

The Rhody Racqueteer

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National Board of Director's Elections

In your March/April issue of Racquetball Magazine, you will receive your official ballot for election of Directors to the National Board of the AARA. This is one of those elections that is necessary to racquetball and the AARA.

The Directors elected this year will carry racquetball to the Pan American Games in Argentina, probably to inclusion as a medal-event in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, and to the 10.5 million recreational racquetball players in America as the AARA expands aggressively into that venue.

Paul Henrickson is not running for re-election and his loss will leave Region 1 without representation on the board. Fortunately, Paul Gully from Massachusetts is running for election to the Board. Paul has been actively involved in the AARA management of Massachusetts and Region 1 for the last 15 years and has also worked at the National level with most of the current members of the Board and the National Office staff.

You can vote for up to three candidates on your ballot, but remember that a second and third vote on your ballot dilutes the effect of your first vote. You can submit your ballots to the O.S.R.C. at the R.I. State Singles at New England Health and Racquet Club, Woonsocket, April 4-7 or at the Region 1 Singles at New England Health and Racquet Clubs in East Providence and Warwick, April 12-14.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM THE 1991 REFEREE CERTIFICATION EXAM

by Buck Wheat, RI Information Agency

Question 1. Al Dogon and Tony Ward are playing doubles against Larry Brown and Dave Barnes in a tournament. During the rally, Al wants a hinder called on Dave, but doesn't get it. Why?

- a. his partner is Tony Ward
- b. Larry skipped it anyway
- c. Dave has too many sponges on his racquet
- d. Joe Fonseca is refereeing

Question 2. Frank L. is playing Mike N. in the mens A final. The score is 10-8, Frank's lead in the tiebreaker. Frank serves and a ferocious rally ensues and Mike is called for an avoidable hinder, therefore awarding the match and 2nd A title to Frank. Mike protests loudly. If you were the referee, what would you do?

- a. walk away, since you aren't getting paid \$5
- b. tell Mike every time he steps on a court its an avoidable
- c. invoke a little known rule that allows A players every possible chance to avoid winning a second A and becoming an open player, and retract the avoidable
- d. call Joe Fonseca

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Question 3. In a men's D tournament match, Gene Holmes gets to play Chris Guncheon. Why?

- a. Gunch's Novice time limit has run out
- b. it would give Gene a rare chance to advance to the next round
- c. women's D was cancelled
- d. it is the only match Joe Fonseca can referee

If you are swift enough to answer these questions, then take the referee certification test. See an AARA representative for details. Joe Fonseca need not apply.

THE REFEREE'S CORNER

The following case study is from *Officiating Racquetball, A Guidebook on Refereeing* by James Hiser, Ph.D. of the AARA National Office and Otto Dietrich, National Rules Commissioner for the AARA.

CASE STUDY #A5:

As the server drops the ball to serve, he stumbles and decides to catch the ball and begin his motion again. Is this a fault serve or can the server start his motion again?

ANSWER: Rule 4.11

One key consideration in this call is whether the server's racquet made a non-continuous motion toward the ball. If it did, then it was a balk or fake serve. Secondly, the rule now allows the referee to exercise judgement and determine whether there was any deception involved or whether the balk was an accident that had no ill intent, such as to see which way the receiver might be leaning or conceal the actual instant the ball is going to be contacted. If the referee believes no deception was involved, he can declare it "no serve" and allow the server to serve again.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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FEBRUARY 28, 1991 THRU MARCH 3, 1991

NEW ENGLAND HEALTH & RACQUET CLUB - EAST PROVIDENCE

Men's Open - 25

- 1. Cliff Swain
- 2. Woody Clouse
- 3. Fred Calabrese
- c. Sean Graham

Men's A - 16

- 1. Benny Coletta
- 2. Lionel Pires
- 3. Todd Guarino
- c. Jeff Soares

Men's B - 19

- 1. Randy Rossi
- 2. Mike Proulx
- 3. Brian Patch

Men's C - 24

- 1. Bill Terranova
- 2. Dave Smith
- 3. Bill Cardozo
- c. Jay Wargat

Men's D - 31

- 1. Keith DeBlois
- 2. Tom Drew
- 3. Mark Lewis
- c. Don Laramee

Men's Novice - 19

- 1. Craig Halverson
- 2. Tim Carey
- 3. Tom Walsh
- c. Michael Duckworth

Men's 30+ - 9

- 1. Jerry Santoro
- 2. Ken Silva
- 3. Joe Novak

Men's 30+ B/C - 7

- 1. George Clarke
- 2. Bob Struzziero
- 3. Steve Darienzo
- c. Gene Holmes

Men's 40+ - 8

- 1. Manny Pita
- 2. Cal Steere

Men's 40+ B/C - 10

- 1. George Clarke
- 2. Don Prosser
- 3. Kay Duckworth
- c. Don Laramee

Men's O/A DBLS - 16

- 1. Caccavale/Seakull
- 2. Graham/Nathanson
- 3. Clouse/Swain
- c. Alofsin/Dejesus

Men's B/C DBLS - 15

- 1. Smith/Smith
- 2. Dequattro/Levesque
- 3. Davies/Rossi

Women's Open - 9

- 1. Mary Dee-Jolly
- 2. Janell Marriott
- 3. Joyce Pochilly
- c. Randi Friedman

Women's A - 7

- 1. Sue Racicot
- 2. Lisa Kirsch
- 3. Cindy Allison

Women's B - 11

- 1. Chris Cipporello
- 2. Lisa Kirsch
- 3. Beth Katz
- c. Meg Murphy

Women's C - 10

- 1. Chris Cipporello
- 2. Penny Schutt
- 3. Pat Brown
- c. Meg Murphy

Women's D - 7

- 1. Kate Clancy
- 2. Kathy Graham
- 3. Pam Greene
- c. Shannon Hogan

Women's O/A DBLS - 4

- 1. Feeney/Pochilly
- 2. Couture/Friedman

Jrs. 14 & Under - 8

- 1. Jay Racicot
- 2. Michael Patalano
- c. Chad Steere

Jrs. 12 & Under - 7

- 1. Michael Patalano
- 2. Jay Racicot
- 3. Adam Ramos
- c. Lisa Nicolace

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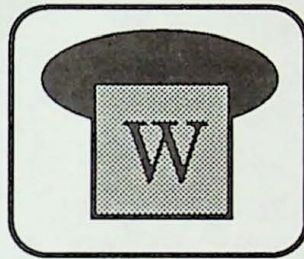
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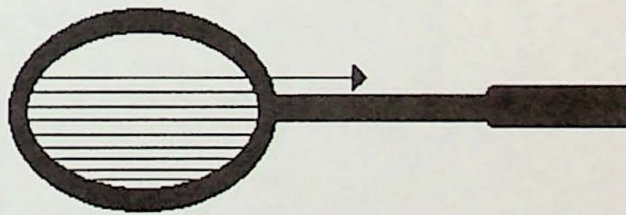
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