

Report to Region IV from NM

As I have previously expressed, my goals for New Mexico include increasing participation and improving local programs in order to strengthen our state association before we focus on participation in national programs. To that end, we have had a very successful year.

To reenergize our state tournaments, we “hired” volunteer Yvonne Garcia to market and promote the tourney. She did a great job and we had an excellent event. We ended up with almost 50 teams from Colorado, Texas, Arizona, and our own New Mexico. The tournament offered recreational and competitive divisions for men, women and co-ed teams. A particular draw appeared to be the free bagels and coffee offered to players, fans and referees. (We were pleasantly surprised at the number of faces that lit up at the idea of free food ~ it was not that much \$\$ to get provisions from Costco!) We are hoping that Yvonne will help us with future tournaments like the state tournament in May, and the summer Over-30 and Over-40 tournaments, which we hope will be just as successful. If I have anything to say about it you can expect to see her at future meetings for USASA and Region IV, especially since I have already roped her husband Leroy Garcia into attending this meeting with Kyle Langenwalter in my stead. With the AGM coming up next month and the requirements of my job, I had to pass the fun on to others. Leroy is particularly interested in information and programs on competitions and coaching and will hopefully assist with New Mexico’s future participation in the national programs.

Currently, we are in between our fall and spring seasons. We have lots of teams that travel during this break and we hope that they are representing NM well both in competition and in their display of sportsmanship.

See you in LA!

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