



President's Message August, 2022

Welcome Everyone!

We gather in Albuquerque once again for a 'World Championship.' Perhaps many of us take for granted just what *World* means. My recent trip to Alabama internalized it:

Elite competition, friendships gained and rekindled, historical moments, multiple countries and individuals, national and international pride, the sharing of backgrounds. All of this in the name of Sport! Birmingham welcomed 106 countries, 3600 athletes, and 34 sporting disciplines. Racquetball had 14 countries represented and 32 athletes. It was one of the few sports which shared a *virtual presence*.

Thirty-seven years in Albuquerque: Fifty US states and 40 countries represented; 7 hotels, 8 clubs, ages ranging from 30 to 100. All of us are part of this legacy! Take the opportunity to build new relationships and honor the ones you have! A good friend of mine says a huge part of this event is the sharing of backgrounds, experiences, and joy. Let us heed his words. Off the courts do your part to meet and greet at the places of gathering; the host hotel (bar, restaurant, & hospitality room) and at the Daily Grind. Explore iconic eateries and other places of interest—*Museums/Nob Hill/Santa Fe Opera*. Midtown will accommodate most of the matches; while Riverpoint & Highpoint will assist.

A new twist this year: Welcome to the Marriott Pyramid North. Many thanks to the Ramada/Elegante administration for a great eleven years. Things change; yet, they stay the same as well. Remember to thank all those who take part in one way, shape, or form--- athletes, contributors, desk staff, drivers, hotel & venue staff, spectators, sponsors, and volunteers.

Quote of the month

'The best racquetball production I have ever seen'
Mike Martinez re: World Games broadcast by ISB/Great Britain

Thank you for your participation and support,
Gary

UPCOMING

November 3-6 NPA National Singles & Doubles (Paddleball) Midtown, Albq.

