



1998-99 Membership Drive

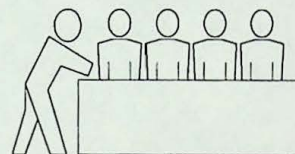
Greetings...I hope this second edition of our newsletter finds you by the pool relaxing in the warm sunshine and resting the mind, body, and soul for the upcoming New Hampshire racquetball season.

Your New Hampshire Racquetball Association (NHRA) Board of Directors (or simply "The Board") 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 (mid-September to mid-May).

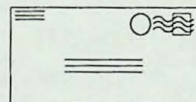
Among all of the great activities that you will find described in this late-summer edition of our NHRA newsletter, you will also discover an up-to-date copy of the 1998-99 Tournament Schedule. We genuinely hope that we will see all of you at as many tournaments and events as you can attend. Remember, 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.

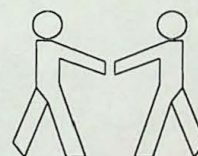
**We need you to help us
to grow the NHRA...**



NHRA Board of Directors



USRA Membership
Form



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This issue of our NHRA newsletter is being sent to all of our members (currently, all 221 of you) and also to all of our former
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**The New Hampshire
Racquetball Association
(NHRA) Rollout...
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game coached by Marie Osmond and John Schneider. Each child was chosen from the group was chosen to participate in one special event during the telethon. The event selected for Justin was to be a "caddie" for one of 12 National Football League (NFL) quarterbacks. As luck would have it, Justin caddied for Patriot's QB Drew Bledsoe. In fact, Justin got to wear and keep Drew's autographed team jersey. The team of Drew, Glen Foley, and Jim Harbaugh won the tournament and also \$10,000 each to be "earmarked" for local hospitals.

Although Justin enjoyed all of these events, his one wish for the trip was to be able to meet Mickey Mouse. All the planned activities left Justin with little time to visit the Disney parks. However, he did get the opportunity to visit three parks in seven hours and Justin searched wildly for Mickey. In the end, Justin finally found Mickey Mouse and, as if Mickey just knew how hard he had been looking for him, met Justin with open arms and a big hug!

From Justin, Paul, and Deb Wallace as well as from Carl Savage, we would like to "thank" all those players who played in the Justin Open Racquetball Tournament as well as all those other special people who made very generous donations. Thank you one and all!!!

- Letter submitted by Deb Wallace -

Rball People News...

Our deepest sympathies go out to Ed Dalton for the loss or passing away of his wife, Diane Dalton. Each one of us in the NHRA community wishes you strength and courage in this time of mourning. Ed has been a longtime member of the Salem Athletic Club and the New Hampshire Racquetball Association (NHRA).

We send out a "GET WELL" wish to Judy McCole, who while playing basketball at the local YMCA, injured her ACL (ask Dr. Judy for the gruesome details...she owns a family practice in Londonderry). After just winning the New England Regionals Women's "A" division title, she will have to wait a bit -- most likely 6-9 months -- before she joins the Women's Open division.

Luckily for Judy, the Open division is 95% mental so she can be working on that part of her game while recovering. Anyone that knows Judy already knows that this is just another obstacle or challenge to be overcome. Go for it, Judy!!!

Congratulations are also in store for Mike and Matt Keddie from the Executive Health and Sports Center in Manchester NH. These two young boys recently competed at the Junior Olympic National Championships in Portland Oregon. Mike (age 10) competed in the Boys <10 division and placed *fourth* nationally. He also competed in the Boys <12 division and placed within the top ten. Mike also played Mixed <10 with Kara Mazur from Connecticut and they both brought home a Bronze medal for *third* place in the Gold Division. Mike is currently ranked #2 in the nation in the Boys <10 division.

Matt (age 8) competed in the Boys <8 multi-bounce division and placed *third* nationally. He also competed in the Boys <8 division and lost an 11-10 tiebreaker to the young boy who went on to win the National Championship in this division. Matt brought home two medals -- one silver and one bronze -- for the second year in a row from the Junior Olympics. Matt is currently ranked #1 in the nation in both Boys <8 divisions. They both plan on attending the Junior World Championships in Fountain View California in December. Hopefully, with lots of training and coaching, they can "de-throne" the current world champion Mexican team.

Good luck to both of them!!!

Free USRA Memberships for Juniors

The Board of Directors for the New Hampshire Racquetball Association (NHRA) has recently decided that effectively immediately ALL sanctioned tournaments from September 1998 to April 1999 which are held in the great state of NH will offer the following:

Any Junior player who is competing in this event will be entitled to a FREE USRA membership!

- NHRA Board of Directors -

Kelley Beane Appointed 1999 Assistant Coach for USA Racquetball Team

Speaking of great -- and I mean GREAT coaches -- our Kelley Beane has recently been selected to BE the 1999 Assistant Coach and Team Manager for the 1999 United States of America (USA) Racquetball Team. This position was offered to Kelley by Jim Winterton, the current Head Coach of the US Rball Team. To really put this outstanding accomplishment and honor in perspective, Kelley is now considered the #1 Women's Racquetball Coach in the entire nation. She will be coaching both young boys and girls who have just one National Championships in Portland as well as the likes of Michelle Gould, Robin Levine, and Marci Drexler. Ironically, one of Kelley's favorite sayings is "Well, back to the drawing board!" and this will certainly be the case when she actively coaches the US Team to regain their world dominance in the Tournament of the Americas (March '99), Pan American Games (July '99), and World Championships (August '99). Way to go, Kelley!!!!!!

Referee Certification

This year at our first tournament, the IKKA Open, we will be offering the National Referee Certification Program. This formal program allows local racquetball players to become "competent" referees. We are planning on offering this program and test at three different tournaments this upcoming 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 the USRA

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

Advertising Rates: Join Our NHRA Newsletter Now...

We are currently in the process of developing advertising rates for potential sponsors of our great new "The New Hampshire Racquetball Association (NHRA) Rollout"...

If you are interested in placing an advertisement in our newsletter, then please call Kelley Beane at 641-6116. We appreciate your business in that it offsets (no pun intended) our printing and mailing costs. Thanks in advance for helping us!

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 -

