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Michigan Racquetball Loses A Friend

by Stu Hastings

At a recent racquetball tournament, after winning the game, Ted Dutcher, Sr., passed away while participating in an activity he enjoyed a great deal—Racquetball. Ted will be missed by all who knew him. Those who never met Ted have missed out.

At 54, Ted was a fierce competitor on the court yet a compassionate person off court that was always willing to help or discuss the game with anyone needing or wanting help. He prided himself in being a knowledgeable and capable certified referee.

Ted took his competition in 45+B seriously but also felt

that supporting the development of the game was equally important. He became an active MRA Board Member from 1981-83. Last season, Ted coached the Maple Courts Ladies Travel Team to a first place finish. He had been their coach for the last two seasons.

His youngest son, Dan, is currently an open player that plans to continue the family racquetball tradition. His goal is to be successful in the game that his father enjoyed so much.

I feel that it is important that people do not become afraid to play in racquetball tournaments due to this sad

happening. However, it is important to remember to see a doctor before entering into strenuous activity. This warning should not be taken lightly.

Ted Dutcher, Sr., is survived by Ethel, his wife of 35 years, three daughters and two sons, Ted, Jr. and Dan. Ted was employed as an Energy Engineer at Saginaw Steering Gear Division, Detroit. Ted was a charter member of both the Troy Athens High School Boosters Club, and a member and director of the Troy baseball and football Little League. He also served in the Navy from 1947-57 and for a time in Korea.

There are no guarantees on length of life in this world. Are we living today to the fullest or are we always waiting until tomorrow to do things? Stop to smell the roses means to stop and enjoy what you have today because there may not be a tomorrow.

I respect Ted as a person. What does respect mean? (R-Reliable) (E-Enjoyable) (S-Supportive) (P-Personable) (E-Energetic) (C-Clearheaded) (T-Tiger). Tiger, you ask? If you ever competed with a Dutcher in racquetball, you know what I mean! Ted, Sr., will be missed.

Sanction Your Tournament RAM

by Dianne Easterling

As 1985 draws to a close now is the time to consider scheduling and sanctioning your 1986-87 racquetball tournament or clinic with the Racquetball Association of Michigan (RAM). Listed below are the benefits of sanctioning your event with RAM:

1. Securing a non-conflicting tournament date. Every attempt will be made so that no two sanctioned events will be held the same weekend, if at all

possible. No sanctioned events may be held on the same weekend as the State Doubles, State Singles or Intercollegiate Championships.

2. Free player and free club mailing labels in zip code order for bulk mailing ease.

3. Free rule books for distribution at your tournament or clinic.

4. Free tournament kits with information on memberships, rankings, how to complete the

draws, etc.

5. Help in securing sponsorship by ball manufacturers.

6. Help in securing discounts on shirts and trophies.

7. Free use of Michigan's state wide ranking system which includes results from all sanctioned tournaments in the state.

8. Your tournament results become part of the state and national amateur ranking system.

9. Free high quality tournament programs designed so that local ads can be inserted. These are an excellent method of raising money for your tournament.

10. Monthly listing of your tournament in the AARA's "Racquetball in Review", in RAM's "Racquetball Reporter", and on RAM's pocket calendar of events.

11. Tournament results published in the "Racquetball Reporter."

12. Tournament application mailing included with our newsletter for a discounted

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2. Run the event by all RAM/AARA rules.

3. Use an AARA approved tournament ball.

4. Ensure all participants are AARA members and that any non-member participants join the RAM/AARA at the event site.

5. Complete all of the necessary follow-up paperwork.

We look forward to working with you and sanctioning your 1986-87 racquetball event. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Diane Easterling, RAM Sanctioning Committee, 900 Long Blvd. #423, Lansing, MI 48910

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ON THE RECORD WITH THE PRESIDENT

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Jim Easterling

In case you haven't noticed this newsletter has a new look to it. I am pleased to tell you about some of the new changes and new articles you will be seeing in this and future newsletters.

First, you should have noticed the RAM logo on the front cover. Our newsletter "The Racquetball Reporter" has been around for awhile and the Racquetball Association of Michigan (RAM) has been in existence for about one and a half years. So it was about time to see the RAM logo on the front page of the newsletter.

Next, you will be seeing results in the newsletter from the different travelling leagues from across Michigan.

One of the travelling leagues is the Metro Women's Touring League. This is a travelling league in the Detroit area with over 175 women racquetball players. For more information on this league, contact Alida Mainhardt (313) 744-5986. A second travelling league is the GRRPA Men's Metro League. This is a travelling league in the Grand Rapids area with six different clubs involved. If you need information on this league please contact the league coordinator, Roy White at (616) 763-7769. The third travelling league is named MCRA (Macomb County Racquetball Association) Travel League. This league is located in Macomb County and has about 300 men involved in

it. For more information on this league, contact Mike Witherspoon at (313) 751-2581. If there are any other travelling leagues we may have missed, please contact me and we will include your results in our newsletter.

Another new article you will be seeing in this and other issues to come will be "A Classic Story". Under this heading will be a racquetball related story about an event that has happened in the past. For those of you who were "there" and involved, it will be fun remembering and for those of you who weren't there, I hope you enjoy some racquetball "history" from Michigan.

Lastly, but not least, I

have the pleasure to announce that Stu Hastings will be writing an instructional article in each of our upcoming newsletter editions. In my opinion, Stu is one of the best racquetball instructors around and we are extremely fortunate that he will share his expertise with all RAM members via these articles.

I hope you enjoy the new changes in the newsletter and as always if you would like to submit an article for publication we are always looking for articles from RAM members who have information to share with other RAM members. You may send articles to me at 900 Long Blvd. #423, Lansing, MI 48910.

The View Of The Vice-President

by W.T. Blakeslee

Sometimes, I worry about the demise of racquetball. When was the last time you saw a new racquetball club built? Probably a better question is, in what state, what year was it built and why? If you frequent many racquetball clubs, you've seen an act of survival. Aerobics, weight lifting, bar restaurants, squash courts, paddle-ball, and running tracks all now frequent your local club. These activities are designed to keep memberships blooming and let's face it, fill empty courts. Racquetball was the fad sport of the late 1970's and experienced fantastic growth. Many clubs have now closed, only the strong have survived with this diversification.

To achieve new growth the clubs have used ingenuity, savvy, and persistence, and racquetball is still their main income base. The clubs must make money if our great sport

is to flourish. Support of the clubs is absolutely necessary.

Likewise, the equipment manufacturers have struggled through some lean years but the strong have also survived. The companies seem to be in a position to make reasonable profits if some growth occurs. The new oversized racquets could provide that significant event. The point I'm trying to make is for racquetball to remain a major sport, both the clubs and equipment companies must be profitable.

The most important thing in my mind is to develop a plan to support the clubs and the equipment companies. I suggest a long term approach to this problem would be a strong Junior's Program. This will eventually increase the number of players which will establish a growth base for everyone in the future. All major sports have tremendous Junior programs. Golf, tennis, high

school football, baseball, and soccer all have many youngsters involved in their sports. We must follow their lead and take the time to establish a strong junior base. This is absolutely essential for our game's survival.

Racquetball is a Super Sport. It must be actively promoted, however, or as I mentioned, there will be less clubs, less equipment companies and less players. One out of every 25 Americans has played the game. It has been actively used in beer and cigarette commercials, even advertised on Monday Night Football. Recently, in the movies, Jagged Edge helped promote racquetball.

We need everyone's help and I suggest you get a Junior player involved. Maybe he, or she will give you some of your toughest competition; ask Stu, Jim, Bob, Tom, or myself, it's great fun.



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REFEREE CERTIFICATIONS AND CLINIC DATES

All Super Seven Tournaments
Clinic — Sat. 1:00 p.m.
Testing — Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 5 - Macomb County Players Club - Warren
Oct. 19 - Muskegon MCS
Jan. 25 - Gr. Rapids W. Michigan Championships

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

December 6-8 Super Seven No. 3/Christmas Extravaganza/29th Street/Gr. Rapids \$ December 13-15 Grand Rapids Patrons No. 3/Holland MCA/Salt River December 20-22 Open December 27-29 Open January 3-5 Super Seven No. 4/Mt. Clemens \$ January 10-12 Intercollegiate State Championships TBA Riverview One Thousand/Gr.	January 17-19 MCS No. 4/Gr. Blanc January 24-26 Gr. Rapids patrons - W. Michigan Championships January 31 - February 2 Super Seven No. 5/Rose Shores East \$ February 7-9 RAM State Doubles — TBA February 14-16 MCS No. 5/Lansing Lawrence Invitational \$ February 21-23 Second Annual Women's Day/Gr. Rapids MCRA — Rose Shores AARA Junior Regional/TBA	February 28 - March 2 AARA Regional No. 9/Columbus, Ohio March 7-9 Super Seven No. 6/Clinton Racquet Club \$ March 13-16 Gr. Rapids Patrons/City Championships Gr. Rapids March 21-23 MCS No. 6/Brighton March 28-30 Easter April 4-6 Super Seven No. 7/Davison Racquet Club \$ April 11-13 Open	April 18-20 RAM State Singles Championships/TBA April 25-27 Three Days in April/Riverview/Gr. Rapids \$ Macomb County R.A./Detroit May 2-4 The Last Shot/Gr. Rapids \$ May 9-11 Open May 16-18 Super Seven Finals/Colliseum R.C. \$
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\$ - Indicates Money Available in Open Division

Penalty Imposed For Not Refereeing

This year a penalty will be imposed on players who fail to referee, after they lose their match, in a RAM sanctioned tournament. If you fail to referee or fail to provide a substitute, the Tournament Director is encouraged to notify the RAM Board of Directors. The Vice-President of RAM, W.T. Blakeslee, will notify the player by letter of the offense. The letter will explain the obvious need to referee and be a warning to the player. If this offense is repeated during the tournament season, their membership in RAM will be revoked and they will not be allowed to participate in any RAM sanctioned tournament which includes State Championships and AARA regional events. Of course, all this is absolutely unnecessary, PLEASE REFEREE YOUR ASSIGNED MATCH, and help make our tournaments run on time.

W.T. Blakeslee

Club Mailing List

RAM is in the process of trying to compile an accurate up-to-date court club list of all the racquetball facilities in Michigan. We need your HELP!!! Club managers, if you are not getting mail from RAM or if you are getting mail but your name or address is incorrect, please let us know. Players, if you know of a club who has recently closed or recently reopened under another name, please let us know.

Send all new addresses and/or name changes to:

Racquetball Assoc. of Michigan
900 Long Blvd. #423
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The Changing Racquetball Scene

by Jim Hiser

The racquetball scene has changed drastically over the past few scenes. Contrary to what many believe, racquetball has grown and become a much more mature sport. National tournaments are larger than ever, international competition abounds, olympic participation may soon be a reality and more amateur programs are available than ever before.

Like any other young sport, racquetball has had its growing pains. Although national membership is at its peak, the closing of some clubs caused many to predict the sports failure. The elimination of poorly managed and equipped clubs have resulted in more diverse and successful health facilities. This recruitment of non-racquetball players into

racquetball arenas can only increase our visibility and perhaps even attract new participants.

Manufacturers and sponsors have become more conservative in their involvement. Where in the past, tournaments were given numerous prizes, shirts, balls and funds, today's investment of tournament dollars are much more selective.

Supporters of the sport realize they created a monster which may be difficult to tame. Players have grown to expect bountiful hospitalities, excessive tournament gifts and numerous awards. Although tournament fees are relatively low (usually \$25), players continue to expect various remunerations for their investment. And well they

should, since this is what was provided to them in the past. But times change and players must change their expectations.

Few, if any sports give as much to the tournament players as does racquetball, and Michigan players are more fortunate than most. Hospitality still causes the most complaints. Most national tournaments, and events in many other states have drastically limited hospitality. The 1985 Ektelon and DP Nationals provided only fruit and drink at the club, while the World Master's Championship (entry fee \$100) had no hospitality except for drink and oranges.

In Michigan most tournaments still provide at least one meal per day. This seems adequate.

Michigan players are lucky. They have one of the nations strongest state organizations, more tournaments than almost any other state, prizes and gifts that compare to any other state, and some of the best players in the country to watch and learn from.

Tournaments will continue to change as our sport grows. Let's concentrate on the positives of our events, work to improve the negatives, and remember how fortunate we really are.

Super Seven Continues To Grow

The 1985-86 Super Seven series continues to introduce new ideas in an effort to provide an exciting format for the Michigan racquetball community. Expanding to nine stops this year, the series will offer over \$42,000 in prizes and gifts distributed over all divisions.

In response to the increased interest in doubles, every Super Seven will offer regular as well as mixed doubles. Awards for the open divisions remain at \$2000 but in addition every division winner will receive their choice of Asahi shoes with second place winners receiving A'me grips. Every tournament will also feature reduced entry fees for a special racquetball group. A special Christmas Extravaganza Tournament at the 29th Street Athletic Club in Grand Rapids will have over \$4000 in prizes

and awards with \$750 in prizes for team competition and \$100 for the player in any division who achieves the best tournament record. Super Seven competitors will also qualify for selection to compete in the Lewerenz Invitational Tournament which will offer over \$10,000 in prizes to only 48 players in six divisions.

The ten foot service rule continues in effect this year along with the introduction of all screen serves as fault serves. This fault screen serve rule has been used successfully in the women's professional tour for two years.

The 1985-86 Super Seven series is sponsored by Bud Light beer, Ektelon, Lewerenz Sports Clinics, Asahi shoes, and A'me grips. For more information contact Jim Hiser at (313) 239-7575.

Reporter Needs You

The "Racquetball Reporter" is looking for any individual who is interested in doing some writing for the newsletter. Any topics are welcome; tournaments, instructional, humor, etc. If you are interested or have any questions at all about what is involved please contact RAM at 900 Long Blvd. #423, Lansing, MI 48910.

How Rankings Work

by Sandy Cox

The rankings are taking on a new format this year. We are starting over brand new and have altered the point system somewhat, hopefully, to more accurately rank the players.

LEVEL 4: Highest level. This is based on tournaments that draw largest and best quality racquetball players. Also, Level 4 tournaments have prize money.

	Points
1st Place	110
2nd Place	80
Semi's	50

Each match won, 20 Pts.

LEVEL 3: High level. Based again on tournaments that draw good quality and large number of racquetball players. No prize money given usually.

	Points
1st Place	80
2nd Place	55
Semi's	30

Each match won, 10 Pts.

LEVEL 2: Medium level. Would consist of a city tournament where players from all over one town would play. However, would usually not include players from all parts of the state.

	Points
1st Place	55
2nd Place	35
Semi's	15

Each match won, 5 Pts.

LEVEL 1: Club level tournament. Consists of players from a club having an in-house tournament.

	Points
1st Place	35
2nd Place	20
Semi's	10

Each match won, 5 Pts.

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RAM Committee to Develop Women's Racquetball

by Cathie Frederickson

The RAM Women's Committee has taken steps to better develop women's racquetball all over the state. First, the state has been divided in half, allowing more efforts over smaller areas. Secondly, the committee has been divided into six separate divisions. The following are a list of those committees:

Women's Grass Roots Promotion Committee Goal: To promote the beginning levels of women's racquetball.

Women's Clinic Committee Goal: To develop and run a series of women's clinics—mostly at the

grass roots level.

Women's Day Committee Goal: To organize and run a women's day (one hosted in Grand Rapids and one in Flint).

Women's Tournament Committee Goal: A) To organize and run two yearly women's tournaments, one on each side of the state and one grand finale. B) To organize and run a women's league play-off (Grand Rapids vs. Detroit).

Women's Housing Committee Goal: To promote local and state tournaments by: A) Placing phone calls to women around the state (all levels to

be called) to encourage participation. B) One of the functions of the phone call is the committee will set up travel and lodging arrangements; promote comradery and keep the cost of tournament participation down.

Junior Girls Committee Goal: To promote and encourage Junior girls racquetball participation.

Our concentration this year is going to be on the Grass Roots Promotion, Clinic and the Women's Day Committees. We need more volunteers for the Grass Roots Promotion Committee. As stated previously, the goal is to develop ways to get more women playing racquetball. This committee does not require a large amount of physical participation. It would involve meeting with the other committee members to develop innovative ideas and programs to get more women into racquetball.

A letter has recently gone out to each club in Michigan asking each club to locate a women player or appoint an employer who will become involved with the Women's Promotion Committee. If you wish to be that club representative, contact your club or Cathie Frederickson at (616) 942-5190 or (616) 792-9543. This will expand our committees range of promotion even more! You do not need any previous committee or racquetball promotion experience.

The 1985 Metro Women's Touring League

The Metro Women's Touring League, founded in 1978 by Open player Kathleen Zale, began with ten teams. Now, seven years later, the League is still growing. This season there are twenty-three teams consisting of approximately one hundred eighty women.

Sportsmanship and competition are high on the list of any woman involved, as the League is a team effort. Every other Thursday or Sunday, you'll find these teams practicing or competing at one of the ten clubs participating.

Four Levels are arranged by an over-all ranking system, and

Novice to Advanced players are sure to find this competition level stimulating.

Anyone interested in joining a team or sponsoring a team can call Alida Mainhardt at (313) 744-5986 for more information.

Standings for the League after six weeks of play, **FIRST PLACE:**

Level I Sunday
Backwall Eagles
Level II Sunday
Maple Courts
Level II Thursday
Clinton Racquet Club
Level III Thursday
Courtland Racquet Club

Advanced Court Coverage

by Stu Hastings

This is a theory devised to put pressure on your opponent through defensive court positioning. Many people don't realize that even though your opponent has a set up you can still force your opponent to take a shot that you want him to shoot. This concept is known as the "defensive X." A better name for this concept should be the offensive X, because the basic theory behind this court coverage theory is that it puts pressure on your opponent to execute the lowest percentage shot possible. If he doesn't, then you are in an ideal position to become offensive through rekill, pass, or at least able to make a defensive ceiling return of his missed offensive opportunity.

Drop and kill (or attempt to) ten balls from between the short line and hash marks with your best stroke (forehand or backhand) Straight in kills only. Mentally mark the second bounce. You will find that on the average 30% will skip, 30% will bounce twice before the short line and 40% will be left up. These percentages are for the best players. Obviously, the skip or left up percentages will go even higher on moving ball set ups, deep court set ups, backhand set ups and lower level players kills. See Fig. 1.

play at the y2 position instead of the generally used y1. This (Fig. 2) puts the kill attempts that are left up in your favor because you now have time to react to this ball. If you were farther forward you would be forced to go defensive and push or block the ball which would give your opponent another set up and the situation repeats until you eventually lose. You should take a position as in Fig. 3 which is a step and a swing away from your opponent, feet faced front so as to allow down the line and cross court coverage equally. Lastly, you want to be on a line between your opponent and the opposite front corner. As your opponent moves forward you move forward until you reach the hash marks then you stop and stay to center.

Exceptions to the above rule are when your opponent is set up in the center as in Fig. 4. Then you move behind him to take away the easy pass (which is high percentage) and force him to hit a low percentage kill. If your opponent (x2) is set up in the center at the back wall then you would go to y2 to force him to hit to your stronger forehand. (Reverse this coverage to the other side of opponent if you have a

skips and 40% left up balls to equal 70%. 30% for your opponent and 70% for you sounds like a winning proposition.

REVIEW POINTS:

1. Stay back-don't suck up.
2. When in doubt, stay back.
3. Stay a step and a swing away from your opponent.
4. Feet face the front wall.
5. Look over your shoulder until the time of contact.
6. Never go farther forward than the hash marks.
7. Always take a position that takes away your opponents passing lanes and forces a low percentage kill attempt.
8. By staying back, the pressure shifts to your opponent to attempt low percentage kills and take away his high percentage passes.
9. If you are being beaten by passes, your defensive position is too far forward.

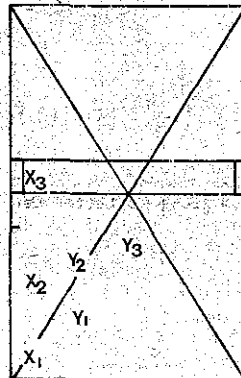


Fig 3

BASIC PREMISE: Most people play too far forward which puts them on the defensive and takes away set up time.

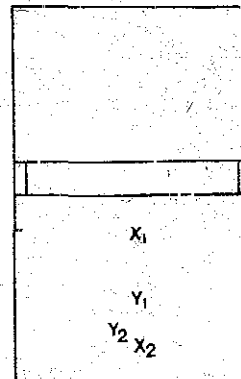


Fig 4

Stu Hastings is a member of the Head National Team and Advisory Staff. He is head teaching pro at Backwall Club in Madison Heights and Meadowbrook Courts in Rochester. He was also a top instructor at the Olympic Training Center Elite Training Camp in Colorado

MCS #2

MBA Health & Wellness Center
Muskegon Oct. 18-20

Michigan Championship Series #2 was held on the west side of Michigan at the MBA Health and Wellness Center in Muskegon on October 18-20. Tom Corinti and crew have done a nice job remodeling and enhancing the club. Tournament sponsors were: Penn, Bud Light, JK Car Wash, Someplace Else, and MBA. Tournament players were greeted by an eight foot gorilla and grab bags full of goodies and other items. Also featured was a pro division where players took home \$750 in prize money. The photo shows pro winner Jack Newman (L) with Dave Negrete (R), 2nd place, accepting their checks. Both Jack and Dave are from Illinois---hope you guys keep coming up to Michigan. Saturday night was warm and just perfect for the BBQ and chicken washed down with cold beverages. This weekends winners were:

MCS #2

MBA HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER
MUSKEGON
OCT. 18-20

MEN'S PRO

1st-J. Newman 2nd-D. Negrete
Semi-C.C. Melvin; C. Teets

MEN'S OPEN

1st-S. Hastings 2nd-Radiation Man
Semi-C.C. Melvin; M. Stephens

MEN'S A

1st-P. Melvin 2nd-E. Matties
Semi-D. Verbeck; R. French

MEN'S B

1st-A. Broton 2nd-M. King
Semi-J. Kummier; J. Wray

MEN'S C

1st-R. Frisch 2nd-J. Kroll
Semi-J. Tloczynski; J. Thomas

MEN'S D

1st-R. Burt 2nd-B. Lee
Semi-J. Kuch; T. Herron

MEN'S NOVICE

1st-S. Austin 2nd-M. Wagner
Semi-S. Goudie; R. Covert

MEN'S VETERANS B

1st-J. Wray 2nd-J. Brennan

MEN'S SENIORS A

1st-R. Scott 2nd-M. Stephens
Semi-M. Corinti; B. Gravelyn

MEN'S SENIOR C

1st-A. Mell 2nd-R. Morse
Semi-R. Ross; G. Goudie

MEN'S MASTERS A

1st-L. Hahn 2nd-R. Miles

GOLDEN MASTERS

1st-J.D. Driver 2nd-L. Poole

JUNIOR BOY'S 14

1st-J. Kummier 2nd-B. Kircher

WOMEN'S OPEN

1st-J. Hastings 2nd-K. Stellema

WOMEN'S A

1st-T. Smith 2nd-S. Huczek
Semi-D. Easterling; C. Burt

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Season

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**on's Greetings
And
py New Year**

from the

**Racquetball
Association
of Michigan**

Frederickson's First Board Meeting

My first National AARA Board Meeting was one which proved to be very productive. For two solid 12 hour days, the discussions were intense and lengthy, which required hours of focusing my attention.

We began the day, October 4, evaluating an audit. It proved that the overall accounting is being done, however, it showed that it is time to structure a more detailed accounting system to keep up with the growth and development of the AARA.

We then spent a half day discussing and altering the Executive Director's contract. Evaluation of whether it was financially and developmentally the proper time to hire an Assistant Executive Director followed. This was tabled until a newly formed committee reports back in May at the Annual Meeting in Houston. That evening entailed reviewing written resumes and voting on the nominees for the available board seats in 1986.

October 5th began with committee reports and projects. This was followed by a personal visit by Greg Eveland, from DP. His discussions covered different DP projects and the future between DP and the AARA.

It was then voted upon where the following tournaments were

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I'll Do Anything To Win

by Mike Stephens

Racquetball players have many obligations in a tournament. They must be fair to their opponent, to their referee, and to the spectators. How does one meet these obligations when winning is their number one priority? It is an understandable goal to want to win a match, yet it's another matter when the rights of others are being violated.

I'm sure many of you have seen how unfairly the referees can be treated. Swearing, bullying, screaming, and name calling are just a few examples. What have they done to be treated with such little respect? What most players don't realize is that these referees are doing a service for them, and they deserve to be treated as human beings regardless of their status as a racquetball player. There are understandably, certain matches that re-

quire an upper-level understanding of racquetball and under these circumstances line judges or a new referee should be requested.

Our second obligation is to treat our opponent in much the same way. If a player misses a shot or couldn't get to the shot, why should he try to call a hinder on his opponent? Racquetball has rules and these rules should be followed. It is hard for me to understand how a player can accept a win, when, in effect, he only won from unfair play. You have to ask yourself: Is winning that important to take it any way you can get it? It makes me sad to think that there are players who really do feel this way.

This leads me to our third obligation as a racquetball player. How does this display of behavior affect our spect-

ators, some of which are our juniors? I don't think racquetball players realize the amount of things the spectators can see and hear. How does one explain to a spectator why this player cheated or swore? I have heard many spectators say; "Boy, I'm sure glad I'm not refereeing." We also have to remember that not all our spectators are adults. We are supposed to set an example for our kids. Are these the standards we want our juniors to strive for?

Racquetball is a big part of my life, and I hate to see a few people give the sport a bad reputation. How can we expect our up-coming juniors to want to participate in a sport that isn't centered around fair play and good sportsmanship? Winning does not mean a thing if you got it any way you could get it!

**DO YOU
HAVE
SOMETHING
YOU
WANT TO
SAY?**

Hiser, Brownlee Inducted To Hall of Fame

by Larry Cole

This year, for the second year, the Hall of Fame Awards were given to recipients at the Bud Light banquet. This award is the most prestigious given by the Racquetball Association of Michigan.

The inductees had to go through a two step process for their induction. First, any player who is a member of the state association could nominate a player for the Hall of Fame. After nomination the names and resumes were sent to fifty specially selected voters. To be inducted the candidates had to receive 70% of the ballots returned.

This year five players were nominated. They are as follows:

- 1) Tom Brownlee
- 2) Stu Hastings
- 3) Jim Hiser
- 4) Gordon Kelly
- 5) Bob Wilhelm

Of those nominated two were chosen by voters. Tom Brownlee and Jim Hiser were selected to join Lynn Hahn and Fred Lewerenz in the Hall of Fame.

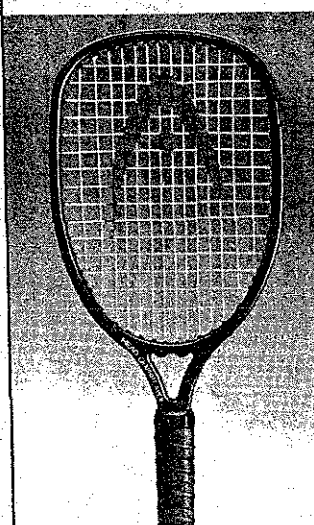
Tom Brownlee lives in Pinchney. He is the Ektelon sales representative for Michigan. In this role he has won two awards for outstanding player development programs. He has coached over 3000 individuals. One of those was Mike Yellen. He has written articles for publication in local and national media. He has had ten occasions to appear on television to promote racquetball. As a player, Tom has been a Michigan state champion

in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Tom played on the Professional Tour from 1974-79.

Recently, Tom has been the number one Seniors player in Michigan. The state association is honored by honoring Tom Brownlee as a Racquetball Hall of Fame Member.

Jim Hiser is the creator of many of the innovations in racquetball in Michigan. He organized and funded the first junior racquetball team sent to a national tournament (1983). For eight years he has organized, promoted and directed Michigan's only professional tournament. It is now the longest running professional tournament in the country. He created, organized and funded the award for outstanding female, male, junior and most improved player of the year. He developed the concept of a scholarship award to the outstanding junior player. Jim wrote the first test for referee certification and developed a referee certification program. At the national level, Jim is a member of the AARA Board of Directors. He was elected Vice-President of that board for 1985. He has been a delegate from the AARA to the USOC. On an international level, Jim was the head referee for the World Master's Games. Jim is sponsored by Ektelon. He is on the advisory staff of Asahi and Tacki-Mac. The state association is honored by honoring Jim Hiser as a Racquetball Hall of Fame Member.

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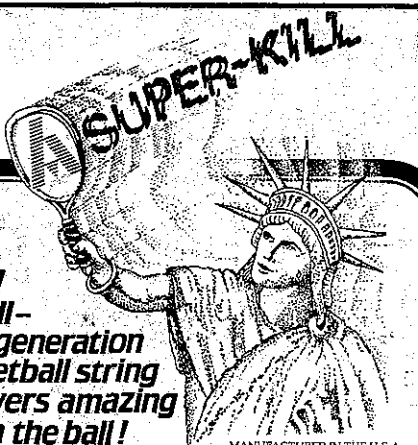


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A Classic Story

by Jim Easterling

A long time ago (I think it was around 1977 or '78) Dennis Wood, who was then the President of the Michigan Racquetball Association, was talking on the phone to his friend, Steve Strademo, and Steve wanted to put on an instructional racquetball clinic in Michigan. Dennis said it would be no problem and that he would get back with him in two or three weeks to get everything set up. Dennis got to work and found a club to put on the clinic, came up with a date, got Mike Yellen, to put on an exhibition game with Steve, put a flyer together and mailed it and even found some idiot to referee the exhibition game.

The instruction clinic was held at Southfield Racquettime, a 30 court facility with two exhibition courts with three glass walls. The two glass courts faced each other so they both used the same front white wall.

Steve Strademo gave his instructional clinic in front of an estimated group of 100 people. After his great enlightening clinic, he then pulled out of his gym bag a paperback book that he wrote titled, "THE Racquetball Book" and gave a plug for his new book.

Shortly after that Steve and Mike started warming up for their exhibition game. These guys looked unreal while they were warming up. They both hit what appeared to be perfect pass shots, perfect z-serves, and perfect kill shots.

The referee climbed up the ladder to the referee stand and checked out the microphone and made sure he had balls, per-

cils, scorecards and anything else he thought he might need. Even though the ref looked calm and collected on the outside, inside he was shaking in his boots.

As the game got started both Steve and Mike made incredible shots and gets. As one of the players called a time-out and was outside the court drying off his hands and face, I overheard a spectator say, "I wonder what idiot would volunteer to ref this game?" I was wondering that same thing myself. As the game was nearing the end Mike hit a ceiling ball and as Steve was running backwards to retrieve the shot his back hit the glass door. The door exploded into a thousand little pieces. The game was stopped as Steve took off his shirt and Mike checked out his back. Steve had no visible cuts or scrapes and was very lucky. The players then went over to the other glass court to finish the exhibition game. The crowd really got a lot of excitement from their thrilling match.

That is the "Broken Glass" classic story and I ought to know, I was the referee. But I can't remember who won the game....can you?

(Under this heading will be a racquetball related story about an event that has happened in the past. For those of you who were "there" and involved, it will be fun remembering and for those of you who weren't there, I hope you enjoy some racquetball "history" from Michigan.)

RAM Women's Committee To Hold Clinics

During the 1985-86 season, the RAM Women's Committee will run two Women's Day Clinics. The first will be hosted by the 29th Street Fitness Center in Grand Rapids, February 21 and 22 (Friday night 6-10:30 and Saturday 9-3:30). The second clinic will be held at the Grand Blanc Court Club in Flint, March 14 and 15, with the same hours Friday night and Saturday.

The clinic will be structured in the following manner; first, everyone will be divided into their level of play. Friday night will consist of videotaping and video tape analysis of all women participants, by Stu and JoEtta Hastings. This will be followed by an exhibition match featuring JoEtta and Sheri Anderson in Grand Rapids, and JoEtta and Judy Gonyea in Flint, with Stu analyzing and commenting on court position, shot selection and other various philosophies

involved in the game.

Saturday's schedule will include, instruction with Stu and JoEtta, Sports Psychology taught by Larry Cole, PhD., a Body Fat Composition Report on everyone, with explanation and analysis by John Dussia, and a nutrition seminar.

As you can see, we are offering you instruction and information in every area of the game. This will help you beat your best friend, move up in a league, play better in tournaments or become a well rounded racquetball enthusiast. The clinic is structured in a way that allows every participant to receive their level of instruction. Both clinics are available for all levels of play; we encourage Novice-Open! Sign up today; each clinic is limited to 60 women. For more information contact Cathie Frederickson at (616) 792-9543 or (616) 942-5190.

by Cathie Frederickson

Oh What A Feeling...

by Paula Spagnuolo

The first annual Woman's Fall Head Start Racquetball Tournament was held on September 6-8th. It was hosted by Court House Club in Flint, Michigan. Owner-operator Jim Skinner and RAM Women's Committee Chairperson Cathie Frederickson ran a super tournament giving the women the opportunity to play two matches by running double elimination in every division. The women obviously liked the idea because there were 50 entries, a surprisingly high number of women playing that early in the season. Instead of T-shirts, Jim gave the women a very nice Head tournament bag which was eagerly received, and a buffet of incredibly good home-cooked foods. The best feature of the weekend for the women was no refereeing. Jim arranged to have enough men on hand to ref all the matches for the women. The benefits were two-fold. First, the men as a result of taking the referee certification test and refereeing the required number of matches, were able to obtain their certification levels. And second, the women being relieved of ref duties, were able to mill around the court area socializing with other players and watching good racquetball. There was a good feeling between all the women. The on court competitiveness was there, but quickly replaced by

court-side camaraderie once the match was over. Oh what a feeling if every tournament could have the same ambience. Jim and Cathie, nice job!

FINAL RESULTS

OPEN: 1. JoEtta Hastings, Grand Blanc R.C. 2. Irene Churma, Gateway 3. Robin Latreille, Grand Rapids R.C. 4. Lois Hamel, Racquetime

"A": 1. Shirley VanderBroek, University R.C. 2. Arlene Allen, Parkwood YMCA-Lansing 3. Tracy Troszak, Warren R.C. 4. Alida Mainhardt, Mt. Clemens

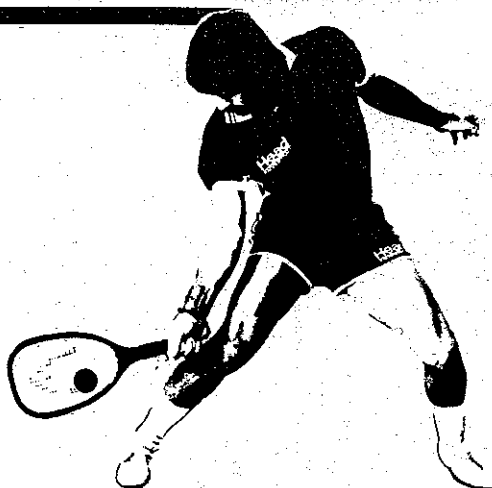
"B": 1. Lona Morris, Court House Club 2. Sadie Allison, Courtland 3. Sandy Cox, Grand Blanc R.C. 4. Toni Willyerd, Grand Blanc R.C.

"C": 1. Judy Dunbar, Detroit 2. Kristen Kohler, Court House Club 3. Mary Jane Olsavsky, Court House Club 4. Valerie Fowler, Court House Club

"D": 1. Sandra Lucas, Detroit 2. Maggie Thornton, Franklin R.C. 3. Barbara Rockwell, Court House Club 4. Frances Flowers, Court House Club

NOVICE: 1. Linda Fitchett, Court House Club 2. Lori Troszak, Warren R.C. 3. Jean St. John, Clinton R.C. 4. Michele Rockwell, Court House Club

SENIORS: 1. Faye Cobb, Backwall 2. Edith Withey, Court House Club 3. Linda Driver, Franklin 4. Donella Rak, Davison R.C.



STRANDEMO'S

RACQUETBALL TIPS:

Watching your opponent set up will greatly increase your readiness to cover his next shot. How he sets up and starts to swing will dictate if he is shooting or going to the ceiling. By not reading this information you will reach a plateau in your anticipation and your game will not improve.

What's The Call?

This month I would like to discuss one of my favorite rules. Most players usually spend most of their time on the court without a referee present. Countless hours are spent practicing, drilling, working out and finally playing a match with your arch-enemy on Tuesday night. If you think about it, beating this opponent is probably just as important as winning a tournament match. Well, almost, especially if you're playing for a beer; a Bud Light that is please.

If you lose these matches, how many times did you wish you had a referee? By paying attention to the following rule, many heated disputes in your local club matches might be eliminated. Well, at least some of them!

HOW TO REF WHEN THERE IS NO REF Rule 3 - During Rallies

During rallies, it is generally the hitter's responsibility to make the call - if there is a possibility of a skip ball, double bounce, or illegal hit, play should continue until the hitter makes the call

against himself. If the hitter does not make the call against himself, and goes on to win the rally, and the player thought that one of the hitter's shots was not good, he may "appeal" to the hitter by pointing out which shot he thought was bad and request the hitter to reconsider. If the hitter is sure of his call, and the opponent is still sure the hitter is wrong, the rally is replayed. As a matter of etiquette, players are expected to make calls against themselves any time they are not sure. In other words, if a shot is very close as to whether or not it was a good kill of a skip ball, unless the hitter is sure the shot was good, he should call it a skip.

Enough of the official jargon! If both players disagree, simply replay the rally. If you're not sure, give it up; the rule book says so. Now, if I can only get Dave to play this way, I'm all set! See you next time with another rule from the book.

by W.T. Blakeslee

Bud Light-Ektelon Open Attracts 400 Players

by Jim Hiser

The eighth annual Bud Light-Ektelon Open, the first stop of Michigan's Super Seven series, attracted players from 17 different states and Canada. Bret Harnett broke his Davison jinx of never getting past the first round, by defeating Jerry Price in an exciting tie-breaker match to capture the \$5500 first place prize. Harnett accomplished the impossible in his semi-final match against Marty Hogan by coming back from a 0-10 deficit in the third game, to win 11-10 and eventually the match. Bret came from behind again in the finals, 0 games to two, to win three to two to capture his first professional championship in two years.

The men's open division was won by USA team member and world racquetball champion, Andy Roberts. The women's open division was won by Chris Evon from Illinois.

The Bud Light-Ektelon Open is considered by many as the states top tournament event. With various social events including a Mexican fiesta registration party, outdoor chicken B-B-Q, sit down banquet and top notch racquetball competition the tournament provides continual entertainment for everyone.

Perhaps the weekends highlight is the Saturday banquet held at the Davison Country Club. Approximately 400 people

were treated to an Ektelon fashion show, a delicious all you could eat buffet dinner, a multi-media show featuring tournament players, and the evening concluded with a dance until the early morning hours. The banquet is also the time when the Michigan racquetball community recognizes their outstanding athletes. These prestigious awards are presented by prominent racquetball personalities such as Mike Yellen, number one player in the world and Luke St. Onge, national executive director of the AARA.

The Bud Light-Ektelon Open continues to provide an exciting springboard to begin the season.

MEN'S PRO

1st-B. Harnett, Nevada
2nd-J. Price, CA Semi-M.
Hogan, CA; S. Oliver, CA

MEN'S OPEN

1st-A. Roberts, TN 2nd-H.
Jones, CAN. Semi-M. Ceresia,
CAN; C. Nichols, FL

MEN'S A

1st-A. Tackett, MI 2nd-C.
Ferrell, MI Semi-J. Bakalis,
MI; K. Spix, IN

MEN'S B

1st-C. Cucuiuren, CAN.
2nd-T. Graham, CAN. Semi-G.
Benart, MI; T. Richards, MI

MEN'S C

1st-J. Hachman, N.Y. 2nd-J.
Garrow, MI Semi-M. Call, MI;
R. Frisch, MI

MEN'S D

1st-J. Niven, CAN. 2nd-P.

Presutti, MI Semi-V. Maini,
MI; J. Berns, IN

NOVICE

1st-G. Issac, Jr., MI

2nd-J. Early, MI

MEN'S 30+

1st-S. Hastings, MI

2nd-C.C. Melvin, MI Semi-R.

Vanderlind, MI; C. Rozier, MI

MEN'S 35A

1st-T. Brownlee, MI 2nd-J.

Santino, MI Semi-L.

Jackinovich, MI; M. Stephens, MI

MEN'S 35B

1st-D. Graham, MI 2nd-B.

Winters, MI Semi-J.R. Slavik, MI; Dave Lepzyck, MI

MEN'S 35C

1st-T. Lawlor, MI 2nd-M.

Clupper, OH Semi-R. Flessner, MI; B. Gentile, MI

MEN'S 45A

1st-J. Madden, MI 2nd-L.

Hahn, MI Semi-L. Stemple, OH; R. Hatcherson, OH

MEN'S 45B

1st-B. Williams, OH 2nd-C.

Wheehlan, MI

MEN'S 55

1st-D. Russell, MI 2nd-F.

Rapoport, MI Semi-S. Ekelman, MI; J. Lamicza, MI

BOY'S 18

1st-E. Lapp, OH 2nd-L.

Meeusen, MI Semi-D. Larry, MI; E. Adams, CAN

BOY'S 16B

1st-K. Peters, CAN 2nd-J.

Riley, MI

BOY'S 14A

1st-J. Clark, CAN 2nd-M.

Johnston, MI

BOY'S 14B

1st-J. Cox, MI 2nd-P.

Myers, MI

BOY'S 12

1st-M. Myers, MI 2nd-J.

Hocaman, N.Y.

BOY'S 10

1st-S. Zimmerman, MI 2nd-R.

Flessner, MI Semi-B. Griffith, MI; D. Gibson, CAN

WOMEN'S OPEN

1st-C. Evon, IL 2nd-E.

Mardas, OH Semi-C. Doyle, N.Y.; D. Henry, MI

WOMEN'S A

1st-C. McTaggart, CAN

2nd-R. Spielberger, MI Semi-T.

Troszak, MI; A. Allan, MI

WOMEN'S B

1st-T. Meisterling, IL

2nd-S. Cox, MI Semi-L. Fox, MI; S. Huczek, MI

WOMEN'S C

1st-R. Peuler, MI 2nd-J.

Kokas, MI

WOMEN'S D

1st-C. Brown, MI 2nd-A.

Armstrong, MI Semi-B.

Rockwell, MI; K. Arnott, CAN

WOMEN'S 30

1st-D. Henry, MI 2nd-A.

Jahn, MI Semi-J. Gonyea, MI; B. Gutkowski, MI

MEN'S A/B DOUBLES

1st-Morris/Oliver, PA

2nd-Hawkesworth/Laproire, MA

Semi-Woodcock/Hardenbrook, MI; Bush/Edelman, PA

MEN'S C/D DOUBLES

1st-Myer/Myer, NY

2nd-Johnston/Flowers, MI

Semi-Biresceu/Sisinger, MI; Grimm/Jones, MI

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GRAND RAPIDS RACQUETBALL PATRONS ASSOCIATION "TOUR #2" was held on September 27-29th, at the Grand Rapids Racquet Club. This tournament was a great fall kick-off providing plenty of competitive matches for the entrants.

The tournament ran smoothly, and each participant received a very nice "Patron" T-shirt, as well as great hospitality provided by the Grand Rapids Racquet Club throughout the weekend.

FINAL RESULTS

Men's Open

1. Larry Longielliere, Riverview G.R.
2. Mike Anderson, Riverview G.R.
3. Todd Sikkema, 29th St. G.R.
4. Gary Miller, 29th St. G.R.

Men's "A"

1. Jeff Richmond, Ohio
2. Todd LuethJohann, FSC
3. Bill Deck, FSC
4. Joel Bonnett, 29th St. G.R.

Men's "B"

1. Jeff Power, 29th St. G.R.
2. Art Garcia, North Courts Holland
3. Jeff Hartel, FSC
4. Tino Ruiz, Sportsworld Holland

Men's "C/D"

1. Bill Hamlin, 29th St. G.R.
2. Gary Hall, 29th St. G.R.
3. John Stallmer, 29th St. G.R.
4. Greg Bedenis, FSC

Senior "A"

1. Roy White, Riverview G.R.
2. Mike Stephens, 29th St. G.R.
3. Jim Hosta, 29th St. G.R.
4. Gary Miller, 29th St. G.R.

Senior "B"

1. Jim Hosta, 29th St. G.R.
2. Jim Reilly, Ohio
3. J.D. Driver, Muskegon MBA
4. Lee Frederickson, 29th St. G.R.

Women's Open

1. Robin Latreille, G.R. Racquet Club
2. Linette Showerman, 29th St. G.R.
3. Regina Spielberger, 29th St. G.R.
4. Paula Spagnuolo, Grand Rapids Racquet Club

Women's "A/B"

1. Darlene Miller, Racquetville G.R.
2. Pam Madson, Holland
3. Suzanne Carlson, FSC
4. Theresa Cariano, 29th St. G.R.

Doubles "O/A"

1. Deck/LuethJoann, FSC
2. Reilly/Richmond, Ohio
3. Showerman/Miller, 29th St. G.R.
4. Bonnett/Bonnett, 29th St. G.R.

Doubles "B/C"

1. King/Goudie, Muskegon
2. Cull/Bedenis, FSC
3. Cariano/Mohr, 29th St. G.R.
4. DeBra-ber/Oele, Alpine

NEXT PATRONS TOURNAMENT IS DECEMBER 13-15TH at North Courts in Holland.

Paula Spagnuolo
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A Northern Star

On September 29, 1985, Johnny and Rhonda Northern gave birth to Celeste Nicole Northern. Celeste weighed in at 7lbs. 9ozs. and was 21" long. Both mother and child are doing very well. Congratulations are in order for all concerned. If you see Johnny with an ear to ear grin during a match at a tournament even though he's losing, now you know what he's thinking about.

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WOMEN'S B

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| 1st-P. | Madsen | 2nd-M. |
| Keigley | | |

WOMEN'S C

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| 1st-K. | Tucker | 2nd-M. |
| Matties | | |

WOMEN'S D

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| 1st-L. | Graebner | 2nd-B. |
| Rockwell | | |

WOMEN'S NOVICE

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| 1st-J. | Ruonavaara | 2nd-S. |
| Mathews | | |

WOMEN'S VETERANS

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| 1st-J. | Insko | 2nd-S. |
| VanderBroek | | |

Mailing Problems?

Do you have problems mailing tournament entry forms to players? Is the thought of doing a bulk mailing and getting all the labels beginning to sound like a big effort? Well, RAM has the solution for you.

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Jim Hiser

MEN'S OPEN

1st-M. Ceresia 2nd-D. Ganim
Semi-H. Jones; C. Teets

MEN'S A

1st-P. Licari 2nd-M.
Heinbobel Semi-C. Defire; J.
Agers

MEN'S B

1st-T. Richards 2nd-R.
Deccoman Semi-M. Heinbobel; R.
Liikola

MEN'S C

1st-P. Burdick 2nd-B.
Flowers Semi-R. Ross; D.
Sackias

MEN'S D

1st-G. Rayter 2nd-M. Davis
Semi-W. Hollander; G. Tucker

MEN'S 30+

1st-S. Hastings 2nd-R.
Vanover Semi-D. Paskia; C.
Defore

MEN'S 35A

1st-J. Santino 2nd-J. Hiser
Semi-D. Toth; J. Northern

MEN'S 35B

1st-D. Gorski 2nd-Wm. J.
Moore Semi-E. Thomas; D.
Liikola

MEN'S 35C

1st-T. Jones 2nd-T. Chan
Semi-C. Millins; A. Lugo

MEN'S 45B

1st-S. Pearlman 2nd-C.
Wheelihan Semi-G. Herd; E.
Larsen

MEN'S 55A

1st-R. Caretti 2nd-A.
Micelli

MEN'S 55B

1st-J. Mizzi 2nd-A. Backe
WOMEN'S OPEN

1st-Joetta Hastings 2nd-I.
Ackerman-Chonua Semi-R.
Latrielle; B. Gutkowski

WOMEN'S A

1st-K. Schmelter 2nd-T.
Troszak Semi-S. Vanderbrook;
P. Washburn

WOMEN'S C

1st-S. Buttrey 2nd-J. Kelly
Semi-T. Willard; T. Cressinia

WOMEN'S D

1st-V. Palmer 2nd-L. Schera
Semi-J. Wolzak; J. St. John

WOMEN'S 30+

1st-L. Hamel 2nd-B.
Gutkowski

JUNIOR'S 14

1st-J. Kummel 2nd-J.
Kircher

JUNIOR'S 10

1st-J. Cooke 2nd-B. Jones
MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

1st-Ganim / Jones
2nd-Ceresia/Valin

MSC -1 Tournament Little Traverse Racquet Club Petoskey Sept. 13-15

Dating back to 1980, racquetball's annual fun tournament was again hosted at Little Traverse Racquet Club in Petoskey. The combination of renewed friendships, beautiful outdoors, and racquetball drew players from Michigan, Ohio, and Canada to northern Michigan for the Michigan Championship Series kickoff tourney. The club hospitality as always was tremendous, with courteous staff and large portions of food and drink. Sponsors who contributed to this event were: Penn, KHQ radio, and Andrew Kan Travel Service. Saturday night was the traditional bonfire behind the Harbor Cove beach house. Mike Corinti and crew were responsible for the roaring flames. Gary Doty entertained with boudy yodeling and dance step combinations while Mary Alyce mixed up Cherry Hookers. Around 2AM, the crowd drifted over to Poncho's condo to play quarter

dunk and party until the club opened up again at 8AM. Players who placed in the tournament were:

MEN'S OPEN

1st-C. Teets 2nd-B.
Chermide Semi-Radiation Man;
R. Anderson

MEN'S A

1st-P. Licari 2nd-E.
Matties Semi-T. Luethjohanni;
D. Larry

MEN'S B

1st-R. French 2nd-G. Harri
Semi-J. Kummel; R. Parkhurst

MEN'S C

1st-A. Broton 2nd-D.
McPherson Semi-D. Hlavaty; G.
Ott

MEN'S D

1st-R. Mattson 2nd-S.
Fisher Semi-M. Riley; N. Bosch

MEN'S NOVICE

1st-G. Lear 2nd-M. Ferguson
Semi-S. Splan; T. Corinti

MEN'S VETERANS A

1st-J. Woolcock 2nd-D.
Martinez

MEN'S VETERANS B

1st-B. Gentile 2nd-J. Wray
MEN'S SENIORS A

1st-M. Corinti 2nd-P.
Gutierrez

1st-S. Weisman 2nd-Robert
Frisch Semi-K. Raiche; P.
Leibert

MEN'S D

1st-M. Davis 2nd-W. Flatt
Semi-G. Tucker; J. Pushic

MEN'S 35A

1st-L. Jackinovich 2nd-T.
Brownlee Semi-D. Woodcox; J.
Hiser

MEN'S 35C

1st-G. Cavechy 2nd-R.
Shipperly Semi-J. Carr; L.
Cole

MEN'S 45

1st-J. Madden 2nd-R. Henry
MEN'S 55

1st-A. Micelli 2nd-R. Mann
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MEN'S SENIORS B

1st-A. Montoye 2nd-B.
Gentile Semi-A. Weber; J.
Eldred

MEN'S SENIORS C

1st-E. Thomas 2nd-M. Hakes
Semi-R. Morse; G. Hord

MASTER'S A

1st-T. Sharum 2nd-D. Lund
GOLDEN MASTERS

1st-J. Mizzi 2nd-H. Jordan
17 UNDER

1st-D. Larry 2nd-J.
Kummel

WOMEN'S OPEN

1st-A. Jahn 2nd-J. Gonyea
WOMEN'S A

1st-J. Insko 2nd-K.
Richwine

WOMEN'S B

1st-L. Morris 2nd-S. Cox
WOMEN'S C

1st-L. Zorzit 2nd-S. Ridky
Semi-C. King; L. Eldred

WOMEN'S D

1st-Y. Becker 2nd-J. Gaffke
Semi-K. Hodgins; D. Whittaker

WOMEN'S VETERANS

1st-S. Huczek 2nd-D.
Easterling

WOMEN'S SENIORS B

1st-M. Gaffke 2nd-E. Withey

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1st-M. Ceresia 2nd-C. Cole
Semi-B. Valin; L. Fox

MEN'S A

1st-M. Scherba 2nd-J.
Lobaudo Semi-C. Rozier; L.
Yeip

MEN'S B

1st-D. Gould 2nd-J.
Panasiewicz Semi-J. Gervise;
N. Gibson

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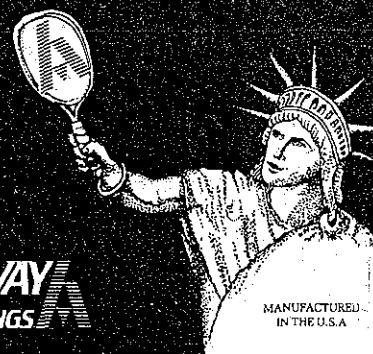
going to be held in 1986. The Intercollegiates will be in Rhode Island, the Doubles in Jacksonville, FL, Singles again in Houston, TX, and the Juniors will be held in Chicago, Ill.

The final portion of the meeting entailed page by page examination and changes in the new Constitution and Bylaws.

Covering everything in such detail allowed me to understand the background and future of many issues. My evaluation of the board meeting is a positive one and I look forward to more involvement and future with the AARA.

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