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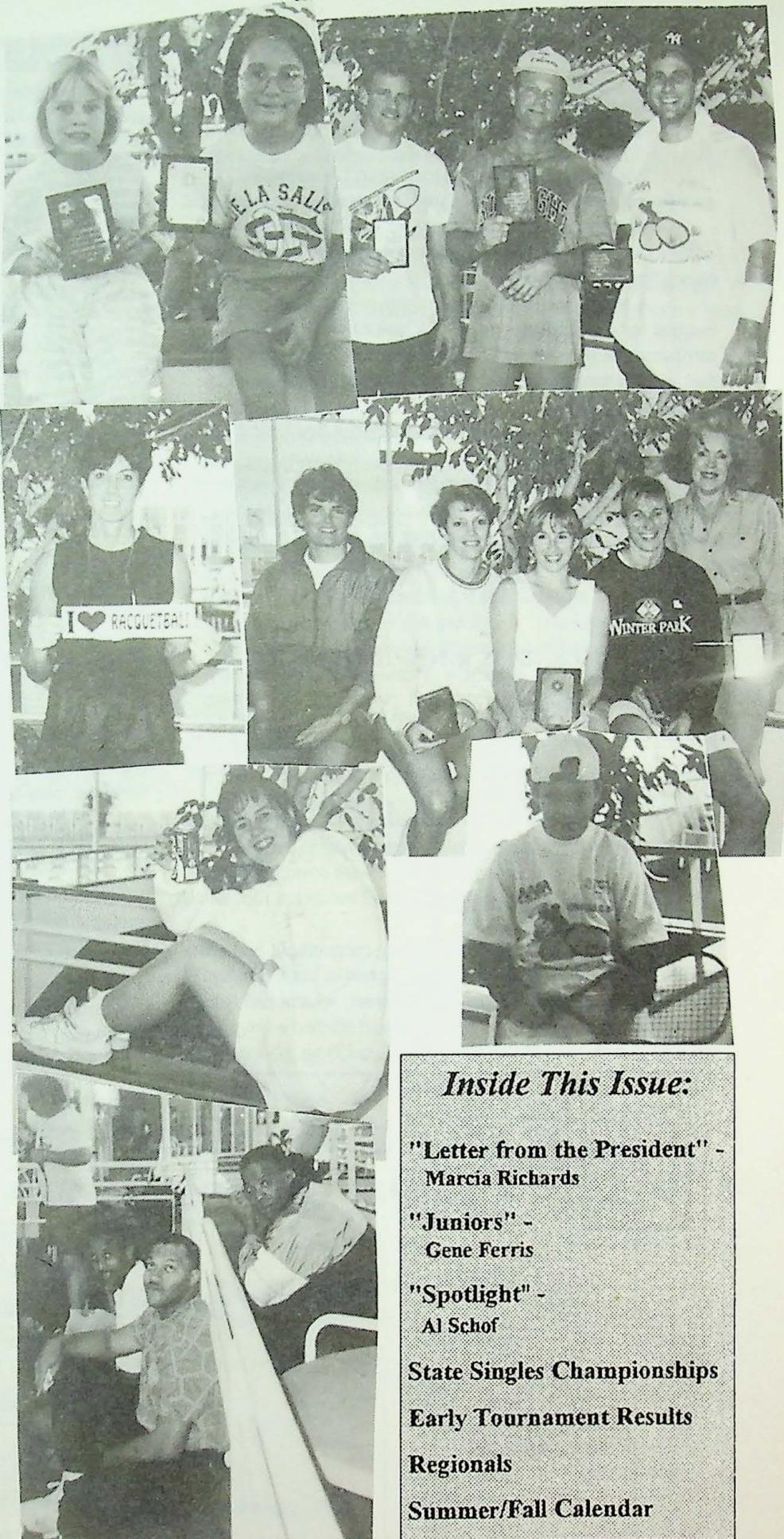
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HELP WANTED:

Junior Players Needed! ! ! !

The junior racquetball program in Louisiana is growing, but we need the clubs and our members to support it.

A survey is currently going out to all of the clubs in order to find what is needed to start a juniors program or strengthen an existing one.

A state juniors tournament was scheduled for March, but had to be canceled because of a lack of entries. We attributed the shortage of entries to conflicts with school. We feel another tournament should be scheduled for summer to assure no conflicts.

The 1993 racquetball season was the first year Louisiana had a state junior team. Very little was accomplished because of poor organization. This year's team, which consists of David Anastasio, Davina Bloom, Mark Bloom, Nick Laird, and Jareth Roseman, has some specific

goals in mind such as promoting racquetball at the club level with clinics and tournaments.

Our junior team is well on its way to achieving its second goal which is to represent Louisiana in major tournament competition. At the Junior Olympic Regional Tournament, April 22 - 24, in Lufkin, Texas, our juniors made a very good show: Mark Bloom - 1st place; 18 and under & 16 and under. Davina Bloom - 3rd place; Boys 14 and under. David Anastasio - Consolation; 16 and under. Nick Laird - 1st place; 12 and under. Jareth Roseman represented Louisiana proudly in Boys' 10 and under by capturing 4th place.

The 1994 Ektelon/AARA Junior Olympics, June 25 - 29, in Chattanooga, TN, is the next challenge for our junior team. The LRA wishes them luck, and wants them to know how proud we are of their achievements.

For any information on the LRA's junior programs, or if you would like to offer any support, please call me at 845-2639.

GENE FERRIS

SPOTLIGHT

BO KNOWS RACQUETBALL

He's not Bo Jackson, he doesn't play professional football or baseball, he doesn't do Nike commercials; in fact he wears Converse Chuck Taylor All-Stars. He's Bo Champagne and he definitely knows racquetball!

Champagne, a former handball player, started playing racquetball when his brother made some paddles out of plywood. Later on, he saw some people with sawed-off tennis racquets. Champagne copied the idea and became a racquetball player.

Some people are good at playing racquetball, and some are good at teaching it, Champagne is great at both. He has done it all: taught and trained Marcy Greer, who at one time was second on the pro-tour; he taught and trained a six year old who is now ranked second nationally in Boys 10 & under.

Louisiana native, Bill Perodi, the Open Champion at the 1994 Metro-Regional Qualifying Tournament, is also a former student of Champagne. Champagne has also had many accomplishments as a player. He has held a state championship title in six states and is definitely a legend in Louisiana.

Besides being a great teacher and player, Champagne has a great philosophy about the game: just do it! Just get on the court, play a lot, and have fun.

Champagne still plays at Calloway's and sometimes at LSU. He is always looking for a game and is willing to get on the court with anyone.

So if you are looking for a good game or want to know anything about the game, just ask Bo. **BO KNOWS RACQUETBALL.**

AL SCHOFF

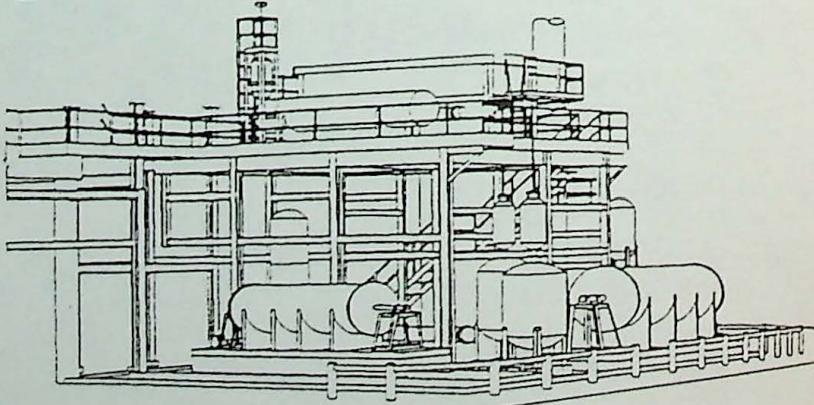
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Though falling off the last two years with the reorganization of the LRA, racquetball is really on the move, once again, in Louisiana. Our current membership is up to 300, which ranks us about 23rd in the nation. Your present board members have put forth their best efforts by keeping a current calendar and membership updated locally and nationally. More clubs are, or will be, hosting new tournaments including two new clubs--Louisiana Sports and Fitness in Baton Rouge and the LSU Student Recreational Center. Foxy's Health Club in Baton Rouge, an old face, is once again getting involved in tournament play. Pattie Schof, scheduling chairperson, is doing an excellent job. If your club needs an open date for a tournament, call Pattie at (504) 468-2813.

Our membership update is much more efficient, also. We communicate with the AARA after every tournament, and with our lap top computer. Gordon Murrill, membership chairman, is able to get new members listed the same weekend they join. If you have a question about your membership, contact Gordon at (504) 766-1428.

The 1994 State Singles Championships was a huge success. There were over 120 participants (up from 70 last year). The best part, not all eligible to play state played. This is encouraging for the sport of racquetball. However, the bad part, we need to correct this and get everybody involved.

Presently, the LRA's two main goals for 1994 is (1) newsletter production; (2) developmental programming.

The newsletter has always been a huge expense, costing the LRA at least \$1,000.00 per issue for

professional printing. With the aid of a more appropriate computer and program, Albert Schof, publication chairman, will now take on the task of printing the LRA newsletter, in-house, while still maintaining its professional appeal. As you should be aware, your newsletter provides you with information about racquetball from around the state. To keep this information current, Al will need clubs and members to provide him with articles, programs, tournament data, and people-in-the-news for the LRA newsletter. **Do Your Part! Help Out!**

There will be four to six newsletters published yearly. Al will provide print and deadline dates in each newsletter. Submit your information to: Al Schof, 1749 42nd Street, Apt. D, Kenner, Louisiana, 70065 or (504) 468-2813.

Programming is another important area the LRA would like to improve. There are a number of clubs already doing an excellent job in this area. We would like to share your ideas with other clubs. The LRA will assist clubs with few personnel to run programs. Every club needs to have someone involved! The LRA is looking for those people. If you are interested in helping with leagues, juniors, seniors, women's play, etc., please contact Vicki Garrett, Program Chairperson at (504) 464-4896.

It has been a long time since the LRA has communicated to the players what we do. Take the time to get to know the board. We want to hear from you.

See you at the next tournament!

MARCI RICHARDS

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Jules Sachs

Area Representatives

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STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARCH 18 - 20
CALLOWAY'S COURT CLUB, BATON ROUGE

Women's Open

1st Kim Allen
 2nd Marcia Richards
 3rd Gail Woods

Women's A

1st Barbara Burger
 2nd Pattie Schof
 3rd Tracy Shean

Women's B

1st Carrie Landry
 2nd Rosic Bloom
 3rd Nikki Lilly

Women's C

1st Kathy Owens
 2nd Debbie Imbragilio
 3rd Michelle Creel

Women's D

1st Davina Bloom
 2nd Tricia Antoine
 3rd Sandy Bennett

Women's 35+

1st Debbie Spica
 2nd Pattie Schof
 3rd Janice Owens

Men's Open

1st Mark Bloom
 2nd John Davis
 3rd Brian Lowe

Men's A

1st Kerry Campagna
 2nd Larry Sharpe
 3rd Ken Hood

Men's B

1st Scott Parrill
 2nd Lance Landry
 3rd Tim Taylor

Men's C

1st Ken Davis
 2nd Bobby Sperandeo
 3rd Dwight Payne

Men's D

1st Charles Weldon
 2nd Joseph Austin
 3rd Rick Owens

Men's 16+

1st Bobby Sperandeo
 2nd David Anastasio
 3rd Jordi Artigas

Men's 18+

1st Mark Bloom
 2nd Kenny Tarride

Men's 19+

1st Jaime Arroyave
 2nd Rory Arcement
 3rd Al Schof

Men's 25+

1st David Rahn
 2nd John Davis
 3rd Jim Bayhi

Men's 35+A

1st Lance Landry
 2nd Larry Sharpe
 3rd John Parker

Men's 35+B

1st JD Dedeabant
 2nd Tim Taylor
 3rd Jeffrey Griffin

Men's 45+A

1st John Pease
 3rd Cyril Hentze
 3rd Joel Markert

Men's 45+B

1st Bob Baudry
 2nd Ken Roberts
 3rd Mike Harris

Men's 55+

1st Gene Ferris
 2nd Tommy Lofton
 3rd Don Ryan

STATE TEAM COMPETITION
Calloway's holds the trophy for another year!

1st CALLOWAY'S COURT CLUB

2nd ELMWOOD FITNESS CENTER

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 female
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TERRENCE PIERCE
 &
MICHELLE CREEL*

1994 TOURNAMENT RESULTS**6th ANNUAL ELMWOOD OPEN**
February 25, 26, 27, 1994Men's Open

1st David Rahn
2nd Charles Peacock
3rd John Davis
Cons Mark Bloom

Men's A

1st Chris Ladner
2nd Kerry Campagna
3rd Tyrone Martin
Cons Roy Laudimay

Men's B

1st R. J. Tamplain
2nd Doug Callon
3rd Scott Porter
Cons Paul Thionville

Men's C

1st James Bixler
2nd Reese Purpura
3rd Roger Anastasio
Cons Ryan Rogers

Men's D

1st Ryan Rogers
2nd Rayne Thomas
3rd Matt Warren
Cons Gareth Rosman

Men's 35+

1st John Pease
2nd Lance Landry
3rd Cyril Hentze
Cons Doug Callon

Men's 45+

1st Al Reagle
2nd Rusty Lundy
3rd Gene Ferris
Cons Eugene Duley

Women's Open

1st Marcia Richards
2nd Kim Allen

Women's A

1st Barbara Burger
2nd Brenda Walton

Women's B

1st Carrie Landry
2nd Debbie Imbragilio

Women's C

1st Michelle Creel
2nd Paige Holstein

Women's D

1st Suzanne Provenzano
2nd Tricia Antoine
3rd Sandy Bennett
Cons Christine Martin

Women's Novice

1st Sandra Almerico

Men's Open/A Doubles

1st David Rahn/Charles Peacock
2nd Mark Perry/Louis Ferrani
3rd Johnny Alvendia/Kreg Kachtik
Cons Tim Buisson, Jr./D.J. Reider

Men's B Doubles

1st Michael Harris/Bob Sharshan
2nd Brian Recasner/Jeffrey Griffin
3rd Toby Hardee/Larry Santa-Ana
Cons Paul Thionville/Johnny Munoz

LA SPORTS & FITNESS BISHOP HUGHES/ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT****March 4, 5, 6, 1994**Men's Open

1st David Rahn
2nd Brian Daigle
3rd Jim Bayhi
Cons Rick Chiquelin

Men's C

1st Payne Thomas
2nd Steve Shelton
3rd Parker Ewing
Cons Pattie Schof

Men's 45+

1st Jack Gromer
2nd Bob Baudry
3rd Joel Markert
Cons Robert Crew

Men's A

1st Danny Bordelon
2nd Ken Hood
3rd Dodd Berrio
Cons Mark Reynolds

Men's D

1st Robert Vance
2nd Joseph Austin, Jr.
3rd Richard Butler
Cons Ray Huxson

Women's A/B

1st Leanne Flowers
2nd Pattie Schof
3rd Tracy Shean
Cons Janice Owens

Men's B

1st R. J. Tamplain
2nd Jeffrey Griffin
3rd Bob Baudry
Cons Gordon Murrill

Men's 35+

1st John Parker
2nd Ken Hood
3rd Ed Drukteinis
Cons Greg Williams

Women's C/D

1st Paige Holstein
2nd Michelle Creel

Men's Doubles

1st Jack Gromer/Brian Daigle
2nd Kim Allen/Marcia Richards



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KENNER YMCA SPRING BASH April 8, 9, 10, 1994

Men's Open

1st Byron Williams
2nd David Rahn
3rd Mark Bloom

Men's A

1st Keith Brown
2nd Terrence Pierce
3rd Cyril Hentze

Men's B

1st Jack Cohn
2nd Bob Sharshan
3rd Jeffrey Griffin

Men's C

1st John Fournet
2nd Jim Russo
3rd Larry Santa-ana

Men's D

1st Sandra Callis
2nd Chuck Pitard
3rd Ricky Willis

Men's 35+B/45+

1st Gene Ferris
2nd Steve Shelton
3rd Earl Teabout

Women's Novice

1st Chris Dedeabant
2nd Terri Pierce
3rd Patty Zander

Men's Open Doubles

1st Charles Pecot/Mark Bloom
2nd David Rahn/Keith Brown
3rd Byron Williams/Marcia Richards

Men's A Doubles

1st Bret Sims/Chris Pellerin
2nd Clyde Eschete/Steve Kissee

Men's A Doubles

1st Mike Harris/R. J. Tamplain
2nd Bob Sharshan/Jack Cohn
3rd Pattie Schof/Clyde Eschete

LRA MEMBERS COMPETE IN DALLAS

The 1994 Regionals Qualifying Tournament was held at the Maverick Health Club in Dallas, Texas. There was a total of 307 players from Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas that participated in this tournament. Included in that number were 22 LRA members--Kim Allen, Jamie Arroyave, Bob Baudry, John Davis, Gene Ferris, Jack Fredine, Vicki Garrett, Cyril Hentze, Bobby Jackson, Tommie Lofton, Ryan Miller, Pete Moore, John Parker, Terrence Pierce, Marcia Richards, Don Ryan, Pattie Schof, Scott Parrill, Larry Sharpe, Jo Shattuck, Debbie Spica, Jerry Winsberg--and some placed in their divisions:

Marcia Richards

Kim Allen
Debbie Spica
Scott Parrill
Bobby Jackson
Terrence Pierce
Jamie Arroyave

First Place

Fourth Place
Second Place
First Place
First Place
Third Place
Consolation

Women's 35+
Women's Open
Women's Open
Women's A
Men's B
Men's 19+
Men's 30+
Men's 19+

Congratulations to these winners and to all the LRA members that participated. The competition is tough at home but when you go to another state to play, it's even better.

These players all qualify to compete in the 1994 National Singles Championships to be held in Houston, Texas at the Downtown YMCA May 25th - 30th. **GOOD LUCK!**
We'll all be pulling for you.

THANK YOU!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for voting for me for most improved. It makes all of my efforts worthwhile to be recognized in this way.

Tim Buisson

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CALENDAR

1994 SINGLES NATIONALS

Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX
May 25, 1994 - May 30, 1994

1994 JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Chattanooga, TN
June 25, 1994 - June 29, 1994

JUNE CLASSIC

Elmwood Fitness Center, Jefferson, LA
June 25, 1994 - June 27, 1994

KILL SHOT CLASSIC #6

World Gym, Gretna, LA
July 15, 1994 - July 17, 1994

U.S. OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

St. Louis, MO
July 1, 1994 - July 10, 1994

U.S. NATIONAL SKILL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Phoenix, AZ
July 22, 1994 - July 24, 1994

1994 WORLD SENIORS

Albuquerque, NM
August 31, 1994 - September 4, 1994

EKTELON U.S. NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jacksonville, FL
October 19, 1994 - October 23, 1994

STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Location to be Announced
October 28, 1994 - October 30, 1994

IRF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jacksonville, FL
December 17, 1994 - December 21, 1994

GOT A GRIPE? FULL OF PRAISE?

We want to hear from you. About everything regarding your organization. If we don't receive your input, we can't correct the problems that we have. On the same note, we would like to hear from you when you like what's going on.

Please direct all correspondence to me at 1749 42nd St., Apt. D., Kenner, LA 70065. Your letters will be responded to personally by mail and both the letter and the response will be published in the next issue of Down the Line.

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Al Schof

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