

The Jersey Splat

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JONATHAN CLAY:

An Exciting Year for New Jersey Racquetball



As the second full season of the NJAR begins, I personally am very excited for what the future brings to NJ racquetball. Our first year was full of “firsts,” and along with those “firsts” came a lot of growing pains and learning experiences. Now that we have that under our belt, however, we have been able to input other types of pro-

gramming into what the NJAR offers players around the area. Ladies Days, Mixers, Shootouts, and events like the AmPro certification class are just the tip of the iceberg to what the NJAR has planned.

This season brings another “first” for New Jersey Racquetball. The first ever Women’s Professional Racquetball tournament in NJ will be held this November. Many of the top female racquetball players in the world will be in Woodbridge, NJ, showcasing their talent. This tournament, along with our Men’s Professional tourna-

ment in January, as well as our state doubles and singles championships which serve as the bookends to our season, create a very well balanced and rounded tournament schedule, offering great opportunities for NJ players to see and compete with the best players this area of the country has to offer.

What does this all mean? It means that after the first year of the NJAR’s hard work, NJ racquetball is officially on the map!

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- This years State Doubles had 107 players in attendance. Last year we had 110.
- At State Doubles the Men’s Open Doubles was won by 16 & 17 year old boys!
- We currently have 183 active USAR Members.
- We are having a WPRO Satellite Stop for the **first time** at The Club at Woodbridge in November.



2008 NJ State Doubles—Results

October 3rd—5th, 2008

Men's Open Doubles

1st: Kirch/Montalbano
2nd: Pedraza/Laforest
3rd/4th: Defusto/Ruiz
3rd/4th: Cerreto/Mendez

Men's A Doubles

1st: Hill/Garzia
2nd: Riley/Fulmer
3rd/4th: Ousouljoglou/Hurling
3rd/4th: Panno/Sood

Men's B Doubles

1st: Zimmerman/Steiner
2nd: Debarge/Karkovice
3rd/4th: Brennan/Lora
3rd/4th: Campoverde/Otero

Men's C Doubles

1st: Prezioso/Binkowski
2nd: Onischuk/Dirolf
3rd/4th: Figueuroa/Gau
3rd/4th: Campoverde/Otero

Men's 50+ Doubles

1st: Vittoria/Sweetwood
2nd: Bender/Ousouljoglou
3rd: Fulmer/Riley

Women's Open/A Doubles

1st: Lichtman/Luyando
2nd: Becker/Sipowitz
3rd/4th: Gallow-Cramer/Dunn
3rd/4th: Dooley/Jones

Women's B Doubles

1st: Dooley/Jones
2nd: Thompson/Kempsey

Mixed Open/A Doubles

1st: Aguas/Lichtman
2nd: Stephenson/Luyando
3rd/4th: Stark/Hurling
3rd/4th: Becker/Winters

Mixed B Doubles

1st: Palmer/Roeder
2nd: Delgado/Davitt

Men's Open Singles

1st: Brad Kirch
2nd: Nick Montalbano
3rd/4th: Mario Curatolo
3rd/4th: Dave Berman

Men's A Singles

1st: Philip Napoli
2nd: Wayne Storch
3rd/4th: Jon Patric
3rd/4th: Rob Winters

Men's B Singles

1st: Erik Steiner
2nd: Erik Zimmermann
3rd/4th: Joe Antista
3rd/4th: Tomas Lora

Men's C Singles

1st: John Karkovice
2nd: Walter Palmer
3rd/4th: Don Dolan
3rd/4th: John Prezioso

Women's B Singles

1st: Dolores Roeder
2nd: Alison Dooley
3rd/4th: Tina Davitt
3rd/4th: Jennifer Thompson



“LADIES DAY” A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

New Jersey Amateur Racquetball held its first ever Ladies Day on Saturday September 6th at The Club at Woodbridge, put together by the ladies of the NJAR board. With over 25 women attending from NJ & NY, the women were greeted with a goody bag that included a Ladies Day shirt, and other items donated from the NJAR, Ektelon and HEAD. They then had a morning of instruction where they learned tips on the game, basic forehands and backhands, and practice drills. The Ladies also had the chance to win prizes in the Radar Gun and “Hit the Can/Pop the Balloon” contest. After the instruction and games everyone was treated to lunch where the NJAR hosted a roundtable discussion and the topic was “What Women Want” out of racquetball. We also had a drawing where 20+ prizes were given out to all the women. No one went home empty handed on Saturday!



This caps off a great success for the NJAR in Ladies Racquetball and we hope to continue having these get-togethers to get more women involved in racquetball. The NJAR would like to thank The Club at Woodbridge, Ektelon, HEAD, Wilson, E-Force, and Rollout Racquetball for all of their donations. Also a special thanks goes out to Diane Chappel for donating her time to help with the instruction.



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Schedule of Sanctioned Events

- ◆ October 3rd–5th: NJ State Doubles, Classic Athletic Club, Fairfield, NJ
- ◆ October 22nd–26th—US Open—Memphis, TN

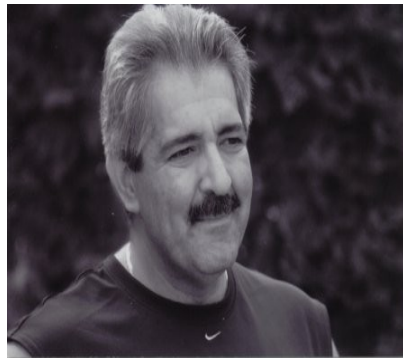


Getting To Know: NJAR's Joe Camiolo

My racquetball roots originated in Bergen County and has taken me on a 30 year journey through many clubs and tournaments across the U.S. and as far east as China. Along the way, I have met many players and made many great friends.

I am sponsored by Head / Penn for 12 years and play out of the Hillsborough Racquet Club. If someone is looking for me, there will be a good chance you'll find me on the courts playing some doubles. I also enjoy running

clinics and instructing intermediate players giving them tips and advice on how to improve their game. In addition to racquet ball I am a spin instructor



Joe Camiolo

who is always looking to recruit a racquetball player into my class and condition them aerobically for their next grueling match.

As a way to give back to the sport that has been so good to me over the past years, I have dedicated my time being an active board member of the NJAR. My focus is to put the "WOW" back in racquetball, just like the good old days.

I'm sure you'll hear me call out your name at the next New Jersey tournament your playing in...

Schedule of Sanctioned Events

November 21st-23rd: New Jersey Open, The Club at Woodbridge, Woodbridge, NJ.
 **WPRO Satellite Stop.



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Youth Racquetball Programs—Coming Out Swinging!

By: Gloria Fidecaro

Racquetball is the easiest of all racquet sports to learn and enjoy – it’s an off the wall game that is tough to beat for sheer fun! A good game will put all your muscle groups to work, building strength and endurance. It is a wonderful cross training activity that helps improve gross motor movement, eye-hand coordination, flexibility and overall athleticism.

Junior participation has been increasing across the state with programs at several area

clubs. Adaptations of the rules are made to make participation by children more enjoyable - the most common being the number of bounces allowed before returning the ball.

Tournaments are also being tailored to junior players. The Club at Woodbridge will be hosting the Juniors’ Season Opener on Saturday, October 25th. This event is run in a round robin format (no elimination) allowing for lots of playing time.

For further information contact Rick Folger .

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Doubles—Choosing The Right Partner

By: Aimee Ruiz

Doubles can get a little crowded on the court and when playing with a partner you need to make sure you and your partner are the right fit. Some things to look for? Find someone who's strengths are some of your weaknesses. Are you a better left side player? Then look for someone who prefers the right side. Are you more of a shooter, someone who likes to hang back a lot? Then look for someone who may prefer to be the getter and play more of an aggressive/front court game. You also want to look for a partner that you have fun with. This is a competition but at the end of the day you want to be able to walk off the court and go have a drink or two with your partner as well. One thing in doubles I am strongly for? ALWAYS be supportive of your partner. If you have negative body language your partner will know it. He or she may have an off day and it will be okay. If your partner is out there struggling and if they see that you aren't happy with them it doesn't help the situation, it will only make it worse.

So try and stay positive out there even though it may not be going your way. It will only help you out in the end!





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