

3rd. Annual
Vic Hershkowitz Memorial
Doubles Handball Tournament
October 8th, 9th & 10th, 2010

Thanks!

Jennie Tartaglia-Hershkowitz; Lenny Tieman, Jack McWalter, Fred Lewis, David Fink, Milt Klompus, Ben Thumb, the David Posnack JCC, and everyone involved, with the Vic Hershkowitz Memorial Doubles Handball Tournament, for another great tournament event.

I would also like to thank, all of you, for selecting me, for the Most Valuable Player of the tournament award, which was totally unexpected.

When Jack McWalter came over and asked me if I was the handball ambassador for the state of Florida, I told him no. I do, however, go to a lot of handball tournaments, help put on the State Of Florida Four Wall Handball Championships tournament, and have written several Handball magazine articles.

Furthermore, I love playing handball and have loved playing it, since the first day I ever played. But, as much as I love this game, and the fact that it transcends all social & economic levels, I love all of the great people, I have met, because of my involvement with handball. And seeing, talking with and playing handball with, or against, these players at each tournament, is to me, like a family reunion I always look forward to.

I go to handball tournaments and work with young players, whenever I can. I do this, not just because of the competition, but because I think it's important to support this great sport and the people who work hard to organize, promote & run handball tournament events.

In my first Handball magazine article, I wrote about a local player, Bill Bishop, whose death left everyone, who knew him, in tears for about a week. The words I wrote were exactly how we all felt. "He was liked by everyone. He was great to be around. He was a great competitor. He was the model of sportsmanship."

That's, the handball player, I try to be.

So, I guess I am a handball ambassador, just as every other player is.

Sincerely,

Jerry M. Austin

P.S. Thanks Milt Klompus, for being a great host and allowing me to stay at your home, in these difficult economic times.