



NEW HAMPSHIRE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION'S

NHRA's Rollout

The USAR Affiliate in New Hampshire - Fall 2005

Message from the President

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I am writing this just before the Holidays and at almost the halfway point of our racquetball season. We have had a great response to our request for help with all of our

"projects" that have been waiting for the right people to come along and take care of them. First, the newsletter, thank you Sharon Shapiro and John Acampora, it looks great! Secondly, the website, Greg Labrie, your expertise is certainly showing! Those 2 areas will help us get the word out to you in a much more timely fashion. We have also started a travel team, if you would like to get involved with that at your club, please email us Here at New Hampshire Racquetball.

Also, check out the "Classifieds" section. Purchase what you like, or put in an ad to sell something you don't need

anymore, we have had a few requests for this. We may also add this to our website. Any ideas you may have, send them along as we have the manpower to get things done this year.

The Executive Open, Justin Open, Capitol Open, and Seacoast Shootout have all been great successes, and we look forward to Regional Doubles, Dec 9th, The B/C Challenge, Jan 13th and The Mitch Nathanson Jan 27th.

On that note, Happy Holidays, we wish each of you and your families, happiness, health and good fortune in the New Year. Savor the time you have with your family while you have it. Every year I write that it seems like it becomes more important. Take care, see you on the courts, Kelley

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Welcome Wagon

The NHRA proudly welcomes the following new members:

Kolby Boyle—Amherst

Joanne Welch—Windham

Joe Torpy—Tilton

Robert Feldman— Londonderry

Dan Morin—Concord

John Lighthall—Concord

Also, we would like to extend a warm welcome back to Joe Nizko. Where have you been for 7 years?

Player Profile - Venkatesh Natarajan

The NHRA is proud to profile Venkatesh "Venky" Natarajan. Venky epitomizes what makes racquetball so special. It all starts with just wanting to get a good workout, and evolves to a love of the sport. Venky has embraced racquetball wholeheartedly, playing in most local tournaments as well as the national tournaments.

? How long have you been playing racquetball?

A. I have been playing racquetball for about 2 years now. I started playing in December 2003.

? Where and how often do you play?

A. I play at the Racquet Club of Concord and currently play about 3 - 4 times a week.

? What got you started?

A. In 2003 I realized that I was seriously overweight and had to do something to help me reduce weight and keep it in check. The idea of just running on a treadmill did not appeal to me. In addition, I wanted to get involved in a sport that would not only help me reduce weight, but a sport that would be would be challenging and competitive. I had tried playing racquetball once in 1997 and decided to give it a try. I did not realize that I would take the game up seriously and it would be a sport that would captivate me totally.

? What do you love about the game?

A. I like a lot of things about this game. It is fast, physically demanding and mentally challenges a player to stay focused every minute you play the game.

? What frustrates you most about the game?

A. The sport of racquetball is exciting and fast. I can't think of anything negative or frustrating, except losing a game and consequently a match by a point or two.

? What has been your personal highlights playing racquetball?

A. The game has increased my overall energy level inside and outside the court. The game has provided me with a shot in the arm, as the exercise has improved my overall mind and body reflexes.

? Describe your tournament experiences.

A. It has been a very positive experience playing in all the tournaments in NH. All the tournaments are well organized with excellent hospitality. I am extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to interact, make acquaintances and establish friendship with some great folks.

? What are your personal goals for yourself in this sport?

A. I would like to continue playing the sport as long as I can and move up the ladder. My ultimate goal would be to win at the Nationals or the US Open in my division, at least once.



? What tournaments have you won?

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Tournament	Event	Finish/Position
Capitol Open - 2004	Men's D - Singles	4 th
B/C Challenge - 2005	Men's D - Singles	1 st
Mitch Nathanson - 2005	Men's D - Singles	3 rd
NH Doubles Cup - 2005	Men's D - Doubles Mixed C/D - Doubles	1 st 1 st
NH State Singles - 2005	Men's D - Singles	1 st
Granite State Cup - 2005	Men's D - Doubles	1 st
NE Regionals - 2005	Men's D - Singles Men's 35+ C	1 st Tied 3 rd
National Singles - 2005	Men's D	2 nd
Executive Open - 2005	Men's D Men's B/C Doubles	1 st 2 nd
Justin Open - 2005	Men's D	1 st
Capitol Open - 2005	Men's B/C - Doubles	4 th
US Open - 2005	Men's D - Singles Men's 35+ C	Quarter Finals Quarter Finals

2005 EXECUTIVE OPEN

At The Executive Health & Sports Center, Manchester NH, Sept. 23rd - 25th

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
MENS OPEN	SCOTT REIFF	JOE PALAZZO	MIKE KEDDIE	MIKE PETTORUTO
MENS A	RON DELLAGATTA	MARK BREZINA	JIM MONAHAN	STEVE ARENA
MENS B	FAHD ABIDI	BOB FERRIERA	CHRIS PURINGTON	JORGE NEVES
MENS C	GREG LABRIE	TOM MARZILLI	JOHN LYNCH	PETER McNAMARA
MENS D	VENKATESH NATARAJAN	CHRIS TEBO	CHRIS FRANCIS	GILL PROVOST
MENS 40+	RALPH GRILLONE	JOHN BADGER	GEOFFREY SEARLES	ROBERT FELDMAN
JR. BOYS <8	RYAN FRANCIS	RALPHIE GRILLONE	BRAD ROBBINS	
JR. BOYS <10	RYAN FRANCIS	BRAD ROBBINS		
JR. BOYS <12	SAM ALLEN	CHRIS FRANCIS		
JR. BOYS <14	RYAN MARONEY	SAM ALLEN	JOSH PROVOST	
WOMENS OPEN	HEATHER DUNN	KELLEY BEANE	JOANNE POMODORO	LORRAINE FEENEY
WOMENS A	JENNIFER LYNCH	JOLENE SULLIVAN	TERI LABRIE	COURTNEY CHISHOLM
WOMENS B	JEAN LERCH	COURTNEY CHISHOLM	JOLENE SULLIVAN	RUTH LUGAR
WOMENS C	CECI CARPENTER	HELGA MISPELBLOM-BEYER	JODI GRILLONE	NICOLE WILSON
WOMENS D	HELGA MISPELBLOM-BEYER	GABRIELLA LANDINEZ	SHAUNA JOHNSTON	NICOLE WILSON
MENS OPEN DOUBLES	SCOTT REIFF TIM WILSON	DAVE BARNES MARC MOCCIA	FRANK GIBSON RALPH GRILLONE	DAVE BRETON SEAN KLINGEMAN
MENS 'A' DOUBLES	RON DELLAGATTA MARCO LABONTE	DAVE LANE PETER OLIVER	MURRAY ALDOUS DICK DYER	
MENS B/C DOUBLES	ED GAUNTT JOHN LYNCH	CARL HUSSEY VENTATESH NATARAJAN	GAVIN BENNETT DAVID LYNCH	
WOMENS A/B DOUBLES	PATTY THOMAS-DANOS ANA VEIGA	CINDY ALDOUS CARMEN DYER	GINGER RASID KIM SKERRY	ANN COPE GINNY LAVALLO
MIXED OPEN DOUBLES	LORRAINE FEENEY VICTOR HORTON	HEATHER DUNN MARC MOCCIA	KIM SKERRY DAVE BARNES	
MIXED A/B DOUBLES	GINGER RASID MARK BREZINA	TERI LABRIE MARCO LABONTE	CARMEN DYER PAUL PIERCE	CINDY ALDOUS MURRAY ALDOUS

JUSTIN OPEN XII at the Nashua Athletic Club (Oct. 14th - 16th, 2005)

	1st	2nd	3rd-Tie	3rd-Tie
MEN'S OPEN	SCOTT REIFF	SEAN KLINGEMAN	JEFF HILL	MIKE PETTORUTO
MEN'S ELITE	TOM KEOGH	GEMP MICHELOT	MIKE PATALANO	MATT MOCCIA
MEN'S A	GARY WALSH	FAHD ABIDI	LEE MONKS	JIM MONAHAN
MEN'S B	FAHD ABIDI	MATT ANDERSON	JOE CAMMARATA	KEN HEPBURN
MEN'S C	JORGE NEVES	RICK CHONG	TODD ANDERSON	RICH NEVIUS
MEN'S D	VENKATESH NATARAJAN	RICHARD SMITH	CHRIS FRANCIS	KYLE JACKSON
MEN'S 35+	DAVE BARNES	DONNIE BARROWS	BRETT LANE	MARCO LABONTE
MEN'S 45+	DAVE BRETON	TONY WHITMAN	RON ARGENBRIGHT	ROBERT FELDMANN
MEN'S 55+	DENNIS KRYSIAK	MITCH MILEWSKI	JOHN PATALANO	LES HANKINS
WOMEN'S OPEN	ANITA MALDONADO	HEATHER DUNN	KELLEY BEANE	LORRAINE FEENEY
WOMEN'S ELITE	JENNIFER LYNCH	DIANE CHAPPEL	TERI LABRIE	KARA MAZUR
WOMEN'S A	TERI LABRIE	JASMINE PLAZA	KIM SKERRY	GAIL VALUK
WOMEN'S B	CHARMAINE DUNN	COURTNEY CHISHOLM		
WOMEN'S C	LAUREN PATALANO	TRACIE MADORE	SHAUNA JOHNSTON	CAITLIN LABRIE
WOMEN'S D/Nov.	SHAUNA JOHNSTON	TRACIE MADORE	LAUREN PATALANO	DINA RUFO
MENS OPEN DOUBLES	MIKE KEDDIE RICK SLEDICK JR.	SANJAY LAFOREST SHANE WOOD	JEFF HILL SEAN KLINGEMAN	VINNY LEE JOE PALAZZO
MENS 'A' DOUBLES	BRIAN LESIEUR STEVE LESIEUR	JIM MOHAHAN MIKE WASHBURN	BOB OTOVIC CARL SAVAGE	MURRAY ALDOUS DICK DYER
MENS 'B/C' DOUBLES	CARL HASSUM BILL TARANOVICH	BOB BURGESS JOE RICHARDS	RUSS RABY JOHN SCHNEIDLER	LES HANKINS MIKE PAQUETTE
WOMENS 'A' DOUBLES	CINDY ALDOUS CARMEN DYER	PATTY THOMAS-DANOS ANA VEIGA	DEB ERNST GINGER RASID	KIM SKERRY GAIL VALUK
MIXED OPEN DOUBLES	HEATHER DUNN SHANE WOOD	LORRAINE FEENEY VICTOR HORTON	ROZ PETRONELLI MIKE PETTORUTO	MARSHA KAZAROSIAN SANJAY LAFOREST
MIXED 'A' DOUBLES	CINDY ALDOUS MURRAY ALDOUS	ANA VEIGA DICK DYER	GINGER RASID MARCO LABONTE	PATTY THOMAS-DANOS MANNY PIMENTAL

Justin Men's Pro Doubles: Justin Wallace & Jay Retkevicz beat Greg West & Sean Klingeman in a close tiebreaker
 Justin Mixed Pro Doubles: Justin Wallace & Heather Dunn barely squeak out a win over Kelley Beane & Mike Keddie

2005 CAPITOL OPEN

Nov. 4th - 6th at the Racquet Club of Concord

DIVISIONS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
MENS OPEN	Scott Reiff	Jon Dyer		
MENS A	Carl Hassum	Fahd Abidi	Chris Purington	Carl Savage
MENS B	Carl Hassum	Ken Hepburn	Neil Brodien	Chris Purington
MENS C	Bob Ferreira	Russell McCumber	Josh Smith	Todd Anderson
MENS D	Paul Ebbs	Richard Smith	Craig Wheeler	Ryan Carpenter
MENS 45+	Paul Wallace	Russ Palazzo	Steve Provins	Brandt Pace
WOMENS A	Deb Irvine	Lynn Smith	Pat Sims	
WOMENS B	Ruth Lugar	Jean Lerch	Jane McClung	
WOMENS C	Marti Giampa	Ceci Carpenter	Christy Ebbs	Tia Merrill
MENS OPEN DOUBLES	Russ Palazzo	Jon Dyer	Scott Robinson	
	Scott Reiff	Paul Wallace	John Varrill	
MENS 'A' DOUBLES	Murray Aldous	Dave Lane	Steve Provins	Fahd Abidi
	Marco Labonte	Lee Monks	Carl Savage	Greg West
MENS 'B/C' DOUBLES	Neil Brodien	Steve Foote	Todd Anderson	Ed Gauntt
	Ken Hepburn	Tim Lugar	Matt Chabot	Venkatesh Natarajan
WOMENS 'A' DOUBLES	Deb Irvine	Patty Thomas-Danos		
	Pat Sims	Ana Veiga		
MIXED 'A' DOUBLES	Ana Veiga	Carmen Dyer	Ruth Lugar	Jane McClung
	Marco Labonte	Murray Aldous	Dan Story	Mike Normand
MIXED 'B/C' DOUBLES	Chris Sabbow	Tia Merrill	Judy Lafrance-Foote	Jean Lerch
	Norm Boucher	Andy Karwocki	Steve Foote	Ron Bouchard
MENS PRO SINGLES	<i>Justin Wallace defeated Greg West in a close 11-10 tiebreaker.</i>			

2005 NH SEACOAST SHOOTOUT

Nov. 19th at Gold's Gym, Portsmouth NH

DIVISIONS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
MENS A	DAVE LANE	LEE MONKS	JUSTIN DYER	CARL HASSUM
MENS B	GREG LABRIE	STEVE GROCCIA	MIKE GIRARD	CASS BUCKLEY
MENS C	DAVE WAIN	MATT CHABOT	MIKE WILKINS	DAVE LYNCH
MENS D	MIKE WILKINS	KEVIN CARPENTER	RYAN CARPENTER	CRAIG WHEELER
MENS 60+	BRANDT PACE	JOHN MORSE	BOB DENYOU	
WOMENS A	TERI LABRIE	DEB IRVINE	PAT SIMS	JOLENE SULLIVAN
WOMENS B/C	JEAN LERCH	CECI CARPENTER	HELGA MISPELBLOM	SHAUNA JOHNSTON
MENS 'A' DOUBLES	JUSTIN DYER	JOHN ACAMPORA	JIM SITOMER	JOHN MORSE
	DICK DYER	LEE MONKS	JIM STACEY	MIKE WHITE
MENS 'B/C' DOUBLES	BOB BURGESS	SCOTT GROCCIA	RON BOUCHARD	LARRY BARRETT
	JASON DYER	TOM MARZILLA	DAVE WAIN	BILL DOHERTY
WOMENS 'A/B' DBLS.	DEB IRVINE	CECI CARPENTER		
	PAT SIMS	JEAN LERCH		

DID YOU KNOW?

This from someone who has too much time on their hands:

When deciding who will serve first at the Justin Open, those who were given the choice of blue or green, 60% of referees chose blue. When asked odd or even, 57% of referees chose odd.

NHRA CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

We are excited to offer our members an opportunity to advertise items for sale. How does it work? Contact the NHRA board with your items, we will post them in the newsletter free of charge. 10% of all proceeds will go to New Hampshire Junior Racquetball. This is a great way to sell unwanted equipment and help our Juniors at the same time!

Check out these great deals:

Ektelon
Power Ring Fusion new
\$25.00

Ektelon
More Attitude New
\$75.00

Ektelon
UltraLite new
\$25.00

The NHRA has been working on a new ranking system. Please check out the website at www.nhracquetball.com for updates as well as upcoming tournament information.

Ektelon
Power Ring Titanium Lite demo
Like new \$45.00

Spalding Enforcer new
\$25.00

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\$25.00

EForce Radium 170 New
\$125.00

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\$45.00

EForce Radium 150 demo
Like new
\$75.00

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact us at NHBOARD@NHRACQUETBALL.COM

NEW RANKINGS

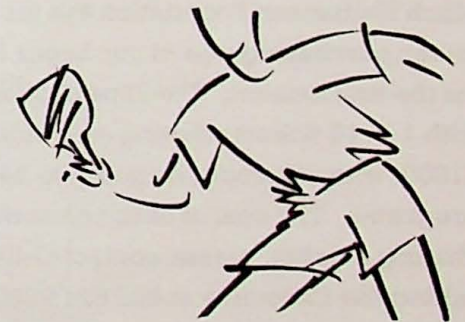
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 - John Varrill
- Ron Bouchard
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 - Teri Labrie
- Greg Labrie
- Gary Walsh
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- Mike Normand

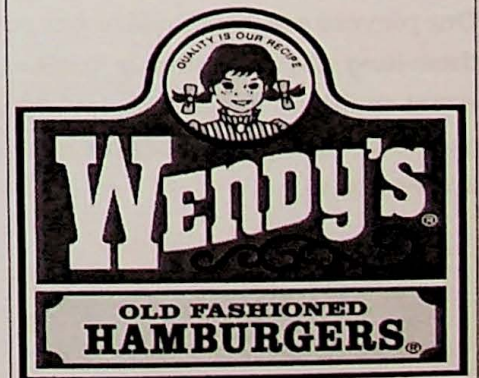
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with any questions
or suggestions.



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Mitch Nathanson Classic

January 27th-29th, 2006

As we fast approach the New Year, it means that the "Mitch" is right around the corner. The Mitch Nathanson Classic is one of the premier racquetball tournaments in the nation, bringing around 350 players and over 1,000 spectators to the area. This years Mitch will be January 27th-29th, once again taking place at the Executive Health and Sports Center in Manchester. This tournament attracts many of racquetball's great players from all over.

In the past this event has helped raise over \$30,000 to help promote racquetball to juniors throughout the New England area. The tournament was named after Mitch Nathanson who died in 1991 in a tragic car accident. Mitch was an accomplished racquetball player and devoted countless hours to helping kids learn how to play. The Mitch Nathanson Foundation is dedicated to help encourage the development and improvement of junior racquetball and to teach children the qualities that Mitch represented: *friendship, sportsmanship, and selflessness.*

How you can help

Besides signing up to play this fabulous tournament, the trustees of The Mitch Nathanson Foundation ask for your help in further raising money by either purchasing one of our Super Raffle tickets or by seeking sponsors for the tournament. The Super Raffle will be limited to only 100 tickets, with 1 in 10 tickets winning (see side panel). Prizes range from \$100 to \$1000, with all proceeds going to benefit New England Junior Racquetball programs. The cost of each ticket will be \$50. For those interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Kelley Beane at kbeane6@aol.com or by calling the Executive at 603 624 9300 ext.222. We appreciate all you can do!

Another great way to help would be seeking out or becoming a sponsor. Our players are very loyal to our sponsors and they tend to patronize them long after the event is finished, knowing that without sponsors this event could not happen. Below, please find our sponsorship rates. If you should have any questions, or have decided to sponsor, please contact Kelley Beane.

2006 MITCH NATHANSON CLASSIC

SUPER RAFFLE



**TO BENEFIT N.E. JUNIOR
RACQUETBALL PROGRAMS**

*** 1 IN 10 TICKETS WIN ***

1st PRIZE ** \$1,000

2nd PRIZE ** \$500

3rd PRIZE ** \$300

7ea. \$100 PRIZES

**\$50 PER TICKET - LIMIT
100 TICKETS TO BE SOLD!**

Drawing to be held

Sunday, January 29th 2006, 3PM

At the conclusion of the Mitch Nathanson Classic Racquetball Tournament

Executive Health & Sports Center, Manchester, NH

*** For ticket info, please contact *KELLEY BEANE* at kbeane6@aol.com or by calling the Executive (624-9300 ext. 222) ***

The Mitch Nathanson Classic Tournament Sponsor Rates



PACKAGE #1 (\$3000.00)

- Sole Major Sponsor of the Event (TOP Billing)
- An Enhancement of Package # 2 (deluxe pkg. and more); Custom tailored to the sponsor's requirements and specifications (terms to be negotiated with Kelley Beane)

PACKAGE #2 (\$1,000.00)

- Banner on Championship Court (supply logo)
- Logo on Tournament Shirts
- Logo on Tournament Application
- Logo or ad 1 page in the tournament program
- Your ads passed out to all entrants and guests (must provide)

PACKAGE #3 (\$500.00)

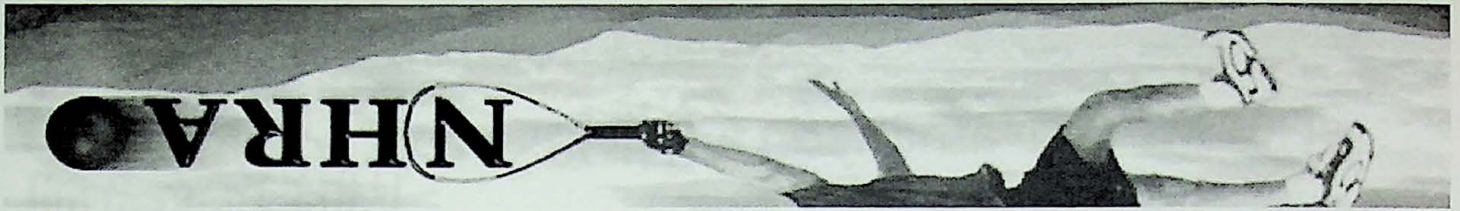
- Banner (supply logo)
- Logo on Tournament Shirts
- Logo or ad 1/2 page in the tournament program
- Your ads passed out to all entrants and guests (must provide)

PACKAGE #4 (\$250.00)

- Logo on Tournament Shirts
- Logo or ad 1/4 page in the tournament program
- Your ads passed out to all entrants and guests (must be provided)

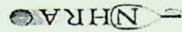
PACKAGE #5 (\$100.00)

- Ad 1/8 page in the tournament program
 - Your ads passed out to all entrants and guests (must be provide)
- * Any smaller donations will receive a business card ad. If you would prefer to donate product for our raffle or hospitality, we can estimate the value and advertise for you accordingly.



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UPCOMING RACQUETBALL EVENTS

December
 12/9-12/11
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL
DOUBLES
 Executive Health & Sports
 Center
 Manchester, NH

January
 1/13-1/15
The B/C Challenge
 Great Bay Athletic
 Newmarket, NH

1/27-1/29
Mitch Nathanson
 Executive Health & Sports
 Center
 Manchester, NH

March
 3/3-3/5
NH State Singles
 Executive Health & Sports
 Center
 Manchester, NH

3/24-3/26
NH State Doubles
 Concord Athletic Club
 Concord, NH

April
 4/7-4/8
Granite State Cup
 Nashua Athletic Club
 Nashua, NH
 4/21-4/23
New England Regionals
 Executive Health & Sports Center
 Manchester, NH