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1989 State Mixed Doubles Championships Elmwood Fitness Center



FALL TOURNAMENT TIME!



Well players, it's tournament time. From now till May of 1990, there will be many opportunities to win, lose and have a great time.

I'd like to give you some pointers on how to enter and enjoy playing in a tournament.

First, plan ahead, start practicing and take a tune-up lesson three or four weeks before the scheduled tournament date. Sharpen your skills and improve on weaknesses in your stroke and game. Also start a running program that will include long distance and sprint work to increase both your stamina and court quickness. As tournament time approaches (about one week before) send your entry form in along with the entry fee. Tournament directors from all over the country have nightmares waiting for players to enter at the last minute, so enter early and give those guys a break. Once you have entered, you may want to call the tournament director on the Wednesday before the tournament to confirm your entry (sometimes they do get lost in the mail). Usually starting times are provided on the Thursday before the tournament, so call up and find out when you play. When calling, please be patient and understanding to the person giving out the times. This person usually has 2 or 3 incoming calls all of which want the same info as you. So get your time and maybe the person you play in the first round and then allow that person to help others. Questions such as "who do I play if I win my next match?" all a source of aggravation and wastes time for the giving out the times. Please be courteous and if there are any problems, don't get tense, just leave your name and phone number and the tournament director will get back to you. Their job is to make your tournament experience a pleasant one so they will do their best to help. Believe me, I've seen it all and we want nothing but the best for our players. Once you have your starting time, you are all set. Start tapering your training. No more running or playing hard until the tournament. You'll want to give these legs a rest so they may be powerful for the weekend of playing. Go on the court and practice shots and relax until your first match then go out there and "Kick Butt".

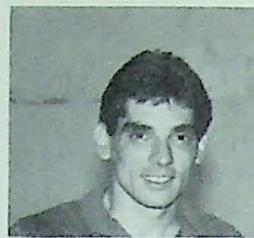
Try to arrive at the tournament site at least 45 minutes early to check in and get ready for your match. Always stop at the tournament desk to let the personal know you are there and pick up any recent news on info available. At this point you may want to offer any assistance to the staff running the show. They could always use help and it's a good way to start learning how these events work. It's a lot of fun and I should know I've been doing it for 15 years. Boy is it fun!!!

If you win or lose, check to see if you have to referee and if you don't have to, offer your help. Before you leave the club. Check the draw sheets to see when you play next. Don't take anyone else's word, go check it yourself. I've seen many players lose matches because they arrive an hour later because they didn't check the time themselves.

If you end up playing in the championship division or the consolation division, play your best and accept the trophy graciously. If you ever have any questions about tournament, etc. Please call me and I'll get back with you.

Good luck and Good shooting
Paul

RACQUETBALL NOTES



I had a great summer. I trust all you court sports did too.

I attended the 1989 National in Houston, Texas. This event is beyond your wildest dream if you like big events, and an incredible amount of great competition. Nothing but serious competitors attend and the early rounds are tough and progress is totally awesome in all age groups.

For between and the fun and excitement our chairman, Paul Bruno and myself attended the annual AARA meeting, to discuss the business of racquetball and the direction we want to go on a national and a state level.

I also attended a meeting for those state representatives interested for the good, purpose and impact of the newly available grant proposals. More about this when we find out the results of our proposal.

After returning, I rested. The hectic tournament pace had put a damper on my racquetball enthusiasm.

That rest was short lived, but sufficient. Fran Davis came back and her enthusiasm for the sport is inspiring to all she meets. I hope a lot of you folks got a chance to catch one of her two classes in New Orleans, conducted at the Kenner Y and RBO. If Fran is not enthusiastic enough to suit you, Steve Hastings can motivate anyone. These two are truly a dynamic duo, as is their self proclaimed billing, who came to Baton Rouge for an annual camp. It is not possible for me to describe how great and event these two provide. Talk to the attendees.

Finally, the State Mixed Doubles arrived. David Rahn and the Elmwood Fitness Center did an outstanding job of hosting this event. A lot of great competition, food & state tournament trophies and shirts. Thanks to Elmwood for a great job well done.

Time to crank up the fall session for the home stretch into the State Singles.

Congratulations to Michelle Barkate for being the first recipient of the LRA Scholarship.

Congratulations to Kim Allen, National Women's A Champ.

Warren Arnett
Co-Chairman

Do you feel like you may be stuck in the wrong division? You just can't win in this division? You've quit playing because the competition in this division is over your head? Then you may want to appeal to the LRA ranking committee by writing a letter. You may be able to move down.

Include in your letter the division you are presently in, how many tournaments you've been playing and any wins & losses. Your appeal will be evaluated and with no surprises you may get an approval. We had three appeals in July and they all passed. So don't just talk about it, don't get frustrated and quit -- talk to me!

Marcia

Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to the 1989 Scholarship recipient Michelle Barkate. Michelle was a very busy student athlete this past year trying to balance her studies and still put time into her racquetball game. She has a 3.17 grade point average, belongs to 4 organizations in the field of nutrition and still has time to play 10 tournaments and run 12 mini clinics at the Wallbangers.

Michelle will be finishing her degree in Nutrition and plans to continue on in graduate school either at Houston or LSU. The LRA wishes her the best of luck.

HOW TO BE A BETTER REFEREE

by Otto Dietrich

1. My first recommendation is that you read the rulebook! As basic as this idea may seem, you'd be surprised how many referees have never read the rules that govern this sport. There are only about ten pages of rules that actually affect the way the game is played. Most of all, don't start a match unless you have a copy of the rulebook close at hand - preferably in your pocket!
2. Make sure that your line judges are ready if they are required.
3. Designate one of the line judges as an alternate scorekeeper and instruct him to keep a scorecard along with you -- just in case there is a dispute about the score, number of timeouts remaining, or the number of appeals used.
4. Before the match begins, go on to the court to brief the players. At a minimum, you should cover the following points:
 - a. Explain the screen serve rule and how you will determine if one has occurred. The rulebook says that it's a screen if the serve passes close to the server AND, as a result, impairs the receiver's view of the ball.
 - b. Tell the players how you want them to let you know when they think you have missed a hinder during a rally. I tell them to raise a hand quickly and to hope that I agree. But remember, except for safety holdup situations and backswing hinders, the hinder call is yours, not theirs.
 - c. Make sure the players know the proper way to make an appeal. Tell them to hold up a hand on a non-call during a rally so the officials know what "get" or shot is being appealed. Also, they should be instructed to make appeals directly to you and reminded that they are limited to 3 appeals per game, with only a few exceptions.
 - d. Ask the players to help to keep the event on schedule by limiting the timeouts and time between games to be allotted times.
 - e. If it's a doubles match, ask the teams to tell you their order of serve and make a note of it on the scorecard. After covering these points, check to see that all players are wearing approved (lensed and manufactured for racquet sports) eyeguards and then flip a coin to determine who serves first. Please use a coin--DON'T

ask them to CHOOSE A NUMBER! Let's make this event a professional as possible.

5. When you call the score, do it in a manner that both the players and the crowd can hear it. From time to time, also announce the player's name and their team alone with the score. When time permits, such as following timeouts, try to inform the crowd about the status of the match, by announcing something such as "Mr. X leads in this match, one game to zero. Mr. Y is serving in game 2. The score is 3 serving 4."
6. Remember that each player/team is limited to 3 appeals per game plus "freebies" on any game-ending rally. However, if EITHER line judges indicates that he disagrees with your call (has his thumb down), then that appeal does not count as having been used. Make sure that you record all used appeals on the scorecard. I use the otherwise useless 21st, 20th, and 19th points on the scorecard to keep track of them.
7. Don't be too quick to call a hinder due to body contact. At this level, the players are accustomed to "playing through" body contact unless it clearly disrupts their shot. Also, be prepared to rule immediately on whether it should be a point hinder. The question usually comes up in such situations.
8. Please DO NOT call "game point" or "match point". At these times, call the score in exactly the same manner as you have throughout the match. The players realize the importance of the point. More importantly, it can disrupt the rhythm of your score calling just when neither player wants any kind of disruption.
9. This event is a real opportunity to showcase our sport, so it is imperative that the officiating be "top notch". Don't hesitate to call a point hinder, issue a technical warning, or assess a technical foul if the situation warrants it. Be prepared to enforce all of the rules. Some players insist that the rulebook be followed to the letter. If that's what they want, then give it to them because they are entitled to it.
10. If you have any question, be sure to ask me. I plan to be on-site most of the time and will be glad to assist you in anyway that I can - including finding a replacement referee if you feel that you cannot control a particular match.

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1989 Tournament Schedule

MONTH	DATE	NAME	• State Championships	Type A - Draw done by LRA Tournament Committee	Type B - Draw done by the host club	CITY	TYPE
SEPTEMBER	22, 23, 24	Kenner - Y			Kenner - Y	New Orleans	B
SEPTEMBER	29-Oct. 1	Sport City State Qualifying Tournament			Sport City	Shreveport	B
OCTOBER	6-8	Wallbanger Last Chance Shootout			Wallbanger/Monterrey	Baton Rouge	B
	20-22	★1989 State Singles Championships			Wallbanger	Baton Rouge	A
	22-24	Kenner Y Tournament			Kenner YMCA	Kenner	B
NOVEMBER	10-12	Elmwood's Turkey Day Tournament			Elmwood	New Orleans	B
DECEMBER	1-3	1989 Holiday Classic			Covington	Covington	B
	8-10	1989 Crossgates Christmas Classic			Crossgates	Slidell	B

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*In order to play STATE SINGLES, you must have played
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LRA thanks to Fran & Stu for their outstanding clinic held July 14-16 at the Perkins Road Wallbanger.

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Congratulations to Michelle Barkate 1989 recipient of the L.R.A. college scholarship.



Sincere apologies to Dan Standley who carried Paul Bruno to victory in the 1989 State Doubles Championship for inadvertently deleting this picture. Congratulations!

**Tournament Results
STATE MIXED DOUBLES JULY 29-30
Elmwood Fitness Center**

Open

1. Saunders/Rahn
2. Woods/Scarpero
3. Barkate/Lowe

cons: Seigle/Lowe

B

1. VanLangendonek/VanLangendonek
2. Sequeria/Martin
3. Green/Wesolowski

cons: Hunt/Pamyi

A

1. Brown/Brown
2. Sehof/Sehof
3. Reina/Brown

cons: Scott/Jackson

C

1. Ashley/Boezar
2. Koyatch/Rodriquez
3. Hutson/Henderson

cons: Oliver/Gherre

**Tournament Results
FRANO'S SUMMER HEATWAVE
Franco's Athletic Club**

Men's Open

1. David Rahn
2. Brian Lowe
3. Charles Pecot

cons: Jim Bayhi

Men's A

1. Keith Hosli
2. Bradn Hamilton
3. Ken Hood

cons: Harold Battalora

Men's B

1. Robert Ruether
2. Sadan Shah
3. Scott Panyi

cons: Ed Boezor

Men's C

1. Chris Pellerin
2. Charles Ward, Jr.
3. Cliff Lasseigne

cons: Oscar Rodrique

Men's D

1. Ben Brown
2. Danny Lyons
3. Jamie Arroyane

cons: Gene Scaife

Men's 35 + A

1. John Pellerin
2. Jeff Kindly
3. Johnnie Gray

cons: Adrian Lahare

Men's 35 + 13

1. Tommy Vasta
2. Brian Arceneaux
3. Marc Griffin

cons: Roger Anastacio

Men's 45 +

1. C J Scarpero
2. Bo Ryle
3. Gerald Daussin

cons: Steve Fetcko

Ladies B

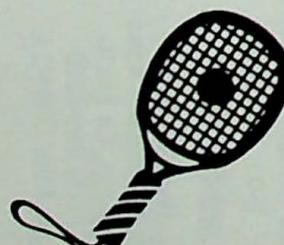
1. Julie Brown
2. Melissa Hall
3. Phyllis Traham

cons: Cindy Morris

Ladies C

1. Trina Drury
2. Mary Meyer
3. Pamela Ashley

cons: Kathy Foulks



Final Top 10

Doubles Mixed Open

Scarpero/Woods	680
Rahn/Saunders	574
Fleming/Saunders	374
Allen/Kissee	279
Arnett/Higgins	250
Barkate/Koger	234
Bassett/Schaefer	208
Hood/Spradley	154
Barkate/Young	130

Doubles Mixed A

Miller/Roy	277
Brown/Brown	265
Schof/Schof, III	222
Brown/Reina	125
Hermann/Melancon	100
Jackson/Scott	62
Lester/Sirgo	45
Corkern/Pellerin	42
Lester/Razza	42
Castro/Pritchett	42

Doubles Mixed B

VanLangendonck/ VanLangendonck	302
Greene/Wesolowski	280
Martin/Sequeira	209
Eschete, Jr./Lester	194
Brown/Brown	183
Powers/Sharp	101
Henderson/Hutson	65
Hunt/Panyi	62
Dedeback/Tarride	45
Reuther/Reuther	42

Doubles Mixed C

Kovatch/Rodriquez	257
Ashley/Boczar	202
Henderson/Hutson	172
Drury/Henderson	112
Ghere/Olivier	67
Freeman/Razza	56
Obkirchner/Wittman	45
Anastasio/Battolora	45
Mume/Mume	45
Bloom/Rodriquez	34

Current Top 10

as of August 22, 1989

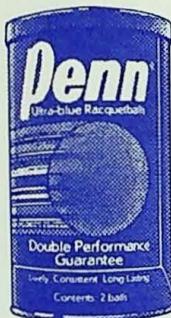
Men's Open		Men's Golden Master B		Women's Singles A		Doubles Women's Open	
David Rahn	1,421	Gerald Daussin	187	Julie Brown	192	Barkate/Richards	322
Brian Lowe	840	K.E. Karmel	166	Karen Taylor	90	Allen/Saunders	300
Warren Arnett	404	Fred Reck	59	Adelaide Martin	78	Nemitz/Spradley	179
Steve Martin	829	Lloyd Brandt, Jr.	14	Debbie Herrmann	67	Taylor/Woods	85
Kyle Koger	543	Ray Labit	14	Patti Higgins	64	Corkern/Spica	72
Brian Daigle	466	Doug Reuther	14	Laura Perica	64	Ford/Siegel	54
Kiel Koger	409			Karen Aubert	56		
Mott Fleming	299			Debbie Bayham	56		
Dan Standley	290			Cindy P. Elsensohn	45		
Richard Bassett	285			Susan Hunt	40	Doubles Women's A	
Scott Davis	260					Roy/Scallan	14
Men's Singles A		Men's Junior Veteran 25-c		Women's Singles B		Doubles Women's B	
Ken Hood	1,258	Brent Sims	250	Phyllis J. Trahan	442	Braquet/Johnson	149
E. Chip Peralta	966	Mark Bloom	115	Carmen Greene	388	Martin/Powers	131
Mike Foley	862	Jamie Satawa	115	Patti Schof	380	Perry/VanLangendonck	93
Albert H. Schof, III	609	Corey Crew	72	Susy Powers	222	Drury/Meyer	75
Rich Vanlangendonck	403	Lance Allstun	43	Jan Mioton	173	Lombardi/Schaefer	51
Milt Cousins	365	Patrick Passantino	38	Adelaide Martin	166	Hunt/Hutson	43
Roy Laudumiey	345			Margie Hutson	163	Haik/Tarride	14
Bob Stanton	341			Karen Aubert	144		
Greg Courtney	336			Janice Owens	102		
Mike Smith	328						
Men's Singles B		Men's Senior A		Women's Singles C		Doubles Women's C	
Scott Panyi	935	Warren Reuther, Jr.	705	Alais Starling	267	Jackson/Schott	149
Craig Campbell	575	Jack Gromer	408	Kasey Geske	187	Hunt/Hutson	131
Joe Cousins	562	Freddie Wilkes	336	Pamela Ashley	162	Haik/Tarride	93
Rick Gullory	502	Paul Bruno	303	Anita Randall	146	Griffin/Young	75
Daniel Buckoltz	448	Dorsey Broussard	259	Carol Griffin	116	Bloom/Pendergast	56
Robert Reuther	446	Dan Standley	229	Trina Drury	115		
Brian Ghere	430	Jeff Kindl	213	Deneen Schlaeppi	115		
Dave Brown	399	Johnnie Gray	166	Allison Scott	102	Doubles Men's Open	
Paul Pokorney	399	John Pellerin	128	Alison Scott	102	Martin/McCoy	405
Bobby Sage	352	Ron Grose	104	Mary G. Meyer	101	Daigle/Gromer	314
Men's Singles C		Men's Senior B		Bernadette Rocco	90	Arnett/Koger	254
Jeff Bloom	736	Thomas E. Vasta	301			Rahn/Standley	202
Patrick Tomony Jr.	723	Bryon Arceneaux	166			Lowe/Rahn	187
Earl Teabout	722	Roger Anastasio	155			Alvendia/Pecot	183
Russel Henderson	579	Mark Griffin	125			Gonzales/Peralta	179
Charles Ward, Jr.	556	Mick Murphy	121			Arnett/Richards	134
Rory Arcement	480	Ron Von Behren	104			Arnett/Arnold	133
Gentri Williams	439	Bob Baudry	102			Gomila/Rahn	128
Cliff Lasseigne	430	Dorsey Broussard	102				
David Junius	378	Bo Ryle	90			Doubles Men's A	
Alan Lahr	314	Ray Labit	64			George/Gromer	461
Men's Singles D		Men's Senior C				Hood/Wilkes	330
John Veasman	890	Wayne Lobell	274			Battalora/Smith	320
Harry Cole	649	Vick Williams	216			Bruno/Harris	240
Victor Hernandez	416	Hebert Gomez	173			Day/Munson	195
Daniel Boudreault	403	Brain Passantino	96			Laudemiey/Sharp	120
Fritz Owens	375	Ted Passantino	58			Corkern/Spica	115
Jamie Arroyave	373	David Anastasio	48			George/Richards	115
Douglas French	360	Ken Orgeron	48			Foley/Russo	94
Karl Doppel	326	Ray Valdez	48			Courtney/Okada	80
Brent Sims	325	Howard Waugh	38				
Edwin Kapinus	291	Kenneth Tarride	28			Doubles Men's B	
Men's Golden Master A		Women's Open				Arceneaux/Wilkes	630
C.J. Scarpero	483	Marcia Richards	692			Comeaux/Hamilton	405
Warren Reuther Jr.	136	Karen Saunders	680			Arcement/Brown	304
Ray Labit	114	Kim Allen	467			Donelon/Henderson	253
Ken Kachtic	101	Gail Woods	435			Cook/Jeansonne	219
Bo Ryle	101	Michelle Barkate	251			Kachtic/Scarpero	202
Fred Guillot	77	Debbie Spica	218			Jardell/Melancion	187
Gerald Daussin	72	Debbie Nemitz	217			Arcement/Ehret	179
Ray Peterson	67	Suzanne Corkern	171				
Jerry Winsberg	65	Helen Siegel	136			Doubles Men's C	
K.E. Karmel	48	Faye Spradley	129			James/Thompson	213

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