



N.M.R.A. NEWS

NEW MEXICO RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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President's Message: 90s Mark Resurgence of Racquetball

If you have not noticed, the 90s are well under way; poupon mustard has disappeared and returned, BMWs are back on the streets after a short hibernation, and drive-in movie theaters are on the drawing boards for suburbia. A January 1994 edition of the *New Mexico Times* rebuked the recent *Wall Street Journal* notion that racquetball is flat. On the contrary, New Mexicans are going through a second wind for the sport. At the same time *Penn* has brought back a green ball, baby boomers and younger men and women are searching for athletic and wellness centers which include courts and programs for the courts. Many of these persons are entering sanctioned tournaments,

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choosing from a wide array of skill and age group options once not available save for open and 35+ categories. A majority of those coming out of the woodwork onto the courts have swapped their wood or aluminum racquets for oversized \$200-plus frames. Simultaneously, they have reluctantly tossed their plastic eye-guards in favor of required lensed eye protectors.

Are we experiencing another racquetball fad when buildings included not much more than courts, a pro shop and locker rooms? Hardly! This is not *deja vu*; today's reemerging

players are not the groupies who sat outside occupied courts for hours at a time, indulging in an occasional cigarette. The racquetball player of the second generation acknowledges the importance of cross-training; the use of cardiovascular and weight training devices, flexibility exercises, and the experience of playing an occasional match of handball and squash. Today's newcomers and second timers recognize that racquetball is inherently FUN, and skills acquisition, a competitive environment, and fitness are complementary elements. They're sensitive to a high occupancy rate of court space and therefore use their exercise opportunities wisely. Furthermore, they are encouraging the re-conversion of courts from small fitness areas back to their original use. Finally, they are hep to advertising gimmicks which opt to sell product rather than respect the integrity of racquetball. For example, television ads which show random movement of actors without eye protection.

Today, players are capable of color-coordinating their racquetball wardrobes; yet they choose to wear generic instead of Cardin and Polo. Fortunately, today's consciousness has outgrown part of the tennis mentality of the 70s, because sweating on the court has now become a high priority. The young ages are also part of the mainstream racquetball community. During the first generation of racquetball, teens and those boys and girls under 8 years of age were excluded from entering courts and club facilities all too often. Today, this group is drawing strategies on the courts as well as on their computers. They are frequenting public and private facilities, schools, military installations, JCCs and Ys. The phys-

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ically and mentally impaired, who have waited eagerly for an opportunity to learn and grow with sporting activities, are now showing their racquetball prowess with more regularity. The 90s racquetball mentality is one which refuses to wait for the Olympics nor weighs growth solely on an expanded professional tour or grand television endorsements. Instead, it takes its model from the bowling establishment, which years ago put its marbles in the basket of leagues, instructional and skill enhancement programs, and opportunities for the masses.

Racquetball is here to stay this second generation. We are fortunate that the floodgates have opened for the reemergence of first generation players who will coexist with other lovers of the sport. At least, this perception exists in New Mexico. We must continue to promote the sport through our actions and by word of mouth. Welcome other sport enthusiasts into the reality of racquetball, not to the exclusion of their sport, but complementary to it. Let them enrich their leisure time by promoting health and fitness and fun for a lifetime.

—Gary Mazaroff

Junior Corner

Congratulations to **Joe Wittenbrink**, Vice-President of the NMRA, who will become the Region 12 Junior Director, replacing **Carol Gellman**. Carol served ably in the position for the past two years.

Fundraising efforts are under way for the NMRA Junior Racquetball State Team to travel to the 1994 Regionals, Nationals, and World Championships. Interested parties can send checks to: **NMRA Juniors, P.O. Box 36179, Albuquerque, NM 87176**. Checks are tax deductible due to the 501c3 status of the NMRA.

The AARA has announced that the 1994 site of the Ektelon/AARA Junior Olympics

UNM Racquetball Is Back!

That's right--The University of New Mexico Racquetball Team is forming once again! After a highly successful 92-93 season, the team took a break during the Fall '93 semester to reorganize and regroup. *Team UNM* is now scouring the courts looking for new team members for the Spring semester.

The UNM racquetball team was organized to promote racquetball at the collegiate level, through both competitive and recreational play. Emphasis will include skill improvement, safety, promotion of the sport, and most of all, fun. Free instruction and special prices for high-quality racquetball equipment will be made available to all team members. In addition, team members will be given the opportunity to represent UNM at State, Regional, and National competition. The team will meet about once a week for practice and play.



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(Nationals) will be Chattanooga, Tennessee. Boys and girls under the age of 19 as of January 1, 1994, are eligible to participate.

Congratulations to **James Mulcock**, **Gabe Gose**, **Roy Lee Luna**, and **Leslie Luna**, who represented New Mexico at the Junior World Championships held this past December in Jacksonville, Florida. Each brought home a medal: Mulcock captured the Boys 18 doubles championships with Sudy Monchick; Gose took a semi-final position in the Boys 12; and Roy Lee and Leslie Luna earned division finals berths in 8 and under.

Anyone interested in participating needs to meet the following criteria:

- Be a full-time or part-time student at The University of New Mexico or the Technical-Vocational Institute.
- Really enjoy the game of racquetball!

Previous playing experience is helpful, but definitely not necessary. *Team UNM* needs beginning as well as advanced level players (both men and women). In addition, anyone, student or otherwise, who wishes to donate their time or funds to benefit the team will be greatly appreciated. Those interested in participating or helping should contact **Jeff Wilson** at Highpoint Racquet & Swim Club, 293-5820.

• NEWS NOTES •

THE NMRA GIVES TO DELANCEY STREET. The NMRA has donated racquetball racquets, balls, and eyeguards to the Delancey Street Foundation, a non-profit organization helping the needy rebuild their lives. They will be organizing physical education courses in racquetball at the Northern New Mexico Community College in Espanola and at the YMCA in Los Alamos.

PENN INTRODUCES NEW PRO PENN RACQUETBALL. Penn has designed a new racquetball especially for the International Racquetball Tour. In order to give the tour its own identity, the ball is colored green.

JELSO TO ARGENTINA. Tony Jelso, Albuquerque native who now resides in Southern California, will spend three weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina, this spring. Jelso earned a berth on the U.S. National Team by virtue of capturing the Olympic Festival Singles Championships last year in San Antonio, Texas. He will train the Argentinians for the Pan Am qualifying event.

VOGEL MOVES UP IN THE PROS. Louis Vogel of Albuquerque has progressed to a number 16 standing in the IRT Pro Racquetball standings.

REGIONALS COMBINED. The Ektelon/AARA Junior and Adult Regional Championships will be combined for Region 12 (NM, AZ, CO, UT) for the first time in six years. Dates are set for April 21-24 at the City Square Athletic Center and Hotel in Phoenix, AZ.

WSRC TENTH ANNIVERSARY. The World Senior Racquetball Championships is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. Dates are set for August 31-September 4, 1994, at Tom Young's Athletic Club and Midtown Athletic Club in Albuquerque.

SENIOR OLYMPICS ANNOUNCES PLANS. The Senior Olympics for racquetball will host an instructional clinic at Highpoint Racquet & Swim Club in Albuquerque March 14th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. All interested racquetball players are invited to attend at no charge. Equipment will be available for those in need. The Albuquerque city toumey will be held at Highpoint April 12 & 13; the state toumey will be held August 3-7 at Highlands University in Las Vegas. Participants must be 55 years of age or older.

Tournament Results

KIRTLAND AWARDS

November 5-7, 1993
Kirtland Air Force Base
Albuquerque, NM

NOTE: The following are the Kirtland results that were not published along with the women's singles and men's doubles in the last issue of *NMRA News*.

MEN'S OPEN

1ST Gary Mazaroff
2ND Jeff Wilson
3RD Mark Branson

MEN'S AA

1ST Mark Branson
2ND Gary Rasmussen
3RD Willie Tilton

MEN'S A

1ST Gabe Gose
2ND Joe Martinez
3RD Art Hurley

MEN'S B

1ST Mike Brusuelas
2ND Kirby Williams
3RD Anthony Smith

MEN'S C

1ST Steve Strong
2ND Steve Holliday
3RD Robert Montoya

MEN'S D

1ST Mike Aringer
2ND Dennis Branch
3RD Ed Brophy

MEN'S 40+

1ST Gary Rasmussen
2ND Mike Kluding
3RD Dannie Tokunaga

MEN'S 50+

1ST Art Hurley
2ND Terry Lauritsen
3RD Jerry Bentley

NM INVITATIONAL

January 13-16, 1994
Tom Young's Athletic Club
Albuquerque, NM

MEN'S OPEN

1ST Louls Vogel
2ND Tom Neill
3RD Gary Mazaroff

MEN'S AA

1ST Willie Tilton
2ND Julian Duran
3RD Eric Fought

MEN'S A

1ST Brad Markens
2ND Gabe Gose
3RD Lee Torres

MEN'S B

1ST Jon Bear
2ND Chris Pacheco
3RD Roberto Piedra

MEN'S C

1ST Ellis Leaton
2ND James Navarro
3RD John Cotola

MEN'S D

1ST Ellis Leaton
2ND Mike Edwards
3RD Greg Garcia

MEN'S NOVICE

1ST Ricardo Ruiz
2ND Ty Ellkott
3RD Frank Herrera

MEN'S 30+

1ST Tony Armijo
2ND John Bullnski
3RD Eduardo Ito

MEN'S 40+

1ST Willie Minor
2ND Bob Clark
3RD Joe Gellman

MEN'S 50+

1ST Jorge Maya
2ND Art Hurley
3RD Terry Lauritsen

WOMEN'S OPEN

1ST Rachel Gellman
2ND Cheryl McConaghy
3RD Donna Beldring

WOMEN'S AA

1ST Cathy Teller
2ND Cindy Wittenbrink
3RD Paula Sperling

WOMEN'S A

1ST Joyce Malcolm
2ND Linda Johns
3RD Tina Bragdon

WOMEN'S B

1ST Theresa Minzer
2ND Ernestine Rivera
3RD Alison Scott

WOMEN'S C

1ST Debbie Gwilt
2ND Judy Mourant
3RD Mary Olson

WOMEN'S D

1ST Debbie Gwilt
2ND Joyce Burns
3RD Star Welty

WOMEN'S NOVICE

1ST Rebecca Dolloff
2ND Valerie Kaye
3RD Paula Avitabile

JUNIORS 18 & UNDER

1ST Eric Fought

JUNIORS 14 & UNDER

1ST Jesse Harden

GIRLS 12 & UNDER

1ST Rebecca Dolloff

JUNIORS 12 & UNDER

1ST Jeff Markens
2ND Jordan Fought
3RD Rebecca Dolloff

JUNIORS 10 & UNDER

1ST Roy Lee Luna
2ND Dylan Bodman
3RD Jeni Fuller

JUNIORS 8 & UNDER

1ST Evan Ussery
2ND Jesi Fuller
3RD Mark Swanson

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

1ST Gary Mazaroff
2ND Tom Neill
3RD Jeff Wilson

MEN'S AA DOUBLES

1ST Gabe Gose
2ND Willie Tilton
3RD Joe Gellman

MEN'S A DOUBLES

1ST Dan Pflaster
2ND Mike Urquidez
3RD Eduardo Ito

MEN'S B DOUBLES

1ST Mike Brusuelas
2ND Kirby Williams
3RD Mike Haro

MEN'S C DOUBLES

1ST Steve Holliday
2ND Steve Strong
3RD Dick Long

MEN'S D DOUBLES

1ST Mike Cullinane
2ND Ken Payne
3RD Ed Brophy

WOMEN'S OPEN

1ST Rachel Gellman
2ND Cathy Teller

2ND

Debbie Beldring
Donna Beldring
Cheryl McConaghy
Judith Mori

3RD

Cecille Bodman
Tina Bragdon
Cindy Wittenbrink
Suzanne Williams
Debbie Alsop
Jean Fought

WOMEN'S A

1ST Olga Alvarez
2ND Theresa Minzer
3RD Jessica Arellano

WOMEN'S B/C/D

1ST Maria Shelby
2ND Judy Mourant
3RD Alison Scott

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES

1ST Rachel Gellman
2ND Mako Kellman
3RD Cheryl McConaghy

MIXED A/B DOUBLES

1ST Joyce Malcolm
2ND Earl Malcolm
3RD Becky Brannan

MIXED C/D DOUBLES

1ST Cord Everetts
2ND Jessica Arellano
3RD Alan Shelby

WOMEN'S B

1ST Mary Olson
2ND Cord Everetts
3RD Jessica Arellano

WOMEN'S C

1ST Gwen Easterday
2ND Brian Easterday

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You Make The Call

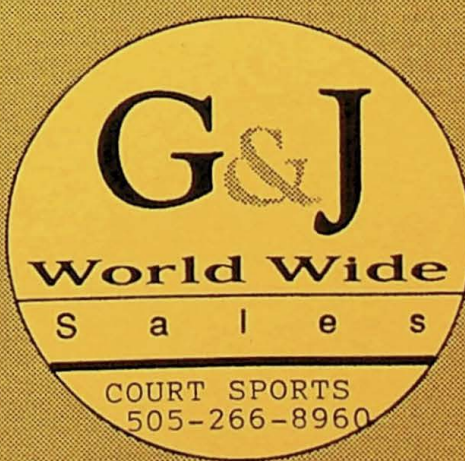
Player A calls a time-out, then leaves the court, and returns in 45 seconds. What action should the official take? Answer in the next issue of *NMRA News*.

From Last Issue...


If the server serves the ball when the receiver indicates "not ready" by having the racquet up over her head, the correct call is a fault serve.

1994 Upcoming Events

- **March 11-13. Las Cruces Open**, Las Cruces Racquet & Fitness Center, Las Cruces, NM. (Changed from January.)
- **March 18-20. St. Patrick's Festival**, Clovis Community College, Clovis, NM.
- **March 24-27. New Mexico State Singles**, Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque, NM.
- **April 8-10. Meadow City Championships**, Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM.
- **April 15-17. Attitude Adjustment**, Durango Sports Club, Durango, CO.
- **April 21-24. Region 12 Singles Championships**, City Center, Phoenix, AZ.



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More Results

MEN'S D
 1ST Tina Bragdon
 2ND Lisa Erramouspe
 3RD Ralph Paredes

MEN'S NOVICE
 1ST Al Lewis
 2ND Willis Stewart, Jr.
 3RD Don Scarbrough

WOMEN'S BEGINNER
 1ST Peggy Nakai
 2ND Donna Bruce
 3RD Kathleen Agullar

WOMEN'S ADVANCED
 1ST Tina Bragdon
 2ND Lisa Erramouspe
 3RD Josie Vigil

VALENTINE'S DAY OPEN
 February 11-13, 1994
 Royal Spa & Court Club
 Farmington, NM

MEN'S OPEN
 1ST Gary Mazaroff

2ND Tom Neill
 3RD Jeff Wilson

MEN'S A
 1ST Jim Verghis
 2ND Jeff Trecker
 3RD Greg Fowler

MEN'S B
 1ST Fred Frost
 2ND Cord Everetts
 3RD Bob Hujus
 3RD Mark McCloskey

MEN'S C
 1ST Ron Sticker
 2ND Karl Isberg
 3RD Bengie Vigil

MEN'S D
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 2ND Linda Johns
 3RD Judy Giennney
 3RD Suzanne Williams

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 1ST Becky Brannan
 2ND Sherri Phippen
 3RD Carla Groomer

WOMEN'S C
 1ST Tammy Holcomb
 2ND Marsha Goldstein
 3RD Kathleen Isberg

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 Mark McCloskey
 Charles Byrd
 Ralph Waddington

MEN'S C DOUBLES
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 Seth Coulombe
 Karl Isberg
 Ron Sticker

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 Willis Stewart, Jr.

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 Cheryl McConaghy
 Cindy Wittenbrink
 Suzanne Williams

MIXED OPEN/A DOUBLES
 1ST Cheryl McConaghy
 Rachel Gellman
 Gary Standhart
 Cindy Wittenbrink
 Suzanne Williams

MIXED C DOUBLES
 1ST Tammy Holcomb
 Gary Standhart
 Salisbury
 Jason Raggio



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