

# THE LOUISIANA RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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## Summing Up State Singles

On the weekend of Oct. 9,10,11, 1981, the LRA, under the command of Chairman Ron Jeter, produced the finest three day tournament ever witnessed in the state of Louisiana. I'm talking of course, about the granddaddy of Louisiana racquetball, the LRA State Singles Championship.

The tournament was held at both of the Wallbanger Court Clubs in Baton Rouge. As always, Mac Faul and Dwayne Beello, managers of the two clubs, proved to be gracious hosts. The level of competition was it's typical high for this type of tourney. I've never seen a more finely organized tournament. There's always the problem of running a little behind in getting the matches on the courts, and this particular weekend was no exception, but that was the only drawback — and a minor one at that. Jeter and company had all of the necessary paperwork well prepared in advance. Whenever we needed help we didn't have to look far. All of the entrants were ready, willing and eager to help out in any way they possibly could. The food was excellent too! We had nacho's, pizza, fruit, jambalaya, sandwiches and other such goodies. I don't think anybody went hungry.

Charlie Brumfield, 5 time National Champion, and author of the infamous column titled "Inside the Master's Mind", completed his week long tour of the state by providing the tournament entrants with two racquetball clinics. One was held on Saturday at the Perkins Road Club. The other was on Sunday, after the awards presentation at the Old Hammond Highway Club. Both proved to be highly informative and his expertise was well received. After listening to his explicit explanations, I suspect we'll be seeing a whole lot more overhead kill shots rapidly developing in the near future!

On Saturday night, approximately 300 people (entrants, club owners, guests, etc.) crowded the Banquet Room of the Holiday Inn to eat good food, drink a little (and I know some of you drank more than "a little") and to raise their glasses together in a toast to Racquetball — the sport that has done so much to change our way of life! The Banquet was dragged out maybe too much by some very long, but necessary and informative speeches. Paul Bruno was obviously the only logical choice to hold the dubious honor of presiding over the dais as the Master of Ceremonies. No one could have raised the already high spirit of everyone in the room, more than he. Ron Jeter, who received a countless number of ovations throughout the course of the evening, opened the program with a summary of his first year in office as Chairman of the LRA. Fred Guillot then tried to define and explain the relatively new and controversial ranking system. There was no question that Fred certainly knows his stuff, but did everyone in the audience understand it? I'm afraid not. Some of the Area Representatives brought us up to date on what's happening in their areas. I sure hope those guys from Alexandria have gotten home from their hunting trips by now! (You had to be there!) The Reps were followed by Charlie Brumfield who spoke of his impressions of racquetball in Louisiana. After spending a week travelling to clubs throughout the state, giving lessons and clinics, Charlie stressed that this is by far, the finest state racquetball organization he's ever had the pleasure of encountering. He's looking forward to returning next summer to set up a Racquetball camp for the juniors in the state. I, for one, agree that this is an area we need to delve more deeply into.

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# Coming Events

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## MARCH

5,6,7, — Club Chamale/Ronald McDonald House Benefit Classic, Slidell, LA.

12, 13, 14 — LOUISIANA STATE VETERANS, SENIORS, MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Houma, LA (Renaissance II)

19, 20, 21 — Greater New Orleans Open, (Off the Wall) New Orleans only.

19,20,21 — Baton Rouge Womens Assn. Invitational, Baton Rouge, LA (Wallbanger) Women only.

## APRIL

2,3,4 — AARA Regionals, Innwood Forest Racquet Club, Houston, TX.

## MAY

15,16,17 — LRA/Wallbanger Open, Wallbanger, Baton Rouge, LA.

7,8,9 — AARA REGIONAL JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIP, Meraux, La. Off the Wall Court Club.

## JUNE

18,19,20 — LOUISIANA STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS, Morgan City, La.

Morgan City Health and Racquet Club

## JULY

16,17,18 — LOUISIANA STATE JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Alexandria, La.

Courtyard Health and Racquet Club

## SEPTEMBER

3,4,5,6 — Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival Labor Day Classic, Morgan City, La. (M.C.H.R.C.)

## OCTOBER

15,16,17 — LOUISIANA STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS, Wallbanger, Baton Rouge, La.

## DECEMBER

10,11,12 — Holiday Classic, Courtyard, Alexandria, La.

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## Award Banquet Results

Best Supporting Club Owner  
DAVID RICHMOND & TODD HALL — L.C.

Best Sportmanship - Female  
MARGARET LEBOUF — M.C.

Most Outstanding Area Representative  
TOMMY GUARISCO -- M.C.

Best Sportsmanship — Male  
TOMMY GUARISCO — M.C.

Outstanding Organization or Company  
Contributing to Racquetball  
UPTON PRINTING CO., — Vinnie Hammel, N.O.

Outstanding Promoter of Juniors Program  
CLIFF ZEARS -- N.O.

Most Improved Male Player  
ROBERT ARCENEUX — L.C.

Top Open Male Player  
MIKE ALMERICO — N.O.

Best Supporting Club  
WALLBANGER — B.R.

Best Supporting Player for Racquetball  
AMY FOSTER — B.R.

Most Improved Female Player  
TAMMY LANDRY — M.C.

Top Women A Player  
AMY FOSTER — B.R.



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After the speeches were finished, special awards were presented to various people throughout the state — some for their outstanding physical abilities on the court and others for their tremendous emotional support and promotion of the LRA and racquetball in general. The main idea behind the awards, and a good idea at that, was to formally and publically say thank you to these fine individuals.

At the close of the meeting portion of the Banquet, Vice-Chairman Duke Besse presented a gift to Ron Jeter from the Executive Committee members. Ron has devoted a numerous amount of hours, sometimes jeopardizing his own job, to building the LRA into one of the most widely recognized and prestigious state Racquetball Associations in the country. He may be controversial at times, he may occasionally run short on tact, he may make some pretty unpopular decisions, and he'll periodically fly off the handle, but he's carrying an extremely heavy load on his shoulders, and few people could deal with that burden at all — let alone as well as he's done. If you need proof of Jeter's effectiveness, just reflect on the growth of the LRA over the period of only one year. Sure there are still a few kinks, but I sincerely trust that Jeter and company will get them ironed out smooth. Ron, that lovely gold ring you're wearing is just a fraction of what you deserve.

After all of the speeches, presentations and acceptances were finished, the D.J. started spinning the records. Everyone got up and danced and drank and had a great time! On Sunday, when some people had to play their semi-final matches, they were unfortunately reminded by the pounding in their heads of exactly how much fun they had had the night before!

Sunday's festivities went as smoothly as they had all weekend. The final rounds of competition were great, as they always are. The tournament officially closed after Jeter handed out the awards, and lead the toast to a terrific weekend, and the end of a very prosperous and productive year in Louisiana Racquetball.

If you think I've been to schmaltzy about the weekend, you obviously didn't partake in any of the festivities. I don't think I could give enough praise to those who deserve it. Never before have I seen such brilliant organization and control put forth by all of those responsible for putting on this tournament. More importantly, never have I seen such phenomenal enthusiasm and enjoyment by the 250 or so participants. Congratulations to all involved — it was super!

Can the next LRA State Singles Championships be any better? I don't know, but I sure can't wait to find out!

Debbie Gatto

## Preferred & Associate Club Listing

One of the new innovations brought in to the L.R.A. over the past few months has been the institution of preferred and associate memberships — for clubs as well as individuals. In the past, members have paid dues to the U.S.R.A., with only a small portion being returned to the L.R.A. for use in its activities.

With this new membership set up, all monies paid by Louisiana racquetball players stay in Louisiana for use in L.R.A. events.

Preferred members share the same benefits as the associate members along with a few extras — such as discounts on entry fees, discounts on hotels, receipts of tournament entries by mail, etc. Preferred clubs are also afforded extra benefits — the most important being given special consideration for hosting statewide tournaments.

The following is a list of the preferred and associate clubs in the state:

**RENAISSANCE II**  
106 Southdown West Blvd.  
Houma, LA 70306  
(504) 868-8473

Number of Courts: 4  
Pro: Clay Braxton

**OFF THE WALL**  
2605 Munster Blvd.  
Meraux, LA 70075  
(504) 277-8414

Number of courts: 10  
Pro: Cliff Zeairs

**MORGAN CITY HEALTH  
& RACQUET CLUB**  
P.O. Box 1962  
Morgan City, LA 70380  
(504) 385-4048

Number of courts: 4  
Pro Tommy Guarisco

**THE COURTYARD**  
5615 Jackson St.  
Alexandria, LA 71301  
(318) 487-4141

Number of courts: 4  
Pro: Bob Southard

**WALLBANGER I**  
10473 Old Hammond Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
(504) 923-2793

Number of courts: 12  
Pro: None

**WALLBANGER II**  
7069 Perkins Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
(504) 769-4120

### Associate Club Listing

**RIVER CENTER TENNIS  
& RACQUETBALL CLUB**  
600 S. Front Blvd.  
P.O. Box 30728  
New Orleans, LA 70190  
Number of courts: 8  
Phone: (504) 568-9118

**RACQUETBALL ONE**  
1300 One Shell Square Annex  
New Orleans, LA 70139  
Number of courts: 6  
Phone: (504) 522-2956

**RED LERILLE'S**  
117 Doucet Road  
Lafayette, LA 70503  
Number of courts: 12  
Phone: (318) 984-7738

**RACQUETBALL PLUS**  
2138 Stumpf Blvd.  
Gretna, LA 70053  
Number of courts: 7  
Phone: (504) 362-2760

**COURT KING**  
10080 Morrison Road  
New Orleans, LA 70127  
Number of Courts: 6  
Phone: (504) 246-0666

**OAKDALE ADULT RECREATION  
CENTER**  
7th Street  
Oakdale, Louisiana 71463  
Number of courts: 2  
Phone: (318) 981-0104

**FOXY'S HEALTH & RACQUET CLUB**  
4343 Rhoda Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
Number of courts: 8  
Phone: (504) 292-6030

**CLUB CHAMALE'**  
No.90 Chamale' Cove West  
Slidell, LA 70458  
Number of courts: 4  
Phone: (504) 649-2500





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## NATIONAL LITE ACADIAN OPEN

### Open

- 1st Mike Almerico, N.O.
- 2nd Skip Merrill, Dallas
- 3rd Bill Land, Shreve
- 4th Jeff Hartsler, Houston
- Con. Paul George, Lake Charles

### Men's A

- 1st Gary Fontenot, L.C.
- 2nd Gene Mann, Lafayette
- 3rd Jerry Rodaske, L.C.
- 4th Fred Guillot, B.R.
- Con. Jimmy Haney, B.R.

### Men's B

- 1st Jack Gruner, B.R.
- 2nd Todd Hall, L.C.
- 3rd John Fellerin, B.R.
- 4th Chris Guarisco, M.C.
- Con. Pete Romero, L.C.

### Men's C

- 1st Art Beauchamp, Laf.
- 2nd Dennis Harper, Oakdale
- 3rd Steve Robinson, L.C.
- 4th Greg Ray, L.C.
- Con. Jimmy Fusilier, L.C.

### Men's D

- 1st Troy Phelps, Houma
- 2nd Gary Turner, L.C.
- 3rd B.J. Thomas, Laf.
- 4th Willie Derrins, L.C.
- Con. Michael Fusilier, L.C.

### Women's A

- 1st Cammy Coyne, L.C.
- 2nd Brenda Jacobs, L.C.
- 3rd Amy Foster, B.R.
- 4th Terri Andrews, B.R.
- Con. Tammy Landry, M.C.

### Women's B

- 1st Margaret LeBouef, M.C.
- 2nd Laura Haney, B.R.
- 3rd Carol Williams, L.C.
- 4th Joanne Schneider, B.R.
- Con. Brenda George, L.C.

### Women's C

- 1st Carol Kysar, L.C.
- 2nd Alice Boudreau, M.C.
- 3rd Maureen Brierty, L.C.
- 4th Pam Tynes, L.C.

### Women's D

- 1st Donna Sanders, L.C.
- 2nd Brenda Leper, L.C.
- 3rd Joan Huesters, Laf.
- 4th Brenda Washburn, L.C.
- Con. Anne Marino, L.C.

### Mixed Doubles

- 1st George/Williams, L.C.
- 2nd Jeter/Moreau, B.R.
- 3rd Guarisco/Landry, M.C.
- 4th Faget/Andrews, B.R.



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## LRA STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Wallpaper Court Club  
Oct. 9, 10, 11

### OPEN

- 1st Mike Almerico, N.O.
- 2nd Paul George, L.C.
- 3rd Cliff Zeira, N.O.
- 4th Cecil Vega, N.O.
- Con. Rick Chiquelin, B.R.

### Men's A

- 1st Randy Kysar, L.C.
- 2nd Don Ellerman, B.R.
- 3rd Troy Palisi, B.R.
- 4th Tommy Coyne, L.C.
- Con. Clay Braxton, Houma

### Men's B

- 1st Oscar Concepcion, B.R.
- 2nd Mike Woodruff, Shreve
- 3rd Bryan Hebert, N.O.
- 4th Mike Leveque, L.C.
- Con. Terry Pesson, B.R.

### Men's C

- 1st John Hogsett, L.C.
- 2nd Art Beauchamp, Laf.
- 3rd Peter Trauscht, Laf.
- 4th James Bergeron, Houma
- Con. Wayne George, L.C.

### Men's D

- 1st Jerry Fornby, Shreve
- 2nd Carl Richard, Laf.
- 3rd Gregory Fischer, N.O.
- 4th John Cook, Monroe
- Con. Josh Seidenberg, L.C.

### LADIES A

- 1st Renee Hebert, N.O.
- 2nd Amy Foster, B.R.
- 3rd Kristen Swigart, B.R.
- 4th Terri Andrews, B.R.
- Con. Tammy Landry, M.C.

### Ladies B

- 1st Marsha Richards, B.R.
- 2nd Margaret LeBouef, M.C.
- 3rd Joyce Annette, N.O.
- 4th Janice Cline, N.O.
- Con. Laura Haney, B.R.

### Ladies C

- 1st Connie Iulii, N.O.
- 2nd Faye Spradley, B.R.
- 3rd Karen Taylor, N.O.
- 4th Liz Barthel, B.R.
- Con. Judy Steele, B.R.

### Ladies D

- 1st Lisa Ann Bergeron, Houma
- 2nd Pauline Childs, B.R.
- 3rd Ashley Elcher, B.R.
- 4th Donna Sanders, L.C.
- Con. Maureen Brierty, L.C.



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## WALLPAPER/LRA HOLIDAY OPEN

Dec. 4, 5, 6, 1981

### Open

- 1st Jay Schwartz, Fla.
- 2nd Lance LeCout, N.O.
- 3rd Mike Almerico, N.O.
- 4th Jerry Winsberg, N.O.
- Con. Paul George, L.C.

### Men's A

- 1st Guy Faget, B.R.
- 2nd Jess Stewart, L.C.
- 3rd Richard Broadwell, N.O.
- 4th Jimmy Haney, B.R.
- Con. Jeff Hutchinson, B.R.

### Men's B

- 1st Bret Lofton, B.R.
- 2nd Harold Moise, B.R.
- 3rd John Fellerin, B.R.
- 4th Byron Williams, B.R.
- Con. John Stephens, B.R.

### Men's C

- 1st Neil Koger, B.R.
- 2nd Charles De Bartolo, N.O.
- 3rd Perry Campagna, Chalmette
- 4th Gerald Parent, B.R.
- Con. Keith Kyle, B.R.

### Men's D

- 1st Troy Phelps, Houma
- 2nd Corey Gomez, B.R.
- 3rd Scott Ehret, N.O.
- 4th Charles Moore, Houma
- Con. Ben Morrison, B.R.

### Men's 35 Plus

- 1st Don Ellerman, B.R.
- 2nd Charles De Bartolo, N.O.
- 3rd Maurice Tynes, L.C.
- 4th Jerry Winsberg, N.O.
- Con. Scott Shean, B.R.

### Mixed Doubles

- 1st Schwartz/Burkett, Fla.
- 2nd LeCout/Landry, N.O./M.C.
- 3rd George/Williams, L.C.
- 4th Faget/Cook, N.O.

### Women's A

- 1st Jodi Silar, Laf.
- 2nd Tammy Landry, M.C.
- 3rd Terri Andrews, B.R.
- 4th Amy Foster, B.R.

### Women's B

- 1st Margaret LeBouef, M.C.
- 2nd Brenda Jacobs, L.C.
- 3rd Melissa Gluffria, Miss.
- 4th Joanne Schneider, B.R.
- Con. Debbie Gatto, B.R.

### Women's C

- 1st Faye Spradley, B.R.
- 2nd Jackie Dennis, B.R.
- 3rd Alice Boudreau, M.C.
- 4th Kelly Ehret, N.O.
- Con. Lisa Bergeron, Houma

### Women's D

- 1st Debbie Tracclair, Houma
- 2nd Pam Ivy, B.R.
- 3rd Jeanette Dabbs, B.R.
- 4th Carolyn McQuinn, B.R.
- Con. Sue Warnock, B.R.



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## COURTYARD 3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Dec. 11, 12, 13

### Open

- 1st Paul George, L.C.
- 2nd Bo Champagne, B.R.
- 3rd Robert Arneaux, L.C.
- 4th Randy Kysar, L.C.
- Con. Gene Mann, Laf.

### Men's A

- 1st Gene Mann, Laf.
- 2nd Mon Jeter, B.R.
- 3rd Guy Faget, B.R.
- 4th Fred Guillot, B.R.
- Con. Jack Bean, Alex.

### Men's B

- 1st Art Beauchamp, Laf.
- 2nd Dick Godeke, Alex.
- 3rd Dick Christian, Ruston
- 4th Claude Patrick, Alex.
- Con. Sam Coker, Hatch.

### Men's C

- 1st David Bowzee, Leesville
- 2nd Jorge Vega, Ft. Polk
- 3rd Lloyd Giblin, B.R.
- 4th Steve Gray, L.C.
- Con. Rick Vereen, Alex.

### Mixed Doubles

- 1st Jeter/Moreau, B.R.
- 2nd George/Williams, L.C.
- 3rd Kysar/Kysar, L.C.
- 4th George/Coyne, L.C.

### Women's A

- 1st Judy Lynch, Alex.
- 2nd Liz Moreau, Alex.
- 3rd Carolyn Barnett, Texas
- 4th Cammy Coyne, L.C.

### Women's B

- 1st Jackie Gain, Ruston
- 2nd Cissie Texasda, Alex.
- 3rd Carol Williams, L.C.
- 4th Brenda George, L.C.

### Women's C

- 1st Pam Tynes, L.C.
- 2nd Elaine Osman, Texas
- 3rd Carol Kysar, L.C.
- 4th Tamara Hart, Texas
- Con. Cheri Micket, L.C.

### Women's D

- 1st Lorry Perry, B.R.
- 2nd Sue Tranchina, B.R.
- 3rd Liz Barthel, B.R.
- 4th Teresa Kearney, B.R.
- Con. Helyn Lamb, Laf.



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### Ladies A

- 1st Tammy Landry, M.C.
- 2nd Sandra Iulii, B.R.
- 3rd Valerie Shean, B.R.
- 4th Lee Ann Seimoneaux, B.R.
- Con. Judy Lynch, Alexandria

### Ladies B

- 1st Beth Jamison, Laf.
- 2nd Barbara Jones, Alex.
- 3rd Alledia Laird, N.O.
- 4th Judy Steele, B.R.
- Con. Susan Pitts, Laf.

### Ladies C

- 1st Lorry Perry, B.R.
- 2nd Sue Tranchina, B.R.
- 3rd Liz Barthel, B.R.
- 4th Teresa Kearney, B.R.
- Con. Helyn Lamb, Laf.

### Ladies D

- 1st Debby Broussard, Laf.
- 2nd Betty McCord, B.R.
- 3rd Beverly Coursey, B.R.
- 4th Sharon Ramirez, Laf.
- Con. Elizabeth Craven, B.R.

### Ladies A Doubles

- 1st Dulgart/Silar, B.R.-Laf.
- 2nd Shean/Andrews, B.R.
- 3rd Moreau/Lynch, B.R.
- 4th DiPoala/Dwain, B.R.

### Ladies B Doubles

- 1st Bonfanti/Lumpkin, B.R.
- 2nd Jones/Miller, Alexandria
- 3rd Williams/George, L.C.
- 4th Steele/Stone, B.R.

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BHWA/LRA INVIT.  
 Nov. 6 - 8 1981

### Ladies A

- 1st Jodie Silar, Laf.
- 2nd Tammy Landry, M.C.
- 3rd Terri Andrews, B.R.
- 4th Amy Foster, B.R.
- Con Marcia Richards, B.R.

### Ladies B

- 1st Margaret LeBouef, M.C.
- 2nd Wanda Bonfanti, B.R.
- 3rd Laura Haney, B.R.
- 4th Debbie Gatto, B.R.
- Con Faye Spradley, B.R.

### Ladies C

- 1st Becky Martin, B.R.
- 2nd Jane Lynn, B.R.
- 3rd Cindra Dorhauser, B.R.
- 4th Beverly Coursey, B.R.
- Con Darralyn Delaughter, B.R.

### Ladies D

- 1st Susan Pitts, Laf.
- 2nd Sue Tranchina, B.R.
- 3rd Heliya Mc Kenzie, B.R.
- 4th Teresa Fearney, B.R.
- Con Ashley Eicher, B.R.

### Ladies A Doubles

- 1st Silar/Swigart, Laf./B.R.
- 2nd Andrews/Shean, B.R.
- 3rd Haney/Seigel, B.R.
- 4th Reynolds/Foster, B.R.
- Con Gatto/Hunt, B.R.

### Men's A Doubles

- 1st Cuilliot/Harris, B.R.
- 2nd Pellerin/Landry, B.R.
- 3rd Jeter/Haney, B.R.
- 4th Lindig/Pesson, B.R.
- Con Dennis/Conception, B.R.



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RACQUETBALL PLUS OPEN  
 Nov. 13, 14, 15, 1981

### Men's 30 Plus

- 1st Jerry Wintersberg, N.O.
- 2nd Chuck Moreland, N.O.
- 3rd Billy Kidd, N.O.
- 4th Duke Besse, N.O.

### Open

- 1st Cliff Teairs, N.O.
- 2nd Mike Almerico, N.O.
- 3rd Ricky Gonzales, N.O.
- 4th Troy Patisel, B.R.
- Con Tommy Guarisco

### Men's A

- 1st Greg Kisson, Chalmette
- 2nd Tim LaBonne, N.O.
- 3rd Rowelly Sewell, N.O.
- 4th Art Arnold, Chalmette
- Con Jimmy Haney, B.R.

### Men's B

- 1st Carl Plegg, Piloxi
- 2nd Jack Grover, B.R.
- 3rd Mike LaBonne, N.O.
- 4th Arthur Harris, N.O.
- Con Tom Mortman, N.O.

### Men's C

- 1st Peter Trausht, Laf.
- 2nd Charles DeBartolo, M.O.
- 3rd Joseph Smith, N.O.
- 4th Byron Williams, B.R.
- Con Wayne Clinkscales, Gretna

### Men's D

- 1st Jorge Vega, N.O.
- 2nd W. Fernandez, Chalmette
- 3rd Robert Holland, Laf.
- 4th Dennis Duvenay, M.O.
- Con Scott Ehret, N.O.

### Mixed Doubles

- 1st Guarisco/Foster, B.R.
- 2nd Gonzales/Robert
- 3rd Zeira/Besse
- Con Moreland/Debert

### Women's A

- 1st Amy Foster, B.R.
- 2nd Sue Besse, N.O.
- 3rd Nancy Schafes, N.O.
- 4th Bonnie Rozant, N.O.
- Con Kerry Cook, N.O.

### Women's B

- 1st Toni Guthrie, N.O.
- 2nd Malissa Giuffria, Miss.
- 3rd JoAnne Roberts, N.O.
- 4th Mary Hamlin, Harvey
- Con Laura Haney, B.R.

### Women's C

- 1st John Harris, Metairie
- 2nd Michelle LaBonne, N.O.
- 3rd Toni Van Zandt, Laf.
- 4th Tanya Chaisson, N.O.
- Con Susanne Shean, N.O.

### Women's D

- 1st Susan Schultz, N.O.
- 2nd Sue Ewyer, Chalmette
- 3rd Mary Delcambre, St. Martin
- 4th Pat Fritts, N.O.
- Con Dawn Gerzetta, N.O.

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CLUB CHAMPALE' CHRISTMAS INVITATIONAL  
 December 17, 19

### Men's A

- 1st Jimmy Haney, B.R.
- 2nd Duke Besse, N.O.
- 3rd Carlton Tedrick, Slidell
- 4th Lynn Sims, Slidell
- Con Cyril Hentrie, Metairie

### Men's B

- 1st Chris Guarisco, M.C.
- 2nd Neil Roger, B.R.
- 3rd David Damer, Gretna
- 4th Manny Barrocco, Kenner
- Con Greg Davis, N.O.

### Men's C

- 1st Malcolm Ortega, Chalmette
- 2nd Kerry Campagne, Chalmette
- 3rd Steve Nines, Florida
- 4th Gary Abraham, N.O.
- Con Mike Rock, Chalmette

### Men's D

- 1st Troy Phelps, Houma
- 2nd Scott Ehret, Gretna
- 3rd Fred Litchler, Slidell
- 4th Dudley McDaniel, Slidell
- Con Skip Talley, Gulfport

### Women's A

- 1st Amy Foster, B.R.
- 2nd Nancy Schafer, Covington
- 3rd Sue Besse, N.O.
- 4th Malissa Giuffria, Gulfport
- Con Kerry Cook, N.O.

### Women's B

- 1st Charlene Chatham, Slidell
- 2nd Cindy Mucia, Slidell
- 3rd Trina Drury, Mandeville
- 4th JoAnn Blackwell, Slidell
- Con Kelly Ehret, Gretna

### Women's C

- 1st Grace Litchler, Slidell
- 2nd Leanne Abraham, N.O.
- 3rd Sharon LeBlanc, Slidell
- 4th Pam Drury, Chalmette

### Junior's 15 & under

- 1st Willie Fernandez, Chalmette
- 2nd Brett Hentrie, Kenner
- 3rd George Halprin, Kenner
- 4th Greg Camet, Metairie
- Con Duke Besse, Jr., N.O.



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MARCH OF DIMES  
 Shreveport, LA.  
 January 15, 16, 17

### Open

- 1st Bill Land, Shreveport
- 2nd Andy Hodges, Shreveport
- 3rd Lance LaCour, New Orleans
- 4th Kenny Falhlanen, San Antonio
- Con Ray Atkinson, Dallas

### Men's A

- 1st Jim Holder, Barksdale, AFB
- 2nd Mark Morris, Shreveport
- 3rd Michael Woodruff, Shreveport
- 4th Gene Mann, Lafayette
- Con Thomas Brown, Shreveport

### Men's B

- 1st Keith Fern, Shreveport
- 2nd Kevin Crain, Ruston
- 3rd Gary Fitzpatrick, Shreveport
- 4th Robert Wisby, Shreveport
- Con William Greiser, Allen

### Men's C

- 1st James Smith, Houston
- 2nd Carlos Berroteran, Shreveport
- 3rd Jack Lee, Shreveport
- 4th Steve Coughlin, Mesquite, TX
- Con David Hummel, Shreveport

### Men's D

- 1st Robin Rodaker, Houston
- 2nd Patrick Lee, Barksdale, AFB
- 3rd William Ringler, Haughton
- 4th Brown Dosssett, Shreveport
- Con Robert Cross, Shreveport

### Mixed Doubles

- 1st Land/Land, Shreveport
- 2nd Warnick/Kuykendall, Dallas
- 3rd Johnson/Ledford, Shreveport

### Women's A

- 1st Virginia Luncomb, Longview
- 2nd Irene Hodges, Shreveport
- 3rd Susan Simpson, Athens, TX
- 4th Raye Berroteran, Shreve.

### Women's C

- 1st Deborah Nemits, Bossier CI
- 2nd Deborah Slaughter, Shreve.
- 3rd Mary Ann Hales, Shreveport
- 4th Elaine Camun, Mac, TX
- Con Cindy Johnson, Shreveport

### Men's A Doubles

- 1st Jeter/Almerico, B.R./N.O.
- 2nd Arcosowitz/Fern, Dallas
- 3rd Holder/Clark, Barksdale
- 4th Mann/Beauchamp, Lafayette

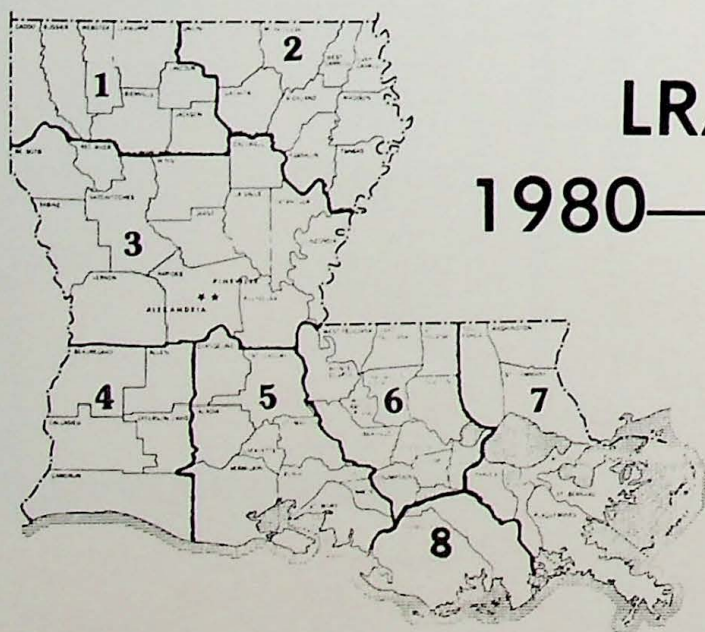
### Men's B Doubles

- 1st Hay/Wisby, Shreveport
- 2nd Greaser/Coughlin, Shreve.
- 3rd Morehead/Lloyd, Shreveport
- 4th Berroteran/Perry, Shreve.



# COMPLETE TALLIED RANKINGS

<b>Men's Open</b>		<b>Men's D</b>		<b>Women's D</b>		<b>Women's A Doubles</b>		<b>Men's Seniors 35 B</b>	
Mike Almerico	4352	Scott Ehret	232	Jan Ezzell	104	Merrill/Hebert	1040	Charlie Pfister	480
Bill Land	2220	Greg Morris	218	Debbie Trosclair	103	Swigart/Salemi	832	Scott Shean	360
Paul George	2114	Tony Anderson	214	Carol Mohundro	98	Lynch/Moreau	773	Harry Simpson	333
Bo Champagne	1908	Richard Harris	210	Susan Schultz	86	Reynolds/Foster	744	Harry Sherburne	300
Lance Lacour	1908	Mike Boudreaux	209	Molly Duffy	83	Denham/Dipoala	520	Ed Ryan	120
Cliff Zeairs	1426	Willie Dering	206	M. Mann	83	Gatto/Hunt	412	B. Rochold	120
Robert Arceneaux	857	W. Fernandez	194	Cherly Mandola	82	Andrews/Shean	382	Whipper Baudin	120
Ricky Gonzales	836	Donald Hebert	192	Debbie Broussard	82	Swigart/Lumpkin	328	Pete Adams	120
Mike Kee	784	Patrick Landry	184	Vicki Hogan	79	Silar/Swigart	320	Willard Dugas	120
Tom Guarisco	772	Bob Bayless	180	Maureen Brierty	77	Duncan/Loustalot	312	Art Conlon	107
<b>Men's A</b>		<b>Women's A</b>		<b>Mixed Doubles</b>		<b>Women's B Doubles</b>		<b>Men's Seniors 35 A</b>	
Ron Jeter	1102	Amy Foster	3623	Williams/P. George	2093	Evans/Cook	124	Ron Jeter	1440
Fred Guillot	1097	Renee Hebert	1966	Moreau/Jeter	1776	Hardwick/May	89	Wallace Hardy	1131
Tommy Coyne	1096	Terri Andrews	1936	Landry/Guarisco	1153	Jeter/Burnham	71	Doug Moreau	945
Don Ellerman	1042	Jody Silar	1819	Foster/Guillot	1059	Duncan/Thibodeaux	43	Joe Hero	616
Gary Fontenot	1003	Lizz Moreau	1633	Land/Land	759	Gatto/Hunt	32	Don Ellerman	560
Gene Mann	790	Kristen Swigart	1411	Schwartz/Burkett	648	Siegel/Madaffari	24	Claude Patrick	527
Chuck Moreland	726	Tammy Landry	1022	Lacour/Landry	576	Schneider/Bourque	21	Chuck Moreland	400
Jeff Kindl	678	Bonnie Bozant	841	Guarisco/Foster	469	Hays/Thilmony	18	Otto Schoenfeld	360
Paul Bruno	630	Sue Besse	811	Kyzar/Kyzar	436	Stone/Bartlett	18	Duke Besse	312
Duke Besse	620	Cammie Coyne	760	Gonzales/Roberts	416	Kyzar/Tynes	18	Fred Guillot	259
<b>Men's B</b>		<b>Women's B</b>		<b>Men's A Doubles</b>		<b>Men's Veterans 30</b>		<b>Men's Masters 45</b>	
Terry Pesson	536	Joanne Schneider	461	Marschall/Moreau	2004	Billy Kidd	1752	Joe Hero	1040
Whipper Baudin	532	Marsha Richards	421	Gonzales/Gomila	1428	Rick Chiquelin	1595	Don Gunther	693
Aaron Johnson	513	Dyanne Lumpkin	397	Jeter/Guillot	1376	Wallace Hardy	1520	Dorsey Boulton	400
Dennis Drury	512	Brenda George	389	Holliday/Chiquelin	896	Chuck Moreland	1412	Joe Kite	213
Art Harris	488	Eileen Beard	297	George/Arceneaux	868	Jeff Kindl	1219	Ben Voorhies	213
Donnie Rochelle	471	Susan Evans	288	Almerico/Baudin	636	Jerry Winsberg	1192	Ed Ryan	160
Jay Donelon	469	Toni Guthrie	285	Coyne/Kyzar	588	Bob Soule	1105	Bill Texada	107
Mark Bregenzer	458	Tiny Richard	273	Lacour/Land	520	Duke Besse	995	Clovis Morrison	80
Jerry Windig	455	Wanda Bonfanti	247	Pellerin Landry	480	Paul Bruno	760		
Dennis Bishop	450	Cissie Texada	222	Almerico/Hutchinson	456	Bill Savard	587	<b>Juniors</b>	
<b>Men's C</b>		<b>Women's C</b>		<b>Men's B Doubles</b>		<b>Women's Veterans 30</b>		Mike Bock	724
Dwain Deville	399	Michelle Labonne	233	Hall/Rodaski	199	Sue Besse	624	Kell Koger	584
Drew Siegel	368	Carol Kyzar	213	Satawa/Satawa	181	Joan Dipoala	392	Mike Steib	484
Jim Fuseller	366	Liz Barthel	213	Haney/Ellerman	163	Sandy Ellerman	280	Tony Patrick	480
Quinn Barefield	356	Dinah Free	202	Kordisch/Gray	148	Beth Wilson	224	Beth Jamison	192
John Santandrea	344	Margaret Stone	194	Hentz/Steib	144	Cissie Texada	224	Bret Hentze	466
David Russo	334	Pam Tynes	188	Crochet/Guarisco	136	Margaret LeBoeuf	160	Derrick Ellerman	448
Gary Abraham	317	Barbara Lewis	184	Savard/Simpson	128	Dianne Hoffpauier	128	K. Rogers	416
Buzzy Anding	315	Marianne McIntyre	181	Palisi/Steib	128	Dyanne Lumpkin	32	Ben Eshleman	392
Greg Ney	314	Johnnie Fox	175	Barbarich/Donelon	120			Quinn Barefield	360
Jay Bravo	304	Lorey Horton	174	Sherburne/McDowell	96				



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**1980—1982**

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INFORMATION



# CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

*Since the State Singles in October the L.R.A. has really opened a few eyes and turned many heads. For example, several letters were written to our office complaining about the Senior Format throughout the state. Also complaints concerning workers for tournaments getting reimbursed for fee and mileage. A note of disagreement on how the money matters are handled by this office:*

*It's a strange feeling that just one year ago with no money to operate and begging club owners to give us, the players, a chance to play racquetball, until today, we have at least gotten people interested in giving their two cents. I still worry just how far two cents (2c) will get you at today's rates.*

*On a good note, our association has grown from 0 to 250 members in three months; club membership from 0 to 15. As of the end of February any club hosting or players participating in a L.R.A. Sanctioned Tournament must become either an associate or preferred member.*

*At the first of the year Shreveport's Nautilus Total Concept Club hosted the MARCH OF DIMES BENEFIT, it turned out to be the largest tournament in North Louisiana history, one week later, the B.R.W.R.A. hosted the AMERICAN DIABETES TOURNAMENT, at the Wallbanger, also the largest tournament ever for that annual event, one week later, Rivercenter 2nd Annual Open produced 302 entries to make it the 2nd largest tournament held in La. in the last three years. It's ironic to read an article in a national magazine telling us the tournaments are on the decline and players have lost interest, I wish he could have been with me in January.*

*On a serious note: I would like to thank the players for not only supporting your association but turning out for these charitable events. Remember, we have another coming up in March to help build on the RONALD McDONALD HOUSE in New Orleans. Club Chamale' is the host for this greatly needed benefit tournament set for March 5,6,7, 1982. Looking forward to seeing you there.*

Your Chairman  
RON JETER

P.S. Please keep the letters and cards coming!

## Charlie Brumfield

Before I begin this exclusive instructional series, congratulations are in order to Ron Jeter and everyone in the organization of the LRA. Their efforts have aided in the rapid rise in quality of Louisiana racquetball. Fred Guillot's computerized rating system is the talk of the more backward draw chairmen around the country. But Louisiana's main accomplishment has been in meshing high quality RB competition into a social happening. Everyone enjoys themselves, not just the open players or trophy winners. Isn't that what the finest of sports is all about?

At the state singles tourney, the weakest area of play from the open on down was shot selection on serve return. Many players hit far too many balls cross court to their opponent's forehands. This selection often results in points going on the board faster than a malfunctioning PacMan. There are several reasons why

the DOWN THE LINE should be the staple return for most players:

1. If two righties are playing each other, the "rail" return goes to the backhand, which is also known in the C division as the "land of no return."

2. The shortest distance to pass your opponent if he serves to your left is straight down the line. If you go cross court — you are choosing the hypotenuse route which is longer in addition to going to the stronger forehand.

3. When a player hits a forehand properly, he can hit from much deeper in this stance thus effectively making the passing distance even longer.

4. 75% of all balls go cross court. (This either comes in the form of a cross court drive or a pinch shot). Therefore, if you can school yourself to go down the line, the odds are increased that your next shot will be a forehand.

It will take several months for your down the line to take shape without having to constantly think about it. Stick with it in practice and you will improve

## AS THE RACQUET TURNS

The New Orleans Women's Racquetball Association was organized on October 17, 1981 by the following Executive Committee members:

Chairman ..... Kerry Cook  
Vice Chairman ..... Sue Besse  
Treasurer ..... Toni Blankman  
Secretary ..... Cheryl Hentze  
Activities ..... Joyce Annett  
Publicity ..... Bonnie Bozant

The purpose of the organization is to promote and work for women's interests in racquetball in the New Orleans area. NOWRA plans to accomplish this by sponsoring monthly activities, which will allow members to get acquainted with new players, learn more about racquetball, and participate in competitive events. Functions will be held at clubs interested in hosting NOWRA activities. Currently 11 clubs in the New Orleans area. NOWRA plans to accomplish this by sponsoring monthly activities, which will allow members to meet new players, learn more about racquetball, and participate in competitive events. Functions will be held at clubs interested in hosting NOWRA activities. Currently 11 clubs in the New Orleans area have a representative on the NOWRA board. In less than 3 months membership has reached 150.

The membership drive was kicked off with Top 20 night at Racquetball One on Oct. 30, 1981. Following on Nov. 6-7, the first NOWRA tournament was held at Rivercenter. It was considered a big success, as many of the 40 participants played in their first racquetball tournament. Activities continued with a Turkey Shoot at Club Chamale and clinic by Cliff Zeairs at Off The Wall.

by at least 5 points.

Take a few lessons from your local pro but have him or her emphasize the crucial down the line area of your game. Keep checking your LRA bulletin for information of my next Louisiana camp. Believe me, we'll learn it there.

Concentrate on one fundamental until you see me again — ERP — (Early racquet preparation). It is imperative to turn your shoulders and get your racquet back as soon as possible. I try to do it by the time the ball hits the front wall.

Charlie Brumfield  
5 Time World Champ  
and holder of all Titles



# L.R.A. Executive Committee Meeting

Sat., Dec. 5, 1981  
Sheraton Hotel, B.R., LA

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by chairman, Ron Jeter.

The first topic of discussion was the status of the checking account. Ron stated that at present the account has the total amount of \$12,000.00. This balance does not include some accounts payable or the reimbursement, to Ron Jeter, which was approved by the executive board before the State Tournament. At the present time CPA, Sanford Comeaux, of Lafayette, is conducting a complete audit of the LRA books.

The growth of the LRA was next discussed. Many feel that the L.R.A. has grown faster than was anticipated. Are we having too many sanctioned tournaments? It was suggested by Mac Faul, Wallbanger Preferred Club Member, that maybe a vote should be taken to determine the number of sanctioned tournaments we should have. Ron, then went through the guidelines of who would have a vote. (Executive Board, Area Reps, Preferred Club Owners or their proxy). It was decided to discuss this later in the meeting.

Ron next brought up the topic of committees that the executive board has discussed as a means to iron out problems the LRA might be faced with and to make the LRA more productive for all its members by letting members be assigned to these committees so they can deal with the problems at hand themselves. The committees are: Ranking Comm., Grievance Comm., Funds Comm., and Rules and Referee Comm. Fred Guillot briefly discussed the Ranking Committee, stating it was open for any idea how it can be improved and let everyone know that he is now working with a graduated research group at USL in Lafayette on improving the system, that it will take much work to do so and that this can not be done alone, LRA simply needs help to iron out the problems of the ranking system, if there be any. Tony Carter also suggested that a Membership Committee be added or maybe just added to the Funds Committee, to help promote Membership in the LRA of all racquetballers. Duke Besse mentioned to everyone in attendance that any one can be on these committees. Motion was made that the committees be amended into the LRA By-Laws by Todd Hall and seconded by Tommy Guarisco. Vote was taken and everyone present was in agreement. Committees go into LRA By-Laws.

Dick Scallon of Alexandria asked whether or not the association had grown to such lengths were there needed to be a

division made between the North and South part of the state. He stated that there seems to be a division there that needed attention. Jeter stated that the LRA purpose in sanctioned tournaments was not to actually bring participants there itself, but to give players the incentive to participate. It is up to the clubs to push their own tournaments. Todd Hall brought up Bill Land's grievances about the LRA responsibility of bringing people to tournaments in North La. He was particularly upset by the Southern players turn out at his tournament held in Nov. Promotion was mentioned as the major problem and Wallace Hardy, area rep. from Monroe, stated that maybe Bill Land has misunderstood the responsibility of the LRA.

Dickie Scallon asked if maybe a regional playoff in North LA and the same in South LA be held to help bring more people from the Northern part of the state into the LRA family. Fred Guillot sided that he still thought that the major problem was still promotion and communication and should be handled as such. Wallace Hardy agreed stating that he was from the northern part of the state and nobody wanted a division between the two and asked that the matter be dropped. Mac Faul elaborating on promotion inside the host club of tournaments, asked if maybe tournament participation would not increase if the number of LRA sanctioned tournaments were decreased. He stated that there seemed to be too many and people can't afford to travel that much each month. Ron mentioned that this was almost impossible, for he couldn't tell one club that they could not have a tournament or that he would not sanction it. Maybe the solution would be to have only two high ranked LRA Sanctioned tournaments a month and lower the level of others, but still allow them to be sanctioned. Tommy Guarisco stated that this seemed to be a good idea. He also suggested that maybe upgrading tournaments and having a club qualify for sanctioned tournaments may be something to think about. Having two tournaments a month and maybe regionalizing them. A vote was taken and passed on having less sanctioned tournaments a month.

The topic of how time consuming the tournament draws are and the work that it takes to do one was brought up. A suggestion was made that maybe with the LRA furnishing the products to do the draw that the clubs actually take care of them themselves. There seemed to be a little disagreement on this with Scott Sewell stating that he doesn't see what

the LRA does for the clubs holding the sanctioned tournaments. Fred mentioned that we have tried both ways and that this should be optional. Todd Hall stated on past experiences with the LRA conducting his tournaments and other club tournaments saying what a work load was taken off the owners, leaving them to exert themselves to other things.

The tournament sites for the upcoming State Tournaments was next on the agenda. The nominations were started with only the Preferred Clubs having the first priority. If no preferred club wanted tournaments then it would go to the associate clubs which were interested. First on the list was the State Juniors. Three preferred clubs bidded for this state tournament. OFF THE WALL, Mereaux, La. offered hotel accommodations, Bus shuttle-free, tour of N.O. free of charge; COURTYARD, Alex., La., Sleeping at the club, Hotel accommodations, WALLBANGER COURT CLUB, PERKINS, B.R., La. All these include the minimum of requirements for LRA State Tournaments of Hospitality two out of three days of the tournament, collar shirts, minimum LRA approved plaques, with the LRA sanctioned fee of \$500.00 or \$5.00 an entry whichever is the most. (This does not include the State Singles) Vote was taken. OFF THE WALL received most votes.

This was later declined by OFF THE WALL. They wished to host the AARA JUNIOR REGIONALS instead, so the club with the next highest amount of votes, COURTYARD, Alexandria, will host the State Juniors Championships.

STATE DOUBLES — Morgan City Health and Racquet Club (note that Tommy Guarisco brought with him a letter from the bank in Morgan City stating that they would pledge whatever needed to make this event the best ever) Reinassance II, Houma, La., Courtyard, Alex., La., vote was taken and the State Doubles will be held in Morgan City, La. with MCHRC as host.

STATE SENIORS — Reinassance II, Houma, La., Courtyard, Alex., La. Vote was taken and State Seniors to be held at Reinassance II, Houma. At this time a motion was made and passed to allow only one State event per club per year.

STATE SINGLES — only two clubs were really able to handle this large event, those being, WALLBANGER COURT CLUB and OFF THE WALL, with a very close vote it was determined that the WALLBANGER would host the 1982 State Singles.

Meeting adjourned.