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THE WALL NUT JOURNAL

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First Satellite IRT Event in North Carolina



John Ellis roll out backhand vs. Eddie Alberty in the 1st North Carolina US Open.



Eddie Alberty showing some of his acrobatic skills vs. #3 John Ellis



#3 John Ellis vs. #26 Dan Llacera in the semis.



#26 Dan Llacera diving against #3 John Ellis

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Notes and Quotes from the prez:



Remember The Beatles tune Getting Better? The first line was "It's getting better all the time". When I think about where racquetball is headed in North Carolina I think about that tune. Membership is growing with over 500 members now. We are currently ranked #13 in membership in the United States. We introduced State Championship Doubles back into our tournament lineup last year after many years of dormancy. The first year back was very successful and we expect this year's event to be even better. This year brought an IRT Satellite Event to Greensboro at The NC Open Racquetball Championships held May 5-7. This event hosted the #2 ranked professional in the world (Cliff Swain) and the #3 pro (John Ellis). If you've never

seen the pros play this is one event you don't want to miss next year. The tournament in Winston-Salem that was so popular for so many years has also been revived. With the help of some diehard racquetball players Bronce McClain has sanctioned The Body Check Rainbow Classic at Body Check Health and Fitness Club (formerly The Omni). We've also added the Christy Foundation's Summer 2000 tournament in Chapel Hill at the University of North Carolina. The tournament at the Central YMCA in Charlotte in October will also include a WIRT pro stop. We've had date changes on three tournaments this fall so make sure you check the tournament schedule.

We are now able to offer online registration for our State Tournaments and selected other tournaments throughout the year. You can now go to our web site (www.ncracquetball.com) and click on a link that will take you directly to the registration form for the tournament you are entering. This is possible through an alliance the USRA and the NCRA has formed with Active.com. If you haven't checked out our web site lately you need to visit again. The site has been totally updated this summer. I'd like to thank Kristi Hale for all her work on the site. She's really done a great job helping out her brother Doug in getting the site updated.

So I hope everyone agrees, it really is getting better all the time.

Keep'em rolling, The Prez

North Carolina Winners in the National Singles in Houston, Texas

Earl Acuff 1st place
Mens 75+ and 80+

Mary Low Acuff 1st place
Womens 70+and 75+

Meena Evans 2nd place
Womens 45+

Catherine Land 1st place
Womens 30+A/B

Ed Remen 2nd place
Mens 50+

Mitch Williams 2nd Place
Mens Elite

Valerie Willis 1st place
Womens B



Jan Stelma, Kevin Webb, Catherine Land, Debbie Bryant, and Guest at the Nationals



Valerie Willis at the Nationals



Jan Stelma at the Nationals

Upcoming Tournaments

Aug. 25-27	Summer 2000 Rac. Tournament	UNC & NCCU	Chapel Hill/Durham	919-676-4394
Sept. 15-17	Outback Blast It!	The Sports Center	Fayetteville	910-864-3303
Oct. 13-15	Tournament Of Champions	Elon College	Elon College	336-346-3446
Oct. 27-29	Fall Classic	Central YMCA	Charlotte	704-333-7771
Nov. 3-5	Big Brother/Big Sisters	Courts Plus	Jacksonville	910-346-3446
Nov. 10-12	Turkey Shoot	Vision Sports	Asheville	704-252-0222



Eddie Alberty vs.
#3 John Ellis in the
Open division.

NC Open Championships

May 5-7, 2000

Greensboro, NC

This was the first IRT event held in North Carolina with #2 ranked Cliff Swain beating #26 ranked Dan Llacera in the pro division.

MEN	WINNER	2ND PLACE
Pro	Cliff Swain	Dan Llacera
Open	Brent Walters	Brian Bottomley
A	Doug McGowen	Mike Norelli
B	Rich Spatola	Warren Davis
C	Dick Spatola	Chris Workman
D	Chester Davis	Scott Keen
35+ OPEN	Alan Sheppard	Lou George
35+ B/C	John Paysour	Ken Hamilton
45+ OPEN	Claude Wiggins	Mike Dimoff

WOMEN	WINNER	2ND PLACE
A	Graceanne Kane	Bobbi Oates
B	Valerie Willis	Melanie Bianucci
C	Nila Gresham	Edith Smith
D	Ann Newman	Ingrid Wicker

DOUBLES	WINNER	2ND PLACE
MENS A	Remen/Saperstein	Francis/Griffin
MENS B	Crystal/Forman	Flaherty/Porto
MIXED B/C	Bianucci/Davis	Oates/Thore



Crystal Coast Classic

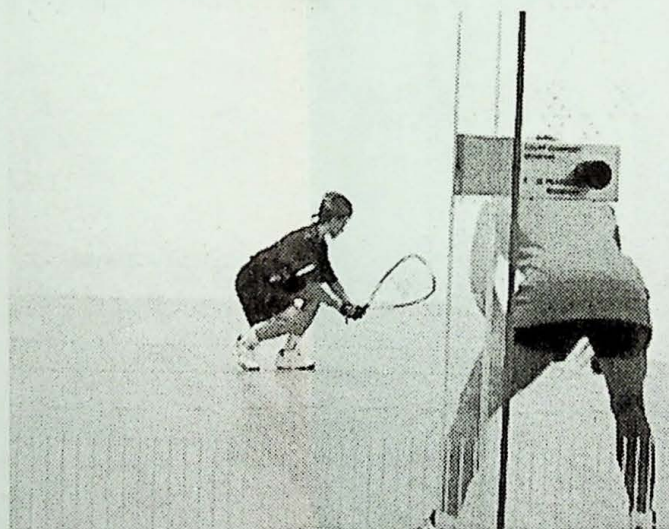
June 9-11, 2000

Morehead, NC

MEN	WINNER	2ND PLACE
OPEN	Mitch Williams	Mike Ginn
A	Lance Fife	Bill Savoy
B	Craig McClanahan	Jeff McBane
C	Doug Desimone	Al Justice
D	Randy Taylor	Hunter Batts
Juniors	Adam Corey	Hunter Batts
Juniors	Thomas Savoy	Jonathon Savoy

WOMEN	WINNER	2ND PLACE
OPEN	Debbie Bryant	Phyllis Morris
A	Christine Norris	Kerri Helsel
B/C/D	Colene Winyard	Edith Smith

DOUBLES	WINNER	2ND PLACE
MENS O	Walters/Williams	Savoy/Bryant
MENS B/C	Desimone/Kirk	Corey/Smith
WOMENS O	Bryant/Land	Avery/Helsel
MIXED O/A	Ginn/Morris	Gilbert/Gilbert
MIXED B/C	Bourgeois/Cook	Winyard/Winyard



Phyllis Morris serving against Debbie Bryant



Big Brothers / Big Sisters Tournament

July 14-16, 2000

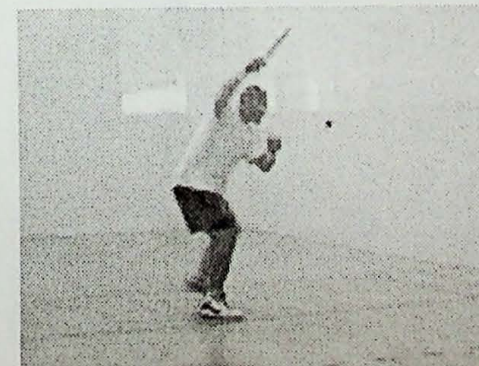
New Bern, NC

MEN	WINNER	2ND PLACE
A	Sherwood Wilson	Bill Savoy
B	Kevin Webb	Warren Davis
C	Russ Schroter	Kelly Staton
D	Scott Keen	Hunter Batts
30+ OPEN	Miguel Figueredo	Brad Vanhorn
45+ OPEN	James Carothers	Marvin Cooper
Juniors 12-	Kleat Norris	Jonathan Savoy
Juniors 14-	Tony Bianucci	?

WOMEN	WINNER	2ND PLACE
OPEN	Catherine Land	Kristi Hale
B	Melanie Bianucci	Jennifer Cook
D	Kim Hardee	Jillian Watson

DOUBLES	WINNER	2ND PLACE
MENS OPEN	King/Wilson	Cook/Schramm
MENS B	Forman/Schlanger	Lane/Lane
MENS D	Batts/Riggs	Cooper/Daughtry
WOMENS O	Avery/Lane	Hale/Norris
WOMENS B	Cook/Stelma	Bianucci/Hale
MIXED O/A	Land/King	Avery/Cook
MIXED B/C	Stelma/Webb	Bianucci/Bourgeois

A pair of Juniors
enjoying the
weekend



Bill Savoy
going for the
kill shot



David Day vs. #2 Cliff Swain in the Pro division



Debbie Bryant serving against Phyllis Morris

Melanie Bianucci
going for an ace
serve!



Marvin Cooper
checking the
receiver before
serving.

Body Check Classic

July 21-23, 2000

Winston-Salem, NC

MEN	WINNER	2ND PLACE
OPEN	Brent Walters	Dereck Dirks
A	Dennis Mumford	Kyle Smythe
B	Warren Davis	Victor Smith
C	Doug Szaro	Doug DeSimone
35+ OPEN	Louis Souther	Dave Hibbard
45+ OPEN	Ronnie Griffin	Randy Duggins
WOMEN	WINNER	2ND PLACE
OPEN	Phyllis Morris	Meena Evans
A	Colleen Winyard	Pamela Davis
C	Dawn Dozier	Ingrid Wicker
DOUBLES	WINNER	2ND PLACE
MENS O	Daniels/	Walters/Walters
MENS A	Duggins/Haste	Engstrom/Falkowski
MENS B	Dumas/Stephens	Crumpler/Davis
WOMENS B	Davis/Montgomery	Hardee/Wicker
MIXED O/A	Evans/Walkush	Boyte/Thomas
MIXED B/C	Winyard/Winyard	Wicker/Davis

Advertising in the Wall Nut Journal is a great way to tell fellow racquetball players what kind of business your in. Do you have a product or service that we can all benefit from? Come and advertise in the Wall Nut Journal to over 600 direct mailed pieces, and a distribution of a 1000 at all the Clubs around the state. Anyone knowing someone that may be interested in advertising in the Journal should contact Lynn Stephens or Andreas Winston.

Rates for ads are \$175.00 for a 5.5 x 4 inch ad per quarter. At 600 issues that is .29 per issue. Less than the cost of postage. In addition the newsletter will go to all the clubs for additional exposure. Potential advertisers would be anyone who wanted targeted marketing of their product or services to about 600 racquetball players or their demographics.

Regional Doubles Tournament

There will be a Regional Doubles event hosted in Atlanta, on September 8-10 at the Southlake Athletic Club. The event will utilize all of Georgia's Racquetball Association web-based capabilities to allow entrants to register, receive starting times and view results via the web. This should assist those from our state who want to participate. All of the tournament information will be available at <http://www.mindspring.com/~granews/>.

What's The Call?

Gotcha! Only two people inquired about the incorrect answer from the last newsletter. Way to go Ivey Powell and Lynn Stephens!!!!!!!!!!!!

Equipment rule correction:

An equipment time-out may be given for?

- No time-outs remaining, but an adjustment is required for safe play.
- Has time-outs remaining, but string breaks
- No time-outs remaining, but the players shirt is extremely wet.
- A & B only
- A & C only

Answer: (E) A and C only. You may not take an equipment time-out if you have time-outs remaining.

Serve in Doubles

The order of serve in doubles must be followed for?

- One side out
- One game
- One match
- Entire tournament

Answer: (B) the service order must be followed throughout that game. You may change serving order only at the beginning of a new game.

Out of Order Serve:

When either partner serves out of order, the points scored by that server will be subtracted and an out serve will be the call. If the second server is serving out of order then the call is an out serve, subtraction of points and the second server resumes serving. If the referee is unable to recall the number of points earned while serving out of order, they may ask the line judges only not the crowd for help. If the player designated as the first server serves out of order, then a sideout will be the call.

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