

The Racquetball Reporter

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Petoskey 'colors' Racquetball One

by Ken Bonnett

Although the weekend of October 2nd was the one of the most beautiful Michigan has seen in a long time, at least eighty people chose to enjoy it inside on the racquetball court.

The National Health and Racquet Club in Petoskey, played host to these eighty players as Racquetball One held it's second tourney of the season. Most players had an opportunity to play numerous matches as many divisions were based on the round robin or double elimination format. However, when a break in play did exist, participants jumped at the chance to enjoy the breathtaking color and sites Petoskey had to offer.

Saturday's tournament play was highlighted with a special exhibition between Joel Bonnett and Fabian Balmori, the Venezuelan National Champion. Fabian not only saw "beautiful color" for the first time in his life, but also defeated Joel in an exciting tie-breaker. Joel lost the Exhibition, but won the shootout of

aces serves with fifteen aces to Fabian's two. Jim Floyd and Troy Hall challenged Joel and Fabian to a Doubles Exhibition with the winner taking the \$100 first place prize.

Everyone had a great time and plans are already being made for next year's event. Other results follow on page four.

Don't miss other upcoming Racquetball One tournaments. November 6-8, the Grand Blanc Court Club plays

host, while the Riverview Racquet Club in Grand Rapids wraps up November with a turkey shoot November 20-22. All finalists during this event receive Thanksgiving turkeys.

In December, the Omni Fitness Center in Muskegon will be the place to be if you need extra Christmas money. Prize money will be awarded to winners of all events.

For further information call Ken at (616) 956-0550.

CONGRATULATIONS JOEL!

Joel Bonnett, along with partner Bill Sell, captured the 1992 Ektelon AARA National Doubles Championship title this past October in Arizona. Don't miss the championship match to be shown on the PASS network, November 18th at 8:00 pm. Michigan's Jim Floyd and partner Todd O'Neill gave the championship duo a run for their money, so watch this exciting event. As always Michigan is well represented, as national title after national title seems to make the Great Lake State its home. Congrats Joel!

Don't miss our champion... tune in to PASS, November 18 at 8:00 pm.

State doubles, junior regionals highlight '92-93 season

by W.T. Blakeslee

The purpose of this mini-newsletter is to get the entry form for the RAM State Doubles tournament out to you, so we can all gear up for this exciting event.

The tournament, set for December 5-6, will be a challenging event, as it plans to run on the Olympic format, guaranteeing players at least two matches of racquetball action. Also thrown in, is a complimentary can of balls and tournament sweatshirt.

The cost is \$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per team, per event. Questions can be directed to either Tom Blakeslee (313) 468-2787 or Lou Ellen Fecher (313) 658-8097.

Remember, profits from this tournament go to back the Racquetball Association of

Michigan which supports you the racquetball player. Hope to see you there.

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Also on the horizon, is the 1993 Region #9 Junior Olympic Tournament scheduled for April 2-4, 1993. The tournament, slated to be played somewhere in the Mt. Clemens area, will focus on the juniors and help develop and promote their future racquetball endeavors. Again, this tourney will be combined with an adult warm-up for the RAM State Singles Championships.

For those who cannot play in April, the Indiana State Racquetball Association is sponsoring its Junior Regional on January 16-17, 1993 in Indianapolis. Call me at (313) 468-2787 for details or Carol Lepera in Indy at (317) 881-7606.

RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

One on One Athletic Club
December 5-6, 1992

For details contact W.T. Blakeslee (313) 468-2787

Olympic format...tournament sweatshirt...can of PENN balls...more!

ENTRY FORM ENCLOSED!

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING EVENT

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RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
presents the

STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

December 5-6, 1992
at the



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Ann Arbor, Michigan
(313) 761-4440



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FEES: \$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per team/per event
\$10.00 per person/second event
Non-AARA members add \$15.00

AARA SANCTIONED: Yearly AARA membership
required. AARA Rules will prevail. Two games to
15, tiebreaker to 11.

OLYMPIC FORMAT: Divisions will be limited to 16 entrants. All participants will be guaranteed two
matches. First round losers play for bronze medal.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners in all divisions.
Semi plaques will be awarded in full (draw of 16) divisions only. Each entrant will receive a complimen-
tary tournament **SWEATSHIRT**.

STARTING TIMES: Play begins Saturday, December 5th. Divisions are limited to draws of 16. Call
the club Wednesday, December 2nd after 6:00 p.m. for starting times. No Friday play.

REFEREES: Losers must referee or pay \$5.00

TOURNAMENT BALL: PENN Ultra Blue

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 29, 1992

NAME _____ PARTNER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (days) _____ (evenings) _____

SWEATSHIRT SIZE (circle one) M L XL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RAM AND MAIL TO:
RAM STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS
3152 S. HENDERSON
DAVISON, MI 48423

WAIVER CLAUSE: I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors,
and administrators, waive and release any and all claim for
damages I may have against RAM, the host club, tourna-
ment staff, and their agents, for all injuries suffered by me
in conjunction with my participation in this tournament.

SIGNATURE _____

GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____
(if under 18)

DIVISIONS

circle correct choices
(limit two events)

MENS WOMENS

Open	A/B	35B	50A	Mixed Open
A	25+	40A	50B	Mixed A
B	30A	40B	55+	Mixed B
C	30B	45A	60+	Mixed C
D	35A	45B		Mixed D

*Divisions may be combined if less
than 8 teams enter a division*

Alternate division _____

Petoskey tourney results...

MEN'S PRO

Joel Bonnett def. Jim Floyd

MEN'S OPEN

Eddie Carr def. Gordon Gallagher

MEN'S A

Scott Hale def. Rick Parkhurst

MEN'S B

Mark Fedus def. Gary Cimballa

MEN'S C

Steve Marsh def. Bob Reou

MEN'S D

Richard Knoll def. Tim Hasse

MEN'S 30A

Scott Worthy def. Mike Anderson

MEN'S 35A

Scott Worthy def. Jim Woolcock

MEN'S 35B

Al Klann def. Bob Wheelock

MEN'S 40A

Bob Gravelyn def. Howard Welsh

MEN'S 45 A

Bob Gravelyn def. Mike Stephens

MEN'S 50+

Jerry Gray def. Dave Lund

WOMEN'S OPEN

Lin Showerman def. Sharon Huczek

WOMEN'S A

Pam Parkhurst def. Lynda Eldred

WOMEN'S B

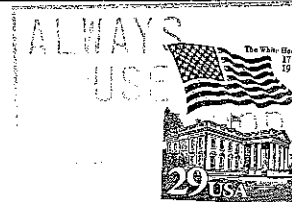
Laurie Greening def. Patti Noiles

JUNIORS

Jack Huczek def. Eric Hershield

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