



THE LOUISIANA RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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And What Can You Expect in 1988? Some Changes? YES Something New? YES

First you can expect some 24 tournaments, approximately 2 each month with some needed competition in the northern part of our state. Yea!! So plan ahead and choose your tournament schedule to include our northern comrades. There will be more warm-up or qualifying tournaments before each State Championship. These inexpensive tournaments give everyone a chance to get needed playing experience and allows the L.R.A. to obtain valuable playing data for better seeding with no sandbagging. These events are placed one or two weekends before each by state event i.e. State Doubles in March, State Mixed Doubles in July and State Singles in October.

Oh! did you notice something new in the previous sentence. Yes, with the growing popularity of doubles, it was decided to separate the competition and devote a separate weekend to mixed doubles. Placed in the middle of the year, this tournament will give everyone a reason to play some good racquetball in the cool air-conditioned clubs during those dog-day hot summer afternoons. what great motivation to stay in shape during the summer!! So find a partner and start practicing now.

Be looking for more L.R.A. sponsored clinics. If your club doesn't have a pro or if a group needs help, please contact the L.R.A. office and we will set something up. We have great players and good teachers who are ready to share their knowledge and expertise with you. I've already spoken to some folks and interest is growing rapidly from beginners to advanced players. All you club pros, we are glad to help, so call.

There are some rule changes that will be put into effect in January of 1988. These changes have already

been adopted nationally. Don Story, our rules chairman, will be more specific in his article.

And finally, speaking of racquetball on the national level, we have the opportunity to join the ranks of the American Amateur Racquetball Association. (A.A.R.A.) This organization is a tax-deductable non-profit association funded in 1968 to promote and foster our sport. it is the National Governing Body of Racquetball in the U.S. and is recognized by the International Olympics Committee. The question is how can we benefit from joining? I spoke to the director, Luke St. Orange and the state association chairman, John Mooney. These guys were very positive and encouraging about how the A.A.R.A. can help us. They are real big on actively promoting the grass-roots everyday player just like us. I like that a lot. It's important to know what is happening on a national level and it's their job to do just that. Also to provide the L.R.A. with tournament and clinic packages and help from national sponsors. They want us all to join for the first year FREE. You can't beat the price. Please think about it and please give me some feed back. By the way, the yearly fee is \$5.00. It may be worth our while to consider joining. Any questions please call me. We want to move on this before the end of January.

We have a lot of "things" going on and a lot of "stuff" to look forward to for 1988. I already like what's happening. Our association is stronger than ever and will continue to grow. keep enthused and keep playing hard.

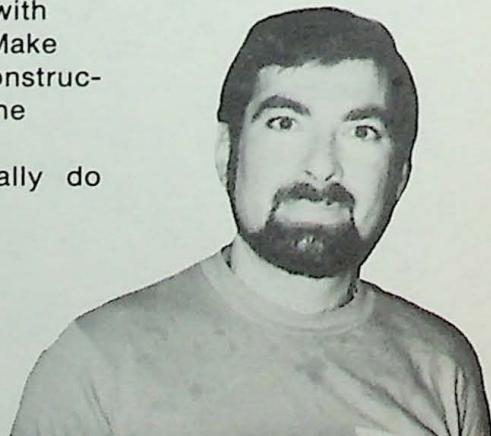
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Paul

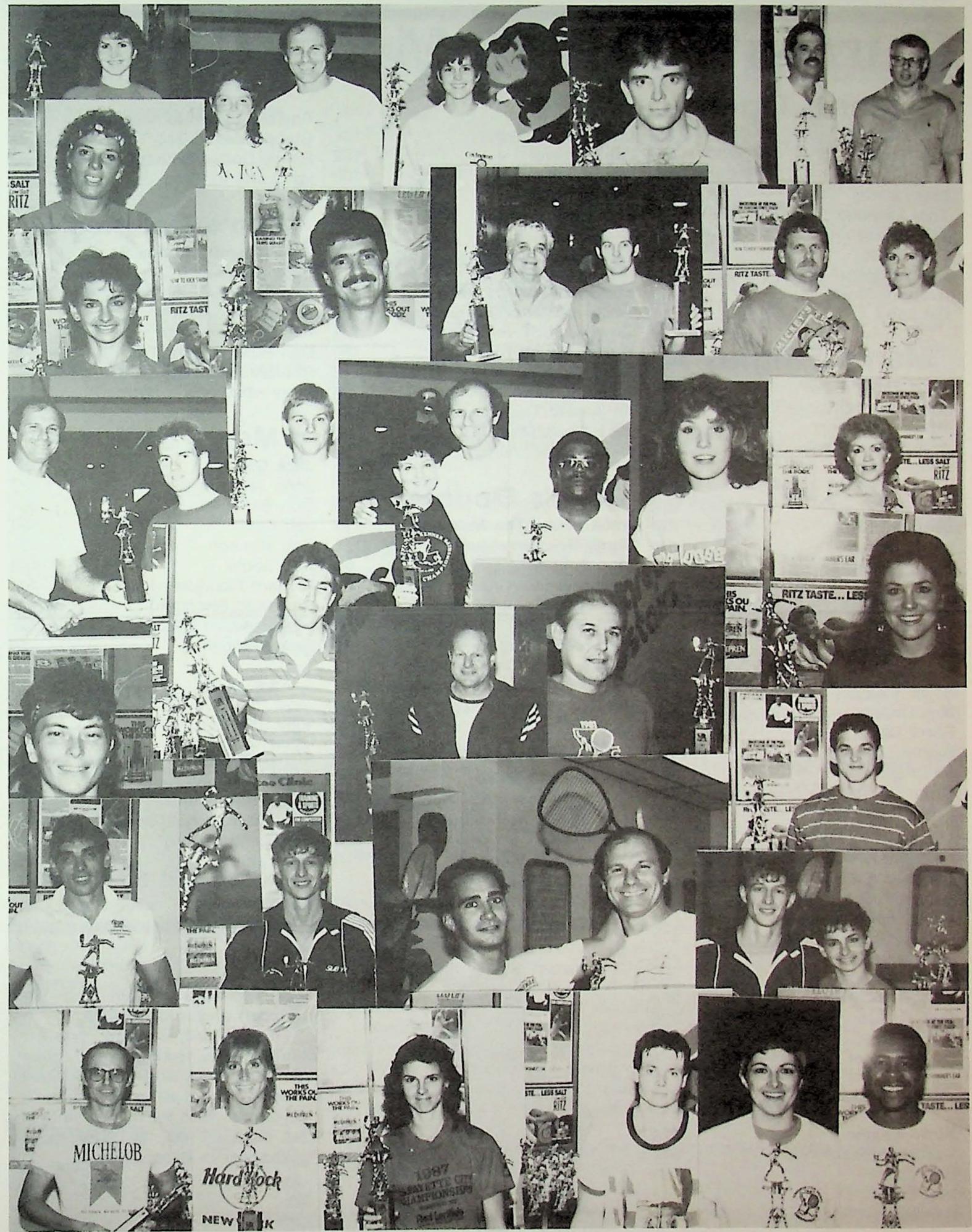
One of the duties charged to the public relations committee is to listen to suggestions and grievances of LRA members and pass them to the Executive Committee for evaluation and response. Many comments have made a positive impact on our tournament procedures and business operations. Unfortunately, not all comments are acted upon. Some suggestions, while advantageous to one or a few members, are not good policy for the whole organization. Others are not within the scope of the Executive Committee, such as prize money in some divisions or scheduling in certain tournaments.

Our executive committee makes every effort to address your suggestions. We are concerned when someone hesitates to speak up because, "You never do anything about our complaints". Talk to your fellow players. If some of you want a change, address it as a group, write a letter, or make a petition. One group of

players in our organization recently reminded us of the necessity of following our rules, and was effective in overturning an executive decision.

We will be an organization as long as there are people who care enough to make things better. Temper your complaints with common sense. Make sure they are constructive and benefit the organization. Get involved. We really do need your input.





Current TOP 10 Men's Division

Men's Open

David Rahn	2,637	Marc Schexnayder	187	Roy Melancon/Jerry Satawa	75
Kiel Koger	2,458	Louis Gravel	182	Claude Mason/Bob Therrell	48
Steve Martin	2,146	Thomas Peterson	180	Randy Dodge/Richard Powell	45
Brain Lowe	1,512	Alex North	170	Ray Labit/Bo Ryle	32
Troy LeBlanc	1,134	Thomas E. Vasta	169		
John Davis	952				
Guy Faget	804				
Steve Rogers	770				
Gregory Stout	734				
Bill Land	726				

Men's Singles A

John Pellerin	1,800	Frank Gomila/Rickey Gonzales	112
Warren Arnett	902	Jack Gromer/Kiel Koger	96
Monty Bordelon	869	Art Arnold/Tim Hannon	80
Jack Gromer	849	John Davis/Michael Fuselier	32
Scott Hazlett	778	Warren Arnett/Brian Daigle	32
Alvin Miles	739		
Don Story	650		
Bob Stanton	647		
Leroy George	542		
Blaze Fremin	514		

Men's Singles B

Eli Lucas	779	John Alvendia/Charles Pecot	72
Bob Munson	763	Don Ellerman/John Pellerin	58
Ken Hood	711	Monty Bordelon/Stephen Burt	56
Brian Young	538	Alvin Miles/Gregory Williams	45
Ken Counts	528	Patrick Sharp/Dan Standley	43
Barry Day	517	Mike Landry/Rex Ransome	34
Richard Bassett	501	Milt Cousins/Bryan Satawa	14
Keith Brown	478		
Chris Guarisco	429		
Charles Pecot	424		

Men's Singles C

Edmund E. Drukteinis	636	Ken Hood/All Miller	215
Albert H. Schof, III	568	Tyrone Boler/Macklin Simmons	144
Mark Espinosa	531	Tracy Krohn/Adil Sequeira	134
Leonard Meaux	475	Eli Lucas/C.J. Scarpero	128
Jay Kirkland	452	Barry Day/Bob Munson	110
Richard Bassett	357	Steven Sanchez/	90
Doug Reuther	334	Stephen A. Tomchek	
Stephen Bourgeois	326		
Mike Powell	283		
David Britsch	256		

Men's Singles D

Steve Haynie	574
Russel Henderson	537
Bob Casse	381
Ivan Duke	282
Ron Hepp	259



Roy Melancon/Jerry Satawa	75
Claude Mason/Bob Therrell	48
Randy Dodge/Richard Powell	45
Ray Labit/Bo Ryle	32

Men's Doubles C

Rico Alvendia/Bobby Sage	58
Craig Campbell/Glen Moran	50
Alex North/James Schlicher	40
Donald Henderson/	
Russell Henderson	40
Dan Russell/Gary Teel	36
Rodney Davis/Scott Davis	29
Tony Abadie/Eric Hyde	7

Men's Senior A

Jack Gromer	1,358
John Pellerin	1,027
Don Ellerman	901
Jeff Kindl	504
Bob Munson	499
Bob Soule	448
Richard Childers	400
Raymond Shepherd	379
Jes Stewart	347
Rick Chiquelin	336

Men's Senior B

Gary Teel	968
Doug Reuther	801
Richard Bard	757
Les Calvin	684
Dallas Robinson	620
Don Gunther	608
Dorsey Broussard	561
Ray Labit	456
Jerry Lindig	453
Ray Peterson	387

Aaron Vogel ... I think I can beat any open player in the LRA.

He's good looking, smooth, confident, jive talking, cocky, brash, from New York and has the power game to back it all up.

Come watch the rising star in the LRA January 29, 30, 31st at the Wallbanger in Baton Rouge.

Current TOP 10 Women's Division

Women's Open

Karen Foley	2,513
Marcia Richards	1,589
Kim Allen	1,197
Michelle Barkate	1,163
Helen Siegel	1,160
Edie Martin	1,010
Gail Woods	842
Debbie Herrmann	749
Celia Tucker	482
Ellen Monteiro	407

Women's Singles A

Suzanne Corkern	589
Beth Ford	515
Debbie Spica	507
Nancy Easterling	456
Kathy Munson	455
Patti Higgins	369
Cindy P. Elsenjohn	332
Debbie Nemitz	314
Tammy Rodriguez	302
Anise Value	171

Women's Singles B

Debbie Bayham	372
Anne Schaefer	350
Patti Schof	335
Nanci Easterling	231
Joan Huesers	206
Angel Bain	181
Michelle Ashley	144
Bernadette Rocco	132
Jackie Castro	118
Betsy Fischer	118

Women's Singles C

Melissa McQueen	239
Adelaide Martin	144
Sherry Simmons	117
Angie LeBlanc	116
Jane Peterson	51
Nicola Selley	51
Donnc Skarono	45
Kim Durr	39
Jackie Rabalais	38
Kay Hayes	34

Women's Singles D

Susan Hunt	322
Margie Hutson	181
Ashley Foulks	158
Betty Stehr	143

Kasey Geske

Jaynell Nuss

Carol Guitreau

Neyda V. Jackson

William Carrone

Jackie Rabalais

138 Joanne Schneider/

Bert Strandberg

67

103 Margie Hutson/

66

98 Russel Henderson

48

53 Melissa McQueen/Brian Young

29

51 Jackie Story/Billy Danner

29

Gerry Murphy/Bob Gilmore

28

Mixed Doubles Open

Michelle Barkate/Kiel Koger

842

Karen Foley/Mike Almerico

656

Tammy Rodriguez/

Neil Woodall

288

Debbie Bayham/Matt Fleming

240

Dennise Foley/Troy LeBlanc

230

Mary Anne Treme/John Davis

179

Terri Pruitt/Steve Rogers

144

Helen Siegel/Adrian Lahare

144

Cindy P. Elsenjohn/

144

Rickey Gonzales

144

Helen Siegel/Troy LeBlanc

144

Mixed Doubles A

Debbie Spica/Alvin Miles

90

Suzanne Corkern/John Pellerin

78

Becky Smith/Roy Melancon

56

Tammy Rodriguez/Keith Brown

45

Mixed Doubles B

Nanci Easterling/

Warren Reuther

125

Sharon M. Lester/

111

Clyde Eschete, Jr

Patricia Gracionette/Barry Day

77

Dorothy Pendergast/Charles Pecot

76

Nicola Selley/Tracy Krohn

76

Women's Doubles Open

Michelle Barkate/

Marcia Richards

298

Kim Allen/Edie Martin

230

Karen Foley/Chris Metrailler

202

Beth Ford/Helen Siegel

134

Suzanne Corkern/

Faye Spradley

115

Kim Allen/Jackie Castro

96

Ellen Monteiro/Anise Value

86

Bonnie Bee/Debbie Herrmann

77

Terri Pruitt/Tiny Richard

29

Tammy Rodriguez/Debbie Spica

29

Women's Doubles A

Nanci Easterling/

Cindy P. Elsenjohn

77

Beth Jamison/Tammy Rodriguez

67

Debbie Bayham/Patti Higgins

48

Suzanne Corkern/Debbie Spica

38

Karen Bush/Libby Hardaway

37

Karla Argrave/Susan Hunt

27

Women's Doubles B

Janine Bailey/Mary Sirgo

43

Michelle Carrone/Linda Swanner

37

Karla Argrave/Susan Hunt

27

1988 will be a great year for the LRA players and clubs.

We are asking tournament directors to lower entry fees and make shirts and food as options you may purchase.

This will enable players to just play racquetball for a minimal fee or purchase a tournament souvenir along with food.

The LRA will again give the coveted blue satin jacket to all first place winners in all three state championships.

Membership renewals will continue to be sent by mail thereby speeding check in at tournaments.

The executive staff is working very hard behind the scenes to make your tournament play more enjoyable.

The LRA is successful because we anticipate, recognize and learn to deal with change.

The above reasons are why the LRA continues to grow while other organizations decline.

Finance
John Pellerin



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1988 CALENDAR

January - December

* State Championships

Type A - Draw done by LRA Tournament Committee

Type B - Draw done by the host club

MONTH	DATE	NAME	CLUB	CITY	TYPE
JANUARY	15-17, 1988	9th Annual Rivercenter Open <i>Conv 34</i>	Rivercenter	New Orleans	B
	29-31, 1988	LRA 1st Annual Scholarship Benefit <i>DNP</i>			
FEBRUARY	19-21, 1988	6th Annual Valentine Shootout (Doubles Only) ✓	RBO	New Orleans	B
	26, 27, 28	1st Annual Premier Open <i>Conv 29</i>			
MARCH	5-7, 1988	State Doubles Warm Up ✓✓	RBO	New Orleans	B
	*18-20, 1988	State Doubles Championship ✓✓			
APRIL	8-10, 1988	12 Annual WBCC Classic <i>DNP</i> ✓	Wallbanger - Old Hammond	Baton Rouge	B
	15-17	<u>Rivercenter Tournament</u>			
	29, 30, 1, 1988	Covington Racquet & Fitness Bud Lite Invitational <i>DNP</i> ✓			
JUNE	3-5, 1988	Baton Rouge Sports Festival ✓✓	Wallbanger - Perkins	Baton Rouge	B
	10-12, 1988	Rivercenter Health & RC Summer Bash <i>MB</i>			
JULY	8-10, 1988	Mixed Doubles Warm-Up	Wallbanger	Baton Rouge	B
	8-10, 1988	Mixed Doubles Warm-Up			
	*22-24, 1988	Mixed Doubles Championship	Premier	New Orleans	B
	18-22, 1988	Juniors' Camps at Wallbanger			
	25-29	Juniors' Camps at Wallbanger	Kenner YMCA	New Orleans	A
AUGUST	26-28, 1988	Rivercenter Fall Doubles	Wallbanger	Baton Rouge	B
SEPTEMBER	9-11, 1988	RBO Invitational	Wallbanger	Baton Rouge	B
	16-18, 1988	Covington Qualifying Tournament	Premier	New Orleans	B
OCTOBER	7-9, 1988	State Qualifying Tournament	Kenner YMCA	New Orleans	A
	*21-23	State Singles Championship	Wallbanger	Baton Rouge	B
NOVEMBER	4-6, 1988	5th Annual Crossgates Tournament	Wallbanger - Monterrey	Baton Rouge	B
DECEMBER	2-4, 1988	1988 Holiday Classic	Wallbangers	Baton Rouge	A
	9-11, 1988	Racquetball One Tournament	Crossgates	Slidell	B
			Covington	Covington	B
			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*

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Rivercenter Doubles Tournament

August 28, 29, 30

Men's Open

1. Arnett-Koger
2. Gonzales-Gomilla
3. Arnold-Hannan

Men's A

1. Bruno-Mazetti
2. Bordelon-Jardell
3. Alvendia-Pecot

Men's B

1. Boler-Simmons
2. Lucas-Scarpero
3. Miller-Hood

Men's C-D

1. Alvendia-Sage
2. Campbell-Moran
3. Russell-Teel

Ladies' Open

1. Richards-Barkate
2. Siegel-Ford
3. Allen-Castro

Ladies' A

1. Easterling-Elsensohn
2. Rodriguez-Jameson
3. Higgins-Bayhan

Ladies' B, C, D

1. Sirgo-Bailey
2. Swanner-Carrone
3. Argrave-Hunt

Racquetball One Invitational

September 19, 20, 21

Men's Open

1. Guy Faget
2. Alan Carignan
3. Jim Anderson

Men's A

1. Warren Arnett
2. John Pellerin
3. Sam Zurick

Cons. Bob Stanton

Men's B

1. John Peck, Sr.
2. Ken Counts
3. Tyrone Boler

Cons. Wayne Skinner

Men's C

1. Albert Schof
2. Thomas Westfelt
- 3.

Cons. Bobby Sage

Men's D

1. Tom Peterson
2. Jon Ritter
3. Larry Bergeron

Cons. Al Whiteman

Ladies' Open

1. Marica Richards
2. Kim Allen
3. Helen Siegel

Ladies' A

1. Beth Ford
2. Cindy Elsensohn
3. Nancy Easterling

Ladies' B

1. Patti Schof
2. Jackie Castro
3. Suzie Powers

Cons. Kim Durr

Ladies' D

1. Neyda Jackson
2. Susan Hunt
3. Jaynell Nuss

Cons. Lisa Lambert

Covington Racquet & Health/Qualifying Tournament

The weekend of Sept. 25-27 saw 50 players turn out to either qualify or better their seeding position for the 1987 State Singles. Considering LSU was playing Ohio State in Baton Rouge, it was a good turnout.

For the player who has never been to Covington, it is a great place to visit and play. Hosted by Edgar Schaeffer and Brian Lowe, the club features not only racquetball, but tennis, weights and swimming. A spacious bar and dining area help to make this a complete facility. Put all the above, along with a friendly staff and membership, CR&H makes for an enjoyable time.

The overall play during the weekend was excellant. There were some exciting matches played and to be viewed. Highlighting the competition was the entrance of Gail Woods in Men's Open. A national champion in women's play, Gail showed an appreciative audience that a complete game combines not only skill but smarts. In the semi's, she pushed Brian Lowe in 2 close games before he used a backhand splat to hold her off.

The finals in Men's Open pitted Brian against Alan Carignan. The match showcased shooting with dazzling retrieving. Brian was again able to used the splat effectively to win.

State Singles Championships - Wallbanger Court Clubs

October 23, 24, 25

Men's Open

1. D. Rahn
2. S. Martin
3. J. David

Cons. S. Rogers

Men's A

1. J. Pellerin
2. R. Burris
3. W. Arnett

Cons. M. Bordelon

Men's B

1. E. Lucas
2. K. Hood
3. K. Kachtik

Cons. B. Sharshan

Men's C

1. E. Drukein
2. S. Powell
3. D. Britsch

Cons. M. Buchanan

Men's D

1. S. Haynie
2. I. Duke
3. R. Casse

Cons. R. Henderson

Ladies' Open

1. G. Woods
2. K. Foley
3. E. Martin

Cons. M. Richard

Ladies' A

1. B. Ford
2. D. Nemitz
3. Nancy Easterling

Cons. C. Munson

Ladies' B

1. A. Bain
2. D. Biyham
3. A. Schaffer

Cons. J. Huesers

Ladies' C

1. S. Simmons
2. M. McQueen
3. Jackie Castro

Cons. K. Durr

Ladies' D

1. S. Hunt
2. A. Foulks
3. JK. Geske

Cons. M. Hutson

Men's 35 - A

1. J. Kindl
2. B. Soule
3. R. Chiquelin

Cons. P. Brund

Men's 35 - B

1. L. Calvin
2. D. Gunther
3. R. Labit

Cons. R. Brown

Men's 35 - C

1. R. Vanlangendonk
2. M. Rebenack
3. R. Peterson

Cons. C. Smith

Last Chance - Wallbanger Court Club

October 9, 10, 11

Men's Open

1. S. Martin
2. S. Ledford
3. D. Rahn

Cons. T. LeBlanc

Men's A

1. J. Pellerin
2. W. George
3. J. Gromer

Cons. R. Vanlangendonk

Men's B

1. K. Hood
2. D. Luecke
3. K. Kachtik

Cons. G. White

Men's C

1. S. Powell
2. M. Schexnaider
3. R. Vanlangendonk

Cons. D. Britch

Men's D

1. R. Casse
2. J. Williams
3. B. Matthews

Ladies' Open - A

1. C. Tucker
2. D. Hermann
3. M. McCrory

Cons. N. Easterling

Ladies' B - C

1. A. Bain
2. C. Vanlangendock
3. S. Simmons

Cons. K. Durr

Ladies' D

1. S. Hunt
2. K. Geske
3. A. Foulks

Cons. S. Watts

Covington Qualifying September 25, 26, 27

Men's Open

1. Brian Lowe
2. Al Carignan
3. Neil Woodall

Cons. Warren Arnett

Men's A

1. Warren Arnett
2. Leroy George
3. Bob Stanton

Cons. Harold Battalora

Men's B

1. Tom Wertman
2. Keith Brown
3. Ray Lizana

Cons. Mercer Faulkner

Men's D

1. Russell Dominique
2. Robert Wesch
3. Brayton Matthews

Cons. William McQueen

Ladies' A

1. Suzanne Corken
2. Debbie Spica
3. Nancy Easterling

Ladies' C

1. Angela LeBlanc
2. Adelaide Martin
3. Ashley Foulks

4th Annual Crossgates Tournament November 6, 7, 8

Men's Open

1. Bayni
2. Gomilla
3. Carrigan

Cons. Lowe

Men's A

1. Peck
2. Schafer
3. Story

Cons. Williams

Men's B

1. Bassett
2. Scarpero
3. Brown

Cons. Reuther

Men's D

1. Henderson
2. Campbell
3. Cousins

Cons. Peterson

Ladies' Open

1. Siegle
2. Richards
3. Barkate

Cons. Ford

Mixed Doubles

1. Broadwell/Richards
2. Bayhi/Ford
3. Kee/Barkate

Cons. Miles/Spica

R.B.O. Holiday Classic December 11-13

Men's Open

1. Guy Faget
2. Jeff Kindl
3. Greg Kissee

Cons. Warren Arnett

Men's A

1. Mark Okada
2. Charles Pecot
3. Earl Malus

Cons. John Munoz

Men's B

1. C.J. Scarpero
2. Ken Counts
3. Wayne Skinner

Cons. Ray Labit

Men's D

1. Greg Bazin
2. Jeff Eumont
3. Rick Scheppegrill

Ladies' Open

1. Kim Allen
2. Helen Siegel
3. Beth Ford

Cons. Nancy Easterling

Ladies' A

1. Karen Taylor
2. Debbie Bayham
3. Patti Higgins

Cons. Anne Schaefer

Covington Christmas Classic December 14-16

Men's Open

1. Mike Almerico
2. Aaron Vogel
3. Art Arnold

Cons. Brian Lowe

Men's A

1. Larry Tidwell
2. Mott Fleming
3. Milt Cousins

Cons. Charles Pecot

Men's B

1. Richard Bassett
2. Doug Reuther
3. John Vinturella

Cons. Pat Eirmann

Mixed Doubles

1. Foley-Bruno
2. Corken-Pellerin
3. Barkate-Arnett

Cons. Hunt-Edwards

Ladies' Open/A

1. Karen Foley
2. Michelle Barkate
3. Debbie Spica

Cons. Nancy Easterling

Ladies' C

1. Mimi Jalaner
2. Betty Stehr
3. Sue Hunt

Special Thanks To All The Players . . . Special Thanks To All The Sponsors . . .

Without a doubt, this year's 1987 L.R.A. State Singles Championship was clearly the most successful ever.

Why?

... Because we had more members playing and participating than the last two years

... Because your work, as members of this association made the job of running this competition easy and fun.

... Because the success and enthusiasm created by this event has laid a great foundation for 1988

Friday evening ran smooth as silk, everyone checked in without a hitch due largely from the fact that 75% of all who played, entered early - good job, I'm proud of you. All matches were on time, if not early and some great racquetball was played at both location as the winners won and the losers lost, everyone soon found where they would play next. Some of us remained at the Old

Jefferson Wallbanger all day Saturday and had a blast while some of the best matches in State history were being played at the Perkins Wallbanger. The gathering at Miami's was very entertaining. Naturally our very own L.R.A. swingers made their presence known with some moves only Dolly Pardon could live up to, unbelievable!! With Sunday came the finals in all divisions and again some exciting matches. Even the consolation finals were eagerly attended and very much enjoyed if not be the spectators, for sure by the participants. The awards presentation and faiel before the finals gave us an opportunity applaud those who very much deserved public recognition. By the time the final match was over, the hard work and planning left nothing but to celebrate the best State Singles Championship ever and we did.

Good luck and Good shooting

Paul

Crossgates Racquet Club/4th Annual

Crossgates is located in a peaceful, scenic neighborhood of Slidell. It is primarily a tennis club, but also combines racquetball, weight and swimming facilities. Upstairs features a bar and a great restaurant. The daily specials are highly recommended.

The club is run by the Cramer family, Judy, Joe and Darren. The tournament is handled by Richard Broadwell and Mike Kee. All of these people enjoy this yearly event and work hard to make sure the players enjoy the weekend.

The tournament had about 50 players turn out to compete. Singles as well as mixed doubles were offered. Highlights of the weekend had Jim Bayhi, using skillful control with power, winning over Frank Gomila in Men's Open. The Women's Open saw Helen Siegel turn back Marcia Richards in a tough match.

As in years past, Crossgates has a fun, highly competitive mixed doubles bracket. There is one division for all teams, but combines a good sense of sportsmanship and fun for all the participants. The finals, as well as the semis, showcased teams in which play was evenly shared. The women definitely were a factor in a team's success. Marcia Richards and Richard Broadwell needed a tiebreaker to turn back Beth Ford and Jim Bayhi.

There are three major rule changes to go into effect, in Louisiana, on January 1, 1988. The first of these is **Eyewear Required**. Eyewear designed for racquet sports is required apparel for all tournament players. The protective eyewear must be worn as designed and may not be altered. Players who require corrective eyewear also must wear eyewear designed for racquet sports.

Failure to wear protective eyewear will result in a technical and the player will be charged with a time out to secure eyewear. The second infraction in the same match will result in a forfeit.

The second major rule change is a **Screen serve is a fault serve**. Any serve which, in the opinion of the referee, is a screen serve also is a fault serve.

The last of these major rule changes is the **Drive service zones**. The drive serve lines will be three feet from each side wall in the service box, dividing the service area into two 17-foot service zones for drive serves only.

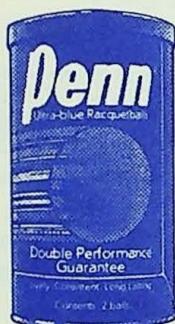
The player may drive serve to the same side of the court on which he is standing so long as the start and finish of the service motion takes place outside the three-foot line. a) the drive serve zones are not observed for cross-court drive serves, the hard-Z, soft-Z, lob or half lob serves. b) the racquet may not break the plane of the 17-foot zone while making contact with the ball. c) the three-foot line is not part of the 17-foot zone. Dropping the ball on the line or standing on the line while serving to the same side is an infraction.

These rule changes are straight forward and thus should not create much confusion on misunderstanding.

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