***IPRO Director’s Message November, 2022***

***Kudos to Aaron***

**In every discipline there are the exceptions! Oftentimes one is counted out simply due to societal norms. Let us honor a gentleman who recently persevered in the sporting arena. Aaron Embry has promoted the sports of paddleball and racquetball for the past forty years. He has thrived as a player, a promoter, a teacher, and a coach. He is also one of our dedicated IPRO clinicians.**

**At the recent NPA (National Paddleball Association) National Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he won titles in both men’s singles and men’s doubles. His singles final match was a work of art---a mix of nick lobs, drives to both corners, wide-angle passes, and fly kills. Execution was the theme as he held his opponent to zero points. In doubles he and partner Darin Randles moved through the pack unscathed.**

**While age is important when all else is equal; the playing field with Aaron at age 60, is not equal. His passion and skills (for ‘paddles’) are on par with the exploits he demonstrated on the pro racquetball tour decades ago. He has created an environment for growth in San Diego and across the country. It is not a coincidence that this icon of a court athlete trains and plays at one of the most iconic of all venues for paddleball; PPA in San Diego.**

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH…**

***‘Count your blessings, not your problems.***

***Blessings are greater than problems.’ Anon***

**UPCOMING…**

***December 2 IPRO-IRF Officiating Course; Guatemala City, Guatemala Gustavo Farell***

***2023***

***April 1-8 Pan American Racquetball Championships; Temuco, Chile***

***August 29-Sept 2 38th World Senior Racquetball Championships; Albuquerque, New Mexico***

***October-Nov Pan Am Games; Santiago, Chile***

***TBA IRF Junior World Championships; venue and location yet to be announced***