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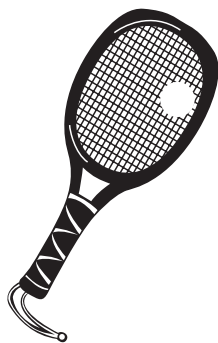
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A VIEW FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Twayne M. Howard

Can you believe we're almost at the halfway point? Yup, the season is well underway and the Holidays are breathing down our neck. It seems like only yesterday that some folks were heading up to Traverse City to enjoy the Cherry Splat. And now? Well, State Doubles is just around the corner. **STATE DOUBLES?** Holy Cow! We have some work to attend to!

In your hands you hold a mini-Newsletter designed to give you just a bit of information and deliver your very own State Doubles Championship Entry Form. Yes, this precious document is a one of a kind (well, one for you and each of your 400 closest friends) and is your ticket to Doubles joys heretofore unimagined.

As is tradition, the State Doubles will take place the first weekend of December - the 4th through the 6th. And this year, we return to the friendly confines of **Total Sports** in Mt. Clemens. Total Sports is always a great host and we look forward to coming back again this year.

We expect 125 players to come compete for the State Doubles Championship in all skills and ages. We are working on another terrific present for each player and a party upstairs at the end of Saturday. Those are a couple great things to look forward to.

But there's more to the schedule than just doubles. We have a busy back-half of the season to look forward to. Three months of great competition as we criss-cross the state enjoying our great tournaments. Check out the tournament calendar and jump in to enjoy the fun.

As always, you can sign up for the events in a number of ways. Mail it in, call it in, or go straight to www.R2Sports.com. Enjoy!

Speaking of the internet, I would like to take a moment to thank **Randy Pagels**. After many years on the Board and serving as our Webmaster, Randy is hanging up his mouse. I would like to thank him for his time and efforts. No one but Randy knows how much time he spent keeping our web site up to date and making us look good. He will certainly be missed. Hopefully, though, this will allow him to get back on the courts. So, we may actually see more of him. Thanks Randy.

Since we're on the topic, here are two more quick notes. First, the world is going more and more electronic. RAM is no different. To ensure we have the most recent information, make sure you log into your account with USA Racquetball and update any changes including your e-mail address. If you are not receiving e-mail messages from RAM or USA Racquetball, feel free to contact me with your information and we will get you set up. My e-mail is Twayne.Howard@michiganracquetball.net.

A second note is this: check out www.R2sports.com. I know, I know. You've heard it. But really, it's pretty cool. Depending on the tournament, you can sign up for just a buck. Yup. \$1. Not bad. And at worst, it only costs \$4.95 to sign up for some events. Why the fee? Basically, it allows R2 to cover the processing costs. Yup, that's it. They don't make any money off the fee, they

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**RACQUETBALL RULES
AND REFEREE CLINIC**

- Jim Easterling

Do you have a question on how to play without a referee? Or a question on what happens when the ball leaves the court or even a bunch of questions on the rules for your league matches? If so, on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 there will be a rules and referee clinic at the **Cheboygan Fitness Center** in beautiful Cheboygan, Michigan.

This is a presentation with a question and answer session about all racquetball rules and rule interpretations. It will cover scoring, hinders, screens, 10 second rule,



penalty hinders, the ball leaving the court, the ball hitting the crack, and other racquetball situations. The clinic will run from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Tuesday evening.

For further information or to register for the clinic, call either Rhonda at the Cheboygan Fitness Center at 231-627-4331 or Jim Easterling at 517-449-8942. Hope to see you there

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just want to recoup their costs. It allows you to sign up at any point. If you want, it allows you to change your divisions later – for no charge. It allows you to drop a division or add a division, again for no additional cost. Okay, I'll stop. But you gotta admit, it's really cool.

Well that's a lot of ground in a short period of time. I hope you enjoy your mini-Newsletter version of the Racquetball Reporter and I look forward to seeing you at the State Doubles next month in Mt. Clemens. It should be a great weekend for all.

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RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

2009 RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS



DECEMBER 4-6, 2009

TOTAL SPORTS

40501 Production Drive, Harrison Twp., MI 48045

Phone (586) 463-2000

ENTRY FEES & DEADLINE

First Event \$35 per person - \$70 per team
Second Event \$15 per person
Juniors \$15 per person - \$30 per team
USA Racquetball Membership \$50 per person

Entries must be received by November 30, 2009. Play is limited to two events per person. Tournament is USA Racquetball sanctioned. A \$5 late fee will be charged for all entries received after the deadline. This includes all phone entries. Phone entries must be confirmed by Twayne or Tom. **The Junior/Veteran/Centurion division can be your third division. Play in the Junior/Veteran division may begin Sunday afternoon.**

RULES AND REFEREES

Single elimination format with matches consisting of two games to fifteen and a tie-breaker to eleven. USA Racquetball rules apply including **mandatory USA Racquetball-approved lensed eyeguards**. Penn HD purple balls will be used for all matches. Referees will not be used. All players will use the honor system.

STARTING TIMES

Play may begin on Friday, December 4, 2009. Call the club Thursday, December 3, after 12:00 pm for starting times, or check the website at <http://www.michiganracquetball.net> or at [R2 Sports.com](http://R2Sports.com). **Effort will be made to reduce Friday and Sunday play.**

AWARDS

Medals will be given for the first and second place winners in divisions with draws of at least eight teams. Each player will receive a complimentary souvenir.

ELIGIBILITY

All players must live or work full time in the state of Michigan, and be a member of RAM. Players must be able to provide proof.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Tom Blakeslee -- (586) 295-9772
Twayne Howard -- (616) 540-7925

Any player who renews their membership AT the tournament will receive a FREE second division entry

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2009

Name _____ Partner 1 _____
Address _____ Partner 2 _____
City _____ Club Affiliation _____
Phone (days) _____ (evenings) _____ Date of Birth _____

Make checks payable to RAM, & mail to RAM State Doubles Championships, 38114 Lakeshore, Harrison Twp., MI 48045
You may also sign up and pay online at R2Sports.com

Entry Fee (first event) \$35 _____
2nd Event Fee \$15 _____
Junior Fee \$15 _____
USA Rac. Membership \$50 _____
Late/Phone Fee \$ 5 _____
(after December 1)
Total _____

Waiver clause: I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors & administrators, waive & release any & all claims for damages I may have against RAM, the host club, tournament staff, & their agents, for all injuries which may be suffered by me due to participation in said tournament.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(parent/guardian signature if under 18)

DIVISIONS

circle correct choices - limit 2 divisions + Junior/Veteran or Centurion

	MENS		WOMENS		
Open	25 B	35 C	45 C		60 Open
Elite	25 C	40 Open	50 Open		65 Open
A	30 Open	40 A	50 A		Mix. Open
B	30 A	40 B	50 B		Mixed A
C	30 B	45 Open	55 Open		Mixed B
D	35 Open	45 A	55 A		Mixed C
25 Open	35 A	45 B	55 B		Mixed D
25 A	35 B	Junior/Veteran			Centurion

Juniors: (specify age division) _____
(All Juniors play will be on Saturday)

Alternate division: _____
(Divisions may be combined if fewer than 8 teams)

Mail To: RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP, 38114 Lakeshore, Harrison Twp., MI 48045

2009-10 RAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- Nov 7 **Riverview Fall Brawl, Riverview Athletic Club, Grand Rapids**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=5899>
- Nov 14-15 **Spartan Splat, Michigan Athletic Club, East Lansing**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=6018>
- Dec 4-6 **STATE DOUBLES, Total Sports, Mt Clemens**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=6197>
- Jan 9 **BAC Doubles Tournament, Kalamazoo**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=6019>
- Jan 22-24 **MAC Open, Michigan Athletic Club, Grand Rapids**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=6033>
- Feb 12-14 **Motor City Rollout, Courtland Athletic Club, Utica**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=5900>
- Feb 12-14 **Can / AM Juniors Only Challenge, Davison Athletic Club, Davison**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=5920>
- Feb 27-28 **Capital Challenge, Michigan Athletic Club, East Lansing**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=6034>
- Mar 6 **March Maximus A.D. 2010 – Singles Only, Coliseum, Westland**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=5930>
- Mar 12-14 **South West Michigan Racquetball Shootout, Bronson AC, Kalamazoo**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=6056>
- Mar 26-28 **STATE SINGLES, Davison Athletic Club, Davison**
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=6198>

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