



N.M.R.A. NEWS

NEW MEXICO RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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President's Message: On Balderdash and Potpourri

REDEFINING THE OLYMPIC DREAM

Dateline: Sydney, Australia, the year 2000. The U.S. and Morocco lead a field of 58 nations into the first Olympiad for Racquetball. Among the newest nations is Rwanda. When the 1994 civil war ended with the annexation of South Africa into this country, racquetball replaced rollerball as the official sport. Seeded behind New Guinea and Surinam in Flight C, Rwandan Coach Larry Liles is optimistic of his chances. "If not the gold this year, then we are a shoo-in in 2004 in Bosnia."

EKTELON IS MOVING, OR IS IT ANOTHER APRIL FOOLS'?

Norm Peck, ex-corporate giant for Ektelon, the number one racquetball racquet manufacturer, was escorted recently from his office by a Prince representative and a security guard. Obviously surprised, Norm was given two hours to remove all personal contents (as told by a reliable source). Prince will now consolidate its companies under its New Jersey roof. After months of on-again, off-again statements, it is now assured that the last stronghold of American-made frames will no longer be a presence in San Diego. So what does this mean for racquetball and the strong allegiance of millions of racquetball players? Stay tuned...

NHSF--NMRA--PDC: COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN '95

In 1983, under the influence of Ralph Waddington, the NMRA applied for and secured 501c3 status under the Internal Revenue Service. New Mexico was the first state affiliate to the AARA to qualify. Many of its programs subsequently became strengthened; e.g., World Seniors, Junior Development Program, Corporate Sponsorship Program, and the Senior Olympics. A year later, a Colorado transplant and racquetball player, Paul

Windmueller, joined the team at Premier Distributing Company (PDC), and he sparked interest in providing in-kind product and services for the NMRA. Paul and PDC have since created a strong statewide corporate sponsorship base for the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund (NHSF), from which over 20,000 college and university students receive financial support. Many New Mexicans are part of this program, some currently NMRA members. The creation of an NHSF mini-series of fundraising racquetball events is scheduled for 1995.

RULE BOOKS, YES; BUT WHAT MORE FOR YOUR RACQUETBALL LIBRARY?

In February, I passed some time perusing the sports section of the newest book outlet in Albuquerque, Bookstar. I reviewed many sections of sporting activities, among them, Tennis, Windsurfing, MicroKorfbal, and much more. In my quest to find a racquetball primer entitled, *Shivas Irons and Racquetball in the Kingdom*, or *The Inner Game of Racquetball*, I saw a lone racquetball edition on the shelf. Purists might slap my hands for not recalling the name of the book; however, I can recall the two authors of this late '70s edition. They are Rod Delson and Steve Lubarsky. Their claim is and was not on the racquetball court; yet, they were able to jump on the bandwagon of racquetball's popularity of that period to have a book published. What stands out most about the book is the following: (1) There are no eyeguards present in print or pictures; (2) Training for the sport is related to how well one handled a Universal Gym with five stations; and (3) Instructional tips include how to use the V-Grip with a standardized racquet. The reason I recall the two authors is because they graduated from the same high school as me in the late 60s. While arguably equal to other fine racquetball publications like Reznik's *Championship Racquetball by the Experts* (1977), or High's *Can Grandpa Play*

Racquetball (1978), can our sport be given justice when dated material stands on shelves of well-traveled book outlets? Many well known and lesser known authors have attempted to educate the over 10 million racquetball players. What about educating the millions of readers who peruse the shelves and may become future members of our racquetball community? While our mission statement for 1994 is the penetration of racquetball into college intramural and instructional classes, let's project a mission statement for 1995 as the growth of our racquetball library. After all, Jack Purcell court shoes and Z balls were great twenty years ago! Would be publishers, are you listening?

• NEWS NOTES •

.....The NMRA mourns the passing of two wonderful men and racquetball players, **Les Enslin** of Moriarty and **Dr. Colby Bollinger** of Albuquerque.

.....Application forms are now available for the World Senior Racquetball Championships New Mexico Scholarship Program. Contact **Carol Gellman**, **Paula Sperling** or **Gary Mazaroff** for an application.

.....The first AARA Skill Level National Championships (levels A-D for men and women) will be held at the City Square Athletic Club in Phoenix, Arizona, July 22-24, 1994. Each participant must be pre-classified by a PARI Professional. Call **Gary Mazaroff** at 266-8960 for more information.

.....Annual NMRA Meeting Moves to October. Consistent with the changing of the State Doubles Racquetball Championships, the annual NMRA open meeting will now be held in conjunction with the October event. For the past ten years, the meeting was held in May.

Why Jeopardize Your Eyesight?

Chris Evon, a Team Ektelon member for seven years, is one of the top ten women playing in the Women's Professional Racquetball Association (WPRA) tour. Not only dedicated to playing and teaching racquetball, Chris also spends numerous hours promoting the sport through clinics and exhibitions. She served as president of the WPRA for four years, and is currently completing a master's degree in sports psychology.

Don't forget your eyewear! With skilled players capable of serving at more than 150 miles per hour, racquetball is no game for fools. Sure, you wear eye-

Tournament Roundup

ALBUQUERQUE SENIOR OLYMPICS HELD AT HIGHPOINT

The racquetball event for the 1994 Albuquerque Senior Olympics was held at Highpoint Racquet and Swim Club on April 12 and 13. The event was coordinated by Gary Mazaroff and graciously hosted by the club.

The Senior Olympics is an annual local and state competition, for people age 55 and up, in more than 20 different sporting events. National competition is held every two years. The primary purpose is to emphasize the importance of regular exercise as a part of each person's health regimen. In addition, participants find that getting out and getting fit are both fun and useful, and they meet new people with similar interests and form new friendships.

The racquetball players at Highpoint, both men and women, in several five-year age groups, had a good tournament and really enjoyed themselves. Those who placed 1ST through 3RD in their events are eligible for the New Mexico State Olympics in Las Vegas, at Highlands University, on August 4. Those who succeed there will be able to compete at the next National Senior Olympics, in May of 1995, in San Antonio, Texas.

The results of the Albuquerque Tournament are listed in the results section of the newsletter.

—Terry Lauritsen

HOT SHOTS AT HIGHPOINT

The future looks bright for junior racquetball in New Mexico. Recently, at the Highpoint Racquet and Swim Club, future open players displayed their skills to a packed house at the New Mexico State Juniors Racquetball Championships. The action was fast and furious as many new champions were crowned at this year's event.

The staff at Highpoint and NMRA board members kept tournament operations running smoothly for the 57 players competing in multi-bounce to boys and girls 18

guards at AARA-sanctioned tournaments (because the AARA told you to), but it amazes me why so many racquetball players expose their eyes to injury when they play a club match, even league competition. Unless you want to "keep your eye on the ball" --- literally --- eyewear should be essential equipment every time you step on the court.

When I first started playing racquetball in the early 80s, I didn't wear eyeguards, even after I got hit a couple of times. But I

and under divisions. The juniors had a great time sharing stories and played games when not competing against each other.

Champions who returned this year to defend their crowns included **Jesi Fuller** in the girls 8 and under division multi-bounce, her sister **Jeni** in the girls 10 and under, **Erin Burns** in the girls 14 and under, and **Cathy Tellier** in the girls 18 and under. In the boys divisions, **Jordan Fought** won the boys 12 and under and his brother **Eric** captured the boys 18 and under title.

Nathan Webster, from Hobbs, is one junior to keep your eye on. Nathan won the boys 10 and under title and took second to Jordan Fought in the boys 12 and under. What's more amazing, Nathan is only 9 years old, and this is the first juniors only tournament he's competed in. He's been beating up on the Men's D players back home in Hobbs.

Special thanks go out to Brent Davids and Jerry Garcia from Roswell, who brought up a contingent of 18 juniors to play. Parents, encourage your juniors to play. The game of racquetball is here to stay and the future of racquetball in New Mexico couldn't look brighter.

---Joe Wittenbrink

NEW MEXICO OPEN

The New Mexico Open was once again a tremendous success. We had 148 players enter the tournament with over 240 matches. Our players and guests came from cities around New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Mexico. Matches were on time, hospitality was great, and the shirt and awards outstanding.

Those who did not participate, we are sorry because you missed a great time. Those who did participate, we want to sincerely thank you for making the tournament so successful and fun-filled. See you next year.

---Brent Davids

noticed that one friend of mine always did...and for good reason. During a "civilized" game of racquetball, a ball nailed him directly in the eye, resulting in a detached retina and loss of his eye. I started wearing eyewear religiously and preaching to those who didn't. You'll never find a pro without eyewear, even if they're playing for fun.

At my racquetball clinics and camps, I always begin with a quick talk about eyewear and eye safety. Recently I presented a racquetball clinic to San Diego State University's offensive line football players --- they're using racquetball as an off-season training activity. When the eleven novices first walked on the court, there wasn't an eyeguard in sight, although Ektelon had donated everything from racquets to eyewear, gloves to balls. After my little pep talk (and a nudge from their coach), they got the message... and wore the eyewear.

Eyewear manufacturers offer quality frames in a variety of styles and colors, with advanced features that include anti-fog, scratch-resistant polycarbonate lenses; contoured frame designs for better fit; tough lightweight construction; and padded absorbent brow bridges. If you need corrective lenses, you can wear contact lenses under eyeguards, purchase special eyewear designed to fit over glasses, or have a prescription polycarbonate lens inserted into protective eyewear.

Properly worn, eyewear can reduce your chances of serious injury ... and actually help you play more aggressively! Track the ball and your opponent with more confidence, while you concentrate on your strategy, not your vision.

---Chris Evon

Junior Corner

Over twenty junior players from across New Mexico participated in the Junior Regional Championships held in Phoenix, Arizona, April 22-24, 1994. Results in the May-June issue of *NMRA News*.

Under the coordination of **Bill Walker**, World Seniors Council member, all fifty states will have an opportunity to generate funds for their junior development programs. The WSRC sells raffle tickets, whereby, for \$2 each, recipients have an opportunity to win a number of outstanding prizes. This year, \$1 will go to the *Olympic Dream* of racquetball, and \$1 will go to participating state junior programs.

Junior Regional dates (Region 12: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah) for 1995 will be April 20-23 or April 19-22 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Junior Regionals will again be in conjunction with the Adult Regionals.

Tournament Results

2ND ANNUAL FALL CLASSIC

November 12-14, 1993
Del Norte Fitness Center
Hobbs, NM

MEN'S OPEN
1ST Gary Mazaroff
2ND Louis Souther

MEN'S AA
1ST Gary Meador
2ND Randy Webster

MEN'S A
1ST Paul Sullivan
2ND Bruce Cunha

MEN'S B
1ST Greg Fowler
2ND Manuel Vasquez

MEN'S C
1ST Greg Fowler
2ND Leroy Welmer

MEN'S D
1ST Chelsy Davis
2ND Heath Williams

MEN'S NOVICE
1ST David Davis
2ND Rebecca Dolloff

MEN'S 40+
1ST Joe Gellman
2ND Jorge Maya

WOMEN'S OPEN
1ST Rachel Gellman
2ND Linda Voss

WOMEN'S A
1ST Tina Bragdon
2ND Rhonda King

WOMEN'S C
1ST Rebecca Dolloff
2ND Dustin Webster

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES
1ST Gary Mazaroff
Jeff Wilson
2ND Jimmy Conlin
Kevin King

MEN'S A/B DOUBLES
1ST Ray Maestas
Mike Nava
2ND Joe Gellman
Rachel Gellman

MEN'S C/D DOUBLES
1ST Tony Lujan
Ron Maestas
Richard Mendiola
Brad Simms

NM OPEN
February 24-27, 1994
Roswell Spa & Court Club
Roswell, NM

MEN'S OPEN
1ST Louis Vogel
2ND Jeff Wilson

MEN'S AA
1ST Enrique Osorio
2ND Craig Spencer

MEN'S A
1ST Luis Bustillos
2ND Raul Molina

MEN'S B
1ST Gary Sandoval
2ND Oscar Martinez

MEN'S C
1ST David Urban
2ND Jerry Nunez

MEN'S D
1ST Marlo Terrazas
2ND Greg Garcia

MEN'S NOVICE
1ST Ty Elliott
2ND Luke Ray

MEN'S 35+
1ST Jim Gillhouse
2ND Joe Wittenbrink

MEN'S 40+
1ST Llemonte Fuqua

2ND Javier Moreno, Sr.

MEN'S 45+
1ST Jose Luis Gonzales
2ND Pedro Blanco

MEN'S 50+
1ST Jorge Maya
2ND Jose Luis Gonzales

WOMEN'S OPEN
1ST Rachel Gellman
2ND Cathy Tellier

WOMEN'S A/B
1ST Dina Ramirez
2ND Joyce Malcolm

WOMEN'S C
1ST Lupe Vasquez
2ND Olga Alvarez

WOMEN'S D
1ST Rosie Rublo
2ND Angela Lucero

JUNIORS 12 & UNDER ADV.
1ST Jordan Fought

JUNIORS 12 & UNDER
1ST Dustin Webster
2ND Robert Burrola

JUNIORS 10 UNDER
1ST Dustin Webster
2ND Nathan Brandt

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES
1ST Tom Neill
Louis Vogel
2ND Javier Moreno, Jr.
Jair Sylveira

MEN'S AA DOUBLES
1ST Fernando Baro
Enrique Osorio
2ND Terry Brown
Ron Lipsey

MEN'S A DOUBLES
1ST Steve Barnhouse
Lllemont Fuqua
2ND Scotty Hendricks
Earl Malcolm

MEN'S B DOUBLES
1ST Greg Fowler
Kirby Williams
2ND Jordan Fought
Jerry Sisneros

MEN'S C DOUBLES
1ST Jerry Nunez
David Urban
2ND Pedro Blanco
Leroy Welmer

MEN'S D DOUBLES
1ST Phillip Baca
Wade Starr

2ND Ronnie Harkrider
Wayne Ray

WOMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES
1ST Rachel Gellman
Cathy Tellier
2ND Karen Fuller
Cindy Wittenbrink

WOMEN'S B DOUBLES
1ST Debra Thomas
Lupe Vasquez
2ND Cheryl Kruse
Lisa Madsen

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES
1ST Joyce Malcolm
Earl Malcolm
2ND Lolita Hill
Jim Gillhouse

MIXED A DOUBLES
1ST Ann Griffin
Lllemont Fuqua
2ND Jean Fought
Steve Barnhouse

MIXED C DOUBLES
1ST Sheri Coston
Gary Coston
2ND Jeni Fuller
Bryon Turner

NM STATE JUNIORS
March 4-6, 1994
Highpoint Racquet Spa Club
Albuquerque, NM

BOYS 18 & UNDER
1ST Eric Fought
2ND Ben Bowles
3RD Joe Martinez

BOYS 18 & UNDER RED DIV.
1ST Bengie Vigil
2ND Joey Bedoya
3RD Gabe Gose

BOYS 16 & UNDER
1ST Craig Spencer
2ND Jesse Harden
3RD Jerry Lagestam

BOYS 14 & UNDER
1ST Jesse Harden
2ND Colin Boling
3RD Mike MacCallum

BOYS 12 & UNDER
1ST Jordan Fought
2ND Dustin Webster
3RD Robert Burrola

BOYS 12 & UNDER RED DIV.
1ST Scott Iverson
2ND Patricio Espinosa
3RD Larry Nava

MORE RESULTS ON PAGE 4

You Make The Call

The server drops the ball outside the service zone and contacts the serve in an uninterrupted manner. What is the call? Answer in the next issue of **NMRA News**.

From Last Issue...

Player A calls a time-out, then leaves the court, and returns in 45 seconds. What action should the official take?

A warning technical is probably the best of all calls in this situation, whereby the player is put on notice to change his or her behavior during future time-outs. If the official gave a proper pre-match orientation, a technical call (deduction of a point) certainly could be called. (If an equipment time-out is required, a player has up to two minutes.) The official could also assess the offending player a second time-out in this situation. Long time-outs is one of the most abusive actions by players, and officials must start taking more command of the situation to alleviate this.

1994 Upcoming Events

- **May 14 (Saturday only).** *Cherry and Silver Benefit Racquetball and Handball Tourney*, Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque, NM.
- **May 19-22.** *National Warmup*, Club International, Santa Fe, NM.
- **May 25-30.** *AARA National Singles Championships*, Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX.
- **June 16-19.** *New Mexico Games*, Midtown Athletic Club, Albuquerque, NM.
- **June 24-26.** *Summer Siesta*, Ultimate Courts, El Paso, TX.

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More Results

BOYS 12 & UNDER BLUE DIV
 1ST Drex Fitzwater
 2ND Martin Torrez
 3RD Oliver Caruso

BOYS 10 & UNDER
 1ST Dustin Webster
 2ND Nathan Brandt
 3RD Roy Lee Luna

BOYS 10 & UNDER RED DIV.
 1ST Chris Garrett
 2ND Chris Burrola
 3RD Mathew Garcia

BOYS 10 & UNDER BLUE DIV
 1ST Dylan Bodman
 2ND Dana Patton
 3RD Justin Hogan

BOYS 8 & UNDER
 1ST Evan Ussery
 2ND Chris Burrola

BOYS 8 & UNDER MULTI BOUNCE
 1ST Evan Ussery
 2ND Leslie Luna

3RD Austin Kane
BOYS 8 & UNDER MULTI-BOUNCE RED DIV.

1ST Mark Swanson
 2ND Mike Fernandez
 3RD James Davalos

GIRLS 18 & UNDER
 1ST Cathy Tellier

GIRLS 16 & UNDER
 1ST Erin Burns
 2ND Starr Welty

GIRLS 14 & UNDER
 1ST Rita Espinosa
 2ND Jeni Fuller
 3RD Rita Espinosa

GIRLS 12 & UNDER
 1ST Rita Espinosa
 2ND Valerie Kaye

GIRLS 10 & UNDER
 1ST Jeni Fuller
 2ND Rebecca Brusuelas

GIRLS 8 & UNDER
 1ST Jesi Fuller
 2ND Leslie Luna

18 & UNDER DOUBLES
 1ST Jack Long
 Joe Martinez
 2ND Craig Spencer
 Bengie Vigil
 Ben Bowles
 Eric Fought
 3RD

16 & UNDER DOUBLES
 1ST Jerry Lagestam
 Nathan Richburg
 2ND Nathan Bowles
 Lyle Stewart

14 & UNDER DOUBLES
 1ST Jordan Fought
 Mike Maccallum
 2ND Colin Boling
 Martin Torrez

12 & UNDER DOUBLES
 1ST Dylan Bodman
 Drex Fitzwater

2ND Dana Patton
 Nicolas Richburg

10 & UNDER DOUBLES
 1ST Chris Garrett
 Justin Hogan
 2ND Nathan Brandt
 Mathew Garcia

ALBUQUERQUE SENIOR OLYMPICS
 April 12-13, 1994
 Highpoint Racquet Spa Club
 Albuquerque, NM

MEN'S 55+
 1ST Terry Lauritsen
 2ND Art Hurley
 3RD Jim Stevens

MEN'S 60+
 1ST Ralph Waddington
 2ND Manny Smith
 3RD Ken Guerin

MEN'S 65+
 1ST Chuck Boulware
 2ND Wendell Hall
 3RD Dean Harvel

MEN'S 70+
 1ST Hyman Eisenberg

WOMEN'S 55+
 1ST Rosalie Perea

WOMEN'S 60+
 1ST Louise Kiss
 2ND Barbara Bowman

WOMEN'S 65+
 1ST Clara Jelso
 2ND Ann Toya



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