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THE MICHIGAN RACQUETBALL HALL OF FAME WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS

By Twayne M Howard

The 2014 Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame is thrilled to welcome three new members in the Class of 2014. Randy Anderson and Bob Gravelyn are being honored for their on-court Ability and Twayne M Howard is being honored for his Leadership.

Randy Anderson lives in Grandville, MI and he began playing in 1976. Randy amassed an impressive win record in the 1980s and 1990s winning countless local, state and regional championships. In addition to being a great player and a fierce competitor, Randy is one of the true gentlemen in the sport. Randy's talent placed him among the best to ever play the sport, and he was not found lacking. Congratulations to Randy.

Bob Gravelyn lives in Rockford, MI and has played for over 30 years. Bob has a rich history of achievement which includes two National Doubles Championships as well as dozens of local and state championships. Bob has been a top-ranked player in his age bracket for over two decades. He also served on the RAM Board and was a corporate sponsor for the West Michigan Open. Congratulations to Bob.

Twayne Howard lives in Byron Center, MI. In over 30 years in the sport, Twayne has won 40 championships

including two age/skill national championships, but his greatest accomplishments have occurred off the court. Twayne has served as RAM President since 2004 after serving as Treasurer for 4 years. He has been tournament director or staff for nearly 100 tournaments including West Michigan Open which has raised nearly \$20,000 for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Congratulations to Twayne.

The Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame now has forty members and is housed at the Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing. The Hall of Fame members are also honored at the Davison Athletic Club.

Randy, Bob and Twayne will be formally inducted into the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame at a ceremony on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Davison Athletic Club. For more details, please contact THoward@ProKennexUSA.com.





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VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT

Twayne M. Howard

There can be no doubt that Spring is in the air. You may think the season is almost over, but you couldn't be more wrong. The Championships are HERE! The end of March is close which means that State Singles is just around the corner. We've got a couple great tournaments coming up as well as our Annual Merit Awards and Hall of Fame Banquet. It's getting serious!

Davison Athletic Club is the proud host of the RAM State Singles Championships March 28-30. Divisions with more than 16 players may have to play one round on Friday night, but other than that we will minimize Friday play. Ryan Minto will roll out the red carpet for us, and the RAM Board of Directors will bring you another great event. There will be lots of Singles play. This year we are adding a few select DOUBLES divisions! Check out the entry form in this Newsletter for details.

We are still accepting nominations for the Annual Merit Awards. Who is the Male and Female Player of the Year? How about the Junior Player of the Year? Most Improved? Sportsperson? Tournament Director? You know best. Send your nominations to us and a committee of the Board will then select the recipients from the nominees. Winners are honored at the Annual Merit Awards and Hall of Fame Banquet.

The Banquet is the highlight of the tournament season and everyone is encouraged to help us celebrate our past, present and our future. Tournament players have to pay only

\$10 to attend. People who don't play the event and other guests can pay only \$35 to attend. We will hand out the Annual Merit Awards, celebrate our Juniors and induct the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame Class of 2014. This year, we are proud to induct Randy Anderson, Bob Gravelyn and Twayne M Howard into the Hall of Fame.

This is the 30th Anniversary of the Hall of Fame and to celebrate the rich history of Racquetball in Michigan, there will be many Hall of Famers at the Banquet and at a special VIP-only event at 6:00 sponsored by the Red Swain Pro Stop. If you want to be a VIP and meet some of the greatest players in all of Racquetball history, contact Don Schopieray at don113x@comcast.net. You can get your banquet ticket when you sign up for States, or let Twayne know that you will be attending at THoward@ProKennexUSA.com. This will be a very special night. Please plan to attend and be a part of it.

April 12-13, the Davison Athletic Club is the place to be as Don Schopieray hosts the Michigan Regional Pro-Am Championships. The event grows every year and features Pros from all over the US. You know Davison knows how to host a great event, so mark your calendar now.

Okay, got the message? We've still got a TON going on! We will see you at STATES and at the BANQUET and at REGIONALS! Don't slow down now, the Racquetball is just getting started!



**RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF
MICHIGAN**
**2014 RAM STATE SINGLES
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
With a Doubles Kicker
March 28 - 30, 2014
DAVISON ATHLETIC CLUB
2140 Fairway Drive, Davison, MI
Phone (810) 653 - 9602



ENTRY FEES & DEADLINE

First Event – includes Free Shirt and Discounted Banquet Ticket!

	\$50 per person
Second Event/Doubles	\$25 per person
Juniors	\$20 per person
USA Racquetball Membership	\$50 / \$10 per person
Hall of Fame Banquet	\$10 per player / \$35 per non-player
Telephone/Late Entries	\$5 per person

Entries must be received by March 24, 2014. You may sign up ONLINE at www.r2sports.com. Any entries received after March 24 will be subject to a \$5 LATE FEE. To be entered, we must receive your entry form, a phone call or email AND PAYMENT. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. Please help us by signing up early to avoid the crush at the deadline.

RULES

Single elimination format with matches consisting of two games to fifteen and a tie-breaker to eleven. USA Racquetball rules apply including mandatory USA Racquetball-approved lensed eye guards. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to move or reclassify players if they are improperly placed or there is a need to combine divisions. Any participant must live or work full time in Michigan and be a member of RAM. Players must be able to provide proof.

DOUBLES – NEW FORMAT – BONUS PLAY

Select Doubles will be offered and may be your third division. Doubles divisions will feature drop down play.

STARTING TIMES

Play may begin on Friday, March 28, 2014 for draws of 16 or more. Every effort will be made to reduce Friday play. **Start times will be available on Thursday, March 27, 2014 after 12:00 pm at:**

<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=11640>

AWARDS

Awards will be given for the first four places in divisions of 16 or more. Each participant will receive a special gift.

RAM ANNUAL MERIT AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME BANQUET

The Annual Merit Awards and Hall of Fame Banquet is Saturday evening at the Davison Country Club to honor the 2013-2014 RAM Merit Award winners the new inductees into the Hall of Fame. You must sign up for the banquet NO LATER than Monday, March 24. No banquet tickets will be sold at the tournament.

SPECIAL GIFT

All Tournament Entrants will receive a special gift. See newsletter for details.

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RAM STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 24, 2014

Name _____ Club Affiliation _____ Size _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (days) _____ (evenings) _____ Date of Birth _____

Email address: _____

Entry Fee (first event)	\$50 _____
2 nd Event / Doubles Fee	\$25 _____
3 rd Event / Doubles Fee	\$25 _____
Junior Fee	\$20 _____
USA Rac. Membership	\$50 / \$10 _____
Hall of Fame Banquet	\$10 / \$35 _____
Late/Phone Fee	\$ 5 _____

TOTAL

Waiver clause: I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors & administrators release any & all claims for damages I may have against RAM, the host club, tournament staff, & their agents, for all injuries which may be suffered by me in conjunction with my participation in this tournament.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(parent/guardian signature if under 18)

MENS		WOMENS		JUNIORS	
Open	24- Open	24- A	24- B	24- C	24- D
Elite	25+ Open	25+ A	25+ B	25+ C	25+ D
A	30+ Open	30+ A	30+ B	30+ C	30+ D
B	35+ Open	35+ A	35+ B	35+ C	35+ D
C	40+ Open	40+ A	40+ B	40+ C	40+ D
D	45+ Open	45+ A	45+ B	45+ C	45+ D
	50+ Open	50+ A	50+ B	50+ C	50+ D
	55+ Open	55+ A	55+ B	55+ C	55+ D
	60+ Open	60+ A	60+ B	60+ C	60+ D
	65+ Open		65+ B		
	70+ Open				
	75+ Open				
		18 & Under		14 & Under	10 & Under
		16 & Under		12 & Under	8 & Under

Alternate Division _____

DOUBLES: Mens: Open/A B/C Mixed:Open

Mail To: RAM STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS, 38114 Lakeshore, Harrison Twp., MI 48045

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please nominate only one person per category.

You may choose to nominate for one or more categories.

Awards are based on accomplishments during the 2013-2014 seasons.

You may submit nominations without playing in the tournament & you can email them to

THoward@ProKennexUSA.com

Female Player of the Year _____

Male Player of the Year _____

Junior Player of the Year _____

Most Improved Player _____

Sportsman of the Year _____

Tournament Director of the Year _____

Club/Owners of the Year _____

Other (specify contribution) _____

2014 ANNUAL MERIT AWARDS and HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Where: Davison Country Club

When: Saturday, March 29, 2014

**Time: Cash Bar - 7:00 pm
Dinner - 8:00 pm**

**Cost: \$10 for all Tournament Players in Singles Divisions
\$35 for Non players and Players in Doubles Divisions**

Available for purchase with your tournament entry form by March 29, 2014. Tickets will NOT be available at the tournament desk on Friday or Saturday. You do not need to play in the tournament to come to the banquet. (See RAM newsletter)

*Please join us as we pay tribute to our Annual Merit Award
Winners and the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame Class of 2014.
Congratulations to **Randy Anderson, Bob Gravelyn** and
Twayne M Howard the newest members of the Hall of Fame.*



JOIN THE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

Membership Includes:

- *Membership card, USA Racquetball Official Rule Book, travel and equipment discounts
- *USA Racquetball medical, life, and liability insurance at sanctioned events
- *Three issues of the RAM newsletter, THE RACQUETBALL REPORTER
- *Four issues of the USA Racquetball national magazine, RACQUETBALL MAGAZINE
- *RAM sanctioned tournament entry forms mailed to your home
- *Eligibility to play in all sanctioned tournaments and receive national ranking points (except Limited event)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____ / ____ / ____ HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

_____ \$50.00 – Adult Competitor

_____ \$25.00 – Junior Competitor (21 and under)

_____ \$10.00 - Limited Event

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