***President’s Message June, 2022***

**‘Lest we forget’**

**In anticipation of the upcoming *NM Racquetball 45th Year Celebration*, I have opened multiple binders, cabinets, and files for information. The collection sparks a reflection of our game and organization--where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. Dramatic changes have taken place; in the club industry, demographics, marketing, and rules. Let us compare the Official Book published in 1977 by Leach Industries versus the USAR 2020-22 set. Follow the changes; notated with *1977/2022* from A to Z:**

**…..Delay of game 1977 10 second delay for both server/receiver was a loss of serve or point awarded.**

**2022 10 second delay from either is a referee technical.**

**…..Equipment/uniform 1977 Restricted to white or light colors 2022 All colors accepted.**

**…..Forfeiture time 1977 Failure to report for match 20 minutes after posted match time.**

**2022 Failure to report for match 10 minutes after posted match time.**

**…..Out of court ball 1977 Off the serve (fault); during the rally with or without a bounce (replay).**

**2022 Off the serve (out); in the rally with a bounce (replay); without (loss of rally).**

**…..Protective eyewear 1977 Not required 2022 Required during match & warmup (lensed).**

**…..Return of serve 1977 Legal to strike return if served ball crossed the short line.**

**2022 Legal to strike after 1st  bounce; or, once ball crosses plane of receiving line.**

**…..Server/partner 1977 Each may leave respective zone once served ball crosses short line.**

**2022 Each may leave respective zone once server makes contact.**

**…..Scoring 1977 Best of 3 games; each to 21 points. Regular scoring.**

**2022 Best of 3 games; first two to 15 with 11 pt. tiebreak. Regular scoring.**

**IRF: Best of 5 games; each to 11 points. Win by two & rally scoring.**

**…..Time-outs 1977 Three per game; 30 seconds in length. (IRF: three per game; 1 minute).**

**2022 Three per games 1 & 2; 30 seconds in length. (IRF: 1 per game; 1 min.)**

***UPCOMING June 10-12 Art Hurley Memorial; Riverpoint Sports & Wellness, Albq.***

***23-26 Ralph Waddington NM Games; Midtown, Albq.***

***Quote of the month ‘Your body is a space that sees’ Lia Holloman***