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Total Sports Club
Mt. Clemens, MI

Entry forms
to be mailed to all
RAM members
by Nov. 1st



Get Your Tournament on the Web

by Kevin Thomas

The RAM web site is a great place to post your sanctioned tournament information. From the web, players can obtain entry forms, starting times, driving directions, and tournament results. All of these services are provided for FREE by RAM for all sanctioned tournaments. However, I need your help to provide these wonderful features to your tournament players.

To make your entry form available for downloading, you must email me an electronic copy of your entry form. The preferred format is Adobe Acrobat (PDF) but I also can accept MS Word 97 (DOC), Rich Text Format (RTF), or Text (TXT) documents. This also ensures that your tournament will appear in the tournament schedule (www.michiganracquetball.org/tournsch.htm).

Starting times also can be posted. This is a wonderful convenience for players because they do not have to phone the club (and pay long distance charges) and

there is a written, verifiable list of starting times to avoid potential problems with late arrivals. Last year, several tournaments each had over 100 players obtain their starting times on line! The first step is to check with me to make sure I will be available the week of your tournament. Then, be sure to announce in your entry form that starting times will be available on line. Once you have determined starting times, email me an MS Excel 97 (XLS) spreadsheet or tab-delimited Text (TXT) file containing the list of player names, divisions, and starting times.

If you have hosted a sanctioned tournament on the web before, your club probably already has a page of club information, a map, and driving directions. Check the website (www.michiganracquetball.org/clubs.htm) to be sure. If there is no page for your club and you would like me to add one, please email me the club name, address & phone, and driving directions. You can attach an image of your club letterhead as well, or send it to me by regular

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View of the President

by W.T. Blakeslee

Leadership Changes!

I would like to announce some significant changes in the RAM board. As I mentioned in the last newsletter Lou Ellen has retired after many years. Chris Cole is doing a follow-up story to review her contributions. Help me thank her by voting her into the Hall of Fame. Twayne Howard who joined the board last year will take over her duties. Twayne is young and a very hard working dedicated person, I am sure he will do great. Jack White was also accepted as a new board member. Jack has been working with the board for a couple of years behind the scene helping with the draws for the State tournaments. Jack brings with him a huge resume and will be a terrific addition to the board. Please thank these board members when you see them, as well as Felicia, Sharon, Jack and Kevin. Without their help the RAM Board would not exist.

Some news from National Doubles: Gavelyn/Coaker (S), Cole/ White (S), Huczek/Muller (Q), Green/Cobb (1!), Huczek/Gudina(S), White/Kruse(3), and if you can believe this Greg Peck and Bret Harnett won 35, and Marty Hogan and Dave Peck won 40 — the pros are back. Ex-Michigander Hiser

was 2 in 45 with Tom Travis. The tournament results can be seen on usra.org I guess the big Michigan surprise is that Jack didn't win anything, call him up and get him some aggravation.

Some news out of the USRA: the membership dues are being raised to \$30. We will probably have the play second event for free at the State Doubles tournament if you sign up and extend your membership for two years. Many of you have taken advantage of this offer before; it is a good deal because you actually will save \$35.

Been on the RAM Web site lately?? Kevin does a great job and has got everything you want to know about racquetball covered on the site. He recently discovered that a lot of you have been surfing there lately. Make his day by visiting michiganracquetball.org

We have some good tournaments this fall. The West Michigan Open will be the first tournament October 19, contact Twayne Howard for further information. Second, the Players Club is having a one-day doubles tournament October 27, contact Diana Courtney. My friends Bob and Ed at Total Sports are hosting Jim Easterling's Senior Masters tournament November 2. Felicia will be hosting a tournament at

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2001-2002 Tournament Schedule

2001

October 19-21	West Michigan Open Michigan Athletic Club, Grand Rapids, MI
October 27	2nd Annual Halloween Spooktacular (Doubles) Players Athletic Club, Warren, MI
November 2-4	Seniors Masters Tournament Total Sports, Harrison Twp., MI
November 14-18	2001 Hilton US Open Memphis, TN
November 16-18	Turkey Shoot Franklin Athletic Club, Franklin, MI
December 1-2	RAM State Doubles Championships Total Sports, Harrison Twp., MI
December 12-15	Pro-Kennex IRF 13th World Junior Championships TBA

2002

January 18-20	National Women's Masters Championships Player's Athletic Club
TBA	RAM State Singles Championships TBA
April 17-21	USRA Adult Regional Championships Nationwide
May 22-27	Ektelon 35th U.S. National Singles Championships Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX

Post Info on RAM Website

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mail.

Finally, please don't forget to send me your tournament results. The players really love to see them posted, and you can help your fellow tournament directors with their seeding decisions. I keep a history of all tournament results received on the web site, so tournament directors can browse other results to see how well players are finishing.

Have a great 2001-2002 tournament season!

RAM President details board changes

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Franklin the weekend of Nov 16. It has been a long time since we have been at that club. By the way Mike Yellen used to work out there, maybe he will be seen. Finally, State Doubles, will be at Total Sports again December 1 & 2. The rest of the schedule as we know it is printed in this issue. Don't forget the National Senior Women's Masters tournament will be held at the Player's club in January 18-20.

As always see you on the hardwood.

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Membership includes

- *Membership card, USRA official rule book, travel and equipment discounts
- *USRA medical, life and liability insurance at sanctioned events
- *Four issues of the RAM newsletter, *The Racquetball Reporter*
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- *RAM sanctioned tournament entry forms mailed to your home
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ADDRESS _____

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