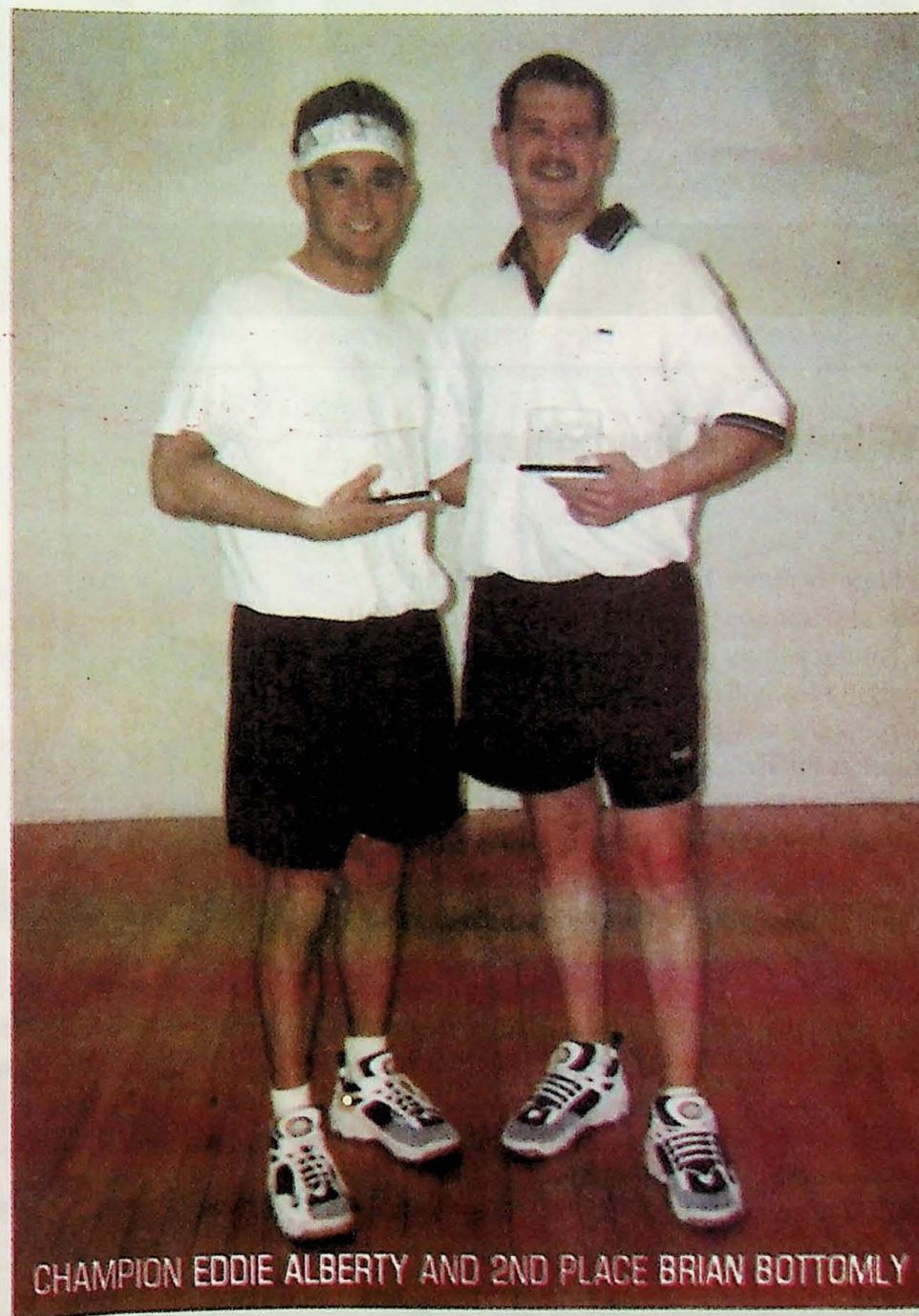


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1998 N.C. MENS OPEN FINALISTS



CHAMPION EDDIE ALBERTY AND 2ND PLACE BRIAN BOTTOMLY

THE 1998 N.C. STATE RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

April

Well, we all read the hype about all of the good food and competition that was to be at the states and it was all TRUE! There was nothing but praises throughout the weekend from the players about the food and how well the tournament was being run. The NCRA thanks all of those that participated and hope to see all of you next year.

Mens Open

1st - Eddie Alberty
2nd - Brian Bottomly

Mens A

1st - Chris Amidon
2nd - Peter Popovich

Mens B

1st - Todd Cook
2nd - Rob Bassinger

Mens C

1st - Lorne Burry
2nd - Doug Hale

Mens D

1st - Frank Gentile
2nd - Mike ourgeois

Womens Open

1st - Holly Remen
2nd - Victoria Carpenter

Womens A

1st - Kristi Hale
2nd - Stephanie Walker

Womens B

1st - Amanda Christianson
2nd - Connie Honeycutt

Womens C

1st - Graceanne Kane
2nd - Jennifer Cook

Womens Novice

1st - Sharon Wilkes
2nd - Michelle Burdizk

Mens 30+ O/A

1st - Wayne Sweat
2nd - Derrick Dirks

Mens 30+ B/C

1st - Steve Show
2nd - Rob Collin

Mens 40+ O/A

1st - Charlie Hauser
2nd - Curt Geller

Mens 40+ B/C

1st - David Dumas
2nd - Preston Gaster

Mens 45+ O/A

1st - Peter Popovich
2nd - Greg Kvaska

Mens 45+ B/C

1st - Lorne Burry
2nd - Louis Molina

Mens 50+

1st - Marvin Cooper
2nd - Lee Branche

Womens 25+ B/C

1st - Graceanne Kane
2nd - Lisa Dumas

Womens 30+ O/A

1st - Holly Remen
2nd - Terri Horne

NOTES AND QUOTES FROM THE PREZ:

The NCRA board met June 6th for over four hours. What a tremendous meeting!! The group is determined to make our state a leader in all facets of racquetball. The most momentous task accomplished was to change the rating/ranking system currently used. The initial change is that the state now bases player's rankings on wins rather than on how well a player plays against another. There is a weighted system based on numbers of players at the tournament and a graduated bonus system based on the rounds you complete.

This transition will require a little time and a lot of work by the board, and a tremendous amount of patience by our players. The board is determined to make a system that rewards players instead of punishing them. Bruce Bryant has retrieved all the tournament results back to the first tournament to implement the new system. Bruce Bryant and Wayne Sweatt will be spearheading the new system.

Further information and a detailed explanation will appear in the next newsletter.

The board also worked on a sanctioning kit to be sent to all clubs. This will serve many purposes, the most important being to set a minimum standard all players may expect at tournaments in North Carolina.

Attention all writers or writer want-to-be's. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please feel free to fax or mail your articles and ideas.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Sept. 18-20, 1998

Oct. 9-11, 1998

Nov. 20-22, 1998

Dec. 4-6, 1998

9th Annual Outback Blast-it!

Doubles Only Hurricane Tourn.

Turkey Shoot

ARC Tournament

The Sports Center

Courts Plus

The Sports Club

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Wilmington Tournament April

I hope everyone had a great time down in Wilmington for the Atlantic Coast Racquetball Championships. I was unable to attend but judging from these results, I would say that we have some new players on the rise. Check out these results!

Mens OPEN

1st - Eddie Alberty
2nd - David Day

Mens A

1st - Mitch Williams
2nd - Sherwood Wilson

Mens B

1st - Andreas Winston
2nd - Lorne Burry

Mens C

1st - Frank Gentile
2nd - Chad Walters

Mens 45+

1st - Ron Holloran
2nd - Adrian Snyder

Womens Open

1st - Holly Remen
2nd - Teri Horne

Womens A

1st - Pam Avery
2nd - Christine Norris

Womens B

1st - Pam Avery
2nd - Kerri Helsel

Lorne Burry 1998 National
Mens C Champion.



Kristi Hale 1998 National
Womens 24 Under, 2nd



Cherie Hale 1998
Womens D, 2nd, and
Womens 25+C/D, 3rd



Doug Hale 1998 National
Mens 25+C, 2nd

North Carolina at the Nationals

Notes from the rules committee:

Here are a couple of questions and answers that we commonly hear:

1) How do I get Level 1 State certified?

- Attend a referee clinic.
- Score 85 or higher on a 50 multiple choice questionnaire.
- Referee 10 matches at a USRA sanctioned tournament of which two of the matches must be an open finals.
- Successfully complete an assessment of an open finals match by Wayne Sweatt, Debbie Bryant, Jan Stelma or Bruce Bryant.

2) How do I get recertified?

- If you retest before 3 years are up, all you need to do is take the test scoring 85 or higher and pay \$10.

Any questions, please call Debbie Bryant at 910-327-4441.

And here are a few sample questions to

Mens Novice
1st - Josh McDonald
2nd - Nick Dorsey

Womens C
1st - TJ Winchip
2nd - Jane McFadyen

Mens 35+
1st - Charlie Hauser
2nd - Tim Wayt

Womens 35+
1st - Cheryl Gentile
2nd - Connie Honeycutt

Morehead City Tournament May

Ahhh. The sun, the beach, the seafood and plenty or racquetball for all who went to the Crystal Coast Classic down in Morehead City. The draw was down but I hear the competition was still tough and Eddie Alberty continues to defend his title as State Champ at every tournament he attends it seems. Here are the results:

Mens Open
1st - Eddie Alberty
2nd - David Smith

Mens 35+
1st - Tom Vincent
2nd - Lance Fife

Mens A
1st - Tom Vincent
2nd - Lance Fife

Womens A
1st - Amanda Christianson
2nd - Esperanza Oates

Mens B
1st - Andreas Winston
2nd - Kevin Webb

Womens B
1st - Jan Willis
2nd - Graceanne Kane

Mens C+
1st - Jeff McBane
2nd - Richard Kiely

Womens C
1st - Brandy Dutcher
2nd - B. Lilly

Mens C-
1st - Dale Williams
2nd - Richard Kiely

Womens Novice
1st - Sharon Wilkes
2nd - L. O'Neil

Mens Novice
1st - Warren Curran
2nd - Jackson Wong

Juniors 14 and under
1st - Chris Trockanowski
2nd - Jackson Wong

this year by coming away with more than 8 medals that I know of for sure and probably more.

The following players attended the Nationals down in Houston, Texas this year and performed quite well.

Earl Acuff
Mary-Low Acuff
Rosemary Anderson
Lorne Burry
Cherie Hale
Doug Hale
Kristi Hale
Connie Honeycutt
Ed Remen
Holly Remen

I hope to have the actual medal counts and the respective winners posted on the internet as soon as I can. If I have left anyone off, please contact me at dhale@new-bern.com so that I can get your name and results on the net with everyone else.

Doug

NCRA on the Internet

For those of you who are not a part of the 1,200 hits the NCRA web site has received since April, here is a news flash for you...North Carolina Racquetball is on the Internet at:

<http://www.new-bern.com/racquetball>

Kristi Hale started this site from scratch about 6-8 months ago. Back then the site contained just a few pages and links to the USRA and a couple other racquetball related sites. Today the site contains more than 20+ pages of information about North Carolina tournament events and the players that attend them. It also has a chat room area, a guest book that several players use to communicate across the state and a few other surprises to come.

While Kristi does a great job at keeping a very enjoyable and informative site, I am sure she would enthusiastically include any articles, photos, related news clippings, etc on the site if you only provide them to her. So unless you want to see my ugly picture up there week in and week out..... you see where I am going with this? NCRA, Internet, Go there!

1) A player who makes a diligent effort to get out of the way cannot be called for an avoidable hinder.

a) True b) False

The answer is B. In making an effort to get out of the way, a player could make a wrong move and in doing so, actually cause a hinder. This would have to be ruled as an avoidable hinder even though it may not have been intentional. See Rule 3.15

2) An injury timeout should be allowed for which of the following?

a) Being hit by a racquet
b) A very sore arm
c) A pulled muscle while running for the ball
d) All of the above

The answer is A. The injury must have occurred as a result of contact with the wall, floor, racquet or ball during that match. See Rule 3.16(b)

3) A fault serve (foot fault) occurs in doubles if the server's partner crosses the short line before the served ball does.

a) True b) False

The answer is B. If either the server or his partner cross the short line before the ball does, then it's an out serve (receiving line violation) and not just a foot fault. See Rule 3.10(k)

4) If player A stamps her feet just as player B is about to hit the ball, the referee should:

a) Make no call
b) Call an avoidable hinder on player A
c) Call a technical foul on player A for unsportsmanlike conduct

The answer is B. This is an intentional distraction and is considered to be an avoidable hinder. See Rule 3.15(f)

5) A match may be forfeited by the referee when:

a) Any player fails to report to play 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time.
b) Any player fails to report to play 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time.
c) Any player fails to report to play 20 minutes after the scheduled starting time.

The answer is A. See Rule B.5(d)

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Anyone interested in serving on this volunteer Board can submit a petition with 25 valid USRA dues paying member signatures OR ask a Board member to recommend your name to the election committee.