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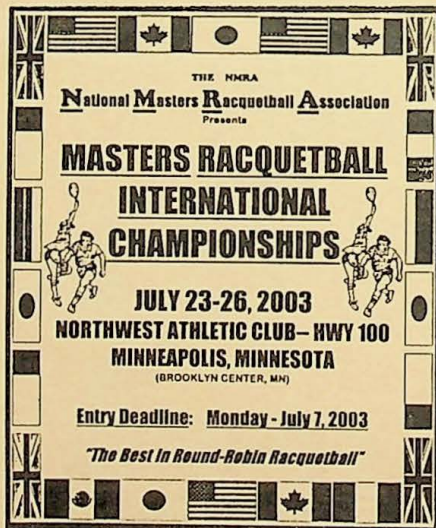
MINNEAPOLIS, HERE WE COME

2003 NMRA MASTERS INTERNATIONAL

RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Northwest Athletic Club-Hwy 100 will be the host club for the July 23-26, 2003, NMRA Masters International Championships. The Hilton—Minneapolis North will be the host hotel. What a great combination this will be and a great way to start the big show!

Begin this great four-day round robin tournament by checking-in at the beautiful HILTON Hotel and spend many happy hours sharing laughter and stories with many of your racquetball friends. Meet the players and start the tourney tales while sitting in the Hilton lobby, cocktail lounge, or restaurant. The Hilton will also be the site of the Friday evening buffet banquet and program. Shuttle service will be offered from the Hilton to the tourney sites.



We anticipate over 250 players will enter this tournament and about 70-75% of those will be playing in two events. This means the equivalent of about 425 players each entering one event. Over 2000 matches will be contested before the winners are finally crowned, this means about 10,000 stories will be created about "how we almost won that match" or "how we almost lost that match". If you remember that only about one-half of these tales will bare any resemblance to the actual

happenings, you will have a clearer idea of what really transpired.

Registration for most players will take place on Tuesday evening at the club. This means that the great tradition (started about 4 years ago) of having the Hospitality Room open will give every person a fair chance to eat lots of great food and drink as much free beer and other beverages as their stomach will hold. It will also be a wonderful time to start telling everyone about "how little you have played recently...", "how you are injured...", "how your recent illnesses...", "how you are placed in the toughest draw..." "how you have been beating everyone..." and many other concoctions that you and other players will be able to create in an attempt to get some sympathy. One word of advice: "Do not believe anything that you hear. They are only there to con you with their sad tales of woe. Really, they have been hitting for hours every day and are really primed for this event. Beware of the doom-sayer—for they may not be telling you the entire truth."

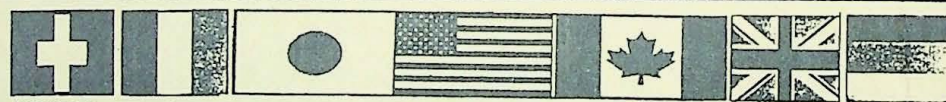
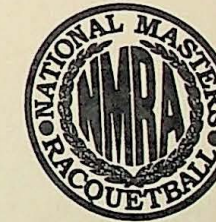
All humor aside, this will be another great NMRA Championship Tournament. The competition will be intense and the best available. You will play lots of matches and points and enjoy every minute of it (except maybe a few). The food will be plentiful and tasty and the daily free hospitality room will offer you a chance to relax, savor some great food and replenish the liquids to your body. The entry gift will be real cool and the Friday evening banquet will be a great way to relax, laugh, dine with friends and new acquaintances and hear about the NMRA and all the wonderful things that we have to offer our members and players.

Best of all, to add to all the things you have heard so far, you will be able to play all of your scheduled matches—regardless of whether you win or lose. Because remember—"In NMRA tournaments, you are never eliminated from competition, regardless of how many matches you win or lose." If you like to play racquetball and want to compete against some of the best players in the world, then this is the place to be. Join us and you will have a wonderful experience.



NMRA MASTERS RACQUETBALL INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 23-26, 2003 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



NMRA-MASTERS RACQUETBALL INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 23-26, 2003

NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CLUB - HWY 100, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

ENTRY FORM - MUST BE RECEIVED BY 7-07-03

Please Print--Be Legible, Complete & Accurate

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: home () _____

work () _____

cell () _____

Fax: () _____

Email: _____

DOB: m ___/d ___/yr ___ Age on 7-23-03: _____

WAIVER: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims that I may have against the NMRA, USRA, The NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CLUBS, the HILTON-MINNEAPOLIS NORTH and their staffs, and all tournament sponsors, or their respective agents, for any and all injuries or damages of any nature which I, my spouse or my guest(s) may incur as a result of my participation in this tournament.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FEES:	
First Event	\$130.00 \$ _____
Second Event	\$40.00 \$ _____
Spouse/Guest(s)* (each)	\$55.00 \$ _____
NMRA Membership** (for 3 yrs.)	\$35.00 \$ _____
USRA Membership (required, 1 yr.)	\$30.00 \$ _____
TOTAL DUE:	\$ _____

*Spouse/Guest(s) Name(s): _____

**CHECK HERE if this is your first NMRA tournament
(First time NMRA participants do not have to join the NMRA, but PLEASE DO)

JACKET/SHIRT SIZE:(unisex) S M L XL 2X 3X

PAYMENT: NO REFUNDS (FOR ANY REASON) AFTER 7-11-03
SEND ENTRY FORM & PAYMENT (In U.S. Dollars, no credit cards)
MADE PAYABLE TO: "NMRA"

MAIL TO: NMRA CHAMPIONSHIPS
c/o MIKE LOCKER
NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CLUB - HWY 100
4001 Lake Breeze Ave.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

SELECT DIVISION(S)
PLAYERS MAY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) EVENTS:
ONLY ONE (1) SINGLES event may be entered.
A player may enter two (2) doubles events,
QR, a player may enter one (1) singles event
AND one (1) doubles event.
QR, only one (1) singles; QR, only one (1) doubles

MEN	
SINGLES	DOUBLES
_____	45+
_____	50+
_____	55+
_____	60+
_____	65+
_____	70+
_____	75+
_____	80+
_____	85+

WOMEN	
SINGLES	DOUBLES
_____	45+
_____	50+
_____	55+
_____	60+
_____	65+
_____	70+
_____	75+
_____	80+

MIXED DOUBLES			
_____	45+	_____	65+
_____	50+	_____	70+
_____	55+	_____	75+
_____	60+	_____	80+

DOUBLES PARTNER(S):

Name: _____

Division & Age Bracket: _____

Name: _____

Division & Age Bracket: _____

____ Check here if you need a doubles partner.
We will try to find one for you.

DEADLINE: Must Be Received by July 7, 2003
No refund of entry/spouse/guest fees after 7/11/03

NMRA-MASTERS RACQUETBALL INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: JULY 23 - 26, 2003: MINNEAPOLIS, MN

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

STARTING DAYS: PLEASE READ THIS VERY CAREFULLY
IF PLAYING "SINGLES ONLY"

MALES: 45+ or 50+ start play after 5 PM on Wednesday, 7-23-03
55+ through 70+ must be prepared to play at 8 AM, Wed., 7-23-03
75+ and older, must be prepared to play at 8 AM, Thurs., 7-24-03

FEMALES: All ages, must be prepared to play at 8 AM, Thursday, 7-24-03
IF PLAYING "ANY DOUBLES EVENT" - REGARDLESS OF AGE/SEX
you must be prepared to play at 8 AM, Wednesday, 7-23-03

STARTING TIMES:

First match times or opponents WILL NOT be provided before REGISTRATION.
You will receive your complete match schedule when you check-in at registration.

ENTRY FEE: ENTRY FEE INCLUDES

Entry gift to players, spouse/guests. Full use of all club facilities. Daily Lunch and Daily Hospitality Room with FREE beer, beverages and food. Hospitality Room open during Registration on Tuesday, 5-10:00 PM. Delicious Buffet Banquet at The HILTON Hotel on Friday evening, followed by a great program. Limited breakfast food. Fresh fruit, sports drinks and coffee provided daily. Free practice courts, Tuesday, July 22nd. Locker/towel service. Shuttle available ONLY from The Hilton Hotel to the tournament site. SPOUSE/GUEST(S) FEE, Includes all of the above.

HOST CLUB:

NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CLUB - HWY 100
4001 Lake Breeze Ave.

Brooklyn Center, MN 55429 Phone #: 763-535-3571

14 courts. Excellent viewing, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, exercise rooms, aerobics, indoor pool, tennis, weight/exercise machines, and much more. Pro Shop & Racquet Stringing Service on site. Bring lock.

HOST HOTEL: Where all the players will be!

The HILTON-MINNEAPOLIS NORTH
2200 FREEWAY BLVD.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55430-1737

Phone: 763-566-8000. Call only this number for room reservations.
Make room reservations NOW to guarantee your room. Space is limited.

Room Reservation Deadline: June 21, 2003

IT IS MORE FUN WHEN YOU STAY AT THE HOST HOTEL WITH ALL THE PLAYERS!
THE HILTON IS THE SITE OF THE FRIDAY EVENING BUFFET BANQUET & PROGRAM

Special NMRA Rate: \$89.00/night (up to 4)

BANQUET:

FRIDAY at THE HILTON HOTEL: DELICIOUS BUFFET BANQUET
6:00 PM-Cash Bar 7:30 PM-Buffer Dinner
INTERESTING AND FUN-TIME PROGRAM TO FOLLOW DINNER

GREAT HOSPITALITY & AWARDS:

Besides great racquetball competition, check above to see all the great hospitality included with the ENTRY FEE. Beautifully designed NMRA medals to first 4 places.

EARLY ENTRY LOTTERY!!! Enter by 5-31-03 and draw for part of over \$1,000.00 in merchandise, equipment and prizes.

ABOUT THE NMRA AND THIS TOURNEY:

The NMRA hosts an annual National Championships and an International Championships for male and female racquetball players, ages 45+. Since its beginning in 1971, the NMRA has grown to become the largest organization in the world offering tournaments exclusively for masters age players. The NMRA strives to make all their tournaments 1st class events. The round robin format gives players a variety of matches/opponents, without being eliminated. Play is always offered in singles, doubles & mixed doubles events, with 5-year age divisions. We welcome anyone who enjoys racquetball, to join us at this great tournament!

REGISTRATION:

TUESDAY, July 22, 2003: 8:00 to 9:00 PM, at Northwest A.C. - Hwy 100
The FREE HOSPITALITY ROOM at the club is open before/during registration. Come early to meet and greet friends and competitors.
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY ARRIVALS: register at the journey desk.

MEMBERSHIP:

NMRA* and USRA MEMBERSHIP must be current to enter tourney.
Membership fees may be paid with the entry fee or at registration.
Bring current membership cards.
*NMRA dues (\$35.00 for 3 years) are waived for first time NMRA participants. But, we encourage you to join and support the NMRA cause.

PLAY BEGINS: PLAY ENDS:

Play begins daily as early as 8:00 AM. Please follow your schedule.
-Please note the listed schedule for first and second day starters -
PLEASE: IF YOU CANNOT COME FOR THE FULL TOURNAMENT & PLAY ALL OF YOUR MATCHES AS SCHEDULED, OUT OF CONSIDERATION TO YOUR FELLOW COMPETITORS, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT. YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO PLAY AS LATE AS 6:00 PM ON SATURDAY.
Because of the complex scheduling of matches, and the many matches to be played, NO SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS will be given to any requests to deviate from the regular tourney format and/or posted schedule of matches.

MATCH FORMAT: OFFICIAL BALL: Penn Blue

Round Robin. All multiple flights will be seeded, with playoffs on Saturday. Match is one (1) game to 21 points w/ 6-point bonus awarded to the winner. The non-winner receives the points they score. Single flight divisions: winner is player with highest total points at the completion of the full round of play. (Format may be altered, as required, by the tournament staff & NMRA.)

OFFICIATING: ALL MATCHES ARE SELF-REFEREED

Sportsmanship, integrity and camaraderie are your tourney guidelines

USRA SANCTIONED & RULES:

Sanctioned by the USRA as a Level 5 event. USRA Official Rules will govern competition, unless otherwise specified by the Director/NMRA. This includes the mandatory use of eyewear tested to ASTM F803 or CSA impact standards.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

MIKE LOCKER

Email: prolocker70@hotmail.com

Phone: 763-535-3571 X228

Please DO NOT e-mail/call Director for starting times/days/opponents. Let Director know if you need a doubles partner. Mike will try to find one. Notify Director immediately if you have a major problem/complication.
PLEASE: NO special requests for court times, opponents, late starts, etc.

AmPRO CERTIFICATION CLINIC IS OFFERED:

A 2-day AmPRO Certification Clinic will be offered on Monday, 7-21-03 and Tuesday, 7-22-03. Get your AmPRO certification before the tournament. For NMRA members, of at least 6 months, NMRA pays \$75 of the \$200 fee. Interested? Contact: Ron Pudduck, PhV: 734-428-7522: ronpudduck@aol.com

SHUTTLE SERVICES:

Shuttle service available ONLY from The HILTON Hotel to the tourney & other sites within a 5-mile radius. Inter-club shuttle provided, if two clubs are used.

PROFESSIONAL LESSONS AVAILABLE:

Mike Locker, professional, will give individual or small-group lessons on Monday and Tuesday before the tourney begins. Contact Mike Locker for rates and times.

DEADLINE: Entries must be received by 7-7-03

No late or without payment entries accepted. No refunds after 7-11-03

"SAY, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT DICK KINCADE?"

Tom Curran's slide show at the banquet at the 2003 NMRA National Championships at Canoga Park included a series of slides that poked fun at Dick Kincade. The slides depicted Kincade sleeping through his match calls. Further slides indicated that the possibility existed that Dick Kincade may have actually died waiting for his matches. This fed the rumor mill and led to the question, "Say, have you heard about Dick Kincade? I think he died."

The audience appreciated the humor, but it seems that our good friend Don Goddard had a similar Mark Twain "Rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated" experience back in 1987. Don's experience was captured in print:

Under the headline "DON GODDARD STILL ALIVE AND WELL" an article ran in a local publication regarding Don's experience with a trophy vendor. It went like this:

"Glasgow recently hosted the "Don Goddard Tournament" the weekend of January 15, 16 and 17.

In readying for the tournament, Don needed to call the trophy company to discuss payment. A gentleman answered the telephone and Don told him who he was and asked how much money was owed for the trophies."

The article goes on to say that the man didn't know and had to ask a co-worker for the correct amount. "The co-worker replied 'Yeah, right. What did he do, come back from the dead?' " Don was on the other end of the line listening.

The co-worker came on the line and asked Don if he was Don Goddard Jr. "Don politely explained that he was *just* Don Goddard.

"The co-worker was having a hard time believing Don and apologized, saying 'I just assumed you were dead since most tournaments that are named after someone are after that person has died!'"

At press time, we were glad to know that Don was in fact still very much alive and kicking!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

During the recent election for members of the NMRA Board of Directors, the following people were elected for a three-year term. The winners are listed in order of the number of votes each received:

Ron Pudduck—MI

Rex Lawler—IN

Tom Curran—OH

NMRA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the NMRA Board of Directors meeting held on March 11th in Canoga Park, CA, the following officers were elected to serve one-year terms.

President:	Ron Pudduck (MI)
Vice-President:	Merjean Kelley (CA)
Treasurer:	Lee Graff (OR)
Secretary:	Gene Ferris (LA)

CANOGA PARK WAS ONE GREAT TOURNEY

The return visit to The Spectrum Club in Canoga Park, CA turned out to be just as good the second time around as it was the first time in March 2002. Over 240 eager players entered the tournament and all arrived with big smiles on their faces. Four days later, some left carrying shiny medals and others left without one, but almost all of them left with smiles still on their faces and a lot of new racquetball knowledge in their heads.

Over 2000 matches were played in the four-day round robin tournament on the 17 courts. Some simple arithmetic says that a great deal of racquetball was played before everyone departed.

Almost 75% of the entrants played in two events, and that means that there were some exhausted players come Saturday afternoon. But, you can rest assured that most of them will not have learned from this experience and will come back again and enter another two events. I guess when you love to play racquetball, you love to play racquetball.

If you came to this NMRA tourney you would have found some very special ingredients that you might not find in other tournaments. Like:

The Hospitality Room—which was open on Tuesday evening during registration and each day Wednesday through Friday. This was a place where you found great food and beverages and a chance to sit and relax with the players and guests, and share some of your "recent happenings".

The Banquet—offered great food and a wonderful program of slides, videos and information. Over \$1,800 in prizes was distributed to those in attendance.

Entry Gift—The comfy fleece vests and ¼ zip jackets were another great NMRA gift to all players.

Food, Food and More Food—Lunches were served daily from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. If that was not enough time to eat, then you could go to the hospitality room which opened every day from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. As was mentioned by a player—"NMRA tournaments are the only tournaments where you will play so much and still gain weight from eating all the great food."

Round Robin Competition—this NMRA tourney offered you a chance to play a variety of the finest players in your age group, and win or lose, you continued to play and compete.

NMRA Friends and Camaraderie—When you meet special people you know it. I am sure that everyone realized how special most of these people are. People do not get much better than this.

If you have ever entered an NMRA event you know how great they are. If not, then you must mark some of the future dates on your calendar and get your entry form in early.

It is nice to be able to play and socialize with the finest players and people around.

NMRA RACQUETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Canoga Park, CA
March 12-15, 2003

FINAL RESULTS

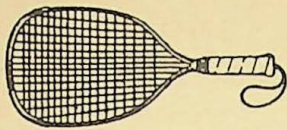
Playoffs determined top 6 positions in all multiple flights
Single flight division, position determined by total points

All entrants are shown

Final Results					
Men's 45+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place after playoffs
Joe	Hassay	200	7	28.57	1
James	Jones	233	9	25.89	2
Paul	Reed	243	9	27.00	3
Carlos	Aacunca	203	7	29.00	4
Rick	Howick	220	9	24.44	5
Kevin	Loop	172	7	24.57	6
Greg	Benson	216	9	24.00	7
Sirous	Shahin	191	9	21.22	8
Rick	Betta	188	9	20.89	9
John	Mueller	146	7	20.86	10
Brian	Stork	178	9	19.78	11
Bill	George	167	9	18.56	12
Chris	Cooper	115	7	16.43	13
Ruben	Lopez	94	7	13.43	14
Ron	Woolfe	92	7	13.14	15
Jeff	Pfeiler	108	9	12.00	16
Dan	Anderson	75	9	8.33	17
Brian	Tanner	53	7	7.57	18
forfeit	Gibson	0	7	0.00	F
forfeit	Schmidt	0	7	0.00	F
Men's 50+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place after playoffs
Darryl	Warren	317	11	28.82	1
Darryll	Keene	256	9	28.44	2
Dennis	Healy	242	9	26.89	3
Frank	Taddonio	231	9	25.67	4
Neil	Eichelberge	295	11	26.82	5
Steve	Newport	293	11	26.64	6
Denny	Vincent	284	11	25.82	7
Michael	Jennings	222	9	24.67	8
Gary	Baxley	209	9	23.22	9
Jim	Dane	227	11	20.64	10
Dave	Braski	217	11	19.73	11
David	Puma	177	9	19.67	12
Carlos	Contreras	210	11	19.09	13
Dave	Mathy	207	11	18.82	14
Sam	Ross	161	9	17.89	15
Jim	Gutierrez	145	9	16.22	16
Dennis	Kuntz	165	11	15.00	17
David	Aguirre	139	11	12.64	18
Dave	Carlstrom	100	9	11.11	19
John	Warkentin	120	11	10.91	20
Gary	Gray	101	11	9.18	21
Michael	Pierce	40	9	4.44	22
forfeit	Mahrt	0	9	0.00	F
Men's 55+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place after playoffs
Bill	Welaj	232	8	29.00	1
David	Stelger	225	8	28.13	2
David	Warner	258	9	28.67	3
Scott	Rudoni	219	8	27.38	4
Mickey	Bellah	227	8	28.38	5
Robert	Lattanzio	248	9	27.56	6
Dwayne	McKnight	216	8	27.00	7
Jack	Crowther	211	8	26.38	8
Tom	McKie	232	9	25.78	9
Dennis	O'Brien	221	9	24.56	10
Mike	Wolfe	205	9	22.78	11
Dan	Schaffer	182	8	22.75	12
Stan	Lefkowitz	169	8	21.13	13
Ed	Woolery	168	8	21.00	14
Doug	Maxson	163	8	20.38	15
Tim	Scott	181	9	20.11	16
Roger	Chong	152	8	19.00	17
Charles	Dryer	162	9	18.00	18
Ottis	Campbell	141	8	17.63	19
Tom	Curran	117	8	14.63	20
Fred	Roe	110	8	13.75	21
Ralph	Watkins	117	9	13.00	22
Fred	Tabak	94	8	11.75	23
Warren	Hackbarth	102	9	11.33	24
John	Steele	88	8	11.00	25
Larry	Simmons	42	8	5.25	26
Telia	Fuller	31	9	3.44	27
Richard	Halpin	22	8	2.75	28

Men's 60+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place after playoffs
Glenn	Allen	235	9	26.11	1
Dan	Jones	270	9	30.00	2
Leland	Rients	183	7	26.14	3
Patrick	Taylor	201	7	28.71	4
Hal	Price	233	9	25.89	5
Steve	Covey	167	7	23.86	6
Ed	Sword	197	9	21.89	7
Rob	Reicher	188	9	20.89	8
Paul	Nigro	179	9	19.89	9
Chris	Segura	137	7	19.57	10
Jim	Psal	134	7	19.14	11
Leo	Kouremets	127	7	18.14	12
Paul	Wehmeyer	139	9	15.44	13
Jim	Calvin	120	9	13.33	14
Allan	Peterson	89	7	12.71	15
Robert	Cocain	73	9	8.11	16
Bill	Groscup	67	9	7.44	17
James	Ferris	34	7	4.86	18
forfeit	Corbridge	0	7	0.00	F
forfeit	Rydman	0	7	0.00	F
Men's 65+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place after playoffs
Ron	Adams	230	9	25.56	1
Rex	Lawler	229	9	25.44	2
Lee	Graff	218	8	27.25	3
Michael	Jackson	252	9	28.00	4
Ken	Moore	190	8	23.75	5
Jerry	Holly	212	8	26.50	6
Charlie	Hamon	218	9	24.22	7
Ron	Dorst	184	8	23.00	8
Art	Hotchkiss	183	8	22.88	9
Jerry	Northwood	203	9	22.56	10
Harold	Williamson	164	8	20.50	11
Allan	Holley	180	9	20.00	12
Dave	Guerra	161	9	17.89	13
Terry	Priester	157	9	17.44	14
Larry	Bizzari	136	8	17.00	15
Chuck	Welby	126	9	14.00	16
Francis	Florej	110	8	13.75	17
Mike	Weins	59	9	6.56	18
Tracy	Rogers	48	8	6.00	19
forfeit	Rettela	0	8	0.00	F
forfeit	Wilking	0	9	0.00	F
Men's 70+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
John	O'Donnell	231	8	28.88	1
Paul	Banales	231	8	28.88	2
Ken	Karmel	192	8	24.00	3
Sean	Reid	186	8	23.25	4
Roy	Wheeler	162	8	20.25	5
Jim	Dunn	128	8	16.00	6
Ralph	Stillman	124	8	15.50	7
Tony	Pineros	103	8	12.88	8
Duane	Smith	97	8	12.13	9
forfeit	Cooke	0	8	0.00	F
forfeit	Schlenker	0	8	0.00	F
Men's 75+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Duane	Russell	215	8	26.88	1
Mike	Martin	206	8	25.75	2
Dick	Kincade	196	8	24.50	3
Philip	Dzhek	193	8	24.13	4
Hank	Schone	175	8	21.88	5
Lee	Goldstein	168	8	21.00	6
Ross	Fillpone	113	8	14.13	7
Wayne	Verbeck	83	8	10.38	8
Jack	McAfee	74	8	9.25	9
forfeit	Gencarella	0	8	0.00	F
Men's 80+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Robert	McAdam	292	10	29.20	1
Stuart	Strand	267	10	26.70	2
Donald	Goddard	185	10	18.50	3
Sam	Harry	180	10	18.00	4
Carl	Appleby	177	10	17.70	5
Keith	Wardell	112	10	11.20	6

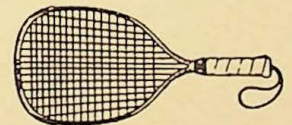
A SPECIAL DEAL FOR YOU:
If you recruit and sign-up two (2) new members to the NMRA, and send in the Membership Applications (found in the NMRA brochure) along with the dues for the two new members, you will win a free NMRA embroidered logo t-shirt. Get three (3) new members and you are the proud owner of a gorgeous NMRA embroidered collared shirt. Send completed applications and a check for dues (payable to "NMRA") to Ron Pudduck. Win your free shirt and help us grow!



NEW MEMBERS-APRIL 2003

NEW MEMBER	DOB	ADDRESS	CITY, ST ZIP	HM PHONE #	WK PHONE #	FAX PHONE #	CELL PHONE #	EMAIL
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Oct. 15-18, 2003
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YES, VIRGINIA, WE HAVE BROCHURES! NMRA BROCHURES, THAT IS...

They are not just for stocking away in closets, desk drawers, under the bed etc. We have a WAREHOUSE FULL of NMRA Membership brochures to give to anyone who inquires about your Racquetball Association. You have helped support Masters Racquetball with your involvement. Why not pass along the great aspects that your membership in the NMRA has brought to you? It will impress your friends, amaze your enemies, and be an all-around good thing to do.

Okay, we'll throw in something else... If you recruit friends to join the NMRA, we'll give you free NMRA clothing. To get brochures or ask about the referral program contact Ron Pudduck at ronpudduck@aol.com or 734-426-8592.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS?

Not that we're in the habit of listening in on members' conversations but...

(A re-enactment of a recreated, edited transcript of a recent telephone conversation between Ron Pudduck, NMRA President, and a member whose identity has been changed to protect the innocent.

"Hi, Ron, this is SAM JONES (hehehe, pretty original, huh?). Do you have the mailing addresses for NMRA members, BILL, JOHN and ED? How old is FRED and what is SALLY's phone number?

"Can you send me a complete listing of all the NMRA players in Florida? I also would like you to tell me the ages of the following four people, JOHN SMITH, BOB JONES, BILL JOHNSON and MARY POPPINS. I'm looking for a doubles partner."

Ron's reply: "Sam, did you just receive our new directory? You know, the one containing everything you would ever want to know about every NMRA member?"

SAM: "Sure did, and it is great and so complete. Someone did lots of work. Now how long do you think it will take you to send me the information I requested?"

NMRA: CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA 2003

"It was one GREAT SHOW!"

From the Thank You Very Much Department... Positive comments from NMRA tourney participants.

It is always a pleasure to receive nice comments from members of our organization and players in recent tournaments. Here are some recent reviews that make all the hours of preparation seem a little more rewarding:

"The recent NMRA tourney in Canoga Park was the absolute best ever! It was one "GREAT SHOW!"

"I have never been to a better tournament. Canoga Park shows everyone how it should be done. Thanks for all or your hard work. Obviously you are doing the right things and with wonderful results."

Super food, super entry gift, super staff, super merchandise, super hospitality room and super competition. All in all, I would say IT WAS SUPER!"

"Great banquet and a very entertaining program. The slide show was really well done and the VHS tapes were fun to watch. The program was fun, fast, lively, entertaining, and informative—not to mention the delicious food."

The NMRA now leads the way in presenting great tournaments. You are leaving others in your dust. Keep it up and masters' racquetball will be around for years to come."

"I had a great time. Did not win many matches but made lots of good friends. The tourney was wonderful. I will be back often and maybe next time I will win a few more."

"For the past four or five years, I have listened to many 'older' friends rave about the great NMRA tournaments. This is my first time and it certainly will not be my last. Everything they said was true (But they did not tell me I would gain five pounds eating all the great food). The free daily hospitality room was better than anyone could describe. Thanks."

And, from across the ocean, a few comments from one of our players from Japan:

ニネアボリス and エスベカス
シロニロニ 3回の大会に
参加して楽しかった。大変か
の厚い。もし、4022かあり
楽しかった。ネットが速い。いい。
(ネアボリス)

NMRA RACQUETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Canoga Park, CA: March 12-15, 2003

Men's 45+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Hilecher	Hassey	289	10	28.90	1
Jones	Mueller	273	10	27.30	2
Ascunce	Benson	255	10	25.50	3
Pare	Vincent	249	10	24.90	4
Burgess	Letsche	237	10	23.70	5
Campbell	Puma	197	10	19.70	6
Lomonaco	Moon	196	10	19.60	7
Miyata	Pfeiler	145	10	14.50	8
Guggia	Scott	138	10	13.80	9
Stork	Tanner	116	10	11.60	10
Carlstrom	Woolfe	61	10	6.10	11
forfeit	Reed	0	10	0.00	F
forfeit	Warren	0	10	0.00	F
Men's 50+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Barkey	Pare	270	9	30.00	1
Jennings	Newport	252	9	28.00	2
Eichelberge	Schaffer	218	9	24.22	3
Childs	Harding	212	9	23.56	4
Bellah	Keene	197	9	21.89	5
Curtis	Shure	190	9	21.11	6
Misal	Weinstein	154	9	17.11	7
Lamm	Saakian	132	9	14.67	8
Guggia	Gutierrez	121	9	13.44	9
Barry	Gray	52	9	5.78	10
forfeit	Walker	0	9	0.00	F
Men's 55+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Carson	Combs	308	11	28.00	1
Hendricks	Walker	280	11	25.45	2
McKie	Pawka	269	11	24.45	3
Maxson	O'Brien	254	11	23.09	4 tie
Crowther	Woolery	254	11	23.09	4 tie
Kelley	Wolfe	225	11	20.45	6
Curran	Warner	220	11	20.00	7
Kohls	Stevenson	218	11	19.82	8
Misal	Weinstein	194	11	17.64	9
Filter	Scott	159	11	14.45	10
Steele	Watkins	137	11	12.45	11
Chan	Wong	95	11	8.64	12
forfeit	Weiner	0	11	0.00	F
Men's 60+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Allen	Penick	287	10	28.70	1
Bailey	Jones	281	10	28.10	2
Fingerman	Pustorino	204	10	20.40	3
Brody	Thomas	187	10	18.70	4
Lavorgna	Wehmeyer	125	10	12.50	5
Groscup	Cocain	85	10	8.50	6
Men's 65+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Pudduck	Adams	262	9	29.11	1
Banales	Moore	238	9	26.44	2
Graff	Penick	236	9	26.22	3
O'Donnell	Williamson	208	9	23.11	4
Baker	Hamon	204	9	22.67	5
Florey	Morrill	186	9	20.67	6
Dorst	Northwood	151	9	16.78	7
Landers	Melendez	137	9	15.22	8
Smith	Hotchkiss	117	9	13.00	9
Fennell	Smith	71	9	7.89	10
forfeit	Goldetsky	0	9	0.00	F
Men's 70+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Adirim	Swartz	170	6	28.33	1
Roddan	Dunn	154	6	25.67	2
Goldetsky	Stillman	129	6	21.50	3
Ferris	Hiles	64	6	10.67	4
forfeit	Keenan	0	6	0.00	F
Men's 75+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Russell	Schinagle	210	7	30.00	1
Dzluik	Martin	185	7	26.43	2
Kincade	Prigmore	178	7	25.43	3
Bruner	Goldman	119	7	17.00	4
McAfee	Verbeck	112	7	16.00	5
Filippone	Goddard	99	7	14.14	6
forfeit	Goldstein	0	7	0.00	F
Men's 80+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Gillio	Wardell	117	7	16.71	1
Harry	McAdam	108	7	15.43	2

Women's 45+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Marcia	Richards	172	4	43.00	1
Jere	Lutner	96	4	24.00	2
Paula	Likens	77	4	19.25	3
forfeit	Kubany	0	4	0.00	F
Women's 50+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Elaine	Dexter	266	9	29.56	1
Nancy	Kronenfeld	251	9	27.89	2
Debby	Holley	209	9	23.22	3
Carla	Francis	195	9	21.67	4
Susan	Kieffer	170	9	18.89	5
Andee	Giansberg	159	9	17.67	6
Joyce	May	147	9	16.33	7
Karen	Weins	108	9	12.00	8
Women's 55+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Merjean	Kelley	208	9	23.11	1
Cece	Palaski	88	9	9.78	2
Women's 60+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Sharon	Hastings	210	7	30.00	1
Nidia	Funes	162	7	23.14	2
Donna	Backus	156	7	22.29	3
Gloria	Piscoran	140	7	20.00	4
Marquita	Molina	140	7	20.00	5
Joy	DeSantis	91	7	13.00	6
Women's 65+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Iona	Baldwin	135	7	19.29	1
Women's 70+ Singles					
first name	last name	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Lola	Markus	164	7	23.43	1
Women's 45+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Likens	Utter	135	4	33.75	1
Women's 55+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Funes	Kelley	155	4	38.75	1
Women's 60+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
DeSantis	Schaefer	93	4	23.25	1
forfeit	Taylor	0	4	0.00	F
Mixed 45+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Dexter	Pawka	201	7	28.71	1
Richards	Letsche	181	7	25.86	2
May	George	177	7	25.29	3
Francis	Burgess	161	7	23.00	4
Goodwin	Lamm	131	7	18.71	5
Kieffer	Anderson	115	7	16.43	6
Malchodi	Halpin	57	7	8.14	7
Novak	Fuller	52	7	7.43	8
forfeit	McKnight	0	7	0.00	F
forfeit	Hiles	0	7	0.00	F
Mixed 50+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Weins	Weins	57	5	11.40	1
Mixed 55+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Utter	Brody	74	5	14.80	1
Mixed 60+ Doubles					
first player	second play	total score	no. of matches	avg score per match	final place
Schaefer	Lawler	139	5	27.80	1
Hastings	Morrill	128	5	25.60	2
Backus	Lavorgna	107	5	21.40	3
Molina	Pletcher	98	5	19.60	4
forfeit	Baker	0	5	0.00	F

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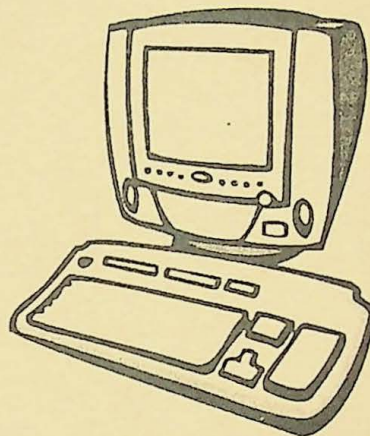
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Jim Emerson hosts an interactive site that can be found at www.MyFamily.com (You'll need to contact Jim for a password—jemerson210362mi@comcast.net).

Dick Lowell hosts the main website at www.NMRA.info. Both these websites are chock full of great information and serve as an important means of communication for our membership. Bookmark them and visit often to stay informed!

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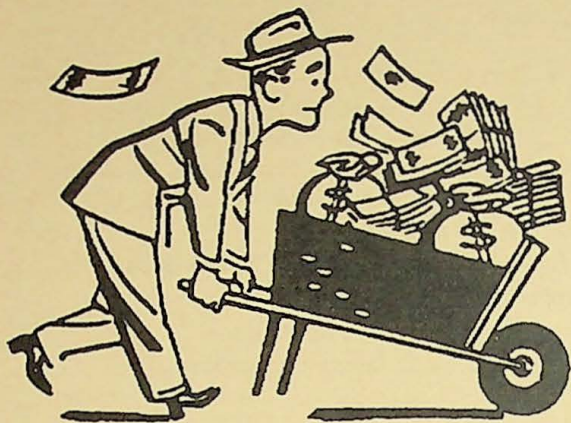


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WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$1,800?

Over \$1,800 in prizes were given away at the recent NMRA banquet at the Hilton Hotel in Canoga Park, CA. Here are the values of the prizes awarded:

- \$300 to Early Entry Lottery Winners (8)
- \$100 to Entrants from Alaska (4)
- \$500 New racquets to oldest players (2)
- \$300 in gifts to 70 plus players
- \$350 in gifts to first-time players
- \$170 free entry into future NMRA tournament
- TOTAL= \$1,820 total value of all awards

If you missed the banquet, we missed you! It was an evening of great friendship, super food, a fun program and lots of giveaways!!!!

LEARN FROM A PRO!

RACQUETBALL LESSONS OFFERED AT THE MINNEAPOLIS TOURNEY

Ever wanted to take a racquetball lesson from a professional player? Here is your chance. On Monday, July 21 and Tuesday, July 22—just before the beginning of the NMRA International Championships in Minneapolis—a professional tour player will offer discounted private or small group lessons. The lessons will be taught by professional tour player Mike Locker, who is doing this as a service to the NMRA. Costs: Private ½ hour lesson: \$25. Private 1 hour lesson: \$35. Group \$20/person for 1 hour. If interested contact Mike Locker directly: (W) 763-535-3571 Ext. 228 or email him at prolocker70@hotmail.com

A BIG HIGH FIVE THANKS!

The tournament in Canoga Park was a huge success thanks to the generous support of:

- Ashaway Strings (strings)**
- Adams Sports USA (gloves)**
- Python Racquetball (grips/strings)**
- Pro-Kennex (racquets)**
- Wilson (sweatbands, racquets)**
- Ektelon (racquets)**
- E-Force (racquets)**
- Head (racquets)**
- Leader Industries (court glasses)**
- Penn (balls)**



“Oc-ceptional” Octogenarian!

Bob McAdam of Ft. Worth, Texas is a regular participant in our NMRA events. He is a great person and is currently ranked Number 1 in the USRA rankings in 80+ singles. Bob, one of several of our very special NMRA octogenarians, was one of the Illinois State University alums singled out in an article in the Illinois State University Magazine about active adults 80 and older. Here are a few excerpts from the article:

“Robert McAdam had problems with his protective lenses fogging while playing racquetball a couple of years ago so he put them aside and used an old handball eye guard frame without a lens. Big mistake.

A ball returned from his friend’s racquet hit McAdam’s right eye and popped a cataract implant off kilter... The injury hasn’t hurt McAdam’s game, however, as the former Illinois State University student, professor and administrator... was ranked No. 1 in men’s 80-plus competition by Racquetball magazine in 2002.”

Now 81, McAdam has won several national and international titles in singles and doubles for his age group in events sponsored by the U.S. Racquetball Association and the National Masters Racquetball Association. He won the World Racquetball Association singles title in 2001 but later lost it to his doubles partner, Earl Acuff of North Carolina...

“An Air Force major, McAdam was shot down over Germany (in WWII). He is an ex-POW and a Purple Heart recipient who also served in the Korean War...”

An active volunteer, he has served on the (St. Francis Retirement Village) advisory board, runs the exercise room, and drives medical and grocery vans for other retirees. He also writes nonfiction books for children about role models, which he started with a sports series called *Play the Game* when he was at Illinois State.”

The article goes on to say that Bob collaborated with his daughter and daughter-in-law on a series of stories published last year about heroes. “And his work is far from done. McAdam is now seeking a publisher for a series of educational card games with such learning topics as presidents, states, and regions of the world.”

Please join us in congratulating Bob and wish him many, many more years of vigorous activity and membership in the NMRA! Bob is an inspiration to us all.

Do you know this man?

DON Goddard of Glasgow, MT.

Don was a lucky guy two times! At Canoga Park, Don won the lottery for a free entry into a future NMRA tournament. This prize covers his entry fee for one or two events and is worth up to \$170.

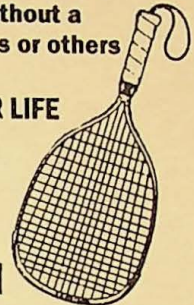
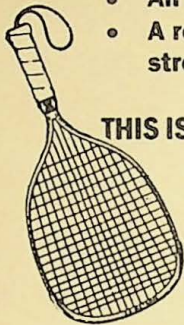
Don also won \$50 in merchandise in the Early Entry Lottery. Congratulations Don!!!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT—AND SOMETHING YOU CAN DO

THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT THOSE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU.

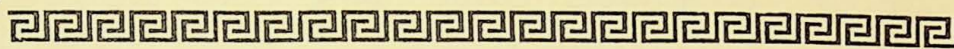
Ponder those things that have made your life better. Remember how you have always felt fortunate to be a part of activities and relationships that have given you great pleasure and warm memories. Hopefully, you will agree that it would be nice if you and others could continue to have those good experiences, and that these activities and groups will be available in the future for others to experience and enjoy. It is hoped that your list of good things in your life might include:

- A warm feeling about the National Masters Racquetball Association and what the NMRA does.
- An enjoyment of sports and racquetball—both as a participant and a supporter.
- An opportunity to be a group member and to compete in age-level sports competition.
- An appreciation of the good times that can be derived from friends and fellow competitors.
- A realization that good things need to be supported or they will disappear. That without a strong membership base and support, the good things will no longer be there for us or others



THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SUPPORT AN ORGANIZATION THAT ADDS MEANING TO YOUR LIFE

NMRA MASTERS RACQUETBALL THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS



PLEDGE FORM—THE NMRA FUTURE FUND ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

A pledge to the Future Fund Endowment Program helps to promote the goals and activities of the NMRA.

Endowment Fund Categories: Please circle the contribution level that you would like to pledge.

Champions Club	\$10,000+	Bronze Medal Club	\$1,000+	Roll-out Club	\$50+
Gold Medal Club	\$ 5,000+	Pewter Medal Club	\$ 500+	Pinch Shot Club	\$25+
Silver Medal Club	\$ 2,500+	Killshot Club	\$ 100+	Players Club	\$ _____

I wish to make a cash pledge of: \$ _____ This pledge will be given over a period of (circle): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 years.

If pledge is spread over a period of years, I wish my annual pledge of \$ _____ to be paid on (date) _____ of each year.

_____ I plan to make arrangements in my estate/will for a pledge to the NMRA. _____ Please contact me about these arrangements.

MAKE ALL DONATIONS PAYABLE TO: "NMRA FUTURE FUND ENDOWMENT PROGRAM" or _____ Bill me at the following address:

Name: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

A receipt will be issued for all donations to the NMRA Future Fund

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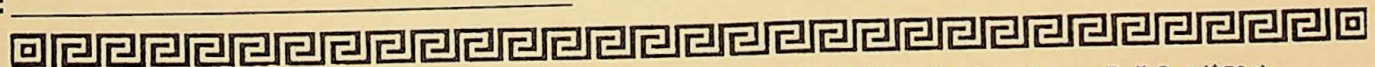
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SEND ALL PLEDGES and COMMUNICATIONS TO:

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Silver Medal (\$2,500+)

Bob Fennell

Bronze Medal (\$1,000+)

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Roll Out (\$50+)

George Spear
 Lee L. Smith

Pinch Shot (\$25+)

William Murphy
 Jean W. Trimble
 Don Alt
 Ronald Woolf

DONORS: 34
REVENUES: \$11,360
AVERAGE GIFT: \$334

MY SERVE

Thoughts from the President...

Although my mind frequently is blank—here are a few of my thoughts about the NMRA and recent events:

- ✓ Thanks to Bob Fennell for his generous recent donation of \$2,500 to the NMRA Future Fund. Bob's strong support will assist Masters' Racquetball to stay alive. On behalf of all NMRA members, thanks to Bob and all other contributors.
- ✓ In general, however, I am discouraged by the lack of donor support for both the Future Fund and the Tributes to Friends program. So far there have been only 34 contributions to each cause respectively. I had expected much stronger support. Please consider how important the NMRA and your player/friends are to you.
- ✓ The recent Canoga Park tourney was really well done by all involved in the preparations. Thanks to Debbie, Randy and staff and to those who worked so hard.
- ✓ NMRA tourneys keep getting better and bigger. The future is bright but we need members' support.
- ✓ Have you ever seen better food at any racquetball tournament?
- ✓ Tournaments are now scheduled to 2005 to assist you in planning your calendars.
- ✓ We are getting more minor sponsors but are still seeking the "BIG" donor.
- ✓ The newsletter has expanded in frequency, size and content.
- ✓ The new NMRA Directory has been mailed and we hear that you like it.
- ✓ Why aren't more people viewing our two great websites? www.NMRA.info and www.MyFamily.com.
- ✓ Mailing list for tourneys is now about 3,000 people. Attendance records continue to be set.
- ✓ Membership services are greatly improved but we need to know when you have changes in your personal information.
- ✓ I hope that everyone appreciates the hard work and hours of preparation that make our organization so good.
- ✓ I offer my special thanks to Merjean Kelley and Lee Graff for all the hard work they are doing for the NMRA and its members.
- ✓ The entry gifts for all tourney players continue to be super.
- ✓ I appreciate the nice words players and members are offering to those who work hard on their behalf.



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