



MICHIGAN RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

2808 S. Deerfield, Lansing, Michigan 48910

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TO ALL MICHIGAN RACQUETBALL PLAYERS:

The past season was a memorable one for racquetball in Michigan. Much progress was made in organizing Michigan racquetball and it will continue this year. The Michigan Racquetball Association is your organization and is working to serve every player and have the game of racquetball prosper on all levels.

The new season is under full steam and some exciting activities will be taking place. Highlighting the activities will be five sanctioned state tournaments, one a month through March, beginning in November and culminating with the State Singles Championship, March 23, 24 and 25. These six state tournaments are officially sanctioned by the Michigan Racquetball Association.

The first sanctioned state tournament is being hosted by Rose Shores East, Roseville, in November. Two tournament sites and dates are as yet undetermined. Any club interested in sponsoring one of these sanctioned Michigan tournaments must follow this procedure:

- * Send any request for sponsorship two months in advance to Dennis Wood, State Chairman, in Lansing. If two clubs request the same date for sponsorship, the MRA will decide the location. All attempts will be made to give each area (south, east, west, central) of the state one sanctioned tournament.
- * Racquetballs will be provided by the MRA.
- * Giving out shirts or shorts is the discretion of the host club.
- * Tournament fliers (entry forms) should go out to clubs and players at least one month prior to the tournament.
- * One dollar from each tournament entry will go to the MRA. It will be used to support MRA activities.
- * All draw sheets of sanctioned tournaments must be immediately forwarded to Dennis Wood for updating the state ranking and classification system.
- * The MRA will help coordinate and organize all facets of running a tournament. Contact the MRA staff for assistance in obtaining shirts, balls and other necessary tournament materials.

Anyone playing in a sanctioned state tournament becomes a member of the MRA. Playing a USRA and MRA sanctioned tournament you must also be a member of the USRA. You don't have to play in a sanctioned tournament to enter the State Singles Championship in March. However, seedings for this tournament will be based on sanctioned tournament results only.

You may be wondering why should I join the MRA? The dollar from your entry fee enables the MRA to sponsor clinics, exhibitions, publish an informative, quarterly newsletter, establish and maintain a state ranking system, and help organize tournaments. Also, we eventually hope to mail all MRA players individual tournament fliers.

In addition, to classify and seed players in tournaments, a state ranking system will be maintained for all MRA players and classes. It will be updated and published periodically reflecting the results of the most recent sanctioned tournament, and available to all MRA players.

The real purpose of tournament play, besides the obvious competition, is to provide all players a chance to make new friends. For those of you who have yet to play your first tournament, don't be hesitant any longer.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

October 14	Hogan-Brumfield Exhibition Clinics Racquets West 2976 Ivanrest, S.W. Grandville, Michigan
October 13, 14 & 15	Gateway Racquetball Center 8200 Irving Dr. Sterling Heights, Mich.
October 20, 21 & 22	Deer Lake Open Deer Lake Racquet & Country Club 6167 White Lake Road Clarkston, Mich.
October 25-29	Pro-Am Southfield Racquettime 26400 W. 12 Mile Southfield, Mich.
November 3, 4 & 5	Scottish Open Alma College Alma, Mich.
November 3, 4 & 5	Grand Blanc Court Club 2308 E. Hill Road Flint, Michigan
November 9-12	**Rose Shores East Racquetball 28500 Gratiot Roseville, Mich
November 17, 18 & 19	Rochester Athletic Club 1720 S. Livernois Rochester, Mich.
December 8, 9 & 10	YMCA (Parkwood Branch) 2306 Haslett Road E. Lansing, Mich
December 7, 8 & 9	*Racquetball Plus 1040 Four Mile Road Grand Rapids, Mich.

December 15, 16 & 17	Voit Racquetball Tournament Franklin Racquet Club 29350 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield, Mich.
January 12, 13 & 14	*Oak Park Athletic Club 900 Long Blvd. Lansing, Mich.
February	*Open
March 2, 3 & 4	*Open
March 23, 24 & 25	*State Singles Championship Sports Illustrated Court Club 5609 W. Saginaw Hwy. Lansing, Michigan

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The goal of the Michigan Racquetball Association is to provide as much assistance as possible so we will have successful and active racquetball activities in Michigan. The Association welcomes your ideas, comments and criticisms. And, this newsletter is the vehicle for you to share and relate those ideas and events to all other Michigan players. Your help is needed if we are to successfully communicate with each other.

**Hope to see everyone playing at the first sanctioned
MRA tournament, November 9 - 12.**

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Autumn Riverview Open

Grand Rapids
September 15 and 16

MENS OPEN

Ron De Munter, 1st
Tom Carpenter, 2nd
Lenny Lewis, 3rd
Bruce Klaasen, 4th

MENS B

Gene McDonald, 1st
Larry Vander Veen, 2nd
Ken Bonnett, 3rd
Larry Piper, 4th

MENS C

Tom De Puydt, 1st
Dean Milstead, 2nd
Al Zielinski, 3rd
Chuck Brickey, 4th

WOMENS DIVISION

Julie Guevara, 1st
Wilma Friesema, 2nd
Barb De Puydt, 3rd

Muscular Dystrophy Tournament

Lansing
September 16 and 17

MENS A

Hetherington, 1st
Hahn, 2nd
Rich, 3rd
Steely, 4th

MENS B

Smiley, 1st
Mack, 2nd
Schoder, 3rd
Trierweiler, 4th

MENS NOVICE

Wright, 1st
Mahakian, 2nd
Neff, 3rd
Badwound, 4th

MENS SENIORS

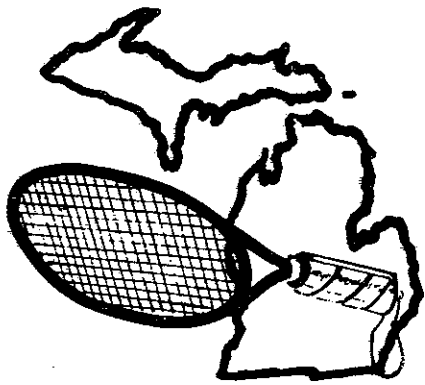
Hahn, 1st
Keys, 2nd
Jackson, 3rd
Beamish, 4th

WOMENS B

Raymond, 1st
Wright, 2nd
Matthews, 3rd
Miller, 4th

WOMENS NOVICE

Lafleur, 1st
Berliner, 2nd
Bruckman, 3rd
Allarding, 4th



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