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FALL MINI NEWSLETTER

Welcome RAM members to the 1990-91 tournament season. This is your fall mini-newsletter for 1990. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a list of the tournament dates for the season. Always remember to check these dates each newsletter as new tournaments will continually be added. Also enclosed with this newsletter is the entry form for the **STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**. This tournament will be held on December 7-9 at the Mt. Clemens Racquetball & Sportcenter in Mt. Clemens. Mt. Clemens has a history of hosting fine and exciting tournaments and this year's Doubles Championship will continue the trend. So grab your partner and start practicing, December is not that far away.

A new look to this year's Double's Championship will be play on only Saturday and Sunday. There will be no Friday matches. As in the past there will be divisions for men only, women only, and for mixed teams. Also, Ektelon will be donating some racquetball equipment to be used as door prizes.

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AARA ANNOUNCES DUES INCREASE FOR 1990-91

The AARA has announced the first membership dues increase in the past eight years. Effective January 1, 1991, membership to the AARA and RAM will be \$15.00 per year. Membership in RAM and AARA includes six issues of RAM's newsletter, "The Racquetball Reporter" and six issues of AARA's newsletter, "Racquetball USA". It also includes a membership card, rulebook, travel and some equipment discounts and sanctioned tournament entry forms mailed to your home.

The new benefit added to the membership will be plans for health insurance coverage at sanctioned events for all RAM/AARA members. This coverage will include \$10,000 Accidental Death/Dismemberment; \$25,000 Medical, Excess; and a \$250 Deductible. This policy is designed only for injuries which occur during competition, it is not designed for sickness.

This new benefit will be available to all players who join after January 1, 1991. Players who join between December 10 and December 31, 1990 will pay \$10, **but their memberships will only be good until June 30, 1991 and will**

include the insurance benefit. Any current member who wishes to add the insurance benefit to his existing membership may do so, by completing a membership form and paying an additional \$5. This is called adding a competitive license to your membership. If your current membership is a multi-year, you must purchase a competitive license for each year of your membership. **Existing members who do not purchase a competitive license will not be covered by the insurance policy until they renew their memberships.**

If you have further questions regarding this coverage by the Rocky Mountain Life Insurance Company, contact John Mooney, AARA, 815 N. Weber, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

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1990-91 RAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Nov. 9-11	Region 9 Seniors/Masters Davison Racquet Club
Nov. 16-18	Super 7 #3 Grand Blanc Racquet Club
Dec. 7-9	RAM STATE DOUBLES Mt. Clemens Racquetball
Dec. 14-16	Super 7 #4 Backwall
Jan. 4-6	Racquettime Rollout Livonia Racquettime
Jan. 11-13	Super 7 #5 Grand Rapids Area
Feb. 1-3	West Michigan Championship MAC Club - Grand Rapids
Feb. 8-10	Super 7 #6 Lansing Area
Feb. 22-24	REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIPS Mt. Clemens Racquetball
Mar. 15-17	Grand Rapids City Championship Grand Rapids
Mar. 22-24	Super 7 #7 Livonia Racquettime
Apr. 12-14	Super 7 Finale tba
Apr. 26-28	RAM STATE SINGLES tba

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CERTIFIED RACQUETBALL REFEREES

People are always asking me how do they become a certified racquetball referee. Basically the requirements are that you have to be an AARA member in good standing, have to referee a minimum of 10 matches at Level 2 AARA sanctioned tournaments, have to attend a rules/referee clinic and you have to take the referee certification exam and score 85% or higher.

There are three different levels of certification for referees.

Level I - You met all of the qualifications above, including scoring 85% on the exam. Scoring 85% on the exam means you got 85 out of 100 questions right. Therefore you are now qualified to referee at a Level 2 tournament. A Level I referee should be able to referee any match within his/her state.

Level II - You met all the qualifications above, and you scored 90% on the exam. Scoring 90% on the exam means you got 90 out of the 100 questions right. Therefore you are now qualified to referee any match at a Level 3 or Level 4 tournament. A Level II referee should be able to referee any match at a regional tournament.

Level III - You met all the qualifications above, and you scored 96% on the exam. Scoring 96% on the exam means you got 96 out of the 100 questions right. Therefore you are now qualified to referee any match at a Level 5 or Level 6 tournament. A Level III referee should be able to referee any match at the Nationals, at a Pro-stop or the World Games. That person should be able to referee ANY MATCH, ANYWHERE.

A rules/referee clinic is a lecture and question and answer session, usually lasting about 2-3 hours. This clinic deals with the interpretation of the rules, any new rules and any unique rules or situations. It also deals with all sorts of refereeing situations and how to handle them.

A referee Certification Exam is a 100 question multiple choice test that deals with all kinds of rule interpretations and referee situations. The Exam usually takes about 2 hours.

There will be a Rules/Referee Clinic and a Referee Certification Examination at the Oak Park YMCA in Lansing on

Saturday, January 19, 1991. The Rules/Referee Clinic will start at 9:00 am and will run until 12:00 noon. The Referee Certification Examination will then start at 1:30 pm and last until 3:30 pm. The cost is \$10 for either the Rules/Referee Clinic or the Referee Certification Exam of \$15 to attend both on the same day. If you have any questions on either the clinic or the exam, call Jim Easterling at (517) 887-0459 or Linda Meade at the Oak Park YMCA at (517) 694-3901. RAM will be offering discounts at the state tournament to certified referees.

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MICHIGAN'S CERTIFIED REFEREES

LEVEL 3 -

Blakeslee, Tom
Easterling, Jim

LEVEL 2 -

May, Al
Skinner, James

LEVEL 1 - (only a few are listed due to space)

Allan, Arlene	Bakalis, John
Bonnett, Joel & Ken	Brewer, Jim
Cole, Chris & Larry	Fecher, Lou E. & Julian
Finkelman, Robert	Flowers, Brian & Dan
Fox, Laura	Frisch, Robert
Garrow, Brian & James	Gravelyn, Robert & Denise
Gray, Jerry	Hahn, Lynn
Hamilton, Jim	Hardenbrook, Jeff
Hastings, Stu & Joetta	Henry, Donna
Howard, Don	Howard, Jason
Jahn, Anne	Kummler, Ralph & Jeff
Lawlor, Terry	Luzano, Howard
Meeusen, Larry	Melvin, C. C.
Rallis, Nick	Ross, Raymond
Saad, Paula	Skinner, Jimmy
Slavik, J. R.	Smith, Tammy
Troszak, Tracey	Tucker, Gerald
Vechell, Mike	Veith, Dan
White, Jack	Wilhelm, Bob
Winters, Brian	

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STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

DECEMBER 7-9, 1990

SITE:

MT. CLEMENS RACQUETBALL &
SPORTCENTER
40501 Production Dr.
Mt. Clemens, Michigan --- (313) 463-2000

ENTRY FEE:

\$22 - First event adults per person
\$5 - First event juniors per person
\$15 - Second event per person
Players may enter two events - one age &
one skill or two different age divisions
Make checks payable to RAM
NO REFUNDS

Non AARA members add \$10

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

RAM, 321 Village
Lansing, MI 48911

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

TOM BLAKESLEE - (313) 468-2787

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Received by **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1990**. ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL.
No phone entries. Call the club
Wednesday, December 5 after 5:00pm
for starting times.

HOTEL:

HOLIDAY INN
1 N. River Rd.
Mt. Clemens, MI
(313) 465-2185

RULES:

AARA rules apply - 2 games to 15,
tiebreaker to 11
Lensed eyewear **MANDATORY**
Mixed Doubles - men serve only to men
Skill divisions - must play in division of
highest skilled player
Adult Age divisions - must play in division of
youngest player

PLEASE ENTER ME IN THE EVENT(S) CIRCLED BELOW. PLAYERS MAY ENTER TWO
EVENTS - ONLY ONE SKILL LEVEL. **YOU MUST BE A MICHIGAN RESIDENT TO ENTER.**

MEN**WOMEN****OPEN**

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A

30A

45

B

30B

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C

35A

55

D

35B

60

JUNIORS:

18 & Under

16 & Under

14 & Under

12 & Under

10 & Under

MIXED OPEN

MIXED A

MIXED B

MIXED C

MIXED D

NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMT. PAID: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE DAYS: _____

PHONE NIGHTS: _____

CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

PARTNERS NAME 1ST EVENT: _____

PARTNERS NAME 2ND EVENT: _____

ALTERNATE DIVISION: _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____

Waiver - I hereby for myself, heirs, etc. waive & release all rights & claims for damages I may have against RAM & its sponsors for all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my competition in said tournament.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SEEDING INFO: _____

TOURNAMENT BALL: PENN ULTRA BLUE

REFEREES: Losers must referee the next match or pay \$5 00.

HOSPITALITY: Will be provided throughout the tournament. Free to players and a nominal charge for guests.

AWARDS AND PRIZES: Awards given for the 1st 4 places in divisions of 12 or more; the 1st 2 places in divisions of 5-11 and 1st in consolation. Each player will receive a souvenir shirt.

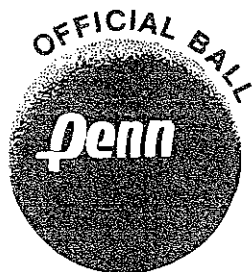
PLAY WILL BE Saturday and Sunday only. Special requests for starting times will be honored if possible, but no refunds will be given if a player cannot make his or her starting time.

FORM IS NOT COMPLETE OR IS ENTRY ACCEPTED UNLESS MONEY FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT IS ENCLOSED AND ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE.

ENTRY DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 28, 1990

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