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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



From The President



*To the membership and friends of the
New Hampshire Racquetball Association:*

We truly appreciate the great response we have seen this year to all of our events. Our membership is up and fast approaching 275 bodies. Our tournaments are up in participation by 20%. Our demo nights at all the clubs are getting great turnouts. We as a board want to take time to say thanks to all of you who are supporting New Hampshire Racquetball.

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ALSO INCLUDES A MITCH TOURNAMENT APPLICATION IN EDITIONS SENT TO NH PLAYERS

I truly believe that we have one of the best racquetball organizations in the United States. Every year we take on new projects and make progress and I cannot wait to see what the year 2000 brings. I would also like to take a minute to say thanks to all of our board members that donate so much time and get such little recognition.

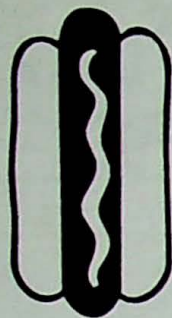
1st to Bill, for your hard work helping us with this newsletter. To Carl Savage, who keeps us financially sound, and gives us his guidance on the tournament food. To Mike Normand for his diligence in all the paperwork, the tournament schedule, and all the dirty work of keeping us organized. To Tony Bruzzese for his hard work on our web site. To Chris Zalegowski, on organizing our travelling demo show and keeping an eye on the points. As a group to everyone out there in the trenches keeping these tournaments going and making them great successes!

I would like to wish you and your families, happiness, health, good fortune, and a crisp backhand!

Merry Christmas and happy New Year. See you at the Mitch!

Kelley

CARL'S O R D E R



Where's the Beef?

You'll be sorry you asked — this is more than a corner!

To be perfectly honest, I would rather be discussing a king size prime rib cooked to perfection than writing about this topic, but when I am too stressed to eat, that's serious.

On the cover of the last newsletter, Kelley wrote about the serious problem of lack of referees and the unwillingness for people to volunteer. Kelley and I take different approaches to obtaining referees. She has winners ref (which most tournaments do) and at the Justin, we pay \$5 for people to ref.

I have come to the conclusion that Kelley was right on with her article on the trouble getting referees. Whether it is winners ref or volunteers get paid \$5, one of the biggest hassles in tournaments is getting refs. I guess it is funny that we all want a ref, but very few are willing to ref. I honestly believe that we could cut at least one hour a day off tournaments if referees were available.

Here's the beef!

- The Justin Open had 170 entries (we turned away over 30 players).
- I scheduled 215 matches over three days. 114 players played in two events.
- If each person refereed one match that would cover 170 matches
- and if the 114 players who played a second event refereed a second match
- we would have had 284 refs and only 215 matches.
- The solution — each person ref one match per event signed up.
- There would not be enough matches to go around. Sounds real simple!

Here's my beef!

There were 5 people who refereed 15 matches each. That's 75 matches. So taking into consideration the above facts, why did two of the tournaments directors have to ref 15 matches, not to mention all the begging and chasing to get refs? Hopefully now you can see why both Kelley and I have written articles.

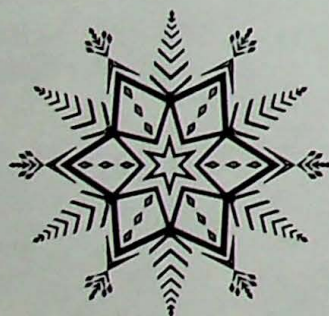
When the first match started on Friday evening I had personally worked 91 hours in preparation for the Justin Open. The pre-tournament work includes making and mailing applications, buying trophies, doing the draw (the biggest task), making draw sheets, referee score cards, paying bills, checks for winners and attending tournament meetings. In addition to this, I was at the club running the tournament from 6-11:30 on Friday, 7:00 am to 11:00 on Saturday, and 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Sunday — a total of over 33 ½ hours. This does not include all the work the rest of the Justin staff put in.

Why aren't players willing to donate one hour per event to help with the one area that the directors are dependent on the players?

OKAY — you heard my complaint — WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- You see the facts! So win or lose, let's make it everybody's New Year resolution to referee one match per event we sign up for.
- "I hate refereeing after I just played!" I agree! Be proactive and volunteer to ref prior to your match. That's positive thinking to begin with. Just let the tournament directors know you are refereeing your match prior to winning. The results will be the same in the end.
- "I do not feel comfortable refing that level." Easy, just let the directors know you will ref a match at a certain level. You can do this when you check in. From a personal standpoint, a player should be able to ref a match equal to their division and down.

Hopefully this will shed some light on a very serious problem that is facing racquetball. I think we all enjoy playing tournaments and having a referee — given the competitive elements of the game — so let's make it work!



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Justin Open VI raises \$11,000! "Helping Justin Help Others"

- This year's version of the Justin Open was a smashing success from all feedback we have received.
- We had 170 players from all over New England, California, and as far south as Florida and Georgia compete for over \$3,000 in prizes.
- Channel 9 TV came to the Nashua Athletic Club and did a feature on the Justin Open.
- In addition to the racquetball tournament, there was a 3 hour Justin Open Arobathon going on during the tournament that raised \$560.

But the real winners this year are the Genesis Fund & Nashua Soup Kitchen and Food Shelter and the children and families this money will help. Through the generosity of the sponsors, the players, and many friends, Justin Wallace will be presenting checks totaling \$11,000 to the Genesis Fund & Soup Kitchen.

With these donations, the Justin Open has contributed over \$40,000 in six years. Unbelievable!

The Justin Open has become the tournament of love. We start with our love for the game of racquetball, mix in our love for a very special kid name Justin, and top it off with two great donations to the Genesis Fund and Food Shelter so that these organizations can help families help their loved ones get the special treatment they need.

A special thanks goes to the generosity of many of the players. A number of players who could not play sent in donations. There were many winners who donated their prize money. Players had their companies make donations, donated raffle prizes and some of the great hospitality.

From Justin, Debbie, Paul Wallace and myself, we would like to thank all of you for making Christmas come in October this year.

Happy Holidays!
Carl Savage

MITCH TOURNAMENT 1/23-25

The Mitch Nathanson Classic Racquetball Tournament will be held again this year at The Executive Health & Sports Center in Manchester & The Nashua Athletic Club on January 23-25, 1999. In the past this event has helped raise over \$10,000 to encourage and promote racquetball programs for juniors throughout the New England area.

The foundation is named after Mitch Nathanson who died in 1991 in a tragic car accident. Mitch was an accomplished racquetball player and devoted countless hours to teaching kids how to play the game.

This foundation is dedicated to help encourage the development and improvement of junior racquetball in the area. It further aims to teach kids the qualities that Mitch represented: namely friendship, sportsmanship and selflessness.

All proceeds from the Mitch Nathanson Classic go directly to this foundation and are tax deductible.

This event will attract over 300 players and about 1,000 spectators from all over the East coast and Canada, but a word of advice: *sign-ups could be cut off after the first 250 applicants so apply early to insure participation!*

A \$5 discount will be offered to all paid entries postmarked by Jan. 7th. Also, all juniors playing in junior divisions play for free (1/2 price for adult events).

Cash purse for this tournament totals over \$6000, with money spread out over all the divisions. Special feature this year will be a Women's Pro Invitational exhibition – *you don't want to miss this event!*

If you have any questions or would like to help sponsor this event, feel free to contact Kelley Beane at 603-641-6116 or e-mail her at kbeane6@aol.com.

1999 JUSTIN OPEN VI (October 22-24th)

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd-Tie | 3rd-Tie |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| MENS OPEN | Scott Reiff | Chris Zalegowski | Mike Cole | Don Barrington |
| MENS AA | Joey Delfino | Alok Mehta | Jeff Hill | Mike Cole |
| MENS A | Bruce Gagnon | Todd Smith | Tony Whitman | Jim Monahan |
| MENS B | Troy Sankey | Jim Savage | John Devine | Kyle Harris |
| MENS C | Joshua Husson | Jay Keddie | Kip Jackson | Chris Jeans |
| MENS D | Mark Fiore | Dan Riera | Jim Purington | Andy Teixeira |
| MENS NOV. | Dan Odierno | Brie Benton | Gretchen Gobar | Anthony Martello |
| MENS 30+ | Alan Williamson | Terry Graham | 3rd-Jeff Kenneson | 4th-Dave Barnes |
| MENS 40+ | Joe Thomas | Russ Palazzo | John Varrill | Ken Conrad |
| MENS 50+ | Tim Sagar | Mitch Milewski | 3rd - Dick Dyer | 4th - John Patalano |
| WOMENS OPEN | Heather Dunn | Lorraine Feeney | Roz Petronelli | Janet Grimaldi |
| WOMENS A | Esther McNanny | Ann Doucette | Patty Danos | Cynthia Huge |
| WOMENS D | Gretchen Gobar | Donna Przybszewski | 3rd-Brie Benton | 4th-Alyson Krauss |
| <u>MENS OPEN DOUBLES</u> | Scott Reiff | Victor Horton | Jeff Morse | Dave Barnes |
| | Chris Zalegowski | Mark Bouchard | Jeff Hill | Joey Delfino |
| <u>MENS 'A' DOUBLES</u> | Bruce Gagnon | Mike Washburn | Carl Savage | Russ Palazzo |
| | Lee Bailey | Jim Monahan | Paul Wallace | John Patalano |
| <u>MENS 'B/C' DOUBLES</u> | Dan Kennedy | Ron Dellagatta | Todd Holbrook | Rich Nevius |
| | Tom Yates | Kip Jackson | Jim Savage | Andy Lachapelle |
| <u>WOMENS OPEN DBLS.</u> | Janet Grimaldi | Cindy Hamilton | 3rd-Joanne Pomodoro | 4th-Donna Spano |
| | Roz Petronelli | Carmen Dyer | Kelley Beane | Diane Whitman-Taylor |
| <u>MIXED OPEN DOUBLES</u> | Lorraine Feeney | Lisa Riley | Esther McNanny | Cynthia Huge |
| | Victor Horton | Joe Thomas | Don Barrington | Dave Barnes |
| <u>MIXED 'B/C' DOUBLES</u> | Pat Geoffrey | Bob Goodwin | Rich Nevius | Andy Lachapelle |
| | Patty Danos | Joan Woodbury | Judy Nevius | Doris Lachapelle |

Men's Pro Division: Justin Wallace defeats Scott Reiff

Open Pro Mixed Doubles Division: Heather Dunn / Justin Wallace defeats Kelley Beane / Chris Zalegowski

1999 NEW HAMPSHIRE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
NOV. 6TH - AT THE EXECUTIVE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER

| <i>Divisions</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>4th</i> |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|
| MENS OPEN | Chris Zalegowski Joe Husson Jr. | Jaime Boucher Matt Whitney | Aron Drew Phil Drew | |
| MENS A | Jim Monahan Mike Washburn | Tony Bruzzese Phil Robbins | Carl Savage Murray Aldous | Mark Souda Jeff Parsons |
| MENS B | Claude Gagnon John Lavin | Brandon Drew Jim Sitomer | Bill Taranovich Scott Slater | Dick Lowell Bob Hall |
| MENS C | Dominik Testa Patrick Page | Wilken Tom George Allen | Tim Whitcomb Matt Chabot | Jim Monahan Greg Steeves |
| MENS D/NOV. | Dominik Testa Patrick Page | Ed Temple Charlie Temple | Rick Bates Steve Noel | Matt Larochelle Dan Larochelle |
| MENS 25+ | Chris Zalegowski Joe Husson Jr. | Aron Drew Phil Drew | Jaime Boucher Lee Bailey | |
| MENS 30/35+ | Jeff Parsons Bruce Gagnon <i>(30+ Champions)</i> | Matt Whitney Mark Souda <i>(2nd - 30+)</i> | Tony Bruzzese Phil Robbins <i>(35+ Champions)</i> | |
| MENS 40/45+ | John Varrill Scott Robinson <i>(40+ Champions)</i> | Murray Aldous Dick Dyer <i>(45+ Champions)</i> | Steve Savage Joe Ruggieri <i>(2nd - 45+)</i> | Bill Taranovich Scott Slater <i>(2nd - 40+)</i> |
| MENS 50/55/60+ | Dick Lowell Bob Hall <i>(60+ Champions)</i> | John Trapane Paul Williams <i>(50+ Champions)</i> | Bob Drouin Ed Dalton <i>(2nd - 60+)</i> | |
| WOMENS A | Judy McCole Linda Linehan | Donna Spano Diane Taylor-Whitman | Deb Liebel Maureen Duris | |
| MIXED A | Diane Taylor-Whitman Mike Washburn | Linda Linehan Chuck Kirk | Maureen Duris Paul Williams | Donna Spano Jim Monahan |
| MIXED C/D | Shelli Hamilton John Hale | Brie Benton Mike Benton | Gretchan Gobar David Holding | |

1999 JOHN MARSDEN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
Nov. 20th & 21st - at the NORTH CONWAY ATHLETIC CLUB

| <i>Divisions</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>4th</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MENS OPEN | Chris Zalegowski | Joey Delfino | Dave Barnes | Josh Messina |
| MENS AA | Jaime Boucher | Aron Drew | Tim Wilson | Dave Ryan |
| MENS A | Tim Wilson | Janet Grimaldi | Jim Sitomer | Mark Souda |
| MENS B | Kyle Harris | Mike Vecchiarelli | Bill Pleau | Marc Moccia |
| MENS D | John Lynch | J.J. Watson | Nate Dyer | Rich Conrad |
| JUNIORS | Nate Dyer | Elise Wilson | Bryan Kilmer | |
| MENS OPEN DOUBLES | Dave Barnes Ben Mendoza | Jaime Boucher Dave Ryan | Chris Zalegowski Joey Delfino | Aron Drew Phil Drew |
| MENS A/B DOUBLES | Lee Bailey Bruce Gagnon | Ben Mendoza Phil Drew | Tony Bruzzese Phil Robbins | Mark Brezina Joe Valenzuela |
| WOMENS A | Denise Kilmer | | | |
| WOMENS C | Elise Wilson | Kathleen O'Leary | Shelli Hamilton | |
| WOMENS D | Heather Watson | Alyson Krauss | Chris Sabbow | Stacey Hendricks |
| MIXED C/D DOUBLES | Elise Wilson Casey O'Connor | Shelli Hamilton John Hale | Denise Kilmer Bob Kilmer | Heather Watson Norm Boucher |

NH RACQUETBALL RANKINGS

| MENS OPEN | | MENS A | | MENS B | | MENS C | | MENS D | |
|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Chris Zalegowski | 490 | Mike Cole | 500 | Tom Christy | 150 | Rob Smith | 225 | Mike Keddie | 310 |
| Jim Lukeman | 100 | Jeff Hill | 250 | Scott Elwell | 120 | Tom Boyle | 110 | Josh Husson | 180 |
| Jeff Morse | 85 | Jeff Morse | 205 | Bruce Rawlings | 100 | Jared Mansur | 100 | Jay Keddie | 175 |
| Jaime Boucher | 75 | Bruce Gagnon | 65 | Bill Taranovich | 75 | Greg Steeves | 95 | Steve Noel | 150 |
| Mike Cole | 70 | Frank Gibson | 50 | Bruce Gagnon | 60 | Kip Jackson | 75 | Jay O'Halloran | 120 |
| Aron Drew | 45 | Phil Robbins | 50 | Scott Makosiej | 50 | Josh Husson | 50 | Chad Chaloux | 90 |
| Jeff Hill | 35 | Jim Sitomer | 40 | Jay Keddie | 35 | Russ Raby | 50 | Rich Bates | 80 |
| Jim Sitomer | 35 | Carl Savage | 35 | Ray Govotski | 25 | Bruce Rawlings | 50 | Matt Keddie | 80 |
| Joe Allis | 25 | Lee Bailey | 30 | Mike Vecchiarelli | 25 | Bill Taranovich | 50 | Peter Smith | 60 |
| Doug Forbes | 15 | Tony Bruzzese | 25 | Jim Walsh | 25 | Wilken Tom | 50 | Walter Kalisz | 50 |
| MENS NOVICE | | MENS 25+ | | MENS 30+ | | MENS 35+ | | MENS 40+ | |
| Chad Chaloux | 500 | Chris Zalegowski | 400 | Gary Ashworth | 100 | Jim Lukeman | 150 | John Varrill | 175 |
| Matt Keddie | 150 | Aron Drew | 50 | Terry Graham | 30 | Tony Bruzzese | 100 | Phil Robbins | 100 |
| Jaime Lafontaine | 150 | | | Jim Lukeman | 20 | Jim Walsh | 75 | Carl Savage | 75 |
| Bryan Kilmer | 100 | | | | | | | Sid Bird | 50 |
| Derek Taylor | 100 | | | | | | | Peter Messier | 50 |
| Dan Leblanc | 50 | | | | | | | Mark Torr | 50 |
| Dan Odierno | 50 | | | | | | | Ed Chabot | 30 |
| Chris Purington | 50 | | | | | | | Brandt Pace | 30 |
| Dan Larochelle | 30 | | | | | | | Neal Brodien | 20 |
| Jim Purington | 20 | | | | | | | Paul Wallace | 20 |
| MENS 45+ | | MENS 50+ | | MENS 55+ | | JR. <8MB | | JR. <8 | |
| Joe Allis | 150 | Mitch Milewski | 280 | Mitch Milewski | 300 | Billy Bayliss | 250 | Billy Bayliss | 50 |
| Chet Kennedy | 100 | Sid Bird | 180 | Brandt Pace | 150 | | | Molly Smith | 30 |
| Carl Savage | 40 | Bill Kelso | 105 | Bill Bischoff | 105 | | | | |
| Brandt Pace | 30 | Bernie McGinty | 50 | Norbert Lecompte | 50 | | | | |
| John Varrill | 30 | Tim Sagar | 50 | | | | | | |
| Dick Dyer | 15 | Ray Hanneman | 25 | | | | | | |
| Steve Canty | 10 | Stuart Akerson | 25 | | | | | | |
| | | Dick Dyer | 20 | | | | | | |
| MENS 60+ | | MENS 65+ | | JR. <14 | | JR. <16 | | JR. <18 | |
| Ed Dalton | 95 | Norbert Lecompte | 200 | Mike Keddie | 450 | Brie Benton | 65 | Jared Mansur | 150 |
| Bob Drouin | 50 | Parker Towle | 100 | Andy Carr | 150 | | | | |
| Ken Hardman | 50 | Ken Hardman | 75 | Chris Purington | 30 | | | | |
| Dick Lowell | 30 | | | | | | | | |
| Bob Hall | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| WOMENS OPEN | | WOMENS A | | WOMENS B | | WOMENS C | | WOMENS D | |
| Nan Higgins | 220 | Denise Kilmer | 160 | Denise Kilmer | 150 | Gretchen Gobar | 20 | Gretchen Gobar | 450 |
| Kelley Beane | 180 | Maureen Claussen | 110 | Karen Middleton | 130 | Angela Urbano | 20 | Mary Tetreau | 180 |
| Gail Guy | 100 | Diane Alexander | 110 | Diane Alexander | 100 | Brie Benton | 15 | Brie Benton | 40 |
| Kate McGinty | 75 | | | Mary Tetreau | 75 | Stephanie Saffo | 10 | | |
| Cindy Hamilton | 10 | | | Lauren Miller | 50 | Mary Tetreau | 10 | | |
| | | | | Maureen Claussen | 20 | | | | |
| WOMENS NOVICE | | WOMEN 25+ | | WOMEN 30+ | | WOMENS 40+ | | WOMENS 45+ | |
| Gretchen Gobar | 290 | Kelley Beane | 300 | Kelley Beane | 350 | Sara Bigelson | 15 | Nan Higgins | 450 |
| Brie Benton | 45 | | | Gail Guy | 75 | | | Kate McGinty | 150 |

*** UPDATED USRA POINTS AS OF 12/03/99 ***

(12 MONTH POINTS CUMULATIVE)

2000 NHRA SCHEDULE

| DATES | N.H. | MA. | VT./R.I. | ME./CT. | OTHER |
|------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 12/31-1/02 | <i>NEW YEARS WEEKEND</i> | | | | |
| 1/07-1/09 | | Swing For Life - Courthouse | | L/A Open - Lewiston ME Jim Backes Open - Wallingford CT | |
| 1/14-1/16 | | Masters Winter Blahs - Cedardale | | | |
| 1/21-1/23 | Mitch Nathanson Classic - EHSC | | Howard Bank Classic - VT | | |
| 1/28-1/30 | | Pro Stop - Rindge Ath.Club / Braintree | | Snowball Classic - Sanford ME | (SuperBowl Weekend) |
| 2/04-2/06 | | February Shootout - Cedardale | Richard's Pub - E.Providence RI | Valentine Open - Bristol CT | |
| 2/11-2/13 | | State Juniors - TBA | | Valentines - Windham ME | |
| 2/18-2/20 | Merrimack 'Y' | | | | |
| 2/25-2/27 | Gilford Hills | NE Masters Doubles - Sturbridge | | | |
| 3/03-3/05 | NH State Singles-Nashua Ath.Club | Mass. State Singles - Cedardale | VT State Singles Essex Jct.VT RI State Singles - Riverbend RI | ME State Doubles - Windham ME CT State Singles - New Haven CT | NHRA Awards Banquet - NAG |
| 3/10-3/12 | | | | | * Date to be announced for the NORTHEAST JR. CHAMPIONSHIPS to be held in Bristol, CT.* |
| 3/17-3/19 | | | Green Mtn. Open - Essex Jct.VT | St. Patrick's Day Open - Portland ME | |
| 3/24-3/26 | Woodsville | Season's End/Masters - Cedardale | Luciano Open - RiverBend RI | | |
| 3/31-4/02 | | Singles/Doubles or Nothing - Courthouse | Old Mill Racquetball Classic - VT | ME State Singles - Sanford ME April Fools - Wallingford CT | |
| 4/07-4/09 | | | | | |
| 4/14-4/16 | | Adult Regional Singles - Cedardale | | | |
| 4/21-4/23 | <i>EASTER WEEKEND</i> | | | | |
| 4/28-4/30 | | | | | |
| 5/05-5/07 | | | | | |
| 5/12-5/14 | | | | | |
| 5/19-5/21 | | | | | |
| 5/26-5/28 | | | | | |

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