



THE LOUISIANA RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

"Dedicated to promoting the game of Racquetball"

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NEW LRA SANCTIONS

It was passed at the November monthly meeting that a new system of classifying tournaments would be created. The new classification system would allow a club to be more in control of its tournament and at the same time, let the player know who is responsible for the draw and the actual running of the tournament. There is now a "Class A" and "Class B" tournament.

All tournaments that are sanctioned by the L.R.A., whether it is a "Class A" or "Class B" tournament will have these minimum requirements:

1. 2 days of food, with at least 1 hot meal
2. A consolation bracket for 1st round players
3. Some type of trophy, plaque, or gift certificate for each division's winners
4. Require current membership in L.R.A. for each player participant
5. A souvenir displaying the L.R.A. emblem for each player
6. Draw done from the computerized ranking system on standardized L.R.A. draw form

The "Class A" tournament will require that the draw be done by the L.R.A. Tournament Committee. Every player that has previously participated in a sanctioned tournament will be ranked according to his points in that division. All responsibilities for time assignments and ranking would fall on the Tournament Committee. Applications would be mailed directly to the L.R.A. office and player's times would be given out by the L.R.A. office. The actual running of the tournament desk would be the responsibility of the club unless the club optioned to have the L.R.A. physically run the tournament.

The "Class B" tournament would only have the sanctioning requirements imposed on the host club. The draw will be done by the club using the top 25 players in each division. All other participants would be seeded by the discretion of the club. All applications will be mailed directly to the club and playing times will be given out by the club. It would be the club's responsibility to return the results of the tournament in time for the L.R.A. to update the player's points for the next tournament.

Although the "Class B" tournament allows the club to perform more of the functions that the L.R.A. previously was responsible for, this new class does not give the club a free hand to give a sanctioned tournament without following the minimum guidelines set forth by the L.R.A. If a club does not handle the tournament according to these guidelines, the actions of that club will be brought up before the Executive Committee and the Preferred Club's representatives and appropriate action will be taken.

It will be the player's responsibility to advise the L.R.A. in writing of any problems he or she may have encountered during a "Class A" or "Class B" tournament. The class of the tournament will always be noted under the L.R.A. State Emblem on all applications. If anyone has any thoughts on our new system, please attend our next L.R.A. MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 1984, at the Rodeway Inn, at the Acadian exit, at 7:30pm, or send it in writing to P. O. Box 80643, Baton Rouge, La., 70898.

SENIORS CIRCUIT

Plans have been completed for a circuit of Senior Stops sponsored by the L.R.A. in 1984. The criteria for the circuit is as follows:

1. 5 stops
2. \$15.00 entry fee(approximate)
3. 1 Tee Shirt for all 5 stops
4. A certificate for winning 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Consolation
5. Players receiving the most L.R.A. points for all 5 stops will receive a trophy at the end of the circuit (for each division, all 4 places)
6. It will consist of the following divisions: Women's and Men's 25 + Open, 30 + A & B, 35 + A & B, 40 + A & B, 45 + A & B, 30 + Beginners , and Doubles) A. Divisions will be consolidated if at least 8 players don't participate
B. Double matches scheduled will be played late in order to keep single matches scheduled before 10:00 pm
7. Play will be scheduled so that one plays one game Friday, two Saturday, and two Sunday (unless you enter in more than one division)
8. Limit 2 divisions per person
9. The cut-off date for birthday's is January 1

By lowering the fees and trying to limit the times that players can be on the court, we hope to attract more tournament players. The 30 + Beginners division is designed for the local club player with no tournament experience. We hope that this will allow a new player to be exposed to tournaments.

SENOIR STOPS ARE:

May 25,26,27	Baton Rouge
June 15,16,17	Covington
July 20,21,22	Lake Charles
August 24,25,26	New Iberia
November 9,10,11	Alexandria

Applications will be sent in April. We are currently seeking staff for tournaments for the following jobs: Hospitality, Check-In, Clean-Up and Tournament Desk.

If you can work any area or if you have any questions please contact one of the co-chairmen : Duke Besse Richard Fuselier
504-568-9118(work) 318-9916(home)

L.R.A. STATE RANKING SENIORS

<u>MENS JR VET 25</u>		<u>WOMENS JR VET 25</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
*1. Frank Gomila, Chal.	1314	*1. Romaine Lee, N.O.	672
2. Bill Land, Laf.	1218	2. Terri Andrews, B.R.	600
3. Steve Ledford, Monroe	1104	3. Amy Foster, N.O.	524
4. Billy Holliday, B.R.	736	4. Becky Gromer, B.R.	448
5. Guy Faget, B.R.	678	5. Jonnie Fox, N .O.	268
<u>MENS VETERANS 30</u>		<u>WOMENS VETERANS 30</u>	
*1. Cliff Zeairs, N.O.	1218	*1. Romaine Lee, N.O.	116
2. Rick Cunningham, Monroe	1104	2. Valerie Shean, B.R.	101
3. Paul Bruno, N.O.	966	3. Sue Besse, N.O.	72
4. Tommy Coyne, L.C.	736	4. Karen Taylor, Chal.	58
5. Les Calvin, Kenner	440	5. Marty Goudey, Marrero	29
<u>MENS SENIORS 35 A</u>		<u>WOMENS SENIORS 35 A</u>	
*1. Jerry Winsberg, N.O.	1110	*1. Valerie Shean, B.R.	426
2. David Marschall, B.R.	1008	2. Joan Dipola, B.R.	373
3. Bill Difilippo, N.O.	774	3. Perla Castor, Laf.	320
4. Doug Moreau, B.R.	672	4. Alice Boudreaux, M. C.	266
5. Don Ellerman, B.R.	462	5. Cheryl Hentze, N. O.	106

MENS SENIORS 35 B

*1. Donald Hebert, B.R.	718
2. Reggie Knight, N.O.	701
3. Charles DeBartolo, Met.	648
4. Jack Beam, III, Alex.	502
5. Richard Childers, Met.	297

MENS MASTERS 40

*1. Wally Smith, Kenner	705
2. Eugene Ferris, N.O.	611
3. Sam Coker, Nat.	516
4. Don Gunther, N.O.	384
5. Richard Boulton, Laf.	354

*1983 STATE CHAMPIONS

L.R.A. EXPENSES AND REVENUE

Jan.-Nov., 1983

EXPENSES		REVENUE	
400 SEC. & DIRECTOR	14,249.88	100 ENTRY FEES	18,253.00
413 AUTO & TRAVEL	1,393.76	110 MEMBERSHIPS (PLAYERS)	10,452.00
424 CONTRACT LABOR	2,488.25	120 MEMBERSHIPS (CLUBS)	5,300.00
450 MISC.	953.68	140 DONATION	3,928.06
455 UTILITIES & WATER	271.23	150 SANCTION FEES	7,192.76
456 PRINTING	2,887.77	160 ADS	1,092.57
457 RENT	2,128.87	170 MISC. SALES	95.00
458 OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,558.97	180 ERROR DEPOSITS (+)	70.00
461 PROF. DEVELOPMENT	495.00	190 TOURNAMENT DEP.	700.00
467 REPAIRS & MAINT.	61.00	200 NSF CHECKS	150.00
481 TELEPHONE	3,877.40	230 ERROR DEPOSITS (-)	20.06
501 TOURNEY T-SHIRTS	2,882.88		
504 REFUND TO PLAYERS	245.00	TOTAL	46,913.33
505 PAYMENT TO CLUBS	2,798.00		
507 TOURNAMENT FOOD	1,584.38	STARTING BALANCE	13,792.41
508 TROPHY EXPENSE	930.03	REVENUE	46,913.33
509 COMPUTER EXPENSE	2,089.03	TOTAL	60,705.74
510 PICTURE EXPENSE	227.32		
511 PRIZE MONEY	685.00	EXPENSES	51,269.00
512 BANQUETS & MEETING	3,781.67	DEPOSIT ERROR	-313.78
515 CHAIRMAN EXPENSES	726.28		
516 TOURN. SUPPLIES	469.05	ENDING BALANCE	9,122.96
518 TAXES	4,484.55		
TOTAL	51,269.00		

JUNIORS GRAND PRIX

The Juniors Grand Prix will be kicking off the 1984 season on February 24 & 25, at Covington Court Club in Covington. We are looking forward to a great turnout and working with the future of racquetball in the great state of Louisiana.

This year we have made a few changes in the format of the tournaments. First, we have opened up two new divisions, 8 & under No Bounce and Open. Open allows all ages to play against one another. The "Open Division" will only be offered as a second event. The "No Bounce Division", will consist of juniors 8 and under and the rules are a little different. The junior has to make a legal serve but the receiver may let it bounce any number of times before returning the ball. The ball can be returned before or after it hits either the side or back wall. The ball must be returned before it starts to roll or before it crosses the short line. The return of serve or volley must be legal and again the ball may bounce any number of times. They may also swing at the ball more than once as long as they do not touch the ball. Serve Rules and all other Volley Rules apply.

Proof of age will be required at all tournaments. Division and age groups will be classified on applications. This year there will be a \$5.00 L.R.A. membership fee for players playing their first tournament or players playing only one tournament. This does not apply to the Juniors State Championship or L.R.A. membership. The entry fee will be \$12.00, with a \$3.00 charge for second event.

If you need any additional information concerning the Juniors Circuit please call Clay Braxton, Imperial Sports Center, Inc., 504-868-0133, in Houma, La.

RULES COMMITTEE

To date, I have received a lot of good comments, and the various committee members have been asked a lot of good questions concerning court situations. If any member of the L.R.A. has a question that they would like to be addressed in the newsletter, for all members benefit, please contact me or one of the committee members and we will address it in the following newsletter. Now it is your turn.....

YOU MAKE THE CALL

The right to appeal:

The score at the time (although irrelevant to the rule interpretation), was 14-14 in the 15 point tie-breaker.

Player A: Served and during the rally attempted a kill shot into the front right corner. I (the referee) called it a skip shot, which would result in Player B gaining the serve

Player A: Appealed my call to the line judges, who upheld my call. Side Out.

Player A: Next appealed the serve, his own serve, which I had called good by making no call at all and allowing the rally to begin play.

The question here is, can a player appeal more than one situation during a single rally?

YOU MAKE THE CALL (see last page for ruling)

Don Ellerman, Rules Chairman

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As of DECEMBER 13, 1983, THE 10 SECOND RULE INTERPRETATION

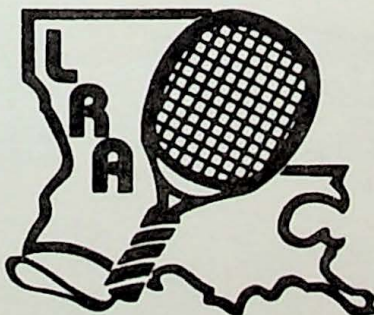
According to the rules, there is only ONE "10 SECOND" period in which to put the ball in play. After the score is called, the "10 SECOND" clock begins and the server must put the ball into play: However, before doing so, he MUST check the "receiver" to see if he is ready. If the receiver is NOT ready (racquet in the air, or back turned, etc.) the server must wait until he is ready but not longer than 10 SECONDS. After 10 SECONDS, the referee will ask the server to put the ball in play. The server is to put the ball into play then the serve is a legal serve. (EVEN IF THE RECEIVER STILL HAS HIS RACQUET IN THE AIR) If the receiver does not play the ball, it is a point for the server. If the server delays putting the ball in play, then Rule 7.A applies and it is a side out.

WE ASK THAT ALL PLAYERS NOT ABUSE THIS RULE AND TO PLAY THE GAME IN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

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ANYONE KNOWING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE L.R.A. STATE BANNER, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!!!!!





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JANUARY

27,28,29 5th ANNUAL JANUARY OPEN RIVERCENTER HILTON NEW ORLEANS B

FEBRUARY

10,11,12 3rd ANNUAL VALENTINE SHOOT-OUT RACQUETBALL ONE NEW ORLEANS B
17,18,19 1st ANNUAL MARDI GRAS CLASSIC FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH NEW ORLEANS B
24,25 JUNIOR GRAND PRIX STOP COVINGTON COURT CLUB COVINGTON A

MARCH

2,3,4, 1st ANNUAL SPA SYSTEMS OPEN SPA SYSTEMS & RACQUET C. NEW IBERIA B
9,10,11 3rd ANNUAL RONALD McDONALD CLASSIC CLUB CHAMALE' SLIDELL B
16,17 JUNIOR GRAND PRIX STOP WALLBANGER (PERKINS) BATON ROUGE A
16,17,18 2nd ANNUAL BITE THE BULLET ³⁴ TO BE ANNOUNCED A
23,24,25 GUNDOWN CLASSIC IMPERIAL SPORTS CENTER HOUMA B

APRIL

6,7,8, 8th ANNUAL WALLBANGER CLASSIC WALLBANGER (OLD HAMMOND) BATON ROUGE A
* 13,14,15 STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP RED LERILLE'S LAFAYETTE A
27,28,29 1st ANNUAL COVINGTON INVITATIONAL COVINGTON COURT CLUB COVINGTON A

MAY

11,12,13 CONTRABAND OPEN SWEDISH SPA LAKE CHARLES A
18,19 JUNIOR GRAND PRIX STOP COURTYARD ALEXANDRIA A
25,26,27 SENIORS GRAND PRIX STOP BATON ROUGE ATHLETIC BATON ROUGE A

JUNE

1,2 JUNIOR GRAND PRIX STOP RED LERILLE'S LAFAYETTE A
8,9,10 2nd ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPIC'S WALLBANGER(PERKINS) BATON ROUGE A
15,16,17 SENIOR GRAND PRIX STOP ROMAN HEALTH CLUB LAKE CHARLES A
* 22,23,24 STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP-15+ COURTYARD ALEXANDRIA A
29,30 JUNIOR GRAND PRIX STOP SPA SYSTEMS & RACQUET C. NEW IBERIA A
29,30,1 FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH OPEN FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH SHREVEPORT B

JULY

20,21,22 SENIOR GRAND PRIX STOP
27,28,29 RED LERILLE'S INVITATIONAL

COVINGTON COURT CLUB
RED LERILLE'S

COVINGTON
LAFAYETTE A

AUGUST

* 10,11,12 STATE JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIP
17,18,19 4th ANNUAL PENN-LITE CLASSIC
24,25,26 SENIORS GRAND PRIX STOP - 2nd

IMPERIAL SPORTS CENTER
CLUB CHAMALE'
SPA SYSTEMS & RACQUET C.

HOUMA A
SLIDELL B
NEW IBERIA A

SEPTEMBER

7,8,9 RACQUETBALL ONE CLASSIC

RACQUETBALL ONE

NEW ORLEANS B

OCTOBER

* 19,20,21 STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

WALLBANGERS

BATON ROUGE A

NOVEMBER

9,10,11 SENIOR GRAND PRIX STOP
16,17,18 3rd ANNUAL WILD TURKEY CLASSIC

COURTYARD
ROMAN HEALTH CLUB

ALEXANDRIA A
LAKE CHARLES A

DECEMBER

7,8,9 HOLIDAY CLASSIC
14,15,16 2nd ANNUAL MILLER-LITE CLASSIC

COURTYARD
COVINGTON COURT CLUB

ALEXANDRIA A
COVINGTON A

TYPE A-Draw will be done by the L.R.A. Tournament Committee

TYPE B-Draw will be done by the Club using the Top 25 only in each Division

* STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Preferred Club Directory

RACQUETBALL ONE
1300 One Shell Square Annex
New Orleans, La. 70190
504-522-2956

RENAISSANCE II
106 Southdown West Blvd.
Houma, La. 70360
504-868-8473

THE COURTYARD
5616 Jackson Street
Alexandria, La. 71301
318-487-4141

RED LERILLE'S
117 Doucet Road
Lafayette, La. 70503
318-984-7738

WALLBANGER
10473 Old Hammond Hwy.
Baton Rouge, La. 70815
504-923-2793

WALLBANGER
7069 Perkins Road
Baton Rouge, La. 70808
504-769-4120

ROMAN HEALTH RESORT
4324 Lake Street
Lake Charles, La. 70605
318-478-8510

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH
2015 Meriwether Road
Shreveport, La. 71108
318-688-9212

BON TEMPS
100 Bon Temps Route
Mandeville, La. 70448
504-845-8826

SWEDISH SPA
10 Southgate Lane
Lake Charles, La. 70601
318-433-9600

RIVER CENTER TENNIS
CLUB
600 South Front Blvd.
New Orleans, La. 70139
504-568-9118

IMPERIAL SPORTS CENTER
105 Imperial Drive
Houma, La. 70360
504-868-0133

Associate Club Listing

COVINGTON COURT CLUB
Route 3, Box 713
Covington, La. 70433
504-893-4800

CAJUN COURT CLUB
P. O. Box 31537
Lafayette, La. 70503
318-981-0104

SPA SYSTEMS &
RACQUET CLUB
601 Admiral Doyle
New Iberia, La. 70560
318-365-5496

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH
2007 Daniels Drive
Gretna, La. 70053
504-366-8161

CLUB CHAMALE'
#90 Chamaile' Cove West
Slideell, La. 70458
504-649-2500

BATON ROUGE ATHLETIC &
RACQUET CLUB
7639 Airline Hwy.
Baton Rouge, La. 70814
504-923-0100

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1983 STATE JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

August 12-14 in Houma

RACQUETBALL ONE INVITATIONAL

Sept. 9,10,11, 1983

BOY'S 10 & UNDER

- 1st Tony La, Laf.
- 2nd Cory Rizzo, Houma
- 3rd Timmy Bedeaux, Houma
- 4th Dwayne Phelps, M.C.
- Cons. Mark Shean B.R.

BOY'S 12 & UNDER

- 1st Mike Waller Jr., B.R.
- 2nd D.P. Schwab, Houma
- 3rd Brent Fitch, Merreux
- 4th Robbie Dixon, Houma
- Cons. Clay Campbell, M.C.

BOY'S 14 & UNDER

- 1st Keil Koger, B.R.
- 2nd D.P. Schwab, Houma
- 3rd Brian Mathieu, Houma
- 4th Tuck Bolton, Alex.
- Cons. Brian Satowa, B.R.

BOY'S 16 & UNDER

- 1st Willie Fernandez, Chal.
- 2nd Art Beauchamp, Laf.
- 3rd Keith LeBlanc, Laf.
- 4th Glen Rossett, Houma
- Cons. Brian Mathieu, Houma

BOY'S 18 & UNDER

- 1st Glen Rossett, Houma
- 2nd Louis Ferrari, Slidell
- 3rd Troy Boutte, N.I.
- 4th Chris Guarisco, M.C.
- Cons. David Titzer, Houma

BOY'S OPEN DOUBLES

- 1st Beauchamp/Laf. Laf.
- 2nd Koger/Boutte, B.R./N.I.
- 3rd Ney/Nelson, L.C./Alex.
- 4th Besse/Fernandez, Chal.

GIRL'S 12 & UNDER

- 1st Dawn Ellerman, B.R.
- 2nd Alesha, LeBouef, M.C.
- 3rd Tracy Shean, B.R.

GIRL'S 14-16 & UNDER

- 1st Beth Jamison, Laf.
- 2nd Gigi Ollah, Alex.
- 3rd Mishea McCrory, B.C.
- 4th Leigh Perry, Alex.
- Cons. Michelle, McCrory, B.C.

GIRL'S DOUBLES

- 1st Ollah/Perry, Alex.
- 2nd McCrory/McCrory, B.C.
- 3rd Jamison/Schwab, Laf./Houma

MENS OPEN

1. Ricky Gonzales-Chal.
2. Mike Almerico-N.O.
- Consolation-Kerry Campayna-Chal.

MENS A

1. Willie Fernandez-Chal.
2. John Sergeantanis- N.O.
- Consolation- Dean Herrick-Kenner

MENS B

1. Frank Bruno-N.O.
2. Mark Bregenzler-Dallas
- Consolation- Greg Morris-Kenner

MENS C

1. Alan Yedor-Gretna
2. Ronnie Geraci-N.O.
- Consolation-Bill Munzer-N.O.

MENS D

1. William DeBruler-N.O.
2. Tyrone Boler-N.O.
- Consolation-Guy Miller-N.O.

WOMENS A

1. Romaine Lee-Slidell
2. Sandra Zulli-Chal.
- Consolation-Sandy Richardson Kenner

WOMENS B

1. Karen Foley-Met.
2. Bonnie Behlar-Kenner
- Consolation-Pattie Higgins Chal.

WOMENS C

1. Sue Holland-N.O.
2. Susan Deris-N.O.
- Consolation-Angie LeBlanc-Laf.

WOMENS D

1. Bedley Byers-Kenner
2. Ann Wise-N.O.
- Consolation- Ruby Wallen-N.O.

MENS BEGINNER

1. Kevin Olds-Kenner
2. Dennis Razeand-Kenner
- Consolation-Brett Shoonmaker B.R.

BON TEMPS SUMMER CLASSIC

AUGUST 26, 27, 28

MENS OPEN

1. Mike Almerico-N.O.
2. Bill Land-Laff.
3. Lance LaCour-Chal.
4. Art Beauchamp-Laff.
- Consolation-Byron Williams-Alex.

MENS A

1. Keil Koger-B.R.
2. John Sergeantanis-N.O.
3. James Bayhi-B.R.
4. Dan DeBlanc-Slidell
- Consolation-Salty Galvis-Conv.

MENS B

1. Terry Etie-N. I.
2. Chuck Wecht-Slidell
3. George Gonzales-Chal.
4. Hilly Bernard- Conv.
- Consolation-Patrick Sharpe-Gretna

MENS C

1. Ricky Guillory-Met.
2. Larry Tidwell-N.I.
3. Bobby Simpson-Baker
4. Alan Yedor-N.O.
- Consolation-Mike Waller, Jr.-B.R.

MENS D

1. Paul Bayhi-B.R.
2. Mark Herpin-Laff.
3. Kent Karmer-N.I.
4. Todd Carmeron-Laff.
- Consolation-Richard Fuselier-Laff.

WOMENS A

1. Romaine Lee-Slidell
2. Sandy Richardson-Kenner
3. Sue Besse-N. O.
4. Trina Drury-Mandeville
- Consolation-Nancy Schafer-Con.

WOMENS B/C

1. Melissa Hall-Mandeville
2. Karen Foley-N.O.
3. Dorris Hebert-N.I.
4. Sharon DeBlanc-Slidell
- Consolation-Christine Galvis

WOMENS D

1. Jessie Etie- N. I.
2. Elmore Brennon-N. I.
3. Tessie Etie-N. I.
4. Mary White-N. I.
- Consolation-Patricia Schoff, N.O.

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Romaine Lee/Dean Eichman
2. Valarie Shean/Ron Jeter
3. Kerri McClone/Paul Bruno
4. Nancy Schafer/Salty Galvis

LAKE SHRIMP AND PETROLEUM

FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 2,3,4,5, 1983

MENS OPEN

1. MIKE ALMERICO-N.O.
2. BILL LAND- Laf.
3. ART BEAUCHAMP-Laf.
4. BO CHAMPAGNE-B.R.
- CONSOLATION - FRANK GOMILLA-N.O.

MENS A

1. KIEL KOGER-B.R.
2. JOHN GERBER- Laf.
3. JAMES BAYHI-B.R.
4. DARRELL NEY-L.C.
- CONSOLATION- CARL SCHLAGER-Alex.

MENS B

1. MIKE PESSON-N.I.
2. KEITH LEBLANC- Laf.
3. DAVID TITZER-Houma
4. TIM TAYLOR-B.R.
- CONSOLATION- LEROY GEORGE-B.R.

MENS C

1. BOBBY SIMPSON-Baker
2. CECIL HERNANDEZ -M.C.
3. WILLIE HEBERT- St. Martinville
4. JASON SANDERS-L.C.
- CONSOLATION-MIKE WALLER, JR.-B.R.

MENS D

1. JOE LANDRY-Broussard
2. R.J. BARBIER-Pla.
3. BRIAN TRANCHINA-M.C.
4. DALE RENTROP-Bervick
- CONSOLATION- CHAD LeBLANC-Eunice

WOMENS A

1. MARSHA RICHARDS-B.R.
2. CAMMIE COYNE-L.C.
3. AMY FOSTER-L.C.
4. TERRI ANDREWS-B.R.
- CONSOLATION-BETH JAMISON-Laf.

WOMENS B/C

1. ELLEN MONTERRO-Houma
2. CHRIS BOURGEOIS-L.C.
3. MARY TREME- L.C.
4. SUSAN CORKERN-B.R.
- CONSOLATION-BETTY McCORD-B.R.

WOMENS D

1. CARRIE PATUREAU-B.R.
2. MARGARET SANDERS-L.C.
3. AGNETA LINTON-B.R.
4. TANYA FERNANDEZ-M.C.
- CONSOLATION- DIANE BOUTTE-N.I.

MIXED DOUBLES A

1. B. Jamison/A. Beauchamp-Laf.
2. M. Richards/G. Faget-B.R.
3. C.Coyne/ W. George-L.C.
4. J. Moreno/P. David-Houston

MIXED DOUBLES B

1. B. McCord/S. Hullinger-B.R.
2. C. Bourgeois/D. Ney-L.C.
3. A. Valure/J. LeCompte-Houma
4. C. O'Malley/L. Pizzolatto Houma

MENS 25+ OPEN

1. Frank Gomila-Chal.
2. Rowley Sewell-N.O.
3. Guy Faget-B.R.
4. Gene Mann-Laf.
- Consolation-Mike Lester-Kenner

MENS 35 A

1. Ron Jeter-B.R.
2. Mike Woodruff-Shrv.
3. Don Ellerman-B.R.
4. Scott Shean-B.R.
- Consolation- Cyril Hentze-Met.

MENS 35 + B

1. Reggie Knight-Kenner
2. Jimmy Fuselier-L.C.
3. Terry Etie- New Iberia
4. Ray Labit-Met.
- Consolation-George Dorko-M.O.

MENS 45 +

1. Joe Hero-N. O.
2. Dorsey Boul-Laf.
3. Gene Ferris-Mand.
4. Wally Smith-Ocean Springs
- Consolation-George Shoemaker-N.O.

MENS 25 + OPEN DOUBLES

1. Rick Chiquelin/Ron Jeter -B.R.
2. Guy Faget/Duke Besse B.R. N.O.
3. John Sergeantanis/Les Calvin-N.O.
4. Steve Labret/Gregg Spyridon-N.O.

MENS 25 + B DOUBLES

1. Gregg Morris/Mike Lester-Kenner
2. Reggie Knight/S. Tranchina-Met.
3. Terry Etie/ Larry Tidwell-N. I.
4. Rich Childers/Courtney Robinson-N.O.

MENS A

1. Mark Morris
2. Robert Gain
3. Jerry Morris
4. Ray Urban
- Consolation-Mike Donahue

MENS B

1. Randy Cooper
2. Mark Frohman
3. Jerry Fornby
4. Carlos Berroteran
- Consolation- Paul Clutts

MENS C

1. Mark Reynolds
2. Terry Greenwood
3. Roger Duncan
4. John Johnson
- Consolation-Brown Dossett

MENS D

1. Bill Martin
2. Wendell Wilkes
3. Sid Shelton
4. Bob Hall
- Consolation- Jimmy Burton

OVER THE HILL GANG

RIVER CENTER TENNIS CLUB

Sept. 16,17,18, 1983

WOMENS 25 + OPEN

1. Sandy Richardson-Kenner
2. Kerry McGlone-Mand.
3. Suzanne Corkern-B.R.
4. Jonnie Fox-Gretna
- Consolation-Debbie Spica-B.R.

WOMENS 30 + A

1. Romaine Lee-Slidell
2. Val Shean-B.R.
3. Sue Besse-N.O.
4. Karen Taylor-Chal.
- Consolation-Marty Goudey-Marr.

WOMENS 30 + B

1. Paul Bruno-N.O.
2. Rick Chiquelin-B.R.
3. Les Calvin-Met.
4. Warren Reuther-N.O.
- Consolation-Dave Dammer-N.O.

WOMENS 30 + B

1. John Munoz-N.O.
2. Manny Barocco-Kenner
3. Gregg Spyridon-N.O.
4. Pat Sharp-Gretna
- Consolation-Rick Villavaso-Met.

WOMENS 25 + OPEN DOUBLES

1. Romaine Lee/Sue Besse-N.O.
2. Jonnie Fox/Kerry McClone-N.O.
3. Debbie Spica/Susan Corkern
4. Emma Wallace/Ursula Hart-B.R.

WOMENS 30 + B

1. Patti Higgins-Chal.
2. Duane Goodpasture-N. I.
3. Cheryl Hentze-Kenner
4. Sandy Ellerman-B.R.
- Consolation-Carolyn Roberts-Ken.

FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

SHREVEPORT, SEPT. 21,24,25, 1983

WOMENS C

1. Mary Murray
2. Edith Mezel
3. Deborah Nemitz
4. Phyllis Bowman
- Consolation-Bobbie Almond

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Hey, all you new players!!!!!!! Be looking for a new division in L.R.A. sanctioned tournaments. It's called the "Beginners Division". Until now, if you were just starting in our great sport and wanted to play in some organized competition, you had to play in the "D Division". You were thrown in the arena with gladiators of all shapes and sizes, whose experience ranged from one month to infinity. Let's face it, there are some of us out there who find great comfort and delight in the "D Division". The experience, playing ability and court savvy of those who play "D" is varied and the scope is as wide as the Grand Canyon.

So, from now on you have the opportunity to play against players who are as bad as you are.....that's right, if you have been playing racquetball for 6 months or less, you are eligible to play in the "Beginners Division". This allows a new player with little or no experience easy entry into our system. And as everyone knows, playing in tournament competition is worth its weight in gold. Walk away from a weekend of racquetball tournament play and you raise your level of play instantly. You get the opportunity to observe and study all different playing styles in all divisions, a lesson in strokes and strategy. You play under the intense circumstance of tournament competition and expel a tremendous amount of energy.... a lesson in stamina. And as you win or loose, you test your intestinal fortitude, along with a lesson in humility and character. All that for joining the L.R.A. System and an entry fee of only \$5.00.....What a DEAL!!!!!!

Oh! one other point, you are only a beginner for so long, so enter yourself NOW!!

GOOD LUCK & GOOD SHOOTING
Paul Bruno, Chairman

NEW L. R. A. DIVISIONS

Effective January 1, 1984, all L.R.A. Sanctioned Tournaments will offer Women's Open Division as well as Women's A. Women's Open will offer gift certificates, money or prizes for the winner's in this new division. There are currently 55 women in the A division, we will take the top 25 players and move them to Open. You will be notified personally by phone as to which division you will now be in. You will have 30 days to appeal in writing to the Ranking Committee.

In order for this new division to survive we must have your support. Without 8 participants to make a decent draw we will have to combine Open and A. So PLEASE support this division or it will not be offered in the future.

As of January 20, 1984, there will be a new DIVISION added to all applications for tournaments called, BEGINNERS. The classification includes, ANY PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN PLAYING LESS THAN 6 MONTHES; OR HAS PLAYED LESS THAN 3 L.R.A. SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS.

There will be a \$5.00 Membership Fee to the L.R.A. for this division only. If the player decides to continue to play in the year in an upper division he will have to pay the FULL cost to upgrade his/her membership. The Beginning member will not receive any newsletters or applications to tournaments as the Associate and Preferred member does.

NO ONE IN THE D DIVISION CAN DROP DOWN TO THIS DIVISION.

ANSWERS ABOUT YOUR ASSOCIATION

1. Who makes up the voting power in your Association? Chairman, Vice-Chairman, four Committee Chairmen and Preferred Clubs.
2. How many years does an Office Chairman carry? 2 years or run consecutivly.
3. Who is allowed to vote? And for what position in the L.R.A.? Members vote for chairman and vice-chairman . All committee chairmen' are appointed by the chairman. Director is appointed by the Executive Committee.
4. How are Committee Chairmen selected? Selected and appointed by Chairman.
5. Where does L.R.A. get it's revenue from? Membership dues from club, players and sanctioning fees from tournaments. Also from our four major State Tournaments.
6. Who has the last word in making choices in the L.R.A.? Chairman.
7. Where and how are State Tournament sites chosen? Preferred Clubs have the first right of refusal to host a State Tournament, then Associated Clubs may make a proposal.
8. Why is one ball used over another? Clubs make their own choice of balls , except for State Singles, then whatever company donates them.
9. How does a club get to host and sanction a L.R.A tournament? Requirements to host a sanction event: 1.) Club must be member of L.R.A. 2.) Meet hospitality requirements (2 of 3 days with food, at least 1 hot meal) 3.) L.R.A. logo on souviners 4.) Application approved with deposit for date 5.) Preferred members receive 5.00 discount except state 6.) Use L.R.A. guidelines on draw 7.) Player must be current L.R.A. member.
10. Why the State Singles Championship has no money for winners in the OPEN DIVISION? Because the Executive Committee feels for State Championship no money sould be offered.
11. Why don't we belong to the AARA? Why don't we have more Senior Tournaments and have so many tournaments in one month? AARA can't provide for their membership what we feel the L.R.A. can at the State Level. We have members that belong to both. Starting in 1984 there will be 5 Senior Stops throughout the state. How many monthly sanctioned tournaments, is a decision of the board.
12. Who sets the entry fee for tournaments and state requirements? Executive Board and clubs on local level tournaments. Just the Board, on State Tournaments.
13. How does a player get nominated for State Awards? Any written or phone entry for nominations of a player is accepted from members.
14. Where does the money for memberships, sanction fees and ads go? All revenue and expenses are broke down to and published in each newsletter.
15. Who writes articles for the newsletter? ANYONE, SO PLEASE FOR THE FIRST TIME, PLACE YOUR TWO CENTS IN WRITING!!

THE NEW ORLEANS WOMENS RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

The New Orleans Womens Racquetball Association will hold its "Third Annual Valentine Shoot-Out" on February 10-12, 1984, at Racquetball One in New Orleans. This is a L.R.A. sanctioned tournament. Support the NOWRA by playing. Additional entries available: Call Racquetball One 504-522-2956 or Kerry McGlone 504-525-1949.

The NOWRA held its 3rd Annual Kick-Off Tournament in October at the Rivercenter in New Orleans. There were over 70 participants. The NOWRA got 14 new members with 13 renewals and now has more than 150 members.

The new officers for 1983-1984 are:

President	Kerry McGlone	504-525-1949
Vice President	Jan Novick	504-522-2956
Treasurer	Stacy Perper	504-588-6528
Secretary	Melissa Hall	504-626-4837
Public Relations	Linda Prats	504-466-0431
	Bonnie Behlar	504-244-6721

L. R. A. STATE RANKING

<u>MENS OPEN</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
1. Mike Almerico, N. O.	2420
*2. Bill Land, Laf.	2396
3. Byron Williams, Shreveport	1030
4. Art Beauchamp, Laf.	1022
5. Steve Ledford, Monroe	803
6. Lance LaCour, N. O.	704
7. Paul Bruno, N. O.	624
8. Willie Fernandez, Chal.	548
9. Guy Faget, B.R.	414
10. Steve Rogers, B.R.	380

<u>MENS A</u>	
1. James Bayhi, B.R.	905
2. Richard Broadwell, N.O.	526
3. Doug Quienalty, L.C.	526
4. Ron Jeter, B.R.	446
5. Kiel Koger, B.R.	421
6. Rowley Sewel, N.O.	421
7. Wayne George, L.C.	405
8. Don Ellerman, B.R.	371
9. Charles DeBartolo, N.O.	371
10. Peter Romero, L.C.	346
(*Art Thigpen, W. Monroe)	

<u>MENS B</u>	
1. Keith LeBlanc, Laf.	488
2. Danny Bordelon, Alex.	435
3. Danny Rowzee, Leeville	326
4. Bobby Simpson, Baker	286
5. Mark McCoy, Kenner	271
6. Lance Nelson, Alex.	263
7. Robert Shuford,	242
8. Drew Siegel, B.R.	231
9. D. P. Schwab, Houma	181
10. Steve Riddle, B.R.	181
(*John Singer, Kenner)	

<u>MENS C</u>	
1. Patrick Landry, N.I.	302
2. Mark Reynolds, Houma	288
3. Richard Almond, Kenner	272
4. Larry Tidwell, N.I.	259
5. Vince Castille, L.C.	230
6. Jesse Marshall, Zachary	229
7. Joey Gregory, L.C.	229
8. Mike Foley, B.R.	229
9. Jerry Tadlock, Slidell	201
10. Ronald Nugent, Alex.	201
(* Danny Borderlon, Alex.)	

<u>MENS D</u>	
1. Mark Swinnea, Oakdale	153
2. Lee Boyer, L.C.	153
3. Gary Gunner, B.R.	138
4. Chad LeBlanc, Eunice	138
5. Jeff Dunlap, Laf.	138
6. Howie Dennis, Laf.	137
7. Chris Ladner, III, Met.	125
8. Mark Treme, L.C.	122
9. John Sanders, B.R.	95
10. Mike Dubois, Alex.	92
(*Charles Golson, Laf.)	

<u>WOMENS A</u>	
1. Marsha Richards, B.R.	801
*2. Sandra Zulli, N.O.	691
3. Cammy Coyne, L.C.	529
4. Chris Metrailler, B.R.	497
5. Jessica Crist, B.R.	483
6. Romaine Lee, N.O.	411
7. Amy Foster, N.O.	403
8. Debbie Spica, B.R.	295
9. Terri Andrews, B.R.	288
10. Jackie Gain, Ruston	267

<u>WOMENS B</u>	
1. Mary Ann Treme, L.C.	181
2. Edie Mezei, Ruston	163
3. Chris Bourgeois, L.C.	102
4. Ellen Monteiro, Houma	96
5. Barbara Gambordella, Alex.	90
6. Bonnie Behlar, N.O.	64
7. Sharon Lester, Kenner	64
8. Dana Cradeur, L.C.	51
9. Sandy Ellerman, B.R.	50
10. Denny Van Portfliet, BR	32
(*Karen Foley, N.O.)	

<u>WOMENS C</u>	
1. Duane Goodpasture, N.I.	90
2. Barbara Gambordella, Alex	78
3. Bobbie Almond, Kenner	67
4. Sue Gant, N.O.	63
5. Karin Almerico, N.O.	61
6. Patricia Gracionette, Jef.	56
7. Karla DeHart, Morgan City	56
8. Debbie Nemitz, Bossier C.	37
9. Carolyn Mohundro, B.R.	37
10. Linda Prats, Kenner	37
(*Edie Mezei, Ruston)	

<u>MENS A DOUBLES</u>	
*1. Comeaux/Land	1326
2. Almerico/Mann	1200
3. Concepcion/Holliday	926
4. Faget/Rogers	800
5. George P./ Thompson	400

<u>MENS B DOUBLES</u>	
*1. Bernard/Jackson	1296
2. Knight/Tranchina	1164
3. Fuselier/Moore	1032
4. Bayhi/Dobson	700
5. Covington/Noe	400

<u>WOMENS A DOUBLES</u>	
*1. Crist/Metrailler	600
2. Andrews/Shean	524
3. Richards/Zulli	472
4. Foster/Coyne	448
5. Estorage/Jamison	152

<u>WOMENS B DOUBLES</u>	
*1. Lester/Richrdson	583
2. Spica/Corkern	526
3. Morgan/Morgan	407
4. Eicher/VanPorfleleit	352
5. Jackson/Warford	176

<u>MIXED A DOUBLES</u>	
1. Shean/Jeter	1496
*2. George/Almerico	1326
3. Foster/Ledford	1200
4. Estorage/Comeaux	926
5. Metrailler/Mann	794

<u>MIXED B DOUBLES</u>	
*1. Fox/McAlpine	664
2. LeBouef/Crochet	626
3. McCord/Hullinger	516
4. Stone/Landry	464
5. Valure/LeCompte	213

<u>MENS SENIOR 35 DOUBLES</u>	
*1. Jeter/Soule	300
2. Besse/Hero	262
3. Lindig/Pesson	224
4. Shean/Ellerman	188
5. Doucet/Gromer	76

* 1983 STATE CHAMPIONS

L.R.A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Paul Bruno, Chairman

Duke Besse, Vice Chairman

Tony Carter, Grievance Committee
Jimmy Haney
Lou Raynolds
Barbara Gambordella

Valerie Shean, Ranking Committee
James Bayhi
Bobby Simpson
Carolyn Mohundro
Sandy Ellerman
Carrie Pattureau

Don Ellerman, Rules & Referring
Jerry Satawa Art Thigpen
Warren Arnett Sue Besse
Art Beauchamp Kerri McGlone
Kay Jackson
John Pellerin, Finance
Richard Fuselier
Jack Gromer
Jerry Satawa
Bill Savard

CLUB CORNER

The Rivercenter is owned by the Rivercenter Hilton located on the Mississippi river at the end of Canal St. in New Orleans. Duke Besse (L.R.A. Vice-Chairman) is the club manager and racquetball instructor. Rivercenter operates 8 indoor tennis courts, 8 racquetball courts, 3 outdoor tennis courts, a jogging track, a small workout area, 2 large locker areas with complete wet areas, large pro shop, big bar featuring fruit drinks, mixed drinks, and beer. They currently have about 750 memberships. They have a staff of 17 full time employees, including 3 tennis instructors. The club does not have a pool but the Hilton does have a very nice pool and wading area on the 3rd floor.

As a guest of the Hilton you can use the club for your entire stay for only \$5.50. As a out of town visitor you can use the club facility for \$5.50 per day plus court charges. The Hilton limits membership in their facility so that they can accomodate a large number of hotel guest. In October they had 535 walkin member/guest.

Question: What tournaments are you sponsoring this year?

Answer: The Rivercenter Open, in January and the New Orleans Women's Open. Because of the World's Fair and the State Seniors being held in April. I won't be able to have the "Over The Hill Gang" tournament this year.

Q. How is your racquetball program?

A. It's very steady due to our limited membership policy. Most of our members are business men who come to the club after work and therefore the only time we are busy is from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Q. What do you think we can do to help racquetball?

A. Tournament cost has escalated to where clubs lose money. I feel that we have to cut back on services and play ball for competition and enjoyment.

Q. Could we charge more for a tournament?

A. If we don't stop the rising cost of tournament fees we will hurt the sport. Tennis players pay about \$10.00 per entry with a limit of about \$15.00. I feel that we need to cut back on frills. We need to play for the sport, points, and exposure.

Q. What do you think about the L.R.A. Program?

A. The L.R.A. running the tournaments works out very well. We have the only amateur ranking system in the country. I feel that we should have monthly mailings to all members, even if it is only a single sheet.

Q. Anything Else?

A. For the growth and promotion of the sport we need to continue the Junior programs , and provide a program for veterans and seniors to play. Many of these older players do not like to play late at night or even play younger players.

We have enjoyed our stay at the Hilton and certainly recommend it to any racquetball player visiting New Orleans. Duke has been in racquetball for years and has some positive ideas about racquetball. I have always enjoyed his tournaments and the L.R.A. wishes Duke and the Hilton the best of luck in 1984.

YOU MAKE THE CALL: The answer is yes.

RULE: "Appeals" covers this situation. "In any match using line judges a player or team may appeal certain calls by the referee. These calls are:

1. Kill Shots (Skip Balls)
2. Fault serves-except foot faults when called by line judges.
3. Out serves
4. Double bounce pick-ups

THE APPEAL MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE REFEREE, WHO WILL THEN REQUEST OPINIONS FROM THE LINE JUDGES.

Thanks, Don Ellerman, Rules Chairman