***President’s Message April, 2022***

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**We have entered the 45th year of the *New Mexico Racquetball Association.* Some of us have been fortunate to be part of the entire journey. Others are being provided with a body of knowledge. Building a legacy:**

**…New Mexico Racquetball incorporated as a not-for-profit with the IRS in 1983. It was one**

 **of the first state organizations to do so.**

**…We have had more than fifty Directors on our board.**

**…Penn and its ProPenn Green racquetball brand have served us for over thirty years.**

**…Gary Mazaroff; along with the late Clayton Childs and Rick Wright, were the pioneers.**

**…Mazaroff and Ralph Waddington have served as the two Presidents of the board.**

**…Since 1977, many venues have closed across New Mexico. Please follow:**

***Academy Court Club, Club International, Commons at Angel Fire, Del Norte Fitness Center,***

***Downtown YMCA Albq., Elks Club, Olympic Club, Pinetree, Rio Grande Sporting Club,***

 ***Roswell Spa & Court Club, Roswell YMCA, Royal Spa, Santa Fe Courthouse & Spa,***

***Sierra Swim & Racquet Club, Tom Young’s Athletic Club, Z Club***

**…At one time players had to pass a written rules exam in order to enter a tournament.**

**…Our longest standing event is the IRF World Seniors; held annually since 1985 in Albq.**

 **This event has helped to raise over $500,000 for the *Olympic Dream of Racquetball.***

**…Every level of racquetball event, from local to pro has been operated. Add to the mix handball, squash racquets, paddleball, squash 57, and fun runs.**

***COME JUNE 18TH FOR A CELEBRATION OF 45 YEARS AT THE MARRIOTT UPTOWN***

**6:30pm--- Dinner plus Auction, Awards, Music, Raffle, Sharing memories**

**Quote of the month…**

**‘We enjoy life the most when we expect the least from it’ *Eric Weiner***