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TO ALL MICHIGAN RACQUETBALL PLAYERS:

Even though the state singles tournament is just concluded, there are an abundance of events coming your way this spring. Also, there are some developments you will find most interesting and worthwhile. Turn the page for details, sites and dates.

The biggest breakthrough made by the Michigan Racquetball Association this year is our computer ranking system. Each of you who have participated in sanctioned tournaments have helped make this possible. Also, a big thank you goes out to Denny Wood who was largely responsible for it and gave it the needed push to get it rolling. The rankings and how they work follow:

THE MICHIGAN RATING SYSTEM

Classes		Rating Point Difference	Outcome	
Men	Women		Normal	Upset
OPEN - 2000 +	1600 +	0 - 25	8	8
A - UNDER 2000	1600	26 - 50	7	10
B - UNDER 1800	1500	51 - 100	5	12
C - UNDER 1600	1400	101 - 150	3	15
		151 - 200	2	20
		201 - 250	1	25
		Over 250	0	30

Each player is initially assigned a rating according to their skill, based either on prior tournament performance or with other rated players. A person's rating fluctuates according to the outcome of their match. Using the illustrated table, let's go through a few examples. Give John a rating of 1910 and Bill a 1890 rating. The difference in points is 20, which falls in the first category. If John won, he would gain 8 points; and Bill would lose 8 points. If Bill won, he would gain 8, and John would lose 8. Now, let's give John a rating of 1965 and leave Bill at 1890. The difference is now 75 points, the third category. If John won, he gains 5, Bill loses 5. If John lost, he loses 12 and Bill gains 12. As the rating point spread gets bigger, the player who should win gains less and the other player loses less. But if an upset occurs, the player who should win loses a greater amount of points and the other player increases the same amount to his rating. A running total is kept for all matches a person plays, and a net gain or loss is then figured to his existing rating, and a new rating is then established to be used in the next tournament. All ratings used in calculations are based on the exiting rating going into the tournament. In other words, a rating used to calculate a person's first match is the same rating used in his last match.

"C" players Seniors and Masters are only on the mailing list. Due to the expense of the rating system, there are not enough Seniors or Masters to justify the cost, and 95% of the "C" players are from the host club area and do not travel around to other tournaments. The top four players in the "C" Class will receive a rating of 1600 points.

Annual Racquetball Awards

A traveling trophy will be given annually to the individual who most represents the spirit of "good sportsmanship" in Michigan racquetball. The trophy inscription reads . . . "Awarded In Honor To The Person Who Most Represents The Ideal of Good Sportsmanship Under Extreme Competitive Conditions." The winner will keep the trophy for the following year, relinquishing it to the new recipient at the State Singles tournament. Ten individuals will be nominated for the award by the Michigan Racquetball Association Board of Directors and players participating in the State Singles will vote to determine the recipient.

A second trophy, the "Contributonal Trophy", also a traveling trophy, will be given annually at the State Singles tournament to the individual who has contributed most to the sport of racquetball. The recipient will be determined by a vote of the MRA Board of Directors. Both trophies were awarded at this year's state tournament in April.

Eyeguards Are Mandatory

Beginning September 1, eyeguards are mandatory at all Michigan sanctioned tournaments. No player will be allowed to compete without eyeguards or some type of eye protection - eyeglasses. This regulation will be made clear on the tournament entry form and the tournament director will be responsible for carrying it out. Every racquetball player will benefit by the rule for it protects against someday playing with one eye or not playing at all. Also, it protects each of us from causing a crippling eye injury to a friend.

Florida Court Discount To MRA Members

Where? . . . Sanibel Island. It's a beautiful shell-ing beach in Florida and has two air conditioned, fast playing racquetball courts, open to the public 24 hours a day. If you stay at the Signal Inn you can play anytime of the day or night, free, as guests of Signal Inn. The courts are not over-crowded and can be rented for a very reasonable rate. For more information call or write Signal Inn, 1811 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel Island, Florida 33957; 813 - 472-4690.

Air Your Feelings

The Michigan Racquetball Association has a meeting the first Tuesday of every month at Longs Athletic Club in Lansing. An open meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. All interested individuals are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tournament Contacts

The growth of racquetball has resulted in a tremendous increase in tournaments. So much so, that the MRA has appointed Jim Easterling, Detroit, as your contact for all tournament sites and dates in and around Detroit. John Russell, Lansing, is the clearing house for all other tournaments in the state.

Upcoming Tournaments

April 20-22	Racquet King Courts 1630 Fort Street Trenton, Mich. 48183
April 27-29	Lansing YMCA 301 W. Lenawee Lansing, Mich. 48910
May 3-5	"Three Days In May" Racquets West 2976 Ivanrest Grandville, Mich. 49418
May 11-13	Franklin Racquet Club 29350 Northwestern Highway Southfield, Mich. 48304
June 1-3	State Doubles Championship Rochester Courts 950 W. University Drive Rochester, Mich. 48050
June 1-3	Parkwood YMCA 2306 Haslett Road East Lansing, Mich.

State Tournament Site

What are your feelings regarding holding the State Tournament in a central location each year or on a rotating basis? Would you prefer a centrally located (Lansing) tournament each year or one that moves yearly . . . Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Flint, Lansing, Saginaw? Write the MRA, giving your preference on a state tournament site.

- ☐ Centrally located state tournament
- ☐ Rotating state tournament

There are activities coming up this summer and fall, detailed in the next MRA Newsletter, you may wish to participate in. Look for the June newsletter. Racquetball needn't take a back seat to other summer activities. So, let's all make it to Pontiac for the doubles championship in June.

MICHIGAN RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

RATINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 1979

MEN — Open 2000 +

Fox, Larry J.	2168
Gotlieb, Bill	2157
Aguglia, Joseph P.	2133
Llewellyn, Neil R.	2120
Hurst, Jim D.	2118
Wilhelm, Robert	2092
Demunter, Ron J.	2092
Jakinovich, Larry	2011
Easterling, Jim	2010
Glosser, Ronald N.	2005
Myles, Carl	2003
White, Roy	2003
McLaughlin, Daniel G.	2000
Klaasen, Bruce	2000

Men's A - Under 2000

Baldori, Leonard J.	1998
Tocco, John	1997
Lewis, Linney	1994
Sprecher, Ray G.	1992
Smith, Curtis L.	1992
Vander Lind, Rick L.	1992
Terry, William R.	1977
Neighbors, Woody	1971
Carhart, Buzz	1962
Vanover, Ray T.	1954
Kilntworth, Phil	1941
Schwartz, Leonard M.	1933
Bentsen, Lee	1921
Cloud, James	1911
Ennis, Charles W.	1904
Russell, John	1900
Weston, Gary K.	1900
Kristin, Mike A.	1900
Melvin, Clee C.	1899
Joseph, John D.	1899
Timmer, Jack	1894
Rochkind, Sanford A.	1892
Lockett, Theodore C.	1892
Martin, Wesley A.	1892
Dion, Willard L.	1892
Brower, David B.	1892
Adamson, Cliff	1892
McNair, Gerald E.	1843
Smith, Bryan E.	1835
Smiley, Michael W.	1820
Frontczak, Michael W.	1818
Buckley, John	1813
Sieplinga, Harry	1811
Skinner, Marty	1803
Black, Paul	1803

Men's B - Under 1800

Wilcox, Stephen J.	1799
Wohlin, Cary	1799
Blacksher, Robert	1797
Hardenbrook, Jeffrey	1795
Miller, Martin	1795
Martinez, David	1795
Milstead, Bob	1792

Timmer, Fred	1792
Tokarz, Jim N.	1792
Shroll, C. J.	1792
Rouse, Randy	1792
Raftor, Jim	1792
Blakeslee, N. T.	1792
Rondot, Bernie E.	1787
Young, Mike J.	1758
Carr, Stephen J.	1758
Browsers, Jim D.	1752
Hamilton, Thomas C.	1747
Kaufman, Michael Scot	1746
Becker, Mike	1740
Rzepecki, Bob	1728
Johns, Peter C.	1716
Beard, Victor E.	1712
Emerson, James Ray	1705
Kolles, Gary J.	1705
Melvin, Edward D.	1704
Holmes, Mark W.	1700
Fuller, Steven D.	1700
Forrest, Lewis E.	1695
McCarrick, Dean B.	1694
Hartman, Fred W., III	1693
Schoenkecht, Al	1693
Sanders, Jimmie L.	1692
Merry, Bill D.	1692
Lenhard, Mark	1692
Parrish, Brion L.	1691
Ray, William	1690
Wood, Denny	1686
Stalter, Mike	1683
Lantz, Mike	1683
Mahakian, Dicron M.	1675
Harr, Glenn C.	1675
Trierweiler, Jim A.	1675
Harris, D. Blaine	1663
Korkus, Allen P.	1652
Raducha, Gregg Jerome	1645
Clark, Richard B.	1643
Chermside, Brian J.	1643
Byrum, Ron P.	1643
Messenger, Howard R.	1642
Bonnett, Ken	1638
Coradini, Charles	1636
Gravelyn, Robert J.	1636
Kubinski, Joseph C.	1628
Siewryk, Joseph R.	1628
Reslock, Chris	1627
Raterink, Robert H.	1626
Starks, Neil	1623
Smith, Kyle	1620
Reinshuttle, Ken	1620
Peacock, Joseph R.	1620
Sage, Jeff	1620
Goudie, Jeff	1620
Jolliff, Daniel E.	1620
Harris, Jeff	1618
Thomas, Roy	1618
Gilde, Steve	1617
Loew, David R.	1617

McCann, Kevin	1617
Naso, Art	1617
Brouwer, Sigmund	1617
Anderson, Randy	1617
Foster, John R.	1605
Reid, Dennis	1605
Peardon, John R.	1600
Patrick, John W.	1600
Schuster, E. George	1600
Noell, David C.	1600

Women's Open - 1600 +

Ackerman, Irene M.	1743
Henry, Donna M.	1732
Fletcher, Stacey M.	1716
Behner, Caprice A.	1716
Hackenberg, Yvonne	1700
Huhta, Judy C.	1695
Lawson, Minde E.	1671
Zale, Kathleen S.	1671
Nelson, Marcia M.	1667

Women's A - Under 1600

Ancona, Joey M.	1549
Leeds, Barbara J.	1547
Furu, Joanne	1541
Meyer, Jennifer J.	1539
Friesema, Wilma	1525
Guevara, Julie	1525
Wilmarth, Carolyn	1525
Gibson, Kathryn L.	1522
Folkertsma, Pat	1522
Sleep, Linda M.	1522

Women's B - Under 1500

Smith, Barb	1497
Simmons, Rebecca L.	1493
Randle, Barbara F.	1493
Wilson, Laurie E.	1469
Thompson, Suzette	1458
Harper, Willie V.	1455
Kurtz, Beth	1433
Gaffke, Mary A.	1433
Popiel, Karen A.	1433
Valentino, Sandy K.	1433
Squires, Liza Ann	1432
Eaton, Beth	1426
Dolak, Jan	1425
Donaghy, Patricia	1418
Demunter, Jan	1417
Donnelly, Patti E.	1417
Keay, Leslie	1417
Schreiner, Susan M.	1417
Merritt, Pamela A.	1417
Lincoln, Kathy A.	1417
Wood, Linda	1417
Zammit, Karen M.	1409
Trapnell, Barbara A.	1400
McKinney, Mary E.	1400
Hamden, Theresa A.	1400
Franklyn, Joyce H.	1400



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