Long Island Open Boasts 993 Entries

The Eighth Annual Long Island Open, sponsored by Lite Beer from Miller, Coral House Restaurant, DP Frozfruit and Penn Athletic Products, continued to prove to be the premier tournament in the country, drawing 993 entries from 21 states to the Sportset Clubs in Syosset, Massapequa, and Rockville Centre, November 15-18, 1984.

Continuing its commitment that every player and spectator go home feeling like a winner, the 23+ tournament staff headed by Al Seitelman, directors Bob Supple, Ernie Freas, Jim Mortimer, and Regina Corrigan, provided a quality tournament with a multiplicity of tournament souvenirs. They ran 1600 matches on time and awarded 230 oak laser-engraved plaques in 42 divisions of play.

The banquet at the Coral House was unequaled with 200 prizes given out including $3,200 in cash awards, $1,000 in savings bonds, Windjammer cruises, DP racquets and bags, Lite displays, Footjoy sneakers and bags, Penn gloves, sweat suits, Thorlo socks, and the awarding of an individual cartoon portrait to 43 winners.

The food and drink consumed by the players included 5,000 Frozfruit bars, 35 kegs or 7,000 glasses of beer, 3,000 hot dogs, gyros, hot dinners, and chicken combined with the banquet and the rest of the festivities made one wonder if this was a tournament or a party?

Players of all skill levels (beginner to National Champ) and ages (10-72) provided fierce action in the many categories. Over 250 women proved that they constitute a meaningful force in tournament racquetball.

For over 17% of the players, this was their first tournament. Six reigning National Champions competed in various divisions.

Men's Open

Historically, the interest in any tournament focuses on the open division. The interest was well deserved at the Long Island Tourney. Players came from all areas including doubles teams from Canada, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Long Island.

Tim Hansen, FL, the #1 seed, battled his way to the finals with a thrilling 9-15, 15-2 quarterfinal win (Continued on page 2)
Long Island Open
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Pete Chardavoyne. This match was a replay of last year's National 19+
Championship match.

Tim continued his winning ways with a 15-8, 15-14 win over #4 seed, Hay­
den, Canada.

Fred Calabrese, #2 seed, reached the finals with straight game wins over
former champion Charlie Horten, Jr., in the quarters and Babu Gautier in
the semis.

The Championship match had over 900+ spectators with Fred Calabrese
shooting his way to a 15-1, 15-2 romp.

Women's Open

Molly O'Brien was working her way to the finals by beating defending
champion Jessica Rubin, 15-7, 15-8 in the quarterfinals and destroying 1982
champion Bonnie Stoll in semifinal competition, 15-7, 15-8.

The championship match proved to be a grueling battle with Janell Marriott
using her years of experience and home court advantage in an attempt to
beat Molly O'Brien's superb passes and court coverage.

In the end, O'Brien emerged victorious with scores of 10-15, 15-8, 11-4.

Men's Open Doubles

This event featured a battle of North versus South in the finals. Babu Gau­
tier and Tim Hansen, FL, beat Hayden Jones and Steve Melosch, Canada, 15-6, 15-12, 11-2. Former champions
Tom Montalbano and Ron DiGiacomo lost in the semis as did Jim Young
and Joe Klein, Art Dremar, playing with his sixth different partner in six
events, first time since the Long Island Open.

Women's Open Doubles

Janell Marriott and Mary Lou Hol­
royd, FL, a team put together just be­
fore entry deadline approached, took
this championship with 15-11, 15-5
wins over defending champions Por­
city Burden.

Men's 25+

Home court advantage again made
the difference with John Petersen win­
ning this event and John Ochevat tak­
ing second.

Men's 35+

Mike Clifford continues to dominate
the senior division in the Northeast. He
went through the draw without losing a
game.

Men's 45+

Despite pulling a muscle in the
round of 16, Charlie Garfinkel finally
managed to break his Long Island
Open jinx and win a championship by
defeating Don Costleigh.

Men's 55+

Eli Rodman continues to dominate
this division. He won his fifth straight
Golden Masters Title by defeating 15
other players eager to dethrone him.
Eli remains the only player in any divi­
sion of the Open to never lose a match.

Men's Juniors

Nolan Staitly took the Boy's 14
crown while Pierre Dubrin took first in the
Boy's 16. Eric Crawford brought home the award for Boy's 12.

One can't forget to thank the many people who helped to make this year's
Long Island Open the success it was. Thanks go to Life Beer, Boening Broth­
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Propose Four Rule Changes

by Michael Arnoft, AARA National Rules Commissioner

The AARA National Rules Committee has proposed four rule changes. Before the Board of Directors takes a vote, however, the board considers it important to receive feedback from the general membership.

The proposed rule, the current rule, and a brief explanation for the possible change is listed below this article. Please circle your choice and return it, along with your mailing label from the first page of RACQUETBALL IN REVIEW, or your name and address to: AARA, 815 N. Weber #203, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. All ballots must be received by April 1, 1985. The rules will be voted upon by the board during the U.S. National Singles Championships in Houston, during the Memorial Day weekend. Any rule changes will go into effect, September 1, 1985.

**Proposed:**

- 1. Reduce the rest period between the first and second game to two (2) minutes. The time between the second and third games remains at five (5) minutes.

  **Current rule:** Rule 13.D. Between Games: A five-minute rest period is allowed between all games of a match. Reasoning: The regulation game has been shortened from 21 to 15 points. Additionally, tournament directors have allowed only two minutes between games.

  **Proposed:**

  - 2. Allow the winner of the toss the option of serving first in game one or game two. In case a coin toss is necessary for determining the service order in the tiebreaker, the winner should have the option.

    **Current rule:** Rule 2.A. Serve Order: The player or side winning the toss becomes the first server and starts the first game. The loser of the toss may choose to serve in the tiebreaker. Reasoning: The regulation game has been shortened from 21 to 15 points.

  **Proposed:**

  - 3. Adopt the board recommendation that makes the imaginary plane of the receiving (five-foot) line a dotted line that extends the width of the court.

    **Proposed:**

  - 4. Eliminate the tachyphylactic effect on the serve.

    **Proposed:**

  - 5. In case of an out-of-court serve in doubles, the line judge to serve shall choose the court and the serving team shall have the option of choosing the court.

    **Proposed:**

  - 6. Receive Line. (Parafrased from the official rule book) The only time which denotes the return of the serve is the server's second serve. Any rule changes will go into effect, September 1, 1985.

  **Proposed:**

  - 7. Wilson

**Approved Balls**

Balls approved for A.A.R.A.

Sanctioned Events (Listed Alphabetically)

1. Ektelon
2. Penn
3. Ram
4. Regent
5. Sporcraft
6. Voit
7. Wilson

**Rule:**

**Rule 13.D. Between Games**

**Rule 2.A. Serve Order**

**Receiving Line**

**Rule 7.H. Out-Of-Order Serve**

**Opinion:**

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Military Racquetball

by Stephen D. Ducoff

It's official! Eye protection is required by all racquetball players on the Air Force Racquetball/Handball/Squash courts worldwide.

Through a joint effort of the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center and the Air Force Inspection and Safety Center, the requirement became effective the first of December, 1984.

Some players will certainly object to the idea, citing some sources question the protection provided by most eye-guards. However, in order to justify this protection, just ask anyone who has been hit in or near the eye.

This enforcement may be difficult, just as enforcement of the mandatory use of seatbelts at most installations is difficult. Nevertheless it is felt that this policy will reduce injuries and may in fact save the vision of someone who otherwise might never wear eye protection. So, I hope everyone will support the rule and its enforcement so that we may protect one of our most valuable assets - our vision.

Additionally, the Interservice Sports Committee voted to pass an item which requires eye protection to be worn at the 1985 Armed Forces Championships scheduled to May 12-18, 1985 at Chanute AFB, Illinois.

Speaking of Championships and tournaments, be sure to mark your calendar for the 1985 Military Racquetball Tournament scheduled for February 4-8, 1985. For further information, write or call Stu Betterton at the Showboat, 2800 Freemont St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104; 800-634-3464.

That's it for now. Let me hear from you. Address your questions or comments to Stephen D. Ducoff, ADMPC/MPCSOS Randolph Air Force Base, TX 78150-6001.

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**PRESIDENT’S COLUMN**

**by Paul Henrickson**

Now that I have personally reached the mature age of 40 years, I have finally realized what many of our older players have been telling me for the past several years.

It seems that the "magic" cut-off for age divisions is 35+, both in the men's and women's classes.

For those tournament directors who are under the impression that racquetball life ends after 39, I can personally attest that it does not.

We are doing a great disservice to our senior and masters players by not offering them a division to play in. Anyone who has directed a tournament is aware that you can combine or cancel divisions that do not draw a sufficient number of participants, so why do so many tournament directors overlook these divisions?

I contacted tournament directors who had upcoming events and asked them that very question. Their answer, to my surprise, was "I didn't think there were enough people that age interested in playing tournament racquetball."

The solution to this problem seems to revolve around three areas. First, players who are eligible to play in the seniors and masters divisions should make themselves heard. Complain to tournament directors, club managers, and state directors.

Secondly, as an association, we should stress to tournament directors that they should offer all of the official divisions as stated in the rule book, noting that they can cancel or combine divisions as is necessary.

Third, as members of the association, we should talk to people responsible for tournament applications because if you don't qualify for the seniors or masters now, you will sooner than you think. Just ask yourself, "Would you like three or four months to pass between tournaments if you were eligible to play in your division?"

Let us no longer treat our elder players in racquetball as second class citizens. Give them an equal chance to showcase their skills.
Dates To Remember

U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships
The Racquet Club, Memphis, TN, Apr 12-14, 1985
U.S. National Singles Championship
presented by Lite Beer from Miller
 qualifying required in Regionals
Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX, May 23-27, 1985
U.S. National Junior Championships
 qualifying required in Regionals
Newport Beach Sporting House, Newport Beach, CA, June 22-25
U.S. National Doubles Championships
Rocky Mountain Health Club, Cheyenne, WY, Oct 24-27
Racquetball In Review

February 20-23
Tournament
Omaha Recreation Center
56 S. 30th Street
Omaha, NE 68132
Toni Devor

February 21-24
Men's Master
Pro-Am Racquet Club of Meadville
French and Poplar Streets
Meadville, PA 16335
Nancy Manning
914-244-3324

February 22-24
Tournament
Recreation Center Mission Vejo
1539 E. Hampden Circle
Aurora, CO 80013
James Higa
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Pat Goldstein Memorial Tournament
Empire #1
Cheyenne, WY
Darrell Damsel
307-722-7816

February 27 – March 2
Tournament
Fountain of Youth
4350 South 300 Street West
Salt Lake City, UT 84107
Mike Yarndrift

February 28 – March 3
MSU Open
Memphis State University
PE Complex
Memphis, TN 38111
Annual Bud Light Ultimate
Rio Grande Sporting Club
2020 8th Street
Albuquerque, NM 87110
Tournament
Supreme Court East
6100 E. Oriental
Wichita, KS
New Jersey Singles Championships (4)
Cortina Meadowlands Racquetball Club
205 Club Ave.
Lynbrook, NY 11751
Supreme Court West
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Wichita, KS
Kansas State Singles STBA

Branmar Racquetball Club
411 South Harbour Drive
Noblesville, IN 46060
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Illinois State Singles
Urbana, IL 61801
Champaign, IL
Tournament
State Doubles Championships (4)
Tournament
Super Seven
Burton, IN
Montgomery Athletic Club
Montgomery, AL 36117

January 16-17
Illinois State Intercollegiate Championships (6)
Champaign, IL
2009 Broadway Drive
Urbana, IL 61801
Donald Weldon

Goedesten Club
Anacostia, DC

February 22-27
11th Annual Tomah-Hall Classic
Wichita Falls, TX 76301
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Court South
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Hammer Racquetball Club
1812 March Road
Wilmington, DE 19810
STBA

March 1-3
Pro-Am
Supreme Courts
2001 Pennington Court
Richmond, VA 23229
Mike Gorman
507-281-1553

March 2-4
Junior Singles and Doubles (3)
Honey Creek
317 W. 20th Drive
Tenn Haute, IN 47802
Burley Racquetball Club
Burley, ID
New Hampshire State Junior (4)
STBA

March 2-4
Jim Eaton
603-255-4069

March 2-4
New Jersey Singles Championships (4)
Cortina Meadowlands Racquetball Club
205 Club Ave.
Lynbrook, NY 11751
Supreme Court West
6100 E. Oriental
Wichita, KS
Kansas State Singles STBA

March 3-4
Vandegrift Junior Singles and Doubles (3)
2901 Pennington Court
Austin, TX 78749
Janice Higa

March 5-10
Kansas City State Championships (4)
11th Annual Tomah-Hall Classic
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This is the second straight year that Hendin has won the $1,500 Grand Prize. First Prize went to Paul Henrickson, Region 1, who collects $800. Honorable Mention winners of $500 are Al Seitelman, Region 2, Mike Arnot, Region 10, and John Foust, Region 12.

Winners of $200 each were Van Dusbosky, Region 4, Jim Hiser, Region 9, Bernie Howard, Region 3, Bob Huskey, Region 5, Alvin Barracuda, Region 8, and Clint Kobe, Region 13.

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