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REPEAT PERFORMANCE: FLORIDA SWEEPS NATIONALS

By Linda Mojer

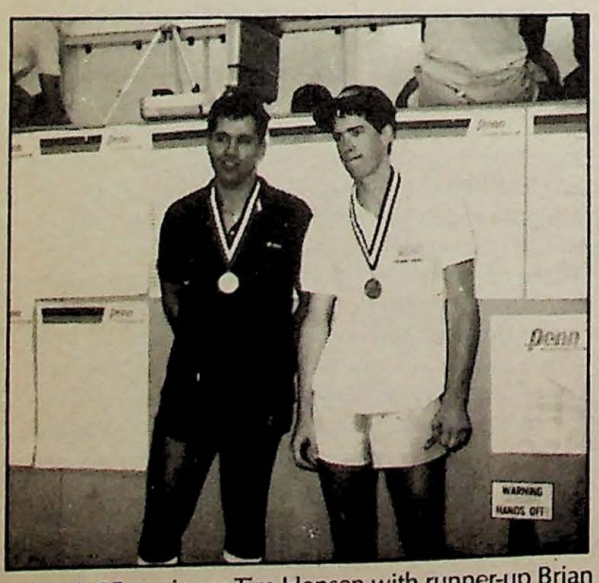
If there had been a team award for the most number of winners from any one state at the 1987 National Singles Championships, Florida would have walked away with that one, too. As it was, out of twenty-six open and age divisions of play, Florida players reached the quarterfinals of twenty-three of them. Final results in the women's brackets brought the point home, as Florida winners took first or second place in all but three of the divisions.

Forty-seven Florida competitors traveled to downtown Houston, Texas over the Memorial Day weekend, adding their names to a list of close to 1000 entries to this year's national event. Familiar faces began to show up early at the Hyatt Regency on Wednesday, checking into rooms that would become their homes-away-from)home during the five day event, and checking out the competition at the nearby YMCA.

A hospitality suite was set up in a conference facility on the second floor, where draw sheets wallpapered the room, industry reps displayed their goods, and tournament staffers handed out souvenir pins, bag tags, sweatshirts, hugs and handshakes.

Buzzing around the drawsheets continued throughout Thursday, until the first rounds (and a party sponsored by Head) loosened up most of the anxious crowd. Although still early in the tournament, it appeared that those that insisted on a good night's sleep went the farthest in following rounds, saving their party-muscle for Monday evening. The third round of play in the men's open division and the round of 16 for women's open competition began on Friday.

Tim Hansen (seeded #12), Sergio Gonzalez (#6) and James Lorello (#23) reached the round of 32 on Friday, but only Sergio survived the stiff competition, defeating his opponent (Nolan Glantz, #38/OH) in two swift games of 15-9, 15-5. Hansen pressed Bobby Rodriguez (#21/CO) to a three game tie-breaker, but failed in his attempt to advance. James Lorello was the least fortunate of the three, meeting #10 seeded Tim Anthony of Ohio in this round and losing in two straight games. It wouldn't have gotten any easier, as the following rounds would have pitted Lorello against the eventual winner, Jim Cascio, and Hansen against Doug Ganim (#5/OH). Sergio found that his next round was his last, as he struggled unsuccessfully against talented Kenny Kaihlanen (#22/TX), losing in the tie-breaker 11-9.



Men's 25+ winner Tim Hansen with runner-up Brian Sheldon.

Under similar circumstances, three Florida women entered the women's open round of 16, but only one emerged victorious. Diane Green ignored her unlucky #13 seeding, and played skillfully against #4 seeded Mirjam Wielheesen, defeating the Colorado native in two games of 15-7, 15-13. Julie Pinnell (#22) and Susan Morgan (#7) were not as lucky with their opponents. Pinnell met Dottie Fischl (#6/PA) in a the late evening match, losing in two games, as did Susan Morgan against Kay Kuhfeld (#10/IN). Both Fischl and Kuhfeld advanced into the semi-finals, and onto this year's national team.

Diane Green joined them there, as she continued to dominate in the quarterfinals against #5 seeded Toni Bevelock of Tennessee, winning 15-14, 15-6. In the semi-final round against top-seeded, three time national champion Cindy Baxter, Diane was a study in concentration, letting nothing distract her from the business at hand. Playing to a full gallery, the two exchanged long and thoughtful rallies, retrieving each other's best shots with skill and grace. The greater number of rallies, however, ended with one of Diane's roll-out pinch shots, perfectly executed from all sections of the court. More than one person made note of the "fire in her eyes" as Diane purposefully ended the second game, and the match, without the slightest trace of hesitation, advancing to the final round with a two-game win of 15-8, 15-9.

Maintaining her concentration to the last, Diane made equally quick work of Kaye Kuhfeld in the final, winning the 1987 Women's Open Championship in two games, 15-7, 15-10. There the two conducted a clinic in differing styles of racquetball play. Cool and collected, Kuhfeld was in constant motion, running ceiling rally drills and covering all the zones. Green stuck to her winning strategy of concluding every possible rally with an unerring roll-out, regardless of risk. The Orlando native finally manuevered the entire women's open draw without a single tie-breaker—a feat unto itself.

In the age divisions, Florida players reached the quarterfinals and beyond in a number of brackets. The ever-confident and charming Tim Hansen bullied his way through the Men's 25+ draw, intimidating referees **and** his opponents. More knowledgeable of the rules than most, Hansen used them to his advantage, even conducting impromptu testing of officials in the midst of matches. Nonetheless, his skill and cunning with a racquet served him well, gaining him the national title formerly held by another Floridian, Mark Morrison. In six rounds of play following a bye, Hansen defeated Oscar Bazan (#64/CA), Kerry Spix (#33/IL), Kurt Atwell (#17/MO), Byron Williams (#8/OK), Michael Hollenback (#5/CA), and Brian Sheldon (#54/TN).

Doubling up to the Men's 50+ bracket, Sonny Marcus of Tampa earned runner-up honors after a hard-fought tie-breaker against #1 seeded Bob Wetzel of California. Sarasota native Charlie Nichols took third place in 19+, joined in the semi-finalist circle by Jacksonville's Gordon Ira (4th place 45+). Quarterfinalists in other men's divisions included Van Dubolsky/35+, Bob Riley/40+, Jack Ross/45+, Malcolm Roberts/55 & 60+, and James Wells in the Bs.

As the results of Sunday matches were posted, it became clear that Florida women were destined to make their mark on the½h½1987 Nationals. A pattern emerged as the names of state singles winners inched further to the right of age division brackets after each round of play, until the final matches were filled with "sunshine state-ers."

Women's Open finalists (L to R): Kay Kuhfeld, runner-up; Diane Green, 1987 National Champion; Dottie Fisch and Cindy Baxter.

Jacksonville's Kersten Hallender, seeded #4 in the Women's 19+ bracket, towered over her opponents in more ways than one as she advanced through four matches after a first round bye. There were no tie-breakers here either, as defeats of Kathy Stellema (#13/MI), Robin Saraceni (#17/NY), Teri Selby (#8/AZ) and Sheri Anderson (#15/MI) followed with only two games allowed to each opponent. Hometown sparring partner Susan Morgan also showed them how it's done in Jacksonville, winning the Women's 30+ division in five matches after her first round bye. Seeded #2, Morgan defeated Bonnie Tadej (#34/WA), Cathy Langlotz (#18/TX), Mary Bickley (#10/PA), Linda Wright (#6/NE), and Gail Woods (#1/LA).

Moving further south in the state, the next three women's divisions featured the talents of winners Eileen Tuckman in 35+, Judi Schmidt in 40+ and 45+, and runner-up Agatha Falso in 40+. Tuckman confirmed her #1 seeding by proceeding directly past three opponents into the finals against Irene Chmura (#6/MI). There she finished the weekend, and her first tie-breaker, with a win of 11-2. Judi Schmidt also worked her way through the bottom half of the Women's 40+ draw in three matches before defeating doubles partner Agatha Falso in two games. Directly afterwards,½h½Judi walked onto another court to claim her 45+ win from Mildred Gwinn (#2/NC). Skipping up to 55+, number one seeded Julia Atherly represented south Florida well with a runner-up win against Claire Gautreau (#2/TX).

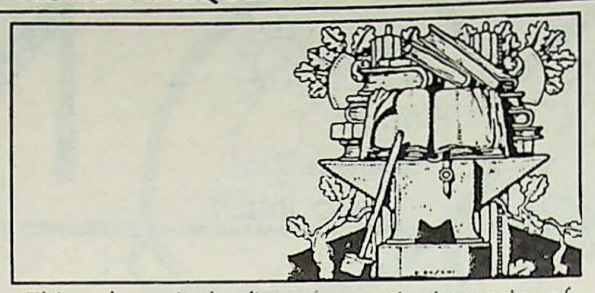
Floridians Jo Kenyon and Shirley Elgaway took third and fourth place honors, respectively, in the Women's 50+ division before calling it a holiday, while the irrepressible Lori Basch battled all day Saturday for the Women's 19+ consolation win. Reaching the quarterfinals were: Julie Pinnell in Women's Open and 30+, Janis Smith/35+ and Linda Mojer/Bs. All told, southern belles placed in the quarterfinals or above in ten out of twelve divisions of women's racquetball at the national level. Not bad at all.

Food fights, fun, frolic, and loud, incredible personalities are characteristic of Florida players. So is solid, skillful racquetball. Compare the numbers against any other state in the American Amateur Racquetball Association and you'll come up with Florida every time. A round of applause goes to those people who made it happen:

1987 Nationals—TEAM FLORIDA

Julia & Lyle Atherly, Lantana; Lori Basch, Orlando; Vincent Biondi, Hollywood; Michael Blitz, Winter Park; Thomas Ciaccio, Sunrise; Richard Dellanini, Tampa; Michael Distefano, Jacksonville; Van Dubolsky, Gainesville; Shirley Elgaway, Ft. Lauderdale; Agatha Falso, Boca Raton; Sue Giliberti, Pembroke Pines; Sergio Gonzalez, St. Petersburg; Diane Green, Altamonte Springs; Kersten Hallender, Jacksonville; Tim Hansen, Palm Beach; Robert Harper, Miami; Gordon Ira, Jacksonville; Jo Kenyon, Ft. Lauderdale; Jeff Kristjansen, Boca Raton; Mitt Layton, Orange Park; Jeff Leon, Delray Beach; James Lorello, Coral Springs; Sonny Marcus, Tampa; Ken McLeod, Cooper City; Steve Miller, Cooper City; Linda Mojer, Winter Park; Susan Morgan, Neptune Beach; Charlie Nichols, Sarasota; Julie Pinnell, Winter Park; Jerry Rand, Sunrise; Robert Riley, West Palm Beach; Malcolm Roberts, Melbourne; Jack Ross, Miami; John Scargle, Oldsmar; Judi Schmidt, Sarasota; John Schneider, Nokomis; Mark Sheck, Lakeland; Barbara Simmons, Sarasota; Janis Smith, Sarasota; Eileen Tuckman, Lake North; Edward Vlock, Tampa; Harry Weiman, Pembroke Pines; James Wells, North Miami; Fred White, Coconut Creek; David Williams, Gainesville; Curtis Winter, Jacksonville

Florida winners Jo Kenyon, Eileen Tuckman, Agatha Falso, Susan Morgan & Kersten Hallander. (All national photos courtesy of Jo Kenyon.)



This column is the first of a continuing series of player profiles which will focus on the various strengths and weaknesses of top-level Florida players. We plan to provide an accurate "book" of unique styles of play, highlights of memorable matches and personal observations of a different player in each issue. We hope featured players will take our comments in the nature they are intended—respectfully, with good sportsmanship and in good fun.

For our "first serve" we begin our series with longtime men's open competitor. . . Vinnie Ganley. A right-hander, Vinnie has been playing racquetball since 1973, participating in over 150 tournaments. Most of his leisure hours are spent on the court as he continuously strives to be the number one player in the state.

No one lives the game like Vinnie, as his single-minded attitude on the court often proves. In the 20 x 40' world of racquetball, he is a master of concentration. At a recent club tournament, a bikini-clad young woman paraded past the glass back wall during one of his matches. The opponent fell over his eyeballs, while Vinnie shot the ball to end the match.

Even without such distractions, Vinnie has the ability to beat anyone at the open level. At a large tournament several years ago, he surprised Jim Cullen of Atlanta, one of the strongest players in the South, with his awesome display of court control and "skyhooks."

Anyone watching Vinnie will immediately notice his unorthodox grip and that he doesn't bend his wrist when hitting the ball. But don't let the offbeat style fool you, he has an uncanny ability to "hit the cracks" and get bizarre bounces from unexpected pinch shots.

While Vinnie is careful, controlled and accurate in his shot-making, he can be overwhelmed by the type of power generated by the likes of Charlie Nichols and Tim Hansen. Shots deep and high to his forehand can also be effective in a match against him.

All in all, Vinnie Ganley is the type of established and dedicated tournament player anyone can look up to. His play is consistent, he is an approachable person with plenty of encouragement for newcomers, and makes the game look deceptively easy, since he never **sweats**.A

-C"The Book on Vinnie Ganley"

Age: 26
Occupation: Walt Disney World/Contemporary Hotel
Ranking: 4th in Men's Open
Nickname: "V" or "Skyhook"
Club: Orlando Tennis & Racquet Club
Strengths: Concentration, court awareness and control, backhand, ability to kill the ball from any position on the court, accurate pinch shots.
Weaknesses: Lob serve return, ceiling play to deep right side, and tendency to blame the referee/racquet/ball/court condition or weather when he has an off day.
Overview: The "dark horse" in any tournament, has the ability to beat any open player in the state, when his game is "under control."

[Editor's Note: The authors (who prefer to remain anonymous) of "The Book" have a combined total of over forty years of court experience, and have coached and/or observed all of the top-level players in Florida.]

THE SCREEN SERVE

by Jeff Leon

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The serve is one of the best kept secrets in racquetball. Over the years I've been amazed at the number of players from open, age groups, juniors and beginners who don't pay more attention to the most important part of the game—the serve.

I can understand that beginners have never been told and are just starting to learn about racquetball. But, the game starts with the serve. It's where we get points, and we **only** get points when we continue **to** serve.

I'm often surprised that many players I have watched and coached do not have good basics as to why, when and how to serve. Most players play or serve based on what they have seen, but don't really know **why** they should use a particular serve, or how to improve the ones they have a natural ability to hit.

This article is written to help the beginner, intermediate and advanced player. My advice is based on experience. The strongest part of my game is the serve, and I use a variety of serves from all positions within the service box. When I serve a ball I'm looking for a **perfect** serve—one that bounces twice before hitting the backwall. I hope to hit such a good serve that I will **ace** my opponent or get a **weak** return so I can then proceed to put the ball away.

With this in mind, let's discuss the controversial screen serve. Now, I've been accused of teaching the so-called "screen serve," and should clarify some of my methods. I do screen my serves from my opponents, but they are legal serves. Before I explain, let's find out exactly what comprises a screen serve.

According to Rule #11, Section A, Part IV: ". . . any ball rebounding from the front wall **close** to the body of a player on the side which just hit the ball and which int erferes with, or prevents, the returning player or side from **seeing** the ball."

I've underlined two key words here—**close** and **seeing**. The first word at one time referred to the ball passing within 18" of the servers body. Under an outdated ruling, such a serve would be automatically be called a "screen." This rule is no longer in effect.

The current rule allows the referee to determine, in his/her own opinion, if the ball has passed too close to the server, and that is what I teach my students. I feel that any serve that almost hits the server or is too close to the server's body is a screen serve.

Now we move to the second and most argued point of a screen serve, that of **seeing**. My interpretation of seeing means the referee must determine if the ball I served is far enough away from my body to be a legal serve.

If the ball is far enough away from the server's body it must be a good serve and I will be the first person to say I can't see the ball on some serves until it passes the short line. I can serve a ball from center court and be sure you can't see it until after it is on its way back.

Is this a screen serve? I maintain that it is a good serve if it passes far enough away from the server's body.

Or, how about the server who serves a drive serve to the opponent's forehand, but the receiver guesses wrong and moves to the backhand side? Can the opponent ask for a screen serve because he could not see the serve? My answer is no!

Some rule changes affecting the screen serve will go into effect as of September 1st. These changes are supposed to help clarify the screen serve, and to penalize those players who intentionally utilize it. The first rule change designates a screen serve as a "fault." This means that after a screen serve is called, the server must play his/her second serve. A second screen serve call will result in a side out.

The second adjustment to the screen serve involves the addition of boundary lines in the service box (with the same function as the 5-foot safety zone line). This line will be parallel to the doubles box, three feet from each side wall and will prevent the server from standing close to the walls on the drive serve. The server will not be able to break the plane of the new lines with the racquet or any part of the body during the serve. This will restrict service motion to the remaining 17 feet of service box, and clear a line of sight down the alley the ball comes from. Just like the 5-foot line, if the player breaks the plane of the boundary line, a penalty will be given (in the form of a fault serve).

These rule changes will not affect my serves, since I serve from 3-4 feet from either wall, attempting to ace my opponent or force a weak return, as I explained earlier. In my next column, I'll give you some practice tips on how to serve an effective drive serve that is **not** a screen, but is just as unreturnable.

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS:

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SUNSHINE STATE GAMES IN CLEARWATER

by Linda Mojer

Racquetball shared the Clearwater spotlight with at least a dozen other sports over the weekend of July 10-12 at the Sunshine State Games. Hosted by the Suncoast Courthouse and Fitness Center, the popular racquetball competition drew over 300 entrants from throughout the state, following regional "warm-up" events in the month of June. With over five hundred matches scheduled, the tournament began on Thursday at 2:00 PM and ended late Sunday afternoon.

Men's and women's open events drew the usual favorites, with top seeded players providing "on the job" training to hopeful opponents. A total of thirty first-rate Floridians competed in the open singles events, representing all regions of the state. Eighteen men and twelve women sought the two open Sunshine State titles and came away with a full weekend's worth of accomplishment.

In seeded order Sergio Gonzalez, James Lorello, Tim Hansen and Charlie Nichols bracketed the draw sheet and advanced to the semi-finals after two rounds. From there it was a Lorello and Gonzalez match-up which took a tie-breaker to finish. Citing the game as "all mental," 18-year old James Lorello poured it on in the third game, taking advantage of a fatigued Gonzalez and winning the division with a match score of 12-15, 15-13, 11-3.

Lorello credits his father for much of his recent improvement (he had suffered a string of losses since State Singles), especially in the two weeks prior to this event. Daily backhand drills turned a possible weakness into an effective weapon at the Games, as James displayed his confidence at ending rallies with a variety of unretrievable backhand shots. Going into the final, Lorello received inspiration while watching Saturday Night Live, deciding then and there to slow down Sergio with the lob serve, thereby denying him an opportunity to shoot off the drive. The combination of two hour practice sessions, four nights a week, plus the last-minute strategy paid off in the long run.

The evolution of the younger Lorello appears complete. Playing racquetball since the age of ten, James has steadily progressed from merely looking up to the likes of Gonzalez and Hansen, to proudly being able to "give them a workout," to at last earning his rightful place as one of their equals. James will attend Memphis State University on a partial racquetball scholarship this coming fall, where he will no doubt qualify for a spot one of the nation's leading intercollegiate teams.

The women's open draw also featured familiar top seeds Susan Morgan, Lori Basch, Linda Diamond and Kersten Hallander, plus a handful of newcomers for them to disappoint. A brand new player to welcome and watch is Diane Fields (formerly of Minneapolis) who now lives in Orlando and is just beginning to accumulate points in the rankings. Fields advanced through two rounds before being defeated by Hallander in the semi-final.

National title holders Susan Morgan (1987 W30+ national champion) and Kersten Hallander (current W19+ national winner) claimed the court for the women's open final, keeping the match intense but brief. At the end of two games, Morgan was the victor, using a familiar strategy against her opponent. Claiming that "you just can't let her shoot the ball," Morgan slowed Hallander's youthful pace, keeping her off-balance with consistently well-played shots which made intelligent use of the entire court. Straight game scores were 15-13, 15-8.

The Suncoast Courthouse is a club which should opt to hold more tournaments, with twelve playable courts (four have been "converted") and excellent facilities. Overhead viewing areas are comfortable for calling games on the standard courts, but somewhat less so on the glass courts. All in all, spectators and players alike enjoyed themselves throughout the weekend in typical racquetball style. . .

1987 Sunshine State Games Results:

MO: James Lorello def. Sergio Gonzalez
MA: Joe Didonato def. Fran Mifsud
MB: Mike Hartman def. Randy Forest
MC: Mark Volterre def. Bruce Berman
M19+: Curtis Winter def. Armando Alonso
M25+: Bill Cottrill def. Brent Huber
M25+B: Aaron Snipes def. David Segal
M30+: Todd Taylor def. Van Dubolsky
M30+B: Lou Rector def. David Bailey
M35+: Bob Riley def. Steve Chapman
M35+B: Lou Rector def. William Jones
M40+: Jeff Leon def. Mike Winslow
M40+B: Bob Christ def. Bob White
M45+: Ed Vlock def. Tom Rumsey
M45+B: Fred Stallworth def. Tom Davis
M50+: Sonny Marcus def. Ken Nuznoff
M55+: Malcolm Roberts def. Gordon Ira
M60+: Malcolm Roberts def. Herbert Frank
M65+: Herbert Frank def. Joe Glavan
WO: Susan Morgan def. Kersten Hallander
WA: Janis Smith def. Carol Olivieri
WB: Lois Breneman def. Gayle Gauseman
WC: Bonnie Maynard def. Lynn Edwards
W19+: Linda Diamond def. Lori Basch
W30+: Barbara Simmons def. Cindy Carter
WAgeB: Casey Kisner def. Cindy McManamon
W35+: Eileen Tuckman def. Janis Smith
W40+: Agatha Falso def. Judi Schmidt
W45+: Jo Kenyon def. Judi Schmidt
W50+: Winner[5]Jo Kenyon
MOD: Gonzalez/Hansen def. Nichols/Waggoner
MBD: Tucker/Forrest def. Perconti/Pfeffer
M30+D: Taylor/Fernandez def. Shaak/Zetrouer
M35+D: Chapman/Marsocci def. Shaak/Zetrouer
M40+D: Behar/Marsocci def. Winslow/Vlock
M45+D: Woodington/Biltz def. Dellanini/Vlock
WOD: Hamrick/Morgan def. Bazarte/Collins
W30+D: Falso/Tuckman def. Smith/Worden
W35+D: Winners[5]Derrick/Fish
40+D: Winners[5]Kenyon/McNutt
MXOD: Levy/Morgan def. Krestul/Hallander
MXBD: Green/Eicher def. Taylor/McCauley
B18-: James Lorello def. Jason Waggoner
B16-: Trent Tournabene def. Aaron Metcalf
B14-: Scott Reiff def. Craig Czyz
B12-: Craig Czyz def. Nathan McCabe
B10-: Nathan McCabe def. Cliff Pardue
B8-: Toby St. Pierre def. Jimmy Lyons
G16-: Amy Simonetta def. Hannah Spector
G14-: Hannah Spector def. Amanda Simmons
G12-: Winner[5]Mia Dellanini
G8-: Nicole Leto def. Christie Olivieri. . .

AND THE REGIONALS: **Jacksonville Regional Warm-Up Results [June 19-21]**

MO: Brian Phillips def. Curtis Winter
MA: Paul Thiel def. Kersten Hallander
MB: Doug Van Dyke def. Dick Lavello
MC: Ted Muller def. Bill Duffack
MD: Bobby Isaac def. William Grob
M19/25+: Philip Corrente def. Norman McNutt
M30/35+: Michael Distefano def. Michael Gainer
M40/45+: Bob Wood def. Graig Shaak
WO: Susan Morgan def. Claudia McCarthy
WA: Ceil Clark def. Meg Ripley
WB/C: Millie Turrentine-Jenkins def. Kathryn Phillips
WD: Maria Bentley def. Michelle Lehner
MOD: Morrison/Huber def. Phillips/Krestul
MAD: Winter/Shumer def. Metcalf/Lee
MBD: Ariet/Morales def. Sussman/Ossach
MCD: Davis/Sumner def. Howard/Rocke
WAD: Clark/Turrentine-Jenkins def. Ripley/McConnell
MXOD: Winter/Morgan def. McCarthy/Krestul
MXAD: Borges/Woods def. Ripley/Van Dusen
MXBD: Johnson/Lloyd def. Barnett/Koppel

Orlando Regional Warm-Up Results [June 19-20]

MA: Aaron Snipes def. Sandy Tucker
MB: Mike Mojer def. Randy Forrest
MC: Kevin Robertson def. Gordon Hilton
M19+: Paul Owens def. Mike Peyton
M30+: Terry Fluharty def. Jim Flagg
MOD: Peyton/Owens def. Gallagher/Consoli
MBD: Sullivan/Snipes def. Mojer/Adler
WB: Laurie Potter def. Susan Jensen

Tampa Regional Warm-Up Results [June 12-14]

MO: John Schneider def. Brian Rankin
MA: James McEachern def. Richard Diaz
MB: Randy Jackson def. Bob Baum
MC: Mark Volterre def. Mark Coty
MD: Chester Surls def. Iyad Budeir
M19/25+: John Chelena def. Dana Levy
M30+: Ken Arrowsmith def. Jose Valiente
M30+B: Bob Baum def. Rick Ratcliff
M35+: Steve Chapman def. Dick McCabe
M35+B: Bob Christ def. Wayne Jenkins
M40+: Leo Marsocci def. Charlie Behar
M40+B: Alex Aversa def. Rudy Hajaistrom
M45+: Richard Dellanini def. Sonny Marcus
M50+: Sonny Marcus def. Tony Murguia
M55+: John Solio def. Tom Van
M60+: Claude Clasen def. Joe Glavan
MOD: Chelena/Scheck def. Levy/Scargle
M30/35+D: Owen/Bennett def. McCabe/Skaliotis
M40+D: Marsocci/Behar def. Allen/Sires
WO: Chris Collins def. Renee Fish
WA: Jean Snider def. Linda Mojer
WB: Sue Elins def. Paula Murphy
WC: Coleen Seitler def. Bonnie Maynard
WD: Kim Wilcox def. Debra Derr
W25+: Randee Allen def. Kim Wilcox
W30+: Linda Mojer def. Brenda Smith
W35+:Paula Murphy def. Renee Fish
W30+D: Mojer/Lee def. Bazarte/Fontaine
B16-: Jim Hundley def. Mike Martino
B14-: Craig Czyz def. Marcus Juliano
B12-: Craig Czyz def. Nathan McCabe
B10-: Nathan McCabe def. Roland Moore
G12-: Debra Derr def. Mia Dellanini

FLORIDA STARS SHINE AT JUNIOR NATIONALS

by Judi Schmidt

Over six hundred of the nation's best junior racquetballers participated in the 1987 US National Junior Championships in Columbus, Ohio June 20-24. Of that group roughly 50 Florida youngsters managed to "do the state proud" again this year! Although the highly coveted first place team trophy held by Florida went to California this year, the sunshine state team finished strong, earning second place honors despite the absence of many of last year's standout performers.

The Sawmill Athletic Club of Columbus hosted the five-day event in grand style, providing a variety of special recreational activities for the kids in addition to regular tournament play, hospitality and club amenities. Bowling, poolside beach parties, movies, challenge matches with members of the US Team and some of the pros, plus an excellent banquet were all part of the festivities.

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS:

Paul Dean
Robert A. Dean
Danny S. Deason
Steve Deeb
Hector Del Castillo
Rodolfo Delgado
Richard Dellanini
Avan Denson
Lance Denton
Craig Dewhurst
Frank Diamond
Eddie Diaz
Greg Diaz
Kurt Diblin
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Dante Fabbro
Pat Fairfax
Alberto Falcon
Waldo Faura, Jr.
Benjamin Faure
Lee F. Fawcett
Sarah Ferguson
Peter Fernandez
R.E. Fernandez
James Ferrazza
Deette Feurtado
Armando Fiallo
Ronald Fields
Gail A. Fitzgerald
Joe Flasello
Bill Foley
Eric Foley
J.E. Free
Bert E. French, Jr.
Joanne Futerlas
Paul Galati
Xabier Garay
Steve Gardner
Gayle Gausman
Manuel J. Geno
Carol Ann Gentry
Susan Gerhardt
Carey Giberson
Barbara Gockenbach
Pedro Gomez
Sergio M. Gomez
Richard Gordon
Jeffrey W. Green
Jimmy Greene
John E. Greer
Dan Griffin
Richard K. Gross
Karen Guarino
Bert W. Hagen, Jr.
Paul Haines
Paul Hamlin
Nancy L. Hamrick
Steve Hancock
Paul Hanley
Selim Hanono
Gayle Hanshaw
Tim Hansen
Roy Harden
James L. Harmon
Rik Harmon
Michael Hartman
Ralph Harvey
Gary Hathy
Debra Held
Robert E. Henry
Kimberly Hensley
David B. Hess III
Peter A. Hessling
Howard N. Hickok
Lee Hilbert
Kimberly Ann Hill
Shane Hoddinott
Scott Holcomb
Steven M. Houghton
Charles W. Howard
Lisa Huddleston
John Huelsman
Harris R. Huey, Jr.
Lyle Kevin Hursey
Vivian Hurtado
Janet Irvine
Larry Isom

Lynn Adams, the world's top-rated women's racquetball pro, was the guest speaker at the banquet. She related many of her amateur and professional racquetball experiences, and answered a myriad of questions from the audience.

Robby Walden of PRP in Bradenton (1986 14) and under champion), competed in the 16) and under division for the first time, playing superbly throughout the tournament. Starting out among a field of 130 players, Robby advanced into the finals before losing to Joey Paraiso of California 15-13, 7-15, 11-5. An excellent showing in a tough division, Robby's second place finish is something to be quite proud of.

A lengthy and exciting girls 14 and under doubles final went to the righty-lefty duo of Amy Simonetta and Hannah Spector of Sarasota, who upset defending champs Erica Wilhite and Talya Dodson of California, 15-11, 14-15, 11-7. Simonetta and Spector also finished third and fourth respectively in the 14 and under singles.

Winners in the boys and girls 18 and under singles are automatically selected for the 1987-88 US Team. Team members for this year will be Michele Gilman of Oregon (defeating Cindy Doyle/NY 15-8, 15-8) and David Simonette of Maryland (squeaking by Tim Doyle/NY in an 11-10 tie-breaker).

The top five teams in the state competition were: 1st=California (200+ points), 2nd=Florida (149), 3rd=New York (96), 4th=Ohio (75) and 5th=Maryland (51). Florida juniors have won or placed in each of the past three years, bringing home third, first and second place trophies since 1985. The Florida Racquetball Association joins in applauding these accomplishments, **and** the special efforts of parents and coaches whose time and expense in such endeavors is seldom recognized.

Junior Team Florida Results

Gold

Amy Simonetta/Hannah Spector

[G14- Doubles] Medalists:

Britt Engel/Hayden May (CA)

[G12- Doubles]

Debra Derr/Shannon Feaster (DC)

Silver

[G10- Doubles]

Robby Walden, Bradenton

[B16- Singles] Medalists:

Craig Czyz, Port Charlotte

[B12- Singles]

Britt Engel, Bradenton

[G12- Singles]

Debra Derr, Ormond Beach

[G10- Singles]

Craig Czyz/Andy Reiff

[B12- Doubles]

Jody Friedman/Cliff Pardue

[B10- Doubles]

Lisa Dougherty/Melissa McGregor

[G12- Doubles]

Bronze

Amy Simonetta, Sarasota

[G14- Singles] Medalists:

Lyndsi Patton, Jacksonville

[G8-Freebounce]

Jason Waggoner/Brian Rankin

[B16- Doubles]

Susan Cox/Dee Robertson

[G16- Doubles]

Fourth Place:

Hannah Spector, Sarasota

[G14- Singles]

Julie Quinlan, Bradenton

[G8-Freebounce]

Chris Conway/Allan Engel

[B14- Doubles] Consolation:

Lyndsi Patton, Jacksonville

[G10- Singles]

Just prior to the national competition (June 5-7) the Sarasota YMCA hosted the 1987 Junior Regionals, where players from Florida, Georgia and North & South Carolina played off in qualifying rounds. Winners there received national seeding priority and a select few became eligible for invitations to elite training camps in Michigan and Colorado. Those results:

1987 Junior Regionals

B18-: Lino Suarez def. Brian Buckalew
B16-: Jason Waggoner def. Robby Walden
B14-: Allan Engel def. Scott Reiff
B12-: Craig Czyz def. J.P. Beaubien
B8-: Scott Huggins def. Jonathan Conway
G16-: Amy Simonetta def. Sue Cox
G14-: Amy Simonetta def. Hannah Spector
G12-: Britt Engel def. Samantha Simmons
G10-: Debra Derr def. Samantha Simmons
G8-: Lyndsi Patton def. Julie Quinlan

AT 15 SHE'S ALREADY AN 'OLD TIMER'

by Judi Schmidt

Amy Simonetta, a 15 year old freshman from Sarasota High School, first picked up a racquet seven years ago when she accompanied her mother Kelly to work at the Bath and Racquet Club in Sarasota. 'She'd go in and start hitting the ball,' Kelly recalled. 'There were no kids, so she competed against ladies in their 20's. She didn't care; she'd play anybody. It killed the ladies to have to try to beat a little girl.

'The women she played would not be surprised at the course Simonetta's flourishing racquetball career is now taking. Simonetta, a 5'2', 90 pound blonde, is now an established junior racquetball star. Her bedroom houses more than 100 tropies, plaques and awards. She has toured the United States to play in national tournaments for the past four years. 'It [success] hasn't had any effect on me,' she said. 'Racquetball has become a part of my life.'

Last December in Miami, Amy won three gold medals at the World Junior Racquetball Cahmpionships, held in conjunction with the Junior Orange Bowl Festival. 'That's the best I've ever done,' she said. 'I was really happy. It made me feel like I had gotten better.'In the recent Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio, Amy teamed with 14)year old Hannah Spector (also of Sarasota) to win her first U.S. Championship gold medal in the Girls 14 and under doubles. She also finished third in the 14 and under singles division. The Nationals drew over 600 junior players from all over the country. Amy is ranked nationally in four or five divisions, something quite unusual for such a young player.

According to longtime coach Judi Schmidt, 'She's probably got more potential than any junior girl I've ever worked with. She's already playing at the open level this year. . . pretty incredible for a 15)year old. She's also a lady and a good sportsman, a good role model, which is something we need lots more of in racquetball.' Much of Simonetta's success springs from her refusal to accept defeat. She's dedicated and willing to work. That's something that you have or you don't,' Schmidt asserts. She can really get her concentration centered on what she has to do and then does it. Two or three times I thought she was going to lose a match. All of a sudden she turned to ice, came back and won.'

Usually I can feel what I'm doing wrong,' says Amy. Her mental game is her greatest strength, and to it she feels she owes her five straight state championship titles. She thrives on the independence of racquetball. Simonetta's parents noticed her athletic potential at an early age. 'Her eye hand coordination is an uncanny thing, reflects Amy's marathon runner father 'Rock' Simonetta. At age three, she'd go out in the yard, toss a ball up and whack it, then walk over and hit it again to entertain herself. From that point, we knew she had incredible coordination. She's never been pushed [into sports]. She practices hard and enjoys it.

Amy does not know life without sports. At age eight she was named an all star pitcher of the Miss Sarasota Softball League and traveled with the team to Terre Haute, Indiana to the 1980 national tournament. She was a member of two Mini)Minor state championship teams and (also at 8) played on a boys' soccer team. She was a starting point guard on the Lady Sailors' junior varsity basketball team this past winter and takes a bit of ribbing because of her size. Some of her friends like to call her 'Spudette' after Atlanta's pint sized kangaroo Spud Webb. 'I get frustrated with basketball,' says Amy. You have to use your left hand a lot. And I hate doing that. Her dad recalls that Amy used to enter road races and routinely win the family its Thanksgiving turkey.

Whatever game you want to play, she'll try it. It's her nature. She can hit a golf ball. She picked up skiing right away. She only bowls three or four times a year, and she can throw a 125 game. Sometimes she tries to do too much. But she deserves all the credit. She's done it on her own.

Amy Simonetta, 1987. Photo courtesy of the Sarasota Herald Tribune.

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS:

Tom Jobe
David Jacobs
Bob Jaskiewicz
Carlos Jazan
Lila Jazan
Brian Jendra
Millie T. Jenkins
Wes Jenkins
Jan Jernigan
Keith Johnson
Dennis M. Jones
Mike Jones
Sunny Jones
R.B. Juneau
Dean Kachel
Denise Kachel
Maryjane Kachel
Melissa Kachel
Scott Kassan
Jim Kaufman
Teresa Kaufman
Paul B. Kendig
Jane Keys
Wadih Khairallah
Roger G. Kimball
Arthur H. King, Jr.
Ross Koondel
Cecy Koppel
Charles B. Krestul
Kory Krucher
Roberta M. Kruta
Ralph Kubicsek
Don Kucerik
Rob Kulp
Mark Lankford
Chris Laral
Oscar A. Lavorano
Derek Lee
Michelle Lehner
R. Bruce Lehner
David H. Leslie
Harley Lewin
Brad Litchfield
Kim Lloyd
Shun Lo
Steven Longworth, Jr.
Steven Longworth, Sr.
Carlos Losro
Robert N. Love
Jimmy Lyons
Mary Lyons
Laura D. MacDowell
William G. Mahoney
Gary Maisel
Maria Makras
Andy Malcomb
John S. Malley
Tamim Mamid
Robert Mannino
Ross Marchionle
Treva Maricle
Gabriel Marin
Robert Marlowe
Leo Marsocci
Roger Martin
Carrea Marzo
Robert G. Mason
Diljeet Singh Masuda
Damon Mattheus
Bonnie Maynard
Kathleen Maynor
Thomas Mayor
Christopher McCauley
Rich McCauley
Lance McCluan
Gilbert J. McDonald
Gregory McLarnan
Kenny McLeod
Rey Mendez
Scott Meredith
Allan Mewhinney
Lane D. Miller
Tom L. Miller
Nofinst Mintaroeh
Linda L. Mojer
Carlos Montero
Joey Moody
Tim Mooney
Richard Moore
Blake Julius Mora
Roberto Luis Morales
Chris Morgan
Robert Morgenbesser
Duncan Morton
Mike Motta
Matthew Motti
Ted Muller
Greg Munch
Thomas Murphy
Mark Murray
Linda Murrian
Jose L. Musa

DOUBLES RANKINGS

MEN'S OPEN

#1	Tim Hansen	990
#2	Sergio Gonzalez	865
#3	John Schneider	595
#4	Charlie Nichols	435
#5	Vinnie Ganley	375
#6	Paul Owens	320
#7	Oscar Gonzalez	310
#8	Jon Chelena	285
#9	Brent Huber	275
#10	Van Dubolsky	270
#11	Joe Icaza	250
	Mark Morrison	250
#12	Randy Pfahler	230
#13	George Maceo	215
#14	John Scargle	205
#15	Eric Foley	185
	Bubba Gautier	185

MEN'S 19 +

#1	Sergio Gonzalez	995
#2	Tim Hansen	900
#3	Charlie Nichols	550
	John Schneider	550
#4	Oscar Alvarez	295
#5	Jimmy Alvarado	275
#6	John Scargle	105
#7	Bubba Gautier	100
	Brent Huber	100
	Mike Reynolds	100
#8	Armando Alonso	95
	Joe DiDonato	95
#9	Rick O'Dell	75
	Curtis Winter	75
#10	Tico Fernandez	60
	Steve Miragliotta	60

MEN'S 25 +

#1	Vinnie Ganley	450
#2	Bob Owens	300
#3	Mark Morrison	275
#4	Mitt Layton	250
#5	Gordon Kirkland	200
	Sid Miller	200
	Joe Porta	200
#6	Randy Pfahler	175
#7	Dan LeFor	150
	Paul Owens	150
#8	Rick O'Dell	130
	John Scargle	130
#9	Mike Constantine	100
	Larry Cutler	100
	Bruce Davis	100
	Greg McDonald	100
	Martha McDonald	100
	Mike Reynolds	100
	Mark Sanford	100

MEN'S 30 +

#1	Van Dubolsky	600
	Joe Icaza	600
	Leo Marsocci	600
#2	Todd Taylor	550
#3	Randy Pfahler	500
#4	Greg McDonald	475
#5	Martha McDonald	375
#6	Gene Owen	290
#7	Gonzalo Morrell	185
#8	Graig Shaak	150
#9	Gary Zetrouer	125
#10	Mario Ariet	100
	Ron Babkoff	100
	Russ Deegan	100
	William Scott	100
	Bob Wood	100

MEN'S 35 +

#1	Van Dubolsky	1100
	Joe Icaza	1100
#2	Graig Shaak	410
#3	Gary Zetrouer	325
#4	Leo Marsocci	225
#5	Jack Ross	210
	Fred White	210
#6	Mitt Layton	175
#7	Gene Owen	150
#8	Terry Thomas	145
#9	Sid Lauteria	125
	Bob Wood	125
#10	John Ajius	100
	Charlie Behar	100
	Joe Serabia	100
#11	Mario Ariet	85

MEN'S 40 +

#1	Mario Ariet	610
#2	Graig Shaak	595
#3	Jack Ross	475
#4	Tony Conti	360
#5	Jeff Leon	350
#6	Lou Biltz	275
	Mike Winslow	275
#7	Fred White	270
#8	Steve Xynidis	250
#9	Ed Vlock	195
#10	Don Woodington	170
#11	Joe Icaza	150
	John Ross	150
#12	Mike Mojer	135
#13	Mike Smith	75
	Terry Thomas	75

MEN'S 45 +

#1	Fred White	1025
#2	Jack Ross	1000
#3	Don Woodington	300
#4	Mario Ariet	250
	Mike Mojer	250
#5	Robert Smith	225
#6	Ed Vlock	210
#7	Frank Shumer	200
	Al Winter	200
#8	Jim Thompson	130
#9	Noname Baroque	100
	Fred Blaess	100
	Don Smith	100
	John Smith	100
	Steve Xynidis	100
#10	Nofirst Crummey	75
	Norman Kirshner	75
	Who Ohleker	75
	Somebody Smith	75

MEN'S 50 +

#1	Don Fox	700
	Mike Mojer	700
#2	Herb Nathan	395
#3	Bill Hurst	250
#4	Malcolm Roberts	185
#5	Mel Schwartz	180
#6	Bill Krautheim	150
#7	Sam Horne	110
#8	Couldbe Adams	100
	Mystery Campbell	100
	Barry Fullerton	100
	Robert Harper	100
	Gordon Ira	100
	Carlos Sena	100
	Al Winter	100
	Don Woodington	100

MEN'S 55 +

#1	Herb Nathan	650
	Malcolm Roberts	650
#2	Bill Krautheim	560
#3	Mel Schwartz	500
#4	Joe Ramos	60

MEN'S 60 +

#1	Malcolm Roberts	700
#2	Chris Bonfleur	400
#3	Yale Berman	350
	Cedric Dennett	350
#4	Anybody Gagnon	150
	Elliot Keppler	150

MEN'S 65 +

#1	Norman Creamer	100
	Charlie Higgins	100

MEN'S 70 +

#1	Norman Creamer	400
	Charlie Higgins	400

WOMEN'S OPEN

#1	Julie Pinnell	775
#2	Diane Green	750
#3	Susan Morgan	460
#4	Gail Troxell	385
#5	Mary Lyons	310
#6	Mary Holroyd	235
#7	Melanie Britton	150
#8	Claudia McCarthy	145
#9	Judi Schmidt	125
#10	Chris Collins	115
#11	Agatha Falso	75
	Martha McDonald	75
	Marilyn Miller	75
	Barbara Simmons	75
#12	Nancy Hamrick	50
#13	Amy Simonetta	50

WOMEN'S 19 +

#1	Chris Collins	950
#2	Melanie Britton	850
#3	Lori Basch	550
	Angie Browning	550
#4	Beth Aloi	360
#5	Kersten Hallendar	300
#6	Teri Mele	100
#7	Jackie Brady	60

WOMEN'S 25 +

#1	Mary Lyons	850
	Susan Morgan	850
#2	Diane Green	650
	Julie Pinnell	650
#3	Chris Collins	200
#4	Nancy Hamrick	150
	Barbara Simmons	150
#5	Melanie Britton	100
	Renee Fish	100
#6	Gail Troxell	75
#7	Debbie Bedell	60
	Kathi Fegers	60
#8	Lori Basch	50
	Lois Breneman	50
	Angie Browning	50
	Lilly McIntyre	50

WOMEN'S 30 +

#1	Eileen Tuckman	750
#2	Gail Troxell	700
#3	Agatha Falso	665
#4	Judi Schmidt	500
#5	Linda Mojer	425
#6	Cheryl Lee	325
#7	Renee Fish	310
#8	Linda Icaza	225
#9	Barbara Simmons	175
#10	Brenda Smith	145
#11	Gail Fitzgerald	100
	Jo Kenyon	100
	Julie Pinnell	100
	Janis Smith	100
#12	Someone Aldridge	75
#13	Terese Berry	75

WOMEN'S 35 +

#1	Agatha Falso	550
	Judi Schmidt	550
#2	Mary Jo Murray	400
	Marilyn Ross	400
#3	Libby Laney	220
#4	Jo Kenyon	175
#5	Lois Breneman	100
	Jan Smith	100
#6	Susan Miller	60
	Jackie Mitchell	60
#7	Theresa Chaffin	50
	Blank Johnson	50
#8	Cindy McManamon	45

WOMEN'S 40 +

#1	Agatha Falso	600
	Judi Schmidt	600
#2	Jo Kenyon	400
	Mary McNutt	400

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES

#1	Tim Hansen	400
#2	Greg McDonald	350
	Martha McDonald	350
#3	Marilyn Buffum	285
#4	Linda Diamond	280
	Paul Owens	280
#5	Amy Simonetta	275
#6	Mary Lyons	260
#7	Julie Pinnell	245
#8	Charlie Nichols	240
#9	Susan Morgan	160
#10	Charlie Krestul	150
	Aaron Metcalf	150
	Jason Waggoner	150
#11	Bob Newcomb	95
	Judi Schmidt	95

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS:

Mario F. Musa
Steve Muss
Clarence Myers
Tom Nelson
Bob Newcomb
Derek Newcomer
Rodney Newkirk
Janie Newman
Lynn Newmaster
George S. Nichols
Arthur W. Niergarth
Carlos Nox
Lynn B. Ohem
Christie Olivieri
Vicente Ordax, Jr.
Paul W. Owens
Alex Pacheco
Nancy Page
Carlos Para
Tom Parsons
Laurence T. Pascual
Rick Patrick
Tricia Patterson
Vic Pattison
Jeffrey P. Paulsen
Peter J. Pavelic
Michael Pellegrini
Leonardo Pena
Mark A. Peroni
Jeff Petty
Brian Phillips
Frank L. Picardi
Frederick W. Pilch
Jay R. Portnoy
Helen E. Ratcliffe
Ben Repenning
David W. Retheliford
Charles Richard
Norma Richard
Robert Riley
Nieves Rivas
Tony Rivas
Eliecer Rivera
Chapin B. Robert
Michael A. Robinson
Ralph E. Robinson
Kirke Rocke
Eugenio Rodriguez
Jose Rodriguez
Rodrigo C. Rodriguez
William Rogers
Frank Rojas
Andy Romano
Tom Rothstein
Linda Sacco
Eric C. Sagro
Francis M. Sale
Marty Sandlin
Mark Sanford
Carlos Santana
Alberto Sarmiento
David Scharfenberg
Shelly Schwartz
Marc Schwern
Jeff Selewach
Alex Senatore
Paul Seymour
Skip Seymour
Ed Shafer
Robert Shaw
Tom Shaw
David Sheppard
Tim Sheppard
Michael Shoop
Morgan Silver
Randy Sintos
Robert Simon
Christine Simpson
Michael Simpson
Bryan Smith
Janis E. Smith
Mickey Smith
Scott M. Smith
Stewart Smith
Aaron H. Snipes
Lee Travis Snyder
John Solio
Jerry Soloman
Gil R. Sosa
Andres Soto
Lee Spector
Toby St. Pierre
Matt St. Lawrence
Fred Stallworth
Walter Steele
James Stellmach
Michael B. Steppling
Blake Stichter
Fernando Storch
Lee Suarez
Pete Suda

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MEN'S DIVISIONS

MEN'S OPEN

#1	Sergio Gonzalez	635
#2	James Lorello	520
#3	Tim Hansen	514
#4	Vinnie Ganley	345
#5	John Chelena	300
#6	Mark Morrison	315
#7	Fred Calabrese	200
#8	Oscar Gonzalez	185
	Curtis Winter	185
#9	Brent Huber	170
#10	Robby Walden	145

MEN'S "A"

#1	James Wells	325*
#2	Armando Alonso	255*
#3	George Cooks	220
#4	Sal Scimeca	180
#5	Joey Moody	150
	Mike Peyton	150
	Dan Shortley	150
#6	Doug Armentrout	125
#7	Aaron Metcalf	115
#8	Mike Eckrich	100
	Ross Greenberg	100
	Armo Hansen	100

MEN'S "B"

#1	Mike Motta	350*
#2	Bruce Cumbess	200*
	Tim Eiland	200*
#3	Steve Miller	170
	Sandy Tucker	170
#4	Larry Hanshaw	150
	Joey Moody	150
#5	David Segal	145
#6	Mark Peroni	135
#7	Joe Boyle	125
	Gary Harrell	125
#8	Kevin Gallagher	120
#9	Ross Greenberg	100
	Jim Kaufman	100
	James Wells	100

MEN'S "C"

#1	Mike Hartman	385*
#2	Matthew Bermejo	225*
#3	Luis Fernandez	190*
#4	Roberto Cella	185*
#5	Bill Hurak	150*
	Larry Mitchell	150*
#6	John Cyrus	120
	Scott Reiff	120
#7	Mark Coty	110
	Howie Nemrowsky	110
#8	Tom Davis	105
	Mike DiMaio	105
#9	Garth Burgett	100
	Chris Conway	100
	Steve Moss	100
	Ted Muller	100
	John Van Arsdall	100

MEN'S "D"

#1	Manuel Shaw	220*
#2	Todd Gordon	210*
#3	Scott Thompson	180*
#4	Mike Hartman	150*
	Terry Walker	150*
#5	Vincent Biondi	120*
#6	Scott Leins	115*
#7	Jim Thompson	105*
#8	Luis Baidal	100*
	John Dunn	100*
	Alfred Perez	100*

MEN'S 19 +

#1	Jorge Maceo	350
	Charlie Nichols	350
#2	John Scargle	280
#3	Curtis Winter	255
#4	Brent Huber	245
#5	Jim Alvarado	210
#6	John Ross	200
#7	Glenn Warren	140
#8	John Schneider	125
#9	Joey Moody	100

MEN'S 25 +

#1	Tim Hansen	1065
#2	John Scargle	505
#3	Randy Pfahler	295
#4	Bill Cottrill	220
#5	Vinnie Ganley	200
#6	Brent Huber	190
	Paul Owens	190
#7	Mark Morrison	175
#8	Craig Farrand	150
#9	Al Caballero	130
#10	Rick O'Dell	125

MEN'S 30 +

#1	Randy Godwin	350
	Bill Simon	350
#2	Mitt Layton	315
#3	Jeff Kristjansen	275
#4	Todd Taylor	250
#5	Kenny Anderson	240
	Van Dubolsky	240
#6	Bob DeRobertis	175
#7	Randy Pfahler	160
#8	Jim Flagg	150
#9	Mike DeStefano	130
	Stan Wing	130
#10	Steve Micklauzina	125

MEN'S 35 +

#1	Van Dubolsky	535
#2	Mitt Layton	350
#3	Steve Chapman	260
#4	Gene Owen	215
#5	Bob Riley	180
#6	Leo Marsocci	175
#7	Bob Christ	160
#8	Mark Sanford	150
	Reuben Triplett	150
#9	Michael Wolf	125
#10	Gary Trapp	110

MEN'S 40 +

#1	Mike Winslow	400
#2	Bob Riley	370
#3	Ed Vlock	355
#4	Charles Behar	280
	Graig Shaak	280
#5	Tony Conti	225
#6	Bob Wood	195
#7	Bill Foresman	180
#8	Jack Ross	170
#9	Bob Christ	165
#10	Fred White	140

MEN'S 45 +

#1	Ed Vlock	645
#2	Jack Ross	400
#3	Fred White	400
#4	Lou Biltz	325
#5	Tom Rumsey	245
#6	Mike Mojer	200
#7	Jim Thompson	175
#8	Vincent Biondi	150
#9	Tony Murguia	140
#10	Robert Harper	100
	Sonny Marcus	100
	Fred Stallworth	100

MEN'S 50 +

#1	Sonny Marcus	1075
#2	Ken Nuznoff	165
#3	Don Woodington	160
#4	John Saltzgaver	150
#5	Tom Vann	145
#6	Mike Mojer	100

MEN'S 55 +

#1	Malcolm Roberts	425
#2	Robert Harper	225
#3	Gordon Ira	200
	Richard Morgan	200
#4	Robert Fell	150
#5	Don Woodington	100

MEN'S 60 +

#1	Malcolm Roberts	650
#2	Nick Sans	260
#3	Carlos Sena	125
#4	Tom Zetrouer	100

MEN'S 65 +

#1	Nick Sans	150
#2	William Duckworth	105
#3	Joe Glanan	100
#4	Nelson Abernethy	50
	Joseph Glaven	50

MEN'S 70 +

#1	Norman Cramer	325
#2	Robert Wise	50
#3	Robbie Robinson	30

JUNIOR

BOYS 8-

#1	Mark Hurst	1100
#2	Jody Friedman	800
#3	Scott Huggins	575
#4	John Conway	350
#5	Cliff Pardue	245
#6	Franky Quinlan	235
#7	Rusty Moulton	205
#8	Billy Snyder	170
#9	John Xynidis	115
#10	Adam Gyselinck	110

GIRLS 8-

#1	Debra Derr	1200
#2	Julie Quinlan	1000
#3	Lyndsey Patton	895
#4	Jennifer Thompson	555
#5	Kelly Newsom	325
#6	Corrie Wietzel	175

BOYS 10-

#1	John Xynidis	625
#2	Mark Hurst	585
#3	Cliff Pardue	340
#4	Jody Friedman	315
#5	Marcus Patray	280
#6	Frank Quinlan	250
	John Stanford	250
#7	Ryan Smith	245
#8	Brent Thompson	230
#9	John Gyselinck	150
	Nathan McCabe	150
#10	Craig Czyz	135

GIRLS 10-

#1	Debra Derr	930
#2	Sara French	500
#3	Samantha Simmons	425
#4	Melissa MacGregor	365
#5	Julie Quinlan	315
#6	Britt Engel	275
#7	Mia Dellanini	200
#8	Lyndsey Patton	190
#9	Amy Simonetta	100

BOYS 12-

#1	Craig Czyz	1005
#2	Alan Engel	850
#3	Nicky Xynidis	580
#4	John Dellanini	220
#5	J.P. Beaubien	195
#6	Mark Hurst	150
#7	Steve Quinlan	145
#8	John Gyselinck	120
#8	Jon Xynidis	100

GIRLS 12-

#1	Britt Engel	1250
#2	Amanda Simmons	330
#3	Lisa Doughe	
#4	Mia Dellanir	
#5	Debra Derr	
#6	Melissa McC	

BOYS

#1	Robby Wald
#2	Alan Engel
#3	Mike Altmar
#4	Ross Greenb
#5	Scott Reiff
#6	Craig Czyz
#7	Chris Conw
#8	Jason Wagg
#9	Mike Iapich

INGS

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

WOMEN'S OPEN

#1	Diane Green	750
#2	Susan Morgan	495
#3	Lori Basch	345
#4	Linda Diamond	280
#5	Julie Pinnell	235
#6	Claudia McCarthy	205
#7	Barb. Faulkenberry	180
#8	Angie Browning	170
#9	Kersten Hallender	150
	Martha McDonald	150
#10	Melanie Britton	115
	Mary Lyons	115

WOMEN'S "A"

#1	Brenda Smith	260*
#2	Renee Fish	255*
#3	Lisa Busch	250*
#4	Linda Mojer	230*
#5	Mary Jo Murray	200
#6	Jo Kenyon	150
#7	Amy Simonetta	150
#8	Val Bazarte	120
	Sue Elins	120
	Vicki Paez	120
#9	Ceil Clark	110
	Meg Ripley	110
#10	Jane Worden	105

WOMEN'S "B"

#1	Eva Russell	205*
#2	Sue Elins	180*
#3	Corey Gowing	175
#4	Marilyn Buffum	150
	Mary Ellen Cheney	150
	Jane Fontaine	150
	Michelle Scott	150
#5	Theresa Chaffin	125
#6	Belinda Dettman	115
#7	Ceil Clark	100
	Debra Held	100
	Bibi Janaes	100
	Teresa Kaufman	100
	Linda Mojer	100
	Hannah Spector	100

WOMEN'S "C"

#1	Jana French	210*
	Sue Giliberti	210*
#2	Terry Kelsey	170*
#3	Katherine Phillips	160*
#4	Dee Robertson	150*
	Michelle Scott	150*
#5	Kim McDaniel	130*
#6	Gail Fitzgerald	125
#7	Marilyn Buffum	120
	Terri Costill	120
	Sandy Reiff	120
#8	Karen Adams	110
	Sally Dahlgreen	110
#9	Candy Weber	105
#10	Doreen Greco	100

WOMEN'S "D"

#1	Patti Yough	175*
#2	Terri Costill	165*
#3	Sue Gilberti	150*
	Gail Hardy	150*
#4	Jane Keys	135*
#5	Eva Russell	110*
#6	Suzi Frissell	105*
#7	Kim Cramer	100*
	Doreen Taylor	100*

WOMEN'S 19 +

#1	Kersten Hallendar	935
#2	Lori Basch	275
#3	Diane Green	150
#4	Melanie Britton	140
#5	Angie Browning	135
#6	Chris Collins	110
#7	Marla Friedman	100

WOMEN'S 25 +

#1	Diane Green	550
#2	Barb. Faulkenberry	150
	Laurie Potter	150
	Mandy Stark	150
#3	Cindy Carter	135
#4	Barbara Simmons	110
#5	Chris Collins	100
	Renee Fish	100

WOMEN'S 30 +

#1	Susan Morgan	1075
#2	Julia Pinnell	200
#3	Eileen Tuckman	200
#4	Barbara Simmons	155
#5	Martha McDonald	150
#6	Mary Jo Murray	145
	Gail Troxell	145
#7	Renee Fish	120
#8	Linda Mojer	100

WOMEN'S 35 +

#1	Eileen Tuckman	900
#2	Janis Smith	300
#3	Mary Jo Murray	200
#4	Terry Costill	150
#3	Agatha Falso	120

WOMEN'S 40 +

#1	Agatha Falso	1050
#2	Judi Schmidt	695
#3	Jo Kenyon	300
#4	Eva Russell	130
#5	Shirley Elgaway	125

WOMEN'S 45 +

#1	Judi Schmidt	850
#2	Jo Kenyon	565
#3	Shirley Elgaway	270
#4	Mareda Zoumberous	100

WOMEN'S 50 +

#1	Jo Kenyon	600
#2	Shirley Elgaway	200
#3	Mareda Zoumberous	160

WOMEN'S 55 +

#1	Julie Atherly	400
#2	Jeannette Conrarino	150
	Mareda Zoumberous	150

WOMEN'S 60 +

#1	Lilijan Minick	150

VISIONS

270
180
150
gor 105

825
550
515
g 495
375
265
er 240
200
o 180

#10	James Lorello	175

GIRLS 14-

#1	Amy Simonetta	1500
#2	Hannah Spector	810
#3	Britt Engel	175
#4	Deirdre Robertson	170
#5	Mandy Simmons	130
#6	Robin O'Toole	120

BOYS 16-

#1	James Lorello	700
#2	Robby Walden	675
#3	Brian Rankin	500
#4	Jason Waggoner	400
#5	Trent Tournabene	180
#6	Mike Iapachino	175
	John Van Ardsdall	175
#7	Phil Koss	110
#8	Ross Greenberg	100
	Aaron Metcalf	100

GIRLS 16-

#1	Vicky Yarns	550
#2	Susan Cox	500
#3	Amy Simonetta	350
#4	Dee Robertson	205
#5	Hannah Spector	150

BOYS 18-

#1	Lino Suarez	445
#2	John Ross	325
#3	Oscar Gonzalez	255
#4	Rob Kulp	200
#5	Mitch Campbell	100
	Barry Ozer	100

GIRLS 18-

#1	Vicky Yarns	395
#2	Kim Baran	100
	Robin McBride	100
	Claudia McCarthy	100*

★All individuals marked with an asterisk within the skill divisions are no longer eligible to compete in that division, and must be placed in the next higher skill draw in Florida tournament play. This notation is made to help tournament directors eliminate sandbagging, and as an incentive to players to "move-up" in ability by competing in the next skill level. The "cut-off" levels are: "A" = 230 & up, "B" = 180 & up, "C" = 130 & up, "D" = 80 & up. Once you have reached the maximum point designation in the listed skill divisions, you must play at the next higher level.

For details on the "cut-off" list policy and procedures, please contact any Florida Racquetball Association Board Member.

REGIONAL DOUBLES in Savannah

EVENT: Region IV Doubles Championships

DATE September 4-7, 1987

DEADLINE: August 31, 1987

WHERE: Racquet Plus
Oglethorpe Professional Blvd.
Savannah, GA 31406
912/355-3070

HOTELS: Day's Inn—912/352/4455
(Attn: Jeff)

Hampton Inn—912/355-4100
(Attn: Louise)

Rate: $30.00/night for players at either hotel.

DIRECTORS: Patti Iott & Mike Brooks

STARTING: Call Racquet Plus at 912/355-3070

TIMES: After 4:00 PM, September 3rd

DIVISIONS: Cash Men's Open
Cash Women's Open
Cash Mixed Open

Per Team Awards:
$250.00 for 1st place
$125.00 for 2nd place

Men's	Women's	Juniors	Mixed
A	A	B18-	A
B	B	B16-	B
C	C	B14-	C
D	D	B12-	
19+	19+	B10-	
25+	25+	B8-	
30+	30+	G18-	
30+B	30+B	G16-	
35+	35+	G14-	
40+	40+	G12-	
40+B	45+	G10-	
45+	50+	G8-	
50+	55+		
55+			
60+			
65+			
70+			

First place winners in all divisions will receive a pair of REEBOK shoes.

ENTRY FEES: Cash First event = $30.00
Non-cash First event = 25.00
Second event = 12.50
Junior 1st event = 15.00
Junior 2nd event = 10.00
Referee fee = 2.50/per event

ENTRY:

Name_____ Age____

Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone [day]_____ [eve]_____

Partner(s)_____

First event_____ Referee fee_____

Second event_____ Referee fee_____

Total Due $_____

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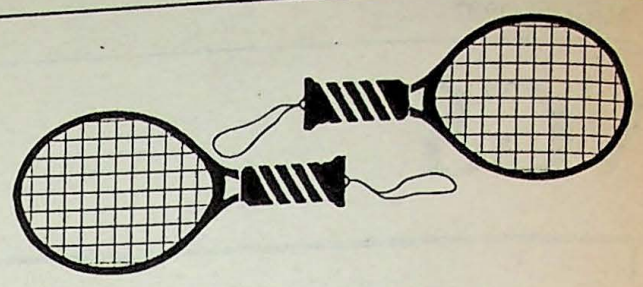
Savannah, Georgia 31406

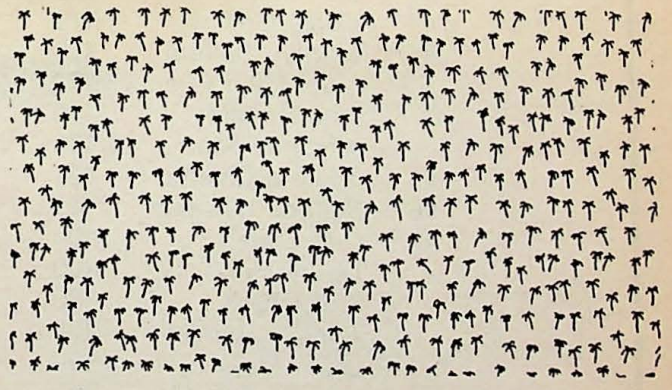


THIRD ANNUAL SPRING THING AT OMEGA 40

The Third Spring Racquetball Thing at Omega 40 preceeded the National Singles by one week, but that didn't stop die-hard tournament players from participating. Cash prizes and hourly give-aways kept everyone's spirits up and the club's reputation for good hospitality, outrageous conduct by tournament directors, and old-fashioned fun was upheld.

Spring Winners [May 14-17]

MO: Sergio Gonzalez def. Tim Hansen
MA: Jeff Johnson def. Andy Romano
MB: Kevin Gallagher def. Walter Hesse
MC: Ted Muller def. Brian Edlund
MD: Manuel Shaw def. Greg Chism
MNov: Mark Warren def. Gil McDonald
M19+: Glenn Warren def. Andy Romano
M25+: Tim Hansen def. Vinnie Ganley
M30+: Terry Fluharty def. Steve Chapman
M30+B: Jim Williams def. Eddie Sanders
M40+: Mike Winslow def. Alan Miller
M40+B: Don Woodington def. Ted Muller
WO: Claudia McCarthy def. Linda Diamond
WA: Brenda McMillen def. Jane Fontaine
WB: Alice Wood def. Kathryn Phillips
WC: Kathryn Phillips def. Rena Baer
WNov: Debra Derr def. Cassie Brewer
B14-: Nicky Xynidis def. Craig Czyz
B12-: Craig Czyz def. Ken Olif
MOD: Dewhurst/Foley def. Owens/Reynolds
MBD: Kosik/Datile def. Xynidis/Kiriakes
MCD: Edlund/Ennis def. Guarino/Rose
MXOD: Krestul/Lyons def. Metcalf/Browning
MXBD: Borgess/Woods def. Parker/Lee



IN MEMORIAM:

Just prior to the Sunshine State Games we received word that **National Racquetball** publisher Joe Massarelli had passed away. This unexpected loss shakes the entire Florida racquetball community, reminds us of our frailty as human beings, and brings us together in condolence for his family. His dedication to racquetball is evidenced all around us, and his was a presence that we shall surely miss.

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS:

Harvey L. Sussman
Jack A. Sussman
Michele Sussman
Larry Swanson
Rick Taylor
Susan R. Taylor
Todd Taylor
Jack Teitelman
Jim Terrell
Patty Thackeray
Paul Thiel
Donice Gail Thorne
David Tinkham
Mike Tipton
Amelia Toural
Katherine Trego
Casey Truex
Eileen R. Tuckman
Diane Twyman
Marc Vail
Richard Valdez
Rigoberto Valdes
Roderick Van Dyke
Alex Vasquez
Douglas Van Dyke
Andrew Vecchio
Ileana Villarreal
Zelda Visoria
Bill Walker
Steve Wallace
John F. Walsh
Mark Warren
Robert Warren
Crockett Watson
Kathy H. Watson
Kenneth Watson
David F. Waugh
James Kurt Weber
Paul Weeks
Todd Weicholz
Joseph Weinman
Darrell Welch
Robert White
Bill Whitney
Kimberly Wilcox
Terry Wilkman
James Williams
Garner L. Willis
Edward Lawrence Wilson
Albert Winter
Curtis Winter
Myrna Winter
John Wittig
Robert Wohl
Charles Wolfe
Jane Worden
Marie Yoho
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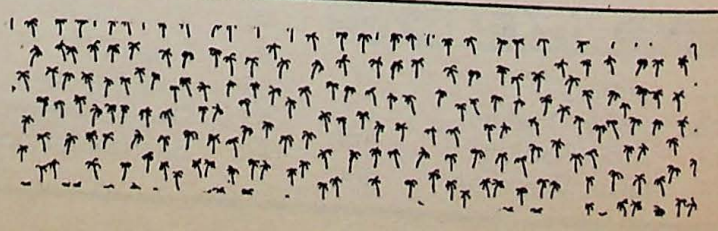
Lukas J. Zuvich



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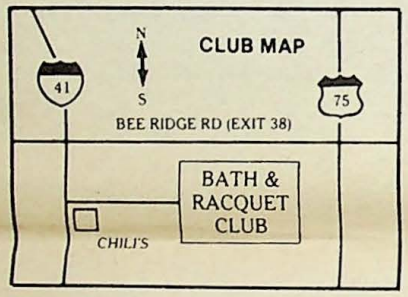

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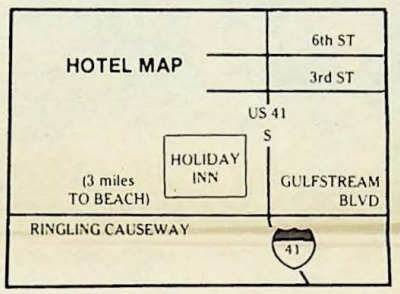

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Give your name, number of people in each room, names of people, your phone number, arrival date, number of nights, guarantee your reservation with a major credit card and expiration date of the card.

General Information

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, August 14th. No entry will be accepted without payment for the entire fee. Telephone entries will be accepted only with valid Visa/Mastercard. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, August 14.

Entry Fees

$5.00 referee fee for each division entered (referees will be paid $5.00 per match. Certified referees will have preference).

First events, adults	$25.00
Second events, adults	$12.00
First events, juniors	$18.00
Second events, juniors	$10.00
All third events	$10.00**

**All third events must be mixed doubles or junior/senior doubles.

Rules and Eligibility

- AARA rules will apply with one exception: no consolation rounds.
- Matches consist of games to 15; tiebreakers to 11.
- Eyeguards are required for all participants 18 and under and strongly recommended for all players.

Tournament Directors: Judi Schmidt & Charlie Nichols.

Rules Committee: Judi Schmidt, Charlie Nichols, Van Dubolsky, Florida Racquetball Association Directions.

Classification & Cancellation

The tournament directors reserve the right to reclassify, deny or redraw any entrant in the interest of fair competition. Any division of play with fewer than 8 entrants may be combined or eliminated. Should an excessive number of entries be received in any division, that division may be closed without notice to additional entries. Players are advised to enter early.

Starting Times

The tournament may begin as early as 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 20th. Players must contact Bath & Racquet Club for starting times. Starting times will be available on Tuesday, August 18th after 6 p.m. Phone: (813) 921-6675. Requests for special start times will be honored if possible, however, refunds will not be given after the entry deadline if such a time is unavailable. *All players must be able to play at any time during the scheduled days of the tournament.*

Forfeits

Any player failing to appear for his/her match within twenty (20) minutes of the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the match.

Tournament Ball

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Souvenirs

Collared tournament shirts for all participants. Miscellaneous sample products for all participants. Merchandise prizes furnished by Ektelon and Robby's will be awarded to first place winners in all divisions. Door prizes from Tacki Mac and local merchants will be awarded throughout the tournament.

Awards

FRA Championship medallions to top three finishers in each division. (First and second place awards only in divisions with less than eight teams).

Hospitality/Special Events

Fresh fruit will be provided throughout the tournament. If the tournament begins on Thursday brunch will be served on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening dinner buffet. Saturday night dance party in lounge featuring local D. J. Frozefruit bars for all participants. Beer and soft drinks Friday and Saturday @ 25 cents. FRA Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday evening.

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Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____
Club Affiliation: _____
Partner/s: _____
Birthdate: _____
Past Tournament Record: _____
(for seeding information)

Divisions

Men		Women	Juniors	Boys - Girls
☐ Open	☐ 19+	☐ Open	10 & under	☐ ☐
☐ A	☐ 25+	☐ A	12 & under	☐ ☐
☐ B	☐ 30+	☐ B	14 & under	☐ ☐
☐ C	☐ 30+B	☐ C	16 & under	☐ ☐
	☐ 35+		18 & under	☐ ☐
	☐ 35+B	☐ 19+	**Mixed**	**Jr. Mixed**
	☐ 40+	☐ 25+	☐ Open	14 & under
	☐ 40+B	☐ 30+	☐ B	16 & under
	☐ 45+	☐ 30+B	☐ C	18 & under
	☐ 50+	☐ 35+		
	☐ 55+	☐ 35+B		
	☐ 60+	40+		

☐ **Junior/Senior Mixed** (Juniors 18 or under, seniors must be 35 or older — no gender restrictions)

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Amount enclosed:
First event _____
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Second event _____
Referee fee _____
Third event _____
Referee fee _____
TOTAL _____

Signature _____
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WAIVER: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights for damages I may have against Bath & Racquet Club, its officers, directors, managers and staff, for any and all injuries and other damages which may be suffered by me, my family, or guests while on the premises of the club.

PARI: The **P**rofessional **A**ssociation of **R**acquetball **I**nstructors

by Mary Lyons

One of the newest organizations under the direction of the AARA, the **Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors [PARI]**, is dedicated to making racquetball a more professional sport by improving the quality of its instructors, their teaching methods and marketing skills. By standardizing not only how club pros "teach" racquetball, but also how they "sell" it, the professional association hopes to improve the sport's image and popularity on a national scale.

As always, Florida is one of the first states to involve itself in new AARA programming, and has already become one of the few to have been selected to host a PARI Clinic. Over the weekend of June 6-7, eleven southerners from Florida and Georgia participated in the largest PARI Clinic held to date. The clinic, hosted by the Racquet Power Health & Fitness Club in Jacksonville, proved to be an exceptionally informative learning experience for all involved.

The two-day clinic was divided into three main parts—a classroom section, a practical "on court" instructional section, and a written test.

Initial coursework covered topics such as a brief history of racquetball, promotional suggestions for teachers and instruction in general, advertising techniques, lesson plans, specialty programs, pro-shop marketing and personal motivation.

Next the clinic addressed practical concerns, moving on to the courts for discussion of actual instructional techniques used in teaching basic strokes to beginning and intermediate level players. Court games, skill/conditioning drills, and practice sessions were also covered for players of all skill levels.

Next, participants were teamed up and drew teaching assignments. Each pair then set up an actual teaching situation in which one person was the instructor, the other the student. The teaching partner was then graded on the quality of his/her skills as an instructor, and the roles reversed. The last segment of this exercise was a skills/set up test, designed to test an instructor's ability to demonstrate basic shots as well as set up the student to execute them.

The third and final portion of the program involved the completion of a written exam which tested our knowledge of all the topics covered in classroom and court work in multiple-choice, true/false and short answer essay questions. Even those with years of teaching experience found some of the questions difficult, and all agreed that the test was no picnic.

The two day program was a valuable one and could well be expanded into a three day format in order to cover more material. But even at this early stage of development, PARI instructor Fran Davis did a first-rate job of handling the loaded schedule and large group in a professional manner. The entire program was such a success that PARI is considering a second Florida clinic this coming fall in the southern part of the state.

It is the primary goal of PARI to train and certify at least one instructor for every club and/or similar playing facility within the United States. By upgrading the level of competency within the teaching system, we can generate enthusiasm among our club members while providing instruction that will attract even more new players to the sport. By improving the quality of play in our state, and across the country, membership rolls will continue to grow and racquetball will come to receive the attention it is due.

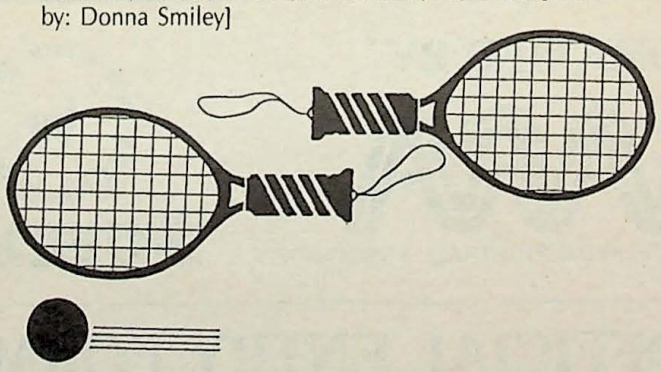
I highly recommend the the PARI program to all practicing and potential racquetball instructors. Public and private racquetball facilities can benefit by investing in the future of racquetball by supporting the Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors. For more information about the program, please write AARA National Headquarters at 815 North Weber, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, or call them direct at 303/635-5396.

For another viewpoint, feel free to speak with any of the participants listed here, and congratulate them on a job well done:

Jeff Bowman	Capital Racquet & Fitness Tallahassee
Marilyn Buffum	Auburndale Recreation Center
Dan Burleson	Countryside Athletic Club
Bill Clark	Venice Racquetball
Scott Dennis	Venice Racquetball
Charlie Krestul	Racquetpower Jacksonville
Hanne Lore Lenhart	Bradenton Racquetball
Mary Lyons	Racquetpower Jacksonville
Susan Morgan	Jacksonville Athletic Club
Scott Olson	Sarasota Bath & Racquet Club
Eva Russell	South Florida Racquet Club Hollywood
Deb Snelling	Atlanta Sporting Club

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Out of 48 persons attending the 7 PARI Clinics held to date, only six individuals have passed the written test at the "Teaching Professional" level of 90% or above. Mary Lyons and Susan Morgan comprise a third of that elite group, and are now certified as nationally recognized teaching professionals. Congratulations!

Here they are—the brave souls who recently attended a PARI clinic at Racquetpower in Jacksonville. Seated left to right: Eva Russell, Deb Snelling, Fran Davis, Scott Dennis. Kneeling: Hanne Lore Lenhart, Mary Lyons, Susan Morgan, Marilyn Buffum. Standing: Jeff Bowman, Dan Burleson, Charlie Krestul, Scott Olson, Bill Clark. [Photo by: Donna Smiley]



THE AARA: What it Does for You

Occasionally, there will come a rumbling from an individual who either doesn't care to shell out an additional ten dollars before playing in a tournament, or bother to renew his/her AARA membership by mail when it comes due. That rumbling usually takes the form of "What do I get out of it?" The standard answer: "You get your ranking points tallied and accumulated nationally."

But there is more—a lot more than one can usually expect from a people-oriented group that requires centralized organization, branch offices, personnel and services. Working for the interested parties of that organization, the American Amateur Racquetball Association and your state affiliate (the FRA), work together behind the scenes on a scale which far exceeds the simple reporting of your earned ranking points.

For starters, of the ten dollar individual membership paid to the AARA **annually**, five dollars is returned to the state organization to fund its programs. Of the five remaining at the national office, a percentage is allocated for the US Olympic Team, allowing them to travel to the worldwide sites of competition representing the US and you. Additional percentage cuts are redirected into the many special programs which the AARA supports. Also from that five comes the salaries of the three individuals on the payroll of the AARA, hired to administer a national non-profit organization with thousands of people to answer to. The organization is then run in much the same manner as any other corporation, except in supplying services and benefits to the membership worth far more than the dollar amount involved.

From the moment that a racquetball facility decides it would like to hold a sanctioned tournament, support services from the AARA begin. For scheduling and time conflict purposes, the club is supplied with a current computer listing of all major tournaments in its immediate area, as well as regionally. With that list comes a set of pressure sensitive labels to be used by the club in its mailing of tournament flyers to the state's members. Individual players have three ways of finding out about a tournament: through these mailings, advertisement in state newsletters, or by picking up an entry at the front desk of the tournament facility. The most efficient of these ways is, of course, a direct mailing to a select group. A select group of which you, as an AARA member, are an integral part.

So, while the mailings were going out, the skillful tournament coordinator has been busy selling some advertising to be placed inside the current AARA Tournament Program. You've seen these before))a slick four-color job which contains a listing of officers and board members, a brief history of racquetball, an in-depth explanation of the draw sheet, a schedule of events, the national top-20 rankings and an½explanation of the ranking procedure. Also contained are advertisements from major racquetball sponsors. The substantial cost of printing these programs is borne completely by the AARA and shipped gratis at the request of the tournament director. Local ads can then be sold and appear in the center section of the piece, increasing the revenue available to improve the quality of shirts, hospitality, trophies and cash awards. If you don't see the AARA tournament program being used at events you attend, ask why. They essentially represent a blank check, waiting to raise funds to supplement the events in which you participate.

Then you'll find rulebooks, published in great numbers on an annual basis. In Florida, you'll see that one or more FRA representatives have been assigned to serve as a rules committee to interpret potentially controversial rulings. You'll also find that more and more qualified referees are being trained through the use of the referee certification program. Clinics, tests and practical applications are evaluated, as referees improve the caliber of their individual skills. While no one is immune from making mistakes, certified referees tend to make fewer of them. That alone is worthwhile when you're in a 10-10 tiebreaker, and a win can hinge on one call, good or bad.

Now, who are you planning to play in this tournament? The same people you scramble against three times a week, or someone a little different, slightly quicker, a bit younger? If you are a true competitor you'll probably prefer someone who'll give you a run for your money.

In the open skill divisions, it's strength and speed that make a winner. Regardless of age, you'll find that currently the best players have "grown into" the sport. We're constantly seeing new generations

of racquetball players come up through a "feeder system" that is essential to the growth of racquetball.

If you had the chance to see any of the US Racquetball Team play at the World Games last year, you saw several of the nation's best players—selected directly from the ranks of intercollegiate winners. The American Collegiate Racquetball Association (ACRA) is yet another affiliate of the AARA which produces some of the best racquetball players in the world. And since your membership makes you a part of the AARA, you've got a good deal to be proud of.

Among the junior ranks, in Florida especially, you'll find that the competition is quite skillful, eager and dedicated. The AARA has just published two separate handbooks that deal with the development of junior racquetball programs all across the nation. The first addresses high school league formation and competition, the other is aimed at establishing necessary patron/parent organizations and selecting qualified instructors for juniors. To an AARA member, these publications are free for the asking and the postage is pre-paid. They are also routinely distributed to½anyone interested in junior level play, and are a clear indication of the importance of the younger player in the sport.

Mature, established players have long been a part of a growing list of special interest groups served by the AARA. The Masters and Seniors Councils maintain an excellent level of tournament play, while the Women's Council encourages the advancement of women in racquetball at any age. Disabled players can find more and more opportunities to compete and win acclaim on racquetball courts across the country, directly through the work and concern of the AARA.

Then, there are the miscellaneous benefits like media coverage of major events (of which you may be a part), state newsletters like this one aimed at informing the membership of local items of interest, *general interest publications from the national office, and good will efforts worldwide that are designed to make you proud to be a member of the racquetball community.*

For all that, ten dollars is a **steal**.

TIME OUT . . .

Road Trip:

The winners of the Florida State Doubles will want to make arrangements to win Reeboks at the Regional Doubles in Savannah, Georgia in early September. Look for an entry in this issue, then plan to car-pool with another team over the weekend of September 4-7. For more information from tournament director Patti Iott, call 912/355-3070. And if you're willing to make another trip, the Atlanta Health and Racquet Club will sponsor its second annual Coca-Cola/Head $10,000 Racquet Triathalon Tournament on September 18. Players will compete in racquetball, squash and tennis for a $2,000 first prize. If you're interested, call Tom Rumpler at 404/952-3200 for entry information.**He's not on the court in all his spare time:**

Terry Fluharty took a 73 hour break from racquetball to compete for higher stakes in late May. While everyone else was in Houston, Terry won a Suzuki Samarai by riding down the Hydra-Maniac water slide at Wet 'n Wild in Orlando—928 times. He defeated 87 other contestants who couldn't keep up with him.

Corrections:

The results of the Men's 65+ singles division at State Singles were reported incorrectly in the last issue. The correct finishing positions were: 1st=Nick Sans, 2nd=Joe Glanan, 3rd=Bill Duckworth, 4th=Nelson Abernathy. Apologies to Jerry Rand, whose name was hopelessly mangled into"Jerry Raws" on the referee certification list. He's a top-notch referee who should be requested by his real name as often as possible.

Referee Updates:

Many of the current level-1 referees (those listed in the last issue) have asked how they can attain level-2 status. Up to now, a referee who wanted to advance had to contact either Ed Vlock or Gene Owen and ask them to observe the match they were calling and rate their performance. At its last meeting, the FRA Board adopted a policy which will make it easier. At upcoming tournaments, someone will be given the task of observing certified referees and identifying those who do an outstanding job. Notice of the "testing" will be sent by mail, and include either an updated card with a level-2 designation, or suggestions for improving one's refereeing skills.

Hard Line:

This month's list of new/renewal members is a good indication of membership paperwork that has to be routed through the national office every few weeks. Since it does take a while to process the membership cards, it's all the more important that you retain your yellow receipt when you join or renew. If your name hasn't been placed on the FRA/AARA list by the time you enter your next tournament, you'll have to pay AGAIN if you don't have your receipt.

AARA Review

The past few months have been a very busy time for the national offices of the American Amateur Racquetball Association. In conjunction with the annual national singles event in Houston, board elections and major policy-making meetings are scheduled. This year's round of official "doings" included several items of interest to Florida players.

New members appointed to the national AARA board of directors were inducted after the final ballots were tallied in Houston. Re-elected for second terms were incumbent President Van Dubolsky of Gainesville, FL, National Rules Commissioner Michael Arnoldt of Indianapolis, IN and Vice-President Jim Hiser of Davison, MI. New member John Foust of Denver, CO begins a three term on the board with twelve years of organizational racquetball experience to draw upon, having previously served as the Colorado state AARA director and as current region 12 director. Otto Dietrich organized a successful write-in campaign for a spot on this year's ballot, but was edged out in his bid for election—this time. One of the more familiar faces in the southeast, Otto definitely has the drive and commitment necessary to sit on the board, and we hope he'll continue to seek an appointment.

Several rule changes were passed by the board, after a full vote of the membership. Perhaps the most controversial and important is the mandatory wearing of lensed eye protection in all sanctioned events, effective December 1st. Eyeguards significantly reduce the risk of permanent eye damage in the event of impact by the ball, and new industry standards effectively eliminate injury liability arguments against the ruling.

Other rule changes include the screen serve (it's a fault serve effective September 1st) and the drive serve zone (see feature article by Jeff Leon elsewhere in this issue). Three new divisions of play (75+, junior mixed doubles and 8- under regular rules) have been approved for sanctioned events, and cross-over play (women competing in men's divisions) is no longer allowed at regional and national championships. In doubles, a change in playing partners may be made only as long as the first match of the posted team has not been called to the court.

Annual awards for outstanding athletic and administrative efforts were bestowed on deserving racquetball personalities at the banquet festivities of the 1987 National Singles. The AARA Male and Female Athletes of the Year were named, honoring Egan Inoue of Honolulu, Hawaii and Cindy Baxter of Lewistown, Pennsylvania. These honors follow up similar distinctions awarded by the USOC earlier this year. Both Egan and Cindy received athlete of the year honors from the U.S. Olympic Committee at its annual Awards Banquet in Indianapolis early in 1987.

The prestigious John Halverson Award was given to Connie Peterson Martin in recognition of her work in developing the Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors. The newly formed PARI has been quite successful in its first few months of operation, certifying nearly 50 instructors through clinics and testing. Florida involvement in the program is featured in this issue.

The new coaching staff of the U.S. National Racquetball Team was named. Larry Liles of Memphis, TN has accepted the position of head coach vacated by Ed Martin of Sacramento, CA, who retired earlier in May. Assistant coaches are Gary Mazaroff of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Mary Dee of Londonderry, New Hampshire.

The AARA has collaborated with VISA to provide a special offer to its members. Racquetball players will soon receive a VISA application which will feature special interest rates, no fee for the first year, a special card with AARA logo and racquetball player graphic, and a portion of each purchase rebated to the AARA for membership development. Use of the card will thereby provide much-needed funding.

DOUBLE-DUTY

by Linda L. Mojer

From the President:

How time flies when you're with friends and having fun. Though it doesn't seem possible, the Florida Racquetball Association is nearing its third anniversary. About this time in 1984, Van Dubolsky was just beginning to identify people who would help him establish the incorporated, board-directed association. The surviving members of that first FRA board of directors will each mark the end of three year terms this December. To avoid having everyone up and quit at the same time, the board pulled names from a hat to determine which five of the fifteen appointed board members would "volunteer" to make way for some new blood. To make a long story short, five spaces (either for re-appointment or replacement) on the board will be available at the end of this year. So what?So . . . if you're interested in serving on the Florida Racquetball Association Board of Directors, we need to hear from you. To be considered for nomination, please forward a letter explaining why you want to serve on the board to me by **October 31st**. The board will meet in November to review any and all letters, and make its nominations based upon the information presented. If you're not sure what it all means, or just what your service would involve, please feel free to corner me at an upcoming tournament and I'll give you the low-down. Think about it. . .

From the Editor:

I'm hoping that no news is good news regarding the first mailed issue of **FRA News**. I may be asking for trouble here, but I've received no scathing letters to the editor, and I'm worried. What do you **think**? Did everyone get one? Is anything missing? What would you like to see more (or less) of in its pages? Do you have a wonderful idea for a feature article or series? Would you like to write it? Do you own a camera? What's your favorite color? Whoa.Truly, I'd love to get some comments on the newsletter to help me make sure it serves your needs. Your opinions are crucial to the success of the **FRA News** both in and out of Florida, and your written contributions are invaluable. Besides, I love to get mail. . . (and so does "Dear Aggie").

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Date	City &Club	Level &Comments
JULY		
09-12	Clearwater 3 Sunshine State	Suncoast Games
24-26	Venice Racquetball Club	2
31-08/02	New Port Richey Richey RB	2 FRJ
31-08/02	Ormond Beach Omega 40	2
AUGUST		
07-09	Tampa Bay Courthouse	2 Juniors
-09	Ft. Lauderdale S.Fla. RB	2 FRJ/Mike Yellen
07-09	Jacksonville Racquet Power	2 FRJ/Mike Yellen
14-16	Lakeland YMCA	2 Doubles Warm-Up
21-23	Sarasota Bath & Racquet	3 State Doubles
SEPTEMBER		
04-07	Savannah, GA Racquet Plus	4 Regional Doubles
11-13	Miami Court Club	2 "Bud Classic"
11-13	Jacksonville Athletic Club	2 Cash Classic
24-27	Tampa Bay Courthouse	2 All-American
OCTOBER		
10-12	Orange Park Park Avenue	2
22-25	Tempe, AZ, Arizona Ath. Club	6 National Doubles
23-25	Lakeland YMCA	2
NOVEMBER		
06-08	Auburndale Recreation Center	3 4-wall Outdoor
13-15	Sarasota YMCA	3
20-22	Ormond Beach Omega 40	2 "Wild Turkey"
DECEMBER		
04-06	Ft. Lauderdale S.Fla. RB	2 "Killshot'
27-30	Miami Lakes	5 Jr. Orange Bowl
MAY 1988		
06-08	Ormond Beach Omega 40	4 Junior Regionals

Whose feet are these? Hint: They belong to FRA board members (list to your left).