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1988 STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONS





Special thanks to the players of the 1988 State Doubles Championships and the staff of the Kenner YMCA. Great racquetball and hospitality made this years event the best ever. Separating regular doubles from mixed doubles made for a smooth running, on time Tournament.

The 1988 Mixed Doubles Championships will be July 23-24 at the Kenner YMCA. I

expect a great turnout (over 100 teams) and the beauty of it is that we can still have the tournament in 2 days, with so many courts at the Kenner YMCA. The folks at the Kenner YMCA promised some great hospitality, and naturally a great time will be had by all (*Way down yonder in New Orleans*). Applications will be out soon, so send in your entries early.

Good luck,
Paul

Member's Corner

I think that too often the efforts of those who make an organization work are unrecognized. This is especially true of the efforts of the LRA staff. If you stop and think about it, without this organization, competitive racquetball in Louisiana would probably disappear.

Since I have been out of action, i.e., on "injured reserve!", I have had the opportunity to be a spectator at several AARA and LRA tournaments. It is incredible to watch the amount of time and energy donated to the LRA organization by the staff. They are the first to arrive at tournaments and the last to leave (think about that next time you complain about having to play too early or too late). What I think we fail to realize is that the LRA staff, along with the club tournament directors, will try to accommodate the players in scheduling times that do not conflict with their other plans, and LRA tournaments offer breakfast and at least one hot meal per day, etc. Compare to most AARA tournaments, these are added perks, with no added costs.

Most of us are guilty of criticizing the LRA staff at some point; however, when was the last time anyone commended the organization's staff for their dedication and hard work?

My hat's off to the following:

Paul's recent involvement with racquetball committees on the national level have brought Louisiana into the spotlight. The regional tournament will be held in our state next year. I think we should be proud to host this tournament, which should expose us to a much higher caliber of play, not to mention the cost savings of not having to travel to Texas! Hopefully, Paul's efforts will lead to improvement in the level of

Tournament Results

WALLBANGER SUMMERFEST

June 3, 4, 5, 1988

Men's Open

1. S. Martin
2. K. Koger
3. W. Arnett

Cons. S. Riddle

Ladies Open A

1. K. Allen
2. M. Barkate
3. E. Martin

Cons. E. Montiero

Ladies B

1. P. Schoff
2. G. Olam
3. J. Owens

Cons. V. Medalie

Ladies C/D

1. M. Baumann
2. C. Morris
3. D. Schlaepi

Cons. L. Perry

Mixed Open Doubles

1. Barkate/George
2. Martin/Martin
3. Allen/Arnett

Cons. Montiero/Brown

Mixed B Doubles

1. Owens/Melancon
2. Cons. Schof/Schof

Men's 35 + A

1. J. Kindl
2. J. Pellerin
3. P. Bruno

competition in La. and allow us to compete on a national level. (Now, if we could only change the rule on short hopping serves!)

And, who do we see at every single racquetball tournament in Louisiana? The one and only "Uncle" Bob Stanton. Thanks for always being there, Bob.

What would we do without the money man, John Pellerin handling the millions of dollars flowing through the LRA daily!? And can you imagine that he has enough time to be the official LRA photographer?

Who do call when your opponent is disputing every call and wants a rules clarification on every serve (as I experienced in the State tournament), or when the men's open players have been through 15 refs? Warren Arnett. Not only is Warren the rules guru, but he's practically a racquetball advertisement. His enthusiasm and promotion of the game have really helped the LRA.

And thank God for mild mannered Brian Lowe. Who else could take the abuse from irate players who feel they have been unjustly seeded?!

Finally, if you are reading this article, its thanks to Milt Cousins.

So, pat yourselves on the back, LRA staff, you're doing a great job, and we appreciate your efforts, even if we never say so!

Submitted by: KAREN FOLEY



FOR THE SERIOUS PLAYER

Serious about getting better at the game of racquetball? Take heart. The lady talking to the T.V. camera (above) is Fran Davis, Head Teaching Pro, East Coast P.A.R.I. Instructor, and Top 20 Player on the WPRA Tour.

Fran was here in March and quite a few of us had the pleasure of attending her clinics, which were given in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Covington. If you missed out, don't worry, she is coming back. Fran will be conducting a clinic at the Wallbanger, Friday, July 29, 6 p.m. and for the serious players out there a camp. That's right, a CAMP!, a 2 day, 15 hours of instruction, video taping, and game analysis CAMP.

How much you ask? Thru your power, vested in the LRA, only \$95.00, for LRA members, \$150 for non-members. Talk about a savings, that will pay for more than two years worth of LRA dues and help you to be a better player on top of it all !!!

There are only 18 places available, so call and make your reservation today. Spots will be filled on a first come - first paid - first serve basis!! The dates for the super event are July 30, 31., 1988.

To make your reservation contact Warren Arnett at the LRA office (504/346-8657) or home (504/924-2109).

This is another service provided by the LRA to it's heart and soul, the players in our great state!!

**Got Something to
BUY, SELL OR TRADE?
Do you have some
HOT JUICY GOSSIP??
SEND IT IN AND WE'LL
PUT IT HERE!!!**

RACQUETBALL



INSTRUCTORS

There is a national certification course available for those of you who are already giving lessons or maybe want to start. The course is called P.A.R.I., (Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors).

The above picture is of the first four certified instructors in La., along with Fran Davis and Head P.A.R.I. Instructor, Connie Martin. We have arranged for a P.A.R.I course to be given in Baton Rouge, on July 28 and July 29, at the Wallbanger Court Club.

The number of spaces is very limited, so apply early. You are guaranteed a lot of useful information that will make the price seem like a "steal of a deal".

For more information, contact Warren Arnett at the LRA office (504/346-8657), or at home (504/924-2109).

This is another service provided by the LRA and the AARA to our backbone, the members that make this great game possible.

SCHOOL AND RACQUETBALL RACQUETBALL AND SCHOOL SCHOOL AND RACQUETBALL

The once Ron Jeeter Memorial Tournament has now become the LRA Scholarship Tournament. Proceeds from this tournament will be used to give two \$500 scholarships to deserving student athletes. The scholarships will be based on academic strengths and racquetball participation. A general information sheet can be picked up at tournament check-in tables or will be available upon request from the LRA office.

Once you review the information sheet and feel you might be interested in applying, call or write to the LRA office and an application packet will be sent to you. The application will be reviewed by a committee of five LRA members. The two recipients will be announced at the Regional Tournament, April 1989.

The LRA encourages any and all student/racquetball players to get involved. The level of play has no bearing on the choice of the scholarship recipients. A subjective point system will be used to determine the top applicants. So take this opportunity to give... and take TAKE ADVANTAGE!

MARIA RICHARDS
Scholarship Committee Chairman



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1988 CALENDAR July - December

MONTH	DATE	NAME	CLUB	CITY	TYPE
JULY	8-10, 1988	Mixed Doubles Warm-Up	Wallbanger	Baton Rouge	B
	8-10, 1988	Mixed Doubles Warm-Up	Premier	New Orleans	B
	*22-24, 1988	Mixed Doubles Championship	Kenner YMCA	New Orleans	A
	18-22, 1988	Juniors' Camps at Wallbanger	Wallbanger	Baton Rouge	
	25-29	Juniors' Camps at Wallbanger	Wallbanger	Baton Rouge	
AUGUST	4-6, 1988	NOWRA Summer Invitational	RBO	New Orleans	B
	19-21, 1988	Franco's 1st. Annual Summer Bash	Franco's Athletic Club	Mandeville	B
SEPTEMBER	9-11, 1988	RBO Invitational	RBO	New Orleans	B
	16-18, 1988	Covington Qualifying Tournament	Covington	Covington	B
OCTOBER	30-Oct.2, 1988	State Qualifing Singles	Sport City	Shreveport	B
	7-9, 1988	State Qualifying Tournament	Wallbanger - Monterrey	Baton Rouge	B
	*21-23	State Singles Championship	Wallbangers	Baton Rouge	A
NOVEMBER	4-6, 1988	5th Annual Crossgates Tournament	Crossgates	Slidell	B
DECEMBER	2-4, 1988	1988 Holiday Classic	Covington	Covington	B
	9-11, 1988	Racquetball One Tournament	RBO	New Orleans	B

REMEMBER !!

*In order to play STATE SINGLES, you must have played
in at least one sanctioned tournament since October 22, 1987*

**New Members as of
January 1, 1989 thru April 10, 1989**

Ryan Miller	Linda R. Wilkes	Terry Maggio	Roy Laudumiey	Susan Schultz
Danny Williams	Ray Wells	Floyd Pace	Jay Donelon	John MacGregor
Thomas Spiller	Steve Kissee	Frank Richardson	Marvin Brosset	Dan Foster
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Premier Open Singles Feburary 26-28

Premiert Racquet Club

Men's Open

1. Steve Martin
2. Mike Almerico
3. Brain Lowe

Cons. Jeff Kindl

Men's A

1. Scott Bihm
2. Mark Okada
3. Mott Fleming

Cons. Bob Stanton

Men's B

1. C. J. Scarpero
2. Tyrone Boler
3. Jose Fernandes

Cons. Bob Sharshan

Men's C

1. Michael Tasos
2. Rex Beard
3. Stephen Broussard

Cons. Alan Lahr

Men's D

1. Rick Scheppegrill
2. Danny Williams
3. Dean Cordora

Cons. Bill Lawton

Ladies Open

1. Kim Allen
2. Edie Martin
3. Marcia Richards

Cons. Karen Foley

Ladies A/B

1. Laura Perica
2. Patti Schof
3. Karen Aubert

Cons. T. Martin

Ladies C

1. Alison Orden
2. Dorothy Pendergast
3. D. Cumnneham

Cons. Deneen Schallappi

State Doubles Championships

Kenner YMCA - March 18 - 20, 1988

Men's Open

1. Martin/Nelson
2. Koger/Rahn
3. Arnold/Kissee

Cons. Landry/Kindl

Men's A

1. Pritchett/Brown
2. Fleming/Kissee
3. Scarpero/Lucas

Cons. Alvendia/Pecot

Men's B

1. Wilkes/Wilkes
2. Hidalgo/Porche
3. Morris/Laundumiey

Cons. Saluan/Skinn

Men's C

1. Moran/Campbell
2. James/Thompson
3. Broussard/LaGasse

Cons. Guinn/Bosarge

Men's 35 + A

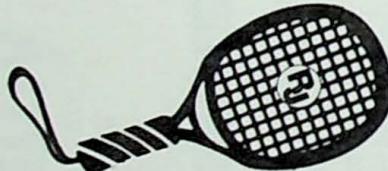
1. Moreau/Pellerin
2. Soule/Gromer
3. Sehers/Kruse

Cons. Shean/Hebert

Men's 35 + BC

1. Danner/Skinner
2. vanLangendonck/Mathews
3. Labit/Ryle

Cons. Wells/Fredine



Ladies Open

1. Richards/Barkate
2. Woods/Barkate
3. Foley/Schultz

Cons. Vemitz/Tucker

Ladies A

1. Easterling/Elsenjohn
2. Bayham/Higgins

Ladies B

1. Sirgo/Zuppardo
2. Powers/McQueen
3. Aubert/Durr

Cons. Reuther/Fisher

Ladies C

1. vanLangendonck/Perry
2. Jackson/Rodriguez
3. Bloom/Harkowruce

Cons. Schott/Haik

Covington Health and Fitness

Bud Lite Invitational

April 29 - May 1, 1988

Men's Open

1. Mike Almerico
2. A. Vogel
3. Forfiet

Cons. Warren Arnett

Men's A

1. John Pellerin
2. Richard Bassett
3. D. Standley

Cons. K. Hood

Men's B

1. Jose Fernandez
2. Albert Schoff
3. D. Reuther

Cons. Kenin Vorisek

Men's C

1. M. David
2. J. Cousins
3. Greg Bensel

Cons. Fred. Jacobs

Men's D

1. M. Karim
2. Ron Grose
3. Jeff Slaton

Cons. H. Cole

Ladies Open

1. Kim Allen
2. Marcia Richards
3. M. Barkate

Cons. Suzanne Corkern

Ladies B

1. Patti Schof
2. M. McQueen
3. S. Powers

Cons. Sandi Morton

Ladies C

1. A. Randall
2. C. Griffin
3. Carol Lazaro

1987/88 FINAL TOP TEN

Men's Doubles Open

Arnold/Kissee	714
Martin/Nelson	624
Almerico/Gonzales	549
Bruno/Vogel	446
Lowe/Rahn	256
Kindl/Landry	208
Faget/Rogers	139
Arnett/Lowe	139
Arnett/Pellerin	134
Faget/Martin	128

Men's Doubles C

Campbell/Moran	245
Broussard/LaGasse	104
Alvendia/Sage	58
Bertucci/Pescay	45
North/Schllicher	40
Henderson/Henderson	40
Russell/Teel	36
Guitreau/Jeansonne	35
Davis/Davis	29
Hidalgo/Peacock	28

Women's Doubles Open

Barkate/Richards	725
Allen/Martin	443
Taylor/Woods	373
Foley/Schultz	267
Ford/Siegel	224
Foley/Metrailler	202
Barkate/Foley	179
Easterling/Elsenjohn	165
Nemitz/Tucker	160
Allen/Richards	157

Women's Doubles A

Easterling/Elsenjohn	218
Bayham/Higgins	174
Jamison/Rodriquez	67
Corkern/Spica	38

Women's Doubles B

McGueen/Powers	87
Aubert/Durr	62
Durr/Schaefer	51
Fischer/Reuther	50
Aubert/Martin	45
Bailey/Sirgo	43
Jalenalk/Pendergast	32
Argrave/Hunt	27
Jackson/Rodriquez	26

Women's Doubles C

Perry/VanLangedonck	64
Jackson/Porche	56
Hail/Schof	32

Wallbanger Court Club Classic

April 8-10, 1988

Men's Open

1. Mike Almerico
2. Lance Nelson
3. Warren Arnett
- Cons. A. Miles

Men's A

1. Jack Gromer
2. J. Bascome
3. M. Whatley
- Cons. S. Riddle

Men's B

1. M. Foley
2. L. Meaux
3. Craig Campbell
- Cons. E. Drunkteinis

Men's C

1. D. Buckholtz
2. Micheal Richard
3. Greg Bensel
- Cons. B. White

Men's D

1. Floyd Pace
2. Jason Lossett
3. Mick Murphy
- Cons. Frank Richardson

Ladies Open

1. Marcia Richards
2. T. Pruitt
3. Debbie Spica
- Cons. F. Spadley

Ladies B

1. Karen Aubert
2. K. Reuther
3. Cynathia vanLangendock
- Cons. Janice Owens

Ladies C

1. Leigh Perry
2. Phyllis Trahan
3. Judy Bascome
- Cons. Alais Starling

Ladies D

1. Deneen Schlaeppi
2. Paulett Park
3. Roberta Gremillion
- Cons. Cheryl Rung

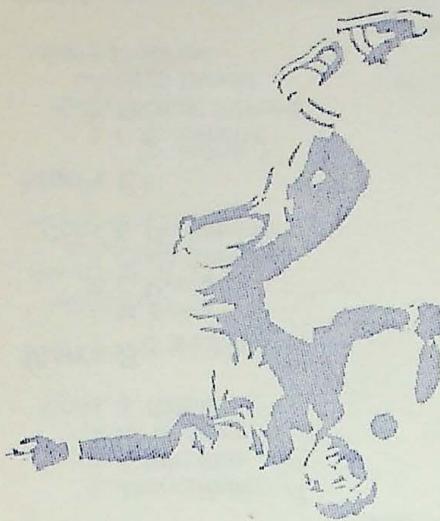
Mixed Doubles Open

1. Nelson/Shean
2. Richards/Arnett
3. Spradley/Munson
- Cons. Spica/Miles

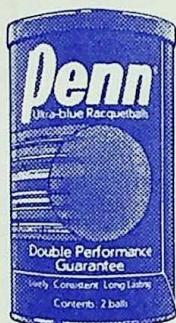
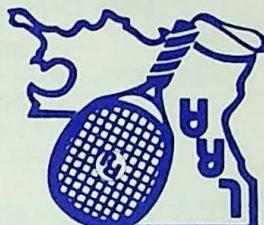
Mixed Doubles A

1. VanLangendonck/VanLangendonck
2. Satawa/Foley
3. Reuther/Jardell
- Cons. Hutson/Henderson

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