***President’s Message September, 2020***

***Mixed bag of updates***

**…..25th US Open Racquetball---postponed until 10/21 for Minneapolis, MN.**

**…..Rules changes as of 9/1/20…..**

1. **Serving-----Server and partner in doubles…both may leave their respective**

 **service areas as soon as the ball is struck. (equal to IRF rule now).**

1. **Readiness-----Receiver still has 2 options for indicating ‘not ready’ to receive**

 **serve. 1st is turning to the back wall; 2nd now is to raise the racquet**

 **upward in a manner that the arm/racquet arm is fully extended.**

**…..World Seniors 36th edition-----3rd week of December; adjusted format; Wed-Sat.**

**…..International events (World Juniors, Pan Am Championships) September 1st we shall**

 **have a decision for December, 2020 or moved to 2021. World Games moved to 2022;**

 **Birmingham, Al USA Pan Ams confirmed for 2023; Santiago, Chile.**

**…..Suspended 2020 NM Racquetball events: Clovis, Gallup, Pagosa Springs, Santa Fe,**

 **Albuquerque, Roswell, Durango, & Las Vegas (see prospective 2021 calendar on site)**

**…..Thanks Fred Hultberg---Director of NM Games; has retired after 2020 cancellation.**

 **We appreciate Fred’s diligence, foresight, and professionalism for the past 3 decades.**

**…..Fundraising-----In spite of the closure of events for this year, NM Racquetball**

 **has raised $2500 for the International Racquetball Federation (as of 8/10/20).**

**…..Venue update---There is a hybrid across New Mexico, Southern Colorado, and**

 **West Texas as to opportunity and protocol. Venues range from totally closed; open**

 **for limited capacity and no court access; and, open with courts available.**

***Quote of the month***

**‘When you’re searching for a rose, don’t be afraid of the thorns’ LL**

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