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Nancy Kronenfeld

# A Christmas Parody

*T'was the night before Christmas and all through the club, the courts were all busy and likewise, the pub. The players were happily wearing out tread, while visions of tournaments danced in their heads. Their warm-ups were hung in the hallways with care, in hopes when returning they'd still find them there. In front of the club the cars parked six deep; with hardly room left for Santa's new Jeep. Now few on the courts, nor few in the pub, believed in 'tooth fairies' or 'rub-a-dub-dub'; but before the night ended they all would agree, that Santa's no figment to you or to me. It started at 8:00, went right on 'til 12:00; some people still swear - the work of the elves. Over the speakers was heard such a chatter, it could hardly be heard 'bove the club pub room's clatter; a jovial voice was heard clearly to say, "The courts are all free! You don't have to pay!" Astonished, ecstatic, and charged full of spirit, the members were hoping the owners would hear it. The pub was in uproar; the drinkers upset, what made the players a frebie to get? Over the speakers again came the voice, "Fear not, good members - you now have a choice!" "From now until closing, please feel free, the courts and the drinks, they're all on me!"*

*The Party went on almost 'til dawn, with nothing more heard, the voice must have gone. The members and guests were all set to leave, when their exit was blocked by a long red sleeve. The white-whiskered fellow they met at the door, was, at 4:00 A.M., a disquieting bore. "Expenses were covered 'til midnight," he said, "You've long since gone past it....there's overhead." "The court lights were on; the staff to pay; I've tried to be generous and - oh, by the way, the spirit of Christmas - it works many ways; taken advantage, it rarely stays." "As for expenses - I'll cover the rest, in hopes that you'll learn from this valuable test." "To give and receive is all in the plan; the best gift of all - fellowship of man!" Embarrassed and saddened, they all drooped their heads, lifting them only at the sound of snow treads. Up from the parking lot in a bright yellow Jeep, shot jolly St. Nicholas with hardly a peep. As he sped by the club, the members in fright, he called out, "Merry Christmas - remember this night!"*

P.S. Perhaps we could all read between the lines.  
RICK COYNE  
Publisher

## Free Lessons?

NOPE! But a really good deal. The seven Court House clubs have scheduled the third annual "Lessons for Peanuts" instruction series for January 6-12, 1979. Each of the clubs will offer a 50% discount which is good for all private and semi-private lessons throughout the series.

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## ISRA Christmas Party Planned for December 23rd

The Illinois State Racquetball Association has planned a Christmas party for ISRA members at the Glass Court Club in Lombard for December 23rd beginning at 8:00 P.M. The RSVP 'members-only' party will offer free food, free court time, and a cash bar. Tom Street, ISRA President, asks that if you plan to attend please notify the ISRA at 570 East Higgins Rd. Elk Grove Village, IL. 60007 to facilitate an ample food order.

## Skokie Court House Sets First Annual Handball Tournament

The first annual Skokie Court House handball classic has been set for December 15-17.

There will be five singles divisions - Open, B, C, Seniors and Masters - and two doubles - Open and Seniors. Entry fee will be \$15.00 for the singles competition, \$25.00 for the doubles. Entry deadline is December 11.

Bob Kendler, president of the United States Handball Association, will be the honorary chairman of the competition. Kendler has a prestigious record of state, regional and national championship wins during his 50-year handball career.

One of the added attractions will be a demonstration of the new painless handball developed by the USHA.

The tournament is open to all handball players. For more information call the Skokie Court House at 677-4100.

## South Suburban Racquetball League

The latest standings of the SSRL are as follows:

Evergreen Bath and Tennis Club	281 points
Tinley Park Racquetball Club	276 points
Omni 41 Health and Racquetball Club	276 points
Indian Trails Court Club	227 points
South Holland Courts	217 points
Silver Lake Country Club	196 points

The SSRL is composed of Men's A & B and Women's A & B traveling teams. There is also a handball division.

## St. Valentine's Day Massacre Set To Go At Killshot

The 2nd Annual St. Valentine's Day Massacre will be held the weekend of February 16 - 18, 1979 at Killshot, Ltd. in Bloomington, Illinois.

Killshot boasts 15 courts and expects to fill them all during the 3 day event. There are 4 back-wall-glass courts and one back-wall/side-wall glass court with extensive seating.

Killshot has added a total of 80 more lockers in their locker rooms and triple the amount of parking available.

The St. Valentine's Day Massacre will offer some new and innovative ap-

proaches to tournament racquetball; one of them being two "CRASH COURTS" for those out-towners willing to pack up their sleeping bags and drag them along.

Among the door prizes already donated are a sample of elera perfume for all women entrants and a bottle of elera for all lady trophy winners-compliments of Sport-Time Products. Also, the Racquet Ball Saver from Gexco, Incorporated will be on the door prize list.

For more information and application form, call Killshot at (312) 893-9575.

## Inter-Club League Begins in Central Illinois

By Randy Kalal

The Central Illinois Racquetball League started its first season. Representatives from Bloomington, Champaign, Galesburg, Peoria, and Springfield met at the Bloomington Courtside Club for its first meeting on Oct. 29th. Matches between members of these clubs consisted of 31 point games in Men's A, B, and C; and Women's A, B, and C divisions.

There were many close matches lasting up to an hour and a half of play time, and of course a few landslide victories to help balance out the court time, RIGHT DENNY???

Springfield came out on top as the unofficial winner with Peoria coming in a very close second.

The league will continue through the season with once-a-month round robin play between the five participating clubs. December finds Champaign hosting Peoria; Springfield hosting Bloomington; and Galesburg taking a break. So, LOOK OUT CHICAGO-LAND--THE SOUTH IS GONNA RISE AGAIN!!!!

## On The Cover

Nancy Kronenfeld, with help from Vittert Sports, will take her shot at the women's pro tour. See related story and photo on page 15.

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# Your Game Among The Stars ...

By Marla Lewin

**ARIES**---MARCH 21 thru APRIL 19

Ruled by the planet Mars, you should have all the energy you need this coming year to play your best game. You may be recovering from some set-backs on the court in '78. Now you could make a fortune in investments of a short term nature. Since you are rather impulsive by nature anyway, this is the year to move on the court, for you should excel in sports, love, and money. January, May thru September are opportunity months, so practice your game for the 79/80 racquetball season. October is usually the low of your yearly cycle, Oct. 5, to be exact, so if you're a tournament player, skip them that month.

**TAURUS**---APRIL 20 thru MAY 20

You had your big year, two, three years ago. In January you may begin to restructure and refine some of what you started back then, perhaps by improving your game and your position in life. March 13 you might take a trip. Socially, April & May (State Singles time) look good. Bulls are not easily led into anything, however, the unexpected changes which have been occurring may not yet be over (or even begun). If you will realize all change is eventually positive, you might more easily cope with unexplained tension. Try relaxing by playing more regular racquetball. In August watch \$. Begin expansion in October, November is your low physical month, so skip that challenge ladder match.

**GEMINI**---MAY 21 thru JUNE 21

The twin big years were just in '77 '78. If you didn't marry or find the perfect playing partner then, you would certainly be considering that now. If you are already married, benefits should be coming thru your mate. A move in relation to a job change or promotion, You may be running around with less energy to work and play racquetball with, so watch your health. It's time to get that "inner" you together, to assure greater performance both on & off the racquetball court. November is your racquetball low. Watch finances during October.

**CANCER**---JUNE 22 thru JULY 22

Dear Crab, in the last year and a half your life cycle peaked. I certainly hope you didn't miss those opportunities for expanding yourself and your game and making your dreams come true. In '79 finances should still be good so go ahead and buy that nifty racquetball outfit. You might be settling back into your domestic shell. Perhaps reading the latest racquetball book and keeping a "low profile" after indulging in the racquetball lime-light. During March and April, there might be another burst of racquetball activity. Christmas, January, are usually your low months physically and emotionally, so skip any tournaments at that time. A nice time around your birthday this year--back into the swing of racquetball around September.

**LEO**---JULY 23 thru AUGUST 22

This should be one of the best years of your life. There will be opportunities for expanding your business, your home, your family, and your racquetball game. Travel could also be on the agenda. Play all the racquetball you can to avoid expanding your waistline. You might have had breaks or difficulties in relationships and your game in the last few years, but if both survived they are even better now. Or there might have been some financial set-backs. From April thru September all will experience at least one great opportunity (maybe at the State Singles) --- don't let it pass you by. February is the low of your yearly cycle.

**VIRGO**---AUGUST 23 thru SEPTEMBER 22

Your energy level might be low this year, so get plenty of rest, take vitamins, and play only those games you enjoy most. Realize that you've taken on more responsibility and don't let depression ignore the doors that are opening up to you. That which you don't need shall pass away, don't try to hold on. Prepare yourself for the benefits which are sure to come (perhaps that long awaited trophy), with patience. Some might have already received better seeding or long awaited awards for games past. Try to manage what could be failing in a relationship, and establish true needs. You are

ending a period of your life, and as the fog lifts, you may discover a new you and a new game. February, March are your low racquetball months, around your birthday everything should begin happening.

**LIBRA**---SEPTEMBER 23 thru OCTOBER 23

Ruled by the planet Venus, your romantic life should be highlighted this year, so try to play some mixed doubles. You don't usually have any problem attracting relationships, however, now you might encounter the quality and refinement you seek, perhaps at a racquetball club. Try to avoid behind-the-scenes affairs with those already attached, or you might find yourself involved with an older person for so-called security reasons. Avail yourself to the unexpected racquetball match, be prepared for changes at work, even a new profession. Establish more discipline in your life and racquetball game and the rewards shall be great. It's time to get off the pot and decide to take that trip, make that move, maybe join a new club. April is the low of your yearly cycle. Could travel in January, maybe to the championships in Florida. June is accented.

**SCORPIO**---OCTOBER 24 thru NOVEMBER 22

Have you been forced to make sudden changes in these past years, to expect the unexpected? To prepare for the rug to be pulled out from under you, to pull top seed in all tournaments? "Not again!" Perhaps you've had mechanical or sports equipment problems. Certainly life hasn't been dull. A love from the past whom you haven't completely forgotten, makes it difficult for you to really give your heart again, even though you may play at it a lot. Whatever frustration you might feel on & off the courts could help to establish more realistic goals; be more discriminating in relations. Did you feel more magnetic in these last few months? Well, the good times are over for awhile, better start reestablishing finances. May is the low of your yearly cycle, so work the State Singles, don't enter. March should be a high energy month, learn how to improve your game.

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# Winning!

by Sue Carow

The last "Winning" advice urged mastery of the Serve, offensive and defensive, to retain the inherent and singular advantage which the Server enjoys. The Serve is known to be a player's most important weapon and the Server has sole control over it. To the Receiver, the return of serve thus becomes his most important shot and he must utilize an arsenal of selective serve returns. Inexplicably an inordinate number of points are won and lost on serve returns.

The capable competitive racquetball server attempts to compel the Receiver to adapt to his game--to force a particular type of return or no return (Ace). As a counter attack (do think of the return as an attack, not a response), the Receiver hits a return that puts the Server in a difficult position or no position or no position (loss of serve). Aggressive Answers to most serves must be the choice of the Receiver.

Serving Strategy dictates perfecting a variety of Serves to keep the opponent guessing, attempting to seem unpredictable and unpatterned. The return serves should also seem unpredictable and unpatterned though in reality they are semi-automatic. **Wise and Surprise** - the two good Serve Responses. At the present the better players take the

offensive against a weak or inaccurate serve. If the serve allows the receiver to get an adequate swing into the ball generating velocity, the Receiver should go for a kill, a down-the wall pass or cross-court pass. When the Serve is so accurately placed as to force the Receiver onto the defensive, the ceiling shot is automatic. (Occasionally a "Z" shot into the opposite front corner substitutes for the ceiling shot).

**The Serve Attack:**

**Positioning:** The player should await the serve two to three steps from the backwall midway between the sidewalls. His weight should be evenly distributed, knees flexed, racquet held with backhand grip above the knees. As the ball is served into the front wall, Receiver watches with complete concentration and moves to the area where he feels it will rebound. While moving to the ball, the racquet is lifted to chest level ready to be cocked instantly when setting up. The Receiver stays in low position as he approaches the ball in case the ball catches a crack or rebounds wildly.

**Shots:**

**Cross-court Pass [V-pass]** - The safest offensive return. Forcefully aim the ball directly into the middle of the front wall 2-3 feet high (Server is in center court). Bonus on this shot if Re-

ceiver hits slightly below target resulting in accidental kill.

**Kill** - Forcefully aim the ball directly into the front wall one foot above the floor and one foot in from side wall. If Server is positioned more to one side of court, the pinch-kill can be utilized, hitting the sidewall 1-2 feet high and about 2-3 feet from the front wall connection.

**Down the wall Pass** - Forcefully aim the ball directly into the front wall 2-3 feet high. Bonus again if slightly below target, accidental kill.

**Off the Back Wall Gift Shot** - Move quickly into position and drive offensively into front wall with choice of kill or pass.

**Ceiling** - Direct the ball to ceiling 2-3 feet before the front wall into opponent's backhand corner.

**Reminders for the Timid**

1. Always quickly take the racquet back in ready cocked position when moving to ball.

2. If you miss an offensive return, the opponent will not kill it everytime. It is often better to hit forcefully down the middle than to give him a slow "plum" in front court.

3. Even for players of lesser ability, it is wise to shoot (kill) a poor serve (maybe 1 out of 4) to keep the opponent from "cheating" backwards and cutting off the passes. Keep him honest in center court.

# Don't be left out in the cold.



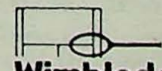
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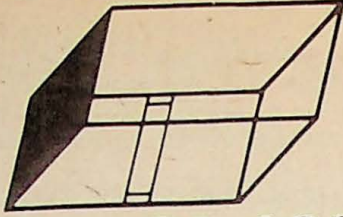


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# THROUGH THE



# GLASS COURT

by Velva Lee Heraty

## Free Lessons! Where? EVERYWHERE

The purpose of this month's column is to show the racquetball player ways to improve his game at little or no cost.

There are a host of "freebies" out there in the racquetball world, many of them at your own club. Those desiring to improve their game but are unable to afford lessons have only to look around them to find a "free lesson" almost everywhere.

For example, there's a free lesson every month in RACQUETBALL TODAY'S Winning! column by Sue Carow. Her advice is superb and she's read by all the top players in the area. If they're impressed, and they are, you should follow their cue and take Sue's valuable advice.

Books like Strandemo's *The Racquetball Book* and Sauser's *"inside racquetball for women"* are loaded with finest of instruction. They're relatively inexpensive and if the budget is really tight, get a friend to split the cost with you. In the same vein National Racquetball Magazine is heavy on instructional material and many clubs have house copies available for their members.

On the club level find out when a top player is playing a ladder match and watch their game. It's amazing what you can learn simply by watching an accomplished player. Select one thing to observe, perhaps court position, and see if you can

emulate him or her the next time you play.

Almost every club has a traveling team. Try to find out when the teams meet at your club, especially the A and AA teams and try to be there to observe what they do on the court.

If you can go to the next tournament and watch the semi's and the finals. Try to see why one player beats another, or if you spot someone with a really hot serve, study it, then go practice it.

Ask when your house pro has a lesson scheduled, then go watch it, you can learn just as much from up there as down on the court.

Ask a good friend to watch your next match and offer to return the favor. Ask them to honestly appraise your game and candidly point out any weaknesses you may not be aware of. Once done, methodically drill yourself and strengthen those weaknesses.

Attend any free clinics that are being offered by the various court clubs for promotional purposes. These clinics are usually run by the club pro and sometimes have a visiting top pro attending. This is your chance to ask questions and get some good playing tips.

Find out what drills the better players do and then get to the club earlier than usual and practice those drills before your match. Even fifteen minutes of practice alone a few times

a week will pay off.

If you can afford it, take advantage of the lesson "specials" offered by most clubs at one time or another. Ask your house pro to let you know when these "specials" are coming up.

There's usually a "Lesson" learned in every defeat. Perhaps the serve you developed when you were a novice or C player no longer can cut the mustard on the B level. If you've lost a match ask yourself what your opponent did to win AND what you did to lose. Learn from your mistakes.

If you've been playing with same partners over and over again it's time to "learn" new techniques. This can be done by joining a league or ladder, perhaps even a tournament. Through a variety of playing partners you can "learn" a great deal.

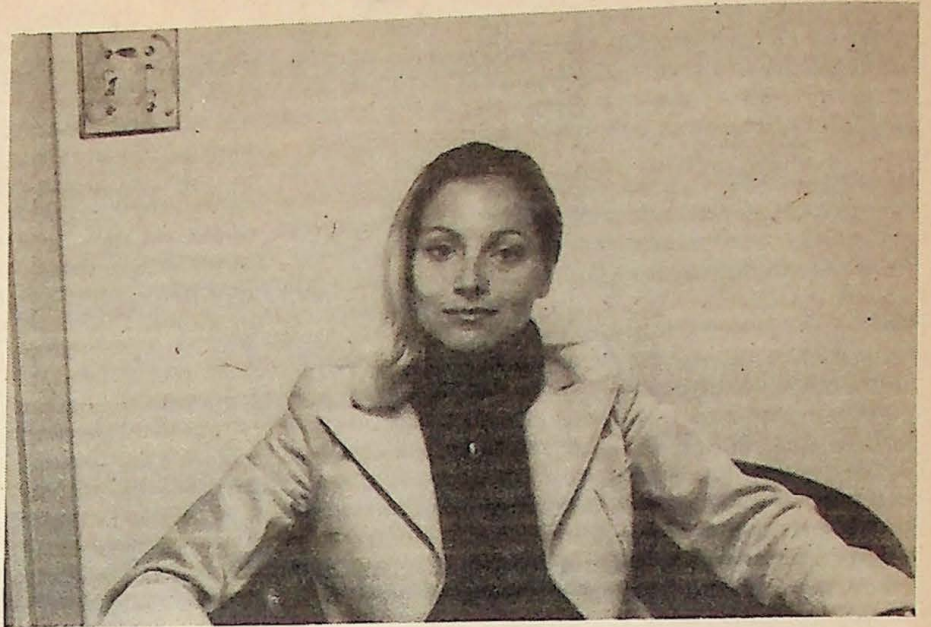
The next time you lose a match ask your opponent why he or she felt they beat you. Hopefully they'll be candid and point out a weakness you may not be aware of.

With the holiday season upon us this may be a good time to ask your husband or wife to skip the toaster or shaver and give you a set of lessons instead.

In your quest for improving your game remember, where there's a will there's a way; The Lord helps those who help themselves and seek and ye shall find. Good luck.

## Introducing our new "star"

### Marla Lewin



(Marla Lewin)

By Velva Lee Heraty

RACQUETBALL TODAY is extremely proud to introduce a new and exciting columnist to its fine gallery of writers - Marla Lewin. Marla has agreed to become a regular contributor to RACQUETBALL TODAY and begins by penning "Your Game Among the Stars", a feature piece dealing with racquetball of the future, circa 1979. Starting in January she will introduce "Your Racquetball Horoscope," a regular column that will hopefully guide our racquetball playing readers to a higher performance level on the court.

Marla is a practicing Astrologer and a student of psychology and archaelogy. She has spent half her life outside of the United States attending universities in Mexico; Oxford, England; Uppsala, Sweden; The American School in Switzerland; and the Classical School in Athens, Greece.

Throughout her travels, Marla has been seeking answers to the age-old questions of man in relationship to his time and place in history. She has found that people's basic needs were the same and that there were cycles throughout man's history and events that tended to repeat themselves through time.


According to Marla, "Astrology is timing. It tells us there is a time to push ahead and a time to finish what has already been started. As Astrology is one of the oldest sciences it helps us to understand and improve our relationships on all levels, including Sports. For as we all have many characteristics in common, Astrology demonstrates that we are like snowflakes, each and everyone unique. That uniqueness is apparent in an individual sport such as racquetball. After all, isn't everyone known for "his game" or

"her game"?" Marla is the protege of Astrologer Laurie Brady who is well known for her chart on the Oakland A's football team. In the sports field, Marla has charted boxing heavyweight Scott Le Doux and World Heavyweight Champ Muhammed Ali.

During our interview, Marla explained that in sports it's the high energy astrological periods that produce the highest performances. For example, last November 15, she maintains that in an equal ability racquetball game, a Gemini would probably have skunked a Sagittarius on the court!

Marla has also charted TV personalities James Farentino and Michele Lee, both avid racquetball players.

Read Marla's "Your Racquetball Horoscope" in the January issue of RACQUETBALL TODAY and let the stars guide you to your best game.



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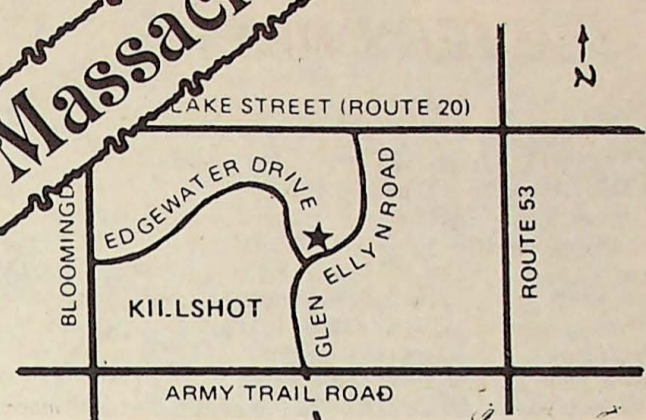
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Racquetball is, of course, the key to the success story of some 900-plus court clubs that have been built most recently over a span of six or seven years. Not overly optimistic projections would move that number upwards to 2,000 or more court clubs by 1981. With the racquetball courts we find such popular amenity facilities as indoor and outdoor jogging, swimming, gymnasiums, sophisticated, supervised exercise programming. WCCA aims to work closely with all these activities.

The real aim and purpose of WORLD COURT CLUBS ASSOCIATION will be to improve and promote the court sports industry.

The expertise of our Executive Governing Board; Dr. Joseph Bannon, Head Department of Leisure Studies, University of Illinois, and President of Management Learning Laboratories.

Joseph Piscotta, architect, San Diego, who has been involved in more than 50 court club projects.

Rick Coyne, general manager for the Follett Recreation Division of the Follett Publishing Company, Chicago. Rick supervises five facilities, three in the Chicagoland area, one in Danville, Ill., and the other just opening at Miami Lakes, Florida.

John Kaye, president of Stratford Industries, San Jose, California, Manufacturers of specialty doors, including court doors, and on the board of directors of a Western land development corporation.

Mort Leve, 23 years as executive director/editor of the United States Handball Association; first executive director for the International Racquetball Association, when racquetball was unified in 1968; founded National Court Clubs Association in 1973 as dual purpose organization for club owners/operators and those seeking input on development of clubs. Resigned to form Court Club Enterprises in 1977, consulting specialists, conducting seminars/workshops and working with individuals.

## Killshot

## Room



By Mort Leve

Add an important dimension to your court club operation by promoting the challenge of handball to a group of members on a positive introductory basis. It isn't hard to line up a knowledgeable player to take these people literally "by the hand" and teach them the basic fundamentals of the oldest ball-against-wall game.

The usual rejoinder forthcoming from some one who has tried handball but quickly by-passed any persistent quest of the skills is: "Yeah, I tried to play once but the ball hurt my hands and I felt like a spastic trying to use my off hand."

President Bob Kendler of the United States Handball Association has been working with Spalding to develop a so-called "family ball" that will eliminate the hand hurting problem, and therein lies a real potential adjunct to the club's additional membership potential. Yes, there are gals who would also take up the challenge of

handball with a softer, yet still live ball. Women never cease to amaze with their athletic accomplishments and in this continued ERA movement--why not handball?

Add to this men and women numbers would be the feasibility of junior development. Many people in looking for recreational outlets, want versatility in their scheduling. In counter-reaction some racquetball players, now knowing the "wall angles", could very well move into handball... and with promotions the teen-agers too could join in a thorough renaissance.

Sentry Insurance Headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona, got so much court play from its two outdoor three-wall courts that they are enclosing them and adding two other four-wall air conditioned facilities. The company policy allows employees to enjoy full recreation right at the

work site. In addition to the courts there is a Nautilus fitness room, gymnasium, swimming pool, outdoor tennis and basketball, a nearby field with baseball, soccer, volleyball, and badminton. That's fringe benefit at its zenith.

American Airlines, along with Braniff, will co-host their annual Dallas pilot handball tournament next February. They bring in Johnny Sloan, the former national singles and doubles champion, from Honolulu, to act as floor manager and officiate.

Where is the real hotbed of handball today? At one time we used to refer to Metro New York as the "spawning grounds for handballers" and as the graduates of more than 1200 outdoor one-wall courts, sprinkled amongst the parks, playgrounds, and beaches, would mi-

grate throughout the country they would "serve" as Johnny Appleseeds in introducing the game. These courts are now mainly used for the game of "paddles"--solid wood paddles and handballs, usually doubles, Castle Hill Beach Club in the Bronx, a 50-year-old landmark for summer court action, finds their 15 one-wall courts turned over to paddles, with only the two outdoor four-wall courts still a handball bastion.

Southern California is probably the Numero Uno of handballdom with more younger players along with the life time vets still pounding away with both hands. We have heretofore mentioned YMCAs, Community Centers, and some clubs with a goodly percentage of handballers. The Longhorn Club, with its one court at a Western clothing store in La Habra is an oasis for good players, headed up by Naty Alvarado, reigning young man on the pro handball tour.

# Hoffman and Peterson Take Paul Masson Midwest Open Titles



(left to right—Alan Shetzer, Connie Peterson, Winner of the Women's Open in the Paul Masson Midwest Invitational, with Bill Hoffman, tournament director and Glenda Young, finalist.)

By Jim Harper

The Mid-Town Court House hosted the Paul Masson Midwest Invitational Racquetball Tournament on November 17, 18 and 19. It was a tournament that started out slow, but the pace picked up as things went along.

In the round of 16 in the Men's Open, everything went according to plan except for number four seed Jim Scheyer. He had the misfortune of meeting Billy Hoffman who has put some finishing touches on his game lately and is playing better than ever. Bill put Scheyer out of the tournament in a thrilling tie-breaker match, 21-15, 17-21, 11-7. Tom Kutas, the number one seed, defeated Don Jenkins, 21-2, 21-5, John Slazas took Bill Donnelly, 21-15, 21-11, and Steve Butler beat Mike Holtzman, 21-10, 21-11 to complete the upper bracket.

In the other four matches, number three seed Doug Cohen of St. Louis defeated Paul Vinceguerra of Champaign, 21-6, 21-13, and Bob Van Tuyle took Randy Ashton, 21-8, 21-15. Scott Hemphill won over Harvi Miller, and number two seed Bill Gottlieb, the "Radiation Man" from Michigan, eliminated Denny Kemble, 21-12, 21-5.

In the quarters, Kutas, Hoffman, Cohen and Gottlieb won to advance to the semi's. Kutas ousted young John Slazas, 21-17, 21-16, Hoffman outlasted the experienced Steve Butler, 21-18, 21-17, Cohen got Van Tuyle on a cold day, 21-4, 21-4, and Gottlieb held off Scott Hemphill, 21-14, 21-19.

This brought about a confrontation between Hoffman and Kutas in the semi's. It was a superbly played match, the kind racquetball fans find worth waiting around for. "Boom Boom," as Billy is affectionately known in racquetball circles, was shooting incredibly well and had

Kutas swinging at thin air as ball after ball rolled out. Hoffman built up a 15-4 lead, and then played Kutas even to take game one, 21-11. In the second game, Kutas, one of the most graceful athletes in racquetball, showed off his skill on forehand and backhand pinch shots. He reached a 10-2 advantage, and at this point Hoffman, who seemed to be tiring, decided to conserve his energy for the tie-breaker. The match was evened as Kutas continued to roll out the points, 2-21. Both players wanted the tie-breaker badly, and the court was filled with flying bodies, which caused referee Jordan Tilden to comment, "These guys are flying without a license." Kutas and Hoffman, looking as though both had sprouted wings, kept making dig after dig, and had the audience gasping in delight. In the end it was Hoffman, 11-8.

In the other semi, Cohen upset Gottlieb, 21-10, 21-12 as Bill could not get his game going.

In the finals Hoffman was hot again, but Cohen matched him with firepower as they split the first two games, 21-18, 19-21. Hoffman was trailing badly in game two, 2-13, but made a strong comeback to take the lead 15-13. Cohen reappraised the situation and kept Hoffman pinned in the back court for the rest of the game to even the count.

The tie-breaker was a cliff-hanger as it went back and forth. At 10-all Hoffman hit a drive left that Cohen took the big gamble on and skipped it in to give Hoffman the victory, 11-10.

Gottlieb was awarded third place by default.

In the Consolation bracket, Kevin Semenas took on Clyde Senters, and after a poor first game performance, put it all together, 8-21, 21-4, 11-8.

**WOMEN'S OPEN**  
Connie Peterson from

Wisconsin turned the tables on Glenda Young as she took the Women's Open Championship in an upset victory. Glenda looked her usual sharp-shooting self in game one as Connie ended up on the short end of a 12-21 score. Peterson meant business in the second game, and came out shooting and passing with excellent accuracy. She built up a big lead, and held off a comeback bid by Glenda, 21-19. In the tie-breaker it was back and forth for several points in the early going. At 4-4 Glenda took command and hit some beautiful roll outs to build a 9-4 advantage. But Peterson pushed the lid off the coffin, took a deep breath, and started her comeback. She scored five straight to tie it at 9-all. Then, after two exchanges of serve, Connie passed Glenda down the left side, then rolled one out of the right corner to take the championship, 11-9.

Connie had advanced with an easy round of sixteen win over Sue Sulli, a tough tie-breaker win over power shooting Lynn Farmer, 21-19, 18-21, 11-7, and a close encounter over Melanie Taylor, 21-20, 21-5 in the semi's.

Glenda had little trouble reaching the finals. She defeated Renee Coplan, 21-12, 21-8, Judy Sawicki, 21-6, 21-15, and Barb Larrain in the semi's, 21-1, 21-15.

Melanie Taylor also beat Larrain, for third place, 21-16, 21-7.

The Consolation title was taken by "Smokin' Sue" Prisching over Elena Carbajal, 21-9, 21-18.

**MEN'S SENIORS**

Left handers seem to dominate in this division, as three of the four semi-finalists swung from the port side.

Jordan Tilden decided he would not lose to Shelly Clar this time, and in the finals he had his serve working to perfection

keeping Shelly on the defensive. Jordan took it all, 21-13, 21-8, making it look easy, as he had with all his other matches on the way to the championship. None of his matches went beyond two games.

**Quarters:** Shelly Clar d. Bob Troyer; Harold Huff d. Rich Donati; Lee Humphrey d. Tom Street; Jordan Tilden d. Don Webb.

**Semi's:** Clar d. Huff, 21-11, 21-10; Tilden d. Humphrey, 21-9, 21-6.

**Finals:** Tilden d. Clar, 21-13, 21-8.

**3rd Place:** Huff d. Humphrey, 15-21, 21-2, 11-5.

**Consolation:** Ron Paul d. Gary Saretsky, 21-12, 3-21, 11-1.

**MEN'S B**

Phil Klintworth came back from Michigan to haunt his old "B" buddies by winning this division. He took a tough semi-final win over Horace Miller, 21-16, 21-10, but it was closer than the score indicates. In the finals he outlasted lefty Bill Kane in a three-gamer, 21-16, 7-21, 11-6.

**Quarters:** Bill Kane d. Doug Peterson; Tom Keefe d. George Silva; Phil Klintworth d. Ed Burns; Horace Miller d. Jeff Petherbridge

**Semi's:** Kane d. Keefe, 21-14, 21-8; Klintworth d. Miller, 21-16, 21-10.

**3rd Place:** Keefe d. Miller.

**Consolation:** Joe Silius over Ben Jones

**MEN'S C**

Gary Peckler, playing impeccably, was too much for his opponents in this division. Winning all his matches in two games, Peckler captured the Championship over Walt Byington, 21-18, 21-8.

An interesting sidelight occurred in the C's, the kind of thing that makes racquetball players unique among athletes in terms of sportsmanship, when the decision for third place came up. Jack Schryer developed a sore arm during his semi-final loss to Byington, 21-12, 21-19, and didn't want to play. Jeff Peters, loser to Peckler in the semi's, 21-18, 21-9, could have claimed third by default. Instead, he agreed to flip a coin for the trophy. He lost, whereupon Schryer immediately said, "Let's play it off next week. If you win, we'll trade trophies." Just a little something that makes you feel good about being a part of racquetball.

In the Consolation bracket, Scott Martin defeated Dave Dury, 17-21, 21

**WOMEN'S B**

Joan Azeka displayed excellent court control as she played her way to the title in the Women's B Division.

**Quarters:** Joan Azeka d. Rosalie Rappin, 21-13, 21-14; Joan Pearce d. Jeri Ovitz, 21-6, 21-5; Randy

Kalal d. Rita Bogulub, 21-11, 21-17; Wava Wolfe d. Karen Minsky, 21-17, 21-18.

**Semi's:** Azeka d. Pearce Kalal d. Wolfe

**Finals:** Azeka d. Kalal, 21-9, 21-16

**3rd Place:** Pearce d. Wolfe, 21-14, 21-9

**Consolation:** Karen Minsky d. Jeri Ovitz, 21-10, 21-7.

**WOMEN'S C**

Grace Touhy captured the elusive crown in a hard fought match with Sue Koriencik, 21-17, 21-18. Grace built up big leads, only to see Sue catch fire and start rolling everything, but she fell short both times.

**Quarters:** Grace Touhy d. Velve Heraty, 21-4, 21-8; Pam Waltz d. Pat Tarzon; Kathy Niles d. Carolyn Kramer; Sue Koriencik d. Melissa Upp.

**Semi's:** Touhy d. Waltz, 21-15, 21-8; Koriencik d. Niles, 21-5, 21-5.

**Finals:** Touhy d. Koriencik, 21-17, 21-18.

There was only one drawback to the tournament, from my point of view. The tournament officials did not post all of the scores from the matches, which makes things more difficult for reporters, and doesn't give the players any insight into how good someone might be on a comparative score basis. Other than that, great tournament!

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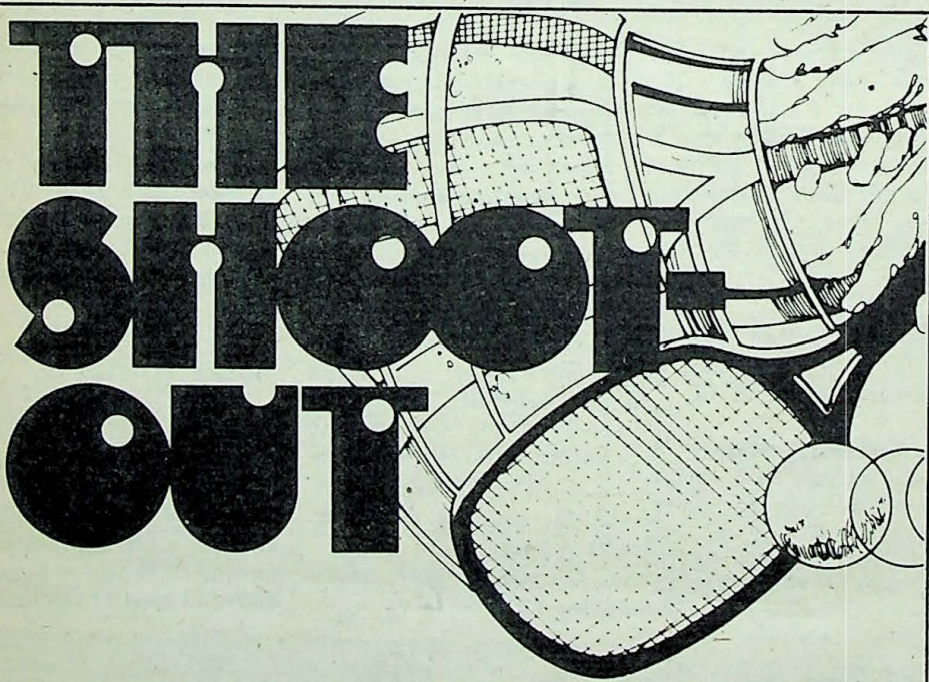
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## Turning Point

We all saw it. We watched in amazement as a 7-0 lead in a tie-breaker turned into a loss. There were seven of us up there viewing the action. The ref was a top Open player and all of us had seen collectively more racquetball than any of us would care to own up to. In my case I should have been home hours ago, having lost my second round. But, like most tournament regulars, I found it hard to leave and went from court to court looking for an exciting match. I found one on Court #7 where two top FIREpower players were playing a very close and intense game. The players were approximately the same age and both seemed to be playing at the top of their form. The event was a prestigious invitational on the near-north side and the competition in all divisions was quite keen.

For a while there it was anybody's match. The point spread throughout both games was a narrow and terse 2-3 either way. The players had a lot in common. They both played an aggressive serve and shoot type of game and each wasted no time in moving in on a set-up and more often than not rolling it out. They both had impressively strong back hands and when strategy was called-for both players were quick to serve it up. The only discernable difference in the two was that one of them "played" to the gallery and the other didn't. In retrospect it was obvious that awareness of the gallery was bound to be a distraction. However, (at the time) with the point spread being so narrow, it didn't seem to matter.

During the competition,

every time a killshot was skipped, a ball was set up or a ceiling shot fell short, our gallery-conscious player glanced up at the viewers and either shrugged her shoulders, rolled her eyes or shook her head from side to side. I could almost hear her say, "I sure blew that one", or "Look what I just did."

This consciousness of the viewer, these moments of self-awareness, these distractions away from her concentration, were even more pointed as her opponent never glanced up, never changed expression and never indicated in any way that there was anything on her mind but that all-important 558. After the second game, the total score was a point apart and a tie-breaker would tell it all.

None of us said much during the time-out before the third game. The ref was as cold as ice and the guys who accompanied the players just kept looking onto the court as if they were still there. One of the viewers was from out of town and had been beaten earlier in the day by one of the contenders. The other two spectators seemed to be simply "into" a super match and by this time I was totally absorbed and anxiously awaiting the "turning point."

When play resumed, all seven of us were on the tips of our toes as we watched the more readable player deliver seven super serves, two of them aces, racking up a 7-0 lead in less than two minutes. We were all thoroughly impressed. When the side out was called, the thing that makes racquetball such a super spectator

sport happened. Whatever it is that separates the men from the boys and the winners from the also-rans unfolded right before our eyes.

Bringing everything she had in her to the fore, the long struggle to overcome a wide lead began. One by one she methodically scored her points making the most of each service and fighting through every rally with phenomenal determination. The score slowly crept upward and turned around to 9-7 before a side out was called again.

We were barely breathing when play resumed. Here now was possibly the only opportunity to even it up and take it all. Suddenly, there it was - the turning point. The time when the contest is unofficially over. When there is no doubt as to the outcome of a match. I've seen it in every game and talked to many players who will attest to it. There is a pivot point in every court battle, some are subtle and some, like this one, obvious. It's a phenomena of the sport.

This turning point was a head thing, and we were all affected by it. Unanimously we leaned over even more as if to get close to the moment. The icy ref said, "damn" just as someone else said, "That's it." The match was given away on an aborted ceiling ball that turned into a cake walk set-up. Instead of following the ball with her opponent to the front wall, applying pressure, or claiming center court in hopes of a fluff, she turned to the gallery, rolled her eyes, and gave it all away. I wonder if she knows it?

## NCCA National Convention in January

The National Convention of the National Court Clubs Association (NCCA) will be held January 26th thru January 30th at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. ncca is the not-for-profit association of court club owners and currently has 200 member clubs located in 35 states and Canada. In addition, 30 of the leading manufacturers and suppliers to the racquetball and handball industry are Associate Members of NCCA.

The convention program will be divided into two segments. The initial program will be designed ex-

clusively for owners and operators of existing racquetball facilities. There will also be a separate program for anyone interested in developing a court club. The Racquetball and Tennis Market Place, the industry's largest trade show, will be held in conjunction with the NCCA National Convention. The three day trade show will have more than 300 exhibition booths.

Among the topics to be covered during the owners segment are: Energy Conservation, structuring league play, programing

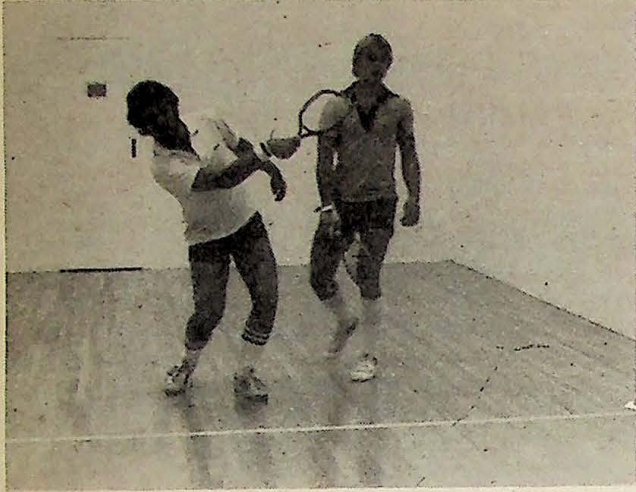
for women, the best use of promotional dollars, how to maximize pro shop profitability, maintenance, and personnel.

The developer's seminars will include topics such as demographics and site selection, design and construction, financing, and how to obtain professional advice in putting the whole package together.

For further information contact Cathy Austin, Executive Director, National Court Clubs Association, 423 Central Ave., Northfield, IL 60093. Telephone (312) 446-5502.

# John Slazas Performs Eye-Opener At Forest View Open

By Jim Harper



(Bob Scheyer/John Slazas, finalists, Men's Open)

Keep your eyes open for the kids is the watch word in the Men's Open Division these days. Andy Witt has come up from the juniors to press the Open players, and now John Slazas is on the warpath. Competing in the Forest View Open in Arlington Heights November 3-5, John laid waste to more experienced players as he took his first open championship in Illinois.

The quarter-finals had proven routine, except for one major upset. In the upper bracket, Jim Scheyer defeated Ed Lindfors, 21-17, 21-11, and Jeff Luedke took Phil Crabbe, 21-20, 21-8 as expected. In the lower bracket, Slazas beat Dennis Vesci, 21-12, 21-4, but Jim Villano upset number two seed Steve Butler. Villano, who says he tends to play in awe of top seeded players, did so in the first game, 8-21, but then came out and "played racquetball" to put Butler out of the tournament, 21-18, 11-7.

In the semi's, Scheyer needed every ounce of skill he possessed to defeat Jeff Luedke, 21-20, 21-16. The two men traded leads several times throughout the match and put on an excellent display of topflight racquetball. Trailing 19-20 in game one, Scheyer aced a serve to tie it, then put a pancake pinch in the right corner to eke out the win. He kept a little more breathing room late in the second game, and earned his way to the finals.

In the other semi, John Slazas found himself impaled on the short end of a 6-21 Jim Villano win, and it looked as though he was down for the count. But John made a big comeback, and with concentration as intense as a diamond cutter's, iced Villano 21-5 and 11-4. John's shots were so powerful and accurate that Jim was on the defensive for the entire balance of the match, and could not mount any offensive punch of his own.

This set the stage for the final between Slazas the youngster and Scheyer the young veteran. Slazas came out slugging and powered to a first game

win, 21-15. But in the second game Scheyer had his shots working and evened it 18-21. The tie-breaker was tense, but Slazas caught fire again at 3-6 and rolled them out for the title, 11-6.

Villano repaired himself mentally and took third place over Jeff Luedke.

## WOMEN'S OPEN

Although it was a small draw, the competition was fierce. Sue Prisching, advancing rapidly from C to B to A level, had a grueling three-game match with Elena Carbajal in the first round. Sue was in total command in the first game, 21-8, and seemed to lose all her concentration in the second game until it was too late. Elena had built a 17-6 lead when Sue tried to come back. She reached 13-17, but then fell 13-21. The tie-breaker was back and forth as Sue tried to power everything past Elena, but when she was not accurate, Elena calmly took it off the wall and rolled it out. Sue's superior strength paid off in the end as she took it 11-8.

In the semi's, Prisching had an even more grueling three-gamer against number one seed Ad'e Crabtree. "Smokin' Sue" continued to utilize her power game, and keeping Crabtree in the back court took the first game 21-17. Ad'e was able to employ her pinch kills more frequently in game two as she evened things up 19-21. The tie-breaker was a repeat of the earlier one as Prisching tried to knock the walls down with her pass shots, and finally wore Crabtree down, 11-8.

In the other semi, Champaign's Carolyn Ghelardini, the number two seed, came up against a very improved Linda Schwartz. Carolyn was up 8-2 in game one when Schwartz heard a 7/11 alarm and began to fire everything. Fifteen minutes later Carolyn was staring vacantly at a 10-21 loss, but she got it all back together and did some spectacular shooting to even it up, 21-7. The tie-breaker was a battle for

center court position, and Ghelardini edged Schwartz out, 11-9.

The Championship match did not live up to either of the semi-final matches for excitement as the experienced Carolyn Ghelardini was just too much for a tired Sue Prisching, 21-0, 21-3.

Ad'e Crabtree was awarded third place via default.

## MEN'S B

Two lefties came to grips for the championship in the slam-bang division. Don Jenkins and Jim Cartwright had a monumental clash which kept the crowd excited for an hour and half. Jenkins strong forehand smashes gave him game one, 21-16, but Cartwright wouldn't play dead and got his backhand working properly for a 20-21 comeback. Then Jenkins did everything right in the tie-breaker, 11-2.

In the semi's, both players had played tie-breakers. Cartwright and Bob Gloden exchanged 21-9 blow-outs, and then Jim kept Bob off balance with some excellent offensive shooting to take the tie-breaker 11-6. Jenkins had disposed of Barry Allan 21-11, but faltered 19-21 as Allan displayed greater finesse. Don had to go to the tie-breaker but took it comfortably, 11-4.

Bob Gloden defeated Allan for third place.

**Quarter-finals:** Don Jenkins d. Russ Olsen, 21-9, 21-17; Barry Allan d. Jim Welti, 21-19, 21-6; Jim Cartwright d. Don Cipiana, 21-20, 21-16; Bob Gloden d. Jordan Kahn, 21-11, 21-15.

There was a Consolation bracket in the Men's B, and Ken Welter was the victor over Howard Robins, 21-14, 21-11.

## MEN'S SENIORS

As usual no one was able to crack the top four in this highly competitive division. Shelly Clar and Scott Berry plus Jordan Tilden and Tom Street paired off in the semi's.

Clar and Berry saw-sawed throughout the first game, but the crafty lefty put the pressure on to defeat Scott 21-18, 4-21, 11-7.

Street must have felt he was making a professional visit to Dr. J as Tom was picked clean in two straight, 21-9, 21-12. The gentle dental expert filled the cavities in both corners with appalling regularity.

In the Finals, however, Dr. Clar gave Jordan a lesson in pinpoint pinching as he pressed the offensive, 21-11. Tilden came back strong in the second, 9-21, but Shelly saved all

his concentration and energy for the tie-breaker victory, 11-0.

Tom Street and Scott Berry tangled for third place, and Tom displayed his comeback abilities to take the trophy, 11-21, 21-11, 11-5.

Gary Saretsky took the Consolation trophy with a 21-15, 21-10 victory over Dorsey Boulton.

## WOMEN'S B

Betsy Koza couldn't play in the Juniors because there weren't enough entrants, and that was bad news for the B's. After two tough matches, she breezed to the championship. In the round of 16 she defeated Randy Kalal, 21-14, 17-21, 11-4, and then had to play number one seed Elyse Markman in the quarters. Elyse was hitting well and took the first game 19-21, but Betsy mixed her shots better and went on to win 21-13, 11-3. Then it was a downhill flight as she burned Mary Andrews in the semi's, 21-8, 21-7 and won the championship from Mary Carlson, 21-7, 21-8.

Diane Gabrisko, loser to Carlson in the semi's, 21-8, 21-16, put it back together to take third place from Mary Andrews, 21-13, 21-20.

The Consolation bracket was won by Pat Mickesh over Pat Ketlinski.

## MEN'S C

Dan Kenis, an upset victor over number two seed Gary Peckler, 21-10, 21-11, went all the way in this Division. He was awarded the championship when Terry Marker was unable to play in the final match.

**Semi-Finals:** Terry Marker d. Dan Harris, 21-12, 21-3; Dan Kenis d. Tom Joy, 21-19, 21-15.

**Quarters:** Marker d. Chris Barcal, 21-5, 21-14; Harris d. Nick Altmeyer, 21-14, 21-6; Joy d. Jim Milarski, 21-4, 21-15; Kenis d. Bill Lyman, 21-16, 21-7.

**3rd Place:** Harris (Coin toss)

In the Consolation bracket, Jim Babbitt and Grant Denton (or was it Denten and Babbitt?), both from the Evanston Court Club, matched up for the title. Jim had too much for his doubles partner and took it from Denten, 21-12, 21-11.

## WOMEN'S C

Sis McBride came out on top in the C's by defeating Joan Pearce in a three-gamer, 12-21, 21-8, 11-3.

**Quarters:** Joan Pearce d. Mary Precht 13-21, 21-8;



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11-9; Wava Wolfe d. Shirley Gloden, 21-8, 16-21, 11-0; Lynne Paul d. Deane Boyers, 21-19, 18-21, 11-5; Sis McBride d. Sue Saidleman, 21-3, 21-4.

**Semi's:** Pearce d. Wolfe, 21-4, 13-21, 11-4; McBride d. Paul 21-10, 21-10.

**Finals:** McBride d. Pearce, 12-21, 21-8, 11-3.

**3rd Place:** Lynne Paul d. Wava Wolfe

**Consolation:** Cuvberlay d. Maryanne Slazas

## BOYS 17 AND UNDER

Eleven hopefuls entered, but some familiar faces showed up in finals. Sean Moskwa had an exciting match with Jack Newman for the championship, and Sean was on top of his game. His crisp kills kept Jack from the coveted trophy, 21-18, 21-16.

Sean had victories over Bryan Paul, 21-2, 21-7 and Eric Scheyer, 21-6, 18-21, 11-9 on his way to the finals. Newman had wins over Andy Wilson, 21-4, 21-11, and Pat O'Connor, 21-9, 21-3.

O'Connor took third place over Scheyer.



(Lynn Paul (left) and Wava Wolfe playing for 3rd place in the Women's C division-Forest View)

## MEN'S NOVICE

**Quarters:** Norm Stein d. Dave Abell, 21-7, 21-6; Frank Daly d. Mark Zentner, 9-21, 21-20, 11-0; Bud Joy d. Brad Freitag, 21-8, 21-17; Lowell Stone d. Armin Felber, 21-9, 21-5.

**Semi's:** Stein d. Daly, 21-15, 21-1; Joy d. Stone, 21-8, 21-6.

**Finals:** Joy d. Stein, 16-21, 21-9, 11-3.

## WOMEN'S NOVICE

**Quarters:** Christine Meinke d. Joyce Barsanti, 21-1, 21-6; Judy Hundley d. Eve Kelley, 21-15, 21-6; Marilyn Listvan d. Claudia Ullrich, 21-7, 21-9; Debbie Motsinger d. Ceil Allen, 21-0, 21-4.

**Semi's:** Hundley d. Meinke, 13-21, 21-10, 11-6; Listvan d. Motsinger, 21-8, 21-2.

**Finals:** Listvan d. Hundley, 21-1, 21-7.

**3rd Place:** Motsinger d. Meinke, 21-14, 21-16.

All this took place at the very fine facility in the Arlington Heights Park District, the Forest View Racquet Club. Jeff Wilke and his staff kept things moving on time and everybody fed most of the time.

## RACQUETBALL PAST— a look through '77/'78

By Velva Lee Heraty

Through the 77/78 racquetball season and the year 1978 as well there were many moments of racquetball history slipping by. So before these moments, some monumental, some humorous, and some dubious get away and become lost in time RACQUETBALL TODAY felt a look at our "racquetball past" is surely in order.

The 77/78 season kicked off with a first. It was the First Annual S & S Open Racquetball Tournament and it was held August 27-29, 1977. The S & S Open offered the first woman's Senior Division in racquetball.

Also in September, 1977 The Chicagoland Racquetball Association introduced its traveling league, the CRAL. This was later changed to the Chicagoland Racquetball/Handball Association League for the 78/79 season.

There were three racquetball "firsts" in October, 1977. They were: The formation of The South Suburban Racquetball League, (SSRL), the first Paul Masson Invitational Racquetball Tournament held on Oct. 7-9; and the first Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) racquetball/handball citywide tournament.

November, 1977 was host to two more firsts in the sport. One was the first issue of the Illinois State Racquetball Association's (ISRA) newsletter and the other was the formal introduction of American Professional Racquetball Organization (APRO).

December and January were fairly busy racquetball months. December 2-4 saw the first Chicago area Vittert Open being held and on December 9th Chicago viewed the first televised racquetball match in the history of the sport. December '77 also was witness to the first conversion of bowling lanes to racquetball courts at the Skokie Racquetball Club [32 lanes to 8 courts]. Also in December the Lake Shore Club introduced the first twenty-four hour racquetball courts to Chicagoland.

The very first racquetball club to open in 1978 was Killshot, Ltd. which opened its doors January 2nd and closed its membership three weeks later!! National Racquetball Magazine went monthly in January and the first women only Pro-Stop on the NRC tour was introduced in Omaha January 19-22, 1978. Also in January the National Court Club Association (NCCA) held its first annual convention in Anaheim, California January 19-24.

February, 1978 saw the first Chicago Dental Society tournament Feb. 3-5 at Killshot, Ltd., and the first Masters Invitational Racquetball Tournament held February 10-12. Racquetball's first "theme" tournament, The St. Valentine's Day Massacre, was held February 17-19. The first racquetball book for women was introduced, "inside racquetball for women" by Jean Sauser and Art Shay on February 23rd at a Meet the Author Party.

March '78 made racquetball history only twice, early on and at the very last. The first Junior Invitational, directed by Steve Boren (Junior Square) was offered March 3-5 and first Schweppes Spring Fever Open was held March 31-April 2.

Our research doesn't indicate any first in April. May, however, more than makes up for April's lack of historical contributions.

May was host in time to "The Big One," the ISRA 1978 Illinois State Singles Championships, May 5-7 which was in itself an historical phenomena. Its honors include:

- World's largest racquetball tournament [803 entrants].
- Largest number of matches played in a single event [1200].
- First Annual Outstanding Racquetball Person award [To Tom Street, president of the ISRA].
- Introduction of the Louis Zahn Governor's Cup Trophy [Presented to Tom Street for the above honors].
- First use of 2 way radios during a racquetball tournament.
- Latest scheduled racquetball match [4:30 a.m. Sunday, May 7].

June, 1978 is on record as being the month the first issue of Racquetball Illustrated Magazine hit the street. The NCCA held its first racquetball tournament during the summer of '78 commencing in June and holding its finals at the end of August. The world marathon record of 101 consecutive hours of racquetball was set in Mercerville, N.J. June 22-26th. The players, were Dave Brown, Don Freeman, Mark Heiart, and Ian Smith.

July was rather slow but we did find the first Chicago area kid's racquetball camp held that month at The Court House.

August was a definite low historically, but as the 78/79 season kicked off with the Second Annual S & S Open things really began to hop.

September brought with it the premier issue of RACQUETBALL TODAY. September also brought the first commercial European racquetball courts (two) built at the Racketcenter Westvliet, Netherlands. In conjunction with that Europe saw its first official racquetball pro at the Racketcenter, Ron Valkenhoff.

October was really a busy month and it ushered in the first annual 18th District Invitational Racquetball Tournament for Chicago area police personnel exclusively. The dates - Oct 6-8, followed a week later by the Charlie's first annual doubles tournament (Oct. 13-15) in Joliet. Also, there were three dubious firsts in October, these were: the first suspension of a racquetball player by the ISRA for striking a referee; the first police arrest during a tournament by an entrant in the middle of a match (18th District Invitational); and the first Illinois divorce blamed solely on racquetball. At the end of the



## "OLDIES"

You've got to meet these guys. In 12 years of full-time sports writing, they're among the most astounding athletes I've encountered.

Jimmy DiVito is 62 years old; Sam Rizzio is 61. Together they have dominated their phase of racquetball like no one else in any other age group. DeVito, a Chicago South Sider, has won the national Grand Masters title, for players 55 years and older, twice and finished second once. He and Rizzio have won the doubles four times.

Play doubles with them sometime; you'll find out how good they are. Not only that, they have fun on the court and are nice guys off it.

"Nobody feels sorry for us anymore," grinned Rizzio, who lives on Chicago's North Side and has been DiVito's doubles partner for about five years. "We're always the oldest team wherever we play."

Last month in Racquetball Today we talked about the sometimes frustrating plight of racquetball's junior players. But consider these guys. Tournament organizers have virtually forgotten about them. "There's very few tournaments for us to play in," said Rizzio. "Once or twice

a year there's something, and even then it's mostly singles. Tournaments don't cater to anyone over 40. That's where the money is."

In fairness, there aren't many Golden Masters playing racquetball at all, much less at the level DeVito and Rizzio play. Only about 20 teams are serious enough to enter the nationals.

So, to deep their games sharp, DeVito is a regular at the Duncan YMCA. He and Rizzio play every Saturday: That's a must. They also play in the Metro League on Wednesday nights. "Then, during the week, it's catch where catch can," said Rizzio. "If I get a call to play Sunday on Saturday night I'll make it if there's any way I can."

Without good competition available in their age group, DeVito and Rizzio frequently step down and play some good 20-year old players. That can be frustrating for them, too.

"I don't want to say I've been intimidated," says Rizzio, then pausing. "But I've been intimidated. I don't want to get killed. Those 20-year olds! Their game is hit, hit, hit. They don't see anybody in front of them. All they see is the ball. They hit you, and all you hear is 'Sorry, man.'" And they're so good, too."

While Rizzio, a recruit

from the handball ranks, has been playing racquetball only a few years, DeVito is one of the game's pioneers. He started out playing paddleball, and waged battles with that sport's detractors at the Duncan YMCA who felt the walls of the courts. He saw paddleball evolve into racquetball, helped organize one of the early pro tournaments and only wishes he'd gotten involved financially in the indoor club boom when it started. He had some opportunities, but let them pass by.

DeVito doesn't like to talk about it much, but right now he's trying to convince his bosses at the Chicago Park District to build some racquetball courts. DiVito has been an employee of the massive Chicago Park District for 40 years. He will be in charge of a soon-to-be-completed \$2 million, three-story fieldhouse at Sheridan Park. The new fieldhouse won't contain a racquetball court. While the Chicago Park District has been progressive in many areas, it's left the building of racquetball courts to its counterparts in the suburbs.

The Chicago Park District has just five racquetball courts at its many locations, and a year ago director of recreation

Thomas Hackett told me there was little interest expressed in building more of them.

DiVito, again not wanting to be involved in a controversy, said he's heard no plans since to change that outlook but adds "People express an interest in them to me every day. It could be a paying deal if we put up courts."

Rizzio and DiVito would also like to carry racquetball's message to their age-group peers, but are having problems there, too.

"We talked to Chuck Leve (national director of the Skokie-based National Racquetball Club) about running a program that would expose older people to it," said Rizzio. "People who have been out of athletics for 20 or 30 years get embarrassed coming back into them. Some might see us and get ambitious."

So Rizzio and DiVito would like to hold clinics and give lessons at some of the clubs and YMCAs. Leve listened to them, but they haven't heard from him since.

DiVito and Rizzio went to high school together, then didn't see each other for 35 years. They met again on the courts. Now they'd like some of their old cronies to join them.

month Chef Ken Brown created the first life size edible racquetball player for a CRHA press luncheon.

November's milestone was the introduction of the Central Illinois Racquetball League, an ISRA sanctioned traveling league encompassing mid-state Illinois.

December ended the year with the first annual American Cancer Society Racquetball Classic, the first national convention of APRO, and the publication of the first racquetball horoscope in RACQUETBALL TODAY.

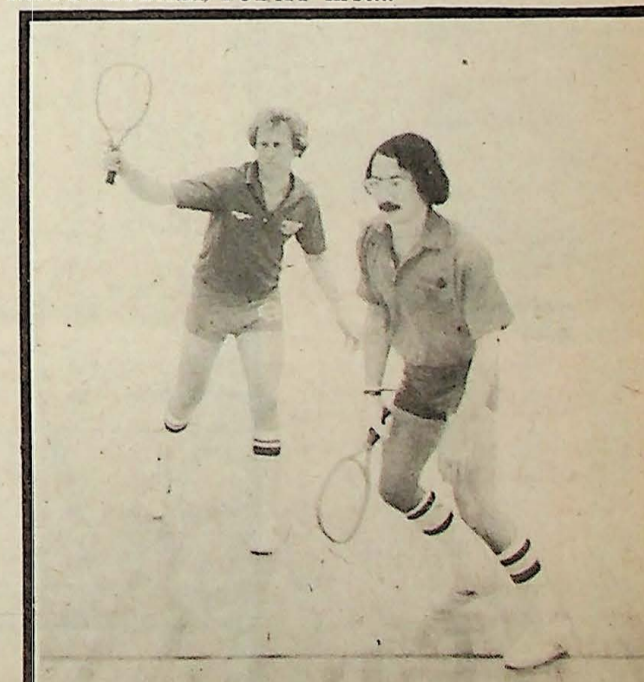
Those moments of racquetball history are a matter of record now (or they will be) and there's no chance that they will somehow slip through memory's fingers and get lost in time. As racquetball grows and stabilizes, the firsts will be few and far between but at least we can all

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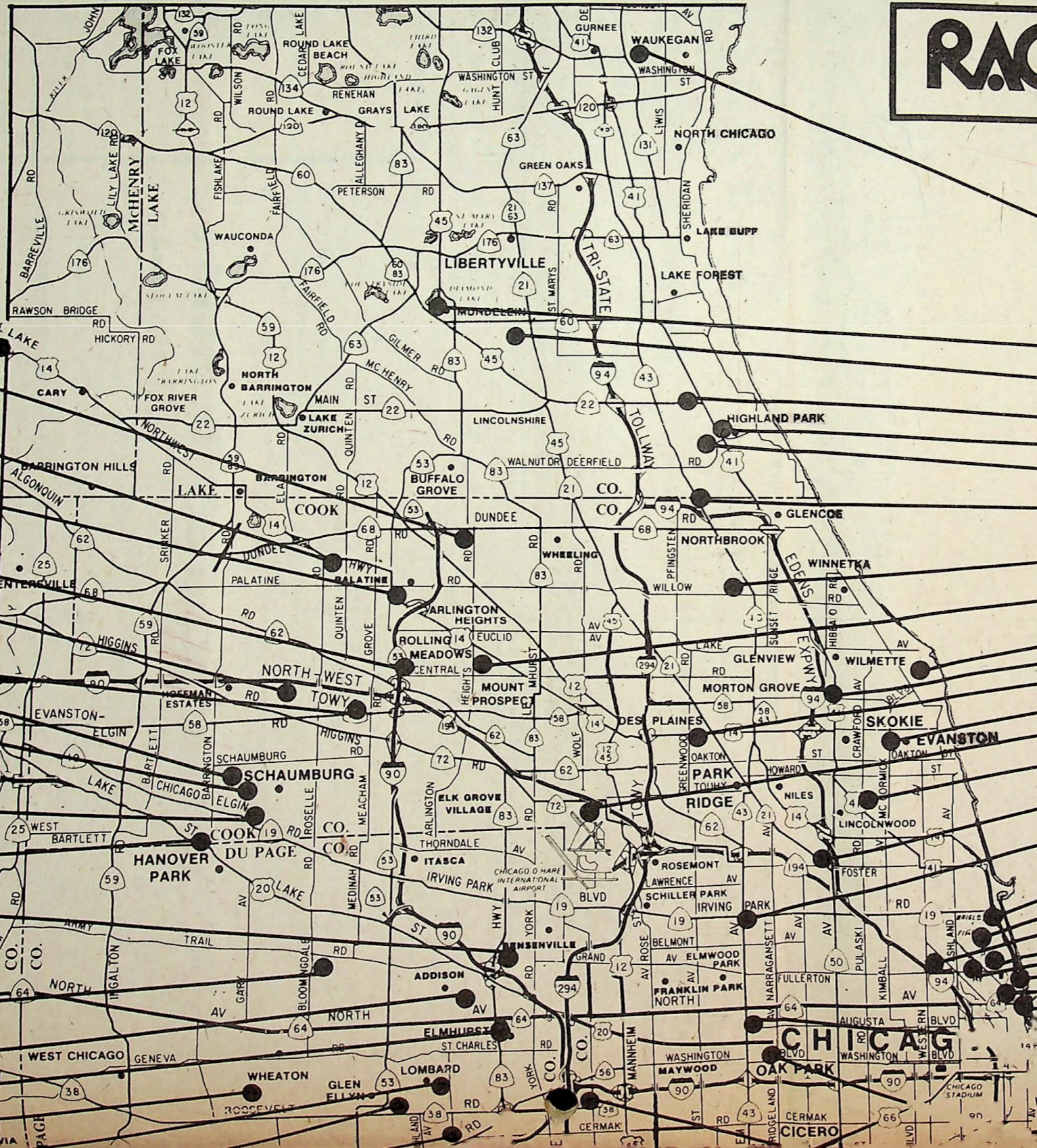
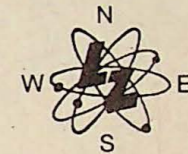
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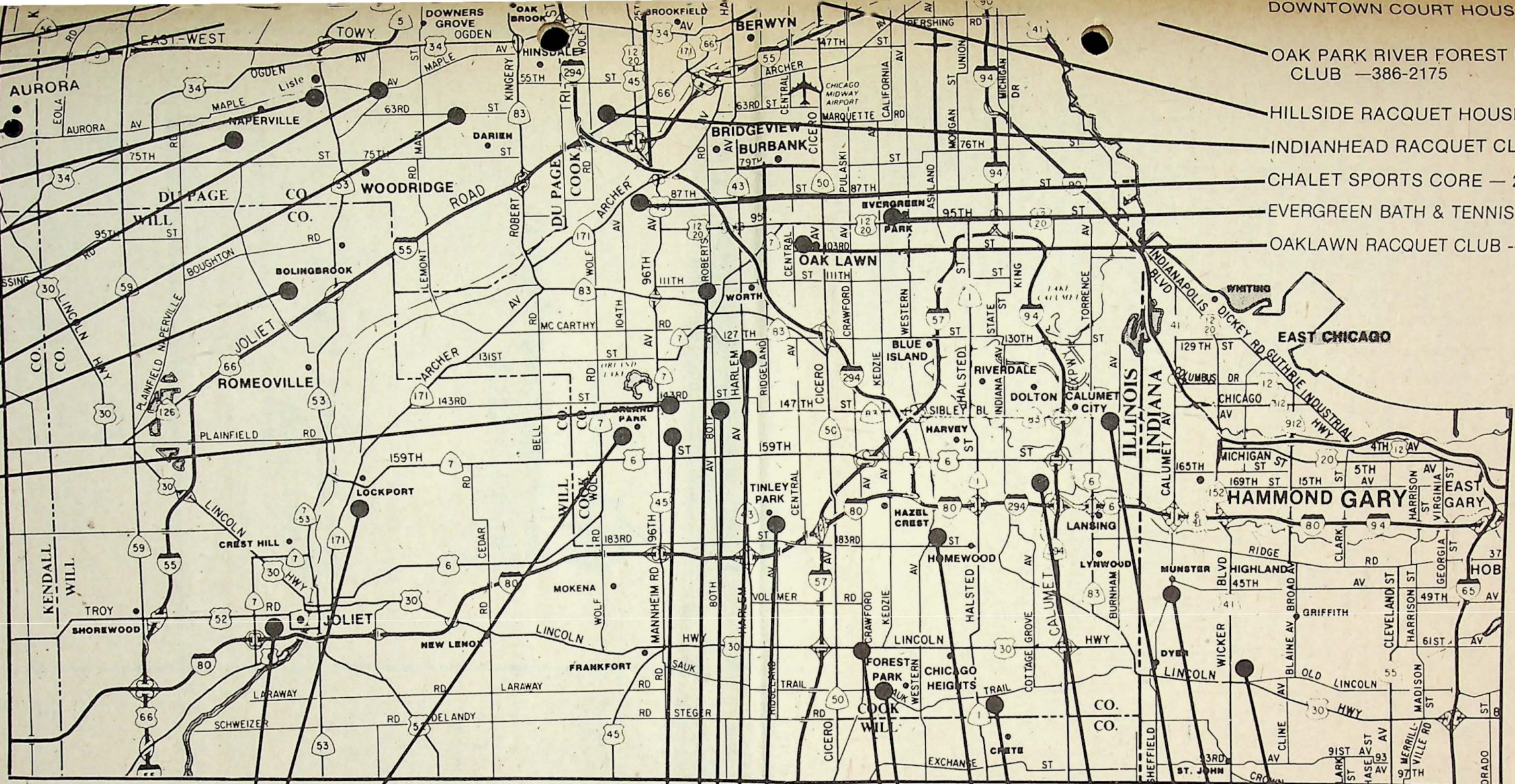
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# JUNIOR SQUARE

By Steve Boren

Today's racquetball juniors are different. Not only do they seem to be getting smarter but they are well groomed, good natured, and superbly talented.

It wasn't that long ago that racquetball players of any age had the idea that to excel in racquetball meant you had to carry a chip on your shoulder and a roar in your throat.

Today's racquetball juniors are different. Not only are they keenly interested in excelling in the sport for the recognition they could be afforded, but for some non-traditional reasons as well.

For example, today's junior players are interested in some of the newfound scholarships available to racquetball players. Many colleges offer racquetball scholarships and the grants continue to grow each year. Another reason the kids are joining our sport is for the social aspects. More and more during the summers you can find at most any club juniors playing in their

own tournaments and attending one of the many teaching clinics held at the clubs. Because they are coming out in numbers greater than ever before, there are absolute social benefits, especially since they are playing racquetball as young as 8 years old - tournament play - and they're good!

Today's racquetball juniors are different. They are much more rational than ever before. More and more junior players are wearing eye-guards on the courts and they do so voluntarily! They also don't like being treated like "little kids" by liberal referees during tournaments. There is a tendency to let them off on violations because they're young. The juniors themselves don't like this because they are out there to learn and feel frustrated with a ref who won't take the time to look at the rules and call the violations.

Today's racquetball juniors are different. Up at the top of their SUPER-

HERO list stands Marty Hogan, flanked by Darth Vader and Wonder Woman.

Enough cannot be said for today's juniors. They are flocking out in numbers like never before to earn their piece of tournament pie. 55 entries at the juniors tournament at Cove Courts (thank you Glen Gibellina), and 52 entries in the juniors tournament at Northbrook Court House (we salute Jim Verhaege and Billy Hoffman and thanks to the house and staff). And there's tremendous participation in the junior's programs throughout the mid-west.

Special recognition goes to Scott Brechon of Rockford; John Amatulli, 14, who plays at Omni 41 in Schererville, Indiana. Also, Sean Moskwa who plays at the Glass Court Club and Cove Courts - a strong competitor in the 15 & under bracket. These juniors have a bright future in racquetball.

Yes, today's racquetball juniors are different!

## Jogging

the wall at the club to see the miles being covered by each jogger. It helps to motivate each jogger when they can see their progress charted and their mile line extending.

The program is an exact duplicate of Cooper's techniques. Scientific studies and tests by Cooper lead to validity of the number of points given to various exercises. Points are determined by how hard your heart and lungs are working to supply oxygen to the working muscles. The farther you run, the more your heart and lungs must work and the faster you are developing your 'Aerobic Capacity' (meaning getting oxygen to the muscles efficiently). For

example: running a mile in under six-and-a-half minutes you can receive six points. Running a mile in ten minutes only gives you three points. The higher number of points given for each exercise, the harder your heart and lungs are working (see chart # 1).

Group I's goal (see chart #2) for the first week is to acquire ten points by either racquetball or jogging. They may get over ten points but not less than ten points. Minimum workout must be three times per week. The second and third week they must also maintain ten points. By the fourth week they are required to obtain fifteen points and so on until the sixteenth week when thirty points are reached. That is the goal they've

been working towards. Group I's original level of fitness was very low. It was pre-tested using a 3-minute step test which indicated a very poor recovery rate (pulse rate returning to normal). The quicker the pulse rate returns to resting heart rate, the higher level of fitness you are in. Categories start at Group I through group V. Each acquires varied number of points at different rates. Once thirty points are reached it can be maintained indefinitely to assure a good level of fitness for life.

After the racquetball player has been tested and categorized, they are on their own schedule for fulfilling the needed num-

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# THE JOY OF JOGGING

By Donna J. Bakke  
Program Director at Western Racquetball Club

The "joy of jogging" has never been so pronounced as in this day and age of stress, obesity, heart attack and generally unhealthy living. Joggers, old or new, understand the "joy" of this life-time sport. Convincing the 'never-been-athletic' or the sedentary individual is difficult unless they experience and gain satisfaction from increasingly overloading (but gradually!) the body.

Kenneth Cooper's The New Aerobics delves into techniques and progression of the 'never-been-athletic' or the 'weekend athlete' or the 'generally active' person. A person in any category can be shown how to progress from their own level of fitness into an acceptable and higher level of fitness. Cooper's philosophy of fitness and running states that a heart and lung which is strong and efficient assures a high level of fitness. For example, if you are the average non-jogger, male or female, you will probably have a resting heart rate of about 80 beats per min-

ute (B/M). Gradual stress on the heart making it beat faster and pump more blood over an extended period of time will lead to a stronger heart (like any other muscle which is used i.e. leg, arms, etc.). The stronger the heart becomes the more efficient it will become. It will actually push blood out of the heart with each pump thereby requiring it to beat less times per minute!! Amazing! A drop of resting pulse rate will occur from 80 B/M to about 60 B/M. If the heart is pumping less number of times, it is having more time to rest between beats and is thereby not working as hard to push out the same amount of blood through the body. The heart can actually take a two week vacation every year (adding up the total time of rests between beats) when the heart rate drops from 80 B/M to 60 B/M.

Not only does the heart rest more and work less, but other good things happen. High blood pressure can be brought to

normal ranges (in most cases) because the arteries enlarge allowing the same amount of blood to go through with less pressure. You have more energy to last you through the day. You can sleep better at night. You look better and feel better. You won't tire out halfway through your racquetball game but you'll never know until you try!

Western Racquetball Club has taken 'Aerobics' to heart and offered its rewards to racquetball players. Jogging will increase their own endurance for racquetball. If they play two times a week (or more) and jog the rest of the time they can maintain a good cardio-vascular level to sustain a hard game of racquetball.

The "Aerobics Program" has been implanted into our 'Jogging Club'. A 100-mile chart with ten mile intervals is listed on the wall at the club to see the miles being covered by each jogger. It helps to motivate each jogger when

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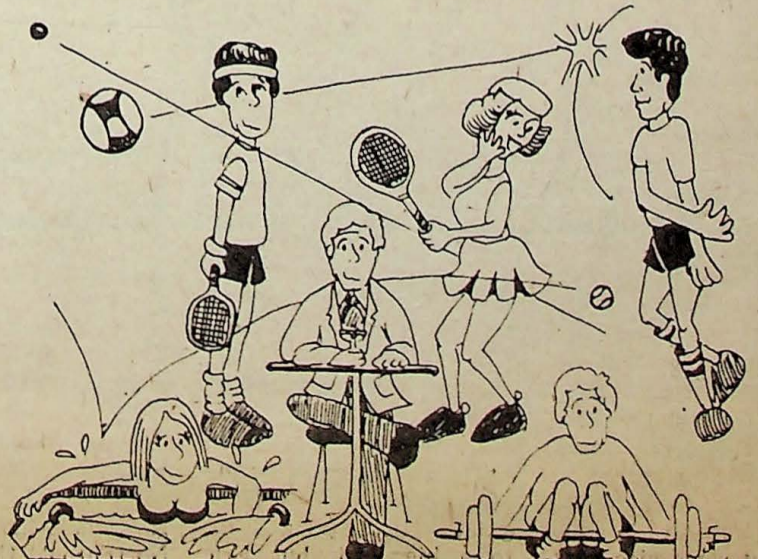
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# Pat O'Connor Takes Fall Jr. Open

By Jim Harper

On Nov. 18-19, the Northbrook Court House was the site for the Fall Junior Open. This event was put together by Steve Boren, who heads the Juniors program for the ISRA, and Jim VerHaeghe of the Northbrook Court House.

Several fine players entered three boys divisions, 17, 15, and 13 and under, but there was not enough interest from the distaff side to fill up any of the girls divisions.

The accommodations were up to the usual excellent standard at Northbrook, but the outstanding aspect of the tournament was the sportsmanship shown by players and their parents. It was a great pleasure to see everyone working together to provide a good experience for these young players.

## 17 and Under

There were nine entries in the older boys divisions, and the play here was fast paced, but no more intense than in the younger divisions. Pat O'Connor, the number one seed, took his quarter final match from Brian Kravitz, 21-6, 21-5. Pat is a tall left hander with range and reach, and Brian just couldn't get the ball past him.

Mike Aisenberg showed a strong forehand capability as he defeated Troy Boyer in the quarters, 21-1, 21-0. He had played a qualifying match to get into the quarters as well, where he topped Mike Guth, 21-3, 21-1 in the same manner.

Bob Clar, the number three seed, kept Mark Williams at a comfortable distance, 21-14, 21-13, as he advanced to the semi's. In the last quarter-final match, Barry Chaplik squeaked out the victory from Andrew Wilson, 21-16, 16-21, 11-10. Barry had some beautiful backhand and forehand pinch shots working for him, but they were not always consistent. Wilson hung in there for as long as he could, but that 11th point was just too elusive for him.

In the semi's, Pat O'Connor continued to roll as he went past Mike Aisenberg, 21-8, 21-10. Mike kept it close in the early going of each game, but Pat had too much firepower for him. Barry Chaplik and Bobby Clar had an interesting three games in the other semi's. Barry had left his shoes at home and had to delay the start of the match. Consequently his cold feet weren't moving very fast and he dropped the first one to Bob's sharp-shooting, 12-21. Barry warmed up and played more consistently in the second game and the tie-breaker as he rolled out some nice backhand pinches, 21-16, 11-2. The Championship

match found O'Connor blazing hot as he shot past Chaplik for the title, 21-6, 21-5. Pat couldn't miss and he had Barry on the defense for the entire match.

Third place went to Aisenberg, 21-16, 21-17, over Bob Clar.

The Consolation bracket championship went to Marc Williams as he defeated Troy Boyer.

## 15 and Under

There was a 9 man draw in this Division also, and top seeded Sean Moskwa lived up to his billing as he won all three of his matches to take the Championship. In the quarters he eliminated an impressive Stuart Gaetjens, 21-6, 21-13. Stuart went on to win the Consolation Bracket with a big victory over Bobby Halperin, 21-5, 21-0. Moskwa advanced to the finals with an easy win over Joey Kupfer, 21-0, 21-2, to set the stage for his battle with Jack Newman. Sean was really on his game and kept Jack at bay 21-6 and 21-13. Newman had eased into the finals with a victory over Jerry Belcaster, 21-6, 21-2.

In the battle for third place, Belcaster defeated Kupfer in a close contest 21-11, 21-19.

## 13 and Under

This division attracted the most entries, 18, and provided some unusual match-ups due to the greater disparity in the age ranges. In a couple of David and Goliath matches, it was David one and the Giant one. Little Joe Delguidice, age 9, came up against tall and slender Tom O'Connor, and felled the Giant 21-15, 21-16 in a back and forth struggle. Joe was everywhere using his two hand backhand to keep the ball in play until he could use his lethal forehand kill. Spectators surmised it was easier for Joe to shoot the ball since he was already so close to the ground.

Young Jordan Ross, age 10, brought his slingshot to bear against Chris Bischoff, age 13, but she could pass for 18. Jordan gave it a mighty effort, but the Giant had too much strength for him, 21-18, 21-2.

Scott Brechon was the number one seed, and was not pressed too hard until the finals. He defeated Tony Buckun 21-4, 21-4 and Chris Bischoff 21-0, 21-7 to get to the semi's. There he was pressed by Jeff Plazak, but held on to win the first game 21-19, then comfortably topped it off 21-13.

He battled at length with Eric Scheyer in the finals, which went to three games. Scott jumped out to a big lead, but Eric caught him and captured the first game, 20-21.

# A Tour of the Courts



by Rosemary Ruane

APRO's teacher's clinic will be held the 9th and 10th of December. The clinic will include the philosophy and strategy of racquetball, visual aids and round robin discussions. Call 991-4646 for more information.

The Oak Park River Forest Racquet Club will hold an Appreciation Night for their club members on December 23rd. Open court time. Refreshments will be served. Call 386-2175 to make your reservations. Good luck to Scottie Luther and Cindy Marrissey who recently joined Oak Park's staff.

Winners of The Bernard Horwich JCC's Turkey Trot Doubles Tournament were: racquetball - Norton Rich and Sid Cohn, first place; Manny Weininger and Bernard Elkins, second place; and Shelly Mendelisberg and Arnie Meisner, third place. Handball - Dr. Irwin Goldfarb and A. Mayerhoff, first place; S. Croft and Howie Rappaport, second place; and Ron Ross and Larry Savitt, third place. All winners received Kosh-er turkeys.

The Oak Lawn Racquet Club will host an All Sports Night in December. The evening will consist of racquetball, tennis, badminton, volley ball and use of the weight room. A buffet dinner and soft drinks will be served. Call the club for correct date and to make your reservations.

Winners of the Mayer Kaplan JCC's Turkey Trot Doubles Tournament were: Joe Levi and Scotty Gotteiner - A division; and Ron Rashkow and Norm Weiner - B division. Winners were (once again) presented with Kosh-er turkeys. The ladies' afternoon racquetball league will begin on January 9th; the ladder tournament for adults, teens, and tweens (7th through 9th grade) will also begin the week of

January 9th. Both programs are open to the public. Call Bill Horowitz, at 675-2200, for complete information.

Group and private lessons are currently available at the Woodfield Racquet Club. The club is also conducting an instructional league which includes an hour of play and drill and a half hour of shot practice. Call 884-0678 for more information. "Belated" birthday wishes to racquetball pro Kathy Mutert who celebrated her birthday on November 8th.

The Hawthorn Courts will hold their Racquetball Tournament the week-end of December 16th. Open to all divisions. Men only. Winners in the women's tournament held in November were: Pam Neil, first place; Jean Lyttle, second place; and Lori Greisinger, first place consolation.

A Grand Opening Celebration will be held on Sunday, December 10th, at The Naper Racquetball Club. The festivities will begin at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Wishing the best of luck to Bill Schuster and Lucia Haas who will co-manage the 15 court facility.

"Holiday Fever" will be held at all of The Court Houses starting December 9th through the 22nd. The program, which is for beginners, will include 15 minutes discussing what the students will be learning, an hour of instruction, and 15 minutes of critiquing the lesson. For complete scheduling information call the club in your area.

Registration for racquetball instruction will be held at The Homewood-Flossmoor Indoor Tennis Club on December 9th, starting at 6:30 a.m. The classes are for beginners and advanced beginners. Adults and juniors (ages 10-18). Club members are invited to attend the open

membership meeting on January 10th. The meeting, which will include discussions regarding the club's operations, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Becky Nemeth who recently joined the teaching staff at Oak Park Court House.

Members and their guests are invited to attend The South Holland Court's Christmas Party on December 16th. Time - 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are necessary.

The Orland Courts, sister club to South Holland Courts, is scheduled to open in mid-December. Applications are now being accepted for memberships. Call 349-1222 for complete information. Al Rago will manage the new facility.

The Racquet Club of Lockport will hold their racquetball/tennis tournament starting December 26th thru December 30th. Men and women. All Divisions. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners. For more information call (815) 838-3621.

"Great Holiday Happenings" will be held at the Wimbledon USA Palos Club throughout the month of December. Call 389-9100 for complete details.

The Mobile Unit from The Aurora Blood Assurance Program will be at The Chalet Sports Core on December 28th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. People who are interested in donating blood, please call 246-4031 to schedule an appointment.

The results of Killshot Ltd's Turkey Trounce held November 17-19 were: Men's A - Saul Sandoval, first place, and Dave Prym, second place; Men's B - John Poole, first place, and Scott McFarlane, second place; Men's C - Wayne Shilka, first place, and Tom Rupkey, second place; Women's B - Barb



Olsen, first place, and Donna Schwartz, second place; Women's C - Jan Reich, first place, and Joan Cusick, second place; Women's Novice - Brenda Miller, first place, and Roberta Robenstine, second place; Handball Open winners were: Pat Keefe, first place, and Lee Coffman, second place; Handball C - Clyde Senters, first place, and John Rynell, second place. Kill-shot reports that there were 160 entrants participating in the event.

Winners in the Lakeshore Racquet Club's Welcome Back Racquetball Tournament were: Men's A - Forest Bayard d. Tom Hillis 31-9, 31-18; Men's B - Tom Kopieczko d. Rick Wagner; Men's C - Earl McGhee d. Owen McGovern, 21-14, 21-7; Women's A - Linda Shafer d. Diane Foster 21-3; Women's B - Doris Barnes d. Diane Duncan 31-2. Mary Thomas also won big over Karen Krisberg 31-6. We also wish a hearty welcome to Lakeshore's new head pro, Robert Nathan.

Palos Racquetball Club held its first Annual Turkey Shoot with 54 members competing for the 25 lb. turkeys and the gift certificates. Winners were: Men's A - Terry Glynn, first place, Bruce Sholtens, second place, and Ron Chmielecki, 3rd; Men's B - Pat Walsh, first place, John Talty, 2nd, Allen Heyduk, 3rd; Men's C - Ed Flynn, first, Al Stanek, 2nd, and Gorgie Brumis, 3rd; Women's B - Dorothy Noto, first, Haline Gergas, 2nd, Linda Kuhn, 3rd; Women's C - Peg Guerra, first, Myra Zenke, 2nd, Chris Bader, 3rd. Congratulations to all!

Edens Court House announces the arrival of two new staff members - Denny Pfiffner, the new club manager, and Frank Walsh the new head pro. We wish them the best in their new positions.

## METROPOLITAN RACQUETBALL LEAGUE TEAM STANDINGS

MEN'S A		MEN'S B	
		NORTH	SOUTH
Northwest	127		
Oaklawn	126		
Mid-Town	126	Kaplan	84 Symons 1. 101
Buehler	103	Buehler	80 Hyde Park 91
Duncan	94	Skokie	67 Illinois Circle 82
Lombard	64	Evanston	66 Evanston 67
U of I Circle	61	Northwest	66 Lincoln, Belmont 33
B.R. Ryall YMCA	58	Park Ridge	0 Symons 2. 22
O'Hare	33		
Cove Courts	33		
WOMEN'S A-B		WOMEN'S C	
Beuhler	679	Arlington	569
Northwest	554	Buehler I	564
Park Ridge	553	Buehler II	516
Evanston	491	Northwest II	336
Morton Grove	369	Northwest I	329
		Park Ridge	232
		Skokie	129

Scott took the next two, 21-13 and 11-7 as he kept Eric on the run with some well placed ceilings and passes.

Scheyer had gained the finals with wins over Ted Sharpenter, 21-4, 21-0, Chuck Horwitz, 21-4, 21-1 and Sean Stevens, 21-18, 21-16.

The Consolation bracket went to Vince Delguidice over Steve Gaetjens, 21-10, 21-5.

Steve Boren did a nice job putting the tournament together and Jim Ver Haeghe and his staff at the Northbrook Court House ran it very well and right on schedule.



# AT YOUR SERVICE

By Lucia Haas

Last month I described at great length the wonderful gals on our club's traveling team, how they were recruited and how they've become good friends. As I was thinking about them the other day I realized that most of them are transferees. They all live close to the club and since we were able to provide programs for them, and in many cases their husbands, too, our racquetball club gave them a base from which they could meet new people and make friends.

There are so many transferees living in suburbia where most of the new clubs are located that I don't see why these clubs can't be used more as a springboard to social fun for the new folks in town. Let's face it, moving is no picnic for most wives of the up and coming junior executive. He's very busy and challenged by what is usually a promotion for him. On the other hand, the wife and mother of young children often feels lonely and, to be honest, frustrated at having to converse with young children all day long. At this point I think the wife must understand that the situation is not going to change for hubby. He is the breadwinner, and his boss' "requests"

must take precedence on his time. If a woman feels left out and stagnant she must seek out ways to add some bounce and excitement to her days. We all know that cleaning house, cooking meals and picking up after small children can get boring and tedious after a while. Here's where the local racquetball club can help out.

I think every club should establish communication with all the Newcomers Clubs in its area. Program Directors of these organizations are constantly trying to come up with new activities for their members and racquetball is a natural. The sport is so easy to learn that the women enjoy themselves immensely the first time on the court.

I see it happen almost every day. Newcomers come in, get their preschoolers settled in the nursery and have a wonderful time talking with ADULTS, drinking coffee and playing racquetball on a round robin schedule. They know their children are well cared for and they can go down on the court and hit that ball as hard as they want against the front wall. This is a great release for their pent-up energies and frustrations. Sometimes these

young moms come in a little grumpy but, so help me, they all leave with smiles on their faces and a cheery "See you again soon!"

Let's do it. Let's make racquetball known to the young wife who's new in town. Then do you know what might just happen? Since membership fees and court times are so reasonable, I bet many husbands will want to purchase a family membership and spend Saturday and/or Sunday evenings playing racquetball with his sexy wife in her new quiana shorts. Whooppee!!!!

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P.S. Here's the latest report on the "Fall Fat Off." In case you've recently joined me let explain that three of my friends are attempting to lose 10 pounds in 3 months. Each gal has agreed to pay a substantial amount of money to the others in the group if she doesn't lose 10 pounds in that time. As of this date Punkie has lost 4 pounds, Pam has lost 5 pounds and Joan has lost 7 pounds. It looks as if Joan is way out in front. (Wrong - I mean way in in front!) No kidding, Joan looks marvelous. Between her dieting and exercise she's lost seven inches!

## Pabst Extra Light Draws 165

By Jim Harper

There were seven divisions of competition including mixed doubles for a total of about 165 entrants.

### MEN'S OPEN

The Men's Open was a 10-man draw headed by Jim Scheyer, who had his toughest match in the semi's against a beardless, but still recognizable Bob Van Tuyle. Bob, perhaps just a shade quicker without all that hair, blistered out to an 11-2 lead in game one, weathered a Scheyer comeback and took it 18-21. Jim found his backhand for the rest of the match and was unstoppable, 21-7, 11-2.

In the Finals, Scheyer hooked up against Harvi Miller, a semi-final victor over Glen Gibellina, 21-13, 21-14. Jim was still hot, and although Harvi was making some incredible gets, he was not keeping the ball down and left Jim too many opportunities to shoot, which he did, 21-11, 21-7.

Gibellina and Van Tuyle both said, "I'd rather not," and the coin toss for third place went to Gibellina.

**Quarter finals:** Jim Scheyer d. Marshall Waldo 21-12, 21-14; Bob Van Tuyle d. Jim DeLadesmo, 21-2, 21-2; Harvi Miller d. Phil Pressendo, 21-7, 21-14; Glenn Gibellina d. Dave Budreau, 21-11, 21-15.

### MEN'S B

Since there was no Senior Division, Saul Sandoval decided to enter the "B" Division one more time. This was bad news for the B's as Saul used his vast collection of shots to outmaneuver all his opponents

and cop the title.

He defeated John Brandley in the round of 16, 21-10, 21-10, and eased past Tim Connelly in the quarters, 21-17, 21-18. In the semi's Saul outshot a tough Joe Silius, 21-17, 21-18 to gain the finals against Fernando Gonzalez. Saul and Fernano saw-sawed back and forth in game one, and Saul had that needed tournament experience to carry it, 21-20, then pressed his advantage to take the championship, 21-9.

Gonzalez had victories over Ron Pruitt, 21-11, 21-11 and Don Cipriani 21-11, 21-11 to gain the finals.

Joe Silius took Cipriani's measure for the third place trophy.

### WOMEN'S OPEN

Diane Rowe surprised a few veterans in this Division as she came out number one. Diane gained the semi's with a hard fought win over Margaret Olawoye, 21-17, 21-12. Then she had to reach back for all she had to defeat a very determined Sue Czaplá 11-10 in the tie-breaker.

This gave her the opportunity to play another heart-thumping tie-breaker with Barbara Edelstein for the championship. Barbara, sporting an egg-sized lump on her forehead from a Laurel Davis follow-through in an earlier match, was visibly tired, but gave it everything she had. It was not enough, however, as Diane had too much left at the end, 11-8.

Edelstein had defeated Elena Carbajal in the semi's. After a slow start, 17-21, Barbara found her pinch shot and rolled 21-10, 11-4. Elena bounced back to take third place, but had to use every bit of her experience to dispatch Sue Czaplá, 13-21, 21-13, 11-7.

### WOMEN'S B

Joan Rogers had a rugged quarter-final match with rookie Cathy Mistovitch, who has been playing only six months. Cathy was retrieving well and took the first game with some excellent passing, 15-21. But then Joan started shooting and evened it up 21-9. The tie-breaker could have gone either way, but Joan's experience stood her in good stead, 11-8.

After that it was relatively easy as she defeated Mary Barenie in the semi's, 21-10, 21-2, and maintaining excellent

court control, continued to the championship over Joan Azeka, 21-11, 21-9.

Azeka had wins over Barb Van Tuyle, 21-9, 21-6, and Diane Gabrisko 21-12, 21-8 to reach the finals.

Gabrisko and Barenie had an interesting shoot-out for third place, but Barenie ran out of ammunition as Diane took it, 19-21, 21-15, 11-1.

### MEN'S C

Ron Johnson earned himself B status with some fancy shooting on his way to the championship.

**Quarters:** Rich Studin-arz d. Bob Sterling, 21-8, 21-7; Ken Sone d. Ron Gabrisko, 21-12, 21-19; Dale Patti d. Jerry Iafollo, 21-6, 21-18; Ron Johnson d. Kerry Moore.

**Semi's:** Sone d. Studin-arz, 21-12, 21-19; Johnson d. Patti

**Finals:** Johnson d. Sone, 21-10, 21-12.

**3rd Place:** Patti d. Studin-arz

### WOMEN'S C

Linda Edgington was invincible as she marched to victory in this division. No one got more than 10 points a match off her.

**Quarters:** Nina Guthrie d. Beth Hicks, 21-20, 21-13; Sue Karas d. Virginia Olivarez, 21-12, 21-4; Linda Edgington d. Linda Kuhn; Joyce Thacker d. Pat Steffens, 21-14, 21-18.

**Semi's:** Guthrie d. Karas, 18-21, 21-15, 11-4; Edgington d. Thacker, 21-3, 21-3.

**Finals:** Edgington d. Guthrie, 21-6, 21-1.

**3rd Place:** Thacker d. Karas, 21-5, 21-11.

### MIXED DOUBLES

Bravo to Pabst for trying something new. There were 15 teams in this event, ranging from C to A level players, but everyone handled themselves very well and the participants had fun playing no matter what the outcome.

Jim Scheyer and Barbara Edelstein teamed up to take another trophy apiece, adding to their singles accomplishments. Jim was outstanding in the finals, placing his backhands and forehand pinches with pinpoint perfection, as he and Barbara held off a strong bid by Dennis Vesce and Maryann Livingston, 21-8, 21-11. Godinez and Godinez, a Father and Daughter team, took third place in this event.

## Chicagoland Racquetball/Handball Assn. League Results

League Director - John Weishaar (312) 644-4884  
Groundrules for the 1978-79 CRHAL are as follows. There will be 8 divisions of play: Men's A, B, and C; Women's AA, A, B, and C, and Handball. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish in a division; a team consisting of 8 to 10 players. The exception is the AA and Handball team which will consist of two players.

The league will have three sessions the first being Sept. 23 through December 1st; the second being January 6 through March 9th and the third begins March 17 and ends May 25th. No matches will be scheduled during the Illinois State Racquetball Association's State Singles May 3, 4, 5, and 6th.

After the regional playoffs and city championships the league will commence with an awards banquet in mid-June.

### MEN'S A

Four Flags Court Club-35  
Cove Courts-27  
Mid-Town Court House-24

### MEN'S B

GROUP A                      GROUP B

Oak Park Ct House-39                      Schaumburg Ct House-44  
Four Flags Ct House-33                      Schaumburg Ct House#2-30  
Evanston Ct Club-30                      Thorndale Raq House-27

### GROUP C

Chalet Sports Core-36  
Western R.B. Club#1-36  
Palos Racquetball #1-24

### MEN'S C

GROUP A                      GROUP B

Oak Park Ct House-39                      Cove Courts-39  
Skokie Ct House-36                      Olympian Ct Club-33  
Sky Harbor Ct Club-28                      Chalet Sports Core-33

### WOMEN'S A

Edens Court House-32  
Evanston Court Club-24  
Sky Harbor Ct. Club (Northbrook)-23

### WOMEN'S B

GROUP A                      GROUP B

Four Flags Ct Club-26                      Oak Park Ct. House-29  
Evanston Court Club-26                      Thorndale Raq. House-20  
Schaumburg Ct. House-23                      Palos R.B. Club-18  
Arlington Hts Ct. House-23

### WOMEN'S C

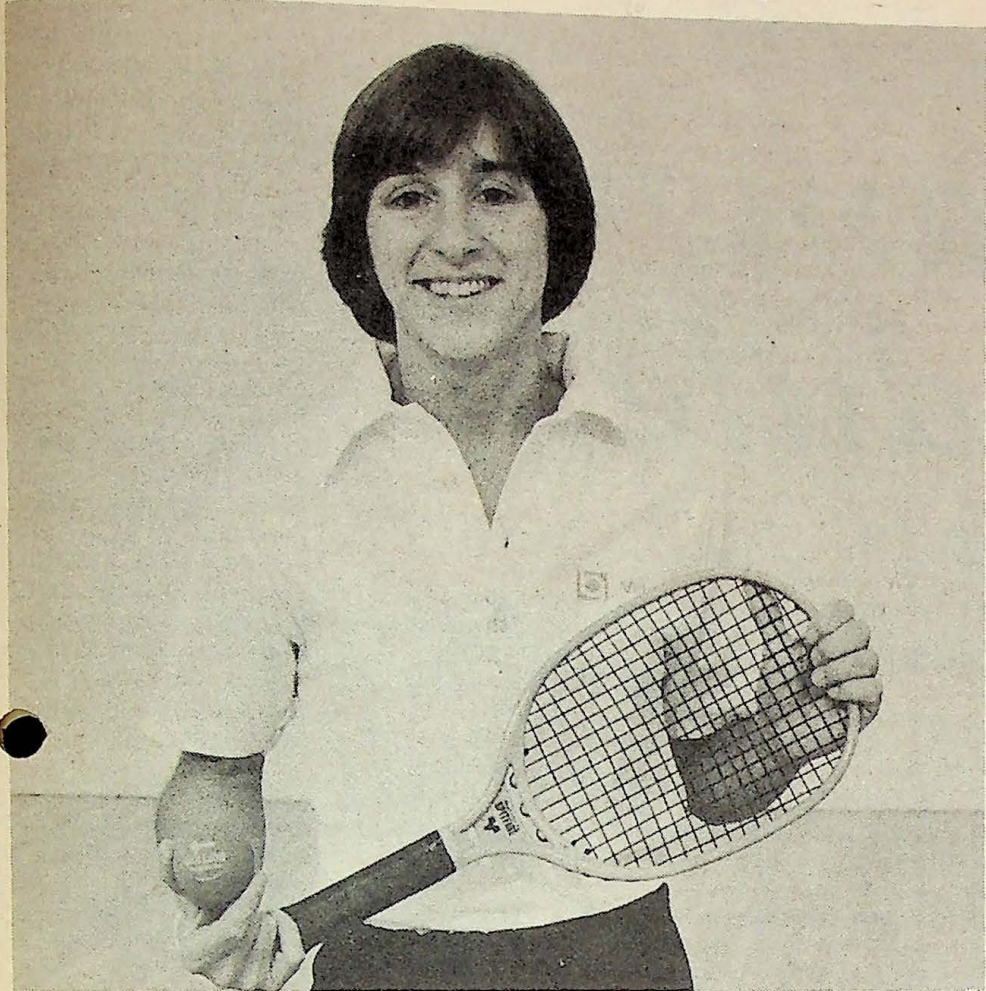
GROUP A                      GROUP B

Oak Park Ct. House                      Olympian Court Club  
Skokie Ct House                      Chalet Sports Core  
Oak Park-River Forest R.C.                      Western R.B. Club

## Court Houses Schedule Holiday Kids Camps

Several of the area Court Houses have schedule a "Holiday Kid's Camp" for youngsters 7-12 and 13-18. The \$12.50 enrollment fee includes two hours of instruction and two hours of supervised play, a carnival court, refreshments both days, and surprise Christmas gifts for everyone. The dates of the camps are Schaumburg-December 28-29 (882-4636); Oak Park-7-12years-January 2-4, 13-18years-January 3-5(848-5200); Northbrook-December 28-29 (498-3626); Edens-December 26 & 28/December 27 & 29 (286-6700).

# Nancy Kronenfeld Is Living Out A Racquetball Fantasy



(Nancy Kronenfeld—recent addition to the Vittert Sports pro advisory staff)

Nancy Kronenfeld is 27 years old. Married. A two-year old son, Danny. She works at the front desk of Edens Court House twice a week. She is also about to live out the fantasy of thousands of amateur racquetball players.

With equipment and a bit of financial support from Vittert Sports, Nancy will be trying for success on the women's professional tour. She will finally be able to answer the universal question on the minds of every talented racquetball player: "If I really gave it a shot, I wonder how good I could be...."

"I really don't have any unrealistic expectations," she says of her chances. "I know that doing anything on this level is going to take time, probably a couple of years."

Her friendship with 1978 National Racquetball Club Women's Seniors Division national champion Judy Thompson, of Davenport, Iowa, has given Kronenfeld a sense of perspective. "Judy told me to give it as much as three years. It will take a year just to develop to the pro level and time beyond that for a player to develop into a consistent top finisher."

Kronenfeld started playing racquetball in 1975, shortly before she became pregnant. She was working in a bookstore, and began playing with her husband David, a physical education instructor at Frost Junior High School, Schaumburg, and other male players because they were the only opponents available in the evening when she was able to find the time from her home-

making responsibilities to play. What may have been an intimidating situation in which to take up the game soon became a distinct advantage.

"I had to learn how to play a power game against men players," she recalls. "The result was that I was used to hitting hard and against 'B' bracket opponents I was probably a little intimidating."

She played and won the consolation round in the 1975 Voit Summer Open when she was pregnant. After Danny's birth she returned to competition, finishing in the quarters and semis consistently.

In 1977 she took third in the Women's Open division at the Aurora Pro-Am and reached the semi-final round of the USRA Nationals before defaulting with an eye injury. She finished fourth in the 1978 Wyler's Women's Open at the Northbrook Court House, third in the Illinois State Women's Open singles and first in the S & S Insurance Open.

"I've found that there is a difference in the consistency when you're talking about 'B' players versus pros," Nancy explains. "There just aren't any glaring weaknesses in the pros or among the top amateurs trying to nudge their way into the pro ranks."

What does this kind of an excursion onto the professional circuit mean to her family? "Actually, David has been behind me completely in this thing. He was an All-American fencer at the University of Illinois, where we met, and he really understands what

a chance like this means to an athlete," she says of her husband's attitude toward the venture. "He actually pushes me sometimes when I don't feel like practicing or running."

She points to learning how to practice as one of the keys to her rapid improvement in recent months. "I play five or six times a week and never go two days in a row without playing except right after a tournament. I get plenty of competitive practice from Barb Edelstein, Glenda Young and Bev Franks. They're all top-notch."

"When I play though, I spend a lot of time doing reflex drills, kill-shot drills and practicing retrieves," she comments. "When I do play a game it is usually after an hour or two of workouts first. I also run quite a bit and during the summer, I add biking to my running and racquetball."

Where will it all lead - the practicing, travel, the tournaments? Kronenfeld isn't thinking in terms of absolute goals or expectations, which may be to her advantage in competition. She is putting no heavy pressure on herself to get to the top, yet will probably try just as hard as any other competitor to get there.

"I guess, like Peggy Steding did, I decided to do it now because I just wanted to see how well I could do before I got too old and it was too late," she concludes. "And the way I look at it, if I don't make it, at least I'll be able to look back on it all and know that I gave it my best shot."

# Roll It Out

## would YOU sandbag?



By Jim Harper

No, I'm not worrying about the Chicago River overflowing its banks. Sandbagging refers to a player who plays at a level below his ranking. This occurs occasionally in tournaments for a couple of reasons.

The player possibly does not know or understand his actual ranking, although the qualifications for the various levels of play are almost always on the tournament entry blank.

The seeding committee, often undermanned and lacking the necessary previous results information, will not catch the player who has entered himself in the incorrect division, innocently or by design.

In a few recent tournaments, sandbagging has occurred to a greater degree than usual. Poetic justice came about several times when the sandbagger did not make it to the semi's or the finals, but even so, it is still unfair to the bona fide division contenders that had to play the sandbagger in the early rounds.

How would you feel if you were a qualified B player and an A player sneaked through the seeding committee screening, and you ended up playing him in the first round? Out the window goes your \$15 or \$20 and the chance to advance as far as you can against players of similar

ranking.

If a tournament is sanctioned by the ISRA, there is little likelihood of this occurring because they have previous results information in abundance, even from tournaments that were not sanctioned. This doesn't mean it won't happen, but the chances are slim.

A grey area, however, is the non-sanctioned tournament. Often it is run by sponsors who are totally unfamiliar with players in the area. The problem can be compounded when a player has done well in a tournament that has a low draw. For example, if there are only six or eight people in a division, it is only one step to the semi's.

The question then is, should a player who finishes in the finals, or twice in the semi's in a low draw division have to move up another division? Perhaps a more definitive stand on tournaments of this type should be made, and if you have any suggestions, let us know.

One idea for improving the sandbagging problem in non-sanctioned tournaments is for the ISRA to provide the results information through its seeding committee. This could be done for a small fee to cover the cost of any paper work that would be involved. Of course, the tournament sponsors may not

want to avail themselves of this service, which is their prerogative, but it would make their tournament suspect in the eyes of the players.

Sometimes we take for granted the functioning of the tournament seeding committee, too. Often it is only one or two people.

When you have a draw of two or three hundred people, this can be a big job. What I'm suggesting is that more people volunteer to serve on seeding committees. The more people involved, the less likely sandbagging is to happen.

The ISRA seeding committee could use additional help, too. They are attempting to put all tournament results on computer to make seeding a relatively simple and standardized process. They can't do it without the necessary manpower, however. If you have an interest in this type of activity, particularly if you have data processing experience, give the ISRA a call.

Meanwhile, would you sandbag if you had the chance? I hope not. If you have any suggestions on how to correct this situation, drop a line to:

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# RACQUETBALL TODAY

## '78-'79 Tournament Schedule

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Site: Westport Racquet Club - St. Louis Missouri  
Contact: Leslie Winter (312) 329-0844  
or  
Dennis Kottkamp (314) 569-0648

**\*December 1, 2, 3, 1978**  
American Cancer Society 1st Annual Open  
Lehmann Courts  
Contact: Joan Martin 312-372-0471

**Dec. 8, 9, 10, 1978**  
AMF Voit/Perrier Racquetball Classic  
Site: Racquetball Club of Ft. Worth, Texas  
Contact: Leslie Winter (312) 329-0844 or Jayne Wallace (213) 277-4654

**Dec. 15, 16, 17, 1978**  
AMF Voit/Datsun Racquetball Classic  
Site: Franklin Racquet Club - Southfield, Mich.  
Contact: Leslie Winter (312) 329-0844 or Frank Payson (313) 353-8004

**Dec. 28-30, 1978**  
HANDBALL-Nat'l Juniors 19 & under; 17 & under; 15 & under  
Site: Cincinnati  
Contact: Vern Roberts, Sr. (513) 381-7235  
(USHA assist with travel expenses)

**January 5, 6, 7, 1979**  
Pabst Extra Light Tourn.  
Site: DuPage Racq. Club (312) 745-9400

**Jan. 12, 13, 14, 1979**  
AMF Voit/Perrier Racquetball Classic - FINALS  
Site: Supreme Court - Las Vegas, Nevada  
Contact: Leslie Winter (312) 329-0844 or Riva Peskoe (212) 575-0270

**\*January 12, 13, 14, 1979**  
Illini Open  
Site: U of I(I.M.P.E. bldg) Champaign, IL.  
Contact: Randy Kalal (217) 398-1106

**\*January 19, 20, 21, 1979**  
WIFR-TV; Rockford Open  
Site: Courtside-Rockford  
Contact: Jeff Luedke (815) 877-9549

**\*February 2, 3, 4, 1979**  
Illinois State Doubles  
Site: Killshot, Ltd  
Contact: Don Jenkins (312) 895-9575

**\*February 9, 10, 11, 1979**  
Tinley Park Open  
Site: Tinley Pk. Raq. Club  
Contact: Mike Bazzo (312) 532-7900

**February 16, 17, 18, 1979**  
St. Valentine's Day Massacre  
Site: Killshot, Ltd.  
Contact: Don Jenkins (312) 893-9575

\* Indicates ISRA Sanctioned Tournament

**\*June 9-18, 1979**  
NRC-National Champ.  
Site: Tempe, Arizona  
Contact: NRC Office (312) 673-4000

**May 24-28, 1979**  
IRA-Nationals  
Site: To Be Announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge (901) 274-2363

**\*May 16, 17, 18, 1979**  
NRC Pro-Stop  
Site: Chicago Area-To Be Announced  
Contact: NRC Office (312)673-4000

**\*May 3, 4, 5, 6, 1979**  
Illinois State Singles  
Site: To Be Announced

**\*April 21, 22, 1979**  
4th Annual Paddock Publications R/B Tourn. of Champions  
Site: Buehler YMCA  
Contact: Robert Paddock (312) 394-2300

**\*April 12, 13, 14, 15, 1979**  
Glass Court Open  
Site: The Glass Court  
Contact: John Lynch (312) 629-3390

**April 6, 7, 8, 1979**  
IRA Regionals  
Site: To be announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge (901) 274-2363

**\*April 5, 6, 7, 8, 1979**  
USRA Regional  
Site: Madison, Wisconsin  
Contact: Terry Fancher 312-673-4000

**Mar. 29 - Apr. 1, 1979**  
USHA Masters Singles  
Site: Minneapolis Club  
Contact: Hal Raether (612) 339-3655

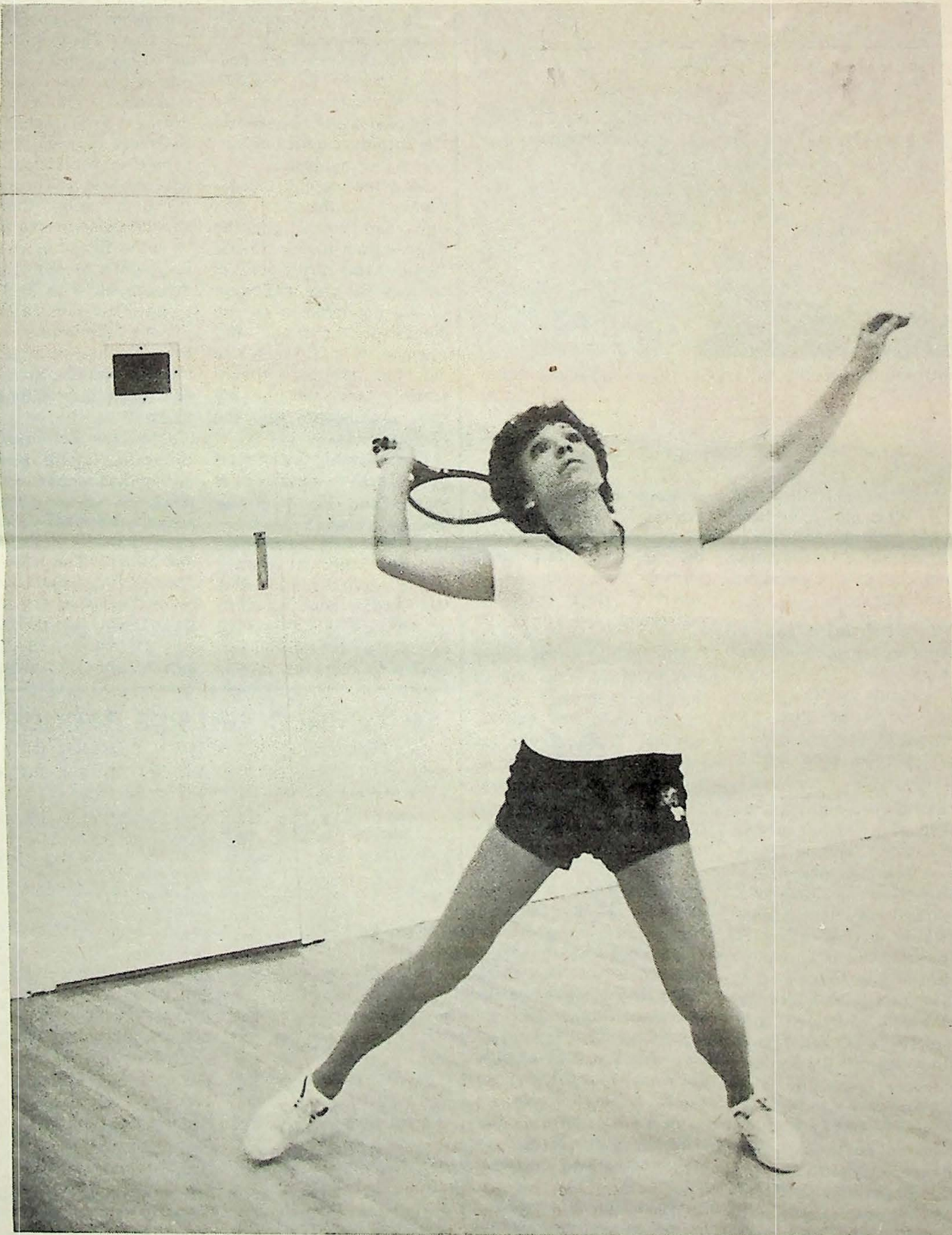
**\*March 24, 25, 26, 1979**  
DuPage Open Raq. Tourn.  
Site: Naperville, Illinois  
Contact: Gary Sprinkel (312) 986-9600

**Mar. 22 - 25, 1979**  
USHA Central Regionals  
Site: Killshot, Ltd.  
Contact: Bob Koenig (312) 893-9575

**\*March 15, 16, 17, 1979**  
Tinley Park Doubles  
Site: Tinley Pk. Raq. Club  
Contact: Mike Bazzo (312) 532-7900

**\* March 9, 10, 11, 1979**  
YMCA State Doubles  
Kankakee YMCA  
Contact: John Jennings 815-933-1741

**March 2, 3, 4, 1978**  
IRA State Singles  
Site: To be announced  
Contact: Luke St. Onge 901-274-2363



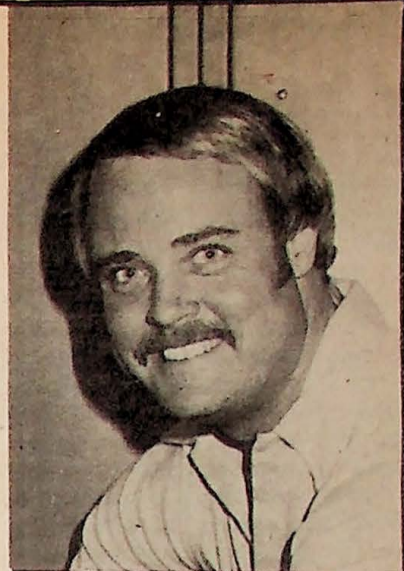
Sue Carow

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# COUNTER REACTION

by

*Bob Schiel*



The trademark is unmistakable. The advertising is impressive. "From the slopes of Aspen to the clay of Wimbledon, innovation through design." Thus the continuing story of a premier manufacturer entering into yet another burgeoning field in the sports arena, racquetball.

HEAD has recently introduced a racquet that indeed lives up to its "innovative" tradition. A combination of two favorite materials - fibreglass and aluminum. Sound interesting? How could the "snap" of fibreglass be

married to the rigidity of aluminum and yet perform with power and control? HEAD had already mastered the trick 8 years ago on the tennis court. Unique in construction, the "Competition" has an outer skin of anodized aluminum alloy providing durability while the center core is of fibreglass reinforced epoxy foam which assures balance vibrationless control. Because of this skillful engineering the racquet boasts of having the highest strength to weight ratio of any racquet now manufactured.

The "Competition" ranges in weight from 250-270 grams (light) or 271-290 grams (medium). This weight option may be a preview of what to expect in racquet technology assortment in months to come. Many players select a certain style of racquet but prefer a weight that is adaptable to their type of play. Grip sizes also reflect HEAD's departure from the ordinary. The "Competition" is available in four grip sizes - 3 15/16, 4 1/16, 4 3/16 and 4 5/16. The handle features an "hourglass" shape that

guides the hand to proper grip position and allows maximum wrist snap power.

These comments from players may provide an indication of the racquet's commercial success:

**Irv Troxel**, Wimbledon USA Palos Club: "Being a purist, I was hesitant to accept anything from a tennis racquet manufacturer but soon found I couldn't play without it."

**Karen Commings**, Rich-ton Park Court Club: "I've always used a fibreglass racquet because I liked the touch but the Competition

gives me the same feel with a little more power in the back corners."

**Bill Travers**, Four Flags Court Club: "I've always felt a company such as Head wouldn't risk putting out a product unless it was tested and perfected. This racquet didn't disappoint me."

**Pat Kelicka**, Mid-Town Court House: "The racquet is a little higher priced than average but I've played for a year now and know my game. I like the weight choice the Competition offers and the lack of vibra-

tion when I'm serving a hard drive."

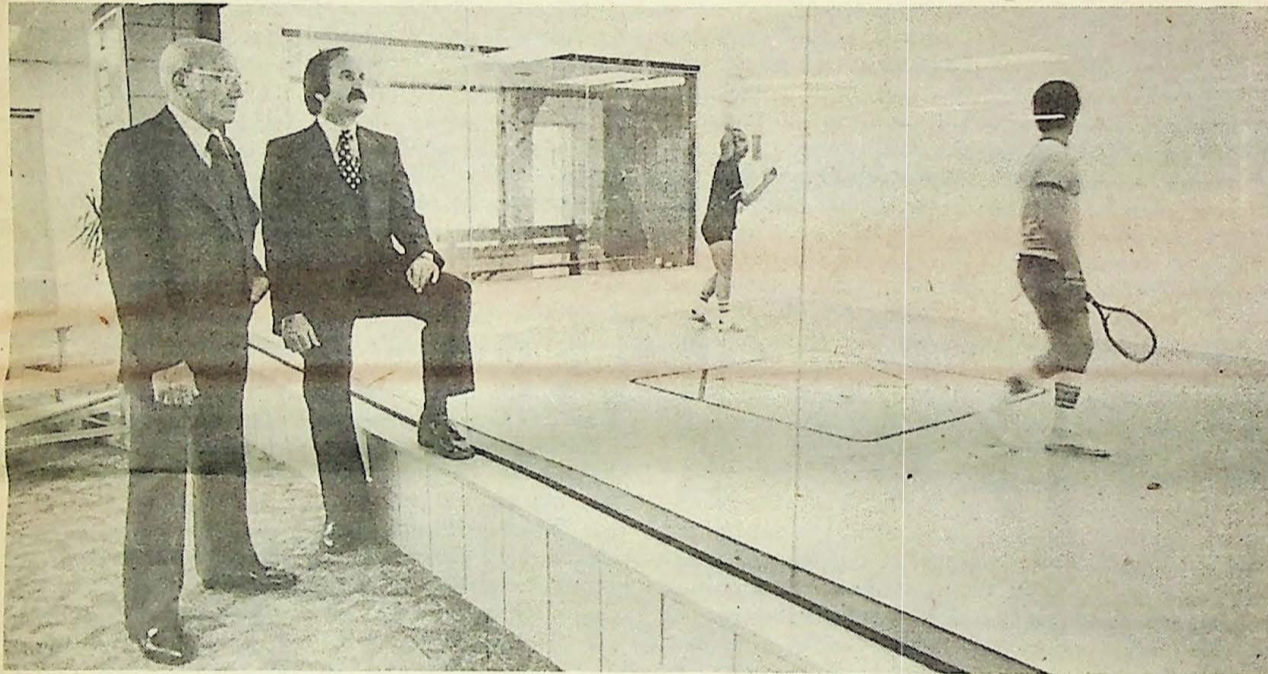
The AMF corporate umbrella is certainly creating a reputation in the racquetball field. The VOIT "Rollout Bleu," VOIT racquets, and now HEAD racquets, and soon to be announced shoes and accessories.

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Kass inspecting Strongwall courts at Yogi Berra's Hall of Fame Club in New Jersey.)

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The growth of Strongwall's popularity has been meteoric, from obscurity to leadership in a very short time. Its recognition as "the finest wall and flooring system for racquet sports and handball currently available," in the words of Sam Herzog, the owner of The Wyndmoor Racquet Club in East Brunswick, N.J., has led to its specification for some of the most prestigious courts in the country.

The extraordinary success of Strongwall Systems, Inc., the company responsible for the development, manufacture, marketing and installation of these courts, owes a great deal to its aggressive management and its skill in communicating with the sports business community. But the controlling factor has been the inherent superiority of the product itself.

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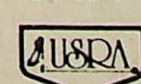
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**Game Among The Stars**

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**SAGITARIUS---NOVEMBER 23 thru DECEMBER 21**

As you often have a tendency to over-expand yourself, in the last year you were forced to cut some corners and not buy that new racquet. Already you should begin to see some positive results. Make necessary changes, and if you're a pro, prepare to expand your racquetball career. Or if you feel you have gone as far as you can go in one area, don't hesitate to move on to a new sponsor or even a new city (San Diego?). Let your adventurous spirit overcome whatever might have been holding you back before. Just watch feeling over-optimistic right before the S & S Open in August, where you might encounter a dark horse. June is usually the low of your yearly physical cycle. You should be a "born" athlete, but you might have to work harder at your game to achieve those same results. Watch your diet, try to eat pure foods.

**CAPRICORN---DECEMBER 22 thru JANUARY 19**

These last few years have begun an up cycle for you both on & off the court. Perhaps you got married, promoted, formed a new business partnership, or doubles team. This year you will be forced to rediscipline your time and structure the details of your business and racquetball game. Any scrupulous dealings would now be uncovered now, so keep above board (that means no sandbagging). You'll be busy the beginning of the New Year, perhaps taking a trip for the holidays and your birthday. You might be emotional about a relationship mid-January, perhaps someone at a racquetball party (so what else is new?). Don't let depression take hold if your game is off - make necessary changes. Otherwise, let your conservative nature guide you. With patience everything has a way of working itself out. Love in February, maybe during the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. July is your low month.

**AQUARIUS---JANUARY 20 thru FEBRUARY 18**

That business deal which didn't work out in the last few years, should now be established. If you lost a business or racquetball partner, there will be opportunities for even better relationships. You will have no problem meeting romantic prospects at the club, but why not be discriminating. Otherwise you might "turn off" the one who could really make you happy. For those born in January, there should be a special birthday surprise (maybe that new and expensive racquet). Others may have to wait 'til June, or even August, for their chance at an award or trophy which again might come thru your partner. August is also your low physical month, so rest & get ready for the 79/80 season. In all, it's a push-pull year, restructuring as you continue to grow in life and your game.

**PISCES---FEBRUARY 19 thru MARCH 20**

You have already been realizing your needs changing. Perhaps the problems facing you at work or in sports force you to reevaluate that inner you. Many times you choose to be alone, so why let it bother you in January? Practice hitting the ball alone. February 26 will bring dramatic racquetball events for some, possibly effecting the next six months of their racquetball life. Those born around March 13 should take note around their birthdays, as signs of the future three months. Some more emotion around September 6 should finalize or deepen any existing partnership. October will see social or racquetball partnerships for some. Just remember to flow with the endings of one phase of your life and your game to realize the beginning of the next.

**FOR ALL SIGNS:** \*Don't play any important matches between March 15 & April 6; between July 18 & August 10; or November 9 & November 29. During these dates you shouldn't sign any important papers, be prepared for delays during tournaments, if you are traveling to any Pro-Stops take your racquet with you on the plane along with your luggage, you may miss connections, appointments, or just have to do everything twice.

\*Think back to November 26 thru December 15. Did it effect you?

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**CHART #1**

1 MILE	1.5 MILES	RACQUETBALL
14:29-12:00 min. - 2pts.	29:59-21:45 min. - 1 1/2pts.	*30 min. - 4 1/2pts.
11:59-10:00 min. - 3pts.	21:44-18:00 min. - 3 pts.	*35 min. - 5 1/4pts.
9:59- 8:00 min. - 4pts.	17:59-15:00 min. - 4 1/2pts.	*40 min. - 6 pts.
7:59- 6:31 min. - 5pts.	14:49-12:00 min. - 6 pts.	*45 min. - 6 3/4 pts.
under 6:30 min. - 6pts.	11:59- 9:45 min. - 7 1/2pts.	*50 min. - 7 1/2pts.
	9:45- 8:40 min. - 9 pts.	*55 min. - 8 1/4pts.
	under 8:40 min. - 10 1/2pts.	*60 min. - 9 pts.

\*continual play

ber of points each week. A progress chart is kept on file at the club which each person keeps up to date. They may run on Western Racquetball's one-fifth of a mile track or chart their own course. They

time themselves every time to determine how fast the pre-determined distance was covered. If they opt for racquetball as one of their training days, they estimate how much of their time was continual racq-

uetball playing time to decide the correct number of points.

The purpose for incorporating 'Aerobics' with racquetball is to give players a better level of fitness and to increase the cardio-

# Referee's Corner

## 'The Screen Serve'

by Phil Simborg



**THE SCREEN SERVE**

The Official USRA Rule Book defines the screen serve as one which "passes too close to the server or the server's partner to obstruct the view of the returning side." The effect of a screen call is that the ball is re-served without penalty.

At first glance, the rule appears to be reasonable and simple, but any experienced referee will agree with two major points regarding the above rule: 1) it is one of the most difficult rules of the game to apply fairly and consistently, and; 2) as the rule is stated, it's terribly incomplete, inaccurate, and unenforceable.

The first point I would like to clear up is that the screen serve is not, as the rule suggests, strictly a function of how close the ball comes to the server. THERE IS NO 18" rule, 3' rule, or arms-length rule that is recognized by the USRA or ISRA, regardless of what you might have read in a recent article by Jerry Hilecher or anyone else. The rule would be more applicable if stated as follows:

a screen serve occurs when the server's body, or that of his partner, blocks the receiver's view of the ball to such an extent that the receiver is not afforded a reasonable chance to make a good return.

The distinction between the two definitions is dramatic: the second definition allows the referee to take into account all of the various factors which truly contribute to a screen serve: the speed of the ball, the direction and

angle of the shot, the position and movement of the server after striking the ball, and the ability level of the players. The point is that it's possible to hit a lob, or Z serve, that passes within a few inches of the server, but is still relatively easy for the receiver to get to and return. Conversely, it's possible to have a ball which passes three or more feet from the server which should be considered a screen: if the server is standing about 4 feet from the left wall, hits a hard, low drive serve along the left wall, and after striking the ball actually moves a foot or so closer to the left wall; the combination of the server's movement, the speed of the ball, and the angle of the shot make it nearly impossible for the receiver to see the ball until the ball is nearly past the short line. The Illinois State Racquetball Association Referee's Guide, written by Bill Geigen and myself, contains four major ideas to keep in mind that will help the reader know when to call a screen:

- 1) Generally, the receiver is entitled to see the ball most of the way after the ball strikes the front wall;
- 2) the screen serve, like every call the ref makes, should generally not work to the advantage of the offender. In this case, the offender is clearly the server (or serving side), so the ref should be inclined not to call a screen on the easy serves that the receiver is "just dying" to return, and he should be quicker to call a screen on the tougher serves which are likely to be more difficult to return;
- 3) The level of the players ability should be considered. "A" players should be expected to re-

trieve much tougher shots and serves than "C" players. In other words, a relatively hard serve a couple of feet from a C player might well be a screen, while the same serve to an A player might be an easy return;

4) **When in doubt, call the screen!** When you're not sure, it's better to do something that requires the point to go over than to do (or not do) something that might cause either party to lose the point or side out on a questionable call. Further, when you aren't sure but make the call anyway, generally your call will tend to penalize the server more than the receiver, which is an extension of the idea of having the rules work against the offender.

Screen serves, like hinders, require the referee to make a judgement as to the degree that various contributing factors affect the play, whereas other calls, such as "Short", "skip" and "Double-bounces" require the referee to make a simple either-or decision. For this reason, there is no way to assure tournament participants that there will be any degree of consistency in the calling of screens from one match to the next. In spite of this major drawback with rule and the application thereof, I'm convinced the rule is absolutely necessary to insure the fair outcome of the match. Fortunately, in Illinois, the ISRA Referee's Committee is doing four things to help establish a reasonable degree of consistency in the application of the rules:

- 1) by working together closely at tournaments and meetings, the members of the committee are trying to first develop reasonable consistency amongst them-

elves; 2) through clinics, articles such as this, distribution of guidebooks to interested parties, and direct conversation with tournament participants, the committee members are constantly "educating" people as to how the rules should be interpreted;

3) by getting involved in the selection of referees for the more important matches, we're seeing that members of the committee are assigned to referee the matches where a higher degree of consistency is critical, and;

4) by monitoring matches in progress, Visor-wearing members of the committee are on the lookout for misapplication of the rules so that they can be quickly corrected. If, for example, I see a ref who doesn't call even the most blatant screens, I will offer constructive criticism to help him understand the rule, the reason for it, and how to apply it. It is our hope that eventually, through the above channels, there will be a constantly increasing degree of consistency in the application of all of the rules of the game.

In summation, there's two thoughts that I'd like everyone to keep in mind regarding the screen serve: make sure the call never works to the advantage of the server, (the other way), and be consistent throughout the match: a screen serve is a screen serve whether the score is 0-0 or 20-20, and whether the receiver got to the ball or not. If you would like more information on this and other rules, please send for a copy of the ISRA Referee's Guide by writing to:

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Posen, IL. 60469

**CHART #2**

SEDENTARY INDIVIDUALS		MILDLY ACTIVE	WEEKEND ATHLETES	ACTIVE
Group I		Group II	Group III	Group IV - V
wk 1	10pts	10pts	10pts	30 pts/wk
wk 2	10	10	15	
wk 3	10	15	15	
wk 4	15	15	20	
wk 5	15	15	20	
wk 6	15	20	21	
wk 7	20	20	24	
wk 8	20	21	27	
wk 9	20	21	30	
wk10	21	24	30	
wk11	21	27		
wk12	24	30		
wk13	24			
wk14	27			
wk15	30			
wk16	30			

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**COURTS ON 22**, 2223 Half Day Road, Bannockburn/Deerfield, IL. 948-5330, 6 racquetball courts, 9 indoor air-conditioned satin turf courts, whirlpools, saunas and Pro Shop, nursery attended 9-5 mon-fri. Racquetball pro - Judy Ripp.

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**HANOVER PARK RACQUET CLUB**, 1919 Walnut, Hanover Park, IL 837-6300. 4 racquetball/handball courts, 6 tennis courts, 3 platform tennis courts, saunas, co-ed whirlpool, nursery and playroom for infants and children. Manager: Rick Heroux; Racquetball Pro: Shar Klein.

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The annual meeting of the Illinois State Racquetball Association will be held on December 9, 1978 at 2:00 P.M. at Louis Zahn Data Service Corp., 1920 George Street, Melrose Park, Illinois.

Items on the agenda for discussion include the election of directors and officers for 1979; Financial report of the ISRA; Proposed changes in the constitution; Report for the referee committee.

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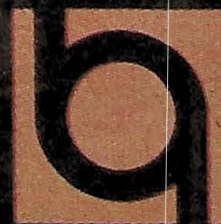
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