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March 2016 Newsletter

Welcome, Racquetball Players!

Our goal is to keep members and all interested in Kansas racquetball informed on what's happening in and around the state, and ways to participate.

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As we continue distribution of this newsletter, please spread the word and *forward* to anyone that might be interested in seeing it. It is with your help that we will be able to grow racquetball across Kansas.

Kansas State/Regional Tournament Returns to Wichita Next Month

The KS State/Regional will be hosted by the Downtown YMCA in Wichita, and some matches will be played at WSU.

This will be a fun tournament with players from neighboring states expected to participate. There should be good competition in all divisions.

We are also expecting a good turnout of juniors as the KS juniors program starts to build.

Please join us in a fun weekend of racquetball. Check out the tournament page for more details and hotel information.

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Jerry Quenette Spirit Award

This year's recipient of the "Jerry Quenette Spirit Award" is Leann Smith! Each year during the Winter Classic Racquetball Tournament in Overland Park, KS, we award a deserving person for this prestigious award. The award was created to honor someone for his or her continued contributions to the sport of racquetball. The recipient must demonstrate good sportsmanship along with a willingness to give of himself or herself to help in a selfless way. Leann has been active in racquetball and is always willing to help promote the sport. She has sponsored numerous tournaments and is always encouraging others to play. Leann, thanks for all your contributions and time devoted to supporting racquetball!



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Winter Classic Recap

The Winter Classic held at The Athletic Club in Overland Park had the biggest turnout in its 11 year history with 150 players competing. It brought in the best women's pro players from around the world and some very exciting matches were played. One of the highlights of the tournament is the player party Saturday night. Mike Wedel ran an auction on behalf of the KRA to raise money for the junior and first time tournament players. Thanks to generous bids from numerous players we raised over \$800 for the KRA which went directly to pay for the junior entry fees. We are working to encourage more junior participation. If you have kids that are interested in playing or learning to play, or if you are interested in helping work with juniors please contact us at ksjrb@gmail.com.



Junior Update

In Wichita, we continue to have Junior meet and play nights at the Downtown YMCA. We are getting a good turnout and more people are getting involved. There is great interest by the kids and families and there is some fertile ground to build a Juniors Program on. This is a work in progress with local clubs.

If you are interested in having your juniors in our program, having them learn the game, improve their game, participating in a league, or anything else racquetball related, please contact Ken Cook at ksjrb@gmail.com or at 316-305-7573.

Lucy DelSarto has returned to the Kansas City area. Lucy coaches racquetball, including Juniors in that area. If you would like to contact her about developing your child's racquetball game, please do so at 913-709-6059.

If you do not live in these areas but are interested, we can still work with you through email and video instruction and we would like to help start programs in other locations as well. Please contact either coach! We will help!

Thanks and see you on the court!

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