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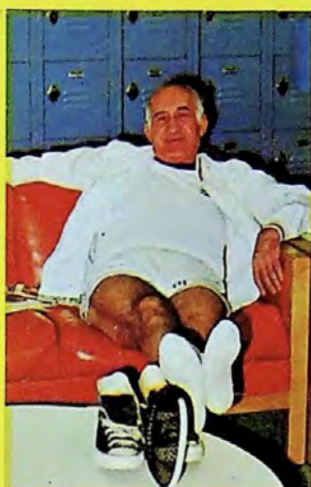
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1974 Masters



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1975 Juniors



**Marlowe Phillips**, 1969 Masters, left, and  
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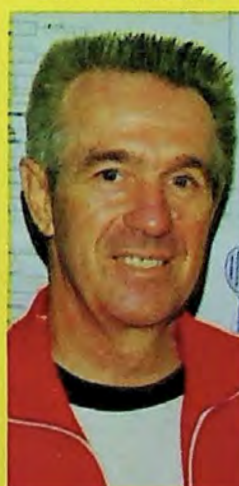
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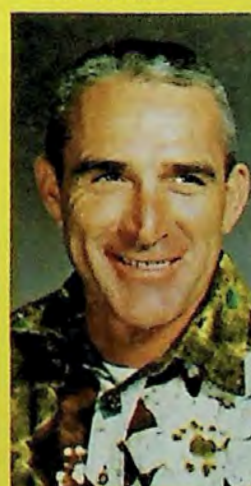
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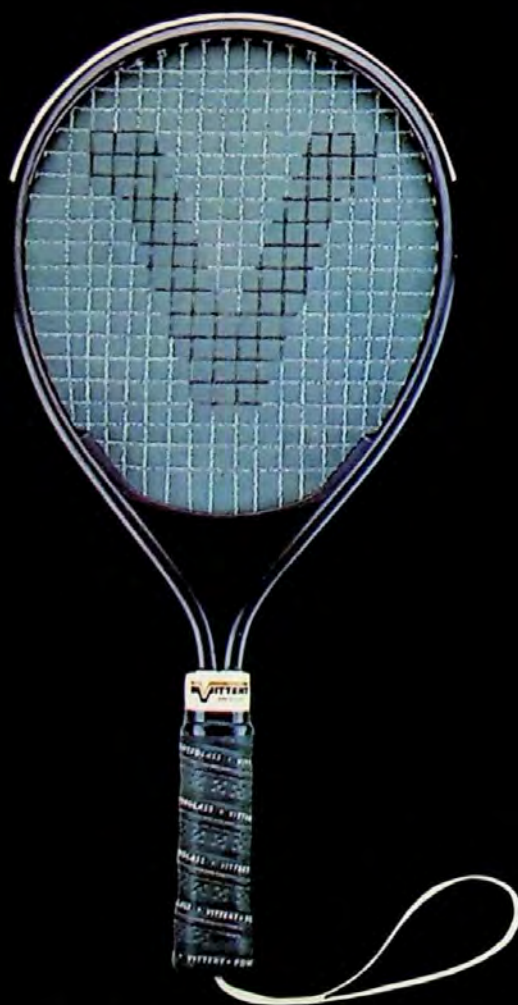


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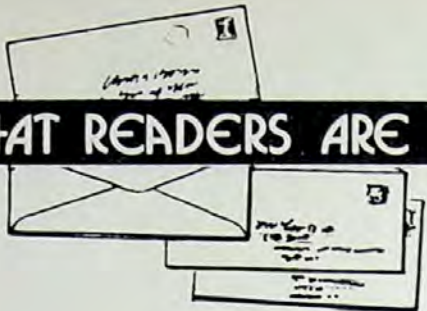


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## WHAT READERS ARE SAYING

- We want to thank the IRA office for sending the membership applications and new rule-books. Your assistance helped make our first George Washington's birthday tournament a success.

The competition pulled players from three nations. Next year we hope to draw from all over Europe.

**Robert A. Paredes, USO**

Executive Director  
Stuttgart, Germany

- Keep up the articles on club development around the country. We found them particularly helpful in putting together our facility at Eugene. Construction begins this May.

If further information is needed about our court club, don't hesitate to call Bob McNutt, or me, (503) 484-1991.

**Reed Fitkin**

Court Sports I  
Eugene, Oregon

- Your attention is called to omission of the Redwood Falls, Minnesota, courts facilities from the directory issue of IRA racquetball magazine. Our facilities were listed in the preceding directory.

The Redwood Falls courts are operated by the Community School program. So far this year they have supplied the needs of 164 different players who have played over 5,000 games.

**J. William Cragun, Director**

Redwood Classic Tournament  
Redwood Falls, Minnesota

*Editor's note: Will all readers please turn to page 40, January/February issue, Volume 5, Number one, and mark, between Redwing and Rochester, "Redwood Falls—High School Court Facilities." Mark this in red. Any school that plays 5,000 games deserves special listing.*

- In mid-January we conducted our Sixth Annual Woodson YMCA Open Tournament. Prior to our tournament we

had Bill Schmidtke and his partner, Mike Weum, give a clinic for our members. I would just like to tell your readers that these two men certainly come highly recommended from our group in Wausau, Wis.

Their concern for the players in attendance was excellent. Their patience in answering questions was appreciated by our players who are at the beginner's level.

Bill and Mike gave new enthusiasm to the game around our local "Y" and we look forward to having them conduct our clinic next year. It did much to increase racquetball activities and interest at our YMCA.

Just thought you would like to know, and I would certainly endorse the clinic for any group that is running a tournament, or for any group that feels that their players should learn from the best.

**Jerry Hoff**

Wausau, Wisconsin

- A regional takes a lot of planning, and we would like to thank Warren Pierce who arranged for the food and drinks for the players, and Mike Weiner, and Russ (where's the bunnies?) Kelly for their assistance.

Naturally, we wish the best of luck to all the Northeast players who will be competing in the 8th Annual IRA International championships.

**Danny Giordano**

Co-director  
Northeast Region Tournament

- Sixty chickens! Anybody — even Colonel Sanders, can cook one chicken, but for the Southwest Regionals in Oklahoma City Mrs. Chris Smith actually fried 60 chickens; not only that, she baked ten large pans of coffee-cake, pots and pots of baked beans, and a bunch of "goodies" I lost count of.

When people are handing out accolades for the behind-the-scenes activities, I find it hard to believe any event in the nation had a better crew.

Our regionals were played in two clubs, so we had more help, in more places, and to a better degree than ever. At the reception desk Jean Lehr and Susan Neustadt set in motion the first wave of hospitality. Shari Hinkle and her sister, Terri, along with Pat Gann kept the momentum going with a refreshment counter.

All over the place was Mike Gann rounding up referees (even Luther "Fruit Fly" Bernstein refereed one match. I know there's a list of others I should mention—but to all who helped, we want to express our appreciation. A tournament doesn't just happen. It takes all of you to make it happen.

**V. Z. Lawton**

Southwest Regional Commissioner  
Norman, Oklahoma

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## LETTERS

• Some people in the western part of the country don't think we have room in Massachusetts for 63 doubles teams to meet in one tournament, but with the help of Russ Moriority at the Shrewsbury Squash and Tennis club, and abetted by tournament director Howard Coleman and family, the event was held, and run in a most professional manner. The Shrewsbury facility is one of the finest and best managed clubs in the New England area. IRA members of the Massachusetts area would like to express their appreciation for the help given them in this tournament by the host club.

Pete F. Crummey  
Fort Devens, Mass.

• Most sports have methods to arrive at handicaps, averages, classifications, etc., to determine the level of athletic prowess of an individual. Racquetball, to my knowledge, does not have any such devices.

Enclosed is a "classification rating form, which I formulated for racquetball or handball. When properly completed an individual would fall into class A, or B, or C. Preferably the form would be completed by the club pro, or assistant pro.

If adopted, this would, or should, help keep an A player from playing in the B or C or Novice levels. If nothing else, it is a gauge for an individual to measure his or her own level.

I enjoy the IRA magazine very much,

and look forward to the next issue with great anticipation.

Frank Sciarra  
Orange, California

Editor's note: In condensed form, this is Mr. Sciarra's rating form:—

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## I.R.A. Regionals

St. Louis tournament aficionado Len Marks initiates new trend by presenting runnerup trophy to Ken Koltun, in whirlpool. At upper right Marks discontinues new trend while presenting trophies to Raddine Robbins, Goldie Hogan, Iona Long and Shiela Siegal. Camille McCarthy and Chris Ackerman during women's finals, on the court; and just below them, Ken Wong and Koltun during the action. In the lower photo Joe Gibbs, seated, discusses strategy with Marty Hogan, left, and one of his top fans, right.



## Ken Wong Stars at Columbia

Featured at the old Columbia theatre on "The Hill" in St. Louis April 2-3-4 were the Midwest Regionals. It was a popular presentation, but not one that could be held over for an additional week. Maybe next year.

Babe and Tino DiFranco supplied the theatre-remodeled-club for the regionals, gave ample hospitality, plus tee-shirts and trophies.

Ken Wong picked up the title in the men's open singles by downing Ben Kolton, St. Louis. Kolton succumbed to severe leg cramps in the third game and had to be supported as he left the court.

Taking third place with two identically scored games of 21-9 was Rudi Losche, St. Louis, over Gordon Kelly, Grand Rapids, Mich. Dr. Jerry Fonden won the consolation match over Bertolucci, 21-13, 19-21, 21-15.

Camille McCarthy, Indianapolis, won the title in the women's singles by defeating Chris Ackerman, St. Louis, 19-21, 21-3, 21-13. Nancie Messerschmidt, bowed to Nancy Zelson to give up claim to third by scores of 21-6 and 21-10. Consolations went to Plauche by scores of 21-13, 21-8 over Armengel.

In the men's senior division Joe Gibbs took first place with two wins over Bob Hardcastle, 21-10, 21-13. Third was Harold Williamson, 21-16, 21-16, over John Raduchaa, Ithaca, Michigan. Orf defeated Trammel for the consolation victory, 21-12 and 21-16.

Irv Roselman, St. Louis, defeated Phil Dziuk, Champaign, Ill., for the master's crown: 13-21, 21-10, 21-18. Third was Don Van Fossen, 21-10, 21-10, over Dave Perelman. Joe Zelson took the consolations with 21-9, 21-7 wins over McCormick.



Golden master's champion, Dr. David Mathews, Champaign, Illinois, drew a forfeit from injured James Divito, Chicago, in the finals. Third was Bill Kennedy who obtained a forfeit from Marlowe Phillips. Payne defeated Turner for the consolation win, 21-14, 21-20.

Taking Alvin Mazz, Chicago, in two games, 21-10, 21-2, was Jack Friedlander for a victory in the men's novice. Third was Bates (over Casty), and the consolations were won by Philbrick who defeated Wolff, 21-13, 21-7.

Women's novice victor Joan Rosenberg reached the top of her division by defeating Linda Hogan in two games, 21-12, 21-17. Third was Carol Carpunky with two games of 21-3, 21-13 over Dianne DeRoze. Potts took the consolation over Graham, 21-12, 21-4.

David Kinberg, St. Louis, defeated Chicago's Steve Sulli for the Junior's title in an eight-man round robin.







At the left Danny Giordano and Mike Luciw exchange congratulations at the Northeast regionals; and just below, Giordano and Katie Murray present the winner's trophy to Charlie Garfinkel with Sue Crummey looking on.

### Northeast

## Russell Kelly didn't win

By Michael Weiner

Once upon a time The Land of Racquetball was visited by a "Big Bird" from Buffalo, who descended upon the little people and showered upon them a flurry of devastating shots.

When the clean-up operations had been completed, Charlie Garfinkel had let it be known that, in his own words, "The Gar is the person."

Danny Giordano and Pete Crummey were hosts for the 176 I.R.A. Northeast Regionals in Boston, Mass. Along with the able assistance of David Chinn, Katie Murray, Sue Crummey and John Learson, they managed to accommodate 150 of the Northeast's finest Racquetballers for the weekend of April 2-4.

Four courts at Northeastern University and two at the West Roxbury YMCA served as flailing grounds for representatives from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont, participants in seven divisions. A field of 60 class "B" players was also included.



Play began at 8 a.m. Friday. Using 31-point games in the first round of every division enabled play to stay on schedule and allowed all players to attend the banquet that night at the Playboy Club of Boston. Racquetballers displayed more concentration on the Bunnies than they did on the courts that day. It was rumored that a 50-year-old, rising young star, named Russell Kelly set a new IRA speed record in chasing Bunny Linda around the bumper pool table six times.

In spite of numerous throbbing heads and weary bodies, play continued at 8

## but he set a new speed record

a.m. Saturday. In the first match of the day, unseeded Herman Neumeier pulled the upset of the tournament by defeating top seeded Pat Colombo in the senior's division, 11-21, 21-8, 21-17.

Another upset came when number two seed, Fred Rizzo, lost in the opening round of the master's to Dan Rodriguez.

In the open, three of the top four seeds found the going not perfectly smooth as they advanced to the semis.

Garfinkel found tournament director Danny Giordano red hot, but once he overcame an 11-4 deficit in the first game, he rolled to the win. The second and third seeds, Leo Marsocci and Mike Luciw, were each extended to three games by Ray Capitanelli and Paul Lazure, respectively. However, upsets were not to be found.

The stage was now set for Sunday's top four seeds. Knowing that first place meant a free trip to the Internationals at Chattanooga, an air of tension prevailed. (With the exception of Mike Luciw, who looked like he had just

come from breakfast at a local pub). That might explain Mike's slow start as Marsocci fought back to win game one, 21-19. A ham and cheese sandwich and a cigarette later, Luciw bounced back to record a 21-12, 21-13 victory. In the other bracket Garfinkel continued his dominance over Mike Romano by defeating him 21-11, 21-20. The most notable point of this match was the Gar's service "Ace" at

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20-20 of the second game, following a series of "psyche-out" tactics by both players.

The finals opened with Garfinkel in complete control as he gave Luciw a tour of the court in chalking up a 21-11 victory. The two-minute break between games seemed to bring about a drastic change in the complexion of the match, and now it was Mike's turn to control the play. His uncanny shooting ability was too much for "The Gar" as he blasted to a 21-12 win.

Asked to describe his third game, 21-4 victory, over Luciw, Garfinkel said, "It was probably the best game I ever played." (I don't think anyone who witnessed the display would disagree.) Said The Gar, "my straight-in kills were rolling out, my pinch shots were perfect, my passing shots were untouchable, my ceiling game was fantastic and my reverse corner shots were unbelievable. Other than that, I just played my normal game."

Hotly contested is the only way to describe the senior's semi between Pete Crummey and Charlie Shapiro. After splitting the first two games (Shapiro 21-5, Crummey 21-18), Shapiro fought back from 15-20 in a frenzied manner to overtake Crummey and post a sensational 21-20 third game victory. In the other semi, Tom Waltz breezed by tournament "Spoiler" Hermie Neumeier, 21-9, 21-14. The finals could not have been any closer. Waltz went down to the wire in both games with Shapiro, as he eked out a 21-20, 21-20 decision.

Master's competition found number one seed Sam Poletta advancing to the finals as he outshot Massachusetts state master's champ, Sam Garafalo. Joining him in the championship match was Bill McLaughlin, who Poletta had defeated in the finals a week before. McLaughlin's victory in the semis was well earned. He defeated Dan Rodriguez in a nail-biter, 21-17, 21-20. McLaughlin revenged his earlier defeat by pulling out a 13-21, 21-18, 21-18 marathon.

The golden masters attracted only four entries: Francis Anderson, Chet Robbins, Bob Goldberg, and Ed Con-

FOUR OF THE REGIONALS are represented on this and the facing page. At the right is Jennifer Harding, Northwestern regional winner. Below, from the left are Northeastern finalists Danny Giordano, Charlie Shapiro, Tom Waltz, Pete Crummey, Herman Neumeier, and Katie Murray.



nally. In the finals Goldberg prevailed over Anderson, 21-12, 21-16.

Form prevailed in the Women's Division as the top four seeds advanced to the semifinals. The local sisters pair of Martha and Cindy Callahan could not withstand the onslaught of the Connecticut entries, Ann Rothberg and Heather Marshall, although Martha took Ms. Marshall down to the last point before falling, 21-20, in the third game. In the finals it was Heather Marshall all the way. She overwhelmed Ms. Rothberg, 21-18, 21-9.

When you talk about Juniors in the Northeast you're talking about John Moshides of Niagara Falls, N.Y. John ran roughshod over a field of eight Juniors, winning the final, 21-2, 21-2, over Mark Kohan of Connecticut. John looks like a strong contender for the National title in May.

Last, but certainly not least, a field of 60 players competed for the Class "B" title. This division was added by the tournament directors to accommodate the up and coming players who are not ready to compete at the top, yet. The top two seeds, Dave Janelle and Al Lundberg, advanced to the finals with semi victories over Harry Cohn and Greg Maloley. In the final, Janelle's finesse and overall game was too much for Lundberg, as Dave prevailed, 21-13, 21-15.

Consolations were held in all divisions and the winners were: Open—Jack Blystone, Seniors—Bob Narey, Masters—John Lepore, Women—Karen Bednarski, Juniors—Donald Rogers, and Class "B"—Santos Padilla.





## I. R. A. Regionals

At the left, and from the left, Joe Bechard and Jim White, Northern regional masters finalists. To the right, from the Southwest, seniors finalists Luther Bernstein and Dwayne Cooper. Below, reading from the left (and from the Northern regionals), Bob Adam, Jr., Pat Schmidt, and Fred Vetter.



### Northern

## "Due for a loss ,"



The Northern Regionals this year were lacking Bill Schmidtke and Ron Strom, but Joe Wirkus left little doubt he would have been ready for them. Number one seed, Paul Ikier, was on the receiving end of Wirkus's determination to win the tournament.

Ikier had not lost to Wirkus in their last five matches, but as Ikier stated prior to the finals, "I think I am overdue to take a loss from Joe." And a convincing loss it was. Wirkus completely dominated the two game finale. The less than one hour 21-14, 21-5 finals saw Wirkus serve, pass, pinch, and kill almost flawlessly.

The semifinal matches were the highlight of the tourney, both going the full three game route. In the upper bracket, Ikier needed three games to down Galen Johnson of Green Bay, Wisconsin, 21-11, 18-21, and 21-12.

The bottom bracket pitted Wirkus against Dan Alder, which was predetermined to be the controversial match of the tournament. It was Alder who had dethroned Wirkus from a three-year reign as Wisconsin State Champion just a month prior to the tournament. An ankle injury to Wirkus in the state finals was said to be his downfall and he was eager for the rematch. Alder also was eager and wanted to prove his ability to beat a healthy Wirkus.

The three game semifinal match lasted over two hours with Wirkus coming out on top, 21-10, 10-21, and 21-13. The first two games showed each player shooting, passing, and retrieving superbly, each having big runs to gain the split. In the third game, Alder worked his way to a 13-10 lead. The momentum was in his favor when he was charged with a Technical for

unsportsmanlike conduct for pushing Wirkus after a technical warning. This apparently disturbed his concentration enough to allow Wirkus to take control the rest of the way for a 21-13 win.

The womens' singles event proved to be as exciting as the mens' with a new name coming to the top of the Northern Region. Pat Schmidt, the reigning Wisconsin womens' champion, came into the tournament as the number three seed. Pat proved she will be around for awhile by upsetting the number two seed in the semis, Barb Tennesen, and the number one seed, Ev Dillin.

The finals went down to the wire with Schmidt pulling a come-from-behind win with scores of 21-14, 19-21, and 21-19. In the third game, Miss

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Dillin seemed in control at 19-14. Miss Schmidt would not give in to the pressure and was able to regain serve and come back to score number 21 for the championships. Third place went to Barb Tennesen with a 21-6, 21-7 win over Mary Heinecke of Appleton, Wisconsin.

Miss Dillin teamed up with Nancy Cato to take the womens' doubles title, besting Tennesen/Johnson, 21-16, 21-18. Third place doubles went to Julie Jacobsen and Theresa Gneweuch of Madison, Wisconsin.

The mens' seniors had a full 16-draw with Bernie Nielsen of Marshalltown, Iowa, defeating Brad Armstrong of Madison, Wisconsin, 21-14, 21-15. Third place went to Adam of Minneapolis over Don Gemoll, 21-11, 21-12.

In the masters, it was National Doubles Champ, Jim White, coming out on top of Joe Bechard in a well played, 21-14, 21-17, final. Third place went to Ivan Bruner of Madison, Wisconsin, over Schmidt, 21-20, 15-21, and 21-12.

The golden masters hosted five players in a round robin event with national three and four wall champ, Fred Vetter of Milwaukee, proving he is worthy of that title with a 21-17, 21-18 win over Chuck Austin of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The Juniors event went to Bob Adam of Minneapolis over Jim Wirkus of Fond du Las, Wisconsin, 21-8, 20-21, and 21-8. Third place winner was Brian Murray from Janesville, Wisconsin, over fourteen year old Tom Bakken, 21-13, 21-13.

The host site was the beautiful BridgKort Racquet Club of Neenah, Wisconsin. The Northern Regionals was the second major racquetball event in as many months hosted by BridgKort. The Wisconsin State Championships were held here in February. BridgKort features eight indoor tennis courts and five racquetball courts. President and general manager, Gary W. Luebke, acting as tournament director and floor manager, received compliments galore on his lavish facility from the 100-plus entrants.

Two of the five racquetball courts feature all glass back walls with seating

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up to 300 people for both courts. BridgKort's enthusiastic members filled the gallery for Sunday's finals. Aiding Gary Luebke throughout the weekend was Bob Hanrahan. Bob had the thankless job of securing referees for all the

matches. A special thanks goes to Mary "The Staff" Truttman, without a doubt, the backbone of the tournament. Mary's constant smile made all participants feel more than welcome at BridgKort.—Bob Keenan



Eric Campbell, left, and Pete Wright.



Shannon Wright, left, and Marci Greer.

### Southwest

## Go to Oklahoma City and turn Wright

Five days before competition was to begin, tournament directors for the Southwest Regionals learned the single club in which play was scheduled wouldn't hold the crowd. A last minute alteration in scheduling took place, and with the gracious offer of Jerry Myers the event ran as smoothly as if it had been planned that way.

Originally, the directors felt the ten court Racquet Time club in Oklahoma City would be adequate. When it was learned this was not the case, the management of the Grand Slam entered the picture. With everyone cooperating, play began at noon Friday, and by 6:30 p.m. Sunday the last matches of the women's singles were being completed.

Which might prove that one club is good; two clubs better.

Pete Wright, Texas, did whatever it is that Texans do when they have a bye in the first round. After that he proceeded to show the fans what he and they were there for. He defeated Phil Stepp (who had eliminated Larry Swank, earlier) in the round of 16, downed a determined-to-go-to-Chatanooga Roland Treat in the quarterfinals, and defeated Jerry Linton in the semifinals.

In the finals of the open singles, Wright met a familiar foe, Eric Campbell. Campbell had also drawn a bye, then devastated the hopes of Gary Hinkle, Jerry Myers, and Marc Auerbach.

Wright took the match, and the Southwest regional's championship title.

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The president cautions,

*Be careful in your choice of directors . . .*



## INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

Dear IRA Members:

The time is drawing nigh when I must step out of the management picture of the IRA and yield to new blood, new input, and new ideas. This is not an arbitrary decision but a mandatory one as specified in our bylaws. I am proud to have been a part in the drafting of these bylaws and, in case you have forgotten, they call for a rotation system in the I.R.A. eleven-member board of directors . . . three years being the maximum time any board member can serve. In the beginning the terms were intentionally staggered so every year three or four directors must be replaced.

One of the proudest times of my life has been my three plus years on the board of the I.R.A. The fantastic growth of this sport has been talked about so much it has almost become trite. However, it still remains in an almost vertical ascent.

In a conversation with a developer who owns three athletic facilities (tennis, racquetball, etc.) it was revealed that the most successful facilities were those which had the greater number of racquetball courts in proportion to tennis courts. Our growth in the past has been primarily the result of new courts being built in public and semi-public facilities, but we are now seeing an explosion in private facilities. After that, I even see another growth area . . . outside or three wall racquetball.

Although I will no longer be involved with management of the I.R.A., my dues are, and will continue to be, "paid-up". Rheumatoid arthritis terminated my playing four years ago but all four of my sons play regularly and the youngest practices two hours a day . . . age? . . . four years old. So, I have as much interest in racquetball as ever. In parting, allow me to make this suggestion—you have the greatest sport in the world and the IRA is a great organization. Be very careful in your choice of your directors. Give strong consideration to those presented to you by your nominating committee but above all vote for men of integrity with good business sense who truly love the sport and have no conflict of interest . . . do this and your organization will continue to grow.

Again, I thank all you members for allowing me to serve in a position that I really enjoyed. This job for me has truly been a "labor of love".



Yours very truly,

DeWitt Shy



The director says,  
*It is a sport for all seasons . . .*



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If I were writing this about three years ago I would be mentioning something about as the season ends. . . However, with racquetball's great growth in popularity and the advent of the private court clubs and their air conditioned courts this has become a sport that knows no "season" barriers. Welcome to the summer portion of the racquetball year.

As this magazine is reaching members many are enjoying the play in our 8th IRA Singles Championships. The facility at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is beautiful. Without a doubt we have come a long way toward bringing the spectator into our game.

May brings to an end the dedicated service of three of our Board of Directors. The late Smith Schippers (Smitty) of Memphis, Charlie Brumfield of San Diego, and President DeWitt Shy of Memphis, have helped the IRA through three formative years and deserve a big "Thank You."

Now is the time to interest a friend in joining the IRA and at the same time you receive free either a bumper sticker, a patch or a rulebook for yourself. See the details in this issue. As I have said before, you the members, are our greatest salesmen and your help is always needed and appreciated.

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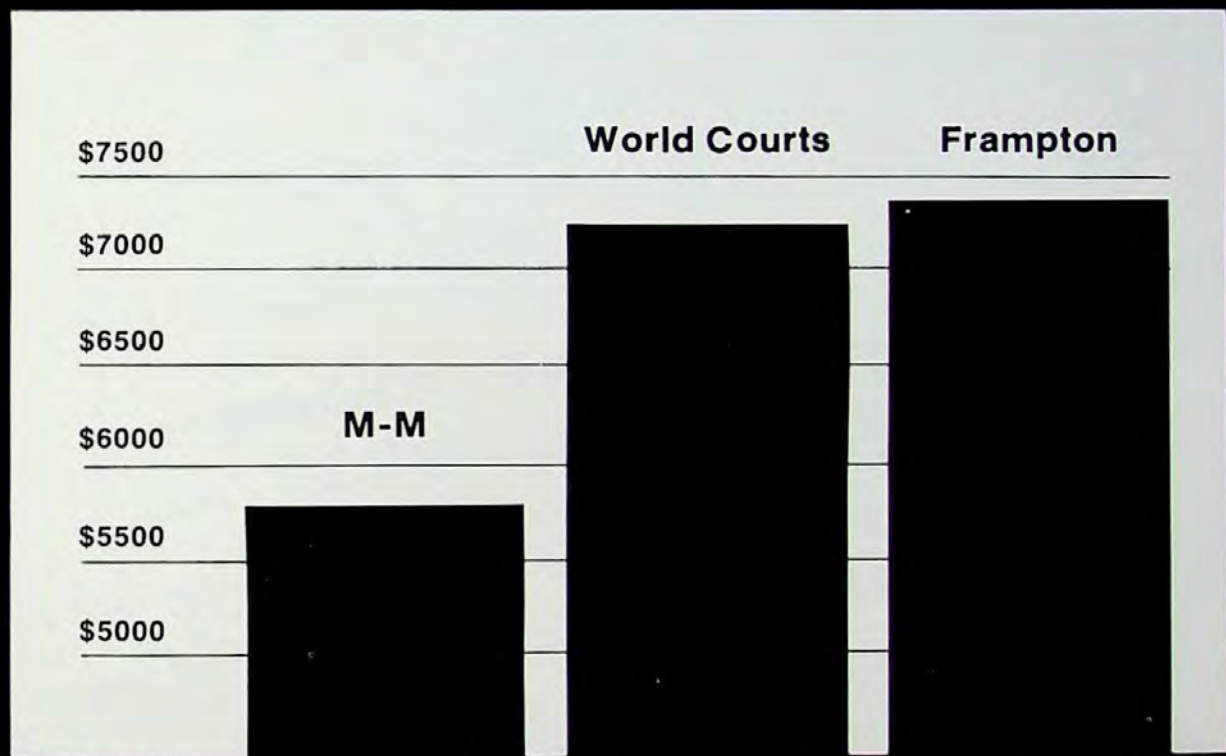
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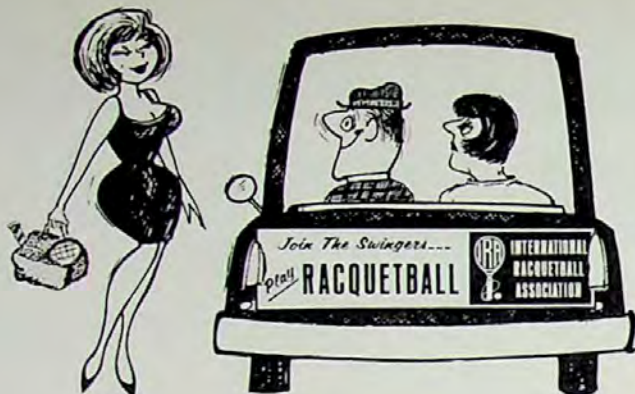
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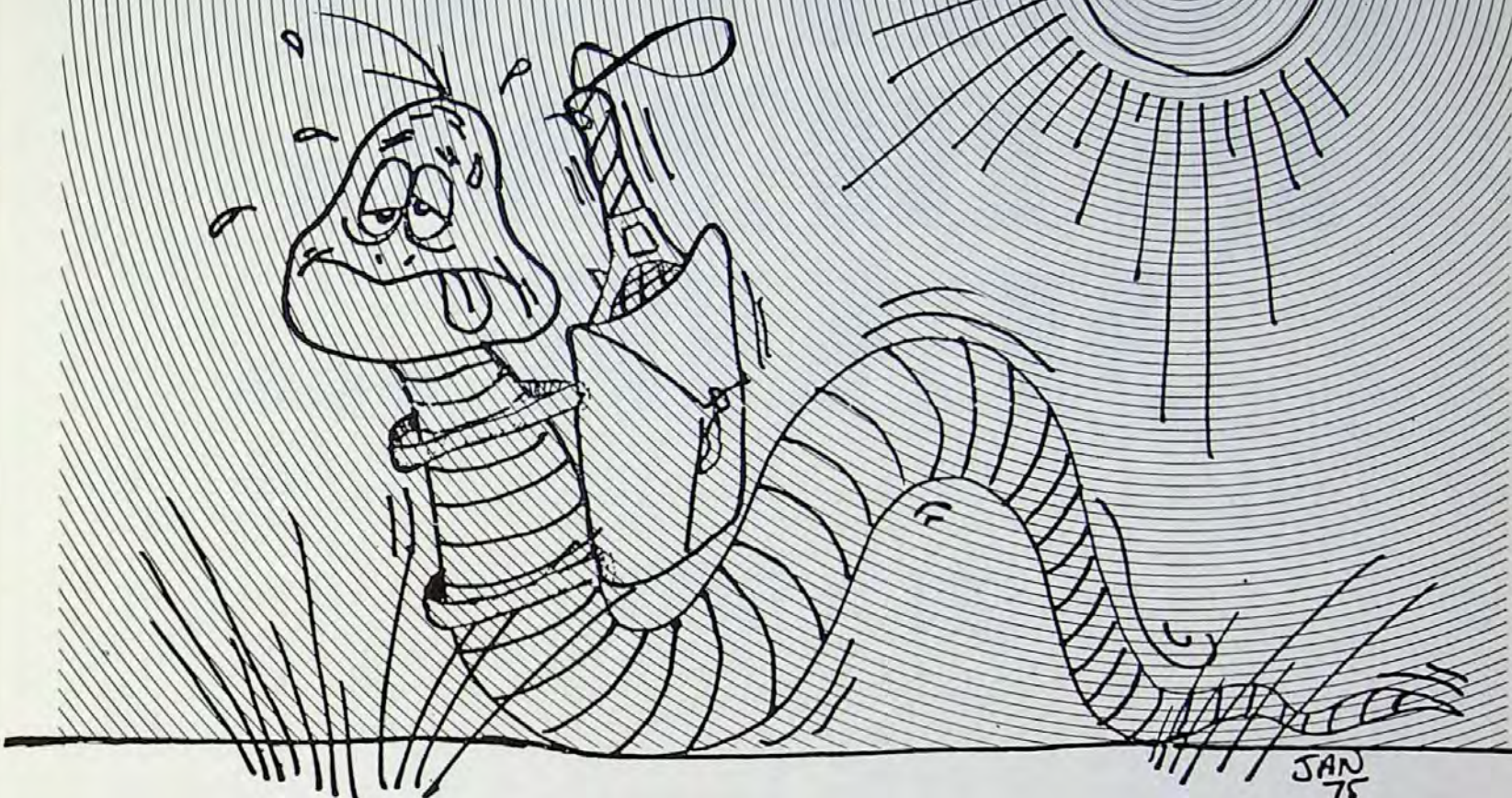
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Editor's note: DBJ Publishing Company, Chicago, will release 50,000 copies of Steve Keeley's "Racquetball—For Beginning to Advanced Players" on an unsuspecting nation this spring, according to word received from California.

Keeley plans to follow this with "It's A Racket," an historical and anecdotal book that has been festering in the limbo stages of writing and re-writing for over a year. For the present, however, Keeley fans will have to get by with the how-to presentation.

Following are some excerpts from the new book, with illustrations by Jan Campbell.



## KEELEY-ISMS

"If you can't play the game all that well, at least 'take five' and digress into its communicative network. From outa the voicesox and offa the tongue look out hackers, here it comes. Peruse more verbose offerings in an endless pot-pourri of racquetball nomenclature."

From the court thesaurus of Keeley-isms:

### Reading—

To pick up visual signals by observing the opponent that may aid in anticipating the ensuing shot. For example, when a player bends down to take a shot below his knees, the defensive man should edge toward the front wall in anticipation of a kill shot. But

when a player assumes a more erect position in taking the shot above his waist, the defensive man may safely occupy a more posterior court station. When the shooters lead foot points toward the right, anticipate a kill or pass to the right side. If the front foot points left, expect a shot in that direction.

A most illustrative example of reading occurred in my second round match in the 1970 state of Michigan paddleball tournament. Midway through the first game I noticed my rival "hyper-ventilate" slightly each time he attempted a kill shot. It was just a short sip of air; a psychological psyching up for the kill try with a subtle physical manifestation. From that point on, the match was a cake walk. Every time I observed a hiccup-like inhalation, I

walked into front court to cover the forecasted kill shot.

### Road Runner—

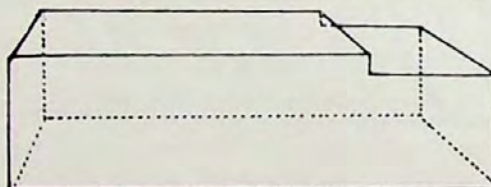
A player whose specialty is hustle and retrieving the ball. Today's paragon of "gettability" is that tennis shoed mosquito sometimes mistaken as a human being, Steve Strandemo. Off the tournament court, Strandemo is a workaholic with a masochist's drive for conditioning, a practically divine drive for perfection. On the tournament court, his preparation becomes evident with amazing shot gets and physical durability, plus a competitive nature that looks like a gladiator storming into battle and sounds like a snorting and stomping of a buck moose in season.

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Portsider—

Left handed player. Lefty. Southpaw.

Pushing-Off—

Illegal touching or shoving the opponent to gain momentum or position. Results in a point or side-out.

Safety Hinder—

Interruption of play when continued action could result in injury. For example, a mercy ball (held up swing) or foreign object on the court.

San Diego—

The mecca of racquetball. This is the hottest of racquetball hotbeds where, it is said, a player visits and improves his game 100% through osmosis. Come, learn to be a pro in two easy lessons!

Not quite, but this sunshine and racquet capital of southern California boasts many of the games V.I.P.'s. Such bubble gum card collector delights as Muehleisen, Loveday and Brumfield claim this as their hometown. Other super eminents have emigrated: Steve Serot (St. Louis), Rich Wagner (New Jersey), Mike Zeitman (Memphis), Steve Strandemo (Minnesota), Dan Alder (Michigan), Charles Drake (Michigan), Len Baldori (Michigan) and Steve Keeley (Michigan). Horace Greeley's advice on the land of opportunity, "Go west, young man!" certainly applies to racquetball.

So, San Diego is a brilliant light toward which all wandering court bugs are drawn. Long-time San Diego residents prefer another analogy, with perhaps a hint of xenophobia: San Diego is the core of the racquetball apple and

all the worms eventually find their way here . . . and the core grows increasingly more rotten.

And here we are in rotten Diego making love to our racquets, treating our tennis shoes less as foot apparel than as funny exotic pets to be pampered and footsied, waiting for more bugs and worms to arrive.

Sawdust Ball—

Skip ball, short shot, oilwell ball, peanut butter shot (with a little "skippy" in it), splinter ball, dirt ball, ground ball.

Shooter—

An aggressive player whose game strategy revolves around a constant barrage of kill shots. One who adheres to the offensive theory of play and attempts to kill a high percentage of setups (as opposed to a controller).

Until recent years, the stud gorilla in the racquetball jungle has been the controller, not the shooter. Recently, however, the pure shooters out of St. Louis (Serot, Hogan, Hilecher) have been unsettling those seat-of-their-pants court technicians with their theories of control and advocacy of angles. To these young power players there are just two shots: a fast ball and a *faster* ball. Whoever happens to be hitting the fastest ball is temporary-king of the jungle.



Straddle Ball—

Sometimes a hinder, sometimes not a hinder; sometimes an emasculator. A ball which passes through the legs of the players on the rebound off the front

wall. This is a hinder only if the person playing the ball is physically or visually impeded from making his shot.



Technical—

Call made by the referee during tournament play usually because of unsportsmanlike antics. One point is subtracted from the score of the player responsible for the infraction. Thus, it is possible for a player's score to be -1.

Tension—

Amount of pressure at which a racquet is strung. Normal string tension ranges from 26-32 pounds. Less than 26 and the racquet hits like a butterfly net; more than 32 and it hits like a board. Most top players agree the optimal tension is 26-28 pounds. Remember, string tension lessens two to four pounds after a week of play.

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You say this isn't particularly descriptive of you? You swing a mean club foot but a ludicrous racquet stroke? You have Amoeba-man reflexes? Mental quickness of an inebriated slug? Myopic court coverage? All-pro sweater? Your spastic waddle about the court evokes shudders of sympathy within the crowd? Men, women and children excuse themselves to visit the john?

Screw it all, trip into the vicarious slip stream and join the rest of us as Walter Mitty superjocks.

#### Thursday Afternoon Player—

The individual who plays a stupendous practice game on Thursday. Pinpoint kills, crisp passes, etc., but then, when tournament time rolls around on Friday, he is an all-star clot\*. High kills, higher passes, etc. The Thursday afternoon player is the classical victim of paralysis via analysis, the choke, psych-out and blinkus of the thinkus.

#### Trigger Finger Grip—

Normal method of grasping the racquet handle as though it were a pistol. Thus, there is a small space between the index and middle fingers. This allows the hand to cover a greater area of handle for more racquet control (as opposed to the fist grip).

#### Turning Point—

Specific time during a game or match that is considered a crucial, often due to a shift in momentum. Sometimes earmarks the start of a comeback.

Charlie Brumfield was in the seemingly terminal stage of a losing third game several years ago in a national paddleball tournament. The master of gamesmanship developed a hurt back from out of nowhere. There followed a referee's injury time out for twenty

minutes. After the ceasefire, Brum stormed into the court miraculously cured and rampaged around like a bearded gnome breast-fed on adrenalin. The gallery responded with a barrage of paper cups and beer cans from above. Chas's opponent, the hometown hero, reacted by swallowing the big apple. It was a definite turning point from which there could be no returning, as Brumfield took the game and match.

#### Volley—

Two definitions: 1) Synonymous

with rally. The course of play following the service return during which the rival players alternately hit the ball. 2) To strike the ball prior to its bounce on the floor. That is, to smote the sphere in midair. Sound strategy calls for taking the ball on the volley whenever possible if you are positioned in back court. The volley is especially desirable in returning a soft (garbage, soft Z) serve. Synonym: Fly kill or fly shot.

\*Clot, (Webster): a coagulated mass or semi-solid lump.

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# Illinois leads by 15-Points

The University of Illinois swept all three events enroute to an upset win in the Fourth IRA Intercollegiate Championships March 19-20. Play was held on the 23 courts at the Illini IMPE Building. Unfortunately many of the courts were not needed, as the size of the draw was disappointingly low—53 entries.

Going into the tournament Memphis State held the favorite's role, having won the previous year's tournament and having two returning individual champions in Steve Smith and Jim Cullen. The other returning place winner was Illinois, John Lynch, a runner-up the previous year.

Open singles found John Lynch reversing last year's finals outcome with a 14-21, 21-12, 21-7 win over the defending Intercollegiate champion Steve Smith. John's conditioning turned out to be the deciding factor as Steve seemed to run out of gas halfway through the match. Mike Sipe of Cincinnati captured third place over Lake Forest's Miguel Guzman, 21-10, 21-11.

Scott Bernstein of Illinois emerged as the new B division winner also defeating a defending champion, Jim Cullen of Memphis State, 21-8, 21-9. Cullen had a tough semifinal match against Jay Kasten of Illinois State before winning, 10-21, 21-6, 21-18. Kasten easily won the third place match over Kevin Spence of the University of South Florida.

The final Illinois entry, the doubles team of Eric Hinds-Dennis Majher, comfortably sped through the doubles draw, beating Jeff Wood-Bill Cook of Iowa State in the finals, 21-11, 21-6. It was Wood and Cook who pulled off the first shock of the tournament, upsetting the unnumber one seeded Memphis State team of John Dunlap-David Fleetwood in two straight, 21-17, 21-14, in the semis. Dunlap-Fleetwood came back to win third place over Ed Frank-Rajiv Kaul of Lake Forest.

The women's draw was small but there was no doubt in anyone's mind who the number one player was—

Memphis State freshman Sarah Green. Ms. Green easily defeated Annette Hughes of Lake Forest for the title.

In the women's B division, Vickie Kimber, Illinois, defeated Gail Ferguson, Memphis State, 19-21, 21-7, 21-14. Two other Memphis State girls battled for third with Janet Marshall topping Cathy Vinson.

Although there were a number of individuals in the women's division, Memphis State was the only school to send a complete team and therefore there was no team competition.

Tournament Notes: Plans are underway for next year's tourney with the Memphis State campus being selected as the site. Geddes Self of the MSU staff will serve as Tournament Director.

## TEAM SCORING

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Illinois            | 45 |
| Memphis State       | 30 |
| Iowa State          | 11 |
| Lake Forest College | 9  |
| Auburn              | 3  |

## West Virginia

### Dick beats Johnsen

Ron Dick took the Class A division of the second annual West Virginia state tournament March 20-21 at Morgantown, W.Va., by defeating Dave Johnsen in three tough games, 21-20, 21-13, 21-15.

Third place went to Dave Taylor (over Rich Yobbagy) and the consolation to Ted Gallagher (over John Loth).

First place winners in other divisions were: Andy Muldoon, Charleston, in B open singles; Carol Wojcik, Weirton, in women's singles; and Dave Johnsen and Dave Taylor in the open doubles.

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## Luciw defends his championship

The Maine Open attracted 15 players in nine divisions to the new four-court Down East Court Club March 19, 20, 21.

Mike Luciw of New Britain, Conn., successfully defended his singles championship. Surprise of the tournament was the play of unseeded Steve Dubord, who pulled two upsets in reaching the finals.

Luciw and Dubord, however, were no match for the Connecticut team of Tom Waltz and Ed Castillo. In the doubles final, Ed and Tom were just too hot and never let their opponents get untracked.

The tournament banquet was held at the Ramada Inn on Saturday night with more than 150 players, guests, and wives in attendance.—Robert E. Folsom, Tournament Director.



As Maine goes? From the left, state championship finalists Steve Dubord, Mike Luciw, Ken Astor (Down East Court Club president), Dave Janelle, Phil Soule and Bob Folsom, Sr.

**Kentucky**—Porco stopped in quarterfinals

## Tennis pro is new state champion

The Kentucky State Racquetball Championships were held at the Louisville Tennis Club on March 26-28. Chuck Cooper, the host tennis professional at the Louisville club, won the state singles championship by defeating Tom Shivel of Ashland, Kentucky, 15-

21, 21-3, 21-10. In the semifinals Cooper defeated David Brown of Louisville, 21-12, 21-13.

Earlier Brown had upset Ken Porco, 21-13, 21-3, in the quarterfinals. In the upper bracket, Tom Shivel defeated

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## State Championships

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Bill Evans in the semifinals, 13-21, 21-20, 21-4. Evans, in the quarterfinals, had defeated defending state champion Alan Hyman, 21-6, 21-17. For third place honors Bill Evans defeated David Brown, 21-17, 21-18.

In the women's open championship, Holly Rentz of Lexington defeated Kay Evans of Louisville, 18-21, 21-18, 21-12. In the semifinals Rentz had defeated Diane Sanders of Prospect, Kentucky, 21-10, 21-8, while Kay Evans had defeated Cissy Maloney of Louisville, 21-14, 21-1. For third place honors Cissy Maloney defeated Diane Sanders, 21-18, 10-21, 21-17.

In the senior division, Len Wilson defeated Junior Gaspard, the 1975 champion, 21-18, 21-6. In the semifinals Wilson defeated Don Detjen of Ashland, 21-4, 21-11, while Gaspard defeated George Drasin of Louisville,

20-21, 21-11, 21-4. For third place honors Detjen defeated Drasin, 21-18, 21-10.

In the master's division, the 1975 defending champion Ike Gumer, from Louisville, defeated Don Detjen from Ashland, 21-17, 21-13, for the title. In the semifinals Gumer defeated Bill Woosley of Louisville, 21-5, 21-5, while Detjen defeated Grayson Hanks of Louisville, 21-11, 21-14. For third place honors, Hanks defeated Woosley, 21-5, 21-5.

In the B division there were 50 entrants. After all the dust settled Randy Embry of Owensboro defeated A. C. Wilson of Owensboro, 21-16, 21-9. In the semifinals Embry defeated Scott Vance of Ashland, 21-14, 21-10, while Wilson defeated Bill Emmett of Ashland, 21-13, 21-17. For third place Emmett defeated Vance, 21-15, 6-21, 21-16.

## Georgia

### State tourney draws 115 players, six divisions

The 3rd annual Georgia state racquetball tournament was held at the Atlanta YMCA and the Atlanta JCC March 19, 20, 21. Under the co-direction of Dianne Crowe and John Thiel, the tournament had a record entry of 115 players in six divisions. Included in that number were 40 new members of the IRA.

In the Men's open division, number one seed Dan Stark defeated Bob Siegle, 21-16, 21-13. Stark finished second last year and is in the USAF in Savannah, Ga.

The Women's division was taken by number three Nancy Hamrick of Savannah over Dianne Crowe, the number one seed and defending champion. The score was 21-9, 21-4.

The "B" division was won by number two seed Stephen Swartz of Atlanta over the number one seed Eddie Lee of Atlanta in three games, 21-7, 16-21, 21-17.

In the novice division Joe Clamon from Atlanta defeated Charles Brock of Athens, 8-21, 21-9, 21-8.

The seniors division champion was Jim Hilliard of Athens, Ga. who de-



feated Bill Darby of Atlanta in two games, 21-1, 21-8.

A new division this year was the masters and was won by Jim Bradford in a forfeited match from Frank Jernigan.

The growth of racquetball in Georgia in both numbers and quality has been exceptional. Next year Hal Krafchick, the State IRA Chairman, plans divisions for golden masters and junior. Later this year the Georgia Racquetball Association will host the state doubles championship and the Atlanta YMCA will host their annual Metro Atlanta open tournament.



Dianne Crowe, on the left, with first place winner in the women's division, Nancy Hamrick. In the picture in the right hand column are men's open winners Dan Stark, in center court, and Bob Siegel, nearer camera.



## King bunches 'em where they count

The Second Annual North Carolina open racquetball tournament was hosted by the YMCA of Burlington, North Carolina, February 6-7-8, and drew 78 competitors from a five state area.

Competition consisted of open, seniors and masters singles plus women's doubles. Also, A and B consolations were held in the open and seniors with B consolation for the masters.

Setting the tone for the three day special event, Sonny Harmon, tournament chairman and the Burlington racquetball committee, hosted a Friday night "Super Party," with door prizes and gifts, the "South's finest hospitality room," and warm-up suits for division champions.

Bill King, playing out of Radford, Virginia, captured the open crown, Bill Buckman, Richmond, Virginia, the senior's championship and Bradley Faircloth, Winston Salem, N.C., the master's title.

King, the number one seed, began his trip to the finals rather easily with wins over Tom Essa, Greensboro, 21-5, 21-17, and Ralph English, Altavista, Virginia, 21-11, 21-5. The road became a little rougher when he met Rick Scordas, Roanoke, Va., but King gained a hard earned victory, 21-13, 21-14. Things tightened up even more when he encountered Richard Dreisen of Potomac, Maryland, in the semi-finals. It was a lengthy match with King taking the opener, 21-13, then losing his first game of the tournament, 16-21. He came back to win the final, 21-9. That victory set the stage for a much anticipated match with arch rival Tom Kutas of Roanoke, Virginia.

Kutas, the number two seed, had a surprise in his first match against newcomer Richard Allman, playing out of Fort Bragg, N.C., as Allman extended him to 21-19 in the first game but Kutas won the second very handily at 21-7. Kutas then took the measure of Clay McCaskey of Richmond, 21-5, 21-11. Like King, Kutas was also extended in the quarter finals with a very long match against Tom Scordas of Roanoke, Virginia. Scordas began the

match in a torrid fashion and completely dominated the first game, 21-4. But Kutas came back strong to close out the match, 21-12, 21-14. Kutas then earned his spot in the finals with a victory over Tony Giordano of Charlotte, N.C., 21-14, 21-18.

The finals proved to be just as exciting as was anticipated. Kutas captured the first game, 21-14, but as is often the case, there is no substitute for experience. Kutas had the upper hand in the late stages of the second game but could not convert and the experienced King came back to win, 21-19. King then captured the rubber game by the same margin, 21-19, to win the championship.

Third place went to Giordano who won a hotly contested match with Dreisen, 19-21, 21-18, 21-14.

The senior division was equally exciting even though Bill Buckman did not lose a game in route to his championship. Buckman defeated Dwight Bumgarner (High Point), 21-11, 21-10; Luther Green (Raleigh), 21-10, 21-16, and Garl Wiles (Winston Salem), 21-13, 21-15, to reach the finals. His opponent in the finals was Dick Williams of Raleigh who paved

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North Carolina finalists—left to right, Fred Mehne, second in open consolation; Rich Allman, open consolation winner; Bill King, open champion; Tom Kutas, open runner-up; and Bill Buckman, senior's champion.





## State Championships

### NORTH CAROLINA, Continued

his way with wins over Phil Hewett (Hopemills), 21-8, 21-9; David Sutter (Fredricksburg, Va.), 21-3, 21-8, and recent handball convert Hal Lackey (High Point), 21-13, 21-12.

Buckman took the measure of Williams in the championship match, 21-13, 21-16. Third place went to Lackey as he defeated Wiles in a hard match, 18-21, 21-16, 21-7.

In the master's division, Bradley Faircloth (Greensboro) gained wins over By Wagener (Cockeysville, Md.), 21-14, 21-14, and Stan Simon (Raleigh), 21-13, 21-19, to reach the finals. John Webster of Surfside Beach, S.C., his opponent in the finals, had defeated Walt Obman (Raleigh), 15-21, 21-11, 21-10, and Dub Freshwater (Wilmington), who was forced out during the second game with an eye injury. Faircloth was too strong for Webster, however, and remained undefeated by winning, 21-16, 21-8.

Something new, for this tournament, was attempted in consolation play by placing all first-round losers in a "B" Division and all second round losers in an "A" Division; thus assuring racquetball for everyone.

The open "B" consolation winner was Steve Arnold of Springlake, N.C. He defeated Jerry Allred, Burlington, N.C.; Dan Lindbom, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Frank Spivey, Burlington, and David Blevins, Burlington, 13-21, 21-9, 21-17.

The senior "B" consolation was captured by Dwight Bumgarner of High Point, N.C., with wins over Phil Hewett, Hopemills, N.C., in the quarters, and with wins over George Nikotich, Fayetteville, N.C., in the finals, 21-7, 21-7. The master's consolation champion, Walt Obman (Raleigh, N.C.), gained wins over Herb Penry (Greensboro, N.C.) and By Wagener (Cockeysville, Md.), 21-8, 21-19.

The open "A" consolation champion was Richard Allman, who came back after his defeat by Kutas to stop Steve Del Homme (High Point), Joe Cox (Burlington) and Fred Mehne (Fort Bragg), 21-15, 21-12. Seniors "A" consolation champion was Charles Sullivan (College Park, Md.), with victories over Luther Green (Raleigh) and Johnny Thomason (Thomasville).

The woman's doubles championship was captured by Bee Dupree and Love Hinshaw of Burlington—Harry Haynes, *Physical Director*.

## Europe sends Kaardal & Rasmussen



WIESBADEN, GERMANY—Colonel Joseph Lank, left, and tournament director Hal Leffler, far right, present trophies, congratulations and bon voyage to winners of the European Racquetball Association's playoffs—Ivar Kaardal, second from right, and Bob Rasmussen (runnerup). Leffler, president of the ERA (European Racquetball Association) said the two winners will take part in the IRA Chattanooga internationals, this May.



## Germany

### Kaardal wins George Washington Open

STUTTGART, GERMANY — The U.S.O. hosted the first George Washington's Birthday Racquetball Championships at Patch Barracks on February 14-16. The tournament attracted open and senior players from Holland, Belgium and Germany. Hospitality was furnished by Philip Morris, Inc., for the entire weekend. The G. W. tourney hosted only a singles division—open and senior.

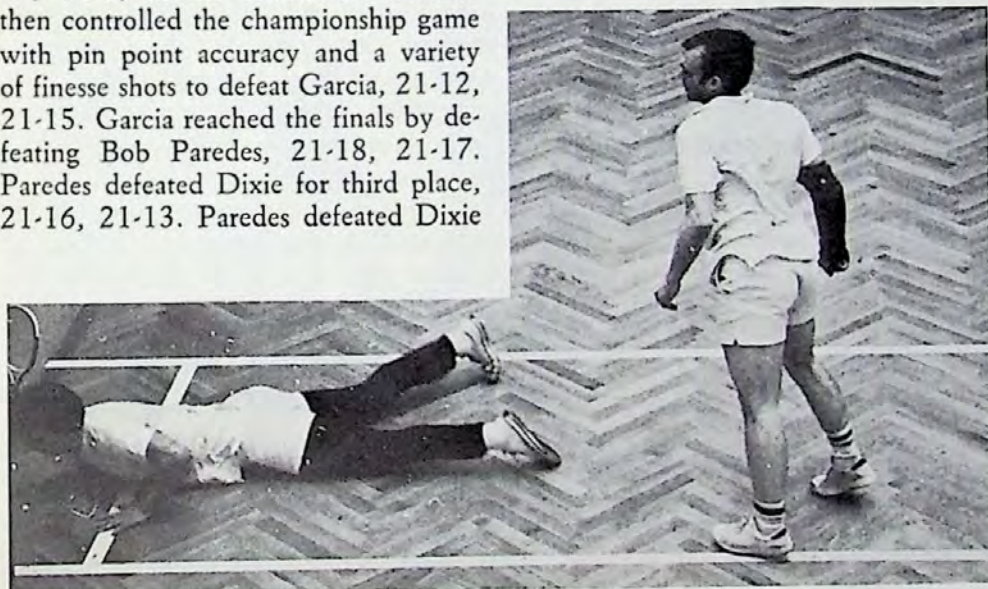
Some outstanding players participating were Ivar Kaardal, Wurzburg; Doug Brown, Shape, Belgium; Ed Wheeler, Ramstein AFB; Jose Garcia, Holland; Bob Paredes, Stuttgart; and Len Steininger, Stuttgart.

Kaardal emerged champion of the open division without a loss. He used a power game to defeat Bob Dixie, 21-12, 21-8, in the semifinals. Kaardal then controlled the championship game with pin point accuracy and a variety of finesse shots to defeat Garcia, 21-12, 21-15. Garcia reached the finals by defeating Bob Paredes, 21-18, 21-17. Paredes defeated Dixie for third place, 21-16, 21-13. Paredes defeated Dixie

for third place, 21-16, 21-13. In the consolation division Ed Wheeler defeated Chuck Warrick, Holland, 21-9, 21-18.

In the senior division Wheeler defeated George Garcia, Mannheim, 21-6, 21-4, for the championship. Wheeler defeated Gorman Custer and Garcia defeated Josh Portmann to reach the finals. Portman defeated Custer for third place, 21-15, 16-21, 21-17. In the consolation division, Rick Baird, Holland, defeated Joe Jodka, Stuttgart.

There were 60 participants this year and the USO expects to draw players from all of Europe for its 1977 tournament.—Robert A. Paredes, Executive Director, USO.



At the left Jose Garcia appears to be examining the court before continuing play against Ivar Kaardal in the George Washington Birthday championships. At the bottom of the page, from the left are Ed Wheeler, Kaardal, Garcia, and tournament director, Bob Paredes.





## We should have saved last year's picture

It was another rendition of "Play It Again, Sam" at the 1976 Utah State Championships in Salt Lake City, as the Sayes brothers faced each other on the final day of the annual three-day tournament.

Trey Sayes successfully defended his 1975 title against brother Morgan, although a lot of hustle on Morgan's part sent them down to the third game, which Trey swept away, 21-5.

During the open quarterfinals Provo's Dave Kartchner displayed an improved game by going three close ones with the 1974 state champion, Howard Ringwood. Craig Kunz put on an exciting quarterfinal performance against Ron Mills, whose consistency eventually prevailed over a tired Kunz.

In other events, held at the Deseret Gymnasium, second-seeded Paul Boman defeated number four seed Pete Pearson to capture the men's B first-place trophy. Boman has obviously worked hard on his game and exhibited a better controlled backhand and more composure on the court than in the past. He also played in the open division, but lost his first match.

Dan Brown of Logan, Utah, upset top-seeded Janell Marriott in the quarterfinals, only to lose to Pearson in the semis. Third-seeded Jerry Hodson was also upset by "the Iron darkhorse," Kim Robinson, 4-21, 21-12, 21-12. Robinson displayed excellent conditioning by playing 11 matches in three

days. He won the C class and finished fourth in the B's with legs spotted like a Dalmatian's at the end of the tournament.

In the largest state C event ever, a complete round of 64 took to the courts early Thursday. One of two women who entered the event, Sonja Sharp, a newcomer to Salt Lake from Portland, faced Kim Robinson in the finals. Her backhand, one of the best among women racquetballers, wasn't quite enough against Kim, whose stamina and high pain threshold took him to the top, 21-7, 21-16. Sonja has really worked during the last six months and no one will be surprised to hear a lot more about her in the coming year.

Second-seeded Randy Darrohn defeated Bill Grieder, Logan, 18-21, 21-20, 21-16, in a grueling marathon lasting over two hours. Both players showed great competitiveness by pursuing every shot, belying the fact that only third, and not first place was at stake. Rusty Storms defeated Jay Gardner to win the "C" consolation.

Top-seed Rick Warner successfully defended his state senior-master title by beating Jake Rogers of Ogden in the finals, 21-10, 9-21, 21-16. Rogers was the only player in the class to extend Warner to three games, with his very low, hard-driving serve Rogers' strongest weapon. Warner, on the other hand, has one of the finest overhead corner pinch shots in the state, and repeated-



Trey and Morgan Sayes continue their family domination and inter-family rivalry, above. At the right, John Clift presents the winning trophy plaque to Trey. Morgan Sayes is at right.





ly used this shot to win crucial points in the final game. Doug Smoot defeated Lu Wilde for third place, 21-15, 21-16. Wilde, 58, is the only competitive golden-masters player in the Rocky Mountain Area and often has to face opponents quite a bit younger. Senior-master consolation went to Doug Carpenter, who defeated Byron Rampton, 21-17, 21-13.

Two university women battled it out in the final of the women's B division. Number two seed Jackie Maddalena, a University of Utah student, upset top-seeded Karin Walton of Utah State in Logan, 21-15, 21-19. In the best women's match of the tournament, both women showed improved games. Karin attended the Serot-Keeley racquetball camp in San Diego last summer and returned with a much better backhand. However, Jackie's overall strength and power prevailed. Only 43 points were scored against Jackie in four rounds of

play, 34 of which came in the finals.

The Utah Racquetball Association thanked Leon Heaps, manager of the Deseret Gym for hosting the tournament. The gym has 15 racquetball/handball courts, four single squash courts and one doubles squash court. The facility, with swimming pools, saunas, steam rooms, indoor track, gymnastics center and exercise and weight training rooms, is one of the finest recreational facilities in the country. The complex also provides a full time masseur and masseuse, barber shop, beauty salon, snack bar and day care center.

The board of directors of the gym recently announced that Trey Sayes, open singles finalist in the 1975 IRA Internationals, and Janell Marriott, the IRA Women Athlete of the Year and the IRA Women's Invitational winner, have been selected to teach racquetball at the gym.



The Sayes weren't the only ones in action. Clockwise, at the right, are Sonja Sharp and Kim Robinson, C class finalists; Pete Pearson, left, with Paul Boman in the B's; Karin Walton, left, and Jackie Maddalena, C class winner; Pearson and Boman with their trophies; and pictured at the left are Jackie Maddalena, Morgan Sayes, and Karin Walton.





### With Romano away they came to play . . .

Super Bowl weekend was also super singles weekend at the Springfield, Mass., YMCA. Without Mike Romano, who was playing in the New York state open, the singles was between the state's top four singles players. Major Pete Crummey, Sgt. Danny Giordano, Steve Bedard and Charlie Shapiro each saw an opportunity to capture the coveted title with Romano away.

The open finals was a beauty, pitting Charles Shapiro—former Penn State singles champion—against the hot-shooting Danny Giordano of Hanscomb AFB. The first game went to Shapiro, 21-15. In the second it was all Giordano, 21-2.

At 17-all in the third game, both players seemed to show how important this game had become.

The serve changed hands three times before "Big Charles" scored on a perfect change-of-pace backhand rollout, making it 18-17, Shapiro. The ever-confident Giordano took the next serve with his backhand and rolled out. Giordano now served a cross court Z-serve which Shapiro returned to the left corner. Giordano calmly retrieved the ball and rolled out another picture-perfect backhand, tying the score again—18-all.

The crowd and momentum now seemed to be with Giordano who repeated the Z-serve. This time Shapiro

could not get his racquet on the ball and dribbled it to the front wall for a weak return. Giordano only four feet from the front wall, and with the ball waist high drilled what looked like a plum right into the floor. The crowd went wild! The missed shot seemed to un-nerve Giordano, and on the side-out, "Big Charlie" was able to run four unanswered points to win his second state title.

Shapiro had reached the finals with an exciting semi's match over last year's number two open player, Steve Bedard, by the scores of 21-18, 21-20, but probably the toughest match was the three-game set-to with Paul Lazure in the quarterfinals that went 21-16, 15-21, 21-14.

Giordano earned his second place. He reached the quarterfinals without losing a game. In the semifinals it looked as though he would wrap up another two-game match after polishing off his doubles partner, Pete Crummey, at 21-5. In the second game, however, Crummey pulled together enough rank to set Giordano back, 21-16, but lost the third game, 21-13.

Playing two events took its toll on Crummey. He won the seniors division, but was unable to play Steve Bedard for third place in the open due to cramps.

In the women's division, the Callahan sisters met in the finals with Martha defeating Cynthia by scores of 21-8, 21-11. Third place was taken by Sue Birrell.

In the masters and golden masters the conditioning of Dr. Goldberg paid off, permitting him to take third in the masters division after some extremely tight play, and to win the golden masters.

The master's title was up for grabs between two of the best players in the East. What started off as a very exciting match ended quickly when Dave McNamara was injured and forced to concede the match to Sam Gara Garafello.

Taking second and third place in the golden masters were Chet Robbins



Massachusetts singles champion Charles Shapiro and state trophy in the upper photo. To the right are Sam Garafello and Martha Callahan.





(defeated by Dr. Goldberg, 21-13, 21-6), and Emerson.

Crummey's win in the senior division was his first state senior's title. He defeated Howard Coleman, 21-15, 21-11. Last year's senior title holder and tournament director, Don Houghton, lost to Warren McGuirk for third place by the scores of 21-20 and 21-15.

Don and his wife, Judy Houghton, were responsible for a wonderfully smooth-run tournament. Judy and her attractive helpers lent their sympathetic ears to many a sad story during the course of the event, and deserve a thanks from all of the players.

The class B event had a field of 31 players. Mike Haughey defeated John Learson to reach the finals, 21-17, 18-21, 21-20. Bruce Nylic defeated Allen Lundberg, 21-14, 21-20, in the other semifinals match. The showdown never came, as Haughey twisted his ankle and had to forfeit. Without that accident, this might have been the most outstanding match of the tournament.

Palmer and Salvon met in the finals of the C division, with Palmer, of the Springfield YMCA, having more steam left than his opponent, taking the title, 21-6, 21-3.

## Massachusetts, Doubles

### Callahan & Corrigan pose doubles threat, but . . .

It took a long time for the overflow crowd at the Shrewsbury Club to realize they were seeing the first of a string of upsets when Major Pete Crummey, 1976 Massachusetts state seniors champion and partner Danny Giordano, number two in the 1976 open dropped a game 21-14 to the team of Tom Callahan and Kevin Corrigan.

During the two-minute intermission, fans speculated on what two of the top ranked players in the doubles would do next. They didn't have long to wait.

Crummey and Giordano came out fresh, and before the upstarts knew what hit them, the score was 16-4. At

this point Callahan called a time-out, and for 30 seconds conferred with his partner.

It's amazing what can be decided in 30 seconds. From a 12-point deficit, the youngsters reversed the direction of the game, rolled out everything in sight and took the second game, 21-19.

The team of Callahan and Corrigan now picked up the nickname of the new dynamic duo. The next domino to be tumbled over was the very tough team of Jim Laraia and Don Incutto. It took a little longer, but the results were the same: the upsetters won the match game, 21-19.

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At lower left are Pete Crummey, Howard Coleman, Danny Giordano, and Captain Allen Lundberg. Women's division winners, from left to right, just above, are Jeane Nichols, Martha Callahan, first place; and Phoebe Borgoffen and Linda Mattus, third place. At the lower right are doubles champions Steve Bevard, center, and Mike Romano, with club owner, Russ Moriarity.





In the first game with Leo Woodcome and John Alfieri it looked, for a moment, that the new dynamic duo had been stopped. The score was 17-3. Again Callahan and partner retreated to a corner, and again they came out to take charge, break the momentum of Woodcome and Alfieri and win the game. The second was even more decisive: 21-8.

The finals was bubble-bursting time. The new dynamic duo met the old dynamic duo—Mike Romano and Steve Bedard. Two games: 21-7 and 21-9, and the string of upsets came to a stop. For the time being.

Mike Romano has been a member of the winning doubles team every year he has played, and Steve Bedard had recently won his first state singles championship. They were, and are, an impressive doubles force.

Third place in the open doubles went to Tom Murphy and Dave Wolanski; the consolation to Pete Crummey and Danny Giordano.

The theme song, "Often a bridesmaid, but never a bride," was cancelled when Danny Rodriguez and Sam Garafalo took a two-game win and the master's doubles title over Tony Anjiano and Elmer Homan in the finals. It was proving a good year for Garafalo.

For the first time the state offered a women's doubles division. Three teams entered, playing a round-robin. Martha Callahan and Jeanne Nichols took first place. Debbie Grovisa and Maureen Boulette were second. Phoebe Bergoffen and Linda Matthews were third.

In the seniors doubles event Pete Crummey and tournament director Howard Coleman took the title for the second consecutive year. They defeated the very tough team of Charlie Shapiro (1976 state singles winner) and Jim Laraia by scores of 21-15, 21-12. Third place was won by Don Houghton and Russ Morgan. Warren McGuirk and Bennie Mancioni won the consolations.

Twenty-seven teams—all closely aligned—entered the B-division doubles with Frank Howey and William Donovan, Brockton, emerging winners. Second place went to John Learson and Bill Foley. Third was Allen Lundberg and Charles Beall.

## ALONG THE RACQUETBALL TRAIL

### *Fourth ranked Wang upsets Weinstein*

by Glenn R. Allen

The first Annual Tidewater Invitational Racquetball Tournament was successfully completed on the weekend of March 19-21. This year's tournament featured top racquetball players from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C., with 55 entries in the men's open singles and 17 entries in the men's seniors. The tournament was held at the beautiful Norfolk, Va., YMCA which features four fully air conditioned, tournament designed courts, a fully equipped health club and hotel rooms at bargain prices for all participants.

The prestigious men's open singles division was won by Delaware state singles champion, and the tournament's number 4 seed, Willie Wang of Newark, Del., who defeated number one seed, Stan Weinstein of Norfolk, Va., 21-6, 21-20, in the finals. Third place was captured by Captain David Beard, USMC, from Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, who defeated Charles Sullivan of College Park, Md., 18-21, 21-8 and 21-10, in a gruelling two hour match.

Enroute to the finals, both Wang and Weinstein experienced tough competition, as Wang defeated Jim Bailey of Havlock, N.C., 17-21, 21-2 and 21-13, in the quarterfinals and Beard, 21-10, 10-21, 21-15, in the semifinals. Weinstein defeated Clay McCaskey of Richmond, Va., in probably the best match of the tournament, 21-16, 11-21, and 21-20, in quarterfinals action, and then beat Sullivan, 21-18, 21-17, in the semifinals. Number two seed, Capt. Buzz Parker, U.S. Army, Ft. Monroe, Va., forfeited to Beard in the quarterfinals due to a shoulder injury.

In men's seniors action, 1976 Virginia state seniors champion, and number one seeded Bill Buckman of Richmond, Va., defeated John Devlin from Glen Dale, Md., 21-8, 21-20. Third place went to LTCOL Chuck Lake, U.S. Army, from Virginia Beach, who won by forfeit over Walter Wales, also of Virginia Beach. The only upset recorded in the senior's tournament was accomplished by unseeded Walter Wales, who defeated third seeded Alan Baynard of Trappe, Md., 21-19, 21-19, in the quarterfinals.

To insure all participants the opportunity to play at least two tournament matches, open and senior's consolation tournaments were scheduled for all first and second round losers. This arrangement resulted in a draw of 32 for open singles consolation, and nine entries in the senior's consolation.

In the open consolation, Charlie Watrous defeated Don Ozmar, 21-6, 21-15, to capture the first place trophy. Richard Highlander bested George Tselepis, 21-20, 18-21 and 21-19, in a very close match to win the senior's consolation.

The tournament was organized by the Norfolk YMCA Racquetball Club under the direction of Warren Chauncey, club president. Low priced entry fees of only \$7.00 per person were charged all players to encourage participation. Entry fees included the cost of game balls for all matches, trophies, court fees, and souvenir athletic shirts for all participants. Additionally, a free buffet luncheon was prepared for all players and guests on the last two days of the tournament. Plans are underway for the Second Annual Tidewater Invitational, which will include open women's and men's masters divisions, in addition to the men's open and senior's competition.



### *Santa Clara breaks tournament drought with Valentines for all*

The Santa Clara Valley, Central YMCA conducted its first annual Valentine's Day open racquetball tournament. The event featured five divisions with over 100 entries and was the first open tournament sponsored by the local "Y" since 1974.

Bob Kraut, manager of Supreme Courts II in San Carlos, defeated Mike Mjehovich in two games to win the men's "B" division. Gene Gibbs placed third. Sunnyvale veterinarian Bill Gallant took first in the men's "C" division, barely beating Tim Wolcott of Livermore in two of three games with the third game decided by only one point. Third place finisher was Joe Pearlman.

### *Redwood Falls completes six years of tournament competition*

The Redwood Falls Racquetball Association recently sponsored the first of what is planned to be an annual Redwood Classic racquetball tournament. Singles play was held in four divisions with Carmina Cragun winning the women's singles, and Gary Thiel winning the men's "A" division. Dr. Roger Schroepel won the seniors.

In the men's B-division Tim LeBrun took first place, with Geoff Thiel consolation winner, and Gary Bee consolation runner-up.

Following Ms. Cragun in the women's singles were, in this order, Doris Lucas, Diane Lucas, and Deb Roshaven. Consolation winner was Vicki Mariner. Ruth Hamm was consolation runner-up.

Dr. Schroepel led Henry Boots, Duane LeBrun and Dennis, respectively, in the seniors. Ed Wieland was consolation winner. Jim Miska was consolation runner-up.

Second, third and fourth in the men's A-division were Bill Cragun, Bill Olson, and Dr. Mike Flinn. Consolation

The Central Y's "A" handball champion and three-month racquetball player, Jerry Schiffman, won the men's novice division, beating 16-year-old Corey Rose in two of three games. Terry Shade took third place.

In the women's B/C division Alicia Moore of Soquel defeated Mary Ludwig of Livermore in two straight games. Barbie McGowan of Supreme Courts finished third.

Kristi Johnson, Physical Education Major at Stanford defeated Central YMCA's Denise Pitsch for the women's novice championship with Sharon Limroth placing third.

champ was Will Hamm, with Scott Larson, runnerup.

In the Redwood Falls, Minn., area the courts are located in the high school, and are under the sponsorship of the Community School Program headed by Bob Laufenburger. J. William Cragun is the school's racquetball director and tournament director for most events.

Redwood Falls will be holding its seventh annual singles and doubles tournaments next year, having completed its sixth this spring.

### *If Koenig is Neptune, is Marilyn a mermaid?*

In the 6th annual King Neptune racquetball tournament, Bill Koenig defeated John Milano (both from Clearwater, Fla.) to win the open singles crown out of a field of 32 competitors. The event was held at the Sarasota Family YMCA courts.

The top two singles players later joined forces to take the consolation victory in open doubles.

Third place in the open singles went to Terry Aydt, Clearwater, with wins over Martin Levison, Hollywood.

In the open doubles, Levison teamed with Randy Hines of Ft. Lauderdale to defeat Bob Phillippy-Brian Kimball of Clearwater. Phillippy and Kimball finished first and second, respectively, in the junior singles division. Gainesville teams of Larry Swanson-Collie Carlton and Barry Gottlieb-Grey Shaak, played off for third with Swanson-Carlton taking home the trophies from the field of 20 teams.

Kevin Spence of Tampa worked his way to the top of the open singles consolation bracket after a hard fought opening round loss to Randy Hines. Spence defeated Charlie Lopez of Hialeah and Ralph Butter of Miami defeated Tom Taylor of Cocoa Beach for third place.

Following behind Koenig-Milano in the open doubles consolation were Gene Owen-Neel Voss of Lakeland; Frank Gill-Eric Anthony of Clearwater and Sherwood Watts-David Blakely of Sarasota in that order.

Two Sarasota players finished third and fourth in the junior singles behind Phillippy and Kimball. They were Jim Utley and Glen Rose.

Women's singles was the only bracket that was smaller than the IRA state outdoor four wall championships that were held here last fall. Marilyn Tebbs of Sarasota took first place over Barbara Faulkenberry of Clearwater.

In the senior singles division, Wes Burquest of Sarasota finished behind Swanson. Bob Rathbun of Rockledge defeated John Hinkamp of Cape Canaveral.

Burquest and Brian Walsh ended on top on the senior doubles division ahead of Rathbun-Hinkamp, a master's team moved down because of insufficient entries in that division.

Overt seventy people participated in this two day event. Play was started at the break of dawn and didn't end until dusk.

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## Kronenberg wins Masters invitational

From Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin masters players checked in at the Minneapolis Court House for the January 30-February 1 Masters Invitational.

Entrants received prints of local artist Kathi Kreatz' original caricatures of racquetball in action.

"Diz" Kronenberg from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the top seed, won the championship in two straight over Ralph Stillman of Minneapolis (21-8, 21-15). In the first game Stillman made 10 errors and Kronenberg was flawless with his "roll-out" forehand and fantastic positioning. He controlled the game from the first serve.

In the second game, Stillman started hitting the left hand corner with his backhand, from all over the court—sidewall, frontwall—and forced the game until Kronenberg hit four forehand kills and broke the game open for



a win. George Sladky of Minneapolis took third place with a win (21-12, 21-15) over John Brandrup of Rochester, Minn.



Winners of an original plaque-design by local artist Kathi Kreatz are, left to right, Ralph Stillman, "Diz" Kronenberg, and George Sladky. Enlargement of Ms. Kreatz' sketch is shown at left.

"Diz" Kronenberg at 53 was the oldest tournament player and Ralph Stillman at 45 in December, the youngest.—Amos Rosenbloom, Minneapolis.

## Nine out of 13 Boston area YMCA's accept W. Roxbury invitations

The First West Roxbury-Roslindale YMCA invitational tournament was held February 20, 21 and 22. Tournament coordinator Dan Harrington termed the effort a resounding success as a field of 32 Class C, and 16 Class B, and six Seniors responded to the invitation which was extended to YMCA's in the eastern Massachusetts area.

Steve Bedard of Fitchburg, Ma., coasted to the top of the B's as he "wowed" spectators with his effortless style, and timely shot making. He scored a lopsided 21-4, 21-13 over Steve Emma of Westminster, Ma. In

the battle for third, Ken Blunt defeated John Learson, both of West Roxbury, 21-11, 21-19.

In the C's, the championship story was overshadowed by the apparently new precedent of girls playing the boys. Six gals entered the C's and four indicated a willingness to play against the guys. Although the gals were not victorious, the murmurings and the interest aroused in the mixed matches were worth the trip to the tourney. The girls were Martha and Cynthia Callahan, "Mini" Kelly, and Ina Ivarson, all of the North Suburban YMCA.

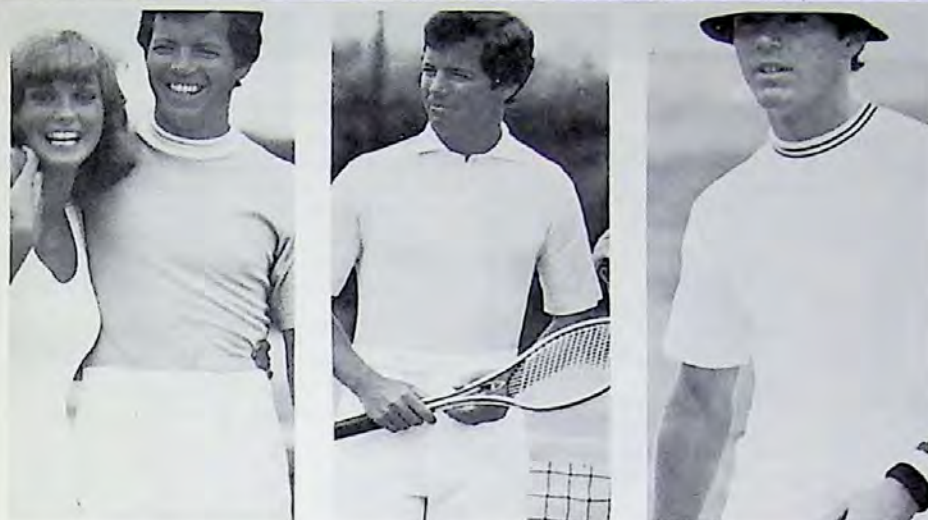
The final "C" match between Ron

Moulton and George Tower was extremely exciting and full of suspense. Moulton pulled it out in the third game winning, 21-10, 13-21, 21-19. Both players made few mistakes and found every point had to be fought for. Moulton hails from Cambridge YMCA, and Tower from Springfield.

In the battle for third place in the C's, Dave Hall of West Roxbury YMCA easily outdistanced Martin Quinn, Fitchburg, 21-9, 21-3.

A total of 53 players enjoyed a smoothly run and competitive tournament at the West Roxbury YMCA, which is one of 13 Branches of the Greater Boston YMCA. Nine different YMCA's were represented in the tourney which found less than half of the field from the host "Y".





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## THE SCOREBOARD

### Oklahoma City, Okla.

#### SOUTHWEST REGIONALS

##### OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Wright def. Treat; Linton def. Meek; E. Campbell def. Meyer; Auerbach def. K. Smith.

Semifinals: Wright def. Linton; Campbell def. Auerbach.

Finals: Pete Wright def. Eric Campbell. Third place: Linton def. Auerbach. Consolations: Wayne Campbell def. Larry Swank.

##### WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Shannon Wright, bye; Janice Segall def. Janell Wilson; Sandy McPherson, bye; Marceline Greer def. Kim Dorsey.

Semifinals: Wright def. Segall; Greer def. McPherson.

Finals: Shannon Wright def. Marceline Greer. Third: McPherson def. Segall. Consolations: Janeel Wilson def. Kim Dorsey.

##### MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Hessel def. Wilson; McPherson def. Dille; Beattie def. Johnson; Mooney def. Saugstad; Denney def. Branta.

Semifinals: Bernstein def. McPherson; Cooper def. Denney.

Finals: Dwayne Cooper def. Luther Bernstein. Third: McPherson def. Denney. Consolations: Branta def. Provence.

##### MASTERS SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Walker def. Bowersock; Hood def. Reese; Lambert def. Ristau; Grula def. Miller.

Semifinals: Walker def. Hood; Grula def. Lambert.

Finals: Richard Walker def. Ed Grula. Third: Lambert def. Hood. Consolations: Bowersock def. Chambliss.

##### GOLDEN MASTERS

Semifinals: Ray Crowley def. Finley Tennin; Bob Tromly def. Ray Hamby.

Finals: Crowley def. Tromly. Third: Hamby def. Tennin.

##### JUNIOR SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Reece def. Karp; Seibert def. Willingham; Malowitz def. Aronowitz.

Semifinals: Seibert def. Reece; Malowitz def. Walker.

Finals: Mark Malowitz def. Blake Walker.

##### OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Mooney-Glander def. Eichor-Scott; Walker-Manor def. Stepp-W. Campbell; Wright-E. Campbell def. Mooney-Glander; Linton-Benien def. Walker-Manor; Hinkle-Smith def. Treat-Martin; Myers-McPherson def. Auerbach-Meyer.

Semifinals: Wright-Campbell def. Linton-Benien; Hinkle-Smith def. Myers-McPherson.

Finals: Wright-E. Campbell def. Hinkle-Smith. Third: Linton-Benien def. Myers-McPherson.

##### B SINGLES

Finals: Shannon Wright def. Doug Aichelle. Third: Curtis def. Ellis. Consolations: Bill Luttrell def. Perry Duncan.

##### WOMEN'S NOVICE

Finals: Dixie Wilson def. Joan Lance. Third: Beth Bunker def. Jane Davis. Consolations: Susan Neustadt def. Long.

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# THE SCOREBOARD

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## WOMEN'S DOUBLES

**Quarterfinals:** McPherson-Greer def. Har-  
bour-Long; Bunker-Bunker def. Dunham-Autry.

**Semifinals:** Pasternak-Neustadt def. Wilson-  
Lance; McPherson-Greer def. Bunker-Bunker.

**Finals:** Greer-McPherson def. Pasternak-Neu-  
stadt.

## B DOUBLES

**Semifinals:** Jameson-Couch def. Hessel-Pro-  
vence; Swank-Ruelas def. Hood-Ellis.

**Finals:** Jameson-Couch def. Swank-Ruelas.  
Third: Hessel-Provence def. Hood-Ellis.

## Cheney, Washington

### NORTHWEST REGIONALS

April 2-3-4, 1976

### OPEN SINGLES

**Quarterfinals:** Lund def. Hoover; Hegg, def.  
Scott; Retter def. Marcus; Byers def. Smith.

**Semifinals:** Lund def. Hegg, 21-4, 13-21, 21-  
18. Smith def. Retter, 21-11, 21-16.

**Finals:** J. Smith def. B. Lund, 21-17, 21-9.  
Third: Hegg def. Retter. Consolations: Nelson  
def. Mason.

### WOMEN'S SINGLES

**Quarterfinals:** Harding def. Sherman; DeNeu  
def. Guth; Panzeri def. McLeish; Abbott def.  
Sharp.

**Semifinals:** Harding def. DeNeu; Abbott def.  
Panzeri.

**Finals:** J. Harding def. J. Abbott, 21-8, 21-9.  
Third: Panzeri def. DeNeu. Consolations: Mc-  
Leish def. Guth.

### SENIOR SINGLES

**Quarterfinals:** Peterson def. Angus; Williams  
def. Copeland; Kirk def. Blumenthal; Gouse  
def. Davis.

**Semifinals:** Peterson def. Williams; Gouse  
def. Kirk.

**Finals:** B. Peterson def. E. Gouse, 21-8, 21-15.  
Third: Williams def. Kirk. Consolations: Cope-  
land def. Davis.

### MASTERS SINGLES

**Quarterfinals:** Whitehill def. Bennett; Erickson  
def. Herman; Lauritsen def. Cooper; Weinstein  
def. Porriman.

**Semifinals:** Whitehill def. Erickson; Weinstein  
def. Lauritsen.

**Finals:** P. Whitehill def. Weinstein, 21-9, 21-  
12.

### GOLDEN MASTERS

**Quarterfinals:** Goddard def. Cody; Keys def.  
Bryan; Grant def. Wilson; Lohr, bye.

**Semifinals:** Goddard def. Keys; Grant def.  
Lohr.

**Finals:** D. Goddard def. M. Grant, 21-12, 21-  
2. Third: Lohr def. Keys. Consolations: Cody  
def. Wilson.

### JUNIOR SINGLES

**Quarterfinals:** Larson def. Garten; Eggerman  
def. Sheleny; Lunn, bye; Rittenhaus def. Bulmer.

**Semifinals:** Larson def. Eggerman; Lunn def.  
Rittenhaus.

**Finals:** J. Larson def. D. Lunn, 21-16, 21-17.

## B SINGLES

**Semifinals:** Harding def. Kimball; Henderson  
def. Daley.

**Finals:** J. Henderson def. J. Harding, 21-9,  
21-17. Third: Daley. Consolations: M. McClay  
def. A. Tinsley.

## OPEN DOUBLES

**Quarterfinals:** Scott-Carley def. Nelson-Rit-  
tenhaus; Henderson-Williams def. Clausen-Her-  
man; Byers-Retter def. Corbett-Collins; Marcus-  
Larson def. Mason-Friedlander.

**Semifinals:** Scott-Carley def. Henderson-Wil-  
liams; Byers-Retter def. Marcus-Larson.

**Finals:** Scott-Carley def. Byers-Retter, 21-15,  
21-13. Consolations: Cummins-Abajian def. G.  
Retter-Stredwick.

## West Roxbury, Mass.

### NORTHEAST REGIONALS RANKINGS

April 2-3-4, 1976

(In order listed)

### OPEN SINGLES

Charles Garfinkel, Mike Luciw, Leo Marsocci,  
Mike Romano, Ray Capitanelli, Paul Lazure,  
Danny Giordano, Dave Yurgaitus, James Dollin-  
ger, James Winterton.

### WOMEN

Heather Marshall, Ann Rothberg, Martha Cal-  
lahan, Cindy Callahan, Karen Bednarski, Lena  
Sigmundo, Barbara Wheeler, Jackie Adler,  
Maureen Boulette, Susan Birell.

### JUNIORS

John Moshides, Mark Kohan, Donald Rogers,  
Robert Cohen, Jack Dollinger, Steve Elia.

### GOLDEN MASTERS

1. Robert Goldberg; 2. Francis Anderson.

### MASTERS

Bill McLaughlin, Sam Poletta, Sam Garafalo,  
Danny Rodriguez, Harold Greig, Fred Rizzo,  
Bernard Wolf, Dick Kincade, John Lepore, Dave  
Rogers.

### SENIORS

Tom Waltz, Charlie Shapiro, Pete Crummey,  
Herman Neumeier, Don Houghton, Howie Cole-  
man, Leo Fonseca, Joe Fenster, Pat Colombo,  
Louis Lovely.

### "B"

Dave Janelle, Allen Lundberg, Greg Maloley,  
Harry Cohn, Ken Blunt, Warren Pierce, John  
Learson, Richard Baxter, Yogi Adler, Max  
Puckett.

## Neenah, Wisconsin

1976 I.R.A.

### NORTHERN REGIONAL RESULTS

### OPEN SINGLES

**Quarterfinals:** Ikier def. Lindeman; Johnson  
def. Harper; Alder def. Gonser; Wirkus def.  
Keenan.

**Semifinals:** Ikier def. Johnson, 21-10, 18-21,  
21-12; Wirkus def. Alder, 21-10, 10-21, 21-13.

**Finals:** Wirkus def. Ikier, 21-14, 21-5. Third:  
Johnson def. Alder (default).

## WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES

**Quarterfinals:** Dillin def. Hults; Heinecke def.  
Pommerich; Schmidt def. Gneweuch; Tennesen  
def. Bechard.

**Semifinals:** Schmidt def. Tennesen, 21-14, 21-  
16; Dillin def. Heinecke, 21-10, 21-19.

**Finals:** Schmidt def. Dillin, 21-14, 19-21, 21-  
19. Third: Tennesen def. Heinecke, 21-6, 21-7.

## WOMEN'S DOUBLES

**Finals:** Dillin-Cato def. Tennesen-Johnson, 21-  
16, 21-18. Third: Jacobsen-Gneweuch def. Pom-  
merich-Engerbertson, 21-15, 21-15.

## MEN'S SENIORS

**Quarterfinals:** B. Nielsen (Marshalltown,  
Iowa) def. W. Marrinaccio (Manitowoc); D.  
Gemoll (Madison) def. B. Moerick; B. Arm-  
strong (Madison) def. T. Murray (Janesville);  
B. Adam (Minneapolis) def. P. Nelson.

**Semifinals:** Armstrong def. Adam, 18-21, 21-  
4, 21-18; Nielsen def. Gemoll, 21-5, 21-16.

**Finals:** B. Nielsen def. B. Armstrong, 21-  
15, 21-14. Third: Adam beat Gemoll, 21-11, 21-  
12.

## MASTERS

**Quarterfinals:** J. Bechard (Milwaukee) def.  
Gille; Schmidt def. Rosenbloom; I. Bruner def.  
Parish; J. White (Milwaukee) def. Casperson.

**Semifinals:** Bechard def. Schmidt, 21-11, 21-  
16; White def. Bruner, 21-16, 21-5.

**Finals:** White def. Bechard, 21-14, 21-17.  
Third: Bruner def. Schmidt, 21-20, 15-21, 21-12.

## GOLDEN MASTERS

(Round Robin—5 Entrants)

**Finals:** Vetter (Milwaukee) def. C. Austin  
(Green Bay), 21-17, 21-18.

## JUNIORS

**Quarterfinals:** B. Adam (Minneapolis) def.  
Waldron; Bakken def. Ferris; B. Murray (Janes-  
ville) def. Hayerga (St. Cloud, Minnesota); J.  
Wirkus (Fond Du Lac, WI) def. Peck.

**Semifinals:** Adams def. Bakken, 21-7, 21-12;  
Wirkus def. Murray, 21-3, 21-15.

**Finals:** Adam def. Wirkus, 21-8, 20-21, 21-8.  
Third: Murray def. Bakken, 21-13, 21-13.

## CONSOLATION WINNERS

**Open:** S. Schultz (Appleton) def. G. Rivet  
(Minneapolis), 21-10, 17-21, 21-20.

**Masters:** H. Krause def. Parish, 21-2, 21-6.  
**Seniors:** Hults beat Kreuter, 21-9, 21-4.

**Women's Singles:** L. Johnson (Minneapolis).  
**Juniors:** Ferris def. Johnson, 21-4, 21-8.

## Portland, Maine

1976 MAINE OPEN

March 19-20-21, 1976

## SINGLES

**Finals:** Mike Luciw, New Britain, Conn., def.  
Steve Dubord, Waterville, Maine, 21-10, 21-12.  
Consolations: Tom Callahan def. William Du-  
bord, 21-7, 21-4.

## DOUBLES

**Finals:** Ed Castillo-Tom Waltz def. Mike  
Luciw-Steve Dubord, 21-8, 21-6.

## RACQUETBALL



## SENIOR SINGLES

**Finals:** Robert Folsom def. Tom Waltz, 21-16, 13-21, 21-17. **Consolation:** Leonard Willette def. Steve Drago.

## "B" SINGLES

**Finals:** Philip Soule def. David Janelle, 21-12, 19-21, 21-9. **Consolation:** Maurice Keroack def. Bob Waterman.

## "C" SINGLES

**Finals:** Paul Adams def. Raymond Noble. **Consolation:** Milton MacBride def. Ray Noble.

## JUNIOR SINGLES

**Finals:** Steve Veilleux def. Stephen Larabee. **Consolation:** Douglas Wood def. Jim Goulette.

## NOVICE SINGLES

**Finals:** Randy Olson def. Dana Mulholland. **Consolation:** Myron Levin def. Penelope Radziucz.

## WOMEN'S OPEN

**Finals:** Phyllis Dumont def. Becky Warren, 21-7, 21-8. **Consolation:** Sue Churchill def. Penelope Radziucz.

## WOMEN'S NOVICE

**Finals:** Marge Perkins def. Cindy Callahan. **Consolation:** Nora Davis def. Nancy Moore.

# Louisville, Kentucky

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 26-27-28, 1976

## MEN'S OPEN

**Quarterfinals:** Evans def. Hyman; Shivel def. Dabney; Brown def. Porco; Cooper def. Michels.

**Semifinals:** Shivel def. Evans, 13-21, 21-20, 21-4; Cooper def. Brown, 21-12, 21-13.

**Finals:** Cooper def. Shivel, 15-21, 21-3, 21-10. **Third:** Evans def. Brown.

## WOMEN'S SINGLES

**Quarterfinals:** Evans def. Montgomery; Cissy Maloney def. Perkins; Sanders def. Joan Barlow; Rentz def. Simon.

**Semifinals:** Evans def. Maloney, 21-14, 21-1; Rentz def. Sanders, 21-10, 21-8.

**Finals:** Rentz def. Evans, 18-21, 21-18, 21-12. **Third:** Maloney def. Sanders.

## SENIORS

**Quarterfinals:** Gaspard def. Adkins; Drasin def. Emnett; Wilson def. Schutzmeister; Detjen def. McIntyre, default.

**Semifinals:** Gaspard def. Drasin, 20-21, 21-11, 21-4; Wilson def. Detjen, 21-4, 21-11.

**Finals:** Wilson def. Gaspard, 21-18, 21-6. **Third:** Detjen def. Drasin.

## MASTERS

**Quarterfinals:** Gumer def. Green; Woosley def. Teraslinna, default; Grayson Hanks def. Ted Ray; Detjen def. Whipple.

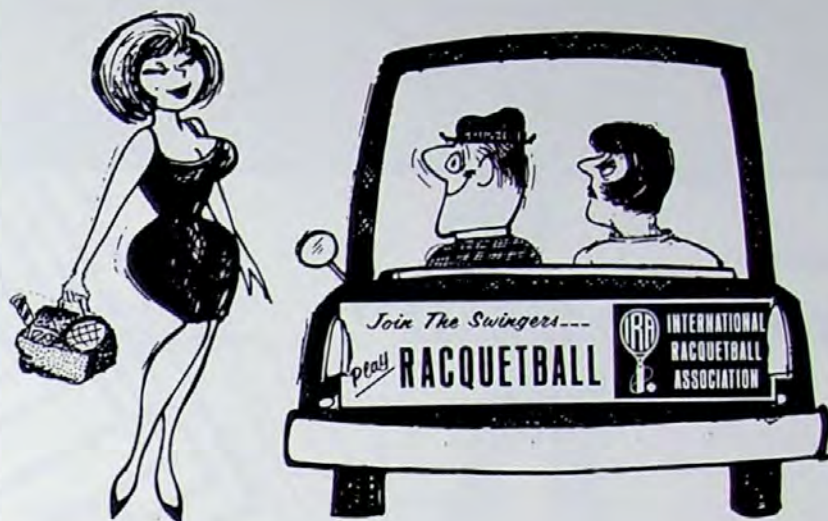
**Semifinals:** Gumer def. Woosley, 21-5, 21-5; Detjen def. Hanks, 21-11, 21-14.

**Finals:** Gumer def. Detjen, 21-17, 21-13. **Third:** Hanks def. Woosley.

## B DIVISION

**Semifinals:** Embry def. Vance, 21-14, 21-10; Wilson def. Emnett, 21-13, 21-17.

**Finals:** Embry def. Wilson, 21-16, 21-9. **Third:** Emnett def. Vance.



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In the IRA Internationals at St. Louis a year ago, Shannon Wright and Peggy Steding went three games in the finals. In this interview between Tom McKie and Shannon Wright, she tells some of the things she is doing differently . . . and why she is looking forward to the 1976 Internationals.

## PLAYER PROFILE

# Shannon Wright

By Tom McKie

*Tom McKie*—Shannon, most members are aware you live in Texas. But, where are you from?

*Shannon Wright*—This is my home state. I grew up in Fort Worth, went to high school here, and attended Texas Christian University. I'm still studying, though, and am attending Texas Women's University right now.

It was at Texas Christian that I began playing racquetball.

*Tom*—How long ago was that?

*Shannon*—About three years ago. At first it was just for the fun of going to the courts with a neighbor. At that time I was in high school, but we used the TCU courts. So, I began playing during my senior year in high school. I attended a couple of tournaments, and watched a lot of good players, but I wasn't concentrating on the game very much. It was just one sport among several.

*Tom*—What were some of the other sports in which you were active?

*Shannon*—I've played tennis most of my life—maybe for ten years before high school. In high school I dropped tennis, but picked up interests in field hockey, basketball and softball. And I enjoyed sailing.

*Tom*—With a background of that nature, racquetball would come easily to you . . .

*Shannon*—Yes—but then it is an easy game to pick up quickly. However, I didn't really play a strong game until Pete and I started playing together. Pete (Wright) actually taught me the game. Until then I played, and enjoyed the exercise, but not much more could be said for my game.



*Tom*—Many people would consider this an ideal situation. You and Pete are married, are professional racquetball players, and teach racquetball at the same club . . .

*Shannon*—You make it sound good. Actually it doesn't quite work out that way. True, we are around the courts a lot—maybe 12-14 hours a day at times, but that doesn't mean we get to play. Some days we might not work on our own games at all.

*Tom*—So, you find it is both good and bad? In what way is it bad for your game?

*Shannon*—In playing against students, or people I'm teaching, I am rarely challenged to play my best. It is a natural thing to let down under these conditions . . . and that isn't good for anybody's game.

Of course, the opposite isn't good either. A player doesn't learn much—such as a B player against a Pro—by getting blown off the court.

*Tom*—Are there other factors that detract from the fun of being a teaching-pro?

*Shannon*—Yes. So much time is spent doing things that are related to the job—stringing racquets, for example. We string 'em all. Squash, tennis, and racquetball. Each is different, and each has to be done carefully . . . but again, doing this doesn't improve your own playing ability.

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**Tom**—You are about to talk me out of it . . .

**Shannon**—You asked about the good and bad, and the fact is we do a lot of things other than play racquetball whenever we feel like it. There is the pro-shop where we sell equipment . . . and visit with a lot of people about their game. We sometimes talk racquetball more than we play it. That's sort of in-between, for talking about your favorite sport is enjoyable.

**Tom**—What are some of the good things? There must be some?

**Shannon**—Oh, yes. Most of them. In teaching, the constant emphasis on what students are doing, right or wrong, helps my own game. This past month and a half my forehand has improved tremendously . . . and that's pretty exciting.

Then there is the junior's racquetball league. The kids playing in it are having a ball. They love it to death!

**Tom**—Juniors? That includes what ages?

**Shannon**—I have them as young as eight and all the way up to 14 and 15.

**Tom**—Tell me how you bring them along . . . are there any special rules . . . what about their attention span?

**Shannon**—They won't concentrate for so long a time as an older player, but they are improving, and having a good time. I start them with the proper rules, get them running and working to where they get stronger, and they go into the court and have a great time. We don't modify the rules, and they do all the right things—like hitting the ball on the first bounce . . .

**Tom**—Bringing the youngsters to the game, or the game to them, helps the sport grow. What else do you think will help in this way?

**Shannon**—We both know how easy it is to pick up the game. So, the obvious answer is simply more facilities. Racquetball is an exciting spectator sport, but we need

more courts with more and better spectator viewing. Television coverage in most buildings is almost impossible. But, if people can watch the game, they will get interested and want to participate.

**Tom**—What about women?

**Shannon**—This is a game they can learn quickly, and enjoy. Almost immediately. They can go out with other women, or their husbands, and have a real good time, get a lot of good exercise, and they don't embarrass themselves at the beginning, as with many sports.

One of the nice things about racquetball clubs, the beginner can watch and learn from others in comfortable surroundings. But all of this goes back to more facilities. You have to have the clubs before everyone can play. And I think this is a game that appeals to everyone—white collar, blue collar, . . .

**Tom**—As a professional player you and Pete have surely discussed the future of the sport, for yourselves and other pros. Is there really a future?

**Shannon**—To answer the first part. Pete and I enjoy the sport as players and as professionals. How long we will stay with it depends on a number of things. Of course the money is important, and we would like to see larger purses.

We feel tournament sponsors can benefit from having top professionals take part, and in turn should make it financially possible for the pro-player to attend.

I said racquetball is an exciting spectator sport. Having better viewing facilities will improve professional racquetball. It will make it possible for fans to attend tournaments and other racquetball competition. Whatever the answer is, more and better facilities are parts of it.

**Tom**—This, and adaptation for television is one of the things the I.R.A. is working on, but . . .

**Shannon**—I'm sure it's a tough question to find an answer to.



Shannon Wright



*Tom*—Tell me something about the training program you, or you and Pete, follow. You train together don't you?

*Shannon*—Oh, yes. We practice together in court. We'll practice just forehand kill shots right down the wall for ten minutes, then we will go the backhand and practice kill shots for another ten minutes.

We have drills which we practice. We'll spend fifteen minutes on backhand ceiling shots and another five or ten minutes on forehand ceiling shots. We also hit some drive shots together.

Off the court we do some things together; some separately. I lift weights for my left arm. My right arm is developed from racquetball. I generally run from two to four miles a day. And, I run sprints inside the racquetball court. This, and several times a week I practice shots by myself.

I think it has taken all this for me to get in shape to play top racquetball. Until lately I have never been in shape in my life.

*Tom*—This is every day?

*Shannon*—Just about everyday.

*Tom*—Who do you compete against, other than Pete?

*Shannon*—I try to play against other players with ability. Mostly, or all, are men. I have never had a chance to play any women on a regular basis . . . so all I've known is playing with guys. I like it.

*Tom*—All top players possess, an all around sound game. But, even so, many of them have greater confidence in certain parts. What would you say are your strengths?

*Shannon*—I would say my ceiling game is right now, and since the last month and a half, my forehand has improved. . . . This showed during the Southwest regionals when I won the men's B division.

Tom McKie

*Tom*—Two questions on your competitive situation: Peggy Steding is one. What particular parts of her game give you trouble?

*Shannon*—You mean, why does she beat me?

*Tom*—Why is she so difficult to beat?

*Shannon*—The main reason is because she is in excellent shape. She has been playing sports for about 25 years, now, and every day. She is just in tremendous condition. That's the reason she has beaten me so badly. I have gone on the court with her and after the first five points I am exhausted. But, the next time I play her I won't be.

She is the one I am going to beat.

*Tom*—I have noticed this last year that you have kept your composure real well in the major matches, and think this has had a lot to do with your improvement.

*Shannon*—I hope so. I have concentrated on it, and I want to project an image different from the one I did the first year I was in racquetball, and not act like . . .

*Tom*—Has there been any special reason for improving your composure?

*Shannon*—I wish you hadn't asked that . . .



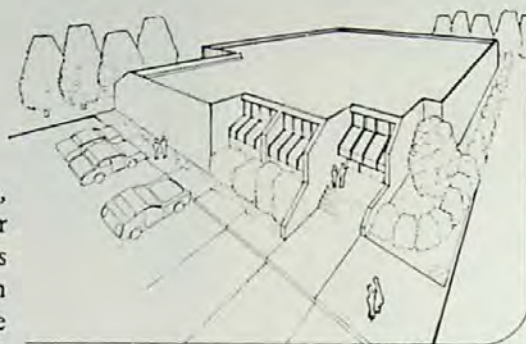


# TOURING THE COURTS

## Court Sports 1 goes up in Oregon

Reed Fitkin and Bob McNutt, Eugene, Oregon, announced plans for the racquetball-handball, "Court Sports I." This will be the first of its kind in the state. Construction is to begin in the first part of May, Fitkin said, with the doors expected to open for operation in the early fall.

The eight court facility will have saunas and whirlpools in both the men's and women's locker rooms, along with a pro-shop, exercise room, snack bar,



and child care center. There will be one show court with a glass back-wall and upper level side-wall viewing. There will be upper back-wall viewing galleries for the other seven courts, in the 13,000 square foot layout.

In addition to racquetball-handball activities, general exercise programs will be provided with emphasis on jogging. Eugene has long been noted as the jogging capital of the country thanks to the track program of the University of Oregon.

The facility will sell memberships but will also be open to the public on an hourly basis. Don Jackson, former manager of the Eugene Country Club, is assisting in the project as consultant and co-developer. He was one of the original developers of the Supreme Court facilities in the San Francisco Bay area.

## Six new courts for San Jose/Bay Area

Full construction began February 11, 1976, on the \$1.5 million Almaden Valley Athletic Club located at 5400 Camden Avenue (1 block North of Kooser Road) in San Jose. Formal groundbreaking ceremonies took place Saturday, February 28, 1976, at 2 p.m., to which the general public was invited.

Funding for the only one-stop recreation facility in the Bay Area is being provided by Mercury Savings and Loan, Cupertino. General Contractor is Chrisman-Taylor of Palo Alto and the architect is Roaten Hinson of Los



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Front row, from the left: Dr. Stephen Jackson, Robert Chrisman, Joseph Shank, James Thening, Councilman Jim Self, Philip Warner, and Tony Rowe. Back row: Robert Taylor, Ron Peabody, Chrisman Taylor, Alan Bickel and Robert Folendorf.

Gatos. Tennis court plans were drawn by Robert Folendorf of Los Gatos. Construction has been awarded to Pacific Surfacing of Campbell. The project was developed by Court and Aquatic Sports, Ltd., a California corporation

of whom the principals are Alan Bickel, MD; Stephen Jackson, MD; Joseph Shank; James Theiring and Phillip Warner, MD. Shank and Theiring will be the general managers of the club.

Designed in the style of a Mediterranean villa, the facility will include twelve championship tennis courts; six indoor handball-racquetball courts; five platform tennis courts; two fully equipped health clubs operated separately for men and women; complete swim school with junior Olympic-size pool (incorporating the former Los Gatos Swim School); spa facilities including (for men) hydrotherapy pool, steam, sauna, and cold drench; and for women, hydrotherapy pool and sauna with luxurious lockerroom facilities.

## All them Indians and only one chief

Hartmann, Holliday and Bell are doing their best to keep Bellefontaine mayor Joseph Berger busy breaking ground for new racquetball facilities in the greater St. Louis area.

For those who limit their driving to expressways, the new West James Courts are ideally located. Bounded on the north by I-70, on the east by I-244 and on the south and west by US 40, the new club is less than a half-hour's drive from neighboring St. Charles, Lake St. Louis, Ferguson or Clayton.



From left: Earl Forester, J. J. Kineally, Arthur Colvin, Thomas Noonan, Doug Hartman, Wil Drury, Mayor Berger, John Holliday, Bill Bell, Dick Bagy, Phonsie Hurley, Chief Allen Pruett, and Cas Koziatek.

Activities director, Bill Bell indicated the new club will be open about September 1, 1976, and will provide

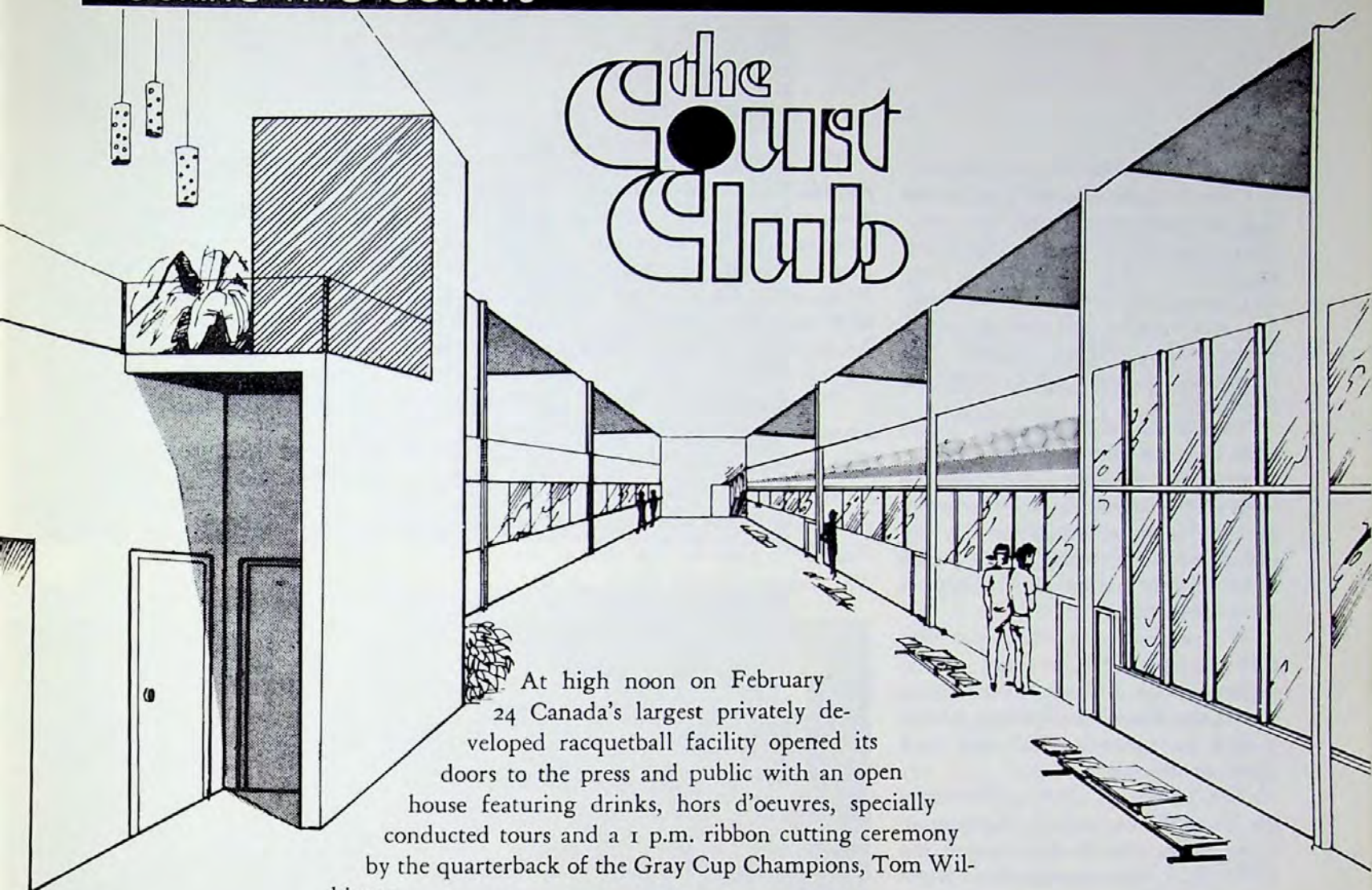
six additional courts to racquetball players. The club is similar in design to the St. Charles facility.

West James court club will have, in addition to racquetball, six indoor tennis courts for year around play. Professional instruction will be available in both sports, and as usual with Messrs. John Holliday, Doug Hartmann, and Bell, the amenities will not be lacking.

League and tournament play will begin as soon as construction is far enough along to set firm dates. In the finished building, instant replay via video equipment will help players study their own performance, and assist the resident pro.



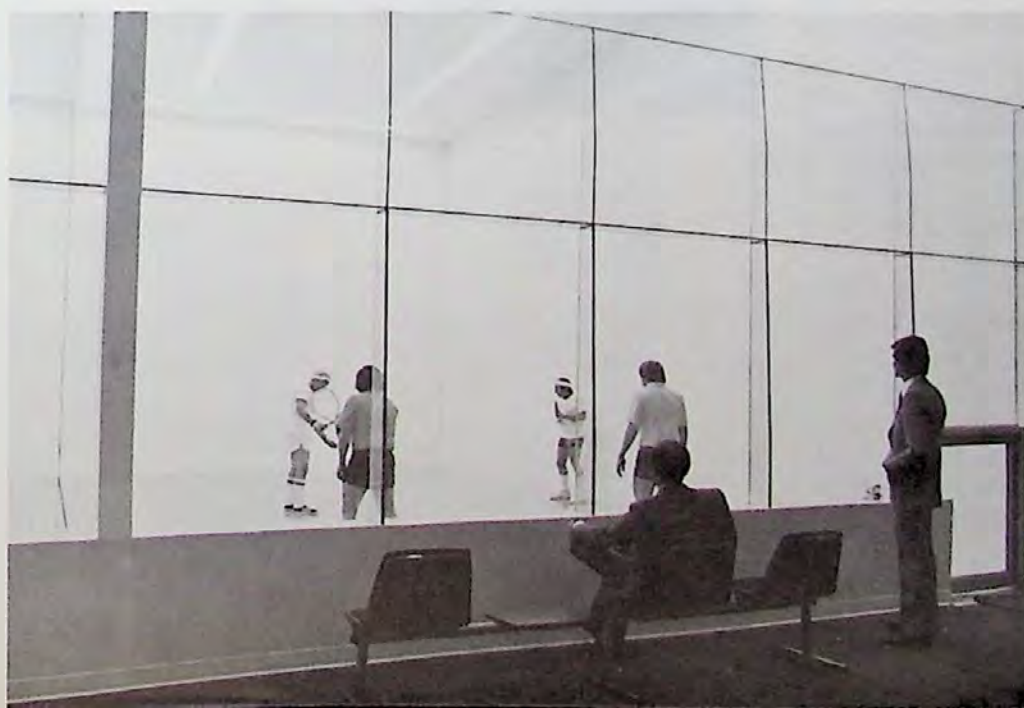
## TOURING THE COURTS



At high noon on February 24 Canada's largest privately developed racquetball facility opened its doors to the press and public with an open house featuring drinks, hors d'oeuvres, specially conducted tours and a 1 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony by the quarterback of the Gray Cup Champions, Tom Wilkinson.

The \$550,000 eight court sports complex hit mid-stride even before the ceremonial ribbon fell to the carpeted floor, with a pre-opening enrollment of over 300 player members.

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# TOURING THE COURTS

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Owners of the beautifully appointed club have attempted to provide everything a member seeks—spacious lounging and viewing areas; men's and women's locker areas with whirlpool, showers, steam rooms and exercise room. Membership guarantees certain club privileges, but courts can be rented by non-members.

Two of the courts have fully glazed back walls for floor to ceiling spectator viewing. All courts are constructed with back-wall windows running the width of each court, a feature strongly endorsed by many of the game's professional players, and one that is found in all too few clubs.

Wayne Bowes, resident pro and club manager, says they can accommodate a total of about 600 members, and at the rate of pre-opening interest should hit the saturation point well ahead of schedule.

The 24-year-old Bowes is the reigning Canadian racquetball champion in both singles and doubles, and is the 1975 IRA international open singles champion. Of the owner-principals in the club, which is owned by Goldridge Investments, Ltd., three began seeking ways and means for the facility nearly five years ago.

John Kempo, Howard Rankin, and Ken Wilson believed the sport would support a first-class club, and felt the demand existed. As building costs soared, a fourth partner entered the picture—Clare Drake, prominent University of Alberta professor and former professional hockey coach. Also a keen racquetball player.

Bowes pointed out that the 17-foot area separating the two rows of courts is a combination viewing area, corridor, and lounge. But supplementing this is a well appointed and furnished mezzanine which overlooks three of the courts, and is adjacent to the snack bar. Players and guests find this a favorite spot to cool down after playing, or just to socialize.

The Court Club opened with a flourish, and suitable fanfare, but got down to the serious business of people enjoying themselves within minutes. The club hosted the April 29-May 2 Western Canada Regionals and scheduled the Canadian Open—one of North America's biggest tournaments—for July 14-17.

Visitors are in for a treat when they attend any of the forthcoming events. The exciting exterior of the building promises fun. The interior is decorated in warm yellows, orange and reds, with changes in pace for the shower areas. The women's locker rooms are in yel-

low and green; the men's in tones of blue and brown.

Between major tournaments, Bowes said the club will feature group and individual lessons, league play, pyramids and the institution of a challenge board for men and women in all categories. He says they also have what he feels is the best equipped racquetball and handball pro-shop in Canada.

The original building plans were drawn together by the owners, with Camwill Construction Company of Edmonton receiving the building contract. Detail plans were created by designer Archie Roberts. Before plans were completed Bruce Campbell, partner in



The blues and brown of the men's locker room is seen in the above picture. The women's locker room colors are in shades of yellow and green. At the upper right the 17-foot wide corridor between courts provides ample viewing area. The picture at the lower right was taken when the snow was still around. The view today is more inviting.





Camwill Construction visited a number of U.S. and Canadian clubs.

The principals narrowed the variety of building methods down to what they feel is an ideal court construction method. Choosing the tilt-wall system, then poured 65 slabs of on-site concrete, six inches thick, and weighing 35 tons each, to create the 11,000 square foot building's playing surfaces.

Court wall surfaces, Campbell said, are painted with Pittglaze epoxy paint from Canadian Pittsburgh Industries. The back-walls use Herculite tempered glass. By making use of the tilt wall approach, there is but one seam—and that is not apparent—in each court wall.

Consultants to Camwill and the owners were Allsop Morgan Engineering, Ltd.; Yewchuch Engineering, Ltd., and Duthie Newby and Associates, Ltd. Construction began in August, 1975, and was completed in February, 1976, Bowes noted. Financing was provided by the Alberta Opportunity Company.

The Edmonton "Court Club" is managed by Wayne Bowes. Owner-officers of the corporation are Ken Wilson, president, and board of director members, John Kempo, Howard Rankin, and Clare Drake. Information about membership and event scheduling may be obtained by writing "Court Club," Number 302, 10209-97th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, or by phoning 488-0956.



# How to run a tournament . . .

With so many new facilities being added to the racquetball world and all of them eager to get things going, the IRA office has received countless requests for information on how to run a tournament.

Assuming you already have access to a facility, the first order of business is to select the date. Contact your state chairman (see January-February RACQUETBALL magazine) to find out what competing tournaments there are in the area from which you expect to draw. Depending on the events you offer this may include your city, state, or region. Select your date a minimum of two months in advance, if possible, and register it with your state chairman.

The next consideration is what events to offer. Factors to be considered in making this decision are: the number of courts you have; the abilities of the anticipated players; the ages of those players; are you trying to create interest in any particular group of players? will some events complement others (example singles and doubles in the same division)? and will you have consolation events?

One of the most important decisions you must make is what entry fees to charge. Entry fees are the major source of revenue for a tournament. You need to estimate your expenses and your revenue from other sources, make a conservative estimate of the number of players you expect and set your entry fee accordingly. Many expenses are variable (\$10 awards or \$30 awards, how much hospitality, quality of the souvenir, etc.). You may decide to adjust one or more of them to make your entry fee more realistic to attract the players you desire. As an example, novice players are usually not as serious about their game as more advanced

players and may not be interested in playing if the entry fee is high even if the awards are beautiful.

There are a number of other sources of revenue. One is to sell ads and print a tournament program. Another is to trade advertising for products: food and beverages for the hospitality room, awards, souvenirs, and possibly the tournament balls. A third is to sell spectator seats at your number one court. Conducting a pre-tournament clinic can also raise some revenue.

When you have selected the date, decided on your events, and established your fees, we encourage you to seek IRA sanction of your tournament. This can be done through your state chairman, regional commissioner or the IRA office and will require that you use the official IRA rules and require that all participants be IRA members. By doing this you are adding distinction and standardization to your tournament and supporting the IRA.

Your next order of business is to prepare your entry blank, listing on it all pertinent information. You can save yourself a lot of time and headaches answering questions if your entry blank is complete. To help you with seeding it is wise to ask the players to list previous accomplishments if they desire a seeded position.

Set your deadline far enough in advance of your tournament so you have adequate time to make your draw. One week is a good minimum while for a large tournament ten days would be better. Require entry fees with the return of the entries.

Distribute your entry blanks a month before your entry deadline. They should go to all facilities in the area

from which you expect to draw. In addition send entry blanks to your state chairman, regional commissioner, and the IRA office. If they get inquiries they will have the information.

On the home front it is wise to set up a tournament committee and delegate many of the responsibilities. One committee member can take charge of arranging hospitality, another ticket sales, another ad sales, registration, shuttle service, publicity, awards, souvenirs, etc.

Order tournament supplies about six weeks in advance. Shipping time can vary considerably and you can not afford not to have balls, brackets, or scorecards by the start of the tournament.

Set up a bookkeeping system so that, as entries come in they can be accurately recorded. This will help immensely at registration.

After your deadline has passed and you have allowed for the mail to reach you, make your draw. Determine your number of seeds by the size of your draw (normally one seed per four entries). After the seeds have been placed, draw for the remaining placings. In local tournaments try to separate home towns as much as possible so two players from the same town don't meet in the first round.

If you have sufficient time, a good system is to send each player a postcard telling him/her the time of his/her first match. *If time does not permit that and the players have to call, make sure the person answering the telephone can read a bracket sheet and can give accurate information.* Many times a secretary is simply handed a bracket and not taught how to read it. The ensuing misinformation can cause all kinds of later problems. Do not give out opponents



## or, don't wait too long to yell, **Help!**

—just the time of the player's first match. This will save much pre-tournament hassling over why do I play so and so.

Be adequately staffed so your registration can be handled smoothly. If there still are any fees to be collected make sure you get them at this time. If it is an IRA sanctioned tournament, check all players' membership cards to see whether they are current—if not, have them fill out membership applications and join or renew. Many times an information sheet about lockers, towel policy, match check-in times, etc., is passed out at registration and can save answering a lot of questions.

To run most successfully, a tournament needs as a floor manager someone other than the tournament director. Too many last minute problems and questions occupy the tournament director's time and the floor manager must devote full time to keeping the matches running on schedule. A public address system can be of great assistance to the floor manager.

If you are having consolation, have a sign-up for it. A few players will not want to play consolation and if you put them in the draw you will end up with a number of forfeits.

A few words on publicity and pictures. Most tournaments are very publicity-conscious before their event. Some will even carry through during the event. But far too many forget the importance of post-publicity.

Good follow-through publicity helps assure an even better turn-out for the next tournament; it is a way of giving your participants the recognition they deserve (a way of saying thanks for coming); and is the mark of a professionally conducted event.

To assure the best possible handling of your tournament story, see that one person is responsible for getting as many action shots of your top players as possible, that players are identified, and a complete story is typed to accompany your scoreboard information. Mail to the IRA as quickly as possible.

Finally, record all participants from the tournament just conducted and incorporate them in the mailing list you will use for your next affair.

### CHECK LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED ON THE ENTRY BLANK

1. Tournament Name
2. Dates
3. Site
4. Events
5. Entry Fee
6. Deadline
7. When play begins
8. Tournament Director and telephone number where he can be reached
9. (optional) Housing
10. If IRA membership is required
11. Where to send entries
12. A place to check events wanted to enter and to list doubles partner
13. Whom to make check payable to:
14. Entrants info (name, address, bus. phone, home phone, estimated time of arrival)
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NORTHWEST FINALISTS: reading clockwise from the upper left are master's winners Weinstein and Whitehill; senior's Bob Peterson; junior's Larson, Lunn and Garten (first, second and consolations); and golden master's winner Goddard, left, with second place Grant.



nament, was between Lund and third place winner, Mark Hegg, in the semi-finals of the singles. Mark, last year's Northern region runner-up to Ron Strom, went three games, 21-4, 13-21, and 21-18, before Lund emerged the victor.

Jennifer Harding, the number three player in the IRA Women's Invitational in January, had little trouble winning the women's singles, except for the first game of her final match, in which Jamie Abbott of Great Falls, Montana, scored 18 points. Jennifer, the petite, dental hygienist from Portland, also placed second in the B Singles, losing only to Jerry Henderson, former quarterback from Washington State University, 21-9, 21-17.

The senior's singles and the master's singles saw repeat performances with last year's winners maintaining their number one position. Bob Peterson, of Boise playing a superb tournament, defeated Ed Gause of Portland surprisingly easily in the finals of the seniors, 21-8, 21-15.

Pat Whitehill of Cheney, Washington, in the master's championship defeated a Portland newcomer in that division and past International Racquetball Association Northwest regional commissioner, Sandy Weinstein, 21-9, 21-12. Alf Lauritsen of Kalispel, Montana, took the third place trophy home in the master's with a win over Don Erickson of Boise, Idaho, 21-11, 21-10.

In the golden masters, a potential national champion lurked in Don Goddard of Glasgow, Montana. The agile, retired, Air Force colonel, breezed through the golden masters with scores of 21-6, 21-12; 21-12, 21-2, and 21-12, 21-2.

The B singles and open doubles were played as special events. In the open doubles, C. D. Byers and Dave Retter of Cheney, earned the right to play Joe Scott and Dave Carley, Boise, in the finals by defeating the IRA national junior championship team of Hank Marcus and Jeff Larson, 4-21, 21-16, 21-19. In the finals however, the racquet swinging Boise pair won in two, 21-15, 21-13.

## Northwest

# Jeff Smith "in a breeze"

The topic of conversation at the Thursday night social hour in Eastern Washington State College's physical education complex was what affect the new V-77 Blue would have on the tournament. Playing with a new ball was a concern to many of the 95 participants, but after the final smoke had cleared, either the first or second seeds in each event emerged victorious, indicating that it will take more than a ball change to upset championship players.

Jeff Larson of Vancouver, Washington, won the junior singles by defeating a tough newcomer to the regionals, Darwin Lunn from Great Falls, Montana, 21-16, 21-17. Lunn made

it to the finals by defeating Mike Rittenhouse, the number two seed in a real battle, 21-16, 4-21, and 21-20. Hank Marcus, last year's junior winner, decided to play in the open singles, but lost out in the quarterfinals of that event, forfeiting his right to play as a junior.

Jeff Smith of Portland, literally breezed through the open singles having to play no more than two games in each match. In the final match, Jeff defeated Bob Lund, last year's Northwest open singles champion, 21-17, 21-9. Lund, who is just recovering from a broken arm, had to go three matches in each round to make it to the finals.

One of the best matches in the tour-



At the right are master's winners, Richard Walker, left, and Ed Grula. From left to right in the lower photos are Dixie Wilson, women's novice winner; Marci Greer and Sandy McPherson, women's doubles winners; and B-doubles winners Jameson and Couch.



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Auerbach was second, and Jerry Linton, third.

Consolation winner was Wayne Campbell over Larry Swank.

The other half of the Wright family wasted little time demonstrating that she is still the number one contender. In the semifinals she downed Janice Segall, and in the finals took the measure of Marceline Greer, two fine players.

In the first round, Janice Segall had defeated Janell Wilson, and Marceline Greer had defeated Sandy McPherson.

Taking third place with a win over Segall was McPherson. Consolation victory went to Janell Wilson over Kim Dorsey.

Other top action in the regionals saw Dwayne Cooper in the men's seniors turn back bids from Carl Provence, and Ken Denney. In the finals he defeated Luther Bernstein. Third place in the men's senior singles went to Jim McPherson. Charles Branta took the consolation event.

Ed Grula defeated Ray Hamby, Harold Miller and Larry Lambert on his way to the finals where things didn't go quite as he'd planned. Richard Walker was there with a little more

steam, and won the regional master's title.

In the first round Walker had drawn a bye then dispatched Dave Bowersock in the quarterfinals, and Jack Hood in the semis. Third place went to Larry Lambert, and the consolation to Dave Bowersock.

Ray Crowley defeated Bob Tromly for the golden master's title. Third was won by Ray Hamby. At the opposite end of the bracketing, Mark Malawitz defeated Jon Seibert in the Junior's finals to take that division. For third place Reece defeated Walker; and in the consolations, Willingham defeated Jackson.

Open doubles winners Pete Wright and Eric Campbell were too much, downing the team of Mooney and Glander in the quarterfinals, Linton and Benien in the semifinals, and Hinkle-Smith in the finals.

Rounding out singles competition, Shannon Wright defeated Brad Windsor, Ted Edwards, and Larry Curts in "B" open singles. She won the division by downing Doug Aichelle in the finals. Third went to Larry Curts. Victor in the consolations was Bill Luttrell over Perry Duncan.

Women's novice singles attracted a field of up-and-coming contenders. In

the finals Dixie Wilson defeated Joan Lance. Beth Bunker turned back Jane Davis to take third. Consolations winner was Susan Neustadt over Long.

Marceline Greer teamed with Sandy McPherson to defeat the doubles team of Jan Pasternak and Susan Neustadt for the women's doubles title.

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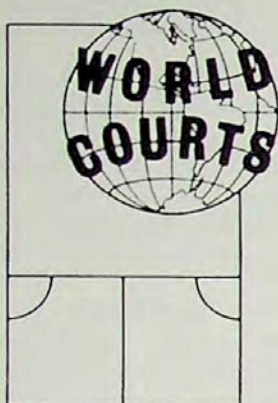
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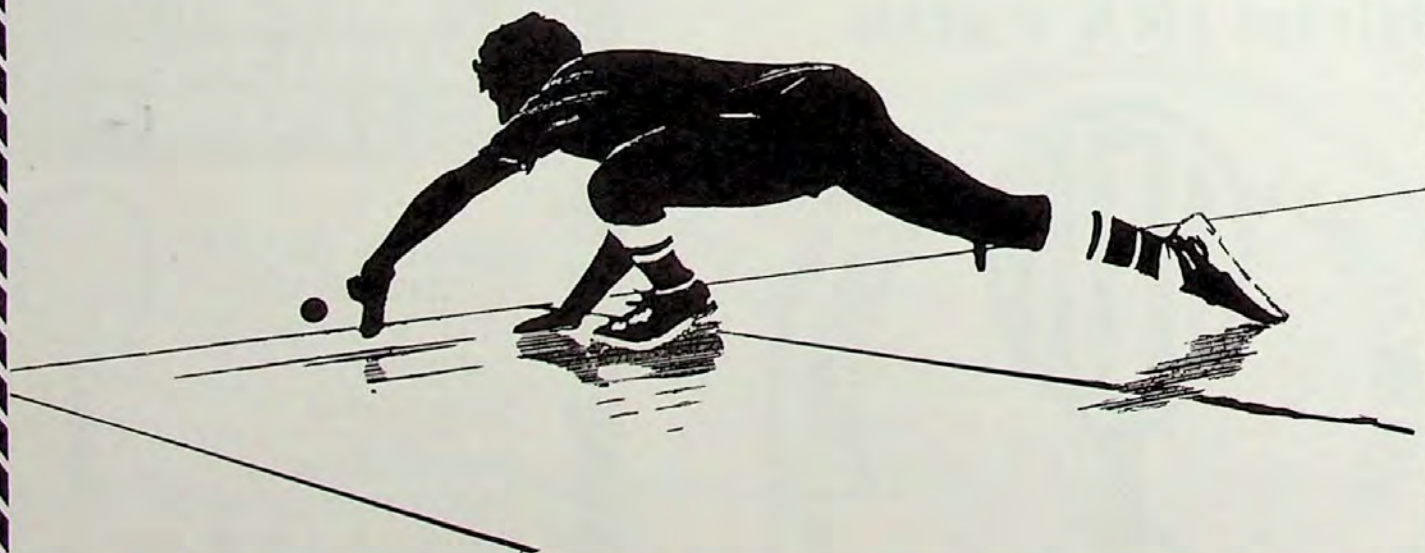
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