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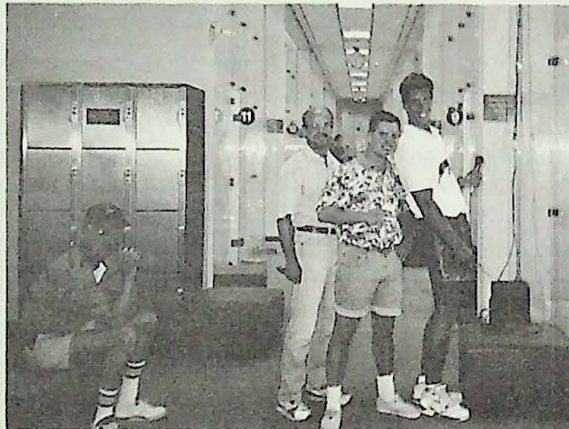
RACQUETBALL

Moore Lake Summer Fest

by Peggy Clark

Does anyone play racquetball in the summer anymore? Sure, they do! A hundred participants in the Summer Fest July 10-12 proved it. This summer of cooler weather and a lot of rain has apparently reinstated the desire to keep tournament tough in many folks. The Mens Open posted 22 entrants, and 12 in the Womens. Competitors from Iowa, North Dakota and Wisconsin tested their skills against some of Minnesota's finest.

While we didn't have quite enough for a seniors division, we filled a draw in Mens 40, and a round robin in Mens 45. Dennis Ring bested Wisconsin entrant Tom Davenport in the 40's, earning the privilege of reffing the Mens Open Doubles final. We learned that Dennis will ask even open players to secure proper eyewear. It proved to be a weekend of seconds for Davenport, as he and partner Mike Mai fell to the experienced team of Mark Cohen and Ken Merrill in Mens A Doubles, a division of 14 teams.



Womens A had Pam Reimer and Melanie Seiberlich emerge 1 and 2 from the round robin. They then tested the water in Womens Open Doubles because they really wanted to play,

and there was no Womens A Doubles. Look for a strong performance from them at State Doubles.

No surprise in the Womens Open winner. Dana Sibell rarely drops a game to any of the women these days, though some competitors are reaching double digits. Angie Roby hopes that her semi-



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"For Your Eyes Only"

by Pete McCarthy

With the upcoming racquetball season almost in full swing, one of the most (eye) irritating rules of the game is that all tournament players must wear "lensed eyewear designed for racquet sports." This INCLUDES prescription eyewear.

This has become one of the primary concerns of the MSRA. As a result, the MSRA has adopted the following policy:

1. All eyewear must be lensed.
2. By no later than the 1993 State Doubles, ALL prescription eyewear must be ASTM approved.

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From the "Pres"

by Peggy Clark

Summer is about half finished as I write this column, and we're making the final calendar revisions for inclusion in this newsletter, as well as the State Doubles flyer. We have again offered an optional souvenir (Ladies: we promise no see-through white shirts) so you can save money on entry fees. Paid referees seem to be popular, and we will continue to offer the \$5/\$2 rate for certified/non certified refs, and will continue to pay certification fees for those who pass the test. Due to the ever-increasing number of special requests for start times, we have tried to make the process as fair as possible by: having in town participants start at noon or 1 pm and out of town participants at 5 pm on Friday, allowing you to get in a half day at work. Only limited special requests for start times will be honored (half metro, half non-metro by team) on a **first come, first served** basis. What does this mean? If you feel it is necessary to have special consideration, then **get your entry in early!!!** There will be a surcharge of \$2 for XXL shirts and sweatshirts as they cost us extra.

If you're curious, concerned, or want to be more involved in your association, mark your calendars for the MSRA Open Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 24, from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Normandale Racquet Swim & Health Club, 6701 West 78th Street in Bloomington. The club is just west of the 494/Bush Lake Road exit. Call 920-6652 or 944-2434 for specific directions. We must adjourn this meeting at 6:30 in order to seed the State Doubles Tournament, so please make every effort to be there at 5. We will have the financial statements and budgets available, and we encourage you to bring any thoughts or ideas to the Board that you wish to share.

Marta Groess has decided to run for the AARA Board of Directors in order that we (Minnesotans) have a more proactive role in the direction of the national organization. Your support for her candidacy and your vote next May in the AARA elections will allow you a more direct link to national policy. I have heard many questions over the years about how and where AARA membership monies are used. This an opportunity to find out first hand and lobby for change. Look for articles in Minnesota Racquetball by Marta about what she will try to accomplish at the national level if elected. Please take time to read about her ideas, share yours with her, and help us with the election campaign.

Survey results are briefly summarized in this issue of the newsletter. With 89 respondents, it is difficult to say if this is an accurate representation of our membership opinion. Nevertheless, tournament directors this year will receive a copy of the summary. Keep the lines of communication open with the key people in your club if you'd like to see changes made in tournaments. Good luck to everyone in the upcoming season.



Corrections

There were two errors in the July, 1992 Tournament Results. The correct information follows:

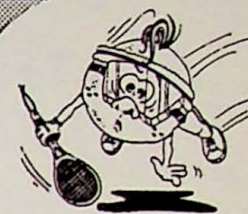
Shoot for the \$\$\$ - Northeast Racquetball Club

Mixed Doubles - First Place Winners - Shirley Campbell & Ken Grist

Men's B - 2nd Place - Emma Onyia

Men's B - Semi - Rex Greenwald

Kid's Korner



by Lois Anderson

Junior Olympic Tournament

Exhilarating is the one word which best describes our experience in Salt Lake City and the 1992 Junior Olympic Championship Tournament.

Most of us stayed at the Snowbird Resort, HIGH in the mountains, up a long, narrow, winding road with a shoulder of only inches, and a STEEP DROP that seemed like miles. As I nervously drove up the mountain for only the second time with only inches between us and that long drop down the mountain, Dana did little to reassure me as she looked out the car window and exclaimed---"these are the tops of trees---do you know how tall trees are?"

The view from our hotel was very beautiful and peaceful, and actually was well worth the treacherous drive. Besides the bountiful foliage there were also lots of animals everywhere, including inside our hotel, in our hallway (most of the Minnesota people stayed on one floor).

The excitement began as a lonely, lost field mouse wandered into our hallway. About 15 kids chased the poor thing up and down the hall, with the girls screaming and the boys laughing, until someone (of all people, my son, Scott) put him out of his misery. The kids then decided to leave a little surprise for Hart Johnson---on his pillow!!! There's a long, and very funny story that follows---ask Hart, or one of the Team Minnesota kids. Hart also had an **unusual** dinner at the Tuesday night banquet!

Now, back to business. The Juniors played very well---and we again came home with **2nd Place** in the State Competition, behind the State of Oregon (they had 40 kids playing, which because of the Olympic format that is used for the Junior Olympics helped them earn more points). Below is a list of the Juniors that participated in the tournament and the medals they won (we have not received the official results of the tournament - the results below are from notes Dana and I kept during the tournament. There were a few "holes" in our notes, so if there are any correction or additions to the results below please let me know and they will be published in the next newsletter).

GIRLS

12 & Under

Jamie Trachsel-1st Place-Gold Division

14 & Under

Aimee Chastain-1st Place-Red Division

Sadie Gross-1st Place-Gold Division

Meadow Krantz-1st Place-White Division

Jill Trachsel-2nd Place-Gold Division

16 & Under

Michelle Anderson

Andrea Beugen-2nd Place-Gold Division

Vallana Perrault-3rd Place -Red Division

18 & Under

Shelly Mick-4th Place-Red Division

BOYS

10 & Under

Jason Jansen-2nd Place-Gold Division

12 & Under

Justin Anderson-3rd Place-White Division

Chad Hahne-3rd Place-Red Division

Trevor Larson

14 & Under

Chris Anderson

Rob Carey

Troy Heurung

Adam Larson

Nick Petrack

16 & Under

Andy Gross

Jon Hofer-3rd Place-White Division

Jason Krantz

Brian Pearson

Ed Reed

Cal Svihel

Josh Tamminen-3rd Place-Red Division

18 & Under

Brett Beugen

Matt Meeker

Scott Overby

DOUBLES

GIRLS

Jamie & Jill Trachsel

Aimee Chastain & Sadie Gross

Michelle Anderson & Vallana

Perrault

Andrea Beugen

Meadow Krantz & Shelly Mick

BOYS

Jason Jansen - 2nd Place

Justin Anderson & Chad Hahne

Trevor & Adam Larson

Chris Anderson & Andy Wojciechowski

Troy Heurung & Nick Petrack

Andy Gross

Jon Hofer & Jason Krantz

Brian Pearson & Josh Tamminen

Ed Reed & Cal Svihel

Brett Beugen - 1st Place

Special THANKS to Hart Johnson, Todd Stead and Dana Sibell for their excellent coaching! They spent endless hours watching matches, consoling the losers, praising the winners and providing invaluable information to the kids during their matches.

"Summer Fest"

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nal finish and good scores against Dana will put her back on the ranking map. The pick up team of Margaret Hill and Terri Straka proved good enough to beat Dana and Becky Shirk in the doubles final. Hill's regular partner, Ansula Liu, was busy honeymooning with Jon Calder in Las Vegas.

Team Iowa captured the two final spots in the Mens Open. Brad McCunniff posted a victory over long-time nemesis and former Minnesotan Rob French. Rumor has it that married life can be credited with the improvement in his game. The close of the school year has brought Dave Werschay back to Minnesota and a job in St. Cloud. While some of the men are nervous about his return, most agreed that the quality of play in the tournaments will surely improve with his participation. Brett Beugen and Mike Locker were Team Iowa's semifinal victims, but Mike teamed up with Brandon Hartinger to extract revenge with a victory over French and McCunniff in the doubles finals. Former Minnesotan Dave Gordon was impressed by the honesty in the Mens Open stating, "These guys are just too nice. I feel so guilty if I don't call everything. It's just not like the old days." Times change, eh?

Quite a few players headed over to Joe diMaggio's for after hours activities. New friendships were made, and old ones renewed. It makes us "old timers" remember that socialization was as important as the competition in those early tournaments.



Order in The Court

by Dick Sommer

With the 1992/93 racquetball season rapidly approaching, I think it is time once again to review the rules as they apply to **Avoidable Hinders**.

The 1991/92 official AARA rule book states that "While making an attempt to return the ball, a player is entitled to a fair chance to see and return the ball. It is the responsibility of the side that has just hit the ball to move so the receiving side may go straight to the ball and have an unobstructed view of the ball."

An **Avoidable Hinder** results in the loss of the rally. An **Avoidable Hinder** does not necessarily have to be an intentional act and is the result of any of the following:

a) **Failure to Move.** A player does not move sufficiently to allow an opponent a shot straight to the front wall as well as cross-court shot which is a shot directly to the front wall at an angle that would cause the ball to rebound directly to the rear corner farthest from the player hitting the ball. Also, when a player moves in such a direction that it prevents an opponent from taking either of these shots.

b) **Stroke Interference.** This occurs when a player moves, or fails to move, so that the opponent returning the ball does not have a free, unimpeded swing. This includes unintentionally moving in the wrong direction which prevents the opponent from making an open offensive shot.

c) **Blocking.** Moves into a position which blocks the opponent from getting to, or returning, the ball; or in doubles, a player moves in front of the opponent as the player's partner is returning the ball.

d) **Moving into the Ball.** Moves in the way and is struck by the ball just played by the opponent.

e) **Pushing.** Deliberately pushes or shoves opponent during rally.

f) **Intentional Distractions.** Deliberate shouting, stamping of feet, waiving of racquet, or any other manner of disrupting one's opponent.

g) **View Obstruction.** A player moves across an opponent's line of vision just before the opponent strikes the ball.

h) **Wetting the Ball.** The players, particularly the server, should insure that the ball is dry prior to the serve. Any wet ball that is not corrected prior to the serve shall result in an **Avoidable Hinder** against the server.

i) **Apparel or Equipment Loss.** If a player loses any apparel, equipment, or other article, play shall be immediately stopped and that player shall be called for an **Avoidable Hinder**. If the loss of equipment is caused by a player's opponent, then a dead-ball hinder should be called. If the opponent's action is judged to have been avoidable, then the opponent should be called for an **Avoidable Hinder**.

Keep in mind that an **Avoidable Hinder** is not necessarily intentional, but could have been avoided.

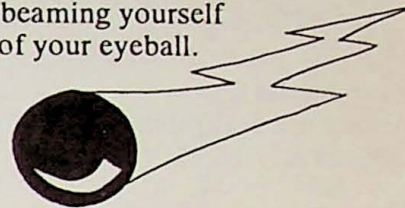
The book "Officiating Racquetball" by Otto Dietrich and Jim Hiser, describes an **Avoidable Hinder** as "something that you did that you didn't have to" or "something that you could have done, but didn't" which resulted in a hinder.

The result of an **Avoidable Hinder** call is that the rally is awarded to the player that was hindered, regardless of how the rally ended.

Eye Awakening

April of 1991: It's a lazy afternoon match and you are enjoying the sensation of string pounding ball. The game, the match, this rally is going really well and your mind does a Star Trek shuffle to elsewhere ... and HERE IT COMES! - ALL the detailed wonder of one blue ball peeling back your eyelid. Then, while you are still beaming yourself down, the molecular structure completes its path by embedding itself into the soft fluid mass of your eyeball.

This particular date, match, and optimum eyeball experience belongs to one Herb Peter ... a man who used to fight against eyeguards as if it was constitutionally declared in the Second Amendment.



While Herb Peter lay in the hospital for ten days with a detached retina, he had plenty of idle time to contemplate a racquetball player's verbose excuses for not wearing eyeguards. In the end, none of those excuses (we've heard them all) compared to one minor fact: a mere 75 mph little rubber ball has the impact of a 22 caliber bullet. Herb hopes to persuade those of us who now wear eyeguards ONLY during tournaments that it's important to wear them also during fun, recreational matches.

Herb decided to do something about the problem of being able to find good looking, comfortable and most important, affordable eyewear. After extensive research, Herb launched the idea of marketing "Kleershot" eyeguards. Last season, Kleershot, INC. maintained a low profile while Herb successfully shuffled through the paces. Obtaining a registered trademark was the easy part. Gaining credibility for his U.S.A. product by ASTM standards and securing AARA approval took a bit more negotiation.

Herb has now received all of the approvals necessary to market his new product. Everyone should be wearing approved eyeguards whenever playing racquetball. A complete list of approved eyewear will be available in the near future.

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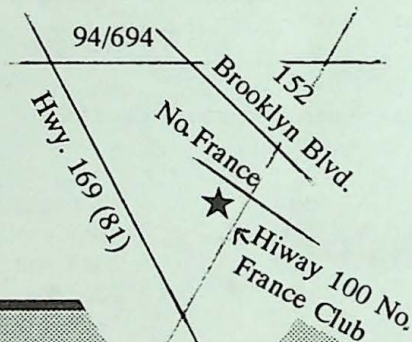
SPECIAL TOURNAMENT NOTES

1. Lockers are limited and cost \$.25 per use, so prepare accordingly.
2. ID's must be left at the Tennis Desk if towels are needed.
3. Courts are assigned only when **ALL** players are checked in and ready to play. It is the player's responsibility to check the master draw sheets for match time changes before they leave the facility each day!!!
4. Any player 10 minutes late for a match will forfeit. First round no shows without a phone call will be forfeited from the tournament.
5. Eyeguards will be inspected for compliance with AARA rules.

TOURNAMENT LODGING

Days Inn (Mpls North/Brooklyn Center)
1501 Freeway Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55430
(612) 566-4140
Special Rate: \$43.95-reservations must
be made by Sept. 18th-mention "MSRA."

MAP



**ENTRY DEADLINE
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY:
SEPTEMBER 18, 1992**

NO PHONE ENTRIES

**MAIL ENTRY BLANK WITH PAYMENT TO:
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2650 BRYANT AVE. S.
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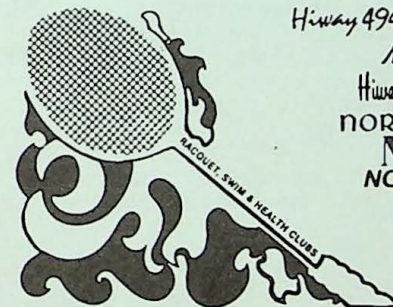
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GENERAL INFORMATION

SITE

Hiway 100 North France
Racquet & Swim Club
(see map on reverse side)

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Postmarked by September 18, 1992

AFTER DEADLINE

If accepted, \$10 late fee and no souvenir.

ENTRY FEE (per person)

\$32 First Event (deduct \$8 if no souvenir)
\$15 Second Event
\$15 Third Event (must be Mixed Doubles)

Juniors: (18 and under as of January 1, 1992)

\$16 First Event (deduct \$8 if no souvenir)
\$ 8 Second Event
\$ 8 Third Event (must be Mixed Doubles)

***Your first event entry fee includes \$8 for a tournament souvenir.

If you do not want a tournament souvenir, you may reduce your first event fee by \$8 (see registration form).

*No refunds will be made after deadline without a doctor's excuse.

REFEREES

Winners must referee! Or find a suitable replacement. Each time you ref a match in the winners bracket of a division you will be paid \$5 if you are a Certified Referee and \$2 if you are a non-certified referee. The Certification Test will be available during the tournament as no cost.

HOSPITALITY

Lunches will be served on Saturday and Sunday. Fruit & sports drink will be available all weekend.

TOURNAMENT BALL

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PRIZES

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th (if over 16 in a division) and consolation winners in each division. 1st and 2nd in round robin events. Round robins will be held if there are less than six (6) entrants.

ELIGIBILITY

You must live, work or go to school in Minnesota. This is an MSRA/AARA sanctioned event. All participants must hold a current MSRA/AARA competitive license or purchase one on site for an annual \$15 fee (\$28 for family of two). Competitive Licenses must be current before you play a match. AARA rules apply including "lensed eyewear designed for racquet sports is mandatory."

CLASSIFICATION

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reclassify any entrant because of their tournament experience or playing level. Doubles teams must play to the level of the highest skilled player.

STARTING TIMES

All Metro players should be prepared to play at 12:00 noon on Friday. Out of town players should be prepared to play at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. If you have ANY problems with these starting times or you have any special requirements, please write a detailed note on your registration form. Special requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Starting times will be available on Wednesday, September 30 after 12:00 noon by calling the Hiway 100 Club at 535-5923.

QUESTIONS???

Call (612) 920-6652.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please enter me in: Mens Womens Juniors

SKILL

(One event only from this column)

___ Open
___ A
___ B
___ C

AGES

(Two events may be selected from this column)

___ 19+
___ 25+
___ 30+
___ 35+ Open/A or
___ 35+ B/C (CIRCLE ONE)
___ 40+
___ 45+
___ 50+
___ 55+
___ 60+
___ 65+

JUNIORS

(One event may be selected from this column)

___ A
___ B

MIXED - SKILLED

(One event only from each group)

___ Open
___ A
___ B
___ C

MIXED - AGE

___ 30+
___ 40+
___ Juniors

*Ages for adults are as of October 2, 1992 and for Juniors as of January 1, 1992

**Shirt Size: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL (Add \$2.00)

Name _____

Partner(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

*Please find me a partner in: _____

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1st Event \$ _____
2nd Event \$ _____
3rd Event (Mixed only) \$ _____
XXL Shirt (Add \$2.00) \$ _____
MSRA/AARA Membership . . \$ _____
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TOTAL \$ _____

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MSRA, 2650 Bryant Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408

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___ Check-in ___ Recording scores

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I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, agents and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims I may have against the MSRA, the Hiway 100 North France Club and the sponsors of this tournament for any and all injuries.

Date _____

Signature (If under 18, parent or guardian must sign) _____

Sanctioned Tournament Results

Moore Lake Summer Fest

CLUB: Northwest Racquet, Swim,
& Health Club

Tournament Director: Peggy Clark

Dates: July 10-12, 1992

Men's Open

Brad McCunniff (Iowa) 1st
Rob French (Iowa) 2nd
Brett Beugen (Golden Valley) Semi
Mike Locker (Duluth) Semi
Jim Ellenberger (Wisconsin) Qtr
Dave Wershay (St. Cloud) Qtr
Andy Gross (Apple Valley) Qtr
Brandon Hartinger (Apple Vly) Qtr
Jim Frautschi (Lino Lakes) Cons

Men's A

Ben Roy (Bloomington) 1st
Ken Merrill (Burnsville) 2nd
Scott Overby (Monticello) Semi
Stuart Taran (Eden Prairie) Semi
Mark Justesen (Winona) Qtr
Mike Mai (Wisconsin) Qtr
Dave McKinney (Brklyn Park) Qtr
Larry Valtinson (New Brighton) Qtr
Rob Carey (Shoreview) Cons

Men's B

Jeff Diiro (Minnetonka) 1st
Matthew Shankweiler (Mpls.) 2nd

Stuart Sinykin (Moundsview) Semi
Ramani Ayakannu (New Hope) Semi
Chris Harwood (Fridley) Qtr
Emmanuel Onyia (St. Paul) Cons

Men's C

Larry Sheffield (Coon Rapids) 1st
John Bell (Coon Rapids) 2nd

Men's 40+

Dennis Ring (Prior Lake) 1st
Tom Davenport (Wisconsin) 2nd
Bob Born (Shoreview) Semi
Bill Pearson (Oakdale) Semi
Mark Cohen (Eagan) Cons

Men's 45+

Marv Loper (Maple Grove) 1st
Paul Froeschl (Prior Lake) 2nd

Men's Open Doubles

B. Hartinger / M. Locker 1st
R. French / B. McCunniff 2nd
M. Dittrich / S. Schaeffer Semi
B. Beugen / J. Ellenberger Semi
M. Dittrich / S. Schaeffer Cons

Mens A Doubles

M. Cohen / K. Merrill 1st
T. Davenport / M. Mai 2nd
C. Simmons / W. Pearson Semi
D. Garvin / M. Karels Semi

W. Murphy / W. Ouse Qtr
D. Doyle / R. Huenecke Qtr
R. Ayakamu / E. Onyia Qtr
D. Doyle / R. Huenecke Cons

Women's Open

Dana Sibell (Columbia Heights) 1st
Kelly Kirk (Winona) 2nd
Angie Roby (Brainerd) Semi
Peggy Clark (Mpls.) Semi
Jane Peters (Burnsville) Qtr
Lisa Heilman (Lakeville) Qtr
Terri Straka (Brooklyn Park) Cons

Women's A

Pam Reimer (Bloomington) 1st
Melanie Seiberlich (Circle Pines) 2nd

Women's B:

Cathy Bates (Minnetonka) 1st
Kim Oakland (Brooklyn Park) 2nd
Deb Augustin (Mpls.) Cons

Women's Open Doubles

B. Shirk / D. Sibell 1st
M. Hill / T. Straka 2nd
K. Kirk / R. Voigt Semi
A. Roby / S. Kieffer Semi
P. Clark / C. Tilbury Cons

Congratulations!

Free Exhibition/Clinic

AN EKTELON EXHIBITION/CLINIC is planned for October and is free to Minnesota Racquetball subscribers.

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Wednesday, October 21 - Highway 100 Club - 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Thursday, October 22 - Burnsville Club - 6:30 to 8:30 pm



Dave Peck has also offered to help us with junior programming and development by giving a teaching clinic for interested parents and volunteers. Leave a message with your name, address, and phone number at 920-6652 if you want to learn about teaching kids or getting additional promotional ideas. We will send you a flyer with the particulars about place and time when they are finalized with Dave. It will either be Tuesday evening, October 20, or Thursday afternoon, October 22.

Open Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 1992

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Normandale Racquet,
Swim & Health Club
6701 W. 78th St.
Bloomington, MN

PARI Update

by Peggy Clark

What is PARI? It is the Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors. This is the only body which certifies teaching and programming professionals in the racquetball industry today. Some racquetball pros hold certification in APRO, which certified professionals until the mid-1980's. While many concepts are similar in the two organizations, PARI has been updated with drills, lessons, and programming for the 1990's. Seven people from Minnesota took the PARI clinic and exam at Crosstown on June 18 & 19. PARI is looking for annual sites for these clinics, and if you are interested in attending a clinic in spring or summer of 1993, please leave a message at 920-6652. When we have 6 individuals who plan to participate, we will schedule a clinic. Check the next issue for a complete listing of PARI certified instructors in Minnesota to help you with your game.

Special note for current PARI professionals: The first Level III certification clinic and exam will be held at the US Olympic Training Center September 30 - October 4. The cost is \$249 plus travel. All meals and lodging are included. To register, call Jim Hiser at the AARA (800-234-5396).

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Your Opinions Count

by Peggy Clark & Kelly Kirk

The surveys which have been in two newsletters and at tournaments have been tabulated and summarized. With 89 respondents, we are not sure if these opinions are representative, so continue to let us know what you think. These results will be sent to the tournament directors of the 93-93 sanctioned series, and they may adopt some of your suggestions.

While 3/4 of you want the cost of tournaments reduced, only 2/3 would play more if that occurred. In order to reduce cost, something must be eliminated. Unfortunately, the most expensive items: souvenir, lunch, and carbonated beverages, were not selected for elimination by those responding to the survey. We hope that the MSRA decision to make souvenirs optional at an additional charge offers you a way to reduce cost. People seemed to like the idea of equipment or gift certificates for awards as well and trophies and plaques. Eighty percent of the open players who responded would like to comment about how prize money is distributed. Junior discounts for tournaments are not consis-

tently applied by tournament directors, and in some cases do not provide sufficient incentive for families to participate. The MSRA has asked the tournament directors to offer 1/2 price juniors for several years, so try to support them when they do. In case you weren't sure: juniors who play open are expected to pay full price, as they earn the same prize money as the adults.

Since the responses were split on the banquet issue, we decided not to host one in the near future. If someone wants to take on the banquet project, and can make it cost effective, please let us know. Paid referees are strongly supported, so we will continue to offer the certification test at no charge in an effort to encourage you to study and learn how to apply the rules. Those of you who indicated an interest in serving on the Board will be contacted about participation after our August meeting. We have areas of need, and your willingness to help is appreciated. It would seem that most of you want to receive our newsletter, and we telephoned the clubs that you indicated didn't put out newsletters and

tournament flyers. In many cases, they simply needed more, which tells us that people are reading what we send. The split of funds between AARA and MSRA (60/40 respectively) was supported by 85% of those who responded.

Womens participation received a variety of suggestions, and we will be looking at womens programming in the next year. Dana Sibell and Brett Beugen took the PARI clinic in June in exchange for 20 hours of volunteer teaching time, and we will use them in womens development as well as juniors. If you have some time to spend helping us with womens clinics and informal, recreational sessions, please leave a message and let us know you're available.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to let us know how you feel. Special thanks to those who took the time to say "thanks" to the Board. It's good to know that people appreciate what this group of volunteers does. Don't hesitate to call or write with concerns, comments, suggestions, or questions. We like to hear from you.

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Junior Regional Correction

The Junior Region #11 Tournament "results" in the July, 1992 newsletter did not include the GIRLS section. The results are below:

GIRLS

18 & Under (Round Robin)

Andrea Beugen	1st
Shelly Mick	2nd

16 & Under (Round Robin)

Andrea Beugen	1st
Aimee Chastain	2nd

14 & Under (Round Robin)

Sadie Gross	1st
Jill Trachsel	2nd

12 & Under

Jamie Trachsel	1st
Katie Thompson	2nd

Doubles (combined)

Jill Trachsel & Jamie Trachsel	1st
Andrea Beugen & Sadie Gross	2nd

Rankings

"Eyes"

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The rankings remain the same as in the July, 1992 newsletter.

3. ALL eyewear must be checked at the 1993 State Doubles check-in desk.

There are many different types of eyewear that can be worn---Pro Ken-nex, Leader, Ektelon & Kleershot are just a few to be named. Kleershot is a very good, inexpensive solution for prescription lenses. The prescription lenses can be special ordered and are made in Minnesota.

Tournament Directors and reps will be enforcing this rule by charging technical fouls at first. Then, if necessary, they will forfeit the match. Its everyone's responsibility to enforce the rule as a player, referee and spectator. We will be watching!!!

World Senior Racquetball Championships

September 8 - 12, 1992

Albuquerque, New Mexico

For more information call:
Gary Mazaroff (505) 266-8960

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- New Membership
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Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone: (____) _____ Date of Birth _____

- 1 Year-Individual Mbrshp.....\$15
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- Each Add'l Fam. Member.....\$ 7
- 2 Year-Individual Mbrshp.....\$27
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- Each Add'l Fam. Member.....\$12
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MAIL TO: MSRA Membership, P. O. Box 16515, Minneapolis, MN 55416-0515

Upcoming Tournaments

September 11-13, 1992

1st Annual Jesse James Days Shootout

Northfield Total Fitness
1000 S. Highway 3, PO Box 6
Northfield, MN 55057
Wes Miller, 507-645-9378

September 8-12, 1992

World Senior Championships
Albuquerque, NM 87112
Gary Mazaroff, 505-298-7661

September 18-20, 1992

Pete Peterson Classic IV
Northeast Racquetball Club
5160 Central Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
Dave Hart, 612-572-0330

October 2-4, 1992

**Minnesota State Doubles
Championships**
Highway 100 RS & HC
c/o MSRA
2650 Bryant Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408-1240
Peggy Clark, 612-920-6652

October 16-18, 1992

3rd Annual Fall Pro-Am
Lake Country Health & Racquet Club
1356 - 3rd Avenue SW
Forest Lake, MN 55025
Greg Kienholz/Dan Zeller, 612-464-1840

October 23-25, 1992

Riverbend Masters Tournament
Winona Family YMCA
207 Winona Street
Winona, MN 55987
Steve Peterson, 507-454-1520

October 21-25, 1992

Ektelon US National Doubles
Phoenix, AZ
Luke St Onge (AARA) 800-234-5396

November 6-8, 1992

St. Croix Animal Shelter Fund Raiser
River Valley Athletic Club
1826 Northwestern Avenue
Stillwater, MN 55082
Betsy Larey, 612-439-7611

November 13-15, 1992

Midwest Pro-Am Tournament
Northgate Racquet Club
2901 Pennington Court NW
Rochester, MN 55901
Bev Lichty, 507-281-1551

November 20-22, 1992

Fall Pro-Am
Suburban Racquetball & Swim Club
Box 63
Rockville, MN 56369
Greg Hayenga, 612-251-3965

November 27-29, 1992

**Mankato Athletic Club Thanksgiving
Pro-Am**
Mankato Athletic Club
103 Homestead Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
Julie Gelnalske, 507-345-8833

December 4-6, 1992

Superstars of Racquetball Classic V
Northeast Racquetball Club
5160 Central Avenue NE
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