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Let's Get Busy!!

Welcome back from the "summer that never arrived"! Though you may be yearning for some hot days at the beach, its time to restring the racquet, buy a new glove and head for the courts again. We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Inside you will find the current NHRA/AARA tournament calender. Several new events are on tap for the season as well as the old reliables. Clubs with dates not shown in this calender should contact Lenny or Gayann as soon as possible.



Goodbye and good luck!

Joe and Sonya Allis relocated to Florida during the summer. We will all miss them greatly. Their strong and continuous support of racquetball in New Hampshire was widely respected and appreciated. We wish them all the best in their new home.



Getting A State Ranking

Have you ever wondered what your NHRA ranking is, or how you get it? Well, here is a short explanation.

Each time you enter an NHRA/AARA sanctioned tournament, and finish in the top eight in your division, you receive ranking points. It is the responsibility of each tournament director to submit complete tournament results to the NHRA within ten days of the event. The results are carefully checked by the NHRA to ensure that all information is correct before the results are sent on to AARA National Headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO for inclusion into the national rankings system. This process is important for you to receive credit for all the points you earn. Your name and state code must be EXACTLY the same each time you earn points or your state and national rankings will be incorrect. For example: Joe Smith, NH might have been submitted as J. Smith, NH; Joe Smith, MA; or Joseph Smith, NH. The computer at National Headquarters will have a ranking for each of those names! Eliminating duplications such as this is the biggest reason the tournament results are checked by Lenny and Gayann before forwarding them to the AARA.

You can help eliminate incorrect entries at each tournament. **Make sure when you enter each tournament that you use the name that appears on your AARA membership card.** This is the way that you appear in the AARA's computer. Then, if you see your name spelled incorrectly, or if you are assigned the wrong state code, tell the tournament director immediately and make sure it is corrected before the tournament ends. It is also important that you ask the tournament director how third and fourth place will be decided if there is no playoff. Since you only receive points for third and fourth if there is a designated winner, at least have the tournament director arrange for a coin toss to determine who gets which place.

Points are awarded on the following basis:

Turn.	Level	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5-8
1	= Closed State Tournament		30	20	15	10
5						
2	= Open Tournament	50	30	20	15	10
3	= State Championships	150	100	75	50	10
4	= National Invitational	300	200	150	100	75
5	= National Tournament	600	400	300	200	100



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NHRA/AARA 1992-1993 TOURNAMENT CALENDER

Date	Event	Directors	Phone #
Sept. 18-20	2nd IKKA Open Executive Health & Sports Londonderry, NH	Kelley Beane Josh Messina	603 627-4552
Sept. 25-27	NHRA State Doubles Executive Health & Sports Londonderry, NH		
Oct. 2-4	Scott McDonald Benefit Willows Athletic Center Manchester, NH	Claude Benjiman George Vierra Heather Kyte	603 668-8375
Oct. 9-11	Regional Doubles Springfield MA		
Oct. 16-18	3rd Tom O'Dwyer Open Salem Athletic Club Salem NH	Pam Danisiewicz Al Parchuck	603 893-8612
Oct. 23-25	AARA National Doubles Phoenix, AZ	Luke St. Onge	719 635-5396
Oct. 30-Nov 1			
Nov. 6-8	New England Invitational Executive Health & Sports Londonderry, NH	Kelley Beane Josh Messina	603 627-4552
Nov. 13-15			
Nov. 20-22			
Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving weekend		
Dec. 4-6			
Dec. 13-15			
Dec. 20-22			

NHRA/AARA 1992-1993 TOURNAMENT CALENDER

Date	Event	Directors	Phone #
Jan. 1-3, 1993	New Years weekend		
Jan. 8-10	9th Annual Gail Singer Willows Athletic Center Manchester, NH	Claude Benjiman George Vierra	603 668-8375
Jan. 15-17			
Jan. 22-24	Parkland Med. Ctr. Open Executive Health & Sports Londonderry, NH	Kelley Beane Josh Messina	603 627-4552
Jan. 29-31			
Feb. 5-7			
Feb. 12-14	1993 John Marsden Open N. Conway Athletic Club North Conway, NH		603 356-5774
Feb. 19-21			
Feb. 26-28	NHRA Adult/Jr. State Singles Salem Athletic Club Salem, NH	Pam Danisiewicz Al Parchuck	603 893-8612
March 5-7			
March 12-14			
March 19-21			
March 26-28	TBA Salem Athletic Club Salem, NH	Pam Danisiewicz Al Parchuck	603 893-8612
April 2-4	4th Granite State Challenge Executive Health & Sports Londonderry, NH		
April 9-11	New England Metro Adult Championships		

Rules Changes for 1992-93

Of the three proposed rule changes before the AARA Board of Directors in May, only one did not pass. The other two go into effect in September.

1. The Board disapproved a proposal to increase the 21-inch limitation on racquet length to 21.5 inches. The waiver permitting the use of longer racquets in certain tournaments expires on August 31st and will *not* be extended. As of September 1 the maximum length of any racquet is 21 inches.

2. The Board agreed to permanently change a Rule 5.13(a)2 on regional tournaments. Players will be allowed to enter more than one regional tournament provided they do not enter a "championship event" (has no skill designation) that same year.

3. Also approved was a new rule requiring player to wear eyeguards and use wrist thongs during practice prior to a match or between games. The new Rule 2.5(c), will state that "approved eyeguards must be worn and wrist thongs must be used during any on-court warm-up period. The referee should give a technical warning to any person who fails to comply and assess a technical foul if that player continues to not comply after receiving such a warning



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