

Supreme Racquetball Players,

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Wambo racquetball tournament was a great success this past weekend. Nearly 100 players in ten different divisions competed on the courts of Supreme. Thanks to everyone who played. Here is a recap of the tournament.

For the third year in a row **Kyle Veenstra** claimed the **Men's Open** division. Kyle has become one of the top players in the world over the past couple of seasons. This year his title at Wambo was no gimme. He was taken to a tie breaker in the Semi's by close friend **Bob Nelson**. Anyone who was lucky enough to see his finals match win over Iowa's **Brad McCunniff** saw one of the best Wambo finals ever. McCunniff is an age group national champion and gave Kyle everything he had falling short 11 – 8 in the breaker. The match was filled with spectacular gets, shoulder high splat roll outs and fist pumping rallies. These guys are special athletes and put on a real show both with their games and the sportsmanship they show on the court. Supreme's **Juan Niaves** also provided one of the best come backs of the tournament to win the consolation over **Brian Forrest**. This match featured Juan coming back down a game and 14 – 3 in the second to win 11 – 10 in the breaker. It also featured Brian diving so many times to retrieve balls he almost needed a blood transfusion by the end of the match. You've got to love the toughness of racquetball players.

The men's 35+ Open division was taken this year by Supreme's **Shannon Riley**. Shannon's victory was made all the more impressive by the fact that it came over **McCunniff** (national champ in the division). Brad was stunned by the level of play from Supreme's reigning club champ. Shannon has proved himself to be a tough draw for anyone in Wambo over the years and can count **Veenstra, McCunniff, Alex Weis** and many others as victims of his court speed and racquet skills.

I (**Howie Grigg**) was once again lucky enough to steal the Men's open doubles draw in a tough field of teams teaming up with **Brad McCunniff**, proving for the third year in a row that if I don't have to hit any backhands at all I can play with the big boys.

The Men's A division was won by UW student **James Jenders** in a tie breaker over Supreme's **Tom Goff**. The draw was loaded with talented players and featured great matches throughout. Two Supreme players, **Mike Brown** and **Jeff Daniels** fought it out for the consolation title with Brown winning also in a tight tie breaker.

The A doubles division featured Rockford residents **Joe Swanburg** and **Gary Walters** topping Supreme's **Kendall Camnitz** and **Mike Brown** in another 11 – 10 breaker. It was nice to see our players great hospitality making sure the Bear fans didn't go home empty handed. We always appreciate them playing. The city of Rockford also claimed the consolation doubles draw with **Bill Coon** and **Josh Hanford** winning there.

The Men's B division featured a couple of young bucks with UW's **Chad Bishop** edging out Supreme staffer **Dominic Lombardo**. Watch for both of these players moving up the ladder in the coming years.

The 35+ B division was dominated by out of towners as **Joe Swanburg** bested **Bill Coon** in the final. Stevens Point resident **Tom Zajackowski** took the consolation.

The Men's C division proved there is something in the genetics of a racquetball player as **Adam Veenstra** (brother of open champ Kyle) bested Supreme's **David Forrest** (brother of open player Brian). Adam is a boxer by trade who picked up our sport only months ago. By the looks of his shots he is a natural.

In the women's A event Milwaukee resident **Deb Evers** defeated Supreme's **Roz Gusinow** to claim her first ever A title. Supreme's **Kendra Tutsch** took the consolation.

In her first ever racquetball tournament Supreme's **Dawn Ransome** won the women's C draw over Supreme's **Trudi Fritsche**. Supreme staffer **Becky Fiedler** also a tournament rookie won the consolation. It was great to see the participation among the women in our sport this year. Don't be surprised to see these women in the upper division by next season.

Start practicing for next year. We look forward to seeing you all on the court for **Wambo 29!**

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