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Official Newsletter of the Masters Basketball Association



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



Time is flying along, as it's already the end of June. We just conducted our Board of Directors annual meeting and the planning for our 2017 tournament is moving forward.

I want to thank all of our 2016 tournament team organizers and players, who participated in filling out our post-event survey. If you haven't gotten around to taking the survey, you have until July 1 to provide us with your feedback on this year's

tournament. The Board of Directors are personally reviewing all of the surveys. We have received lots of positive feedback and some great recommendations to help us improve the tournament. Those of you who asked to be contacted, a board member will be in touch with you in the very near future.

I am already excited about next year's tournament because we have great group of Board of Directors, who are committed to trying to improve the tournament each year. We have had discussions on how to best grow the 40/45 age group, as well, as, the 65+ and 70+ divisions. We are also looking into starting a women's 30+ division. Based on the information from our survey, one of the best ways for us to grow in these divisions is via "word of mouth" from you, as you play in your local leagues and talk up the Master's Basketball Tournament. We thank those of you who have been ambassadors for our tournament and hope you will continue to talk about the great experience you have at our Tournament.

I want to wish all of you a great summer. Stay healthy and keep on playing.

*Regards,*

*Steve Nelson*

Tournament Director



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**MBA SPOTLIGHT:  
KIM KUMAR**

*Kim's played in seven MBA National Championships and was instrumental in helping revive the the 40+ Division in 2016.*

**2016 Team Organizer/Player:**  
Watterson Construction, 40+ Div.  
**High School:**  
Susan Wagner HS  
**College:**  
Brooklyn College  
**Hometown:**  
Tamarac, Florida



**What tips would you give to someone who wants to be a team organizer?** Start putting your team together 4-6 months prior to tourney. Keep in touch and keep them informed as it gets closer to playing. Let them know whats going on a weekly / biweekly basis.

**How did you recruit your team for this year's tournament?**  
**What do you look for in the players you recruit?**

I recruited players that I personally know. I either played with them or against them in other leagues or pick-up hoops. I look for guys that love the game like I do and have great attitudes. I also want guys who buy in with team chemistry.

**Do you expect your full team to return next year. If so, how do you build on the success you had in this year's tournament?**  
I hope to return next year with my fellow teammates. The key to success is that I play with guys who play throughout the year, not just a one week tourney player. Guys who love the game and love to play.

**How was your experience this year as a player?**  
My experience was great. I love being around my teammates and other players who love the game for the entire week.

**What is your workout routine leading up to tournament? How often do you play organized basketball?**  
I workout 2-4 times per week and play hoops 3-5 times per week. I truly believe the game of hoops keeps you young.

**2016 TOURNAMENT PROGRAM AVAILABLE ONLINE**

[Click here](#) to view the 2016 MBA Tournament Program

YouTube



## National Masters Championships



**32 Years of May Madness!**

### KEY DATES FOR 2017

#### **2017 MBA Tournament**

Monday, May 8 - Saturday, May 13

#### **Team Entry Registration Opens**

January, 2017

#### **Early Entry DISCOUNT Deadline**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

#### **Team Entry Deadline**

Friday, March 31, 2017

#### **Welcome Banquet**

Monday, May 8, 2017

#### **Championship Games**

Saturday, May 13, 2017

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