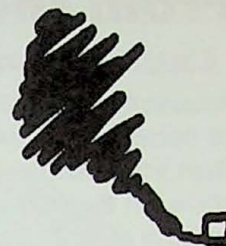




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1998 Player of the Year Awards

The prestigious Player of the Year Awards for the 1998 season were presented at the FRA State Singles Championship in February. Congratulations to all of our winners who have excelled in the following categories:

Open Player of the Year

Male: **Aaron Metcalf**

Female: **Susan Pfahler**

Age Group Player of the Year

Male: **John Scargle**

Female: **Jean Trimble**

Skill Group Player of the Year

Male: **Andy Silva**

Female: **Vivian Gomez**

Junior Player of the Year

Male: **Matthew McElhiney**

Female: **Sarah Parrish**

Sportsmanship: **Sal Perconti**

Most Improved: **Lori Lepow**

*Congratulations to all of our nominees- Matt Fontana, Scott Reiff, Rick Fusari, Gordon Kirkland, Joe Kovalick, Nick Hawk, Justin Meadows, Janet Tyler, Mary Lyons, Corrinne Karnback, John Brandvick, Sue Hann, Nick Hawk. Nominations for the 1999 Player of the Year Awards will be called for in November of 1999. Good Luck to all.

News from the **USRA**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The USRA has instituted a separate membership drive to help augment the efforts being made at the state level. Beginning in May the USRA is offering \$100,000 in prizes as part of the drive. The program will work in the following manner - the offer will be made through **RACQUETBALL** magazine with a tear out card. Any member who signs up a new member is eligible for the drawings as is the new member. For each new member that a current member signs up, they get an additional chance for a prize... sign up 10 new members and get 10 chances for the drawing. The grand prize will be two round trip airfares on United Air Lines and will be drawn at the U.S. OPEN in November. For more details... check out your next issue of **RACQUETBALL** magazine.

US OPEN DATES CHANGE: For the past three years, the PROMUS HOTEL US OPEN Racquetball Championships were held the week before Thanksgiving. The fourth edition of racquetball's premier showcase event has moved back three weeks to **November 30 - December 5th, 1999**. This exciting event, hosted by The Racquet Club of Memphis, is racquetballs only "Grand Slam" tournament and perhaps the most innovative sports advancement in recent years. The event features the world's first truly "made for TV" portable stadium racquetball court and will bring together all of the top Men's & Women's Professional players as well as over 550 amateurs competing for age and skill titles. Photos and video tape from the 1998 US OPEN are available from the **USRA** - call 719-635-5396.



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From the President

Laura Brandt, FRA President

Because of events at the recent Regional Singles tournament in Ft. Lauderdale I feel it is necessary to remind everyone about **Florida's Player Pledge of Conduct**. When you become an FRA member you agree to abide by the rules of conduct outlined in the Player Pledge of Conduct (**see page 10**). One of those items is a pledge to act and play in a sportsmanlike manner at all times before during and after any FRA and USRA sanctioned event. Though sportsmanlike manner is not specifically defined, a little common sense tells you that things like pushing, excessive taunting, excessive yelling, excessive arguing and attempted verbal intimidation of your opponent, the referee, or tournament director are poor sportsmanship. In addition, physical violence is not only unsportsmanlike, but also is completely unacceptable.

I was outraged and embarrassed for all Florida players first with the display of unsportsmanlike behavior that occurred on the court, second with the fact that after being reprimanded by the tournament director and losing the match that the player sought out and punched that tournament director, and third with the fact that some spectators seemed to feel that there was nothing wrong with the behavior on the court or after the match. The whole incident was completely unacceptable, and in retrospect, the match probably should have been forfeited in the first game. This is not the first incident where Florida players have embarrassed the rest of us by playing "in your face" racquetball, taunting and verbally abusing their opponents and/or the referee. Some may find this entertaining, I see it as poor sportsmanship and something that needs to be stopped. Maybe the possible suspension of the player involved in this incident will help to remind everyone else that sportsmanship is as important as winning. I hope I never witness such an outrageous display from a Florida player again, and if it does occur, I hope that the referee has the fortitude to take action before it gets out of hand.

Due Process: What happens when a player violates the Florida Player Pledge of Conduct or exhibits unsportsmanlike behavior? The USRA has specific rules regarding due process where there is a charge or violation by a player. Physical violence results in an immediate indefinite suspension from all USRA events (including all local and state events) pending the completion of the due process procedure. The player is notified of the charges or alleged violation in writing and is given a hearing within 60 days before a disinterested and impartial jury of at least 3 individuals. In the case of a Regional or National event, the National Rules Committee will set up the hearing. A written decision with reasons, based on the evidence from the hearing, is handed down no later than 10 days following the hearing. It is up to the hearing body to determine the punishment. The player may appeal the decision.

nament. How many excuses do we need to hear and moaning about whether the entry fee is too high or the shirts aren't good enough, before the females wake up and realize they are shooting themselves and the sport of racquetball in the foot!! If females do not give back to racquetball by way of supporting events that are intended to promote the game, then they will succeed in killing the game for the aspiring junior and club female who does not see a reason to become competitive.

My hat goes off to Laura Brandt, who did support our efforts along with Helen Marseco, Paula Furey, Jan Kerrigan and Cari Kresa. We apologize to a few girls who entered but could not play because we could not create even a Round Robin for them. We are extremely disappointed in Kathy Geels, who entered the tournament, and cancelled on Friday night without paying because she was not happy with the draw!!

In response to this article I would like to state a few facts. 25% of the FRA BOD are women while women comprise a much smaller % of the FRA players (estimated 10-15%) - the fact is that 50% of the "active" Board members are women. Women ARE DOING somethings to promote the sport. For many years women have been leaders in running tournaments, teaching and promoting the sport. While I am aware of your generous offer to women to promote play, many women have other responsibilities and priorities - racquetball cannot come first for most of us wives and mothers. I love the sport and love to play - as often as I can but I cannot often take time and money away from my family to play all weekend - that's the bottom line! I have to select events that are convenient and important to me. As much as I would love to play every weekend... I am forced to be an occasional warrior. Numbers of players are down in every category - women alone cannot be blamed for the demise of the sport. I believe that promotion is the answer to growth - lessons with qualified instructors, leagues, challenge courts... all those activities which helped the sport grow in the early 70's. Let's continue to **promote the game and go "back to the future"! It will take all of us - men, women and children to ensure the future of our sport. -- Mary Lyons, Editor*

Where have all the girls gone?

By Dean Kachel

The **Quadrangle Athletic Club** recently hosted a tournament for Breast Cancer Research. We offered prize money for every division of play. We had great sponsors for the food - DiSalvo's for Saturday dinner, Boston Market for lunch and Einstein Bagels for breakfast. There was iced tea, Gatorade and free beer for everyone! Ref fees enabled anyone the opportunity to recover their entry fee - if one was so inclined.

So, where were the female racquetballers? What is it going to take to get females to enter a tournament and support the clubs; the charities we raise money for; the manufacturers who sponsor them; and the other women who are disappointed when they are stuck in Men's divisions for lack of other gals to play?

After providing a venue for females to meet each Sunday since last fall at "no charge" to promote play of female players, only two entered this event. We have no intention of continuing this offer, when no one can support the club by entering an event that promotes competition.

How do the females feel about getting Free racquetball racquets, clothes, bags and more from manufacturers then not representing them in the few events that are available to promote those products. I believe the manufacturers should require players to play in sanctioned events or withdraw their backing of the players.

The FRA Board is comprised of 30% females, yet only 2% entered our tour-

"I DID IT!"

By Helen Marseco



It's finally happened! I've finished a tournament with a tremendous feeling of accomplishment! Why, you ask? Did I win the Nationals? Was I invited to the World Games? Were Ektelon and Head there fighting over which could sign me up for sponsorship? Heck, no! These things pale in comparison to my accomplishment. What could be so great, you wonder? Well, for the first time since I can't remember when (ever?), I have finished a tournament without so much as one negative thought... not one excuse... not one "I could have..." or "I should have..." or "if only..." as to why things might have been different. For once, I was in control of my mental game.

You might be mumbling "Big deal!" under your breath, huh? If you are, you must be one of those fortunate people I've been admiring for years. You know, the players that are totally in control, always display the highest level of sportsmanship and never berate themselves for a bad shot. But for every one of you, I think there are many like me. And for those of you, who, like me, have been frustrated at one time or another, you probably understand where I'm coming from. Think about the mental obstacles that I had to overcome to be able to achieve what I did:

I had to work out. And yes, this was a mental problem, not physical. Although I've always wanted to excel at racquetball, I found it very difficult at times to get myself to train. But once I got started (albeit slowly), it got easier and easier. I built up my strength and stamina. I felt my focus increase as I became able to concentrate on the ball instead of how I might have a heart attack if I didn't get a breather. My spirits picked up to a higher level.

I had to play to the standards I set for myself, and not try to win at all costs. For instance, if my opponent legitimately questioned a point, and I couldn't swear that it should go in my favor, I replayed it, even if the referee would have ruled in my favor. Am I nuts? Maybe. But I'd rather win cleanly than have some nagging doubt about whether I'd done the right thing.

Lastly, and most difficult of all, I left my ego outside the court. You know, that voice in your head that says "Nice going!" (sarcastically, of course), or "Stupid!" when you screw up a shot? It's that same voice that gives you a false sense of security when you've got a ten point lead and it says to you "This is great...you're cruising now"... just before your opponent makes a comeback and beats you. That voice, that nuisance, did not accompany me on the court. That play-by-play analysis of my game was just clutter. Without that voice, my instincts took over and I did just fine.

You might be surprised to learn that I didn't even win all my matches at this particular tournament. My game wasn't flawless and I struggled at times to keep it together. But you know what? Even a loss couldn't bring me down this weekend. My biggest battle for years has been against myself, not my opponent. Having proven to myself that I can master the mental game, the future is looking a lot brighter.



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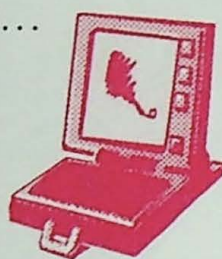
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Yet another in the FRA's long list of eligible bachelors has taken "the dive"... Scott Reiff and Jill Shamroth were married on August 9, 1998. Scott a graduate of the University of Memphis and Jill a graduate of Syracuse University plan to live in Sunrise, Florida. Congratulations!

Florida Racquetball Association Tournament Ranking System

	Tournament Level					
	1-local	2-open	3-state	4-regional	5-invite.	6-national
1st Place	30	50	150	250	300	600
2nd Place	20	30	100	150	200	400
3rd Place	15	20	75	100	150	300
4th Place	10	15	50	75	100	200
5th Place	5	10	25	50	75	100

*The FRA (through Racquetball-online) currently maintains all state rankings, using results provided by tournament directors.

*FRA rankings reflect only points accumulated in indoor 4 wall events.

*Once a player reaches the "cut off" limit in a skill division, that player is no longer eligible to compete in that division and MUST move up to the next higher skill level. Players may NOT drop back down to a lower skill level once their ranking points drop below the cut-off limit.

Skill Division			Cut Off Limits		
Division	Men	Women	Division	Men	Women
A	250	400	C	150	250
B	200	350	D	100	200

*Players ranked in the top 10 in any skill level may NOT compete in a lower skill level and will NOT be listed in the rankings.

*Cut off limits apply to skill level and age+skill level divisions.

*Once a player has won a skill division in a Level 3 event, he/she may NOT compete in that skill division in future Level 1-2-3 events. He/she may compete in the Level 4 event that year but must move up following that event. This rule applies to doubles and also applies even if the player has not reached the designated cut-off limit.

**If you have any questions regarding the ranking system or your status, please put your question in writing and mail it to the FRA.

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MENS-D

- 250 Delatorriente, Henry
- 225 Lindquist, Don
- 185 Davidson, Bill
- 150 Vivala, Joe
- 130 Dolitsky, Mike
- 100 McBride, Pat
- 100 Brown, Richard
- 100 Guttbrecht, Robert
- 100 Pedro, Pena
- 80 Herman, Jason
- 75 Gonzalez, Miscal
- 70 Thompson, Fred
- 70 Kovalick, Marc
- 67 Pool, Virgil
- 65 Kovalick, Corey

MENS-NOVICE

- 80 Kovalick, Corey
- 50 Parrish, Timmy
- 30 Williams, Tyler
- 20 Hires, Lamar
- 20 Perez, Angel

WOMENS OPEN

- 480 Pfahler, Susan
- 250 Delbusto, Yesenia
- 200 Trimble, Jean
- 190 Lepow, Lori
- 175 Marseco, Helen
- 150 Gray, Holly
- 130 Tyler, Janet
- 120 Bouchard, Karen
- 120 Brandt, Laura
- 95 Cox, Sue
- 70 Hann, Sue
- 50 Delgado, Isabel
- 50 Lawrence, Teri
- 50 Prusaczyk, Linda
- 50 Sargeant, Pat



WOMENS-VALLAGE

- 50 Tyler, Janet
- 50 Baker, Sue
- 40 Geels, Kathy
- 30 Lawrence, Teri
- 30 Butler, Melody
- 15 Trinkowsky, Rachael
- 15 Weins, Karen
- 15 Harmon, Melissa

WOMENS-25+

- 200 Cox, Sue
- 200 Lepow, Lori
- 100 Delgado, Isabel
- 100 Powl, Patty
- 30 Gomez, Vivian
- 10 Karnback, Corinne

WOMENS-30+

- 605 Lepow, Lori
- 225 Powl, Patty
- 50 Hann, Sue
- 40 Brandt, Laura
- 30 Geels, Kathy
- 20 Lawrence, Teri
- 15 Pratt, Kris
- 15 Reischmann, Sue
- 10 Robb, Christine
- 10 Lavastida, Lourdes
- 10 Salsano, Carolyn

WOMENS-35+

- 400 Marseco, Helen
- 120 Brandt, Laura
- 105 Hann, Sue
- 100 Karnback, Corinne
- 75 Trimble, Jean
- 75 Avchen, Alice
- 70 Watson, Jan
- 50 Villareal, Ileana
- 45 Kresa, Cari
- 10 Jones, Jackie
- 10 Rubin, Blanche

WOMENS-40+

- 1100 Pfahler, Susan
- 600 Trimble, Jean
- 75 Bouchard, Karen
- 50 Adams, Sue
- 50 Silva, Maria
- 30 Kresa, Cari
- 30 Kent, Becky
- 25 Chang, Angela
- 20 Joliff, Laurie
- 15 Crabb, Patricia
- 10 Salsano, Carolyn
- 10 Rogers, Barbara
- 10 Matto, Ann

WOMENS-45+

- 450 Weins, Karen
- 250 Jones, Jackie
- 180 Adams, Sue
- 165 Fish, Renee
- 150 Glansberg, Andee
- 145 Chang, Angela
- 100 Rogers, Barbara
- 75 Nisbett, Judy
- 50 Bouchard, Karen
- 50 Smith, Jan
- 10 Rubin, Blanche

WOMENS-50+

- 100 Kenyon, Jo
- 30 Stein, Marcy
- 10 Rubin, Blanche

WOMENS-60+

- 300 Kenyon, Jo

WOMENS-65+

- 450 Kenyon, Jo
- 100 Zenk, Ruth
- 75 McNeish, Paula

WOMENS-A

- 250 Herr, Kassi
- 250 Karnback, Corinne
- 250 Jones, Jackie
- 200 Adams, Sue
- 155 Fasano, Nancy
- 150 Chang, Angela
- 150 Weins, Karen
- 100 Glansberg, Andee
- 100 Kenyon, Jo
- 90 Alford, Carla
- 90 Gomez, Vivian
- 60 Butler, Melody
- 50 Davis, Connie
- 50 Polak, Alina
- 50 Burson, Loretta

WOMENS-B

- 200 Kent, Becky
- 175 Karnback, Corinne
- 150 Chikalla, Patti
- 110 Rogers, Barbara
- 80 Crabb, Patricia
- 75 Joliff, Laurie
- 65 Fenton, Christine
- 35 Gibbs, Sam
- 30 Martin, Darcey
- 30 Stein, Marcy
- 30 Williams, Rachael
- 30 Sullivan, Patty
- 25 Meadows, Mindy
- 20 Salsano, Carolyn
- 20 Scargle, Fanny

WOMENS-C

- 450 Avchen, Alice
- 155 Matto, Ann
- 150 Hunter, Tracy
- 150 Vonondarza, Ramona
- 75 Nisbett, Judy

Womens C continued

- 70 Rubin, Blanche
- 50 Bradshaw, Debbie
- 50 Johns, Tami
- 50 Lindquist, Jojo
- 35 Kaiser, Amanda
- 30 Pratt, Kris
- 25 McNeish, Paula
- 20 Godwin, Bernadette
- 20 Butler, Jody
- 15 Allen, Dana

WOMENS-D

- 75 Lindquist, Jojo
- 50 Hornbuckle, Kay
- 50 SanBorne, Sari
- 50 Matto, Ann
- 50 Hirsch, Kathy
- 30 Smith, Jessica

WOMENS-NOVICE

- 30 Quiones, Barbara
- 20 Williams, Darcia
- 20 Hodgson, Gina
- 15 Wallick, Sarene



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Results from The Players Tournament Feb. 5-7, 1999/ Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Tim Hansen	Aaron Metcalf	Armando Alonso	Mitt Layton
MA	Mark Farias	Jonathan Burns	T.J. Pastuch	Andrew DePiro
MB	Mark Hillman	Bradley Waite	Bruce W Davis	Guy Meadows
MC	Mike Fisher	John Yonkosky	Pat Carroll	Nathan Dublin
B8- MB	Chris Greaney	Ben Forrest		
B16-	Justin Meadows			
M24-	Jeremy Best	John Stanford		
M25+	John Ledg	Gary Holland	Kelsey Rumford	Scott Rubin
M30+	Frank Lopez	Scot Consoli	Julio Junkie	Hector Capo
M35+	Vinnie Ganley	Scot Consoli	Cedric Bell	Randy Forrest
M40+	Bruce Davis	Bill Greaney	Dan McKinley	Don Prater
M50+	Ed Storey	Lee Handley	John Green	Joe Burton
M65+	Mike Mojer	Paul Palmer	Mark Healy	
Open	Aaron Metcalf	Terry Fluharty	Tim Hansen	Cedric Bell
Doubles	Bruce Davis	Chris Smith	Teddy Koukoulis	Blaine Mitchell
MA Dub	Marc Burns	Ed Storey	Gene Bartkiewicz	John Fallace
	Jonathan Burns	Bruce Hodgson	John Lee	Drake Devours
MB Dub	Paul Zimdars	Jimmy Bissell	Jack Fisher	Brad Litchfield
	Bradley Waite	Mike Thompson	Jim Powers	Pat Carroll
M30/40	Mike Peyton	Bill Greaney	Larry Kinder	Drake Devours
	Larry Cashion	Robert Morgan	Bryan Sanderson	John Fallace
M45/50	John Green	Harvey Sussman	Mike Mojer	Terry Thomas
	Lee Handley	Don Burt	Don Prater	Bruce Hodgson
Womens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
WA	Nancy Fasano	Kassi Herr	Barbara Alonso	Laurie Jolliff
WC	D Bradshaw	Kris Pratt	Blanche Rubin	Ann Matto
W40+	Jean Trimble	Marcy Stein	Laurie Jolliff	Kris Pratt
WA Dub	Marcy Stein	D Bradshaw	Kassi Herr	
	Laurie Jolliff	Gina Hodgson	Amanda Kaiser	
Mix Open	Julie Pinnell	Jean Trimble	Nancy Fasano	
	Mike Peyton	Randy Forrest	Blaine Mitchell	

Results from the DB Winter Classic Jan. 29-31, 1999/ DB Racquet Club, Gainesville

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Aaron Metcalf	Norm McNutt	Randy Pfahler	Brent Huber
A	Scott Erker	Mike Mondello	J.B. Burns	Russ Deegan
B	Robert Yanchis	David Schilling	Bart Huber	Carl Gough
C	Samit Pethe	Brian Looney	Steve Barfield	Sean Kulda
M35+	Mike Mondello	Steve Crane	Greg Nelmeyer	Jeff Noldberg

Results from the Goodwin Inst. Research Tourn. January 22-24, 1999/ Quadrangle East

Div.	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Tim Hansen	Hector Capo	Julio Junkie	Todd Friderick
A	Mike Craft	Dennis Rivard	Matt Licht	Mike Bach
B	Carlow Garcia	Carlow Medina	Warren Einiger	Santiago Amin
C	Rick Rogas	Yolandi Rivero	Greg Paolazzi	John Yonkosky
D	Scott Willinger	Mike Dolitsky	Virgil Pool	Ricardo Becker
B12/14-	J Goldstein	Kevin Flink	Max Gross	Jared Mendel
M30+	Scott Cullins	Scot Consoli	Hector Capo	Julio Junkie
M30/50B	Dean Kachel	Alfie Ascunce	Warren Einiger	Frank Scanlon
M40/45	Richard Dreisle	Ron Marseco	Bob Ford	Bill Herr
M50+	Richard Dreisle	Bob Riley	Jerry Keller	Steve Krantowitz
M55+	Peter Silve	Larry Crone	Vinny Biondi	Bob Boulton
W 35+	Helen Marseco	Cari Kresa	Laura Brandt	

Results from the 3rd Annual Hog Classic March 19-21, 1999/ Omega 40

Division	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
M Open	Nick Xynidis	John Stanford	John Xynidis	Vinnie Ganley
W Open	Jean Trimble	Jan Watson	Sue Hann	
MA	David Slem	Glenn Nowicki	Randy Ellman	John Paspalakis
WA/B	Kassi Herr	Connie Davis	Christine Fento	Patti Sullivan
MB	Bruce Davis	James Russell	Jed Smith	Michael Montalis
MC	Rich Greaves	Kevin Bell	Alfi Azpiazu	Ed Guthrie
WC	Raja Shonlis	Ann Matto	Toni Quint	Jody Butler
MD	Jason Herman	Josh Smith	Kinsey Whaley	Brandon Elmore
M30+	Frank Lopez	Glenn Nowicki	Norm McNutt	Jimmy Fanning
M35+	Scot Consoli	Vinnie Ganley	Randy Forrest	Jimmy Webb
W35+	Sue Hann	Connie Davis	Ann Matto	
M40+	Bruce Davis	Bill Greaney	Paul Owens	Mark Hillman
M45+	Don Prater	Joe Kovalick	Llemonte Fuqua	Ellgen Williams
M50+	Joe Serabla	G Workman	Joe Burton	Gene Bartkiewicz
M55+	Frank Borgon	Alex Gonzalez	Larry McElhiney	
M65+	M Donohue	Mark Healy	Mal Roberts	
B14-	Corey Kovalick	Jason Smith	Brandon Elmore	Chris Davis
B12-	Marc Kovalick	Timmy Parrish	Frank Maderme	
Mopen	Jimmy Webb	Jimmy Fanning		
Doubles	Craig Farrand	Paul Owens		
Mens A	Jeff Brelsford	Mike Montalis		
	John Paspalakis	Randy Ellman		
Mens B	Bruce Davis	Bill Nerrville		
	G Workman	Mark Walker		
Womens	Sheri Davis	Jeannie Martin		
A/B	Stacey Droboty	Christine Fenton		



Results from the Rik Harmon Memorial Tourn. March 12-14, 1999/ Sarasota Family YMCA

Mens	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	Scott Reiff	Alan Engel	Matt McElhiney	Mike Harmon
A	Clay Burris	Rich Lashley	Justin Meadows	Josh Jones
B	Trent Taylor	Allen Adkinson	Gary Norczyk	
C	Joe Guthrie	Don Lindquist	Corey Kovalick	Scott Haber
M24-	Matt McElhiney	Mike Harmon	Jeremy Best	Larry Peek
M25+	Allen Engel	Scott Reiff	Derek Newcomer	
M35/40	Dana Levy	Mike Hodgkinson	Sal Perconti	Ron Burris
M40+B	Allen Adkinson	Buddy Nisbett		
M45+	Sal Perconti	Joe Kovalick	Larry Parker	
M50+	Rick Fusari	Don Lindquist		
M70+	George Spear			
B14-	Clay Burris	Brad Slocum	Corey Kovalick	Scott Haber
B12-	Mark Kovalick	Harrison Slocum		

Results from the Quad West State Warm-up Feb. 6, 1999/ Quadrangle West-Clearwater

Div.	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
Open	John Scargle	Mike Martin	Matt Bishop	Ron Burris
A	Ken Kelly	Joe Kovalick	John Brandvik	Clay Burris
B	Joe Dorner	Trent Taylor	Jeremy Lynch	Allen Adkinson
C	Richard Greaves	John Wickman	Don Lundquist	Tom Rugo
D	Jack Guthrie	Tony Nuccio	Dan Mackle	Marc Kovalick
M25/35+	Mike Martino	John Scargle	Matt Bishop	Dana Levy
M30+B	Joe Dorner	Trent Taylor	Allen Adkinson	Frank D'Angelo
M40+	Pete Scondras	Ken Arrowsmith	Ron Burris	Ken Kelly
M45+	M Stauderman	Ken Hooley	Sal Perconti	Joe Kovalick
M50+	Jim Vineyard	Ron Burdo	Alex Aversa	Tom Davis
M55+	Jim Vineyard	Alex Aversa	Dan Day	Richard Greaves
M60+	Dan Day	Dick Snow	Dan Sgro	Mike Welns
B14-	Brad Slocum	Clay Burris	Jake Karmelin	Shane Karmelin
Div.	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-finalist	Semi-finalist
WA	Sue Adams	Karen Welns	Darcey Martin	Sue Reischman
W Age	Renee Fish	Sue Adams	Karen Welns	Sue Reischman

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Results from the 1999 Florida State Singles Championship



Feb. 19-21, 1999



<u>Mens</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>	<u>4th Place</u>
Open	Allan Engel	Matt Fontana	Julio Junkie	Tim Hansen
A	Loren Hirvela	Neil Long	Fabrizio Avelar	Horacio Perez
B	Mark Saber	Andy Silva	Dan Shupsky	Joe Dorner
C	Gus Gonzalez	John Yonkonsky	Gary Glickman	Marcus Juliano
D	Don Lindquist	Richard Brown	Bill Davidson	Casey Arrowsmith
M24-	Mike Harmon	John Stanford	Matt McElhiney	Jeremy Best
M25+	Matt Fontana	Aaron Metcalf	Mike Martino	Fabrizio Avelar
M30+	Hector Capo	Cedric Bell	Dana Levy	Jose Sanchez
M35+	Scott Cullins	John Scargle	Dana Levy	Armando Alonso
M40+	Greg Diaz	Neil Long	Jeff Kristjansen	Ken Arrowsmith
M45+	Mark Stauderman	Randy Hines	Don Prater	Don Petrella
M50+	Harvey Miller	Ed Storey	Russ Deegan	Mike Winslow
M55+	Peter Silver	Jim Vineyard	David Houser	Bob Kozyra
M65+	Don Alt	Celso Gonzalez	Joe Miller	Mark Healy
M70+	Mal Roberts	Mike Landy		
<u>Womens</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>	<u>4th Place</u>
Open	Sue Pfahler	Karen P. Bouchard	Helen Marseco	Lori Lepow
A	Sue Adams	Jo Kenyon	Corinne Karnbach	Kassi Herr
B	Patty Chikalla	Barbara Rogers		
C	Tracy Hunter	Alice Avchen	Judy Nisbett	JoJo Lundquist
W25/35+	Helen Marseco	Lori Lepow	Jean Trimble	Sue Cox
W40+	Sue Pfahler	Jean Trimble	Karen P Bouchard	Maria Silva
W 45+	Sue Adams	Renee Fish	Judy Nisbett	Jan Smith
W65+	Jo Kenyon	Ruth Zenk	Paula McNeish	
<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>	<u>4th Place</u>
G 10- MB	Rachel King	Mckenzie Gatz	Paige Hunter	
G 16-	Amanda Kaiser			
B 6- MB	Calvin Godwin	Matthew Hunter		
B 8- MB	Calvin Godwin	Cameron Pfahler	Matthew Hunter	
B 10-	Jamin Godwin	Harrison Slocum	Pete Scondras Jr	Jake Dorris
B 12-	Michael Marseco	Marc Kovalick	Jamin Godwin	
B 14-	Clay Burris	Brad Slocum	Corey Kovalick	Bill Davidson
B 16-	Justin Meadows			
B 18-	Josh Jones			

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* The FRA Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt a Players Pledge of Conduct which will go into effect as of January 1, 1996. The intent of this pledge is to ensure the quality of tournaments throughout Florida. Over the past few years, there have been a few isolated incidents which the Board feels could have been avoided by this document. If an incident should occur which violates the Players Pledge, complaints can be addressed by the Board of Directors and action taken to eliminate further abuse of the rules and/or violations of the Pledge by those players.

FRA PLAYERS PLEDGE OF CONDUCT

As a member in good standing of the FRA/USRA, I understand that I am responsible to the governing body for the sport of racquetball in the state of Florida and therefore:



I pledge to abide by the current USRA and FRA rules.

I pledge to act and play in a sportsmanlike manner at all times before, during and after any FRA and USRA sanctioned event.

I pledge to participate in the level of play for which I am qualified.

I pledge to respect the property of the host facilities as well as the property of any individuals, sponsors or others associated with any FRA/USRA event.

I understand that a referee, tournament director, and/or the designated rules committee may forfeit me or disqualify me from a tournament in accordance with the USRA rules. I also understand the right to appeal such rulings as follows:

1. Tournament Director (verbal)
2. Tournament Rules Committee (verbal)
3. FRA Board of Directors (written within 15 days)
4. National USRA Board of Directors

And that for any forfeiture, default, disqualification or unsportsmanlike behavior that is brought before the FRA Board of Directors for consideration, I understand that a first offense may lead to denial of participation in any or all FRA events for up to 5 months. A second offense may lead to denial of participation in any or all FRA events for up to 1 year; and a third offense may lead to a lifetime ban from participation in any FRA sanctioned event.

Profanity, court or club abuse, referee disrespect, disregard of the rules and/or unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated in any Florida Racquetball Association sanctioned event, by players, parents, spectators, tournament officials and/or others as provided in the official USRA rule book.

All such rulings of the FRA Board of Directors shall be reported to the National USRA Board of Directors.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wanted to write a short letter with some concerns about racquetball in general and possibly a couple specific suggestions. Lately I have noticed (along with other people) that tournament participation seems to be down. A couple tournaments have had very few entries, and some others have been cancelled altogether. I know some folks, such as me, can only designate so many weekends for tournaments, and at the other extreme, there are those who seem to play everything available. What is happening?

1. Could the tournament schedule be saturated? Some weekends there are several to choose from --even some close together. Is a "central clearing house" a way to possibly only have two events a month and therefore make for a larger turnout?

2. With so many tournament and the participating sites usually closing the courts to others during the event - is this a cause and effect for the sponsoring clubs losing other business? (non-tournament players), and therefore not choosing to have a tournament?

3. Are our own players causing some to not participate in or come to watch others? As a case in point, I invited three of our club's "nooners" (non-tournament players) to come watch one of the local events this past year and they did after several invitations. Unfortunately they watched a couple of matches where there were some "tantrums", racquet banging,, cursing and loud verbal disagreements, etc... They will not be back to watch and probably will never enter a tournament.

4. Players who spectate and observe such actions and do nothing but laugh or make comments such as "oh that's just the way he is", are in fact stating that "they" condone such behavior.

5. Please players -- you are the prime draw for a crowd to watch. Your actions and reactions are observed by many and may (or may NOT) be interpreted as you want. I would like to suggest that each FRA player be asked to sign a statement and possibly wear a patch that states: I am a tournament player in the FRA. My conduct and skill are on display. Please direct any comments to the Florida Racquetball Association at ...

Thanks for listening, **JV**

Dear JV,

Your observations are valid. It sounds like you are ready to join the FRA Board of Directors to help to solve these problems! These are but a few of the important issues that are addressed on an ongoing basis by the BOD. To address a couple of your concerns specifically:

#1 - The FRA Calendar is kept by Van Dubolsky and in accordance with our Bylaws events may be sanctioned on the same weekend if the facilities are not within 100 miles. The number of "good" tournament weekends is surprisingly limited - take out State, Regional, National events - (2 weeks before & after), holidays, big college and pro sporting events...among other local events. There are over 130 facilities in Florida - of which 10-20 run regular events (in house, local, state...) - there is enormous potential for conflict. We work very hard to assist clubs in selecting weekends which will allow for the best turnout possible. It is often difficult however to get tournament directors to switch weekends.

#2 - You are correct in your observation that many clubs do not want to run events due to a poor financial outlook, conflict with nonparticipating club members and the "wear & tear" to their facility - among other factors. Unfortunately tournaments have gotten very expensive to run - food, souvenirs, awards, referees, club maintenance and staffing... Possibly "no frills" events or one day events may be a short-term answer to these problems - We're open for suggestions!

#3, 4, 5 - As for dictating morality?... The Players Pledge of Conduct (pg 10) is our attempt to let FRA players understand what behavior will and will not be tolerated. Unfortunately, for some players this Pledge means little and our desire for friendly, sportsmanlike competition is unshared - the "win at all costs" mentality still prevails in many circles. The ugly incident which occurred at the Regional Singles Championship this year is testimony to the fact that such undesirable behavior does occur and may be not only tolerated but looked forward to by some spectators - like going to a hockey game waiting for a fight to break out. Both - the action and the tolerance are an embarrassment to our association and to our sport. I look forward to seeing you at our next BOD meeting.



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1999 Florida Racquetball Association Calendar of Events

Date	Level	City, Site/ Tourn. Director	Date	Level	City, Site/ Tourn. Director
May 30-31	2	West Palm Bch, JCC Greater Palm Beaches Memorial Day Tournament Tourn. Director: Betzy Weinblatt 561-689-5747	September 10-12	5	Jacksonville, Racquetpower Health & Fitness Regional Doubles Championship Tourn. Director: Mary Lyons 904-241-6789
June 4-6	2	Tampa, Interbay YMCA Interbay Classic Tourn. Director: Orlando Cabana 813-839-0210	Sept. 24-26	2	St. Petersburg, Lifestyles Tourn. Director: Adam Kemp 727-347-7701
June 11-13	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle West Athletic Club Quad West Summer Classic Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 813-535-4901	October 1-3	2	Lakeland, Lakeland YMCA Tourn. Director: Judd Martin 941-644-3528
June 19-21	2	Jacksonville, Racquetpower Health & Fitness Summer Classic Tourn. Director: Oscar Corsaut 904-268-8888	October 6-11	6	Baltimore, MD/ Merritt Athletic Club US National Doubles Championship For Info.: USRA 719-635-5396
June 26-28	2	Coral Springs, Quadrangle East Athletic Club Ronald McDonald House Singles & Doubles Tourn. Director: Fred White 954-753-8900	October 22-24	2	Tampa, Interbay YMCA Paul Gorman Memorial Tournament Tourn. Director: Orlando Cabana 813-839-0210
July 9-11	3	Sarasota, Bath & Racquet Club 1999 Sunshine State Games Championship Tourn. Director: Mary Lyons 904-241-6789	November 5-7	2	Tampa, Harbour Island Athletic Club Tourn. Director: Adam Kemp 813-202-1950
July 23-25	2	Tampa, Harbour Island Tourn. Director: Adam Kemp 813-202-1950	November 12-14	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle Athletic Club Quad West Winter Classic Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 813-535-4901
July 31	1	Clearwater, Quadrangle Athletic Club State Doubles Warm-up Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 813-535-4901	November 19-21	2	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club Holiday Cash Classic Tourn. Director: Mike Mojer 407-645-3550
August 13-15	4	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club FRA State Doubles Championship Tourn. Director: Ken Arrowsmith 813-909-9152	December 2-6	2	Memphis, Tennessee US Open Racquetball Championship For Info.: USRA 719-635-5396



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