



NEWS

WASHINGTON RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

Summer 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Membership Drive Events:

- September 9-11, 2011
Competitive Edge, Puyallup

- September 16-18, 2011
Everett YMCA, Everett

- October 28-30, 2011
Spokane Club, Spokane

Everett Junior Shootout
September 24, 2011
Everett YMCA, Everett

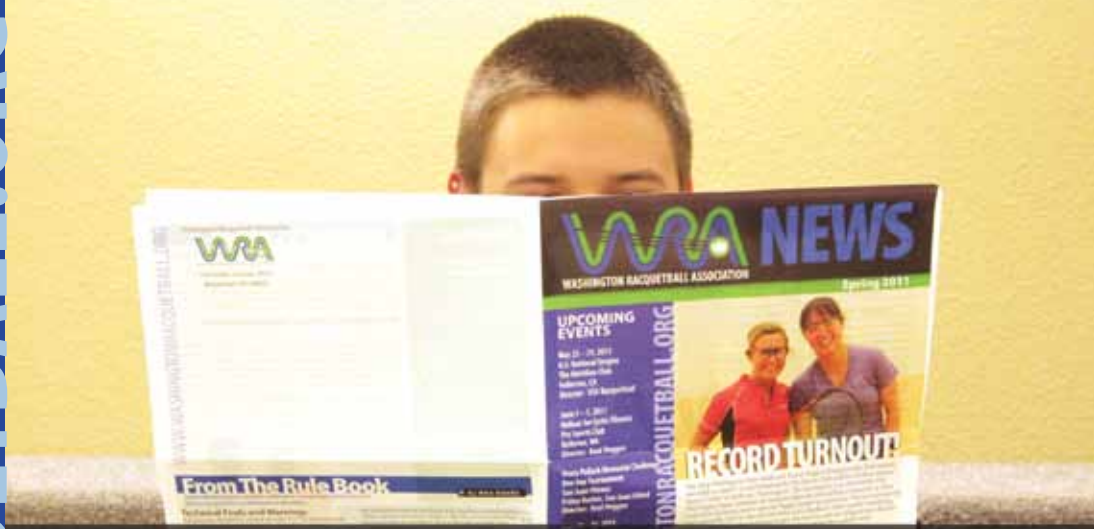
Seattle Open
September 30 – October 2, 2011
Washington Athletic Club, Seattle

Everett 1 Day Shootout
October 8, 2011
Everett YMCA, Everett

Junior Racquets Without Borders
Part I
October 15, 2011
REVS in Burnaby, B.C.

Auburn VW Open
October 21-23
Ballys – Kent, WA

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LAST ISSUE!

This will be the last issue of the WRA Newsletter. For over 20 years, the Washington Racquetball Association has published the WRA News in order to give our members an update of upcoming events, recaps of tournaments, and tips and tidbits in the racquetball world. We are now able to do this electronically, providing you with up to date information on a more timely basis. Thanks to Keith Turley at Imagine Design Studio and Scott Wheeler of Lithtex for giving of their time and energies to produce a great looking newsletter.

To keep current on State news and events, go to our website: www.washingtonracquetball.org

You'll find articles, pictures and more from across the state, as well as a constantly updated calendar of sanctioned and non sanctioned events and happenings throughout the year. If you have news and information you would like to pass on, we would love to have you submit info for posting on our website. You can also receive the monthly email news that will remind you of upcoming deadlines to events you may be interested in.



from the President

BY NEAL HEGGEN



The WRA is trying to make it a little easier for racquetball players to join in the fun playing sanctioned tournaments by having three membership drive tournaments (Renew it Racquetball in Puyallup, the Membership Drive North in Everett and a Kelly King event in Spokane). When you enter, the entry cost of the tournament includes a one year (renewal or extension) of your USRA membership. If you can't participate in these events, but want to become a member of the USRA for the first time, the Washington Racquetball Association is paying half of your one year fee (\$25). This offer is for new members to the USRA/WRA. As we have done in years past, the WRA will continue to pay all of a new junior membership for our younger players as well as half of the cost of their renewal each year. Be sure to look inside for the 2011-2012 Calendar of Sanctioned Events for the WRA. You will also find the calendar on our website, which you should check throughout the year for any changes that may occur in scheduling from the initial calendar.

Looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR ARTICLE WRITERS AND AN EDITOR TO FILL THE PAGES OF THE WRA WEBSITE AND E-BLASTS. CONTACT WANDA COLLINS AT wanda@washingtonracquetball.org TODAY.

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Junior News

BY WANDA COLLINS

Washington Juniors at Nationals

The junior players in Washington State have had an action packed summer on the courts. Twenty four juniors attended Junior Nationals in Portland, Oregon in June and played some great ball! This was the largest contingency ever from our state at Nationals, and they represented a variety of cities. In addition to their feats on the courts, the juniors also enjoyed a pool party and movie night at their hotel. A big thanks to Robert and Kathy Allen for setting up the screen and bringing "Mega Mind" for everyone to enjoy! It was an experience that will pay big dividends for the players as they head into a new season. For most draws, the tournament used the Olympic Flight format, which moves you into draws as you progress through your matches, giving everyone at least three matches in each division.



Upcoming Junior Events:

September 24, 2011
One Day Junior Shootout
Everett YMCA
Director: Robert Allen

October 15, 2011
Racquets Without Borders Part I
REVS Club in Burnaby, B.C.
Director: Debbie Goodhope

November 5, 2011
Racquets Without Borders Part II
Bellingham Athletic Club
Director: Wanda Collins

Results from 2011 Junior Nationals

To view the complete results from our Juniors at the 2011 Junior Nationals, please check out the listing on the WRA website. Our Juniors did so well there isn't quite the room to list the full results here.

Junior Programs Growing Across the State

Junior players are out there and their numbers are growing! Thanks to the work of instructors and volunteers, there is a new crop of juniors learning our sport and loving to play. We're looking forward to seeing them on the courts this season.

- Over the summer, Cheyenne Hayes at Bally's in Olympia ran the first ever summer program for kids in her area.
- Wanda Collins and Olivia Nicholes in Bellingham ran the 9th annual BAC Junior Summer Racquetball Camp.
- Robert Allen will continue to teach junior racquetball classes at the Everett YMCA.
- Greg Boland will be working on a new program for kids in Edmonds at Harbor Square.
- Rich Carver is working on lessons in the Spokane area.
- Donna Triemstra at the Pro Club in Bellevue will be readying some of her junior players for tournament play in the fall.

If you have a junior program in your area that we missed, or if you would like to start one and need a few hints, contact Wanda Collins now!

Membership Drive Tournaments Head Up Fall Calendar

Whether you have a friend who would like to try a sanctioned tourney or your USRA membership is about to expire, participating in a Membership Drive tournament is a great way to accomplish both at a minimal cost.

Entry into any of the three events includes a new one year membership, or a one year renewal. Contact the tournament host or check out the events at the r2sports website. This gives you a chance to get your feet wet early this fall join the tournament scene!

Renew It Racquetball in Puyallup
September 9-11, 2011
Competitive Edge
Tournament Director: Neal Heggen

Membership Drive North
September 16-18, 2011
Everett YMCA
Everett, WA
Tournament Director: Brian Gillespie

Harvest Racquetball Tournament
October 28-30, 2011
Spokane Club
1002 W. Riverside
Spokane, WA
Tournament Director: Kelly King

First Place Finishers in WRA Rankings

(for the 2010-2011 tournament season)

Congratulations to the following players who finished first in skill rankings! You will be receiving a coupon for a free entry for your first event at State Singles or State Doubles in the 2011-2012.

Men's Open - Jimmy Lowe

Men's Elite - Matthew Porter

Men's A - Jesus Villahermosa

Men's B - Bill Cumming

Men's C - Bill Matthews

Men's D - Jordan Birnel

Women's Open - Grace Hughes

Women's Elite - Alyssa Boland

Women's A - Cathy Epperson

Women's B - Leslie Underhill

Women's C - Jennifer Coate

Women's D - Traci Nelson

Seattle Open Moves to a New Date

September 30 - October 2, 2011

Washington Athletic Club, Seattle

Check your calendars, because this long standing tournament has moved from February to late September. It will once again be held at the Washington Athletic Club and the focus will be the up and coming young players on the pro tour. Come and watch the future of professional racquetball on the stadium court! As in the past, this tournament will be a major fundraiser for the Washington Junior Racquetball Association to help our junior players throughout the state defray the costs of entry fees, equipment and instruction this season. It is an important source of revenue for the kids and growth of junior racquetball in our state. A SILENT AUCTION ON SATURDAY WILL FEATURE GREAT GIFTS AND RACQUETBALL EQUIPMENT. If you would like to be a sponsor or make a donation, contact director Neal Heggen at 360-620-3224.



Outdoor Racquetball Tournament in Washington?

July 2011

WA's first ever WOR turned out great! There was great weather! Elliot beef kabobs were great! The only mishap as Randy Jaquart getting knocked out taking a shot to the back of his neck....but he's fine!

2011 WRA Picnic Review

The annual event was held at West Fenwick Park in Kent again this year on Saturday, July 23rd, and the outdoor courts were filled with players throughout the afternoon. Under bright sunshine, players enjoyed their favorite sport and the summer weather, in this yearly tradition for the WRA Membership. Elliot Crosby once again brought in the Crosby Express BBQ and cooked up baked beans, burgers and dogs for everyone. Membership Director Pat Lew rounded out the menu with salads, fruit and drinks. Board member Sam Smith handed out free prizes to those present, including footballs, coolers and chairs, with squirt guns for the kids. Neal Heggen directed the annual membership meeting, announcing the position of Secretary would be filled by Angela Benjamin for the next two years, with Heggen continuing as President of the WRA for the next two years before passing on the torch. Pat Lew announced the names of those men and women who finished first in the WRA rankings for each skill event (Open, Elite, A, B, C and D). They will receive a free entry into either State Singles or State Doubles in the coming season (their choice!).





Racquetball Camp Date, Location and Times*:

- **Dates:** February 3-5, 2012
- **Location** The Washington Athletic Club (The WAC)
1325 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101
206-622-7900 (club)
206-579-9464 (Dave Croom... croomie@msn.com)
- **Times:** Friday 6:30 PM – 9:30PM
Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
*Additional hours may be added based on # of campers.

Includes:

- 13+ Hours of instruction and court time
- Physical and mental aspects of the game
- Video Tape Analysis / Camp Booklet
- Camp T-Shirt / Penn Racquetballs

Cost:

- **\$499/person** payable within 30 days (non-refundable)*
- **\$425/person** postmarked 30 days, or more, in advance of the camp (non-refundable)*
- **\$399/person** two or more applications, with payments accompanied in the same envelop (non-refundable)*

Instructors **



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of Campers: Discount Code (if applicable): Amount Enclosed:

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Signature: Shirt Size...S, M, L or XL.....Camp Date: **February 3-5, 2012**

Payment Method:

- Check (payable to "A Healthy Racquet, Inc."), Visa or MasterCard only accepted.
- Space is limited so make your reservations early by going online: www.FranDavisRacquetball.com or by contacting Fran Davis at **A Healthy Racquet, Inc.**, 1037 NE 65th St. #343, Seattle, WA 98115

Questions:

- Contact Fran Davis direct at: **206-522-FRAN** (3726) Phone / **206-260-7909** Fax or email: camps@FranDavisRacquetball.com

How Did you Hear About the Camp:

Web/Internet Magazine Referral (name: _____)

Previous Camper (name: _____) Other: _____

Did U Know?

Fran Davis Announces: Seattle Pro Am Racquetball Championships

IRT Tier 1

November 3-6, 2011

Washington Athletic Club, Seattle

The Seattle Pro Am is a Tier 1 IRT (International Racquetball Tour) event and will feature the BEST professional racquetball players in the WORLD from the IRT hosted by the Washington Athletic Club.

Come out and watch #1 Kane Wasselenchuk, #2 Rocky Carson and #3 Ben Croft as well as the top 10 pros and more go head to head. Even our local Junior Legend, Taylor Knoth, who stunned the racquetball world when he made it to the quarterfinals of The IRT 2011 Pro National Championships before falling to the eventual winner and #1 pro player in the world, Kane, will be at this event.

These pros travel from all over the world, displaying their tremendous physical as well as their mental skills with an incredible will to win. Their speed, quickness, balance, power, finesse, accuracy and consistency level, as well as their mental toughness is amazing. You will witness ALL of this and MUCH MORE.

For more information check out the website:
www.SeattleProAmRacquetball.com

To sign up and register as a player, a spectator, VIP or donor go to the following link:
<http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=8186>

Women's Corner

By Angela Benjamin

Things are hopping for Washington Women's Racquetball. We are constantly seeing new faces appear at tournaments, shootouts, leagues and play days. With those new faces comes a fresh spark that motivates players who have been around for years. How can one not fall in love with the sport all over again when you see someone falling in love with it for the first time? It's truly an inspiration and a delight!!

This coming season has a lot to offer:

- Wanda Collins will be hosting a Women's Event in Bellingham this October that will be a fundraiser for breast cancer research. What a great way to spend a day with friends old and new playing racquetball with a cause!! The date has not been set yet, but it will all be announced in the next Women's Racquetball Newsletter.
- Once again Cheyenne Hayes has worked hard to bring the WPRO back to the Puget Sound Challenge. Most of you will remember last year's event enabling us to watch some amazing racquetball played by the top women players in the world. We are truly looking forward to the opportunity to watch these women again.
- The Women's Committee is in the process of looking at the WRA schedule to schedule play days. We are hoping to have a few this year, so keep your eyes open and check out the newsletters and the WRA website.

A special thanks to Rich Carver and Kelly King in the Spokane area for getting the women in your area interested in the sport!!

If you are not currently receiving the Women's Racquetball Newsletter and would like to please feel free to contact me at the email listed in this issue of the WRA newsletter. I will add you to my mailing list.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the courts :)



From the 2011 Rusty Pollock Memorial in Friday Harbor
L to R: Joann Johnson, Jana Foss-Larsen, Angie Doyle, and Jennifer Bean

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What's The Call?

by WRA BOARD

Here are a few quick explanations of what a referee should call in given situations.

Question: *I know that the server and the receiver each have 10 seconds to be ready after the score is called by the referee. If one of them delays the game, what should the referee call? Is it a point for the server if the receiver delays?*

Answer: If a player delays more than 10 seconds, a referee may call a technical foul.

Question: *What happens when a technical foul is called?*

Answer: The referee deducts a point from the player. If the referee feels the infraction is not serious to call a technical foul, he can call a technical warning. This does not deduct a point, but the referee must explain to the player what

the warning is for and that a technical foul can be called in the future.

Question: *Are there exceptions in the Open Divisions one serve rule that would allow the server to serve a second serve?*

Answer: Yes. There are two occasions when a server in Opens would be allowed a second serve:

1. Screen Serves - If the first serve is ruled a screen serve, the server is allowed one more opportunity. A second screen serve would result in an out.
2. Serving before the server is ready - If a serve occurs before the receiver is ready (either by holding his racquet above his head, or turning his back completely to the server), the server has

one more opportunity to serve. If he were to serve before the server is ready a second time, he would be out.

Question: *How soon can the server leave the service box after serving and what's the penalty?*

Answer: A server (and his partner in doubles) may not enter the safety zone (between the short line and the "dotted line") until the serve passes the short line. This results in a loss of serve (an "out") EVEN IF IT IS THE SERVER'S FIRST SERVE!

They do not get a chance to attempt a second serve if they are caught leaving the service box early.