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1991 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS MOVED TO MARCH
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1990 STATE CHAMPIONS

MENS OPEN	DAVID RAHN
MENS A	RANDY COOPER
MENS B	LARRY SHARPE
MENS C	MICHAEL SMITH
MENS D	STEPHEN RUSSO
12+	MARK BLOOM
14+	JEFF BLOOM
16+	SCOTT DAVIS
19+	JOHN DAVIS
25+	STEVE MARTIN
35A+	RICK CHIQUELIN
35B+	FRITZ OPOTOWSKY
45+	WARREN RUETHER
55+	HAYES TOWN

WOMENS OPEN	KIM ALLEN
WOMENS A	VICKI GARRETT
WOMENS B	SUE OLIVIER
WOMENS D	TRACY MAYS
WOMENS 25+	KIM ALLEN

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!!
SEE YOU AGAIN IN MARCH!!!



David Rahn

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Kim Allen



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CHAIRMANS CORNER

Welcome 1991 and some exciting changes in the LRA.

The state singles championship will now be held in March. This move will put us in sync with the regionals in April and the nationals in May. The state doubles championship will move to October putting us in sync with the national doubles which is held in October also.

To qualify for state singles this year, you can retain eligibility from the 1990 state singles tournament. The points were deleted for 1990 so the rankings will be determined by the tournaments held from October thru March. So get out and practice, come out and play.

The 1991 scholarship tournament is here, and we need everyone's support to keep our scholarship funds full. See you at the tournament.

Warren Arnett
LRA Chairman

Mick Murphy

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RULE UPDATES

Effective January 1, 1991, the LRA modification of the 5-foot safety line will follow the current AARA ruling.

The basic difference in the receiving line rule is now you may break the plane of the line once the ball bounces. The server must be aware that it is his/her responsibility to allow the receiver an offensive opportunity at balls that do bounce inside this zone.

The AARA has also amended its rule regarding foot faults. It is now acceptable for part of the foot to extend beyond either line of the service zone provided that some part of both feet is on or inside the lines from the moment the service motion begins until the served ball passes the short line.

The LRA also plans to offer the AARA referee certification test during the scholarship tournament in January.



Eliot Diaz and Becky Gromer counting one of their more favorite items at the state tournament.

JUNIORS RACQUETBALL

A good, solid juniors racquetball program is the best way to ensure the growth of racquetball for years to come. A juniors racquetball council has been formed by the LRA and we have come up with some alternatives on how to promote and increase the number of junior racquetball players statewide.

The first alternative would be for each club pro to form a juniors racquetball league which would also include some instruction.

After leagues have been formed, a juniors racquetball team from each club could be formed, which would compete against other teams in a citywide tournament. This would lead to a statewide juniors tournament sometime in the future.

A letter will be sent to all club pros explaining these programs in detail and what we can do to encourage juniors racquetball. If anyone has any other ideas, feel free to contact me at:

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Steve Martin
Juniors Council

IN FUTURE ISSUES

CLUB SPOTLIGHTS
PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS
CURRENT RANKINGS

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD BASSETT

The LRA wishes to extend our condolences to the Bassett family

P.A.R.I PLAYING TIPS BY FRAN DAVIS

Developing into a good all-around racquetball player is like building a house. In order for that house to be steady and solid, you need to build it from the ground up. The foundation and frame must be set before putting on the roof. The same is true in racquetball. You must set a solid foundation (stroke development) before building up to strategy, shot selection, court position, etc.

In future issues, we will be covering stroke development, strategy, shot selection, court position, serve and serve return, and relocation out of the box.

A methodical approach will make you a more consistent, steady player. Remember, whether building a house or your racquetball game, if your foundation is not solid, it will not be structurally sound. Be patient. The best players don't learn overnight.



The Randy Cooper family enjoying another one of Randys wins at the state tournament.

PRESENTING THE 1990 LOUISIANA STATE SINGLES RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONS

MEN'S DIVISIONS

Open	1. David Rahn 2. Steve Martin 3. Kiel Koger C. Steve Rogers	45+	1. Warren Ruether 2. C.J. Scarpero 3. Robert Crew C. Ken Roberts	16+	1. Scott Davis 2. Brad Hamilton 3. Jeremy Oliver C. M. Sims
A	1. Randy Cooper 2. Craig Campbell 3. Brad Hamilton C. Ken Hood	55+	1. Hayes Town 2. Don Ryan 3. Fritz Owens		
B	1. Larry Sharpe 2. Jim West 3. Fritz Opotowsky C. Neal Ashby				WOMENS DIVISIONS
C	1. Michael Smith 2. Rubin Thompson 3. Tim Buisson C. Dan Mock	A	1. Vicki Garrett 2. Jo Shattuck 3. MaryAnne Treme C. Adelaide Martin		
D	1. Stephen Russo 2. Ken Davis 3. Glen Dumun 4. Bubba Jones	B	1. Sue Oliver 2. Allison Arnett 3. Rina Rodriguez C. Ms. Brecker		
19+	1. John Davis 2. Scott Husted 3. Michael Smith C. Glen Dumun	D	1. Tracy Mays 2. Andrea Robinson 3. Ms. Sims		
25+	1. Steve Martin 2. Charles Pecot 3. Tim Mazetti C. Ron Webster	25+	1. Kim Allen 2. Karen Saunders 3. Debbie Nemitz		
35A+	1. Rick Chiquelin 2. Randy Cooper 3. Frank Gomilla C. John Pellerin				BOYS DIVISIONS
35B+	1. Fritz Opotowsky 2. Dan Mock 3. Daniel Franz C. Allan Lahr	12+	1. Mark Bloom 2. Brock Davis 3. David Anastasio		
		14+	1. Jeff Bloom 2. Ken Tarride 3. J. Satawa		

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1991 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

*State Championships Type A - Draw done by LRA Type B - Draw done by host club

January 18-20
LRA Scholarship Tournament
Wallbanger Court Club
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
Tournament Director: LRA Committee
(504) 346-8657 Type A

February 1-3
Elmwood Open
Elmwood Fitness Center
Harahan, LA 70123
Tournament Director: David Rahn
(504) 733-1600 Type B

February 8-10
Heritage Invite
Heritage Sports Center
Metairie, LA 70005
Tournament Director: Les Schmidt
(504) 832-5982 Type B

February 15-17
Premiere Open
Premier Athletic Club
Metairie, LA 70001
Tournament Director: Chip Peralta
(504) 836-5100 Type B

February 22-24
T.B.A.
Crossgates Racquet Club
Slidell, LA 70458
Tournament Director: Darin Kramer
(504) 643-8194 Type B

March 1-3
Wallbanger Classic
Wallbanger Court Club - Perkins
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Tournament Director: Barry Day
(504) 769-4120 Type B

MARCH 15-17
1991 LRA STATE SINGLES
WALLBANGER COURT CLUB - PERKINS
BATON ROUGE, LA 70808
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: LRA STAFF
(504) 346-8657 TYPE A

May 17-19
Kenner Spring Open
Kenner YMCA
Kenner, LA 70065
Tournament Director: Kenner Staff
(504) 443-6363 Type B

May 24-26
Elmwood May Classic
Elmwood Fitness Center
Harahan, LA 70123
Tournament Director: David Rahn
(504) 733-1600 Type B

May 31-June 2
Summer Fest
Wallbanger Court Club - Old Hammond
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
Tournament Director: Barry Day
(504) 923-2793 Type B

June 7-9
Summer Bash
Rivercenter Racquet Club
New Orleans, LA 70140
Tournament Director: Libby Amdur
(504) 587-7242 Type B

June 21-23
Peach Festival
Racquet Run
Ruston, LA 71270
Tournament Director: Steve Martin
(318) 255-8330 Type B

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