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Brooklyn Center, Minnesota***

MEDIA GUIDE

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about the event...

Purpose: U.S. NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFIER. Men's and Women's Open finalists earn positions on the team, and qualify for international competition through semi-annual "team trials." Also encourages development of racquetball as a lifetime sport, with additional competitive age divisions offered in five-year increments between 19+ and 85+, plus skill division [A,B,C,D] playoffs. An overall "state team champion" is also named.

Established: 1968

Frequency: Annual (In October, usually the first weekend)

Entrants: 600 - 800

Eligibility: Entrants must be USRA members, and may earn seeding position by competing in a preliminary regional doubles event, but participation in such a qualifier is not required. In age division competition, players must meet the proper age requirement as of the first day of the tournament.

Awards: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Consolation awards in all divisions, plus state team trophy.

Judging: Competition conducted in single elimination championship rounds, with consolation bracket for first-round losers.

Conditions: USRA rules govern, including mandatory protective eyewear requirement.

sites

2002: Minneapolis, Minn.

2001: Las Vegas, Nevada

2000: Baltimore Maryland

1999: Baltimore, Maryland

1998: Baltimore, Maryland

1997: Phoenix, Ariz.

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1994: Jacksonville, Fla.

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1990: Salt Lake City, Utah

1989: Burnsville, Minn.

1988: Baltimore, Md.

1987: Tempe, Ariz.

1983: St. Petersburg, Fla.

1982: Federal Way, Wash.

1981: Monroeville, Pa.

1980: Needham, Mass.

1979: Oklahoma City, Okla.

1978: Sterling, Va.

1977: Fountain Valley, Calif.

1976: Houston, Texas

1975: St. Louis, Mo.

1974: Minneapolis, Minn.

1973: St. Louis, Mo.

1972: Memphis, Tenn.

1971: Salt Lake City, Utah

1970: St. Louis, Mo.

1969: St. Louis, Mo.

1968: Milwaukee, Wis.

all-time open winners

Year Men's Open Division

2001 *Ruben Gonzalez (N.Y.) & Mike Guidry (Texas)*
 2000 Adam Karp (Calif.) & Andy Roberts (Tenn.)
 1999 *Ruben Gonzalez (N.Y.) & Mike Guidry (Texas)*
 1998 Doug Ganim (Ohio) & Dan Obremski (Pa.)
 1997 Adam Karp & Bill Sell (Calif.)
 1996 Todd O'Neil (Texas) & Derek Robinson (Wash.)
 1995 Adam Karp & Bill Sell (Calif.)
 1994 Sudsy Monchik (N.Y.) & Tim Sweeney (Ill.)
 1993 John Ellis (Calif.) & Eric Muller (Kan.)
 1992 Joel Bonnett (Mich.) & Bill Sell (Calif.)
 1991 John Ellis (Calif.) & Eric Muller (Kan.)
 1990 Jim Floyd (Mich.) & Tim Hansen (Fla.)
 1989 Doug Ganim (Ohio) & Dan Obremski (Pa.)
 1988 Brian Hawkes & Bill Sell (Calif.)
 1987 Doug Ganim (Ohio) & Dan Obremski (Pa.)
 1986 Doug Ganim (Ohio) & Dan Obremski (Pa.)
 1985 Tim Anthony & Andy Roberts (Tenn.)
 1984 Dan Obremski (Pa.) & Kelvin Vantrease (Ohio)
 1983 Steve Trent & Stan Wright (Calif.)
 1982 Steve Trent & Stan Wright (Calif.)
 1981 Ed Andrews & Mark Martino
 1980 Jeff Kwartler & Mark Malowitz
 1979 Jeff Kwartler & Mark Malowitz
 1978 Jeff Kwartler & Dave Peck
 1977 Steve Trent & Stan Wright
 1976 Gene Gibbs & Bob Kraut
 1975 Charlie Brumfield & Craig McCoy
 1974 David Charlson & Steve Strandemo
 1973 Charlie Brumfield & Steve Serot
 1972 Mike Luciw & George Rudysz
 1971 Ken Porco & Mike Zeitman
 1970 Bob Wallace & Bob Yellin
 1969 Al Hyman & Mike Zeitman
 1968 Simie Fien & Jim White

Women's Open Division

Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.) & Kim Russell (Texas)
 Laura Fenton (Kan.) & *Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)*
 Robin Levine (Calif.) & Kim Russell (Tenn.)
 Joy MacKenzie & *Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)*
 Joy MacKenzie & *Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)*
 Michelle Gould (Idaho) & Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
 Michelle Gould (Idaho) & Cheryl Gudinas (Ill.)
Jackie Gibson & Joy MacKenzie (Calif.)
 Laura Fenton (Mass.) & Michelle Gould (Idaho)
 Mary Lyons & Susan Morgan Pfahler (Fla.)
 Michelle Gilman (Idaho) & *Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)*
 Michelle Gilman (Ore.) & *Jackie Paraiso (Calif.)*
 Cindy Doyle (N.Y.) & Michelle Gilman (Ore.)
 Malia Bailey (Va.) & Toni Bevelock (Ariz.)
 Mona Mook & Trina Rasmussen (Calif.)
 Mona Mook & Trina Rasmussen (Calif.)
 Toni Bevelock (Tenn.) & Malia Kamahoahoa (Va.)
 Diane Bullard & Julia Pinnell (Fla.)
 Carol Frenck & Malia Kamahoahoa (Va.)
 Tammy Hajjar & Beth Latini
 Carol Frenck & Andrea Katz
 Karen Borga & Mary Ann Cluess
 Diane Bullard & Nancy Hamrick (Fla.)
 Fran Davis & Elaine Lee
 Karin Walton & Shannon Wright
 Sue Carow & Kathy Williams
 Jennifer Harding & Janell Marriott
 Ann Gorski & Peggy Steding
 Ann Gorski & Peggy Steding
 Kimberly Hill & Jan Pasternak

did you know?

Ruben Gonzalez and Mike Guidry are attempting to win their third National Doubles title as a team. The record is four set by U.S. OPEN tournament director Doug Ganim and Dan Obremski.

Jackie Paraiso Rice can surpass Michelle Gould for the most national doubles titles this year with new partner Kim Russell. Rice and Gould both currently hold six titles.

2001 top finishers

Men's OPEN

Ruben Gonzalez/Mike Guidry
Dan Llacera/Brian Pointelin
Jason Thoerner/Mitch Williams
Josh Tucker/Chris Wright

Women's OPEN

Cheryl Gudinas/Kim Russell
Malia Bailey/Rhonda Rajsich
Michelle Gould/Kersten Hallander
Janel Tisinger/Kristen Walsh

MEN'S AGE DIVISIONS

24-

Brent Walters/Mitch Williams
Jeff Garner/Mike Harmon
Matt Gehling/Justin Meadows
Josh Tucker/Shane Vanderson

25+

Jonathan Dunn/Greg Solis
Jonathan Bell/Shane Wood
Jason Berneth/Jason Thoerner
John Kleinschmidt/Brian Pointelin

30+

Brian Fredenberg/Jim Minkel
Jimmy Lowe/Jeff Stark
Gregg Peck/Drew Kachtik
John Kleinschmidt/Chris Wright

35+

Bret Harnett/Gregg Peck
Dave Eagle/Dave Watson
Woody Clouse/Mark Helton
Tom Delle Donne/Dan Llacera

40+

Marty Hogan/Dave Peck
Tim Hansen/Gordon Kirkland
Dave Eagle/Dave Watson
Ruben Gonzalez/Troy Stallings

45+

Gene Pare/Troy Stallings
Jim Hiser/Tom Travers
Dave Azuma/Mark Baron
Jim Brane/Tom Wood

50+

Jim Carson/Tom Hanson
Bert Castelanelli/Mike Palmer
Gene Pare/Tony Upkes
John Green/David Warner

55+

Kevin Dorr/Mike Pawka
Don Cipriani/Bob VanZeyl
Jerry Davis/Jack Ross
Ed Remen/Paul Saperstein

60+

Jerry Davis/Jack Ross
Jerry Monell/Tom Penick
Ronald Adams/Jim McPherson
Lee Graff/Bob Webster

65+

Otis Chapman/Thomas Penick
Paul Banales/Tom Moore
Vance Lerner/Fred Pourroy
Art Hurley/Kenneth Karmel

70+

Vance Lerner/Fred Pourroy
Duane Russell/Marvin Schinagle

75+

Duane Russell/Marvin Schinagle
Robert McAdam/Charlie Russell

80+

Robert McAdam/Charlie Russell,
unchallenged

MEN'S SKILL DIVISIONS

Elite

John Kennis/Ron Roesti
David Hunter/Walter McDade
Matthew Majxner/Kevin Nessland
Rich Bowman/Brant Spiewak

A

Tony Upkes/Daniel Nye
Kevin DeCosta/Bill Gurner
Joe Gravino/Keigh Kau
Andrew Goldman/Bruce Middleton

B

Shannin Rudman/Doug Simons
James Durst/Rengen Rajendran
Mark Burd/Doug Hebert
Jerry Bower/Kent Hollingsworth

C

Jim Latter/Doug Maxson
Eddie Barber/Eddy Connor
Ron Manne/Robert McGuinness
Garry Carter/Peter Cassidy

MEN'S AGE+SKILL DIVISIONS

24- C/D

Mike Lesmerises/Jon Solomon
Michael Carrillo/Brandon Welch

25+ A/B

Andrew Goldman/Sal Perconti
Roman Kurywczak/Bill Lako
Jeff Johnson/Vaughn Johnson
Frank Dispenza/Brad McMorris

25+ C/D

Alex Baker/Ro Blackwood
Wayne Bristol/Juan Diaz
Calvin Hunt/Curt Smith
Ron Manne/Robert McGuinness

35+ A/B

William Cannon/Ron Martucci
Larry Graham/Dan McGahan
Bob Kaplan/Tom Keogh
Chuck Powers/Duane Roberts

35+ C/D

Jim Latter/Doug Maxson
Alex Baker/Ro Blackwood
Charles George/Mark Schnittker
Mike Lesmerises/Jon Soloman

45+ A/B

Michael Benedict/Randy Kyzar
James Diamantides/Glen Huey
Randy DeLoach/John Green
John Coaker/Robert Gravelyn

45+ C/D

Mike Cass/Larry Knetzger
Garry Carter/Peter Cassidy
John Cooper/Peter Kochis
Peter Gutierrez/David Hewitt

2001 top finishers

55+ A/B

Stephen Adler/Arnold Garelick
Harvey Sussman/Jon Wuerffel
Terry Lambie/Jack Soble Steven
Lavorgna/Paul Wehmeyer

55+ C/D

Steven Lavorgna/Paul Wehmeyer
Michael Lippitt/Raul Lopez
Joseph Caputo/Alphonse Marchese
Ed Battisti/Jack Skiff

WOMEN'S AGE DIVISIONS

25+

Debra Bryant/Lori Lepow,
unchallenged

30+

Linda Moore/Mary Pomeroy
Debra Tisinger/Mae Chin Varon

35+

Chris Evon/Terri Graham
Kari Gardner/Lisa Hjelm
Lorraine Galloway/Karin Sobotta
Mae Chin Varon/Debra Tisinger

40+

Mary Lyons/Susan Pfahler
Elaine Dexter/Linda Moore
Tammy House/Lori Soares
Cari Kresa/Jean Trimble

45+

Carla Hiatt/Linda Moore
Elaine Dexter/Leslie Pawka
Jessie Carbajal/Marcia Marcia
Cari Kresa/Jean Trimble

50+

Shelley Ogden/Gerri Stoffregen
Donna Ebner/Judy Sands
Andee Glansberg/Susan Kieffer
Jeanine Farrell-Ove/Marilyn Ross

55+

Nidia Funes/Merijeane Kelley
Joy DeSantis/Sylvia Sawyer
Jo Kenyon/Lola Markus
Gloria Piscoran/Gail Schaefer

60+

Gloria Piscoran/Gail Schaefer,
unchallenged

65+

Jo Kenyon/Lola Markus,
unchallenged

WOMEN'S SKILL DIVISIONS

Elite

Mary McKinney/Karen Morris
Huguette Keohen/Janel Tisinger
Jamie Trachsel/Jill Trachsel
Mary Keenan/Linda Mojer

A

Julie Bulrice/Cheryl Shipman
Melissa Borgwat/Lora Gonzales
Roxanne Davis/Lori Soares
Thao Le/Christine McAlpine

B

Sarah O'Brian/Nathania Stewart
Loretta Marks/Bette Miller
Tina Davenport/Susan Flaesch
Pamela Trent/Valerie Willis

C

Claudine Andola/Sara Noyes
Kathleen Matson/Serene Wright

D

Barbara Christensen/Kimberly Walsh
Lisa Davis/Tracey Flaesch

WOMEN'S AGE+SKILL DIVISIONS

24- C/D

Heather Fender/Tracey Flaesch,
unchallenged

25+ A/B

Stephanie Cobb/Karen Green
Pam Avery/Catherine Land
Claire Kruse/Sandy White
Thao Le/Christine McAlpine

25+ C/D

Claudine Andola/Sara Noyes
Linda Dick/Barbara Evans
Edith Smith/Jan Stelma
Heather Fender/Tracey Flaesch

35+ A/B

Marie Eatough/Sara Pocinki
Rhonda Kochis/Karen Morris
Laura Carlson/Janine Libke
Sharon McNeil/Bev Supanick

35+ C/D

Barbara Christensen/Lisa Davis,
unchallenged

45+ A/B

Carla Francis/Nancy Large
Pat Campisano/Debbie Ulliman
Janet Insko/Kathy Trotter
Cheryl Kirk/Lynne Weisbart

45+ C/D

Linda Dick/Barbara Evans,
unchallenged

55+ A/B

Judy Buckeye/Diane LaCastro
Marquita Molina/CeCe Palaski
Gloria Piscoran/Gail Schaefer

MIXED DIVISIONS

OPEN

Kristen Walsh/Mitch Williams
Jill Trachsel/Mike Locker
Rachel Gellman/Tommy Medina
Cheryl Gudinas/Jack Huczek

Elite

Melissa Borgwhat/Mark Salinas
Solana Taragan/Brian Siderits
Sandy Kubany/Duane McKnight
Danielle Emerson/Stephen Lee

A

Kim Cameron/Richard Ramirez
Deb Ulliman/Kevin Keenan
Lori Soares/Rengan Rajendran
Karen Morton/Scott Bush

B

Julie Bulrice/Brad Hardy
Sharon Dunn/Tracey Robinson
Karen Evans/Thomas Curran
Susan Flaesch/Kenneth Lamm

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2001 top finishers

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Hollingsworth/Willemson
Loretta Marks/Mark Schnittger
Cheryl Bower/Jerry Bower
Marquita Molina/Juan Diaz

D

Edith Smith/Calvin Hunt,
unchallenged

24-

Kari Gardner/James Swift
Jeni Fuller/Brad Bodai
Kristen Alatorre-Martin/Ray Garcia Jr.

25+

Jody Nance/Mark-O Perez
Rachel Gellman/Tommy Medina
Kerri Wachtel/Chris Wachtel
Mae Chin Varon/Jonathan Dunn

30+

Jody Nance/Mark-O Perez
Debra Bryant/Eddie Alberty
Lisa Hjelm/Mark Nomura
Sandy White/Chris Cole

35+

Malia Bailey/Jimmy Lowe
Lynn Skadeland/Jon Martin
Julie Pinnell/Chris Smith
Huguette Koehen/John Ivers

40+

Chris Evon/Bill Lyman
Debra Tisinger/Troy Stallings
Susan Pfahler/Gordon Kirkland
Karin Sobotta/Gene Rodgers

45+

Meena Evans/Mark Baron
Julie Pinnell/Bill Greaney
Elaine Dexter/Dave Azuma
Marcia Richards/Bruce Burgess

50+

Shelley Ogden/Frank Taddonio
Susan Kiefer/Denny Vincent vs.
Merijeane Kelley/Bill Welaj
Betty Butterbaugh/Andy Butterbaugh

55+

Merijeane Kelley/Mike Pawka
Nidia Funes/Price Thomas
Joy DeSantis/Jack Soble
Marquita Molina/Dan McQuillen

60+

Jo Kenyon/Jim McPherson
Lola Markus/Donnie Hendricks
Gail Schaefer/Gene Pletcher
Sylvia Sawyer/Roger Flick

did you know?

Mitch Williams was a double-gold medalist, after taking a win in the Men's 24- with Brent Walters and a mixed open victory with Kristen Walsh. Mitch also earned a semifinal spot in the men's open with partner Jason Thoerner.

Jody Nance and Mark-O Perez were also dual winners, with titles in the Mixed 25+ and 30+ divisions; while Shelley Ogden took home gold medals in the women's 50+ with long-time partner Gerri Stoffregen, and in the mixed 50+ with Frank Taddonio. Both Ogden and Taddonio serve on the USRA Board of Directors.

Chris Evon also won the Women's 35+ with Terri Graham & Mixed 40+ with Bill Lyman; and Merijeane Kelley won Women's 55+ with Nidia Funes and the Mixed 55+ with Mike Pawka ... who also won the men's 55+ with Kevin Dorr.

Chris Coy, 15, has to move up into the Elite Skill division after winning the Men's A National Singles title - the youngest to ever do so. Coy also won the boy's 14- Junior National title in both singles and doubles. He was also named the 2001 Sports Illustrated Young Sportsman of the Year and was recently one of two youngsters honored at the Shriner's Annual International Conference. Pretty amazing for anyone, but what makes it more amazing is the fact that Chris has accomplished all of these things with only the use of one leg. Chris' left leg amputated due to cancer complications at the age of 5. He is able to play by using a prosthetic leg, which is hard to notice as he zips around the court.

2001 men's finalists



2001 women's finalists



Ruben Gonzalez

Date of Birth: July 22, 1951 (age: 51)
 Place of Birth: Manhattan, N.Y.
 Current Residence: Staten Island, N.Y.
 High School: Junior Richmond
 Height: 5'8"
 Weight: 160
 Year Started Racquetball: 1979



USRA Record

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| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 2nd/Men's Team |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 3rd/Men's Dbls w/Guidry |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Men's Dbls w/Guidry |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Men's Team |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Men's Open w/Guidry |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | 1st/Men's 45+ |
| 2000 | Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 2nd/Men's Open w/Guidry |
| 2000 | Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Men's 30+ w/Guidry |
| 2000 | IRF 10th World Championships, San Luis Potosi, Mexico | 2nd/Dbls w/Guidry |

did you know?

Ruben, 51, doesn't show any signs of slowing down. He is the oldest member ever of the U.S. National Team and is still competitive on the men's pro tour.



Mike Guidry

Date of Birth: May 28, 1970 (age: 32)
 Place of Birth: Odessa, Texas
 Current Residence: Carrollton, Texas
 College: University of Texas - Arlington
 Height: 5'7"
 Weight: 160
 Year Started Racquetball: 1981

USRA Record

did you know?

Mike, taking after his long-time partner Ruben, seems to be getting better with age. He won his first U.S. National Singles title in May – one day shy of turning 32.

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| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 3rd/Men's Doubles w/Gonzalez |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 2nd/Men's Team |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championship | 1st/Men's Singles |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Men's Dbls w/ Gonzalez |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Men's Team |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Men's Open w/Gonzalez |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | 3rd/Men's Open singles |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | Semifinalist/Men's singles |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Men's 30+ w/Gonzalez |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 2nd/Men's Open w/Gonzalez |



Dan Llacera

Date of Birth: June 26, 1966 (age: 37)
 Place of Birth: Ocean Side, N.Y.
 Current Residence: Rehoboth Beach, Del.
 College: Nassau Community College
 Height: 6'1"
 Weight: 180
 Year Started Racquetball: 1980

USRA Record

did you know?
 Dan owns his own floor refinishing company, Daniels Wood Floor, in Delaware. He specializes in refinishing racquetball courts.

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| 2002 | Ektelon 35th USRA National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Men's Open Singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Doubles Championships | 2nd/Men's Open w/Pointelin |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Doubles Championships | Rnd of 32/Men's Open w/Pointelin |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Men's 25+ |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd USRA National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Men's Open Singles |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd USRA National Singles Championships | Semi's/Men's 30+ Singles |
| 1998 | Ektelon 31st USRA National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open Singles |
| 1998 | Ektelon 31st USRA National Singles Championships | 2nd/Men's 30+ Singles |
| 1997 | Ektelon 30th USRA National Singles Championships | 3rd/Men's 30+ Singles |
| 1996 | Ektelon 29th USRA National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Men's 25+ Singles |
| 1995 | Ektelon 28th USRA National Singles Championships | Semi's/Men's 25+ Singles |
| 1993 | Ektelon 26th AARA National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's 25+ Singles |

Brian Pointelin

Date of Birth: November 25, 1971 (age: 30)
 Place of Birth: Alton, Ill.
 Current Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah
 College: Benedictine College
 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 210
 Year Started Racquetball: 1983



USRA Record

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|------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th USRA National Singles Championships | 2nd/Men's 30+ |
| 2001 | Hilton U.S. OPEN Championships, Memphis, Tenn. | Qtrs/Men's Open Singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Doubles Championships | 2nd/Men's Open w/Llacera |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Doubles Championships | Semi's/Men's 25+ w/Kleinschmidt |
| 2000 | Hilton U.S. OPEN Championships, Memphis, Tenn. | Qtrs/Men's 25+ |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Doubles Championships | Rnd of 32/Men's Open w/Llacera |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Men's 25+ w/Johnston |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Mixed Open w/ Walsh |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Men's 25+ |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd USRA National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Men's 25+ w/Johnston |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd USRA National Singles Championships | 1st/Men's Elite Singles |
| 1998 | Ektelon 31st USRA National Doubles Championship | Qtrs/Men's 25+ w/Johnston |

did you know?
 Brian was a talented right-handed baseball pitcher with professional aspirations. He even spent time in the Anaheim Angels farm system.

Jason Thoerner

Date of Birth: October 15, 1973 (age: 28)
 Place of Birth: Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Current Residence: Canton, Ga.
 High School: Lakeside H.S.
 Height: 6'2"
 Weight: 182
 Year Started Racquetball: 1980



USRA Record

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|------|--|----------------------------|
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 2nd/Men's Singles |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 2nd/Men's Team |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | 3rd/Men's Open singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 3rd/Men's Open w/Williams |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 3rd/Men's 25+ w/Berneth |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Singles Championships | Round of 16/Men's Open |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Men's Open w/Bronfeld |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Singles Championships | Quarterfinalist/Men's Open |
| 1998 | Promus U.S. OPEN, Memphis, Tenn. | Semifinalist/Men's Open |
| 1998 | Ektelon 31st U.S. National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Men's Open w/Bronfeld |
| 1998 | Ektelon 31st U.S. National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Men's 25+ w/Winn |

did you know?
 After several near misses Jason earned his first appointment to the U.S. National Team this past May. He went on to finish second at the IRF World Championships in August.



Mitch Williams

Date of Birth: June 19, 1981 (age: 21)
 Place of Birth: Coos Bay, Ore.
 Current Residence: Raleigh, N.C.
 College: N.C. State
 Height: 5'11"
 Weight: 170
 Year Started Racquetball: 1990

USRA Record

did you know?
 In addition to his semifinal appearance at last year's event, Mitch took home two gold medals in Mixed Open Doubles and Men's 24-Doubles.

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| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open Singles |
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | 1st/Men's 24- Singles |
| 2001 | Hilton U.S. OPEN Championships, Memphis, Tenn. | Rnd of 16/Men's Open Singles |
| 2001 | Hilton U.S. OPEN Championships, Memphis, Tenn. | 1st/Men's 24- Singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Doubles Championships | Semi's/Open Doubles w/Thoerner |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Men's 24- Doubles w/Walters |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Mixed Open w/Walsh |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | 1st/Men's 24- Singles |
| 2000 | Hilton U.S. OPEN Championships, Memphis, Tenn. | Qtrs/Men's Open Singles |
| 2000 | Hilton U.S. OPEN Championships, Memphis, Tenn. | Qtrs/Men's 24- Singles |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 2nd/Men's 24- Doubles w/Garner |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Singles Championships | 2nd/Men's Elite Singles |



Josh Tucker

Date of Birth: May 17, 1980 (age: 22)
 Place of Birth: Joplin, Mo.
 Current Residence: Joplin, Mo.
 College: Missouri Southern State
 Height: 6'1"
 Weight: 180
 Year Started Racquetball: 1988

USRA Record

did you know?

Josh is a former U.S. Junior National Champion in both singles and doubles and has been on the Junior National Team three times.

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| 2002 | Ektelon 35th USRA National Singles Championships | Qtr's/Men's Open |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Doubles Championships | Semi's/Men's Open w/Wright |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Doubles Championships | Semi's/Men's 24- w/Vanderson |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Doubles Championships | Qtr's/Men's 24- w/Burns |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd USRA National Doubles Championships | Qtr's/Men's Open w/Wright |
| 1999 | Head 26th USRA Junior Olympic Championships | 1st/Boy's 18- Singles |
| 1999 | Head 26th USRA Junior Olympic Championships | 2nd/Boy's 18- w/Vanderson |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd USRA National Singles Championships | 2nd/Men's 24- |
| 1998 | Head 25th USRA Junior Olympic Championships | 3rd/Boy's 18- Singles |
| 1998 | Head 25th USRA Junior Olympic Championships | 1st/Boy's 18- Doubles w/ Carson |

Chris Wright

Date of Birth: April 29, 1968 (age: 34)
 Place of Birth: St. Louis, Mo.
 Current Residence: Manchester, Mo.
 College: University of Missouri – St. Lou
 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 165
 Year Started Racquetball: 180



USRA Record

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|------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open Singles |
| 2001 | Hilton U.S. OPEN, Memphis, Tenn. | 2nd/Men's Open Singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Doubles Championships | Semi's/Open Doubles w/Tucker |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Doubles Championships | Semi's/Men's 30+ w/Kleinschmidt |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Men's Open Singles |
| 2000 | Ektelon U.S. National Doubles Championships | 3rd/Men's 30+ w/Kleinschmidt |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open Singles |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Open Doubles w/Tucker |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Men's 30+ w/Kleinschmidt |
| 1999 | Ektelon 32nd U.S. National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open |
| 1998 | Ektelon 31st U.S. National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open Singles |
| 1997 | Ektelon 30th U.S. National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Men's Open Singles |

did you know?

Chris has earned four career medals at the U.S. National Doubles Championships including a gold in Men's 30+ (1999).

Jackie Rice

Date of Birth: September 14, 1966 (age: 36)
 Place of Birth: Fort Bragg, N.C.
 Current Residence: El Cajon, Calif.
 College: Grossmont Junior College
 Height: 5'3"
 Weight: 125
 Year Started Racquetball: 1980



USRA Record

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| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico | 1st/Women's Doubles w/ Russell |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico | 1st/Women's Team |
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | Semifinalist/Women's Open |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Women's Open w/Fenton |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th National Singles Championships | 2nd/Women's Open |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Women's Doubles w/Fenton |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Women's Team |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd National Doubles Championships | 1st/Women's Open w/Fenton |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd National Doubles Championships | 2nd/Mixed Open w/Kachtik |
| 2000 | IRF 10th World Championship, San Luis Potosi, Mexico | 3rd/Women's Singles |

did you know?

Jackie can tie Michelle Gould this year for the most U.S. National Doubles titles with six. If she does, it will be with her fourth different partner.



Kim Russell

Date of Birth: May 13, 1968 (age: 34)
 Place of Birth: Louisville, Ky.
 Current Residence: Austin, Texas
 College: University of Kentucky
 Height: 5'4"
 Weight: 118
 Year Started Racquetball: 1982

USRA Record

did you know?

Kim carried the Olympic Torch for the 2002 Winter Games. She was nominated by her University of Texas Racquetball Team, where she is the Head Coach.

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| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico | 1st/Women's Doubles w/Rice |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico | 1st/Women's Team |
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | Quarterfinalist/Women's Open |
| 2002 | Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | Semi's/Doubles w/ Rajsich |
| 2002 | Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 2nd/Women's Team |
| 2002 | Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Open w/ Gudinas |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | Quarterfinalist/singles |
| 2000 | Ektelon U.S. National Doubles Championships | 2nd/W's Open w/Hallander |
| 2000 | Ektelon U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Mixed Open w/Carson |
| 2000 | IRF 10th World Championships, San Luis Potosi, Mexico | 1st/Doubles w/Hallander |



Cheryl Gudinas

Date of Birth: May 11, 1967 (age: 35)
 Place of Birth: Chicago, Ill.
 Current Residence: Lisle, Ill.
 College: Illinois Benedictine
 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 150
 Year Started Racquetball: 1983

USRA Record

did you know?

Cheryl began playing racquetball while trying to meet a "cute new guy" at her local athletic club during high school. It has led to two IRF World Singles titles.

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| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 1st/Women's Singles |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2002 | IRF 11th World Championships, San Juan Puerto Rico | 1st/Women's Team |
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | 1st/Women's Open singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Women's Open w/Russell |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | 1st/Women's Singles |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Women's Singles |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Women's Team |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 4th/Mixed Open w/Lowe |
| 2000 | IRF 10th World Championships, San Luis Potosi, Mexico | 1st/Women's Singles |
| 2000 | IRF 10th World Championships, San Luis Potosi, Mexico | 1st/Women's Team |

Kristen Walsh

Date of Birth: May 5, 1982 (age: 20)
 Place of Birth: Salt Lake City, Utah
 Current Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah
 College: Utah University
 Height: 5'7"
 Weight: 160
 Year Started Racquetball: 1987



USRA Record

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| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Women's Open Singles |
| 2002 | E-Force U.S. Intercollegiate Championships | 2nd/Women's #1 singles |
| 2001 | Pro-Kennex IRF World Junior Championships | 1st/Girl's 18- singles |
| 2001 | Pro Kennex IRF World Junior Championships | 2nd/Girl's 18- Doubles w/ Csuk |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | Semifinalist/Open w/Tisinger |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Mixed Open w/ Williams |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | Round of 16/Open singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | 4th/24- singles |
| 2001 | Head U.S. Junior National Championships | 1st/Girl's 18- singles |
| 2001 | E-Force National Intercollegiate Championships | 1st/#1 Women's Singles |
| 2001 | E-Force National Intercollegiate Championships | 1st/#1 Women's Dbls w/Summers |
| 2000 | Hilton U.S. Open, Memphis, Tenn. | 2nd/Women's 24- singles |

did you know?

Kristen feels just as comfortable on the court as she does on a mountain. She is an avid snowboarder when at home in Salt Lake City.

Kersten Hallander

Date of Birth: May 31, 1964 (age: 38)
 Place of Birth: Montclair, N.J.
 Current Residence: San Diego, Calif.
 College: Penn State University
 Height: 5'8"
 Weight: 140
 Year Started Racquetball: 1982



USRA Record

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| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | 4th/Open Singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | Semis/Open Doubles w/ Gould |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | 4th/Open Singles |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | Semifinalist/Singles |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Women's Team |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 2nd/Open Doubles w/ Russell |
| 2000 | IRF 10th World Championships, San Luis Potosi, Mexico | 1st/Doubles w/Russell |
| 2000 | IRF 10th World Championships, San Luis Potosi, Mexico | 1st/Women's Team |
| 2000 | IRF 10th World Championships, San Luis Potosi, Mexico | 2nd/Overall Team |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Singles Championships | 3rd/Open Singles |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Singles Championships | 1st/Women's 35+ Singles |

did you know?
 You don't want to take Kersten on in a game of racquetball or billiards. She once played professional billiards before concentrating on racquetball.



Janel Tisinger

Date of Birth: March 13, 1983 (age: 19)
 Place of Birth: Simi, Calif.
 Current Residence: Simi, Calif.
 College: Moorpark College
 Height: 5'8"
 Weight: 150
 Year Started Racquetball: 1990

USRA Record

did you know?
 Janel completed her junior racquetball career in June by placing second in 18- singles and first in 18- doubles, earning her third appointment to the U.S. Junior National team.

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| 2002 | Head 29th USRA Junior Olympic Championships | 1st/Girl's 18- Doubles w/ Fuller |
| 2002 | Head 29th USRA Junior Olympic Championships | 2nd/Girl's 18- Singles |
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th USRA National Singles Championships | 2nd/Women's Elite Singles |
| 2002 | Ektelon 35th USRA National Singles Championships | 2nd/Women's 24- Singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Doubles Championships | Semi's/Women's Open w/Walsh |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Doubles Championships | 2nd/Women's Elite w/Keohen |
| 2001 | Head 28th USRA Junior Olympic Championships | Qtrs/Girl's 18- Singles |
| 2001 | Head 28th USRA Junior Olympic Championships | 1st/Girl's 18- Doubles w/Winfrey |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Women's Elite Singles |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th USRA National Singles Championships | 2nd/Women's 24- Singles |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Women's Elite Singles |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd USRA National Singles Championships | 3rd/Women's 24- Singles |



Laura Fenton

Date of Birth: June 28, 1962 (age: 40)
 Place of Birth: Lincoln, Neb.
 Current Residence: Overland Park, Kan.
 College: Western Michigan University
 Height: 5'9"
 Weight: 130
 Year Started Racquetball: 1978

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did you know?

Laura, a former IRF World Doubles Champion, has been a member of seven U.S. National Teams. She recently has retired from the women's pro tour.

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| 2002 | Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships | 2nd/Women's Open Singles |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Women's singles |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 2nd/Women's Team |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Doubles Championships | Qtrs/Women's Open w/Rice |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | 3rd/Women's Open Singles |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Women's Doubles w/Paraiso |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Women's Team |
| 2001 | 14th Tournament of the Americas, Honduras | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 1st/Women's Open w/Paraiso |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Women's Open Singles |
| 2000 | IRF World Senior Championships | 1st/Women's 35+ |

Rhonda Rajsich

Date of Birth: October 7, 1978 (age: 23)
 Place of Birth: Phoenix, Ariz.
 Current Residence: Phoenix, Ariz.
 College: Stephen F. Austin State
 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 138
 Year Started Racquetball: 1989



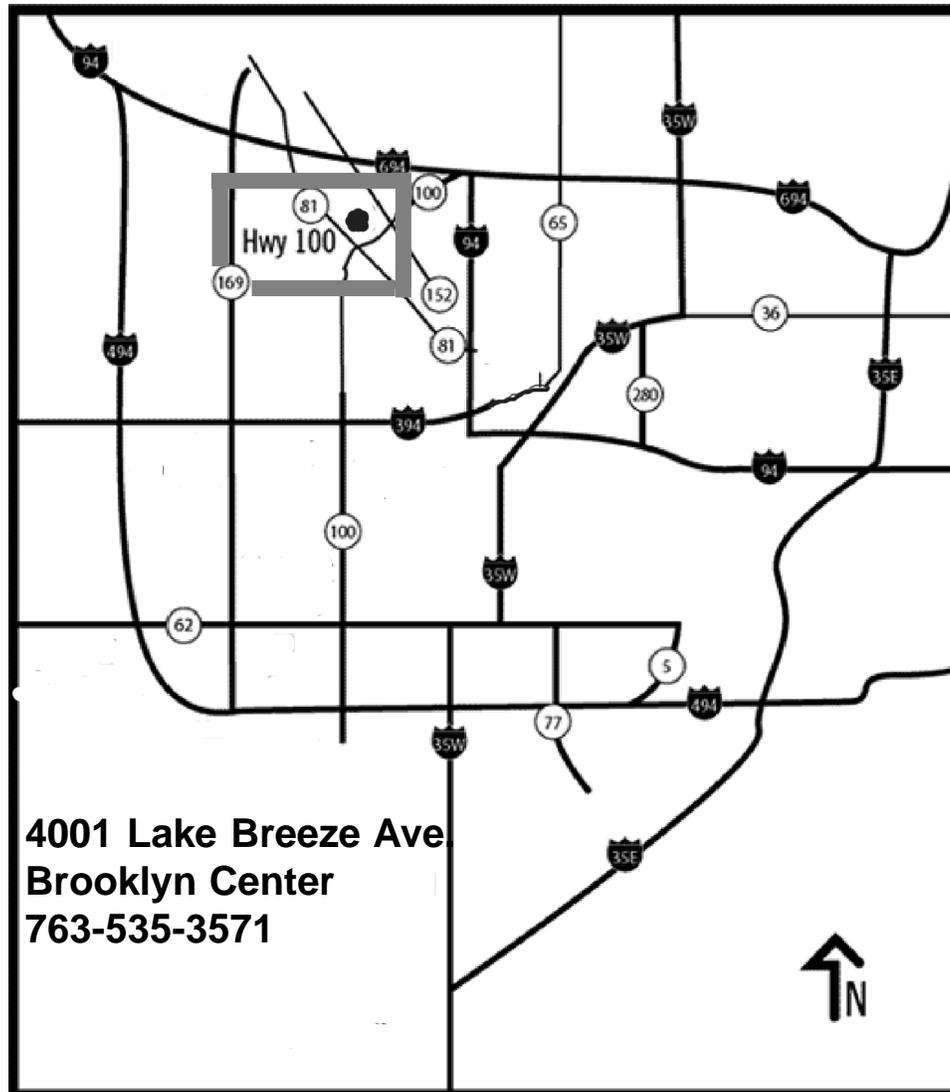
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| 2002 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | Rnd of 16/Women's Open |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | Semifinalist/Women's singles |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 2nd/Women's Team |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 1st/Overall Team |
| 2002 | 15th Tournament of the Americas, Cochabamba, Bolivia | 2nd/Open w/Bailey |
| 2001 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | Round of 16/Women's Open |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | 1st/Women's 24- |
| 2001 | Ektelon 34th U.S. National Singles Championships | Qtrs/Women's Open w/Walsh |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Doubles Championships | 4th/Women's Open |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Singles Championships | 1st/Women's 24- |
| 2000 | Ektelon 33rd U.S. National Singles Championships | 3rd/#1 Women's Singles |
| 2000 | E-Force World Intercollegiate Championships | |

did you know?

Rhonda, a point guard, led Stephen F. Austin State to the NCAA Basketball Tournament. She once thought about turning pro in basketball but choose racquetball instead.

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