



Memphis Racquetball

Meeting Highlights

WellworX Sportsplex

August 2, 2007

6:30 p.m.

- *Special Guest Jack Fulton*
- *Website Committee update*
- *Tournament Committee Report*
- *Election of Officers*

JACK FULTON SPECIAL GUEST

We were fortunate to have Jack Fulton as a special guest, invited by WellworX member, Bill Gurner.

Jack, a long-time racquetball enthusiast and President of the former Memphis Racquetball Association, shared with those present some of the history of racquetball in the Memphis Area. Specifically he shared the purpose and accomplishments of the organization that he helped found and lead for over 30 years.

He was inspirational and offered his assistance and knowledge to us as we seek to once again make Memphis a premier city in the Racquetball Community.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Brad Anderson presented an update on the development of the Website for our organization.

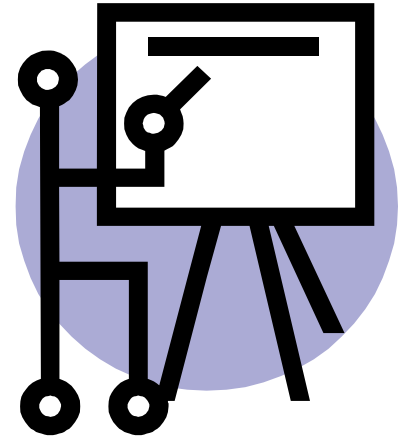
Presently under construction, the website will be hosted using a program already developed and in use by many Racquetball organizations across the country, including the Tennessee Racquetball Association. The prototype is available for our use at absolutely no charge.

In addition, Jere Jackson has obtained the domain name that will house our website, "memphISRacquetball.org".

Since Jere already has a website, he indicated that

the incremental cost will be approximately \$10 per year. Rather than charge the organization for this fee, Jere has said we could pay him back in beer!! AttaBoy, Jere!

Other discussion surrounding the website related to having player profiles available on the site. Brad will work on a template and will email us all links with instructions on completing the profile, including pictures.



NEXT MEETING

WellworX

Sportsplex

September 4, 2007

6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING

TOURNAMENTS

Nashville Racquetball Championships
Downtown YMCA

August 17-19, 2007

Tentative local participants include Leo Cage, Tom Heroux, Eric Lampley, Paula Coley, Sue Benton & Amie Thompson.
Contact Terry Davis 615-895-3679

Entry deadline is August 14, 2007

Next up—Music City Open

November 2-4, 2007

TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Richard Aitken, Club Pro and player extraordinaire, reported on the Tournament committee discussions.

As previously indicated, there are three tournaments being planned:

1. New Year's Open will continue to be held in

January when there is no football conflict!

2. Charity tournament—Sadie is working toward this to be held in October of this year

3. Memorial Tournament or some other "named"

event—timing yet to be determined.

Sandy Gross is planning a social mixer for September. This will probably include a Racquetball workout followed by food and social fun to include friends and family.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Brad Anderson won the Men's B Division in the 2007 Rocket City Summer Slam tournament held this past weekend in Huntsville.

Brad also won the 2007 WellworX New Year's Open.



* * * * **OFFICERS ELECTED** * * * *



"I am truly honored for the opportunity to be a part of this effort.

Now that we have it started, LET'S KEEP IT GOING!!"

*Leo Cage
VP*



Please welcome and support the members who have agreed to help keep our organization's engine purring...

TOM HEROUX—PRES

Tom is among our most talented and exciting players. He is thoughtful, talented and enthusiastic in his support of Racquetball. Tom is employed as a computer programmer at Federal Express. He is father to Alexis Heroux, 2006 Tennessee Juniors Champion.

LEO CAGE—VICE PRES

Special kudos to Leo for originally initiating our gatherings. Leo has been active in the Memphis community for many years both as a successful businessman and a football player at University of Memphis. (Ah, those were the days!) Leo has a great heart for our sport and is a great encouragement to others.

SADIE HALL—SECY/ TREASURER

We have already benefited from Sadie's energy and organizational skills. She and her mom, Sandy, deserve our thanks for keeping us in communication with each other. Over the past three months, they have reminded us of meetings and worked to develop our member list.

Sadie is a CPA by trade working for Medtronic. From a Racquetball standpoint, I understand that Sadie has not seen defeat since she was twelve years old. Among those eating her dust is none other than Rhonda Rajsich, currently ranked #1 on the WPRO Tour!

PAULA COLEY— RECORDING SECRETARY

Scratching your head over this one? Me too! I just want to be involved and help as much as I can. My professional background is as a dull CPA for 30+ years and a dull Racquetball player for 3+ years.

My task will be to take notes at meetings and let everyone know what is going on, I think! So I ask that you keep me informed of any email corrections and, as we move forward, help to add as many people to our group as possible.

On a purely personal note: As a relatively new player, I want to thank all of you for welcoming me into your Racquetball Community. I LOVE IT!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND
AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE.

← PRESIDENT'S CORNER →

I am privileged and honored to be part of this exciting venture: the new Memphis Racquetball Association! Thanks to Leo Cage for motivating us all to organize – a great idea that has now formally materialized. I would also like to thank Jack Fulton for sharing his wisdom and encouragement at the last meeting.

We have a ton of positive energy and talent in our newly formed group and I'm very proud of everyone that has volunteered for the work that lay ahead.

Our goals are clear, and should align with the USRA at a local level:

- Grow the player base through recruitment and promotion.

- Centralize efforts to organize first-class sponsored tournaments, leagues, instructional and social events.
- Foster a culture of fair and friendly competition for players of all ages and skill levels.

As you can see from our first newsletter, the wheels of progress are turning. Efforts are underway to organize and seek sponsors for a new tournament hosted at WellWorx this fall. We have secured an Internet domain and customizable web site to host information about our organization, local players, clubs, and events. Our first social event is being planned, and, in a future meeting, I'll

be announcing plans for a new youth racquetball initiative.

Do you realize that we have not formally reached out to the player base outside of WellWorx? Imagine the momentum we'll gain as we pull more ideas, energy and talent into the organization!

I look forward working with all of you. Now let's step into the court and take care of business!

Tom Heroux
8/10/07