



## **DOWN** **THE LINE**

### **LOUISIANA RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION**

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PROMOTING THE GAME  
OF RACQUETBALL"**

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The Louisiana Racquetball Association  
P.O. Box 669  
Mandeville, Louisiana 70470

# **LRA TO HOST LOUISIANA SENIOR OLYMPICS**

The Louisiana Racquetball Association will be hosting the Louisiana Senior Olympics Racquetball Tournament, October 12, 1996, in conjunction with the Louisiana State Doubles Championships, October 11, 1996 - October 13, 1996, Both to be held at the Louisiana State University Recreational Complex on the Baton Rouge campus.

To participate in the Louisiana Senior Olympic Games (LSOG) tournament, a player must be at least fifty years of age and be a member of the LSOG. Winners of each age division at the state level will qualify to compete at the National Senior Olympics later in the year.

The LSOG will offer singles as well as doubles. LRA members will be able to participate in events in the LSOG and up to two events in the State Doubles Championships.

For more information on the LSOG, please call Gene Ferris at (504) 845-2639 .

The State Doubles Championships will follow the usual state championship format. Only one skill level can be entered. Either mixed doubles or an age division may be a second event. A team may also play two age divisions.

Many of us consider doubles to be the most fun part of racquetball, and this tournament will be no exception. The competition will be fierce, and a good time should be had by all.

So get your partner and start practicing, and make plans to attend the State Doubles Championships. If you win, it will be twice as great.

Anyone needing information on the tournament, please call the LRA at (504) 468-2813. Look for an application in the mail or at your local club.

# LOUISIANA LOSES LRA LEADER

On behalf of the LRA, I would like to wish Marcia Richards good luck in her new endeavors, which have taken her to Colorado.

For the two of you that have not heard, Marcia has moved to Denver, Colorado to take the position of head coach in girls' basketball and volleyball at the high school level. Marcia is a dedicated coach, as well as an athlete, so I know she will be an asset to her new school.

Marcia is a top Open player and has several local, regional, and national championships included in her resume'. She has also been involved with the administration of the LRA for over ten years, and has served as the President for the last four years. It was in these four years that the LRA experienced its biggest surge of membership since the early eighties. Through Marcia's leadership and dedication, along with the current executive board, the precedent has been set to keep the LRA growing and flourishing.

Fortunately, Marcia will remain a major figure in racquetball, since Colorado is home to the United States Racquetball Association and the United States Olympic Training Center. I am sure she will have no problem posing a threat to the top competitors in the state. Marcia will continue to come home to visit family and friends, and if the timing is right, play in a local tournament or two. For those of us that travel, we will also see her at the major championships throughout the year.

Marcia will always be considered a fierce competitor and a good friend, as well as a racquetball legend in the eyes of the Louisiana Racquetball Association.

The rest of the Executive Board will remain in tact. There is a vacant position which should be filled at an election to be held at State Doubles in October. In Marcia's absence, I will take over as President.

The board remains as follows:

Debbie Spica - programming director as well as all around creative consultant.

Pattie Schof - director of scheduling. If your club wants to have a tournament or racquetball related event, please call her.

Steve Rogers - works with promotions, as well as building women's racquetball.

Fritz Owens - handles ranking and memberships. He knows where you are.

Cyril Hentze - finance chairman. He keeps us from going broke.

As always, the Executive Board works very hard to make sure **YOUR** association is the best possible. It is a difficult job for a bunch of dedicated volunteers, and needs the help of the members. The next time you see one of them, ask if there is anything you can do.

*Al Schof*

## 1996 LRA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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### Area Representatives

Al Schof-New Orleans  
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**ELMWOOD FITNESS CENTER JUNE CLASSIC**  
**ELMWOOD FITNESS CENTER**  
**June 21, 1996 - June 23, 1996**

**Men's Open**

1st David Rahn  
 2nd John Davis  
 3rd Scott Davis  
 Cons Mike Fibich

**Men's A**

1st Ken Hood  
 2nd Tyrone Martin  
 3rd George Herning  
 Cons Jai Bui

**Men's B**

1st Mark Higdon  
 2nd Randy Lea  
 3rd Myron Gibson  
 Cons Bill Boada

**Men's C**

1st Elliott Mistich  
 2nd Philip Spezio  
 3rd Rayne Thomas  
 Cons Mike Menard

**Men's D**

1st Joe Phillips  
 2nd Rusty Roussell  
 3rd Steven Menard  
 Cons Tony LaFrance

**Men's 35+A**

1st John Parker  
 2nd Ken Hood  
 3rd R.J. Tamplain  
 Cons. Clarence Simmons

**Men's 35+B**

1st Bill Boada  
 2nd Richard Powell  
 3rd Mike Menard  
 Cons. Phillip Spezio

**Women's C**

1st Clara Simien  
 2nd Tricia Antoine

**Women's D**

1st Chris Dedeabant

**Boys' 10 & Under**

1st Sean Dedeabant

**Boys' 12 & Under**

1st Blake LaGarde  
 2nd Craig Saucier  
 3rd Alan Cripps

**Boys' 14 & Under**

1st Rusty Powell  
 2nd Steven Menard  
 3rd Craig Saucier

**Men's Open Doubles**

1st John Davis/David Rahn  
 2nd Mike Fibich/George Herning  
 3rd Al Schof/Chris Baker

**Men's A/B Doubles**

1st J.D. Dedeabant/Randy Lea  
 2nd Terrence Pierce/Jeffrey Griffin  
 3rd John Jackson/Daniel Boudreaux

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS****MALE**

John Davis

**FEMALE**

Chris Dedeabant

**LOUISIANA JUNIOR TEAM NEWS**

The Louisiana Junior Racquetball Team is progressing nicely. We presently have eight members and are constantly recruiting more talent. If you know a player eighteen years old or younger who has an interest in playing competitive racquetball, please contact Gene Ferris at (504) 845-2639.

minutes to step in the court and show him/her a few things. You never know, you may be teaching the next Andy Roberts or Michelle Gould. You may even make a new friend.

The Louisiana Junior Racquetball Team would like to thank Sports Unlimited for their support.

**LRA MEMBERS-PLEASE KEEP IN MIND!**

It is our responsibility as adult players to support and assist the young players with the development of their game. If you see a young player hitting around on a court at your club, take a few

**SPORTS  
UNLIMITED**

# THE TOP TEN

## MEN'S OPEN

1. David Rahn
2. John Davis
3. Scott Davis
4. Mike Fibich
5. Chris Baker
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

## MEN'S C

1. Elliott Mistich
2. Phillip Spezio
3. Rayne Thomas
4. Blane Purpera
5. Mike Menard
6. Tony La France
7. Tim Plunkett
8. Pattie Schof
9. Ricky Willis
10. John Jackson

## WOMEN'S OPEN

1. Kim Allen
2. Marcia Richards
3. Debbie Spica
4. Jo Shattuck
5. Delilah Huelsing
6. Pattie Schof
7. Sarah Scallan

## WOMEN'S D

1. Chris Dedeabant

## MEN'S A

1. Ken Hood
2. Tyrone Martin
3. George Herning
4. Clarence Simmons
5. Jai Bui
6. Cyril Hentze
7. John Parker
8. Terrence Pierce
9. Al Schof
10. Myron Gibson

## MEN'S D

1. Joe Phillips
2. Rusty Powell
3. Steven Menard
4. Tricia Antoine
5. Tony La France
6. Tim Geisler
7. Joe Sherrill
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

## MEN'S B

1. Mark Higdon
2. Randy Lea
3. Myron Gibson
4. George Anthon
5. Joe Austin
6. Bill Boada
7. J.D. Dedeabant
8. Elliott Mistich
9. Rusty Roussel
10. Michael Fusilier

## WOMEN'S C

1. Clara Simien
2. Tricia Antoine
3. Chris Dedeabant

## WOMEN'S A

1. Pattie Schof
2. Sarah Scallan
3. Nikki Lilley
4. Neyda Leslie
5. Laurie Shobert
6. Delilah Huelsing
7. Kary Gillis

The rankings are as of 8/1/96

## LRA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Many thanks to LRA member Richard Powell of Calloway's Court Club. Richard has been working very hard to build a future for the sport of racquetball in the Baton Rouge area. In his visits to all the racquetball clubs in Baton Rouge, Richard has lit a fire under club owners to develop youth and women's

racquetball programs.

The Baton Rouge area will soon be hosting a junior racquetball club challenge.

The LRA needs more contributing members like Richard.

# 1996 CALENDAR

## 3RD ANNUAL ST. JUDE HOSPITAL/BISHOP HUGHES

### RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Spectrum Fitness Club, Baton Rouge, LA

August 23, 1996 - August 25, 1996

### WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albuquerque, NM

August 27, 1996 - August 31, 1996

### HERITAGE SPORTS CENTER KICK-OFF CLASSIC

Heritage Sports Center, Metairie, LA

September 13, 1996 - September 15, 1996

### STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

(Held in Combination with the Louisiana Senior Olympics)

October 11, 1996 October 13, 1996

### EKTELON AARA 29TH U.S. NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Phoenix, AZ

October 16, 1996 - October 20, 1996

### WORLD GYM KILL SHOT CLASSIC IX

World Gym, Gretna, LA

November 1, 1996 - November 3, 1996

### AARA 1ST U.S. OPEN RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Memphis, TN

November 13, 1996 - November 17, 1996

### IRF 8TH WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

TBA

### 1997 STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Location TBA

March 14, 1997 - March 16, 1997 (tentative)

### 1997 REGIONALS QUALIFYING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Location TBA

April 11, 1997 - April 13, 1997

### 1997 NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Houston Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX

May 21, 1997 - May 26, 1997

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

As you can see the calendar of upcoming tournaments and events is quickly becoming crowded. We have a couple of new clubs in Louisiana that have expressed interest in hosting LRA/AARA sanctioned tournaments and have scheduled their tournaments.

If your club is interested in hosting a tournament in 1997, it is necessary that they contact us as soon as possible in order to secure the date wanted for their tournament scheduled.

Talk to your club pro and urge them to plan out 1997 now, so your club can secure a date for your tournament next year.

## GOT A GRIPE? FULL OF PRAISE?

We want to hear from you!

This is your organization and the LRA Board is only trying to do the best for you, but without your input, we cannot.

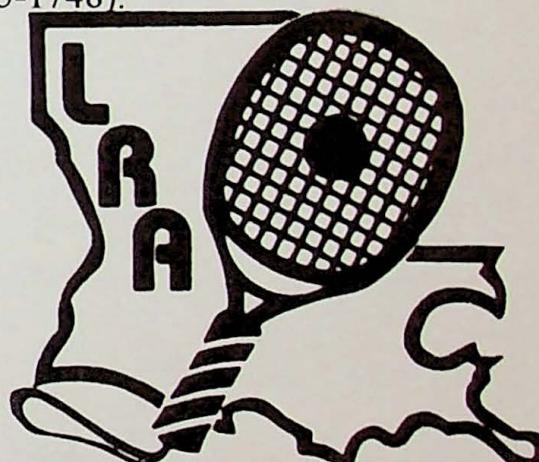
Every letter that is received will be responded to in writing from the LRA Board and both the letter and the response will be published in the next issue of *Down the Line*.

Al Schof

The next issue of *Down The Line* will be published September, 1996

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For a tournament entry form, LSOG membership form, or more information regarding the LSOG call (504) 925-1748).



### ATTENTION CLUB OWNERS/PRO'S:

Please contact Pattie Schof, (504) 468-2813, regarding scheduling 1996 tournaments. Tournaments added to the schedule early will receive added coverage in *Racquetball U.S.A.*, as well as in *Down The Line*.

## **Renew Your AARA Competitive License Today Through the LRA**

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and receive**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**LRA #** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail This Form To:

LRA  
P.O. Box 669  
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**\*By renewing your AARA Membership directly with LRA, the State organization receives the larger portion of the renewal fee**

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