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Official Newsletter of the National Masters Racquetball Association (NMRA)

## JOIN US in Kansas City July 25-28, 2007!

Our NMRA International Championships will be held at the Overland Park Athletic Club (OPAC) in the Kansas City area from July 25 through July 28, 2007. *Ektelon* will again be our major sponsor for our famous round-robin-, self-refereed-format event. Fifteen courts will be available for our use throughout the week (two clubs).

Some of the area attractions in the Kansas City area include the Nelson Atkins Art Museum, the country's only World War I Memorial, the New Theater dinner theater, the Negro League Baseball Museum, the Jazz District in Old Downtown, Hallmark Card corporate tours, Royals Stadium (home games all week against the NY Yankees and the Texas Rangers), and the Plaza shopping center. Downtown Kansas City is famous for its fountains and BBQ. Locals recommend Oklahoma Joe's and KC Masterpiece (more famous). More information is available at the Convention and Visitor's Bureau ([www.opcvb.org](http://www.opcvb.org)).

Register online at [www.r2sports.com](http://www.r2sports.com) or send in your entry (included in the newsletter and on the [www.nmra.info](http://www.nmra.info) website) by **July 1** to ensure your spot. Kansas City is in the center of the country, so in addition to our players from other countries, US players from both coasts are expected to vie for the international titles.

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR ALL THE INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO PLAN YOUR TRIP.**

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## President's Corner

By Tom Curran, President  
NMRA Board of Directors

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the Members and Officers of the NMRA Board of Directors for nominating and voting me into the position of President. It is an honor and responsibility that I do not take lightly.

Since the organization was created in 1971, the NMRA has grown into one of the most respected associations of our sport. Our success can be traced back to the leadership and dedication of those who came before this sitting Board and to the solid backing and support of the general membership.

I know that no organization is the reflection of one person. It can't be. It takes a diverse group of concerned volunteers to steer an association like the NMRA to their stated goals and mission.

We have a proud tradition and goal of growing the sport of Racquetball. We continue to accomplish this mission by keeping our focus on those areas that will ensure the success of the sport. Those, simply stated, are:

- Our Junior Player Programs that will ensure the sport continues
- Our National presence as a major competitor which sets the world standard of good sportsmanship. This is evidenced by our National Team and our Parent organization, USA Racquetball (the USAR).

Our continued financial support to these elements of our sport is the cornerstone for our continued success.

As you are aware, we recently had elections to the NMRA Board of Directors and election of Officers. The new board and officers held their first meeting in March of 2007 during the NMRA National Championships in Portland, Oregon. If you missed the tournament, you missed another great one.

I would like to take a few minutes to introduce the 2007 NMRA Board of Directors. You can find their pictures and contacts on our website ([www.nmra.info](http://www.nmra.info)). I'm sure that most of you already know and/or have competed against them. A term on the NMRA Board of Directors runs for a 3-year period. Every year there are elections with (typically) two to three positions up for election.

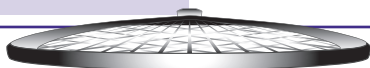
For 2007, the 'Old Guard' or returning Board Members are myself, (NC - 55+), **Paul Banales**, (AZ- 70+), **Ron Adams** (CA - 65+), **Mike Hiles** (MN, 50+), and **Elliott Papermaster** (WI-60+).

Paul Banales, our past President and current Vice President, and Ron Adams, our past Secretary, have the distinction of being a part of the original group who organized the NMRA. Their commitment and dedication to the NMRA and the sport of Racquetball is evidenced by the fact that they are Members of the NMRA Hall of Fame. Paul has also taken on the responsibility to continue to find new locations for our future tournaments.

Mike Hiles has served on the Board for the past three years and has been instrumental in the planning and administration of past tournaments. Elliott Papermaster is a long-time member of the NMRA and in his second year on the Board. He is also the 2006 winner of the NMRA Sportsman of the Year Award.

The newest members of the NMRA Board are **Bruce Adams** (OK - 45+), **Cindy Tilbury** (CO - 45+), **Dave Warner** (MN -- 60+) and **Steve Cohen** (CA - 55+).

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# NMRA 2007 National Championship

By Bruce Adams

The National Masters Racquetball Association's (NMRA) 2007 National Championship was held in Portland, Oregon from March 7 to March 10, 2007 at the *Multnomah* and *Sunset Athletic Clubs*. Over 180 players above the age of 45 years young participated in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in divisions that were in five-year increments from 45 to 90 years old. Entrants came to the tournament from Florida to Alaska. The NMRA is devoted to self-officiated, round-robin play, for its 1,200 members at its two annual events. No More One Round And Out! The *National Championships* are typically west of the Rocky Mountains, and the summer (July) *International Championships* are normally east of the Rockies. See [www.nmra.info](http://www.nmra.info) for more details on the organization.

The event sponsor for the event was **Ektelon**. The *Oregon Racquetball Association's Junior Team* ran the tournament desk at both sites. The 10 courts at *Multnomah* needed the most assistance; the seven at *Sunset* were closer and essentially within eyesight of the tournament director's desk.

**Mr. William "Bill" Gillio** (right) is 85 years young and has been playing racquetball for 40 years. He lives in California and played in the 85 Singles and 80 Doubles at this event. His words of wisdom are "Be thankful for another day, and for being above ground."



**Mr. Ben Marshall** (left) of San Antonio, Texas, at 90 years old, had nine singles matches in this year's event. He had to play down ten to 15 years, since he was the only entrant in the 90+ age group. His goal, at 80 years young, was to make it to the 90+ division, and Ben is the first entrant in the history of the NMRA to enter the 90+ division. Ben has been playing for over 20 years. He played handball in the Army, where he was a fighter pilot in World War II. He was also a gymnast in high school (Mobile, Alabama), and participated in water polo. Mr. Marshall has been an NMRA member for about nine years, but stated this is only his third event. He is a proud graduate of the University of Alabama in 1941.

He won two of 18 games against the youngsters. He received the gold medal in the 90+; and he told me that he scored better this event than he has in the past. He was not even tired after the last match. What is that expression about "getting better with age?" Mr. Marshall is very proud of his game, his age and his ability to compete. We are very proud to have him in the NMRA.

Some of the other champions in this year's event are: **Joe Hassey** (Men Singles45); **Tom Travers** (Men Singles50); **Ben Marshall** (Men Singles90); **Bill Gillio** (Men Singles85); **Cindy Tilbury** (Women's Singles45); **Marcia Richards** (Women Singles50);

**Richards/Tilbury** (Women doubles45); *2007 Geezer Jock of the Year* **Rueben Gonzalez** and **Hatch Saarian** (Men's doubles45). [Check out the website for a full listing of tournament results.](#)



There were also a few past champions that participated in the event: **Tom Travers**, (left) has numerous titles in singles and doubles. **David Azuma**, (right) has won 16 *National Doubles* titles. His mixed doubles partner, Elaine Dexter, has been playing with him for over 20 years. **Gene Pare** has won seven National Doubles titles.



The *Multnomah Athletic Club* was one that you had to see for yourself. Being that it was constructed the way I imagine a military bunker would be, it has ten courts - three levels below ground. The entire facility has eight levels, including tennis on the top of the building, and its own minor league baseball stadium adjacent to the club. There were times we found ourselves in a "no athletic attire" area of the building, yet the staff members were really nice, and patient with us. Thanks to former pro Hank Marcus for working the many issues during the event and letting the NMRA use their very fine MAC facility.

Four new board members were presented at the banquet on Saturday night. Also at that time, we memorialize those members that have passed on since the last event. The attendees raised over \$1,400 for *Team USA*. Coach **Dave Ellis** was the speaker and he also played in the event. The evening ended with a light-hearted slide show presentation of the past week. This year's banquet was held at the beautiful *Multnomah Athletic Club*.

The NMRA would love to have you join us in Kansas City, KS from July 25 to 28, 2007 for the *International Championships*. There is plenty of racquetball, hospitality and touristy things to do in the Heartland of the United States. Check out the website [www.nmra.info](http://www.nmra.info) for the upcoming application and other information about the tournament. **We hope to see you there!**

## Editor's Corner

By Cindy Tilbury

*Editor's Note: As your new newsletter editor, I'd like to say hi to all of the NMRA members. If you have information you would like printed in the **RacquetRacket**, email it to me and I'll try to print it in the next newsletter. **Carol Stoll** did a fantastic job in the past and I'll try to live up to her legacy. I usually have something to say to readers-you'll find that here in the Editor's Corner.*

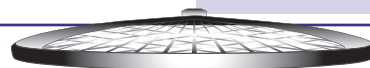
Like many racquetball players, I had been carrying a few extra pounds around the court, and, although I knew it wasn't from lack of exercise, I wasn't able to shed them. I finally did something about that and I wanted to share it, just in case any NMRA members need a little inspiration before the swimsuit season is here.

A year ago October 1, I started a new job, so the Saturday before, I walked into the local *Jenny Craig* office and signed up. I wish I had done it years ago, but I thought it would be too expensive or the food would taste terrible, and I only had about 20 pounds to lose, so I would work out a little harder. My assumptions were wrong, and it ended up being a really great idea for me-worth twice the price!

I had to make minor adjustments to the regular *Jenny Craig* menu during tournaments so I had extra energy to play whenever my matches were scheduled, but it was pretty easy and the routine is very simple. Each morning, I would grab a yogurt, a breakfast, some apples, a lunch and a few snacks out of the refrigerator and bring them to work. That, along with a small salad and water or diet soda, was all I needed to keep me happy all day until I would get home late after racquetball-just in time to heat up a dinner and have one last snack/dessert before bed.

I know this might not work for everyone, but I was down 20 pounds in about six months and I feel I am now playing a little better and moving a little faster. If anyone wants to get some details on this program, please email or call me, or stop into a *Jenny Craig* office to ask the experts (it's free, of course). You already have the exercise part of the program built into your life, when most people find that to be the hardest change to make. Email me with other programs that work for a racquetball player's lifestyle and I'll publish them in a future newsletter.

**Good luck to everyone in the 2007/2008 tournament season-on all of your goals!**



# RESULTS

## Portland

March 2007

Place / Player / State /

Total points in round robin / Avg. Points

### MENS SINGLES 45+

1	Joe Hassey	NV	254	28.22
2	Dan Pischke	WA	251	27.89
3	Paul Whitten	WA	237	26.33
4	Bob Wright	IN	210	23.33
5	Mike Lubbers	AZ	204	22.67
6	Dean Selmer	WA	156	17.33
7	Joseph Craig	OR	146	16.44
8	Mark Hess	WA	137	15.22

### MENS SINGLES 50+

1	Tom Travers	FL	266	Playoffs
2	Shane McAfee	AK	295	Playoffs
3	Dave Milazzo	IL	283	Playoffs
4	Pat Gibson	TX	285	Playoffs
5	Howard Walker	TX	225	Playoffs
6	Stan Myers	OR	212	Playoffs
7	Rick Betts	CA	236	29.50
8	Ben Roy	MN	235	29.38

### MENS SINGLES 55+

1	Darryl Warren	CA	345	28.75
2	Mike Robinson	TX	341	28.42
3	T.J. Ferro	IL	292	24.33
4	Bob Smith	OR	287	23.92
5	Joel Franklin	CA	276	23
6	Pete Chmielewski	CA	275	22.92
7	Gary Buckmaster	TX	217	18.08
8	Robert Born	MN	216	18.00

### MENS SINGLES 60+

1	David Warner	MN	229	Playoffs
2	Michael Call	WA	219	
3	Robert Lattanzio	CA	191	
4	Gary Jones	CA	214	
5	Warren Bailey	AK	150	
6	Kent Allison	CA	189	
7	Brandt Bower	WI	161	20.88
8	Ron Papirowski	Can	137	19.57

### MENS SINGLES 65+

1	Mitch Milewski	NH	240	30
2	Dave Zabinski	MN	197	23.63
3	Patrick Taylor	IL	191	23.88
4	Hal Price	CA	188	23.5
5	Steve Covey	CA	159	19.88
6	Atanacio Untalan	WA	144	18
7	Don Sperber	FL	117	14.63
8	Charles Erban	MA	114	14.25

### MENS SINGLES 70+

1	Ron Ciccone	Can	197	Playoffs
2	Charlie Hamon	WA	228	Playoffs
3	Francis Florey	WI	187	Playoffs
4	Michael Jackson	CT	220	Playoffs
5	Jerry Northwood	AZ	197	Playoffs
6	Toby DiCesare	NV	186	Playoffs
7	Charles Welby	CA	177	29.50
8	Sunny Zimmerman	Can	176	29.33

## Portland Results continued...

### MENS SINGLES 75+

1	Jim Railey	CA	284	28.40
2	Lewis Edwards	UT	272	27.20
3	Armand Matern	UT	211	21.10
4	James Dunn	OR	159	15.90
4	Michael Martin	CO	159	15.90
6	Antonio Pineros	FL	114	11.40

### MENS SINGLES 80+

1	Victor Sacco	NY	270	30.00
2	Lee H. Goldstein	CA	247	27.44
3	Philip Dziuk	IL	220	24.44
4	Dick Kincade	CO	204	22.67
5	Sam Harry	PA	183	20.33
6	Marvin Schinagle	OH	173	19.22
7	Hank Schone	CA	152	16.89
8	Jack McAfee	OR	123	13.67

### MENS SINGLES 85+

1	William Gillio	CA	84	9.33
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### MENS SINGLES 90+

1	Ben Marshall	TX	87	9.67
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### WOMENS SINGLES 45+

1	Cindy Tilbury	CO	228	38.00
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### WOMENS SINGLES 50+

1	Marcia Richards	CO	205	34.17
2	Debby Holley	Can	181	30.17
3	Brenda Loube	MD	152	25.33

### WOMENS SINGLES 55+

1	Carla Francis	CA	167	27.83
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### WOMENS SINGLES 60+

1	Merijean Kelley	CA	143	23.83
2	Junko Geddes	NY	32	5.33

### WOMENS SINGLES 65+

1	Sharon Hastings-Welty	OR	293	29.30
2	Mildred Gwinn	NC	231	23.10
3	Iona Baldwin	MO	216	21.60
4	Marquita Molina	CA	172	17.20
5	Gloria Piscoran	OR	153	15.30
6	JoAnne Tressler	OH	103	10.30

### DOUBLES —

PLACE PLAYER (STATE)

Points Avg

### MENS DOUBLES 45+

1	Ruben Gonzales (NY) / Hatch Saakian (CA)	225	28.13
2	David Azuma (OR) / Gene Pare (CA)	217	27.13
3	Joe Hassey (NV) / Mike Lubbers (AZ)	195	24.38
4	Rick Howick (WA) / Paul Whitten (WA)	191	23.88
5	Dan Pischke (WA) / Dean Selmer (WA)	189	23.63
6	Joseph Craig (OR) / Bob Smith (OR)	129	16.13
7	Bruce Burgess (CO) / Dave Letsche (CO)	128	16.00
8	Bob Wright (IN) / Steve Wright (IN)	98	12.25

### MENS DOUBLES 50+

1	Dave Azuma (OR) / Tom Travers (FL)	246	27.33
2	Ruben Gonzales (NY) / Hatch Saakian (CA)	289	26.27
3	Rick Howick (WA) / Gene Pare (CA)	312	26.00
4	Jim Hage (AK) / Shane McAfee (AK)	272	24.73
5	Pat Gibson (TX) / Howard Walker (TX)	289	24.08
6	Greg Campbell (OK) / Paul Reed (OR)	215	23.8
7	Jon Christ (CA) / Steve Cohen (CA)	207	20.70
8	Bruce Burgess (CO) / Dave Letsche (CO)	182	18.20

### MENS DOUBLES 55+

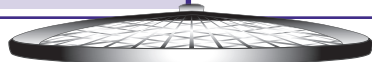
1	Jon Christ (CA) / Steve Cohen (CA)	218	Playoffs
2	Warren Riecke (MD) / Ken Weinstein (MD)	204	Playoffs
3	Barry Clyde (CA) / Mike Lippitt (CA)	197	Playoffs
4	Gary Buckmaster (TX) / Mike Robinson (TX)	197	Playoffs
5	Dave Briski (CA) / Kelly Painter (CA)	181	Playoffs
6	Dwayne McKnight (MD) / Dennis Misal (MD)	198	Playoffs
7	Mike Arnolt (IN) / Chuck Childers (IN)	177	29.50
8	Pete Chmielewski (CA) / Darryl Warren (CA)	176	29.33

### MENS DOUBLES 60+

1	Mike Arnolt (IN) / Chuck Childers (IN)	287	28.70
2	Jerry Davis (OH) / Fred Letter (NJ)	260	26.00
3	Dave Warner (MN) / Tom McKie (TX)	260	26.00
4	Carl Bruere (NM) / Bill Hughes (NM)	225	25.00
5	Dave Ellis (CA) / Mike Lippitt (CA)	206	22.89
6	Brandt Bower (WI) / Fred Roe (CA)	203	20.30
7	Robert Cox (OR) / Mike Wolfe (CA)	172	17.20
8	Roland Chan (CA) / Bob Kelley (CA)	160	16.00



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PLACE	PLAYER (STATE)	Points	Avg
<b>MENS DOUBLES 65+</b>			
1	<b>Jerry Davis (OH) / Fred Letter (NJ)</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>28.00</b>
2	Luis Guerrero (CA) / Mitch Milewski (NH)	220	27.50
3	Fritz Camp (OR) / Carl Goebel (OR)	202	25.25
4	Don Sperber (FL) / Dave Zabinski (MN)	185	23.13
5	Jerry Monell (CA) / Tom Penick (CA)	181	22.63
6	Dan Furman (WA) / Atanacio Ultanan (WA)	133	16.63
7	Allan Holley (Can) / Tony Woodward (Can)	104	13.00
<b>MENS DOUBLES 70+</b>			
1	<b>Charlie Hamon (WA) / Aaron Vederoff (WA)</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>12.63</b>
2	Ron Ciccone (Can) / Jack Pritchard (OR)	36	4.50
<b>MENS DOUBLES 75+</b>			
1	<b>Lee Goldstein (CA) / Armand Matern (UT)</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>30.00</b>
2	Jim Dunn (OR) / Tony Pineros (CA)	157	19.63
3	Harold Hiles (FL) / Amos Rosenbloom (MN)	126	15.75
4	Philip Dziuk (IL) / Michael Martin (CO)	124	15.50
<b>MENS DOUBLES 80+</b>			
1	<b>Ivan Bruner (WI) / Victor Sacco (NY)</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>26.25</b>
2	Dick Kincade (CO) / John Prigmore (KS)	203	25.38
3	Jack McAfee (OR) / Marvin Schinagle (OH)	145	18.13
4	Ross Fillipone (Can) / Norm Skanchy (UT)	145	18.13
5	William Gillio (CA) / Sam Harry (PA)	62	7.75
<b>WOMENS DOUBLES 45+</b>			
1	<b>Marcia Richards (CO) / Cindy Tilbury (CO)</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>28.10</b>
2	Carol Loomis (OR) / Marni Wagner (OR)	273	27.30
<b>WOMENS DOUBLES 50+</b>			
1	<b>Marlane Hope (OR) / Sheila Schoonover (OR)</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>22.30</b>
<b>WOMENS DOUBLES 55+</b>			
1	<b>Vickey Utter (NC) / Kay Halverson (OR)</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>14.10</b>
<b>WOMENS DOUBLES 60+</b>			
1	<b>Junko Geddes (NY) / Gail Schaefer (MD)</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>10.30</b>
<b>WOMENS DOUBLES 65+</b>			
1	<b>Marquita Molina (CA) / Gloria Piscoran (OR)</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>15.10</b>
<b>MIXED DOUBLES 45+</b>			
1	<b>Paul Maduell (OR) / Carol Loomis (OR)</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>25.00</b>
2	Kent Hollingworth (OR) / Marni Wagner (OR)	208	23.11
<b>MIXED DOUBLES 50+</b>			
1	<b>Paul Reed (OR) / Connie Martin (CO)</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>30.00</b>
2	Charles YaQub (CA) / Nancy Abrams (CA)	244	27.11
3	Sal Gonzalez (OR) / Carla Francis (CA)	203	22.56
4	Russell Simmons (OR) / Vickey Utter (NC)	169	18.78
5	Ty Kelley (CA) / Denise Smeltzer (CA)	167	18.56
6	Irwin Brody (Can) / Debby Holley (Can)	121	13.44
7	John Steel (CA) / Stephanie Thornton (OR)	115	12.78
8	Robert Franklin (CA) / Marlane Hope (OR)	85	9.44
<b>MIXED DOUBLES 55+</b>			
1	<b>George Heidelberg (TX) / Gail Schaefer (MD)</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>26.70</b>
2	Pete Sagisi (WA) / Sharon Hastings-Welty (OR)	176	17.60
<b>MIXED DOUBLES 60+</b>			
1	<b>Bob Kelley (CA) / Merijeane Kelley (CA)</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>26.60</b>
2	Robert Cox (OR) / Kay Halverson (OR)	114	12.67
<b>MIXED DOUBLES 65+</b>			
1	<b>Jerry Northwood (AZ) / Mildred Gwinn (NC)</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>22.56</b>
2	Luis Guerrero (CA) / JoAnne Tressler (OH)	199	19.90

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Bruce is the new Secretary and has also taken responsibility, along with Cindy Tilbury, to work on our PR and Technology needs. Together they produce the *NMRA Newsletter*, and write articles for the *USAR Magazine* and help with the content on the NMRA Website.

Dave has agreed to use his past life experience in Money Management to find some new ways to grow the *NMRA Future Fund* investments. He will be working closely with Steve, who is our Treasurer, to ensure our financial security and accountability.

As you can see, this Board represents a diverse group by age, gender, and geographic location. I encourage you to seek them out if you have any questions. In the very near future, you'll be able to contact them via email directly from the *NMRA Website* on our Board of Directors page.

Beside my duties as President of the Board, I've also taken the responsibility as Tournament Director for the *NMRA*. I'll be working with **Jim Elliott**, past *NMRA* Vice President, Director of the *Huntsman Games' Racquetball Tournament* in St. George, Utah. Jim and I will be co-directors of the upcoming *NMRA International Championships*, July 25 through 28, 2007, in Overland Park, Kansas.

In July, we'll be using the *R2 Sports Tournament Management Software* system for the first time with an *NMRA* event. *R2* has been the standard used for National and Local events for the past two years. We recently had them customize their program to run our round-robin format tournaments. The *R2* system provides our members a choice for registering for a tournament either by mail or online for those who would like to use their credit card to register. The use of *R2* will provide us much easier registration, scheduling of matches, and financial accountability of our tournaments. It also automatically checks for membership with the *USAR* and updates our players' national ranking by reporting each match result directly to the *USAR*. The tournament is ready for entries now. Hope to see you in Kansas in July.

*In closing, I want to again thank my fellow Board Members and Officers, our volunteers and the general membership for their commitment, dedication, and focus in ensuring the continued success of the NMRA.*



## Breakfast, Lunch Dinner or Hospitality?

By the NMRA Board of Directors

It has been discussed and debated, "what food do I get for my money at this NMRA tournament?" Is it breakfast, lunch, dinner, all of the above or some other type of hospitality? Sometimes, we even wonder as Board members. Here is a brief explanation of what is going to happen at *Overland Park, Kansas*, at the *International Championships July 25 through 28, 2007*, and why.

For the breakfast mealtime, the host hotel will allow us a 15% discount in *Starbucks* and *Allies* for attendees of NMRA staying in the hotel over the dates of July 23 through 29.

We are extending the hours for lunch/hospitality at no additional cost to the membership over what we provided at Portland! The NMRA policy is to schedule matches one right after the other so players can plan social activities in the morning, afternoon and/or evening. Some tournament players wanted more time to take advantage of the lunch hospitality and we try to listen and fix complaints if we can—especially pertaining to food offered. The best policy is money books issued to all players, as was done in *Canoga Park*, where food could be bought all during the tournament, and we will do this again; however, both clubs in *Overland Park* will not have food facilities.

At Portland, it was the first time we had lunch/hospitality at two clubs. At the *Sunset Club*, lunch hours were extended until 2:30 or longer at no additional cost. There was plenty of food and drinks. At the *MAC*, to do the same thing, there would have been an additional cost. (Bah!) It is our intention to provide lunch for players/spouses/guests. Scheduling matches around lunch would create a real problem for the tournament director, but we feel a solution can be reached.

Many of our folks think that we are providing food for players who are playing 'late'. The reality is that the only dinner we provide for the week is the Banquet. We all should be scheduling our dinner meal to match our playing schedule. If we are playing late, then we should eat something early; if we are playing early, the hospitality should be enjoyed as a social hour with dinner out later with friends. The hospitality is designed to provide a fun environment for the social side of the tournament. Some even call the evening hospitality "heavy hors d'oeuvres".

We hope this short explanation will clarify the meal situation at the NMRA events and we can all plan accordingly. **See you in Overland Park!**

## Not For Ladies Only

By Cindy Tilbury

Did you know that about 15 percent of NMRA members are women? I hope we can bump up that percentage a little in the next several years. Of course, we need your help.

- One of the easiest things you can do is to INVITE lady players in your state/area to come with you to an NMRA tournament. Share a room and car with them. Make them feel special and welcome. Stay an extra day and do some sightseeing with them. Contact me to find them a doubles partner, if you already have signed up for two events.
- If they aren't quite 45, make sure they are invited to the January *Women's Senior/Masters* tournament (2008 will be at the *Overland Park Athletic Club*) so they get a taste for round-robin, self-refereed matches.
- A second option is the *World Senior/Masters Championships* in August in *Albuquerque*.
- Of course, non-round-robin tournaments are great too—*National Singles* and *National Doubles* and regionals are a good place to start for any age.

### Get them out once, and they may get hooked.

A group of women players were talking at the *Oregon* tournament about why serious women players might not want to come to NMRA tournaments, since some of the draws are small. I suggested that they might actually take advantage of the lopsided ratio of men-to-women if they are looking for new male friends, or for mixed doubles partners. Most men feel more comfortable playing mixed doubles with a woman if they have seen her on the court already. Point that out to your stay-at-home player friends.

We need more women playing our sport, too, and I have a request of all of our members.

- Seek out athletic women, such as softball teams and bowling league members.
- Offer them (or their team) a free lesson.
- Tell them the top five reasons you love this sport.
- Hook them up with a beginner buddy to call and play with.
- Hand them a newsletter and racquetball magazine.
- Take them with you to watch the pros/open players.
- Have them bring their kids with them when they come to the club.
- Introduce them to a few players who will welcome and encourage them.

In *Colorado* (and previously in *Minnesota*), we have monthly social get-togethers for the ladies where we play at different clubs, and bring food to share for lunch. All levels are invited to get on the invitee email list, and play is designed to make sure everyone gets on the court with everyone else. It only takes a few minutes to set up, and the ladies love it.

If your racquetball community has special events for women that you encourage other areas to try, send me a description and I can publish the best ones.

**See you in Kansas, Ladies!**

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## Portland Room Random Draw Winners

From a total of 93 NMRA guests, the following names were pulled from the room list provided by the *Doubletree Hotel*, Portland, Oregon on February 19, 2007. They each received one (1) free night at the *Doubletree*, including room charge and tax.

- Vickey Utter
- Larry Gazelka
- Michelle Henchy
- Paul Whitten
- Louise Doran
- Francis Florey
- Ben Marshall
- Tevie Smith
- Dave Milazzo

**Congratulations to the lucky winners.** All host hotel guests at the *Kansas City* tournament will have the opportunity to win a free night's stay at the *Marriott*. Winners will be announced at the Friday night banquet.



# Join us in Kansas City July 25-28, 2007!

Following is some information you will need to plan your trip:

<b>Primary Club</b>	<b>Overland Park Athletic Club</b> 10440 Marty Street, Shawnee Mission, KS 66212 913.383.9060 <a href="http://www.athleticclubop.com">www.athleticclubop.com</a> Mike Wedel
<b>Second Club</b>	Fox Hill 10727 El Monte, Overland Park, KS 66212 913.642.2872
<b>Tournament Directors</b>	<b>Tom Curran</b> 513.490.7472 <b>Jim Elliott</b> 435.313.6570
<b>Shuttle Service</b>	Provided between clubs and host hotel
<b>Registration / Check-in</b>	OPAC, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, July 24, 2007
<b>Play Begins</b>	8:00 am Wednesday, July 25, 2007
<b>Play Ends</b>	5:00 pm Saturday, July 28, 2007
<b>Banquet</b>	Friday, July 27, at 6:00 pm, starting with cash bar At host hotel ballroom
<b>Host Hotel</b>	<i>Overland Park Marriott</i> 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210 913.451.8000 Mention <i>NMRA</i> by July 6 to get the \$89.00 rate
<b>Breakfast</b>	15% discount at the Overland Park Marriott for hotel guests
<b>Major Airport</b>	<i>Kansas City International MCI</i>
<b>Directions From Airport to Club (40 Minutes)</b>	Take I-29 south for about 12 miles to exit 3B, I-635. Take I-635 south for 12 miles and exit 1A, I-35. Go south for 8 miles to exit 225B, Highway 69. Take 69 south for about 2 miles to exit 103rd Street. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto 103rd Street and go 2 miles. Turn right onto Marty. The club is on the right-hand side.
<b>Rental Car</b>	You will probably want to rent a car, especially to sightsee.
<b>Towels / Lockers</b>	Available at the clubs, but bring a lock
<b>Café / Food</b>	Available at the OPAC while the club is open
<b>Hospitality</b>	Tournament dollars will be used Hospitality from the OPAC Café will be brought to <i>Fox Hill</i>
<b>Sports Drinks / Fruit</b>	Available during the tournament at the clubs
<b>Pro shop / Stringing</b>	Stringing available OPAC offers a 15% pro shop discount to players
<b>Courts Available</b>	Before tournament at OPAC on Tuesday, July 24, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Contact Tom Curran or Jim Elliott with questions. See you in July!

## WE NEED YOU!

- **Bruce Adams** would like photos and short video clips during the tournament for addition in the slide show. He also would like funny and unusual shots to keep the evening "light". Contact Bruce at [BAAdams@citgo.com](mailto:BAAdams@citgo.com) or 918-576-9753.
- **Please post a copy of the newsletter in your local club.** Make copies of the application and the *Masters TOURNAMENT Trail* and post them at the club. It is an easy, easy way to increase membership and exposure. Also TALK IT UP!
- **Grow the sport** — sponsor a junior racquetball player's next tournament!
- **Is your old equipment sitting unused?** Donate it to a junior program coordinator near you.
- **Get on the "special interest lists"** by emailing **Cindy Tilbury**. Cindy will try to set you up with a doubles partner or tournament roommate.

## New "Social" Director — Partners & Roommates Wanted!

As a new board member, I was hoping to provide some service that hasn't been available to our members before, and I had a few ideas after speaking to some players at the *Portland* tournament.

**First**, if you have ever considered playing mixed doubles before, but didn't know how to find a partner, I'd like you to email me at [cindy.tilbury@att.net](mailto:cindy.tilbury@att.net) with the information below.

**Second**, if you have ever considered playing men's or women's doubles and don't know where to start, email me at the same address.

Then, **third**, if you would love to cut expenses at the current or future tournaments, email me and let me know if you are interested in locating a roommate.

I'll put you on my official list and you may get a call or email message from me long before the next tournament as I try to match people up. If you already have two events or a roommate at that point, I'll check again for the next tournament.

### Interested in —

Mixed / Women's / Men's / Male Roommate / Female Roommate

### Name —

### Phone —

### Age —

### Email Address —

### Skill Level of Play —

Open / A / B / C / D / Novice

### Right/Left-Handed —

### Level of Mixed Doubles Experience —

None/Some/Lots/Expert

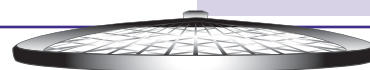
### Level of Non-Mixed Doubles Experience —

None/Some/Lots/Expert

After you are all signed up for the tournament, you can email me to find people who want to do some area sightseeing. I can contact people, or post that information on the messages boards at the tournament clubs to allow people with similar interests to find each other.

### Newsletter design:

*Karin Poswilko*, [BirgitteDesigns@comcast.net](mailto:BirgitteDesigns@comcast.net)



**ENTRY FORM**  
**NMRA INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**JULY 25 - 28, 2007**  
**THE ATHLETIC CLUB OF OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS**  
**DEADLINE — ENTRY MUST BE POSTMARKED NLT JULY 4, 2007**

Please Print — Be Legible, Complete and Accurate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: m\_\_\_\_/d\_\_\_\_/yr\_\_\_\_ Age on 7-25-07 \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver:** I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive & release any & all rights and claims that I may have against the NMRA, USAR, Athletic Club of Overland Park and Fox Hill & their staff, & all sponsors or their respective agents, for any and all injuries or damages of any nature which I, my spouse or my guest(s) may incur as a result of my participation in this tournament.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:**

First Event \$ 140 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Second Event \$ 40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest(s)\* (each) \$ 65 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA Membership \*\* (3yrs) \$ 45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

USRA Membership (required, 1 yr) \$ 35 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Future Fund Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Spouse/Guest(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Check here if this is your first NMRA tournament  
*(First time participants do not have to join the NMRA, but we hope you do)*

**SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL 2X 3X**

**PAYMENT:** Send entry form & payment (in U.S. dollars, no credit cards) made payable to NMRA.

Mail to: Steve Cohen, NMRA Treasurer  
 5832 E Bluebonnet Court  
 Orange, CA 92869

**No refund of entry/spouse/guest fee after 07/04/07**

**SELECT DIVISION(s)**

Players may enter a maximum of two (2) events:

Only one (1) singles event may be entered. A player may enter two (2) doubles events, OR a player may enter one (1) singles event AND one (1) doubles event, OR only one (1) singles, OR only one (1) doubles.

<b>MEN</b>		
<b>SINGLES</b>		<b>DOUBLES</b>
_____	45+	_____
_____	50+	_____
_____	55+	_____
_____	60+	_____
_____	65+	_____
_____	70+	_____
_____	75+	_____
_____	80+	_____
_____	85+	_____

<b>WOMEN</b>		
<b>SINGLES</b>		<b>DOUBLES</b>
_____	45+	_____
_____	50+	_____
_____	55+	_____
_____	60+	_____
_____	65+	_____
_____	70+	_____
_____	75+	_____
_____	80+	_____
_____	85+	_____

**MIXED DOUBLES**

_____	45+	_____	70+
_____	50+	_____	75+
_____	55+	_____	80+
_____	60+	_____	85+
_____	65+	_____	

Doubles Partner(s): Please print

Name/Div/Age Bracket: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Div/Age Bracket: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you need us to find a doubles partner.

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# Snapshots



**1** Tom, David, Rick and Gene discuss their match at *The Sunset Club*.

**2** Jeff Edwards gets some ice after a lot of diving in the 45s, with knee pads!

**3** Racquet display at *The Sunset Club*.

Which ones did you use?

**4** Father and son, Cap and Mike Hiles.

**5** George Heidelmeier poses.

**6** Hatch Saakian and Ruben Gonzalez in the *Mens 50 Doubles*.

**7** Bob and MeriJean Kelley.

**8** Gloria Piscoran, on her way to her assigned court.

**9** Vicky Utter is exasperated after losing her driver's license.

**10** Marcia Richards pokes fun at another member who got in the way of a moving racquetball.

**11** Marquita Molina at the banquet.

**12** All the women of NMRA pose during the banquet.

**13** Paul Banales (l) speaks with Jimmy "Yo" and Ronnie after the banquet.

**14** Newly elected President Tom Curran goes through the banquet agenda.

**15** Bruce Burgess enjoys the beer during player registration.

**16** Bill Cooper explains the rules of the game to his granddaughter.

**17** Larry Gazelka starts the banquet with a prayer.



## Racquetball Confucius Say...

*Racquetball Confucius lived in ancient racquetball times (the 1970s) and became very wise about both racquetball and life.*

**Below are some of his wisest musings:**

- ☞ All years Year of Court Rat
- ■ Racquetball club is temple; Racquetball gods must be appeased
- ☞ If tree fall in forest, use lumber for new court floor
- ■ Way to Pro Tour finals — practice, practice, practice
- ☞ Big player who dive for ball may high-center
- ■ One shouldn't cry over broken ball; Broken racquet okay, though
- ☞ After tying shoe, pause to enjoy headrush before serving
- ■ Portable court actually semi-truckable court
- ☞ If date on shirt older than ten years, leave shirt outside court
- ■ Too many avoidable hinders lead to bruising and swelling
- ☞ One-wall player spend much time chasing ball
- ■ No one win when adult beat junior player
- ☞ One cannot play in sporting goods store; Buy equipment from club
- ■ All weather is best weather for indoor racquetball
- ☞ If missing many backhands, make visit to barber
- ■ Latin America player numbers growing; Learn "pelota"
- ☞ Handball guys should buy new wardrobe
- ■ Wallyball players should take down net when done
- ☞ Eight racquetball courts fit into one tennis court (four on top, four on bottom)
- ■ Spinning very "last year"; Restore studio to racquetball court
- ☞ Tournament desk have no trouble finding ref for cute young female player match
- ■ Courteous player toot before stepping through court door; Most courteous player play outdoor
- ☞ Player who die mid-rally, die happy

## NMRA FYI

- ➔ **Join us in Kansas City** July 25 through 28, 2007! **Entry is enclosed - Deadline is July 1!**
- ➔ **We are looking for a CPA volunteer** to help us file our taxes and audit the books. If you are willing or know someone who is willing, contact **Tom Curran**.
- ➔ **The NMRA is always looking for qualified tournament venues.** If you know of a great club (or two clubs fairly near each other), contact **Paul Banales** to investigate the possibilities of bringing the NMRA to your area.
- ➔ **We welcome and appreciate tournament sponsors!** A detailed tournament sponsorship information packet is available. Contact **Tom Curran**
- ➔ **Like to volunteer?** We always need tournament workers-including the Kansas City tournament. Consider helping with setup the Monday before. See **Tom Curran**.
- ➔ **Make your Kansas City hotel reservations** at the *Overland Park Marriott* by July 6 to get the tournament rate of \$89 per night.
- ➔ **Visit the [www.nmra.info](http://www.nmra.info) website** for pictures and slideshows from past tournaments.
- ➔ As always, if you know of an NMRA member who has passed away, please inform NMRA Secretary, **Bruce Adams**, so they can receive proper mention.
- ➔ The NMRA has a general operating fund to help run tournaments and an endowment fund to further our sport. If you have questions or would like to contribute to the endowment fund, please contact **Tom Curran** or **Steve Cohen**.
- ➔ **For something different**, play outdoor racquetball. Contact **Hank Marcus** or visit [www.worldoutdoorracquetball.com](http://www.worldoutdoorracquetball.com) for more information.
- ➔ The *Classic Pro Racquetball Tour (CPRT)* is in full swing! See your favorite men's pro tour stars from the 1980s, including **Ruben Gonzalez**, **Bret Harnett**, **Dan Obremski**, **Mike Ray**, **Steve Lerner** and **Woody Clouse**, compete at a tournament near you. Visit [www.classicproracquetball.com](http://www.classicproracquetball.com) for details.

## NMRA Membership Survey

Please let us know your thoughts on the following questions. Feel free to email [cindy.tilbury@att.net](mailto:cindy.tilbury@att.net) with your answers to these questions, and any other opinions you wish to share.

If you prefer, you can fill out our survey questions on paper at the *Kansas City* tournament.

1. What was your all-time favorite NMRA tournament venue/club?
2. What was your all-time favorite racquet brand and model?
3. Would you like to see an NMRA *International Tournament* played Overseas and where (Europe, Asia, South America)?
4. How would you make registration night go smoother?
5. Would you like to help out during the NMRA tournaments?
6. Do you have a preference on what tournament souvenir is given out (collared shirt, sweatshirt, sweatpants, tee-shirt, etc.)?
7. Do you know of someone the board should contact to help sponsor a tournament or donate goods (food, prizes, etc.)?
8. How would you prefer NMRA profits be used?
  - to enhance tournaments (hospitality or souvenir) or reduce entry fees
  - to add to the *NMRA Future Foundation* as financial security for the NMRA
  - to support other organizations (*Juniors, Collegiate Scholarships, Team USA, USAR*, others)
  - Other

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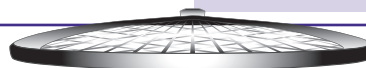
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# NMRA NEW Members

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FRANKLIN	JOEL	03/07/10	2100 GARDEN ROAD, SUITE G	MONTEREY, CA 93940				207-829-3172	wilson-me@maine.rr.com
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## Masters TOURNAMENT Trail 2007/2008

<b>USAR National Singles</b>	May 23-28	Houston, TX	Draw All Ages	<a href="http://www.usra.org">www.usra.org</a>
<b>NMRA International Championships</b>	Jul 25-28	Kansas City, KS	RR 45+	<a href="http://www.nmra.info">www.nmra.info</a>
<b>IRF World Seniors Championship</b>	Aug 28-Sep 1	Albuquerque, NM	RR 35+	<a href="http://www.nmracquetball.com">www.nmracquetball.com</a>
<b>USAR National Doubles</b>	Sep 26-30	Phoenix, AZ	Draw, All Ages	<a href="http://www.usra.org">www.usra.org</a>
<b>Huntsman World Senior Games</b>	Oct 17-20	St. George, UT	RR 50+	<a href="http://www.hwsg.com">www.hwsg.com</a>
<b>US Open</b>	Nov 14-18	Memphis, TN	Draw, All Ages	<a href="http://www.usopenracquetball.com">www.usopenracquetball.com</a>
<b>Women's Senior Master Championships</b>	Jan 25-27	Kansas City, KS	RR 35+	<a href="http://my.execpc.com/~tutsch/wsmra/main.html">my.execpc.com/~tutsch/wsmra/main.html</a>
<b>NMRA National Championships</b>	Mar	TBA	RR 45+	<a href="http://www.nmra.info">www.nmra.info</a>



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