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US SINGLES PLAYERS CAPTURE GOLD MEDALS AT THE XIV PAN AMERICAN GAMES

- Sharon Huczek

The XIV Pan American Games took place on August 1-17, 2003 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic with 7,700 athletes and officials from 42 countries participating in 38 sports. This event has grown in stature throughout the years. The first Pan American Games opened in Buenos Aires, Argentina with 2,500 athletes from 22 countries. The sport of racquetball first entered the games in 1995.

Representation for a sport in the Pan American games is critical. It is one of many hurdles for any sport bidding for an Olympic position. A brand new 8-court racquetball facility, with 6 glass back wall courts and 2 back and side wall glass courts was specifically built for the games in order for racquetball to ensure a spot in this year's event. The racquetball venue was centered in the main park, the Olympic Park, which hosted 16 other sports. Each day the park was packed with spectators, many of which visited the racquetball venue raising the visibility of the sport.

One of the highlights of the event was Jack Huczek (MI) defeating Canada's Mike Green in straight games 15-12, 15-7 to earn his first Pan American gold medal. Jack made his way with relative ease through the draw until reaching the semifinals. His semifinal match with Rocky Carson (CA) was marred with emotional outbursts due to inaccurate referee scoring. Unfortunately, the linesmen and coaches failed to correct a point error and Jack was penalized with a technical foul. With a determined mindset, Jack took the victory with a decisive 11-6 tiebreaker win.

Cheryl Gudinas (IL) earned a gold medal for the US by defeating fellow US team member Laura Fenton (KY) with scores of 15-9, 11-15, 11-5. Cheryl also won the gold medal in 1999 and a silver medal in 1995 in this event.

The US doubles team of Ruben Gonzales (NY) and Mike Guidry (TX) earned a silver medal after being outgunned by the Mexican team of Alvaro Beltran and Javier Moreno, 15-9, 15-7. The US team had problems finding effective serves against their determined opponents.

In one of the biggest upsets in international racquetball, Mexico defeated the US in women's doubles in an exciting match that went the distance, 8-15, 15-7, 11-9. The US team of Jackie Rice (CA) and Kim Russell (TX) had not lost a game internationally prior to the upset. Susy Acosta and Rosy Torres were bursting with energy from a loud, dynamic crowd who cheered them to victory.

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Cheryl Gudinas (IL), Jack Huczek (MI)



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Letter from the Prez. . .

- Felicia Mann

I don't know about you, but I can feel the increased energy and excitement about racquetball all around me. There are more tournaments being hosted, more people playing in leagues, and we don't even want to get started talking about the Juniors programs. New programs are blossoming, and old programs are taking on a whole new flavor. I encourage you to look at the schedule of racquetball events on our web page - michiganracquetball.org - to keep up with the latest in racquetball here in Michigan. Now is an exciting time to be involved in racquetball - not only in our state, but nationally as well.

New this year, at the **State Doubles Tournament** (Total Sports - December 5 -7, 2003), the **RAM** Board is sponsoring a statewide **RACQUETBALL PLAYER MEETING!** at 7:00 pm, Saturday, December 6th. The purpose of the meeting is to share some of the new developments about our state and national racquetball organizations, and to provide a forum for you to voice any concerns and/or comments about racquetball here in Michigan. It does not matter whether you are a USRA member or not, **All are welcome!** Immediately following the meeting, **RAM** is hosting the **"Boy, I Really Like That!" Auction and Racquetball Party**. The proceeds from the auction will be used by RAM to help fund some new programs that are in the pipe-

line, and the party is just another excuse for us to hang out with people that we like a little longer. (As a side note - if you have anything of value that you would like to **donate** for the auction, please call me at (313) 995-1947. The gifted items do not have to be racquetball related - just something that your fellow racquetball player would enjoy for a modest cost).

Lastly, I would like to encourage those racquetball players who are not a member of the USRA to join. This is usually a touchy subject, but it really shouldn't be. People often ask the question **WI³ - FM** ("what is in it for me"), and the usual response is "Well, you get a nice magazine six times a year, and discounts on Hertz car rental and Choice Hotels." But I say to you that donating your thirty dollars is an opportunity for you to share your love for racquetball. Not only can you be excited about your own racquetball play, you now get the chance to share and support someone else in their racquetball endeavors - whether it be some Juniors that you will never meet, or introducing a housewife to the game - it is all for a **great** cause. All that it costs you is \$30 and some faith that your governing bodies (RAM and the USRA) will be good stewards of your gift. The purpose of your donation is to **promote racquetball**, not to take over your leagues or to force you to

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UPCOMING RAM BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, November 8, 2003

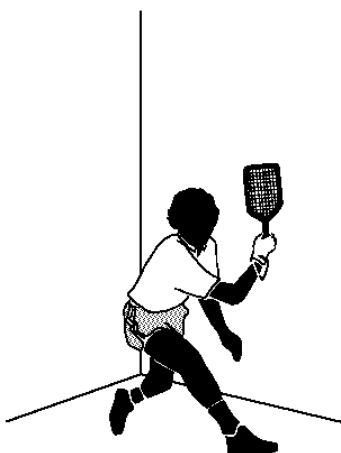
Noon

Franklin Racquet Club
29350 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, Michigan

Saturday, December 6, 2003

7:00 pm

Total Sports
40501 Production Dr.
Mt. Clemens, Michigan



RAM would like to issue an invitation for all racquetball players to attend both of the RAM Board Meetings. These are always open to the public. Attend a meeting and get involved!!!!

NOMINATION FOR THE RAM HALL OF FAME

- Jim Easterling

The Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame was developed, in 1984, by the Racquetball Association of Michigan (RAM) to honor those recipients who demonstrate outstanding achievement, leadership or contribution to the sport of racquetball in the State of Michigan.

Induction into the Hall of Fame is done yearly. The honor is based upon YEARS OF CONSISTENT EXCELLENCE in the sport of racquetball in one or more of the following areas:

ABILITY . . .

Through demonstration of exceptional playing skill in state, regional and/or national tournament competition.

LEADERSHIP . . .

Through generous giving of time and talent for the advancement of racquetball in the State of Michigan by running tournaments, conducting leagues, lessons, serving on the state racquetball association board of directors or other racquetball activities.

CONTRIBUTIONS . . .

Through generous support, including money, facilities or products, for the advancement of racquetball in the State of Michigan.

If you know someone who qualifies (see the Hall of Fame Criteria on RAM's web site at www.michiganracquetball.org) and that you would like to nominate for induction into the Hall of Fame please send a letter with their full name, address, phone number (including area code) and a brief description of why you think that person deserves to be in the Hall of Fame to:

Hall of Fame Committee
321 Village Dr.
Lansing, MI 48911-3760

Also include your name, address and phone number (day & evening) in case we have to contact you for additional information. If you have any questions, regarding the nomination process,

please contact Jim Easterling at (517) 887-0459.

All nominations for induction into the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame for 2003-04 must be received by the Hall of Fame Committee **no later than NOVEMBER 14, 2003.**

MICHIGAN RACQUETBALL CALENDARS FOR SALE

Michigan has just completed publication of its first ever racquetball calendar. The calendar which runs for 15 months, begins October 1, 2003 and goes through December 31, 2004. The opened calendar is 11 inches wide, by 17 inches high and includes all of the Michigan sanctioned racquetball tournaments as of the publication date. The calendar features pictures of different Michigan racquetball players for each month.

Some of the people included in the calendar are Hall of Famers: **Lynn Hahn, Jim Hiser, Lou Ellen Fecher, Randy Minto and Duane Russell**; Junior players: **Mark and Trent Chester, Dan Poindexter, Brad Schapieray, Logan Doezeema and Chris Symons**; and 2003 State Singles Open Winners: **Jim Floyd and Paula Saad.**

The calendar as designed by Michigan's Hall of Fame Committee is to help tournament players keep track of Michigan's sanctioned events as well as to raise money to support Junior programs and the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame.

Caleendars are available for purchase from the Davison Racquet Club Junior Program under the direction of Dan Verbeck; the Life Time Fitness Center Junior Program under the direction of Lewis Forrest; the Orchard Hills Junior Program in Grand Rapids under the direction of Paula Spagnuolo; and the Juniors Program at the Players Athletic Club under the direction of Diana Courtney. Caleendars may also be purchased directly from the RAM Hall of Fame Committee. The price of the calendar is \$15 each plus postage. Postage for one calendar is \$2; for two calendars \$3 and if your purchase three or more calendars, postage is free.

Checks should be made payable to RAM Hall of Fame and mailed to RAM Hall of Fame, 321 Village Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. This is a great calendar and is for a great cause. Please support racquetball in Michigan, order your 2003-2004 racquetball calendar today. If you have further questions, please contact Jim Easterling, (517) 887-0459.

PAN AM GAMES

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The highly attractive Pan American Village provided a range of entertainment and leisure facilities for the athletes and coaching staffs to use for relaxation, enjoyment, and residence. However, family members of the athletes and coaches found it difficult to visit the athletes, due to the tight security measures in place. Tour buses transported the athletes to the various venues around the city for competition. The USOC (United States Olympic Committee) and the host country provided world-class athletic facilities and a friendly atmosphere, making this event a memorable experience for all involved. The next Pan American Games will be in 2007 and the host country will be Brazil.

MICHIGAN'S CLUB PROFILE

featuring the

FARMINGTON FAMILY YMCA

- Don Sepanski
Racquetball Coordinator

The Farmington Family YMCA is one of those "unknown racquetball hotbeds", which are probably more numerous than most of us would believe. The Farmington Y has four regulation sized courts which are extremely well maintained. For example, every year the floors are re-finished, and last year they were sanded to bare wood and then re-painted and re-finished.

I maintain an email distribution list of over 250 racquetball players to keep them informed of what's going on in our

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TOURNAMENT RACQUETBALL RETURNS TO RIVERVIEW

- Twayne M. Howard

Riverview Athletic Club hosted a full house of racquetball players for the first time in years at the Fall Brawl Racquetball Tournament. Over fifty hearty souls braved the round robin format, and got as much racquetball as they hoped for.

Tournament director John Coaker put on a first class tournament with the assistance of Ron Campanelli, Doug Brown, Twayne M. Howard and sponsors Bob Gravelyn Insurance, Bond Fluidare Inc., Harwoods Printing and Advertising, Hurst Mechanical Inc., Wolverine Tool & Engineering and PPKW Racquetball.

Congratulations to our Champions, and thanks to all the players for their support. We hope to see you all next year. Results are as follows:

LADIES

Champion - Stephanie Winfrey
Silver - Maureen Price
Bronze -Maureen Pendell

MENS OPEN

Champion - Joel Bonnett
Silver - Brandon Cortese
Bronze - Shannon Kohl

MEN'S A

Champion - Kevin Stu O'Keefe
Silver - J.D. Brown
Bronze - Jason Gorski

MEN'S B

Champion - Matt Malolepszy
Silver - Al Kohl
Bronze - Keith Vogel

MEN'S C

Champion - Randy Harwood
Silver - Maureen price
Bronze - Ron Hnilica

MEN'S D

Champion - Steve Fish
Silver - Steve Romsek
Bronze - Randy Andresen

MEN'S 25/35+

Champion - Twayne Howard
Silver - Dan Mullin
Bronze - Joshua Thomas

MEN'S 45+

Champion - Bob Buckingham
Silver - Keith Vogel

MEN'S 55+

Champion - Bob Gravelyn
Silver - George Goudie
Bronze - Mike Wahl

MIXED DOUBLES

Champion - Stephanie Winfrey/
Maureen Price
Silver - Lynn Kuczjada/Mel Zurack

MEN'S OPEN/A DOUBLES

Champion - Jeff Connell/Lewis Forrest
Silver - Steve Jazwicz/Rick Vrosh

MEN'S B/C DOUBLES

Champion - Bob Shurlow/Dan Mullin
Silver - Mike Wahl/Twayne Howard

STAY FIT

PLAY RACQUETBALL

LETTER FROM THE PREZ . . .

play tournaments, just to **promote racquetball**. Seize the opportunity and fill out the form on the last page. Oh and by the way, did we mention that you would receive these really cool newsletters too?

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to e-mail me at president@michiganracquetball.org or call me at home (313) 567-5225.

Felicia

BRONSON ATHLETIC CLUB HOSTS SEASON'S FIRST TOURNAMENT

- John Vande Weerd
Tom Ford

The first racquetball tournament of the season was held here in Kalamazoo, and what a success it was, at the Bronson Athletic club. The B.A.C. being brand new, rolled out the red carpet to all the players to make this tournament very enjoyable. We had over 50 players come from all over the state to play here in Kalamazoo and what great play we had, from the Exhibition with the Pro's Saturday afternoon throughout the play of the players we had in all divisions. Now of course, this racquetball tournament could not have happened if we did not get such good sponsorship, so I do want to mention our sponsors that made this tournament possible: ProKennex, Visions Glass, Gold sponsor; IBA Health plans, Silver sponsor; Marvin Okun Insurance Agency, Bronze sponsor; Tennis Connection for restringing racquets for our players, Fader Equipment, Swan Restaurant and Motel and Samuel Mancinos for the great food catered in.

The highlight of this tournament was the doubles exhibition that featured Jack Huczek, the number 3 IRT player, paired with former collegiate champion and National Doubles Champion, Todd O'Neil playing against Jimmy Floyd and Joel Bonnett both former national doubles champions as well. The four-some played four hard-fought games that included many amazing shot-making rallies, dives, and incredible gets from each player. The teams split games with each other with each team winning two. We want to thank Jack, Todd, Jimmy and Joel for traveling to Kalamazoo and putting on a great show of such high quality racquetball. We hope to have them all back for next year's 2nd annual racquetball shootout!

The Men's Open division was contested for a first prize of \$150 and a nice trophy. Shannon Kohl earned a semifinal berth beating a tough opponent in Alex Brown, who played for the first time in the open division. Steve Goedker also made it to the semi's beating Paul

Bonson Athletic Club Tournament

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Stanwick in two straight games. The first semifinal match paired Joel Bonnett against Shannon Kohl. Although Shannon played tough, Joel's great roll out kill shots were the determining factor in beating Shannon in two straight games to earn the spot in the finals. The second semifinal featured a rematch of last spring's State Championship quarterfinal match between Steve Goedker and Brandon Cortese. As he did at the states last spring, Brandon controlled tempo of the action and rolled to victory in two games. After playing his semifinals match and the doubles exhibition, which lasted two hours, Joel Bonnett was very sore and tired. However, he was able to muster the energy to win the championship match against Brandon in two games. Joel took the first place trophy and \$150 cash and Brandon took the second place winnings of \$50 cash and a trophy.

The finals of the Men's A division saw a match-up between young Alex Brown of Rockford and our local Vic Sherman from Kalamazoo. Vic battled hard, but in the end Alex was just too tough as he rolled to the championship in 2 games.

The Men's B division featured two tournament regulars from GrandRapids: Al Kohl and J. D. Brown. J. D's drive serve and shot-making proved to be the difference in this one, as he won in two straight games.

The Men's C division was won by local Bronson Athletic Club's own, Bill Walker who was playing his first ever tournament. Bill battled through a very tough tiebreaker in the semifinals against another local player, Ron Pizarek. He carried his momentum into the finals as he beat JB Thomas in two games.

Maureen Price was the big winner in the Men's D division. Maureen outlasted Hank Gates in a marathon semifinals match Saturday night that lasted nearly 1 hour and 30 minutes. She recuperated and beat Dan Vandenberg in two games in the finals on Sunday.

The Women's division was contested among Karen Green, Maureen Price, Wendy Ford and first-time tournament player, Jo McDaid. The women competed in a round-robin format. Maureen Price edged out Karen Green for the first place trophy to capture her second championship of the tournament. Way to go Maureen!!!

Other winners included: JB Thomas, of Kalamazoo, in the Men's 20 C/D division, and Dan VerBeck, of Burton, in the Men's 30 A/B division.

NATIONAL DOUBLES UPDATE

Six players from Michigan travelled to Minneapolis for the National Doubles Tournament. The draw was particularly small this year. Jack Huczek and Todd O'Neil lost in the quarterfinals in Men's Open to the team of John Ellis and Adam Karp, who eventually went on to win the Men's Open. Chuck Van Hoose and Bill Hagedorn played in Men's 55A and Chuck also played with Jeff Johnson in Men's B, where they lost in the quarterfinals. Bill Hagedorn and Jeff Johnson also played in Men's 35B. Karen Green and Stephanie (Cobb) Winfrey entered two divisions together, Women's 25A and 35A. They were unopposed in 25A and finished third in the 35A division.

It is back**Women's Travel Challenge**

When: One Saturday each month

Time: 12 noon - 2 pm

Where: The clubs will rotate between Franklin Athletic Club, Lifetime Fitness, Player's Athletic Club and Total Sports

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Refreshments will be served. Please review calendar found on the RAM web site and hope to see you at all of the scheduled challenges. Spread the word because this is for fun, to improve skills, learn new things, and meet new friends.

USRA RANKINGS

(as of September 12, 2003)

This newsletter contains updated state rankings as reported by the USRA. The rankings are updated on the RAM web site monthly or whenever a new set of rankings is received from the USRA. Rankings are listed by gender, skill or age division. These rankings are based on the top ten ranked players in each division. Due to space limitations in the newsletter, we have listed the top four players in each division only. For the exact number of points each player has earned and a complete listing of all Michigan ranked players, please check out the RAM web site at:

www.michiganracquetball.org

Gold points are earned at state, regional, and national tournaments only.

These rankings are printed here exactly as received from the USRA. If you have any questions about your ranking points, please direct them to Kevin Joyce, USRA Membership Director.

USRA RANKINGS**Womens - Open**

1. Paula Saad
2. Melody Gorno
3. Laura Patterson
3. Felicia Mann

Womens - A

1. Wendy Ford
2. Mary Horne
3. Ruth Beier
4. Michele Moran
4. Lise Stemple
4. Diana Courtney
4. Maryann Szpont
4. Marjorie Pendell

Womens - B

1. Marjorie Pendell
2. Lisa Woerdeman
2. Lorna Rose
4. Maureen Price

Womens - C

6. Jaqueline Saad
7. Roseann Backos
8. Joanne White
8. Judy Porter
8. Kim Novak

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USRA RANKINGS FOR MICHIGAN PLAYERS - as of September 12, 2003**Womens - D**

1. Abby McClellan
2. Jacqueline Saad
2. Kim Novak
4. J. Campanelli

Womens - 25

4. Melody Gorno
5. Felicia Mann
6. Diana Courtney
7. Bridget Kundrot

Womens - 25 C/D

1. Abby McClellan
1. Lisa Heidrich

Womens - 35

1. Melody Gorno
2. Paula Saad
3. A. Dickerson
4. Barb Barber

Womens - 35 A/B

1. Melody Gorno
2. Wendy Ford
3. Michele Moran
4. Mary Horne

Womens - 40

1. Laura Patterson
2. Lesley Kishigian
3. Delois Leaphart
4. S. Huvaere

Womens - 45

1. Lesley Kishigian
2. Delois Leaphart
3. Diana Courtney
4. Claire Kruse
4. Karen Green

Womens - 45 A/B

1. Diana Courtney
2. Marjorie Pendell
3. Kim Novak

Womens - 50

2. Janet Insko
3. Mary Horne
4. Sharon Huczek

Juniors - 8

1. Chris Symons
2. Logan Doezeema
3. Barb Barber

Juniors - 10

1. Dan Poindexter
2. Trent Chester
3. Kevin White
4. Matt Woerdeman

Juniors - 12

1. Andrew Price
2. Kevin Clark
3. Matt Barbuscak
4. Jordan Emerson

Juniors - 14

1. Mike Krieger
2. Steven Lenio
3. Nick Tloczynski
4. David Henkin

Juniors - 16

1. Mark Chester
2. Nick Minto
2. Nick Tloczynski
4. Chris Cummings

Juniors - 18

1. Jack Huczek
2. Alex Brown
3. Mark Chester
4. Jesse Kramer

Mens - Open

1. Jack Huczek
2. Jim Floyd
3. Joel Bonnett
4. Brandon Cortese

Mens - A

1. Andre Roy
2. Randy Pagels
3. Mark Novak
4. Glen Williams
4. Ken Bonnett

Mens - B

1. Tony Gardner
2. Emilio D'alise
3. John Trendell
4. Alex Brown

Mens - C

1. Bob Reou
2. Barry Dennis
3. Robert Shurlow
4. Daniel Mullin
4. Twayne Howard

Mens - D

1. Dan Verduyn
1. Bruce Hotchkiss
2. Crhis Mayer
2. B. Kloesener
2. Matt Barbuscak
2. Mark Chester
2. Michael Kitchen

Mens - Novice

1. Bruce Hotchkiss
2. Gary Bernard

Mens - 24

1. Jack Huczek
2. Jeff Mullins
3. Brandon cortese
4. Shannon Kohl

Mens - 25

1. Jeff Mullins
2. Paul Stanwick
3. Jason Kennedy
3. Augie Pasko

Mens - 25 A/B

1. Kevin O'Keefe
2. George Goudie
2. Tony Gardner
4. Twayne Howard
4. Mike Sobczyk

Mens - 25 C/D

1. Twayne Howard
2. Mike Easthope
3. Robert Shurlow
4. Tony Gardner

Mens - 30

1. Augie Pasko
2. John Kundrot
3. Craig Dennings
4. Dave Kiurski
4. Chuck White

Mens - 30 A/B

1. Kevin O'Keefe
2. Gregory Lewerenz
3. Todd Currier
4. Ben Marciniak
4. Andre Roy

Mens - 30 C/D

1. Twayne Howard
2. Dan Mullin
3. Dennis Dinauer
4. Robert Shurlow

Mens - 35

1. Steve Goedker
2. Paul Licari
3. Michael Anderson
4. Jeff Connell

Mens - 35 A/B

4. Paul Licari
5. Glen Williams
6. Randy Pagels
7. Robert Lyons

Mens - 35 C/D

1. Jeff Johnson
2. Bob Reou
3. Twayne Howard

Mens - 40

1. Jack White
2. Mark Novak
3. Jeff Connell
4. Chris Kelly
4. Rob Fobar
4. Greg Hodges

Mens - 40 A/B

1. Mike McMillan
2. Dave Erdman
3. Ed Bell
4. Dennis Howell

Mens - 40 C/D

1. Bob Reou
2. Paul Schultz
3. Barry Dennis
3. Dave Verduyn

Mens - 45

1. Greg Hodges
2. Jack White
3. Tom Blakeslee
4. Lewis Forrest

Mens - 45 A/B

1. Jack White
2. Mike Easthope
3. Dave Erdman
3. Al Klann
3. Chuck VanHoose
3. Mark Zigilia

Mens - 45 C/D

1. Mike Easthope
2. Barry Dennis
3. Michael Kitchen
4. Ed Clemens

Mens - 50

1. Jim Santino
2. Jim Panasiewicz
3. Tom Blakeslee
4. Kim Hyde

Mens - 50 A/B

1. Pete Harvey
2. Keith Vogel
3. Mark Zigila
4. Don Edwards

Mens - 50 C/D

1. Sherman Gipson
2. Ken Smith
3. Richard Worobec
4. Larry Szembelan

Mens - 55

2. George Goudie
3. Robert Gravelyn
4. Joe Tomlinson
5. Chuck VanHoose

Mens - 55 A/B

1. George Goudie
2. Art Murphy
3. Mike Wahl
3. Don Edwards

Mens - 55 C/D

1. Dick Tedford
2. Roger Kamps
3. Tom Sharum

Mens - 60

1. Richard Worobec
2. C. Wheelihan
3. Larry Carpenter
4. Stan Kurzman
4. Jess Madden

Mens - 65

1. Don Revels
2. Chuck Kaiser
3. Bob Dynes
4. Hank Gates
4. Jim Emerson

Mens - 70

1. Stanley Kurzman
2. Duane Russell

Mens - 75

1. Bob Miller
2. Dan Poindexter

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racquetball program. We have racquetball leagues for every skill level from USRA Open level to the Beginner level. We also run three non-USRA tournaments each racquetball season. We have a small but steady Juniors program also.

We run our racquetball leagues year-round, and although participation drops off in the summer months, during the fall and winter we usually have 100 players in 10 + leagues. The majority of our leagues run weekday evenings, but we also have a lunchtime league and a Friday morning league. Our racquetball leagues are for YMCA members only.

We hold three tournaments each racquetball season. They are held the first weekend of December, the first weekend of February and the first weekend of April. This year will be the 17th year we've been hosting tournaments. They are non-USRA tournaments with a round-robin for each division on Saturday to determine who comes back on Sunday for the semi-finals and finals. They have been fairly small tournaments with 30-50 participants. Everyone gets a t-shirt, food, drinks, and plenty of competitive racquetball for their \$20 entry fee. Non-members of the YMCA are welcome to play in our tournaments, but they must also pay \$20 for a one year Program Membership. Since their Program Membership is good for one year from the date of purchase, it amounts to an additional \$7 per tournament, if they play in all three tournaments we hold during that year.

We hold challenge courts on every Saturday and Sunday morning. Since it's very popular, most of the time it's cut-throat on the courts. This keeps as many players as possible on the courts and not standing in the hall waiting. Saturday's challenge court is from 8:00 am until 10:30 am and Sunday's challenge court is from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm. Our challenge court time is open to non-YMCA players as long as they buy a \$10 one-day pass. The one-day pass allows the person access to the entire YMCA facilities for that day.

In addition to our scheduled racquetball activities, we have a regular group of racquetball players using the courts each morning from 5:30 am until 7:30 am, and also a group of players each lunchtime in addition to those in our lunchtime leagues. In addition to evening leagues, usually every free court is also reserved. Any YMCA member can reserve any available court up to two days in advance.

In addition to being enthusiastic racquetball players, our YMCA members are also very generous when it comes to the Y's Partner's with Youth Charity program. The last several years racquetball play-

ers have been the largest group of contributors.

I've been running the racquetball program at the Farmington Y for about the last 15 years on a volunteer basis. If you would like to know more about the racquetball program at the Farmington Family YMCA you can contact me via email at rollout@covad.net

(Editor's Note: We would like to feature in each newsletter what racquetball activities are taking place in racquet clubs and YMCA's throughout Michigan. Please send your articles to the Racquetball Report, 321 Village Dr., Lansing, MI 48911.)

Clip and Save



2003-2004 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

October 17-19
WEST MICHIGAN OPEN
Michigan Athletic Club
Grand Rapids, MI

October 26
HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
Players Athletic Club
Warren, MI

November 7-9
10th ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOTOUT
Franklin Athletic Club
Southfield, MI

November 14-16
MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CLUB
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March 6
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Warren, MI

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