NEW DIRECTIONS
BY LUKE ST. ONGE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Having just returned from the International Racquet Sports Association's convention I would like to share some thoughts with you. The atmosphere of the convention (racquetball and tennis club owners) was a complete reversal of attitude from two years ago. It was upbeat and positive with the emphasis on national trends, physical fitness and professional management. One alarming trend was quite evident, however, and that was a real lack of emphasis on promoting the sport of racquetball. The red light went on when it became evident that the A.A.R.A. was the only entity present who was actively promoting the sport. There were exhibits showing how to convert a court to squash, volleyball, court tennis, court soccer, aerobics, tattleball, smash-it ball and virtually every manner of sport. There were exhibits showing how to convert a court to squash, volleyball, court tennis, court soccer, aerobics, tattleball, smash-it ball and virtually every manner of sport. There were exhibits showing how to convert a court to squash, volleyball, court tennis, court soccer, aerobics, tattleball, smash-it ball and virtually every manner of sport.

NYC Racquetball Promoted

The A.A.R.A., in cooperation with the court clubs of New York City and LITE beer from Miller, announced the formation of the LITE Beer NYC Championship Series. This tournament is designed to promote the sport of racquetball in NYC through the operation of a city-wide grassroots tournament. Qualifying tournaments would be run at the club level during the period December, 1982—April, 1983, with the top 4 finishers in each division being invited to participate in the Borough and City Championships. All participants in the City Championships will receive a sweatshirt. As a bonus, all participants at all levels of the tournament will receive a membership in the A.A.R.A. as part of their entry fee. Over 2,000 players are expected to play in this unique event. Contact your local court club for details.

For further information contact Allan Seltzman at (541) 261-3257.

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April 1983

SITE OF AARA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

A.A.R.A. will be located here until the old athletic club in Old Colorado City is completed. This old Victorian house was recently renovated by owner Mr. Lloyd Wright.

AARA Now on U.S. Olympic Data Processing Center

The A.A.R.A. is now officially on stream with the United States Olympic Data Processing Center. The Olympic Data Processing Center, under the direction of Mr. Ed Marten, serves all the national governing bodies located in Colorado Springs with complete data processing needs.

In all, the System/38, via 32 terminals (5251 display stations and 5256 printers) performs duties for some 300,000 athletes, as well as a list of chores for the U.S.O.C. itself.

Under the direction of Kevin Ward, Assistant Director of Program Analysis, and Mary Jo Willis, Assistant Director of Computer Operations, final programming and services to the A.A.R.A. and its state affiliates will include checksize labels for newsletters, monthly state membership print-outs by alpha as well as renewal labels on three-month expirations and one-month expirations. The A.A.R.A. is now equipped with an offsite terminal located in its office which allows 24 hour access to the system/38 for continuous updating of the membership file. In the past the A.A.R.A. was at the mercy of an independent computer service and the A.A.R.A. needs were fit in at the whim of the service center.

"We are just beginning to scratch the surface of what this system will offer us in the way of services to our state and regional associations. Future programming plans include moving the ranking system from Penn State to in-house as well as incorporating the financial information that we need on a daily basis. Eventually we can have our own word processing operations at our national headquarters at a very nominal cost," stated Executive Director Luke St. Onge, "When you are basically a service organization it's heaven to have the control in-house rather than depending on others to perform such an important function," he continued.

The U.S.O.C. is to be congratulated for its continuing emphasis not only on the Olympics themselves but the expanding services that the organization is providing to its national governing bodies. It's gratifying to be associated with true sports professionals dedicated to the preservation and expansion of amateur sports.
UNITED STATES NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS
May 26 - 30, 1983

AARA
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

SITE:
Y.M.C.A. of the Greater Houston Area
Downtown Branch
1600 Louisiana
Houston, Texas 77002
713-659-8501

ENTRY FEE:
$30.00 first event
$15.00 second event
Players may enter two events
Make Checks payable to: AARA National Singles
NO REFUNDS—Non AARA members add $6.00 for 1 year's membership

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Postmarked Tuesday, May 16, 1983
ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL
Positively no applications will be accepted after this date.

MAIL ALL ENTRIES TO:
AARA Nationals
Suite 203
815 N. Weber
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

HOUSING:
Tournament Headquarters: The Whitehall
1700 Smith St. in Collen Center
Houston, TX 77002
800-231-7829

TRANSPORTATION:
From all major airports take limousine or bus to downtown.
(Approximate cost of bus is $6.)

STARTING TIMES:
All players must be ready to play at 8 a.m., May 26.
For starting times call 713/659-8501
after 5 p.m. on May 23.

Be sure to mention you are with this AARA Racquetball Tournament to receive special room rate. In order to assure you of a reservation, please make your plans before May 1, 1983.

Room rates — $42.00 single or double occupancy.
Non AARA Rates - $95.00 to $115.00.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:
Luke St. Onge
815 N. Weber
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
303-635-5396
RULES:
AARA Official rules will apply. Only amateurs may participate. AARA rules state the definition of an amateur racquetball player as any player (male, female or junior) who has not accepted prize money, regardless of the amount, in any PRO SANCTIONED tournament (NRC), WPRA, Catalina, or any other association so deemed by the AARA Board of Directors). ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SHOW CURRENT AARA MEMBERSHIP CARD or purchase membership at time of registration.

TOURNAMENT BALL:
Penn Ultra Blue

HOSPITALITY:
Hospitality will be provided throughout the entire tournament. Friday evening beginning at 6:30

AWARDS:
Given for first, second, third, fourth, and consolation. For seeding purposes, please send record of past accomplishments. B-Non-championship will receive plaques.

NOTE: Men's and women's B divisions may be limited to 64 players per event. Due to the anticipated large turnout B's will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

DEFINATION OF AMATEUR - as applies to AARA rules - AARA rules state the definition of an amateur racquetball player as any player (male, female or junior) who has not accepted prize money, regardless of the amount, in any PRO SANCTIONED tournament (NRC, WPRA, Catalina or any other association so deemed by the AARA Board of Directors).

Please enter me in the event(s) checked below. Players may enter two events.

WOMEN'S DIVISION
( ) Open
( ) Jrl. Vets - 25+
( ) Seniors 30+
( ) Seniors 35+
( ) Seniors 40+
( ) Masters 45+
( ) Masters 50+
( ) Golden Masters 55+
( ) Golden Masters 60+
( ) Golden Masters 65+
( ) (non-championship event)

MEN'S DIVISION
( ) Open
( ) Jrl. Vets - 25+
( ) Seniors 30+
( ) Seniors 35+
( ) Seniors 40+
( ) Masters 45+
( ) Masters 50+
( ) Golden Masters 55+
( ) Golden Masters 60+
( ) Golden Masters 65+
( ) (non-championship event)

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DATE ___________________ SIGNATURE ___________________

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Colorado Springs, CO 80904

AARA Membership by State
Top ten states —
CA, MA, NY, PA, FL, ME, TN, NJ, CO, WA
AAPA ADULT REGIONALS

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THE RACQUET CLUB
CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 17-19, 1982
WOMEN'S A — J. Simon, S. Burtinage, M. Holmes, K. O'Neil
WOMEN'S B — B. Madigosky, J. Kellogg, A. Conway, L. Clancy
MEN'S A — J. Kellogg, A. Conway, L. Clancy
MEN'S B — M. Boudreau, B. Otavic

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COUPLING

NEW 1982-84 RULE BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The new completely revised 1982-84 official AAPA Rule Book of Racquetball is now available through National Headquarters. AAPA members receive a free copy by sending your name and address with $25.00 for handling to AAPA to the new headquarters at 815 N. Weber St., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903. Non members and Court Clubs may purchase rule books for $75.00 each - this price including postage and handling. All orders must be prepaid.

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Approved AAPA racquetballs that may be used in any AAPA sanctioned event:
A.M.F. Voit — Roll-out
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Regent Sports — Racquetball
Seacmo/MacGregor — 60
Spalding — Top Flite
Merco — Yellow Dot
Wilson — Tru Blue

AAPA SEEKING BIDS FOR NATIONAL SITES

The AAPA is now seeking site bids for the 1983 Adult National Doubles Championships to be held October 20-23, 1983, the Adult National Singles to be held May 24-28, 1984 and the Junior National Championships June 23-27, 1984.

The Adult Doubles and Singles sites will be selected at the May 25, 1983 Board of Directors meeting, while the 1984 Junior Nationals site will be awarded June 24, 1983 at the Junior Council meeting.


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