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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

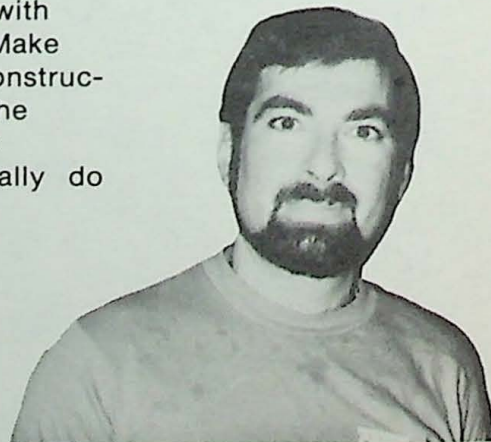
Paul

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
Kiel Koger	2,458	Louis Gravel	182
Steve Martin	2,146	Thomas Peterson	180
Brain Lowe	1,512	Alex North	170
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 Doubles Open

Brian Lowe/David Rahn	256
Travis LeBlanc/Troy LeBlanc	160
Guy Faget/Steve Martin	128
Warren Arnett/Kiel Koger	128
Frank Gomila/Rickey Gonzales	112
Jack Gromer/Kiel Koger	96
Art Arnold/Tim Hannon	80
John Davis/Michael Fuselier	32
Warren Arnett/Brian Daigle	32

Men's Singles A

John Pellerin	1,800
Warren Arnett	902
Monty Bordelon	869
Jack Gromer	849
Scott Hazlett	778
Alvin Miles	739
Don Story	650
Bob Stanton	647
Leroy George	542
Blaze Fremin	514

Men's Doubles A

Frank Bruno/Tim Mazzetti	115
Monty Bordelon/Mark Jardell	101
John Pellerin/Jes Stewart	90
John Alvendia/Charles Pecot	72
Don Ellerman/John Pellerin	58
Monty Bordelon/Stephen Burt	56
Alvin Miles/Gregory Williams	45
Patrick Sharp/Dan Standley	43
Mike Landry/Rex Ransome	34
Milt Cousins/Bryan Satawa	14

Men's Singles B

Eli Lucas	779
Bob Munson	763
Ken Hood	711
Brian Young	538
Ken Counts	528
Barry Day	517
Richard Bassett	501
Keith Brown	478
Chris Guarisco	429
Charles Pecot	424

Men's Doubles B

Ken Hood/All Miller	215
Tyrone Boler/Macklin Simmons	144
Tracy Krohn/Adil Sequeira	134
Eli Lucas/C.J. Scarpero	128
Barry Day/Bob Munson	110
Steven Sanchez/	
Stephen A. Tomchek	90

Men's Singles C

Edmund E. Drukteinis	636
Albert H. Schof, III	568
Mark Espinosa	531
Leonard Meaux	475
Jay Kirkland	452
Richard Bassett	357
Doug Reuther	334
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 Rodriquez	302
Anise Valure	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	138
Jaynell Nuss	124
Carol Guitreau	103
Neyda V. Jackson	98
William Carrone	53
Jackie Rabalais	51

Mixed Doubles Open

Michelle Barkate/Kiel Koger	842
Karen Foley/Mike Almerico	656
Tammy Rodriquez/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/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 Rodriquez/Keith Brown	45

Mixed Doubles B

Nanci Easterling/Warren Reuther	125
Sharon M. Lester/Clyde Eschete, Jr	111
Patricia Gracionette/Barry Day	77
Dorothy Pendergast/Charles Pecot	76
Nicola Selley/Tracy Krohn	76

Joanne Schneider/Bert Strandberg	67
Margie Hutson/Russel Henderson	66
Melissa McQueen/Brian Young	48
Jackie Story/Billy Danner	29
Gerry Murphy/Bob Gilmore	28

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 Valure	86
Bonnie Bee/Debbie Herrmann	77
Terri Pruitt/Tiny Richard	29
Tammy Rodriquez/Debbie Spica	29

Women's Doubles A

Nanci Easterling/Cindy P. Elsenjohn	77
Beth Jamison/Tammy Rodriquez	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>Come 34</i>	Rivercenter	New Orleans	B
	29-31, 1988	LRA 1st Annual Scholarship Benefit <i>DNP</i>	Wallbanger - Old Jefferson	Baton Rouge	A
FEBRUARY	19-21, 1988	6th Annual Valentine Shootout (Doubles Only) ✓	RBO	New Orleans	B
	26, 27, 28	1st Annual Premier Open <i>Come 29</i>	Premier	New Orleans	B
MARCH	5-7, 1988	State Doubles Warm Up ✓	RBO	New Orleans	B
	*18-20, 1988	State Doubles Championship ✓	Kenner YMCA	New Orleans	A
APRIL	8-10, 1988	12 Annual WBCC Classic <i>DNP</i> ✓	Wallbanger - Old Hammond	Baton Rouge	B
	15-17	Rivercenter Tournament	Rivercenter	New Orleans	B
	29, 30, 1, 1988	Covington Racquet & Fitness Bud Lite Invitational <i>DNP</i> ✓	Covington	Covington	B
JUNE	3-5, 1988	Baton Rouge Sports Festival ✓	Wallbanger - Perkins	Baton Rouge	B
	10-12, 1988	Rivercenter Health & RC Summer Bash <i>MB</i> ✓	Rivercenter	New Orleans	B
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	26-28, 1988	Rivercenter Fall Doubles	Rivercenter	New Orleans	B
SEPTEMBER	9-11, 1988	RBO Invitational	RBO	New Orleans	B
	16-18, 1988	Covington Qualifying Tournament	Covington	Covington	B
OCTOBER	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*

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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
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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
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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 excellent. 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 use 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. Drukteinis
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. McQueenJackie Castro
3. A. LeBlanc

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 C

1. Leonard Meaux
 2. Bob Sage
 3. Chris O'Regan
- Cons. Lee Voriser

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 C

1. Foy
 2. Teabout
 3. Broussard
- Cons. Peck

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 C

1. Stephen Broussard
 2. Dave Smith
 3. Tom Westfelt
- Cons. Johnathon Ritter

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

Men's C/D

1. Paul Preston
 2. Joe Cousins
 3. Tom Peterson
- Cons. Ricky Hidalgo

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 Jalaran
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 by the spectators, for sure by the participants. The awards presentation and fall-out before the finals gave us an opportunity to 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.

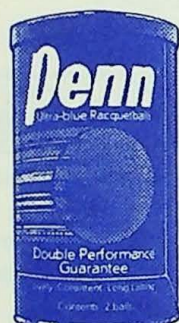
The player may drive serve to the same side of the court on which he is standing so long as the start and finish of the service motion takes place outside the three-foot line. a) the drive serve zones are not observed for cross-court drive serves, the hard-Z, soft-Z, lob or half lob serves. b) the racquet 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 or misunderstanding.

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