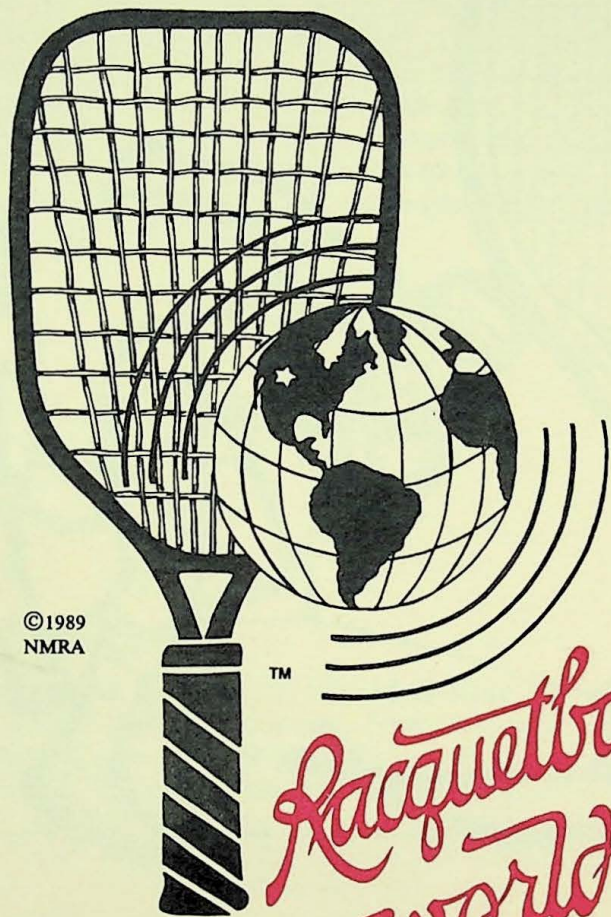


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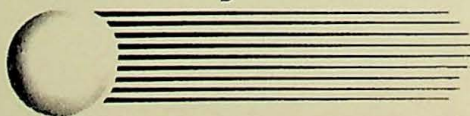


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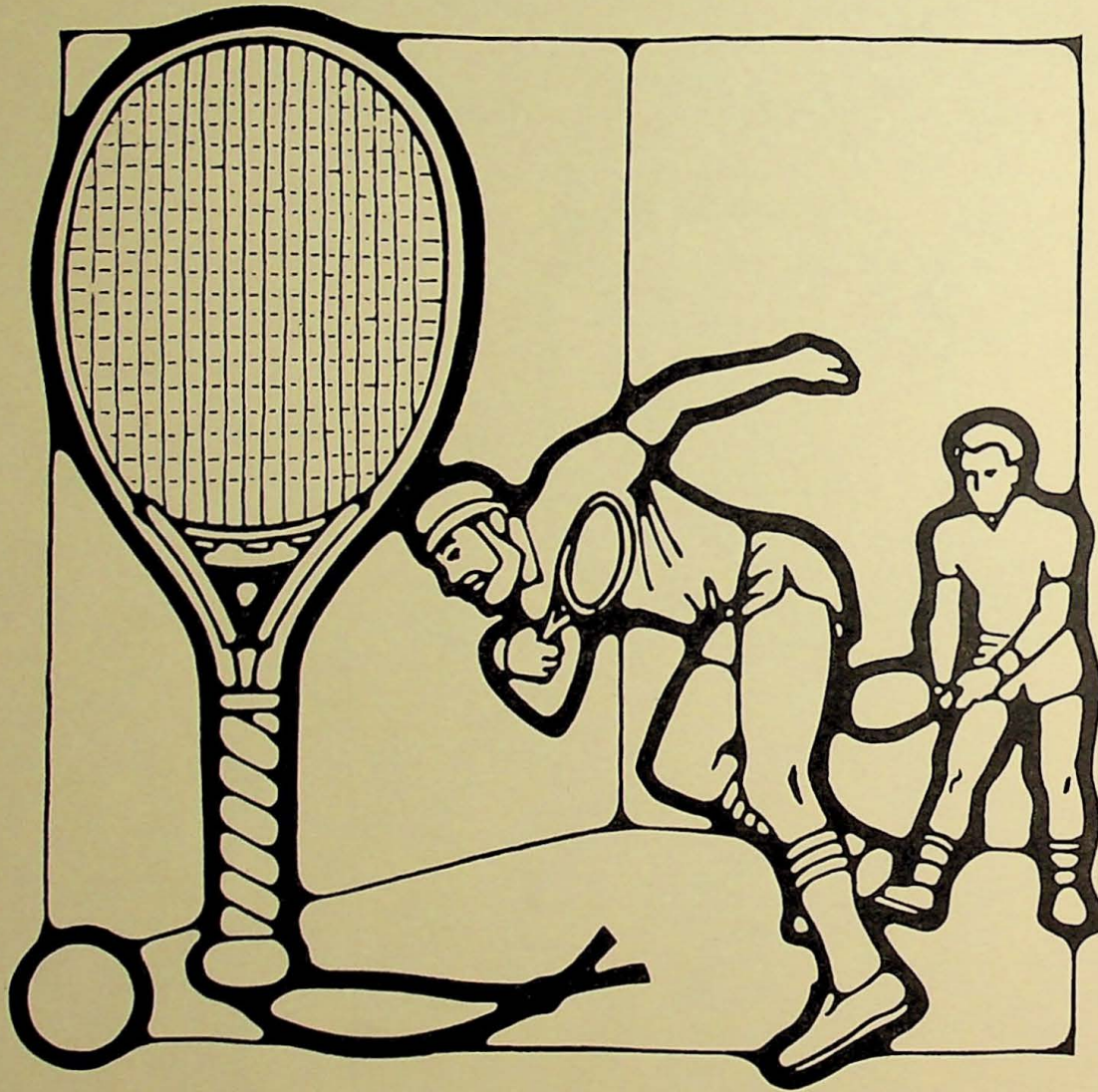
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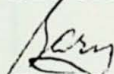
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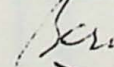
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Gary Mazaroff
Tournament Director

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Recuerdos y saludos,


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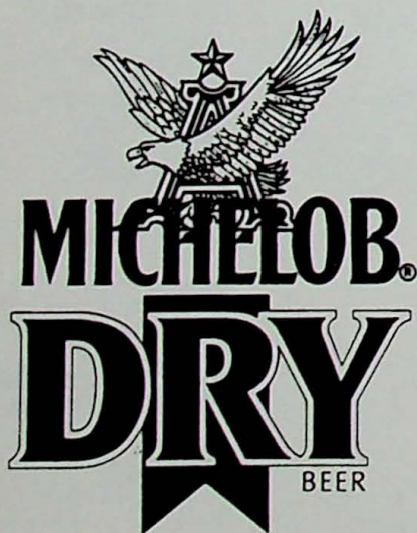
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KEN SCHULTZ, MAYOR

September, 1989

GREETINGS:

As Mayor of Albuquerque, it gives me great pleasure to WELCOME you to Albuquerque, New Mexico, the "City of Friendship - in The Land of Enchantment," for the 1989 "WORLD SENIOR RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS."

I am sure you will find that there is an unending supply of friendly people here...people who are happy to point the way to the nearest New Mexican restaurant or to their favorite museum or art gallery. And of course, to my friends and neighbors who live here, you already know what a great city we have.

I am also taking this opportunity to thank the tournament committee and the many volunteers for all their hard work, long hours and dedication in helping to make these championships one of the most exciting events in the state.

Albuquerque is indeed an exciting place to experience. In addition to being the hot air balloon capital of the world, our city is host to one of the nation's largest fairs, the New Mexico State Fair, held here each September. Albuquerque has been rated as one of the 10 fastest-growing cities in the nation and one of the new "hot spots" of the '90s. We are one of the few cities in America where you can play tennis in the middle of winter or ski on excellent mountain slopes less than 30 minutes away.

Again, "WELCOME...BIENVENIDOS," to the 1989 World Senior Racquetball Championships and to Albuquerque, New Mexico, "Home of Champions."

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luke St. Onge".

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7 PM	Player Orientation and Registration at Ramada Classic
8 PM	Welcoming Party for Players and Guests at the Ramada Classic. No host bar and snacks sponsored by PENN and MICHELOB DRY.
WEDNESDAY	Tournament Play Begins at 7:30 AM
7 - 9 AM	Continental Breakfast at the Club featuring fruit, juice, coffee, and assorted muffins and rolls.
11:30 - 1:30 PM	Luncheon served at the Club. Burritos and enchiladas provided by Taco Pronto.
THURSDAY	Tournament Play Begins at 7:30 AM
7 - 9 AM	Continental Breakfast at the Club.
11:30 - 1:30 PM	Luncheon served at the Club. Fried chicken, potato salad, and rolls provided by Grandy's.
FRIDAY	Tournament Play Begins at 7:30 AM
7 - 9 AM	Continental Breakfast at the Club.
11:30 - 1:30 PM	Luncheon served at the Club. BBQ turkey, cole slaw, and rolls provided by The Quarters.
SATURDAY	Tournament Play Begins at 8:00 AM
7 - 9 AM	Continental Breakfast at the Club.
11:30 - 1:30 PM	Luncheon served at the Club. Pizza provided by Dominoes.
6 PM	Banquet at the Ramada Classic. Dinner served at 8 PM.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- PHOTOGRAPHY:** Group photos, individual and action shots by John Foust.
- MASSAGE THERAPY:** Short session relaxation, provided by Laura Sewell and Lucille Torres. Schedule will be posted at the Club.
- HOST BAR:** Wednesday through Friday, 4 - 8 PM, and Saturday, Noon - 3 PM, provided by the Ramada Classic and Premier Distributing.
- PROFESSIONAL RACQUET STRINGING:** On-site throughout the tournament, provided by the Bodmans.
- SHUTTLE SERVICE:** Daily, 4 times each hour Wednesday through Saturday, beginning 6 AM from the Hotel and running through 10 PM, provided by the Ramada Classic and Yellow Cab. A final midnight shuttle is available Wednesday through Friday, provided by Yellow Cab.

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- THE QUEST Lounge** in the Ramada Classic features nite-time music and cheer.
- BENTLEY'S Nite Club and Restaurant** features a cocktail hour, 5 - 8 PM Monday through Friday with half-price drinks and food.
- FRIDAY EVENING WINE TASTING**, 7 PM at the Club, sponsored by Anderson Valley Vineyards.
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Official Ball: PENN BLUE. Players will be given a game ball for each match. Game ball must be returned to Tournament Operations Desk upon completion of the match.

For Championship Matches (scheduled on Saturday), International Racquetball Federation Scoring System applies: 2 out of 3 games to 15.

For Qualifying Matches (Wednesday through Friday, plus Saturday morning for some divisions): 3 games to 11 points. Play all 3 games, regardless of outcome of games 1 and 2. Total points determine ultimate winners. Points system is as follows:

1 point for each game point scored
3 points for each game won
7 points for each match won
49 points possible for each match

Matches are self-officiated. Players are asked to understand the self-officiating rules under the IRF and AARA guidelines.

To qualify for the Championship Bracket: The top 8 players in each age group will be seeded into a quarter-final bracket on Saturday. Winners will earn a position in the medal round (semi-finals) and have an opportunity to play for the gold medal. Losers are eliminated. There will be two bronze medalists in each age group (no third place matches are scheduled). NOTE: In some age groups, only 4 persons will qualify for the Championship Bracket.

Flights: Players within each age category (when necessary) have been placed in a flight--A, B, C, etc. Top finishers from each flight are guaranteed a position in the Championship Bracket on Saturday. Others may have an opportunity to earn a berth, depending on the number of flights in the age category.

Final determination on qualifying will be based on the average number of points scored per match. If there are flights within an age category with an odd number of players, scoring will be normalized according to the average number of points scored per match played.

Forfeits: Players winning by forfeit will receive the average number of points scored from all other matches they played. All players are asked to play all of their matches. A final rank order for all players within all age categories will be determined.

Scheduling: Matches are scheduled 40 minutes apart. Please check in for your match as soon as possible (even 30 minutes early). When courts are available, players will be asked to begin their match. Please consider that an overflow of participants this year may cause some delays. We ask for your consideration!!

DUE TO TIME AND SPACE RESTRICTIONS, ONLY THOSE QUALIFYING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET WILL BE SCHEDULED ON SATURDAY, UNLESS YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO PLAY AS PART OF THE QUALIFYING MATCHES.

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---Anonymous



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June 19, 1989

Gary Mazaroff
New Mexico Racquetball Association
P.O. Box 36179,
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Dear Gary Mazaroff,

Thank you for your invitation for the World Senior Racquetball Championships.

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Thank you again and hope your associate ever success. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Wong



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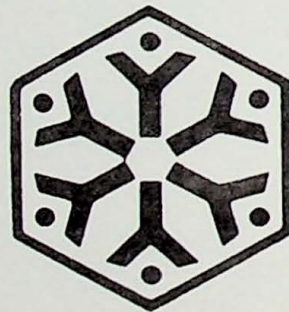
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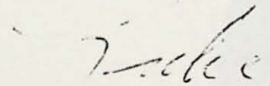
Thanks for the letter of January 20th regarding the World Senior Racquetball Championships.

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Some short observations:

- a) You could easily have 400+ players.
- b) Be sure to have applications in Costa Rica - bring two to three hundred of them.
- c) We will make it part of the P.A.R.C. Congress and the I.R.F. Executive Committee Meetings.
- d) I think you have a tiger by the tail.

Take Care,


Luke St. Onge
Executive Director

cc: A.A.R.A. Board

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Dear Gary:

We are very pleased in receiving your invitation to participate in the **World Senior Racquetball Championships** under your direction.

As you must know, international travelling expenses for developing countries like ours are now-a-days quite expensive for those under the "peso" earnings system. Transportation, room and board expenses for attending your tournament, say at least US\$1,500.00 is equivalent to 18 full months of minimum wage earnings for a local worker. Due to this reason the majority of those interested might find it difficult.

However, I am sending copies of your nice brochure to invite all our fifteen clubs concerned to the World Senior Racquetball Championships. If any positive response develops, I will inform you before the registration deadline.

I do wish you and your tournament all the best.

Saludos,

Petronio Tam
President

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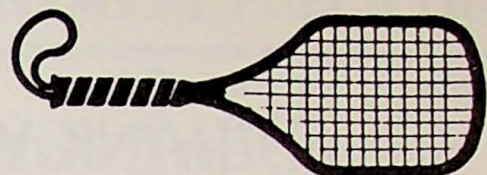
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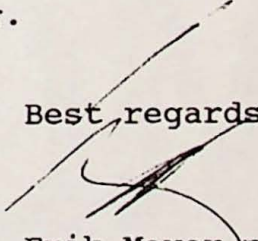
On behalf of the Belgian Racquetball Federation I would like to thank You for the invitation for the World Senior Racquetball Championships.

As You Know the B.R.F. is only a small federation and therefor the federation is unable to support players financially to championships like yours. Beside that there aren't that many senior players in Belgium (yet).

But I would like to enter your tournament myself. My entry form is enclosed.

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Best regards,



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Albuquerque Journal

Racquetball Championships Are Coming

IN RESPONSE TO Dennis Latta's recent article regarding the glut of top sporting events in the Albuquerque area, let's add one more!

The World Senior Racquetball Championships will be held Sept. 6-9, and will host over 300 top men and women players from all over the world, beginning with age 35 and topping off at age 80. Eleven countries will be represented for this inaugural event.

Racquetball's growth at the international level has

taken giant steps recently. It is likely to receive an exhibition status at either of the next two Olympiads, and will be on the program for the 1991 Pan Ams in Cuba.

Also, it was one of over 35 sports at the recent U.S. Olympic Festival in Oklahoma, and was a strong entry at the first New Mexico State Games.

GARY MAZAROFF

U.S. National Racquetball Team Coach
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Road to recovery complete Heart surgery fails to slow down Tocco

By JIM ROSSOW
Minor Sport Writer

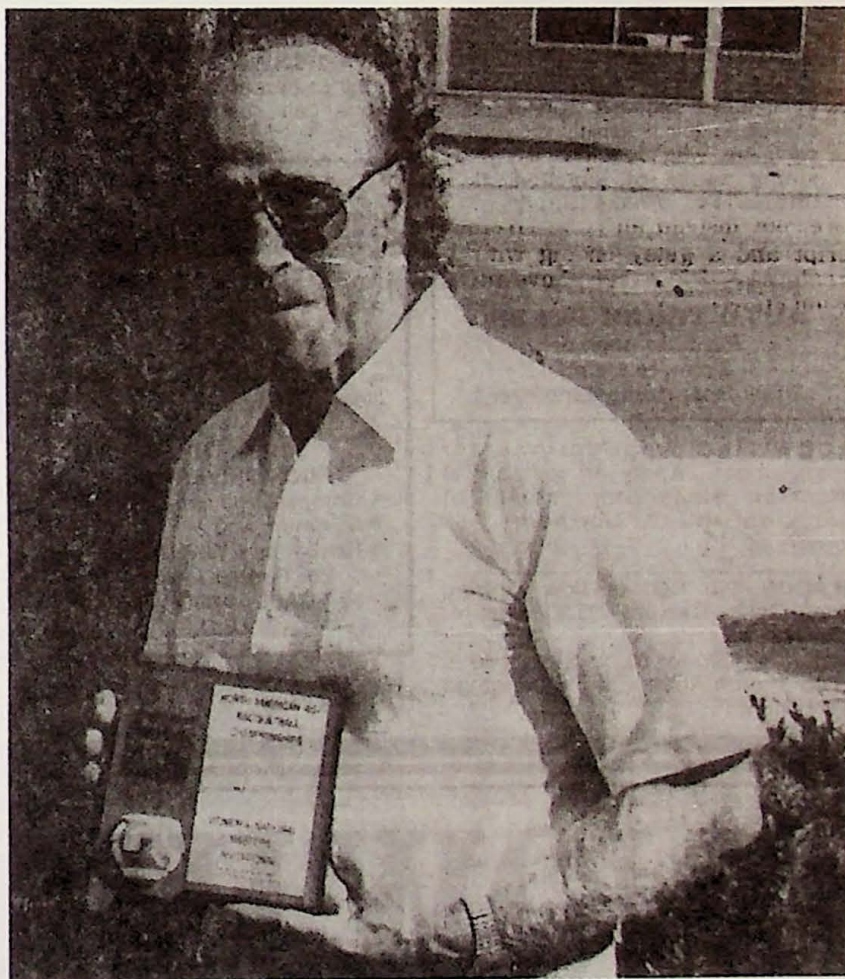
As he sat with some of the best racquetball players from around North America at the closing ceremonies, Phil Tocco was feeling quite satisfied. Tocco, at 72 years of age, has just finished fourth in the 70-and-up Division at last month's fourth Annual North American 40+ Racquetball Championships in Albuquerque, N.M., and now was relaxing with the field of competitors that had just spent the weekend vying for international honors in eight different age categories.

Tocco was certainly thrilled with the lofty finish. And why not? The Kingman resident had battled top-notch players in his age group from all corners of the country, accumulating enough points to place fourth and ear a well-deserved plaque.

But Tocco's main source of joy derived from a far different sense of achievement -- his victory in the game of life.

Only six years ago, Tocco underwent triple-bypass surgery. The operation not only left Tocco's livelihood in danger, but it threatened to eliminate athletic activities from his daily routine.

It was at the closing ceremonies where Tocco realized his remarkable road to recovery was complete -- that he did manage to beat the odds and



once again excel in an area he loved so much.

"I thought it was great," admitted Tocco, who began to play racquetball less than an year after surgery. "At first I wasn't really shook up. But when I got up there on the stand, and they all got up and gave us a standing ovation, it really put goose

bumps on ya."

Tocco deserved a standing ovation, not only for his stellar performance on the courts in Albuquerque, but for his successful battle back from the brink of disaster.

But six years ago, the picture was not so bright. Tocco, an avid tennis player prior to the

operation, was advised to limit his physical activities to alleviate all post-surgery difficulties.

After adhering to doctors' orders for some time, Tocco decided to take a form of preventive medicine of his own -- namely the game of racquetball. The home-grown cure proved beneficial.

"It worried me for quite a while," Tocco said. "In fact, it was quite depressing until I got into something like this. Now this is the best thing I can do.

"It helps my endurance...it take motivation to do something like this. I told my surgeon in Phoenix what I was doing and, hell, I decided to go for it. It really gets the blood flowing."

Not to say Tocco wasn't active before he took up racquetball. As a longtime politician in Arizona, Tocco was no stranger to long hours and sleepless nights.

Times have changed, however.

Given the choice between politics and playing racquetball, Tocco doesn't need long to make a decision. Tocco, who once served as the vice-chair for Arizona's Democratic Party, has traded the struggles of campaign swings for work on his backhand swings, has given up debates for doubles.

No one is happier with the transition than Tocco.

"Life can be real boring if you do nothing but politics," said Tocco, who delivers phones for the county's schools when he's not touring the golf course or engaged in a racquetball game. "If I had the choice, I'd say 'hey, let's go play racquetball instead of politics'. I'd take a tee time or a game of racquetball anytime."

Tocco's new-found devotion to racquetball payed dividends in Albuquerque, just the second tournament of his career (Tocco participated in the Phoenix Pro-Am in 1987). Tocco plans to compete in the Seniors Grand Masters in Phoenix in February, where once again he'll be matched up against some of the best players at his age in the nation. But Tocco has faced challenges far more demanding than those offered by a

racquetball tournament, and he has escaped unscathed.

Now that he has become firmly entrenched in racquetball, Tocco sees no end in sight.

"I'll keep playing...I won't think of age," Tocco revealed. "I haven't had a check-up in years, and why should I? Racquetball has helped me health-wise, it's

given me a better outlook on life.

"Anyways, I'm hot now. I'm beating some of the guys who I couldn't beat before. I give them all a pretty good game."

Reprinted from the *Mohave Daily Miner*, Wednesday October 19, 1988.

FIRST WOMEN MASTERS NATIONAL INVITATIONAL

by Mary Walker

The question: How did a middle-aged California grandmother and housewife (with no previous experience) come to direct a level-five national racquetball tournament? The answer: She certainly didn't volunteer! She was chosen by her husband, Bill and Luke St. Onge, executive director of the AARA.

On the other hand, once the shock wore off, I didn't find the idea too farfetched. Women have had no voice on the Master's Council, and never before had an AARA-sanctioned senior women's tournament been staged on a national level. These two guys had presented an irresistible challenge.

It was the players though, who came from the four corners of the country, that really made the tournament work. They readily became interwoven with the three threads running through the tapestry of the event: fellowship, fun and good, competitive racquetball.

Instead of the familiar "lose and you're history" tournament, the first Women's National Masters Invitational (held in conjunction with the Men's 40+ North American Championships in September) introduced the concept of a racquetball vacation using a self-officiated, round-robin format.

Boy, did it work! Of the almost 1,500 matches played, only one necessitated arbitration (and was still settled amicably), and there were zero complaints about not getting enough racquetball. The self-officiated format proved that you can have intense competition without arguments or cheating. You go out onto the court, proceed to rip your opponent's doors off and be friends when the match is finished. And you don't have the thankless job of immediately refereeing in sweaty clothes when you'd rather be relaxing in the Jacuzzi.

And how's this for fellowship? Each entrant received an Ektelon touring pro bag. Fredina Iffert, who won the 35-39 division, expressed a desire to buy an extra bag but was informed there were none remaining. Texan Steve Barre overheard the conversation and, sensing Fredina's disappointment, gave her his.

And this: Edith Withey wanted to bring a shirt home to Michigan that had "Al-

buquerque" imprinted on it, but was unable to purchase one at the club where the tournament was held. Damien Jelso, a local tournament committee member, reached into his bag, pulled out an "Albuquerque" shirt and gave it to the delighted Edith. So what if it was an extra large? It was the thought that counted, and it'll make a great nightshirt.

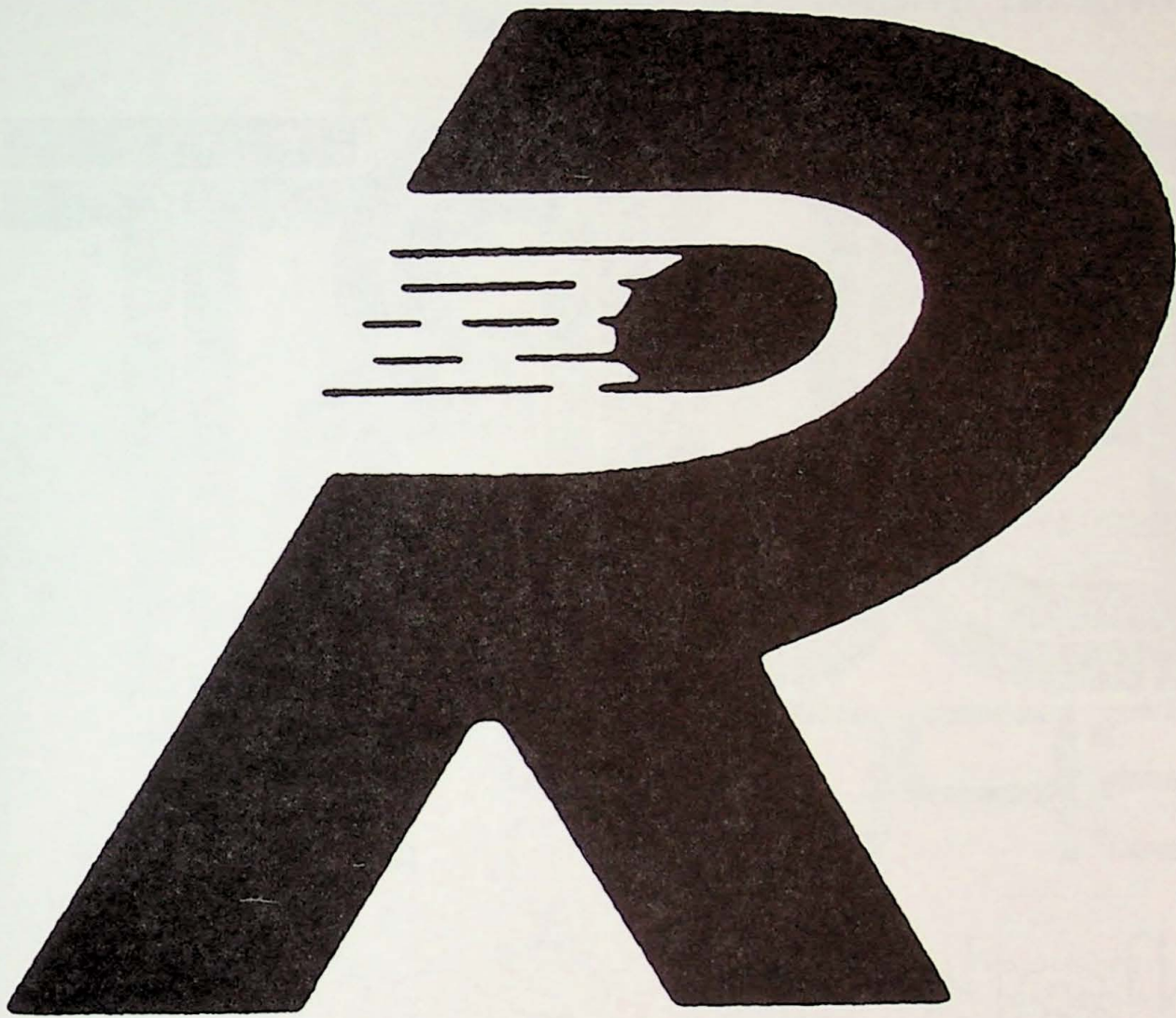
Or this: Ann Westphal of Oregon admired the shoes of California's Amalia Pinos and asked where they were purchased so she might buy a pair for herself. The following day a package was delivered to Ann's hotel room. Inside the package were the very same shoes, a gift from Amalia.

Although the payoffs weren't of the material kind, the people involved in putting on the tournament got an elementary lesson in a simple principle: to receive, all you have to do is give. It seemed almost conspiratorial on the part of the players. The more they complimented the committee members, the harder the committee members tried to please them. At the same time, the players cheerfully helped out -- serving lunches, sharing rides, distributing gifts and finally presenting the U.S. National Racquetball Team with some \$2,000 in proceeds from the post-banquet auction.

Virtually all the feedback was positive, and the few glitches (don't all events have them?) were noticed only by the perfectionists who governed the tournament itself. Most of the players made on-the-spot commitments to return next year, pledging to spread the word in their home clubs.

There is a good possibility that this tournament, now ranked second only to the Nationals for points rankings, will go "international" in 1989. How would you like to compete against women your own age from other countries, and develop lasting friendships with players from places like Costa Rica and Ireland? Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

It's not too early to begin planning for the Second Women's National Master's Invitational by marking off the week of Labor Day. We also hope to schedule more social activities in keeping with the "racquetball vacation" concept.



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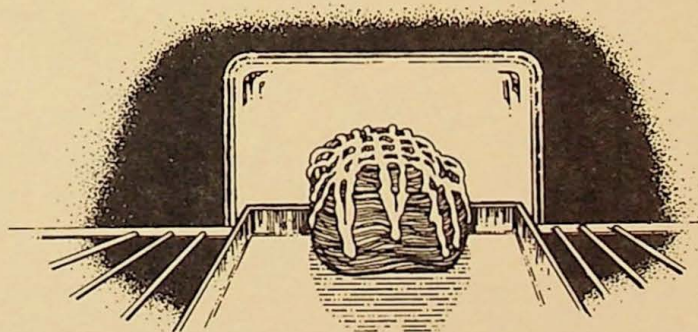
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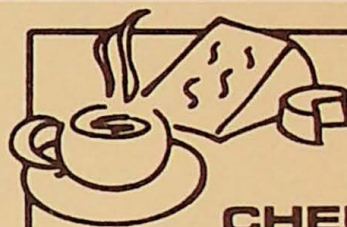


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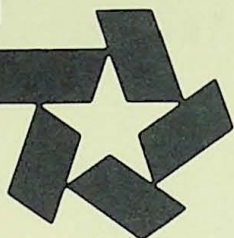
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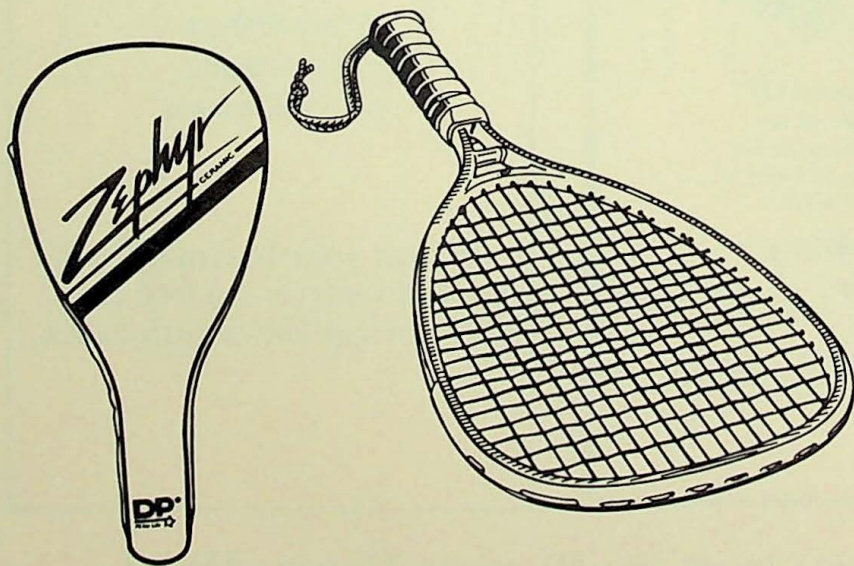
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