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Quotes of the Year...

"To Lift an autumn hair is no sign of great strength.

To see the sun and the moon is no sign of sharp sight. To hear the noise of thunder is no sign of a quick ear."

—Sun Tzu

"Pain is inevitable. Suffering is optional."

—M. Kathleen Casey

"I will listen closely. Who knows? I might hear something I need to learn.

—From *Promise of a New Day*

"If only I may grow firmer, simpler, quieter, warmer."

—Dag Hammarskjöld

"Peace is inevitable to those who offer peace."

—From *And Wisdom comes Quietly*

'Disarray is a wonderful thing if one has order.'

—Anonamous

Director's Message

Much has been going on for the past several months in the racquetball community. Participation in our programs is up just about across the board; including Tournaments, Shootouts, and programs for Juniors, Seniors, and Women. Other notable newsworthy items:

...Congratulations to Patty Greene, Robert Lee, Peter McMillin, and Miguel Wiggins, new NM Racquetball Board members.

...Thank you to Devin Cannady, Jake Skinner, Cindy Wittenbrink, and Joe Wittenbrink, who helped establish New Mexico's presence around the country as board members. Each will still be an integral part of the programs around the state.

...The NM Open Racquetball Tournament was held in Roswell in January at the Racquet Club and Spa. It was their 1st sanctional event in eight years.

...New Mexico Military Institute hosted a series of clinics and it wants to host a tournament in the near future.

...Look for the High Altitude Shootout at Pagosa Springs in September. In addition, we are looking to do an event in Las Cruces, Hobbs, and Grants.

...Pojoaque Wellness Center will be adding a racquetball addition to blend nicely with the Buffalo Thunder Hilton Resort, now under construction.

...Congratulations to Pat Wicketts, recipient of the Dr. Damian Jelso Memorial Scholarship '07. Any full time student at a New Mexico College or University qualifies; contact Frances Borunda at (505) 269-2342 for more information.

...The NMRA is planning its two Starship events for the coming season; the IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships in late August and the NM Invitational Pro Am in late October. Sponsorship opportunities are available; contact Gary Mazaroff (505) 321-1110 for details.

...Penn Racquet Sports and New Mexico Racquetball have entered into a three year agreement. The 'Official' Ball for all sanctioned tournaments will be either the HD Purple or the Pro Penn Green (director's choice).

...New Mexico Racquetball is securing Directors and Officers insurance for its Board through the national underwriter for USA Racquetball, Loomis and LaPann.

...The University of New Mexico Racquetball Team once again shined at the Intercollegiate Nationals held at Arizona State University in Tempe. They finished in the top five overall.

...Congratulations to David Negrete, Doug Ganim, Jim Hiser, and a host of others, who have secured the third leg of the Grand Slam of Racquetball. In addition to the Pro Nationals in Chicago (April) and the US Open in Memphis (November), a Colorado Springs tourney will be held in September.

...Look for a more interactive NM Racquetball website coming soon!!

...Junior Nationals participants from New Mexico included: Darren Castro, Andrew Clarke, Graydon Clarke, Jack Clarke, and Miguel Wiggins. The event was held the latter part of June at the Recreation Complex of Arizona State University in Tempe.

...High School Racquetball in New Mexico begins its second season. Look for the link on the NMRA website.

...The 2008 National Doubles Championships will be moved from its current October slot to a set of dates in February. This will allow the US Open to change its dates to October, beginning in 2008.

Have a Wonderful Summer,

Gary Mazaroff

• FROM THE FIELD •

The 2007 World Senior Doubles Championships held in early June started and concluded with great success. This Championship Tournament took place in Northern Germany in the city of Hamburg. This was the first major event that has been held at the Sport-Department venue in Hamburg since the International Racquetball Federation World Championships were held there in 1988. This was the first World Senior Doubles held since the Paris tournament in 2000. Germany provided a great venue in support of this tournament. Tournament directors for this event included Mike Mesecke (Germany) and our local New Mexico President, Gary Mazaroff. They did a great job working through the many logistical issues that present themselves with this kind of tournament. The President of the German Racquetball Federation, Jorg Ludwig stated when asked why Germany wanted to host this event, "The answer is quite simple. We did it for the love of the game, the friendship, the fun and the great enthusiasm this wonderful sport offers." These are the cornerstones of what World Class Racquetball is all about. The turnout was good. Almost sixty players from 11 countries participated. Countries represented included the USA, Germany, Ukraine, England, Netherlands, Ireland, Japan, Turkey, Mexico, Spain and Guatemala. The competition was stiff and talented, and the overall quality of play was excellent. New friendships were forged, players had fun, and players showed enthusiasm and a love for the game.

Opening Ceremonies commenced on June 6, preceded by a Referee/Rules session that was given by Gary Mazaroff. Players and countries were introduced. Play began immediately after the Opening Ceremonies concluded. Mike Mesecke (Germany) and Allen Bivens (USA) started fast by playing the seven time German singles champion, Trevor Meyer and his partner Joachim Loof in the Men's 35+ age division. Allen and Mike won the first game 15-4 but wound up losing the next game 15-5 and ultimately the tie-break 11-4. Trevor and Joachim went on to win gold for this division.

The next two days of the tournament continued with high quality racquetball. Many matches finished with only one or two points difference in the final outcome. Mike Mesecke hosted a dinner for the players on the second day of play. This gave the players time to sample the local cuisine and homemade lemonade. Day three concluded remaining flight play and provided the determination for the finals brackets. As expected, the final match play presented great entertainment because of the high level of play and closely matched teams. Our local representative made a good showing. Gary Mazaroff (NM-USA) and

Thomas Cain (USA) won Bronze in the Mens's 45 Division. Gary Mazaroff (NM-USA) and

Luke St.Onge (USA) won Silver in the Men's 55+ Division. Gary Mazaroff (NM-USA) and

Sallie Benedict (USA) won Gold in the Mixed 50+ Division. Germany used their highly talented players and 'home court advantage' to pull away in the end. Germany wound up in first place with 69 total points while the USA finished in second place with a total of 54 points. Guatemala finished in the third place position followed by Mexico, Netherlands, Ireland, Japan, Turkey, and Spain.

Closing Ceremonies commenced the final day of the tournament. A local cuisine dinner was hosted by the IRF followed by comments by Jorg Ludwig (President of German Federation) and Gary Mazaroff (Executive Director of World Senior Racquetball). Special thanks were given to Mike Mesecke (Tournament Director) and Andre Dobberstein (General Manager of Sport-Department) for their continuing support throughout the tournament. An auction was held to support the Local Organizing Committee and

European Racquetball as well as to help promote the upcoming 2008 World Championships in Ireland. The universal language for tournament play was English and all official transactions for the auction used the Euro. Gary provided great motivation and players responded to the call. Luke St.Onge, Gary Mazaroff, Trevor Meyer and Jorg Ludwig provided closing statements and thanks to the hosts and players.

The IRF banner was handed to Oliver Gibney and Michael Murphy of Ireland, to be used at the World Championships next year.

—Allen Bivens

Noteworthy Observations:

- The IRF is working with representatives from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and some other delegations to host the 2008 World Senior Doubles.

- 2007 was the first year that Turkey has been

represented in a World Championship Tournament.

- Special Thanks to Mike Mesecke, Andre Dobberstein and, Jorg Ludwig and Torsten Krieger for their help in shuttling players between the club and the host hotel.

- Lucy Zachrisson (Guatemala) participated and has played a huge role in the overall development for Women s Racquetball, World Wide. She participated in the 2006 World Seniors in Albuquerque.

- Hamburg was 'hot and humid'! This was a deviation from the norm as normal high temperatures range in the low 70's while temperatures were pushing to 90 during the tournament, with lots of sunshine.

- Hamburg does not have many air conditioners.

**March 2-4, 2007
NMHU Racquetball Tournament
Montoya Recreation Center
Las Vegas, NM**

Mens Open	Raymond Maestas def Chris Evans 15-5, 15-0
Mens A	Gary Flores def Levi Borunda 15-6, 15-4
Mens B	Arnel Ayo def Tucker Green 15-9,13-15, 11-5
Mens C	Gerald Baca and Aaron Gallegos (tie)
Mens D	George Martinez def Susie Silvas 15-9, 14-15, 11-1
Mens Novice	Cory Archibeque def Mike Griego 15-12, injury default
Womens A	Patty Greene def Rozana Lopez 15-11, 15-14
Womens Novice	Crystal Gallegos def Pam Sandoval 15-11, 15-10
Open Doubles	Ron Maestas & Raymond Maestas def Mike Nava & Lucas Griego 15-6, 15-5
A Doubles	Lloyd Ferran & Ron Maestas def Peter McMillin & Tucker Green 15-7, 15-4
B Doubles	Carl Armijo & Lucas Griego def Ben Archibeque & Alex Daryl 10-15, 15-12, 11-8
C Doubles	Trini Gallegos & Tony Cordova def Gerald Baca & Adam Ortiz 15-5, 15-4
Open Mixed	Cyd Evans & Mike Nava def Rachel Kefauver & Rick Kefauver 15-1, 15-6
C Mixed	Susie Silvas & Allen Bivens def Cheryl Wegener & Steve Gallegos 15-6, 15-7

March 22-25, 2007
35th New Mexico State Singles
Championships
Midtown Sports and Wellness
Albuquerque, NM

Mens Open	Jesse Harden def Raymond Maestas 15-11, 13-15, 11-0
Mens Elite	Phil Cohen def Anthony Burrola 15-8, 15-14
Mens A	Darryl Uher def Arnel Ayo 15-2, 15-2
Mens B	Justin Evans def Andy Johnson 15-9, 15-7
Mens C	Sixto Motifs def Jack Clarke 15-2, 15-4
Mens D	Jason Torres def Marc Tiefa 15-14, 15-4
Mens Novice	Roman Lopez def Graydon Clarke 15-9, 15-14
Mens 24-	Miguel Wiggins def Andrew Clarke 15-0, 15-2
Mens 25+	Marcos Jimenez def Chris Gose
Mens 30+	Al Trujillo
Mens 35+	Ken Cheshire def Alvin Archuleta
Mens 40+	Rober Lee def Mark Branson 15-13, 15-7
Mens 45+	Phil Cohen def Chris Evans 15-11, 15-12
Mens 50+	Tony Onimole def Mark Pritchard
Mens 55+	Bob Clarke def Alvino Zubia
Mens 60+	Joe Gellman def Alvino Zubia
Mens 80+	Dean Harvel
Womens Open	Cyd Evans def Amy Rogers 15-8, 15-14
Womens Elite	Amy Rogers def Patty Greene 15-8, 15-10
Womens A	Cheryl Uher def Diane lafornero 15-11, 15-8
Womens B	Mariana Borunda def Patricia Thieman 15-8, 15-12
Womens C	Courtney Hill def Alex Duran 15-11, 15-7
Womens Novice	Dana Richardson def Estrella Flores 15-0, 15-1

April 20-22, 2007
Kirtland Racquetball Championships
Kirtland AFB East Fitness Center
Albuquerque, NM

Mens Open	Raymond Maestas def Robert Lee 15-7, 15-6
Mens A	Bobby Trujillo def Ken Payne 15-9, 15-7
Mens B	Gary Rasmussen def Cyd Evans 15-11, 15-10
Mens C	Doyle Hultberg def Steve Caruso 9-15, 15-9, 11-10
Mens Novice	Roman Lopez def Corey Archibeque 15-6, 15-1
Mens 60+	Alvino Zubia def Ken Karmel
Mens 75+	Ken Karmel
Mens 85+	Bill Matotan
Juniors10	Ayden Greene
Juniors 14	Corey Archibeque def Jade Cheshire 15-2, 15-4
Womens A	Frances Borunda def Patty Greene 15-6, 15-7
Womens C	Guilla Minnick def Barbara Everett 15-8, 15-9
Womens Novice	Crystal Jimenez def Sarah Harp 15-9, 15-9
Open Doubles	Tony Onimole & Stacey Smith def Ken Cheshire & Raaj Mohan 15-14, 15-14
A Doubles	Alvino Zubia & Bobbie Trujillo def Frankie Lopez & Tony Huerta 15-3, 15-12
B Doubles	Ben Archibeque & Frank Fischer def Gary Rasmussen & Dan Montoya 15-11, 8-15, 11-8
C Doubles	Guilla Minnick & Crystal Montoya def Barbara Everett & Dana Richardson 15-4, 15-6
Mixed Doubles	Pat Thieman & Tony Huerta def Guilla Minnick & Bobby Trujillo 15-12, 12-15, 11-4

May 5-6, 2007
National Warmup
Club International
Santa Fe, NM

Mens Open	Herman Hernandez def Phil Cohen 6-15, 15-1, 11-5
Mens Elite	Chris Pacheco def Pat Brown 15-11, 15-7
Mens A	Steve Holliday def Carlos Santiago 15-5, 15-2
Mens B	Dena Morrissey def Lee Torres 15-13, 9-15, 11-7
Mens C	Jason Torres def George Martinez 9-15, 15-9, 11-5
Mens 50+	Lloyd Ferran def Lee Torres 15-3, 15-6

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Womens Open	Dena Morrissey def Amy Rogers 15-7, 15-13	A Doubles	Lee Torres & Nathan Torres def Lloyd Ferran & Ron Maestas 15-10, 15-11
Womens A	Diane lafornaro def Rozana Lopez 15-13, 15-13		
Womens C	Dana Richardson def Barbara Everett 15-7, 8-15, 11-8	C Doubles	Pat Thieman & Patty Greene def Dana Richardson & Jason Torres 15-3, 13-15, 11-10
Open Doubles	Ron Maestas & Raymond Maestas def Robert Lee & Miguel Wiggins 15-10, 12-15, 11-10	Mixed Doubles	Patty Greene & Herman Hernandez def Dena Morrissey & Robert Lee 15-13, 15-13

UPCOMING EVENTS...

August 4-5	NM State Junior Championships, Riverpoint Sports & Wellness; Albq.
August 28-Sept. 1	IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships; NM Sports & Wellness and Kirtland AFB; Albq.
September 14-16	Season Kickoff; Riverside Sports & Wellness; Albq.
September 21-23	High Altitude Shootout; Pagosa Lakes Rec. Ctr; Pagosa Springs, CO
September 26-30	US National Doubles; Arizona State University; Tempe, AZ
October 5-7	Meadow City; Montoya Rec. Center; Las Vegas, NM
October 25-28	NM Invitational Pro Am; Midtown Sports & Wellness; Albq.
November 2-4	Four Corners Racquetball Tournament; Royal Spa and Court Club; Farmington, NM
November 9-11	NM State Doubles; Midtown Sports & Wellness; Albq.
November 14-18	US Open Championships; Racquet Club of Memphis; Memphis, TN
November 30-Dec. 2	Snowball; Highpoint Sports & Wellness; Albq.
December 7-9	Otra Vez; Taos Spa; Taos, NM

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