



# N.M.R.A. NEWS

NEW MEXICO RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

JULY/AUGUST 1995

## President's Message: So They Held A World Championship In Albuquerque?

The 11th World Senior Racquetball Championships (WSRC) were just completed in Albuquerque before Labor Day Week. Lots of people were involved; 360 players (95 of them women), 402 banquet participants and 110 volunteers. There were 38 states and 10 countries represented.

Legitimately this tournament is the most important sporting event in the State of New Mexico. The first version of the WSRC tournament, held back in 1985, used one club and attracted 85 players (7 women). It was difficult just saying its name under one breath; The Veteran Senior Masters National 40 and Over Racquetball Championships. This year's tournament used three clubs, a host of hotels, including over 700 room nites occupied at tourney headquarters, the Ramada Hotel Classic.

The New Mexico Department of Tourism affiliated with us this year. It recognizes that a sporting event of WSRC stature attracts people and dollars to New Mexico. The newly created Albuquerque Sports Council also tied into the WSRC this year. The hope is that the WSRC will trigger other significant racquetball events into the Duke City. The Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau recognized the importance of the WSRC years ago, and it currently is tied into the WSRC through the year 2003.

How does an event like this come off so successfully? First of all, those involved in the WSRC believe in the product of racquetball. Nobody can explain the incredible high that is associated with being part of the WSRC. Whether as a player or volunteer, people keep returning year after year, oftentimes recruiting their friends and acquaintances.

### Quote of the Month:

*On qualifying for the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival in Racquetball...*

*"I've dreamt about this moment since I was 6 years old, maybe longer."*

-----Jason Thoerner

New faces and returnees alike, all experience the wonderful feeling when bleachers and galleries are packed with spectators. Many are seasoned veterans who have grown up with the game of racquetball, while others who lack playing experience are still eager to learn and to cheer. Seasoned men and women move themselves about the court with grace and prowess of younger professional ball players.

Secondly, an enormous network of players from across the States and around the world have deemed the WSRC the single most important racquetball event for senior players in the world. It is also second to none as a fundraiser for *Olympic Racquetball 2000*. Non-players, manufacturers, and vendors also gather at the clubs to be an integral part of the event.

Surprisingly enough, media personnel from television and radio, and from newspapers and magazines, also get involved with the WSRC. A host of local, statewide



and national companies and organizations provide their sponsorship with advertising, and in-kind product and services.

Finally, an unparalleled local organizing committee, one which is non-partisan with a common goal, has evolved. Working year-round to ensure quality and value for each participant, the committee collectively agrees that the 1995 event has put the World Senior Racquetball Championships and New Mexico Racquetball on the map.

THANK YOU NEW MEXICO.....

---Gary Mazaroff

## • NEWS NOTES •

**MADISON SHINING IN SERVICE...** **Kory Madison**, of Albuquerque, stationed in the Naval Air Traffic Control Division on Coronado Island, California, recently was named to participate in the Service Regional Racquetball Championships.

**JELSO AND BROWN TIE THE KNOT...** Not to each other, but **Tony Jelso** married **Wendy Bruce** at the Pierpont Hotel in Ventura, California. **Pat Brown** married **Rose Lopez** at a private residence compound outside of Santa Fe.

**NMRA MOURNS LOSSES...** **Manny Smith**, **Manny Aragon**, and **Steve Glass**, all integral parts of the NM Racquetball community for many years, recently passed away. Smith, noted for both his handball and racquetball skills, and Aragon, primarily a handball enthusiast, succumbed to cancer. Glass, who worked in Santa Fe at the corrections center, and was a racquetball tourney participant, was overtaken by an unfortunate highway accident.

**OLYMPIC FESTIVAL INCLUDES NEW MEXICANS...** **James Mulcock**, a senior at Stanford University, competed in the men's doubles division with Coloradan **Bobby Rodriguez**. In what could be the last 'Olympic Festival', the tandem took third place. Coaching the West Team was **Gary Mazaroff**, whose men's and women's teams managed a second and a third place finish respectively. New Mexico was surprisingly represented by fans who drove to the Colorado Springs venue, the Lynmar Athletic Club, in order to be part of this historic event.

**NOT TOO LATE FOR AMERICA'S MOST WANTED...** Applications are still being accepted for the America's Most Wanted Camp, featuring **Jack Newman** and **Reuben Gonzalez**. It will be held in Albuquerque at Tom Young's Athletic Club, September 23rd and 24th. For more information, call **Jack** at 1-800-Rollout, or **Gary Mazaroff** at 505-266-8960.



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## 1995-1996 Tournament Schedule



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- |          |                   |   |
|----------|-------------------|---|
| October  | 6-8               | <b>High Altitude Shootout</b> - Pagosa Lakes Recreation Center, Pagosa Springs, CO; Director: Patti Renner (303)731-4935.                               |
|          | 12-15             | <b>New Mexico State Doubles</b> - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.  |
|          | 18-22             | <b>AARA US National Doubles Championships</b> - City Square Sports Club, Phoenix, AZ; Director: Margo Daniels (719)635-5396.                            |
|          | 27-29             | <b>Highlands University Invitational</b> - New Mexico Highlands University Wilson Center, Las Vegas, NM; Director: Ron Maestas (505)454-0146.           |
| November | 2-5               | <b>Snowball</b> - Highpoint Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Jeff Wilson (505)293-5820.  |
|          | 10-12             | <b>International Desert Classic</b> - Campestre, Cd. Juarez, MX; Director: Jorge Maya (915)833-1259.  |
| December | 1-3               | <b>Winter Carnival</b> - Tom Young's Fitness Center, Las Cruces, NM; Director: David Castro (505)526-4951.  |
|          | 7-10              | <b>Kirtland Awards</b> - Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.   |
|          | 14-16             | <b>Toys for Tots</b> - Club International, Santa Fe, NM; Director: Randy Huber (505)473-9807.   |
|          | 16-20             | <b>IRF Junior World Championships</b> - Los Caballeros, Fountain Valley, CA; Director: Margo Daniels (719)635-5396.                                     |
| January  | 11-14<br>or 18-21 | <b>New Mexico Invitational</b> - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.   |
|          | 25-28             | <b>Super Bowl at Riverpoint</b> - Riverpoint Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Ken Lukanik (505)897-3716.                                       |
| February | 2-4               | <b>Snowdown Festival</b> - Durango Sports Club, Durango, CO; Director: Sheri Phippen (303)259-2579.   |
|          | 8-11              | <b>Midtown Racquetball Open</b> - Midtown Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.  |
|          | 16-18             | <b>Fitness Center Invitational</b> ; The Fitness Center, Gallup, NM; Director: Fran Pawlowski (505)722-7271.  |
|          | 22-25             | <b>New Mexico Open</b> ; Roswell Spa and Court Club; Roswell, NM; Director: Jerry Garcia (505)622-0962.   |
|          | 29 - March 3      | <b>New Mexico State Juniors</b> ; Highpoint Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Jeff Wilson (505)293-5820.  |
| March    | 8-10              | <b>St. Patrick's Festival</b> - Clovis Community College, Clovis, NM; Director: Mark Bussen (505)769-4153.  |
|          | 15-17             | <b>Four Corners Invitational</b> - Royal Spa & Fitness Center, Farmington, NM; Director: Jerry Spangler (505)622-2103.                                  |
|          | 21-24             | <b>New Mexico State Singles</b> - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.  |
| April    | 10-14             | <b>World Intercollegiate Championships</b> , site TBA.  |
|          | 18-21             | <b>Rocky Mountain Metro Region 12 Championships</b> (adults & juniors) - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960. |
| May      | 9-11              | <b>National Warmup</b> - Club International, Santa Fe, NM; Director: Randy Huber (505)473-9807.   |
|          | 22-27             | <b>AARA US National Singles Championships</b> - Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX.; Director: Margo Daniels (719)635-5396.                                     |
| June     | 13-16             | <b>New Mexico State Games</b> - Midtown Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.  |
|          | 29 - July 3       | <b>AARA US National Junior Championships</b> , site TBA.  |
| August   | 27-31             | <b>IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships</b> - Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960  |

# Tournament Results

## WORLD SENIOR RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 28-September 2, 1995  
Albuquerque, NM

### WOMEN'S FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND DIVISIONS

#### WOMEN'S 35

Finals: Debra Tisinger (CA) def. Karin Sobotta (WA), 15-14, 12-15, 11-5  
Semifinals: Tisinger def. Cheryl McConaghy (NM), 11-3, 11-3; Sobotta def. Roz Petronelli (MA), 11-5, 11-5  
Quarterfinals: Tisinger def. Karen Schmidt (CA), 11-0, 11-2; Sobotta def. Carol Bastien (IL), 11-3, 11-1; McConaghy def. Mary Keenan (CO), 4-11, 11-4, 11-7; Petronelli def. Cari Kresa (FL), 11-5, 10-11, 11-2

#### WOMEN'S 40

Finals: Joann Pomodoro (MA) def. Wanda Collins (WA), 15-2, 11-15, 11-2  
Semifinals: Pomodoro def. Laura Patterson (MI), 11-5, 6-11, 11-8; Collins def. Ann Gibbons (TX), 11-3, 11-6  
Quarterfinals: Pomodoro def. Esmeralda Berrich (NM), 11-5, 11-5; Collins def. Brenda White (IL), 11-4, 11-4; Patterson def. Linda Mojer (CO), 11-10, 11-2; Gibbons def. Lesley Kishigian (MI), 11-8, 11-9

#### WOMEN'S 45

Finals: Shelley Ogden (OH) def. Judy Sands (IL), 7-15, 15-6, 11-0  
Semifinals: Ogden def. Jean Heckman (NY), 11-4, 6-11, 11-5; Sands def. Grace Toughy (IL), 11-1, 11-4  
Quarterfinals: Ogden def. Bev Powell (IL), 11-8, 11-8; Sands def. Sharon Chandler (WA), 11-10, 11-6; Heckman def. Donna Ebner (MO), 4-11, 11-1, 11-6; Toughy def. Andee Glansberg (WY), 11-10, 11-8

### WOMEN'S FINAL ROUND ROBIN DIVISIONS

#### WOMEN'S 50

1ST Sharon Hastings-Welty (OR), 433 total points  
2ND Nidia Funes (CA); Pat Tarzon (IL); Jeannie Van Winkle (MO), 376 total points (3-WAY TIE)

#### WOMEN'S 55

1ST Marion Johnson (TX)  
2ND Kathy Mueller (MN)  
3RD Sylvia Sawyer (UT)

#### WOMEN'S 60

1ST Jo Kenyon (FL)  
2ND Lola Markus (IL)  
3RD Peggy O'Brien (Ireland)

#### WOMEN'S 65

1ST Reta Harring (WI)  
2ND Brídín Uí Mhalogán (Ireland)

#### WOMEN'S 70

1ST Marion Russell (CA)

#### WOMEN'S 75

1ST Mary-Low Acuff (NC)  
2ND Eleanor Quackenbush (OR)

### MEN'S FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND DIVISIONS

#### MEN'S 35

Finals: Mike Martinez (CA) def. Dave Peck (TX), 15-12, 15-5  
Semifinals: Martinez def. Tom Neill (NM), 11-6, 11-4; Peck def. Bill Lyman (IL), 11-5, 11-4  
Quarterfinals: Martinez def. Tom Henke (WI), 11-8, 11-10; Peck def. Chris Evans (NM), 11-6, 11-2; Neill def. Gary Tanko (WI), 10-11, 11-7, 11-1; Lyman def. Carlos Ascunce (CA), 11-8, 11-3

#### MEN'S 40

Finals: DRAW - Gary Mazaroff (NM) and Randy Stafford (TN), 9-15, 15-10  
Semifinals: Mazaroff def. Darryl Warren (CA), 11-2, 10-11, 11-9; Stafford def. Mark Baron (VA), 11-5, 11-3  
Quarterfinals: Mazaroff def. Clee Melvin (MI), 11-10, 11-9; Stafford def. Tom Weniger (CA), 11-8, 11-1; Warren def. Andy Sharpe (CO), 11-6, 11-1; Baron def. Steve Neighbors (ID), 11-3, 11-6

#### MEN'S 45

Finals: Mike Murphy (CA) def. Dave Kovanda (OH), 15-7, 15-14  
Semifinals: Murphy def. Jack Crowther (CA), 11-7, 11-2; Kovanda def. Greg Hasty (IL), 11-2, 11-0  
Quarterfinals: Murphy def. Micah Brown (CA), 11-8, 11-3; Kovanda def. Mike Stephens (MI), 11-2, 11-2; Crowther def. Robert Heller (FL), 11-7, 11-4; Hasty def. Bill Welaj (NJ), 11-7, 5-11, 11-6

#### MEN'S 50

Finals: Mike Aubry (AZ) def. Joe Gellman (NM), 15-11, 15-7  
Semifinals: Aubry def. Fred Letter (NJ), 11-10, 11-4; Gellman def. Russ Deegan (FL), 1-11, 11-4, 11-10  
Quarterfinals: Aubry def. Bill Copeland (CO), 11-4, 11-9; Gellman def. John Aldape (ID), 8-11, 11-1, 11-10; Letter def. Donald Gunderson (WI), 11-4, 11-3; Deegan def. Erhard Gruenwald (IL), 11-10, 11-5

#### MEN'S 55

Finals: Gordon Kelly (MI) def. Jerry Davis (OH), 15-12, 15-6  
Semifinals: Kelly def. Jim Wilking (UT), 11-0, 11-8; Davis def. Jerry Winsberg (LA), 9-11, 11-8, 11-0  
Quarterfinals: Kelly def. Gene Pletcher (UT), 11-6, 11-3; Davis def. Jerry Stoltman (WI), 11-1, 11-7; Wilking def. Jerry Northwood (AZ), 11-8, 9-11, 11-8; Winsberg def. Lee Reints (MN), 11-8, 4-11, 11-5

#### MEN'S 60

Finals: Paul Banales (AZ) def. Otis Chapman (OH), 15-12, 15-9  
Semifinals: Banales def. Ken Moore (CA), 11-5, 11-3; Chapman def. Don Alt (OH), 11-8, 7-11, 11-8  
Quarterfinals: Banales def. Charley Douglas (IN), 11-5, 11-8; Chapman def. James Smith (WA), 11-4, 11-8; Moore def. Shafer (IA), 11-9, 5-11, 11-7; Alt def. Art Hurley (NM), 11-3, 11-1

#### MEN'S 65

Finals: Joe Lambert (TX) def. Jack Bogasky (VA), 15-11, 15-10  
Semifinals: Lambert def. Earl Dixon (IN), 11-1, 11-4; Bogasky def. Verlyn Dunn (ID), 11-6, 11-6  
Quarterfinals: Lambert def. Antonio Piñeros (CA), 11-8, 9-11, 11-0; Bogasky def. Dave Gray (CO), 11-2, 11-1; Dixon def. John O'Donnell (IL), 11-1, 11-9; Dunn def. Gene Strohleln (NV), 11-7, 11-9

### MEN'S FINAL ROUND ROBIN DIVISIONS

#### MEN'S 70

1ST Tony Duarte (CA), 355 total points  
2ND Jack Gushue (NY), 327 total points  
3RD Dick Kincade (CO), 320 total points

#### MEN'S 75

1ST Charley Russell (CA)

#### MEN'S 80

1ST John Pearce (TX)  
2ND Harry Steinman (MD)

### NM STATE SINGLES

March 30 - April 2, 1995  
Tom Young's Athletic Club  
Albuquerque, NM

#### MEN'S OPEN

1ST Jeff Wilson  
2ND Tom Neill  
3RD Chris Evans

#### MEN'S AA

1ST John Rael  
2ND Joe Martinez  
3RD Steve Spinks

#### MEN'S A

1ST John Bear  
2ND Fred Gebhardt  
3RD Chris Johnson

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## You Make The Call

In doubles, player A hits partner B while he stands legally in the service box. What's the call? Answer in the next issue of *NMRA News*.

### From Last Issue...

A player loses her shoe during a rally, yet continues to play until she executes a rally-ending kill shot. What's the call?

As soon as a piece of equipment is lost on the floor, whether required or not, the play must be stopped and an avoidable hinder is called against the offending player. Effect: side out or point.

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**MEN'S B**  
 1ST Ken Paquin, Jr.  
 2ND Steve Holliday  
 3RD Tony Usseery

**MEN'S C**  
 1ST Ken Paquin, Jr.  
 2ND Ken Payne  
 3RD Robert Rodriguez

**MEN'S D**  
 1ST David Kennedy  
 2ND Chad Whitehead  
 3RD Robert Burrola

**MEN'S NOVICE**  
 1ST Tim Westemier  
 2ND Warren Prue  
 3RD Ronald Zawistowski

**MEN'S 19+**  
 1ST Ray Maestas  
 2ND Oscar Gutierrez  
 3RD Jaime Boucher

**MEN'S 25+**  
 1ST Jeff Wilson  
 2ND Joe Phillips  
 3RD Chris Pacheco

**MEN'S 30+**  
 1ST Chris Evans  
 2ND Jeff Wichers  
 3RD Jim Gillhouse

**MEN'S 35+**  
 1ST Jim Gillhouse  
 2ND Tom Neill  
 3RD Jerry Garcia

**MEN'S 40+**  
 1ST Gary Mazaroff  
 2ND Bob Clark  
 3RD Gil Fernandez

**MEN'S 45+**  
 1ST Willie Minor  
 2ND Fran Pawlowski  
 3RD Bill Sanderson

**MEN'S 50+**  
 1ST Larry Kingsley  
 2ND Joe Gellman  
 3RD Ron Loehman

**MEN'S 55+**  
 1ST Terry Lauritsen  
 2ND Louis Lucero  
 3RD Gall Bundy

**MEN'S 60+**  
 1ST Art Hurley  
 2ND Terry Lauritsen  
 3RD Ken Ellis

**MEN'S 65+**  
 1ST Wayne Nelson  
 2ND John Koller  
 3RD William Matotan

**MEN'S 70+**  
 1ST William Matotan

**WOMEN'S OPEN**  
 1ST Rachel Gellman  
 2ND Cheryl McConaghy  
 3RD Renee Ramirez

**WOMEN'S AA**  
 1ST Tina Bragdon  
 2ND Linda Johns  
 3RD Carol Gellman

**WOMEN'S A**  
 1ST Lisa Wallace  
 2ND Cecile Bodman  
 3RD Becky Brannan

**WOMEN'S B**  
 1ST Maria Shelby  
 2ND Rosella Rodriguez  
 3RD Linda Hicks

**WOMEN'S C**  
 1ST Rosella Rodriguez  
 2ND Jeni Fuller  
 3RD Jane Bentley

**WOMEN'S D**  
 1ST Jody Scott  
 2ND Rita Espinosa  
 3RD Jeni Fuller

**WOMEN'S NOVICE**  
 1ST Jody Scott  
 2ND Rita Espinosa  
 3RD Tony Miley

**WOMEN'S 19+**  
 1ST Rachel Gellman

**WOMEN'S 25+**  
 1ST Renee Ramirez

**WOMEN'S 30+**  
 1ST Cindy Wittenbrink  
 2ND Cyd Hill


**WOMEN'S 35+**  
 1ST Cheryl McConaghy

**WOMEN'S 40+**  
 1ST Linda Johns  
 2ND Paula Sperling  
 3RD Pat Thieman

**WOMEN'S 45+**  
 1ST Paula Sperling  
 2ND Karla Barela  
 3RD Carol Gellman



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