

MSRA NEWS

Minnesota State Racquetball Association

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Affiliate of AARA

Bob McNamara - Key Figure to Racquetball Hall of Fame

Bob McNamara is an important factor, in the establishment of the Racquetball Hall of Fame and the "Hall of Fame Tournament". The site of this display is the Greenway Athletic Club, which also hosts the tournament. This year's event will be held January 13-15.

As a member of the Minneapolis Park Board, Bob persuaded the board to sponsor racquetball's Hall of Fame. The board supports a variety of sports in Minneapolis. The Racquetball Hall of Fame recognizes individuals as outstanding players and promoters of the sport. However, the program also provides an opportunity for young, future players to try the sport of racquetball. Many of these young people would not otherwise get to go on a racquetball court to learn the game.

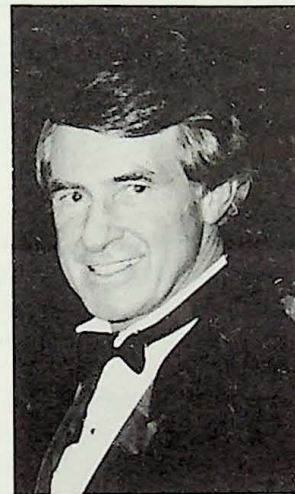
Last year, 16 under-privileged youngsters received free lessons, free court time, and use of equipment. They participated in a "mini-tournament" and received shirts and refreshments. In addition, a donation was made to Team Minnesota to promote the development of junior players. Bob McNamara looks forward to similar success in conjunction with this year's Hall of Fame Tournament.

Coordinating tournaments is not new for Bob, for about 10 years, through 1984, Bob organized the Duff's Celebrity Tournament, a racquetball tourney held in June. It was sponsored by McNamara's bar, Duff's in Minneapolis.

Bob McNamara, a native Minnesotan (from Hastings), has been an athlete for most of his life. In a family of 6 boys, sports were a pretty natural expectation. Yet Bob was not content with mere participation, he had a need to excel. Bob played professional football in 1955-58 in Canada. In 1960 through 1962, Bob was a half-back for the Denver Broncos. Knee injuries shortened his football career, but Bob still looked to sports for continued conditioning and competition.

Bob began playing handball and paddleball. Paddleball was played on a "handball" court with a paddle much

like an "oversized" ping pong paddle with holes drilled in the face of the paddle. The ball was heavier and less lively than a handball. The rules were similar to handball (& racquetball). In 1967, Bob was instrumental in forming the



Bob McNamara

St. Anthony Athletic Club. The club located just across the river from downtown Minneapolis, hosted the National Paddleball Championships in 1968 & 69. On just three courts, 95 players competed. (Losers played at the U. of MN). Racquetball was introduced at the club in 1969. It was a natural transition from paddleball to racquetball. Bob took up the sport, practiced a great deal, then began to compete in his "new"

sport. Bob developed his own unique style, including a two-handed backhand. However, it was effective.

Although Bob was 41 when he started playing racquetball, "I honestly felt I was pretty young," he commented. Since competition in racquetball was also in its early stages, Bob would often compete in the age divisions with Bill Hall and Bob Adam, AND the open class where he played against the "Three big S's" - Schmidtke, Strom and Strandemo.

When Bob turned 45, he began competing in the National Racquetball Championship, masters division. In 1977 Bob received what he considers, his greatest achievement in racquetball. The AARA awarded Bob the "Player of the Year" award in recognition of his earning the Masters title (45+) in the National, International and Canadian Championships for 1977.

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M S R A Board Talk

Open meeting

The MSRA Board wants to communicate with the members of the association. We want to hear your suggestions, answer your questions and address your concerns. We also want to keep our members informed about what is happening in the National organization, the AARA, and the developments that are occurring here in Minnesota.

This newsletter helps us "speak" to our members, but it is not conducive to discussion and exchange of ideas. For this reason, the board tries to conduct an annual Open Forum for all members. This year's meeting will be held during the St. Paul Winter Carnival tournament, February 3-5 at the Carlton Fitness Club in Maplewood. It will convene at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning (actual location will be posted at the club). We hope by having it at a *sanctioned tournament site* there will be greater participation. Please plan to attend!

Some topics to be addressed:

- . 1989 National Doubles (Burnsville)
- . 1989 Minnesota State Doubles
- . Sanctioned Tournament Series
- . Junior programs/Team Minnesota

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AARA Report

The activity level of the national racquetball organization, the AARA, has been increasing on a daily basis. The association conducts programs for masters, seniors, women, juniors, high school, intercollegiate, disabled, outreach, military and instruction certification. National championships have been conducted for various divisions including singles and doubles.

The U.S. National Team won the World Championships, competing against 23 other countries in Hamburg, Germany. Racquetball continues to grow internationally.

In the march toward Olympic competition, racquetball has been reclassified as a "Class A" sport - the "youngest" sport to achieve this status. Racquetball was accepted in the Central American Games and on November 17, 1988, became a full-medal sport in the Pan American Games. These major steps lead to AARA Executive Director, Luke St. Onge to comment, "It is no longer a question of if (racquetball will become an Olympic sport), but a question of when."

A A R A

1989 National Doubles Championship

- . Burnsville, MN
- . October 26-29, 1989
- . Co-hosted by MSRA & NW

. PLAN TO COMPETE!!!

Volunteers needed - get involved
Call 612-941-6391

REGION 11 Review

Regional Director: Les Dittrich

Our Regionals (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota & Nebraska) will be held in Fargo, North Dakota, two weeks prior to the Minnesota State Championship. The dates of the Regional event is April 14-16. It is necessary to participate in a regional tournament (not necessarily your own) to be eligible for the National Championships held again in Houston, TX on Memorial Day weekend. More information will be available for both tournaments as these events draw closer.

How to Run a Junior Clinic

by Linda Samarzia

1. Find a person interested in working with kids and promoting racquetball (manager, assistant, employee, instructor, parent, any club player at least A level).
2. Arrange for an instructor. Contact the MSRA or your club's instructor. Remember it is important that the instructor enjoy working with young people.
3. Plan to conduct the junior clinic at a time when kids are available and have plenty of free time, ie. winter break, spring break, during the summer, weekends.
4. Develop a flyer promoting the clinic: emphasize NO PLAYING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! Note for boys AND girls, ages 8-16, instruction and FUN! Keep price reasonable, but include souvenir (shirt?) if possible, as memento.
5. Send a letter with the "junior racquetball clinic" flyer (including registration form), to ALL family members. Leave extras at the check-in desk for other members to consider as well as being a reminder. (Example: "Hey you future racquetball stars! ... (details given) ... Sound exciting? You'll have a great time, and maybe even learn enough to beat mom or dad next time...")
6. At clinic, emphasize safety, sportsmanship, rules and fun along with skill and conditioning. Be sure all players have information to take home to show parents and read later (for reinforcement).
7. Pictures are a nice extra to display at the club to encourage more kids for future clinics and remind the ones that participated of the fun they had.
8. At the conclusion of the clinic, give each player a roster of the other participants. Encourage them to join a junior league (ready to begin the next week).
9. Enjoy the pleasure and success of bringing racquetball to the next generation of players.

Tournaments Benefit Junior Programs

Northgate Racquet Club

Rochester, MN

January 6-8

The Northgate Racquet Club in Rochester will conduct a racquetball tournament with proceeds going to Team Minnesota. Although this is not an "officially sanctioned" tournament, it is an event which the MSRA supports.

At the tournament, the members of the 1988 team (winners of Second place at the Junior National Championships) will receive a certificate commemorating the event for each player on the team. It is also a way of saying "Thank you for your effort". While all members may not have won individual medals, all members were supportive of every other player on the team. From the youngest to the oldest,

Hall of Fame Tournament

Minneapolis, MN

January 14-16

At the Greenway Athletic Club (GAC), the 2nd annual Hall of Fame Tournament will be held. This is a notable event for all players as past champions and supporters or racquetball are recognized for their contribution and dedication to the sport of racquetball.

However, as important as the tournament is for acknowledging past accomplishments, one of the most important parts of the tournament is the support given to Junior racquetball. Last year, GAC and the Hall of Fame Tournament donated \$300 to the MSRA for the Junior Program. The organizers of the 1989 tournament expect to make a similar contribution.

The MSRA and in particular Team Minnesota, thank Bob McNamara, GAC and others involved in this event.

Bob McNamara (continued from pg 1)

Bob has held 14 National titles in paddleball and racquetball. Six titles were in singles and 8 in doubles, with 6 different partners (including brothers Pinky and Bernie). Bob still competes in state championships.

It is especially appropriate that Bob McNamara should be one of the first players inducted into the Racquetball Hall of Fame. He was and continues to be an outstanding player and promoter of the sport of racquetball.

The remaining inductees of the 1988 Hall of Fame, Bill Schmittke, Steve Strandemo and Barb Tennesen have been featured in previous issues (April '86, Sept '86 & May '87 respectively). Next issue will highlight the NEW inductees announced at this year's Hall of Fame tournament.

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January 27-29, 1989



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ENTRY FEE: \$26.00 First Event
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DEADLINE: The draw is limited to 175. **All fees and entry forms must be received by Friday, January 13, 1989 at Noon.** \$10.00 late fee and no tourney shirt for any entry we choose to accept after the deadline.

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AWARDS:

	*Singles Events	Doubles Events
\$100.00 First Place	Plaques for First, Second, and Consolation
\$50.00 Second Place	
\$25.00 Consolation	

*All singles must have a minimum of 8 entries.

OFFICIAL BALL: HEAD

HOSPITALITY: Continental Breakfast Saturday and Sunday; lunch Saturday; fruit, snacks and pop all weekend.

FACILITIES: Lockers will be given out to non-club members with deposit of car keys only. Please provide own towel.

STARTING TIMES: Will be available at the Club after noon on Wednesday, January 25, 1989. (612) 439-7611.

FORMAT:

- All players guaranteed 2 matches.
- AARA rules apply.
- **EYE GUARDS ARE MANDATORY. PLAYERS REFUSING TO WEAR LENSED EYEWEAR AS INTENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- All winners bracket matches will be 2 games to 15, tiebreakers to 11.
- All consolation matches will be best 2 out of 3 games to 11.
- All winners **MUST** referee the following match. Failure to referee will result in defaulting a players next scheduled match.
- There will be a **10 minute** default rule that will be strictly enforced.
- **Due to the nature of the tournament, the current MSRA rankings will be used to classify players in the event of any questions. However, the tourney directors reserve the right to make the final decision.**

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Linda Arford
Betsy Larey

LODGING: Stillwater Inn, 1750 W. Frontage Road — 430-1300. (½ block from Club.) Mention the tournament and you'll receive a corporate discount.

ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Club Affiliation _____

T-Shirt Size: (100% Cotton) M L XL

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(If playing two, one must be singles, one doubles)

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Doubles Partner _____

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Tournament Results

DINO'S 2ND ANNUAL PUMPKIN CLASSIC

Dino's Owatonna Racquetball Club
October 28-30

Men's Divisions

Open 1st Tim LaVoi, 2nd Greg Fox, 3rd Dave Graddy
A: 1st Bryan Schirmacher, 2nd Steve May, Con. George Selke
B: 1st Mark McCoy, 2nd Ray Joachim, Con. Larry Stuckmayer
C: 1st Scott Bigalke, 2nd Ed Gray, Con. Dan Halla
D: 1st Ed Machacek, 2nd Jim Rodgers

Women's Divisions

Open 1st Sheryl Warfield, 2nd Peggy Withrow, 3rd Kim Fortman, 4th Sandy Gross, Con. Bev Lichty
C: 1st Rochelle Kabe, 2nd Annette Just
D: 1st Sadie Gross, 2nd Kristli Beeman

Doubles

M-0 1st Steve May/Dave Graddy, 2nd Dee Lichty/Keith Burke, Con. Dean Velzke/Steve Gleason
M-A 1st Ali Sameni/Mark Williamson, 2nd Mark Steinbauer/Sheryl Warfield, Con. Dean Velzke/Jay Lindgren
M-B 1st Mark Ingalls/Kevin Knoepke, 2nd Peggy Withrow/Sandy Gross

SOUTHVIEW SPECTACULAR PRO-AM

Southview Athletic Club
November 11-13

Men's Divisions

Pro: 1st Mike Locker, 2nd Bruce Erickson, Con. Brett Hartinger
A: 1st Jon Calder, 2nd Justin Knutson, Con. Scott Stevens
B: 1st Dale Gaffaney, 2nd David Hagedorn, Con. Rich Powers
C: 1st Joe Golemo, 2nd Barry Boevers, Con. Scott Anderson
35+: 1st Harral Chastain, 2nd Jim McCarthy, Con. Terry Pedersen
35+B 1st Tom Valley, 2nd Dick McCarthy, Con. Leon Barringer

Women's Divisions

Pro: 1st Dana Sibell, 2nd Sheryl Warfield, Con. Roxanne Goblisch
A: 1st Jean Gooding, 2nd Bev Lichty, Con. Kelli Larson

B: 1st Kendra Johnson, 2nd Teri Peterson, Con. Rochelle Christensen

Doubles

M-0 1st Jon Calder/Brandon Hartinger, 2nd Mark Braaten/Steve May, Con. Harral Chastain/Dan Fitzgerald
M-A 1st Bill Pearson/Dave Johnson, 2nd Rick Hobbs/Mike Young, Con. Justin Knutson/Todd Peterson
M-B 1st Randy Gendreau/Mitchell, 2nd Bill Eiden/Pete Peterson, Con. Clyde Reynolds/Dennis Doyle

W-0 1st Patti Erger/Sheryl Warfield, 2nd Darcy Chastain/Peggy Clark

W-B 1st Cindy Lund/Heidi Corporaal, 2nd Teri Peterson/Kendra Johnson

MX-A 1st Pete Peterson/Nancy Yeelitt, 2nd Kathy Flack/Mike Young

MANKATO THANKSGIVING PRO/AM CLASSIC

Mankato Health & Fitness
November 25-27

Men's Divisions

Pro: 1st Bruce Erickson, 2nd Mike Dittrich, 3rd Dave Werschay, 4th Greg "Laughing Dog" Hayenga, Con. Irv Neumann
A: 1st Steve Krebsbach, 2nd Bryan Schirmacher, Semis Dick Corcoran & Tim Wyman, Con. Dick LeClerc
B: 1st Tony LeClerc, 2nd Paul Grabinowski, 3rd Warren Claridge, 4th John LaFond, Con. Aimee Melville
C: 1st Kip Patersen, 2nd Larry Schoeller, 3rd Mick Endersbee, 4th Terry Davis, Con. Rick Webster
Sr A 1st Gary Peterson, 2nd Les Dittrich, 3rd John Kanyusik, 4th Tim LaVoi, Con. Dave Gross

Women's Divisions

A: 1st Mary Willersheidt, 2nd Bev Lichty
B: 1st Patty Maes, 2nd Gretchen Larson

Doubles

M-0 1st Mike Dittrich/Greg Hayenga, 2nd Tim LaVoi/Steve Krebsbach, Con. Mark Ramlo/Steve Krob
M-A 1st Dave Gross/Rich Powers, 2nd Kevin Stich/Paul Grabinowski, Con. Dick LeClerc/Tony LeClerc

SUPERSTARS PRO-AM CLASSIC

Northeast Racquet Club
December 2-4

Men's Divisions

Pro: 1st Mike Locker, 2nd Dan Ferris, 3rd Todd Stead, 4th Gus Farell, Con. Scott Daugaard
Open 1st Mark Braaten, 2nd Steve May, Con. Tim Glynn
A: 1st Bob Stein, 2nd Dan Biltman, 3rd Joe Pilla, 4th Tony Aulwes, Con. Justin Knutson
B: 1st Dale Gaffaney, 2nd Muzammil Hussain, 3rd Dan Chin, 4th Dave Hagedorn, Con. Roy Christensen
C: 1st Scott Bigalke, 2nd Joe Golemo, 3rd Mark Robinson, 4th Obie Kipper Jr., Con. Brad Fish
35+: 1st Harral Chastain, 2nd Dee Lichty, 3rd Tom Aulwes, 4th Mike Beugen, Con. Charlie Poole

Women's Divisions

Pro: 1st Dana Sibell, 2nd Sheryl Warfield, 3rd Connie Gebhart, 4th Darcy Chastain, Con. Aimee Melville
A: 1st Bev Lichty, 2nd Kelli Larson, 3rd Sue Gustafson, 4th Carol Pedersen, Con. Julie Zieminski
B: 1st Gretchen Larson, 2nd Patty Maes, 3rd Heidi Corporaal, 4th Tammy Sly, Con. Lynn Jensen

Doubles

M-0: 1st Farell/Jeffers, 2nd French/McCunniff, 3rd Aune/Helle, 4th Daugaard/Schramm, Con. Braaten/May
M-A: 1st Aune/Weisenberger, 2nd Lichty/Roman, 3rd Pedersen/Phillips, Con. Aulwes/Aulwes
M-B: 1st Buchentine/Christensen, 2nd Golden/Hagedorn, 3rd Gendreau/Mitchell, 4th Karels/Parsons, Con. Johnson/Sturlangson
W-0: 1st Dalager/Stomberg, 2nd Shirk/Hill
W-A: 1st Genin/Straka, 2nd Gustafson/Larson, 3rd Ackerman/Scheid, 4th Foell/Hadden, Con. Savage/Thomas
MX-0: 1st Brenny/Tilbury, 2nd French/O'Brien
MX-A: 1st Pedersen/Pedersen, 2nd Hambright/Kostohyrz
MX-B: 1st Eiden/Locke, 2nd Corporaal/Corporaal, 3rd Moore/Tanis, 4th Aulwes/Manly, Con. Madden/Madden

Tournament Schedule

FROSTY PRO-AM

Kings Court - Edina

December 9-11

Men's Divisions

Pro: 1st Dan Ferris, 2nd Bruce Erickson, 3rd Mike Diltrich, 4th Troy Stallings, Con. Todd Stead

A: 1st Sam Erdman, 2nd Dan Bittman, Con. Mike Fey

B: 1st Ron Jacobson, 2nd Dean Sinerius, Con. Brad Cochran

C: 1st Barry Boevers, 2nd Al Steffenmeier

35+: 1st Marv Blair, 2nd Dennis Ring

45+: 1st Bill Hall, 2nd Les Diltrich, Con J.M. Brunke

Women's Divisions

A: 1st Libby Pastor, 2nd Kelli Larson, Con. Terri Straka

B: 1st Rochelle Christensen, 2nd Dana Kuchenbecker, Con. Tammy Sly

C: 1st Marci Muenze, 2nd Kay Tusa

Doubles

M-O: 1st Erickson/Stein, 2nd Sabin/Walker

M-A: 1st K. Luehmann/R. Luehmann, 2nd D. Roman/M. Roman, Con. Steen/Haines

M-B: 1st Gaffaney/Schneider, 2nd Cochran/Palmersheim

MX-0A: 1st Diltrich/Groess, 2nd Young/Keyes

January 6-8

4th Annual Winter Rollout
Dino's Owatonna Racquet Club
Owatonna, MN

Northgate Team Minnesota Benefit Tourney
Northgate Racquet & Health Club
Rochester, MN

Captain Morgan Racquetball Tournament
Suburban Racquet Club
St. Cloud, MN

January 13-15

*Snowflake Tourney
Northeast Racquetball Club
Columbia Heights, MN (612) 572-0330

January 27-29

*Iron Range Open Racquetball Tournament
Supreme Court Racquetball & Fitness Center
Virginia, MN (218) 749-8318

Stillwater Classic Racquetball Tourney
River Valley Athletic Club
Stillwater, MN

February 3-5

*St. Paul Winter Carnival Pro-Am
Carlton Fitness Club
Maplewood, MN (612) 738-3559

February 10-12

*Country Courts Pro-Am
Country Courts
Fairmont, MN (507) 235-6691

February 17-19

*5th Annual Lake Country Snowflake Pro-Am
Lake Country Health & Racquet Club
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February 24-26

***7th Annual Valley Club Tournament**
Valley Club
Shakopee, MN (612) 445-2333

March 3-5

***Cub Foods Pro-Am**
River Valley Athletic Club
Stillwater, MN (612) 439-7611

Spring Fling Tourney
Duluth Racquet Courts
Duluth, MN

March 10-12

***Camp Confidence Ultimate Tourney**
Ultimate Health & Racquet Club
Brainerd-Baxter, MN (218) 829-6453

Vacek Memorial Tourney
Itasca County Family YMCA
Grand Rapids, MN

March 17-19

***United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Pro-Am**
Suburban Racquetball Club
St. Cloud, MN (612) 251-3965

Mathisen Tire Tourney
Supreme Court
Virginia, MN

March 31-April 2

***Wilson State Doubles**
Roseville Racquet Club
Roseville, MN (612) 633-9333

April 14-16

***Region 11 Championship**
Fargo, ND

April 27 - 30

***Minnesota State Singles Championship**
Burnsville Racquet & Swim
Burnsville, MN

Making the Call:

"An appealing decision"

During a rally, player A (server) makes a desperate save and keeps the ball in play. Player B immediately raises his hand to signal "two bounces", but continues the rally. Player B then takes a shot which skips and the rally is over. Player B addresses the referee and "appeals" the "get".

The referee...

A) Denies the "appeal" because he is sure of the call and awards a point to player A.

B) Checks with the line-judges and

1) both agree (thumbs-up): the call stands, the "get" is good, player A scores a point.

2) one judge agrees, one disagrees (thumb-down), the call stands, player A scores a point.

3) one judge agrees, one indicates "no opinion" (hand flat), he couldn't see the play because a player was between he and the "get", the call stands, player A scores a point.

4) one judge disagrees, one indicates "no opinion", the rally is replayed.

5) both disagree, the call is over-turned, the point is replayed.

6) both disagree, the call is over-turned, the side is out, player B wins the serve.

C) Calls a replay of the point, (there are no line-judges)

Correct call is "B1, B2, B3, B4, B6" not B5

AARA rule 3.6.G Result of Response & AARA rule 3.8 Outcome of Appeals These rules describe what happens when line-judges agree or disagree with the referee and the affect of the result on the play.

REMEMBER that appeals only apply when line-judges are used, otherwise the decision of the referee is the determining factor. Players may request line-judges for any match, although generally they are used only in final matches or open matches where there may be difficulty in accurately seeing the ball. Judgment calls, such as hinders, screens or technicals are not appealable.

NEWS and VIEWS

New Year's Resolutions!

It's time again to evaluate our needs and set our goals. Like many people some resolutions sound familiar ...there's still that 5-10 pounds, and the garage still needs organizing. However, with an eye on '89 and viewing it as a racquetball player, here are some suggestions:

- . Find a "good" doubles partner for the state and national doubles tournament (preferably a lefty).
- . Begin playing earlier this summer to be prepared for the big fall doubles tournaments. (Take a winter vacation to make up for lost time on the golf course.)
- . Avoid the "aches and pains" syndrome by staying in better condition throughout the year. (Also avoid aging!)
- . Practice twice as much this year as last. (The extra hour might help.)
- . Enjoy the year and play for the "health" of it!

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Once a year the newsletters are sent to members at the higher postage rate for first class mail. The board feels the extra expense is warranted to guarantee that every current member receives his or her copy of the newsletter. If a member has moved since the membership was processed, the post office will forward the first class mail and return what isn't delivered. This helps us keep more accurate records. When entry forms for the state championships are sent, every member should receive his/her own entry.

Please help us by notifying the MSRA of any address changes or corrections you may notice on your mailing labels. Fill out the form below with the correct information. Write "CORRECTION" across the top. Send to the MSRA address listed beside the form.

EDITOR'S Note:

Racquetball - a class "A" sport!

If there is any doubt about the advantages of "Olympic" status for a sport, one needs only to look at the recent recognition of volleyball. Avid volleyball enthusiasts have tried for years to get media coverage for their sport, with little success. Then after the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea, the attention to volleyball took a quantum leap! There were "clips" on TV, stories in the newspaper, even pictures on the front page of the sports section. Sportscasters seemed anxious to receive results to report.

Granted volleyball has been an Olympic sport for many years, but the interest in the sport by the media "spiked" after the exciting performances of the U.S. teams, especially the men's team. The media attention may wane in the next few years, but in 1992, the Olympics will again bring the world's focus to sports. As U.S. citizens, we love to see our athletes compete and WIN. It seems we always have top competitors in swimming and track, but it is the "other" sports that attract special notice.

So what can this mean to racquetball? As a class A sport, racquetball is almost insured as an Olympic sport. As Executive Director of the AARA, Luke St. Onge puts it, "It's not a matter of if, but when." As a sport invented in the U.S., our players should excel (especially in early competitions). Then the sport of racquetball can reap some of the rewards of Olympic status: increased revenues to promote the sport at "grass-root" levels, media interest, sponsorship, etc. which adds up to GROWTH!

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Bringing a national tournament to the Twin Cities is a major accomplishment. The initial bid required a commitment for a facility and an estimate of expected support and assistance from other racquetball enthusiasts and Minnesota promoters. This tournament not only showcases the fine players from Minnesota and the upper midwest, but it will bring in many players across the U.S. to our state.

We are committed to hosting the finest National Doubles possible. We have an outstanding facility in Burnsville and we are trying to provide excellent accommodations, transportation, hospitality and publicity for the event and its participants.

Like any major project of this scope, it takes dedicated people and financial support. If you are willing to donate your time, your talent or your money toward this effort, please contact any MSRA representative or call (612) 935-1291. Send financial donations to the MSRA (address below). Any help will be appreciated. Thank you.

**Open Forum
MSRA Meeting
at
St. Paul Winter Carnival
Racquetball Tournament
Saturday, Feb. 4
11:00 a.m.**

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