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Time to plan tourney stops

BILLINGS — With the 1990-91 Montana racquetball season just getting under way, I would like to encourage everyone to take a look at the calendar and make some plans to play in a few tournaments.

While this year's calendar parallels last year's, there are a few differences I'd like to point out.

First of all, the Hot August Nights tournament has moved to the Broadwater Athletic Club in Helena. With an outdoor pool and waterslide, this should be a real fun tournament.



Dan West

MRA
President

This year will also be the first that Montana and Wyoming will hold an AARA regional doubles tournament at the Crossroads in Helena. Such a tournament will provide doubles points for Montana rankings and seeding at nationals.

One of the highlights of the season will be a bus trip to the national doubles tournament in Salt Lake City.

If you've never been to a national tournament, here is an excellent opportunity to play and watch some of the best doubles teams from each state. It truly is quite an experience so if you're interested in taking the bus contact Mark Rule (see story elsewhere) because there are just a few seats remaining.

The only other major change on the calendar will be the move of the AARA Region 13 singles tournament to Gillette, Wyo. This will be the first time in four years that Wyoming has hosted this tournament.

In conclusion, remember that when you're planning on playing in a tournament try to recruit some others to play too — especially the women — because to have successful, quality tournaments, the numbers have to be there.

Good luck this year and have some fun!

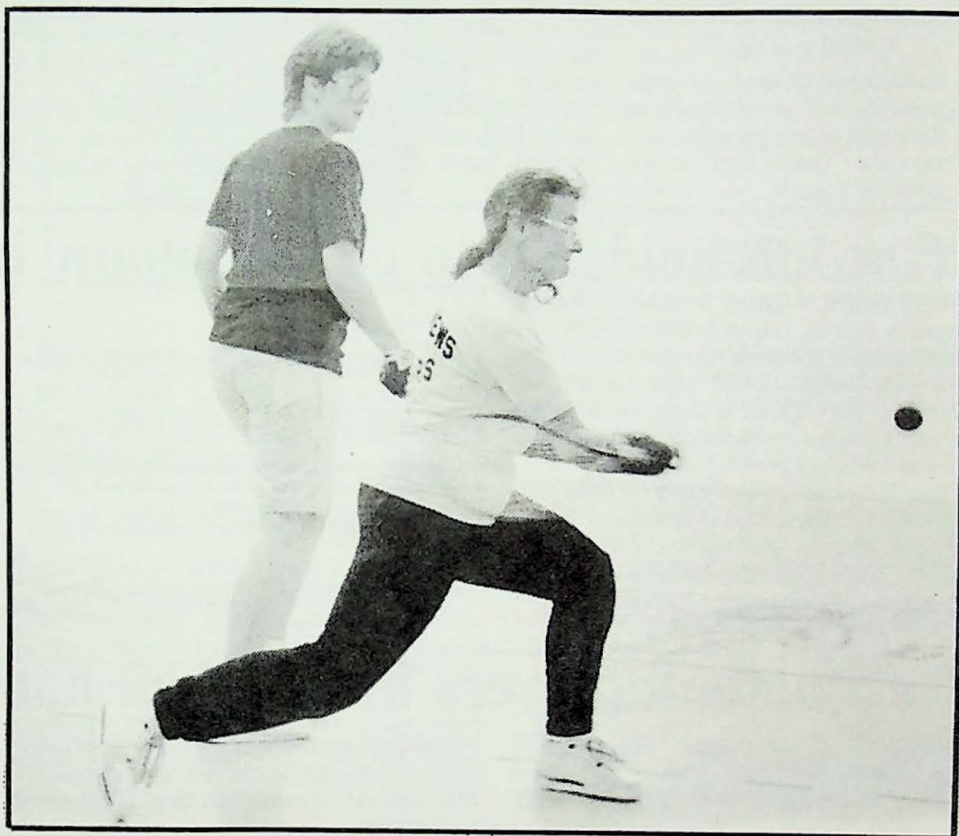


Photo by RITA HAMILTON

MARY ALLAMAN of Billings shoots a forehand against Janet Church of Helena in women's Open singles action at the Balfour Spring Fling Plus-30 tournament.

1990-91 MRA calendar

The 1990-91 Montana Racquetball Association calendar features 16 sanctioned tournaments.

The doubles championships will be hosted by the Crossroads Fitness Center in Helena Feb. 22-24.

Singles champions will be decided at Universal Sports and Courts in Bozeman April 5-7.

Here is the 1990-91 MRA-sanctioned tournament schedule:

AUGUST

24-26, Hot August Nights, at Broadwater Athletic Club in Helena.

SEPTEMBER

14-16, Regional doubles, at Crossroad Fitness Center in Helena.

28-30, Autumn Shootout, at Universal Sports and Courts in Great Falls.

OCTOBER

13-14, Fall Tournament, at Sagebrush Athletic Club in

NOVEMBER

2-4, Fall Tournament, at Universal Sports and Courts in Bozeman.

16-18, Don Goddard Tournament, at Civic Center in Glasgow.

30-Dec. 1, Pro-Am, at Court House in Missoula.

JANUARY

11-12, Racquetball, at Eiks Club in Kalispell.

25-27, Pro-Am, at Billings Athletic Club.

FEBRUARY

8-10, Winternationals, at YMCA Family Fitness Center in Butte.

22-24, State doubles, at Crossroad Fitness Center in Helena.

MARCH

8-10, Pro-Am, at Kalispell Athletic Club.

15-17, Shamrock Shootout, at Civic Center in Cut Bank.

22-24, Hot Shots, at Anaconda club.

APRIL

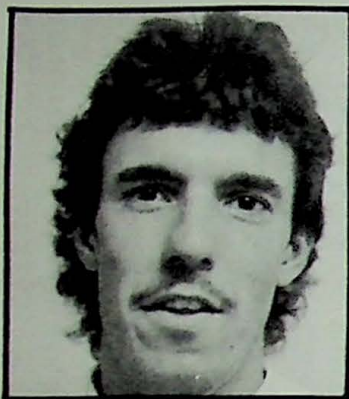
5-7, State singles, at Universal Sports and Courts in Bozeman.

26-28, Regional singles, Gillette, Wyo.

JULY

19-21, Big Sky State Games, at Billings Athletic Club.

Meet a MRA member



Rob Gunderson

Sometimes Rob Gunderson uses the strings of his Head Elite oversized racquet, but says the "frame shot" is his game's strength.

Gunderson took up the game of racquetball four years ago and started tournament play three years ago. The 23-year-old right-hander has since climbed into the men's Open-A brackets.

A self-employed 23-year-old Butte native, Gunderson spends 3-4 days a week playing racquetball.

His regular practice foes include doubles partners Ronnie Roesti and Jodi DiFronzo, plus Dennis Doherty, Nick Nyman and Lisa Phillips.

Gunderson is a fan of shuffle board, hang gliding, snow skiing and water skiing in his free time.



Ronnie Roesti

The forehand splat and lob serve work as weapons in Ronnie Roesti's racquetball game.

The 19-year-old Butte native is a student at Montana Tech who has been involved in racquetball for five years.

Roesti plays the sport 3-4 times a week on a Head Elektra and competes at the Open-A level in tournament play.

In 1987, Roesti captured the state juniors singles championship for ages 16-under.

Rob Gunderson and Lisa Phillips are his doubles partners.

Roesti also gets games with Dennis Doherty, Nick Nyman and Jodi DiFronzo at the YM-CA Fitness Center.

Golf, snow skiing and water skiing are hobbies of Roesti.

Gottlob holds on to edge Pinnow in Cut Bank

CUT BANK — Steve Pinnow of Billings made a valiant attempt to knock off two-time defending Shamrock Shootout champion Jeff Gottlob of Cut Bank, but Pinnow came up shy 11-9 in a tie-breaker in the men's A singles championship match at the mid-March tournament.

Bob Miller of Great Falls and Mike Hotchkiss of Cut Bank finished third and fourth, respectively, in the top division of that tournament which attracted 90 entries from throughout the state and Alberta.

Here are the tournament results.

- MEN SINGLES**
- A**
1. Jeff Gottlob (Cut Bank), 2. Steve Pinnow (Billings), 3. Bob Miller (Great Falls), 4. Mike Hotchkiss (CB)
- B**
1. Bob Olson (CB), 2. Gary Paul (Colstrip), 3. Fred Greco (CB), 4. Chuck Smith (CB)
- C**
1. Matt Thompson (GF), 2. Georgg Koch (Lethbridge, Alberta), 3. Chris Robinson (CB), 4. Larry Brown (CB)
- NOVICE**
1. Dick More (CB), 2. Maynard Nygaard (CB), 3. Dewey Johnson (CB)
- DOUBLES**
- A-B**
1. Bob Miller (GF)-Chuck Smith (CB), 2. Gary Levinsky (Kalispell)-Scott Babowicz (MSA), 3. Jeff Gottlob (CB)

Gary Paul (Colstrip), 4. Mike Hotchkiss (CB)-Johr Hagman (Shelby).

- WOMEN SINGLES**
- B**
1. Kathy Ake (Kalispell), 2. Jean Cline (CB), 3. Denise Matz (CB), 4. Donna Weaver (CB)
- C**
1. Tina Hagman (Shelby), 2. Nicole Altenburg (CB), 3. Michelle DeKaye (CB), 4. Sonja Ray (CB)
- NOVICE**
1. Susan Raph (Shelby), 2. Lorrie Remsen (CB), 3. Karen Miller (CB), 4. Pam Smith (CB)
- MIXED DOUBLES**
1. Carla Chrisman (Conrad)-Dave Tracy (Helena), 2. Kathy Ake (Kal)-Darrel Lendrum (Leth), 3. Denise Matz-Gail Davis (CB), 4. Matt Thompson (GF)-Michelle DeKaye (CB)

Racquetball players hit the ball hard, West says

HAVRE — Montana Racquetball Association president Dan West found himself eating a little crow during the opening ceremonies at the fifth annual Big Sky State Games a couple of weeks ago in Billings.

Although the racquetball portion of the 21-game amateur sports festival attracted 97 entries, only four of us marched in the parade of athletes behind the racquetball banner.

And at the gate entering Daylis Stadium, West was stopped momentarily to be quizzed on his racquetball expertise. As commissioner of the sport for the Games, West had written a summary for a souvenir program.

It soon became obvious that West had not seen the program. Racquetball players are superbly conditioned athletes, he wrote, who can hit the ball at speeds in excess of 400 mph.

West's friend, who also plays racquetball, was bursting with laughter, while West's face turned red.

Bigger racquets and faster balls have indeed increased the speed of the game, West acknowledged, but 100 mph is what he really meant and there's probably not many of those power players in the state.

It did, however, make us feel a bit more superior standing behind a large group of martial artists and in front of a crowd of road racers.



Rita Balock-Hamilton

Center Court
Editor

A pair of deserving tournament players were presented with the most-coveted MRA honors of the year at the state banquet last spring in Bozeman.

Steve Pinnow of Billings and Helen Shields of Missoula received the Don Goddard and Jan Shelton sportsmanship awards, respectively.

Pinnow was nearly speechless, while Shield's eyes teared.

In accepting his award, Pinnow extended a well-put reminder that players of ALL skill levels are important to the sport and tournaments are a good time to watch a variety of players, not just the Open draws.

The possibility of a large MRA representation at the 1990 national doubles tour-

namment in Salt Lake City was discussed at the annual MRA board of directors meeting last spring. And thanks to the work of Mark Rule of Butte and Helen Shields, a bus load of 45 players will make that trip Oct. 24-28.

A Montana-Wyoming regional doubles tournament will be hosted Sept. 14-16 by the Crossroads Fitness Center in Helena as a preliminary for the national event.

It is not mandatory to play at the regional qualifier, but placers from that tournament will have seed criteria that should help first round draws at the national level.

Other items of interest from the spring MRA meeting keep Penn as the official tournament ball for the 1990-91 season. A switch to the Ektelon ball was proposed, but voted down.

More matches will be played at the state singles tournament April 5-7 in Bozeman, as the result of lobbying by Dave Kuhns of Billings. Age divisions are being added to include players from 19-25, 25-30 and 30-35, which will allow every player the option of two events. This will be on a trial basis and also means that matches may be played at the Montana State University campus, as well as the host Universal Sports and Courts Club.

Canadian wins three events

GREAT FALLS — LaVerne Dzuren of Lethbridge, Alberta, proved to be a triple-event winner at the Balfour Spring Fling Plus-30 tournament conducted May 11-13 at Universal Sports and Courts.

Dzuren defeated Rita Hamilton of Havre, 15-1, 12-15, 11-2, for the women's Open-A singles title, plus took two doubles championships.

Dzuren partnered with Jan Shelton of Great Falls to win the round robin women's doubles play, then teamed with her husband, Knobby, to edge Joe Luckman and Charlene Dalbec of Great Falls, 15-14, 15-12 in the mixed finale.

Rick Rios of Bozeman prevailed in the men's Open-A singles with a 15-7, 15-2 triumph over Chuck Smith.

Here are the tournament results. Scores are listed where available.

MEN SINGLES OPEN-A

Championship: Rick Rios (Bozeman) def. Chuck Smith 15-7, 15-2. Third: Steve Pinnow. Consolation: Art Alt.

B-PLUS 30

Championship: Ray Negron def. Larry Nickel (Helena) 15-4, 15-13. Third: Mike Pitman. Consolation: Rod Hessler (Billings).

B-PLUS 40

Championship: Don Lee def. Knobby Dzuren (Lethbridge, Alberta) 15-12, 15-12. Third: Terry Hess. Consolation: Chuck Eckert.

C

Championship: Gary Williams def. Roger Willhite 15-10, 15-3. Consolation: Joe Murgel.

DOUBLES OPEN

Round robin: 1. Rick Rios (Boz)-Mike Hotchkiss (Cut Bank), 2. Steve Pinnow-Kelly Hoover (Blgs), 3. Dave Kuglin-Art Alt (Great Falls).

B-C

Championship: 1. Larry Nickel-Tom Hirst (Hel) def. Terry Hess-Mike Pitman 15-14, 15-1. Third: Don Caruthers-Gary Morin. Consolation: Dean Lofthouse-Joe Murgel.

WOMEN SINGLES OPEN-A

Championship: LaVerne Dzuren (Lethbridge) def. Rita



Photo by RITA HAMILTON

SHIGEO BANKS of Great Falls works the backhand side of the court during the Balfour Spring Fling Plus-30 tournament.

Hamilton (Havre) 15-1, 12-15, 11-2. Third: Carla Chrisman (Conrad). Consolation: Janet Church (Hel).

B-C

Championship: Kelly Veis (Wolf Point) def. Gayle Archey (GF) 16-13, 15-10. Third: Katherine Ake (Kalispell). Consolation: Janet Fritz (GF).

DOUBLES

Round robin: 1. LaVerne Dzuren (Lethbridge)-Jan Shelton (GF), 2. Charlene Dalbec-Mary Thompson (GF), 3. Mary Allaman (Blgs)-Rita Hamilton (Hav).

MIXED DOUBLES

Championship: LaVerne Dzuren-Knobby Dzuren (Lethbridge) def. Charlene Dalbec-Joe Luckman (GF) 15-14, 15-12. Third: Janet Fritz-Rick Fritz (GF). Consolation: Kelly Hoover (Blgs)-Rita Hamilton (Hav) def. Kelly Veis (WP)-Brad Veis (Fairfield) 15-10, 11-15, 11-2.

MEN OPEN

Championship: Dan Hugelen-Mark Heydon (Missoula) def. John Kennis-Matt Parriman (Helena) 15-2, 15-7. Third: Alan Mader-Tim Hergett (Billings) def. Steve Kiffe-Herb Thornby (Bozeman). Consolation: Kelly Hoover-Steve Pinnow (Blgs).

A

Championship: Rob Starz-Darren Retz (Hel) def. Jeff Monaco-Tom Thompson (Great Falls) 9-15, 15-4, 11-10. Third: Tom Hagan (Glendive)-Dennis Wolff (Blgs) def. Dave Kuglin (GF)-Roger Rowsey (Hel). Consolation: Carl Rose (Laurel)-Doug Neill (Blgs).

B-C

Championship: Gordon Tripp-Buck Trip (East Hel) def. Butch Albertson-Ken Myers (Havre), 15-6, 15-4. Third: Jim Halberg-Russ Rowsey (Boz) def. Gary Baltrusch-Steve Strand (Hav). Consolation: Terry Barber-Jay Tuomi (GF).

SENIORS

Championship: Jim Heath-Dan West (Blgs) def. Gary Peterson-Mike Richter (Msls) 15-8, 15-1. Third: Bill McLain (Lewistown)-Rick Rios (Boz) def. Hagan (Glen)-Wolff (Blgs). Consolation: Jim Lind (GF)-Mike Dalton (Hel).

MASTERS

Championship: Jeff Pallister-Bud Talbott (GF) def. Stan Kondracki-Dick Strausberg (Blgs) 15-14, 15-7. Third: Max Eaton-Peter McGee (Boz). Consolation: Bob Baldwin-Kris Kirkland (Boz).

SENIOR MASTERS

Championship: Tom Maguire (GF)-John Taylor (Miles

See doubles, next page

Seats filling for national doubles bus

By RITA HAMILTON
Center Court Editor

BUTTE — Plans for a chartered bus trip the the 1990 U.S. National Doubles racquetball championships in Salt Lake City Oct. 25-28 are progressing nicely.

Eight seats remain open on the 45-seat charter bus which will transport Montana Racquetball Association members to Utah.

The bus ride originates at 8 a.m. on Oct. 24 in Great Falls, then travels to pick up players in Helena and Butte.

The MRA bus will depart from Salt Lake for the return ride at approximately 6 p.m. on Oct. 28.

Mark Rule of Butte and Helen Shields of Missoula are coordinating the trip.

Rule has contacted American Amateur Racquetball Association officials concerning entry forms and expects to receive them in early August.

Rule will distribute the entry forms which should also be returned to him with tournament fees, plus whatever balance is owed for the bus ride.

Those riding the bus were required to deposit \$25 of the \$50 fee by July 1.

Rule is also planning to secure a block of rooms at the host hotel with the bus providing transportation to and from the tournament site.

Players who are confirmed to make the trip via bus include:

BILLINGS — Mary Allaman, Kelly Hoover, Alan Mader, Steve Pinnow, Connie Ryals.

BUTTE — Mike Clements, Stephany Dauenhauer, Jodi DiFronzo, Tony DiFronzo, Jolee Ferriter, Robbie Gunderson, Lisa Phillips, Ronnie Roesti, Mark Rule, Brad Spear, Rose Spear.

HAVRE — Ron Brenna, Rita Hamilton.

HELENA — Janet Church, John Kennis, Keri Routzahn.

GREAT FALLS — Charlene Dalbec, Dave Kuglin, Anne Tipton (rider only), Joe Luckman, Jeff Monaco, Carlie Ridgeley, Dale Shelton, Jan Shelton, Bonnie Talbott, Tom Thompson.

MISSOULA — Teresa Burke, Helen Shields, Gae Wheeler.

Several other MRA players are planning to compete, as well, and many of those committed have partners for just one of a possible two events.

The Crossroads Fitness Center in Helena will be the host for a regional doubles qualifier Sept. 14-16. Play in that regional event is not required as a preliminary to nationals, but encouraged for seeding purposes.

More information on the national doubles event may be secured by contacting Rule at 723-3266 (work) or 494-4052 (home). Rule's home address is 1212 Harrison, Butte, Mt. 59701.

Hugelen takes doubles titles

HELENA — Dan Hugelen of Missoula collected two state Open championships at the 1990 Montana Racquetball Association's doubles tournament Feb. 23-25 at the Crossroads Fitness Center.

Hugelen and Mark Heydon of Missoula rolled John Kennis and Matt Parriman of Helena, 15-2, 15-7, in the men's final.

In the mixed division, Hugelen partnered with Helen Shields of Missoula for a 15-9, 15-11 triumph over Kennis and Karen Jacobson of Havre.

Shields and Sid Whitesell of Missoula were denied the women's Open title by Sheri (Strandberg) Muller and Berte Heath of Billings, 15-12, 15-8.

The tournament drew 213 entries and the largest bracket featured 28 teams in the men's B-C play. A father-son combination of Gordon and Buck Tripp of East Helena won that division 15-6, 15-4 over Butch Albertson and Ken Myers of Havre.

Here are the tournament results. Scores are reported where available.

Shields cops fifth singles crown

BOZEMAN — Helen Shields of Missoula continued her dominance of women's Open play at the 1990 Montana Racquetball Association state singles March 30-April 1.

Karen Jacobson of Havre pushed Shields into a tie-breaker, but fell 11-6 in that decisive game. Shields took the first game 15-11, while Jacobson won the second 15-12.

It was Shield's fifth consecutive state championship.

In the men's side, Dan Hugelen of Missoula returned for his fourth win in the last five years with a 15-10, 15-12 decision over defending champion John Kennis of Helena.

Hugelen did not compete in the 1989 championships following surgery.

Moving into the Open ranks after posting victories in the A finals are Tom Thompson of Great Falls and Connie Ryals of Billings.

A husband and wife from Butte earned the C titles, as Mike Schrapps stymied Matt Thompson of Great Falls, 15-8, 15-7 for the men's win. And Mary Ann Schrapps tripped Keri Routzahn of Helena 15-10, 15-10 in the women's play.

Here are the tournament results. Scores are reported where available.

MEN OPEN

Championship: Dan Hugelen (Missoula) def. John Kennis (Helena) 15 10, 15 12. Third: Mike Richter (Msls) def. Dan West (Billings) 15 4, 15 5. Consolation: Dave Weber (Blgs) def. Buck Lindstrand (Msls) 15 14, 15 14.

A

Championship: Tom Thompson (GF) def. Carl Rose (Laurel) 15 8, 15 11. Third: Ron Frize (Miles City) won by forfeit over Dennis Jupka (GF). Consolation: Mike Hotchkiss (Cut Bank) def. James Anderson (Lolo) 15 6, 9 15, 11 3.

B

Championship: Buck Tripp (Bozeman) def. Tom McGwire (GF) 14 15, 15 10, 11 6. Third: Brent Barefield (Boz) def. Randy Weaver (CB) 15 14, 4 15, 11 3. Consolation: Jeff Gottlob (CB) def. Joe Palakovich (Anaconda) 15 10, 6 15, 11 9.

C

Championship: Mike Schrapps (Butte) def. Matt Thompson (GF) 15 8, 15 7. Third: Max Erickson (Havre) def. Scott Fisher (Boz) 15 12, 14 15, 11 5. Consolation: Don Gross (Butte) def. Mark Talbot (GF) 15 2, 15 5.

SENIOR A

Championship: Mike Richter (Msls) def. Rick Rios (Boz) 15 13, 15 6. Third: Dan West (Blgs) def. Dave Weber (Blgs). Consolation: Dennis Wolff (Blgs) def. James Anderson (Lolo) 15 13, 15 4.

SENIOR B

Championship: Bruce Gerlach (Boz) def. Mike Caviness (Boz) 15 14, 12 15, 11 3. Third: Larry Nickel (Hel) won by forfeit over Terry Gustafson (Boz). Consolation: Don Gollehan (Miles City) def. Dale Butterfield (Blgs) 15 13, 15 4.

SENIOR C

Championship: Max Erickson (Hav) def. Curt Kunugi (MC) 15 12, 15 8. Third: John Platt (Boz) won by forfeit over Jeff Hoffman (Hamilton). Consolation: Duane Delger (Blgs) def. Tom Mitchell (Butte) 15 6, 15 9.

Doubles continued

City) def. Mike Dalton Ben Parriman (Hel) 15 8, 15 7. Third: Dale Shelton (GF) Bill McLain (Lew) def. James Brown Gary Richards (Blgs). Consolation: Don Goddard (Glasgow) Myers (Hav).

WOMEN OPEN

Championship: Sheri Muller Berte Heath (Blgs) def. Helen Shields Sid Whitesell (Msls), 15 12, 15 8. Third: Karen Jacobson Margie Morse (Hav) def. Teresa Burke (Msls) Annie Blaz (Boz). Consolation: Chris Martin Cindy Thompson (Blgs).

A

Championship: Christal McLean Connie Ryals (Blgs) def. Lorry Parriman (Hel) Traci Thomas (Boz) 15 10, 2 15, 11 7. Third: Diane Johnson (Butte) K C Correll (Msls) def. Mary Allaman (Blgs) Annie Shea (Butte). Consolation: Susan Harper Whitten Shawn Schneider (Msls).

B

Championship: Lini Reading (Whitfish) Joyce Schmautz (Kalispell) def. Gail Davis Denise Matz (Cut



Photo by RITA HAMILTON

HELEN SHIELDS of Missoula was in championship form for the fifth consecutive year at the state singles tournament.

MASTERS

Championship: Jeff Pallister (GF) def. Tim Keating (Blgs) 15 7, 15 9. Third: Bob Baldwin (Boz) won by forfeit over Dick Strausberg (Blgs). Consolation: Duane Delger (Blgs) def. Tom Mitchell (Butte) 15 6, 15 9.

GOLDEN MASTERS

Round robin: 1. Bob Baldwin (Boz) 4, 0. 2. Joe Luckman (Great Falls) 3, 1. 3. Pete Aguilar (Livingston) 2, 2.

JUNIORS

Championship: Jeff Butterfield (Blgs) def. Scott Fisher (Boz) 15 3, 15 3. Third: Jamey Cariveau (Hav) def. Matt Thompson (GF) 15 12, 15 12. Consolation: Justin Donnelly (Butte) def. Cory Hallock (Glasgow) 15 8, 15 0.

WOMEN OPEN

Championship: Helen Shields (Msls) def. Karen Jacobson (Hav) 15 11, 12 15, 11 6. Third: Kim Koski (Boz) def. Nancy Rios (Boz) 15 2, 15 6. Consolation: Cindy Thompson (Blgs) def. Linda Richter (Msls) 15 7, 15 7.

A

Championship: Connie Ryals (Blgs) def. Charlene Dalbec (GF) 15 8, 15 12. Third: Kelly Robertson (Boz) def. Tina Sandborgh (Boz) 15 12, 15 12. Consolation: Annie Shea (Butte) def. Judy Hugelen (Msls) 15 13, 15 14.

B

Championship: Jolee Ferriter (Butte) def. Sharon Rosling (East Helena) 15 5, 15 0. Third: Alice Pilgeram (Boz) won by forfeit over Kelly Veis (Wolf Point). Consolation: Diana Meredith (Liv) def. Gretchen Sultzer (Boz) 15 13, 15 10.

C

Championship: Mary Ann Schrapps (Butte) def. Keri Routzahn (Hel) 15 10, 15 10. Third: Vi Schurman (East Helena) def. Sharon Hotchkiss (CB) 15 12, 15 5. Consolation: Carol Surratt (GF) def. Terri Carpenter (GF) 15 3, 15 1.

MIXED OPEN

Championship: Dan Hugelen Helen Shields (Msls) def. John Kennis (Hel) Karen Jacobson (Hav) 15 9, 15 11. Third: Chris Martin Tim Hergett (Blgs) def. Tyler Hangas Sid Whitesell (Msls). Consolation: Teresa Bruke Mark McQuirk (Msls).

A

Championship: Jeff Monaco Carrie Ridgely (GF) def. Ron Brenna Rita Hamilton (Hav), 12 15, 15 8, 11 3. Third: Denise Moerkkerke (Hamilton) Rob Starz (Hel) def. Charlene Dalbec Joe Luckman (GF). Consolation: Steve Pinnow Susan Eades (Blgs).

B

Championship: Butch Albertson Jenny Morse (Hav) def. Larry Nickel Sharon Rosling (Hel), 15 6, 15 9. Consolation: Jean Cline Scott Barbour (CB).

MRA rankings

BILLINGS — Here are the Montana Racquetball Association's singles rankings after three tournaments, including state, Region 13 and the Big Sky State Games.

MEN OPEN

Player	Points
1. John Kennis, Helena	160
2. Dan Hugelen, Missoula	150
3. Mike Richter, Missoula	80
Lloyd Marsh, Billings	80
5. Dan West, Billings	70
6. Mike George, Great Falls	55
7. Rick Rios, Bozeman	40
8. Ronnie Roesli, Butte	35
9. Lance Reithmeier, Havre	25
Dave Weber, Billings	25

A

1. Tom Thompson, Great Falls*	150
2. Carl Rose, Laurel	100
3. Ron Frize, Miles City	95
4. Ron Brenna, Havre	75
5. Dennis Jupka, Great Falls	50
6. Bill McNeely, Billings	30
7. Steve Pinnow, Billings	25
Mike Hotchkiss, Cut Bank	25
Stuart Westlake, Bozeman	25
Perry Jacobson, Havre	25

(* Won state, must play Open)

B

1. Buck Tripp, Helena*	150
2. Tom Maguire, Great Falls	100
3. Brent Barefield, Bozeman	75
4. Randy Weaver, Cut Bank	50
John Braun, Billings	50
Lee Morrison, Billings	50
7. Russ Rowsey, Bozeman	30
8. Mark Rule, Butte	25
Larry Nickel, Helena	25
Jeff Pallister, Bozeman	25
Joel Norgaard, Missoula	25
Jeff Gottlob, Cut Bank	25

(* Won state, must play A)

C

1. Mike Schrapps, Butte*	150
Matt Thompson, Great Falls	150
3. Scott Fisher, Bozeman	100
4. Max Erickson, Havre	75
5. Curt Kunugi, Miles City	30
Randy Bentley, Billings	30
7. Art Sandborgh, Bozeman	25
Shawn Aasheim, Bozeman	25
Willie King, Deer Lodge	25
David Hustin, Deer Lodge	25

(* Won state, must play B)

WOMEN OPEN

1. Helen Shields, Missoula	150
2. Karen Jacobson, Havre	100
3. Kim Koski, Bozeman	75
4. Nancy Rios, Bozeman	50
Michelle Koch, Billings	50
6. Cindy Thompson, Billings	45
7. Karen Erlenbush, Miles City	30
8. Teresa Burke, Missoula	25
Denise Moerkkerke, Missoula	25
10. Patty Little, Billings	20

A

1. Connie Ryals, Billings*	150
2. Charlene Dalbec, Great Falls	100
3. Kelly Robertson, Bozeman	75
4. Tina Sandborgh, Bozeman	50
Mary Thompson, Great Falls	50
6. Christal McLean, Billings	25
Becky Murphy, Bozeman	25
Ann Shea, Butte	25
9. Mary Allaman, Billings	20
10. Karley Myers, Havre	10

(* Won state, must play Open)

B

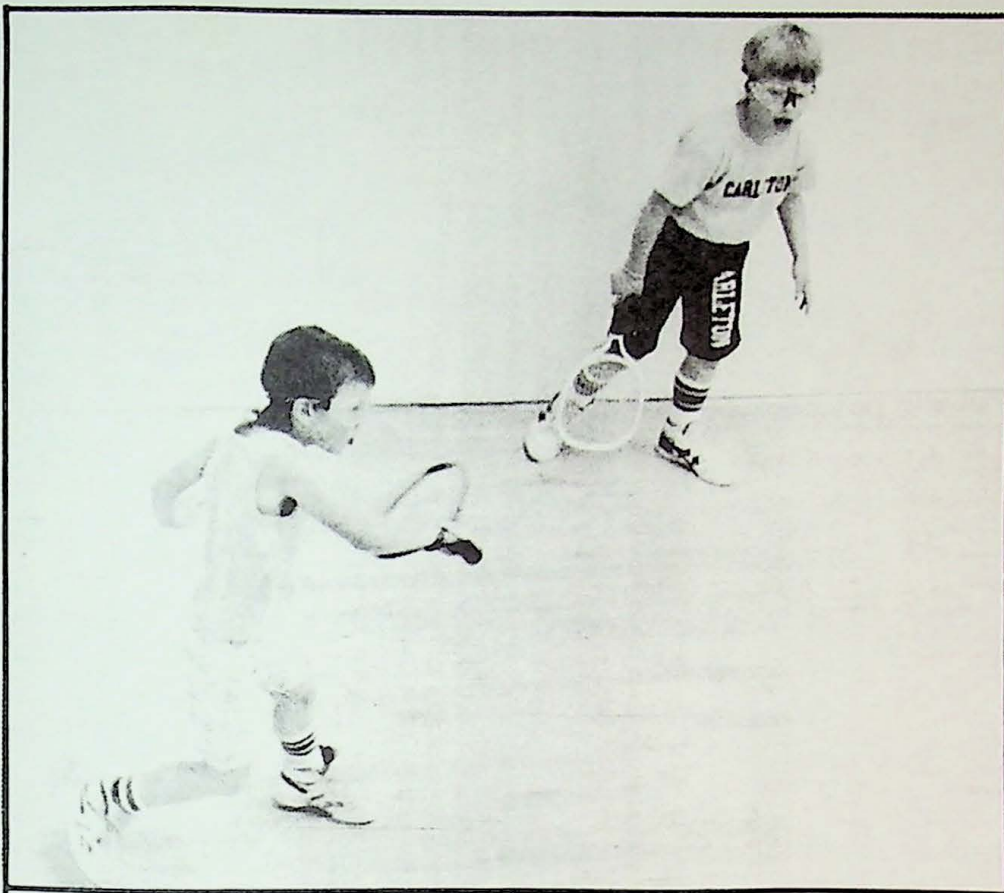
1. Jolee Ferriter, Butte*	150
2. Sharon Rosling, Helena	100
Kelly Veis, Wolf Point	100
4. Alice Pilgeram, Bozeman	75
5. Jodi DiFronzo, Butte	35
6. Jenni Roesli, Butte	30
7. Laurie Benvenaga, Livingston	25
Diana Meredith, Livingston	25
9. Lisa Phillips, Butte	20
10. Stephanie Joyce, Miles City	15

(* Won state, must play A)

C

1. Mary Ann Schrapps, Butte*	150
2. Keri Routzahn, Helena	110
3. Vi Schurman, Helena	75
4. Sharon Hotchkiss, Cut Bank	50
5. Carol Surratt, Great Falls	25
Dena Monical, Livingston	25
Steph Daenhauer, Butte	25

(* Won state, must play B)



Racquetball's future

Nate Baltrusch (left) follows through on a forehand in a junior no-bounce match against Brad Waln at Havre's city racquetball championships in mid-March.

Photo by RITA HAMILTON

Regional singles draw is down

BILLINGS — Lloyd Marsh of Billings won twice in the AARA-Ektelon Region 13 singles tournament at the Billings Athletic Club April 20-22.

Marsh topped the men's Open-A bracket, as well as the 30-34 age division.

Marsh defeated Mike George of Great Falls in the Open play and Dave Kuhns of Billings in the age event.

George did come back to win the 19-29 event over Herb Thornby of Bozeman.

In women's A-B singles, Mary Thompson of Great Falls defeated Mary Benson of Casper, Wyo., for the championship, while Benson turned the table on Thompson in the finale of the women's 35-39 age division.

The tournament drew not quite 70 entries.

Here are the tournament results. Scores were unavailable:

MEN OPEN-A

Championship: Lloyd Marsh (Billings) def. Mike George (Great Falls). Third: Mike Richter (Missoula) def. Mike Donovan (Wyoming). Consolation: John Kennis (Helena) def. H.R. Coe (Wyoming).

B

Championship: John Braun (Blgs) def. Craig Atwood (Idaho). Third: Rodd Hessler (Blgs) def. Don Bergeron (Blgs). Consolation: Mark Rule (Butte) def. Matt Keating (Casper, Wyo.).

C

Championship: Matt Thompson (GF) def. Randy Bentley (Blgs). Third: Duane Delger (Blgs) def. Hank Mellgren (Blgs). Consolation: Glenn Rice (Blgs) def. Pat Keating (Casper).

Ages 19-29

Championship: Mike George (GF) def. Herb Thornby (Bozeman). Third: John Kennis (Hel) def. Paul Patek

(Blgs). Consolation: Alan Lich (Blgs) won by forfeit over Matt Keating (Casper).

Ages 30-34

Championship: Lloyd Marsh (Blgs) def. Dave Kuhns (Blgs). Third: Steve Pinnow (Blgs) def. Chuck Smith (Blgs). Consolation: Kelly Hoover (Blgs) def. Rod Hessler (Blgs).

Ages 35-39

Championship: Ron Shipley (Idaho) def. Mike Richter (Msls). Consolation: Anthony Wuest (Colstrip) def. Gary Paull (Colstrip).

Ages 40-44

Championship: Ron Shipley (Idaho) won by forfeit over Dave Weber (Blgs). Third: Mike Sierz (Wyo.) def. Tom Hagan (Glendive). Consolation: Don Bergeron (Blgs) def. Jerry Ridgeway (Blgs).

Ages 45-49

Championship: Craig Atwood (Idaho) def. Tim Keating (Blgs). Third: Mike Sierz (Wyo.) def. Dave Bovee (Colstrip). Consolation: Vincent Johnson (Sheridan, Wyo.) def. Phil Willoughby (Casper).

50-Plus

Round robin: 1. Denton Buss, 2. Don Goddard (Glasgow), 3. Vincent Johnson (Sheridan).

Boys 14-under

Championship: H.R. Coe (Cody, Wyo.) def. Andy Clark (Anaconda)

Boys 14-under

Championship: Scott Fisher (Boz) def. Matt Hall (Cody)

WOMEN A-B

Championship: Mary Thompson (GF) def. Mary Benson (Casper). Third: Mary Allaman (Blgs) def. Marge Johnston (Wyo.). Consolation: Keri Routzahn (Hel) def. Jill Wilkings (Blgs).

Ages 19-29

Championship: Keri Routzahn (Hel) def. Jill Wilkings (Blgs).

Ages 35-39

Championship: Mary Benson (Casper) def. Mary Thompson (GF). Third: Lynn Hopfaut (Glendive) def. Mary Allaman (Blgs). Consolation: Marge Johnston (Sheridan) def. Carol Hardy (Blgs).

Girls 14-under

Championship: Karley Myers (Havre) def. Tricia Clark (Anaconda).

Kennis coasts at State Games

BILLINGS — John Kennis of Helena eased to the championship of the men's Open singles play at the fifth annual Big Sky State Games July 20-22 at the Billings Athletic Club.

Kennis routed Rick Rios of Bozeman, 15-1, 15-1, in the semifinal, then handled Lloyd Marsh of Billings, 15-8, 15-7, in the title showdown.

On the women's side, Michelle Koch of Billings captured the Open singles championship over Karen Erlenbusch of Miles City.

The tournament field numbered 97.

Here are the tournament results. Scores are indicated where available.

MEN SINGLES OPEN

Championship: John Kennis (Helena) def. Lloyd Marsh (Billings) 15-8, 15-7. 3. Dan West (Blgs), 4. Rick Rios (Bozeman). Consolation: Ronnie Roesti (Butte).

A

Championship: Ron Brenna (Havre) def. Bill McNeeley (Blgs). 3. Ron Frize (Miles City). Consolation: Mark Rule (Butte).

B

Championship: Lee Morrison (Blgs) def. Russ Rowsey (Boz). 3. Jim Halberg (Boz), 4. Mike Clements (Butte). Consolation: Frank Sweifel (Blgs).

C

Championship: Scott Fisher (Boz) def. Curt Kunugi (MC). 3. Matt Meeks (Boz), 4. Dennis Keller (Blgs). Consolation: John Landberg (Boz).

SENIOR A

1. Cary Greenlee (Blgs), 2. Dave Kuglin (GF), 3. Anthony Wuest (Colstrip).

SENIOR B

Championship: Dan Gollehan (MC) def. Glen Rice (Blgs). 3. Lew Hill (Boz), 4. Dale Butterfield (Blgs). Consolation: Tim Stoltz (MC).

SENIOR C

Championship: Gerry Horland (Boz) def. Curt Kunugi (MC). 3. Steve Meeks (Blgs), 4. Ken Boyd (Blgs). Consolation: Larry Hamilton (Hel).

MASTERS

Round robin: 1. Tim Keating (Blgs), 2. John Taylor (MC), 3. Bob Baldwin (Boz).

DOUBLES OPEN

Round robin: 1. Jim Heath-Dan West (Blgs), 2. Rick Rios (Boz)-Lloyd Marsh (Blgs), 3. Ronnie Roesti-Rob Gunderson (Butte).

B

Championship: Bob Baldwin-Bruce Gerlach (Boz) def. Russ Rowsey-Jim Halberg (Boz). Third: Ron Brenna-Rita Hamilton (Havre) won by injury default over Paul Neutgen-Dale Butterfield (Blgs).

WOMEN SINGLES OPEN

Championship: Michelle Koch (Blgs) def. Karen Erlenbusch (MC). Third: Cindy Thompson (Blgs) def. Patty Little (Blgs). Consolation: Rita Hamilton (Hav) def. Janet Church (Hel).

B-C

Championship: Kelly Veis (Wolf Point) def. Jenni Roesti (Butte). Third: Lisa Phillips (Butte) def. Stephanie Joyce (MC). Consolation: Joyce Putshe (Blgs).

DOUBLES

Round robin: 1. Kelly Veis (WP)-Rita Hamilton (Hav) 4-0, 2. Karen Erlenbusch-Stephanie Joyce (MC) 3-1, 3. Janet Church (Hel)-Judy Kondracki (Blgs) 2-2.

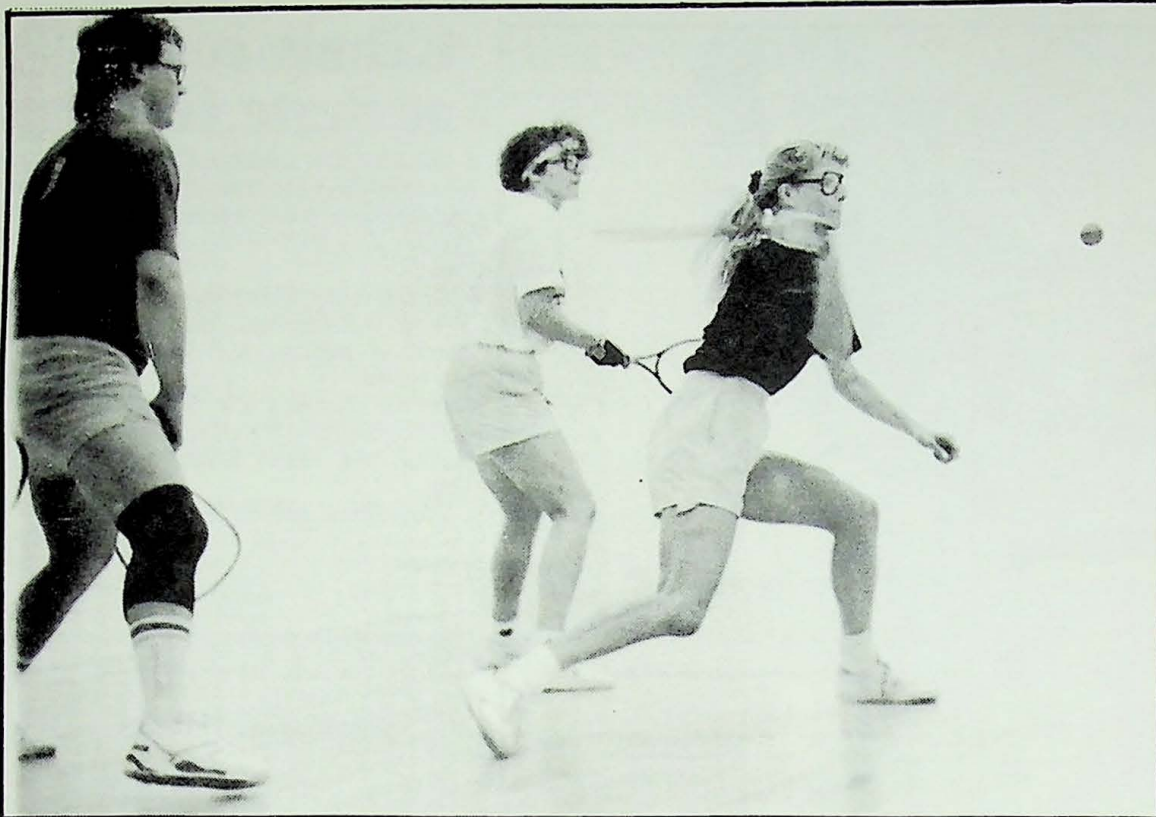
BOYS SINGLES 15-Under

Championship: Scott Fisher (Boz) def. Mike Melius (Blgs).

10-Under

Championship: Ken Birrell (Boz) def. Dan Burgess (Blgs).

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Danger zone

Photo by RITA HAMILTON

An all-Missoula mixed Open doubles match Richter (right) took the court with developed at the state tournament when Linda Teresa Burke and Mark McQuirk.

Facts

Here is an assortment of racquetball facts courtesy of the American Amateur Racquetball Association:

- Best sports for burning calories — racquetball, cross country skiing and bicycling.
 - Exercise to shrink a beer belly — racquetball, running and rowing.
 - Ways to reduce motion sickness — play racquetball or tennis.
- Sports that require hand-eye coordination can help improve your tolerance for movement.

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- An average player will run approximately one mile during a 15-point game of racquetball and three miles during a match.
- Racquetball players work at a constant rate of 75-85 percent of their maximum heart rate for the duration of a typical game.

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Referee's corner

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GREAT FALLS — Here are several AARA rule changes effective Sept. 1, 1990:

- 1. The foot fault rule on the serve has been changed to allow the front foot to move over the service line as long as it does not go all the way over.
- 2. Court hinders are now appealable.
- 3. Racquet length may extend to 21½ inches from the present 21 inches. The racquet size waiver is for test purposes and expires June 1, 1991, unless approved as a permanent rule change. This test racquet cannot be used in the regional or national championships.
- 4. New age bracket of 80-plus approved for both men and women's divisions.

- 5. Mixed doubles approved for all age divisions except 19-plus.
- 6. Point hinder has been changed back to avoidable hinder.

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All players playing in a MRA-AARA sanctioned tournament must wear lensed eye guards approved for racquet play.

The eye guard rule has been on the books for about three years. Weak enforcement has allowed continued violation of the rule.

Violation of the eye guard rule once the game is in play is a technical (loss of one point). The second violation is an automatic forfeit of the violating player. The rule cannot be overridden by agreeable players.