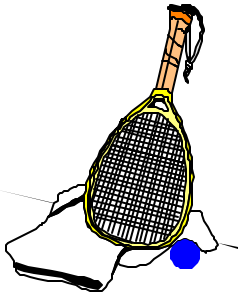


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CT Open Takes Place During a Blizzard

Well the weather outside was frightful....but inside the club was so delightful.....Let it snow let it snow let it snow.

Yes, the 2003 CT Open (next year I'm calling it the Blizzard Open) once again created havoc. But true to form 60 of the 70 players that signed up for the event showed up to play racquetball. Neither rain nor, snow nor , nor dark of night will keep us lunatics from a racquetball tournament.

First let me thanks all the players for showing up and going with the flow. We did have to juggle a few things and everyone was very patient. It helped make my job a lot easier.

First major kudo's go to Barry Jackson for winning the Men's 35+ intermediate division. It was a war but Barry came out the victor.

Second set of Kudo's goes to Elise Wilson who was tuning up for Junior Worlds. She took on a field of 12 other guys in Men's A and fought her way to the finals knocking off Jeff Bell in a tie-breaker Saturday night 11-8. She defeated Lance Hunt Sunday morning in a tie-breaker (Lance knew he was in trouble when his wife Faith and his son LJ came to root for Elise in the match. Lance was up 7-2 in the tie-breaker when Elise changed tactics . That final adjustment was the key. Elise too the tie-breaker 11-7. (Applause should go to all the players in Men's A for their sportsmanship. Nice job guys!)

Welcome and job well done by Greg Fennessey. In his first tournament in CT he battle a field of 14 players to defeat Francisco Menizabal in a tie-breaker . "Mendi" also took first in the Men's 50+ defeating Ken Eng another new comer to tournament play. (Did you see Mendi's twin brother I thought I was seeing double on Sunday)

Rob Dameron also deserves kudo's for winning the Men's All Age group. He defeated Jeff Bell in the finals 15-8, 15-7.

Travel awards go to Ginger Rasid & Paul Stierer for making the trip from Springfield, MA, Rick & Richard Sledzik for coming down from Brocton, MA and Dave Barnes and Gail Valuk for making the trip from Rhode Island. And the ultimate travel award goes to the "Green Mountain boys", Richard Smith & his son Josh for coming down from St. Johnsbury.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CRA

2003 CONNECECTICUT OPEN

Division	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Men's Open	Dave Barnes	Richard Sledzik	Alan Holmberg	Rus Palazzo
Men's A	Paul Smith	Elise Wilson	Lance Hunt	Willie Edwards
Men's B	Greg Fennessey	Mendi	Kizzy	Jeff Bagaglio
Men's C	Alan Rosenthal	Chris Ruthman	Clint Limbrunner	Ricahrd Smith
Men's 35+ Int.	Bartry Jackson	Jerry Holmberg	Mike Miele	
Men's All Age	Rob Daneron	Jeff Bell	Willie Edwards	Vince Santilli
Men's 50+	Mendi	Ken Eng	Granville Reed	Jeff Bagaglio
Men's 65+/70+	Gerry Holmberg	Dave Maitland		
Boy's 6<mb	Thomas Santilli	David Norge	Will Ksywanos	
Boys 8<mb	Thomas Santilli	Anthony DiMatteo	David Norge	
Boy's 12<	Josh Smith	Josh Petshaft	Anthony Dimatteo	
Boy's 14<	Chris Edwards	Tim Albert	Josh Smith	
Women's Open	Ines Queiros	Elise Wilson	Ginger Rasid	Tina Hernandez
Men's Open Dbls	Holmberg/Palazzo	Barnes/McNany	Flores/Marando	Sledsik/Sledzik
Men's B/C Dbls	Miele/ Jarvis	Mart/Howe	Maitland/Cyr	Edwards/Albert
Mixed Doubles	Sabadosa/Wilson	Stierer/Rasid	Cyr/Hernandez	Marti/Gathoni



Junior Racquetball Programs

New Programs will be starting the end of January

For more Info call:

***Norwalk YMCA—(203) 866-4425 ask for Jeb
Healthtrax @ Bristol—(860) 583-1843 ask for Eric Boyea***



AL TAMUCCI OPEN

Greetings Racquetball Fans!

Hope you'll be able to join us for this special event. For those of you who go back to the mid '80's you might remember the name of Al Tamucci. Were he still with us he would be playing in the Men's 55+.

We lost Al last year after a long battle with cancer. What better way to kick off the New Year than with a Tournament in memory of a friend.

There's prize money in Men's & Women's Open singles and in Men's/Women's and Mixed Open Doubles.

Let me know if you need help with scheduling or finding a partner.

Look forward to seeing all of you in January.

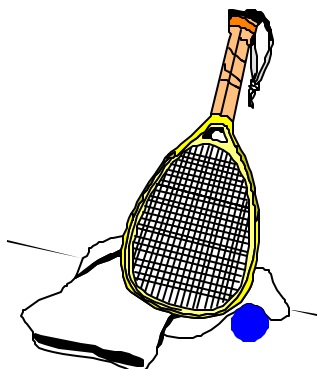
Have a safe healthy and Happy holiday season.

Juliet Campbell
CRA President

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Event	Dates	Location	More Info
Call			
Al Tamucci Open 1st Annual	Jan. 9-11, 2004	Stratford Athletic Club Stratford, CT	Juliet Campbell (860)678-7806 ext 204
EKTELON DEMO	Dec. 6th	(same as above)	(same as above)
15th Annual Jim Backes	Jan 16-18th	Healthworks Wallingford, CT	Steve Pyka (203) 265-2861
CT State Singles 204	March 5-7	Downtown Health & Racquet New Haven	Juliet Campbell (860)678-7806 ext
Northeast Jr.	March 20-21	T.B.A.	Juliet Campbell (860) 678-7806 ext

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Sundays 9:00am – 12:00pm
Healthrax @ Bristol Cost – \$8.00

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- ◆ EQUIPMENT DEMOS
- ◆ JUNIOR'S CLINICS

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