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## Meanwhile at the home office...

Court Shorts Issue #50. That's a milestone. Crack a beer this weekend to commemorate 50 Court Shorts dropped in your inbox. We'll do the same. Of course, the USHA staff is scattered about. Vern Roberts drove to Fountain Valley, CA for the 2005 Western Regional Junior Handball Championships at the Los Caballeros Club. Matt Krueger flew out today to lend support at the Casey-Lawlor Cup. Exciting weekend for handball. We'll keep you posted on the latest developments.

Albert Apuzzi's a blog posting machine. Check out the [USHA blog](#) now.

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## Joan Dunne Passes Away

Sad news: Joan Dunne passed away last Sunday.

Norm Dunne sent along this note: As you can imagine, the Dunne family is very sad that a very special women, who touched many, many people, has left us. We all loved Joan Dunne and it is obvious to us all that she touched many lives. We will all miss her very very much.

Thank you for your thoughts and please keep my Dad and all the Dunne's in your prayers.

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## CAC AURORA Clint Parker Benefit Tourney

October 1, 2005, CAC Aurora AC

*By Ron Bronner*

Jack Feingold put together one great tourney to benefit the Dennis Parker Family, who recently lost their oldest son, Clint. We thank everyone for their generosity, which totaled around \$1,750. A check is being mailed to the Parker family as an assist in view of their medical bills.

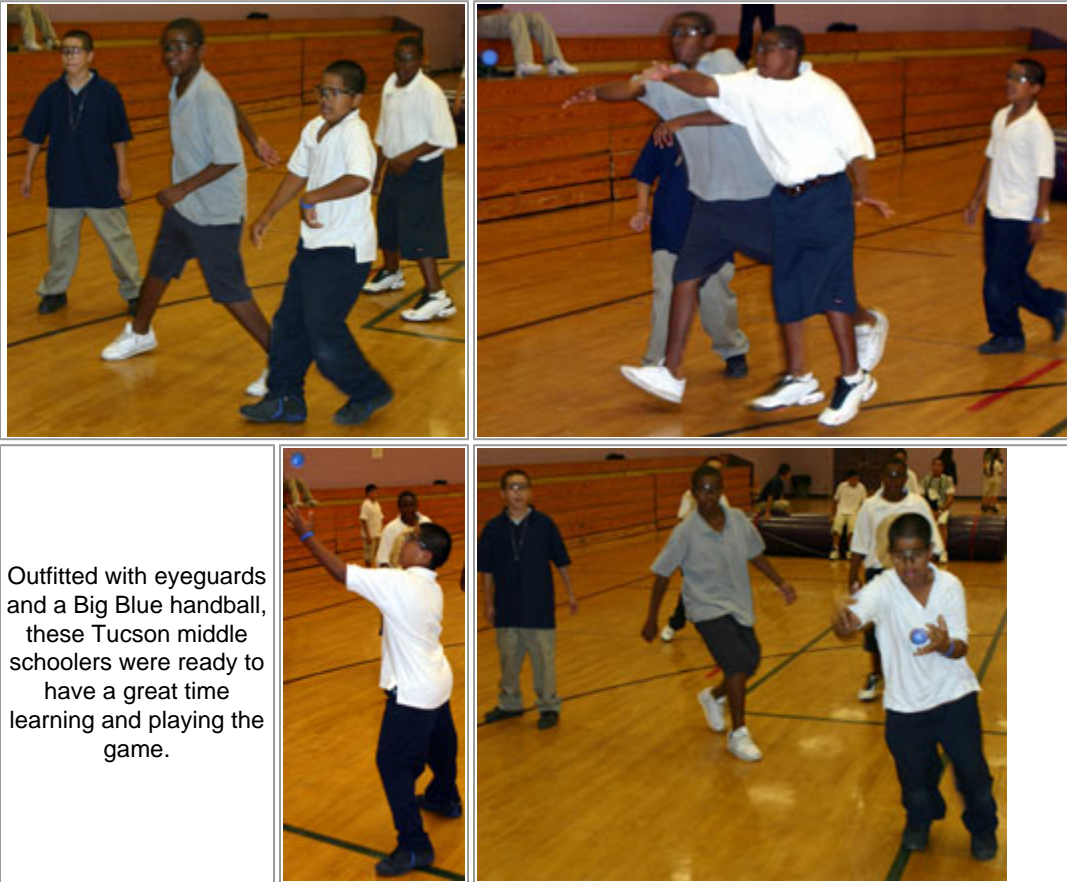
The Colorado Handball Family once again showed its heart & pocketbook to our very good friends during a time of distress. We all remember Clint Parker, as well as his brother, Cody, as solid young men raised by good parents. They would always show respect to their elders by addressing them as Mister, sir or proper title to women.

Jack set up the tourney so all players would play with each other at least once in doubles using several courts. Lane Feingold assisted by keeping the scores of 28 players. In the end, winning proved not as important as having a great time, playing a lot of handball with good friends, and having the Parker Family in the center of the whole affair.

his is the last of four events where donations were raised during handball events. The others included Robin Carlsen's "Play until You Fall", Bi-Athalon & Fred Sycuro & others holding a Dennis Parker event at the North Jeffco Rec Center . Overall, a little over \$3,000 has been raised for the Dennis Parker Family. Also, donations around \$1,000 were made to the "Jim Costigan Youth Fund" in Memoriam of Clint Parker.

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### Sierra Middle School Handball Class



Outfitted with eyeguards and a Big Blue handball, these Tucson middle schoolers were ready to have a great time learning and playing the game.

Vern and Matt enjoyed their time at the Sierra Middle School on Wednesday, teaching our great game to eager youth. It's great to see more and more young players picking up the game. The enthusiasm of the students offers great hope for the vibrant future of handball.

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### Sponsor a New Player Handball Singles

Try Handball! A very cool tournament is happening at the Downtown Dallas YMCA. New players compete in their own division for a \$50.00 cash prize and veterans play in their own divisions. Entry fee: Veterans required to bring a new player and pay \$35. New players are free. Now, that's a great way to bring "fresh meat" into the game. We'll let you know how this very unique tournament goes. It seems like the kind of great idea that could spread and bring many new players into the game. Let's hope so. Thanks to the Dallas Handball Committee for putting this thing together with special acknowledgement to Stan Melnick, Timmy Vessakosol and Jeff Wall and Mike Driscoll for bringing it to our attention.

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### Casey-Lawlor Cup Burning Questions



**Naty Alvarado**



**Paul Brady**

The much ballyhooed Casey-Lawlor Cup will finally be played this weekend at the South End Rowing Club in San Francisco. Some lingering questions will surely be answered. At the four-wall Nationals in Houston, it was expected that Paul Brady and Naty Alvarado would meet in the finals, but Danny Bell had something to say about that as he upset Alvarado in the quarterfinals, only to be destroyed by Brady for the title. Now two of the top players in the world will finally meet in the top billing.

Vince Munoz, 36, is no spring chicken, but he was absolutely devastating at the 3-wall Nationals in Maumee, OH, taking both the singles and doubles titles and setting a 3-wall record in the process (10 Singles titles). Can that masterful performance be translated to the 4-wall courts on the Bay? Tony Healy is nine years younger and always capable of beating the best in the world in any given match. Should be interesting.

Has John Bike recovered completely from shoulder surgery? The last time he played in a major tournament was a tightly contested matchup with upstart Ricky McCann. After splitting the first two games, Bike had to default because his shoulder was in excruciating pain. Does Bike make his comeback complete or does Ricky enjoy a repeat performance?

Eoin Kennedy has been playing the best handball of his life across the pond. Can he sneak that momentum in his carry on luggage and quash young Allan Garner's bid to make a name for himself in the handball world? Last seen, Garner was in the best shape of his life and making a very impressive run to the semifinals at 4-wall nationals.

Late addition matchup: Dessie Keegan and Emmett Peixoto know each other's styles well. Keegan was USHA Collegiate champion two years running, including a finals victory over Peixoto in 2003, but Peixoto got revenge in 2004, taking Keegan's title as reigning collegian. Now, they meet as Elite players in a money match. Who steps up at the next level?

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### Trivia Time

Ken Smolack (3 correct trivia answers in a row) and Larry Wood (2 in a row) are on a roll. Round of applause for these two for getting another trivia correct and giving themselves another chance in the \$50 gift certificate drawing.

### Last week's Q and A

**Q.** Back in 1951, the "Junior" title had a little different meaning. Junior in those days meant: "open to all who had not won this national championship before." Can you name the Junior Champion in 1951 (the USHA's first year of existence)? Hint: He's a Contributor in the Hall of Fame (and a pretty good handball player, too!).

**A.** At the stately age of 27, Alvis Grant (Dallas) d. Clary Ehlers (Milwaukee) 21-8, 21-3 for the Junior National Title.

### This Week's Trivia



Name this Hall of Famer.

Use our [Handball News contact form](#) to send us your answer. Everyone that sends the correct answer before the next Court Shorts hits the 'Net gets one chance in our Quarterly \$50 Gift Certificate drawing.

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### Missing Links

Nice article on an Irish website about the [Casey-Lawlor Cup](#).

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### Team USA Shirts



The Casey-Lawlor Cup plays out tomorrow. The handball world championships will be in Canada in 2006. Now is the perfect time to support US handball with this stylish Team [USA handball jersey](#). It's the same shirt Naty Alvarado, Vince Munoz, John Bike, Allan Garner and Emmett Peixoto will wear as they face their Irish foes. Get one today.

\*\*Remember to login to the store before adding things to your basket in order to ensure your member discount.

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