



Juniors enjoying Noah's Bogale at their Saturday morning clinic, July 15.



Winning women! A Open Division on July 16 (L to R) Diana Tompkins & Sally Ann Law, Lucy Taylor, Doris Pinner, Pamie Moller and Diana Romero.

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## California State Championships at South End Club in Torrance

The Men/Women's California State Doubles Championships which will be played August 12-13 (we had the wrong date in last month's news) at the South End Club in Torrance, will be played without the restraining rule (Scale 5, "bucketing"). This is pretty exciting for the players (especially when they have to referee) and it's a good warm up for the Labor Day Event in Florida which is also played with no "bucket".

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## ARROWHEAD

### 1995 NATIONALS

The boats and the water and the sun and the palm trees and paddle tennis! That will be the scene for the 1995 Men/Women and Mixed Doubles Championships September 30-October 1 and October 7-8.

Volunteers are needed for this event which will be held at the California Yacht Club in beautiful Marina del Rey. If you would like to participate in any way, call

Erin Hemenway  
at [310] 826-324.



### THE RULES COMMITTEE

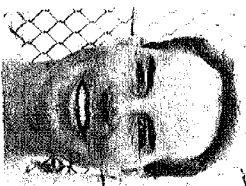
The Rules committee met for the second time July 20. The committee, which consists of Tom Brandt, Doris



Castaneda, Jason Hanakeawe, Erin Hemenway, Sally Ann Law, Elsa & Juan Pirolo, Patricia Ryan and Judy Villanueva, has been receiving lots of good suggestions from interested players. For instance, Doris Castaneda reported that since the "bucket rule" is misunderstood by new players (and often ignored by other players and almost never enforced by referees.)



**Male Player Profile of the month:**  
**Daryl Lemon**



Daryl who is currently #1 in the USPTA/WPTA point standings, comes from a paddle tennis/family, both of his parents are good players and are "regulars" at Venice during the week. Daryl's a California boy raised in west LA and attended Venice HS. He graduated from Cal State LA with a degree in Business Finance and currently works for a stock-broking firm in Century City.

We asked Daryl what it was that kept him playing paddle tennis: "It's a better workout than tennis because of the high intensity of the play," he said. "There's less room for error and in tournaments, every point is like match point!" You can find Daryl at the Venice courts anytime he has any time (read: almost every day!). Daryl would like to see more single tournaments--he thinks they are a great test of focus and concentration.

We know he truly loves paddle tennis and he tries to get as many people as he can to play!

**→INTERNET←**

You can access paddle tennis information on the World Web page by going to the Paddle Tennis Home Page. <http://www.gse.ucla.edu/ender/pt.html>

**GOLD STARS OF THE MONTH!**

In this continuing feature, we will list the names of the individuals who have volunteered their time, sweat and/or tears for the Association--these are truly our Super Stars!

- ☆ James Adkins
  - ☆ Carrie Cirino
  - ☆ Doris Castaneda
  - ☆ Jason Hanakaawe
  - ☆ Sally Ann Law
  - ☆ Todd Murphy
  - ☆ Elsa Pirola
  - ☆ Juan Pirola
  - ☆ Patricia Ryan
  - ☆ Tricia Sikes
  - ☆ Margaret Smith
  - ☆ Deanne Toomajan
  - ☆ Courtney White
- All of you--consider yourself given a gold star by your name!

**25% OFF DINNER IN THE MARINA FOR MEMBERS**

The Crystal Fountain restaurant at the Marina International Hotels and Banglows, 4200 Admiralty Way, (310) 301-2000 is offering a 25% discount on dinner anytime when you show your USPTA/WPTA membership card. This is a great restaurant with *already* reasonable prices.

This offer is good now through the National Tournament (it ends October 8.) Give it a try and tell them Erin sent you!

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR--FLORIDA REGION**

Dear Mike, I just talked with Howard Sigmans in New York and our Japanese delegation will be in St. Augustine ready to play paddle tennis on November 3, 1995. There could be up to 50 players coming to participate. Howard and I will stay in town as time gets closer to determine exactly how many will actually be playing.

Newsletter looks great! You really have done a great job, and the merger (with WPTA-ed.) looks like a real winner. We are almost finished replacing the Ron Parker courts with six brand new courts in the same spot. Should be finished before the beach national. (Labor Day) Again, you and Erin are doing a fine job. Keep up the great work.

Sincerely,  
Dale Williams  
St. Augustine, FL

**Statistics Assistant Needed**

Phil Ender would like some help gathering information for tournament results and rankings (you don't have to do the computer!). Please call Phil ASAP at (310) 839-0770.

**REFLECTIONS**

by Erin Hemmway, Board of Director, USPTA; Director and Co-Founder, WPTA of Southern California



I hear a lot of feelings expressed about paddle tennis--"it should be bigger", "we should have a national sponsor",

"we should do more (fill in the blank)", "we should do less (fill in the blank)". It's always easy to point out what's wrong--it's a lot harder to suggest alternatives.

**Success**

It seems to me that the most effective organizations are based on educating and assisting people to become better at what ever they are doing.

► I think that our maximum efforts should be through outreach: Teaching and introducing new people to this wonderful game that can be played at any level at

almost any age.

**Is it enough?**

We offer group lessons and clinics in Southern California but is it sufficient? Is teaching available at every facility? Are we promoting proper use of the rules and sportsmanship? Why aren't more kids playing?



With some of the Venice Boys & Girls, July 15.

**Changes**

We are in the process of a lot of changes and we think improvements. For instance:

- We have formed a rules committee to examine the rules, define the ambiguous language and then update and reissue them. We will make a copy available to each tournament director and all players (at a nominal fee).
- This committee is

designing an operational format for processing complaints, protests etc.

- We are also working to improve the refereeing process by offering free instruction during the Saturday morning clinics.
- The Southern California Board of Directors has begun regular meetings to discuss such things as membership, certifying instructors, administration, dissemination of information, promotion, junior programs--the list is infinite!

If you have any ideas or proposals, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone at [310] 826-3240 or fax [310] 826-1615.

This is a very exciting time--we are getting better and better and we are growing!

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a lot of people don't want to play tournaments anymore (where the "bucket" rule applies).

The committee also discussed "refereeing" in general. We're very concerned about the level of officiating just as we are the level of play. As long as we have the predicament of a tournament system where players referee matches, we will have cumbersome dilemmas such as "do I want to call a foot fault—that person is my friend?"

Until a more professional program can be implemented, we are offering orientations to anyone in order to help you become more familiar with refereeing.

If you are interested in this free service which will be offered Saturday mornings at the Venice Beach courts, call 310-826-3240.

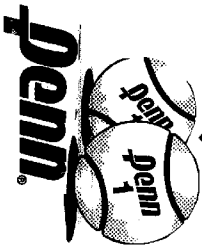


**PADDLE TENNIS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank all of you for filling out and sending in the PT questionnaires! We're in the process of programming the information on computer--stay tuned for results.

**PT PROMOTIONAL TOOL**

Pamphlets are now available that give a little background info on Paddle Tennis. All area courts and their phone numbers are also listed. There is a tear-off membership form or the pamphlet can be turned "inside out" and mailed back with membership fee inside. Call Erin Hemenway, [310] 826-3240 to order some of these free pamphlets.



**JUNIOR CLINIC HELD AT VENICE SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Thirteen youngsters participated in drills, lessons on court etiquette and just plain fun on July 15-16, at the Venice courts during the Men/Women's Doubles Championship! They all received an official tournament

T-shirt courtesy of the USPTA/WPTA and a goodie bag with Kashi cereal, a PowerBar and SunKist suckers among other things and Noah's Bagels. Brentwood donated a variety of bagels! They then played in competitive sets on Sunday, July 23. The kids had a great time and are becoming much better players--we hope to see a few of them in tournaments in a couple of years!

**Female Player Profile of the Month:**

**Deanne Toomajian**

Deanne started playing paddle tennis 2 years ago and is 1/2 of the National Women's Doubles Champion Team-A Division (with Sally Ann Law). Deanne, who was raised in Palos Verdes, played a lot of tennis and has one of the best overheads in the women's game. She also teaches both adult and junior clinics and is on the 1995 Venice Tournament committee. She has also been an elementary school teacher for about 5 years and is currently "subbing" in the LA school district. (She's still trying to decide what she wants to be when she grows up!)



Deanne, current #1 point holder.

"I love teaching paddle tennis" Deanne said. "Especially the beginners--they're so excited and full of enthusiasm! It inspires me to teach them." Deanne is playing the Open Division with Sally Ann this year and they won the LA City Doubles July 16. They're a dynamic team and a lot of fun--you can find them on the Venice courts on almost any weekend.

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If you didn't get a membership card and there is a date on your mailing label (under the address), please let us know. Your membership renewal date will be shown on your mailing label under your address on every newsletter.

We also want to hear from you! Please send letters to the editor for our LETTERS column to USPTA/WPTA, 1505 Warrington, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Send pictures, tournament results and "interesting" stories from your regions. Call Erin Hemenway at 310-823-3240 or fax (310) 826-1615 with anything you would like to see published.



Deane Presser & Frank Galindo have an ultimate moment with the Easter Bunny.

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