

# SAHA ROLLOUT

SACRAMENTO AREA HANDBALL ASSOCIATION

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## TOM BRIDGES INDUCTED IN NCHA HALL OF FAME

Our own SAHA President Tom Bridges of Sacramento was recently inducted into the prestigious Northern California Handball Hall Of Fame. An induction banquet was held at San Francisco's Olympic Club October 31, 2008 during the annual Hall Of Fame Doubles Tournament. He joins only 3 other Sacramento area handballers to have the honor: Jack Austin as a player, Cherylann Mendonca and Jerry Cooke as contributors.

Jack Austin nominated Tom. In his nomination letter to the NCHA Board he wrote "This honor is predicated on his tireless and unselfish service to the game of handball. Tom has contributed more than anyone to elevate the esprit de corps and sense of inclusiveness of handball players throughout the entire Sacramento Region and thus is most deserving of this, the Robert W. Kendler award."

Tom started playing handball in the early '60s while in the Marine Corps. After returning from Vietnam he went home to Portland, Oregon and continued playing at the Portland YMCA. Over the years the scenery changed due to college in Louisiana, marriage, and job transfers. But his desire for the perfect game never wavered.

Serious handball bit him in the butt while living in Southern California in the mid 70's. His home courts were the Anaheim YMCA for indoor, Rosewood Park in East LA for small ball outdoor, and La Mirada Park for big ball outdoor.

In 1979 he moved to Sacramento and joined the Carmichael Athletic Club where he still plays today. Tom showed his natural born leadership skills and volunteerism right away at Carmichael. He was the driving force behind the development of the SAHA League. Now in its 16th year the league involves 5 different clubs and 11 teams.

As SAHA President Tom expanded the local scene by organizing Sacramento squads to compete in the prestigious Bay Counties league. In 7 years of participation in this extremely competitive league. Sacramento has won the whole thing 3 times and come in 2nd another 3 times.

But according to Jack's nomination letter "Tom is not being nominated for these results. Nor is he being nominated as a player. He's nominated because of his unselfish support and tireless effort to bring about things like a SAHA League.....and to organize a Sacramento team to play the Bay Counties. This is what a "CONTRIBUTOR" does. He is probably not the best player. He is not a paid professional. He is what every aspect of life needs.....a tireless worker who contributes for the benefit of us all.....because he loves life..... and loves handball."

Tom suffered a stroke in 2001. That and several subsequent surgeries have limited his game. But 3 days a week he hits it up with our Geezer Group. However 7 days a week he's planning or organizing some handball task such as putting new materials on our Club bulletin board, or working as the editor of our SAHA Newsletter the "Rollout".



Jack Austin, Coleen & Tom Bridges

Congratulations to Tom for this well deserved recognition.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi again! I'm back. I don't think I need to introduce myself to most of you. Only a few new members have been added to the SAHA rolls. Probably not as many as have passed on from our SAHA rolls. But for those few new folks and those of us approaching early Alzheimer's who don't remember, I'm Tom Bridges, your former and current President.

I believe it was Groucho Marx who said "I wouldn't belong to any club who would have me as a member". That's not the case for me. I'm proud to be a charter member of SAHA. It was formed around 1980 in the bowels of Carmichael Athletic Club. We know the group that got it started, but it's not quite clear who was the first President. The best research I can come up with is that it was Mike Achziger. Mike's still kicking around and as he reads his name here it might help him pull his gut back up into his chest with pride (ouch! I know.....I can't talk). But I do know Mike's lieutenants included Bob Lozito, Chris Almeida, Don Friar and others I'm shamefully forgetting.

Remember the man who collected the money from us for the fashion statement T-Shirts I think we received? Mike Connors.....his handle will bring back some memories for us as well. Heck of a doubles player who went on to national handball prominence partnering with Bay Area Hall Of Famer Rick Christian.

So why am I going along this sojourn down memory lane? Just that folks.....memories. We have these great memories because of people like Mike Achziger along with other cogs and pillars of the past. That was 30 years ago. And 30 years from now players will be writing about us. About you and me! **What would you like them to say?**

The point I want to make .....(I hate it when I have to point the point out) .....is to support SAHA and your association. Be an active member.....not a complainer, not an obstacle. **DO** something for handball. After all, it's done a heck of a lot for you!

Tom Bridges  
SAHA President

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## TOP PLAYERS BANG IT OUT ON “ELITE MEET” EVENT

A handball gathering of the stars was organized on Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> at Carmichael. SAHA President Tom Bridges and legends Bob Lozito and Jack Brier arranged the “invitation only” event. A total of 28 of the top players in our region were invited. The format was going to be to draw for teams and hold a competitive mini - tournament. The turnout lent itself to have the organizers assign teams and hold a round robin format.

As expected the level of play was outstanding. When the dust settled the team of Augie Herrera and Bruce Anderson went undefeated to take bragging rights for the day. Vacaville’s Jeff Cardinal and Carmichael’s Jim Summers took 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This event was designed to allow SAHA’s Open/A players to have some regular competition. For the past few years only Carmichael has been able to come up with an ‘A’ League team. Our ‘B’ league is doing well enough with 5 competitive squads. But the lack of ‘A’ teams leaves those elite players on the sidelines. Or worse yet, has them playing in the ‘B’ league where the matches are too lopsided to be enjoyable.

A fine time was had by all the ‘A’ guys and the level of play was amazing. SAHA has promised to have 3 more of these events for our Top ‘O The Heap players.

Bob Lozito and Jack Brier have graciously agreed to organize the remaining 3 events to be held this year. So if you are contacted by them to participate.....congratulations for being recognized as a top player and come on down for a fun and exciting day.

*Tom Bridges*



**“Meet For The Elite” Included these Top Players**



## OBITUARIES

### **Pete Revello**

Pete passed away on April 5, 2009 at the age of 76. He had endured a lengthy battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joanne and 2 sons.

Pete was born in Globe, Arizona. He made a lifelong career in the Air Force as a B-47 and B-58 navigator. He served 1 year in Vietnam. Pete retired at the rank of full Colonel in 1982 from McClellan AFB.

Pete was an avid racquetball player and was state champion for 3 years in South Carolina. He switched to handball and was a regular player at Carmichael Athletic Club where he was a member since 1976. There he partnered regularly with Don Frier, Dr. John Wolbart and Carl VonClef.

He stopped playing handball several years ago due to hip replacement surgery. But he still exercised at the club daily. Pete could also be both seen and heard playing pinochle with a regular group at the Club. Fellow handballers Tom O'Maley, Art Eissenger, Doug Stone, and Bud Lanigan were also regulars of the afternoon card playing. I often threatened Pete about having to call "Security" due to the rambunctious trash talking that was loudly apparent. Pete also loved to play cribbage.

Colonel Revello was a very witty and colorful man. We'll miss his physical presence but he'll be remembered forever.

*Tom Bridges*

### **Ken Belcher**

Longtime Carmichael handballer Ken Belcher passed away in November, 2008. Services were private and there was no obituary in the newspaper. Hence I'll relay information the best I can although some inaccuracies are likely. Ken suffered only a relatively short time. He was diagnosed with an aggressive brain cancer about 3 months before his death. He underwent chemo treatments as the doctors told him it would extend his life from 6 months to 9. Ken was in and out of hospitals for about 3 months after diagnosis. He went into a full coma at home and quietly passed away in his sleep.

He is survived by his long time wife Doris and 3 adult children. Ken was retired from the Air Force after 28 years of service. I think he was a Lieutenant Colonel, rising from the enlisted ranks. He was a navigator.

Ken was a "good 'ole boy" from the deep south. He had many colorful stories resulting from his upbringing and extensive travels. The man was also an avid reader and regularly was reading 2 or 3 books at a time.

Ken played regularly with the Carmichael Geezer Group until about 4 months before his death. He was in his mid 70's when he died.

Rest in Peace Ken.

*Tom Bridges*

### **Frank J. Cotta**

Frank (Sr) was born January 1, 1920 and died November 12, 2009 at the age of 88 after a lengthy illness. He joined the Navy during World War II and served 4 years. Upon discharge he began a 28 year career with the Sacramento Police Department. He rose to the rank of Captain. Following retirement he was active in real estate and in private investigations. He spoke Spanish and Portuguese fluently.

Frank played handball almost exclusively at the Elks. He was active on the courts until he was 75. He was a warm and generous person and had many friends in the handball, police, and business communities.

Frank is survived by his son Steve. Steve is also a retired police detective and handball player. Frank (Sr) was preceded in death by his other son Frank Cotta (Jr), a popular handballer playing out of the Capital Athletic Club.

*Tom Bridges*

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## SECOND SERVE STUFF

Capital Athletic Club's manager/owner **Rick Leonard** has news! His son Josh has signed a 2 year contract with the Houston Texans of the National Football league. Josh played his college ball at University Of Hawaii. He was very recently in Texas at their rookie camp. The team hopes to make a defensive tackle out of Josh and want him to beef up to 325. According to Rick, Josh is 6' 4" and at about 285 - 300 right now. He thinks it will be hard for Josh to feel comfortable at 325.

Rick has 3 sons. Another is playing football at American River right now and hopes to land a NFL opportunity similar to his brother's next year.

**Jim Gribble** from North Shore Lake Tahoe mentions that some of the Reno group he plays with regularly report that former Carmichael youngster **Kevin Leak** collapsed after playing handball at a Reno facility. He was getting out of the Jacuzzi. He had to have an operation on his spine and spent 2 months in the hospital for recovery. Jim reports he is now getting around with a cane and hopes to recover more in the future.

Kevin showed excellent potential and started playing around the time several other Carmichael youngsters were crafting their game. As I recall others included Jeff Schroader, Todd Lanigan, Lance Klug and Kent Craney.

If you would like more information Jim suggests contacting John Harris in Reno.

**Bruce Anderson** from Carmichael recently returned from the Four Aces All Star Las Vegas Handball Camp. He reports that the camp was excellent and well worth the \$1200 cost. Daily instruction was provided by 4 handball professionals, led by David Chapman. Stay at a top Vegas hotel was provided and the cost included meals.

I understand that some of Bruce's cost was comped because he agreed to show Chapman some of his lob serves secrets. So look for Chapman to use some of his newfound knowledge in the nationals. And if David wins I'm sure he will give Bruce some of the credit in an acceptance speech. Way to go Bruce!

*Tom Bridges*

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## SACRAMENTO OPEN 2009 RESULTS AND 2009 BAY COUNTIES RESULTS

The exciting results of these 2 handball events are given in detail a few clicks away. Rather than duplicate the articles already written I would ask that you read them on the outstanding website SAHA has.

Around 95 % of our SAHA members have internet access. The few who do not (or have not let us know they have) are sent a hardcopy newsletter. However I am now asking those few folks to either get their spouses to get them on line, or ask one of the 95 % to print out a hardcopy of the Rollout for them. The website version is a lot better anyway since it provides the Rollout in color including any photos.

Our website address is [www.sactohandball.com](http://www.sactohandball.com).) WPH owner Dave Vincent has provided SAHA with free hosting of our website for several years. Dave also has his own professionally managed website [weplayhandball@cs.com](mailto:weplayhandball@cs.com). Dave's generosity is a huge benefit for SAHA. Previous hosting cost us close to \$400 a year. Not only does Dave provide us with the free hosting, but he allows us to utilize his webmaster (read that as professional type = big bucks) to manage and post our input.

I have it by good sources that Dave is going to start playing handball locally with us again. He's been so busy with his WPH stuff that travel and an occasional game with the pros has all he's been able to do. So when you run into Dave please let him know how much you appreciate his generosity (and also go ahead and let him win).

*Tom Bridges*

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## RON MARQUEZ INDUCTED INTO THE CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME



**Ron Marquez & Pete Garris**

In a gala event at the Holiday Inn Ron Marquez was recently inducted into the California Wrestling Hall Of Fame. His honor was under the “Lifetime Service Award” category.

As a high schooler Ron was a CIF Central Section wrestling champion. After that he was a 2 time place winner at the California Community College State Championships while competing for Fresno Community College. He then furthered his wrestling accolades by winning a California Collegiate Championship while at California State University Fresno. His early records were at the 103 and 118 pound weight classes.

Ron’s award however was primarily because of his officiating excellence. He has officiated at 9 CIF State championships, numerous CIF section and sub-section events, as well as most of the major high school tournaments occurring in Northern California and Nevada for the last 41 years.

Ron was introduced for the award by his long suffering handball partner Pete Garris.

A total of 12 similar awards were made at the banquet. Of the estimated 300 guests at the festivities approximately 30 were Ron’s family and close friends there to share in his achievement.

Congratulations to Ron for this well deserved recognition.

*Tom Bridges*

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## JOHN MARSH WINS GROUNDHOG DAY GEEZER TOURNEY

Extra employees had to be hired to organize the overflow crowd! It was Groundhog Day at the Carmichael Athletic Club and the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual G-Day Tournament. A raucous crowd had assembled and ticket scalpers hid behind the bushes quadrupling their prior investment. The beer was flowing freely while Geezer Dogs were flying off the BBQ.

Well.....OK this much was just a dream I had.

But there really was a G-Day Tourney among the several old timers who play regularly Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Carmichael. And when the clock struck 11:00 to

stop play for a mandatory “Insure” break, a winner was determined. It would be John Marsh narrowly besting Bill Pizana by ½ point in a round robin format.

John received possession of a handsome Water Buffalo Trophy (made from a coconut) which he proudly displays in his home. Although John revels in showing it off to visitors, his pest control contractor has tried to exterminate it on 2 occasions.

Congrats John.

*(see the photo at the back of the newsletter)*

*Tom Bridges*

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# TOURNAMENT NEWS

## National Master Singles

This USHA tournament was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee in April.

- Ron Guevara lost in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 55's
- Ed Campbell lost in a tiebreaker of the semi-finals of the 60's.
- Leo Havener lost in the quarter-finals of the 50's
- Harry Scott (Dallas/Stockton) defeated Jim Smith (Watsonville) in the 65's.
- Kevin DelGrande (San Jose) won the 70's.

## Cinco De Mayo

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cinco De Mayo Doubles Tournament was held in memory of Norma Jean Flores at the South End Rowing Club in San Francisco. Norma Jean was the lovely and talented wife of Fresno handballer Mike Flores. She recently died unexpectedly of heart problems.

A total of 52 teams duked it out at this oldest athletic club in America. The SERC also claims to have the largest swimming pool in the world and 3 great handball courts.

- Wayne Black & Roberto Chavez won the 60's.
- Jay Capell & Alan Sherrill won the 50's
- Allie Abdullah & Lenhart DeLaTorre upset Anton Wilson & Jason Coronado in the Open.
- The father-son team of Burt and George Repine won the B's.

## Colorado State Championships

Dave Nava went up here to visit some old friends he played with while living in Colorado. He quickly made himself unwelcome as he finished first in the 50 B's.

## Semper Fi Marine Corps Tournament

May 22 - 24 in San Diego.

- Ed Campbell won the 60's singles
- Ed Campbell and Doug Chandler took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 60's doubles
- Dave Rios teamed up with Dave Ackerman to win the 65 doubles

## Concord Pro Stop & Northern California Regional

Please see the results of these exciting events (hint: Chapman is BACK) on the USHA and NCHA websites.



## FROM AROUND TOWN

Here's what is happening around the various handball haunts around Sacramento. Each newsletter I ask the clubs to give a brief report for us.

### Capital Athletic Club

Capital has a 2nd Friday of the Month special for HB players; you get in FREE after 5PM. plenty of handball and exchanging of information on up-coming events. Paul Deleao, our Handball Pro, gives lessons. Check with our front desk if you're interested. Regular handball nights are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday around 4 to 9 PM. All are welcome. Guest fee \$10.

I'd like to remind all handball players no matter where you play, be mindful of court courtesy. Make sure to help promote the game and clean up after yourselves. It's a gentleperson's game! See you at the courts!

*Rich Ramirez*

### Sacramento Turn Verein

Hi Handballers, the Turn is always open to guest handballers. We welcome everyone to come have a beer and enjoy a game of handball on these old wooden courts. Henry Homdus and Carlos Tevarez enjoy coming here. I'm sure others will also. We play on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 4:30 - 5:00. Always a good time.

*Jose Greco III, Management*

### Alhambra Athletic Club

The handball contingency here seems to be growing. Relatively recent additions of Mike Vecchio, Tim Ryan and Steve Brown give us around 12 active folks. Also Carmichael cross trainers such as Dave Rios, Hal Faresh and Val Ivanoff bolster the group.

Pick up handball usually fills the 4 courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 until 8:00. A \$10 guest fee is required. However during May and November each Wenmat member receives 2 guest passes. So during those months one of us will always have or can get you a free ride.

Come on down. Its great handball and great folks. Skill levels range from low 'B' to low 'Open'.

*Tom Bridges*

### Carmichael Athletic Club

Handball is alive and well out here Northeast of town. Just about every day most of the 6 courts are filled with epic battles that will be told for years to come. Well.....OK, that's a bit of a stretch. But typically set games are filling most of the courts during the prime hours from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. There is also plenty of activity in the early morning. We also have a Geezer Group of about 5 - 8 holding court from 9:00 - 11:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our legendary Sunday morning Animal Hour was started by Jerry Cooke in 1976 and continues to this day. Typically 16 - 20 players show up at 8:00 AM on Sunday and are paired up by means of a blind draw. Winners play winners, etc. It is very organized and a great way to get on the court with different skill levels to improve your game.

A guest fee is required. However as mentioned above for the Alhambra Club during the months of May and November we usually have plenty of guest passes available.

Come join us sometime ! We'd love to have you.

*Tom Bridges*

### Sacramento Elks # 6

I couldn't get a response from the herd. They may be sleeping right now but I know they like to have guests come down. There are 4 very nice courts. Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays are the days of most activity. A nominal guest fee is required; however, it can often be negotiated down over the 6 pack of beer that you bring with you.

*Tom Bridges*

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## NOR CAL & SAHA WELL REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL 4-WALL CHAMPHONISHIPS

The 2009 4 - wall nationals were held at the Los Cab facility in Fountain Valley the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>.

I want to mention in particular the large contingent of youth players taken down by James Coranado of Santa Barbara. James and his lovely wife Patty brought just about the same group to the Sacramento Open this year. All of the youngsters are from the Santa Barbara area. They would probably not have a chance to learn or play handball if not for James and Patty's sacrifice and thoughtfulness. But the kids are also learning more than handball. The group is well behaved, polite and good sports in addition to being pretty doggone good handballers. James, a teacher by trade, is an open player and an excellent mentor.

Here is a summary of Northern California players who participated.

Pro/Open Singles:

Emmett Peixoto (Watsonville)lost in the quarters

Ricardo Diaz (San Jose) lost in 1<sup>st</sup> round

*A Singles:*

Arturo Suarez (San Jose) lost in 2<sup>nd</sup> round

*B Singles:*

Uriel Galvan (East Palo Alto) lost in 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Jesus Delgado (Redwood City) lost in 1<sup>st</sup> round

Nick Coronado (Santa Barbara) lost in 1<sup>st</sup> round

*C Singles:*

Julio Garcia (San Jose) lost 2<sup>nd</sup> round

*35+ Singles:*

Raul Jasso (San Jose) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Arturo Juarez (San Jose) lost 2<sup>nd</sup> round

*40+ Singles:*

Mike McDonald (San Carlos) won

*45+ Singles:*

Tom McGrath (San Francisco) lost in semis

Raul Carmona (San Mateo) lost 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Joe Sandoval (San Jose) lost 2<sup>nd</sup> round

*50+ Singles:*

Lou Barberini (San Francisco) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Ron Strausbaugh (San Jose) lost in semis

Mike Linnick (San Jose) lost in semis

*50 + (B) Singles:*

- **Leo Havenor (Elk Grove)** lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Greg Clark (Sebastopol) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Ed Corrigan (San Francisco) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Geoff Smith (Livermore) lost semis

*55 + Singles:*

Brian Nelson (San Carlos) lost semis

Rich Goosman (Los Gatos) lost quarters

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*60 + Singles:*

Alan Sherrill (Watsonville) lost in quarters

- **Ed Campbell (Auburn)** lost 2<sup>nd</sup> round

*60 + (B) Singles:*

Joe Driscoll (Monterey) lost in Semis

Mike Cook (San Carlos) lost quarters

- **Dave Rios (Rio Linda)** lost in finals

Bob Baskin (San Jose) lost quarters

- **Erik Naisbitt (Sacramento)** lost in semis

*65 + Singles:*

Harry Scott (Stockton/Dallas) took 1<sup>st</sup> place

Bob Braine (San Jose) lost semis

Felipe Rosendo (South San Francisco) lost semis

Jim Smith (Watsonville) lost in finals

*75 + Singles:*

Kevan Del Grande (Los Gatos) took 1<sup>st</sup> place

Joe Lenhardt (San Jose) lost in quarters

Ken Foreman (Morgan Hill) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

*80 + Singles:*

Al Crosat (Menlo Park) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

George Sallay (Salinas) lost in semis

*Womens Pro/Open:*

Courtney Peixoto (Tuscon) lost in semis

*Pro/Open Doubles:*

Emmett Peixoto (Watsonville) & Dave Chapman won

*A Doubles:*

- **Jeff Cardinal (Vacaville)** & partner lost in semis

Geoff Aguiar (Hayward) and Lawrence Aguiar (Hayward) lost in quarters

James Coronado (Santa Barbara) & Miguel Jimenez (Santa Barbara) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

*B Doubles:*

Nick Coronado (Santa Barbara) & partner lost in 1<sup>st</sup> round

Jesus Delgado (Redwood City) & Uriel Galvan (E Palo Alto) took 1<sup>st</sup> place

*35 + Doubles*

- **Dave Vincent (Rough and Ready)** & John Bike, Jr took 1<sup>st</sup> place

James Coronado (Santa Barbara) & Raul Jasso (San Jose) lost 2<sup>nd</sup> round

*40 + Doubles:*

- **Jeff Cardinal (Vacaville)** & partner lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

*45 + Doubles:*

- Raul Carmona (San Mateo) & **Leo Havenor (Elk Grove)** lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

*50 + Doubles:*

Ron Koscielak (Calistoga) & Greg Cook (Sebastopol) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

*55 Doubles:*

Gary Maushardt (Santa Cruz) & partner lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Gary Pezzi (Watsonville) & Jim Tamagni (Watsonville) lost quarters

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*60 + Doubles:*

Alan Sherrill (Watsonville) & Jay Capell lost in finals

- **Dave Rios (Rio Linda) & Erik Naisbitt (Sacramento)** lost 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Vic Aissa (San Francisco) & Rich Polson (Fresno) lost 2<sup>nd</sup> round

Tom Sove (Modesto) & partner lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

- **Ed Campbell (Auburn)** & partner lost in finals

*65 + Doubles:*

Jim Smith (Watsonville) & partner took 1<sup>st</sup> place

Mike Kelley (Brisbane) & partner lost in finals

*70 + Doubles:*

Mike Dunne Sr (San Jose) & Joe McDonald (Millbrae) lost in semis

Ken Moeller (Lafayette) & Ken Foreman (Morgan Hill) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

*75 + Doubles:*

Joe Lenhardt (San Jose) & partner lost in semis

Don Elwood (Sunnyvale) & partner lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Kevan Del Grande (Los Gatos) & partner lost in finals

*Womens Pro/Open:*

Courtney Peixoto & partner took 1<sup>st</sup> place

*17 & Under Singles:*

Arturo Lopez (Santa Barbara) lost semis

Adoni Rodriguez (Santa Barbara) lost quarters

Loren Collado (Saratoga) lost in quarters

*15 & Under Singles:*

Alex Mendez (Santa Barbara) lost semis

Efren Sanchez (Santa Barbara) lost quarters

Loren Collado (Saratoga) lost finals

Julio Garcia (San Jose) lost semis

Juan Uribe (Santa Barbara) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Jacob Rodriguez (Santa Barbara) lost quarters

*13 & Under Singles:*

Alex Guadarrama (Santa Barbara) lost in quarters

Anthony Collado (Saratoga) lost in semis

*11 & Under Singles:*

Luis Mendez (Santa Barbara) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Johnnie Coleman (Santa Barbara) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Noel Cuevas (Santa Barbara) lost quarters

Danny Palma (Santa Barbara) lost 1<sup>st</sup> round

Coleman McGrath (San Francisco) took 1<sup>st</sup> place

*Girls Juniors:*

Desiree Coleman (Santa Barbara) lost semis

Alyssa Cosio (Santa Barbara) lost semis

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## - WAYNE'S WAY -

Wayne's Way staff was sitting around in its sparsely furnished office boardroom reflecting upon the past and current economic depressions tinged with faux terrorism. If our offices get any smaller, we will be out on the corner by the local Raley's with a sign saying "Will Support Handball For Food".

We have started to test market some other locations for our new WSHFF motto. We got free lattes from many guilt ridden Starbucks. Costco looks promising. The shamed flatbed shoppers gave us so many of the \$1.50 hotdog and coke specials that we started gaining too much weight. We noticed that some of the hopped-up and caffeinated clients at the coffee shops started hitting on us until we defined the meaning of handball as an extreme sport, which sometimes got them far more excited.

ATM machines were found to be a productive WSHFF site, but found that the local constabulary chased us away to some fast food drive-thru. We didn't find one person that wanted to try handball, but were showered with money and fatty fast food. Other good locales seemed to be areas where traffic backed up near big time sporting events where people were getting ready to or had paid ungodly sums of money to watch spoiled rich athletes do nothing for \$50,000 a game. Besides fund raising promos, we hit our next agenda item, traveling to and playing in tournaments. Gas \$2-4 a gallon, rising hotel prices, \$10 per can handballs, \$100 entry fees, crowded freeways, unemployment, court clubs down to 1 or 2 courts or out of business..... with so many woes we didn't know where to start. One idea seemed to have major promise to help curb the rising costs of entering tournaments. Have all entries from a certain area or city play preliminary rounds at their local clubs, with only the winner paying an entry fee, and the loser getting no food or souvenir T-shirt. Nothing ventured nothing won. The winner of the pre-home match then advances to the pay for play round at the sponsoring site.

Trophies were also a hot topic. Cases of beer were the unanimous number one choice among board members, but they really are only 'C' players anyway. How about a really useful item for the top prize? Gloves and balls are useful, but what have you really got left after they get used? A nice smelly trophy that your dog will like to chew on. We really started to get creative now, prepaid gas cards with CHAMPION emboldened on them, a Motel Six card good for two nights stay and signed by Tom Bodet saying "Have a good stay Champ", will Play HB for food T-shirts, lifelike dummies (wearing WSHFF shirt) to use as the third person in a car pool lane, or any item useful to a spouse or girlfriend to encourage entry into future HB tournaments.

We really started thinking outside the box when one of our board members recently downsized, golden parachuted and multi-billion dollar bailed-out suggested that we experiment with the FREE handball tournament. WHAT!! Pure genius! No free T-shirts, no free food, no free balls, no free drinks, and no free nothing with absolutely no entry fee. Is this insanity or Nobel Prize IQ? HBers will come out of retirement to play for free. Handballers love free. You want a T-shirt, hamburger, hotdog, drinks; handballs..... pay for it at the tournament. Trophies, you can print out really nice certificates on a computer that the winner can frame later at their cost. Voila, we actually came up with something revolutionary, just like the USHO discovering how to send out emails to WPHO members for the first time since the internet was invented.

Trying to implement some of these newfangled ideas is just like trying to get Budweiser fanatics to try a Sierra Nevada.

So try a tournament Wayne's Way. (Our lawyers wanted to note that any persons, organizations, or tournaments past or present mentioned in this article are purely fictional)

*Wayne Solo*

## THE DARN GOOD DOZEN

*by Tom Bridges how the hell does he know?*

1. Allie Abdullah, Jr Still the Man. Great doubles victory over Emmett Peixoto in the Bay Counties. Can anybody knock this guy off? Raw talent, great intensity, great athlete.
2. Barry Durham Still laying low in Stockton (I guess). Make some showings in Sac Barry, you can't keep this spot by reputation only!
3. Dave Vincent VERY impressive wins on the Pro Tour. Doubles victories include wins over Chapman and winning the Canadian Nationals. Also took the 35 + Doubles at the nationals. Still not in shape enough to win much in singles but what a talent!!
4. Jaime Fabian Two great accomplishments since last Rollout. An expectant wife and a doubles win (with Allie) over Emmett Peixoto and Jim Tamagni in the Bay Counties. Great athlete. Great guy.
5. Ed Campbell This 2008 National Champ tried to upgrade in the 60's this June. To no avail. Gifted athlete born to compete. Will be in our local and the Nationals scene for many years to come.
6. Billy Wyrsh Had a birthday party for his hip recently. 1 or 2 (can't remember). Still under warranty though. Terrific court sense and great feet. Takes more steps to get set than a Tango dancer.
7. Kevin Soulies This perennial Top-Tenner's hip is still in its infancy also. But like a Timex, the guy just keeps on tickin. Always an intense player.
8. Lance Klug Got gettability? This guy does. Recent 3 week trip to Europe has also broadened his horizons. Can now keep score in Italian.
9. Jeff Schroader Great form, great hops, great athlete. Too good for Texas but that's where he'll be moving to shortly.
10. Augie Herrera You should have seen him at the recent Meet For The Elite! Outstanding play. Augie was # 2 on the 3-Wall list several issues ago, but now breaks into the indoor elite. Welcome Augie!
11. Paul Delao The club pro at Capital is still breaking balls down there. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Stocktonion in the top 10. Might be the water (or the beer).
12. Larry Yard Newcomer to our DGD list. Moved here from So Cal and has quickly made his presence known among the Carmichael elite. Great competitive spirit and uncanny corner kills.

I have to have some footnotes this time for the DGD. Noticeably absent at # 2 is that spot's long time occupant Rick Rivas. I'm told Rick is taking a long break from handball due to other pressing responsibilities. Hence I decided to give his spot to a more "active" player.

Also what should I do with an extraordinarily talented player who is going to school at UC Davis but hails from San Jose? Sam Kass is the player.....remember that name. He came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Juniors this year and lost to Allie in the Sac Open finals. Certainly great achievements that would probably put him in the # 2 or # 3 spot. But he's really from San Jose!!! Man why do I have to make all these decisions? I'm like the worst player in Sacramento!! I'll tell you what Sam. Join SAHA and I'll put you on the DGD list (hee hee.... surely he will want to do this and besides.....we need the \$ 20).

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**John Marsh receives the Ground Day Trophy. Also-rans are Alan Wade, Bill Pizana & Tom Bridges.**

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Jun 8-14 2009	USAH 4-Wall Nationals Los Cab Fountain Valley, CA	handball@ushandball.org www.ushandball.org
Jun 26-28 2009	Art Coronado Memorial 3-Wall Fresno, CA	Jason Coronado 559 2773684 artcoradohandball@yahoo.com
July 3-5 2009	Campbell 3-Wall Doubles Campbell, CA	Bob Kass 408 248-1254 NCHA website
July 11-12 2009	San Mateo Elks Top Gun Doubles	Dave Balestrieri 650 347-8159
July 25 2009	SAHA Funday Elks #6 8am - 2pm	Tom Bridges 916 383-1262 tombridges@comcast.net
August TBD	South End Rowing Club - San Francisco Father/Son Tourney	Wayne Black 707 312-0570 rocketman51@comcast.net
August TBD	Watsonville 3-Wall Invitational Watsonville, CA	Jim Smith <a href="mailto:jimsmitty2120@yahoo.com">jimsmitty2120@yahoo.com</a>
Aug 28-30 2009	Wenmat In-House Tourny Carmichael A.C.	Tom Bridges 916 383-1262 tombridges@comcast.net
Sep 19 2009	SAHA Fun Day at the Turn Verein 9am to 2pm	Joe Chavez 916 368-9162
Oct 4-11 2009	World Indoor Championships Multnamah Athletic Club Portland, Oregon	handball@ushandball.org www.ushandball.org
Nov 7 2009	SAHA Fun Day at Capital AC 9am to 2pm	Rich Ramirez 916 451-2659

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