

## ***President's Message August, 2025***

In late June my landlords informed me they had sold the building in which my office sits. No surprise; more a shock due to timing. The last thing on my mind was a MOVE. It has been thirty-two years that my professional endeavors have piggybacked with the New Mexico Racquetball Association clearinghouse at this location. A plethora of documents, equipment, files, papers, and supplies stared me in the face. Joe and Julie gave me until the end of August to relocate elsewhere. I said I would vacate by the end of July, as most of my August energy is geared toward the organization and operation of the World Seniors.

Al Stewart, in the song, Time Passages (1978) writes, 'Years go falling in the fading light.' Many stories written and spoken; and, every one with an upside. The opportunity to clean out my office and its contents merged with reflection and projection; time for sorting items and cautiously moving them into trash bins, time for gifting some to others, and time for stockpiling most into a storage facility. Some had not been touched for decades.

World Senior Racquetball has a long history. This week we embark on the 40<sup>th</sup> edition. New Mexico Racquetball is approaching year fifty. We have operated well over five hundred tournaments; offered classes, clinics, courses for those under ten to over ninety. Events have included most court sports along with bowling, golf, and distance running. Local, state, regional, national, and international themes have been part of the equation. Professionals have come to share their skills; racquetball, handball, paddleball, and squash racquets.

Our current mission is the development and operation of a Racquetball Library and Museum at a location in New Mexico. The odds-on favorite is Las Vegas. How fitting! We have had a long relationship with the City; its Recreation Center and New Mexico Highlands University. Local businesses and organizations have lent support; helping us elevate the annual Meadow City tourney to an IRT stop and offering the infrastructure to host the IRF World Seniors. We welcome the world to this *Hidden Gem*, to share history and help grow our racquetball legacy.

Gary

## **Book of the Month**

***Skinny Bitch Gets Hitched***

**Kim Barnouin**