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AARA INITIATES U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U.S. Open Championships, among the most prestigious events in the world of golf and tennis, has made its move into racquetball.

The inaugural three-day tournament will be Feb. 17-19, 1995, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Patterned very closely after the World Seniors, the AARA U.S. Open Racquetball Championships will use a round robin format with four to eight players in a bracket, before going to the medal round.

More than 350 players are expected for the event which will utilize the Keystone Fitness Center and Greenbriar Athletic Club which boast a combined total of 22 courts.

Two specific items will separate this from all other AARA National Championships and invitationals: It will be played in three days versus the normal five to six days; and along with the Open and age divisions of 19+ through 80+, it will include the A—B—C—D skill divisions.

Luke St.Onge, AARA Executive Director, called the U.S. Open "unique and exciting."

"This event and the format under which it is played, offers players of all skill levels a chance to compete under the same roof," St.Onge said.

The age and open divisions are Level 5 events, which puts them on par with the World Seniors, National Golden Masters Invitational and National Women's Invitational. The Ektelon/AARA U.S. National Singles and National Doubles are Level 6 events. The skill division segment is a Level 3.

There are a few twists in the format, according to tournament director Mike Arnolt.

Round-robin matches, three games to 11 (and you must play all three) will be played back-to-back. And, they will be self-officiated. "Disputes will be settled with a choice of dueling pistols, knives or disqualification," Arnolt said with levity. He pointed out that all other tournaments which run with this system are virtually problem free.

The scoring for the round-robin is based on total points. The total is comprised of: (A) each point scored; (B) three additional points for winning a game; & (C) seven additional points for winning a match. Again, **all three games** must be played.

The top two players from each round-robin bracket will play in a straight draw Sunday. Those matches will be two of three games to 11, and the finals will be two games to 15 with an 11 point tiebreaker.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Many thanks to the tournament directors who have held their tournaments so far this year. You've done a great job. I also appreciate those who have turned in their results. Since we have introduced our new ranking/rating system it is imperative that the results, i.e., the actual score cards, be turned in to Val Shewfelt. She needs to put the scores into the computer so she can send out the new rankings to the Director of the next tournament.

I would also like to thank the URA board for attending our board meetings and accepting assignments. The members of the Board have demonstrated a positive attitude in supporting racquetball in the state of Utah. Once again, we are trying to develop juniors programs, this year as well as membership. I feel good about the progress made so far.

Thanks are due to those of you who participate in tournaments and play racquetball on a recreational level. Every match played, every game played and every point scored is a way of expressing support for the game. However, it's the one-in-ten player who contributing a little bit more to support and sustain racquetball. The one-in-ten player is one who initiates the telephone call to set up a match; the one who is learning the rules, the one who is becoming a certified referee; the one who is directing a tournament; the one who volunteers to help with a juniors program or the one who is willing to share their expertise to help someone be a better player, etc. Do you know-whata-mean by the one-in-ten player? It takes only one in ten players to help sustain it as a popular and worthwhile sport. Additional thanks to you if you're among the one-in-ten.

Roger C. Flick
URA President

This inaugural event promises something special. Olive Garden is providing the hospitality. Each player will receive a monogrammed tournament shirt. Players not eligible for the straight draw may participate in a complementary blind draw handicap doubles event.

A Saturday Night Social, which features a catered snack buffet, silent and live auctions to benefit the scholarship and Olympic Dream funds, disc jockey and door prizes. The entry fee is \$55,

Homewood Suites, which offers a multitude of amenities including free breakfast and scheduled shuttle to the clubs, is the host lodging site. Special air fares are available from United Air Lines.

Penn Ultra Blue is the official ball for the U.S. Open. Ektelon will offer play testing of its racquets and provide product prizes.

Play begins at 8am Friday, and because it's a round-robin, once a division is scheduled all players will start at the same time.

Information and entry blanks may be obtained by calling (317) 926-2766.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

In order for the URA Ranking/Rating system to work properly, you need to do two things: 1) use the rankings/ratings to do your draws, (i.e., place the participants in the divisions as noted on the ranking/rating charts as they are sent to you by Val Shewfelt), and 2) send a copy of the results of your tournament to Val Shewfelt immediately after your tournament ends. Val is very good at sending out the Rankings to the directors to help them do their draws. The longer the system is in place, the more accurate it will become. The Ratings/rankings should be posted at each tournament so the players can examine their statistics.

Doubles players need to play in the highest ranked division of the best doubles partner.

With respect to URA/AARA membership, all tournament directors need to check each player's membership before allowing them to participate in tournament play. If it is discovered a player is not a member after having played one or more matches, then the player should either pay their membership before finishing the tournament or be disqualified. No ranking points will be awarded to a non-URA/AARA player. Those playing against a non-registered URA/AARA player can legitimately protest and be awarded a win for the match. Also a non-registered URA/AARA player will not be covered by AARA insurance in the event of an accident on the court.

1994 WORLD SENIOR GAMES TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 1994 World Senior Games held in October in St. George, Utah was a great success. There were 60 entrants, with the largest division being the men's 65 plus with nineteen entries. Bob McNabb of Utah took first place in the men's 50+ and 55+ division as well as the Men's Doubles division with Al DeCoste. Bob McNabb was the outstanding player of the tournament.

Results were as follows: Men's 50+:1st-Bob McNabb (UT), 2nd-Al DeCoste (UT), 3rd-Gene Pletcher (UT), 4th-Roger C. Flick (UT); **Men's 55+:**1st-Bob McNabb (UT), 2nd-Ray Brudernich (CA), 3rd-Gene Pletcher (UT), 4th-John McCann (OH) **Men's 60+:**1st-Rod Rodriguez(AK), 2nd-Red Horton(CO), 3rd-Jim Grizzell(AK), 4th-Dick Johnson (UT) **Men's 65+:**1st-Verlyn Dunn(ID), 2nd-Art Goss(CO), 3rd-Don Henderson(UT), 4th-Roger Owen(NV); **Women's 50+:**1st-Marquita Molina (CA), 2nd-Marilyn Anderson (WA), 3rd-Rose Hernandez(UT); **Women's 55+:**1st-Sylvia Sawyer(UT), 2nd-Norma Carlisle(UT); **Women's 60+:**1st-Joyce Rochette (CA);**Men's Doubles 50+:**1st-Bob McNabb(UT)/Al DeCoste(UT), 2nd-Bob Gatewood(NV)/Roger Geopfarth(NV), 3rd-Gary Giles(UT)/Kent Hugh(UT); **Men's Doubles 55+:**1st-Roger Flick(UT)/Bob Bush(UT), 2nd-John McCann(OH)/Bob Warren(NV), 3rd-Gene Pletcher(UT)/Jim Smith(UT); **Men's Doubles 60+:**1st-Ben Madsen(UT)/Grant Mills(UT), 2nd-Bill Dunn(TX)/George Sherman(WA), 3rd-James Grizzell(AK)/Jerry Schmidt(CA); **Men's Doubles 65+:**1st-Art Goss(CO)/Dave Gray(CO), 2nd-Verlyn Dunn(ID)/Bill Beesley(UT), 3rd-Robert Miller(MI)/Wayne Verbeck(CA); **Mixed Doubles:**1st-Norma Carlisle(UT)/Dan Baharav(CO), 2nd-Sylvia Sawyer(UT)/Roger Flick(UT), 3rd-Marquita Molina(CA)/Wayne Verbeck(CA).

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SITES FOR 1995

High School	St. Louis, Missouri
National Singles	Houston, Texas
Skill Levels (A,B,C,D)	Denver, Colorado
Junior Olympics	Los Angeles, California
National doubles	TBA

URA/AARA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

There have been some changes in the 1995 Schedule:

The National Master's Championships in Phoenix, Arizona has been re-scheduled to be played Feb. 21-25.

The Utah State Singles Championships (March 21-25) has been moved to the Sports Mall in Murray.

The Regional Championships originally scheduled for the Sports Mall in Murray will be played in Colorado.

URA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Utah State Doubles Championships (Deseret Gym, Oct. 11-15)

Open: Men: 1st Timmons/Derrickson 2nd Dubach/Williams 3rd Sumner/Yorkey Women: 1st Taylor/McAlpine 2nd Barth/Collins 3rd Walsh/Walsh 4th Shewfelt/Wardrup **A:** Men: 1st Doppel/Crump 2nd Jorgenson/Littlefield Women: 1st Shewfelt/Wardrup 2nd Lyman/Worsley 3rd Carlisle/Hernandez 4th /Justesen **B/C:** Men: 1st Connor/Barber 2nd Caramine/Masteller **35+:** Men: 1st McNabb/ moon 2nd Mortenson/Storms **40+:** Men: 1st McNabb/Moon 2nd Corbridge/Hoch **Mixed A/B:** 1stHoch/Hoch 2nd Curtis/Cox

BOUNTIFUL BASH

(Bountiful City Rec Center, Oct. 25-29)

Open: Men: 1st Steve Black 2nd Tony Glavas 3rd Jerry Montonez 4th Rick Strout Women: 1st Mariann Walsh 2nd Cherie Barth 3rd Sheri Murray **A:** Men: 1st John Miller 2nd Randy Krantz 3rd Scott Rees 4th Brian Neuenschwander Women: 1st Lanny Parmeter 2nd Ann Henry 3rd Sandee Roach 4th Kris Wardrup **B:** Men: 1st Dan Griffins 2nd Larry Allred 3rd Tracy McCoy 4th Mike Gurr **C:** Men: 1st Larry Raffelson 2nd Fred Wolfgramm 3rd Justin Lund 4th Aaron Goodman **D:** Men: 1st Justin Lund 2nd Mike Hadley 3rd Adam Tueller 4th Les Christensen Women: 1st Pamela Muir 2nd Stacy Stewart 3rd Candice Tueller 4th Erin Henry **19+:** Men: 1st Steve Black 2nd Craig Erickson

35+: Men: 1st Enrico Dubach Women: 1st Val Shewfelt **40+:** Men: 1st Rick Strout Women: 1st Sue Stewart **45+:** Men: 1st Jack Healy 2nd Larry Allred **50+:** Men: 1st Larry Raffelson **55+:** Men: 1st Hal LaBelle **16 & under:** Boys: 1st Terrance Halbrook 2nd Mike Hadley 3rd Josh Healy Girls: 1st Melissa Boyd **14 & under:** Boys: 1st Adam Teuller 2nd Jennan Dobbs Girls: 1st Kristen Walsh **12 & under:** Boys: 1st Cody Christensen 2nd John Martinez 3rd Sam Taula Girls: 1st Candice Teuller 2nd Suzzane Martinez 3rd Rita Martinez **Open Doubles:** 1st Bennett/Glavas 2nd Timmons/Cox 3rd Neuenschwander/Gurr **B/C Doubles:** 1st McCutcheon/McBride 2nd Anderson/Patrick 3rd Porter/Dobbs

MULLETT HOOVER OPEN

(Orem Fitness Center, Nov. 8-11)

Open: Men: 1st Steve Black 2nd Adam Anderson 3rd Chris Crawford **A:** Men: 1st Lorin Jensen 2nd Jared Sorensen Cons Ben McLure **B:** Men: 1st Ray Lanoy 2nd Julian Gomez 3rd Julie Taylor **C:** Men: 1st Deron Stadler 2nd Barrett Wells 3rd Ryan Grover Women: 1st Melissa Boyd 2nd Jaquie Bianchi 3rd Kia Elkington Cons Janette Olsen **D:** Men: 1st Russ Clark 2nd Scott Boyd 3rd Mark Jorgensen **19+:** Men: 1st Steve Black 2nd Julien Gomez Women: 1st Wendi Wells **30+:** Men: 1st Lorin Jensen 2nd Clark **35+:** Women: 1st Val Shewfelt **40+:** Men: 1st Ray Lanoy **16 & under** Boys: 1st Terrance Holbrook **12 & under:** Boys: 1st Tom Flick

WORKOUT FOR THANKSGIVING FEAST

(Am. Fork Fitness Center, Nov. 16-18)

A: Men: 1st Benjamin Steiner 2nd Patrick Murphy 3rd Roger Flick 4th Troy Pattee Women: 1st Bonnie Chambers **B:** Men: 1st Benjamin Steiner 2nd Roger Coltharp 3rd Michael Moore 4th Victor Steiner Women: 1st Gerri Enniss **C:** Men: 1st George Carey 2nd Aaron Goodman 3rd Barrett Wells Women: 1st Dennice Luce 2nd Kris Justesen **D:** Men: 1st Adam Tueller 2nd Bonnie Chambers 3rd Nathan Porter Women: 1st Candice Tueller 2nd Wendi Wells 3rd Rosemary Hanna 4th Kersten Muthreich **50+:** Men: 1st Roger Flick **14 & under:** Boys: 1st Adam Tueller 2nd Nathan Porter **12 & under:** Girls: 1st Candice Tueller

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MASTERS
TOURNAMENT**
(Cottonwood Heights, Dec. 6-10)

25+: Men: 1st Dave Timmons 2nd Arthur Mullins
3rd Jim Wilking 4th Curtis Cop Women: 1st Julie
Taylor 2nd Jozette Boone 3rd Sandee Roach **30+**:
Men: 1st Chris Gale 2nd Jim Isaacson 3rd Russ
Barfield 4th Larry Anderson Women: 1st Nancy
Murray **35+**: Men: 1st Sam Weber 2nd Glen Aitken
3rd Randy Krantz 4th Bryan Bennett Women: 1st
Marianne Walsh 2nd Hope Hendricks 3rd Val
Shewfelt 4th Gerri Enniss **40+**: Men: 1st Rick
Strout 2nd Greg Baker 3rd Marcus Dunyon 4th
Bob Taylor Women: 1st Kris Wardrup 2nd Bonnie
Chambers 3rd Pam Muir **45+**: Men: 1st Alan
Jorgensen 2nd Steve Parker 3rd John Richards 4th
Jack Healy Women: 1st Pam Garrett **50+**: Men:
1st John Clift 2nd Al DeCoste Women: 1st Rose
Hernandez **55+**: Men: 1st Jim Wilking 2nd Roger
Flick 3rd Denton Buss 4th Jimmy Miller Women:
1st Sylvia Sawyer 2nd Norma Carlisle

AARA COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The AARA Board has approved four collegiate
scholarships for 1994-1995. One of the four
was awarded to Steve Black of Brigham Young
University.

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