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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 chairman 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.

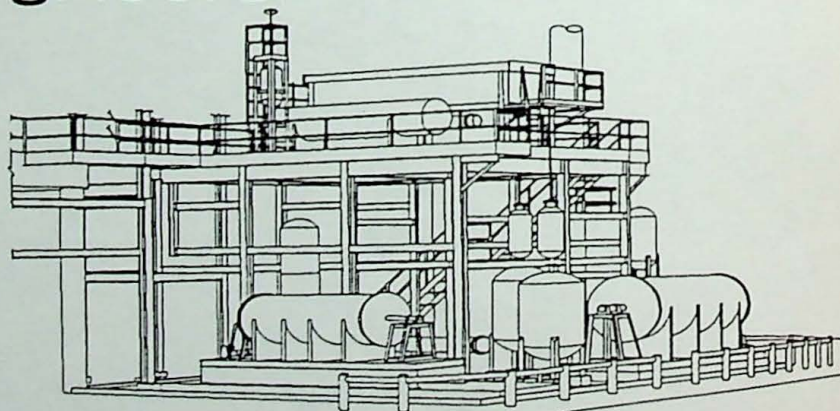


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LRA LADIES

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.

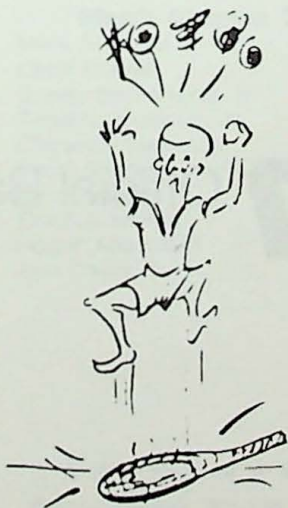
At the most recent L.R.A. tournament held at the World Gym in Gretna, we had a good showing in the women's C/D division. In one particular match between Elmwood Fitness Center players Carolyn Thornton and Arlene Bushnell, a very interesting incident took place. In the middle of a heated rally, Carolyn 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 FIERCE. IT WAS A RACQUET SMASHING EXPERIENCE. THANKS MARK FOR THE FUN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT TOURNAMENT.



Tournament Results

Men's Open

1. Mike Almerico
 2. David Rahn
 3. Scott Davis
- Cons. Rory Acrement

Men's A

1. Jeff Bloom
 2. John Pease
 3. Rory Arcement
- Cons. Syril Hentze

Men's B

1. Charles DeBartilo
 2. Daris Berrio
 3. Clarence Simmons
- Cons. Bo Ryle

Men's C

1. Jake Allen
 2. Chris Curow
 3. Chuck Duncan
- Cons. Hebert Collins

Men's D

1. Jeff Bayham
 2. Fritz Owens
 3. Kyle Bordelon
- Cons. Jason Eschete

Women's A/B

1. Patti Schof
 2. Reyna Rodriguez
 3. Bonnie Bee
- Cons. Neyoa Jackson

Men's Open/ A Doubles

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



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
4. Jeff Taylor

Men's A

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

Men's B

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

Men's C

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

Men's D

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

Women's A/B

1. Tracy Shean
2. Patti Schof
3. Janice Owens
- C. 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
- C. 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 Golden Master A

C.J. Scarpero	180
Charles Debartolo	168
Al Reagle	120
JJames anderson	94
Warren Reugher, Jr.	90
John Peck, Sr.	51

Men's Golden Master B

Ken Roberts	64
Don Ryan	56
Earl Vassan	40

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
Richard Garrett	80
Fritz Owens	77
Joel Markert	64
Roger Anastasio	48
Jack Fredine	48

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

Men's Senior B

Richard Garrett	187
Oscar Rodriguez	166
Bill Meyer	125
Ted Bruning	104
Roger Anastasio	42
John Dedeant	42
Dan Mock	42
Albert Kovatch	21

Women's Open

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

Women's A Singles

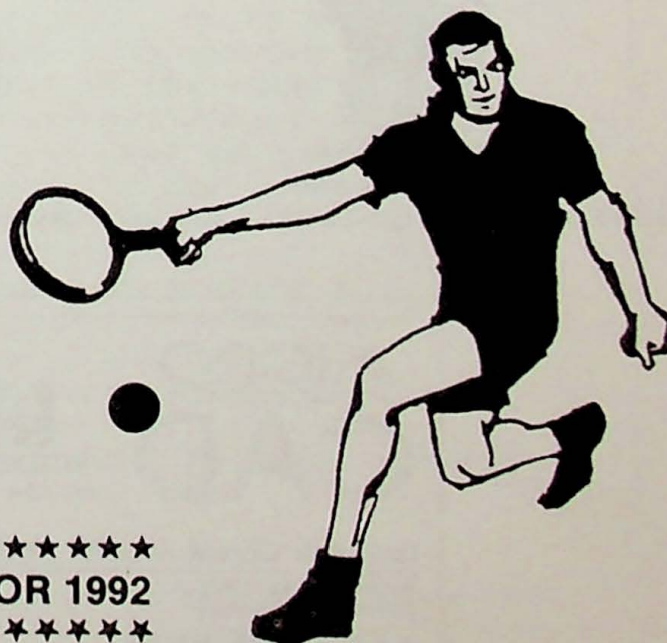
Patti Schof	336
Phyllis J. Trahan	195
Sharon M. Lester	101
Bonnie Bee	80
Allison Scott	62
Johanna Zuppardo	48
Karen Taylor	14

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 Esghete	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



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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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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 October] TBA	STATE DOUBLES

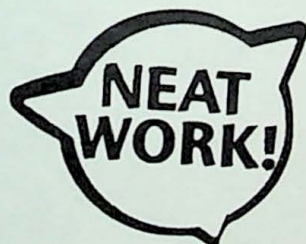
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BARRY DAY -

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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