



N.M.R.A. NEWS

NEW MEXICO RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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President's Message: You Want to Play Racquetball? Earn It!

In a time when due process is a key phrase in our suit-happy lives, it is time that we all come to grips with personal accountability. Let's put the blame on nobody except ourselves—we are responsible for our own actions. Such a stance is important in the racquetball community. Even though the sport competes for participants within an enormous pool of physical activities, we must purge those who serve to tarnish the sport. Having fewer players who shine is better than having more players who leave indelible marks on our sport. The reference here is to some recent events during tournament play. Without citing specific incidents, these events involved actions detrimental to the sport and counterproductive to having an enjoyable experience.

Since the beginning of racquetball and since the beginning of sport, events have occurred and will continue to occur which contradict the purest sense of play and sport, and the most basic meaning of 'sportsmanship'. The 'Rodmanesque' demeanor on the NBA hardwood may be deemed by the paying public as entertainment. Typically, racquetball spectators do not pay to watch; every breathing body procured to view a match from start to completion is gravy. BUT, we will not condone or look away from brutality and stupidity, in order to accommodate more spectators. Racquetball's inherent qualities are substantial enough to entice more spectators and players.

Racquetball is different from most other sports because the players are the officials, and for the most part, they are also the spectators. Furthermore, the players are the administrators and the leaders. We must be critical of our own when warranted, if we are to grow to levels that only recently were defined in our dreams. Oftentimes, as an 'official', one deplores those behaviors from players which he or she had just played out while on the

court. For example, questioning most calls by the official or taking an excessive amount of time during a break period. Occasional displays of 'off the cuff' behavior may be entertainment; perpetual displays are obnoxious. We all have an obligation to educate ourselves and our peers, through observation, sharing of ideas, and enhancement of skills through practice and playing time.

Safety is the number one concern with entry-level participants. Prior to learning and perfecting some of their skills, the game can model the environment inside a pinball machine. Spheres randomly move through space without the slightest idea from players as to where they will come to rest. Higher skilled players should put something back into the game, working with the rank beginners of our sport. Encourage learning and growth by offering advice and leading them forward with lessons, clinics and a defined game plan from which to gain more confidence and enhancement of their skills. One should not, nor cannot look the other way when behaviors of the highly skilled are verbally and/or physically abusive to fellow

players, spectators, and officials. These players are our so-called role models. Children and entry-level players will try to emulate behaviors, whether consciously or subconsciously. One may commend 'intimidation' when it is part of a selective, strategic ploy, within the basic boundaries of the game itself, not when there is premeditation to serve no other purpose than to affect the outcome.

The reality of racquetball is that it is a game and a sport; both should primarily have the element of fun. When fun is removed from racquetball, it is time to reassess our mission: are we a sport for a lifetime or have we started to die a slow death? We know the public has only a certain amount of discretionary dollars for recreation, and it has only so much time in which to 'enjoy' their recreation. We want to encourage as many participants as possible into our sport, but those who demonstrate irresponsible, negative behavior are not welcome. For them, it's time to go take a hike.

—Gary Mazaroff

• NEWS NOTES •

NUMBERS ARE UP FOR RACQUETBALL...According to Ektelon representatives, equipment units sold and dollars earned through the manufacturers are greater than in 1994. The figures represent the first six months of 1995.

NEW MEXICANS TO PLAY IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS...Mike Aringer will represent Sweden, and Charlie Siaoisi will represent Tonga, at the 1996 World Championships for racquetball, at the City Center Sports Complex in Phoenix, Arizona.

NM HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY IS A POTENTIAL SITE FOR ELITE TRAINING Dr. Ronald Maestas and Gary Mazaroff are working with state agencies, NMHU, and the International Racquetball Federation, to target Las Vegas and the NMHU campus for training foreign racquetball athletes. Participants will train in areas of endurance, nutrition and skills analysis.

EKTELON MIXERS BRING IN PLAYERS...'Mixer' socials, under the auspices of Michele Gould, top female player in the world, have shown moderate success. Tom Young's Athletic Club in Albuquerque was selected as one of twenty clubs nationwide to host this event, designed to bring back players who have been hibernating and potential players from other fitness outlets in the club. Over 130 people turned out for the two night mixers held in October.

ALBUQUERQUE HOSTS '96 METRO REGIONALS...April 17-21, 1996 are the dates for the 1996 Region 12 Championships for both adults and juniors. Divisions for men and women will be held in all skill levels and in age categories for under 8 to over 80. Contact Gary Mazaroff at 266-8960 if you have an interest in serving on one of the organizing committees.

Quote of the Month:

After having been asked why he was playing without eyeguards...

"I'm only playing left handed."

-----Chuck Kyle

Getting the Most Out of Your Tournament Experience

With the '95-'96 racquetball season underway, many might wonder how to get the most out of their money. Tournaments can be expensive, but you can do many things to cut costs and save money. Tournaments can be a great place to get good deals on equipment. How often do you get the chance to meet 50-200 racquetball players?

Take advantage of this; racquetball players are often looking to sell spare racquets or other equipment. Some tournaments offer silent and verbal auctions which provide the opportunity to purchase equipment at wholesale prices. There are other things which you can do to save money at tournaments. Travel with others to out-of-town locations so you can share traveling expenses. Meals are often provided, as are other perks such as snacks and sport drinks. If you require information on a specific event, ask your club pro for more information. Or, contact me!

---**Brock Perkins**
 NMRA Board Member
 President, UNM Racquetball Team

You Make The Call

Player A sets up Player B for an offensive shot off the back wall; yet, fails to provide Player B a path to the front wall. Player B elects to hold up on the shot. What's the call? Answer in the next issue of **NMRA News**.

From Last Issue...

In doubles, Player A hits partner B while he stands legally in the service box. What is the call?

As of September 1, 1995, the ruling is: a fault serve. In one-serve divisions (AARA), one receives an additional serve; whereby hitting the partner again results in an out.

Rule Changes (Effective September, 1995)

1. Eyewear must meet ASTM F803 or CSA Standards.
2. Technical foul assessed for serving/receiving delays exceeding 10 seconds.
3. Hitting the non-serving doubles partner while in the service box is now a fault. In the open divisions (plus AA and mixed

1995/96 UPCOMING EVENTS

December	1-3	Winter Carnival - Tom Young's Fitness Center, Las Cruces, NM; Director: David Castro (505)526-4951.
	7-10	Kirtland Awards - Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
	14-16	Toys for Tots - Club International, Santa Fe, NM; Director: Randy Huber (505)473-9807.
	16-20	IRF Junior World Championships - Los Caballeros, Fountain Valley, CA; Director: Margo Daniels (719)635-5396.
January	11-14 or 18-21	New Mexico Invitational - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
	25-28	Super Bowl at Riverpoint - Riverpoint Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Ken Lukanik (505)897-3716.
February	2-4	Snowdown Festival - Durango Sports Club, Durango, CO; Director: Sheri Phippen (303)259-2579.
	8-11	Midtown Racquetball Open - Midtown Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
	16-18	Fitness Center Invitational ; The Fitness Center, Gallup, NM; Director: Fran Pawlowski (505)722-7271.
	22-25	New Mexico Open ; Roswell Spa and Court Club; Roswell, NM; Director: Jerry Garcia (505)622-0962.
	29 - March 3	New Mexico State Juniors ; Highpoint Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Jeff Wilson (505)293-5820.
March	8-10	St. Patrick's Festival - Clovis Community College, Clovis, NM; Director: Mark Bussen (505)769-4153.
	15-17	Four Corners Invitational - Royal Spa & Fitness Center, Farmington, NM; Director: Jerry Spangler (505)622-2103.
	21-24	New Mexico State Singles - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
April	10-14	Wilson World Intercollegiate Championships , site TBA.
	18-21	AARA/Ektelon Rocky Mountain Metro Region 12 Championships (adults & juniors) - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
May	9-11	National Warmup - Club International, Santa Fe, NM; Director: Randy Huber (505)473-9807.
	22-27	AARA/Ektelon US National Singles Championships - Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX; Director: Margo Daniels (719)635-5396.

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- > Ski Purgatory up to 4 days
- > Explore Mesa Verde National Park
- > Ride the Historic Narrow Gauge RR
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- > Complimentary Breakfast

MONDAY

Depart Southern California Monday afternoon.
Arrive Albuquerque early evening.
Reception at hotel in Albuquerque.

TUESDAY

Depart Albuquerque @ 7:00 am.
Arrive Ute Mountain Casino, Towaoc, Colorado @ 11 pm.
3 hours for Lunch and Casino.
Depart Ute Mountain Casino @ 2 pm.
Arrive Mesa Verde National Park @ 2:30 pm.
This half day tour of Mesa Verde National Park will allow visitors to view the largest Native American ruins in the nation and the famous Anasazi cliff dwellings.
Depart Mesa Verde @ approximately 6 pm.
Dinner between Mesa Verde and Durango.
Arrive Rodeway Inn approximately 8 pm.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast and Ski, cocktails at the hotel in the evening.
Dinner at Chelsea's London Pub.

THURSDAY

Breakfast and Ski, cocktails at the hotel in the evening.
Dinner at Pronto's and Ariano's.

FRIDAY

Breakfast and suggested free day, cocktails at the hotel in the evening. Guests have the option to use one day's lift ticket to ride the famous Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad to Cascade Canyon, enjoy and relax in the natural Trimble Hot Springs after a massage, or ski. A transportation voucher of \$11.00 will be issued to those not wishing to ski today.

SATURDAY

Breakfast and Ski, cocktails at the hotel in the evening.
Dinner at Cafe Cascade, bus will pick-up from Cafe Cascade at 7 pm.

SUNDAY

Breakfast and depart for Albuquerque in the morning.
Arrive Southern California Sunday afternoon.

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Package Price

\$520.00

Includes Airfare

* Lunch and Dinner are suggestions only and are not included in package price.

Tournament Results

HIGH ALTITUDE SHOOTOUT

October 6-8, 1995
Pagosa Lakes Rec. Center
Pagosa Springs, CO

MEN'S A

1ST Chuck French
2ND Terry Lauritsen

MEN'S B

1ST Bob Hujus
2ND Chuck French

MEN'S C

1ST Dave Miley
2ND Bob Sellers

A/B DOUBLES

1ST Chuck French
Jack Renner
2ND Bob Hujus
Mike Patterson

C/D DOUBLES

1ST Rick Deutschman
Bob Sellers
2ND Winnie Alvarez
Andy Rice

NM STATE DOUBLES

October 12-15, 1995
Tom Young's Athletic Club
Albuquerque, NM

MEN'S OPEN

1ST Chris Evans
Rich Hill
2ND John Bulinski
Phil Cohen
3RD Mako Kellman
Tom Neill

MEN'S AA

1ST Chuck Espinoza
Jorge Maya
2ND Joe Gellman
Willie Minor

3RD Cord Everetts
Steve Spinks

MEN'S A

1ST Rob Hartmann
Anthony Smith
2ND Chuck Espinoza
Gil Fernandez
3RD Lou Hubbard
Chris Pacheco

MEN'S B

1ST Lee Post
Kirby Williams
2ND Ken Paquin
Doug Turner
3RD Rob Hartmann
Ken Payne

MEN'S C

1ST Al Decoste
Mike Vigil
2ND George Candelaria
Robert Marquez
3RD Mike Cullinane
Ken Payne

MEN'S D

1ST Ed Brophy
Mike Cullinane
2ND Rick Deutschman
Robert Sellers
3RD Dick Long
Jack Long

MEN'S 19+

1ST Ray Maestas
Mike Nava
2ND Chris Forgham
Jeff Wilson

MEN'S 30+

1ST Mako Kellman
Tom Neill
2ND John Bulinski
Phil Cohen

3RD Joe Kirkpatrick
Steve Matotan

MEN'S 45+

1ST Joe Kirkpatrick
Gary Mazaroff
2ND Joe Gellman
Willie Minor

MEN'S 50+

1ST Alfredo Cortazar
Larry Kingsley
2ND Louis Lucero
Doug Turner

MEN'S 55+

1ST Art Hurley
Ralph Waddington
2ND Damian Jelso
Louis Lucero

WOMEN'S OPEN

1ST Rachel Gellman
Cyd Hill
2ND Tina Bragdon
Renee Ramirez

WOMEN'S AA

1ST Debbie Alsup
Karla Barela
2ND Jayme Bundrant
Karen Fuller

WOMEN'S A

1ST Becky Brannon
Pat Thieman

WOMEN'S D

1ST Gwen Easterday
Carol Felley

WOMEN'S 30

1ST Cyd Hill
Cindy Wittenbrink

WOMEN'S 45

1ST Karla Barela
Judi Mori
2ND Carol Gellman
Paula Sperling

MIXED OPEN

1ST Renee Ramirez
Jeff Wilson
2ND Rachel Gellman
Joe Wittenbrink

MIXED AA

1ST Tina Bragdon
Anthony Smith
2ND Cecile Bodman
Ken Cheshire

MIXED A

1ST Becky Brannon
Keith Whale
2ND Gwen Easterday
Cord Everetts

MIXED B

1ST Carol Felley
Doug Felley
2ND Pat Thieman
Todd McManigal

MIXED C

1ST Carol Felley
Doug Felley
2ND Jeni Fuller
Pepe Archuleta
3RD Stephanie Padilla
Jack Sierra

MIXED D

1ST Jesi Fuller
Evan Ussery

MIXED 40

1ST Carol Felley
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