

Best of New Mexico Racquetball Event

*Pojoaque Pueblo Wellness Center & Healing Arts
Buffalo Thunder Hilton Golf Resort and Spa*

The 2011 Best of New Mexico Racquetball Event was held November 4-6. This tournament replaced the NM Pro Am, which had been held for more than a decade, originally at the late Tom Young's Athletic Club and then at New Mexico Sports and Wellness' Midtown venue, both in Albuquerque.

The Pojoaque Wellness Center was built in 1997 and added two championship racquetball-handball courts in the short term. The vision of Governor George Rivera and Judge Frank Demolli became a reality. Luke St. Onge, Secretary General of the International Racquetball Federation, also had a vision—to create a world-wide training center and venue for education, cultural exchange, and special racquetball events. Once the Buffalo Thunder resort was built and two courts were added, it was a natural! The first international tournament was held this past June; World Senior Doubles Racquetball. The Best of New Mexico Racquetball Event showcased over seventy players in sixteen categories, with a true international cadre of players from Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, India, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, and the USA. The Mens Open division was blessed with a full draw of sixteen players; assuring the purse of \$1000.

We anticipate building on the success of this tournament, and we look forward to bringing in other high quality events not only for racquetball; but, for handball, paddleball, and elite training courses.

*Gary Mazaroff, President
New Mexico Racquetball*

RESULTS

- Mens Open (16) Jake Bredenbeck def Felipe Camacho 15-10, 15-9 3rd (tie) Ken Cheshire & Raymond Maestas 1/4s Robert Lee, Nathan Torres, Raaj Mohan, Ken Goldstein 9th (tie) Jesse Giron, Arnel Ayo, Dave Solomon, Jacob Ormonde, Chris Smith, Todd Ormonde, Daniel Bautista, Alejandro Morales
- Mens Elite (6) Alejandro Morales def Phil Cohen 12-15, 15-1, 11-8
3rd Chris Smith 4th Blake Brueckner 5th (tie) Zach Jaramillo & Jacob Ormonde
- Mens A (12) Frankie Lopez def Blake Brueckner 15-5, 15-3 3rd (tie) Richard Hammer & Alfred Martinez 1/4s Dan Carrillo, Zach Jaramillo, Alec Mauritsen, Mike Morales 9th (tie) Roman Lopez, B.J. Jones, Ruben Flores
Note: one no show

- Mens B** (8) **B.J. Jones def Ernesto Ramirez 14-15, 15-7, 11-9**
3rd (tie) Bob Anderson & Kevin Gonzales 1/4s Aaron Romo,
Sullivan Smith, Ramon Mendoza, Charles Malone
- Mens C** (9) **Guillermo Ruiz def Paul Campos 15-11, 15-12**
3rd (tie) Peter Stacey & Nathan Steed 1/4s Aaron Romo,
Sullivan Smith, Pat Thieman, Bernie Padilla 9th Jack Callaway
- Mens D** (4) **Sullivan Smith def Bernie Padilla wbd**
3rd (tie) Jack Callaway & Pat Thieman
- Mens 55+** (4) **Lloyd Ferran def Tucker Green 15-9, 15-12**
3rd Henry Padilla 4th Fred Grahn
- Low Int.** (4) **Danae Morton def Sandy Schauer 15-2, 15-7**
3rd Jack Callaway 4th Kendyl Artrip
- Womens**
Open (4) **Mariana Borunda def Patty Greene 11-15, 15-13, 11-7**
3rd Bryanna Salas 4th Dana Richardson
- Womens A** **Dana Richardson**
- Open Dbls.** (6) **Felipe Camacho & Jake Bredenbeck def**
Raymond Maestas & Dave Solomon 15-3, 15-0
3rd Jay Gray & Raaj Mohan
- A Doubles** (14) **Jesse Giron & Gary Rasmussen def**
Lloyd Ferran & Fred Grahn 15-10, 15-5
3rd (tie) Guillermo Ruiz/Kevin Gonzales & Dan Carrillo/Alfred Martinez
- B Doubles** (8) **Blake Brueckner & B.J. Jones def**
Gary Flores & Ruben Flores 15-11, 14-15, 11-9
3rd (tie) Alec Mauritsen/Aaron Romo & Rick Page/Bernie Padilla
- C Doubles** (2) **Rick Page & Bernie Padilla def**
Sullivan Smith & Nathan Steed 6-15, 15-6, 11-9
- Open Mixed** (5) **Patty Greene & Ken Cheshire def**
Bryanna Salas & Gary Mazaroff 15-10, 15-7
3rd Dana Richardson & Robert Lee
- Inter. Mixed** (4) **Kendyl Artrip & Roman Lopez def**
Sandy Schauer & Bob Anderson 15-4, 2-15, 11-2
3rd Zivana Kovacevich & Rick Page