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**May Madness
May 8-13, 2017**

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MESSAGE FROM OUR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



Masters Basketball always brings fond memories. I first started getting involved in Masters Basketball in the early 90s. I remember playing against Mike Phelps, Stan White, Joe Brickner and James Payne, who still are regular players in the Masters Basketball National Championship 25 years later. Once a year we gather, compete and have fun. I think one of the best things about Masters Basketball is the opportunity to play against and meet players/teams from all around the country and to test your ability against different players.

I have always found it to be a great time no matter whether I was playing, organizing a team or running the tournament. Back in the early days it was really hectic as I did all three. Still taking a little time out of your life to play, have fun competing but especially to seeing guys you haven't seen in a year, to catch up with them is always special and I look forward to seeing all of you in May again this year.

Registration is moving along with teams in numerous divisions already entered. Remember early bird registration ends on March 4 and final registration concludes on April 1.

We have two host hotels, with one of the being new this year, listed on our website. The Marriott Resort Ft. Lauderdale/Pompano Beach is for those of you who want to be out on the beach. The La Quinta is our long-time partner hotel that's ideal for those of you who want to stay close to the gym. Both are great and have provided great discount pricing.

I look forward to seeing all of you in May.

Steve Nelson

Tournament Director





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Official Preferred Beach Resort

**MBA SPOTLIGHT:
Ricci Greenwood**

2016 Team: Victory
High School: Lincoln High School (Seattle)
College: SMU
Hometown: Lansing, IL



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Media Guide

When did you play in your first MBA National Championship and what memories do you have from past tournaments?

I've played the MBA National Championships each year since 2013. I played for the Chicago Legends 50s in 2013 and we finished in 3rd place. I will never forget CJ and Woodie running up and down the court. I returned to Chicago, and changed my goals and training to return and become a champion. I lost 15 pounds and practiced more. In 2015 I played on Detroit Metro and we won the 60s championship. Last year I was on Victory and we won the 60s championship.

What makes playing the MBA National Championship special?

Everybody has the same love for basketball. My fondest memories are the relationships I am building. That makes the trip wonderful.

What do you do off the court when you are in Coral Springs?

When I stay in Florida, I normally room with Earl Dixon's group. He's a great team organizer and player. We normally have our wives with us. They enjoy relaxation, sun, and poolside. We cook most of our meals. We always have one special night out at a top South Florida restaurant.

Are you involved in any foundations/charities?

I retired this year at age 62. I have started a nonprofit organization, "Yes You Can." Our goal is to open gyms for disadvantaged children 6-12 years old and their guardians and provide basketball training fundamentals at no charge for children on government assistance. We want to use this foundation to "instill discipline, fun, and consistency to members through basketball."



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200 North Ocean Boulevard
Pompano Beach, FL

Special MBA Rate
 Ocean View King \$150
 Ocean View Queen \$150

Rate Includes:
 Discounted Overnight Valet Parking (\$15 - please disregard price on reservations page),
 Complimentary Guestroom Wi-Fi & No Resort Fee (optional)

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3701 N University Drive
Coral Springs, FL

Special MBA Rate
 Double - \$79
 King - \$89
 Suite - \$99

Group number when calling for reservations this year is Group #1127

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FEATURED FREE AGENT GREGORY LIVERS

Age Division: 50+
Position: Guard or Forward
Ht: 6"0 Wt:185

Hometown: Marina del Rey, CA
High School: North Central High School
College: Morehouse College

Gregory is a dual position player (guard or forward) who describes himself as a shooter/rebounder and great defender. He played high school basketball with the father of Houston Rockets guard [Eric Gordon](#). Gregory also mentored his nephew [Jason Gardner](#), a four-time All American at Arizona who is now the head coach at IUPUI.

Attention Free Agents...in addition to contacting us to list your information, please consider becoming a Team Organizer. We can help you get started and you can hopefully recruit players you know and fill your roster with other "Free Agents" that have also contacted us.

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Discount Early Entry Deadline - March 4, 2017
Entry Deadline - April 1, 2017
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