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### Meanwhile at the home office...

The draws for the 4-Wall Nationals will be up end of day Monday, June 19. Check our home page then.



It's wall-to-wall busy-ness in the office with four-wall entries pouring in all week and all the preparations that our biggest tournament requires. If you entered the 56th Annual 4-Wall Nationals, you can get all the information you need [here](#).

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Win a week-long, all-accomodations paid stay at this beautiful beachhouse. Enter the [four-wall lottery](#) today!

**Deadline:** June 22 by phone or online. July 2 if you enter in person at the four-wall nationals.

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### 2006 4-Wall Nationals Webcast

If you can't make it to Orange County later this month, the next best thing is to watch the action live via webcast. Get all the information [here](#) and bookmark that site for June 26-July 2. Should be really cool.

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### Championship Series #4 (Modesto) Video



Jeff Kastner just put footage on his [website](#) from the recent USHA Championship Series event held in Modesto in late May. You can choose which match you want to see from the links on the left. Enjoy.

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### Paul Brady Interview by Michael McGee



[Brady "the Roy Keane" of Irish Handball](#)

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## Handball Exhibition Raises \$600 for Jacob's Light Foundation



Jonathan Iglesias, Tony Roberts, Thomas Rudzewick (Lodge Trustee), Victor LoPierre and Albert Apuzzi

The gym dinner and handball exhibition at the Queensboro Elks Lodge No. 878 raised \$600 in donations for Jacob's Light Foundation, which provides Field Medical Kits for U.S. Troops in Iraq.

The Elks Club, located in Queens NY, has plans to renovate and expand in the very near future. On the drawing board are ideas to include two one-wall & four-wall courts. In order to start stimulating interest Thomas Rudzewick organized a one-wall exhibition in conjunction with a dinner.

After Jonathan Iglesias and Tony Roberts split the first two games with Albert Apuzzi and Victor LoPierre the attendees asked that a tie-breaker be played. Jon and Tony won the tie-breaker 11-0. The participants each received a plaque and a complimentary poly-dri team USA shirt.

The members were thrilled with the chance to watch some top-notch 1-wall and gave all of the participants a standing invite. They also plan to hold more exhibitions in the future.

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## Maryland Eastern Shore Handball

By Will Gorman



The group photo features from left to right, Ed Jones, Will Gorman, Mike "Doc" Edwards, Dave McLellan, and Charles Rector.

The action photo shows Charles Rector moving in for the kill with "Doc", Eddie, And Dave poised to react.

"It's another great year for Handball on Maryland's Eastern Shore! If you're coming to the beach be sure to give us a call and check out starting times. The courts were painted in the off season and are in pretty good shape. So come on down, get a good sweat, enjoy the comraderie, a refreshing swim in the ocean, and then a well earned snooze on the beach. And the thought of a few cold ones and Maryland crab cakes later on ain't bad either."

Call 410-208-4363 or email [Will Gorman](mailto:Will.Gorman@ussha.org).

Or [Charles Rector](mailto:Charles.Rector@ussha.org) at 410-251-5366.



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## Catholic High School City-Wide Singles Champion

*By Dan Kelly*

Saint Edmund's sophomore and team captain, Kevin Ward finished the 2006 season as the undisputed Individual Singles Champion. Kevin's final record for the year was 17 wins and 1 loss. Kevin trained hard all year long setting the pace and leading his team by example and encouragement.

"Kevin is one of the most competitive student-athletes I have ever trained," noted Carl Obert.

"Over the past five years I've watched Kevin develop into a very well-rounded and competitive young athlete, it's a pleasure to watch this young man play. He exemplifies competitive spirit, dedication, and the hunger to win. These are rare attributes in young student-athletes," said Dennis Sumner.

Kevin has personally helped me and all of our teammates on the Saint Edmund Handball Team. We have all learned the importance of dedication and teamwork from Kevin, I look forward to training with him this summer and I'm very confident he will do well in the World Championships this August.

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## Playing Ball on the Great Wall

*By Bill Huff*



"Dave Matzner, from the Colonie Court Club of Albany, NY, enjoys his favorite sport against The Great Wall of China. Dave was visiting his son who works for a data storage company and took the opportunity to take in some of the highlights to include a 'killshot' against the "Greatest front (Great) Wall of them all."

## New Reno Facility Takes Next Step

By Joe Garcia



The Reno Court Sports Connection, a Nevada LLC recently closed escrow and took title on the 5.44 acre parcel of property on which the 70,000 square foot facility will be constructed. This milestone marks the completion of a major goal in the development of the first of its kind facility with 18 racquetball/handball courts, a 4 wall glass arena court, office space and restaurant located in Reno, Nevada.

Demolition of the existing structures and clean up the site will begin immediately and should take a couple of months to complete. A special use permit application has been submitted and city hearings with council approval should be completed within the next few months. We are also currently interviewing contractors and project to have completed construction plans by late fall.

Our best estimate of our schedule is that we will begin construction in March of next year and be completed by September 2007. We will also begin accepting tentative tournament and special event bookings from October 2007 and beyond.

The development, completion and opening of the Reno Court Sports Connection will mark an exciting and significant shift in how handball and the other court sports are marketed and promoted. In an effort to involve the entire handball community in this development, the RCSC will soon be announcing a series of informational seminars that will be conducted throughout the United States this fall. These sessions will focus on the impact facilities like the RCSC will have on the future of handball and the other court sports.

If you have an interest in hosting one of these informational seminars and discussion groups in your community (there is no cost) please contact us and we will be happy to discuss the particulars.

Thank you for your support.

## Last Chance to Take on the World!



The deadline for entries for the **2006 Waterford Crystal World Handball Championships** is fast approaching so don't wait to register. The organizing committee is putting the final touches to ensure that this will be the best World Championships ever held. With the Championships taking place in Edmonton , Canada , (which is North of Idaho/Montana) it's practically in your back yard, so you don't want to miss this one.

At \$125 Canadian for adults and \$50 for Juniors, the registration fees are a real bargain. The registration includes your courts, Opening Ceremonies, Fort Edmonton Barbecue, World Water Park Beach Party, trophies for the winners and beautiful souvenir World's Track Jacket for all participants.

Hotels are filling up very quickly. The **Metterra** is Edmonton 's newest upscale boutique hotel, located in the heart of funky Old Strathcona. The hotel is within minutes of the U of A where four-wall Men's non-master's and Junior events will be held, as well as most of the four-wall finals. To register email at [reservations@metterra.com](mailto:reservations@metterra.com), go to their [website](#) or call toll-free at 1-866-465-8150. Deluxe room is \$155 per night plus taxes which include a continental breakfast each morning and a hosted wine and cheese hour in the evening.

To register for the Worlds go to the [website](#) or use the registration form in this magazine.

**Final day for entries is June 20.**



The June Handball Magazine has our first official USHA Distributor list and as soon as our revamped website goes online, we'll have a list of distributors on the web as well.

We hope to get at least 100 more people to sign up. We figure large cities can support 3 or 4 distributors if not more. Even a crew of 10-12 steady players would seem to justify having a distributor in the group.

This program is very easy to sign up for. No hassles. And for a minimum order of a case of balls or 12 pairs of gloves you can get our best price.

Here's what Tucson USHA Distributor, Charlie Wicker, has to say about the program:

"First and foremost becoming a distributor helps handball. It moves merchandise. Normally, the person who volunteers to be a distributor is the person at the club who already provides balls to many of the players.

"So why not make it official and get the best price the USHA can offer. I think at every league night players would love to have some balls and gloves available to them. I found that at our league nights, players were constantly asking if anyone had a good ball."And now, spouses and girlfriends (only one or the other please) can get a present (birthday, anniversary, Valentines, etc) that a handball player would appreciate and they know where to get it.

"If players know where to get the merchandise, they will buy it. It's convenient, it helps handball and joining the program doesn't cost you anything."

Fill the handball gear distribution gaps and get the best prices for your group or club.

[Become a USHA Distributor today!](#)

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### Trivia Time

Once again we have no correct answers on last week's trivia. We'll have to come up with something easy to keep morale up.

### Last week's Q and A

Q. Paul Brady will defend his title later this month as 39 players will compete in this year's National 4-Wall Men's Open Singles. Can you name how many players entered the draw when Bill "Murderball" Ranft won the First AAU National Championship in 1919?

A. 13 players entered the only singles event offered in 1919 (there were 49 offered this year). Unseeded, Ranft didn't even get a first round BYE.

### This Week's Trivia

Q.



Name this USHA Hall of Famer. (Painting by Alvis Grant)

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

[World Championships](#) get ink.

Irish [handball news](#).

Good story on Lincolnton, [NC handball group](#).

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