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JOHN KENNIS of Butte follows a forehand down the glass sidewall of the Court House in Missoula during men's pro singles action against Calgary, Alberta veteran Cliff Hendrickson.

Richter-George cop doubles title

HELENA — Mike Richter of Missoula and Mike George of Great Falls captured the men's Open championship at the 1991 Montana State Doubles racquetball tournament played Feb. 22-24 at the Crossroads Fitness Center.

Richter and George turned back Rick Rios of Bozeman and Lloyd Marsh of Billings for the title.

The women's Open championship belonged to Bozeman's Kim Koski and Nancy Rios over Chris Martin and Cindy Thompson of Billings.

The Mixed Open championship was taken by Dan Hugelen and Teresa Burke of Missoula.

The tournament attracted 120 entries. Division winners must advance to the next higher level in 1992.

Here are the State Doubles results. No match scores

were reported.

MEN OPEN

Championship: Mike Richter (Missoula)-Mike George (Great Falls) def. Rick Rios (Bozeman)-Lloyd Marsh (Billings). Third: John Kennis-Matt Parriman (Helena) def. Dan Hugelen (Msls)-Lance Reithmeier (Havre). Consolation: Jim Heath-Dan West (Blgs).

A

Championship: Jeff Monaco-Tom Thompson (Great Falls) def. Gary Peterson-Ross Tate (Msls). Third: Rick Lehr-Wayne Surratt (GF) def. Steve Martini (Kalispell)-John Woodward (Whitefish). Consolation: Gary Levinski-Randy Olson (Kal).

B-C

Championship: Pat DiFronzo-Steve Dovan (Butte) def. Bob Baldwin-Bruce Gerlach (Bozeman). Third: Jim Halberg-Russ Rowsey (Blgs) def. Gary Baltrusch-Steve Strand (Havre). Consolation: Terry Hess-Mike Pitman (GF).

MASTERS

Championship: Jeff Palister-Roger Talbott (GF) def. Jim Brown-Gary Richards (Blgs). Third: Don Clark-Frank Moreni (Anaconda) def. Stan Kondracki-Dick Strausberg (Blgs). Consolation: Vern Littell-Bob Worthington (Helena).

West reflects on MRA post

BILLINGS — Four years ago, I left the state singles board of directors' meeting a little early to play a match ... and found out while refing the next match (winners reffed in those days!) that I was elected (drafted) as MRA president. My only thought at the time was that I damn well better try to keep the MRA together so we could continue having quality tournaments statewide.



Dan West

MRA
President

Racquetball participation was in a state of decline. Racquetball clubs were rapidly becoming health clubs where racquetball was no longer the main interest.

Because of these changes, the MRA had to become more flexible to deal with a lot of different ideas about running tournaments.

Even though many of the changes in our tournaments have been subtle, most have been necessary to accomodate clubs operating under different rules and philosophies.

In any case, I think for the most part our tournaments have maintained high quality. Not only has there been excellent competition and hospitality, but also our tournaments have comraderie and great sportsmanship.

As most of you now know, this is my last year as MRA president. I feel that the time is right for me to step down so that someone with more time and new energy will be able to keep the MRA up to date with changes in the 90s.

There will be many changes, but it is my hope that the next MRA president will receive the same degree of support and cooperation that I have enjoyed these last four years.

In closing, I would like to say thanks to all who have helped me (there have been many) in carrying out my duties as president of the MRA.

See doubles

Referee's corner

By SHIGEO BANKS

GREAT FALLS — Every tournament I attend, I witness rules violations on the part of the players or non-enforcement of the rules by the referee.

On example of rule violations and the proper procedure of handling the situation includes:

Pushing — Avoidable hinder. Rule 4.16e. Deliberately pushes or shoves an opponent during a rally.

Pushing is illegal for anyone during a rally. Protective use of hands to minimize collisions is permitted. But if you use your hands or body to push your opponent out of the way, it's an avoidable hinder. The guilty party loses the rally.

If there's close contact, the best thing is to ask for a safety hinder and point out to your opponent and the referee the closeness of the rally. An alert referee should always call hinders based on safety. A good ref will control any abuse of the safety hinder.

Doubles continued



KIM KOSKI of Bozeman waits near the back wall to take a forehand in Mixed Open play at the state doubles tournament in Helena.

SENIOR MASTERS

Championship: Rick Rios-Kris Kirland (Boz) def. Dennis Jupka-Jeff Pallister (GF). Third: Bob Baldwin-Bruce Gerlach (Boz) def. Tom Maguire (GF)-John Taylor (Miles City). Consolation: Don Goddard-Dennis Humphries (Glasgow).

SENIORS

Championship: Dan West-Jim Heath (Blgs) def. Mike Richter-Gary Peterson (Msla). Third: Tom Thompson-Duane Sulphin (GF) def. Steve Martini-John Woodward (White). Consolation: Butch Albertson-Ken Myers (Havre).

WOMEN OPEN

Championship: Kim Koski-Nancy Rios (Boz) def. Chris Martin-Cindy Thompson (Blgs). Third: Teresa Burke-Sid Whitsell (Msla) def. Christal McLean-Connie Ryals (Blgs). Consolation: Berte Heath-Sheri Muller (Blgs).

A

Championship: Carlie Ridgeley-Bonnie Talbott (GF) def. Carmen McSpadden-Kelly Robertson (Boz). Third: Jolee Ferriter-Diane Johnson (Butte) def. Ingrid Gustafson-Lori Perino (Blgs). Consolation: Laura Merrill-K.C. Corrette (Msla).

B-C

Championship: Katherine Ake-Michele Draggo (Kal) def. Lisa Phillips-Jodi DiFronzo (Butte). Third: Gail Davis-Denise Matz (Cut Bank) def. Laurie Beving-Gloria Hannon (Livingston). Consolation: Tracy Buckingham-Lori Reed (Blgs).

MIXED OPEN

Championship: Dan Hugelen-Teresa Burke (Msla) def. Lloyd Marsh-Carla Fox (Blgs). Third: John Kennis (Hel)-Kim Koski (Boz) def. Sherri Muller (Blgs)-Matt Parriman (Hel). Consolation: Tyler Hangan-Sid Whitsell (Msla).

A

Championship: Robby Gunderson-Jodi DiFronzo (Butte) def. Gary Levinski-Michele Draggo (Kal). Third: Bonnie Talbott-Bud Talbott (GF) def. Ron Brenna-Rita Hamilton (Havre). Consolation: Suzie Taleff-Rick Lehr (GF).

B-C

Championship: Ross Tate-Laura Merrill (Msla) def. Andy Clark-Keri Routzahn (Butte). Third: James Hog-Becky Murphy (Boz) def. Susan Bowers-Chip Dudley (Boz). Consolation: Scott Babowicz-Denise Matz (CB).

Changes in store for MRA starting with president

HAVRE — Changes are in store for the Montana Racquetball Association. First and foremost will be the election of a new president.

After four years, Dan West announced he was stepping down from the post at a MRA board of directors meeting during the late-February state doubles tournament in Helena.

West's successor will be voted on at a MRA meeting in Bozeman during the state singles championships April 5-7.

Shigeo Banks of Great Falls and Steve Pinnow of Billings have accepted MRA presidential nominations.

In January, Banks attended an American Amateur Racquetball Association meeting at which the national governing body voted to increase membership fees for the competitive player. That will be reflected when players renew MRA-AARA cards.

Banks also seeks nominees to represent the Montana-Wyoming region at a summer tryout for the U.S. junior team. Boys and girls, ages 14-18, are eligible. Nomination criteria includes playing ability, academics and personality. One boy and one girl will be selected also at the April MRA meeting.

Scheduling of MRA-sanctioned tournaments for the 1991-92 season will also be done at the April meeting.

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The state singles championships are fast-approaching and should keep players

busier than ever before.

Age division events are being implemented on a trial basis which now gives every player the option of competing in two events.

The women are assured of a new champion in Open play, as the reigning five-time titlist Helen Shields no longer resides



Rita Balock-Hamilton

Center Court
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in the state. The Missoula native married in December and moved to Kansas.

Two contenders, however, aren't expected to play, as they are expecting children this summer in Karen Jacobson of Havre and Sheri Muller of Billings.

Kim Koski and Nancy Rios of Bozeman, along with Carla Fox and Cindy Thompson of Billings, Teresa Burke of Missoula and Marie Hawkins of Butte could all make runs for that championship.

Dan Hugelen is back to defend the men's Open championship. The University of Montana student has won four of the last five singles titles.

Hugelen did not play in 1989 due to a knee injury and John Kennis, now a Montana Tech student, won.

Havre High senior Clay Morse will return after missing last year's finals with a knee injury. Over St. Patrick's Day

weekend, Morse played exceptionally well in the Havre city tournament considering laying off racquetball since November when prep boys' basketball started.

Also bidding for that men's title could be Mike George of Great Falls, Rick Rios of Bozeman, Mike Richter of Missoula, Lloyd Marsh and Dan West of Billings. Butte's Ronnie Roesti and Robbie Gunderson also can't be counted out either, especially since Kennis has become a regular practice partner for them.

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Pro-Ams in Missoula and Billings afforded players the chance to watch and compete against one of the world's top singles players in Sherman Greenfeld of Canada.

Greenfeld's hometown of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is located a half-hour north of Grand Forks, N.D.

The cool-headed Greenfeld won top prize money at both Montana stops for the third year in a row and plans to continue to return to the state. "I have a lot of friends now, plus when you win the title it's hard not to come back," Greenfeld said.

A graduate of the University of Manitoba, Greenfeld may put a bachelor's degree in education to work after he retires as a racquetball professional possibly in 1992. He is certified to teach secondary geography and biology.

But the travel and contacts associated with racquetball may keep Greenfeld on the road as a sales representative for a sporting goods manufacturer.

MRA president nominees think

HAVRE — Nominees for the Montana Racquetball Association president include Shigeo Banks of Great Falls and Steve Pinnow of Billings.

Each responded to a questionnaire which gives MRA members more insight into what each can offer the association.

SHIGEO BANKS

Years involved with the MRA: I've been involved with the MRA since its inception in 1974. I've attended the meetings since then, but not necessarily as a board member. I served as secretary and the newsletter editor.

What do you view as MRA strengths: The sincerity of each member wanting racquetball to grow in quantity and quality.

What do you view as MRA weaknesses: Lack of promotion at all levels. No state goals or direction. Loss of mutual support.

What direction is the MRA heading and what can you do to take it there: 1. Establish an active board of directors. 2. Establish new functional by-laws. 3. Become an incorporated non-profit organization. 4. Re-establish accepted MRA rules of play and cooperation. 5. Develop long-range goals with short-range steps. 6. Develop volunteer programs to implement short-range steps. 7. Develop court club-MRA cooperation, understanding and support. 8. Develop rapport with news media and other sports associations. 9. Develop rapport with AARA. 10. Maintain communication with the members through the newsletter and direct contact.

STEVE PINNOW

Years involved with the MRA: I have been a MRA member for 10 years and a board member for one year.

What do you view as MRA strengths: The MRA has the ability to help club owners and tournament directors keep tournament in Montana. The MRA can also help in sending players to national events.

What do you view as MRA weaknesses: One major weakness is the lack of communication between the MRA board members and the MRA president. It is also important that the players also communicate with these board members. Good ideas or problems will never be heard if we don't communicate.

What direction is the MRA heading and what can you do to take it there: In the past the MRA has been a very relaxed organization. That has worked really well in the past, but it's time we get a little more advanced. 1. The MRA needs to incorporate. 2. We also need to organize our juniors programs. If we can get our juniors more enthused we can keep the quality of racquetball strong in Montana in the future.



Photo by RITA HAMILTON

RON BRENNNA of Havre shoot from center court against Canadian **Usher Barnoff** in men's A singles at the Missoula Pro-Am.

Greenfeld defends Missoula Pro-Am championship

MISSOULA — Sherman Greenfeld of Winnipeg, Manitoba, successfully defended the men's Pro singles title at the Court House Winter Pro-Am racquetball tournament in early December.

Canadians claimed the top three cash prizes in the event. Greenfeld dumped Rob Pratt of Calgary, Alberta, 15-3, 15-10, for the title.

Cliff Hendrickson of Calgary placed third and Missoula's Dan Hugelen took consolation honors.

Greenfeld partnered with Hugelen to defeat Hendrickson and Bill Waddell of Calgary in the men's pro doubles championship.

The women's championship belonged to Helen Shields of Missoula in a 15-3, 15-6 romp over Linda Richter of Missoula.

Here are the Court House Pro Am results. Scores are reported where available.

MEN SINGLES PRO

Championship: Sherman Greenfeld (Winnipeg, Manitoba) def. Rob Pratt (Calgary, Alberta) 15-3, 15-10. Third: Cliff Hendrickson (Calgary). Consolation: Dan Hugelen (Missoula).

OPEN-A

Championship: Mike McPhee (Calgary) def. Jeff Monaco (Great Falls) 15-6, 15-5. Consolation: Dennis Jupka (Great Falls).

B

Championship: Darren Waselenchuk (Calgary) def. Craig Price (Missoula). Consolation: Kevin Parkhouse (Calgary).

Championship: Bert Zabel (Kalispell) def. Kevin Fulbright (Msls) 15-9, 15-9.

MASTERS

Championship: Doug Sandberg (Calgary) def. Ian Thumblert (Calgary) 9-15, 15-5, 11-9. Consolation: Ken Colbo (Msls).

SENIOR B

Championship: Larry Nickel (Helena) def. Bob Chalmers (Calgary). Consolation: Les Strong (Calgary).

SENIOR C

Championship: Mark Ketcham (Msls) def. Norm Mino (Calgary). Consolation: Jim Johnson (Butte).

DOUBLES

PRO

Championship: Dan Hugelen (Msls) Sherman Greenfeld (Winnipeg) def. Cliff Hendrickson Bill Waddell (Calgary). Consolation: Tyler Haugas Mark MC Quirk (Msls).

A-B

Championship: Tom Thompson Jeff Monaco (GF) def. Darrel Roberts Darren Waselenchuk (Calgary) 15-9, 15-13. Consolation: Bob Chalmers Mike McPhee (Calgary).

WOMEN SINGLES OPEN

Championship: Helen Shields (Msls) def. Linda Richter (Msls) 15-3, 15-6.

A

Championship: Rita Hamilton (Havre) def. Janet Church (Helena) 15-8, 15-7.

B

Championship: Sandy Parks (Calgary) def. Barbara Doiron (Edmonton, Alberta).

C

Championship: Gina Boysun (Missoula) def. Eva Wong (Calgary) 15-9, 15-12. Consolation: Joan Lowrey (Calgary).

DOUBLES

A-B

Championship: Diane Johnson Lori Jurenic (Butte) def. Michelle Draggo Diana McKineley (Kalispell) 15-2, 14-15, 11-6. Consolation: Rita Hamilton (Havre) Janet Church (Helena).

AARA hikes dues

Special to Center Court

GREAT FALLS — At a June meeting of the American Amateur Racquetball Association two major decisions affecting AARA membership were voted in.

As of Jan. 1, the AARA membership card was changed to the AARA Competitive License and was redesigned to reflect a competitive player versus a recreational player.

Membership also gives players 10 issues of Racquetball USA; liability insurance which protects state organizations, sponsors, facilities, the state board of directors and spectators in AARA-sanctioned events; accidental secondary insurance for AARA members at AARA-sanctioned events.

The cost increase effective Jan. 1 is from \$5 to \$15 per year. State organizations receive rebates of \$1 to \$6.

Current Montana Racquetball Association and AARA members whose membership expires in 1991 can play without the insurance until their membership expires. They will not be covered during this period.

Players who have multiple-year memberships must pay the insurance fee at their annual date.

Reasoning behind the dues increase includes racquetball being incorporated as an Olympic sport, as well as the stability of the AARA and state organizations which make the sport vulnerable to lawsuits.

Prior to Jan. 1, only two states carried liability insurance for their organizations during sanctioned events which also left individual board members open to lawsuits.

The AARA was also receiving increased pressure from host facilities for certificates of liability insurance.

The increased dues also increase the benefits the AARA can offer its members and club owners, bringing it more in line with other Olympic programs.

Anyone with questions can write to Shigeo Banks, 710-11th Street South, Great Falls, Mt. 59405 or meet at the state singles tournament in Bozeman.



One more look

Photo by RITA HAMILTON

Joe Luckman of Great Falls (right) swings a forehand in the Mixed 40-45 age division play at the national doubles racquetball tournament last fall in Salt Lake City. The 1991 national doubles will be played in late-October in Phoenix. A number of Montana players plan to return.

Tourney stops

HAVRE — The racquetball season is winding down in Montana.

State singles champions will be determined April 5-6 in Bozeman.

Players over the age of 30 should mark April 19-21 on their calendars for the second annual Balfour Plus-30 Spring Fling at Great Falls' Universal Sports and Courts.

According to MRA president Dan West, the regional singles tournament will stay in Gillette, Wyo., as originally scheduled. The dates for that tournament are April 26-28.

Players who wish to compete at the AARA national singles championships must compete in the regional event.

The annual Big Sky State Games are set for July 19-21 in Billings.

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One out-of-state tournament players should consider is the Men's Pro Nationals to be played May 16-19 in Edmonds, Wash.

This is the last pro stop of the 1991 season for the men and Montana native Greg Boland directs the tournament at the Harbor Square Athletic Club.

More information may be obtained by contacting Boland at 206-776-3546.

Meet a MRA member

The queen of Montana racquetball is undisputedly Jan Shelton of Great Falls.

The assistant manager of Universal Sports and Courts, Shelton is a 17-year veteran of the game and 16-year tournament player.

Shelton is a right-handed power player who also relies on a variety of serves to keep foes off balance.

Shelton first attended a state tournament in 1974 in Glasgow and the field included only women.

She won her first state singles championship in Great Falls in



Jan Shelton

1975, again at the all-women tournament.

Highlights of Shelton's career include state open runnerup titles in 1979 and 1982. "I felt as if I had won when I played Jamie Abbott

in Billings for the state championship, as it was Jamie's sixth state Open singles title," Shelton notes. "If one made it to the finals with Jamie, they felt they won."

"People who were playing in those years would well-remember that," Shelton added.

In 1977, Shelton claimed the state seniors championship, and also more recently won that title in 1986, 1987 and 1988.

In state Open doubles play, Shelton earned titles in 1977 and 1978, plus the state mixed Open title in 1981.

In 1982, the MRA made a lasting commitment to honor Shelton's devotion to the sport with the inaugural awarding of the Jan Shelton Sportsmanship Trophy. Each year a woman receives the award which exemplifies sportsmanship, racquetball involvement and promotion of the sport.

Shelton's husband, Dale, and daughter, Robin, also play racquetball.

Her regular doubles partner is Bonnie Talbott.

Shelton also enjoys bicycling, weight lifting and aerobics.

Greenfeld targets 1992 world title as ultimate racquetball



SHERMAN GREENFELD is not only one of Canada's top racquetball players, but the world's, as well.

By **RITA HAMILTON**
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BILLINGS — Racquetball will be a demonstration sport at the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.

But that doesn't interest Sherman Greenfeld of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Greenfeld's targeted the 1992 world racquetball championships as perhaps his last hurrah as a racquetball professional.

World titles will be up for grabs in Montreal that summer and the 28-year-old Canadian would like nothing better than to win the men's singles title in his native country.

Last summer in Caracas, Venezuela, Greenfeld placed third in the world championships. Those world championships are conducted every two years.

Since 1986, Greenfeld's held the No. 1 ranking in Canada. The exception being 1989 when a knee injury kept him from defending his title.

Thoughts of retiring from the pro circuit have "nothing to do with age or physical abilities," Greenfeld said in a recent interview. "A lot of it is mental fatigue which goes hand-in-hand with pressure and stress."

Greenfeld was admittedly nervous prior to the men's Pro final at the Billings Pro-Am in late-January.

Paired against Chicago's Jack Newman, Greenfeld came from behind for an 11-15, 15-3, 11-7 victory. It was Greenfeld's third straight Billings championship.

"I was nervous because (Newman's) been playing really well on the pro tour," Greenfeld said after the match. "I respect his game and style. He's consistent. He's not streaky."

"I knew I was in for a difficult day," Greenfeld added. "I feel like I played one of my best matches."

As a youth, Greenfeld gave up ice

hockey and soccer in favor of squash which led to racquetball. "The key reason why I switched out was I didn't enjoy team sports," he said. "I find (racquetball) doubles very difficult because of the same concept. I like to put all the pressure on myself."

Greenfeld's racquetball game literally took off 12 years ago and he credits that to squash.

Successful squash play requires conditioning, patience and footwork.

"In professional squash, our rallies are 40 to 60 shots," Greenfeld said. "In racquetball as the match progresses, I tend to get much stronger as the opponent starts to weaken."

Greenfeld likens squash strategy to that of a chess match. "In racquetball, I base a lot of pass shots on a minimum of unforced errors and capitalize on the chances I do get."

"The rallies I win, I've kept the opponent more tired out with a lot of passes; and when the ball is coughed up, I have the opportunity to take advantage of it," Greenfeld added. "I won't beat myself on the court."

Footwork in squash requires "longer and fewer steps than racquetball where players use shorter, choppier steps," Greenfeld said. However, Greenfeld's racquetball game benefits by longer strides, as he conserves energy and generally isn't caught hitting off-balance.

Over the years, quickness, anticipation, pass shots and a backhand serve have pushed Greenfeld to the top ranks of world racquetball play.

"My style of game is controlled power," Greenfeld said. "I hit a lot of touch shots."

"There's a misconception about racquetball being an aggressive, hard-hitting game," Greenfeld added. "That's the way people are taught to play and the way they see it played at the higher level. Once I'm into rallies, I try to show the game is precision."

The slight-built Greenfeld also relies on mental toughness which is "75 percent of my game," he said.

"I don't use timeouts because I'm physically tired," Greenfeld added. "Timeouts are used for changes in strategy."

And Greenfeld regroups around "positive self-talk," he said. "I never bring negative thoughts onto the court."

"I'm very relaxed," Greenfeld continued. "The more relaxed you are the more effectively you can execute shots and stick to your game plan."

Visualization training also reinforces Greenfeld's goals. "All the top athletes use it," he said. "I play through my mind, during timeouts and prior to the match, thoughts of being on the awards stand."

And more times than not, Greenfeld is.

Greenfeld wins

BILLINGS — Canadian Sherman Greenfeld defeated Jack Newman of Chicago in a tie-breaker to claim the men's pro championship of the annual Billings Pro-Am racquetball tournament on Jan. 27.

First place prize money for men's pro doubles was shared by Oregon's Vince Kelly and Jeff Evans who bumped Lloyd Marsh of Billings and Don Skadland of North Dakota.

Billings' Carla Fox topped the women's Open bracket.

The tournament attracted some 150 players, including a large Saskatchewan contingent.

Here are the Billings Pro-Am results. Match scores were not reported.

MEN SINGLES PRO
Championship: Sherman Greenfeld (Winnipeg, Manitoba) def. Jack Newman (Chicago). Third: Vince Kelly (Portland) def. Jeff Evans (Portland). Consolation: Mike George (Great Falls).

A
Championship: K. Kerr (Saskatchewan) def. Alan Lich (Billings). Third: Alan Mader (Blgs) def. D. Tremblay (Sask). Consolation: R. Richardson (Sask).

B
Championship: D. Lemm (Missoula) def. C. Tweet (Glendive). Third: J. Hogg (Bozeman) def. M. Keating (Capser, Wyo.). Consolation: G. Paull (Colstrip).

C
Championship: B. Von Bergen (Blgs) def. J. Yarger (Clancy). Third: E. Urteaga (Sask) def. T. Schmidt (Butte). Consolation: D. McSpadden (Boz).

MASTERS
Championship: Joe Luckman (GF) def. Ray White (Lewistown). Third: J. Bell (West Glacier) def. D. Buss (Riverton, Wyo.). Consolation: John Taylor (Miles City).

SENIOR A
Championship: A. Wuest (Colstrip) def. D. Wolff (Blgs). Third: E. Florence (Sask) def. J. Weber (Blgs).

SENIOR B
Championship: T. Olsen (Colstrip) def. F. Wood (Lewistown). Third: D. Gallehan (Miles) def. T. Stoltz (Miles). Consolation: Bob Crowe (Havre).

SENIOR C
Championship: J. Benvenga (Livingston) def. D. Delger (Blgs). Third: Jim Johnson (Butte) def. K. Boyd (Blgs). Consolation: B. Miller (Blgs).

DOUBLES PRO
Championship: Vince Kelly Jeff Evans (Portland) def. Lloyd Marsh (Blgs) Don Skadland (North Dakota). Third: John Kennis (Butte) Dan Hugelen (Missoula) def. Mike Richter (Msl) Mike George (GF). Consolation: Jim Heath Dan West (Blgs).

A
Championship: Powell-Viminetz (Sask) def. Kerr-Urteaga (Sask). Third: Alan Mader-Alan Lich (Blgs) def. Dave Kuhns-Save Pinnow (Blgs). Consolation: John Taylor-Ron Frize (Miles).

B
Championship: Pickens Capser (Blgs) def. Benvenga-Aguilar (Livingston). Third: Tweet-Sihla (GF) def. Rowsey Halberg (Boz). Consolation: Coe-Surdock (Hel).

WOMEN SINGLES OPEN A
Championship: Carla Fox (Blgs) def. L. Powell (Sask). Third: L. Ellerington (Sask) def. Marie Hawkins (Butte). Consolation: T. Head (Sask).

B
Championship: Kelly Robertson (Boz) def. C. McSpadden (Boz). Third: S. Sihla (Glendive) def. D. Meredith (Liv). Consolation: L. Benvenga (Liv).

C
Championship: A. Kerr (Sask) def. C. Mayoras (Sask). Third: Marge Wilson (Havre).

DOUBLES OPEN
Championship: Powell-El-Elington (Sask) def. Chris Martin-Cindy Thompson (Blgs). Third: Fox-Losing (Blgs) def. Perino-Connie Ryals (Blgs). Consolation: Marie Hawkins-Diane Johnson (Butte).

B
Championship: McSpadden-Robertson (Boz) def. Benvenga-Meredith (Liv).

Juniors sought for U.S. team

Special to Center Court

GREAT FALLS — Juniors ages 14 to 18 can apply to qualify for the U.S. national team. An application form must be filled out and returned to the state president.

A selection committee will nominate one boy and one girl to the regional director. The regional selection committee will review the state's nominations to make its final selections to represent the Montana-Wyoming region.

Tryouts will be conducted July 27-July 31 in Colorado Springs.

A total of 40 juniors will compete for 10 spots on the national team which will tour Australia.

Each player will be responsible for his own expenses to the tryouts.

Selection criteria includes academics (30 points), tournament evaluations (30 points), other information (30 points) and committee input (10 points).

The nomination deadlines are May 1 at the state level, June 1 at the regional level and July 10 nationally.

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HAVRE TEEN Clay Morse is a power player in the men's Open division.



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MRA trivia

Name the recipients of the Montana Racquetball Association's Jan Shelton and Don Goddard Sportsmanship Trophies for 1990.

The first MRA state tournament was played in Helena in 1969 and featured 36 men. Name the first singles champion.

What year did the MRA first conduct separate singles and doubles tournaments in Great Falls?

What U.S. city serves as the permanent site for the AARA National Singles Championships?

Two MRA players are currently ranked nationally by the AARA among the top 10 of their respective divisions. One plays men's C and the other plays men's 65-plus. Name them.

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