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1994 N.H. STATE SINGLES RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

AT
THE EXECUTIVE HEALTH AND SPORTS CENTER

DATE: March 4th, 5th and 6TH, 1994
ENTRY DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 1st at 9:00pm, phone entries at 627-4552
STARTING TIMES: Call 627-4552 on Thursday, March 3rd after 5:00pm. All players must check in at the tournament desk one hour prior to starting time. A ten minute forfeit time will be enforced for all matches. Play will begin Friday at 5:00pm.
ENTRY FEE: \$30 First event \$15 Second event \$15 Juniors
-No more than two events. **WINNERS MUST REFEREE OR THEY WILL FORFEIT.**
PRIZES/AWARDS: Nice trophies first , second and third place.
RULES AND ELIGIBILITY: AARA Membership required (if not a member you can sign up when you check in) All aara rules apply. Two games to 15, the breaker to 11 if necessary. If you are playing two events you must be able to play Friday night.
OFFICIAL BALL: PENN
HOSPITALITY: Breakfast & Lunch Saturday & Sunday
TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: IKKAS & CREW
SEND ENTRY TO: IKKAS, One Highlander Way, Manchester, NH 03103
Make checks payable to: IKKAS
DIRECTIONS: RT. 93 (N & S) to 293 take exit 2 Brown ave follow signs to Manchester Airport.
ACCOMMODATIONS: \$41.00 for two- special tournament rate at Super 8 623-0883.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

MEN WOMEN I can play Friday at: _____

<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input type="radio"/> 19+	<input type="radio"/> 45+	NAME _____
<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> 25+	<input type="radio"/> 50+	STREET ADDRESS _____
<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> 30+	<input type="radio"/> 55+	CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> 35+	<input type="radio"/> 60+	TELEPHONE (H) _____ (W) _____
<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> 40+	<input type="radio"/> 65+	HOME CLUB _____
<input type="radio"/> NOVICE (MUST PLAY LESS THAN 1 YEAR)	<input type="radio"/> JUNIOR		

I hereby, for myself, executors, administrators or sponsors waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages against E.H.S.C., and all in juries which may be suffered by me in conjunction with my competition in said tournament.

SIGNATURE _____
(PARENT'S SIGNATURE FOR THOSE UNDER 18)

LENNY AND GAYANN BLOOM RETIRE!

After an unprecedented period of over twelve years this couple who has defined racquetball in New Hampshire has retired from leading the New Hampshire Racquetball Association (NHRA). On June 27, 1993 they asked me, Bill Gargan, to assume the leadership role as President of the New Hampshire Racquetball Association.

Those of you have been around racquetball tournaments in New Hampshire are probably aware that Lenny and Gayann Bloom were the origins of organized racquetball in New Hampshire. We all owe them a rousing cheer for all that they did to bring N.H. racquetball through its' infancy and maturity. It is in no small part through their efforts that the tournament scene in N.H. evolved with the high reputation for fun and sportsmanship that continues to this day.

Many of us remember that the entire Bloom family (Gayann, Lenny, Troy, Cal and Noal) was always at and would all participate in virtually every tournament.

The kids have grown up and the senior (but still young) Blooms are now free to pursue a more diversified lifestyle. They spend virtually every summer weekend touring the country (both U.S. and Canada) on the Harley they both love. The dedication of the Bloom family to racquetball will always be appreciated and will never be forgotten. More on that in a future issue of the newsletter.

When they asked me to become President of the Association I was both pleased and concerned. I was pleased that they trusted me to carry forward in the leadership of what was, to all intents and purposes, one of their children. I was concerned. . . I knew that I had a considerable amount to learn about the inner workings of the NHRA as well as the complexities of the interface with the national organization - the American Amateur Racquetball Association (AARA). I believe that I am up to the challenges.

The largest challenge I face initially is to work with the clubs that sponsor tournaments to help develop a schedule for the 1993 - 1994 season. It is being published later than normal because of my desire to make this transition work well. I wanted to be sure that I did it as quickly as possible. . . but do it right rather than fast. I have negotiated a tentative schedule which you will find in this newsletter. You will note that The Works in Somersworth is planning to restart their sponsorship of tournaments. This schedule is still subject to change but I will try to keep you informed on a timely basis.

I hope that over the next few years we can develop (and expand) a schedule that will satisfy you and the clubs - but, also reduce the conflict with other "major" tournaments in the area. I've contacted Mass and Rhode Island to start this process for the coming season. It will take more than one year to make it work. So far I have the agreement of Mass and R.I. that we must try. Of course I will try to coordinate with Maine, Vermont, Connecticut and other areas, as it proves possible. I hope to include their tournaments on our schedule if it becomes realistic and not too controversial. All of the states will have to cooperate to make this work.

I take on this role with great humility. There is one hell of a tradition I (and we) must maintain. I will need your support and patience as I try to do what is right in leading the NHRA forward. I will need your input and advice. I will need volunteers to assist in areas such as the Newsletter and the annual banquet and awards. I have started to develop an agenda of things that need to be done for our future, primary is the aggressive development of junior racquetball in N.H.

I thank the Blooms for their trust. I promise you and them nothing but my best. I hope and trust that I have your support. Lets play ball!

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TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

NHRA / AARA -- 1993-1994

DATES	CLUB	TOURNEY NAME	TOURNEY DIR	TEL
SEP 24 - 26 1993	EXECUTIVE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER MANCHESTER	IKKA OPEN	KELLEY BEANE (IKKA'S & CREW)	(603) 627-1KKA
OCT 8 - 10 1993	COURTHOUSE RACQUET & FITNESS CLUB CHELMSFORD, MASS	REGIONAL DOUBLES	N E RACQUETBALL ASSN PAUL HENRICKSON	(508) 453-4173 (COURTHOUSE)
OCT 20 - 24	CITY SQUARE PHOENIX, ARIZONA	NATIONAL DOUBLES		
NOV 5 - 7 1993	EXECUTIVE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER MANCHESTER	NEW ENGLAND INVITATIONAL	KELLEY BEANE (IKKA'S & CREW)	(603) 627-1KKA
NOV 12 - 14 1993	THE WORKS SOMERSWORTH		STACEY BLACKER	(603) 742-2163
NOV 19 - 21 1993	LAKES REGION RACQUET & HEALTH CLUB LACONIA		JAI ME BOUCHER	(603) 524-2540
DEC 3 - 5 1993	SALEM ATHLETIC CLUB SALEM	STATE DOUBLES	PAM DANISIEWICZ	(603) 893-8612
JAN 7 - 9 1994	THE WILLOWS ATHLETIC CENTER MANCHESTER	10TH GAIL SINGER MEMORIAL FOR CANCER	T B D	(603) 666-8375
JAN 21 - 23 1994	EXECUTIVE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER MANCHESTER	3RD PARKLAND MEDICAL CTR FOR PRENATAL SERVICES	KELLEY BEANE (IKKA'S & CREW)	(603) 627-1KKA
FEB 4 - 6 1994	PORTSMOUTH ATHLETIC CLUB PORTSMOUTH		DALE BENNETT	(603) 431-1430
FEB 11 - 13 1994	LAKES REGION RACQUET & HEALTH CLUB LACONIA		JAI ME BOUCHER	(603) 524-2540
FEB 18 - 20 1994	NORTH CONWAY ATHLETIC CLUB NO CONWAY	WINTER CLASSIC FOR JOHN MARSDEN FOUNDATION	DOUG & JULIE NICHOLS	(603) 356-5774
FEB 25 - 27 1994	NASHUA ATHLETIC CLUB FORMERLY "OFF THE WALL"		MARK BAKER	(603) 889-5520
MAR 4 - 6 1994	EXECUTIVE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER MANCHESTER	STATE SINGLES	KELLEY BEANE (IKKA'S & CREW)	(603) 627-1KKA
MAR 18 - 20 1994	SALEM ATHLETIC CLUB SALEM		PAM DANISIEWICZ	(603) 893-8612
APR 1 - 3 1994	EXECUTIVE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER MANCHESTER	GRANITE STATE CUP BANQUET SATURDAY PM - TBA	KELLEY BEANE (IKKA'S & CREW)	(603) 627-1KKA
APR 15 - 17 1994		REGIONAL SINGLES		
MAY 25 - 30 1995	DOWNTOWN YMCA HOUSTON, TEXAS	NATIONAL SINGLES		

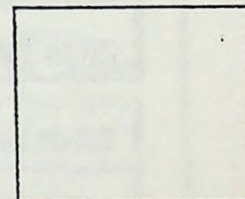
I NEED YOUR HELP

- 1- I need advertisers. I am planning a state NHRA/AARA banner which will hang at each tournament held in the state. Right now that means fourteen tournaments. Fourteen tournaments - three days each - hundreds of players and spectators every day - If you have an advertising need or know somebody who does, please have them contact me.
- 2- I need an artist. I would like to create a new NHRA logo which is modeled after the AARA logo. If you have some creative ideas, please let me see them.
- 3- What is your pet peeve about - racquetball - racquetball tournaments - a specific tournament - some rule - some proposed rule - what??? Write me. Let me know. Maybe we can fix it.

Contact me, Bill Gargan at the address or phone on the return address.

Just a rumor so far. . . I hear that a free clinic and demo - at the Executive - Ruben Gonzalez and (possibly) Jack Newman - on September 9 from 6:30 to 9:00 - could be and could be awesome.

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