

Gary Mazaroff

Born: September 7, 1950, Los Angeles, California

High School: Hamilton High School (Ca) 1968

College: University of California, Berkeley, BS Social Science Field & HPER (1973)

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, MS Cross-Cultural Sports Study (1976)

Employment:

- Director—International Professional Racquetball Organization (1997-present)
- Consultant—Pueblo of Pojoaque (2010-2012)
- Mediator—Pueblo of Santa Ana Transportation Services (2005-2007)
- Real Estate Broker, New Mexico (1986-1997)
- Manager—Tom Young’s Athletic Club, Albuquerque (1980-1985)
- Professor—Department of HPER; Southwest College; Los Angeles, CA (1979-1980)
- Professor--Department of HPER; University of Albuquerque (1976-1978)
- Director of Officiating & Programming; UC, Berkeley (1972-1973) Intramural Sports Department

Professional:

Gary won over 400 racquetball championships—State, Regional, National, International. He has traveled to over 30 countries as a player, coach, instructor, promoter. Organized and operated over 600 court sport events since 1973. He began an un-interrupted presidential term with the New Mexico Racquetball Association in 1974, bringing that organization to the forefront of the AARA’s state affiliate structure. Through AmPro and AmPro instructional programs, Gary has certified hundreds of players and instructors, while himself serving as a teaching pro and instructor since the late 70s. Gary also served as an assistant coach for two world championship U.S. national teams, then took that expertise “on the road” by coaching national teams from other countries.

- First played racquetball in 1968 in his hometown of Los Angeles, California.
- Professor of HPER and Social Science; University of Albuquerque (1976-1978)
- Professor of HPER; Southwest College, Los Angeles, California (1979-1980)
- Organized and operated WSDR events in:
Paris, France (2000); Hamburg, Germany (2007); San Luis Potosi, Mexico (2008); Vancouver, Canada (2009); Dun An Ri, Republic of Ireland (2010); Santa Fe, New Mexico USA (2011); Albuquerque, New Mexico USA (2012) San Jose, Costa Rica (2014)
- Technical Director & Director of Education for IRF (2003-present In the State of New Mexico)
- Executive Director of World Senior Racquetball Championships; Albuquerque, New Mexico (1985-present)
- Organized Handball/Racquets Club at University of New Mexico, 1974

- Tournament Director for Rocky Mountain Regionals Racquetball, Albuquerque, New Mexico (1993, 1995, 1997)
- Tournament Director for Rocky Mountain Junior Regionals Racquetball, Santa Fe, New Mexico (1985), Albuquerque, New Mexico (1986), Roswell, New Mexico (1988), El Paso, Texas (1990)
- Intramural & Recreational Sports Associate; University of New Mexico (1973-1976)
- Intramural & Recreational Sports Director; University of Albuquerque (1976-78)
- Manager of Tom Young's Athletic Club, Albuquerque, New Mexico (1980-1984)
- Co-owner of Taos Racquetball Center; Taos, New Mexico (1982-1983)
- Founded New Mexico Racquetball Association (1977); President (1977-1981 & 1985-present)
- Coach of University of Albuquerque Racquetball Team (1978)
- New Mexico State Open Singles Champion—8 times, Open Doubles Champion—6 times
- Will have operated 20 racquetball events in calendar year 2019 in New Mexico
- Commissioner for Racquetball & other court sports; NM Games (1989-present)
- Commissioner for Racquetball; Albuquerque Senior Olympics (1990-1999)
- Director of Racquetball; National Senior Games, Albuquerque (2019)
- National and International
- National Doubles Championship (30+ Division) in 1991
- Four World titles (1989, 90,94,95)
- Two titles in Men's 35+ Division
- Two titles in Men's 40+ Division; as well as the Men's U.S. National Doubles (30+) championship in 1991.
- Member of first US Racquetball 'Goodwill Tour' to Japan (1986) (two weeks of teaching and promoting in Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, and Kyoto)
- Co-founder of World Senior Doubles Racquetball (1989) Developed Curriculum for Instruction, Coaching, Programming, and Officiating (1997); International Professional Racquetball Organization (IPRO)
- Director at PASO (Pan American Sports Organization) seminars (2003, 2007, 2011)
- Member of USA National Racquetball Team as Player (1985-1986)
- Assistant Coach of USA National Racquetball Team (1987-1990)
- Member of Gold Medal Team as player (USA) 1986, (Orlando, FL)
- Member of Gold Medal Teams as coach (USA); Hamburg, Germany (1988), Caracas, Venezuela (1990)
- Head Coach for National Teams: Argentina (1991), Bolivia (1992), Dominican Republic (1994), Honduras (1999)
- Director of International Professional Racquetball Organization
- Official at World Games—Kaohsiung, Taiwan (2009); Cali, Colombia (2013)

- Official at Pan American Games-Guadalajara, Mexico (2011); Toronto, Canada (2015); Lima, Peru (2019)
- Rules Commissioner for International Racquetball Federation (2016- present)
- Contributor to following publications and websites: Championship Racquetball by the Experts (1974); Southern California Tennis & Racquetball Report (1980); Racquetball Magazine; InternationalRacquetball.com; globalracquetball.com, USRA.com
- Commentator on National and International Racquetball Broadcasts
- 1996 USA Racquetball Network, Phoenix, AZ USA; IRF World Championships
- 2003 Tennis Channel, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; IRF World Junior Championships
- 2004 Tennis Channel, Seoul, Korea; IRF World Championships
- 2010 Tennis Channel, Dun an Ri, Republic of Ireland; IRF World Championships
- 2012 IRF Network, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; IRF Junior World Championships
- 2014 IRF Network, Burlington, Canada; Pan Am Championships
- 2015 IRF Network, Cali, Colombia; World Championships
- 2017 IRF Network, Temuco, Chile; Pan Am Championships
- 2019 IRF Network, Barranquilla, Colombia; Pan Am Championship
- Author of two books:
 - *Attitudes Toward Physical Activity Between Navajos and Non-Navajos in the Southwest* December 1976
 - *ODEPA Continental Course of Racquetball* September 2014

Honors

- Inducted into the Palms Junior High School (1965)
- 1993 Male Athlete of the Year for the New Mexico Games
- Inducted into the American Amateur Racquetball Association's Hall of Fame in 1995
- Inducted into the Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame (1996)
- Inducted into the Team USA Racquetball Hall of Fame (1996)
- Inducted into the International Racquetball Federation Hall of Fame (2012)
- 2017 Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Mexico Senior Sports Foundation

Community Involvement

- Commissioner—New Mexico State Games (1989-present)
- Organized fundraising effort for International Racquetball Federation 'Olympic Dream' Campaign. Have raised over \$500,000 since 1989. Funds directed for international development across the globe.
- World Outdoor Racquetball (2020-present)
- Fundraiser—Opera Southwest (1997-1999)

- Boys & Girls Club of Pojoaque (2010-2012)
- International Racquetball Federation (1989-present)
- National Senior Games Racquetball Director (2019)
- Planning Committee Member—Jewish Community Center of Albuquerque, NM (1995-1999)
- President—NM Racquetball Association (1977-1981, 1985-present)
- Tournament Director—Senior Olympics Albuquerque (1991-2000)

Family

Jennifer, wife of 46 years