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FROM MY SIDE OF THE COURT by Bob Szuch

On Tuesday, May 17th, a special meeting of the Michigan Racquetball Association was held in Lansing. The following is a brief synopsis of what transpired at that meeting.

The team concept was discussed. The entry fee will go from \$10 to \$12 for the 1983-1984 season. Teams will be limited to 4 members and the point system will be 10-5-3-2-1. Ted Dutcher will be administrator of the team concept program for the up-coming season.

Two new divisions will be introduced at the states next season. The Junior 17 and under, and the Junior 15 and under will have an "A" and "B" division. This was done to insure equal competition for that age group. The idea of a Pro Open division was discussed again, but nothing was done on this matter.

Entry Fees were set for the 1983-1984 season. Regular divisions \$20; Juniors \$15; Team concept \$12. The doubles entry fee has not been decided on as of May 17th.

The MRA dues will go from \$3 to \$5 for the 1983-1984 season. For this increase, the MRA will cover the cost of its newsletter, and will be able to mail all entries to all members for the up-coming season. Membership cards will also be issued.

A committee composed of: Jim Emerson, Jack Labaido, Jim Easterling, Ted Dutcher and myself were given the task to develop a guideline for the system of doing the draws. We are to report back prior to the 1st MRA stop.

A new entry design was approved for the 1983-1984 season.

For the 1983-84 season, no refunds will be given after the draws are made for any MRA stop. Also, no names will be added to the draw once the draw is complete. The 3 tournament rule is still in effect.

Canadian or out-of-state players will not be eligible for any state championship. (Singles-Doubles-Juniors)

Other issues were tabled until further notice

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Jim Easterling

As you read this letter, I will no longer be President of the MRA. I have been President for the past two years and feel it is time to step down and let someone else carry the ball for awhile. June 7, 1983, will be the last board meeting at which I will be President.

Yes, I do indeed plan on being a board member of the MRA in the years to come. I have been lucky and seen a lot of good things happen with racquetball and the MRA while I have been in office.

I have seen the MRA Board take a new direction and start running the tournaments themselves which adds to the quality and consistency of each tournament. Most of the credit for this direction goes to Gary and Peggy Doty.

I have seen April 25, 1982 be declared as "Racquetball Day" in Michigan by the former governor, William Milliken. Larry Cole deserves the credit for his hard work in making this happen.

I have seen four different MRA official "Referee Clinics" held around the state which has helped a few people understand the rules better and help them referee better.

I have seen the MRA gain a lot of respect from both clubs and sponsors for handling our activities in a business-like and precise manner.

I have seen 2 years (1981-82 and 1982-83) where the MRA has made the biggest most colorful poster with the dates and sights of all MRA racquetball tournaments in the state on them.

I have been the MRA in October 1981 adopt the official rule to make all "losers" referee. Since that time most of the tournaments in the state have adopted this rule and followed suit.

I have seen the State Singles Championship begin to be moved throughout the state by going to Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield and at this tournament every single player received a warm-up. No other racquetball tournament in this state has ever done this!! This has not, to my knowledge, been done at any other tournament anywhere else. Dr Pepper deserves a big thanks for all of their help for the success of the State Singles Championship. This tournament was a way of saying thank you to the Michigan racquetball player for their support of the MRA throughout the year and I believe the MRA will continue with these sort of things in the future.

In closing, I would like to say it has been an honor and a privilege to be President of the MRA and I would like to say thank you to all of the Michigan players for their help and support.

Thank you

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1910 Cole, Marv
1915 Mitchell Kenneth
1915 Strajger, Bob
1915 Lund, Dave
1910 Strautnieks Gundars
1910 Johnston, Lorne
1900 Revesz, Edward
1900 Hise, Chuck
1900 Schaffer, Dale
1900 Jones, Don
1900 Antieau, Dan
1900 Gingrich Jake
1900 Emerson, Jim
1900 Bult, Harry

MEN'S MASTERS B

1730 Leeds, Andy
1725 Mitchell, Ray
1720 Knockart, Ron
1715 Augsburg, Jerry
1715 Krogman, Bob
1710 Wood, Dan
1710 Mifsud, Joe
1710 Dutcher, Ted
1710 Jordon, Harry L.
1710 Wickey, Phil
1705 Mizzi, Joe
1705 Hulen, Jim
1705 Gorski, Chester
1700 Herkimer, Gary
1700 Hansen, Dick
1700 Scherba, Pete
1700 Davis, Bill
1700 Drick, Darrell
1700 Yandura, Len
1700 Lamila, Joe
1700 Marchand, Richard
1700 Milke, Walt
1700 Klebba, Paul
1700 Craig, Tom
1700 Lesage, Noel

MEN'S GOLDEN MASTERS

2035 Caretti, Richard
1985 Russell, Duane
1930 Charette, Joe
1915 Ekelman, Seymour
1915 Rapoport, Fred
1910 Lesage, Noel
1905 Paluch, Marv
1900 Davis, Bill
1900 Leone, Gerry
1900 Hughes, Frank
1900 Nicholson, Moses
1900 Wood, Dan
1900 Burke, Arthur
1900 McLean, Neil

JUNIOR BOY'S 17 AND UNDER

1730 VanBermelen, Troy
1720 Yott, James
1715 Heckman, Mark
1710 Horan, Mike
1710 Scavo, Robert
1705 Bishop, Mark
1705 Reid, Scott
1705 Zwierchowski, Mike
1705 Padalino, Anthony
1700 Richards, Todd
1700 Barry, Paul
1700 Mannella, Joe
1700 Scherba, Matt

JUNIOR BOY'S 15 AND UNDER

1555 Scherba, Matt
1550 Hall, Troy
1545 Burt, Ashley
1540 Burt, Ryan
1535 Kelly, Brian
1535 Kitchen, Jim
1520 Fogler, Robby
1515 Metaj, Aaron
1510 Finazzo, Salvo
1510 Cole, Jason
1510 Graham, Todd
1505 Heim, Marc
1505 Whinnery, Eric
1500 Pilczuk, Brian
1500 Heckman, Brad
1500 Knockart, Matt
1500 Richards, Todd
1500 Wertman, Mark
1500 Jordan, Joe
1500 Ladomer, Jan

JUNIOR BOY'S 13 AND UNDER

1350 Floyd, Jimmy
1350 Rallis, Nick
1340 Steinbach, Lee
1335 Tessmar, Scott
1325 Bonnett, Joel
1325 Garrow, Rob
1310 Flowers, Brian
1310 Skinner, Jim Jr
1310 Graham, Brett
1310 Finazzo, Salvo
1310 Wonzer, Chris
1310 Garrow, Jim
1305 Davies, Jan

2300 Szuch, Steven
1305 Iwasiw, Greg
1305 Covell, Ryan
1305 Schandevell, John
1300 Hill, Darin
1300 Wise, Craig
1300 Heckman, Brad
1300 Ford, Joseph
1300 McCune, Sean
1300 Jones, Tim
1300 Kummier, Jeff
1300 Ford, John
1300 Myers, Patrick
1300 Anderson, Chad
1300 Anderson, Ron
1300 Boudrie, Jeff

WOMEN'S OPEN

2105 Stellema, Cathie
2075 Hastings, Joetta
2060 Thompson, Catherine
2040 Gonyea, Judy
2040 Ecker, Lisa
2035 Randle, Barb
2030 Foster, Nancy
2025 Todd, Chris
2020 Anderson, Sheri
2015 Blakeslee, Nancy
2015 Ackerman-Chmura, Irene
2015 Weslock, Shelly
2015 Fischer, Chris
2015 Freitag, Denny
2010 Folkertsma, Pat
2005 Gutowski, Beth Ann
2005 Hamel, Lois
2005 Finazzo, Pina
2000 Parent, Loraine
2000 Adams, Colleen
2000 Showerman, Linette
2000 Swaab, Barbara
2000 Kishigian, Lesley
2000 Martin, Laura
2000 Miller, Karen

WOMEN'S A

1825 Lutze, Linda
1820 McCallum, Patty
1810 Pierce, Dpris
1810 Guevara, Sue
1810 Smith, Ann
1810 Lozon, Laura
1805 DeVogd, Judy
1805 Tarquinto, Sue
1805 Allan, Arlene
1800 Gravelyn, Denise
1800 Popiel, Karen
1800 Blouw, Marge
1800 Sak, Julie
1800 Heckman, Jean
1800 Jahn, Anne
1800 Szpont, Maryann
1800 VanderBroek, Shirley
1800 Foster, Carolyn

WOMEN'S B

1635 Driver, Dianne
1625 Murray, Donna
1620 Latreille, Robin
1615 Griffire, Sue
1615 Albosta, Bridget
1610 Niggemyer, Kerry
1610 Richardson, Betty
1610 Steinbach, Kim
1610 Uniacke, Nancy
1610 Klucka, Diane
1610 Barry, Joy
1605 Dolack, Jan
1605 Kreuzwieser, Vonne
1605 Yeip, Luann
1605 Gaffke, Mary Alyce
1605 Miller, Darlene
1600 Nussrallah, Lois
1600 Page, Cheryl
1600 Pyszk, Marti
1600 Hartley, Pam
1600 Spielberger, Regina
1600 Tapani, Michele
1600 Vander Zwaag, Jan
1600 West, Nancy
1600 McGinty, Brenda
1600 Milan, Martha
1600 Mims, Carol
1600 Westveer, Phyllis

WOMEN'S C

1450 Insko, Janet
1445 Hensley, Sue
1440 Fox, Laura
1425 Green, Donna
1425 Sienko, Janice
1425 Burt, Carol
1425 Cole, Sharon
1420 Nirganakis, Debbie
1420 Goss, Marlene
1420 Shore, Irene
1420 Stare, Penny
1420 Julian, Kelly
1420 Kaber, Diane

van Dis, Chris
1415 Trickey, Barb
1415 Jones, Pat
1415 May, Julie
1415 Fowler, Valerie
1410 Schmelter, Kelly
1410 Hinderer, Terri
1410 Buttrey, Stephanie
1410 Carson, Judy
1410 Grisslander, Mary
1405 Homer, Marianna
1405 Hoshield, Peggy
1405 Hutter, Jo
1405 Andrews, Cindy
1405 Kurth, Sally
1405 Washburn, Priscilla
1405 Fecher, Lou Ellen
1405 Maynard, Linda
1405 McAllen, Jane
1405 Vergauwen, Mary
1400 Allison, Sadie
1400 Mys, Courtney
1400 Vander Woude, Marcia
1400 Graham, Terry
1400 Corinti, Kathy
1400 Barr, Kris
1400 Ring, Monique
1400 Scharchburg, Martha
1400 Shemechko, Margarit
1400 Smith, Candace
1400 Willyerd, Leona
1400 Caouette, Denise
1400 Evola, Debbie
1400 Lepczyk, Denise
1400 Kneller, Carol
1400 Teague, Marylea
1400 Marshall, Carol
1400 Ternvilo, Janie
1400 Jaworowicz, Lori
1400 Martin, Cheryl
1400 Michalak, Linda
1400 Bibeau, Rose Ann

WOMEN'S D

1250 Huczek, Sharon
1235 Walton, Lori
1235 McDaniel, Cynthia
1225 Spagnuolo, Paula
1220 Cook, Rosemarie
1220 Sova, Penny
1215 Caruso, Maria
1215 Pingston, Janet
1215 King, Cheryl
1215 Matties, Melody
1215 Cobb, Faye
1210 Pielemeier, Jan
1210 Rvasco, Darlene
1210 Schira, Linda
1210 Chambers, Shellie
1210 Bowman, Shirley
1210 Thomas, Celeste
1210 Sonk, Cindy
1210 Erdmans, Diane
1210 Dorman, Joan
1210 Madsen, Pam
1210 Mannella, Judy
1210 Becker, Yvonne
1205 Pittman, Julie
1205 Tessmar, Sharon
1205 Coviak, Noreen
1205 Scott, Blannie
1205 Delaney, Teresa
1205 Malinowski, Laurie
1205 Stanley, Jill
1205 Burgdorf, Dorothy
1205 Cariano, Theresa
1205 Stephens, Janet
1205 DeYoung, Wendy
1205 Polvi, Suzanne
1205 Dutton, Jana
1205 Dawson, Diane
1205 Graebner, Lynn
1205 Browers, Carolyn
1205 Hoard, Cathy
1205 Wells, Leischen
1205 Maziasz, Dar
1205 Perkins, Gail
1200 Moyer, Mary
1200 Reid, Kimberly
1200 Grover, Viola
1200 Crimaldi, Denise
1200 Beaubien, Joyce
1200 Stuart, Theresa
1200 Nobach, Roxan
1200 Ridky, Sandy
1200 Dobler, Karen
1200 Corrian, Sandra
1200 Coogan, Joann
1200 Patton, Trudy
1200 West, Kristi
1200 Suever, Chris
1200 Maksymowski, Gabrielle
1200 Cyburt, Marcy
1200 Skinner, Julie
1200 Knapp, Pam
1200 Breidling, Olga
1200 Smith, Rhonda
1200 Blonde, Sharon

1200 Wegel, Tracey
1200 Allen, Charlene
1200 Abate, Anne
1200 Schulte, Victoria
1200 Adams, Carla
1200 Worthington, Piper
1200 Hutchins, Sandy
1200 Gingrich, Charlene
1200 Golden, Susan
1200 Doyle, Lorie
1200 Kline, Janice
1200 Keigley, Marilyn

WOMEN'S VETERANS

1515 Freitag, Denny
1515 Martin, Laura
1510 Hamel, Lois
1510 Uniacke, Nancy
1505 Gaffke, Mary Alyce
1505 Maziasz, Dar
1505 Swaab, Barb
1505 Thomas, Celeste
1500 Gingrich, Charlene
1500 Blair, Wendy
1500 Gravelyn, Denise
1500 Huczek, Sharon

WOMEN'S SENIORS

1900 Foster, Carolyn
1710 Heckman, Jean
1710 Jordan, Joan
1700 Pavy, Dodie
1700 Tischler, Judy

JUNIOR GIRL'S 17 AND UNDER

1715 Niggemyer, Kerry
1710 Steinbach, Kim
1705 Dawson, Diane
1700 Carlson, Dianne

JUNIOR GIRL'S 15 AND UNDER

1520 Schmelter, Kelly
1515 Mys, Courtney
1505 Bishop, Sian
1505 Mannella, Judy
1505 Reid, Kim
1500 Atkins, Michelle



TOURNAMENT RESULTS: STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Open Cole Def. Steve Jeziorski: 21-11, 21-9
Men's A Ray Emerson Def. Roy Oberg:
15-21, 21-20, 11-4
Men's B John Bishop Def. Scott Zoumbaris
by Injury Forfeit.
Men's C Mike Witherspoon Def. Julian Fecher:
21-16, 21-10
Men's D Dale Eichenberg Def. Bill Gentile: 21-20, 21-6
Men's Veterans Stu Hastings Def. Radiation Man:
21-17, 4-21, 11-5
Men's Senior A Bob Lipin Def. Tom Brownlee:
13-21, 21-7, 11-4
Men's Senior B Gene Henderson Def. Chris Henry:
21-10, 21-14
Men's Senior C Jerry Paguette Def. Gundras Strautnieks:
10-21, 21-16, 11-3
Men's Masters A Lynn Hahn Def. Ron Pudduck:
21-19, 21-5
Men's Masters B Jake Gingrich Def. Andy Leeds:
21-13, 21-12
Men's Golden Masters Richard Caretti Def.
Duane Russell: 21-12, 21-4
Women's Open Cathie Stellema Def. Nancy Foster:
21-9, 20-21, 11-3
Women's A Linnette Showerman Def. Karen Miller:
Women's B Shirley VanderBroek Def. Carolyn Foster:
21-17, 21-10
Women's C Regina Spielberger Def. Laura Fox:
11-21, 21-10, 11-0
Women's D Carol Kneller Def. Courtney Mys:
21-8, 21-14
Women's Veterans Laura Martin Def. Nancy Uniacke:
21-8, 21-4

TEAM CONCEPT by Diane Driver

The Team Concept Competition closed out at MRA #7 with some changes in the final standings. Two new teams joined at Brighton, Court Players and Ypsilanti, bringing the total number of teams to 16 for the first year.

Congratulations to all 16 teams whotook part in the 1982-83 Team Concept Competition. Check your 1st newsletter for the 1983-84 season in August for the continuation of the Team Concept and begin thinking about your team for next season then.

Below are the final standings for the 1982-83 Team Concept Competition.

At Brighton, Court House of Flint gained 30 points to nose out new team Court Players with 25 points and win their second tournament as Team Champion. Also, this 30 points pushed them past Clinton Racquet Club and into 2nd place in the final team standings. Members of Court House of Flint include: Judy Gonyea, Beth Gutowski, Chris Cole, Doug McIntyre, Don Boone and substitute Scot Zoumbaris. Members of the Court House Team will receive a pair of Bata shoes for finishing in 2nd place.

Leading the Team Competition Standings since MRA #3 in Grand Rapids and scoring 21 points at Brighton was Courthouse West B of Saginaw. This 21 points at Brighton enabled them to hold off Court House of Flint and become the 1982-83 Team Concept Champion with a total of 91 points. Members of Courthouse West B of Saginaw include: Martha Milan, Patty McCallum, Gundars Strautnieks, Ron Loesel, Mike Moody and substitute Bridget Albosta. Members of the Courthouse West B team will each receive a 2-night/3-day stay at Wheels Inn Racquetball and Fitness Center in Chatham, Ontario.

3rd and 4th place team finishers will receive a team trophy for their club. 3rd Place finisher was Clinton Racquet Club of Mt. Clemens with 62 points. Members of the Clinton team include: Jack Lobaido, Tom Schneck, Mike Damore, Mike Witherspoon, Noel LeSage and substitute Cathy Thompson.

4th place finisher was Courthouse West A of Saginaw with 43 points. Members of Courthouse West A include: Chuck Hise, Pat Bell, Gene Henderson, Laura Fox, Ron Krawczyk and substitute Jim Santino.

FINAL TEAM CONCEPT

Courthouse West B	91
Court House - Fling.	77
Clinton Racquet Club	62
Courthouse West A	43
Racquetball Plus - Grand Rapids	33
Court Players - Ypsilanti	25
Racquetball Unlimited	20
Coliseum - Taylor #2	18
Central Michigan University	13
500 Blasters	13
Canada	12
Coliseum - Taylor #1	11
Racquetville	11
Ypsilanti	10
Toledo	9
Deer Lake	4

STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS by Bill Gottlieb

April 8-10 marked the MRA State Racquetball Championships. They were held at the plush Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield. This tournament drew 278 entries in 18 divisions. Each entrant was given an acrylic warm-up, a 2-liter bottle of Dr. Pepper, and a goody bag filled with all kinds of things. Play started Friday afternoon and there was thrilling action all weekend. Two awards were presented to deserving people. The Honorary Contribution award was presented to Diane Driver for her unselfish contribution to the growth and betterment of racquetball. Denise Gravelyn was presented with the sportsmanship award for being the person who most represents the idea of sportsmanship under extreme conditions. Congratulations to both of you.

A special thank you is extended to all the sponsors that helped make this event a memorable one. Dr. Pepper gave each entrant a 2-liter bottle of Dr. Pepper. Beta awarded each first place winner a pair of racquetball shoes. AMF Voit supplied the tournament balls and donated 10 racquets as door prizes. Wheels Inn donated 5 weekend stays for two as door prizes. Buddy's Pizza furnished food to participants. Others who deserve a word of thanks: Franklin Racquet Club staff, tournament staff, and all the other people who helped out to make this event possible. As an added note, Jim Easterling will no longer be with the MRA. A well known Southfield restaurant lured him away to preside as chef in their kitchens (great scrambled eggs, Jim).

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