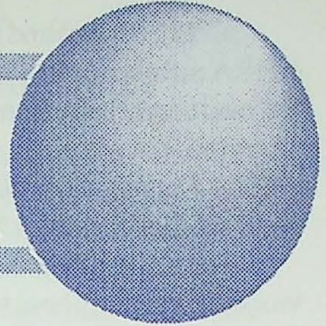




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Letter from the President

Greetings... I hope this second edition of our newsletter finds you by the pool relaxing in the warm sunshine and resting the mind, body, and soul for the upcoming New Hampshire racquetball season.

Your New Hampshire Racquetball Association (NHRA) Board of Directors has been very busy this summer preparing the upcoming racquetball season for your enjoyment and competition. They have been developing new ideas and arranging tournaments and events for the upcoming racquetball year (September 1998 through May 1999).

Among all of the great activities that you will find described in this late-summer edition of our NHRA newsletter, you will also discover an up-to-date copy of the 1998-99 Tournament Schedule. We genuinely hope that we will see all of you at as many tournaments and events as you can attend. Remember, you owe it to yourself to become and stay healthy, alive, and motivated -- three great benefits of playing racquetball in New Hampshire.

Each event this season will be unique and exciting. In our new schedule, you will notice that each tournament "flows" one into another. In other words, we have scheduled one week-end off between Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont tournaments and events. This new type of tournament schedule allows you to "play more" racquetball instead of picking and choosing between major events.

This issue of our new NHRA newsletter is being sent to all of our members (currently,

Kelley Beane Appointed 1999 Assistant Coach for USA Racquetball Team

Our own Kelley Beane has recently been selected to be *Assistant Coach and Team Manager* for the 1999 USA National Racquetball Team. This position was offered to her by Jim Winterton, the current Head Coach of the US Team. With this new position, Kelley will be coaching juniors (who have just won National Championships in Portland) as well as seasoned professionals (such as Michelle Gould and Dan Obremski). In her own words, "I will certainly have my work cut out for me!" Kelley will help coach the US Team to retain their world titles at the Tournament of the Americas (March '99), Pan American Games (July '99), and World Championships (August '99). Great job, Kelley!!!

*Responsibility, the ability to respond
Each of us is capable of doing more to
promote racquetball*

Set goals for yourself

*Plan, figure out how you are going to
reach your goals*

One is a very great many

Now is the time to take action

Start now

Involve others in your plan and dreams

Be a leader

*Initiative to help others just as
somebody helped you to get
started*

Learn to be positive in all situations

*Involve other positive goal-oriented
people in your plan*

Treat others with respect

*You can play an important role in the
future of racquetball*

- Submitted by Randy Olson -

Referee Certification

This year at our first tournament, the *Executive Open*, we will be offering the National Referee Certification Program. This formal program allows local racquetball players to become "competent" referees. We plan to offer program and test at *four* different tournaments this coming racquetball season. At this point in time, we are not sure who from the NHRA Board will be running this referee certification program.

In order to participate in this certification program, you must meet the following requirements:

- 1) You are a current member of USRA
- 2) You have "ref-ed" at least 10 matches in the past year
- 3) You have already attended a "rules" clinic (this will be offered *before* the referee certification test occurs)
- 4) You have paid your \$10 fee to NHRA

Our goal is to develop and cultivate fully "qualified" referees for those very trying matches that we all experience from time to time. We hope to develop more competent referees who know the rules and are not afraid to call hindes or technical fouls when they are warranted. This will go a long way in keeping tournament matches under control and "fairly" refereed.

Advertising Rates: Join Our NHRA Newsletter Now...

Currently, we are in the process of developing *advertising rates* for potential sponsors of this newsletter -- New Hampshire Racquetball Association (NHRA) Rollout.

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