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

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**The IRF World Championships in San Antonio (August) was a huge success. It was the first time it was held in the USA since 1996 (Phoenix). Congratulations to Dean Schear, Osvaldo, Maggi, and Mauro Grandio of the IRF for their efforts. The IRF organized in 1981 and held its first World Championship in conjunction with the World Games in Santa Clara, California. We honor the vision of Keith Calkins and Luke St. Onge; both spearheading a movement to grow the sport internationally across five continents as well as place it onto the international sporting stage—World Championships, Zone Games, Asian Championships, Pan Am Games, Juegos Bolivarianos, and others!**

**Broadcasting of IRF events comes via the IRF networks—YouTube and Facebook. It also can be viewed often on the Pan Am Racquetball Channel and the Olympic Channel. All matches are archived! Be sure to tune in for the Juniors in December from beautiful Guatemala City. Our plan is to bring to the world stage more than 50 matches; boys and girls singles & doubles plus mixed doubles.**

***Upcoming***

**December 8-14 IRF Junior World Championships; Centro Deportiva, Guatemala City, GUA.**

 **Curso de artbitros, nivel 2-3 Gustavo Farell December 7th**

**January tba Curso de entrenadores; Complejo Central, Tarija, BOL Manuel Flores**

**April 12-19 Pan American Racquetball Championships; Complejo Central,**

 **Tarija, BOL. Curso de arbitros nivel 2-3 Gary Mazaroff**

**August 13-17 World Games; Sports Park, Chengdu, China**

 **Course—Intro to the sport of racquetball Gary Mazaroff**

**August 26-30 40th IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships; Montoya Rec Center,**

 **Wilson Complex NMHU Las Vegas, NM; El Gancho Club Santa Fe, NM**

***Quote***

***‘Macho; I don’t know what it means; but, if anybody is it, it Is me’***

***Robert Conrad***