow
Men's C	Tadashi Sakashita	Walter Serpa	Barney Christiansen
Men's D	Randy Nelson	Terry Orchard, Jr.	Bob Watson
Men's 50/55+	Chris Segura	Mike Doilney	Steve Parker
Women's Combined	Susan Williams	Melissa Boyd	Val Shewfelt
Boy's 14 & under	Tyler Watson	Nicholas Dubach	Jason Cardon
Men's Open/A Doubles	Montanez/Hoey	Corbridge/Corbridge	McNabb/J. Hoch
Men's B/C Doubles	McNabb/D. Hoch	Arave/Fila	Bennion/Groves



Rico Dubach prepares to make a shot while Lynn Corbridge looks on during their match at the Bountiful Bash. Photo by Scott Boyd.



Andrew Gale and Bobbi Gunn play their match at the Bountiful Bash. Photo by Scott Boyd.

Penn Adult & Junior Rankings (as of 12/18/97)

Men's Open

- 1 Adam Anderson
- 2 Jerry Montanez
- 3 Sean Lucky
- 4 Tony Glavas
- 5T Corbin Carter
- 5T Larry Moon
- 7 Tom Shearman
- 8T Matt Christensen
- 8T Rick Corbridge
- 10T Craig Ericson
- 11T Ben McClure

Men's A

- 1 Don Sanderson
- 2 Sean Widauf
- 3 Randy Krantz
- 4T Jerry Bradshaw
- 4T Chris Gale
- 4T Bruce Smith
- 7 Marcus Dunyon
- 8 Paul Ethington
- 9T Greg Baker
- 9T Lynn Corbridge
- 11 Adam Tueller

Men's B

- 1 Lee Hanley
- 2 Eric Carver
- 3 Pat Conway
- 4 Richard Lawrence
- 5T Brad Ballard
- 5T James Quent
- 5T Lawrence Trujillo
- 8T Bud Boyd
- 8T La Chau
- 8T Spencer Crozier
- 8T Randy Judkins
- 8T Shawn Lemons
- 8T Jonathan Ramras
- 8T T.J. Robinson

Men's C

- 1T B. Christiansen
- 1T John Duda
- 3 Scott Boyd
- 4 Matthew Orton
- 5 Bob Pendleton
- 6 Greg Wayman
- 7 Tadashi Sakashita
- 8T Juan Arrieta
- 8T Bill Beesley
- 8T Eric Carver
- 8T Eric Gardner
- 8T Mike Meservy

Men's D

- 1 Tadashi Sakashita
- 2 Robert Watson

- 3 Greg Wayman
- 4T Bill Beesley
- 4T Walter Serpa
- 6 Michael Retford, Jr
- 7 Brad Brumbaugh
- 8 Steven Wayman
- 9 Bob Watson
- 10T Samuel Boggs
- 10T Jesse Cervantes

Men's 18+

- 1 Tony Glavas
- 2T Steve Black
- 2T Sean Widaus
- 4 Brian Gill
- 5 Rick Corbridge

Boy's 18 & under

- 1T Ben Kartchner
- 1T Nathan Porter
- 1T Adam Tueller
- 4 Cannon Crittendan
- 5T Samuel Boggs
- 5T Tyler Watson
- 7T Mike Hadley
- 7T Rob McGovern
- 9T Justin Christiansen
- 9T Pat Diessner
- 9T George Knudsen

Boy's 16 & under

- 1 Adam Tueller
- 2 Samuel Boggs
- 3 Cameron Burnside
- 4 Tyler Watson
- 5 Brian Retford
- 6 Kristen Walsh
- 7 Rob McGovern
- 8T Nick Clark
- 8T Tyler Morris
- 10 Matt Zwahlen

Boy's 14 & under

- 1 Cameron Burnside
- 2 Jason Cardon
- 3 Tyson Morris
- 4 Tyler Watson
- 5 Cody Christensen
- 6 Nicholas Dubach
- 7T Tom McGovern
- 7T Nick Watson
- 9 Cris Cecka

Boy's 12 & under

- 1 Jason Cardon
- 2 Paul Bennett
- 3 Steven McGovern
- 4 Richard Terry
- 5 Cris Cecka

- 6T Quang Ngyen
- 6T Deven Walker
- 8 Eric Boevers
- 9 David Mitchell
- 10T Dustin Cederholm
- 10T Nathaniel Cranney

Boy's 10 & under

- 1 Jonathon Dubach
- 2 Stephen Cranney
- 3 Andy Shearman
- 4 Garid Kristensen
- 5 Andrew Gale
- 6T Paul Bennett
- 6T Eric Boevers
- 8 John Sanderson
- 9 Jessie Ballard
- 10 Colin Boevers

Boy's 8 & under

- 1 Kory Walsh
- 2 John Sanderson
- 3 Jenteal Jackson
- 4 C. Sudweeks

Women's Open

- 1 Marianne Walsh
- 2 Cherie Barth
- 3 Christine McAlpine
- 4 Kristen Walsh
- 5 Sandee Roach
- 6T Cindy Richards
- 6T Val Shewfelt
- 8 Sheli Bodily
- 9 Susan Williams
- 10 Peggy Johnson

Women's A

- 1 Val Shewfelt
- 2 Darla Wenger
- 3 Sandy Mitchell
- 4 Jennifer Bennett
- 5 Janette Olsen
- 6 Marianne Walsh
- 7T Hope Hendricks
- 7T Janene Olson
- 7T Kris Terry
- 7T Susan Williams
- 7T Valorie Woodbury

Women's B

- 1T Colleen Keegan
- 1T Lily Yee
- 3T Val Shewfelt
- 3T Valorie Woodbury
- 5 Amanda Mundt
- 6 Laurie Egbert
- 7T Vicki Bennion
- 7T Kia Elkington

- 9T Norma Carlisle
- 9T Deb Thornton
- 11 Rose Hernandez

Women's C

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

Women's D

- 1T Samantha Hinton
- 1T Amy Rogers
- 1T Sarah Campbell
- 4 Linda Carter
- 5T M. Smith-Touchard
- 5T Carrie Soderstrom
- 7T Kathy Kiermaier
- 7T Shari McKee

Girl's 18 & under

- 1 Kristen Walsh

Girl's 16 & under

- 1T Jennifer Bennett
- 1T Viviana Garcia
- 3 Sabrina Ortiz
- 4 Tehra Christensen
- 5T Cheryl Christiansen
- 5T Laura Cocaneur

Girl's 14 & under

- 1 Kristen Walsh
- 2 Linda Carter
- 3 Christina Herrera
- 4 Luana Ortiz

Girl's 12 & under

- 1 Kimberly Walsh
- 2 M. Keddington

Girl's 10 & under

- 1 Jessie Ballard
- 2 Kimberly Walsh
- 3 Bobbi Gunn
- 4 Brooke Sudweeks

Girl's 8 & under

- 1 Brooke Sudweeks
- 2 Abigail Touchard