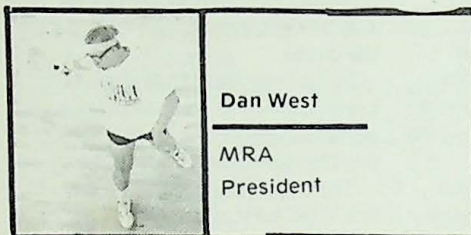


CENTER COURT



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Dan West

MRA
President

BILLINGS — Yes, I still live in Billings.

Yes, I still play racquetball — if you consider three matches since school started as still playing.

No, I haven't been to any tournaments recently.

There, I've answered three of the questions you were going to ask me the next time you saw me.

A few years ago, I couldn't understand why so many people were playing in so few tournaments. Now, I understand — completely.

It use to be that I could throw the Little Bandidos in my bag, toss a sleeping bag in the back of my pickup and head out for a tournament every other weekend. Well, things have changed.

Like many others, I now have a family that takes top priority. You can't just throw the wife, a four year-old and a seven month-old baby into the back of a pickup and go. (Or can you?)

At any rate, even though I have not been able to find time to play in a tournament lately, many others have, and the racquetball season seems to be off to a good start.

All the tournaments have been successful in that the number of participants and quality of competition have been good. Also, most, but not all, of the tournaments have been able to get the results and fees to me relatively soon afterwards. This, of course, is a big help in my attempt to keep the rankings up to date.

I can see some excellent tournaments coming up on the calendar, so I hope you can find time to play in some of them.

Remember that each tournament depends heavily on local support because not as many people travel to tournaments these days. So make certain you promote your tournaments locally.

Get some of those people who haven't been playing out on the courts so they will at least play in the hometown tourney.

Who knows, maybe you'll even see me at a tournament in the near future.

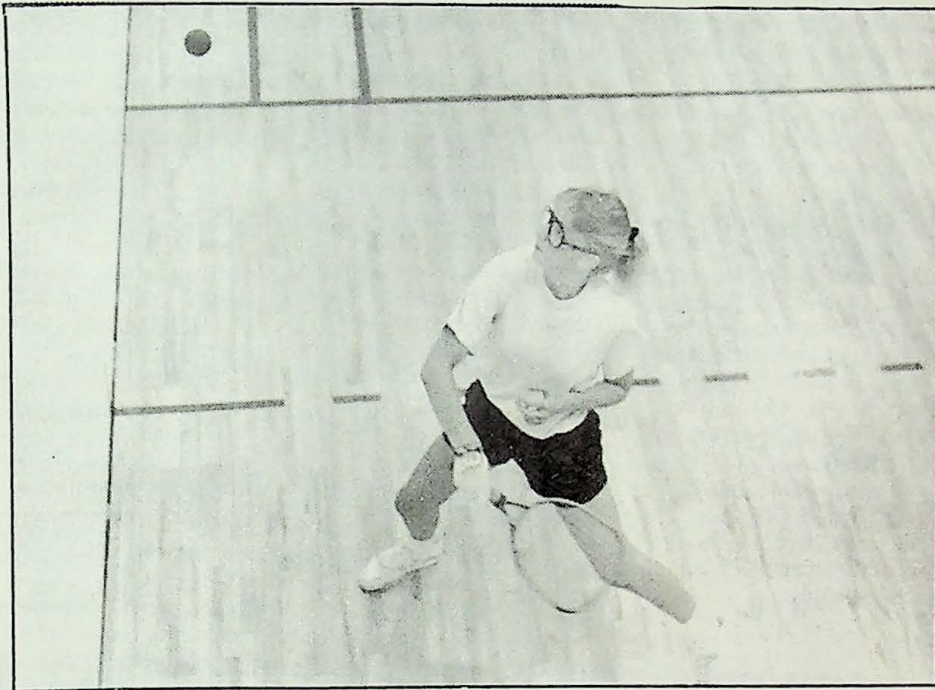


Photo by RITA HAMILTON

KERI ROUTZAHN of Helena has been a consistent placer in the women's C singles play during the early 1989-90 MRA season.

118 spooks play Ghostbusters

BOZEMAN — Some 118 players found time for some pre-Halloween spooking at the annual Ghostbusters tournament at Universal Sports and Courts Oct. 27-29.

Open singles titles belonged to John Kennis of Helena and Cindy Thompson of Billings.

Steve Kiffe and Brian Halverson of Bozeman turned back Clay Morse of Havre and Mike Richter of Missoula in the men's Open doubles final, while Annie Blaz of Anaconda and Debbie Morse of Havre claimed the women's all-class doubles victory.

Here are the tournament results. No scores were reported.

MEN SINGLES OPEN

1. John Kennis (Helena), 2. Clay Morse (Havre), 3. Mike Richter (Missoula), Consolation: Brian Halverson (Bozeman)

A

1. Rod Morse (Hav), 2. Steve Pinnow (Billings), 3. Bruce Gerioch (Boz), Consolation: Jim Anderson (Lolo)

B

1. Jamie Hogg (502), 2. Brent Barefield (Boz), 3. Russ

Rowsey (Boz), Consolation: Mark Rule (Butte).

C

1. Mike Scharapps, 2. Jim Johnson (But), 3. Scott Fisher (Boz), Consolation: Mark Anderson (Boz).

SENIOR B

1. Dale Butterfield (Blgs), 2. Larry Nickel (Hel), 3. Joe Colombo (Boz), Consolation: John Feckanin (Livingston).

MASTERS

1. Denton Buss (Wyoming), 2. Ken Colbo (Msl), 3. Dale Shelton (Great Falls), Consolation: Max Eaton (Boz)

DOUBLES

OPEN

1. Steve Kiffe-Halverson (Boz), 2. C. Morse (Hav)-Richster (Msl), 3. Matt Parriman Kennis (Hel), Consolation: Ron Roesli-Robby Gunderson (But)

A-B

1. Dale Butterfield (Blgs) Jeff Butterfield (But), 2. Jim Anderson Chris Hoff (Msl), 3. Roger Rowsey Nickel (Hel), Consolation: Eaton (Boz) R. Morse (Hav).

WOMEN

SINGLES

OPEN

1. Cindy Thompson (Blgs), 2. Patty Little (Blgs), 3. Nancy Rios (Boz), Consolation: Annie Blaz (Anaconda).

A-B

1. Connie Ryals (Blgs), 2. Lori Reed (Blgs), 3. Alice Pilgeram (Boz), Consolation: Diane Johnson (But).

C

1. Kerrie Foote (Liv), 2. Mary Ann Lynch (But), 3. Keri Routzahn (Hel), Consolation: Linda Fisher (Boz).

DOUBLES

1. Blaz (Ana)-Debbie Morse (Hav), 2. Thompson Little (Blgs), 3. Reed-Ryals (Blgs), Consolation: Dianna Meredith-Gloria Hannan (Liv).

Meet a MRA member



John Kennis

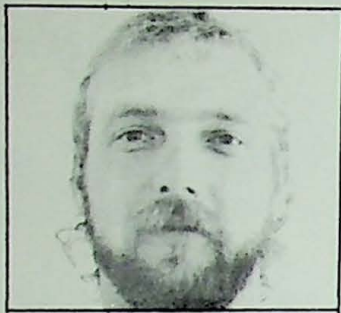
For half of his life, John Kennis of Helena has been involved in racquetball. The 19 year-old is the current state MRA Open men's singles champion.

Kennis won his first state title as a junior player in 1983. One year later, he captured the A singles crown.

The right-hander uses a Head Elite racquet and plays 3-4 times a week at the Broadwater Athletic Club. His regular playing partners include doubles partner Matt Parriman, Russ Noonan, Jim George and Mike Dalton.

Kennis has made several trips to the USA Junior Olympic Racquetball Championships, including the 1989 finals in late-June in Indianapolis.

He is employed by Universal Athletic Service.



Steve Pinnow

If Steve Pinnow of Billings isn't playing racquetball, he might be busy drag racing or water skiing.

The Billings Athletic Club member took up racquetball eight years ago and one year later started tournament play. The right-hander has since reached the Open men's level.

The Head Elite racquet coupled with Pinnow's long arms help him reach tough shots. Three times a week, Pinnow plays the game.

His regular practice partners include Tim Hergett, Allan Lich, Kelly Hoover, Lloyd Marsh and Allan Mader. Hoover and Suze Eades are doubles partners.

Pinnow supports his racquetball habit by working as a machinist.



Lisa Phillips

The forehand pinch shot is the most-reliable shot in Lisa Phillips' racquetball game.

The 16-year-old Butte prep started to play racquetball two years ago and spends 3-4 days a week working on her game at the YMCA Fitness Center.

The right-hander plays on a Head Electra racquet in regular games against Jodi DiFronzo, Ronnie Roesti, Rob Gunderson and Wayne Townsend.

In doubles, she partners with DiFronzo.

In addition to racquetball, Phillips enjoys softball, tennis, volleyball and bowling. She works as a desk attendant at a bowling center.



Jodi DiFronzo

Racquetball is a family sport for Jodi DiFronzo whose father and brother are also involved in the game.

In the two years that she has been playing, DiFronzo has perfected several serves which are the mainstay of her game.

The 16-year-old Butte teen is on the YMCA Fitness Center courts four times a week and also finds time for some tournaments.

A right-hander, she uses a Head mid-sized Radial racquet.

Lisa Phillips, her doubles partner, along with Rob Gunderson, Wayne Townsend and Ronnie Roesti are her practice foes.

Phillips is also involved with softball and tennis.

The next issue of Center Court will be published Feb. 5. The deadline for copy is Jan. 23.

Eyeguards serve purpose; tourney photos sought

HAVRE — Eyeguards are a mandatory part of the game of racquetball and for good reason.

Tim Hergett of Billings, along with many other participants and spectators at the Sagebrush Athletic Club's Fall Classic, can testify on their behalf.

During the men's Open doubles semifinal, Hergett collided with his partner, Alan Mader, chasing a backcourt shot. Hergett's head came in contact with Mader's racquet.

That abruptly ended the rally and the match was put on hold until the next morning. Fortunately for Hergett, he was wearing eyeguards which undoubtedly saved the sight in his right eye.

The impact of the racquet split open his eye brow, and the gash required a trip to the hospital emergency room and 10 stitches to close.

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The response to the initial issue of Center Court has been extremely positive.

Montana Racquetball Association members John Taylor of Miles City and Shigeo Banks of Great Falls have supplied me with many back issues of newsletters, some date back to 1978.



Rita Balock-Hamilton

Center Court
Editor

Banks begins a rules column, Referee's Corner, with this issue. Players with rules questions can forward them to Banks at 710 11th Street South, Great Falls, MT 59405.

Center Court also welcomes Letters to the Editor. The first one also appears in this issue.

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Photographs are the one thing I hope MRA members will help me with.

Racquetball isn't an easy sport to shoot, but with patience and a little luck, it can be successfully done.

Here are some tips:

Use a 35mm camera with black and white film.

Set the ASA at 1600, speed at 250 and the F-stop wide open (probably 1.8) with a standard 50mm lens.

Working from: above looking down onto

the court, position yourself in the corner. Pre-focus the camera on either the floor or the player in the backcourt.

Wait for the player to come into view and preferably look up to follow the ball off the wall to snap the picture. It's easy to get shots of a player's back or side, but the face shot is the one you want.

Shooting court-level through a glass wall is more tricky, due in-part to reflections off the glass. Again, position yourself in a corner and pre-focus. Again, wait for the player to come to you, face forward, then shoot.

Missoula's Court House is the best place to photograph racquetball because of its two-sided glass wall court. A photographer can sit level with the server for some excellent shots with very little glare off the glass.

Those interested in trying to shoot some tournaments should just slip the film in the mail when done. I have access to a dark-room where it can be developed. Also include basic outline information, such as who is playing and a way to identify them such as their shirt or shorts, etc...

Lich nips Clark in 11-10 A final

GREAT FALLS — Fittingly, championship matches in the two largest brackets of the annual Autumn Classic at Universal Sports and Courts were tie-breaker shootouts over the weekend of Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

Alan Lich of Billings eeked out a 15-9, 14-15, 11-10 victory over Chris Clark of Missoula in the 24-man men's A singles final, while Ron Brenna and Perry Jacobson of Havre fought for a 15-5, 5-15, 11-9 triumph over Tom Thompson and John Thomas of Great Falls in the A-B doubles which drew 31 teams.

The field included 113 men and only 22 women.

Here are the tournament results. Scores of trophy matches are reported where available.

MEN SINGLES OPEN

12 players. Championship: Bill Shepley (Lethbridge, Alberta) def. Matt Parriman (Helena) 15-2, 15-11. Third: John Kennis (Hel) def. Herb Thornby (Great Falls). Consolation: Mike Richter (Missoula).

A

24 players. Championship: Alan Lich (Billings) def. Chris Clark (Msl) 15-9, 14-15, 11-10. Third: Dale Nelson (GF) def. Dennis Jupka (GF). Consolation: Perry Jacobson (Havre).

B

18 players. Championship: Ron Brenna (Hav) def. Chris Harper (GF) 15-12, 15-7. Third: Tracy Sinclair (Lethbridge) def. John Thomas (GF). Consolation: Kent Coe (Hel).

C

19 players. Championship: Brad Salonen (GF) def. C. Irvine (Hel) 15-11, 15-4. Third: M. Schrap (Butte) def. T. Chamberlain (GF). Consolation: Frank English (GF).

SENIOR B

11 players. Championship: Terry Barber (GF) def. Larry Nickel (Hel) 12-15, 15-8, 11-8. Third: Rick Egger (Blis) def. Ian Thumblert (Lethbridge). Consolation: Tom Hirst (Hel).

SENIOR C

8 players. Championship: Max Erickson (Hav) def. Bob Short (GF) 15-6, 15-14. Third: Bob Standley def. Don Lee. Consolation: Ernest Coulston (Boz).

MASTERS

5 players. Round robin: 1. Bud Tabott (GF), 2. Jeff Pallister (GF), 3. Doug Sandberg.

DOUBLES OPEN

7 teams. Championship: John Kennis/Matt Parriman (Hel) def. Steve Kille/Herb Thornby (GF) 15-6, 15-8. Third: Mike Richter/Bucky Lindstrand (Msl) def. Kelly Hoover/Steve Pinnow (Blis). Consolation: Richards Fritz (GF).

A-B

31 teams. Championship: Ron Brenna/Perry Jacobson (Hav) def. Tom Thompson/John Thomas (GF) 15-5, 5-15, 11-9. Third: Levinsky (Kalispell)/Mike Hotchkiss (CB) def. Patey Sandberg. Consolation: Kneel Clark (Msl).

WOMEN SINGLES OPEN

7 players. Championship: Karen Jacobson (Hav) def. Chris Martin (Blis) 15-10, 15-1. Third: Cindy Thompson (Blis) def. Jan Shelton (GF). Consolation: Patty Little (Blis).

A-B

8 players. Championship: Diane Bremer (GF) def. Janet Fritz (GF) 15-3, 7-15, 11-2. Third: Mary Thompson (GF) def. Mary Allaman (Park City).

C

7 players. Championship: Debbie Enrooth (GF) def. Roxie Johnsrud (GF) 9-15, 15-12, 11-7. Third: Mary Lynch (But) def. Keri Routzahn (Hel). Consolation: Mary Wilson (Hav).

MIXED DOUBLES

11 teams. Championship: Bud Talbott/Bonnie Talbott (GF) def. Rick Egger/Chris Martin (Blis) 15-10, 14-15, 11-2. Third: Jeff Monaco/Carly Ridgely (GF) def. Rick Fritz/Jan Shelton (GF). Consolation: Koontz Otter (GF).

JUNIORS

7 players, two bounce rule. Championship: Ryan Fritz (GF) def. Jarod Rosling (Hel) 15-8, 15-9. Third: Annie Thompson def. Jonathan Rosling (Hel). Consolation: Jen after Rosling (Hel).



Photo by RITA HAMILTON

MATT PARRIMAN of Helena backhands a shot off the wall.

Parriman tops August Nights

HELENA — Matt Parriman of Helena knocked off John Kennis in the semifinal round, then scored a 15-9, 15-12 decision over Clay Morse of Havre to claim men's Open singles honors at the Hot August Nights racquetball tournament Aug. 25-27.

The women's Open bracket featured round robin play, topped by Karen Jacobson of Havre with a perfect 4-0 record.

The first Montana Racquetball Association-sanctioned tournament of the 1989-90 season drew 91 players and also offered the first team competition of the season. Eight players were designated point-getters for respective teams prior to the start of play.

The Sagebrush Athletic Club No. 1 entry of Havre was a runaway team winner. Boosted by double-winner Clay Morse, Sagebrush amassed 83 points to easily outdistance the Broadwater Athletic Club of Helena which tallied 58 points.

The winning team received \$50 which it donated to the Havre Lions Swim Team.

Here are the tournament results. Scores of trophy matches are reported where available.

MEN SINGLES OPEN

Championship: Matt Parriman (Helena) def. Clay Morse (Havre) 15-9, 15-12. Third: John Kennis (Hel) def. Bill McLain (Lewistown). Consolation: Ronnie Roesti (Butte) def. Lance Reithmeier (Hav) 15-7, 15-3.

A

Championship: Steve Pinnow (Billings) def. Jeff Monaco (Great Falls). Third: Rod Morse (Hav) won by coin toss over Perry Jacobson (Hav). Consolation: Mike Hotchkiss (Cut Bank).

B

Championship: Ron Brenna (Hav) def. Mark Rule (But) 15-4, 8-15, 11-3. Third: Chris Hoff (Missoula) def. Rod Hessler (Billings). Consolation: Kent Coe (Hel) def. Bob Crowe (Hav).

C

Championship: Chris Harper (GF) def. Scott Swick (Hel). Third: Steve Gilreath (Hel) def. Mike Pitman (GF). Consolation: Dave Tracy (Hel).

MASTERS

Championship: Jim Van Meter (Hel) def. Stan Kondracki (Blis). Third: Ray White (Lewistown) def. Tom Hirst (Hel). Consolation: Ken Colbo (Msl).

SENIOR OPEN

Championship: Mike Richter (Msl) def. Rod Morse (Hav) 15-11, 15-1. Third: Dave Kuglin (GF) def. Lee Tickell (Hel). Consolation: Tim Nolan (Msl).

SENIOR B

Championship: Tom Hirst (Hel) def. Larry Nickel (Hel). Third: Luke Marshall (Blis) def. Tony DiFronzo (But). Consolation: Mike Pitman (GF).

DOUBLES OPEN

Championship: Clay Morse/Lance Reithmeier (Hav) def. John Kennis/Matt Parriman (Hel) 7-15, 15-12, 11-8. Third: Kelly Hoover/Steve Pinnow (Blis) def. Darren Retz (Hel). Mike Richter (Msl). Consolation: Lee Tickell (Hel). Jeff Butterfield (Blis).

A

Championship: Ron Brenna/Perry Jacobson (Hav) def. Rick Forrette/Mike McCracken (Hel) 15-10, 15-6. Third: Ray White (Lewistown)/Mike Hotchkiss (CB) def. Jim Anderson (Lolo)/Tim Nolan (Msl). Consolation: Ken Colbo (Msl). Jim Van Meter (Hel).

B

Championship: Luke Marshall/Steve Norton (Blis) def. Steve Bulmer/Chris Hoff (Msl). Third: Scott Fisher (Boz). Meeks def. Milt Popovich/Jeff Jorgenson (Hel). Consolation: Kent Coe/David Surdock (Hel) def. Don Goddard (Glasgow). Gary Freisen (Hav).

WOMEN SINGLES OPEN

Round robin: 1. Karen Jacobson (Hav) 4-0 record; 2. Debbie Morse (Hav) 3-1; 3. Lori Jurenic (But); 4. Chris Martin (Blis). Consolation: Teresa Burke (Msl).

A

Championship: Jenny Morse (Hav) def. Diane Johnson (But) 15-8, 12-15, 11-0. Third: Mary Allaman (Park City) def. Carrie Ridgely (GF). Consolation: Rita Hamilton (Hav) def. Sandy Luchau (Hel) 15-5, 15-4.

B

Championship: Janelle Morse (Hav) def. Diane Johnson (But) 7-15, 15-3, 11-7. Third: Sharon Rosling (Hel) def. Kim Kynett (Hel). Consolation: Cindy Otter (Hel).

C

Championship: Vi Schurman (Hel) def. Jodi DiFronzo (But). Third: Keri Routzahn (Hel) def. Debbie Freisen (Hav) 15-9, 13-15, 11-0. Consolation: Linda Fisher (Boz).

DOUBLES OPEN

Championship: Chris Martin/Vonnie Hergett (Blis) def. Diane Johnson/Lori Jurenic (But). Third: Judy Kondracki (Blis). Rita Hamilton (Hav) def. Mary Allaman (PC). Marcie Stewart (Glas) 15-11, 15-5. Consolation: Kim Kynett/Sharon Rosling (Hel).

MIXED DOUBLES

Championship: Clay Morse/Janelle Morse (Hav) def. Lee Tickell/Jane Church (Hel) 15-5, 15-8. Third: Jeff Monaco/Carlie Ridgely (GF) def. Don Goddard/Marcie Stewart (Glas). Consolation: Stan Kondracki/Judy Kondracki (Blis) def. Ron Brenna/Nettie Brenna (Hav) 8-15, 15-9, 11-9.

Kennis cops 3 Sagebrush titles

Readers write

Oct. 17, 1989

HAVRE — John Kennis of Helena came from behind to defeat Clay Morse of Havre for the men's Open singles racquetball championship of the eighth annual First Bank Classic conducted at the Sagebrush Athletic Club in mid-October.

Kennis dropped the first game 3-15, then rallied for a 15-10, 11-5 victory.

It was one of three titles won by the defending state champion, as Kennis partnered with Matt Parriman of Helena for a 15-6, 15-7 victory over Mike Richter and Bucky Lindstrand of Missoula.

Kennis also teamed with Karen Jacobson of Havre to win the mixed doubles bracket over Tim Hergett of Billings and Debbie Morse of Havre, 15-6, 15-8.

Jacobson was the only other double-winner in the 75-player Montana Racquetball Association-sanctioned event.

Here are the Fall Classic results. Only scores of trophy matches (championship and consolation) are reported:

MEN SINGLES

Open — Championship: John Kennis (Helena) def. Clay Morse (Havre) 3-15, 15-10, 11-5. Consolation: Bucky Lindstrand (Missoula) won by coin toss over Tim Hergett (Billings). Third: Mike Richter (Msls) def. Matt Parriman (Hel).

A — Championship: Daryl Ness (Hav) def. Rod Morse (Hav) 15-12, 15-10. Consolation: Steve Pinnow (Blgs) def. Alan Lich (Blgs) 15-14, 13-15, 11-8. Third: Perry Jacobson (Hav) def. Ron Brenna (Hav).

B — Championship: Wayne Surratt (Great Falls) def. Butch Albertson (Hav) 15-7, 15-7. Consolation: Gary Stevenson (Hav) def. Bruce Morse (Hav) 15-9, 15-3. Third:

Jon Stoner (Hav) won by forfeit over Gary Balltrusch (Hav).

C — Championship: Greg Balltrusch (Hav) def. Lynn Stilger (Hav) 15-6, 15-13. Consolation: Scott Sloa (Hav) def. John Fischer (Havre) 15-7, 15-8. Third: Jack Judd (Hav) won by coin toss over Byron Purkett (Hav).

Senior — Championship: Mill Hallock (Glasgow) def. Max Erickson (Hav) 15-0, 15-6. Consolation: Dennis Humphries (Glas) def. Tim Keating (Blgs) 15-13, 15-7. Third: Butch Albertson (Hav) def. Ken Myers (Hav).

DOUBLES

Open — Championship: Kennis-Parriman (Hel) def. Richter-Lindstrand (Msls) 15-6, 15-7. Consolation: Jacobson (Hav)-Hallock (Glas) def. Rod Morse-Ness (Hav) 15-12, 15-5. Third: Lich-John Braun (Blgs).

B — Championship: Butch Albertson-Myers (Hav) def. Max Erickson-Gary Balltrusch (Hav) 15-6, 15-6. Consolation: Ed Schoenen-Daryl Morse (Hav) def. John Fischer-Brett Kentfield (Hav). Third: Bob Crowe (Hav)-Rod Hessler (Blgs) def. Stevenson-Jack Meyer (Hav).

WOMEN SINGLES

Open — Championship: Karen Jacobson (Hav) def. Debbie Morse (Hav) 15-9, 6-15, 11-3. Consolation: Jenny Morse (Hav) def. Rita Hamilton (Hav) 15-13, 15-10. Third: Linda Richter (Msls) def. Margie Morse (Hav).

B-C — Championship: Kelly Veis (Wolf Point) def. Pam Booth (Hav) 15-3, 11-15, 11-9. Consolation: Michelle Hoffman (Hav) def. Keri Rautzahn (Hel) 15-7, 15-6. Third: Vicky Ness (Hav) def. Laurie Morse (Hav).

DOUBLES

B-C — Championship: Booth-Karen Scheuerman (Hav) def. Lori Omie-Laurie Morse (Hav) 15-2, 15-4. Consolation: Jenny Morse-Hamilton (Hav) def. Mary Allaman (Blgs)-Ness (Hav) 15-7, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

Championship: Kennis (Hel)-K. Jacobson (Hav) def. Hergett (Blgs)-D. Morse (Hav) 15-6, 15-8. Consolation: M. Richter-L. Richter def. P. Jacobson-Hamilton (Hav) 9-15, 15-8, 11-3. Third: Perriman (Hel)-Veis (Wolf Point) won by coin toss over Alan Mader (Blgs)-M. Morse (Hav).

JUNIORS

Championship: Karley Myers (Hav) def. Bridgett Morse (Hav) 6-15, 15-4, 11-9. Consolation: Jennifer Ness (Hav) def. Ryan Albertson (Hav) 15-6, 15-14.

Dear Editor:

Racquetball is a great sport. The aerobic fitness, endurance and muscle tone that is the by-product of a great deal of fun and competition makes it one of the best ways to spend a weekend.

Local Montana and Northwest tournaments are a great way to spend a weekend with your families and friends. Not only is the environment in the clubs important, but most people that attend the tournaments are good family-oriented people interested in their children growing up in a healthy, drug-free setting.

We try to participate in these tournaments for these reasons — good family time, good friends and healthy competition.

We would like the rest of the MRA to keep in mind a great tournament which was held Oct. 13-15, 1989 in Havre hosted by Rod and Debbie Morse. Although the tournament is now history, next year should be kept in mind for the state players. We've been to tournaments throughout the Northwest and this tourney was the highlight — good competition, a good family atmosphere and great hospitality. It was a great time!

Sincerely,
Michael and Linda Richter
Crystal, Jessica and Jake



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Referee's corner

By SHIGEO BANKS

GREAT FALLS — Here is the rule about lensed eyeguards, according to the 1988-89 official AARA rulebook, "What's the Call".

Rule 2.5 — Apparel:

(A) Lensed eyewear required. Lensed eyewear designed for racquet sports is required apparel for all players. The protective eyewear must be worn as designed and may not be altered.

Players who require corrective eyewear also must wear lensed eyewear designed for racquet sports.

Failure to wear protective eyewear will

result in a technical and the player will be charged with a timeout to secure eyewear. The second infraction in the same match will result in a forfeit. (See rule 14.18 (A) (9) on technicals, page 18.)

This means open-frame eyeguards, altered eyeguards (such as lenses popped out) and regular "street" prescription glasses are illegal.

I will be enforcing this rule and will recommend its enforcement at every tournament. Safe play is the first responsibility of each referee.