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Michigan racquetballers trek to Ohio regional

The 1992 U.S. Ektelon/American Amateur Racquetball Association Regional Racquetball Championships were held the last weekend in February at the Sawmill and Westerville Athletic Clubs and Columbus, Ohio. The qualifying event for the U.S. National Singles Championships was hosted by the Ohio Racquetball Association and its President Doug Ganim, ably aided by an excellent staff headed by Steve Lerner. The tournament was sponsored thankfully by the Olive Garden restaurant, which provided the magnificent hospitality all weekend, and Coors Light.

With a count of 425 players, this year's Regional was aptly dubbed "the largest racquetball tournament ever held in the state of Ohio". Add to that number 315 second division players and the enormity of this event is put into clearer focus. Some 94 Michigan players traveled to the Buckeye state and none did as well as Johnny Northern who captured double-gold in the Men's 30+ and 35+. "Superman"

Johnny, even made it through a truly murderous road on Sunday having to play six rounds to win both of his divisions. A lesser human would have thrown in the towel, but Johnny gritted his teeth and kept hitting photons to victory. The only other winner from Michigan was Darla Furze from Flint who won the Women's C title. This was her first trek out of state to compete in a racquetball tourney and it certainly turned out to be a good move.

Listed on page 3 are the players from Michigan that competed and who placed in their respective divisions in the 1992 Regionals.

Congratulations

Johnny Northern
Men's 30+ and 35+
Regional Champion

Darla Furze
Women's C Regional
Champion

View of the President

by Chris Cole

This year's Regionals have come and gone with many Michigan weekend warriors enjoying their trip to friendly Columbus, Ohio and the warm confines of both the Sawmill and Westerville Athletic Clubs. Hosted by the Ohio Racquetball Association, the whole tournament was run exceptionally smooth (albeit I cannot say who things went at the Westerville club since all my matches were at Sawmill) and complaints for such a large draw were few. Kudos to Ohio Racquetball Association President Doug Ganim and all of his fine staff for putting on a first class event. (Applause, applause)

I had hoped more Michigan players would have gone, but

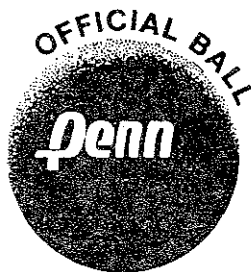
it is a long trip (4 hours from Flint) and can get expensive with most players having to take off work Friday along with hotel, food, and gas bills. However, ninety-four players is not a bad representation considering this year's Regionals were so far away from most Michigan R-Ballers.

Personal kudos from myself go to good friend Johnny Northern who portrayed Superman on Sunday winning all six of his matches en route to double championships in the Men's 30+ and 35+. Honestly, at this level of play, at this age (99% of all 20 year-olds couldn't play this quality and intense ball without dying), Johnny has got to be called nothing short of phenomenal. Along the way, he had to defeat Ohio's Dave Kovanda (ranked #2 in the U.S.) in an unbelievable 11-10 tie-breaker, and he had to then beat Kovanda's fellow Buckeye Ron Woolard (ranked #5 in the U.S.). Logic would dictate that Johnny's power game would wane as the weekend wore on and the number of matches piled up, but his game stayed the same. He blasted photon after photon and it's hard to imagine being able to do something like that, but if I had my man's chisled physique, there'd be no stopping this finesse player then!

Congratulations are also in order for my student from the Davison Racquet and Fitness Club, Darla Furze, who won

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1992 Michigan Regional Placers

Mens Open

2nd-Christopher Cole

Mens A

2nd-Gordon Gallagher

Mens B

4th-Bill Marshall

Mens C

4th-Jaime Kurzman

Mens D

2nd-Ken Franz, 3rd-Mike Ryan

Mens 25+

3rd-Greg Hodges

Mens 30+

1st-Johnny Northern, 3rd-Greg Hodges

Mens 30 B/C

4th-Scot Reneaud

Mens 35+

1st-Johnny Northern, 4th-Stu Hastings

Mens 40+

4th-Doug Toth

Mens 45+

3rd-Ed Barter, 4th-Ken Bonnett

Mens 55+

4th-Hank Gates

Mens 60+

3rd-Joseph La Milza

Mens 65+

2nd-Gerry Leone

Womens Open

2nd-Val Springer

Womens B

3rd-Kathy Beck

Womens C

1st-Darla Furze, 4th-Janet Woerner

Womens D

3rd-Christine Edmonds, 4th-Terri Harris

Womens 19+

3rd-Anthinita Dickerson, 4th-Sandy White

Womens 25+

2nd-Delois Leapheart, 3rd-Melody Matties

Womens 30+

3rd-Val Springer

Womens 30 B/C

4th-Diana Trombley

Womens 40+

4th-Betty Ann Gilliland

Womens 40B/C

4th-Fay Cobb

Womens 45+

2nd-Peg Shaw

RAM commends those who represent Michigan

1992 regional entrants

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Stacey Barbas★Tony Barra★Ed Barter★
 Brad Barter★Shawn Battle★Kathy Beck★
 Ken Bonnett★Tom Brownlee★Larry Cley-
 man Fay Cobb★Christopher Cole★George
 Cook Rick Crawford★Jim Davidson★Dan
 Dutcher★Jim Earley★Diane Easterling★Jim
 Easterling★Christine Edmonds★Carl Evans
 ★Curt Ferrel★Hank Ferry★Robert Fournier
 ★Dawn Frankhouse★Ken Franz★Darla
 Furze★Gordon Gallagher★Hank Gates★
 Betty Ann Gilliland★Patrick Goodwin★
 Karen Green★Luke Gunn★Jim Hamilton★
 Terri Harris★Stu Hastings★Greg Hodges★
 Debbie Hotra★Mike Hotra★Janet Insko★
 ★Chris Kelly★Leslie Kishigian★Claire Kruse
 ★John Kundrot★JaimeKurzman★Joseph
 La Milza★Terry Lawlor★Delois Leapheart
 ★Gerry Leone★Marty Mangino★Bill
 Marshall★Carol Marshall★David Matthews
 ★Melody Matties★Chuck McCauley★Diane
 McCauley★Scott McConnelee Sally McCuis-
 ton★Mark Mrocca★Johnny Northern★
 Mark Ohs★Larry Panettas★Rick Parkhurst
 ★Dave Paskan★Doug Patton★Diane
 Pearson★Scot Reneaud★Adam Rogers★
 Marta Rubcich★Mike Ryan★Paula Saad★
 Jim Santino★Scott Sargent★Peg Shaw★
 Cindy Seiders★Val Springer★Dan Sutton★
 Doug Toth★Leroy Towns★DianaTrombley★
 Chuck Van Hoose★Nancy Van Hoose★Dan
 Verbeck★John Wall★Mark Werthman★
 Charles Wheelihan★Robert Wheelock★Char-
 les White★Jack White★Sandy White★Janet
 Woerner★Jim Wool-cock★Scott Worthy★
 Mike Young★Cindy Zerkowski

Get ready!

Junior regional/ state warm-up slated for April 10-12, 1992

The 1992 Region 9 Junior Olympic racquetball tournament will be held at Mt. Clemens Racquetball Club April 10-12.

Olympic format will be combined with a full event adult tournament which will be an excellent state singles warm-up opportunity. A portion of the proceeds from the tournament will be donated to support junior racquetball. This year the AARA has requested that the adult regionals and junior regionals be separated to highlight the junior program. Thus, this is a first time junior event!

Tournament directors will be Tom Blakeslee and Lou Ellen Fecher. Watch your mail for entry forms and plan to participate. Questions regarding the tournament can be directed to Tom at (313) 468-2787.

*RAM wishes good luck to
Chris Cole and the U.S.
National Team as they com-
pete in the Tournament of the
Americas, held this year in
Honduras. Go for the gold
Chris!*

Attention Juniors!

For the second year, the AARA will select Junior Athletes to be invited to the U.S. Olympic Training Center to be considered for the Junior Team USA. Fourteen junior athletes will comprise the team, chosen from a pool of forty. Michigan State Junior Application forms must be submitted to Tom Blakeslee by June 1, 1992. The state committee will select one male and one female candidate to represent Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan. Two alternates will be chosen for at large selections. The camp is July 18-24. Last year Brent Zimmerman represented Michigan.

Applications and questions should be directed to Tom Blakeslee.

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Phone: ()

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School attended:

Year in school:

Grade Point Average:
(For entire year)

Subjects taken:	1)	5)
	2)	6)
	3)	7)
	4)	8)

Extracurricular activities:

Special awards or honors: *Please give date of award*

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION (1990-91)

National events you participated in and results:

Regional events and results:

Any special racquetball programs you participate in:

National ranking:

Regional ranking:

State ranking:

OTHER INFORMATION

Special state racquetball awards: *Please give date of award*

Sportsmanship or leadership awards: *Please give date of award*

Are you a certified referee or PARI instructor?

Please provide reasons in your own words, why you want to be a member of the Junior USA Team (at least 200 words).

Please include at least two letters of reference and return application to Tom Blakeslee, 38154 Seaway Dr., Mt. Clemens, MI 48045.

Outdoor racquetball offers challenge to indoor game

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following article was submitted to The Racquetball Reporter last summer. I am reprinting it due to its suggestions and ideas which are pertinent to the ending of any racquetball season. As the summer approaches, don't put down that racquet!*

by Jim Panasiewicz

It's summer and time to take it easy: play some golf, go on a few picnics, hit the beach and get a tan or try some watersports. Whatever you chose for summer enjoyment, it is definitely time to put away all the racquetball equipment until next Fall — after all, who wants to be cooped up inside, when there is great weather outside, right? Maybe, but who says that racquetball has to be played inside?

It may be summer, but it is actually a great time to grab a racquet (usually an old one) and head for the outdoor courts. If you have not tried racquetball outside, then you don't know what you are missing. The rules are basically the same as indoor racquetball, but the outdoor game is unique in itself. Let me explain.

First, there isn't a backwall in outdoor racquetball and a passing shot literally goes right past you. Secondly, you cannot just cream the ball —

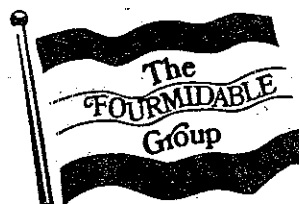
shots past the 40 foot mark on the fly are considered out and result in either a point or a side out. You might think this could never happen to you, but just spend a few minutes on an outdoor court and my point will be proven. Balls that hit just before the end line are still in play and one must go and return them — therefore it is expected that one has to hit a 50 foot kill shot at many times throughout the game.

The equipment necessary in outdoor racquetball can be found in most of our closets: old racquets (because concrete walls are tough on new ones),

sun glasses, wide brim hats, suntan lotion and old racquetballs are just about all that you will need.

Courts are located at Council Park in Warren, Civic Arena in St. Clair Shores, Belle Isle in Detroit and the Civic Center in Southfield with some of the aforementioned even holding tournaments.

Outdoor racquetball is great mostly because it is played outdoors: you can work on your tan, have a picnic and avoid cutting the grass. It is a fun and unique game and a great way to keep your interest in racquetball over the summer.



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MEN'S OPEN

- 1 Chris Cole
- 2 Joel Bonnett
- 3 Nick Rallis
- 4 Troy Hall
- 5 Mike Johnston

MEN'S A

- 1 Mark Werthman
- 2 Jim Hamilton
- 3 Brent Zimmerman
- 4 Mike Lydy
- 5 John Kundrot

MEN'S B

- 1 Scott Hale
- 2 Mike Foley
- 3 Ian Ladoner
- 4 Mark Fedus
- 5 Lenny Chaltraw

MEN'S C

- 1 Micheal Garbarino
- 2 Jim Davidson
- 3 Jim Rankin
- 4 Tom LaFave
- 5T Kirk Bachman
- 5T Rick Beck
- 5T Les Brumar
- 5T Don Stadnika

MEN'S D

- 1 Mark Ohs
- 2 Tom Mathy
- 3 Matt Raymond
- 4 Scott Cuthrell
- 5 Todd Mead

MEN'S NOVICE

- 1 Greg Colton
- 2 Richard Wordbec
- 3 Ted Vadella
- 4 David Kleinberg
- 5 Jim Bennick

MEN'S 19+

- 1 Jim Hamilton
- 2 Dave Werschay
- 3T Larry Panetta
- 3T Peter Ruhala
- 4 Al Tackett
- 5 Scott Pufahl

MEN'S 25+

- 1 Jim Hamilton
- 2 Pete Ruhala
- 3 Jai Shekhawat
- 4 Mike Hotra
- 5 Jack White

MEN'S 30+

- 1 Mike Anderson
- 2 Jack White
- 3 Craig Hodges
- 4 Mike Hotra
- 5 Greg Hodges

MEN'S 30+ B

- 1 Mark Novak
- 2 Tony Barra
- 3 Richard Woodcox
- 4T Doug Callow
- 4T Dan McAlindon
- 4T Shane McKibben

MEN'S 35+

- 1 Stu Hastings
- 2 Jim Woolcock
- 3 Randy Anderson
- 4 Rick Vanderlind
- 5 Dave Paskan

MEN'S 35+ B

- 1 John Gervasi
- 2 Dan McAlinden
- 3 Scott Stone
- 4 Mark Mrocca
- 5 Ed Swica

MEN'S 35C

- 1 Tim Copeland
- 2 David Decourval
- 3 Danny Sutton
- 4 Chuck Van Hoose
- 5 Kevin Sorenson

MEN'S 40+

- 1 Jim Santino
- 2 Mike Stephens
- 3 Rick Vanderlind
- 4 Tom Blakeslee
- 5 Marty Mangino

MEN'S 40+ B

- 1T Lenny Chaltraw
- 1T Mike Young
- 2 Wayne Gunckle
- 3 Jim Skinner
- 4 Terry Lawlor

MEN'S 45+

- 1 Gary Phipps
- 2 Rick Parkhurst
- 3 Ron Morse
- 4 Ed Barter
- 5 Ken Bonnett

MEN'S 45+ B

- 1 Dan Greene
- 2 Art Murphy
- 3 Sixto Calvo
- 4 Dennis Hardin
- 5 Vince Callahan

MEN'S 50+

- 1 Paul Becker
- 2 Jim Connor
- 3 Tom Sharum
- 4 Sixto Calvo
- 5T Walt Biesterfeldt
- 5T Art Murphy

Player Rankings



MEN'S 55+

- 1 Ron Pudduck
- 2 Lynn Hahn
- 3 Dave Lund
- 4 Hank Gates
- 5T Daniel Day
- 5T Ken Maurer

MEN'S 60+

- 1 J.D. Driver
- 2 Lynn Hahn
- 3 Richard Caretti
- 4 Bob McClelland
- 5 Leonard Poole

WOMEN'S OPEN

- 1 Joetta Hastings
- 2 Val Springer
- 3 Lesley Kishigan
- 4 Paula Saad
- 5 Beth Gutowski

WOMEN'S A

- 1 Melody Matties
- 2 Diane McCauley
- 3 Dawn Frankenhause
- 4 Pam Parkhurst
- 5 Julie May

WOMEN'S B

- 1 Kathy Beck
- 2 Fran Morris
- 3 Stephanie Wiet
- 4 Gail Perkins
- 5T Diana Trombley
- 5T Sarah Wolodkiewicz

WOMEN'S C

- 1 Diane Pearson
- 2 Debbie Hotra
- 3 Rae McIntyre
- 4T Theralene Howell
- 4T Janet Woerner
- 5 Jenny Riker

WOMEN'S D

- 1 Joanne Caleo
- 2 Maureen Mead
- 3 Jill Feest
- 4 Paulette Brown
- 5 Jennifer Jones

WOMEN'S 25+

- 1T Anithita Dickerson
- 2 Sandy White
- 3 Tracey Troszak
- 4 Marta Rubcich
- 5T Joetta Hastings
- 5T Melody Matties

WOMEN'S 30+

- 1 Diane McCauley
- 2T Dawn Frankenhause
- 2T Beth Gutowski
- 3 Joetta Hastings
- 4 Melody Matties
- 5 Janet Insko

WOMEN'S 35+

- 1 Beth Gutowski
- 2 Lesley Kishigan
- 3 Cindy Sieders
- 4 Karen Green
- 5 Denise Gravelyn

WOMEN'S 40+

- 1 Betty Ann Gilliland
- 2 Sharon Huczek
- 3 Lois Hammel
- 4 Julie May
- 5 Linda Eldred

Sorry!

Due to continued computer error we were not able to print the point assignments with player names. We are trying to correct this problem and hope to provide all ranking information in the next edition of The Racquetball Reporter.



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In this newsletter, I will deviate from my past format and offer some 20 tips on winning racquetball. I credit most of my success to the teachings of Tom Brownlee and suggest that everyone seek expert counsel to improve your game.

20 Blakelee Rules

1. Get your first serves in.
2. Keep the serve off the back wall.
3. Return the serve.
4. Make no mistakes.
5. Don't skip the ball.
6. Focus and concentrate.
7. Don't abuse the referee - it is only one point.
8. Use your timeouts to conserve energy, start or stop momentum.
9. Score points in bunches.
10. Hit the ball when you can.
11. Play your game.
12. Cross court - down the line return.
13. Down the line - cross court return.
14. Opponent in front? Pass.
15. Opponent behind? Pinch.
16. Think about strategy before the match.
17. Play text book racquetball - percentages.
18. Cross train.
19. Use good equipment (Ektelon and eyeguards).
20. Give it all you got.

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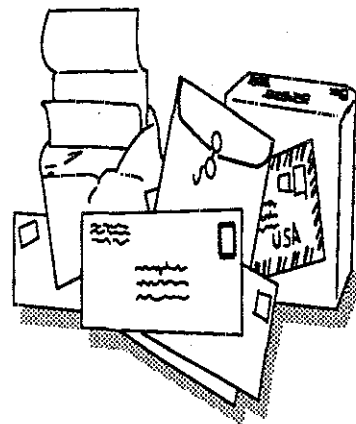
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Davison Racquet &
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2140 Fairway Dr.
Davison, MI 48423

Questions regarding tournament sanctioning can be directed to the sanctioning director.

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View of the President continues

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Women's C in her first ever attempt at a Regional title. After many tie-breakers and gut check moments she prevailed. Hmm, wonder if I can increase my rate for her lessons now....

I enjoyed the number of people who seemed so interested in my finals match with Doug Ganim, even though they were talking about it on Friday night! I was like hey, slow down, I've got to get to Doug first, no sense looking past anyone, especially with tough players like Dave Ganim and Brian Jorgenson waiting for me in the quarters and semifinals. Under any normal circumstances this would be far from a cakewalk because I have a lot of respect for Dave (a tough player hindered sometimes by the long shadow cast by his famous big brother) and Brian whom I have seen play at other national events. But this weekend was not normal because two days before the bloody tournament I sprained my left ankle on the court and was advised by my sports med physician not to play for fear that I would totally screw it up right before Intercollegiate Nationals and the Tournament of the Americas in Honduras in April. Suffice to say I had the blasted ankle wrapped in one of the laced-

up portable crazy-person's type jackets and was only going to show up in Ohio, hit lob serves without any attempt to run after the shot, lose quickly and qualify for Nationals in Houston in May. Well, being the competitor that I am, I could not simply lay down and let someone run my rear over so I tested it a little bit on Friday and then decided to give it a legitimate shot in my first round. Unfortunately for him, my first opponent was my buddy, Mark Werthman. Mark was looking rather sheepish when I told him about my ankle and that I was totally unsure how I would play with it being out of commission. Being the buddy that he is, he aptly got nervous not knowing how to play me and skipping shot after blessed shot trying to end every rally in a spectacular fashion, making it all the more easy for me to stay in center court and make medium range pinches and passes standing on one solid leg. (I suspect there were other considerations on his mind for it seemed that he was subconsciously trying to end the rallies quicker, in effect, saving the wear and tear of his legs. You figure it out.)

As the weekend progressed, it became evident that I would be able to perform moderately

well, and as I played on it more, the more mobility I would gain so that by the finals on Sunday afternoon I was nearly 80% and had no pain in it when I moved. I cannot, unfortunately, then blame my two game loss to Doug on my bum ankle, only that he played well and I did not, enough said, no excuses. I do appreciate all those that were concerned with my ankle and thought enough of my impending match with Doug to come and mention it to me. Congrats also to Doug for winning the Open title, and watch out for when next we meet!

On to other things... from the close call department comes the disturbing news from Ken Bonnett that son Joel was blasted in the eye by a shot while he was warming up with a teammate down at Memphis State. Joel was sadly not wearing his eyeguards while warming up and got ripped in the worst possible place: the eye. According to Ken, Joel spent some time in the hospital and experienced blurry vision even after he was released. Every one on the RAM Board, racquetball players of Michigan, and yours truly steadfastly wish one of our best players and persons the quickest of recoveries. Man, hurts me just thinking about it. If anyone

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Tournament Results

Racquettime Rollout
Raquettime Health Club
Livonia
Jan. 3-5, 1992

Women's Open

1st Val Springer
2nd Anthnita Dickerson

Women's A

1st Pam Parkhurst
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Women's B

1st Kerry Bergum
2nd Barbara Swaab

Women's C

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Women's D

1st Fran Polotti
2nd Kathy DeYoung

Men's Open

1st Chris Cole
2nd Joel Bonnett

Men's A

1st Pete Kibildis
2nd John Kundrot

Men's B

1st Many Walia
2nd Curt Schultz

Men's C

1st Michael Garbarino
2nd Jim Wink

Men's D

1st Dave Verduyn
2nd Richard Cramb

Men's Novice

1st Ron Cunningham
2nd Larry Sims

Men's 25+

1st Keith Tidd
2nd Tony Barra

Men's 35A/B

1st Scott Worthy
2nd Keith Tidd

Men's 35C

1st Michael Stephens
2nd Mian Rashiad

Men's 40

1st Mike Stephens
2nd Bob Gravelyn

Men's 45+

1st Ken Bonnett
2nd Tom Perna

Men's 50+

1st Dave Lund
2nd Hank Gates

Men's 55+

1st Dave Lund
2nd Hank Gates

12 & under

1st Andy Mead
2nd Robert Barnes

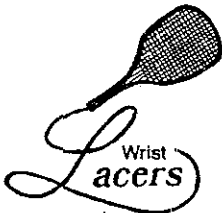
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Men's Open

1st Jim Floyd
2nd Chris Cole

Men's Open — Consolation

1st Ryan Covell
2nd Mark Werthman

Men's A

1st Charlie White
2nd Robert Tuttle

Men's B

1st Fanz Hakum
2nd Evan Lyall

Men's C

1st Les Brumar
2nd George Cook

Men's D

1st Bill Panagos
2nd Charlie McCauley

Men's Novice

1st Richard Knoll
2nd Tom Deloach

Men's 30+

1st David Matthews
2nd Tom Blakeslee

Men's 40+

1st Bob Gravelyn
2nd Larry Brown

Women's Open

1st Beth Gutowski
2nd Paula Sadd

Women's A

1st Leslie Kishigan
2nd Diane Leapheart

Women's Novice

1st Denise Knoll
2nd Jill Hahn

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The following rules are being proposed for September 1, 1992.

Proposed Change #1

1. Current Rule: A player may compete in only one regional singles and doubles tournament per year. See Rule 5.6 (a) on page 24 of the 1990-91 Official Rulebook. Note: The Board of Directors waived this rule for all 1992 Regional tournaments. So, this year, players may enter more than one tournament provided they do not enter a "Championship Event" (no skill designation) that they won at a previous regional tournament this year.

2. Proposed change: Make the waiver permanent by changing the rules to allow players to enter as many regional tournaments as they want provided they do not enter a "Championship Event" (no skill designation) that they won at a previous regional tournament that same year.

Proposed Change #2

1. Current Rule: Currently there is no rule requiring that players wear eyeguards or wrist thongs as they practice prior to the match or between games. At such times, however, the likelihood of being hit is greater than being hit during play due to the usual presence of more than one ball and decreased attention being paid to what the opponent is doing.

2. Proposed change: Add the following as rule 2.5 (c): Equipment Requirement During Warm-up. Approved eyeguards must be worn and wrist thongs must be used during any on-court warm-up period. The referee should give a technical foul if a player continues to not comply after receiving such a warning.

Proposed Change #3

1. Current Rule: The racquet length, including bumper guard and solid parts of the handle, may not exceed 21 inches. For a few years, however, the AARA has granted a waiver permitting the use of racquets as long as 21.5 inches except in AARA Regional and National tournaments. See rule 2.4 (a) on page 7 of the 1990-91 Official Rulebook. Note: If this rule change is approved, the Board will be asked to consider granting a waiver until the new rule goes into effect.

2. Proposed Change: Revise Rule 2.4 (a) to read: "The racquet, including bumper guard and all solid parts of the handle, may not exceed 21.5 inches."

RAM's President speaks...

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reading this has been hedging on getting some new eyeguards or you have not been wearing them at all, remember Joel and his close call and see if it forces you to act. Take care, Joel.

It's that time of the year again, the 1992 Michigan State Championships will be held April 24-26. Entry forms will be sent to all members of RAM shortly and the various large clubs across the state with the large nucleus of tournament players within their ranks. This tournament still ranks as one of my all-time favorites having been where I made my mark those many years ago when I was 15. (Yeesh, that was nine, count 'em, nine years ago. I feel like CroMagnon Man of the Stone Age! Or maybe like Tom Blakeslee....) So be on the look out for those entries or you can call me for more information at (313)239-4130; let's make this year's States the biggest and best of them all.

Until next time, thumbs up.

RAM would like to express its deepest sympathy to Marvin Riley on the recent loss of his wife Donna. Both Marvin and son Marv Jr. were avid tournament players. Donna will be missed as the family's cheerleader.

New Members

John Baranec
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Larry Cole
Karen Green
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Erin St. Clair
Chuck Teets
Manu Walia
Dan Werner
Robert Wilhelm
Steve Wilson

Tournament Schedule

March 20-22
One on One Series
One on One Athletic Club
Ann Arbor

March 27-29
Racquetball One Grand Finale
Michigan Athletic Club
Lansing

April 24-26
State Singles Championships
Coliseum II Racquet Club
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May 1-3
One on One Series
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Ann Arbor

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