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View of the President

Twayne M. Howard

We are nearing the halfway point and the first Championship of the season is coming right up. Clearly it's time to take time out to check in with our friendly Newsletter.

We've already had a great season with several amazing tournaments of all shapes and sizes. We've had round robin, straight draw, and the first full ranking Pro Stop in nearly 20 years. What a great start.

And now, it's almost time for the RAM State Doubles Championships. The event returns to the friendly confines of Total Sports in Mt. Clemens. We are offering nearly every division known to man, so we've got a place for you. All you need is a partner. Actually, you don't even need a partner. If you want to play, just let us know and we will find you a partner.

Great food, a tournament hoodie, medals for Champions, Runners Up, and even Semi-Finalists in the larger divisions. We will have Men's Divisions, Women's Divisions, Mixed Divisions, Juniors Divisions and several of our special divisions including "Blind Draw", Junior/Veteran, Centurian Open, Centurian A - 100 and Centurian A - 110. Sound like fun? You can't possibly imagine how much.

We will try to eliminate Friday play, and keep Sunday play to a minimum as well. You will find an entry form in this Newsletter with more details. Find

a partner (or check with us), send in the attached entry form, or you can check it out online at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8849>.

The other important update is also in the Newsletter. Nominations are now being accepted for the RAM Hall of Fame Class of 2012. Do you know of someone who belongs with the likes of Yellen, Hahn, Hiser, Kelly, Hastings or Ackerman-Chmura? Just check out the article from Jim Easterling, and submit your nomination.

Each year we induct our new Hall of Famers at the Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Banquet that takes place during State Singles. So you need to be on the lookout for deserving recipients of the Annual Awards. We are now accepting nominations for the Female, Male and Junior Players of the year, Tournament Director and Club of the Year, Most Improved and Sportsperson of the Year. Once we get your nominations, a committee of the Board will determine the winners of each award. Get your nominations in now and make plans now to join us for the Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Banquet, Saturday, March 24 at the Davison Country Club, a highlight of the State Singles Championship weekend.

Whew. I can't wait. It's going to be a great few months. I hope you enjoy it as much as I will!

**RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
2011 RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

December 2 - 4, 2011

TOTAL SPORTS

**40501 Production Drive, Harrison Twp., MI 48045
Phone (586) 463—2000**

ENTRY FEES & DEADLINE

First Event	\$35 per person - \$70 per team
Second Event	\$15 per person
Third Event	\$15 per person
Juniors	\$15 per person - \$30 per team
USA Racquetball Membership	\$50 per person

Entries must be received by November 28, 2011. Play is limited to two events per person. Tournament is USA Racquetball sanctioned. A \$5 late fee will be charged for all entries received after the deadline. This includes all phone entries. Phone entries must be confirmed by Twayne or Tom. **The Junior/Veteran/Centurion or Blind Draw Doubles division can be your third division. Play in the Junior/Veteran division may begin Sunday afternoon.**

This years tournament will feature a Junior multi-bounce Team Challenge that will test your skills in the court and on the bowling lanes. Pizza, pop and big fun are on the menu, you won't want to miss this. Beginner players are welcome, no tournament experience needed. The Junior cost will be \$15.

RULES AND REFEREES

Single elimination format with matches consisting of two games to fifteen and a tie-breaker to eleven. USA Racquetball rules apply including **mandatory USA Racquetball-approved lensed eyeguards.**

Penn HD purple balls will be used for all matches. Referees will not be used. All players will use the honor system.

STARTING TIMES

Play may begin on Friday, December 2, 2011. **Call the club on Thursday, December 1, 2011 after 12:00 pm** for starting times, or check online at: <http://www.r2sports.com> or www.michiganracquetball.net. **All efforts will be made to eliminate Friday and reduce Sunday play.**

AWARDS

Medals will be given for the first and second place winners in divisions with draws of at least eight teams. Each player will receive a complementary souvenir.

ELIGIBILITY

All players must live or work full time in the state of Michigan, and be a member of RAM. Players must be able to provide proof.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Tom Blakeslee - (586) 295 - 9772
Twayne Howard - (616) 540 - 7925

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Name _____ Club Affiliation _____

Address _____ Partner 1 _____

City/Zip _____ Partner 2 _____

Phone (days) _____ (evenings) _____ Date of Birth _____

Make checks payable to RAM, and mail to RAM State Doubles Championships, 38114 Lakeshore, Harrison Twp., MI 48045.

Entry Fee (first event)	\$35	_____
2nd Event Fee	\$15	_____
3rd Event Fee	\$15	_____
Junior Fee	\$15	_____
USA Rac. Membership	\$50	_____
Late/Phone Fee	\$ 5	_____
(after November 29)	Total	_____

Waiver clause: I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors & administrators release any & all claims for damages I may have against RAM, the host club, tournament staff, & their agents, for all injuries which may be suffered by me in conjunction with my participation in this tournament.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(parent/guardian signature if under 18)

DIVISIONS

Circle correct choices—limit 2 divisions + Junior/Veteran or Centurion

	MENS		WOMENS		MIXED
Open	25B	35C	45C		60 Open
Elite	25C	40 Open	50 Open		65 Open
A	30 Open	40 A	50 A		Junior/Veteran
B	30 A	40 B	50 B		Blind Draw Dbls
C	30 B	45 Open	55 Open		Centurion Open
D	35 Open	45 A	55 A		Centurion 100 A
25 Open	35 A	45 B	55 B		Centurion 110 A
25 A	35 B				

Juniors: (specify age division) _____

(All Juniors play will be on Saturday)

Alternate division: _____

(Divisions may be combined if fewer than 8 teams)

Mail To: RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 38114 Lakeshore, Harrison Twp., MI 48045

NOMINATION FOR MICHIGAN RACQUETBALL 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. The award is based upon:

YEARS OF CONSISTENT EXCELLENCE 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 and/or other racquetball activities.

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

If you know someone who qualifies (see the Hall of Fame Criteria in the RAM's home page) and that you would like to see in 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 RAM Hall of Fame to:

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

Also state your name, address and phone number (home & work) in case we have to contact you for additional information

The deadline for the Hall of Fame Inductee letters is **NOVEMBER 30, 2011**.
If you have any questions please call Jim Easterling at (517) 887-0459.



2011 - 2012 RAM SCHEDULE

Nov 12 - 13 Spartan Splat, Michigan Athletic Club,
East Lansing

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8962>

Nov 19 Riverview Fall Brawl, Riverview Athletic
Club, Grand Rapids

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8834>

Dec 2 - 4 RAM STATE DOUBLES
CHAMPIONSHIP, Total Sports,
Mt. Clemens

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8849>

Jan 7 BAC Doubles Tournament,
Bronson A C, Kalamazoo

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8833>

Jan 28-29 West Michigan Open Pro - Am, Tier 4 Pro
Tournament, Michigan Athletic Club,
Grand Rapids

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8517>

Feb 25 - 26 Capital Challenge, Michigan Athletic
Club, East Lansing

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8972>

March 9 - 11 South West Michigan Racquetball
Shootout, Bronson A C, Kalamazoo

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8833>

March 23 - 25 RAM STATE SINGLES
CHAMPIONSHIP, Davison Athletic
Club, Davison

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8903>

June 23 Meijer State Games of Michigan,
Michigan Athletic Club, Grand Rapids

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8806>

Make sure you check R2Sports.com and MichiganRacquetball.Net for updates
For further Information e-mail President@MichiganRacquetball.Net

ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE RACQUETBALL REPORTER FOR 2011-2012

The Racquetball Reporter is published three times throughout the year - July, November, and February.. Items to be included in the Racquetball Reporter for the **2011-12** year must be submitted by the following dates:

October 6, 2011

Advertisement material is subject to approval by the RAM Board of Directors. The prices for advertisement material are:

\$400 - Full page ad to run in all three issues (7"w x 9.5"h)

\$250 - Half page ad to run in all three issues (7"w x 4.75"h)

\$150 - Quarter page ad to run in all three issues (3.5"w x 4.75"h)

\$100 - Club listing for all three issues (3"w x 2"h)

All advertisements must be submitted in camera ready Format in the appropriate size. E-mailed graphics can be accepted in either a **.TIFF** or **.JPG** format. All advertisements will be in black and white for all issues, except the fall issue which will be in full color. Payment must accompany submission of all advertisement material. Information may be mailed to The Racquetball Reporter, 5753 S. Corey Rd., Perry, MI 48872 or sent electronically to hippies23@gmail.com.

JOIN THE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

Membership Includes:

- *Membership card, USA Racquetball Official Rule Book, travel and equipment discounts
- *USA Racquetball medical, life, and liability insurance at sanctioned events
- *Three issues of the RAM newsletter, THE RACQUETBALL REPORTER
- *Four issues of the USA Racquetball national magazine, RACQUETBALL MAGAZINE
- *RAM sanctioned tournament entry forms mailed to your home
- *Eligibility to play in all sanctioned tournaments and receive national ranking points (except Limited event)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____ / ____ / ____ HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

_____ \$50.00 – Adult Competitor

_____ \$25.00 – Junior Competitor (21 and under)

_____ \$20.00 - Limited Event

MAIL TO: RAM, 38114 Lakeshore, Harrison Twp., MI 48045

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