***IPRO Director’s Message December, 2024***

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**A great way to finish this year’s IRF competitive schedule is with the upcoming XXXV IRF World Junior Racquetball Championships. This grand event will be held again in Guatemala City at the Domo Complejo de Raquetball, December 6-14. Broadcasting on a daily basis will be through the following: *IRF YouTube and Facebook plus the Pan Am Sports Channel. Note: 14 countries, 200+ athletes, & 3 categories of play (World Cup, Esprit Cup, Challenger Cup).***

**A few highlights from year 2024:**

 ***…The IRF World Championships (started in 1981) were held in the USA for the first time since***

 ***1996. The venue was the Thousand Oaks Family YMCA in San Antonio, Texas. Players from***

 ***eighteen countries over five continents participated. Top three teams: Bolivia, Mexico, USA.***

 ***…The World Senior Racquetball Council and National Masters Racquetball Association joined***

 ***forces to operate the 39th edition of the IRF World Senior Championships in Lombard, Illinois.***

 ***There were 180 registered players representing 12 countries this past July.***

 ***…The National Masters may be back at Lombard’s Glass Court next July for their annual event.***

 ***…The 40th Frank Hotels IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships will return to New Mexico***

 ***(August 26-30, 2025). Venues will be the Abe Montoya Recreation Center and New Mexico***

 ***Highlands University Wilson Complex in Las Vegas and the El Gancho Swim, Fitness,***

 ***and Racquet Club in Santa Fe. Explore R2sports.com for information and registration.***

**ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!**

 ***Gary***

***UPCOMING***

**December 18-19 Instructor Certification Course; Riverpoint, Albuquerque, NM Dan Cannady**

**January 18-19 Instructor Certification Course; Municipal Center, Tarija, Bolivia, Manuel Flores**

**April 11 Referee Certification Levels 2-3; site TBD (Mexico or Bolivia), Gary Mazaroff**

***Quote of the Month***

***‘We cannot control the calendar; we can control our heart & mind YF***