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Racquetball Association of Michigan

A NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS

- Caryn Coyle

On a crisp Saturday evening in late March, there was stiff competition for sparkle as the stars outside came up against the Stars inside the Kellogg Center in East Lansing and, in my humble opinion, the Stars inside outshone the stars outside.

After a long, exciting day of play at State Singles at the Michigan Athletic Club (MAC) in East Lansing, we all presented ourselves at the Kellogg Center to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame (housed at the MAC).

Brainchild of Jim Easterling, this year's celebration went over the top in many ways. All Hall of Fame members were invited to participate in this festive occasion, and all but a couple were able to join us. This was a phenomenal turnout, commented on by all who attended.

It was a joy watching old rivals and friends greet one another, and slide right into their old patter-talking smack to one another while their eyes sparkled with joy at being together.

Watching up and coming future hall of famers interact with the current members of the Hall of Fame-and a significant portion of Racquetball History-was intoxicating. Likewise, seeing the children of Hall of Famers realize what their parent had done and that everyone in the room knew their name was entertaining.

The food was excellent--chicken cordon bleu, filet, and pie for dessert. After our esteemed President, Twayne Howard, presented RAM Awards (see his article for details), I had the distinct privilege of introducing each Hall of Fame member as they came to the front

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Twayne M. Howard
President

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the second-ever fully electronic edition of the **RACQUETBALL REPORTER**. In it you will find a number of great articles looking back at the 2008-2009 tournament season and looking ahead to the 2009-2010 season.

Appearing nearest in rear view mirror is Junior Nationals. In case you missed it, the Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing played host to the Junior National Racquetball Championships. The tournament featured hundreds of the best Junior players in the nation as they worked towards an appointment on the Junior National Team, and a Gold Medal. The members of Junior Team Michigan had another great week as well. Read all the details in the article by Don Schopieray in the Juniors Corner.

What year end wrap up would be complete without a word about the National Singles Championship in Houston? Unfortunately, space has prevented us from including that article. Check the next edition for a complete write up.

To ease the disappointment, check out the RAM web page at <http://www.michiganracquetball.net>. Browse around and you'll see all sorts of great things. Hit the "Rankings" button, and you will see the year end rankings. We've got photos from State Singles and the Hall of Fame Banquet, and lots of other goodies.

And of course there is an article on the RAM State Singles Championships. The event, also held at the East Lansing MAC capped of another great season of Michigan racquetball.

In conjunction with the State Singles Championship, the RAM Hall of Fame celebrated its 25th Anniversary with

a special ceremony featuring most of the Hall of Famers. Caryn Coyle contributed an article with highlights of the evening's gala event. Also, at the event, the 2008-09 RAM Award winners were honored. Check at the back of the newsletter to see if your nominee won and CONGRATULATE all of the winners for their successful 2008-09 tournament season.

After those looks back at last season, we can relax for a moment, smile, think back, and then get ready to charge forward into the next season. The best way to start your preparation for the new season? Check out the tournament schedule. Luckily, the 2009-2010 RAM tournament schedule is also included in the newsletter.

I, for one, am looking forward to another great season. The chance to hang with my **friends** (pretty much everyone who reads this), see all the great **families** that take to the courts (to name a few--Barbuscacks, Schopierays, Arias', Leggetts, Kellys, heck even the Hahns) and darn it all, just have some **fun**. Isn't that what this sport is all about?

I hope everyone has a great season. And if you're have fun, bring a friend along and show them how cool this is.

I'll see you out there.



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RAM ANNOUNCES 2009-10 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- Twayne M. Howard

The RAM Board of Directors is thrilled to announce **Michigan's 2009-2010 Racquetball Tournament Schedule**. This season will be packed with more great action and incredible tournaments.

Not taking any big trips this year? Hang around and check out the great action on the courts, both as a player or a spectator.

Starting in September in Michigan's north country at Traverse City, these tournaments will give you everything you're looking for; Singles, Doubles, Men's Divisions, Women's Divisions, Juniors' Divisions, the best amateur play and even some great Pros. The season culminates in March at the Davison Athletic Club to determine the State Champions for 2009-10.

So get in some practice time and come show us what you got. Will you be one of the elite players to be crowned State Champion in March of 2010?

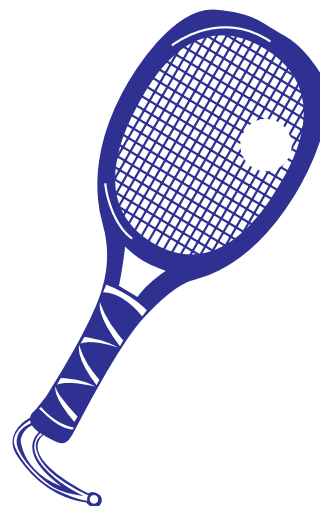
You can always get up to the minute info of any schedule changes at:

www.michiganracquetball.net

September 11-13	Traverse City Cherry Splat, Traverse City Athletic Club
September 26	Double Vision Doubles Only, Michigan Athletic Club, East Lansing
October 16-18	West Michigan Open Pro-Am, Michigan Athletic Club, Grand Rapids
November 7	Riverview Fall Brawl, Riverview Athletic Club, Grand Rapids
November 14-15	Spartan Splat, Michigan Athletic Club, East Lansing
December 4-6	STATE DOUBLES, Total Sports, Mt Clemens
January 9	BAC Doubles Tournament, Kalamazoo
January 22-24	MAC Open, Michigan Athletic Club, Grand Rapids
February 12-14	Motor City Rollout, Courtland Athletic Club, Utica
February 12-14	Can/AM Juniors Only Challenge, Davison Athletic Club, Davison
February 27-28	Capital Challenge, Michigan Athletic Club, East Lansing
March 6	March Maximus A.D. 2009 – Singles Only, Coliseum, Westland
March 12-14	South West Michigan Racquetball Shootout, Bronson A C, Kalamazoo
March 26-28	STATE SINGLES, Davison Athletic Club, Davison

NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES

ADULT – 1 YEAR	\$ 50
ADULT – 3 YEAR	\$125
JUNIOR (until age 21)	\$ 25
LIMITED EVENT	\$ 20
LIFETIME (effective 6/1/09)	\$1,250



JUNIOR'S CORNER . . .

TEAM MICHIGAN SCORES ANOTHER TOP TEN FINISH AT THE 2009 USAR JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Don Schopieray

Over 180 players from 32 states descended on East Lansing this summer to compete in the 36th USAR Junior National Championships. This is the second time in recent years this event has been held in Michigan and once again competition in all of the age groups from the 8 year olds to the 18 year olds was intense for all five days of the tournament.

Team Michigan had 17 players representing the state this year. We started the week off with a fantastic team dinner which featured guest speaker Jim Hiser, Executive Director of USA Racquetball. Jim gave a great speech about the beginnings of Team Michigan back in the day with Tom Blakeslee, what a treat! Play started Wednesday with senior team members **Andrew Price, Mercedes Arias** and **Brad Schopieray** getting great seeds to get things going.

Championship hopeful, **Cameron Clolinger** had round robin competitions in both the U8 and U8 Multi bounce and at the end of the week he would come away

with two silver medals and 24 team points.

Mercedes Arias would match Cameron's point total with a great week in girls U14, Mercedes scored a major upset win against number 2 seed Sabrina Viscusco in the quarter finals, ultimately finishing 3rd in the tournament.

The biggest upset scored for Team Michigan was by **Andrew Price**. Andrew, the number 11 seeded player took out number 6, John Crag Chisolm in the quarters with a crazy 11-10 tiebreaker win. Andrew would tie with Brad Schopieray as the team's high scorer with 30 points on the strength of his performance.

Zach D'Almeida capped off a super season finishing the tournament with 21 points. Zach has been improving his game and had a solid week of tournament play.

Matt Barbuscak played in both the U16 and U18 divisions and came away with 11 points for the team.

Caige Duryea, in his first year at the championships scored 9 points, **Braeden D'almeida** had 4, **Nathan Tucker** had 3, **Bryan Schopieray** scored 2 and **Michael Bowles** earned 1 for their efforts. Scoring points at the National level is no easy task and all of the players that earned points should be proud of their accomplishment.

This year Team Michigan finished 8th out of 32. This finish would not have been possible without the awesome support of coaches and team sponsors. Many of our adult players volunteered time and donated money to help out our program. Team coaches Keith Bryan, Rich Westerbrink, and Laura Patterson, took vacation weeks off from work to help out...Thank You!

The location for next year's Championships will be announced in the coming weeks and we are already getting things together for another run at our 6th top ten finish. Again I would like to thank all of the parents, sponsors, golf outing participants, and coaches for making the 2009 championships a huge success for the Michigan Junior program.



Craig Duryea



Mercedes Arias



Braeden D'Almeida

Photos courtesy of Keith Bryan's Facebook

JUNIOR'S CORNER . . .

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL RACQUETBALL CLUB

- Matt Barbuscak

What are some of the factors that contribute to the success of professional sports? I believe that professional sports thrive because of four things: that the sport is televised, the sport is fun to play, there are superstars that fans can cheer on, and that there are kids that want to grow up and be that superstar. Racquetball has tremendously improved its ability to be televised with the introduction of the new all glass portable court. Anyone who has ever tried racquetball knows that it is extremely fun to play and is a great workout. With professionals like Shane Vanderson, Jason Mannino, Cliff Swain, Rocky Carson, Kane Waselenchuck, and Jack Huczek, there are plenty of pros for fans to cheer on. The one aspect of racquetball that I would like to see improved is seeing more children that say to their parents, "When I grow up I want to be a professional racquetball player".

Here in Michigan we have a very strong junior program due to the hard work of Don Schopieray and others. I began playing tournaments when I was ten and I have noticed a trend in the junior program throughout my seven years of playing tournaments. The trend is that there are very few juniors who continue to play tournaments after they enter high school. Four years ago there were many juniors who were the same age as me and we all played in tournaments against each other. However, as time went on and we entered high school, many of those guys I played against stopped playing. Eventually there were only a handful of us left. I believe that the reason these guys and others stop playing when they enter high school is because they began to play a school sport. High school tennis, football, baseball, basketball, swimming, golf, etc. are all great ways to meet friends

and become involved in your high school. When I entered high school I didn't think that I should quit racquetball so that I could play on the tennis team. I thought, "Hey, why don't I start a racquetball club at school so that I can continue to play and become involved at school".

It took me five minutes to decide to start the club, and about two weeks to put together all the necessary information that was needed to take it to the school administration."All I needed to find in order to start the club was: a facility close enough that we could play at, a teacher that was willing to moderate the club, and students who were interested in playing. Finding the facility was a minor challenge and the rest was easy. There were plenty of teachers that had played racquetball and were willing to moderate, and I was very

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Back Row: Mr. Fogle, Andrew Heartly, Josh Roth, Matt Griffin, Kurt Nagl,
Matt Barbuscak
Front Row: Matt McNamee, John McNamee

JUNIOR'S CORNER . . .

MORE OF TEAM MICHIGAN FROM THE USAR JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Michael Bowles



Chris Arnet



Matt Barbuscak



Zach D'Almeida

25TH ANNIVERSARY HALL OF FAME

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to be recognized and celebrated. Being a huge history buff, it was a thrill for me to watch 30+ years of Racquetball History come forward.

A biographical slide presentation preceded introduction of the Hall of Fame members, giving high points of each person's career in Racquetball.

After the party officially broke up, I noted that no one left very quickly, taking time for one more conversation, one more handshake, one more pat on the back, one more affectionate insult.

Truly a Night of a Thousand Stars-and one I was honored to witness.

Hall of Famers who attended the gala evening of the stars were Jim Hiser, Ron Pudduck, Mike Yellen, Fred Lewerenz, Stu Hastings, Tom Blakeslee, William Gottlieb, Randy Minto, Irene Ackerman-Chmura, Jim Easterling, Dianne Easterling, Johnny Northern, Lynn Hahn, J. D. Driver, Duane Russell Jim Floyd, Tom Brownlee, Dick Caretti, Fred Wiegand, Ken Bonnett, and Craig Finger.

If anyone would like to purchase a commemorative dvd of the evening contact Jim Easterling. (Pictures from the Hall of Fame Banquet compliments of Jeff Simonis.)



Irene Ackerman-Chmura and the travelling Hall of Fame plaque donated by Mike Anderson of Andersons. The travelling Hall of Fame is housed at Davison Athletic Club when not on display at tournaments

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FOR 2010

- Jim Easterling

The Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame developed in 1984 by the Racquetball Association of Michigan honors those recipients who demonstrate outstanding achievement, leadership, or contribution to the sport of racquetball in the state of Michigan. The award is based upon **YEARS OF CONSISTENT EXCELLENCE** in one or more of the following areas:

ABILITY

Through demonstration of exceptional playing skill in state, regional and/or national tournament competition.

LEADERSHIP

Through generous giving of time and talent for the advancement of

racquetball in the state of Michigan by running tournaments, conducting leagues, lessons, serving on the state racquetball association board or other racquetball activities.

CONTRIBUTION

Through the generous support, including money, facilities, or products for the advancement of racquetball in the state of Michigan.

If you know someone who qualifies (see the Hall of Fame Criteria found on the RAM home page at www.michiganracquetball.net) that you would like to see in the Hall of Fame, please submit a letter with their full name, address, phone number (including area code) and a brief description of why you think that person deserves to be in the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame to:

Hall of Fame Inductee
321 Village Dr.
Lansing, MI 48911-3760

Also, include your name, address and phone number (both day and evening) in case we have to contact you for additional information. The **DEADLINE** for nominations for the Hall of Fame for the 2005-2006 year is **October 30, 2009**.

If you have further questions on the Hall of Fame process, contact Jim Easterling at (517) 887-0459.

Who will join Chris Cole, Jimmy Floyd, Fred Wiegand and Craig Finger as the newest member of the Michigan's Racquetball Hall of Fame. Nominate your choice today.

Members of the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame committee include: Jim Easterling, David Brower, Irene Ackerman-Chmura, William Gottlieb, Lynn Hahn and Jim Woolcock and Twayne Howard and Paula Saad.

2009 STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTESTED IN THE CAPITAL CITY

- Twayne M. Howard

It was late March, and time for another Racquetball Association of Michigan State Singles Championship. Over 120 players came to the Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing to lay it on the line, and compete for the title "State Champion". They found a whole weekend of great racquetball and great fun and some even won a Gold Medal.

In honor of the Junior National Championships coming to the MAC in June, let's start with the 'kids'. The 8 and Under division was small but offered a great glimpse into our racquetball future. As with all our kids, this one featured two future stars that should be fun to watch for years to come. **Cameron Clolinger** was able to get past Xavier Demitchell to win the Gold and build some great momentum for Nationals.

The 10 and Under featured **Braeden D'Almeida** and Alex Bowers. Another tough match went to Braeden who added another Gold Medal to the trophy case.

Big brother **Zach D'Almeida** was not to be outdone as he worked his way past Caige Duryea and Chris Arnett to take the 12 and Under Championship.

Nathan Tucker looks to continue the Davison tradition as he got past Nikko Leggett to win the 14 and Under title. Neketh Aithal and Brody Kutt rounded out the Semis.

Brad Schopieray won the 16 and Under title in a walkover. Maybe everyone was afraid to challenge the tough lefty.

Bryan Schopieray took home the Gold in the 18 and Under Division by defeating Myles Kelly.

The Men's 35+ Championship went to **Ryan Covell** who defeated Ferd Samson and Scott Duryea in round robin fashion.

Steve Clark claimed the Men's 40+ Championship by eliminating Jack White in the Final. Mark Reed and Dan Verbeck were the semi-finalists.

The Women's 40+ Championship featured **Michele Geile** defeating Maureen Price in the Final. Melody Gorno and Laura Johnson were the semi-finalists.

Twayne Howard got past Keith Vogel in a long tie-breaker to win the Men's 40A+ Championship. John Leggett and Dan Mullin rounded out the final four.

"Big Walt" Podraza pounded his way through the Men's 45+ Open Division and took out Jeff Connell in the Final. Mike Chambon and Vic Sherman fell in the semis.

In a high-flying final, **Bob Reou** got past Dave Chirio to win the Men's 45+ A Championship. Jeff Grover and Ron Merte were the semi-finalists.

We held a Women's 50+ Championship and a round robin division broke out. **Laura Patterson** got past Chris Todd and Sharon Huczek to win the Championship, although we are still disputing their age claims.

For his second Gold of the day, **Walt Podraza** defeated Dan Verbeck to win the Men's 50+ title. Ed Arias and Scott Sellers made it to the Semis.

Ron Griggs defeated Tim Hahn to claim the Men's 50+A Championship. Congrats to Ron and welcome back to Tim. The semi-finalists were Jay Kargula and Jim Kutt.

Bob Buckingham won the Men's 50+ B Championship by taking out home-town hero Mark Myers. Mike D'Almeida couldn't complete the family sweep but made it to the semis along with Art Murphy.

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ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE RAQUETBALL REPORTER FOR 2009-10

The Racquetball Reporter is published three times throughout the year - July, November, and February.. Items to be included in the Racquetball Reporter for the **2009-10** year must be submitted by the following dates:

July 15, 2009 January 12, 2009
October 6, 2009

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All advertisements must be submitted in camera ready format in the appropriate size. E-mailed graphics can be accepted in either a .TIFF or .JPG format. All advertisements will be in black and white for all issues, except the fall issue which will be in full color. Payment must accompany submission of all advertisement material. Information may be mailed to The Racquetball Reporter, 321 Village Dr., Lansing, MI 48911 or sent electronically to djeasterling@earthlink.net.

2009 RAM STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Charlie Curtis got past Bill Hagedorn and Jim Panasiewicz to win the round robin Men's 55+ Championship.

Ken Bonnett got past Ed Barter to win the Men's 60+ Championship. Bill Hagedorn and George Goudie were the semi-finalists.

Art Murphy took out Dave Lund in the Finals of the Men's 65+ Division to take the Gold. Tom Sharum and Rich Dunneback rounded out the semis.

Lansing dominated the Men's 25+A Division as **Dan Leung** defeated John Summersett to take the Gold. Ben Marciniak-Jennings and Mike Malcolm were the semi-finalists.

Dave Douches defeated Bryan Galloway to win the Men's 25+A Championship. Jeff Simonis and Rich Westerbrink made it to the semis.

Matt Smith won the Men's 35+C/D Championship by getting past James Price. The semi-finalists were Dave Stagray and Eric Lee.

The Men's 40+C Division went to **Jim Hemenway** who defeated Greg McClellan in the Finals. Rudy Varela and Fred Boling were the semi-finalists.

Keith Vogel defeated Chuck Van Hoose and George Goudie in the round robin Men's 55+A Championship.

The Men's 55+B Championship was also contested in round robin fashion. **Kevin Keys** outlasted Dennis Reid and Greg McClellan to take the Gold.

Mike Stephens (yes, that Mike Stephens) defeated Rick Bhirdo to win the Men's 55+C Championship. Allan Coyle and Alfonso Pugh were the semi-finalists.

Our battle of septuagenarians went to **Mr. Dave Lund** on the score sheet as he got past Mr. Lynn Hahn. Welcome back Lynn. When such great gentlemen as these hook up, however, can there really be a loser?

The Men's A Division was the largest contested this weekend with twenty-four entrants. It was also one of the toughest. In the end, the Championship went to **Jason Kennedy** when he defeated Scott Sellers in the Final. Mike Chambon and Ferd Samson fought their way into the semis.

The second largest Division was the Men's B Division which featured twenty-four players. **Matt Barbuscak** closed out a great season with a Gold medal by defeating Dave Douches in the Championship. Dave Lund and Al Kohl rounded out the semis.

Joe Mueller got past eighteen other competitors, including Finalist Nathan Tucker to become Men's C Champion. Ross Hunter and Jim Hemenway made it almost to the top of the heap and finished in the semis.

The Men's D Division went to **Ross Hunter** who defeated Nathan Tucker to win the title. Bruce keeling and Eric Lee made it to the semis.

A strong Men's Elite Division went to **Mark Reed** who defeated John Kutt in the Final. John Stallmer and Rich Gallagher were the semi-finalists.

The Women's Elite Championship went to **Mercedes Arias** who defeated Wendy Caverly in the Finals.

This season, the Men's Open Division has featured two players in almost every championship final. This was no exception. **Brandon Cortese** closed out a brilliant and dominating season by defeating Shannon Kohl in another epic match to win the Men's Open Championship.

The Women's Open Champion featured another dominant player. **Maureen Price** has won nearly every tournament this season and aimed to continue her run at States. Maureen defeated Michele Geile in the Finals to win the Women's Open Championship. Laura Patterson and Melody Gorno were the semi-finalists.

It was another great weekend of State Championship action. Thanks to the MAC and all of the participants. If you want to check out some great photos of the tournament, check out the RAM web page at www.michiganracquetball.net.



Travelling Hall of Fame Plaque
Courtesy of
Mike Anderson of
Andersons

HIGH SCHOOL RACQUETBALL CLUB

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pleased at how many students were interested in joining the club. The racquetball club had a steady participation of about fifteen students throughout the school year. Our activities consisted of watching professional racquetball matches and going to the club on Fridays and playing for about two and a half hours. Although I consider this first year a success I have bigger and better plans for next year. I'm planning for two big events next year. The first is that I want to hold a student vs. faculty tournament. The second event I have planned is a University of Detroit Jesuit racquetball club trip to play in one of the local Michigan racquetball tournaments.

In order for racquetball to grow there needs to be a strong junior program, and a vital part of a strong junior program is increased participation of high school students. I would love to see racquetball become a high school varsity sport, and I believe that it is possible if more high school programs are started. If high schools created programs and then competed against each other, I have no doubt that a varsity high school team would not be far behind. Any Michigan juniors reading this article that are about to enter high school, I encourage you to look in to starting a club at your school. When your friends ask you what racquetball is, rather than just explaining it to them, invite them to go play.

RAM 2009 AWARD WINNERS



Outstanding Contributor
CARA Tournaments,
Traverse City Cherry Splat,
Riverview Fall Brawl,
Junior Nationals,
Caryn Coyle

*Not Pictured -
2009 Sportsperson of the Year
Ferd Samson*

*2009 Club/Owner of the Year
Bronson Athletic Club*



2009 Tournament Director of the Year
Traverse City Cherry Splat
Jeff Simonis

Photos courtesy of Jeff Simonis

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RAM 2009 AWARD WINNERS



2009 Female Player of the Year - Melody Gorno



2009 Male Player of the Year
Brandon Cortese



2009 Most Improved Player
Brad Schopieray

2009 Junior Player of the Year - Andrew Price

2009 Most Improved Junior Player
Zachary D'Almeida



Photos courtesy of Jeff Simonis



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RULES / REFEREE CLINIC

Do you play someone in your racquetball league who is always in the way and gets hit with ball all of the time? Are you not sure where to stand when you are playing? Do you have a question or two about the rules for avoidable hinder, the service line or court hindrances?

If so maybe you should go to a Racquetball Rules/Referee Clinic and get these questions, and others answered. These clinics are not just to learn how to referee, but are for all levels of players who have questions on the rules and how to improve their games.

Would you like to have a clinic at your club or YMCA. Go to your racquetball person (club pro, manager, etc.) and have them contact Jim Easterling to schedule a clinic at your club. You can contact Jim at 517-449-8942 or by email at djesterling@earthlink.net. Clinics last about two hours and cover all aspects of the rules and are fun. You get to meet "Racquetball Bart"!!



MORE FROM THE HALL OF FAME BANQUET



L-R - Mike Yellen,
Tom Blakeslee



L-R - David Brower, Randy Minto, Ron Pudduck