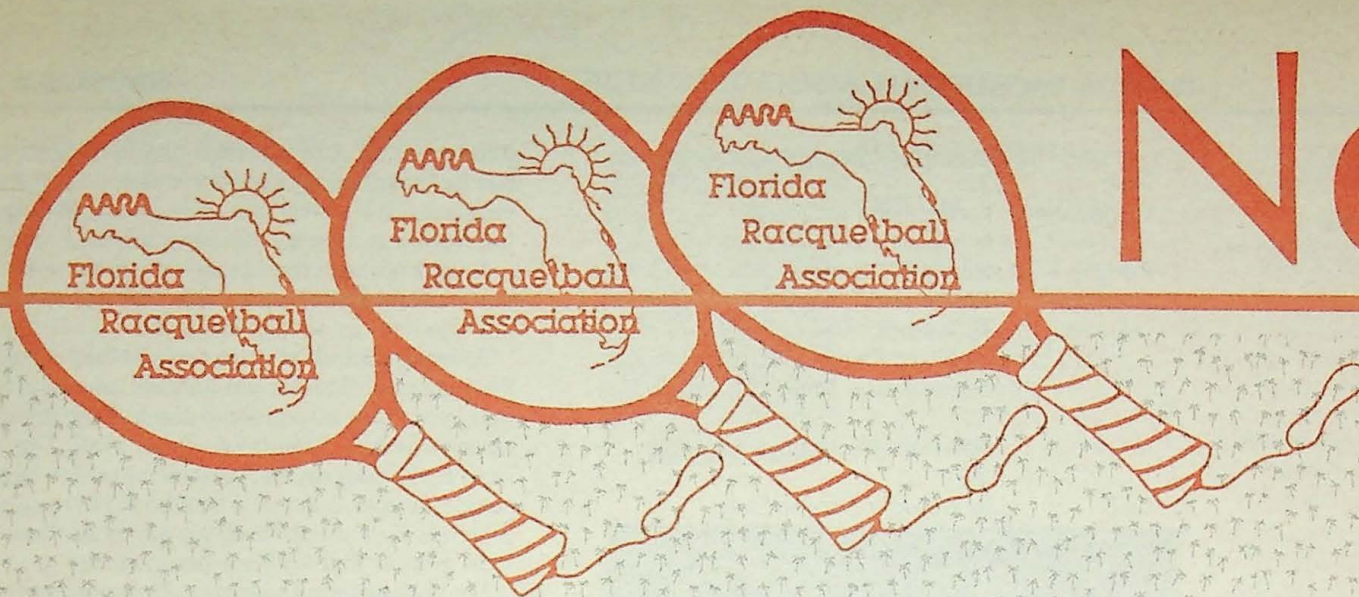




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TWICE AS NICE: State Regional Doubles

By Linda L. Mojer

No doubt about it, 800 square feet of floor space gets a little crowded when you add four athletes, their oversized racquets, eyeguards (of course), injury-support equipment, equal numbers of widely cast forehands/backhands, and **one** rubber ball. Despite the possibilities which immediately come to mind, doubles divisions continue to draw larger numbers of racquetball players at all skill levels. The very best competitors in doubles were on hand at two recent tournaments, displaying the type of accuracy and quick-thinking which makes up a winning team.

The Sarasota Bath & Racquet Club hosted the Florida State Doubles Championships August 21-23, scheduling over thirty divisions of age, skill and junior level play. The event brought out the big guns in the men's and women's open divisions, with national champions showing up right and left. Sergio Gonzalez and Tim Hansen were seeded first in men's open, followed by the teams of Charlie Nichols/Jorge Maceo, Vinnie Ganley/Randy Pfahler, and Mark Morrison/Brian Kimball. The women's open draw began with Diane Green and Julie Pinnell in the first position over the newly formed teams of Claudia McCarthy/Susan Morgan, Marilyn Miller/Barbara Simmons and Kersten Hallender/Angie Browning.

The seeding didn't tell the whole story in these particular events, as an upset in the quarterfinals advanced Curtis Winter and Brian Rankin into the semis over Ganley and Pfahler. The remaining three seeded teams also reached the semi-finals, where defeat caught up with Winter/Rankin in their match against Nichols/Maceo in the lower half of the draw, while Morrison/Kimball lost to Gonzalez/Hansen in close games all around. As expected the final round required a tie-breaker to complete, with Gonzalez/Hansen taking the match from Nichols/Maceo with scores of 15-9, 10-15, 11-8.



State Finalists (left to right) Sergio Gonzalez, Jorge Maceo, Charlie Nichols and Tim Hansen.

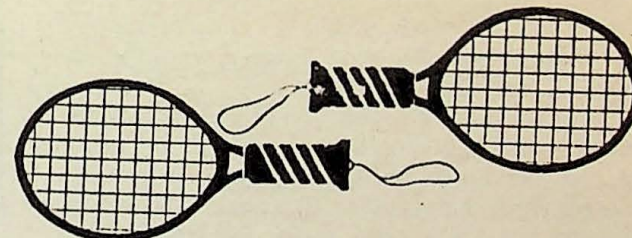
In the women's open division the top two seeds proceeded directly into the finals, but not without considerable effort. Kersten Hallender and Angie Browning gave Diane Green and Julie Pinnell a run for their money, taking the national champions to a tie-breaker after defeating Diane Fields/Linda Diamond of Orlando in an earlier round. The team of Barbara Simmons/Marilyn Miller was equally talented, reaching their semi-final match against McCarthy/Morgan by winning over Agatha Falso/Eileen Tuckman of south Florida. An upset final featured an unerring, and unreturnable, high z-lob serve by Susan Morgan which racked up point after point against a frustrated Julie Pinnell. On the left side, Claudia McCarthy rolled out backhands, forehands, pinches and down-the line shots with no fear. The recently formed team of McCarthy/Morgan (McCarthy replacing new-mom Mary Lyons) was an effective one at this year's event, taking the 1987 women's state title in straight games.

The Mixed Open draw was filled with old and new combinations from the ranks of open singles and doubles divisions, seeding the team of Tim Hansen/Julie Pinnell above Martha & Greg McDonald, Charlie Nichols/Amy Simonetta and Curtis Winter/Susan Morgan. In the third round of play Winter/Morgan met and defeated the top seeds, reaching the finals against the McDonalds on Sunday. There the Gainesville vs. Jacksonville match ended with yet another title win for the McDonalds, despite an earnest and athletic effort by both Winter and Morgan.

The dozens of remaining age and skill level bouts provided plenty of action for spectators and players out of the running in early rounds—and the addition of special Junior/Senior Mixed division play was an interesting twist. As usual, tournament director Judi Schmidt did everything in her power to keep the players happy and things running smoothly, and again designed one of the most colorful tournament shirts handed out in recent months. Our congratulations go to these 1987 Doubles Champions:

MO: Gonzalez/Hansen def. Nichols/Maceo
MA: Diaz/Paris def. Martinez/May
MB: Deshields/Schmeltzer def. Cella/Miller
MC: May/Lamb def. Tesar/Rogers
M19+: Nichols/Winter def. Gonzalez/Maceo
M25+: Kimball/Morrison def. Ganley/Pfahler
M30+: Dubolsky/Pfahler def. Taylor/Godwin
M30B: Morrow/Weinzierl def. Larson/Berneck
M35+: Icaza/Dubolsky def. Shaak/Ariet
M35B: Harmon/Olivieri def. Jotham/Jotham
M40+: Icaza/Leon def. Shaak/Ariet
M40B: Smith/Christ def. Davis/Free
M45+: Hatcher/Vlock def. Shumer/Shaffer
M50+: Biltz/Woodington def. Nathan/Hurst
M55+: Woodington/Ira def. Nathan/Roberts
WO: McCarthy/Morgan def. Green/Pinnell

WA: Breneman/Olivieri def. Mojer/Lee
WB: Chaffin/McManamon def. Buffum/Kisner
WC: Allen/Guarino def. Simmons/O'Toole
W30+: Tuckman/Falso def. Miller/Simmons
W35+: Tuckman/Falso def. Schmidt/Kenyon
W35B: Chaffin/McManamon def. Blitz/Tarorah
MXO: McDonald/McDonald def. Winter/Morgan
MXB: Breneman/Olivieri def. Elins/Green
MXC: Klein/Moler def. Smith/Engel
JR/SR A: Ruck/Waggoner def. Powers/Walden
JR/SR B: Lisch/Conway def. Blitz/Chaifetz
B16: Greenburg/Walden def. Agriesti/Ozer
B14: Conway/Engel def. Bailey/Von Borstel
B12: Friedman/Pardue def. Smith/Beaubien
B10: Friedman/Pardue def. Gyselinck/Quinlan
G16: Simonetta/Spector def. Cox/Robertson
G12: Dougherty/Engel def. MacGregor/Quinlan



Following swiftly on the heels of the State Doubles tournament was the Southeastern Regional Doubles Championships in Savannah, Georgia over Labor Day weekend. A small, but successful contingent of Florida players travelled north to bring home their share of trophies—held high to avoid being swept away by threatening flood waters which steadily rose around Savannah during the course of the event.

Racquet Plus conducted the first tournament in the region to apply the new AARA rules governing drive serves (effective September 1st) and even went so far as to mandate eyeguard use in advance of its December 1 effective date.

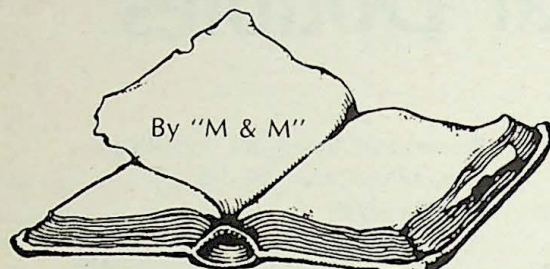
At least one national rule change was challenged by Martha and Greg McDonald, who petitioned the Georgia State Racquetball Association to allow them to play in the Men's 30+ division. National policy states that no "gender crossover" (women playing in men's divisions) would be allowed at events at the regional and national levels. The Gainesville couple retained legal counsel to press the issue on their behalf, yet found upon their arrival that many teams had indeed been "crossed over" in favor of full divisions and equal competition.

Aside from the out-of state travel and comparatively small draws, Florida players enjoyed the Savannah facility, its staff, tournament direction and hospitality. Winners reported favorably upon the work of Patti Iott and Mike Brooks, both of whom made every effort to accommodate both the hometown and "away" players. A Florida winner himself, Van Dubolsky reports the following results, and joins in congratulating our regional champions:

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Sergio Gonzalez/Tim Hansen	1st MO & 19+
Randy Pfahler/Van Dubolsky	2nd MO
Mark Morrison/Brian Kimball	3rd MO (tie)
Brent Huber/Steve Jones	3rd MO (tie) & 2nd 19+
Glen Lilly/Crop/Gary Harrell	1st MA
Mal Roberts/Jack Sussman	1st MB
Jerry Rand/Vince Biondi	3rd MB
Joe Icaza/Frank Johnson	1st M30+
Martha & Greg McDonald	2nd M30+
Van Dubolsky/Joe Icaza	1st M35+
Graig Shaak/Roger Werhle	2nd M35+ & 1st M40+
Mal Roberts/Joe Glavan	1st M55+ & 1st M60+
Claudia McCarthy/Kersten Hallander	1st WO
Mary Ellen Cheney/Marilyn Buffum	5th W25+
Mark Morrison/Claudia McCarthy	1st MXO
Randy Pfahler/Kersten Hallander	2nd MXO

THE BOOK: Susan Morgan



Susan Morgan absolutely "cooks" in a 20 by 40 racquetball kitchen—whipping up crowd-pleasing concoctions with a pinch here and a pinch there, adding a dash cross court and mixing it all up well with an oversized Ektelon racquet. The recipe is a winner, no matter how you slice it, and the compact blonde serves up generous portions of good sportsmanship to opponents and spectators alike.

A self-admitted racquetball addict, the blue-eyed athlete has been playing and instructing racquetball for the past ten years, with only a single brief hiatus from the sport several years ago. She, and most of the women on the tournament circuit, bring a quiet, classy demeanor to the sport that should be the norm at all racquetball events. She is a textbook example of good sportsmanship, taking her cues from a pro she admires highly, Reuben Gonzalez, whose sportsmanlike conduct is well known.

It's a very unique combination of talents that puts Susan Morgan at the top of state and national rankings. In relation to her overall game, a strategy emerges which has its own "split personality." Her forehand has a one track mind, focusing on the pinch shot (and a good one at that), while her backhand seems to be a firm believer in "the best offense is a good defense." This wide ranging style difference obviously doesn't affect her ability to anticipate and get to the ball, however, and her mastery of her own emotions give her a "winners edge"—not too sharp, not too dull.

Over the past year Morgan has accomplished more in racquetball than most of her contemporaries could hope to duplicate in their entire sports careers. Any tournament she enters will find her in the finals on Sunday. At the 1986 National Doubles Championships she and partner Mary Lyons won the Women's 25+ division by defeating the most powerful team in Florida, Diane Green and Julie Pinnell, in a match that left even the spectators emotionally drained. In May she traveled to Houston to compete in the National Singles Championships and won the 30+ division by defeating Gail Woods of Georgia, 15-14, 15-14.

Racquetball is not just a side-line to this athlete. The Neptune Beach native is one of only six nationally recognized teaching professionals accredited by the Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors [PARI] and works full-time at the Jacksonville Athletic Club as its Teaching Pro and Racquetball Director. Off the courts, she admits to having a "special fella" (too bad, Kent) along with a very keen interest in all sports. She's even picked up a new set of "utensils" recently, and begun playing golf. Watch out Nancy Lopez...

"The Book on Susan Morgan"

Age: 32
Occupation: Racquetball Pro/Director
Jacksonville Athletic Club
Ranking: Florida #1 Women's 30+
#2 Women's Open
#2 Women's Open Doubles
#3 Mixed Open Doubles
National 30+ Singles Champion '87
National 25+ Doubles Champion '86
Club: Jacksonville Athletic Club



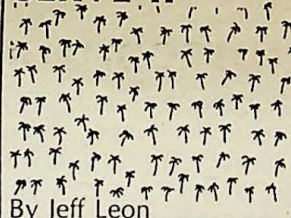
Strengths: Court awareness, control, consistency, accurate pinch shots from anywhere on the court, very effective high z-lob serve.

Weaknesses: Balks at killing the backhand opportunities, predictable on obvious pinch set-ups, and hesitant to gamble on tough shots.

Overview: An outstanding competitor, with the cool, quiet control-type game that will consistently win the close matches.



THE SCREEN SERVE II



[This is the second in a series of interpretive instructional articles designed to better help the player understand the screen serve. The new rule assessing a penalty against the screen service (designating it as a fault) makes this call all the more important for both referees and players. In our last issue Jeff Leon emphasized the components of the ruling—that of proximity (how close the ball is to the body when served) and that of the receiver actually being able to see the served ball. The following article is in follow-up to that piece. —Editor]

The September rule changes will not affect my serves, since I serve from 3-4 feet from either wall, attempting to ace my opponent or force a weak return. If my opponents cannot see the ball, it is because they are positioned in center court. In this instance, if I serve a drive serve from the right side of the service box to the right side of the court, I am aware that my opponent cannot see the ball until it passes the short line. Here is another controversy, but remember—nothing in the rule book says that my opponent must receive the serve from center court.

Keeping this in mind, let's begin with some pointers for the drive serve from the right side.

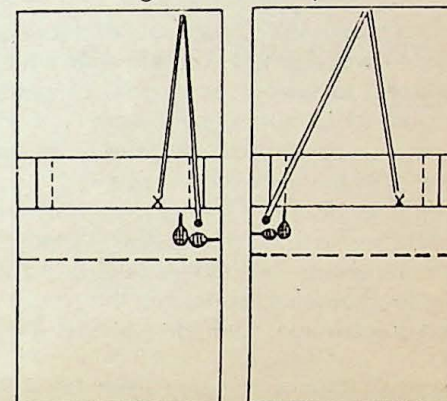
The first thing you must know is that a right-handed player has a natural spin on the ball from the right side to the right. A right-handed player serving from the right must cut across the ball so that it will spin toward the right wall and hug it. The ball will also be far enough from the server that the

referee cannot call a screen. A left-handed player has the same effect from the other side of the service box. This is why you see so many players serving from the right to the right and vice versa.

Now, from well outside the new drive serve zone, you must **practice** how to **ace**. This lesson is for the intermediate to advanced player.

A server should set up to serve at least 4 feet from the right wall if he is right handed (opposite for lefties), remaining aware of the plane of the drive serve zone, which is 3 feet from either wall. The server must find a spot on that particular court to begin his stance—a dark spot on a floorboard for example—which is far enough from the plane to allow a service motion that will not penetrate it.

For your practice sessions place a racquet, towel or headband at least **one** racquet length away from the short line. Then line up your extra racquet with that item and place it parallel to the short line, forming roughly a two-foot square target area for your practice serves (see diagram). Now begin to a series of 50 serves that attempt to hit between the short line and the length of the racquet.



If you hit in this area the ball will bounce twice before reaching the backwall, resulting in a perfect serve. The first time you attempt this, you may hit 5 out of the 50 in the target area, but with practice you will begin hitting 25 out of the 50. Then you're ready to take on the likes of a Tim Hansen or James Lorello with a single serve from this position.

A cross court serve from this court position is basically identical. Line up your racquet in the same manner along the left wall and complete the 50 serve drill to the backhand side, trying to hit your marked target area.

From the same position you should now develop a z-serve, making sure the ball bounces at least once as deep as possible. Practice a series of 25 z-serves.

Now we have all three serves that must be learned and used from the right or left side. Once you have had a chance to try these tips, here are a few points of strategy to use with these serves:

- 1) Always hit the ball the same way and from the **same spot** on all three serves;
- 2) Try to use your body to disguise or fake your serve;
- 3) Make your serve hit the area you practiced aiming at;
- 4) Keep the ball from bouncing or coming off the backwall;
- 5) If your opponent returns the serve up the right alley, pinch the wall next to you for an automatic point.

Always keep in mind when you serve that you want the ball to bounce **twice** before reaching the backwall, forcing **no** return or a **weak** return.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS STATEWIDE

Suncoast Fitness Center/Clearwater Reported by Bill Clarke

The Suncoast Fitness Center, formerly the Venice Racquetball and Fitness Center, held its first summer tourney on July 24-26. A good turn out, with support from many area clubs, helped make this a fun event for all, despite a present remodeling effort. Hospitality was a high point, with plenty of food

and drink consumed throughout the weekend. Several prizes were awarded to players at the Saturday night drawing, and a sportsmanship award was presented to Fin Kavanaugh for his enormous support. We wish to thank all participants and volunteers for their help, and congratulate these winners (in win/runner-up order):

MO: Jason Waggoner, Matt St. Lawrence
 MA: John May, George Cooks
 MB: C. Celace, R. Bettsman
 MC: Bill Jotham, John Derr
 MD: Doug Landenslager, Scot Sanders
 M30+: Gene Owen, John May
 M35+: Scot Dennis, Bill Clarke
 M40+: Bill Foresman, John Selio
 WA: Renee Fish, Cindy McManamon
 WC: Karen Fuerine, Linda Olsen
 WD: Kim Deighton, Kay Kelly
 MOD: Schneider/St. Lawrence, Levy/Scargle
 MBD: Fitzgerald/Ely, Clarke Dennis
 MXD: Eicher/Dennis, Fish/Levy
 B18+: Steve Cunningham, Scot Sanders
 B 8-: Rusty Moulten, Sean Clarke

RacquetPower Summer Sizzler/JAX

Reported by Mary Lyons

The August 7-9 "Summer Sizzler" at RacquetPower was true to its name, with an outdoor reading of over 100 degrees and a probable indoor temperature of near 90. The club's A/C was overcome by the heat as well, and was little help to the players as they struggled through the draw. RacquetPower always attracts the best players to its events, and the following results contain some familiar names, along with new Jacksonville up-and-comers (in win/runner-up order):

MO: Mark Morrison, Curtis Winter
 MA: Bob Wray, Tommy Fletcher
 MB: Chris Conway, Dick Lavello
 MC: Chuck Sumner, Bill Duffack
 MD: George Gamboa, Crockett Watson
 MN: Victor Pattison, Matt Hawkins
 M19/25+: Randy Pfahler, Chris Smith
 M30+: Gene Owen, Mike Distefano
 M30B: Bruce Meiselman, Steve Ussach
 WO: Susan Morgan, Kersten Hallander
 WA: Laurie Potter, Susan Cox
 WB: Britt Engel, Zeldia Visoria
 WC: Britt Engel, Beth Thomas
 WD: Sharon Bouchelle, Mary Lou Davis
 B 8-: Gator Wooten, Emily Lloyd
 B10-: Peter Kozar, Gator Wooten
 B12/14-: Chris Conway, Chad Bailey
 B16-: Robby Walden, Aaron Metcalf
 MOD: Morrison/Kimball, Huber/Pfahler
 MAD: Ariet/Shaak, Harrell/Motta
 MBD: Lavello/Dawkins, Ussach/Meiselman
 MCD: Storch/Richardson, Isaac/Sintos
 WAD: Brooks/Schenck, Visoria/Potter
 WBD: Droboty/Phillips, Robertson/Cox
 WCD: Thomas/Smith, Cooper/Jacobs
 MXOD: Krestul/Morgan, Distefano/Hallander
 MXAD: Tucker/Schenck, Simoneaux/Haymans
 MXBD: Davis/Shaw, Collison/Weslosky
 MXCD: Isaac/Elliott, Watson/Watson

NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST

The FRA News is pleased to introduce a new volunteer member to its editorial staff. Bob Hurst is a member of the Panama City Courthouse Sports & Athletic Center and not only accepted the position of Northwest Regional Editor for the newsletter, but has already actively sought support in his area for a number of tournament activities and junior programs. We welcome his enthusiasm and hope that FRA members in the northwest will fully utilize his talents in publicizing and reporting on events in their region. To contact Bob, please direct correspondence to him in care of the Panama City Courthouse, PO Box 2481, Panama City, FL 32401, or call there at 904/769-6184.



Panhandle forms Junior Program

By Bob Hurst

After a rather inactive period, Panama City can now boast a successful Junior racquetball team—the Power Court Players. Any youngsters who will dedicate themselves to regular training sessions can become eligible for the team.

Enthusiastic after the results of a single group tournament trip to Niceville, the junior team organized itself, deciding to stay together for future competition. The junior boys walked away with the top four places in the 16 division at the Niceville tournament, and the sole young lady of the group captured the Women's D title. One additional girl has joined the team since then, forming a compact group of six potential junior champs.

The training program consists of one class and three practice sessions per week, focusing on conditioning and shot selection. Florida will begin seeing some new junior names in the rankings before long. One member, Mark Hurst, already holds two World titles and is this year's regional champion in the 10 division.

The Power Court Players are interested in organizing Saturday or Sunday racquetball meets with other junior teams. Any interested player or parent should contact me for additional information by phone at 904/763-3032 (days) or 904/265-3378 (eves), or in care of The Court House Sports & Athletic Center, PO Box 2481, Panama City, FL 32405.

INTERCOLLEGIATE RACQUETBALL 1987-88



By Lori Basch

On the weekend of August 23-25 I had the opportunity to travel to the town of Big Rapids, Michigan to attend the annual meeting of the American Collegiate Racquetball Association [ACRA]. The ACRA operates in conjunction with the AARA and is responsible for the governing of organized intercollegiate racquetball in the United States. As a new member of the Board of Directors I was anxious to "learn from the pros" all about successful intercollegiate racquetball programs all over the country. Board members attending the meeting were Neil Shapiro (Commissioner), Matt Klein (Treasurer), Ed Martin (Sacramento State coach), Larry Liles (Memphis State University coach and the current U.S. National Team coach), Jerry Gray (Midwest Regional Director) John Colantoni (NE Regional Director) and myself (SE Regional Director).

The highlight of the meeting was the decision to hold the 1988 Intercollegiate National and World

Racquetball Championships in Sacramento, CA at Gleneagles Racquetball Club on April 7-10, 1988. This tournament will run over a four day period, unlike the three day formats used in the past. The 1986 tournament was held in Denver, CO and over 400 players competed from 40 schools nationwide.

Several other decisions were made at the meeting, one being a change in regional locations. The country was redivided into 10 regions. Our region—the southeast—includes Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

In November, an ACRA Intercollegiate Handbook will be available free to students or any other persons interested in getting involved in collegiate racquetball. You can obtain a copy of this handbook by contacting me at 305/291-9181 in Orlando.

The following are the most commonly asked questions about college racquetball:

1. Who can play college racquetball?

Any full time student enrolled as an undergraduate at any college (junior, community, private, or public) can play intercollegiate racquetball.

2. How many people does it take to make a team?

A racquetball team can have a minimum of one person and a maximum of as many as 16 men and 16 women playing singles and doubles on Team #1 and Team #2.

3. How do I organize a team?

Start a "club" at your college with other students interested in playing for fun or competition. Set up playing times, organizational meetings and team rosters. A full team needs only 4 men and 4 women playing singles and doubles.

4. Do I need an advisor?

A team member can act as the captain or advisor to the club. However, teams which develop successfully over the years almost always have a volunteer advisor or coach. Often faculty or college staff personnel are willing to act as advisors. These people then become permanent contacts for college events.

5. What are the college events a team can play in, and when?

Right now, active teams in the nation compete in three events. Individual state championships, regionals and the nationals. You can send one or more players to any of these events.

NOTE: Our regional will be held on one of the last two weekends in February or the first two weekends in March at a location in North or Central Florida—and will include players from the four states in the SE Intercollegiate Region. Watch for details in the near future! The Nationals will be held April 7-10, 1988 in Sacramento.

6. Is racquetball an official college sport anywhere?

No, racquetball still remains a club sport. Funding for intercollegiate teams comes primarily from private corporate donations or small amounts from a student government to pay expenses to a state, regional or national event.

From a fundraising standpoint, the programs around the country vary widely in terms of sophistication. A few programs are very successful, raising enough funds to offer full scholarships to their top players. On the other hand, most of the programs raise just enough money for the team expenses.

7. Is a "full team" of men and women really necessary?

A "full team" of men and women is not necessary, but extremely beneficial. While there are separate men's and women's divisions, team wins are determined by total points scored by all men and women on a team in both singles and doubles competition.

For more information about collegiate racquetball, forming a team, or playing in the events noted, please contact me, Lori Basch, in Orlando at 305/291-9181.

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MEN'S DIVISIONS

MEN'S OPEN

#1	Sergio Gonzalez	695
#2	James Lorello	665
#3	Tim Hansen	530
#4	Vinnie Ganley	365
#5	Curtis Winter	280
#6	John Chelena	270
#7	Mark Morrison	215
#8	Charlie Nichols	205
#9	Brian Rankin	170
	John Schneider	170
#10	Brent Huber	150

MEN'S "A"

#1	James Wells	275★
#2	George Cooks	245★
#3	Sal Scimeca	200
#4	Joe DiDonato	160
#5	Joey Moody	150
	Mike Peyton	150
	Dan Shortley	150
#6	Sandy Tucker	145
#7	Aaron Metcalf	130
#8	Bill Walker	125
#9	Fran Mifsud	110
#10	Armando Alonso	105

MEN'S "B"

#1	Mike Motta	350★
#2	Randy Forrest	220★
#3	Bruce Cumbess	200★
	Tim Eiland	200★
#3	Mike Hartman	180★
#4	Sandy Tucker	170
#5	David Segal	135
#6	Joe Boyle	125
#7	Kevin Gallagher	120
	Steve Miller	120
#8	Robert Maynard	115
	Mark Peroni	115
#9	Ross Greenberg	100
	Jim Kaufman	100
	James Wells	100

MEN'S "C"

#1	Mike Hartman	365★
#2	Mark Volterre	230★
#3	Matthew Bermejo	225★
#4	Luis Fernandez	170★
#5	Larry Mitchell	150★
#6	Mark Coty	140★
#7	Roberto Cella	135★
#8	Scott Reiff	120
#9	Mark Motti	110
	Mark Zambrano	110
#10	Bruce Berman	100
	Juan Garcia	100
	Steve Moss	100
	Ted Muller	100
	John Van Arsdall	100

MEN'S "D"

#1	Manuel Shaw	220-★
#2	Todd Gordon	210★
#3	Terry Walker	150★
#4	Vin Biondi	120★
#5	Scott Leins	115★
#6	Bobby Isaac	105★
	Jim Thompson	105★
#7	John Dunn	100★
	Alfred Perez	100★
	Chester Surles	100★

MEN'S 19 +

#1	Curtis Winter	405
#2	Charlie Nichols	350
#3	Brent Huber	235
#4	John Scargle	230
#5	Jorge Maceo	200
#6	Jim Alvarado	165
#7	Armando Alonso	155
	John Schneider	155
#8	Philip Corrente	145
#9	Jon Chelena	130
#10	Glenn Warren	120

MEN'S 25 +

#1	Tim Hansen	1065
#2	John Scargle	605
#3	Bill Cottrill	270
#4	Brent Huber	265
#5	Dana Levy	250
#6	Vinnie Ganley	200
#7	Paul Owens	190
#8	Mark Morrison	175
#9	Craig Farrand	150
#10	Eric Foley	140

MEN'S 30 +

#1	Randy Godwin	320
#2	Van Dubolsky	315
	Mitt Layton	315
#3	Jeff Kristjansen	305
#4	Bill Simon	300
#5	Kenny Anderson	265
#6	Todd Taylor	250
#7	Mike Distefano	185
#8	Jim Flagg	180
#9	Randy Pfahler	160
#10	Gene Owen	155

MEN'S 35 +

#1	Van Dubolsky	535
#2	Mitt Layton	350
#3	Gene Owen	330
#4	Steve Chapman	310
#5	Bob Riley	180
#6	Bob Christ	160
#7	Mark Sanford	150
	Reuben Triplett	150
#8	Michael Wolf	115
#9	Gary Trapp	110
#10	Leo Marsocci	100
	Bill Miller	100

MEN'S 40 +

#1	Bob Riley	420
	Mike Winslow	420
#2	Jeff Leon	305
#3	Ed Vlock	300
#4	Bill Foresman	245
#5	Bob Wood	195

#6	Charles Behar	185
#7	Tony Conti	175
	Graig Shaak	175
#8	Jack Ross	170
#9	Andy Pawlowski	160
#10	Bob Christ	140

MEN'S 45 +

#1	Ed Vlock	695
#2	Tom Rumsey	340
#3	Lou Biltz	275
#4	Jack Ross	250
	Fred White	250
#5	Mike Mojer	200
#6	Richard Dellanini	155
#7	Vin Biondi	135
#8	Sonny Marcus	130
	Fred Stallworth	130
#9	Tony Murguia	125

MEN'S 50 +

#1	Sonny Marcus	1150
#2	Ken Nuznoff	210
#3	Robert Fell	100
	Mike Mojer	100

MEN'S 55 +

#1	Malcolm Roberts	425
#2	Gordon Ira	30
#3	Robert Harper	225
#4	Robert Fell	200
#5	Don Woodington	175
#6	Richard Morgan	100

MEN'S 60 +

#1	Malcolm Roberts	650
#2	Nick Sans	160
#3	Carlos Sena	125
#4	Herb Frank	100

MEN'S 65 +

#1	Joe Glavan	250
#2	Frank Herb	150
	Nick Sans	100
#3	William Duckworth	105

MEN'S 70 +

#1	Norman Cramer	325
#2	Robert Wise	50
#3	Robbie Robinson	30

BOYS 8-

#1	Mark Hurst	1100
#2	Scott Huggins	575
#3	Jody Friedman	500
#4	John Conway	350
#5	Rusty Moulton	255
#6	Cliff Pardue	245
#7	Franky Quinlan	205
#8	Billy Snyder	170
#9	John Xynidis	115
#10	Patrick Quinlan	100

GIRLS 8-

#1	Julie Quinlan	900
#2	Lyndsey Patton	875
#3	Debra Derr	750

#4	Kelly Newsom	325
#5	Jennifer Thompson	305
#6	Corrie Wietzel	175
#7	Karen Breneman	150
	Nicole Leto	150

BOYS 10-

#1	Mark Hurst	635
#2	Cliff Pardue	420
#3	Jody Friedman	370
#4	John Stanford	250
#5	Frank Quinlan	220
#6	Nathan McCabe	200
	Marcus Patray	200
#7	Brent Thompson	155

#8	John Gyselinck	150
#9	Ryan Smith	145
#10	Craig Czyz	135

GIRLS 10-

#1	Debra Derr	880
#2	Sara French	400
#3	Melissa MacGregor	315
#4	Julie Quinlan	285
#5	Britt Engel	275
	Samantha Simmons	275
#6	Lyndsey Patton	190
#7	Amy Simonetta	100

BOYS 12-

#1	Craig Czyz	975
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#2	Alan Engel	450
#3	J.P. Beaubien	195
#4	John Dellanini	160
#5	Mark Hurst	150
#6	Steve Quinlan	145
#7	Nathan McCabe	130
#8	John Gyselinck	100
	Jon Xynidis	100

GIRLS 12-

#1	Britt Engel	1100
#2	Lisa Dougherty	270
#3	Debra Derr	250
#4	Mia Dellanini	240

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#5	Amanda Simmons
#6	Melissa McGregor

BOYS 14-

#1	Scott Reiff
#2	Alan Engel
#3	Craig Czyz
#4	Ross Greenberg
#5	Mike Altman
#6	Chris Conway
#7	Jason Waggoner
#8	James Lorello
#9	Nikky Xynidis
#10	Robby Walden

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WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

WOMEN'S OPEN

#1	Diane Green	750
#2	Susan Morgan	745
#3	Lori Basch	285
#4	Kersten Hallender	270
#5	Julie Pinnell	235
#6	Linda Diamond	230
#7	Claudia McCarthy	205
#8	Martha McDonald	150
#9	Eileen Tuckman	145
#10	Angie Browning	120

#6	Corey Gowing	150
	Randee Allen	125
	Theresa Chaffin	125
#7	Ceil Clark	100
	Gayle Gauseman	100
	Bibi Janaes	100
	Millie Jenkins	100
	Teresa Kaufman	100
	Casey Kisner	100
	Linda Mojer	100
	Barbie Owen	100

#5	Kim Cramer	100★
	Doreen Taylor	100★

WOMEN'S 19 +

#1	Kersten Hallendar	935
#2	Lori Basch	225
#3	Linda Diamond	290
#4	Diane Green	150
#5	Angie Browning	135
#6	Chris Collins	110
#7	Marla Friedman	100

WOMEN'S 35 +

#1	Eileen Tuckman	900
#2	Janis Smith	325
#3	Mary Jo Murray	200
#4	Cheryl Lee	125

WOMEN'S 40 +

#1	Agatha Falso	1050
#2	Judi Schmidt	795
#3	Jo Kenyon	250
#4	Eva Russell	205
#5	Shirley Elgaway	125

WOMEN'S "A"

#1	Linda Mojer	260★
#2	Lisa Busch	250★
#3	Brenda Smith	240★
#4	Renee Fish	230★
#5	Janis Smith	200
#6	Jane Fontaine	175
#7	Jo Kenyon	170
#8	Jane Worden	155
#9	Mary Jo Murray	150
#10	Laurie Potter	135

WOMEN'S "C"

#1	Sue Giliberti	210★
	Bonnie Maynard	210★
#2	Jana French	190★
#3	Katherine Phillips	160★
#4	Dee Robertson	150★
	Michelle Scott	150★
#6	Karen Guarino	135★
#7	Kim McDaniel	130★
	Sandy Reiff	130★
#8	Terri Costill	120
#9	Candy Weber	105
#10	Lynn Edwards	100
	Doreen Greco	100
	Connie Smith	100

WOMEN'S 25 +

#1	Diane Green	550
#2	Terry Costill	150
	Renee Fish	150
	Laurie Potter	150
	Mandy Stark	150
#3	Barb Simmons	110

WOMEN'S 45 +

#1	Judi Schmidt	950
#2	Jo Kenyon	565
#3	Shirley Elgaway	270

WOMEN'S 50 +

#1	Jo Kenyon	650
#2	Shirley Elgaway	200

WOMEN'S "B"

#1	Sue Elins	230★
#2	Eva Russell	175
#3	Michelle Scott	165
#4	Sue Eicher	160
#5	Lois Breneman	150
	Marilyn Burrum	150
	Mary Ellen Cheney	150

WOMEN'S "D"

#1	Patti Yough	175★
#2	Terri Costill	165★
#3	Gail Hardy	150★
#4	Eva Russell	110★

WOMEN'S 30 +

#1	Susan Morgan	1105
#2	Barbara Simmons	205
#3	Julia Pinnell	200
#4	Linda Mojer	175
#5	Martha McDonald	150
#6	Mary Jo Murray	145
	Gail Troxell	145
#7	Cindy Carter	100
	Eileen Tuckman	100

WOMEN'S 55 +

#1	Julie Atherly	400
#2	Jeannette Conrarino	150

WOMEN'S 60 +

#1	Lilijan Minick	150
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DIVISIONS

GIRLS 14-

#1	Amy Simonetta	1150
#2	Hannah Spector	930
#3	Mandy Simmons	230
#4	Robin O'Toole	195
#5	Britt Engel	175
#6	Deirdre Robertson	150

#5	Aaron Metcalf	230
#6	John Van Ardsdall	225
#7	Phil Koss	185
#8	Mike Altman	150
#9	Mike Aipachino	110
#10	Ross Greenberg	100

GIRLS 16-

#1	Susan Cox	500
#2	Amy Simonetta	400
#3	Hannah Spector	250
#4	Dee Robinson	205

BOYS 18-

#1	Linó Suarez	445
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BOYS 16-

#1	Robby Walden	725
#2	James Lorello	400
#3	Trent Tournabene	330
#4	Brian Rankin	300
	Jason Waggoner	300

#2	Rob Kulp	200
	James Lorello	200
#3	John Ross	175
#4	Oscar Gonzalez	155
#5	Barry Ozer	150
#6	Mitch Campbell	100
	Jason Waggoner	100

GIRLS 18-

#1	Vicki Yarns	245
#2	Robin McBride	100

★All individuals marked with an asterisk within the skill divisions are no longer eligible to compete in that division, and must be placed in the next higher skill draw in Florida tournament play. This notation is made to help tournament directors eliminate sandbagging, and as an incentive to players to "move-up" in ability by competing in the next skill level. The "cut-off" levels are: "A" = 230 & up, "B" = 180 & up, "C" = 130 & up, "D" = 80 & up. Once you have reached the maximum point designation in the listed skill divisions, you must play at the next higher level.

For details on the "cut-off" list policy and procedures, please contact any Florida Racquetball Association Board Member.

DOUBLES RANKINGS

MEN'S OPEN

#1	Tim Hansen	940
#2	Sergio Gonzalez	665
#3	Van Dubolsky	420
#4	George Maceo	365
#5	Oscar Gonzalez	335
	John Scargle	335
#6	Paul Owens	320
#7	Jon Chelena	305
#8	Brent Huber	300
#9	Vinnie Ganley	275
#10	Randy Pfahler	270
	John Schneider	270
#11	Jason Waggoner	235
#12	Mark Morrison	220
#13	Brian Rankin	215
#14	Dana Levy	195

MEN'S 19 +

#1	Sergio Gonzalez	945
#2	Tim Hansen	750
#3	Steve Jones	450
	Charlie Nichols	450
#4	John Schneider	300
#5	Oscar Alvarez	195
#6	Jimmy Alvarado	175
#7	Brent Huber	150
	Curtis Winter	150
#8	Bubba Gautier	100
	Charlie Krestul	100
	George Maceo	100
#9	John Scargle	80
#10	Lino Suarez	75
#11	Tico Fernandez	60
	Steve Miragliotta	60

MEN'S 25 +

#1	Vinnie Ganley	390
#2	Bob Owens	300
#3	Gordon Kirkland	200
	Sid Miller	200
#4	Brian Kimball	150
	Mark Morrison	150
#5	Bruce Davis	100
	Greg McDonald	100
	Martha McDonald	100
	Randy Pfahler	100
	Mark Sanford	100
#6	Randy Godwin	75
	Todd Taylor	75
#7	Ray Bardalas	60
	Greg Diaz	60
#8	Dana Levy	50
	John Scargle	50

MEN'S 30 +

#1	Joe Icaza	850
#2	Todd Taylor	550
#3	Greg McDonald	475
#4	Martha McDonald	375
#5	Van Dubolsky	350
#6	Leo Marsocci	300
	Graig Shaak	300
#7	Randy Pfahler	250
#8	Gene Owen	215
#9	Fernandez	150
	Randy Godwin	150
#10	Mario Ariet	100
	Russ Deegan	100
	Don Morrow	100
	Gary Zetrouer	100
#11	Rueben Triplett	95

MEN'S 35 +

#1	Van Dubolsky	1100
	Joe Icaza	1100
#2	Graig Shaak	480
#3	Leo Marsocci	300
#4	Steve Chapman	200
	Gary Zetrouer	200
#5	Gene Owen	175
#6	Mario Ariet	130
#7	Reuben Triplett	125
#8	Jeff Leon	120
#9	Mitt Layton	100
	Joe Serabia	100
#10	Bennett	75
	Bob DeRobertis	75
#11	Jack Ross	60
	Fred White	60

MEN'S 40 +

#1	Graig Shaak	545
#2	Jeff Leon	350
#3	Mario Ariet	310
#4	Jack Ross	300
#5	Tony Conti	260
#6	Charlie Behar	250
	Leo Marsocci	250
	Roger Wherle	250
#7	Mike Winslow	200
#8	Don Woodington	180
#9	Lou Biltz	165
#10	Joe Icaza	150
#11	Tom Rumsey	135
	Mike Mojer	135
#12	Ed Vlock	120
#13	Steve Xynidis	100

MEN'S 45 +

#1	Jack Ross	600
	Fred White	600
#2	Ed Vlock	360
#3	Frank Shumer	200
#4	Lou Biltz	175
	Richard Dellanini	175
#5	John Hatcher	150
	Don Woodington	150
#6	Collie Carlton	125
	Larry Swanson	125
#7	Mario Ariet	100
	Fred Blaess	100
	Mike Mojer	100
	Dan Shafer	100
	Mike Smith	100
	Al Winter	100
	Steve Xynidis	100

MEN'S 50 +

#1	Don Fox	375
	Mike Mojer	375
#2	Herb Nathan	345
#3	Bill Hurst	300
#4	Don Woodington	250
#5	Lou Biltz	150
	Gordon Ira	150
#6	Robert Harper	100
	Carlos Sena	100
	Al Winter	100
#7	Sam Horne	60
	Malcolm Roberts	60
#8	Ed Vlock	50
#9	Glenn Allen	45
#10	Joe Ramos	30
	Mel Schwartz	30

MEN'S 55 +

#1	Malcolm Roberts	750
#2	Herb Nathan	500
#3	Joe Glavan	250
#4	Bill Krautheim	160
#5	Gordon Ira	150
	Don Woodington	150
#6	Mel Schwartz	100
#7	Joe Ramos	60

MEN'S 60 +

#1	Malcolm Roberts	650
#2	Chris Bonfleur	400
#3	Joe Glavan	250
#4	Yale Berman	100
	Cedric Dennett	100

MEN'S 65 +

#1	Norman Creamer	100
	Charlie Higgins	100

MEN'S 70 +

#1	Norman Creamer	100
	Charlie Higgins	100

WOMEN'S OPEN

#1	Julie Pinnell	600
	Diane Green	600
#2	Susan Morgan	460
#3	Claudia McCarthy	445
#4	Kersten Hallander	300
#5	Mary Lyons	160
#6	Nancy Hamrick	150
	Barbara Simmons	150
#7	Val Bazarte	130
#8	Chris Collins	115
#9	Marilyn Miller	75
	Janis Smith	75
#10	Mary Holroyd	60
#11	Angie Browning	50
	Cheryl Lee	50
	Linda Mojer	50
	Brenda Smith	50
	Jane Worden	50

WOMEN'S 19 +

#1	Chris Collins	700
#2	Melanie Britton	600
#3	Lori Basch	400
	Angie Browning	400
#4	Beth Aloï	360
#5	Kersten Hallendar	300
#6	Teri Mele	100
#7	Jackie Brady	60

WOMEN'S 25 +

#1	Mary Lyons	600
	Susan Morgan	600
#2	Julie Pinnell	500
#3	Diane Green	350
#4	Gail Troxell	75
#5	Debbie Bedell	60
	Kathi Fegers	60
#6	Lois Breneman	50
	Marilyn Buffum	50
	Mary Ellen Cheney	50
	Lilly McIntyre	50
#7	Carol Andrus	45
	Cherisse Sansone	45
#8	Audrey Foist	40
#9	Theresa Kaufman	30
#10	Judy Arnold	20

WOMEN'S 30 +

#1	Eileen Tuckman	900
#2	Gail Troxell	700
#3	Agatha Falso	415
#4	Renee Fish	410
#5	Linda Icaza	200
	Cheryl Lee	200
	Linda Mojer	200
#6	Linda Derrick	160
#7	Jane Worden	145
#8	Judi Schmidt	125
#9	Brenda Smith	120
#10	Marilyn Miller	100
	Barbara Simmons	100
#11	Mary Jo Murray	60
#12	Pam Atkinson	50
	Val Bazarte	50
	Diane Fields	50
	Jane Fontaine	50
	Jo Kenyon	50
	Susan Morgan	50

WOMEN'S 35 +

#1	Agatha Falso	550
#2	Judi Schmidt	500
#3	Mary Jo Murray	400
	Marilyn Ross	400
#4	Linda Derrick	200
	Renee Fish	200
	Jo Kenyon	200
#5	Eileen Tuckman	150
#6	Lois Breneman	75
	Janis Smith	75
#7	Susan Miller	60
	Jackie Mitchell	60
#8	Cindy McManamon	45

WOMEN'S 40 +

#1	Judi Schmidt	750
#2	Jo Kenyon	700
#3	Agatha Falso	600
#4	Mary McNutt	550

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES

#1	Kersten Hallander	405
#2	Greg McDonald	350
	Martha McDonald	350
#3	Susan Morgan	335
#4	Marilyn Buffum	305
#5	Claudia McCarthy	280
#6	Dana Levy	255
#7	Charlie Krestul	250
	Mark Morrison	250
#8	Linda Diamond	230
	Paul Owens	230
#9	Mary Lyons	185
#10	Curtis Winter	180
#11	Jason Waggoner	175
#12	Randy Pfahler	170
#13	Lori Basch	150
	Aaron Metcalf	150
#5	Amy Simonetta	275
#6	Mary Lyons	260
#7	Julie Pinnell	245
#8	Charlie Nichols	240
#9	Susan Morgan	160
#10	Charlie Krestul	150
	Aaron Metcalf	150
	Jason Waggoner	150
#11	Bob Newcomb	95
	Judi Schmidt	95

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS:

Fred Adams, Leon Agresti, Beth Ann Alu, Ron Anderson, Henry Anderson, Cheryl Atterley, Jimmy Ayala, Oscar Alvarez, Doug Amendout, Craig Amendout, Lynn Baidel, Lynn Balhazer, William Baumer, Jeff Benson, Kathryn Benson, David Blakeley, Glenn Blundin, Jay Bonady, Wendy Breslow, Ashley Brooks, Cecilia Brooks, Mike Brooks, Fredrick Buck, John Caldwell, Jay Calloway, Karen Cantarano, Randy Carpenter, Frank Catarrelli, Paul Causey, Teresa Chaffin, William Charles, Abe Charrick, Jon Chase, Michael Christensen, John Collins, Sharon Conrad, James Conti, Philip Corrente, Terry Cudmore, Sally Dalgren, James Dale, David Dean, Jerome Deeso, Philip Deeso, Randy DeLoach, Carlos Del Pozo, Elizabeth Dolan, Susan Dragan, Lloyd Draggars, W.C. Edson, Sue Ellis, Bill Eschelman, Dorothy Faissier, Tommy Fara, Buddy Ferrel, Ray Ferrel, Doree Fields, Stan Fisher, Martin Fluharty, Randy Forrest, Phineas Fowler, Carl Friedman, Kevin Gallagher, Glen Gibellini, Tony Gilliam, Eileen Gorman, Michael Gorman, Rudy Gonzalez, Dorey Gross, John Grant-Dodds, Jacky Grason, Claudia Gutierrez, Raul Gutierrez, Carolyn Hagler, Dennis Hagler, John Hall, John Hallam, Enrique Handberg, Nicholas Handberg, Lee Hantley, David Heavey, Heather Henrich, Michael Hewitt, George Hightmatt, Dennis Hoffman, Curt Hulburt, S. Kim Hunter, William Hurst, Barry Hutchison, Linda Icaza, Mike Jiggins, Dave Jackson, Kathy Jacobs, Edward Janowitz, Keith Johnson, David Jones, Stephen Jones, Tom Judger, Brian Kimball, Mike Kirkland, Norika Kirkland

TIME OUT

Four by Four. The most recent national standings list eight Florida players in the top twenty in men's and women's open events. They are: Tim Hansen (#3), Diane Green (#10), Sergio Gonzalez (#7), Susan Morgan (#11), Charlie Nichols (#17), Lori Basch (#14), James Lorello (#19) and Linda Diamond (#18). Keep up the good work!

Regional Singles Update. For those of you who were already devising plans to be excused from the 1988 Southeast Regional in North Carolina—save it for '89. Van Dubolsky has managed to change this year's regional location to Florida. By virtue of numbers alone, Florida has always seemed the logical choice for events of this sort. Facility negotiations are underway, but it looks like Jacksonville will be the host city if all goes well. The date has not been finalized as yet either, but look for an April weekend (either the 15th or 22nd).

Good news... and bad news. The good news is that the Orlando Tennis and Racquet Club truthfully claims a lion's share of the best racquetball players in Florida among its membership. The bad news is that The Racquetball closed its doors on September 1st, leaving little choice but an OTRC membership for its active players. Added to a list of summer closures which included Harbor Pines/Melbourne and Racquetball South earlier this year, the Racquetball facility itself was one of the best and we're sad to see it empty.

All Wet. Terry Fluharty was at it again in July—this time winning a motorcycle for the most trips down a hydro-maniac water slide in Dallas, Texas. This unorthodox player credits his racquetball experience for at least part of his success in an unusual competition, citing a real use for the type of concentration gained on the court. Plus he says you have to be a little crazy to attempt it in the first place. Sound familiar?

Correction. Apologies to Barbara Simmons, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the long list of National honorees in the August edition of FRA News. Barbara reached the quarterfinals in the Women's 25+ division, but missed all the congratulatory hoopla in the last issue. Hope everyone will renew their praise for her accomplishment at this late date.

It's a Girl!! Our own Mary Lyons, FRA board member and first-rate competitor, completed an important family project on September 4th, giving birth to her first daughter—Katie Michelle. The little one weighed in at just over seven pounds and is described as "not yet as long as a racquet." Her backhand leaves a little something to desired says mom, but new brother Jimmy and dad Steve are thrilled with her. Mary plans to be back on the court as soon as possible, Katie in tow, and the staff at RacquetPower are already practicing their oohs, aahs and baby-talk. Congratulations!



Katie Michelle Lyons, resting between games.

It's a Baby!! Don't even try to calm Van and Becky Dubolsky down. The two are expecting their first child in April and couldn't be happier, while Marcus begins working on his big brother duties. Talk about a new generation of racquetball players... Best of luck!

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS:

Ira King, J.A. Kristjansen, Kurt Klein, Libby Lacey, Robert P. Lamb, Sid Lauterba, Scott Lloyd, Steven Lyles, Thomas Maclean, Lee Majors, Vicente Mata, Charles Mathers, Craig Maxwell, Barbara Maxwell, Jon May, Charles Mayes, Dart McCarly, Bruce Meselmin, Barth Michael, Marilyn Miller, Cheryl Miller, Walter Monk, Alan Moore, James Morgan, Thomas Morris, John Morris, Mark Morrison, Steve Moss, Herbert Nathan, Greg Nemeyer, Mark Nichols, Raymond Novello, Tim O'Keefe, Pedro Olivares, Scott Olson, Linda Olyer, Shada Oyster, Douglas Owens, Michael Papamichail, Jeff Pardue, Gene Pope, Lawrence Pope, Scott Rader, Chris Ramsden, Tim Raucher, Lourdes Rey, Michelle Rey, Billy Richardson, William Richardson, Jimmy Richman, Lou Ritz, Michael Roberts, Mike Robison, Drew Rosado, Stephen Rosado, John Ross, Ron Ryan, Michael Saloff, Dave Salley, John Samuels, Anita Sanders, Mike Schack, Jeff Schmidt, Stephen Sennape, Angelo Serrato, Moby Shaw, Mark Sheek, Amanda Simmons, Steven Slattery, Jackie Smith, Rachel Smith, Lee Travis Snyder, Darrin Sobel, Claude Spennato, Jeffery Stanger, David Stewart, Tim Stigbel, Jack Strasser, Jason Strickland, Michael Tharin, Bulch Thurner, Nancy Thurner, Blair Thomas, Mark Tye, Mike Uz, W. Scott Van Ness, William Vigoda, Sid Warbolder, Mark Weber, Rick Weber, Paul Welsh, Jeanne Westlake, Wesley Whiting, John Williams, Rick Williams, El Hayes Wulley, Edith Yonkin

Referee Honored. Ed Vlock was one of sixteen individuals invited by the AARA to officiate at the Pan Am Games in mid-September. Ed traveled to Colorado Springs for his "tour of duty" where his refereeing skills were tested by the world's finest racquetball competitors.

NATIONAL NOTES. The AARA has established a Minority Council to develop programs for increasing minority participation in the sport, naming Washington state director Sid Williams as its Commissioner. Sid is very interested in hearing from other state members and their associations regarding minority issues, and encourages you to contact him at 5227 South Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA 98409, or call 206/473-2266.

AARA RULE CHANGES for 1987

It always takes a little while for **everyone** to become familiar with new rules. You, however, can be the first one on your block to become known as an expert in the coming months simply by studying the following rule changes. The FRA joins with you in continuously trying to improve the game, and wants to help you become familiar with official rule changes **before** someone argues with you.

Here is a brief summary of the major rule changes that will take effect in the remainder of this year:

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1ST: A screen serve is a FAULT. If you call a screen on the first serve, the server has **one** serve remaining. A screen call following any other fault serve (long, short, 3-wall, ceiling, etc.) will result in a **side-out**. Two screens = two faults = side out. The call is **not** appealable.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1ST: A 3-ft. drive serve zone will be observed [see diagram]. On the drive serve,

the racquet may not break the plane of the 3-foot line, and service motion must start and finish in the remaining 17-foot zone. This forces the server to stand further from the side wall on the drive serve, reducing the opportunity for intentional screen service. Breaking the plane on the drive serve is an automatic screen call, and a **fault**. This call is appealable.

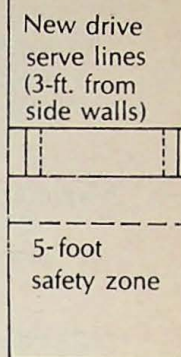
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1ST: In Doubles—A change in playing partners may be made as long as the first match of the posted team has not begun and the teams have not been called to the court.

In Regular Division Play—Three new divisions have been approved for sanctioned play. They are 75+, 8 and under regular rules, and Junior Mixed Doubles (at nationals).

At the **regional** and **national** level only—Men and women may compete only in events for their respective sex.

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1ST: In all AARA sanctioned events, **eyeguards will be mandatory**. Unaltered, **lensed** eyewear for racquet sports will be **REQUIRED** equipment for all AARA competition. Noncompliance will result in forfeiture.

IN 1988: To play in Nationals, you **must** participate in your area **regional** championship. Individuals must physically play in the regionals to qualify—**not** just enter. Only illness (with documentation by a licensed physician) and personal tragedy will be considered sufficient cause for a waiver of this requirement.



DOUBLE-DUTY

by Linda Mojer



From the President:

The FRA held its second formal board meeting of 1987 at the State Doubles Championships in August, addressing a full slate of agenda items. First up—a treasurer's report which confirmed the associations "non-profit" status, followed by a report on the newsletter project. The issue in your hands is the third direct-mailed edition of **FRA News**, and response has been favorable (thank you, Tim).

The referee certification program was discussed and a follow-up package of materials was distributed to certified refs at the tournament. Containing an official referee's hat, updated certification cards and a synopsis of the new rules, the package is still available to those who have taken and passed the test. Just give me a call.

The board also ratified its by-laws, finalized nomination procedures for new board members, and voted to vigorously support the AARA eyeguard ruling in Florida. Several innovative projects were planned by individual board members, the results of which should become evident in 1988. It's exciting business—so don't forget the October 31st deadline for submitting a letter of interest to me if you would like to join us in the coming year!

From the Editor:

Tournament draws and seedings... a mystery to some, a nightmare to others. The constant shifts in ranking positions for Florida players makes it all the more important that tournament directors take

special care in preparing draws to insure fairness and equal competition.

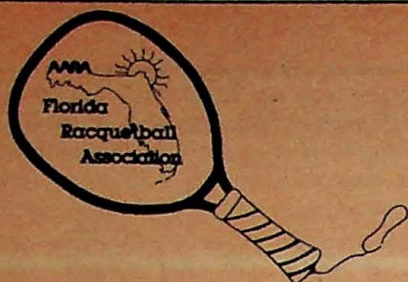
As a rule, seedings are determined primarily by ranking positions in the division entered—but that's only the first step. Often time constraints force tournament directors to overlook individual standings in **other** divisions (and even **national** results) when preparing a draw and seeding players. For example, a #4 ranked open player could also be a national champion and #1 in his/her age division (a clue: points are on the high side/over 500). In such a case, the #1 ranked age competitor should be considered for a spot in the lower half of an open draw. Justifying seeding that does not literally reflect the published rankings takes common sense and knowledge of the players involved, but is well worth the extra effort.

Another factor in draw placement is that of club affiliation and residency. If at all possible, tournament directors should make every attempt to separate players from the same area or club, placing them in different brackets to avoid "old home week" play in early rounds.

[NOTE: Players **can** take matters into their own hands by requesting, on their entry form, that they **not** be placed in the same half of the draw as their doubles partner, or with someone from their own club or city, citing "we play together all the time."]

A rule of thumb for seeding and draw preparation—use **all** the information at your disposal. First, published rankings of the division being set. Second, remaining ranking lists in which an individual could have accumulated points. Third, the club affiliation/hometown of the player, and fourth, good old common sense. It works every time.

P.S. If you've had a particular ranking, seeding or draw placement problem, please contact myself, Fred White, Agatha Falso or Libby Laney. The state ranking guidelines are being revised and we welcome your opinions.



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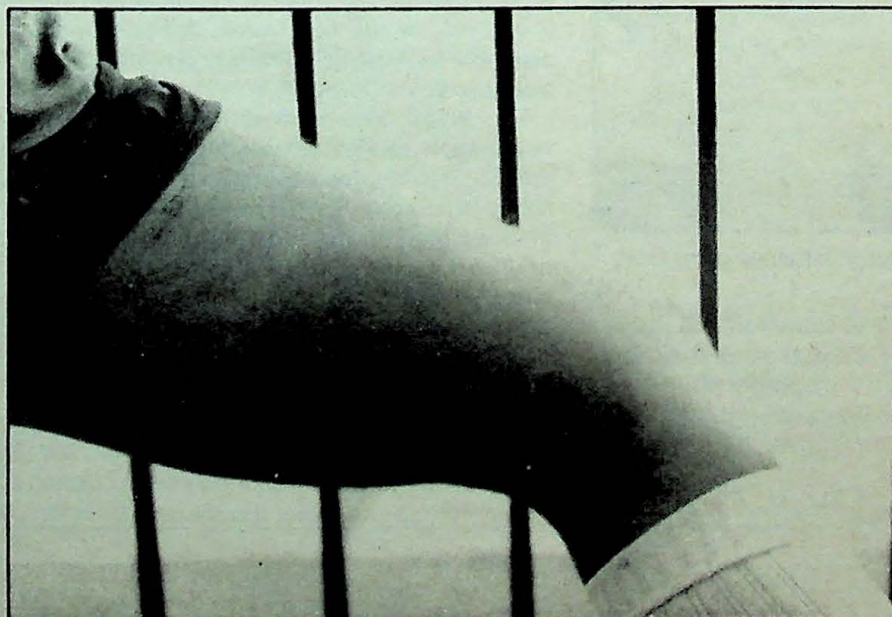
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Date	City & Club	Level & Comments
OCTOBER		
09-11	Niceville - Bluewater Racquet	2
10-12	Orange Park - Park Avenue	2
16-18	Lakeland YMCA	2 Cool Cucumber
22-25	Tempe, AZ - Arizona Ath. Club	6 National Doubles
30-11/01	S. Punta Gorda - New Life Fitness	2 New Racquetball Open
NOVEMBER		
06-08	Auburndale Recreation Center	3 4-wall Outdoor
13-15	Coral Springs - Quadrangle	2 3rd Ann. Turkey Shoot
13-15	Sarasota YMCA	2
20-22	Ormond Beach - Omega 40	2 Cold Turkey Classic
DECEMBER		
04-06	Ft. Lauderdale - S. Fla. RB	2 Killshot Kommittee
27-30	Miami Lakes	5 Jr. Orange Bowl
JANUARY 1988		
22-24	Sarasota YMCA	2
29-31	Clearwater - Parkside Ath. Club	2
FEBRUARY		
18-21	FRA STATE SINGLES - Site TBA	3
MARCH		
04-06	FRA INTERCOLLEGIATES - Site TBA	4 SE Regional
11-13	Lakeland YMCA	2
APRIL		
07-10	Sacramento, CA - Gleneagles RB	6 Nat. Intercollegiates
MAY		
06-08	Ormond Beach - Omega 40	4 Junior Regionals
13-15	Lakeland YMCA	2 Onomatopoeia
26-30	Houston, TX—Downtown YMCA	6 National Singles
JUNE		
25-29	Denver, CO—Site TBA	6 Junior Nationals
AUGUST		
05-07	Lakeland YMCA	2 Doubles
OCTOBER		
07-09	Lakeland YMCA	2 Cool Cucumber
27-30	Baltimore, MD—Merritt	6 National Doubles



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