

Michigan Racquetball **mra** Association

P.O. Box 2176 Farmington Hills, MI 48018

1981-82 MRA schedule

September 18-20,
1981

Little Traverse Racquet Club
P.O. Box 825
Petoskey, MI 49770

October 16-18,
1981

Mt. Clemens Racquet Club
40501 Production Drive
Mt. Clemens, MI 48045

November 13-15,
1981

Racquetball Action Club
5609 West Saginaw Hwy.
Lansing, MI 48917

December 11-13,
1981

Racquetball Plus
2701 29th Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

January 15-17,
1982

Match Point Racquet Club
G-5219 West Pierson Rd.
Flushing, MI 48433

February 12-14,
1982

Court Players
315 Turwill Lane
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

March 12-14, 1982

Woodland Racquet Club
7425 West Grand River
Brighton, MI 48116

**State Doubles
Championship**
April 2-4, 1982

Oakland Racquet Club
31333 Southfield Rd.
Birmingham, MI 48009

**State Singles
Championships**
April 16-18, 1982

Racquetball Action Club
5609 West Saginaw Hwy.
Lansing, MI 48917

Petoskey features fun

The initial tournament this year in Petoskey features a combination of facilities and scenery that should make it one of the year's best.

The tournament will be held Sept. 18 through Sept. 20 at the Little Traverse Racquet Club. It is an excellent club with 8 back-wall glass courts for viewing, plus outdoor tennis courts for relaxation. The Penn ball will be used for the tournament.

But equally as nice as the playing facility are the lodging arrangements that the MRA has made. Players will be able to stay in the luxurious Harbor Cove condominiums virtually next door to the courts. The condos are valued in the \$150,000-\$200,000 range, and offer a mile of excellent beach in front, plus a swimming pool. Your cost? Only \$28 a day.

For reservations in the Petoskey tournament, call 616-347-5450.

What better way to start the season than a quality tournament in one of the state's most beautiful locations during the fall color season! See you there.

The second tournament of the year will be Oct. 16 through Oct. 18 at the Mt. Clemens Racquet Club. It has 20 courts, two of which are exhibition courts with both the back and sidewalls of glass.

1981-82 MRA official rating system

The MRA Board of Directors voted to modify the existing rating system for 1981-82. The following guidelines were approved and will be implemented at the September tournament in Petoskey.

For the men's and women's divisions, the following point groupings will be used:

Open	2000	Golden Masters	1900
A	1800	Masters	1900
B	1600	Seniors A	1900
C	1400	Seniors B	1700
D	1200	Juniors17	1700
Juniors15	1500	Juniors13	1300

GUIDELINES:

1. Winners of each round will gain 5 points and players will accumulate points for BYES and forfeits.
2. Losers of any round will not lose points.
3. Tournament winners in A, B, C, D and Seniors B divisions will be required to play in the next higher division and will be given the base points of the next division for their next tournament.
4. Any person reaching the finals in 2 tournaments for the A, B, C, D and Seniors B divisions will be required to play in the next higher division.
5. Upon written request, any player losing in the first round of 3 tournaments will be allowed to drop back to the next lower division and will be reassigned the average number of points for that division.
6. In cases where players have the same number of points for any given tournament, a seeding committee for that tournament will decide who should be seeded in what order based on past performances in MRA tournaments.
7. The rating list printed by the computer will contain the names of those players participating in MRA tournaments for the current year.
8. Points will not be carried over from year to year. The seeding for the first tournament (September) will be based on the final total from the preceding year.
9. In the interest of fair competition, the MRA Board reserves the right to re-classify any entrant.

MRA Board vacancy

The MRA is a player organization. The board of directors decided to give the general membership more time to nominate those who will represent the ideas they want. This is an opportunity for those with new ideas to have them

presented and implemented. And it is an opportunity for those who have been disappointed with MRA policy to help change it. All names must be submitted in writing to one of the present board members. The vote on the new board member will be **October 6, 1981.**

Rules Review

Ten Second Rule

Both Server and receiver are entitled to 10 seconds between rallies. **The calling of the score by the referee begins the 10-second rule.** The receiver, to indicate his request for 10 seconds, must raise his racquet, or otherwise make it obvious that he wants to take 10 seconds. (Kneeling to tie a shoe, back to opponent while adjusting equipment are some other methods.)

It is the server's responsibility to check their opponent for readiness. If the server checks the receiver and finds them ready, then turns and serves, and the receiver then attempts to signal, the serve counts. The server may take his 10 seconds immediately after the receiver by delaying the serve by 10 seconds.

MRA function and purpose

The recent re-organization of the MRA Board of Officers has resulted in the evolution of a new philosophy and direction for the MRA. Once again, the association will be running its own tournaments. It is our goal to provide racquetball players of this state with high quality tournament experience. To achieve that goal, we encourage constructive criticism and ideas as the season advances.

It is clear from the support of new people and new sponsors that this season will be an exciting and competitive one. If any player has ideas, comments or criticisms on any phase of the season, contact any board member, or write the MRA Newsletter in care of Larry Cole, 1192 Shady Hill, Flint, 48507.

President's corner

by JIM EASTERLING
MRA President

The 1981-82 racquetball season is about to start, and I think it is necessary to pose many of the questions that many of you may have. **What is the MRA going to do this year to benefit the racquetball player and club?** It is a good question, and it deserves an equally good and direct answer.

These are only a few of the things your state board of directors have set as goals for this season:

The MRA Newsletter

There will be a minimum of four newsletters published by the MRA board and mailed directly to its members and participating clubs. Included in the newsletter will be player rankings, tournament dates and results, explanations and interpretations of rules, opinions, pictures and the latest facts and trends in racquetball.

MRA tournaments

This year because the entire MRA board is involved in the running of tournaments, those events should prove to be better than ever. Look for great hospitality, matches on time, and even door

prizes to add to the excitement. Also, the entry fees are being held to a minimum for the players' benefit.

Tournament clearing house

If you are planning a large racquetball tournament, do your club and neighboring clubs the service of calling me—Jim Easterling—and allowing me to help you select a date where conflicts can be held to a minimum. Well-run and well-planned tournaments benefit and promote racquetball in the state, and the MRA wants to help.

MRA endorsement

If your club hosts an established, well-run racquetball tournament every year, it is worth considering having it endorsed and recognized by the MRA for a small fee. We would help by supplying a list of all racquetball clubs in the state; by allowing the use of our logo with endorsement acknowledgement; by guaranteeing that no other MRA event competes with your tournament, and by publishing the winners and their scores in our statewide newsletter if they are submitted to us.

Official referee clinics

As racquetball expands, it becomes increasingly necessary to have a thoroughly organized and official interpretation of the rules. We will supply the people who have the answers and know the rules. If you are a club manager, don't hesitate to give us a call if hosting a referee clinic interests you. For those wishing to attend a referee clinic, look for more details in upcoming issues of this newsletter, and at participating clubs.

Club addresses

Note to racquetball directors: If you are planning a large tournament and decide that a mailing list would be helpful, the MRA, for a small fee, will supply you with an up-to-date list of all the racquetball clubs in the state.

Thank you for your interest. I am honored and pleased to be the new president of the MRA, and I am looking forward to a well-run and prosperous year for racquetball in the state of Michigan.

Jim Easterling

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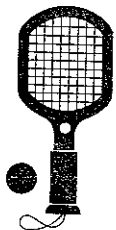
Hogan wins fourth time

One of the least exciting things about the 1981 Nationals held recently in Tempe, Arizona, was Marty Hogan blasting his way to a fourth consecutive title. But while he was doing that, others were busy blasting each other.

Hogan took the crown with ease, losing only one game in the tournament. He beat 11th seed Craig McCoy in less than an hour to collect more than \$35,000.

Along the way, however, Dave Peck, the 2nd seed, knocked out player Lindsay Myers, literally. Following an exchange of words outside the court, Peck hit Myers with a backhand punch. Peck later apologized for embarrassing the National Racquet Club, but not for hitting Myers.

Later, DP Leach vice-president Charlie Drake ripped the shirt off referee Terry Fancher over a controversial call involving a player Drake manages.



MRA sponsors referee clinics

In an attempt to upgrade the level of refereeing, the MRA will again this year be sponsoring referee clinics. We believe these were successful last year and helped provide members with valuable information. The knowledge of how to referee, and the ability to use that knowledge, are key factors in the success of MRA tournaments. We want each player to have the ability to referee a match as expertly as they expect a match in which they play to be refereed. We hope all members will participate in these clinics, even if

only to improve their knowledge of the rules of the game. No clinics have been scheduled. Notices will be sent to all clubs as soon as they are, and they will be announced in this newsletter.

We also will have articles in each issue of the newsletter on rules. We will attempt to highlight, explain and clarify some of the most questioned rules. Those articles will be called **RULES REVIEW**. If you have questions, please send them to the MRA secretary, Larry Cole.

