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From The President

Hi Everybody !

And they are off . . . This millennium-
ending season has started with a bang! Our 1st
event of the year was just held at The Executive
Health & Sports Center in Manchester (results in-
side) on Sept 17th-19th. Participation for this sea-
son-opening event was up 20% over last year! We
would like welcome 27 new members to the N.H.R.A./U.S.R.A., 8 of
whom are juniors. 18 of those memberships are from N.H. and so
are 7 of the juniors. This is a great kickoff to what looks like an
awesome year. Some of the things we've been working on: are:

-We have just finished a laminated poster with all the New
England tournament dates on it. This'll be going out to all the
clubs in New England, if you'd like one at your club, let us know.

-We are also scheduling demo nights at our N.H. clubs, with
Ektelon, Wilson and E-Force. We're doing these together as a
manufacturer's night, including the radar gun and prizes. Our
goal is to promote the N.H.R.A — within the clubs — to people who
may not be aware of us. So far we have received 6 new member-
ships through this process.

-We will be hosting a referee clinic and certification test at
The Justin Open on Sat - 10/23. There's a \$10.00 fee to take the
test. You may retest for no charge if you don't pass. Also, we're
hosting an AmPro Certification course at The Executive Health
and Sports Center on Nov 12th-14th. This won't be offered again in
our area for quite awhile. Take advantage now. It is a great op-
portunity to learn to teach, program, and assess your own game.

-The Executive is also hosting the N.H. State Doubles Cham-
pionships on Nov 5-7th. We will try to make it a Friday night — Sat-
urday event, so try to make yourself available on Friday if it is
possible. We have some good things in store for you for prizes — so
go get a partner and compete !

-Lastly, please don't forget the Justin Open on Oct 22-24th.
Entries are limited so please enter early. All proceeds go to the
Genesis Fund and it's a class event ! See you there . . .

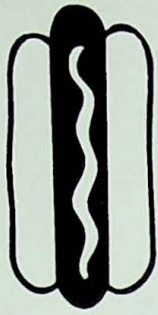
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Kelley

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HOT NEW "RESTAURANT" OPENS! "Tony's Cuccina" in Salem rates 5 splat shots.

As the official NHRA food critic, the season never ends. When I am not tasting (sometimes 3 and 4 trips are necessary) the delectable delicacies of tournament gourmet food, I am reviewing local restaurants that are located in areas where tournaments are held. Last month, I discovered a quaint little Italian . . . His "restaurant" is nestled in the pines of Salem, New Hampshire. It is called Tony's.


I had the marinated sirloin steak barbecued to perfection, a baked potato, freshly picked hot corn-on-the-cob dripping with butter, accompanied by a great garden salad with many choices of dressing. For desert, a chocolate cake that just melted in your mouth. Everything was served "Italian" style — which means it is all you could eat — and eat I did.

The executive chef of the house, Tony Bruzzese, is a member of the racquetball fraternity. Reservations are definitely required as there is only one table. This is definitely a 5 splat shot restaurant.



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AmPRO INSTRUCTOR CLINIC – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Jim Winterton, recently appointed head coach of the U.S. Junior National Racquetball Team, will be coming back to the Executive Health & Sports Center in Manchester on November 12th to 14th. He will conduct another AmPRO Instructor Clinic for certification & upgrade of professional racquetball instructors. Jim's 30 plus years of playing and teaching experience as well as his great success with the U.S. National team presents us with a unique opportunity to learn from the foremost authority in racquetball instruction today (**read Jim's 'Bio' at the end of this article*). This is your chance to become a member of an elite team of individuals who serve as caretakers of the great sport of racquetball. Those individuals will accelerate this game into the next century by introducing new and existing players to the best techniques available, thus helping them *'to be the best that they can be'*. Both classroom and practical clinic instruction will be offered at three certification levels: Instructor, Advanced Instructor, and Professional Instructor. Your certification level will be determined from the combined scores of your on-court practical, hitting capabilities, and the written exam. Whether your goals behind earning AmPRO credentials are personal or professional, the information that you will learn will be invaluable – *don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity!*

For more information on the AmPRO Racquetball Instructors Clinic contact Kelley Beane. Note: Jim's visit to NH last February was a big hit – Carl Savage, Jeff Morse, & Mike Normand became certified instructors; Kelley was successfully upgraded to 'Professional Instructor' status.

**More on Jim's background:* He has coached the U.S. (adult) National Racquetball team for ten years during which they have gone undefeated in international competition, winning two Pan Am and four world championships. He has won several state and regional titles as a player and has coached five Junior National champions. Jim is an 8th grade English teacher in No. Syracuse, N.Y. where he also coaches football, tennis, and a local Junior racquetball program as well as giving group and private lessons at his club. In 1996 Jim was named National Coach of the Year by the USRA and was honored with other Olympic coaches in Tampa, Florida. Last but not least he has taught for the past sixteen years at the U.S. Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, Colorado - definitely a busy man!

Mike Normand

NH RACQUETBALL RANKINGS

<i>MENS OPEN</i>		<i>MENS A</i>		<i>MENS B</i>		<i>MENS C</i>		<i>MENS D</i>	
Chris Zalegowski	525	Mike Cole	530	Tom Christy	150	Rob Smith	235	Mike Keddie	340
Jim Lukeman	100	Jeff Hill	250	Bruce Gagnon	120	Jared Mansur	115	Jay Keddie	225
Jaime Boucher	75	Jeff Morse	215	Scott Elwell	110	Tom Boyle	110	Josh Husson	190
Jeff Morse	75	Carl Savage	55	Bruce Rawlings	100	Greg Steeves	95	Stephen Noel	150
Mike Cole	50	Frank Gibson	50	Bill Taranovich	75	Kip Jackson	60	Jay O'Halloran	150
Aron Drew	50	Phil Drew	45	Mark Souda	50	Bob Burgess	55	Chad Chaloux	90
Jeff Hill	35	Jim Sitomer	40	Jay Keddie	35	Andy Carr	50	Matt Keddie	90
Jim Sitomer	35	Tony Bruzzese	25	Ray Govotski	25	Jeff McKillip	50	Peter Smith	90
Rocky Hathaway	30	Mark Torr	25	Mike Vecchiarelli	25	Russ Raby	50	Richard Bates	85
Joe Allis	25	Lee Bailey	20	Jim Walsh	25	Bruce Rawlings	50	Gary Coutu	50
Doug Forbes	15	Tom Bonardi	20	Scott Merrill	20	Bill Taranovich	50	Walter Kalisz	50
<i>MENS NOVICE</i>		<i>MENS 25+</i>		<i>MENS 30+</i>		<i>MENS 35+</i>		<i>MENS 40+</i>	
Chad Chaloux	310	Chris Zalegowski	200	Gary Ashworth	100	Jim Lukeman	180	John Varrill	160
Matt Keddie	180	Aron Drew	50	Jim Lukeman	30	Tony Bruzzese	100	Phil Robbins	100
Jaime Lafontaine	150					Jim Walsh	75	Carl Savage	75
Derek Taylor	115					Joe Allis	10	Sid Bird	50
Bryan Kilmer	100					Robert Ward	10	Peter Messier	50
Dan Leblanc	70							Mark Torr	50
Kevin Anderson	10							Brandt Pace	30
								John Mansur	25
								Neal Brodien	20
<i>MENS 45+</i>		<i>MENS 55+</i>		<i>MENS 65+</i>		<i>JR. <8MB</i>		<i>JR. <8</i>	
Joe Allis	150	Mitch Milewski	300	Norbert Lecompte	180	Billy Bayliss	250	Matt Keddie	75
Chet Kennedy	100	Brandt Pace	150	Parker Towle	100			Billy Bayliss	50
Brandt Pace	30	Bill Bischoff	75	Ken Hardman	75			Molly Smith	30
		Bob Hall	50	Harold Bamford	15				
		Norbert Lecompte	50						
		John Hale	20						
						<i>JR. <10</i>		<i>JR. <12</i>	
						Matt Keddie	600	Mike Keddie	600
						Billy Bayliss	175	Matt Keddie	210
						Matt Sauter	175	Bryan Kilmer	60
						Mike Keddie	75	Kevin Anderson	10
						<i>JR. <16</i>		<i>JR. <18</i>	
						Brie Benton	65	Jared Mansur	150
<i>WOMENS OPEN</i>		<i>WOMENS A</i>		<i>WOMENS B</i>		<i>WOMENS C</i>		<i>WOMENS D</i>	
Nan Higgins	220	Denise Kilmer	180	Denise Kilmer	150	Joan Woodbury	50	Gretchen Gobar	270
Kelley Beane	190	Maureen Claussen	125	Karen Middleton	110	Angela Urbano	40	Mary Tetreau	180
Gail Guy	125	Diane Alexander	75	Diane Alexander	100	Patty Danos	15		
Kate McGinty	75			Mary Tetreau	75	Stephanie Saffo	10		
Joyce Pochily	60			Carrie Nolet	30	Mary Tetreau	10		
				Maureen Claussen	20				
<i>WOMENS NOVICE</i>		<i>WOMEN 25+</i>		<i>WOMEN 40+</i>					
Gretchen Gobar	270	Kelley Beane	375	Sara Bigelson	15	-----			
Brie Benton	15					<i>* NOTE: Points DO NOT reflect the Executive Open *</i>			

		<i>WOMENS 30+</i>		<i>WOMENS 45+</i>		*****			
		Kelley Beane	425	Nan Higgins	580	UPDATED USRA POINTS AS OF 9/27/99			
		Gail Guy	95	Kate McGinty	150	<i>(12 MONTH POINTS CUMULATIVE)</i>			
				Donna Travers	15	*****			

1999 EXECUTIVE OPEN RESULTS (Sept. 17th - 19th)

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
MENS OPEN	Scott Reiff	Chris Zalegowski	Joey Delfino	Aron Drew
MENS AA	Steve Blair	Vinny Lee	Jeff Kenneson	Carl Redlich
MENS A	Phil Robbins	Joe Valenzuela	Mark Brezina	Bruce Gagnon
MENS B	Scott Makosiej	Troy Sankey	Skip Silva	Matt Zalegowski
MENS C	Wilken Tom	Walter Kalisz	Bob Burgess	Jack Warrick
MENS D	Robbie Bryant	Peter Smith	Nate Dyer	Matt Chabot
MENS NOVICE	Chris Purrington	Dan Larachelle	Jim Purrington	Charles Muenzberg
MENS 45+	Bob Otivic	John Varrill	Carl Savage	Dick Dyer
JR. <10	Matt Sauter	Billy Bayliss	Nick Durrant	
JR. <12	Matt Keddie	Nate Dyer	Bryan Kilmer	Carl Hassum
JR. <14	Robbie Bryant	Chris Purrington	Keith Pratt	
WOMENS OPEN	Roz Petronelli	Janet Grimaldi	Kelley Beane	Joanne Pomodoro
WOMENS A	Ann Doucette	Christina Pastore	Ali Corvino	
WOMENS B	Lauren Miller	Donna Spano	Karen Middleton	
WOMENS C	Jill Wilson	Elise Wilson	Gretchen Gobar	Brie Benton
WOMENS D	Elise Wilson	Gretchen Gobar	Brie Benton	Paula Joyce
MENS OPEN DOUBLES	Scott Reiff	Tim Wilson	Aron Drew	Steve Blair
	Chris Zalegowski	Sanjay Laforest	Phil Drew	Rick Bouchard
MENS 'A' DOUBLES	Phil Robbins	John Miller	Mike Normand	Bob Otivic
	Tony Bruzzese	Mark Brezina	Ray Ross	Mike Eyssi
MENS B/C DOUBLES	Brandon Drew	Chad Steere	Mike Keddie	Shawn O'Leary
	Jim Stacy	Casey O'Connor	Bill Taranovich	Bill Corey
WOMENS OPEN/A DBLS.	Janet Grimaldi	Carmen Dyer	Diane Weisbach	Kelley Beane
	Roz Petronelli	Cindy Hamilton	Joan Parker	Joanne Pomodoro
MIXED A/B DOUBLES	Carmen Dyer	Ann Doucette	Ali Corvino	Donna Spano
	Paul Pierce	Ray Ross	Jim Monahan	Preston Butler

1999 NHRA SCHEDULE

DATES	N.H.	MA.	VT./R.I.	ME./CT.	OTHER
8/06-8/08		Summer Survivor III - Cedardale			
8/13-8/15					
8/20-8/22				Beach Party Open - Wallingford CT	8/25 - Demo Night @ NAC
8/27-8/29					
9/03-9/05	<i>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</i>				9/08 - Demo Night @ EHSC
9/10-9/12			RI State Doubles - RiverBend RI	CT State Doubles - Bristol CT	Fran Davis/Cliff Swain Camp - EHSC
9/17-9/19	The Executive Open - EHSC				
9/24-9/26				NE Regional Doubles - New Haven CT	
10/01-10/03		Masters Fall Classic - Cedardale			10/01 - Demo Night @ Gilford
10/08-10/10	<i>COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND</i>				National Doubles - Baltimore MD.
10/15-10/17		Fall Classic Open - Cedardale			
10/22-10/24	Justin Open - Nashua Ath.Club			Halloween Open - Lewiston ME Halloween Open - Wallingford CT	
10/29-10/31					
11/05-11/07	NH State Doubles - Executive	Mass. State Doubles - Cedardale	VT State Doubles - Essex Jct.VT Riverbend Open - Riverbend RI	Autumnfest - Windham ME	
11/12-11/14		Juniors Only - Courthouse Masters Holiday Classic - Cedardale			AmPRO Certification - Executive
11/19-11/21	John Marsden - No.Conway			Turkeyfest - Windham ME Turkey Open - Norwalk CT	
11/26-11/28	<i>THANKSGIVING WEEKEND</i>				
12/03-12/05		Diane Dalton Memorial - Cedardale		Portland Open - Portland ME	US Open - Memphis TN.
12/10-12/12	Holiday Charity Open - NAC			Christmas Mixed Doubles - Windham ME Connecticut Open - New Haven CT	
12/17-12/19					
12/24-12/26	<i>CHRISTMAS WEEKEND</i>				

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				
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	<i>NHRA Awards Banquet - NAC</i>
3/10-3/12					<i>* Date to be announced for the</i>
3/17-3/19			Green Mtn. Open - Essex Jct.VT	St. Patrick's Day Open - Portland ME	<i>NORTHEAST JR. CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>
3/24-3/26	Woodsville	Season's End/Masters - Cedardale	Luciano Open - RiverBend RI		<i>to be held in Bristol, CT.*</i>
3/31-4/02		Singles/Doubles or Nothing - Courthouse		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					

WHERE HAVE ALL THE GOOD REFS GONE?

It appears to me that while sitting at the tournament desk this past weekend that it is becoming an increasing problem to get referees. The Executive tournament was not overscheduled, as we are sometimes guilty of, and we ran 45 minutes to an hour behind on Sat. As a tournament director, I try to find out why, so that at our next event we will run right on time. We generally use the "Winners ref" theory and I noticed that it was taking anywhere from 15 minutes to 1/2 hour for the winners to come up to the desk and pick up their clipboard. This is what made us run behind. When I play at another club and I win my match (God grant me the power!), I typically go the locker room, change my clothes, and report to the desk to see what I have to ref. How difficult is this to fulfill the obligation you know that you will have to do? Are you hoping that we will forget about you? We probably will not. Keep in mind, that when we schedule our matches for a draw we cascade them, meaning that we will have an A match and after that a B and so on, so that we will qualify refs for each one. This helps eliminate a novice from refereeing an Open match, most of the time.

We have tried many different options to having people referee, such as: Losers ref; getting your shirt after you ref; no refs; and paying refs. As for having losers ref, we get "Screw you, I am outta here!" Having people ref to get their tournament shirt we get "Keep it, I have enough!" Having no refs works with closed N.H. tournaments, with no points or cash on the line. Paying refs — we have usually get a lot of junior refs trying to make some money, but sometimes this is not the best option. It also seems to get us a lot of people with blood alcohol levels over .10. Looking to get money to buy their next drink — again, not really what we are looking for! So, as you can see, we need to use the winners to ref. If you don't ref or find a suitable replacement, we have the option to forfeit you. Unfortunately we forfeited two at the Executive Open on Sunday.

Look, no one "likes" to ref (well . . . I do know someone . . . Bill...) but please make it easier on yourself and the tournament directors and go to the desk, don't make them page you over and over and go looking for you. It will help keep your tourney running on time and make it more enjoyable for everyone.

Kelley

THE JUSTIN FUND - "HELPING JUSTIN HELP OTHERS" - \$33,000 AND COUNTING

It is hard to believe that it was six years ago that we held our first Justin Open and preparation is well underway for the Justin Open VI to be held on October 22 – 24. What really hit me was the total amount the Justin Fund has donated to charity, over \$33,000! Each year something special always happens. I can remember many of our winners saying "keep the prize money". I can remember players donating items for the raffle. I can remember a person bringing in boxes of pastries from his family's bakery. Unbelievable! The totals really say a lot about racquetball and the type of people who are involved.

As anyone who has run a fundraiser knows, there is no magic formula, it is a combination of hard work and generosity. This year's proceeds will be donated to the Genesis Fund, an organization that helps children with birth defects and the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, an organization that feeds the hungry and provides shelter to mothers and their children.

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP AND BE A PART OF JUSTIN'S TEAM?

1. Obviously we hope to see you at the Justin Open. If cannot play and would like a tournament shirt, please send \$10 to the address below and we will make sure you get one.
2. If you would like to sponsor a court, the donation is \$25. Your name will be put on a court.
3. Buy raffle tickets. They are a \$1 each and we have many great prizes.
4. We will be running a 50 /50 split the pot. You get half the proceeds.
5. The Dartboard square challenge, for \$5 you get a square on the board, if Justin hits your square you win \$100.
6. All donations are appreciated and you do not have to be present to win.

If you are interested in contributing, but will not be able to make this year's Justin Open, please send any donations to Paul & Deb Wallace, 10 Berkshire Street, Nashua, New Hampshire, 03060 and specify which of the above you are interested in and we will take care of the rest. Please make checks payable to the Justin Fund.

Once again from Justin, Deb, Paul and I, thank you and we look forward to seeing you this year.

Carl Savage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1999 NH STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS: Executive Health & Sports Center on Nov. 5th – 7th. Sweatshirts to all entrants so don't miss out!
REFEREE CERTIFICATION: State Level One, offered at the Justin Open on Saturday Oct. 23rd for a cost of \$10.00 (sign-ups at the USRA desk). For those of you who need to retest —no charge. **EXPECTING:** A baby girl to Chris & Carla Zalegowski sometime in December; congratulations & good luck! **AmPRO CERTIFICATION:** Executive on Nov. 12th – 14th; conducted by Jim Winterton. For more info contact Kelley. **NHRA AP-PAREL:** Customized NH Racquetball sportswear now available – both silk-screened & embroidered items such as hats, T-shirts & sweatshirts. Available at all NH tournaments. **DEMO NIGHT:** want a Demo Night at your club sponsored by the NHRA? Contact a NHRA Board member. **MARRIED:** Jeff Morse & Karen Bedard on Sept. 18th (same weekend as the Exec Open – what timing!!!) **BEST WISHES** from all your racquetball friends! **VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** THE NHRA NEEDS YOU! People to work on committees such as: the State Banquet, Fund Raising, Awards, Rules & Policies, Referee Certification, many more! If you've got some talent, the energy, and/or time, we could use your help! Call Kelley Beane or the NH Board through the web site. **ADVERTISING:** Ad Rates - \$100 full page, \$50 ½ page, \$25 ¼ page, & \$15 business card. Newsletter goes out to full NHRA membership plus all the clubs, former members and many RB friends so advertise here! Yearly rates available. **NEWSLETTER RATES:** NH newsletter subscription is available to non-residents / non-members for a \$10.00/year rate. **F.Y.I. TO MEMBERS:** When your USRA membership card states a 10/99 expiration, that means you expire on the 1st day of the month - *not the end of the month!* **NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:** To be at Cedardale and the Nashua Athletic Club April 14-16, 2000. According to Bill this is the last year he will be running this tournament. **EDITORS NOTE:** Conversations with Rocky Hathaway in "paradise" (Key Largo, FL) and he says "HI!" to all his NH racquetball friends. Send him your regards – Rocky Hathaway – 100 Nirvana Ln #135 – Key Largo, FL 33037.