



ILLINOIS STATE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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SWEENEY AND GUDINAS REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Tim Sweeney of Schaumburg and Cheryl Gudinas of Woodridge showed why they were the top seeds entering this year's Regional Championships at the Charlie Club in Palatine. Sweeney, who finished third in the 1988 National Championships, was upset in last year's Regional semi-finals by Brad Munroe (Kenosha, Wisconsin). This year, he beat Schaumburg's John Negrete in convincing fashion to take the men's title. Neither Negrete nor Sweeney had any trouble advancing through the draw of twenty-four of the area's finest open players to claim their finals berths. They are the likely top seeds for next month's State Singles Championships, and will be seeded at the AARA National Championships in Houston over the Memorial Day Weekend.

Gudinas was also a convincing winner in the Women's Open competition, beating Evanston's Robin Petrini in two games, to better her runner-up finish of a year ago. Cheryl's toughest competitor, Chris Evon, was competing at a Women's Professional Racquetball Association (WPRA) tour stop, and must now qualify for the National Championships out of a different region. Gudinas, Evon and Petrini will be the top seeds at the State Championships. Petrini and Evon will also be high seeds at the National Championships in the 25+ age group, and Gudinas will be a top seed in the 19+ division.

The other championship divisions were also hotly contested. Joe Wirkus of Madison, Wisconsin traveled down for the first time in several years to take the Men's 35+ division, and Laurel Davis of Bloomington, upset long-time nemesis Colleen Shields of Mundeline to capture the Women's 30+ bracket. See the complete tournament results elsewhere in this issue.

This year's Regionals was the largest ever held in Region Eight, with over 400 entries from six states. Tournament coordinators Rich Clay and Gloria Lang did an excellent job of managing the overflow crowd, and keeping things running smoothly. Our thanks to Penn, Ektelon, Gatorade, A'ME, Kellogg and Bob Evan's Restaurants for their continued support of the Regional Championships.

— Geoff Peters

FROM THE PRESIDENT

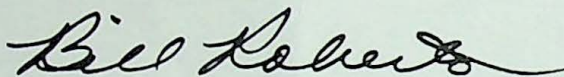
With the largest and most successful AARA Regionals behind us and the **ISRA/Chicago Sun Times State Singles** ahead, the ROAD TO HOUSTON is becoming shorter day-by-day!

Almost four hundred players, representing six states, entered the Regionals, making it a microcosm of what the Nationals in Houston have to offer. Houston, with over fifty states represented, becomes a symphony of the "state of racquetball" around the country. Last year, Illinois was represented by fifty-seven players, and this year we hope to break a hundred!

We are extremely pleased with the sponsorship of the 1989 State Singles by The **Chicago Sun Times**, and look forward to a long continuing relationship. Never before has racquetball received the media attention made possible by the association with this great newspaper. The ISRA hopes that many of you will subscribe to the *Sun Times*, in support of the only major Chicago newspaper which actively publicizes and prints tournament results of racquetball.

The AARA Junior Regionals are slated for April 29-30 in Waterloo, Iowa. As I have stated many times in the past, Juniors are the kindling wood of the future of racquetball. Only with all our support in promoting Juniors, will racquetball become self-propagating. For information regarding the AARA Junior Regional, please call Alvin Barasch at (312) 673-7300.

Thanks to the keen support of our ISRA members, Illinois is fast becoming one of the leading states in AARA membership. Our hats are off to you, the membership, for your continued support of our programs.



Bill Roberts
ISRA President



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**THE 1989 AARA REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
February 3,4,5, 1989
Charlie Club, Palatine, Illinois
**AARA Regional Commissioner - Alvin
Barasch**
Tournament Director - Geoff Peters

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MEN'S OPEN (24) 1-Tim Sweeney, 2-John Negrete, 3-Jim Jeffers, 4-Brad Munroe(WI), C-Scott Martin. **MEN'S B** (25) 1-Scott Hale(*), 2-Ernest Horne, S-Steve Jin, S-Matt Carzoli, C-Chris Selvig. **MEN'S C** (32) 1-Jim Laskero(*), 2-Bill Moser, S-Don Belcher(MI), S-Troy Shramer(NE), C-Paul Biggerstaff. **MEN'S D** (23) 1-Randy Helm(*), 2-Arther Lascgober, S-Mike Koson, S-Jeffrey Floyd, C-Bill Abraham. **MEN'S 19+** (16) 1-Jim Jeffers, 2-John Negrete, S-Keith Minor, S-Brad Nicholson(IA), C-Rob Mercado. **MEN'S 25+** (24) 1-Dave Negrete, 2-Bill Lyman, 3-Gary Tanko, 4-Ed Zak, C-Steve Geroux. **MEN'S 30+** (24) 1-Gary Tanko, 2-Rick Dern, 3-Dave Milazzo, 4-Cliff Gill, C-Keith Mershon(IN). **MEN'S 30+INTERMEDIATE** (10) 1-Keith Mershon(IN), 2-Paul Biggerstaff, S-Scott Hale, S-Ron Thatcher. **MEN'S 35+** (30) 1-Joe Wirkus, 2-A.J. Allen, 3-Roy Wilinius, 4-Dave Olsen, C-Paul Felix. **MEN'S 35+ INTERMEDIATE** (12) 1-Mark Conway, 2-Mike Baker, S-Albert Chidester(IA), S-Glen Bach, C-Tom Newburg. **MEN'S 40+** (16) 1-Dennis McKee, 2-Barry Berger, 3-Mir Rahim, 4-Herb Grigg, C-Doug Nordhaus. **MEN'S 40+ INTERMEDIATE** (9) 1-Gary Stimpfl, 2-Walter Kosogol, S-Mike Swanson, S-Don Belcher(MI), C-George Smuckel.

MEN'S 45+ (13) 1-Marshall Waldo, 2-Ron Johnson, 3-David Young, 4-Pat Taylor, C-Jerry Speiwak. **MEN'S 45+INTERMEDIATE** (11) 1-Vince Toeper, 2-John Eliasik, 3-Elliott Papermaster(WI), 4-Don Glanzer(IA), C-Barry Peckler. **MEN'S 50+** (10) 1-Bill Schram, 2-Barry Holt, 3-Jerry Stoltmann(WI), 4-Howard Spaeth, C-Don Davis. **MEN'S 50+ INTERMEDIATE** (7) 1-Charles Ray(MI), 2-Jim Nelson, S-Pete Foelker(MI), S-Michael Friedman. **MEN'S 60+** (7) 1-Gordon Townes, 2-Jeremiah Lynch, 3-Ken Yahiro, 4-Jack Fitzgerald(WI), C-Ralph Shively.

WOMEN'S OPEN (8) 1-Cheryl Gudinas, 2-Robin Petrini, 3-Laura Olsen, 4-Sue Carow. **WOMEN'S B** (13) 1-Penny Missirlian(NE)(*), 2-Lori Davis, S-Lynn Weisbart, S-Kristine Kopp, C-Kimberlie Hinkes. **WOMEN'S C** (15) 1-Mary Harring(*), 2-Susie Leigh, S-Leslie Brown, S-Pauline Kelly, C-Marge Squeo. **WOMEN'S D** (10) 1-Jo Nixon, 2-Karen French, S-Kathy Miore, S-Barb Bronge. **WOMEN'S 25+** (5) 1-Robin Petrini, 2-Laura Olsen, 3-Deb Gipson, 4-Sara Meline. **WOMEN'S 30+** (8) 1-Laurel Davis, 2-Colleen Shields, 3-Gloria Lang, 4-Laurie Bender, C-Kathy Waggoner. **WOMEN'S 35+(11)** 1-Lynne Farmer, 2-Nancy Kronenfeld, 3-Peggey Woods(IA), 4-Diane DeArmas, C-Bev Powell. **WOMEN'S 35+INTERMEDIATE** (5) 1-Lynn Weisbart, 2-Rosilind Gusinow, S-Susie Leigh, S-Adonna Bierman. **WOMEN'S 40+ INTERMEDIATE** (9) 1-Susie Richardson, 2-Elsie Sehl, S-Rose Steltman(WI), S-Mary Lou Flatis(IN), C-Pauline Kelly.

MIXED ADVANCED DOUBLES (15) 1-Cheryl Gudinas/Ted Huddleston, 2-Joanne Peck/Ray Bruntz, S-Sara Meline/John Leekle, S-?. Guston/?. Markham, C-Laurie Bender/Bill Roberts. **MIXED B/C DOUBLES** (8) 1-?. Davis/?. Jin, 2-?. Thompson/?. Reimers, S-?. Richardson/Mike Baker, S-?. Botkin/?. Conner, C-Joanne Rock/Darren Bozza.

Players (or doubles teams) marked () must play in a higher division in all future events. Players (or doubles teams) marked (*) are subject to Paragraph 3(c)(i) & (ii) of the ISRA Player Eligibility Rule effective June 1, 1988.**

RAMBLINGS FROM THE REGIONALS

* A record number of entries! Over 400 strong with players from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and Nebraska.

* The tournament shirts looked great, and we still have a few small and medium ones left over. If you would like to buy one (\$10 each), please give Alvin Barasch a call at (312) 673-7300.

* Criticisms, comments and even kudos on the tournament are accepted. Send your comments to: AARA Regionals, 400 Yorkfield, Elmhurst, IL 60126. We want to make next year's event even better - So tell us what the problems are!

* Regional Commissioner, Alvin Barasch turned fifty on the first day of the tournament, and was surprised by a large birthday cake procured by Carol Roberts and snuck into the tournament. The *a capella* rendering of "Happy Birthday" by the spectators had an unrecognizable melody, but the spirit was there.

* The \$3 fee for referees vs. \$6 fee for certified referees met with mixed feedback, as did the payment of fees from quarterfinals - on only. Please, let the ISRA Board and ISRA Auxiliary Board know your opinion on this. We'd like to find a way to motivate players to become certified referees!

* Early Sunday morning competitors found a partially clad ISRA Board Member trying to retrieve most of their clothes from the top edge of the glass back wall. How did they get there?

* Bev Powell and Cathy Waggoner couldn't get enough playing time during the tournament. They were spotted on the glass court court at 1 A.M. Sunday morning, polishing their splats.

* A special "Thank You" to Mike and Sara Meline and Susie Richardson who were there all weekend, and Jillayne Rock who was there most of Tuesday night! We couldn't have done it without you.

* Is there anything better on a Sunday morning than eggs, sausage and biscuits with a good cup of coffee at Bob Evan's? They'd like everyone to find out by trying the dinner coupons you all picked up at the tournament.

* Marshall Waldo and Ron Johnson hooked up again in the 45+ finals with Marshall winning this time. Marshall is now 8-4 in finals matches at the Regional and State Championships. He also contributed several cases of assorted liquor to the tournament.

* Gary Tanko drove all the way from Steven's Point, Wisconsin to win the Men's 30+ division, while Penny Missirlian from Omaha took the Women's B. Charles Ray, Inkster, Michigan topped the Men's 50+ intermediate.

* With the inclement weather, it certainly was great to be able to stay in the Charlie Hotel and not have to venture outside. Now, if we could extend that last call at the bar beyond Saturday at 1:00 A.M.

* Our thanks to Charlie Club Manager, John Spinna and his staff for their help throughout the tournament.

— Geoff Peters



ISRA BOARD ACTS ON ELIGIBILITY PETITIONS

Since the beginning of the 1988-1989 season, several players have submitted petitions to the ISRA Board of Directors, seeking to have their tournament eligibility status lowered. The following Board actions resulted:

Nanci Whelan and Barbara Blitzen petitioned the Board on September 8, 1988 to move from Women's Open Doubles to Women's A Doubles. The petition was denied by a vote of 9-0 at the October Board meeting.

Delmer Reed petitioned to move from Men's A to Men's B, November, 1988. Denied 13-0 at the November Board meeting.

Michael Rekamp petitioned to be re-classified to the Men's A Division, November 4, 1988. Accepted 13-0 at the November meeting.

David Becker petitioned to be re-classified to the Men's A Division, December 18, 1988. Accepted by special Board poll.

Brad Mizgate petitioned to be re-classified to the Men's A Division, November 4, 1988. Accepted by special Board poll.

If any ISRA member is uncertain of his or her tournament division eligibility or would like a copy of the ISRA Eligibility Rule, please contact Gloria Lang at (312) 474-3076.

ISRA BY-LAWS AMENDED

The ISRA Board of Directors, at its January 18, 1989 meeting, approved several editorial and procedural amendments to the Association By-Laws. Mike Meline, ISRA Vice-President, submitted recommended changes to the Board that updated the By-Laws in accordance with current AARA Rules and By-Laws. A copy of the ISRA By-Laws is available free to any ISRA member. Write to ISRA Newsletter c/o Bill Piggott, Editor, 20709 Greenwood Ct., Olympia Fields, IL 60461.

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"REF??... WHAT DID YOU CALL!?"

"Ref??... What Did You Call!?" How many times have we all heard (or asked) that question? It's a problem that results, not so often from poor judgment by referees, but mainly from misinterpretation or misunderstanding of the rules. Considering the speed at which the ball travels, it is difficult enough to make an instantaneous call concerning a rule infraction. Add in the lack of confidence many players have about refereeing and you begin to understand the dilemma.

To help solve the problem, the ISRA has established a referee certification program in Illinois. Participation at Regionals was high and we are looking forward to even a greater turnout at the State Singles.

There are three steps to become a certified referee:

1. Attend a one hour, open discussion.
2. Pass a 100 question written exam with a score of 80 or more.
3. Referee ten matches, two of quarter-finals or higher. One match must be supervised by either myself or an appointed official.

At the Regionals, a dual referee fee was offered; \$3.00 for uncertified and \$6.00 for certified referees. We hope that this incentive will help inspire more players to become certified referees. So, if you would like to sharpen your refereeing skills or simply have a better understanding of the rules, sign up for the next available referee clinic at State Singles.

— Rich Clay, ISRA Chairman - Rules & Referees

NEW ISRA OFFICERS SLATED

At the January 25th, 1989 ISRA board meeting, a slate of candidates to serve two year terms was recommended by the ISRA nominating committee, Lori Kaiser, Chairperson. The slate was affirmed by the boardmembers present. In accordance with the ISRA By-Laws, the slate of candidates is being presented to the general membership through the ISRA Newsletter.

The candidates recommended by the ISRA Nominating Committee are:

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Gloria Lang, Lansing
Bill Lyman, Oak Park
Geoff Peters, Elmhurst
Alan Shetzer, Hoffman Estates

Opposing candidates may be nominated at any time, and, at the June 1989 meeting (location to be announced) all members present will vote for candidates of their choice.

HEADS OF STATE MEET AT REGION EIGHT!

1989's first Ektelon/Adult Regional Championship was held February 3, 1989 at the Charlie Club in Palatine, Illinois. A record turnout of over 400 players entered well over 400 events, but posed no problems for repeat tournament director, Geoff Peters. Participants from outside Region Eight traveled from Nebraska, Michigan and Indiana.

Rich Clay, Chairman of the ISRA Referee Certification Program, conducted two clinics during the tournament. In an attempt to increase the number of certified refs, we experimented with paying double fees to all certified refs. Rich believes it is essential to increase the quality of refereeing, not only to build confidence and understanding of the rules, but for safety. A confident referee will better control a match, possibly avoiding injuries. The ISRA is fully committed to the Referee Certification Program. Many spectators agreed that the match of the tournament was the Men's 45+ final. Marshall Waldo retained his title, defeating Ron Johnson, in an 11-8 tie-breaker. The caliber of play was truly "Open", and you cannot find two classier sportsmen than Ron or Marshall.

Talk about going a long way for a match! Penny Missirlian, the Pied Piper of Nebraska's racquetball, brought three juniors; Todd Criger age 12, Troy Shramek 14, Mark Crouse, age 14 and her husband, Art. Troy made it to the semis in the C Division, quarters in B's and Todd gained the quarters in the D Division. Not too shabby for 12-14 year-olds. After talking with Todd, I got the feeling that our adult regional was just a warm-up for his Junior Regionals, and then down to Indiana for the Junior Nationals. From a Junior Commissioner's point of view, these kids were a delight to have around. There was nothing they would not do to help and *nothing they could not do, except keep a straight face in the middle of a rally!* There was no question that these juniors were having a ball. Two other juniors, Dale Johnson from Illinois and Jim Ellenburger of Wisconsin both finished in the quarterfinals of the Open Division.

This year's regionals brought a special event, one that I thought would never happen. *All the Heads Of State did meet at Region Eight.* Sharing the meeting was Rich Clay, newly appointed Illinois AARA and ISRA Junior Director, Bill Roberts, ISRA President & State AARA Director, Jay and Jean Hansen from Iowa and Carol Pellowski of Wisconsin, all AARA Adult and Junior State Directors. There was no question in my mind, that when Juniors Racquetball enthusiasts get together, only positive things happen...and they did! We unanimously agreed that rotating the Junior Regional Championship location each year would greatly benefit the growth of juniors. Two years ago Wisconsin hosted the tournament, 1988 was Illinois' year, and Waterloo, Iowa is the site for 1989. Entries for our Junior Regionals have tripled in the last five years, and we expect a record turnout on April 28. To encourage education, a **Region Eight Scholarship Fund** has been established. Each state will award to a junior player, a \$500 scholarship, this honor to be bestowed at the Adult Regional Championships. One important criteria of this award will be the continuation of racquetball at the collegiate level.

In addition to the championship divisions, we will be experimenting with extra events in order to reach the novice junior player. We are planning for juniors teams from Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin to compete for a Regional Team Title; *the beginning of Team Region Eight.* Grass roots is the key to racquetball's continued growth, and juniors development is the most important aspect of grass roots. State Directors will continue to promote junior's divisions for all tournaments in their state. However, even with all the competition typical of racquetball, our primary goal is that the KIDS HAVE FUN. In that spirit, with the team concept in mind, I feel great to have a TEAM IN REGION EIGHT and it is all thanks to these fabulous "HEADS OF STATE".

— Alvin Barasch, AARA Region Eight Commissioner

Ed. note

The following article appeared in the December, 1988 issue of National Racquetball Magazine, as a letter to the editor. We thought it was well-worth re-printing in the ISRA Newsletter.

MAKE JUNIORS HAPPEN

I read with interest the article in the July issue of *National Racquetball*, "Where have all the racquetball players gone" as written by a California court club owner.

It is high time that club owners take the responsibility for racquetball growth in their own hands and begin to search for ways to help the sport become self-propagating. For too long, the owners rode the crest of the wave of enthusiasm generated by the stupendous growth of the sport in the late 70's and early 80's.

Yes, the balls are faster now, the racquets larger, but as in the Olympic motto - faster, higher, stronger - the manufacturers have been enticed to modern technology to assist the athlete in reaching their greatest potential.

It is time that club owners stop pointing their smoking guns and work together with their state amateur associations and the Racquetball Manufacturers Association to publicize and promote the sport to the youth of America.

In Illinois, we are starting programs, on the cue from surrounding states (Iowa and Wisconsin), along with other progressive states such as Florida, which are geared for Juniors. The only way we will continue to increase participation in racquetball is with Juniors programs. This is an area where club owners can be very helpful by offering Juniors half price memberships in non-prime time hours, setting up Junior leagues, again in non-prime time hours, and soliciting the grade schools, YMCA's and youth clubs for interested participants.

We have started a youth racquetball class at the Lattof YMCA in DesPlaines, Illinois. We had eight youths in our first class and we have grown to over 25 just by word of mouth. The sport, with its excitement and natural ease of learning catches on like brush-fire - only if the wood is kindled.

Racquetball manufacturers could help in these areas as well by sponsoring Junior programs with equipment. Their efforts would be rewarded by the increase of players using their equipment time after time. Lastly, the state associations are capable of sharing their expertise in publicity, organizing tournaments and helping to structure programs for youth racquetball. Most states have a newsletter to inform the entire membership of happenings in their state.

If the club owners, Racquetball Manufacturers Association, and state associations would all work together, we could help the growth and future existence of this great sport.

Bill Roberts
President, Illinois State Racquetball Association

NORTH SUBURBAN YMCA JUNIORS TOURNAMENT

On December 29, 1988, the first Junior Open Racquetball Tournament was held at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook. The one-day event emphasized good sportsmanship and the fun of racquetball, rather than intense competitiveness. The tournament/camp was conceived and directed by racquetball pro and ISRA Boardmember Jordan Kahn.

Seven players, ranging in age from 11 to 17 competed in a 21 point game round robin and finished the competition with a radar-timed Fast-Hit contest. The players, all winners, placed as follows: 1st- Greg Nagle, 17, Deerfield (80 mph); 2nd- Jonathon Graditor, 15, Highland Park (89 mph); 3rd- David Paris, 16, Chicago (104 mph); 4th- Greg Jacobs, 14, Northbrook (76 mph); 5th- Evan Zimmerman, 13, Northbrook (72 mph); 6th- Elliot Sorkin, 13, Northbrook (75 mph); 7th- Bob Mengarelli, Northbrook (63 mph). Junior racquetball lessons, leagues, challenges and tournaments are offered at the North Suburban YMCA. Contact Jordan Kahn at (312) 272-7250.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT "SPRING INTO SUMMER" APRIL 29,30 & MAY 1, 1988 SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS TD: CRAIG TARK

MEN'S OPEN (24) 1- J Newman, 2- T.Sweeney, S- S.Moskwa, S- J. Plazak. **MEN'S A** (8) 1- W. Podraza, 2- B. Wills, S- M.Bogue, S- B.Schram. **MEN'S B** (12) 1- M.Paz(*), 2- B.Hofreiter, S- Oester, S- J.Hotter. **MEN'S C** (13) 1- D.Newett(*), 2- R.Rueger, S- J.Funk, S- G.Parr. **MEN'S D** (20) 1- B.Balch(*), 2- D.Frostholm, S- M.Ackerman, S- T. Caprie. **MEN'S NOVICE** (10) 1- R.Levine, 2- D.Birchok, S- M.Anders, S- M.Petry.

WOMEN'S A (8) 1- L.Hurster, 2- D.DeArmas, S- L. Gates, S- L.Kaiser. **WOMEN'S B** (8) 1- L.Weisbart, 2- K.Kopp, S- C.Falat, S- C.Lu. **WOMEN'S C** (8) 1- M.Harring, 2- S.Giacobazi, S- V.Bolin, S- K.Swanson. **WOMEN'S D** (10) 1- D.Gronkiewicz, 2- W.Pierobon, S- M.Balicki, S- S.Dulay. **No consolation matches reported.**

SOUTHLAKE CLUB FALL CLASSIC TOURNEY Mundeline, Illinois November 11,12,13, 1988

MEN'S OPEN (10) 1-Kissell, 2-B.Houk, S-J.Halek, S-J.Kahn. **MEN'S A** (12) 1-R. Gustin, 2-J. Hertz, S-Sances, S-B. Banks. **MEN'S B** (13) 1-Jin, 2-Bernard, S-Lowrey, S-Locuss. **MEN'S C** (32) 1-Van Doorn(*), 2-Jin, S-Caprile, S-Trendel. **MEN'S D** (29) 1-McDonnell(*), 2-Ellis, S-Broman, S-Kocsis. **MEN'S A DOUBLES** (8) 1-Bono/Houk, 2-Banks/Clay. **MEN'S B DOUBLES** (8) 1-Olson/Mennenoh, 2-Caprile/VanDoorn.

WOMEN'S A (7) 1-V. Sehl, 2-D. Schmidt, S-Sheppard, S-Harrigan. **WOMEN'S B** (7) 1-Markham, 2-Botkin, S-Suzieddis, S-Wolthans. **WOMEN'S C** (5) 1-Ardito, 2-A. Abramczyk, S-K. Gates, S-L.Brown. **WOMEN'S D** (6) 1-F. Gomez, 2-A. Abramczyk, S-J.Burch, S-K.Schultz. **WOMEN'S DOUBLES** (6) 1-Schmidt/Bender 2-Sehl/Markham.

The Healthy Attitude, November 18,19, 1989 TD: Ralph Suca

MEN'S OPEN (7) 1-Mark Monje, 2-Jim Shavocky. **MEN'S A** (16+) 1-Bob Bronke (*), 2-Jim Harper, 3-Bill Edgar. **MEN'S B** (16+) 1-Ed Guziejka(*), 2-Ken Wojetawek, 3-Jim Kraczowski. **MEN'S C** (16+) 1-Terry Jasinski(*), 2-John Tofawell, 3-Larry Rhodes. **MEN'S D** (16+) 1-Dale Goldman(*), 2-Ron Curtis, 3-Ron Vice. No other matches reported.

RIVER CITY TURKEY SHOOT River City Club November 25-27, 1988 TD: Jim Mecha

MEN'S OPEN (19) 1-Jack Newman, 2-Tim Sweeney, S-Jeff Plazak, S-John Negrete. C-Marshall Waldo. **MEN'S B** (18) 1-Mike Ferriera(*), 2-? Horne, S-? Lavery, S-? Zator, C-Not reported. **MEN'S C** (22) 1-Jim Laskero(*), 2-?. Zator, S-Vince Toeper, S-J. Quirk, C-Not reported. **MEN'S D** (18) 1-Mike Scuderi(*), 2-? Bernstein, S-Homer Dillard, S-? Levine, C-Not reported.

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES (8) 1-Jack Newman/John Negrete, 2-Tim Sweeney/Jeff Plazak, S-Glynn Williams/Revie Sorey, S-Steve Geroux/John Bryk, C-Not reported. **MEN'S B/C DOUBLES** (9) 1-Berk/Bernstein, 2-Roblito/Carone, S-Lehman/Durish, S-Favia/Marbock, C-Not reported.

WOMEN'S C (8) 1-Pauline Kelly, 2-Not reported, S-? Stefan, S-? Meldrum, C-Not reported. **WOMEN'S D** (8) 1-Celeste Rhinehart, 2-? Leiman, S-? Meldrum, S-? Leiman, C-Not reported.

8th ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLASSIC Dupage Racquet & Health Club December 9-11, 1988 Addison, Illinois TD: Diane DeArmas

MEN'S OPEN (30) 1-Jack Newman, 2-Tim Sweeney, S-Dave Negrete, S-John Negrete, C-Mike Vrabel. **MEN'S A** (31) 1-Dan Curcio(*), 2-

Scott Martin, S-Bob Baughman, S-Vesevick, C-Linwood Little. **MEN'S B** (42) 1-Lem Rowans(*), 2-Nick Cindric, S-Scott Hale, S-Greg Lio, C-Art Bressler. **MEN'S C** (44) 1-Lem Rowans, 2-Jim Krzecowski, S-James Marbach, S-Mike White, C-Gary Hansen. **MEN'S D** (41) 1-Kim Niederman(*), 2-Fred Cwynar, S-Steve Uhlarik, S-Marc Woodcock, C-Enrie Perone. **MEN'S NOVICE** (10) 1-Brett Clay, 2-Cal Montenegro, S-Mike Arvis, S-Ray Dennis, C-Joe Lesak. **MEN'S 35+** (18) 1-Herb Grigg, 2-Ron Johnson, S-Ken Ratini, S-Marshall Waldo, C-Bruce Nelson.

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES (7) 1-Minor/Moskwa, 2-Sorey/Martin, S-Bustos/Bogue, S-Marin Smith, C-Hill/Coyle. **MEN'S A/B DOUBLES** (10) 1-Mormino/Bourgue, 2-Rubenzer/Zak, S-Berk/Bernstein, S-MiMasi/Cavelier, C-Curcio/DeArmas. **MEN'S C DOUBLES** (14) 1-Becker/Woodcock, 2-Lata/Gilkerson, S-Friedman/Hershinow, S-Kelly/Camacho, C-Laskowski/Connolly.

WOMEN'S OPEN (8) 1-Chris Evon, 2-Sandy Robeson, S-Collen Shields, S-Cheryl Gudinas, C-Martha Gates. **WOMEN'S A** (17) 1-Pam Michaels(*), 2-Gena Weber, S-Kathy Fobes, S-Vicki Sehl, C-Valerie Maynard. **WOMEN'S B** (16) 1-Janet Markham(*), 2-Sara Meline, S-Mindy Roeber, S-Lynn Weisbart, C-Juanita Espinosa. **WOMEN'S C** (23) 1-Terri Bohlman(*), 2-Mary Harring, S-Pam Grace, S-Kathleen Swanson, C-Sue Bracker. **WOMEN'S D** (21) 1-Denise McDonald(*), 2-Leslie Brown, S-Dawn Gates, S-Lynn Iacomini, C-Collette Jordan.

WOMEN'S A DOUBLES (4) 1-Burns/Fobes, 2-Graves/Milojevich. **WOMEN'S B/C DOUBLES** (8) 1-Ryan/Swidorski, 2-Pope/Guinan, S-Moore/Thompson, S-Botkin/Sehl, C-Ford/Cornell.

MIXED OPEN/A DOUBLES (12) 1-Milazzo/Shields, 2-Lyman/Kaiser, S-Meline/Gipson, S-Baughman/Cooling, C-Johnson/Bierman. **MIXED B/C DOUBLES** (14) 1-Ryan/Swidorski, 2-Pope/Guinan, S-Vaccaro/Thorson, S-Benzie/Milazzo, C-Lynch/Bracker.

ADVANCED JUNIORS (9) 1-Steve Uhlarik, 2-Todd Stevens, S-Jeff Michonski, S-Antonio Piron, Q-Mike Ferraro, Q-Dan Jaskier, Q-Joe Reese Q-Manuel Valadez. **INTERMEDIATE JUNIORS** (5) 1-Dan Ferraro, 2-Mike Pope, 3-Joe Carbray, 4-Carrie Jaskier, 5-Mike Banish. **BEGINNERS JUNIORS** (12) 1-Nathan Wray, 2-Jennifer Jaskier, S-Jennifer Guinan, S-Kevin Wiley, Q-Jason Arient, Q-Katie Kowalski, Q-Patrick Melville, Q-Sarah Pope.

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MEN'S OPEN (38) 1-Tim Sweeney, 2-Mike Anderson, S-Eagan Inoue, S-Jack Newman. **MEN'S A** (41) 1-John Leecly(*), 2-Ron Wade, S-Bob Poyo, S-Rob Boughman. **MEN'S B** (58) 1-Lem Rowans(*), 2-Mitch Joseph, S-Kim Niederman, S-Jim Lakero. **MEN'S C** (58) 1-Jay Becker(*), 2-Art Bressler, S-Jim Marbach, S-Bill Moser. **MEN'S D** (46) 1-Mike Wilmot(*), 2-Rodo Sachs, S-Andy Martinez, S-Roy Levine. **MEN'S 30+** (24) 1-Mike Anderson, 2-Jim Derrickson, S-Rick Dern, S-Gary Hunley. **MEN'S 35+** (21) 1-Herb Grig, 2-Greg Mandell, S-Dennis Cassidy, S-Len Restaino. **MEN'S 45+** (13) 1-Ron Johnson, 2-Pat Taylor, S-Fred McNeil, S-Bill Schram. **MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES** (17) 1-Isley/Wright, 2-Johnson/Spiewak, S-Epstein/Slazas, S-Heff/Jeffer. **MEN'S A DOUBLES** (18) 1-Zak/Abney(*), 2-Banks/Clay, S-Bruntz/Cratty, S-Haig/Terrell. **MEN'S B DOUBLES** (24) 1-Mormino/Bourge(*), 2-Carrone/Durish, S-Baker/Rowans, S-Hale/Nitti. **MEN'S C DOUBLES** (21) 1-Pope/Back(*), 2-Marbach/Faira, S-Friedman/Hershinow, S-Robinson/Floyd. **MEN'S 30+ DOUBLES** (15) 1-Cassidy/Regenhardt, 2-Derrickson/Pancoast, S-Meline/Spix, S-Peterson/Cratty.

WOMEN'S OPEN (12) 1-Toni Bevelock, 2-Chris Evon, S-Dana Sibell, S-Cheryl Gudinas. **WOMEN'S A** (22) 1-Vicki Sehl(*), 2-Gena Weber, S-Debbie Schmidt, S-Kathy Fobes. **WOMEN'S B** (19) 1-Joannette Lorenzetti(*), 2-Leslie McMullin, S-Mickey Girup, S-Ruth Gleicher. **WOMEN'S C** (25) 1-Cathleen Swanson(*), 2-Pamela Grace, S-Mary Harring, S-Kelly Shanahan. **WOMEN'S D** (18) 1-Cathy Benzie(*), 2-Jo Nixon, S-Nancy Camacho, S-Karen French. **WOMEN'S A DOUBLES** (9) 1-Houk/Godinez, 2-Cusano/Meline, S-Duncker/Peck, S-Bender/Schmidt. **WOMEN'S B/C DOUBLES** (12) 1-Blitzer/Lu, 2-

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A VIEW FROM THE GALLERY

It happens at every ISRA tournament; hard-won trophies left behind. At the '88 State Doubles in November, a lot of Mixed Doubles players abandoned the gold...both Open semis, both Open consolation winners, an A's semi and two B's semis. The men deserted one each, Men's Open and A's semi and the ladies, an A's semis (well, we know what that one was all about). You'd think the older folks would know better, but semi-finals trophies in Men's 40/45+ and Men's 55+ weren't picked up! After past tournaments, awards forsaken were hoarded in some poor tournament director's garage until divorce threatened, and then junked - not this time. These memorials were promptly returned, disassembled and melted down to return again. C'mon folks, if you win it - take it home!

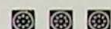


Let the ISRA Board what you think about the recent experimental mixed doubles rule established for the 1988 Illinois State Doubles held last December. The rule stated that, *for only Mixed A, B, and C's, men could not serve hard Z or drive*

serves to the female opponent. Reaction at the tournament from competitors was generally favorable. What do you think? Would such a change benefit the game? Should it apply to all Mixed Doubles Divisions? If not, then which? Write down what you think and send it to ISRA, P.O. Box 2651, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-2651.



Newly elected to the ISRA Governing Board of Directors are **Kimberlie Hinkes and Geoff Peters**, both having served with distinction on the Auxiliary Staff. Congratulations to both.



Letters to the editor of the ISRA Newsletter are welcome. The ISRA is your organization so send your comments and/or questions to: ISRA Newsletter c/o Bill Piggott, 20709 Greenwood Court, Olympia Fields, IL 60461. Interesting letters dealing with items of wide interest will be printed. Also, we'll be glad to consider editorial contributions for publication.

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Morgan/Turks, S-Flynn/Finnegan, S-Eikelberry/McMullin.
MIXED OPEN DOUBLES (13) 1-Sibell/Erikson, 2-Sorey/Bevelock, S-Williams/Giay, S-Milazzo/Shields. **MIXED A DOUBLES** (9) 1-Klopke/Godinez, 2-Walters/Duncker, S-Lopez/Gronkewicz, S-Bruntz/Peck. **MIXED B DOUBLES** (10) 1-Blitzen/Bourges, 2-Davis/Jin, S-Morgan/Cook, S-Botkin/Connor. **MIXED C DOUBLES** (11) 1-Robinson/Schmitz, 2-Moser/Mulrooney, S-Sachs/Harring, S-Henton/Bridges.

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2nd ANNUAL WINDY CITY OPEN
 DOWNTOWN Sports Club
 441 North Wabash
 Chicago, IL 60611
 TD: Joe Brooks
 (312)644-4884
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March 10-12, 1989
ISRA/CHICAGO SUN TIMES ILLINOIS
STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Charlie Club - Palatine
 1300 East Dundee Road
 Palatine, IL 60067
 TD: Al Danielwicz (312) 339-9329
 Susie Richardson (312) 888-1604
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March 17-18, 1989
ST. PATRICK'S DAY OPEN
 Supreme Court Club
 1 Virginia Road
 Crystal Lake, IL 60014
 TD: Judy Strom (815) 455-3300
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PRIZE MONEY

April 7-9, 1989
APRIL FOOL'S OPEN
 Cary Park District
 255 Briargate Road
 Cary, IL 60013
 Geneel Gaylor (312) 639-6100

April 7-9, 1989
FIRST ANNUAL SPRING SHOOTOUT
 Glass Court Swim & Fitness
 830 East Rosavelt Road
 Lombard, IL 60148
 (312) 629-3390
 TD: Jan Duncker/Carol Braje
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April 14-16, 1989
Kankakee Doubles
 Kankakee YMCA
 1075 Kennedy Drive
 Kankakee, Illinois 60901
 Pam Gall (815)933-3346
PRIZE MONEY

April 20-23, 1989
NIELSEN'S SPRING OPEN
 Oak Park Court House
 1135 North Harlem
 Oak Park, IL 60302
 TD: Joanne Peck (312) 848-5200
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April 28-30, 1989
AARA JUNIOR REGIONALS
 Decathlon Club
 1033 Decathlon Drive
 Waterloo, IA 50701
 TD: Jeanne Hansen (319) 988-4284
 INFO: Alvin Barasch (312)673-7300
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May 12-14, 1988
Spring Open Tournament No. 7
 Schaumburg Park District
 505 North Springinsguth Road
 Schaumburg, IL 60194
 TD: Craig Tark

May 24-29, 1989
AARA NATIONAL SINGLES
 Houston Downtown YMCA
 1600 Louisiana Avenue
 Houston, Texas 77002
 Bill Roberts (312)392-8473
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June 24-28, 1989
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