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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG, THE GRASS IS RIZ, I WONDER WHERE MY PARTNER IS?

It has been a real winter. Mother Nature gave us a break for the past few years but decided this year that the honeymoon was over. However, the storms and cold did not stop us from pursuing and playing the sport we all love so much. Everyone's commitment to the game and its growth is greatly appreciated.

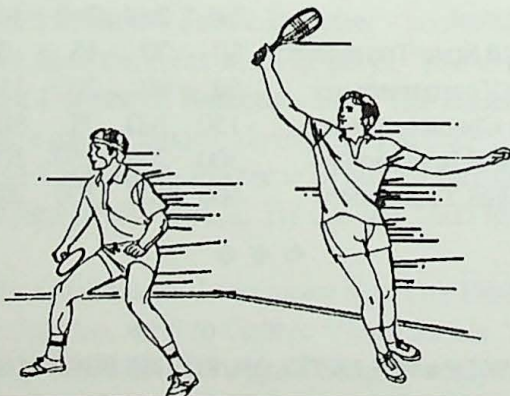
For those of you who will hang up your racquet for awhile, we look forward to seeing you in the fall again. For the real die-hards who will play throughout the summer, here's hoping that your extra effort will bring extra wins next season.

We hope everyone has a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.



## A FRIEND PASSES AWAY

Racquetball has lost one of its strongest supporters and advocates in Ira Casten. Ira passed away in late winter in an automobile accident. His love and enthusiasm for the sport was well known. We extend our sympathy to his family and mourn our loss.



## SPRING OPEN LAKES REGION RACQUET & HEALTH CLUB LACONIA, NH MARCH 5-7, 1993

**MEN'S OPEN**  
Fred Calabrese  
Josh Messina  
Doug Douglas  
Jamie Boucher

**MEN'S A**  
Bob Stickney  
Dave Whitney  
Rich Saffo, Jr.  
Tadd Parsons

**MEN'S B**  
Carl Savage  
Steve Jones  
Joe Boucher  
Bruce Rawlings

**MEN'S C**  
Scott Merrill  
Bob Gitcher  
Rich Saffo, Sr.  
Bill Letendre

**MEN'S D**  
H.E. Towle  
Clayton Dunn  
J.P. Romanowicz  
Ron Audet

**MEN'S 35+ (RR)**  
Steve DiPalma  
Dave Tarbox  
David Trudeau

**WOMEN'S OPEN (RR)**  
Janell Marriott  
Sylvia Luscher  
Anne Annis

**WOMEN'S C (RR)**  
Debbie Pike  
Lori Rich  
Ingrid Downs

**MEN'S OPEN DBLS.**  
Calabrese/Vames  
Messina/Boisvert

**MIXED OPEN DBLS.**  
Marriott/Jolly  
Annis/Saffo, Jr.

**MEN'S B/C DBLS.**  
Dionne/Normand  
Towle/Savage

**MIXED B/C DBLS.**  
Perrault/Normand  
Dionne/Pledger

Lakes Region Racquet and Health Club open the spring season with their annual tournament. Jamie Boucher and Dave Whitney, along with the club staff and management did a superb job of putting this unique event together. The hospitality was plentiful and everyone had an enjoyable time. Don't miss this event next year!



## REGIONALS AND NATIONALS

Full reports of who went and who did what were not available at press time, but we do congratulate everyone who participated in the Regionals in Warwick and the Nationals in Houston.



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**1993 NEW HAMPSHIRE ADULT & JUNIOR  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SALEM ATHLETIC CLUB  
SALEM, NH  
FEBRUARY 26-28, 1993**

**WOMEN'S A/OPEN**

Kelley Beane  
Cindy Hamilton  
Maureen Hatem  
Bobbi Hall

**WOMEN'S B/C**

Karen Richardson  
Kris Wolfe  
Linda Lineham  
Veronica Saffo

**WOMEN'S D**

Cathy Lemlin  
Vicki Gardner  
Eileen Rickey  
Margo Burdon

**WOMEN'S 30+**

Kelley Beane  
Bobbi Hall  
Cindy Hamilton  
Maureen Hatem

**MEN'S OPEN**

Josh Messina  
George Vierra  
Jason Eaton  
Dale Bennette

**MEN'S A**

Dick Flewelling  
Dave Whitney  
Steve Provins  
Brian Fisher

**MEN'S B**

Scott Robinson  
Carl Savage  
Eric Sweetser  
Mike Liebel

**MEN'S C**

Rich Saffo, Sr.  
Parker Towle  
Scott Gaudette  
Norman Winterwood

**MEN'S D**

Paul Biodcau  
Carl DiCicio  
Ken Quinto  
Ron Gross

**MEN'S NOVICE**

Brian Giglotti  
Bob Powerleau  
Brian Letourneau  
Don Marcotte

**MEN'S 19+**

Josh Messina  
Brad Boisvert  
Jamie Boucher

**MEN'S 25+**

Rich Saffo, Jr.  
Tony Grande  
Brian Fisher  
Rick Perez

**MEN'S 35+**

Bill DeLuca  
Steve Provins  
John Varrill  
John Danisiewicz

**MEN'S 40+**

Dale Bennette  
Dick Flewelling  
Joe Ruggeri  
Peter Messier

**MEN'S 45+**

Bernie McGinty  
Mitch Milewski  
Bob Drouin  
Stuart Akerson

**MEN'S 50+**

Bob Drouin  
Mitch Milewski  
Norbert LeCompte  
Parker Towle

**18 & UNDER**

Jason Eaton  
Justin Wolfe

**10 & UNDER**

Jared Mansour  
Tom Danisiewicz

New (who is that guy!?) and old (I didn't know he was still alive!) came out in force for the chance to be crowned New Hampshire's Best. Fierce and fiesty or calm and cool, everyone gave it their best shot. Thanks for everyone's support and congratulations to all divisons winners. Special thanks to Pam Danisiewicz and crew for yet another tremendous effort that yielded outstanding results.



**Getting A State Ranking**

Have you ever wondered what your NHRA ranking is, or how you get it? Well, here is a short explanation.

Each time you enter an NHRA/AARA sanctioned tournament, and finish in the top eight in your division, you receive ranking points. It is the responsibility of each tournament director to submit complete tournament results to the NHRA within ten days of the event. The results are carefully checked by the NHRA to ensure that all information is correct before the results are sent on to AARA National Headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO for inclusion into the national rankings system. This process is important for you to receive credit for all the points you earn. Your name and state code must be EXACTLY the same each time you earn points or your state and national rankings will be incorrect. For example: Joe Smith, NH might have been submitted as J. Smith, NH; Joe Smith, MA; or Joseph Smith, NH. The computer at National Headquarters will have a ranking for each of those names! Eliminating duplications such as this is the biggest reason the tournament results are checked by Lenny and Gayann before forwarding them to the AARA.

You can help eliminate incorrect entries at each tournament. **Make sure when you enter each tournament that you use the name that appears on your AARA membership card.** This is the way that you appear in the AARA's computer. Then, if you see your name spelled incorrectly, or if you are assigned the wrong state code, tell the tournament director immediately and make sure it is corrected before the tournament ends. It is also important that your ask the tournament director how third and fourth place will be decided if there is no playoff. Since you only receive points for third and fourth if there is a designated winner, at least have the tournament director arrange for a coin toss to determine who gets which place.

Points are awarded on the following basis:

Tourn. Level	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5-8
1 = Closed State Tournament	30	20	15	10	5
2 = Open Tournament	50	30	20	15	10
3 = State Championships	150	100	75	50	10
4 = National Invitational	300	200	150	100	75
5 = National Tournament	600	400	300	200	100



**BARROW LEAVES EKTELON, FORMS PROSOURCE**

Wayne Barrow of Milford has announced that he will not be representing Ektelon in any capacity for the '93-'94 season. Barrow, who was often seen at area tournaments, had worked his way up over eleven years from Club Staff and Advisory Staff to serve as a Promotional/Sales Rep for the last two years.

ProSource is a racquet sports development firm that will provide instructional, marketing, promotional and consulting services to individuals and clubs in the region.



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## FOURTH ANNUAL GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE CUP TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET

The Challenge Cup tournament was hosted by the Executive Health and Fitness Center and followed by the NHRA Banquet which was hosted by The Willows Athletic Club.

Five teams participated in the tournament. Some clubs with less than a full contingent of players combined their talents to form one team. This made for stronger competition for everyone. Thanks goes to those clubs for their strong sense of cooperation and sporting spirit.

The event was won by the team from the Executive for the second year in a row. With less than 10 points separating the other four teams, next years event looks to be shaping up as a real battle. The tournament was ably run by the IKKA crew and finished up early. That let everyone go to The Willows earlier and make the Happy Hour even happier.

The banquet was a tremendous success and a time for all of us to wind after a long but enjoyable season. The buffet table was a fantastic blend of many gastronomical "works of art", the result of many people's culinary talents and efforts. To all who contributed to the buffet, "thanks for helping make the banquet a free event!"

Claude "I shoulda been a comic" Benjiman was in prime form as the event emcee. He managed to stay quasi tame while announcing the following Trophy Awards:

**Player of the Year = Josh Messina & Joyce Pochilly**  
**Most Improved Player = Cindy Hamilton and Ron Audet**  
**Tournament of the Year = Parkland Medical Center**  
**Granite State Challenge Cup = Executive Sports & Fitness Center**

Next up were the Prestige Awards! The winners are:

**Best Dressed Female = Judy Perreault**

**Best Dressed Male = Dave Whitney** this was somewhat of a misnomer. Dave was awarded a tie-died bandana to go with the rest of his wardrobe.

**Best Bullseye = Bob Ward** - Bob got hit so hard last year that he deserved to win again!

**The Donut Award = Jamie Boucher** - you all know why, but check out the new Dunkin' Donut thermos that he will keep outside of the court when he plays, "just in case".

**The Most Contested Referee = Bill "The Rulebook" Gargan** - Bill received his very own whistle to stop a match with, and a pair of boxing gloves, "just in case".

**The Most Contesting Player = Brian "It Skipped?!" Fisher** - Brian also received a pair of boxing gloves to help him "influence" Bill's calls. By the way, didn't Brian win this award last year too?!!!

The climax of the award ceremony was **The Best Dive Award** which received a rating of "10". The recipient of this award, of course, went to George Vierra for his "dive" against Fred Calabrese to force a tie-breaker at 14 all in game 2 of the finals in North Conway. George proudly modeled the knee pads, swim goggles and swim cap while standing on a chair in the middle of the banquet area. We are sure some excellent pictures were taken!

Speaking of pictures, **Steve Provins** never did show up to receive his "**Don't forget to lock the door when using the restroom at IKKA's** award. Don't worry Steve, the pictures are in good hands.

The Challenge Cup Tournament and the Awards Banquet were introduced so that all the clubs can get together to play in a very social atmosphere. The events have proven to be a very popular ones which everyone looks forward to. We thank everyone for your loyal support of your organization and for the support of racquetball in general.



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