

USRA Crowns Eight Minnesota Players National Champions!

The 36th United States Racquetball Association (USRA) National Doubles Championships (www.racqmag.com/racqmag/newsline/events03/03dbls2.htm) were held at the Northwest Athletic Club - Hiway 100 in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota on October 1-5, 2003. Representing Minnesota was 72 of the 442 players that competed from across the country for the chance to be crowned national champion. Of those 72 Minnesota players, 21 of them made it to the finals of their division, and eight of them were crowned national champions. **Congratulations to the following national champions from Minnesota:**

Cheryl Jones teamed up with **Susan Schatz** in the Women's B division. They had to win five matches before being crowned national champions and they did it without losing a single game. **Cheryl Jones** also teamed up with **Brian Phillips** in the Mixed B/C division. They won three matches before advancing to the finals which they won 11-9 in a tiebreaker. **Gary Peterson** teamed up with **Glen Withrow** in the Men's 55+ division. They won four matches, losing only one game (in the semi-finals), and went on to win the finals in two straight games. **Jill Trachsel** and **Jamie Trachsel** played together in the Women's Elite division where they held their opponents to a total of 12 points in the first two matches. The sisters lost their first game of the finals but came back and won the title in a tiebreaker. **Walter Rhodes** teamed up with a partner from South Dakota and won the 45+B division.

Congratulations to the following players who made it to the finals in their divisions and finished second in the nation:

Gary Hoagland - Men's B
Terry Kisling - Men's B
Vicki Taylor - Women's B
Theresa Zadnik - Women's B
Cheryl Jones - Women's 25+A/B
Susan Schatz - Women's 25+A/B
Hart Johnson - Men's 35+
Todd Stead - Men's 35+
Giovanni Luciano - Men's 35+A
Phil Rosenbloom - Men's 35+A
Mark Cohen - Men's 45+A
Ray Usher - Men's 45+A
Bob Englund - Men's 70+
Ralph Stillman - Men's 70+
Amos Rosenbloom - Men's 75+