

President's Message June, 2025

Having studied Latin and history of the Gallic Wars, I will use Caesar's phrase regarding our recent completion of the Meadow City International Racquetball event: Veni, vidi, vici (I came, I saw, I conquered). This event was the longest run tourney in my career, having its beginning in November of last year, and culminating the last week in May of this year. Some highlights:

- ...Thank you, David Negrete, new Commissioner of the IRT, for your efforts.***
- ...We used IRF (international) rules for all divisions except for the Pro Singles draw, which was played under US rules (regular scoring).***
- ...2 venues used: Clty Montoya Recreation Center & Wilson Complex @ NMHU. Thanks to their principals; Joe Ortiz, President Wolfe, Shawna Wangseng, and Dennis Rivera, for their support.***
- ...Congratulations to the two pro finalists, 14th ranked Thomas Carter (Champ)) & 12th ranked Jaime Martel (2nd place).***
- ...Saturday night of the tourney (May 31) we held a dinner/social/auction at the Presenting Sponsor's venue; Buffalo Hall. Thank you to Carlos and Patricia Lopez and their staff for the tremendous hospitality; food & cheer.***
- ...With the \$400 raised at the auction, NM Racquetball will have contributed a total of \$5,100 to the IRF in order to assist with fundraising for China 2025.***
- ...We look forward to our return to the 'Original Meadow City' in late August for the 40th edition of World Senior Racquetball. Note that the event will kick off the afternoon of August 25th; with the IRF/NM Racquetball Pickleball Doubles at Montoya Rec Center.***
- ...For those lacking a history in Las Vegas (NM), put the 'hidden gem' on your list. Castaneda & Plaza, Amtrak, Cowboy Cafe, Torres Golf Course, Montezuma tubs, Fort Union, Coffee-Tea-& Empathy, Charley's, Carnegie Library, & MORE...***

Upcoming

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| June 27-29 | Ralph Waddington NM Games; Handball Doubles, Squash, State Racquetball Singles, Midtown, Albuquerque |
| July 26-27 | Ralph Waddington NM Games; State Racquetball Doubles Midtown, Albuquerque |
| August 15-18 | World Games 2025 Racquetball; Chengdu, China |
| August 26-30 | 40th Frank Hotels IRF World Senior Racquetball Championships; Montoya Rec Center & Wilson Complex NMHU, Las Vegas, NM; And Rec Center at United World College in Montezuma |

Quote of the Month

***'A good golfer can play with a Titleist or Top Flight;
a good racquetball player can play with a ProPenn or Gearbox Black' GM***

