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NEW MEXICO RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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President's Message: Growing Racquetball in Guam

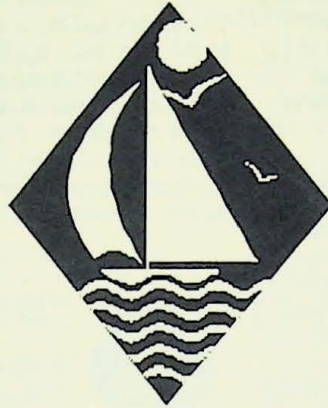
My recent trip to Guam, Micronesia, a South Pacific Island with 140,000 inhabitants, was a personal eye opener. I was invited to administer instructional racquetball classes to youth and to military personnel, and to certify prospective coaches and teachers of our sport. This mission was a cooperative effort underwritten by the International Racquetball Federation, the Guam Racquetball Association (GRA), and Ektelon.

My journey began in New Mexico, and after having been in transit for 24 hours, I slowly began to shake jet lag and acclimate myself to address my task at hand. A last-minute addition to my job description was a series of presentations to a multitude of public school children. I was to appear at two high schools, a middle school and an elementary school over a three-day period, in order to introduce the game to the better part of two thousand students and fifty school staff members.

In my twenty-five years of affiliation with the sport, I cannot recall such a strong impression coming from a series of events. I am confident that those of us who profess to promote the sport have been missing an INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY! Not only did I find out that Guam is the Tabasco and Spam Capital of the world, I reinforced my opinion that children are eager to learn something new, whether in sport or otherwise. The GRA had only recently gathered a group of 50 juniors from across the island, most having little or no racquetball background. They recruited the kids from newspaper ads and from word of mouth by a select group of concerned adults.

By the end of my ten-day stay on the island, I was sun-drenched and impressed with Guam's beauty, and I was amazed at how quickly a program could grow and thrive. The potential of boys and girls, ages 8-16, was evident as they performed in a one-day mini-tournament. They had taken some of the skills learned during instructional sessions and had put them into place within a game environment.

The excitement of the program will be carried forward into the upcoming year, with the introduction of intermediate



classes and the enhancement of the entry level classes. Plans are also under way to identify and train a group of elite athletes to participate in the 1996 World Junior Racquetball Championships.

So where do we go from here? I believe that follow-up is one key ingredient to expanding international development. My plan is to return to Guam next year in order to build on our recent successes, and to elicit a greater impact from the military and civilian educational and recreational communities.

In New Mexico, a similar game plan using existing resources can help to impact an incredible sleeping (SEE "GUAM" ON PAGE 2.)

• NEWS NOTES •

NEW MEXICO PROS SHOWING PROWESS...At recent IRT Pro Stops, **Louis Vogel** and **Tony Jelso** have shown that they certainly can compete with the best. Louis has inched closer to the top ten by reaching the semifinals in Boston, while Tony has climbed up the ladder with a quarterfinal finish. **James Mulcock**, U.S. Olympic Festival participant in 1995, is relocating to Albuquerque as a recent Stanford University graduate. His immediate plans are to test the waters on the pro racquetball circuit. Finally, **Jeff Wilson**, current NM State Open Singles Champion, took **Drew Kachtik**, a top-five pro tour player, to the fifth game tiebreaker at the Denver Pro Stop.

JUNIOR WORLDS...As of this writing, four New Mexicans have committed to participate in the World Junior Racquetball Championships in December. The event has relocated to Fountain Valley, California, after a long tenure in Florida. The players are: **Jesse Harden**, **Jenni Fuller**, and **Jesi Fuller**, all from Albuquerque, and **Chris Burrola** from Roswell.

DESERT GARDENS HELPS JUNIORS...**Mark Harden**, Owner of Desert Gardens Chile and Spice Company, has agreed to donate some of the proceeds from gift pack sales to the NMRA junior development fund. This program kicked off at the December Kirtland Awards Tourney in Albuquerque, where \$96 was raised. Call Mark Harden at (505)281-7698 for product information.

AMPRO SEMINAR SCHEDULED...Another Instructional Ampro Seminar is scheduled for Albuquerque March 29-31, 1996. The site is to be announced. Contact **Gary Mazaroff** at (505)266-8960 for more information. Ampro is a certification program under the auspices of Ektelon and AARA. **Michelle Gould**, top female player in the world, has taken over as Ampro's director.

WORLD SENIOR COUNCIL GRANTS DONATION...The World Senior Racquetball Council, an arm of the NMRA, has donated \$1,000 to the NMRA for junior racquetball development in 1996. Funds will be used for travel, tournament upgrades and instructional programs.

MOONEYS RETIRE...**John** and **Rose Mooney**, long-time contributors to the growth of racquetball nationally and internationally, have retired from their positions on the AARA staff. The AARA, the National Governing Body for racquetball in the U.S., is based in Colorado Springs. The International Racquetball Federation is located in the same building.

Quote of the Month:

"I will celebrate my personal power and use it to my advantage. Today!"

-----Anonymous

Guam (continued from page 1)

giant for expanding racquetball development. Examples are the certified teaching pros, junior youth programs already in place, and senior organizations. Accessing the schools in order to grow our sport at the grass roots levels is a strategy that we have talked about for years. But it will take an active thrust from dedicated volunteers and employees.

In Guam, the path was through the curriculum and development hierarchy in school health and physical education divisions. The dedicated volunteers were parents and concerned adults who have a passion for the sport, and who understand that the foundation for grass roots growth comes from youth. Currently, paid employees in the racquetball profession in Guam are not a reality. Hopefully, this will change with additional training through developmental classes and programs.

While the excitement of my trip is still part of my daily mindset, I plan to write a game plan for creating an 'island' program in New Mexico. Key personnel will be contacted in the public and private school sectors, and personnel at military installations in our region will be informed of our intent. In the short term, a minimum of a few hundred youth will be introduced to the assets of the lifetime sport of racquetball. Additionally, educators ranging from elementary school to college, will be given opportunities to learn more about the programming, instructional, and coaching aspects of racquetball, through existing programs sponsored by our national governing body, the AARA, and the NMRA. Meanwhile, the long term is wide open! STAY TUNED.....

—Gary Mazaroff

You Make The Call

In tournament play when there is an official without linespersons; can the players overrule the official's call(s)? Answer in the next issue of **NMRA News**.

From Last Issue...

Player A sets up Player B for an offensive shot off the back wall; yet, fails to provide Player B a path to the front wall. Player B elects to hold up on the shot. What's the call?

The proper call is an avoidable hinder, if the path is a straight line to the front wall, and/or a path leading to a cross court (V) pass to the opposite deep corner of the court. Player A does not have to provide Player B with any other angle to the front wall, either direct or indirect. Player B does not have to strike the ball to have an avoidable hinder called. In fact, since safety is the number one concern on the court, Player B should be commended for not swinging in this situation.



RACQUETBALL RECYCLING

For those of you who recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard, etc.; this is just a friendly note to say that no matter what brand of racquetball you use, all the cans are recyclable. If your club or recreation center does not provide a container for recyclable materials, then keep the cans in your bag until you get home, then place them with your other recyclables. REMEMBER, this is our world and we all can do a little to make it a better place in which to live.

1996 UPCOMING EVENTS

January	18-21	New Mexico Invitational - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
	25-28	Super Bowl at Riverpoint - Riverpoint Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Ken Lukanik (505)897-3716.
February	2-4	Snowdown Festival - Durango Sports Club, Durango, CO; Director: Sheri Phippen (303)259-2579.
	8-11	Midtown Racquetball Open - Midtown Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
	16-18	Fitness Center Invitational ; The Fitness Center, Gallup, NM; Director: Fran Pawlowski (505)722-7271.
	22-25	New Mexico Open ; Roswell Spa and Court Club; Roswell, NM; Director: Jerry Garcia (505)622-0962.
	29 - March 3	New Mexico State Juniors ; Highpoint Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
March	8-10	St. Patrick's Festival - Clovis Community College, Clovis, NM; Director: Mark Bussen (505)769-4153.
	15-17	Four Corners Invitational - Royal Spa & Fitness Center, Farmington, NM; Director: Jerry Spangler (505)622-2103.
	21-24	New Mexico State Singles - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.
April	10-14	Wilson World Intercollegiate Championships , site TBA.
	18-21	AARA/Ektelon Rocky Mountain Metro Region 12 Championships (adults & juniors) - Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque; Director: Gary Mazaroff (505)266-8960.

SEE ENCLOSED ENTRIES FOR UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS.



1996
The 1st Annual Superbowl
Racquetball Championships
At Riverpoint

**DATES**

January 25 - 28, 1996. Local players should be ready for play by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 25.
 Out-of-town players be ready to play no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 26.
 Draw will be posted by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 24.

LOCATION

Riverpoint Sports & Wellness
 Tournament Directors: Gary Mazaroff & Ken Lukanik
 9190 Coors Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120
 (505) 897-3716

ENTRY FEE

\$22 first event, \$11 second event.
 Limit of two events per player.
Entry deadline: Monday, January 22, 1996.
 Please mail checks (and make payable) to New Mexico Racquetball Association
 P.O. Box 36179 • Abq., NM 87176 • (505) 266-8960

FORMAT

Draw Style Format.
 Divisions with less than eight entrants may be combined.
 Tournament director reserves the right to reclassify any entrant
 in the interest of fair competition.

SANCTION: NMRA/AARA

Membership must be current.
 \$20 for 12 months.
 Register at the Tournament Desk.
 Make checks payable to NMRA.

HOSPITALITY

T-shirts to first 80 participants. Refreshments, fruit, and thirst-
 quencher available throughout the tournament. Tournament meal
 served Saturday from 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m. (Dinner is free to players,
 \$5.00 for their guests.)

RULES

1. Lensed eyewear mandatory for all participants.
2. Official ball is PENN.
3. Each player is responsible for checking his or her own match times.
4. One-Serve Rule applies to all Open, and AA divisions.
5. AARA unless otherwise stated.
6. Losers officiate next match.

AWARDS

Awards will be given to each 1st and 2nd place winner in all divisions.

Enter early. Only first 80 players accepted.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Club Affiliation: _____
 Shirt Size: Small Medium Large XL

SINGLES EVENTS

Men's	Women's
___ Open	___ Open
___ AA	___ AA
___ A	___ A
___ B	___ B
___ C	___ C
___ D	___ D

DOUBLES

___ Open
 ___ AA
 ___ A
 ___ B
 ___ C
 ___ D

Partner: _____

Looking for a partner? ___ Yes ___ No

WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators,
 waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I
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 the above or otherwise.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



1996 New Mexico Invitational Racquetball Championships "21st Year Celebration"



PARK & SHUTTLE →

- Location:** Tom Young's Athletic Club; 2250 Wyoming NE; Albuquerque, NM 87112; 505-298-7661
- Dates:** January 18-21, 1996
(Locals be ready to play Thursday and Friday at 4:00 p.m.; non-Albuquerque and Santa Fe residents be ready Friday at 5:00 p.m.)
- Divisions:** Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Juniors (Mixed will be played Saturday PM)
- Entry Fees:**
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| Open Singles for men and women ---- | \$35 |
| Other 1st Events ----- | \$25 |
| 2nd Events ----- | \$15 |
| Third Event (Mixed only) ----- | \$15 |
| Junior Events ----- | \$10 |
- Deadline:** All registration forms and fees to be received at P.O. Box or at club no later than Sunday, January 14, 1996. Late registrations accepted and credit card payments add \$5 to total fee.
- Sanction:** NMRA/AARA; adult fee is \$20 for 12 month membership; junior fee is \$15. Send with registration form/fee or make payment at check-in.
- Tourn. Directors:** Gary Mazaroff (266-8960) and Joe Wittenbrink.
- Hospitality:** A full complement of food and beverage items provided throughout the tournament. THANKS TO: Subway, Dominos, Top Shelf Treats, Mannies on Central, NY House of Bagels, Wendy's, Pepsi Cola. Tourney sweatshirt for adults, T-shirt for juniors.
- Official Ball:** Penn Blue
- Hotel:** Official NM Invitational Hotel is Ramada Hotel Classic, corner of Louisiana and Menaul NE; 505-881-0000; \$59 flat rate.
- Awards:** First, second, and third in divisions of 8 or more; otherwise prorated.
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| Mens and Womens Open Singles | 1st \$350 |
| | 2nd \$200, |
| | semis \$75 |
| Mens and Womens Open Doubles | 1st \$250 per team |
| | 2nd \$100 per team |
| | 3rd \$50 per team |
- (Prize \$\$ allocations based on 16 for singles and 8 for doubles)
- Rules:** AARA; players are obligated to understand rules and interpretations; Losers asked to officiate following match; One serve rule in all open events plus AA events and all mixed doubles events; Consolations (when applicable) plays one game to 21 points; Divisions may be combined or deleted at tourney director's discretion.
- Rules Seminar:** Tuesday nite, Jan. 16th from 6-8 p.m. at club; no charge.
- Other:** Child care available for children of players; please make reservation (no charge). Available during regular club hours only. Proceeds go to NHSF.



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New Mexico Invitational Racquetball Championships "21st Year"

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Please enter me in: (limit of 2 events plus 1 mixed event)

<u>MENS SINGLES</u>	<u>WOMENS SINGLES</u>	<u>MENS DOUBLES</u>	<u>WOMENS DOUBLES</u>	<u>MIXED DOUBLES</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> 70+				

JUNIOR EVENTS

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<input type="checkbox"/> 10 & UNDER	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 & UNDER
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 & UNDER	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 & UNDER

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ SWEAT TOP SIZE: L XL XXL

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ HOME PHONE _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____ WORK PHONE _____

DOUBLES PARTNER _____ MIXED DOUBLES PARTNER _____

CCARD TYPE: VISA MASTERCARD NO. _____ EXP DATE _____

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

PARENT SIGNATURE (under 18) _____ DATE ____/____/____

STAFF INFORMATION ONLY

DATE REC. ____/____/____ INITIALS _____ PMT. ENCL. \$ _____ CASH () CC () CK () ON ACCT. () MO ()

Tournament Results

SNOWBALL

November 3-5, 1995
Highpoint Sports & Wellness
Albuquerque, NM

MEN'S OPEN

1ST Rob Dejesus
2ND Jeff Wilson
3RD Jeff Wichers

MEN'S AA

1ST Chris Pacheco
2ND Scott Lardner

MEN'S A

1ST Rob Hartman
2ND Steve Holiday
3RD Fermin Rubio

MEN'S B

1ST Keith Whale
2ND Ken Payne
3RD Rich Gastellum

MEN'S C

1ST John Cotoia
2ND David Kennedy
3RD Steve Gallegos

MEN'S D

1ST Gene Casuse
2ND Brian Easterday
3RD Roy Luna

MEN'S NOVICE

1ST Charles Gallegos
2ND Aaron Ortiz

MEN'S 40+

1ST Tony Ussery
2ND Rich Gastellum

MEN'S 50+

1ST Larry Kingsley
2ND Joe Gellman
3RD Tucker Green

WOMEN'S OPEN

1ST Rachel Gellman
2ND Tina Bragdon
3RD Cyd Hill

WOMEN'S AA

1ST Karla Barela
2ND Cecilie Bodman
3RD Carol Gellman

WOMEN'S A

1ST Judi Mori
2ND Becky Brannan

WOMEN'S B

1ST Rita Puleo
2ND Maria Shelby
3RD Debbie Gwilt

WOMEN'S C

1ST Jeni Fuller
2ND Rita Puleo
3RD Jane Bentley

BOYS' 12 & UNDER

1ST Roy Lee Luna
2ND Blake Harden
3RD Aaron Ortiz

BOYS' 10 & UNDER

1ST Evan Ussery

BOYS' 8 & UNDER

1ST Mark Swanson
2ND Sean Garrett
3RD Eric Norris

GIRLS' 10 & UNDER

1ST Jesi Fuller
2ND Leslie Luna

GIRLS' 8 & UNDER

1ST Ashley Luna

KIRTLAND AWARDS

December 7-10, 1995
Kirtland Air Force Base
Albuquerque, NM

MEN'S OPEN

1ST Toby Devore
2ND Ken Lukanik
3RD Chris Evans

MEN'S AA

1ST Mark Branson
2ND Devin Cannady
3RD Rob Hartman

MEN'S A

1ST Art Hurley
2ND Gary Mazaroff
3RD John Lorentzen

MEN'S B

1ST Bill Beggs
2ND John Cotoia
3RD Doug Felley

MEN'S C

1ST John O'dell
2ND Bob Anderson
3RD Tim Westemeier

MEN'S D

1ST Manuel Perez
2ND Mike Vigil
3RD Tim Westemeier

MEN'S NOVICE

1ST Ron Zawistoski
2ND Doyle Hultberg
3RD Carol Felley

WOMEN'S OPEN

1ST Cyd Hill
2ND Tina Bragdon
3RD Becky Brannan

WOMEN'S C

1ST Sarah Conaway
2ND Carol Felley
3RD Louise Kiss

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

1ST Jamie Boucher
Ken Lukanik
2ND Toby Devore
Joe Wittenbrink
3RD Rob Hartman
Eustace King

MEN'S A DOUBLES

1ST Art Hurley
Gary Mazaroff
2ND Doug Felley
Cord Everetts
3RD John Cotoia
John O'Dell

MEN'S C DOUBLES

1ST Art Myers
Matt Reilly
2ND Lothar Bieg
Ed Brophy
3RD Joe Morales
Mike Vigil

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