

## FRA Board of Directors 2010 Election Ballot

### Instructions:

- Select up to two candidates (more than two will VOID your ballot)
- Ballot must contain your name and USAR member number for validation (votes will be tallied and results announced at State Singles (your individual voting preference will be held in confidence)
- **MAIL Ballot to:** Andy Pawlowski, 6067 Sabal Hammock Circle, Port Orange, FL 32128.
- **Email Ballot:** Scanned attachments (picture files or PDF) to [andypaw@attglobal.net](mailto:andypaw@attglobal.net) will also be accepted if sent from your email on file with the USAR.
- Ballots must be received by January 22, 2010. Please mail your vote early

The annual FRA Racquetball Board of Directors election invites members to select representatives for a three-year term. Carefully review the accompanying candidate platforms on the following pages, then select up to two of the five individuals currently seeking a board seat, then mark and return this ballot promptly.

### Voting Member Information (required):

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

USAR membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

### Vote for up to two candidates:

\_\_\_\_\_ Peter Berger

\_\_\_\_\_ Guy Meadows

\_\_\_\_\_ Jean Trimble

\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Warhaftig

\_\_\_\_\_ Rod Van Dyke

### Summary information for each candidate can be found on following pages.

\*\*\*\*\*

FRA Use only: ballot received date \_\_\_\_\_ Valid or Void

Reason/comments:

\*\*\*\*\*

## **Candidate Summary Profiles**

### **Peter Berger:**

Thank you for considering me and I am excited to serve the Florida Racquetball Association, and help to grow the sport of racquetball. For the last 17 years I have played the game of racquetball. Through participation in the game of racquetball, I have been able to do my job more effectively and healthier. I feel that what I can offer the Florida Racquetball Association is more than just a seat on the Board of Directors I can offer an insight and some creative ideas to make the Florida Racquetball Association more attainable to participants and serve the membership.

As a member of the Florida Racquetball Association's Board of Directors, I look forward to addressing some Florida Racquetball Association programs and needs. As one of the founders of the World Firefighter Racquetball Association, a new association dedicated to increasing the health and wellness of firefighters and EMS personnel, we are aware of the decreasing participation in events across the state. As a member of the board, I look forward to encouraging more people to play the game of racquetball, through opportunities generated by the Board of Directors.

As a member of the Florida Racquetball Association's Board of Directors, I will reach out to other members to help support their ideas to show that the FRA is built on support and stability throughout the hierarchy. Support and stability are keys to success and will show the membership that all areas will be supported. All areas will be supported, including but not limited to, the Junior's and Collegiate Program. All members of the Florida Racquetball Association should be able to count on the Board of Directors and the State Executive Board, to support them throughout the state on tournaments that they would like to run.

As a member of the Florida Racquetball Association's Board of Directors, I will reach out to other areas of the State of Florida, so that people in the State of Florida can have better access to tournaments. There are a number of tournaments in certain areas in the state, but no tournaments in other areas of the State. To be an effective state organization, we should be able to network and gain contacts throughout the state, in order to run tournaments for other players in the other parts of the state. In order to increase membership and the sport, more events should be accessed in other parts of the state.

As a member of the Florida Racquetball Association's Board of Directors, I will help support the needs of the Universities and Colleges that have or want to have racquetball programs. It is necessary to try and establish a strong relationship with Universities and Colleges across the state, to not only help support their programs, but also retain a working relationship with them, so that if there is a tournament that wants to be run in that area, the resources are already established.

At this time, I would like to submit my name for consideration for a position on the Florida Racquetball Association's Board of Directors.

**Guy Meadows:**

I would like to be considered for reelection to the FRA Board for the following reasons:

- I have voted for policies that would benefit the FRA rank and file.
- I have voted for policies that encourage Jr., Colligate and Women's programs.
- I have voted for policies that encourage growth of the organization.
- I have voted against items that seemed like large expenditures for little benefit to the general membership.
- I have served to on a special council to decide disciplinary action against members.
- I have actively supported the board with my vote, attendance and donation of time for FRA functions.
- I have been a voice for fiscal responsibility over the years and would like to remain on the board to help guide the organization into the future on sound financial footing.

**Jean Trimble:**

My name is Jean Trimble. I am submitting my resume to the Florida Racquetball Association (FRA) board for consideration of becoming an active board member. I have been a member of the Florida Racquetball Association since moving to Florida in May, 1989. I was recently appointed by the board to replace a vacated spot. That position ends in January, 2010. I have worked with most of the members in a tournament or playing capacity, as well as the focal point for administering the FRA referee program for the last two years. I feel I can work well with the sitting board to continue to have a strong State Organization and promote our sport of racquetball. Continue old projects we have in place and invite new and exciting projects for the future. I realize I will need to attend meetings and help with FRA tournaments. As most of the board members already know this would not be a problem as I already do these things just as a player and wanting to help the board with running nice tournaments.

I will thank you in advance for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jean Trimble

**Sarah Warhaftig:**

My name is Sarah Warhaftig and I have been a resident of South Florida for the past four years. I have been playing racquetball since 2003 when I was first introduced to the sport in Colorado Springs. I was lucky enough to be associated with a great racquetball program in Colorado and my passion for the sport grew quickly. Since 2003 I have actively been playing local, state and national tournaments. Since my move to South Florida in 2006, I have been actively playing Florida tournaments and becoming involved within the racquetball community. As well, I compete regionally and nationally. This

past year, I was in Denver, Dallas and Arlington competing in my first pro stops. Besides loving to compete, I thoroughly enjoy sharing my knowledge for the game. I have recently become AMPRO certified and have been fortunate enough to work with some of the greatest coaches in the game. As a teacher, I am eager to introduce my students to the game and find new ways to grow the sport at the junior level. I am also interested in growing the women's game and have already offered many clinics and lessons to women new to the sport. With just a short time I have already found that Florida Racquetball is strong and growing. The tournaments, organizers and participants all share a great appreciation of the game, and the potential it has. I would like to see Florida continue to grow its programs at all levels. I believe there are still players, coaches and supporters who have yet been introduced to the Florida Racquetball scene. I can only hope to continue to promote the sport, promote the positive leadership already in place, and continue to find new ways for Florida Racquetball players to continue enjoying the sport. I would like to offer my services as a sponsored player, coach and teacher of the game.

Sarah Warhaftig

**Rod Van Dyke:**

I am interested in joining the board of the FRA because I feel that I bring the leadership, experience, and motivation to help the FRA's commitment to provide excellence and service to its members. I have been playing racquetball for over 25 years. Not only am I a competitive player that competes in local and national tournaments, I bring proven experience from running 2 racquetball leagues (men's, women's, juniors), running local fundraising tournaments, working with sponsors and local vendors, and purchasing a website to support my goals.

I truly believe the growth of this sport starts at the local level and I have witnessed this growth because of my involvement in these leagues/tournaments the past 5 years. I want to take my commitment to the next level and I feel my leadership skills and ambition to grow this sport would only help the FRA continue its goal of providing excellent service, expand membership and promote the sport.

Thank you for your time in considering my qualifications.

Rod Van Dyke