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From The President

Hey everyone,

Welcome to our season opener newsletter. It's that time! Put the umbrellas away, summer is almost over!

Inside this issue you will find your tournament schedule for 2000/2001 – the 1st draft anyway! As of this edition Mass has not put together any events other than Masters and Maine is still trying to gather some events.

We are fortunate here in NH that racquetball is strong and doing so well, and that we have the same amount of tournaments as we had last year. A new addition to our lineup this year is Somersworth, they will be hosting the State Doubles on November 2-5. Don't miss this, it will be fun to play up there again.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome 2 new people to our board, they are John Varrill and Ann Doucette. John brings us years of racquetball experience and knowledge and he is a great ambassador of the game. Ann, is currently on the National Tournament Committee, and we welcome her enthusiasm and love for the game. Together they will help us in our mission to make New Hampshire racquetball the best there is.

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In closing, I would like to say congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lukeman on their wedding. It was great to see so many racquetball people there from all over and to see some of the great players from the past. Lenny, Gayann and Troy Bloom were there and they still receive our newsletter and follow the events, Lenny and Gayann were the past presidents of the NHRA. Joyce Pochily was there, she was one of the best womens players to ever come out of NH. She looks like she could pick up a racquet tomorrow and put us all to shame! And hey, the gang at the Executive Club, I saw you out on the dance floor — lets stick to racquetball!!

See you in September at The Executive Open

Thanks, Kelley

SKILL LEVEL RULES

DIVISION ASSIGNMENT FOR OPEN TOURNAMENTS: AN UPDATE — PLAYERS ON THE MOVE UP!

In the last newsletter we published the new skill level rules that the NH tournament players are going to abide by for this coming racquetball season. In those guidelines it was stated that:

“. . .wins from the 1999-2000 season are in effect and will count toward your rankings. Present skill level rankings are also in effect and will apply.”

In keeping with the old and new policies, winners from last year's NH tournaments who played in a "legal" draw (8 or more players) are asked to move up to the next skill level – with the exception of A' division which requires two wins for a move-up. Effective September 1st, NH players are allowed two wins in a skill level (with a minimum 8 person draw) before they have to move up the ladder with the following exceptions:

- any previous wins in an 'A' division (that was a 'legal' draw) still count
- a single win in a 'legal' Novice division has to move up
- does not apply to wins in an age division (singles or doubles)
- does not apply to the 'Open' divisions (singles or doubles)
- does not apply to doubles wins (in any division) in an 'open' tournament
- in a State Singles or Doubles Championship, one win moves you or your team up to the next skill level for the next State Championships (applies at the State level only)

(Note: In doubles, you can pick a new partner and compete again in the division you won as long as you both qualify for that skill level; your level is dictated by your 'singles' ranking.)

First of all, we'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following list of players for winning their skill division in last season's NH tournaments that were involved in a full legal draw – great job! Here's the results that were collected and the resulting new levels:

The Executive Open -	MA	Phil Robbins (2 nd win - time to move up?)
	MC	Wilken Tom (now a 'B' player)
The Justin Open -	MA	Bruce Gagnon (1 st win)
	MC	Josh Husson (now a 'B' player)
The Mitch Nathanson	MD	John Lynch (now a 'C' player)
NH State Singles -	MA	Frank Gibson (1 st win; cannot play State 'A' Singles)
	MB	Mark Skladony (now an 'A' player)
	MC	Bruce Rawlings (now a 'B' player)
	MD	Eric White (now a 'C' player)
	MN	Dan Laroche (now a 'D' player)
Gilford Winterfest -	MA	Tom Bonardi (1 st win)
	MB	Rob Stewart (now an 'A' player)
Regionals & Gilford -	WD	Judy Lafrance (now a 'C' player)

If any errors or oversights were committed, you may e-mail the NH Board of Directors at nhraboardmembers@excell.net or fax your questions or problem to Kelley at 627-4552.

Congratulations again on all your wins and good luck this season in your new skill divisions!!!

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2000 NHRA SCHEDULE

DATES	N.H.	MA.	VT./R.I.	ME./CT.	OTHER
8/04-06					
8/11-13					Fran Davis/Cliff Swain Clinic-EHSC
8/18-20				Healthworks - Wallingford, CT	
8/25-27					
9/01-03	LABOR DAY WEEKEND				Senior World Championships
9/08-10					9/07 - Demo Night @ The Works
9/15-17					
9/22-24	EXECUTIVE OPEN			CT State Doubles - Bristol	
9/29-10/01					10/11 - Demo Night @ Merrimack Y
10/06-08					National Doubles - Baltimore, MD
10/13-15	COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND				
10/20-22	JUSTIN OPEN - NAC				
10/27-29				Healthworks - Wallingford, CT	
11/03-05	STATE DOUBLES - THE WORKS				
11/10-12					
11/17-19	MARSDEN - NORTH CONWAY			Healthtrax - Bristol, CT	US Open - Memphis TN
11/24-26	THANKSGIVING WEEKEND				
12/01-03				Conn.Cup - New Haven, CT	
12/08-10	HOLIDAY OPEN - NAC				JR. World Championships
12/15-17					
12/22-24	CHRISTMAS WEEKEND				

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2001 NHRA SCHEDULE

DATES	N.H.	MA.	VT./R.I.	ME./CT.	OTHER
12/29-31	NEW YEARS WEEKEND				
1/05-07				Healthworks - Wallingford, CT	
1/12-14					
1/19-21	Mitch Nathanson-EHSC				
1/26-28					
2/02-04	NASHUA			Hosp.Wellness Center - Bristol, CT	
2/09-11					
2/16-18	Merrimack/Gilford?				
2/23-25					
3/02-04	NH State Singles - NAC			CT State Singles	NHRA BANQUET @ NAC
3/09-11	Woodsville				
3/16-18					
3/23-25					NE Jr. Regionals - Briarcliff, NY
3/30-4/01				Healthworks - Wallingford, CT	
4/06-08					
4/13-15	EASTER WEEKEND				
4/20-22	REGIONAL-EXECUTIVE				
4/27-29					
5/04-06					
5/11-13					
5/18-20					
5/25-27	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND				Nat. Singles Championships

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED: YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!!! Tony would like to set up an electronic bulk mailing with everyone's e-mail addresses in order to keep the NH membership updated with the latest & greatest NHRA news – we need your help to accomplish this! Send your e-mail to: nhraboardmembers@excell.net

VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS WANTED: THE NHRA NEEDS YOU! We need people to work on committees such as: fund raising, awards, rules & policies, junior programs - many more! If you've got some talent, the energy, and/or time, we could use whatever you have to offer! We especially need sponsors for State events in a big way... For more information on the many ways you can help out, please call Kelley or contact her through the web site [www.neracquetball.com/nhra].

NHRA DEMO NIGHT: Back by popular demand! One will take place at The Works Athletic Club on Sept. 7th; another one will take place at The Merrimack YMCA on Oct. 11th. If you would like an NHRA sponsored demo night scheduled at your club, please contact Chris Zalegowski thru the web site (by e-mail) or fax your request to Kelley at 627-4552.

WELCOME ABOARD: Ann Doucette and John Varrill – newly appointed to your NH Racquetball Board of Directors.

ADVERTISING: Ad Rates - \$100. Full page, \$50. ½ page, \$25. ¼ page, \$15. Business card. The newsletter goes out to the full NHRA membership plus all the clubs, former members and many RB friends - *so advertise here!* Yearly rates are also available.

TIED THE KNOT: Karen & Jim Lukeman on Saturday Aug. 19th in Salem – CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES from all your NH racquetball friends!

WANT TO MAKE \$\$ ORGANIZING RACQUETBALL? The NHRA is offering \$200 to a person or club who is willing to institute a Junior and/or Women's racquetball program – limited to the first 5 people or clubs. For more details on how you can help NH racquetball grow, have fun and make money doing it, contact Kelley Beane at 641-6116.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Gail Guy (and her partner John Suitor) for winning the National Wife Carrying Championships held in early July. Gail and her partner appeared July 31st on the "Live With Regis Show" to demonstrate their bizarre 'wife-carrying' technique. They will also be competing at the World Championships in Finland next July as the national champions.

NEWSLETTER RATES: Newsletter subscription is available to non-members / non-residents for a \$10.00/year rate.

REFEREE CERTIFICATION: Will be offered once again at the Executive Open on Saturday Sept. 23rd for a cost of \$10.00; go to the tournament desk for sign-ups. It will also be offered at other NH tournaments throughout the season.

NHRA APPAREL: Customized NH Racquetball sportswear now available – both silk-screened & embroidered items such as hats, T-shirts & sweatshirts. Available at NH tournaments or contact Kelley.

SILK SCREENED T's \$12.00	GRAY SWEATSHIRT (SCREEN) \$28.00	MAIL ORDER & PMT TO:
HATS (GRAY+TAN / TAN+PLUM) \$15.00	GRAY / BLK SWTSHRT (EMBROID) \$35.00	NHRA 91 LANCASTER ST
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NEW CONTRACT SIGNING: Just announced and hot off the press – JUSTIN WALLACE has signed on to join the New England E-Force racquetball team for the upcoming season (*that means no more Mr. Wilson!*).

F.Y.I. TO MEMBERS: When your USRA membership card states a 9/00 expiration, that means your membership expired the 1st day of the month (*not the end of the month!*). Stay on the mailing list – keep your membership active!

Demo Nights are Back!

Each year the NHRA Board of Directors select a few clubs that we'll visit in order to put on a Demo Night at our NH clubs. Not only do we have the opportunity to get together with our current members but we also get to meet a lot of new players – whether they're new to the area or new to the sport of racquetball. This gives us a chance to find out what is going on in your area and how we can help with your racquetball programs. Not only does the NHRA Board members come to visit but we also bring along representatives from the 3 major racquetball manufacturers - who bring with them the newest racquet lines from their respective company. They will let you try them out and demo their products. There are usually prizes as well as a radar gun to test your shot; many other racquetball accessories (such as gloves, shoes, bags, etc.) are also available for your review.

This year we have selected The Works in Somersworth (scheduled for 9/7/00), The Merrimack YMCA, and possibly a club in the Portsmouth area. We are available to visit any of the clubs in New Hampshire, so if you would like to have a Demo Night at your club you can e-mail me at NHRABoardMembers@Excell.com (attn: Chris Zalegowski).

In each newsletter we advertise the location, date and time of all our demo nights. We will also send out posters for posting at your clubs to inform your membership of the date and time of our traveling demo program. These demo nights are usually a lot of fun and a great opportunity to try out some new sticks and also to meet and talk with the Board members of your New Hampshire Racquetball Association. So, spread the word and we hope to see you there!

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NEW BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

ANN DOUCETTE

Married— Danny

Two Kids — Brian — 12, Danielle — 9

Racquetball goal

Win "A" at National's in Houston

Assets — quickness and forehand

Favorite shot — Splat!

Advice — racquetball = good times + good friends

"Free time" activities:

- weight training
- youth hockey
- softball
- little league VP
- kyacking
- racquetball, racquetball, racquetball

Day job:

Admin Asst for a funding company

Club

The Works

JOHN VARRILL

Single

Racquetball goal:

Continue to win state singles and doubles championships — eventually a New England age group title

Assets — speed, quickness and hustle

Secondary asset — never quit till you lose

Favorite shot — Backhand splat

Advice — One point at a time! Be analytical.

"Free time" activities:

- reading internet racquetball newsgroup (alt.sport.racquetball)
- observing and taping racquet sports events
- reading about and playing other racquet sports

Day job

Program Asst in NH Dept of Education

Club

Concord Racquet Club for 21 years