



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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To: All BC Racquetball Members **Date:** October 11, 2010
Subject: Mid October News

Another successful BC Open – thanks to Leon, Pauline, Debbie and Megan at Newlands for hosting us, and thanks to Kelly for doing the bulk of the arranging and for feeding us so well all weekend. The Junior final between Chris Culhane and Leo Chang was a barn-burner that lasted well over an hour. In the Women's final, Diana Hambley and Val Senger put on a good show, and the Men's final was a very close and entertaining match, with Tanner Mattson emerging the victor over Rick Gartel. View the results at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/viewResults.asp?TID=7380> – you can click on the "Draws" tab at the top of the page in order to view specific draws and game scores.

At the BC Open, we were the first tournament in Canada to use the new official ball, the Ektelon Classic. It's a black ball that is lively off the front and side walls, but (at Newlands) died off the back glass walls. It has a nice true bounce, lasts well, and has been adopted by many of the US states. It is the new official ball of Racquetball Canada for the next two or three years, so get used to it! We'll let you know as soon as we receive information about buying balls.

Thanks to the provincial government's Athlete Assistance Program, we are pleased to be able to provide some funding assistance to Tanner Mattson, Amy Wilson, Nicholas Leung, Connor Culhane, Sivan Dinur and Brody Gaberel. We are also able to provide Pacific Sport Bronze Carding to Amy Wilson, Michael Rusak, Anthony Schonberger, Sivan Dinur, Nicholas Leung, and Tanner Mattson.

It looks like there will not be a Kamloops tournament this year, so the next sanctioned event is the North Island Classic in Campbell River – we should have the R2 site available soon for you to register.

The annual non-sanctioned Am Corrado Masters (age 45+) tournament is scheduled for October 22-24 in Kelowna. This tournament usually attracts 60-80 Masters players from BC, Alberta and US, and they have a great Saturday banquet. Help Diana keep the party going – registration information is at www.kmr.ca (the link is at the left on that website) or contact Bob Guy at 250-859-1642.

Our juniors hosted the Washington State juniors in early October, and the competition was excellent. The southerners went home with a slight lead, so our juniors will take up the challenge in November to see if we get to keep the award for one more year. Go Team BC!

The Superbowl Classic will be held January 27-30 at REVS in Burnaby – mark your calendars!

Our first ever Roadshow hit the courts in Kelowna last month, and was a wonderful success. The aim of this program is to have our top junior players visit youth around the province to introduce the sport. The Vernon Roadshow is rescheduled to the spring, but we do have funding to take the roadshow to other places – Campbell River in November is next. If you want to take advantage of this program at your club, please contact Sebastien at 778-554-8342. The Roadshow is funded by a provincial grant.

We sent tournament schedules to all the clubs – is the schedule posted at your club? If not, please let me know and we'll send you out another.

Ladies: October 30th is a ladies-only one-day of play, \$5, in Puyallup, Washington – contact Beth Neff at teamneff@yahoo.com for information.

October 23rd there will be a one-way shootout in Everett, WA - <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=7478> . And the Bellingham fall classic is scheduled for November 12-14.

I'm heading to Florida until January, but will be in touch from there. Enjoy the rain!