***President’s Message May, 2022***

***Giving Thanks***

**While it is May and not the latter part of November, let us offer THANKS to a select group of individuals. They are the *service workers* at the venues. In the court sport industry, the following groups qualify:**

***…Front desk (reception) staff …Housekeeping team Instructors & personal trainers***

**Some may turn their heads to these job descriptions; yet, they are indispensable! We would not be able to access the venues without their skill-sets. Examples: Being greeted by first name, a smile, and a pleasing demeanor. Providing at critical times a bath towel; or, keeping the jacuzzi hot and soap dispensers full. A reminder from one of the professionals of your upcoming training session, racquetball lesson, or pilates class. All are examples of professionalism.**

**While these employees or contractors usually are not in the salary top tier, their efforts need to be recognized. The difference between holding onto a membership may come with the smile. It may come with the after-shave cream, deodorant, or operative hair dryer. Finally, it may come from the certified staff helping you to enhance your lifestyle through health and fitness.**

**In closing, go out of your way to tell them they are appreciated; you enjoy the encounters with them; and they are the main reason you return each time.**

**UPCOMING**

***MAY 20-22 St. Pat’s Festival; Clovis Community College SAC, Clovis, NM***

***JUNE 10-12 Art Hurley Memorial Racquetball; Riverpoint Sports & Wellness, Albq.***

***18 NM Racquetball 45 year celebration; Daily Grind, Albuquerque***

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

***JULY tbd National Paddleball Warmup; Riverpoint Sports & Wellness, Albq.***

***August 30-Sept 3 37th IRF World Senior R’ball Championships; NMSW clubs, Albq.***

***Quote of the month***

***‘In yoga, we do not use the body to get into a pose;***

***we use a pose to get into the body’ LL***