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President's Corner

By JIM EASTERLING
MRA President

Tournaments are an important part of competitive racquetball. They can be both fun and rewarding, but to the inexperienced tournament player, they often seem to be unnecessarily complicated. To make tournaments run smoother for all involved, and to make new players more informed and comfortable with participation in them, I would like to make a few suggestions.

BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT

*If you have never played in a tournament, or can't decide which tournament to enter, pick an established one. Nothing is guaranteed, but chances are it will be well run.

*Read and fill out everything on the entry form. There is not that much, and it is all important.

*When selecting your division be decisive and honest. If you put yourself in too high a bracket, you might have to play in it all year. If it is too low, you run the risk of being "bumped up" by the tournament director.

*Take note of such things as what ball will be used, entry deadlines, and any new rules such as winners or losers refereeing the next match, or Saturday night winners refereeing Sunday morning matches.

*Be sure to notice any hotels mentioned in the entry form. They have been notified of the tournament and sometimes give discounts if you tell them you are playing in the tournament.

*Always check to see where the entry fee should be sent. The mailing address often is not the location of the club.

*Make sure you are aware of which rules will be used (USRA or AARA), if there is any organization affiliation required, and if eyeguards are optional or mandatory.

*When calling for your starting time, be sure to do it on the date specified - not before. Don't ask the name of your opponent at this time. Check the draw sheets posted at the tournaments.

*Use the "comments" space if necessary on the entry form. If you have a regular opponent, give us the name so you won't be matched in the first round. If there are

any time conflicts, state it clearly, such as "I can't play before 6 p.m. Friday due to work. If you can't accommodate me, please send me a refund."

AT THE TOURNAMENT

*Arrive at the tournament early — at least one hour before your scheduled match.

*Check in at the registration desk, which usually is **not** the reception desk of the club or the tournament desk. You check in only once when you first arrive to pick up shirts, hospitality tickets (which you shouldn't lose), entry forms to future tournaments, and any questionnaires.

*You should check in at the tournament desk 30 minutes before each of your scheduled matches, dressed and ready to play.

*The game ball will be given to the referee or to one of the players. If you want a warm-up ball, bring your own. Most of the courts are usually in use, so stretching and warm-up is limited to five minutes. If you need more time, it must be done off court.

ON THE COURT

*Try to help the referee. Don't give him a hard time if he is doing the best he can. You or your opponent will be in the same spot shortly.

*Usually winners referee the next game. If this is the case, report to the tournament desk before taking a shower. The matches are on a schedule, and a few inconsiderate people can throw that schedule off.

*You will be handed a scorecard and told where to referee. If you should have to referee a higher division, simply try to do your best.

*Explain to the players any rules you have, such as calling hinders or screens, or if you will allow them to help decide. If you are inexperienced, tell the players it will make things easier.

*Decide who will serve first, by tossing a coin or by choosing a number. Get them started as soon after five minutes of warm up as you can.

*When the match is over, return the scorecard, pencil and ball immediately to the tournament desk.

MISCELLANEOUS

*It is the player's responsibility to check the draw sheets for their next scheduled match time. If you

don't understand something - ask.

*There are about three people at the tournament desk, if you have a question, they usually all are qualified to answer. It is not necessary to talk to the tournament director about minor details. *Never wear black-soled shoes on a racquetball court, and be sure to bring a lock in case the racquet club doesn't supply keys.

*If you are going to be late for a scheduled match due to car trouble or traffic, be sure to call the tournament desk. There is a 10-minute forfeit rule. If you do not call, and are 10 minutes late, your match will be forfeited.



Jim Easterling

Tournaments can be fun for any caliber of player. If you enjoy competitive racquetball, even if you are a beginner, and you haven't entered a tournament, you are definitely missing a worthwhile experience.

Winners or losers...

Who should referee?

By BOB SZUCH
Trustee

Under past MRA guidelines for tournaments, the winner of a match is obligated to referee the next match on the same court. In my opinion, under this guideline, the winners are constantly being penalized. In most cases, they do not have a chance to shower and relax before their next match. Quite often, they do not have time to even take advantage of the hospitality which is provided by the host club. The winners, I feel, become the losers in this situation.

An easy remedy to this situation is to institute a policy where the losers are obligated to referee the next match on his or her court. This system is currently in use in both California and New Jersey with no major problems reported. This would give the winner a chance to relax and enjoy the hospitality. It also eliminates the possibility of one person refereeing four times before a finals match on Sunday.

By instituting this change, the loser would only be required to stay and officiate the next match. I realize that refereeing is not the most desirable job at a tournament. But it is one that must be done. The loser would therefore only need to stay one additional

hour to fulfill this obligation.

I realize that this system might have a few flaws built into it. For example, what do you do if the loser refuses to referee? Some feel that expulsion from future MRA stops is the answer. However, I feel that 95 percent of all racquetball players are trustworthy enough to fulfill their obligation without complaint. Also, if the entry form states this rule, in advance, the signer of the form agrees to comply to all tournament rules, including the referee clause. What about referees for Saturday and Sunday mornings? This is a question which I really can't answer. I know that there would be a problem asking a loser to stay overnight in order to referee one match the next morning. I'm sure that with some input from the MRA members, this situation could be remedied.

Please feel free to write to me with either your approval or disapproval on this issue. Also, if you have any input, also express that to me. Remember, if you want a change in this area, speak up and I will bring it to the attention of the MRA board. Please let me know your views. *Note: The Loser Ref rule was attempted at the MRA tournament in Mt Clemens. It was well received by the players and will be used in other tournaments.*

The MRA wants your help

The MRA is an organization whose purpose is to promote racquetball in Michigan and make available to players the kind of activities they prefer. One of those activities is the tournament schedule leading to the State Singles Championship.

At every tournament, an attempt is made to learn from prior mistakes so the next tournament runs smoother. However, there are many problems in running tournaments.

naments and input from the membership and participants would be helpful. There are members who have creative ideas that would make for better tournaments if their ideas were shared. To help us please put your ideas on paper and send them to Larry Cole or Jim Easterling.

In the past, we have heard complaints and complaints. Even now the board must make decisions

that do seem to have negative consequences. Some of the questionable situations follow:

1. What is the best alternative for starting times for MRA tournaments? Presently when the draws are full the tournament begins on Friday morning. An alternative is to begin on Thursday evening. This would mean more expenses for gas and more time in traveling.

Another alternative would be to reduce the size of the draw extensively. This would increase the entry fee and decrease the opportunity to play new opponents and make new friends. What is the preference of the players? Perhaps someone can come up with a better alternative.

2. What are the most important elements in the tournaments? The economic conditions are not conducive to companies putting as much money into tournaments. Racquetball players have gotten used to the full scale hospitality and quality shirts given out. If it becomes necessary, what priority should be given to the above amenities? Would fruit and liquids

be enough? Would tee-shirts be all right? Would no shirts be okay? Players, let your Board of Directors know your views or send it to your newsletter.

3. In the past, participants were happy with parts of the tournament and unhappy about other parts. It would be appreciated if any player would voice their opinion on tournament matters. It doesn't matter whether it is on sites, balls, scheduling, refereeing, rules, divisions of play or anything else, just let us know what you think.

4. More positive publicity and promotion of racquetball is needed in Michigan. What are some creative ideas to promote racquetball in the state?

5. Closely allied to the previous question is increasing the number of junior players in the state. Any sport needs to have kids in it to become the next generation. What can be done to promote racquetball so that kids will begin to play?

This is your chance, players. Help yourself and help your sport by giving us your ideas, or further questions.

1980 survey results

For those of you who participated in the MRA surveys during the 1980-81 tournament season, you may be curious to know how your answers stack up with other players throughout the state.

The following questions were asked at the MRA tournaments last year in Dearborn, Lansing, Kalamazoo and Brighton. They should represent a cross-section of answers from players across the state.

1. Do you like to receive a tournament shirt?

Yes - 145 No - 31

2. Do you like the Seamco 600?

Yes - 28 No - 25

3. Which ball do you prefer?

Seamco 600 - 64 Volt - 10

Penn - 42 Ektelon - 9

4. Would you be in favor of increasing the entry fee \$1 to pay for paid referees?

Yes - 68 No - 50

5. Do you like the rule about play-

ing in three MRA tournaments to be eligible to play in the state finals?

Yes - 135 No - 38

6. Should the state finals be centrally located or moved around?

Centrally located - 68

Moved around - 25

Surprised? Maybe so, but it is surveys like these that assist the MRA Board of Directors in making decisions that directly affect you, the tournament player. Although this survey was offered at four tournaments, at which more than 1,000 players participated, only 181 persons completed it.

This year, we will again be using the survey format as a means to gather information, so when you see a survey at the registration desk, take a minute to fill it out. It is one of the easiest ways to let us know your opinion on various racquetball issues.

Peggy Doty

MRA Board resignations

The resignations of Denny and Linda Wood were submitted and accepted at the October MRA Board meeting. Denny was a founder and the first president of the MRA.

From 1974 until March, 1981, when he stepped down as president, Denny was a force in the development and growth of the MRA. During this period, the MRA grew to the point where the association now promotes racquetball throughout the state, maintains its own ranking system and runs a series of tournaments, culminating in the state singles championship.

Linda has been an active member of the board for several years, serving on various committees and helping to run tournaments.

Another recent MRA board

resignation was Dave Brower, who resigned as treasurer and member of the board at the September meeting. Dave served as treasurer of the MRA for the past three years. He brought his expertise to this office and helped organize a system to account for the funds that flow through the MRA. Brower also was active in helping write the new constitution and by-laws adopted by the MRA last year.

The Board wishes to acknowledge and thank Denny, Linda and Dave for their many years of service to the MRA.

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EKTELON

Hastings dominate Petoskey

The first MRA tournament of the 1981-82 season in Petoskey was the tournament of the young and a tournament for the Hastings. Two young teenagers did well; one in a men's division, one in a women's. Moreover, Joetta and Stu Hastings played in the finals of their respective open divisions. Many other players attempted to be young with late parties and bonfires on the beaches till the early morning hours.

The tournament provided many outstanding experiences. The Petoskey area is one of great beauty, and the players enjoyed seeing it. The area has many fine restaurants and some of the players who lost early probably gained weight. Little Traverse Bay Racquet Club provided tasty hospitality and thirst quenchers. The club was happy with the way the players treated the club, and the players enjoyed the club's efforts.

The play in the tournament was intense as usual. The Women's play was led by the Open Division. In the finals of the Open Division, Sue Flannery mastered Joetta Hastings. In women's 'B' Pina Finazzo edged Sue Guevara 21-10,

17-21, 11-10. Pina, at 15, was one of the younger players who took "advantage" of their more adult opponents over the weekend. In Women's 'C' Gale Reed defeated Kathy Wunderlay 21-14, 21-7. Kathy could not offset Gale's serve. Patty McCallums beat Lois Watton 21-6, 21-9. The Women's Senior division was won by Mary Alice Gafke. She won by the scores of 21-15, 21-20 over Vonne Kreuzwieser. The match showed that seniors of either sex can play competitive, exciting racquetball.

The men's divisions were led by a fine match between Tom Brownlee and Stu Hastings. Tom played his usual game of consistency and cutting the ball off to force errors. Stu (the Mike Hargrove of racquetball) Hastings showed just how much he has improved his game as he pushed Tom to top-level play.

A blond lefty conquered the Men's 'A' division while another blond lefty was defeated in the finals of Men's 'B'. Jerry Tomczak used a backfoot forehand to overcome Kevin Hayes 21-12, 21-8. Kevin seemed to have problems changing his shots during rallies to counteract the play of a lefty.

The Men's B division saw another youthful champion in Chris Cole. Chris, who is 14, bested the other blond lefty, talented Chris Klinger with heady, consistent play 21-6, 21-19. In Men's 'C' two rabbits played, with Pete Rukala outrunning Tom Rosenbergh to win. Men's 'D' was taken by the Big Z. Mike Zwierzowski subdued Rich Valle 19-21, 21-2, 11-9. The Big Z will now take his power and beaked hat to 'C', to the relief of several players.

If the U.S. economy was as predictable as Men's Seniors 'A', America would be in great shape. Once again, Bob Lipin pummeled all opposition. In the finals, he beat John Buckley 21-7, 21-11. Some have come close but Bob has won everything for two years. Congratulations for staying on top, Bob, and doing it in a sport-

smanship way! The Seniors 'B' crown was won by Charles Wolford who shaded Gene Henderson 17-21, 21-10, 11-6. The Men's Masters was won by Leonard Ciohajlo. Leonard defeated Dave Katyas 21-12, 21-19.

As an added feature, this year the MRA is giving door prizes. There were several prizes at Petoskey. The top prize was a portable television won by Sue Huczek. Second prize, a combination radio and tape recorder, was won by Jim Emerson.

All of the champions earned their honors and are fine representatives of the sport. The MRA board appreciates the conduct of the players and the cooperation of the club. We appreciate the support and the effort of the Penn Company also. Their ball played fairly and consistently.

MRA Rules Review

Linesmen's Duties

The linesmen should observe each rally very closely in order to be able to judge the movements of the ball and players. Upon an appeal by a player, the linesmen will agree (thumbs up) or disagree (thumbs down) with the referee's call. If the linesmen are unsure of the call, or did not see the play, they should indicate by signalling with palms down. Linesmen should be careful not to look at each other so as not to be influenced in their call.

Special Olympics

The MRA board of directors is proud to announce that the MRA and the Special Olympics Committee have reached tentative agreement on a racquetball day for the benefit of Special Olympics.

The MRA will be seeking the participation of racquetball clubs across the state. On the specific day chosen, the clubs will be asked to donate a percentage of their court fees and forego guest fees. The tentative day for this event is Sunday, April 25, 1982.

The MRA board hopes that all its members will support the day and the concept.

MRA meetings

All MRA members are encouraged to attend the open meetings of the MRA at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Oak Park Athletic Club, 900 Long Blvd., Lansing. We consider your feedback on activities a valuable aid in determining the direction and objectives of the MRA.

The only calls that can be appealed are: fault serves (short, long, etc.), skip balls, out serves (non-front serve, crotch serve, etc.), and double-bounce pick-ups. The appeal can be made only to the referee, not to the linesmen. The linesmen should not talk to the players or make any indication of call, until the referee has stated which shot is being appealed.

Being a linesman is excellent experience to learn more about rules and conduct during a match. It helps those people who are hesitant to referee to gain confidence in controlling a match. We appreciate all those who voluntarily participate and encourage others to assist when they can to help better the tournaments.

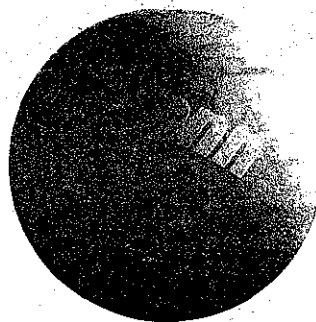
Three tournament rule

Again this year, to be eligible for the MRA State Championship Tournament in April, 1982, a player must have participated in three of the seven regular MRA tournaments held throughout the year.

Any player forfeiting in the first round of an MRA tournament will be considered as not having participated in that tournament and it will not be counted as one of the three required tournaments to qualify for the State Singles Championship.

Also, tournaments that are endorsed by the MRA but are not part of the seven regular tournaments do not count toward the three tournaments required to qualify for state. The tournament at the Lansing Grand Club is an example of an endorsed tournament that does not qualify a participant for state singles play.

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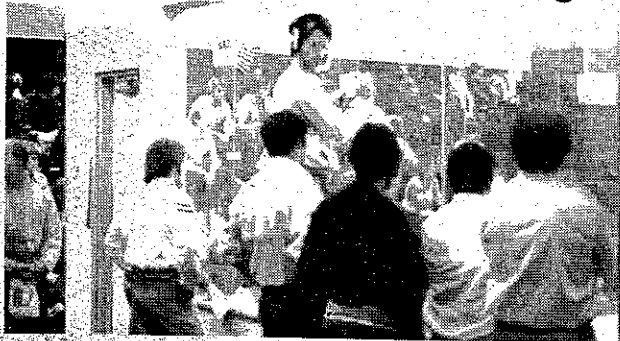


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Mt. Clemens

Competition highlights MRA No. 2



The Mt. Clemens crowd watches...



...two competitors in the glass sided court



Winners in Mt. Clemens were all smiles...



...including Pete Ruhala, the Men's B winner



Bob Wilhelm and Ray Vanover played hard...



...while others sailed through their matches



Competitors had plenty to eat...



...and spectators had plenty to watch

Petoskey

Fun and sun added to the action



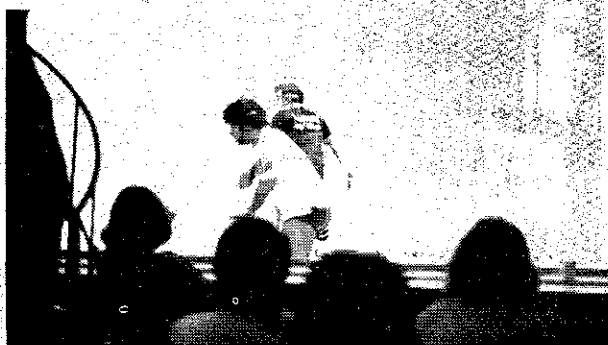
Plenty of trophies were provided in Petoskey....



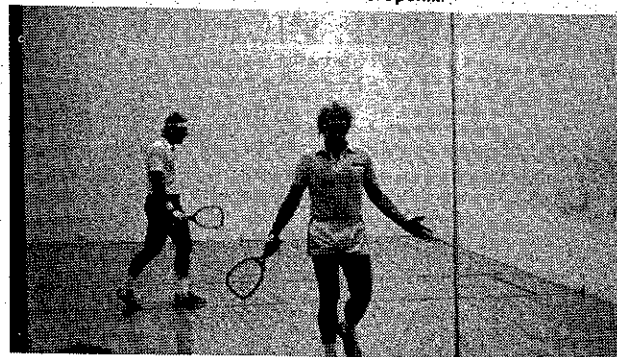
...plus a portable TV from the MRA to Sharon Huczak



Tom Brownlee won the Men's Open....



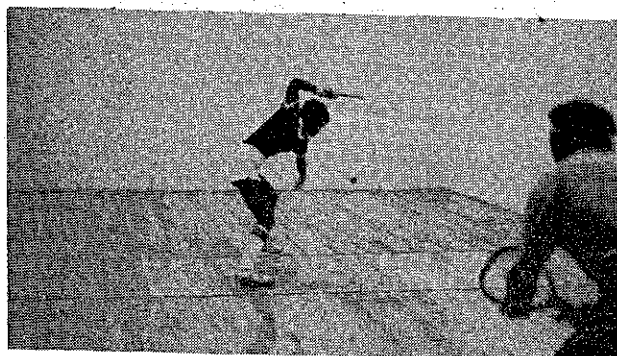
...but not without a battle from Dean McCarrick



Dale Hetherinton wonders what happened....



...while MRA President Jim Easterling keeps an eye on play



Fourteen-year-old Chris Cole won the Men's B....



...to the delight of a consistently packed house

MRA rankings

(as of Nov. 1, 1981)

Men's rankings

WILHELM BOB	2020	JOHNSON JEFFREY	1605	POWERS RICHARD	1400	WEDGE DALE	1210
VANOVER RAY	2015	HARR GLENN	1605	QUINN MIKE	1400	WELLS DOUGLAS	1205
BROWNLEE TOM	2015	HULMAN WAYNE	1605	MEHNEY ED	1400	WILLYERD ROBERT	1205
CHEKMSIDE BRIAN	2010	FURTON JOHN	1605	RUZZIN MIKE	1400	VERGAUWEN DALE	1205
HETHERINGTON DALE	2010	MILLER MICHAEL	1605	SIMMONS JIM	1400	WOJTAS RONALD	1205
HASTINGS STU	2010	MONTOME AL	1605	SMITH GERALD	1400	ENGELHARDT STEVE	1205
KILBREATH MARK	2010	METAJ AARON	1605	STEPHEN MIKE	1400	EVERARD BRUCE	1205
MCCARRICK DEAN	2010	NICKLESON JIM	1605	STAMPER STAN	1400	DE COOMAN RICHARD	1205
STONE SCOTT	2005	TESSMAR BOB	1605	CARLINI JIM	1400	COSMO DAVID	1205
MAGNOLI MIKE	2005	BEERS BILL	1605	BOYER LEE	1400	BARNES JERRY	1205
GREEN GERALD	2005	CUNNINGHAM DENNIS	1605	COLE LARRY	1400	CELUSNAK TOM	1205
CARPENTER (TOM)	2005	CROSKEY GARY	1605	ELORED JERRY	1400	BERLIN MARK	1205
BAYATCH BOB	2000	FULLER STEVE	1605	MUSOLF MARK	1225	BERTLER MARK	1205
DORY GARY	2000	EVANS RANDY	1605	RAKGLTA JOHN JR	1225	HOVIS GARY	1205
DUTCHER DAN	2000	BODNAR ANDREW	1600	WESAW MATTHEW	1225	HORD GRANT	1205
HAHN TIM	2000	CARLEN MICHAEL	1600	MORTON SAM	1220	LONG RUSS	1205
TOMCZAK JERRY	2000	STRUTZ DAN	1600	KNOCKEART RON	1220	MATTISON RICHARD	1205
SMITH BRYAN	2000	STEC GARY	1600	COOK GEORGE	1220	RAJTER GARY	1205
ROSELLI JOHN	2000	RUSSO ANTHONY	1600	BIESTERFELDT WALTER	1215	STEELE JOHN	1205
MITCHELL BRIAN	2000	ROBERTS LARRY	1600	MOODY MIKE	1215	TANN BILL	1205
RADIATION MAN	2000	NOBACH MIKE	1600	MCDANIEL MARK	1215	STONE DAVID	1200
WILLIAMS BRET	2000	O'STRAND ROD	1600	PIECHOWSKI HANK	1215	SCHMELTER JOE	1200
WAITE GARY	1815	MCCLATCHER DANIEL	1600	PARKHURST RICK	1210	PRESATTI PATRICK	1200
TEETS CHUCK	1815	FUSCO JOE	1600	RAYMOND MATT	1210	MERGUS GLENN	1200
HAYES KEVIN	1810	GERLICK EUGENE	1600	MCINTYRE JIM	1210	MCCURLEY TIMOTHY	1200
COLE CHRIS	1810	MAINHARDT CORKY	1600	KAN JIM	1210	MOWBRAY KEVIN	1200
DARIN WILLIAM	1805	TYLER GARY	1600	HILL VERN	1210	MORENO JOEL	1200
FOSTER BOBBY	1805	TROTT JACK	1600	BEDENIS TODD	1210	MARCHETTI DOMINIC	1200
MARKS KERRY	1805	ZWIERZCHOWSKI	1600	BROWN DON	1210	LIPHARDT DON	1200
LLOYD TOM	1805	AUSTIN DAVID	1425	BAROSHI FRANK	1210	JOYCE JOHN	1200
SWINEFORD TOM	1805	LLEWELLYN BRIAN	1420	CROSSMAN WILLIAM	1210	KANE EDWARD	1200
PARRISH BRION	1805	RICHMOND STEVE	1420	EMERSON JAMES	1210	KIMMEN GARY	1200
VITALE JOE	1805	ROSENBERGH TOM	1415				
WARD JIM	1805	MCGARY ROD	1415				
MAY PAT	1800	KELLEY MARK	1415				
MATZ MIKE	1800	GARRISI PETE	1415				
STRINGER TED	1800	HUGHES JOHN	1415				
THOMPSON ROBERT J	1800	HENRY CHRIS JR	1410				
RUHALA PETE	1800	JOHNSON DAVID	1410				
LENTS MARK ALLEN	1800	JAHN MIKE	1410				
BAILER TED	1800	LE SAGE NOEL	1410				
CERESIA MIKE	1800	LAW MORRIS	1410				
BUGARIN KONNIE	1800	SIGAFOOSE TIM	1410				
BLAKESLEE W T	1800	SWANEY CHUCK	1410				
SCHILLER PAT	1625	TREECE KEVIN	1410				
MCCUNE DENNIS	1620	FITZPATRICK TOM	1410				
OBORG ROY	1620	ELIZONDO RICARDO	1405				
MARK STEVEN	1620	DECELLO MIKE	1405				
KLINGER CHRIS	1620	DIDIO CHRIS	1405				
HISER JIM	1615	CIMBALA GARY	1405				
GRUDZINSKY JERRY	1615	BARRY JOHN E	1405				
MICHETTI BOB	1615	CARSON TED MARK	1405				
TOTH BOUG	1615	BULT HENRY	1405				
CONSTANTINI RICK	1615	STEWART JIM	1405				
CLEMENT TIMOTHY	1610	RITCHIE DALE	1405				
DAVIS DAVE	1610	RING NEIL	1405				
DEVINE KEVIN	1610	MORRIS AL	1405				
CASEY MARK	1610	PEACOCK JOSEPH	1405				
ADKINS ROBERT	1610	MATTIES ERNIE	1405				
SUTTON DALE	1610	MATTHEWS DAVID	1405				
SCHROTENBOER LLOYD	1610	HOTRA MIKE	1405				
MILLER GREG	1610	GALEA MIKE	1405				
HARRIS MITCH	1610	GGY KEN	1405				
MARCHIONI DINO	1610	VALLE RICK	1405				
LOBATDO JACK	1610	VEITH DAN	1405				
YATES TOM	1610	WHITE JACKSON	1400				
YOUNG LELAND	1605	WESHALEK BOB	1400				
YEIP LARRY	1605	WINTERS BRIAN	1400				
VAN DIS MARC	1605	GALLEGOS JESSY	1400				
LETOURNEAU GREG	1605	GINTER JOHN	1400				
KITCHEN DENNIS	1605	IWASIW EDWARD	1400				
JIMISON RUSS	1605	LIPSCOMB KEITH	1400				
KELLY CHRIS	1605	JEWELL DENNY	1400				

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Tournament clearinghouse

If you are planning a tournament, first clear the date with Jim Easterling at 313-352-8000. It will avoid conflicting tournaments on the same dates, and ensure a more competitive draw for every tourney. Jim is the MRA's clearinghouse for tournaments and will be happy to add your tournament to the schedule and give you up-to-date tourney information.

As a service to players, tournament directors and clubs, the MRA will print a listing of all the tournaments for which we receive notification. To get a tournament listed, just send an announcement

to Larry Cole, 1192 Shady Hill, Flint, MI, 48504.

Oct. 23-25
Pine Grove Racquet Club
Cadillac, MI

Oct. 30-31
Ektelon Championship
University Racquet
Pontiac, MI

Nov. 6-8
Court Time Racquet Club
Farmington Hills, MI

Nov. 13-15
Racquetball Action Club
Lansing, MI

Dec. 11-13
Racquetball Plus
Grand Rapids, MI

Jan. 15-17
Match Point Racquet Club
Flushing, MI

Jan. 29-31
Grand Slam
Brighton, MI

Feb. 12-14
Court Players Club
Kalamazoo, MI

Feb. 26-28
Grand Slam
Flint, MI

March 12-14
Woodland Racquet Club
Brighton, MI

April 2-4
State Doubles Championship
Davison Racquet Club
Davison, MI

April 16-18
State Singles Championship
Racquetball Action Club
Lansing, MI

Note: only the tournaments listed in bold face type count toward the three needed to be eligible for state championship tournaments.

Men's rankings

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LARSON MICHAEL	1200
HOMMEL JOE	1200
HARDY DOUG	1200
HARTMAN BRENT	1200
GATES HANK	1200
HAINER RICHARD	1200
GUILDS RANDY	1200
BINKOWSKI DON	1200
BROCKWAY DAVID	1200
CASPER RAY	1200
CASPER RAY	1200
APPICELLI JOHN	1200
BARRY PAUL	1200
COLE JASON	1200
COIL KEVIN	1200
CICALA WAYNE	1200
DOPTIS JOHN	1200
EVASHEVSKI BILL	1200
FULLER AL	1200
ERLANDSON JIM	1200
DUNBAR CHESTER	1200
WITHERSPOON MIKE	1200
YEE HARRY	1200
WALKER ROCKY	1200
WICKEY PHIL	1200
WEIDNER CRAIG	1200

Men's Seniors

LIPIN ROBERT	1925
LEWERENZ FRED	1915
BUCKLEY JOHN	1915
JACKSON LARRY	1910
GARAVAGLIA CARL	1905
BONNETT KEN	1905
WALTERS TOM	1905
YOUNG MIKE	1900
WOLFORD CHARLES	1900
DOUGLAS LARRY	1900
GEMUS SAM	1900
HUTSON DONALD	1900
PAOLETTI SKIP	1900
SZUCH BOB	1900
FIDOLIE STEPHEN	1720
SCHNECK TOM	1715
SLAVIK RON	1715
HENDERSON GENE	1715
GINGRICH JAKE	1710
GAFFKE JIM	1710
LANFEAR DENNIS	1710
TESSMAR KEN	1710
FISHER ALEX	1710
CLOUTIER GARY	1710

BARRY JIM	1705
REVESZ EDWARD	1705
KURTZ JIM	1705
JAKSEN DAN	1705
LUGO ARNALDO	1705
HAGEDON W H	1705
WEBER ALAN	1705
WHEELIHAN CHARLES	1700
WEISS DAVID	1700
WOLF STEVEN	1700
GUSTAFSON LARRY	1700
GRAY JERRY	1700
GENTILE WILLIAM	1700
MADDEN JESS	1700
KREUZWIESER ARNOLD	1700
PENNER MORRIS	1700
NASH GARY	1700
MITCHELL RAY	1700
SAWYER THOMAS	1700
ROESER FRED	1700
APPEL JAN	1700
APPEL R C	1700
BYRUM RON	1700
CHITTENDEN BILL	1700

Men's Masters

CIOKAJLO LEONARD	1935
MATYAS DAVID	1920
TEWES TONY	1915
MIELE MICHAEL	1910
KAUFMAN DON	1910
CARETTI RICHARD	1910
BICZAK DR	1905
JACQUES ED	1905
LOUDERMILK FLOYD	1905
MICELLI AL	1905
PALUCH MARVIN	1905
ST CLAIR JOHN	1905
SHORE HARRY	1905
SGHERMER BOB	1900
STRAIGER ROBERT	1900
PIPERIDES MIKE	1900
MACDONALD GENE	1900
LEONE GERRY	1900
LEEDS ANDY	1900
LA MILZA JOSEPH	1900
KREUZWIESER ARNOLD	1900
APOSTOL NICK	1900
CHAMBERS HY	1900
DEL FAVERO PETE	1900
EKELMAN SEYMOUR	1900
DUTCHER TED	1900

Women's rankings

FLANARY SUE	2030
HASTINGS JOETTA	2020
STELLEMA CATHIE	2015

HUHTA JUDY	2010
SLEEP LINDA	2005
BLAKESLEE NANCY	2005
FINAZZO PINA	2000
CUMMINS APRIL	2000
DAVIS VALERIE	2000
THOMPSON CATHERINE	2000
RANDLE BARB	2000
JONES LINDA KAY	2000
FREITAG DENNY	1815
GUTOWSKI BETH ANN	1810
MILLER KAREN	1805
SMITH ANN	1805
TODD CHRISTINE	1800
HAMEL LOIS	1800
GUEVARA SUE	1610
LUTZE LINDA	1610
SEIDERS CINDY	1610
SZPONT MARYANN	1605
MAINHARDT ALIDA	1605
WESLOCK SHEELY	1605
JAHN ANNE	1600
KNOWLTON JANET	1600
HYMAN CORIN	1600
REED GALE	1600
POPIEL KAREN	1600
FOSTER NANCY	1600
ALBERS LINDA	1600
AMATANGELO PAULA	1600
HENSLEY SUE	1420
PYLES SUE	1415
TAYLOR TAMI	1415
BASS BRENDA	1415
FOSTER CAROLYN JEAN	1415
PYSZK MARTI	1410
NIRGANAKIS DEBBIE	1410
WINTERS DIANNE	1410
WUNDERLY KATHY	1410
SHORE IRENE	1405
HOMER MARIANNE	1405
GISSLANDER MARY	1405
GINGRICH CHARLENE	1405
KISHIGIAN LESLEY	1405
LEWANDOWSKI GAIL	1405
DRIVER DIANNE	1405
COLE SHARON	1405
BENYI ELIZABETH	1405
DUTY PEGGY	1400
QUICK JOANNE	1400
ELDRED LINDA	1400
FISHER JANET	1400
GOSS MARLENE	1400
RING MONIQUE	1400
ROBERTS DEBBIE	1400
MURRAY DONNA J	1400
MUSTER EVELINE	1400
MCCALLUM PATTY	1400

YATES GLORIA	1400
WILLIAMS BRENDA	1400
VERGAUEN MARY	1220
PAGE CHERYL	1220
INSKO JANET	1215
HUCZEK SHARON	1215
WALTON LORI	1215
VANDERBROEK SHIRLEY	1215
HOSHIELD PEGGY	1210
GUSTAFSON SHARON	1210
LONG MARY	1210
SCHARCHBURG MARTHA	1210
SINGEL MICHELE	1210
TISCHLER JUDITH	1210
BLEEKER LAURIE	1210
ALBOSTA BRIDGET	1210
FITZ MARLENE	1205
TERENZI REGINA	1205
PARKER CAROL	1205
RAKOLTA TERRY	1205
MCDANIEL CYNTHIA	1205
WEDGE BARB	1205
WILLYERD LEONA	1200
YOUNGBLOOD SUSAN	1200
PILLARO TINA	1200
PATCHETT BETTY	1200
TERNULLO JANIE	1200
RJASKO DARLENE	1200
KURTH SALLY	1200
GREEN DONNA	1200
HUTCHINS SANDRA	1200
HIGGINS ANN	1200
FOX LAURA	1200
ERLANDSON TINA	1200
EKELMAN LISA	1200
COVIK NOREEN	1200
ALLISON SADIE	1200
BECKER YVONNE	1200
BARRY JOY	1200
ARTHUR DIANA	1200

Women's Seniors

KREUZWIESER VONNE	1930
GAFFKE MARY ALYCE	1920
SHAW PEG	1920
NASH CAROL	1905
BOUMANSOUR PAT	1905
APOSTOL LOLA	1905
BURT CAROL	1900
HESS CAROLE	1900

Junior's rankings

HARDY DOUG	1715
HAINER RICHARD	1710
GREEN RAY	1705
KOENIG CHRIS	1700

Mt. Clemens tournament pairings and results

The spotlight of the Michigan Racquetball Association's championship series was focused on Mt. Clemens from October 16 through 18. Three hundred and twenty-two MRA members took part in the second stop of the young tourney season.

John Vecchio, the manager of the Mt. Clemens Racquetball Club, provided the excellent hospitality throughout the tournament. All players had free access to an open sandwich bar, plus many fruits, doughnuts and refreshments. Many players could not believe that so much was available to them, and many said that the tournament was the best in years in that regard.

Dues for MRA membership

If you have yet to play in your first MRA tournament this season, remember that all players must be members of the MRA. Membership can be obtained by paying a \$3 nonrefundable annual fee. To make it more convenient for the MRA and the host racquetball club, it would be greatly appreciated if your dues would accompany your entry fee for your initial MRA tournament. All memberships expire at the end of each tournament season with the State Championship. Players are no longer required to be members of the USRA in order to participate in MRA tournaments. The annual membership fee will be used to print and distribute the MRA newsletter and for processing a statewide computerized ranking system.

Endorsement withdrawn

At the MRA board meeting of November 11, 1981, the board voted to rescind the endorsement of the remaining Grand Slam tournaments, the first to be in January in Brighton and the last in March at Davison. This action was taken because of the comments made to board members by MRA players who played in the Lansing Grand Slam. They questioned the tournament's location, hospitality and quality.

Correction

In the last issue of the MRA Newsletter Dianne Driver's name was misspelled.

Since the last newsletter, the tournament site for the state doubles has been changed. The site is now:

Davison Racquet Club
2140 Fairway Drive
Davison, MI

The Ektelon Company provided the tournament shirts and balls. Ektelon's Speed Flight ball also received many good reviews. The ball seemed to be an unusual surprise to many players.

The Michigan Racquetball Association thanks Ektelon, Mt. Clemens Racquetball Club and John Vecchio for a superb job.

Finals and Semifinals

The winners and the semifinalists in the Mt. Clemens tournament were:

MENS OPEN

Bob Wilhelm defeated Ray Vanover, 21-13, 20-21, 11-2. In the semis, Wilhelm beat Brian Chernsine and Vanover defeated Mark Kilbreath.

MENS A

Bret Williams downed Chuck Teets, 21-19, 21-20. In the semis, Williams beat Chris Cole and Teets bested Gary Waite.

MENS B

Peter Ruhala defeated Pat Schiller, 21-2, 21-17. In the semis, Ruhala beat Roy Oberg and Ruhala defeated Dennis McCune.

Why I Love Racquetball

The following article is an example of what the board of directors hopes will become a regular feature. The article could be entitled Why I Love Racquetball or What Racquetball Means to Me. It is our hope that MRA members will take interest in this article and its title. Please send your ideas for an appropriate title and your articles on yourself and racquetball to Larry Cole, 1192 Shady Hill, Flint, 48504.

Me and racquetball. We have a primitive relationship; a visceral relationship. A wet relationship. It is one where the 20x20x40 room isolates me from the world. The

Team, doubles division to start soon

Beginning at the fifth MRA tournament, at Flushing, the MRA will offer a team event. The members of the team can play at the same club, be family members, be sponsored by a company or any other combination. The only rules are that each person must be listed and each must be on only one team.

Other details, such as the number of team members, cost and point accumulation, will be determined by an appointed committee. Specifics will be listed on the entry blanks for the Flushing tournament.

MENS C

Mike Zwierzchowski dumped Dave Austin, 21-7, 21-7. In the semis, Big Z beat Steve Richmond and Austin bested Brian Llewellyn.

MENS D

Ed Iwasiw fought off Mark Musolf, 21-15, 18-21, 11-3. In the semis, Iwasiw beat Sam Morton and Musolf defeated Ron Knocheort.

MENS SENIOR A

Fred Lewerenz handled Bob Lipin, 21-8, 7-21, 11-1. In the semis, Lewerenz beat Carl Garavaglin and Lipin beat Tom Walters.

MENS SENIOR B

Larry Douglas bested Steve Fiddle, 21-2, 21-12. In the semis, Douglas beat Ron Slavic and Fiddle defeated Tom Schneck.

MENS MASTERS

Larry Ciokajlo got by Tony Tewes, 21-7, 21-19. In the semis, Ciokajlo beat Richard Caretti and Tewes defeated Dave Mattyas.

WOMENS OPEN

Sue Flannary edged Cathie Stellema, 8-21, 21-13, 11-5. In the semis, Flannary beat Judy Huhta while Stellema defeated Jo Hastings.

WOMENS A

Pina Finazzo slipped by Denny Freitag, 11-21, 21-11, 11-10. The

division was double-elimination.

WOMENS B

Christine Todd defeated Cindy Seidors, 21-15, 21-9. In the semis, Todd beat Alida Mainheat, and Seidors defeated Mary Ann Szpont.

WOMENS C

Anne Jahn bested Sue Hensley, 21-12, 21-2. In the semis, John beat Brenda Bath and Hensley got by Sue Pyles.

WOMENS D

Donna Murray handled Cheryl Page, 21-4, 21-2. In the semis, Murray beat Janet Insko and Page beat Shirley VanderBowe.

WOMENS SENIOR

Peg Shaw beat Vonne Kreuzwieser, 21-6, 21-6. The division was double elimination.

Exchange rate rule

Due to problems with the daily exchange rate and bank regulations, the MRA will no longer accept Canadian currency in payment of entry fees to MRA tournaments. Any checks drawn on a Canadian bank must have pre-printed or bank-stamped on them "Pay in U.S. Funds." Our bank will not accept personal checks with "Pay in U.S. Funds" handwritten on them as payable at the U.S. dollar rate.

The MRA will continue to accept any checks, drafts or money orders drawn on Canadian banks as long as "Pay in U.S. Funds" has been pre-printed or bank-stamped on them. The MRA appreciates your co-operation on this matter.

Door Prize winners

The following people won door prizes at the second MRA tournament of the year in Mt. Clemens: Ernie Matties, John Doptis, Robert Thompson, Terry Rakolta, Andy Leeds, Marianne Homer, Chester Dunbar and Jan Appel.

Barb Randle, Gail Lewandowski, Dan Dutcher, Donna Murray, Janet Insko, Sharon Huczek, Dianne Winters and Tom Schneck.

Correction

In the October issue of *Racquetball Today*, there was an article with the MRA logo supposedly authored by Gary Doty. The article was about the Massachusetts Racquetball Association. *Racquetball Today* has apologized for the error.

New Treasurer

After the resignation of Dave Brower from the MRA Board of Directors as treasurer, Dianne Driver was elected to the position by acclamation. Dianne will serve as treasurer for the rest of the season.