

WOR Ektelon Championship Tournament Players,

Many thanks to all of you for making this year's WOR Ektelon Championships a great success. Without your participation in this event, we would not have the great racquetball story of increasing the number of players from 2007 by more than 100 entrants. Of course with the increase in participation, so came the increase in number of matches. My apologies for hosting a tournament that ran late three out of the four days. The reality is that it would have been impossible to schedule all of the matches needed to complete the tournament without scheduling 45 minute matches on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. The scheduling of 45 minutes per match was the reason we were running behind. It was also the only solution to get the tournament finished by Sunday..... The tournament staff for the WOR Ektelon Championships 2009 will definitely have a solution for this issue and will be promoting the schedule well in advance of next year's Championships.

Continuing on, I'd like to thank our event sponsors and ask that if you all have the opportunity to support these individuals or businesses, then please do as they deserve our patronage for stepping up to make this WOR Championships a possibility. The sponsors for this event were; Rob Hoff, New Green Day Recycling (Kirk Sanford), Ensurance.com, LLC, UPS Capital, South Bay Lexus Torrance, Paul Dylewski, Wally Hersom, C&R Cleaning (Dave Tedeschi), AdvoCare, Jill Federman, Penske Toyota, Robbie Johnson and Mike Orr. In addition to our event sponsors, I'd like to thank the Classic Pro Racquetball Tour (CPRT) for supporting the Men's 40+ Doubles Division and making that division basically a second pro division. The Men's 40+ Doubles also provided our biggest upset of the event. I won't go into it but you can all look at the draw to see what I mean!! Of course, I can't forget Ektelon Racquetball and Scott Winters for being the backbone of this event. We appreciate your support, the fact that you play the event and for the awesome Fireballs that are playing great. **BIG THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!!**

More thank you's need to be passed along to our hospitality service. Lee & Larry's Bad Ass BBQ made the long drive from the Bay Area to help with the meals Friday thru Sunday. Hauling their mobile kitchen that far was a major task and I truly appreciate their efforts on behalf of racquetball. I know they are excited about next year's

event already..... I'd be crazy not to say thank you to Jimbo, Gary, Thunder and everyone else manning up their BBQ tent at the courts. These guys provided a secondary hospitality option for basically everyone at the event and did it all out of their own pockets. I knew before the event that they would be BBQing it up this year but I had no idea how generous they would be to the whole event. These guys are what Outdoor Racquetball is all about!!! Thanks for everything.

Congratulations to all the event winners and consolation winners. We had a nice mix of winners from So Cal, Nor Cal, Florida and a few other locations. Here's a list of event winners based on where they are from. This does not include Consolation winners.

SO CAL: Rocky Carson (MPS), Son Nguyen/Josh Tucker (MPD), Art Pena/Jim Fernandez (MAD), Justin Ivers (MBS), Geoff Osberg/Sam Brust (MBD), David Bogosian (MCS), James Medina/Javier Mendoza (MCD), Ravi Sohoni (M40S), Kevin Booth/Mike Peters (M40D), Dennis Riggs/Mike Alderson (M50D), Debra Garrett-Woods/Sonya Green (WAD), Misty Goldstone (WBS), Darrin McNally/Jill Federman (MXAD), Sam Barrera/Sonya Green (MXBD), Brandon Davis (JR18S), Chris Kazem (JR12S) and Andrew Martin/Devin Harrick (JR12D)

NOR CAL: Marco Rojas (MAS), Bill George (M50S), Aubrey O'Brien (WOS), Devon Pimentelli (WAS) and Brandon Cook (JR10S)

FLORIDA: Dave Smith/Ken Grandy (MOD) and Greg McDonald/Martha McDonald (MXOD),

COLORADO: Ben Croft (MOS) and Kevin Holmes (MFTS)

SANTIAGO, CHILE: Angela Grisar (WPS)

CUENCA, ECUADOR/SALT LAKE CITY, UT: Veronica Sotomayor/Kristen Bellows (WPD)

CUENCA, ECUADOR/LINCOLN, NE: Veronica Sotomayor/Jacob Hutkins (MXPDP)

ALASKA/SO CAL: Michelle Earl/Kris Kaskawal

Lastly, I'd like to thank the WOR Ektelon Championship Tournament Staff. This was truly a combined effort between Allan Kazem, Hank Marcus, Son Nguyen, Steve Cook, myself and many others. Thanks to my pit crew of Jesse Serna, Kyle Kazmierczak, Bobby Horn, Teresa Diaz, Jose Diaz and MR TRASH CAN, Bill George. Without all of you, this event would have not made it through the weekend..... I can't forget Racquetballonline.TV. Pablo, Angela and Jo have dedicated their lives towards making it possible for the world to watch racquetball live. This service really never gets enough credit and they deserve a ton. Big ups to Lil Lou, Jacob Hutkins and my dad for taking on the announcing for RBO.TV. The same props are deserving for the R2 Sports site. Ryan and Tish Rodgers have made my life as a TD so much easier with their software.

Personally I'd like to thank all of the So Cal regular outdoor players for accepting me as the Tournament Director and giving the support that you did. It's too early to say whether I'll be involved again next year but either way, there is no doubt in my mind that this event will be even bigger and better for years to come. Whether I'm just playing or hosting next year, I can't wait to be in So Cal again for this event. We'll be practicing outdoor throughout the year up here in Stockton and I urge all of you to do so as well. There is nothing better then hanging out in the sun with friends, good food and the game we all love!!

I'm available to all of you by email anytime. My email address is [ellistyle@comcast.net](mailto:ellistyle@comcast.net). Thanks again and Keep em Rollin.....

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