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What's Happening

September Tournaments		
13-17	Fall Opener	Marv Jensen
27-10/1	Fall Opener	Orem Fitness Center
October Tournaments		
5-8	Huntsman Senior Games	St. George Rec.
19-22	Provo Open	Provo Rec.
November Tournaments		
1-5	Rocky Mtn. Open (WRT Event)	Sports Mall
15-19	State Doubles	Marv Jensen
30-12/3	Aggie Open*	Utah State Univ.
*Non-sanctioned-no USAR membership needed		

PLAYER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

The URA Board is excited to announce this new program for the 2016-2017 Season. At the end of the season during the General Membership Meeting at the State Championship, we will be awarding a player of the year for each division. Each Player of the Year will be awarded a plaque in addition to a \$100.00 Visa Gift Card. Each sanctioned tournament throughout the season, players will have the opportunity to earn points towards the Player of the Year Program. Player of the Year Standings will be updated on the URA Website once a month throughout the season. Listed below are the rules and the different ways to earn points.

- 15 Points- Referring a first time tournament player
- 12 Points- Participating in tournament
- 10 Points- 1st Place in tournament
- 7 Points- 2nd Place in tournament
- 5 Points- 3rd Place in tournament, winning consolation in tournament
- *Divisions with less than 20 Total Participants during the season will be combined.
- *Players may earn points for multiple divisions but are only eligible to win the award in one division.



Handling Disputes

As a board our goal is to make sure that every player and member of the Utah Racquetball Association has an enjoyable experience and has the right to fair play. Inevitably throughout the course of the season, there will be disputes, disagreements, and things that a player may be frustrated about. When any of these situations arise, we would like to ask you to talk with a member for the board as we would like to make sure that each of these situations are discussed and voted on if necessary to make sure each player knows that they are important and will be treated fairly. These situations may include but are not limited to; conflicts with another player/poor sportsmanship, seeding disputes, and tournament director rulings. Please see any member of the board with any concerns you may have as we would like to have the opportunity to address them and make sure you have an enjoyable experience.

Attention Utah Racquetball Players!

Racquetball season is almost upon us and that means it is time to renew your USAR membership, so you can play in all sanctioned tournaments in the 2016-2017 season! We will be holding two membership drive tournaments where the cost of your renewed membership (\$50) will be included in your tournament entry fee. This makes the cost of the actual tournament the cheapest you will find all year!

The first of these tournaments will be September 13th-17th at Marv Jenson Rec Center and the second will be September 27th-Oct 1st at Orem Fitness Center. The entry fee for both tournaments will be \$60 for the first event, \$5 for a second event, and \$10 for a third event (must be mixed doubles). If you play at Marv and want to also play at Orem, you won't find a better priced sanctioned tournament all year long because the Orem tournament entry fee will only be \$10 for the first event and \$5 for the second.

If your membership isn't expired it's okay. Still come participate in this tournament to add a year on to your current expiration date, while getting your tournament entry for next to nothing!

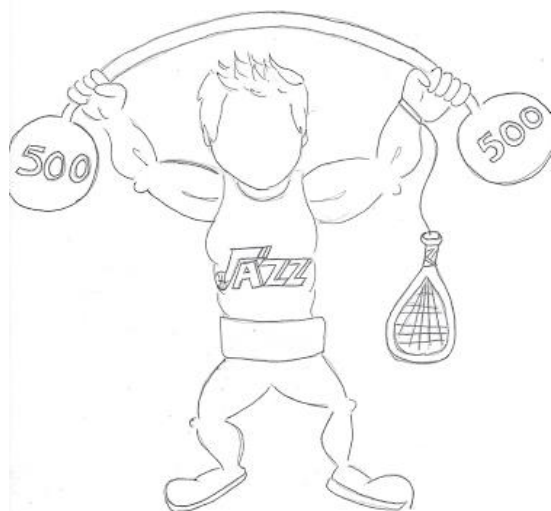
Keep your eyes out for the tournament link on our website and Facebook page- We hope to see you all at one of this year's Fall Openers!

Sincerely,
Utah Racquetball Association





Putting a Face to YOUR Board!



ANDREW GALE (President): Andrew is a Lakers, Cavs, Golden State, North Carolina, Jazz, and New England Patriot fan. He has an opinion on topics that until mentioned, he had never even heard of. He loves energy drinks, fast food and has a pocket full of throat lozenges. There is nothing he can't do and he'll be the first to admit it. Andrew was the brainchild of putting mirrors on every inch of VASA interior.

[Andrew works with the Jazz and has been one of Utah's top players for many, many years (ask him about his blue shoes and bleached blonde hair). He loves his little family and all the support they give him. He is dedicated to helping the racquetball community grow and will prove to be an excellent leader with this new position.]

ERIKA RAND (Vice President and Womens): Looking to make a name for herself by inventing a new word, Erika has spent her life writing to Webster asking them to send her all the words that haven't been invented yet.

Sadly she is still waiting to hear back. Her allergies include: Peanuts, wheat, mold, dairy, milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, soy, wheat, people, water, light, men's cologne, yellow #5, sesame seeds, dried fruit, hot dogs, the sun, and sweat. It's really a miracle she graces us with her presence.

[Erika is a Physical Education teacher and has been for many years. She has many hobbies and loves sports and exercise—hence the babe-ness. She is a devoted wife to the famous Ben Rand and mom of 4 kids. She has been with the racquetball community for many years and deserves to be one of the top spots in the state for all her racquetball skills.]





MALLORY PARRY (Secretary and Traveling League): Mallory is one of two documented cases of having eyes that operate independent of one another. She has been reading 2 books at the same time since she was a child, though her comprehension is just above 0%. She asks to be called "GR8" because she saw it on a license plate when she was a little girl. Mallory works as a cat behavior consultant. Two things should be noted: 1-Mallory is severely allergic to cats and 2- she has never owned a single cat in her life. [Mallory is an amazing woman with more skills than one person should be allotted. She is a mom of three beautiful kids and a loving wife to the notorious John Parry. She played racquetball for BYU and her athleticism has always provided her top rankings in the state. She does so much behind the scenes in the racquetball community to keep everything running so smoothly.]

KATHERINE AFFELTRANGER (Treasurer and Womens): Kat was born with the inability to differentiate humans and animals. To this day she has dated a grey hound, spotted owl and a giraffe. She's been disappointed by their lack of commitment and unwillingness to communicate. She's still involved in an ongoing argument with her neighbor's cat. Kat was once engaged to the Prince of Swaziland with hopes of high society dinners only to soon realize that Swaziland is a small, landlocked country in Africa and the prince was merely an African Bushman. She has since canceled her membership to match.com. As an aspiring opera singer Kat once was invited to sing the national anthem for the local semi-mid-level-junior-pro-hockey team, the Grizzlies. Nerves got the better of Kat and it is still considered one of the great Utah tragedies.

[Katherine has been playing racquetball for many years and continues to love the competition and friends made there. She loves to travel and play many sports. She really does like animals, just not thaaat much.]



DAVE DOW (Newsletter and Fundraising): Dave wanted it to be known that he invented the word "participate." Besides his obvious attempts at reading other's text messages, he seemed like an All-American guy. Later we found he was wearing a wonder-woman superhero costume under his attire. He likes toast burned absolutely black, and lumpy cream of wheat. He also refuses to be in the same house as a running vacuum cleaner.

[Dave has been playing racquetball for nearly 35 years now and assists in many local leagues and clubs. He is a real life hero, serving as a cop in our community, and search and rescue in the canyons. He studied at the U of U (wahoo) and graduated in behavioral sciences. He is looked up to by so many people and we as a board are so grateful for the help he does in our fundraising efforts and keeping everyone informed via newsletters.]

DEVAN VANVALKENBURG (Collegiates and Historian): Devan affectionately holds road side memorial services for "road kill." An anonymous death is his greatest fear. Each and every deceased rodent who attempted to cross a road in vain, will not be forgotten on his watch. Crushed wildlife has become his obsession and with each 10 minute eulogy, he sheds hopeful tears. He takes courage knowing that flattened woodland animals will be watching over him as he honors the furry dead. First thing people notice about Devan is his ridiculously long eyelashes. Food gets in them a lot. He also stares a lot. It's not that he's rude or caught in a daze, he's just finding others suitable to conduct animal funerals.

[Devan is father to two dogs and many horses that love him. He is a cowboy through and through and can make any horse bow down to him. He has worked at Merit Medical for 6+ years. He played racquetball for UVU and has served the racquetball community longer than he has been able to talk (maybe)].



ADAM WYATT (Juniors): Adam whistles in 5 languages, throws boomerangs and has memorized the hymn and the accompanying page number of an estimated 15 hymns. He prefers a diet of shucked Oysters, Earl Grey Tea, Melba toast and collard greens. After suffering a fear of heights caused from a Ferris wheel accident, Adam now rents from a basement apartment and only rides single decker buses. Adam's rise to popularity started when he found he could dribble a basketball at a 10th grader's ability, though he was only in the 9th grade. His popularity was short lived however when it was discovered he was 23 and the custodian. Adam continues to say "as if" and repeatedly references Britney Spears lyrics to try to fit in.

[Adam is a devoted husband and father to some stellar kids. He can build anything and is probably one of the most generous people known to man. He may be one of the most even-tempered guys that a person will come across in the racquetball world. His service to the racquetball board and community is greatly appreciated.]



DAVID DIAZ (Photos): David is legally blind, but that hasn't stopped him from pursuing a career in photography and film. He's wasted 10's of 1000's of dollars of charity money in his effort to create a watchable film. His blindness is definitely apparent in his awful creations, but charities can't seem to say no to a blind man with a dream. To pay for his fledgling filming career, David sold his entire collection of sugar packets collected from over 300 cafes and restaurants. It funded his career for exactly 8 days.

[David Diaz will be seen with either a camera or a racquet in his hand at all times. He is always happy and loves the racquetball sport. He is a coach and teacher at Salt Lake Community College and University of Utah.]

WILBER CERNA (Social Media): Wilber once won a laugh off and took 5th place in the National Laughing Competition with his loud, belchy cackle. Unbeknownst to him, 5th place was a mere conciliatory prize.

Wilber's most prized possession is his Fitbit and his charm bracelet sans the charms. He once listened to the wind so hard that he was blown away. Wilber was voted "Most likely to tell others he succeeded" in high school. When asked about this fact, he claimed to have created the poll question and successfully petitioned his classmates to vote for him.

[Wilber is either playing racquetball or volleyball. He's still trying to decide which community he's really devoted to. He has a beautiful wife with wonderful children that will cheer him on at all his sporting events. He is excited to enhance changes in the racquetball community and serve in every way that he can.]



Racquetball Code of Conduct **For Coaches, Players, and Spectators**

- *Know and follow the rules. Often players will have to ref each other.*
- *Server should call score when there is no ref.*
- *Be safe! Do not swing racquet when players are too close to another player. Hold and re-play the point.*
- *Be fair. Give opponent the benefit of the doubt. No one likes a cheater.*
- *Do not argue. When you disagree with your opponent, simply replay the point.*
- *No swearing, profanity, obscenity, or vulgar gestures.*
- *Respect the referees, coaches, and other volunteers. If you disagree, do so respectfully.*
- *Introduce yourself to your opponent and shake hands before and after the match.*
- *Congratulate your opponent for good shots. Do not cheer opponents' mistakes.*
- *Do your best and keep trying. Do not quit in the middle of a match unless you are injured. It is unfair to your opponent.*
- *Do not be arrogant. It's okay to play lower level players when asked. Everyone was a beginner sometime.*
- *Do not talk negatively about other players or coaches in public (including social media, this is bullying!)*

The Utah Racquetball Association will not tolerate intimidating, harassing, fighting or bullying other players, coaches, referees, or tournament directors. Such abuse may result in point penalties, forfeit of game or match, or suspension in membership or privileges.

*Sportsmanship is the
key to enjoying this
game...
and keeping it fun
for everyone!*



Sanctioned VS Non-Sanctioned Tournaments

Sanctioned Tournaments: Are sanctioned by USA Racquetball and require a USAR Membership. All sanctioned tournaments are regulated under USAR Rules. The tournaments are more formal and the results are entered into the State and National database for rankings. Part of the registration fee goes to USAR. I have provided the benefits of joining USAR on page 5.

Non-Sanctioned Tournaments: You will see lower fees and a shorter number of days to play. These tournaments are fun and competitive, but do not count towards State and National Rankings. Entry fees are often used for fund raising.

The Utah Racquetball Association recommends both types of tournaments and proudly supports them.

What is a Screen Serve

The ball must do one of two things (not necessarily both) for a server to be guilty of a screen serve. A screen serve is a fault. In the case of a 1 serve game (Open/Pro Levels) the server is given one more opportunity to put the ball in play.

The screen serve line is 3 feet away from the side wall inside the service zone. If any part of your body or racquet breaks the plane created by this line during any part of your service motion and you serve a [hard drive](#) serve to that side of the court...it's an automatic screen serve.

This infraction occurs by many players who use a walking service motion...You can't start the service motion with your feet or butt breaking that plane and then start walking across the service box and hit a drive serve behind you.

The other instance of a screen serve is a served ball that passes within a certain distance of the server's body. While the distance is not defined...it is usually agreed that a racquet length (22") is a good measure of the minimum required distance.

You'll notice there is no mention in either instance of the receiver's ability to actually see the served ball. Just because a receiver doesn't see the ball does not make it a screen. If the server does not break the plane and the ball doesn't pass close to the server as it passes through the service zone, it is the receiver's responsibility to move to be able to see the ball. His movement or lack thereof, that results in him not seeing the ball is not a right to a screen serve call if the before mentioned infractions do not also occur.

Footnote #1...in general you can't call a screen on a Z-Serve...the receiver always sees the ball enough with all the angles involved.

Footnote#2...You can break the screen line plane and hit a lob serve...in general...something higher than your height.

Footnote#3...When a serve passes close to a server but the receiver sees the ball and elects to play the ball...he has the right to do so. A referee should allow the receiver to make this call. The server made the mistake and the receiver should not have an obvious setup advantage taken away. However, once a player takes the shot they no longer have the right to call a screen serve. A player who wants a screen call should raise his hand immediately and continue to play the ball in this case. Once a referee sees the hand up and he agrees that it was a screen serve...the referee should stop play and make the screen call.

USA RACQUETBALL

Mission Statement

USA Racquetball, recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport, is committed to our members and the growth of racquetball from recreational play to international competition.

Core Values

- Excellence
- Customer Service
- Integrity
- Dedication
- Communication

Vision Statement

To provide racquetball opportunities in the sport of racquetball for all levels of participation through:

Objectives

- Membership Support – USAR values its members and will strive to provide the best possible member services at all levels.
- Membership Recruitment – USAR believes that racquetball is a lifetime endeavor and the benefits of health, recreation, and competition should be available to everyone. USAR will strive to expand its membership in order to share these benefits with as many players and supporters as possible.
- Promotion of the Sport – In order to sustain a strong player base, USAR will promote the numerous benefits of participation through mass marketing efforts.
- Competitive Success – USAR strives to maintain America's position as the number one racquetball nation in the world. Success at the elite levels has a positive influence on every other facet of our sport.
- Sponsors and Supporters – USAR values its relationship with sponsors and will continue to maximize benefits and exposure.

Additional Information

- USAR is the National Governing Body of Racquetball for the US Olympic Committee.
- USAR provides insurance coverage for both players and events when the events meet all our sanctioning criteria; including insurance coverage for the host club of the event, sponsors, tournament directors, and anyone else who is affiliated with that sanctioned event for the time of the event.
- The USAR Intercollegiate program is designed to aid in the development of intercollegiate and intramural racquetball programs. State, regional and national competitions are offered for undergraduate competitors, with a position on the U.S. National Racquetball Team available for eligible gold division singles winners of the annual National Intercollegiate Championship.
- USAR offers a competitive scholarship for graduating high school seniors and college undergraduates each year.

2016 - 2017 Utah Racquetball Tournament Schedule



August	9-13	Juniors State Tournament	Redwood Rec Center rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
	26-27	Doubles Scrambler*	Marv Jenson jwcerna@hotmail.com	Wilber Cerna 435-669-3489
September	13-17	Marv Membership Drive	Marv Jenson dvan18@gmail.com	Devan VanValkenburg 801-895-5875
	27-1	Orem Membership Drive	Orem Fitness Center president@utahracquetball.org	Andrew Gale 801-390-7027
October	5-8	Huntsman Senior Games	St. George rbjohn175@gmail.com	John Haynes 801-541-3425
	19-22	Provo Open	Provo Recreation Center byuracquetball@gmail.com	Paul Snyder 801-429-9730
November	1-5	Rocky Mountain Open (WRT Event)	Sports Mall president@utahracquetball.org	Andrew Gale 801-390-7027
	15-19	State Doubles	Marv Jenson randy@utahracquetball.org	Randy Martin /Megan Zollinger 801-699-6266 / 385-468-1626
December	Nov 30-3	Aggie Open*	Utah State University josephnielson11@gmail.com	Joseph Nielson 801-691-8304
	7-10	King of the Hill*	Redwood Rec Center rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
	17 th	Orem Winter Blast*	Orem Fitness Center racquetkat@gmail.com	Kat Affeltranger 801-448-8660
	29-30	Jrs. Holiday Tournament*	Redwood Rec Center rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
January	10-14	Bountiful Bash*	South Davis Rec Center rico@SwissBoy.biz	Rico Dubach 801-301-5904
	24-28	Orem Open	Orem Fitness Center kbuhler@orem.org	Kaye Buhler 801-229-7118
February	1-4	State High School	Marv Jenson Rec Center P2cpeterson@gmail.com	Loretta Peterson 801-201-5057
	7 - 11	Valentine's Day Massacre	Redwood Rec Center rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
March	1 - 4	Shamrock Scramble	Alta Canyon lstillion@sandy.utah.gov	Lois Stillion 801 -568-4600
	14 - 18	Luck of the Heights	Cottonwood Heights rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
April	4 - 8	State Singles	Sports Mall president@utahracquetball.org	URA Board 801-390-7027
	26-29	Travel League Tournament*	Multiple facilities rmcgovern@slco.org	Ruth McGovern 385-468-1870
May	10-13	Spring Smash	Marv Jenson randy@utahracquetball.org	Randy Martin /Megan Zollinger 801-699-6221 / 385-468-1626