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1992 State Singles Coming April 10 — Kenner YMCA



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Warren Arnett has been associated with the LRA board for five years, and has been the chariman for almost three years. Now his "real" job has him too busy to give the LRA his time and energy. As Warren steps down, the LRA would like to take this time to thank him for all he has done and the many volunteer hours of service. The LRA would also like to inform the public about his resignation and point out some of the things he has given to the game and to our state organization.

Warren has played racquetball since 1982. For the last three years he has been sponsored by Head. He is an open player, and is the only level three PARI instructor in the state. PARI is the Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors. To become a PARI you must enroll in a course which not only develops your own skills, but also teaches you to analyze others performances. The PARI package is complete with teaching, testing, budgeting, and league organization. Warren has been able to teach clinics and give private lessons to intermediate and advanced players. A lot of what Warren has learned he has been able to pass on to others.

While working with the LRA board, Warren originated the sanctioning guidelines, helped attain two grants from the AARA, continued our involvement on a national level, and attended two AARA leadership seminars. There is so much to know at the top of this organization, it is going to take some time to absorb it all. At this time the LRA has made some minor changes in structure and added some very enthusiastic members. We feel these people will help broaden our ideas, and help us reach our goals for the year.

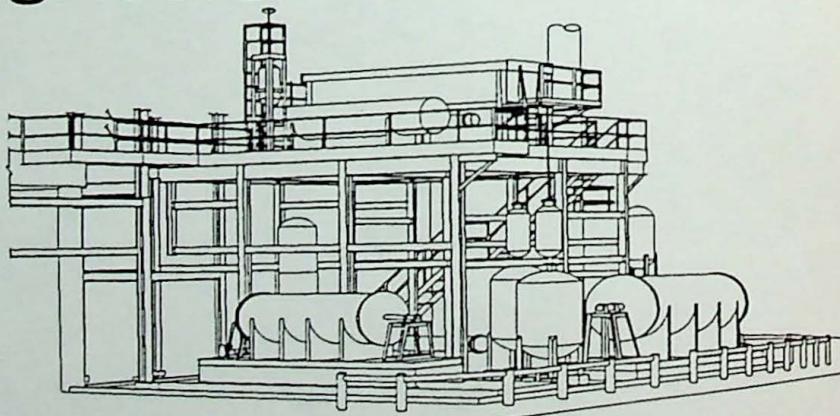


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LRA LADIES

In an effort to keep women's racquetball alive, many clubs have been providing clinics, lessons and leagues. It is certainly paying off, as we have recently seen several new women racquetball players at tournaments and N.O.W.R.A. events.

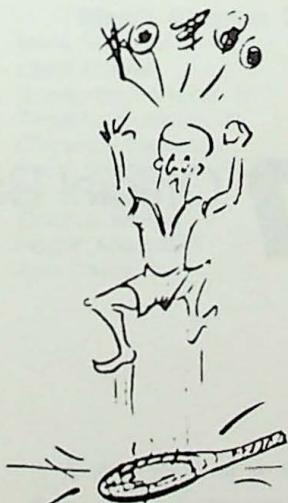
At the most recent L.R.A. tournament held at the World Gym in Gretna, we had a good showing in the women's C/D division. In one particular match between Elmwood Fitness Center players Carolyn Thornton and Arlene Bushnell, a very interesting incident took place. In the middle of a heated rally, Carolyn stiff armed Arlene out of the center court area in order to go for a shot. They exchanged a few joking words during a time out following the rally. When asked why she didn't call a hinder, Carolyn replied "Well, I was told to move my opponent around the court, Arlene was in my way and so I moved her!". Can we really criticize Carolyn? She was only taking the advice of her racquetball instructor...literally!

Vicki Garrett



WORLD GYM

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO WELCOME WORLD GYM TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE LRA, & TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR FIRST SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT. MARK GURROWS AND HIS STAFF DID A GREAT JOB WITH HIS FIRST TOURNEY. THE FOOD WAS EXCELLENT, & THE COMPETITION WAS F I E R C E. IT WAS A RACQUET SMASHING EXPERIENCE. THANKS MARK FOR THE FUN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT TOURNAMENT.



SUPER

Tournament Results

Men's Open

1. Mike Almerico
2. David Rahn
3. Scott Davis

Cons. Rory Arcement

Men's D

1. Jeff Bayham
2. Fritz Owens
3. Kyle Bordelon

Con. Jason Eschete

Men's A

1. Jeff Bloom
2. John Pease
3. Rory Arcement

Cons. Syril Hentze

Women's A/B

1. Patti Schof
2. Reyna Rodriguez
3. Bonnie Bee

Con. Neyoa Jackson

Men's B

1. Charles DeBartilo
2. Daris Berrio
3. Clarence Simmons

Cons. Bo Ryle

Men's Open/ A Doubles

1. Ehret/Arcement
2. Rahn/Brown
3. Garrett/Pease

Men's C

1. Jake Allen
2. Chris Curow
3. Chuck Duncan

Con. Hebert Collins



If you have any ideas for articles, anything newsworthy, or any funny episodes, please mail them to the LRA and we will consider it for print.

We have been getting a lot of help from the general public and would like to take the time to **THANK THEM**. Many times people ask to help and we fail to really use them. We will have a **HELP WANTED** sign-up sheet at the state tournament. If you can donate some time please don't hesitate to pitch in!

LRA MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT - March 20-22 WBCC at Old Jefferson

Men's Open

1. Brad Hamilton
2. Alvin Miles
3. Brian Daigle
4. Cyril Hentz
5. Jeff Taylor

Men's A

1. Mike Waller
2. Cyril Hentze
3. Jack Gromer
4. Jeff Bascpme

Men's B

1. Randy Remmer
2. Mark Strother
3. Ja Kirkland
4. Damone Baldone

Men's C

1. Tim Buisson
2. Chuck Duncan
3. Roy Raziano
4. Curt Crutti

Men's D

1. Ken Davis
2. Troy Raziano
3. Jack Wolf
4. Todd D.J. Dozier

Women's A/B

1. Tracy Shean
2. Patti Schof
3. Janice Owens
4. Alison Scott

Women's C

1. Ellen Cool
2. Margie Putnam
3. Rachel Bowman
4. Mandy Farris

Women's D

1. Caroline French
2. Michelle Garon
3. Paige Holstein
4. Celeste Gallegos
5. Arlene Bushnelle

Men's A Doubles

1. Wilkes/Wilkes
2. Savard/Hood

Men's B Doubles

1. Berrio/Strother
2. Russo/Russo
3. Duncan/Lasseigne
4. Crutti/Pilgrim



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Current Top 10



as April 1992

Men's Open

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Steve Martin | 407 |
| Mike Almerico | 342 |
| David Rahn | 306 |
| Brian Lowe | 300 |
| Brad Hamilton | 295 |
| Brian Daigle | 212 |
| Tim Mazzetti | 184 |
| Warren Arnett | 154 |
| Charles Pecot | 149 |
| Scott Davis | 115 |

Men's Singles A

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Rory Arcement | 748 |
| Ken Hood | 715 |
| Scott Ehret | 713 |
| Cyril Hentze | 651 |
| Michael P. Smith | 533 |
| Roy Laudumey | 523 |
| Neal Ashby | 507 |
| Jeff Bloom | 438 |
| Chris Ladner | 421 |
| John Pease | 421 |

Men's Singles B

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Charles Debartolo | 650 |
| Glen Dumun | 648 |
| Dan Pogue | 424 |
| Wayne Skinner | 377 |
| Dario Berrio | 366 |
| Michael Fuselier | 218 |
| Damon Baldone | 208 |
| Doug Callon | 197 |
| John Peck, Jr. | 136 |
| Jay Kirkland | 115 |

Men's Singles C

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Mark Strother | 695 |
| Chris Curow | 625 |
| Bobby Speranded, Jr. | 396 |
| Timothy Buisson, Jr. | 353 |
| Clarence Simmons | 292 |
| Dario Berrio | 243 |
| Ken Roberts | 218 |
| Gordon Murrill | 201 |
| Roger Anastasio | 194 |
| Ken Davis, Jr. | 176 |

Men's Singles D

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Kyle Bordelon | 403 |
| Dwight Fortenberry | 389 |
| Jeffery Lebouef | 329 |
| Fritz Owens | 293 |
| Jeffery Bayham | 272 |
| Ken Davis, Jr. | 267 |
| Mark Burrows | 241 |
| Chris Phelps | 229 |
| Ronald Buckoltz | 173 |
| Jack Villa | 171 |

Men's Senior A

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Jeff Kindl | 90 |
| Bill Meyer | 78 |
| Ellis Narcisse | 78 |
| Warren Reuther, Jr. | 77 |
| John Dedeant | 67 |
| Adrian Lahare | 56 |
| Dan Mock | 48 |
| John Pease | 38 |

Women's A Singles

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Patti Schof | 336 |
| Phyllis J. Trahan | 195 |
| Sharon M. Lester | 101 |
| Bonnie Bee | 80 |
| Allison Scott | 62 |
| Johanna Zuppardo | 48 |
| Karen Taylor | 14 |

Women's B Singles

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Janice Owens | 180 |
| Helyn Ingram | 160 |
| Rina Rodriguez | 90 |
| Margie Putnam | 85 |
| Candice Chiquelin | 78 |
| Anne Meyer | 67 |
| Lou Reynolds | 45 |
| Claudia Esghe | 43 |
| Ellen Cool | 42 |
| Neyda V. Jackson | 38 |

Women's C Singles

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Margie Putnam | 179 |
| Ellen Cool | 166 |
| Ashley Cooper | 78 |
| Tracy Munson | 56 |
| Mandy Farris | 38 |
| Barbara Naquin | 34 |

Men's Golden Master B

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Ken Roberts | 64 |
| Don Ryan | 56 |
| Earl Vassan | 40 |

Women's Open

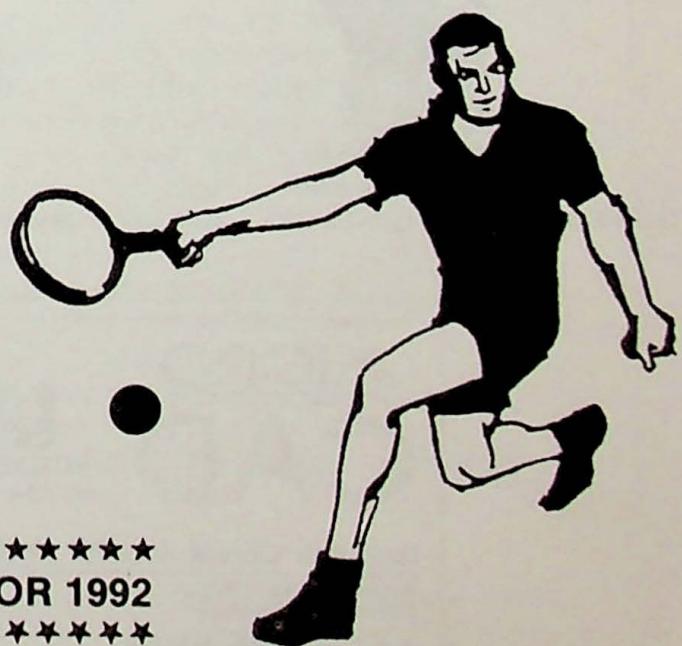
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|-------------------------|-----|
| Vicki L. Garrett | 297 |
| Karen Saunders Deblieux | 288 |
| Edie Goodwin | 230 |
| Kim Allen | 218 |
| Sandra Zulli | 217 |
| Marcia Richards | 154 |
| Jo Shattuck (S) | 136 |
| Karen Taylor | 136 |
| Shelley Ruiz | 59 |

Men's Master A

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| C.J. Scarpero | 147 |
| Ken Hood | 128 |
| Frank Gomila | 112 |
| Edgar Schafer | 64 |
| Neil Woodall | 48 |
| Harold Battalora | 16 |
| Adrian Lahare | 16 |
| Bob Stanton | 16 |

Men's Master B

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Michael Fuselier | 128 |
| Ellis Narcisse | 128 |
| Ted Bruning | 112 |
| Richard Powell | 112 |
| Bill Beyer | 80 |
| Fritz Owens | 77 |
| Joel Markert | 64 |
| Roger Anastasio | 48 |
| Jack Fredine | 48 |



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PLAYER SPOT LIGHT

Scott Wilfong

Scott is a 15 year old racquetball player from Ruston, Louisiana. He first started to compete in 1990. The four LRA tournaments he played in gave him a big boost because he played men's A and finished in the semi's twice and second twice. At Regionals Scott won the 14+ division! (Not a bad showing with only four A tournaments under his belt.)

Scott attends Ruston High School and is a member of the French Club, Science Club, and Quiz Bowl Team. Extra-curricular activities do not take away from his studies as he currently posts a 4.8 GPA. If that is not enough, he is taking all Honors classes!

We are proud of Scott Wilfong's achievements on and off the court. This young player has a lot of potential and we will be keeping up with his progress. He may even be a Scholarship applicant in the near future.



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What makes a tournament sanctioned? First, the tournament is added to the calendar so there are no conflicts. The LRA provides the tournament director with a mailing list, and current standings in all divisions (so the draw can be done according to the most recent points). After the tournament the results are submitted to the LRA, and are printed in the next newsletter with the point system updated. Sanctioned tournaments have certain guidelines with built in flexibility. These guidelines have evolved through years of player requests and ideas.

1992 CALENDAR

| | |
|----------------|--|
| April 10-11-12 | STATE SINGLES (Kenner Y) |
| May 1-2-3 | Regionals (Franco's) |
| June TBA | Summer Fest (Wallbanger) Scholarship (Wallbanger) |
| July TBA | WFMF Quickkick Wallbanger Inv. |
| August TBA | World Gym |
| September TBA | STATE DOUBLES |
| October | |

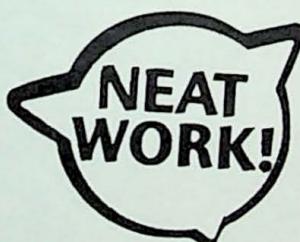
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BARRY DAY -

On behalf of the Louisiana Racquetball Association, I would like to extend a warm expression of sympathy to Barry Day and his family. Barry's father, William "Bill" Day, passed away on December 23, 1991. Throughout this difficult and trying time, Barry's outstanding devotion and contribution to promoting racquetball in the state is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. It is the goal of the LRA to promote racquetball at every level, and toward this goal Barry has exemplified himself over the past years by encouraging women and men, as well as juniors to enjoy the sport. From the countless number of entertaining and faultless tournaments, to the immeasurable hours of time devoted to the success of this association, the LRA and I give our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Mark Jardell
Baton Rouge Representative



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