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# STOCKTON PRO-AM



"In-Shape Pros"



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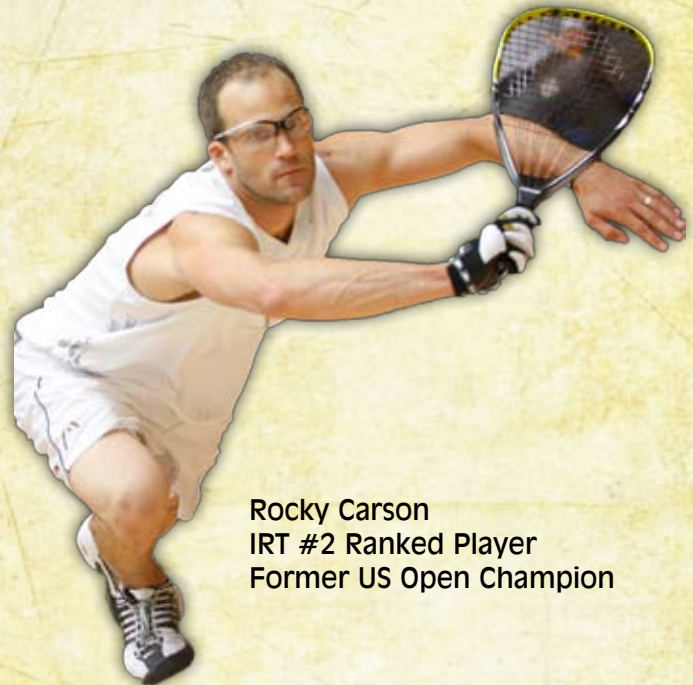
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## Men's Professional Racquetball

# APRIL 19-22, 2012



Kane Waselenchuk  
IRT #1 Ranked Player  
7 Time US Open Champion



Rocky Carson  
IRT #2 Ranked Player  
Former US Open Champion



**A TIER ONE EVENT**



**A REGIONAL QUALIFIER**

# 2012 Stockton Pro-Am Racquetball Championships

How would you like to see and experience the world's fastest sport? The International Racquetball Tour is proud to present the **2012 Stockton Pro-Am Racquetball Championships**. This will be a full Tier One stop on the Men's **International Racquetball Tour (IRT)**. We will pull out all the stops to make this event one of the best in the world. Your participation whether playing or just watching will allow you the opportunity to watch and interact with the best racquetball players in the world.

This event will show case the #1 ranked player, Kane Wasselenchuk, as he continues to shatter the record books in pro racquetball. Over the past three years he's only lost a single match. He is the first player to go undefeated for an entire season since Marty Hogan in 1978. He has surpassed Sudsy Monchik's record of 5 U.S. Open wins. This season, he is attempting to pass Cliff Swain's record of six #1 year end rankings. Don't pass up the chance to watch undoubtedly the greatest player of all time in his prime.

Making their mark on the event will be former #1 ranked player Rocky Carson and the sport's most improved and arguably most exciting player Ben Croft (currently ranked #2 and #3 respectively). Rocky, former U.S. Open and Pro National Champion, defeats his opponents with amazingly creative shots and superb conditioning. Ben is also one of the fittest players on tour, using his unparalleled quickness and high percentage shots to outlast opponents. Both guys are desperate to get a win from off of Kane. Will Stockton be the city?

Several local up and comers will be fighting for position in the top ten, most notably Stockton's own Jose Rojas (IRT #4). Rojas, a Franklin High School graduate and current UOP student, is poised to crack the top 3 with semifinal appearances last season at the Mexico Open and Corona Open, plus a semifinal at the recently played 2011 US Open. This season he's looking to win his first event and challenge Kane for the crown. With the support of his home town crowd maybe Jose will be able to pull it off at this event. Joining Rojas on tour this season is a group of determined young players from Stockton, including David Horn (IRT #21), Ryan Meyer (#37), Jose Diaz (#42), Markie Rojas (#48) and Jose Serrano (#74). This tremendous group of players can be seen training on a daily basis at In-Shape Sport: West Lane and Quail Lakes with Head Coach Dave Ellis, Assistant Coaches, John Ellis and Jody Nance, plus Speed & Strength Coach Jesse Serna.

## **[IRT-TOUR.COM](http://IRT-TOUR.COM)**

Information about the International Racquetball Tour and its players is available online at [www.irt-tour.com](http://www.irt-tour.com), the official site of the Men's Professional Tour. Complete information about the Stockton Pro-Am will be available online at [www.irt-tour.com](http://www.irt-tour.com) or by contacting Jason Mannino, President, International Racquetball Tour (858) 668-6950 or [jason@irt-tour.com](mailto:jason@irt-tour.com).





# ACES FOR JEANNE

On December 20, 2010, our dear friend Jeanne Lynn Blinn passed away after fending off breast cancer for 15 years. Jeanne had a unique ability to make my parents, myself and so many of her friends feel special as her passion for living and positive spirit always shined so brightly. Although Jeanne refused to allow cancer to define her, she mentored other cancer patients through Reach to Recovery and was a strong fundraiser for Relay to Life. She did this nearly to the end of her life and this exemplifies the type of caring and beautiful person that Jeanne was.

Jeanne was born on April 27, 1947, and is survived by her husband Dennis Blinn, mother BZ Wulff, son John DeWitt, daughter Robin Silski, and three grandchildren. Jeanne graduated from Acalanes High School in Lafayette, CA, and moved to Stockton in 1965 to attend UOP where she graduated with honors with a BA in Art History and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, where she later served as an advisor. She also earned her teaching credential and taught kindergarten at Nightingale School until her son was born. She used her uncanny creativity to make new careers in clothing design and landscape design so that she could stay at home with her children. Teaching called her name again when her kids were in college as she began teaching at Wilson Elementary where she won the San Joaquin County A+ Teacher of the Year in 2001. Jeanne enjoyed being with friends and family, making jewelry, knitting, gardening, traveling, and the beach. Making people feel special is one of the many things she will be remembered by.

Jeanne's memory will be connected to this men's professional racquetball tournament for years to come. Her children, John and Robin will have direct involvement with this event and will serve as Liaisons to Tournament Director, John Ellis, in their efforts to raise money for the American Cancer Society on behalf of Jeanne Lynn under the title of **Aces For Jeanne**. An Event Raffle will take place throughout the four days with 100% of the profits going to Aces For Jeanne. Along with the raffle, the tournament itself will donate \$10 for every Ace Serve hit from the quarterfinals through the finals of the IRT Division.

John and Robin would be honored if you purchased raffle tickets or made a donation to the American Cancer Society in her name. Both John and Robin will be present for the Stockton Pro-Am semis and final. Please feel free to say Hi and introduce yourself to both of them.

# In-Shape Pro's

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## Bouncing Off The Wall

Young racquetball phenoms take Stockton to the top | BY KATY BERRY

Racquetball is an energetic sport played on a court with two players who fire a small rubber ball back and forth off of the walls and ceiling, using—you guessed it—racquets. Anyone who's ever seen or played a game knows it's much harder (and way more fun) than it sounds. So who knew, here in Stockton, that we have some of the world's best racquetball players? >>



MATTHEW JAMES PHOTOGRAPHY

The International Racquetball Association (IRA) was officially formed in 1968, and the sport quickly took off, launching a “workout craze” as a fun and engaging way to get in shape. Since then, Stockton has churned out several great professional racquetball players, including Scott Oliver who was once ranked as the #5 player in the world during the late ‘70s and early ‘80s. Today, Coach David Ellis of Stockton is leading a new generation of players going in a big way, putting Stockton on the map once again.

David Ellis has been playing the sport since he was 29 years old. Now at the age of 66 he’s more involved than ever, still playing three times a week and coaching. He’s also father to John Ellis, another seasoned pro in the sport. Among his many accomplishments, John has been ranked as high as #3 in the world. In 1995 he became the first Pan American Games Singles Champion for the USA Racquetball Team in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and he has eight professional tournament wins under his belt. He’s even been inducted into the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame. Today, John is the Director of Racquetball for In-Shape Sports Clubs and a coach as well.

“He’s working more with the younger kids who are just getting started,” says dad David. “I’ve been working with the kids who’ve been playing for years. They started when they were three, four, or five.” His latest team members range between the ages of 17 and 22, and have been working with David for the past two years. All six players on his team have won qualifying matches at pro stops, but their most notable player is Jose Rojas who, at only 20 years old, is currently ranked #8 in the world.

Like John, who picked up his first racquet at the age of 3, Rojas says he began at age 5 and made it to his first semi-final tournament

match at 17 years old. “Some people don’t ever make it to a semi-final in their career, and I made it when I was only 17. That was pretty cool to experience,” says Rojas, who practices at least six times a week to keep himself in top form. “I want to break all the records currently held. I want to shatter them. I want to be considered the best player to ever play the game.”

Both Dave and John Ellis believe he has what it takes to represent Stockton as the best racquetball player in the world. “It may not be for another five to eight years but it’ll come,” says John. Rojas has over twenty tournaments scheduled for 2011. When he’s not playing, he’s studying business administration at Delta College. His younger brother Marco is 17 years old and clearly following in his brother’s footsteps, having already won the International Racquetball Federation’s Junior World Championships this past November in Los Angeles.

The team also includes the ambitious young David Horn, who is currently ranked at #25 in the world. David Ellis says despite racquetball being an “individual” sport, he trains his players as a team. “We are emphasizing the attitude of working together and helping everyone do better and improve. It’s pretty fun really.”

So far his strategy seems to be working just fine. “All the guys are good young men, very respectful,” says John. “Their parents have done a good job with them and it shows. They all live in tough areas of Stockton and could easily go a different direction.”

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

The U.S. Racquetball Association, [www.usra.org](http://www.usra.org)

# Tournament Information

**WHEN** April 19-22, 2012

**WHERE** **In-Shape Sport: West Lane (Main Club)**  
1074 Bianchi Rd., Stockton, CA 95210 (209) 472-2100  
**In-Shape Sport: Quail Lakes**  
2303 W. March Ln., Stockton, CA 95207 (209) 472-2230  
**BOTH CLUBS WILL BE USED IF NECESSARY**

**EVENT DIRECTOR** John Ellis

**EVENT STAFF** **Media Director:** Dave Ellis  
**Marketing Design Director:** Steve Cook  
**Tournament Desk Manager:** Michelle Stone  
**Event "Runners":** Jesse Serna & Crew



**SOUVENIR** *Long Sleeve Tournament Shirt*

**ENTRY FEES** **Entry Fees:**  
**IRT Division:** \$90 (Email [ellistyle@comcast.net](mailto:ellistyle@comcast.net) to sign up for the IRT Division)  
**Prize Money Divisions:** \$55 per division  
**All Other Divisions:** \$40 per division  
**3 Divisions Allowed Per Player. If Playing 3 Divisions, Be ready to play Friday**  
*\$20 Early Entry Fee Discount (Must sign up and pay by Feb. 1, 2012)*  
**All Prize Money & Singles Divisions Will Be Single Elimination**  
**All Doubles Divisions Will Be Pool Play**

**HOSPITALITY** Meals will be provided Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO BAR SATURDAY NIGHT**

**BALL** **PRO PENN HD**

**START TIMES** **AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH @ 6PM PST ON R2SPORTS.COM**

**AMATEUR MATCH** **Thursday: 6pm - 10pm: Local Players, West Lane Only**  
**PLAY SCHEDULE** **Friday: 12pm - 11pm: All Divisions, Both Clubs**  
**Saturday: 8am - 9pm: All Divisions, Both Clubs**  
**Sunday: 8am - 5pm: West Lane Only**

**POOL PLAY & ROUND ROBIN RULES**

- 2 games to 15, win by 1. tie-breaker to 11.
- Pool Play winners will advance to Play Off Bracket
- Play Off Bracket will consist of 2 games to 15, tie-breaker to 11.
- Round Robin & Pool winners will be determined according to Rule A.6 in the USRA Rule Book

# Tournament Rules

## TOURNAMENT RULES

- All amateur match losers will be obligated to ref the next match.
- Check-in time is 30 minutes prior to match.  
**Please be prompt. We will forfeit if necessary.**
- Regulation lensed eyeguards are mandatory.
- The **One** serve rule will apply in all Pro/Open divisions.
- All divisions will play the “**No Court Hinders Rule with the exception of the cages covering the ceiling sprinklers**”
- IRT rules will apply to the IRT Division. Best 3 out of 5 games to 11, win by 2.

## SANCTIONING BODY

**CSRA/IRT** - You must be a member of the Sanctioning bodies in order to play in this event. IRT membership is separate from the CSRA. A one year CSRA membership may be purchased at the tournament. \$50 for Adult, \$25 for youth or a one time tournament membership may purchased for \$10.

## FACILITY NOTES

Day care ***will not*** be provided to tournament players. ***Your children must be supervised at all times.***

## HOST HOTEL

**TO BE ANNOUNCED BY JANUARY 7, 2012**

# Pro Match Schedule

**IRT VIEWING IS FREE OF CHARGE UPSTAIRS  
DOWNSTAIRS VIEWING IS DESIGNATED FOR SPONSORS AND VIP'S.**

### Thursday

IRT Round of 64: 1pm - 7pm

IRT Round of 32: 8pm - 10pm

### Friday

IRT Round of 16: 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm

IRT Quarterfinals: 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm

### Saturday

IRT Semi Finals: 4:00pm & 5:00pm

### Sunday

11:00am Jeanne Lynn Raffle to Benefit the American Cancer Society

IRT Finals: 12:00pm



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- Men's Singles**
- IRT\$
  - Open\$
  - Elite\$
  - A\$
  - B
  - C
  - D
- You can choose 2 divisions from this category if one is IRT Singles*

- Men's Age Singles**
- 40+
  - 50+
  - 60+

- Women's Singles**
- Open\$
  - Elite
  - A
  - B
  - C
- You can choose 1 from this category*

- Doubles Divisions**
- | Womens   | Mixed                           | Mens                            |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> B                     | <input type="checkbox"/> B      | <input type="checkbox"/> B      |
|  |                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> C      |
|  |                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55+    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Combined 75+ \$ |                                 |                                 |

### "Prize Money"

IRT Singles	<b>\$17,500 TOTAL PURSE</b>	
Men's Open Singles & Doubles	1st: \$400	2nd: \$200
Men's Elite & A Singles	1st: \$200	2nd: \$100
Women's Open Singles & Doubles	1st: \$400	2nd: \$200
Mixed Open Doubles	1st: \$400	2nd: \$200
Men's Combined 75+ Doubles	1st: \$400	2nd: \$200

\*\*\*Awards for all other divisions\*\*\*  
*All divisions will be pro-rated up-to 16 players*



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REGISTER ONLINE :

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney.asp?TID=9089>

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: 3XL 2XL XL L M S

### ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2012

**Entry Fees:** IRT Division \$90 (Email [ellistyle@comcast.net](mailto:ellistyle@comcast.net) to sign up for the IRT Division)  
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VISA       MASTERCARD       AMERICAN EXPRESS

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**MAIL ENTRY TO: JOHN ELLIS 5807 Riverbank Circle, Stockton, CA 95219**

**CALL: (209) 969-4497      Email: [ellistyle@comcast.net](mailto:ellistyle@comcast.net)**  
**Make Checks Payable to: Pro Racquetball Academy**

**GUEST WAIVER:** I, hereby for myself, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the **InShape Sport: West Lane, Quail Lakes & Pro Racquetball Academy**, their respective agents, or any facility used for this tournament, for any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my competition in said tournament.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_