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Europe gets ready for the EURO 2011 in Bad Tölz

You too??



2011 is a year with no World Championships. This means European Racquetball players will meet in a venue in Europe to compete in the European Championships!

Bad Tölz (Germany) has been chosen as the official venue for the EURO 2011 and players from 10 countries are again expected to compete in the EURO this year. What about you??



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BAD TÖLZ
GERMANY

European Championships 2011

Message from the President...

Dear European Racquetball Friends,

Summer is approaching and we are getting closer to the 16th European Racquetball Championships. For the 2nd time in our history we return to the beautiful town of Bad Tölz in Southern Germany, a great location, not only for players but also for family and supporters. In 1999 we already enjoyed the great hospitality and food from the Bavarians. The President and the members of the Racquetball Club Bad Tölz are awaiting all of you with open arms from July 31 till August 6.

On behalf of the European Racquetball Federation I would like to officially invite all European Federation to take part in this biannual highlight of our Racquetball competition.

I hope to see all of you over in Bad Tölz in a few months.

You will find all information on our special website: www.euro2011.racquetball.de and the event website at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8385>.

Yours in Sport,
Erik Meyer
President, European Racquetball Federation



AERA News....

News from the US Forces in Europe

The American European Racquetball Association (AERA) remains an active and reliable partner of European Racquetball. The AERA website has been revamped recently, a new logo is approved and more and more communities are joining the AERA in its efforts to promote Racquetball amongst the US troops here in Europe.

Just recently, the Ansbach community joined the AERA. Ansbach is a small town in Germany. The AERA also remains active in hosting and promoting event in the US installations. One of the next events will be the AERA Invitational in Ramstein Germany in the middle of June. Another event will be held in Stuttgart, Germany in the beginning of June.

Keep checking the ERF and AERA website for further news and updates.



European Championships 2011

Basic information....

The Venue

Racquetball Club Bad Tölz e.V.
Am Sportpark 3
83646 Bad Tölz, Germany
www.racquetball-badtoelz.de
The venue has 3 courts, all with glass backwall.

Welcome Party

An Official Welcome Party is planned for July 31st around 21:00 at the venue. More information will be forthcoming.

Closing Ceremony

The Venue for the Closing Ceremony and Banquet will be announced soon.

Official Ball

The Official Ball for the European Championships 2011 will be designated soon.

Official Rules

ERF rules will govern competition, including the mandatory use of protective lensed eyewear.

Membership

According to the ERF rules, only ERF members in good standing can participate in the European Championships.

Draws etc.

Draws (6 Seeding if necessary) for the Team Event will be handed out at the Captains Meeting. Draws for the Individual Competition will be done by the Seeding Committee and be handed out on August 3rd. The Seeding Committee will be appointed at the Captain's Meeting.

Directions

Directions from the airport to the club and the venue will be available prior to the beginning of the event. In any case, please notify the local organising committee about your arrival and departure times.

Transportation

Closest airport is Munich International Airport.

Hotels are not in direct walking distance but easy to get to. The Local organising Committee may be able to arrange shuttle services if needed.

Bus services are also available between the club and city.



Hotels

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The LOC has reserved 22 rooms for a special rate:
Single Room: € 64,00 incl. breakfast
Doubles Room: € 98,00 incl. breakfast
When arranging your hotel please refer to "Racquetball".

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information@milano-bad-toelz.de
LOC has reserved 6 double rooms for 75,00 Euros/night, 1 Single room for 40,00 Euros/night, 1 3-bed room for 95,00 Euros/night
When arranging your hotel please refer to "Racquetball".

All rooms need to be booked by June 15th.

For further information or other hotel please contact the Bad Tölz Tourist information at rieger@bad-toelz.de.

Tourist Information

The LOC offers tourist information for all players and delegates to see the wonderful city of Bad Tölz and/or the city of Munich during the Day off. Check out www.badtoelz.de and www.muenchen.de.

ERF now accepting applications

for the position of Technical Director...

The European Racquetball Federation now accepts applications for the position of

Technical Director

for a 2-year term (2011-2013).

The Technical Director of the European Racquetball Federation will be responsible to the Board of the European Racquetball Federation. The Technical Director will submit an annual report to the European Racquetball Congress.

The Technical Director shall be responsible for:

- European Racquetball Calendar - planning the calendar of events of the ERF/European Racquetball Tour.
- Racquetball Rules - ensuring that the rulebook of the ERF is up to date, possibly making suggestions for changes
- Ranking Lists - prompt updating of ranking lists after each tournament
- Tournaments - working directly with tournament directors in each country to ensure that ERF sanctioned tournaments are run in compliance with ERF rules and conditions
- European Championships - Manage every two years the European Championships to include making of draws, seeding, scheduling of matches.
- Officiating - Possibly implement a referee and officiating program for the ERF

Terms and conditions:

- The TD may be required to travel to sanctioned tournaments.
- The TD receives a yearly compensation of 200 Euros.
- Term begins 1st of September 2011 and end 30th of August 2013.
- The ERF reserves the right to close the application process at the point a successful candidate is selected.

Written applications should be expressing the reasons for interest in the position, unique skills that would be brought to the position, and the availability of the applicant and submitted to the General Secretary Michael Haverty at michaelhaverty@eircom.net.

The application deadline is 1st of July 2011.



European Congress 2011



Notice of Meeting:

European Congress 2011
Venue; Bad Tolz, Germany
Date; Wednesday 3rd August @ 7p.m

The Annual Congress of the European Racquetball Federation will be held at the above venue, date and time.

Each member federation should insure that two representatives be present at Congress.

Notice of Motions:

National Federations who wish to put forward motions to Congress for Rule/Constitutional changes must do so in writing or by email to the General Secretary before Thursday 30th June 2011. Federations submitting motions to Congress must have a representative present to propose the motion. The number of the rule or constitutional item, to which the motion refers to, should be quoted.

Nomination of Officers:

The European Racquetball Federation Congress will be held in Bad Tolz, Germany on Wednesday 3rd August 2011. The meeting will hold elections for a new Executive Board Committee and discuss motions for rule changes and constitutional changes.

Nomination of Officers

Nominations from member federations are invited for the following positions; President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer.

Present Executive Committee

Erik Meyer, (Belgium) President (not seeking re-election)
Mike Mesecke (Germany) Vice President
Michael Haverty (Ireland) General Secretary
Karel Matla, (The Netherlands) Treasurer
Pascal Matla - (The Netherlands) Technical Director (not seeking re-appointment)

Countries who wish to nominate persons for the above positions should do so in writing or by email to the General Secretary before Thursday 30th June 2011. Please note that nominated persons for the above positions must be present at the meeting on 3rd August 2011.

RECENT RESULTS

Arklow Irish Open 2011

30/1/2 May 2011

Mens Open: Noel O Callaghan(Fermoy) def Sean Keane(Fermoy)
Ladies Open: Katie Kenny(Castlebar) def Aisling Hickey(Rossmore)
Mens B/C: Daire Gargan(Kingscourt) def Mark Murphy(Kilkenny)
Ladies Blue: Susan Farrell(Arklow) def Majella Haverty(Castlebar)
Mens D/Novice: Padraig Ryder(Newport) def Pat Doyle(Arklow)
Mens 40+: Noel Beggan(Clones) def Anthony Butler(Clones)
Mens 50+: John Comerford(Kilkenny) def John Ramsbottom(Kilkenny)
Mens Open Doubles: Jimmy Gannon/Pa O Donnell(Arklow) def Adam Neary(Arklow)/Daire Gargan(Kingscourt)
Ladies Open Doubles: Aisling Hickey(Rossmore)/Donna Ryder(Newport) def Majella Haverty/Katie Kenny(Castlebar)
C/D/Novice Doubles: Pa O Donnell/Michael Barnes Jnr(Arklow) def Benny Morrissy/Eoin Tynan(Fethard)

20th Castlebar Open

9th & 10th April 2011

Men's Open Singles: N O' Callaghan (Fermoy) def A Neary (Arklow) 2-0
Men's B Singles: G Lynch (Queens, Belfast) def J O'Keeney (Fermoy) 2-1
Men's C&D Singles: P Dodd (Arklow) def S Quinn (Rossmore) 2-1
Men's Novice Singles: L Cooke (Cavan) def R Kinane (Templederry) 2-1
Men's Open Doubles: J Gannon & P O'Donnell (Arklow) def C Skehan & J O'Keeney (Touraneena/Fermoy) 2-1
Men's C&D Doubles: M Kelly & P Benson (Castle/Athenry) def J Ryan & S Quinn (Rossmore) 2-1
Junior Singles: J Ryan (Rossmore) def D O'Donoghue (Araglin) 2-1
Women's Open Singles: A Hickey (Rossmore) def D Ryder (Newport) 2-1
Women's Open Doubles: M Haverty & K Kenny (Castlebar) def A Hickey & N O'Neill (Rossmore/Castlebar) 2-0

German Open 2011

April 1-3, 2011

Hamburg, Germany

Mens Open: Trevor Meyer (GER) def. Joachim Loof (GER)
Mens A: Ricardo Verduguez (BOL) def. Bobbie Breese (USA)
Mens B: Samuel Saavedra (MEX) def. Nicolas Mufraggi (FRA)
Mens C: Lara Ludwig (GER) def. Denis Sebastian (GER)
Ladies Open: Yvonne Kortess (GER) def. Lara Ludwig (GER)
Seniors 35: Timothy Hardison (USA) def. Bernd Dröge (GER)
Masters 50+: Jörg Ludwig (GER) def. Jörn Degen (GER)
Doubles Open: T. Meyer/J. Loof (GER) def. R. Verduguez/A. Schmitz (BOL/GER)

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ERF Executive Committee:

President: Mr. Erik Meyer (Belgium)

Vice President: Mr. Mike Mesecke (Germany)

General Secretary: Mr. Michael Haverty (Ireland)

Treasurer: Mr. Karel Matla (Netherlands)

Technical Director: Pascal Matla (Netherlands)

RECENT NEWS

O'Callaghan wins 11th title at 30th Irish Open



Noel O' Callaghan (Fermoy) won his 11th Irish Open Singles title at the 30th Irish Open held in Arklow last weekend. Katie Kenny (Castlebar) won her first Open Singles competition. O' Callaghan defeated fellow Fermoy player Sean Keane in the final while Kenny defeated Aisling Hickey from Rossmore in Co Tipperary. Arklow pair Jimmy Gannon and Pa O'Donnell won the Mens Doubles with consolation for Aisling Hickey when she partnered Donna Ryder (Newport) to win the Womens Doubles.

Article in Italian magazine



<http://www.clubmilano.net/>

A great promotional article about the fine sport of racquetball has recently been published in the Club Milano Magazine's April edition. The magazine is being published through 200 different locations within the city of Milano, Italy. Read the article on page 55-56 at the Club Milano Magazine webpage

Close ladies final at German Open 2011



Hamburg's Lara Ludwig only lacked few points to the big surprise of this years' German Open 2011. In a close ladies' final, she was defeated by 8-time German Open winner and German National Champion Yvonne Kortess with 15-11, 1-15 and 7-11. A rather tiredly playing Kortess had more difficulties with Germany's young hopeful than expected. Though Ludwig's attempt to claim her first singles title was not successful, this years' German Open final speaks well for future matches

between Germany's top players.

Kececi and Hardison win Turkish Open 2011



Ayten Kececi (TUR) and Timothy Hardison (USA) are the winners of the 2011 Turkish Open that were held in Istanbul, Turkey this months. Kececi defeated Safiye Oncel (also TUR) in the final, while Hardison was victorious against Orhan Keskin (TUR).

The Turkish Open are an official event of the European Racquetball Tour (ERT), rankings are being granted when participating in this event that is usually held in conjunction with a Squash tournament at the same time and club.

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