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The official Newsletter of the North Carolina Racquetball Association, Inc.



NATIONALS RESULTS UPDATE

Thanks to Janet Myers for writing and sending us information on the other North Carolina players that went to the 1998 Nationals in Texas and here's how they finished:

Dan Griffin	40's open & A/B	
Mildred Gwinn	50's - 4th place	55's - 4th place
Janet Myers	45's - 1st place	
George Poriotis	55's open & A/B	

Janet also had the idea that we could form Team North Carolina. Sounds like a great idea to me! What do you think? Email me at dhale@new-bern.com

NORTH CAROLINA JUNIOR BRINGS HOME WORLD TITLE

Brent Walters (Fayetteville, NC), playing with Ruth Beecher (Ireland) defeated the # 1 seeded Canadians Guillemette/ Gagnon in 16 - Mixed Doubles at the IRF World Junior Championships held in Fountain Valley, California December 18 - 22. In a tough match that went 15 - 14, 6 - 15, 11 - 3 they brought home the Gold for North Carolina. Brent also had a quarter final finish in the 16 - singles division and 16 - Doubles division playing with another fine NC junior, Mitch Williams (Washington, NC). Mitch finished in the quarter finals of the 16 - division after losing a tough match in the tiebreaker to the #1 seeded Shane Vanderson, who went on to take the Gold. Mitch also finished in the quarter finals of the 16 n Mixed Doubles. CONGRATULATIONS BRENT AND MITCH!!!

Correction

The last newsletter posted the results from the 1998 States Championships but left out the Mens 60+ Division. Here are those results:

1st place	2nd place	3rd place
MENS 60+	Bob Shoptaw	Ellis Muther Ed Mazzilli

INTERESTING NEWS OR WANT TO PROMOTE YOURSELF?

If you have any news or photos pertaining to NCRA racquetball or intersting information which you would like to share with fellow members, please e-mail Andreas Winston at, dreas@netquick.net. In addition, if you would like to promote your product or service The Wall Nut Journal is now accepting advertising. For more information contact Andreas Winston at (910)487-6398 or e-mail at dreas@netquick.net.

NOTES AND QUOTES FROM THE PREZ:

The board continues to grow and do solid work for the state of NC. Anyone wishing to become a WORKING board member is most welcome!!!!

I thought I'd take a little space this time and address the protocol—as I see it—regarding applications for entrance into a tournament. Since I wear multiple hats in this business it is possible that I see things a different way.

When sending an application into a tournament site there are always multiple things to fill in. So many people ignore the spaces and just put their name and shirt size down. Some don't even put their shirt size in. All the questions a tournament site asks of you have a purpose. All save the tournament committee a lot of time when trying to organize the tournament and do the draw. Many times applications have been sent to my club with a doubles partner listed-and we never receive an application from the mentioned doubles partner. If there is no daytime and evening phone number listed we have a very difficult time handling this application.

If it says there is an assessment for special starting times and you ask for one-pay for it. Why make the tournament director put you in a non-paying status for the \$5.00 fee? Don't make the tournament director guess what size shirt you need. It is already very hard to get enough shirts in each size at the last hour without having to guess yours.

Don't sign up—make no request for special starting times and then complain when you call in for your times to the front desk personnel about the time issued—and make a threat that you'll just have to drop out—knowing of course this could very seriously mess up the draw. At our clubs we invite you to drop out if unsatisfied and redo the draw.

It is hard enough to find clubs that will host tournaments. They cost a lot of money to run. They are very hard on current club memberships and club staffs. If we want to expand our tournament choices in our state we must be willing to assume some simple protocol and execute it with politeness.

The weekend of October 16th I had the great fortune of traveling to Baltimore and watch 20 players from NC kick some bootie. Our great NC team came home with over 20 medals. Not only did they distinguish themselves as players with great skill but they did it while displaying outstanding sportsmanship and court demure. Next issue we will have pictures and full results!!!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Feb. 26-28, 1999	Classic Racquetball Tourn.	The Sports Center	Fayetteville	910-864-3303
March 19-21, 1999 12-14		Pulse Athletic Club	Greenville	252-756-9175
March 19-21, 1999	Spring Classic	The Sports Club	Asheville	704-252-0222
June 18-20, 1999	Summer Bash	The Sports Club	Asheville	704-252-0222

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ASHEVILLE SUMMER BASH

June

RESULTS

MENS

	<i>1st place</i>	<i>2nd place</i>
open	Joel Bonnett	Mike Glowa
A	Jonathan Skinner	Paul Knoblock
B	Meena Evans	Chris Crockett
C	Roger Dial	Victor Smith
nov	Mack Canning	Warren Curran
19/25+	Pete Beckwith	Victor Smith
30/35+	Alan Sheppard	Paul Knoblock
35+B	Dennis Mumford	Chris Crockett
40/50+	Ron Fowler	Kenneth Joy
45+B	Lee Simoneaux	Jeffrey West
14/16-	Warren Curran	John Propst

WOMENS

A	Stephanie Walker	Deryl Lee
B	Angela Smith	Melanie Bianucci
C	Sharon Wilks	Julia Dial
nov	Sharon Wilks	Daniel Davis

DOUBLES

NEW BERN TOURNAMENT

Big Brothers / Big Sisters Benefit

July

A Big thanks to all of those that came out this year. It is always a good thing to see players come out, have some fun and raise money for charity all at the same time. More than \$1500 was raised for the Big Brothers / Big Sisters Foundation. Thanks Again!!

RESULTS

MENS

	<i>1st place</i>	<i>2nd place</i>
open	Derick Dirks	Pete Schramm
A	Todd Cook	Kevin Webb
B	Mike Murray	Lorne Burry
C adv	Robert Meyer	Scott Ward
C int	Mike Bourgeois	Phil Smith
D	Juan Guareno	Chris Page
nov	Kevin Blythe	Christopher Gill

WOMENS

A	Pam Avery	Bobbi Oates
B	Jennifer Cook	Pamela Davis

10TH ANNUAL OUTBACK BLAST-IT! Fayetteville Tournament

September

The Sports Center in Fayetteville seems to be the hot spot of racquetball! Just like the tournament back in February, there was more than 150 players there playing for money and trophies. And staying true to form, several of the pros came out to compete as well.

As always, its great to see an underdog matchup go to a tie breaker. I'm referring to the doubles matchup between pros Mike Ray and Mike Glowa versus Brent Walters and Mitch Williams. The first game went to the pros as most people expected but the second game took the crowd by surprise as Brent and Mitch took the match to a tie-breaker. Great playing guys!

Catch these results and more on the Internet at www.ncracquetball.com.

RESULTS

MENS

	<i>1st place</i>	<i>2nd place</i>
open	Mike Ray	Joel Bonnett
A	Robert Adkins	Eric New
B	Ashley Conway	Robbie Bassinger
C	Paul Moore	Thomas Molina

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Chris Brown/Jeffrey West
mcd
Jay Lowe/Steve Kozlowski
xod
Dereck Dirks/Meena Evans
xbd
Bobbi Oates/Bobby Thore

Doug Oates/Steve Kozlowski

Steve Foster/Ed Wolfsho

Mike Ginn/Marilyn Buffum

Stephanie Walker/Tony Bennett

MOAD

Pete Schramm/Todd Cook

MBCD

Lynn Stevens/David Dumas

WOAD

Debbie Bryant/Kristi Hale

XOAD

Kristi Hale/Doug Hale

XBCD

Cheryl Gentile/Frank Gentile

Bruce Bryant/Debbie Bryant

Vic Corey/Mike Murray

Terri Horne/Christine Norris

Pam Avery/Derick Dirks

Jennifer Cook/Pete Schramm

D
nov
25+
35+BC
40+
14-
24-
Chris Iroczanowski
Brandon Balwanz
Jim O'Keefe
Lorne Burry
Charlie Hauser
Chad Walters
John Lee Rhodes
John Ballard
Corbin Dirks
Melvin Bantum
Jess Garcia
Jordan Walters
Jonathan Skinner

WOMENS

open
A
B
C
D
45-
Meena Evans
Pam Avery
Sherry Latoz
Sharon Wilks
Patricia Campbell
Stephanie Walker
Phillis Morris
Esperanza Oates
Kerri Helsel
Michelle McFadden
Stephanie Byers
Pat Sims

WHAT'S THE CALL

The NCRA has good news concerning rules clinics, testings and assessment. All board members will be certified which will enable a rules clinic, testing and assessments to be offered at all tournaments. Any questions, please call Debbie Bryant at 910-327-4441.

Here are four more sample questions to test your knowledge of the rules:

1. Player A stands in a position that allows his opponent a straight in shot, but clearly blocks the cross court pass. If player B holds up his shot, an "avoidable hinder" should be called.

The answer is FALSE.

This is a clear example of failure to move as described in Rule 3.15(a)

2. If a player returns late from a timeout, the rulebook authorizes the referee to access a technical foul.

The answer is TRUE.

See Rule 3.9(a)(6)

3. A serve that hits the crotch of the back wall and floor is a good serve.

The answer is TRUE.

See Rule 3.10(h)

4. The server drops the ball as he begins his motion and the ball touches his foot. The referee should call:

- a. a fault serve.
- b. an out serve.
- c. a dead-ball serve (he gets to try again without penalty)

The answer is B.

The action has exactly the same effect as missing the ball completely. See Rule 3.10(c)

AmPro Certified-Debbie Bryant

US OPEN



Left to Right: Lynn Stephens, Andreas Winston, Tommy Pugh, Eddie Alberty, and Pete Beckwith.

THE ultimate Racquetball Tournament. All the top professional and amateur players in the nation were in Memphis for five days of great racquetball. The portable court allowed more than five hundred people to view some of the greatest players playing the game at its highest level.

Winners in the Professional Divisions this year were Sudsy Monchik over Cliff Swain and Jackie Paraiso over Christie Van Hees.

Playing in the tournament from North Carolina were Eddie Alberty, Pete Beckwith, Janet Myers, Mark Phillips, Tommy Pugh, Lynn Stephens, Keith Taylor, and Andreas Winston. There were also three players from the Hickory area. (Sorry I didn't get the names).

Winning medals were Lynn Stephens with a 2nd place silver in the 35+C division and Keith Taylor with a 3rd place bronze in the 24-A division.

NCRA Board Members

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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.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

The NCRA Board would like to welcome its newest member, Lynn Stephens. He petitioned and joined the Board at the Fayetteville tournemant. Welcome aboard!!