

# MSRA NEWS

## Minnesota State Racquetball Association

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### The Hall of Fame is Touched by Claridge

The Hall of Fame Tournament has become a premier event for the racquetball community. It combines the tournament atmosphere with a special feeling of nostalgia for racquetball's history. The tournament is held in January (this year Jan. 13-15) and is hosted by the Greenway Athletic Club (GAC) in downtown Minneapolis. The organizer of the tournament is a Hall of Famer himself, **Bob McNamara**.

On Friday night, a banquet is held to induct 4 or 5 players into the Hall of Fame. Their pictures, a plaque of recognition and memorabilia are displayed in "The Hall of Fame.." at the GAC. Many racquetball enthusiasts, past and present come to the banquet to appreciate and applaud their peers. It is an unusual site to see, such a distinguished group of players dressed in business attire.

**Stu Voight** was the emcee for this occasion. He acknowledged the role of the Minneapolis Park Board in supporting the event. Host, **Bob McNamara** welcomed players and guests to the ceremonies.

#### Hall of Fame Inductees

This year's Hall of Fame banquet in many ways, had the under tone of a memorial to **Warren Claridge**. Warren, himself, was inducted posthumously. **Amos Rosenbloom** accepted the award and related the humor often associated with Warren. Amos told of the jokes and pranks they played on each other. He recalled the times Warren would call Amos the day before an important match to "inquire about his health." Amos laughed and said, "He's still playing jokes on us. His name is spelled wrong on the plaque."

Amos also noted that Warren's impact on racquetball was not limited to his own age group, but extended throughout the sport touching even the juniors.

Other inductees included **Ev Dillon, Paul Iker and Dan Ferris**. Ev was unable to attend, but Paul and Dan gave brief statements upon presentation. Paul's comments were especially poignant as he recalled his first encounter with racquetball at the Mankato YMCA. He spoke about Warren Claridge whom he watched, played and who was his early mentor. Paul, who is not known as an emotional person was obviously moved by the recollections.

Dan's accomplishments in racquetball are impressive. He earned National and even International titles in the early 80's. Dan held Minnesota state singles and doubles titles. He has won tournaments in eight states. Dan joked about a sportsmanship award he received when he was about 16. "...For getting hit in the eye," as he described it. With his parents at the banquet, he proudly acknowledged their emotional and financial support through the years.

#### Special Awards

Two other awards were presented. One award was to **Steve Ordos**. He achieved a very special status. In the 1989 National Doubles, he and his partner won the 75+ division. Steve said, "Friends ask me when I'm going to slow down and take up golf. I tell them when I get old!"

The last award was the "**Warren Claridge**" Award recognizing an outstanding player. Although the criteria is vague, the recipient was definitely deserv-

ing of the honor. **Hart Johnson** by anyone's standards has exemplified the phrase "outstanding player". His high skill level is obvious to anyone that has attended tournaments and watched him compete at the top level of competition--and win! But "outstanding" goes beyond playing ability, it recognizes loftier attributes like leadership, initiative, sportsmanship, promotion of the sport--being a real role model for anyone playing the game. Hart sets a high standard for future recipients, and hopefully, many will achieve it.

After accepting the award, Hart addressed the group and recounted the progress of the junior program and the accomplishments of Team Minnesota. He expressed appreciation for the continued support of the junior program by the MSRA, tournaments such as the Hall of Fame, the parents and also the kids themselves. The climax of his presentation was a slide show viewed with stirring "Olympic" music in sync. The slides were from the 1989 Team Minnesota clinic with **Stu Hastings** and **Fran Davis**, and pictures from the 1989 Junior Nationals in Indiana.

As the evening ended congratulations were extended to the deserving recipients. Stories were shared about the past and optimism for the junior programs. Minnesota's racquetball history is rich and its future looks bright.

# MSRA Board Talk

## Looking Ahead to State Singles

### Attention "B" Players!

At the 1990 Minnesota State Singles Championships, more divisions will be added to accommodate C to B players in age divisions. In addition to the regular B divisions, there will also be 25+B, 30+B, 35+B and 40+B divisions offered. Of course if a minimum of 6 players do not register for a division, it will be combined or dropped. However, the board feels that there are many players who might find these divisions to be better suited to their skill and age level. We hope this experiment proves to be a success.

### REMEMBER LAST YEAR'S BANQUET?

This year's organizer expects the 1990 banquet for the Singles Championship to be even better. Plan now to attend. The banquet will be held on Saturday night--no matches will be scheduled during that time---guaranteed! It will be a sit-down dinner and reservations must be firm. There will, of course, be entertainment. Watch for more information in the next newsletter, on the entry form and at check-in for the tournament.

### Don't be left out!

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## National Doubles Wrap-Up

With the 1989 National Doubles a happy memory, Minnesota Racquetball will reap the benefits of its success for a long time to come. Still, there are a few loose ends that need tying. There were other special people who helped make the National Doubles a success.

**Amos Rosenbloom** initiated and coordinated the transportation funding. He and other racquetball enthusiasts helped underwrite the cost of providing buses between the host hotel, the Airport Hilton, and the host club, the Burnsville Racquet, Swim and Health Club, throughout the tournament. This was a substantial donation by these people. Without their help, the MSRA would have been financially strapped to pay this expense. A tremendous "THANK YOU!!!"

**Kim Fortman and Greg Fox** used their contacts and expertise to help find other sponsors for the tournament. The board appreciates their help and offers them our gratitude as well.

## The Olympic Festival

"1990"--the year of the Olympic Festival in the Twin Cities. In a few weeks, you will begin seeing and hearing more about the Olympic Festival. Racquetball will be included in this competition. The "cream of the crop", the elite racquetball players from across the nation will be here competing. The selection of these players has already begun. Finalist in the 1989 National Doubles Championship qualify for the competition. Other qualifiers will come from the 1990 National Singles Competition in Houston in May, plus the Intercollegiate champions and Junior National champions.



The competition at the Olympic Festival will select members for the World Team that will compete later this summer in the International Championships. This is a unique opportunity to see the BEST!

The racquetball competition will be held on Tuesday, July 10 thru Thursday, July 12. There will be 2 sessions per day.

### **Certified referees will be needed!**

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer at the competition please contact Peggy Clark or Marta Groess or request a volunteer form at a sanctioned tournament.

Ticket information will be reported here in future issues. Group discounts will be available.

## Rochester Hosts Junior Benefit Tourney

The Second Annual Junior Benefit Tournament at Northgate Racquet Club in Rochester, January 5-7 was again a success. The tournament hosted 173 players. Three junior divisions were offered although many of the members of Team Minnesota were competing in skill and Open divisions.

The tournament donated \$600.00 to the juniors from tournament entries. However, due to an oversight, no money was held out of the Pro entries. Players from those divisions donated \$80.00 of their earnings to the juniors. Doug Prins, Bob Plaszcz, Greg Fox, Dave Graddy, Ken Booth, Sheryl Warfield, Roxanne Goblisch, Darcy Chastain, Kim Fortman, Cindy Tilbury, Terri Straka, Margaret Hill, Becky Shirk, Dan Fitzgerald. Thank you to all the players for their support of junior racquetball and to the Northgate Club for again hosting the event.

### In the Junior divisions (boys and girls combined):

#### 14 and under

1. Jill Trachsel-Duluth
2. Aimee Chastain-Maple Grove
- C. Jason Ianfolla-Owatonna

#### 10 and under

1. Buffy Trachsel-Duluth
2. Max Bahr-Rochester
- C. Justin Anderson

#### 8 and under

1. Dan Lichty
2. Ellissa Carpenter-Owatonna
3. Jill Carpenter-Owatonna

## ATTENTION: SENIOR WOMEN!

Wisconsin is hosting a Women's Senior (35+) Tournament. The event is scheduled for March 30 - April 1. It will be held in Madison (approximately a 5 hour drive from the Twin Cities). The format will be similar to the one used by the Men's Master tournament. Players will compete in a round robin, in age divisions only. Then the winners of each division will play off for the championship.

A number of Minnesota senior women are planning to compete. If you would like more information about this tournament, please call Marta (612) 935-1291.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "The Senior Side" is the newest addition to the newsletter format. It will feature interviews, biographies and highlights of senior players and events. It is not just because I'll be turning 45 (ugh) in a couple of weeks, but because it is important to recognize racquetball as a lifelong sport.

### BOB ADAM SR.:

Bob Adam Sr., at 50+ is an avid racquetball player. He wasn't introduced to the sport through handball or paddleball, but through proximity. Kings Court was built two blocks from his house. Bob had played squash at the Minneapolis and St. Paul Athletic Clubs so he was familiar with an indoor racquet sport.

When the club opened, Bob and friend, Nick Simons joined, intending to play occasionally as a workout. However, after only 3 months, Bob was hooked. He changed his membership to "full play" and played every day.

Bob can honestly say that racquetball changed his life. Not only did he become actively involved in the sport, but so did his family. His wife, Mary, played in tournaments and was a top player at the club. Bobby Adam Jr. became a National Junior champion and won several state titles. Bob Sr. even became a part owner of Kings Court.

Bob loves the sport of racquetball. "It's the people," he remarked. The competition is fun, the exercise is great, but what sets racquetball apart from most sports is the players themselves. They can be fierce competitors on the court and best friends off. There is a social climate associated with this sport. It developed in the small clubs where activities and tournaments drew players and friends together. Bob said, "Look at all the people I've met through racquetball. All different kinds of people, in a mix of vocations."

In 1975 Bob Adam became the first State Director, of the IRA (International Racquetball Association which later merged with the AARA). One of his primary reasons for taking this position was to provide consistency for players. "There needed to be uniformity of rules and a standard for equipment--primarily the ball."

The sport of racquetball was in its "boom" years. It seemed like every month or so a "new" racquetball was being produced. They were black, green, red, blue, smooth, dimpled, pumped and numbered. And they were slow! Competing in tournaments and active in the Twin Cities Racquetball League, Bob saw the desirability of a standard. Minnesota players were being disadvantaged in National competition he felt.

Bob was also instrumental in putting women's events into the State Tournaments. In 1989, Bob was inducted into the Racquetball Hall of Fame in 1989.

# Tournament Results

Medalist Freeze-Out  
November 3-5, 1989  
Southview Racquet Club

## Men's Divisions

- Open 1 Mike Locker  
2 Todd Stead  
C Pete McCarthy  
A 1 Tom DuBois  
2 Bryan Schirmacher  
C Gordon Johnson  
B 1 Chris Burg  
2 Dave McKinney  
C Gordon Johnson

## Doubles

- M/O 1 Locker/Stinson  
2 McCarthy/Sabin  
M/A 1 Hobbs/Young  
2 Rens/Rens

Dino's Fall Classic  
November 10-12 1989  
Owatonna Racquet & Health Club

## Men's Divisions

- Open 1 Mike Locker  
2 Rob French  
3 Bill Crowson  
C Bryan Schirmacher  
A 1 George Selke  
2 Dean Velske  
C Mike Kennedy  
B 1 Bob Dickhudt  
2 Doug Sorenson  
C John Siple  
C 1 Rich Brindmore  
2 Don Macy  
C Jamie Bailey  
D 1 Curt Porter  
2 Jeff McCabe  
C Leroy Harty  
35+ 1 Jay Lindgren  
2 Dee Lichty  
C Steve Krob

## Women's Division

- Open 1 Dana Sibell  
2 Amy Melville  
3 Sheryl Warfield  
C Cindy Tilbury  
A 1 Deanna Zeiher  
2 Annette Just  
C Lisa Krohnberg

Mankato Pro-Am  
November 24-26, 1989  
Mankato Athletic Club

## Men's Divisions

- Open 1 Dave Werschay  
2 Mike Locker  
C Bryan Schirmacher  
A 1 Bryan Boelter  
2 Mike Kennedy  
C Steve Esponsen  
B 1 Bob Dickhudt  
2 Frank Ferraro  
C Jon Sand  
C 1 Terry Davis  
2 Dirk Hoogenboom  
C Rich Brindmore  
35+ 1 Gary Peterson  
2 John Kanyusik  
C Ed Salcedo  
45+ 1 Bill Schmidtke  
2 Les Dittrich  
C Earl Peters

## Women's Divisions

- Open 1 Aimee Melville  
2 Cindy Tilbury  
3 Kim Fortman  
A 1 Mary Willerscheidt  
2 Kim Renner  
C Jessica Ostman  
B 1 Patty Maes  
2 Sadie Gross  
C 1 Jana LaVoi  
2 Lucinda Gardner

## Doubles

- M/O 1 Hayenga/Dittrich  
2 Peterson/Dittrich  
C Fox/Gardner  
M/A 1 Thompson/Ostman  
2 Bailey/Bailey  
C Kennedy/Boelter  
W/A 1 Thompson/Ostman  
2 B Melville/Spoden

Superstars of Racquetball Classic II  
December 1-3  
Northeast Racquetball Club

## Men's Divisions

- Pro 1 Mike Locker  
2 Rob French  
C Irv Neuman

- Open 1 Mark Larson  
2 Ray Grimmer  
A 1 Dan Roman  
2 Eric Fortman  
C Al Yeelitt  
B 1 Tim Greig  
2 Scott Bigalke  
C Bruce Moore  
C 1 Jim Unterberger  
2 Albert Fortman  
C Eric Roadfeldt

## Women's Divisions

- Pro 1 Dana Sibell  
2 Kelly Whalen  
C Sheryl Warfield  
A 1 Kerry Keyes  
2 Andrea Beugen  
C Sharon Kostohrug  
B 1 Karen Eiden  
2 Michelle Perry  
C Lois Anderson  
C 1 Kris Carlson  
2 Kathy Reese  
C Sheri Gould

## Junior Division

- 1 Brent Lichty  
2 Amy Straka  
C Angie Straka

## Doubles

- M/O 1 Locker/Stinson  
2 Neuman/Stevens  
C French/McCuniff  
M/A 1 Pilla/Karels  
2 Lichty/D. Roman  
C Allen/Stich  
M/B 1 Bailey/Flies  
2 Carey/Pearson  
C Johnson/MacRino  
W/O 1 Stomberg/Dalager  
2 Hill/Liu  
C Peterson/Yeelitt  
X/O 1T. Peterson/C. Peterson  
2 McCarthy/Tilbury  
X/A 1 Hobbs/Keyes  
2 Henderson/Eilbracht  
X/B 1 Musselman/Larson  
2 Aulwes/Peckles  
C Foell/Foell

## Tournaments: PAID PERFORMANCE

Some tournaments are experimenting with variations in the "Pro" divisions. The same players seem to make it to the semi-finals of most tournaments and money has been awarded to only these positions plus consolation. With entry fees in the Pro/Open divisions a hefty \$10 or more than "amateur" events, it is understandable that many Open players are becoming discouraged. This translates into smaller divisions, smaller purses and generally a decline in the enthusiasm of the players, which can reflect on the entire tournament.

Recently, some tournament directors have come up with some interesting options to bring back the excitement. Players have the opportunity to **earn money for EVERY match they win**. One scenario awards more money to those in the winner's bracket, but consolation matches won still get cash back. There is, of course, a bonus for winning the division in addition to the accumulation of funds per match. What a great idea!

Initially, the winners of a division may not receive as much as in the "winners-take-all" concept. However, with the chance to get some of the entry fee back, tournaments become more affordable to the Open players. Therefore the size of the draw is likely to increase, thus producing greater pay-back and bonuses. Innovative ideas like this are what will keep racquetball an exciting and growing sport.

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# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## January 5-7

**\*Team Minnesota Benefit Pro-Am**  
Northgate Racquet Club  
Rochester, MN 55901  
(507) 281-1551

## January 12-14

**\*3rd Annual Hall of Fame Tourney**  
Greenway Athletic Club  
Minneapolis, MN  
(612) 343-3131

## January 19-21

**\*Northeast Snowflake Pro-Am**  
Northeast Racquetball Club  
Columbia Heights, MN 55434  
(612) 572-0330

## January 26-28

**\*Iron Range Open**  
Supreme Court Racquetball & Fitness  
Virginia, MN 55792  
(218) 749-8318

## February 2-4

**\*St. Paul Winter Carnival Pro-Am**  
Carlton Fitness Club  
Maplewood, MN 55119  
(612) 738-3559

## February 9-11

**\*1st National Bank Shootout**  
Country Courts  
Fairmont, MN 56031  
(507) 235-6691

## February 16-18

**\*6th Annual Lake Country Snowflake**  
Lake Country Health & Racquet Club  
Forest Lake, MN 55025  
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## February 23-25

**\*8th Annual Valley Club Tournament**  
Valley Club  
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## March 2-4

**\*Cub Foods**  
River Valley Athletic Club  
Stillwater, MN 55082  
(612) 439-7611

## March 9-11

**\*Camp Confidence Ultimate Tourney**  
Ultimate Health & Racquet Club  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
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## March 16-18

**\*7th Annual United Cerebral Palsy**  
Suburban Racquetball & Swim Club  
St. Cloud, MN 56301  
(612) 251-3965

## March 23-25

**\*11th Annual KZIO Pro-Am**  
The Courthouse  
Duluth, MN 55802  
(218) 728-4454

## March 30-April 1

**\*Wilson Minnesota Doubles Chmp**  
Roseville Racquet Club  
Roseville, MN 55122  
(612) 633-9333

**\*Women.s Senior Tournament**  
Madison, WI

## April 6-8

**\*Region 11 Adult Racquetball Chmp**  
Northgate Racquet Club  
Rochester, MN 55901  
(507) 281-1551

## April 26-29

**\*Minnesota State Singles Chmp**  
Burnsville Racquet & Swim Club  
Burnsville, MN 55337  
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## May 23-28

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1) Player A (the server), standing in the middle of the court during a rally, hits the ball. The ball comes back toward player A, but he moves and avoids being struck by the ball. Player B is standing behind player A. He sees the ball hit directly to the front wall but is unable to see the ball until player A moves. However, player B is then hit by the ball.

The ref's call should be:

- A. Point for player A
- B. Side-out, player B serves
- C. Hinder (screen) replay the point

**The correct answer is C.** Player B was prevented a reasonable view of the shot and path of the ball. Since the screen or hinder occurred before player B was struck by the ball, the subsequent contact was irrelevant.

However, a case can also be made for **answer B** too. If in the judgment of the referee, player A made no attempt to move to allow player B to see and therefore shoot the ball, a "point" or "avoidable" hinder could be called, resulting in a side-out.

Answer A, although frequently assumed to be correct, is definitely NOT the correct answer.

2) Player A (server) hits the ball during the rally, then moves out of the way to allow player B to return the ball. Player B moves up to hit the ball, then decides to let the ball go to the back wall. Player A expecting player B to hit the ball has moved into position to see the shot. However, since player B has elected to let the ball go by, player A is struck by the ball.

The ref's call should be:

- A. Point for player A
- B. Side out
- C. Hinder (no time to get out of the way)

**The correct call is B, side-out.** It is bad luck, but player B may choose to let the ball go to the back wall and player A must stay out of the way.

**Note:** In a similar situation, player B swings at the ball and misses. Player A is hit by the ball. The same call still applies because player B although missing the ball on his first swing is entitled to another opportunity to play the ball.

## Predictions and Resolutions

### LOOKING BACK...

1990, the beginning of a new decade. It is natural to look back at what happened last year and also review the last ten years. Racquetball had a varied decade. The early 80's saw the slump-after-the-boom syndrome.

Running took the spotlight, leading to marathons and even triathalons, as many people flocked to the newest exercise craze. Millions of people literally took to the streets. Then came aerobics as studios opened everywhere and people (especially women) came back indoors and put music into their fitness programs. Next was Nautilus, then free-weights.

With all of these individual approaches to exercise, as beneficial as each might be, there was something missing. People are social animals--interaction is a necessary part of our make-up. In the late 80's "sports" made a significant come back. Volleyball, basketball, squash and yes, racquetball are being enjoyed by even more Minnesotans than in the 70's. The level of competition seems only to get better because players are coming into the sport in better physical condition.

All of the fitness activities have complimented sports instead of becoming competition for participants. Athletes now combine weight training and aerobic exercise as ways of improving their performance in their sports.

Then, of course, there was the great strides racquetball has made within the Olympic movement. The designation of racquetball as a Class A sport by the United States Olympic Committee and the inclusion in the Olympic Festival brought great interest and recognition for the sport. Racquetball has also grown internationally. There is an increase in international competition, in North, Central and South America, in Europe and even in Asia. Racquetball has achieved the level of sport not just the latest fad.

### LOOKING AHEAD...

The first of the year is always a time to resolve to do better, set goals and plan for improvement.

#### In 1990, I resolve to:

1. find more time to PLAY racquetball
2. play more different players
3. play doubles (even the backhand side)
4. introduce someone to the game
5. spend more time working with young players
6. spend more time learning from older players
7. learn the importance of "control"
8. promote senior competition (I need someone to play)
9. get in condition (I'll take one aerobics class--if it doesn't kill me, maybe I'll go back again. And perhaps I could do more than walk through the weight training sections of the club.)
10. publish the newsletter on time!!!

# EDITOR'S Note:

## Farewell to a Friend

In November, an aneurysm took a very special friend of racquetball, Warren Claridge. Warren knew everyone, or so it seemed. Whenever he showed up at a tournament, he'd greet each person as if he had come just to see him. Whenever you saw Warren, he was smiling.

Warren lived in Mankato, an active racquetball community. Although he was over 60, he still played racquetball regularly with friends. Warren loved the game that he had played since it was introduced in his area. He played racquetball because it was fun. But he was more than just a social player, he played in tournaments and he promoted the sport that he enjoyed.

Everyone has their own "Warren Claridge" story. One of the best known tales is about his cape! Warren played in many local tournaments and state tournaments. At one time he had so many tournament shirts that he made a cape out of them. His picture was taken in the cape and publicized in the newspaper. Warren even had matchbooks made up with his picture (in his racquetball cape) on the cover.

Warren was no stranger to the local Mankato media. He had a few "connections". Whenever he did well in a tournament, he'd call his contact to get coverage for the tournament and "put in a few good words" about Warren. One time a player who had taken first place laughed because Warren who had taken second had more coverage than the winner. "To read the article, you'd hardly know that I won," the champ commented.

Warren was easy to find, one only had to look for a man with wavy white hair and a broad smile. He was usually in the company of females--he loved the ladies. He often wore his cowboy boots that were court shoes.

Warren was never without a joke (some X-rated). He was quite a prankster as well. He had a collection of "dirty" greeting cards. He could find humor in almost any situation.

Warren was a great cheerleader. Whenever anyone succeeded or did something noteworthy, that person could almost expect to get a note or a call from Warren. He was eager to give a person a pat on the back for a job well done.




In 1988, Warren won the first 60+ division in a state singles tournament. I won the first 40+ division for women. Warren had someone take our picture together--Warren loved to have his picture taken, then he sent me a copy. I'm glad.

Warren will be missed by all who knew him. However, he left us all something special, fond memories of a happy fellow and a racquetball friend.

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Each year, at the State Singles Championship, the board presents to the membership a slate of candidates for election to the MSRA board of directors. The selection for these candidates will begin in February.

### What does the MSRA do?

The MSRA conducts the State Singles Championship in the spring, and the State Doubles Championship in the fall. It coordinates and sanctions a series of tournaments known as the Sanctioned Series Tournaments. A ranking system is being developed exclusively for Minnesota players. The MSRA seeks sponsors and advertisers for the state tournaments. A newsletter (this newsletter) is published 6 times a year and distributed to each member and available at tournaments and clubs. The MSRA addresses concerns about rules and refereeing. And of course, the MSRA avidly supports junior racquetball and Team Minnesota. **The MSRA promotes racquetball!**

### What do the Board of Directors do?

The board of directors oversees ALL of the activities of the MSRA. It generates ideas to improve and promote Minnesota racquetball. It makes financial and policy decisions which effect the association, its members and ultimately the growth of the sport of racquetball.

Directors commit to a two year term. Approximately half the board is elected or re-elected each year to promote continuity. However, interested members can participate on committees which make recommendations to the board. **Requirements to serve: enthusiasm, time commitment, dedication and an interest in promoting racquetball.**

If you would be interested in serving on the board, or participate on one of the committees, please send a letter outlining your interests to MSRA Elections, P.O.Box 16515, Mpls, MN 55416 or call Peggy Clark 612-722-7321.

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