



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday**

**October 6, 2009**

**6:30 p.m.**



**MARA Logo DriFit shirts available** – With the help of Ivonne Larose of Dennis-Larose Uniform, we have available for purchase great-looking DriFit shirts, sporting the MARA logo. These shirts pictured above are navy blue. We have ladies' and men's sizes available. The ladies' are V-neck with princess seams; the men's are round neck, regular T-shirt seams. The price is \$25. Please contact Tom Heroux at 901-409-6610 or [tomheroux@yahoo.com](mailto:tomheroux@yahoo.com) to obtain yours.

**WellWorx Juniors League forming** – After a successful Juniors' Clinic, MARA is proud to partner with WellWorx to offer a Juniors League in much the same way as the adult leagues presently in progress. The league fee will be \$10 for WellWorx members, and \$15 for nonmembers. The league is scheduled for Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. This means that preferential court use is reserved for the participants of the league during this time. However, if players are not able to play at that time, players are able to schedule the match at other times as long as it doesn't interfere with other league play. There are presently two juniors signed up for the league. More participants are needed for the league to form. Sign-up sheets are located outside of Court #1. For more information, contact Richard Aitken at 901-335-5909

**Mary Ehrlinger Memorial Fund Donation Opportunity** – Many MARA members have expressed a desire to contribute to the Mary Ehrlinger Memorial Fund. Most of you know that Mary was the daughter of Tom & Kay McCarthy and passed away recently after a swimming accident. If you would like to contribute to the fund, you may give your gift to any MARA officer or mail to Sadie Hall, Medtronic, 1800 Pyramid Place, Memphis, TN 38122. Checks may be made payable to MARA, ear-marked for the "Ehrlinger Fund".

# MARA JUNIORS

## MARA Juniors Clinic and Tournament

On Tuesday Sept 8, MARA celebrated its first Racquetball Juniors Clinic with a Juniors Tournament. After 6 weeks of instruction and practice, the kids were ready to show off their skills and wow spectators with enthusiastic energy. Dylan Vance took first place with Brandon Bedwell in second. I was proud to see our core MARA members on hand to cheer on the kids and participate by officiating. It was a great event! See pictures on page four of this Newsletter.

On behalf of MARA, I would like to extend a special thanks to Sandy Gross and Susan Brown for taking the lead and executing a very successful and rewarding Juniors Clinic. Thanks also to the other MARA members that graciously volunteered their time to teach and organize: Leo Cage, Jere Jackson, Emily Brickell, Paula Coley, George Bass, Richard Aitken. Thanks to WellWorX management for hosting the clinic and tournament. Balls and awards were provided by Head.

Now that the clinic has finished, MARA and WellWorX are offering a Junior's League. If you know a junior player, please encourage them to sign up! The sign-up sheet is located on court #1 at WellWorx. For more information, contact Richard Aitken at 901-335-5903. If enough kids sign up to play, league play will begin in early October.

MARA hopes to offer the Juniors Clinic again soon - possibly after the first of the year. Please check the MARA e-mail releases for information and for ways in which you can be a part of the MARA team.

-Tom Heroux

**Mike Boatman Racquetball Photography** – Mike Boatman, the official photographer of the U. S. Open Racquetball Championship Tournament, has produced a beautiful book with his collection of photos and information on the sport of Racquetball. Follow this link [Game Changers](#) to see a preview of the book. There will be a hard cover high quality edition, as well as a smaller paperback available. Books will be available for sale at the U.S. Open or contact Mike at [mike@mikeboatman.com](mailto:mike@mikeboatman.com).

Please check it out. The shots are truly amazing! Here is a sampling of some action photos from the US Open in 2007



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## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS



The U. S. Open is coming to Memphis and is less than one month away! Does everyone have their entries turned in? Entry Deadline is October 7, 2009.

I hope you have made your plans to be on hand for this exciting event. The official [U. S. Open Racquetball Championship](#) website is your best source of information from purchasing tickets to viewing information about players, past winners, everything you ever wanted to know about the Open.

## MORE TOURNAMENTS

<b>Tournament</b>	2009 KY ProAm Open	JDRF Doubles Shootout
<b>Facility</b>	Western KY Univ	Ridgeway Baptist Church
<b>City, State</b>	Bowling Green, KY	Memphis, TN
<b>Dates</b>	Oct 8-11, 2009	Nov 6-7, 2009
<b>Contact Name</b>	Ron Marr	Bob Lampley/Tom Heroux
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<b>Entry Form / Site</b>	<a href="http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=5348">http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=5348</a>	<a href="http://www.memphisracquetball.org">www.memphisracquetball.org</a>
<b>Tournament</b>	Tennessee State Doubles	WellWorx New Year's Open
<b>Facility</b>	Tennessee Tech Univ	WellWorx Sporting Club
<b>City, State</b>	Cookeville, TN	Memphis, TN
<b>Dates</b>	Nov 19-20, 2009	Jan 29-30, 2010
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<b>Entry Form / Site</b>	not yet available	not yet available



**Will Escue - Most Improved**



**Dylan Vance – Best All Around**



**Spencer Stalnaker – Best Return of Serve**



**Brandon Bedwell – Best Forehand**



**Luke Reno – Best Serve**



**Sam Stalnaker – Best Foot Work**



**Brent Kernodle – Best Backhand**



**Back (L to R) Leo Cage, Susan Brown, Jere Jackson, Sandy Gross  
Front – Dylan Vance, Brent Kernodle, Spencer Stalnaker, Sam Stalnaker,  
Luke Reno (Not pictured – Will Escue & Brandon Bedwell)**