

- 1) **PROS RESULTS AT EKTELON NATL SINGLES-** a) Rhonda Rhajsich makes USA team easily w/o even working a sweat for 4th time in a row. She beats co-USA team member Janel "Chanel" Tisinger. Both were decked out to the 9's in Rollout clothes b) Congrats to newest USA Team member Jake Bredenback who just literally "honked" star pro Bobby's Horn 15-14, 15-10 & also destroyed the #5 #2 and #1 ranked pros here (i.e. Markie Rojas & USA team member Tom Fuhrmann who got just 3 points total (and he is amazing). Jake "the snake" stole the show with w/a huge backhand (and bigger biceps).
- 2) **MORE PROSE (I mean pros)-** a) Adam Vanilla Manilla takes 2 majors here in open-Legend Bo Keely tells me that Adam had the most potential of any players he saw-"smarts & great shot selection." b) Fran Davis receives the "Davis Cup" for most matches watched here doing a marathon-running up 4 flights to dispense her advice like a pharmacist-Heck, I even tried to get a few freebies thrown in too. c) Congrats to Aimee Ruiz for her pro dubs domination & d) a special thanks to a great USA staff like Dr Hiser, Joe W, Larry H., Steve C, Otto D, and Bob B etc who put on quite a show.
- 3) **JUNIORS AT NATL SINGLES-** There were many exciting juniors to watch: Mitchell Turner from Oregon who has played just 2 years & took 2nd in boys 14 losing to a good or was it somehow a "great Dane" Elkins 15-5 15-5 who won boys 18s; Heather Mahoney-10-US JR. team member wins out; Ben "Red" Barron plays lights out; in boys 18's, power hitting Jack "he almost gave me a heart attack" Kujick takes 2nd; Heijen Koo easily wins girls 18 & Attosa Rejaie captures gold in girls 14. Thanks to Dr Hiser, Bonnie R, Tim Turner & Eric Cohen for their help w/ junior division. Good luck at National Junior Olympics in Denver.
- 4) **JR OLYMPICS JUNIOR TEST REQD-**Don't forget to take the new, required referee test before you play-Go online to your player profile R2 & go to "courses and tests." Find the junior Referee test & take the test prior to playing their first match. This will be a good 1st test on how you do.
- 5) **USAR SCHOLARSHIPS-**(for graduating seniors or college only). Get a prestigious USAR scholarship and \$500. A national USAR scholarship (and grades) can easily help get you into a top tier grad school. So apply ASAP. The Deadline is Sun-recommendations req! Contact Bob "Big Boy" Bodor at bbodor@usra.org or visit the site and pass this along to any junior players. You can be a scholar-athlete! <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Racquetball/Programs/Scholarships>
- 6) **CNRA – JACK HUGHES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP –** Any California or Nevada graduating senior or college student who has demonstrated their desire to expand racquetball may apply. Visit the site for application and requirements. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's college. www.californianevadaracquetball.org.
- 7) **WOMAN'S SCHOLARSHIPS TO LPRT (from NMRA/LPRT)-** Aspiring tour players 18 – 25 can also apply for a scholarship covering 5 events, travel etc. Award based on academics, rball and non-racquetball criteria. Contact LPRT Commish. Andy Kulback andy@lprtour.com 513-604-0398 or TJ Baumbaugh at tj@lprtour.com or 571-213-9265. Deadline 6-30. Apply at www.lprtour.com These are great opportunities for up and coming players.
- 8) **"GO PRO"**-Team USA is going to Canada for IRF world champ 6-21 to 6-28 w/STARS & stripes-Team Members are: Rhonda " So Sick" Rajsich, Janel "Chanel" Tisinger, Aimee "Ritz" Ruiz, Aubrey "Krusha" Kirsch, Tom " he can" Fuhrmann, "Big" Ben Croft, Rocky "Balboa" Carson, Jose" No Mas" (for the opponents) Rojas and coaches/trainers/support of Dave Ellis "Island", "Captain" Cheryl Kirk, RO "KO" Carson, & a famous USA team trainer Brent "No Puff" Huff. **Donate, don't wait, be great- don't procrastinate:** <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Racquetball/About/Team-USA/TEAM-USA-CHALLENGE>
- 9) **Drink Up (no not that kind)-** A Nutrition Journal Study found coffee reduced aggressive prostate cancer recurrence by 59% confirming a 2011 Harvard led study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute that the men who drank the most java (coffee) had a 60% lower amount of lethal prostate cancer than non-coffee drinkers for tame coffee drinker (1 -3 cups a 30 percent lower risk

- 10) Moore for Moore & Moore in Store-** Debbie Tisinger- Moore won her 104th major title at Nat' singles & better yet she also celebrated when her daughter Janel captured USA team honors victory. And better still, many "Moore" of her students won here taking top honors...But there is still "Moore" to the story. When I asked her how many titles she had won, she told me 104 to which I replied, "You don't look it." (Ok Brett back to rball).
- 11) Funny Story-** My son was at UCLA practicing one day, decked out in Team Ektelon clothes (as required-yes he looked "flaming") when a nice man comes over & politely says, "You should consider playing in tourneys!" Quite shy, he just nodded."
- 12) MISC. DEPT: 1) A Fund for all CA/NV. JR's-** You can help all CA/Nev kids get to play at Jr Olympics as per Brian Dixon at <http://www.gofundme.com/cnrajuniors> 2) **Some Special People to Thank For helping Jr's-**
a) Bo Keelly for coming down to nationals & giving the juniors amazing advise b) Rick Betts, Jerry Hilecher & Kevin Barlia for playing with the kids and literally "pounding" them w/wisdom." Jerry's a big hit c) Nancy Feramisco- the best & most accommodating director in USA d) Jack Hughes, Ryan Rodgers & Usher Barnhoff for their help and "singing" w/rankings (Usher? Get it).
- 13) YES LOTS OF SUN (AND SON) IS GOOD FOR YOU** (as in Pro Outdoor star Son Nyugen) – Here is a great article on why avoiding sunshine could kill you in the Drudge Report –Now there is no excuse to not try WOR outdoor racquetball and get a little tan too- <http://tiny.iavian.net/2a56>
- 14) ALWAYS ADD "COLLINS" TO THE MIX-** John Ellis, who is one of the funniest coaches around wrote me, "Thanks brett, but we coach even more top pros than u listed last time(Yes I felt bad for the other coaches John). "Don't forget to add Robbie Collins to the mix (the "tryin Hawaain") and also "San" Francisco Troncoso from Chile." A Collins toast to the Ellis' for coaching I believe the most top 30 players in the world. Stockton is now the 21st century version of Ellis Island where everyone goes to become a top pro citizen. Do I hear some Hall of fame bells ringing in your future? Indoors John!! And last... Can't wait for outdoor champs. WOR National championships - July 10-14 Huntington Beach- "The greatest show on earth!"