

**RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #5 – Questions**  
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Racquetball Trivia is an activity I developed for racquetball enthusiasts to include in Classic Racquetball Facebook monthly. My plan is to list racquetball trivia questions in this Facebook section the first Wednesday of the month. I began this activity on September 4, 2024. I will follow up listing the answers on the third Wednesday of every month. It has gone well and positively received so I will continue this routine through April 2025.

I intend to list different questions every month about various aspects of our sport and things that have happened over the years. My goal is to highlight facts that people may or may not know.

Also, I will include factoids along the line of “DID YOU KNOW?” – which will be an interesting or classic story related to the sport. Finally, I plan to end each segment with something funny.

My goal is to educate everyone about people, places, events and other racquetball related activities that happened over the years. I want to share facts and other historical information about racquetball and provide a few laughs along the way. I will always back up my statements and the information I share with the source of information. For example, I will list what magazine (year-month-page #); what YouTube video resource, web site reference or what person made the statement used in the content.

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I hope you enjoy the Racquetball Trivia and I welcome your feedback.

1. When was the very first Racquetball magazine published?
  - A. 1971
  - B. 1972
  - C. 1973
  - D. 1974
  
2. In the late 1970's, Time, Inc. announced plans to develop a national chain of racquetball clubs. What was the name of this chain of clubs?
  - A. Lifetime Fitness
  - B. Universal Fitness
  - C. Ultimate Court Clubs
  - D. Sports Illustrated Court Club

3. Tournaments, that we now call racquetball, back in the 1950's and 1960's were called by different names. In April 24-27, 1969 (in St. Louis, Missouri) there was a tournament where a group of people got together and formed the International Racquetball Association (IRA) and came up with the name Racquetball. What was this tournament called on the entry form?
  - A. International Paddle Rackets Association Championships
  - B. International Paddleball Association Championships
  - C. International Gut Racket Association Championships
  - D. International Racket Association Championships
  
4. Who defeated (a big upset) Marty Hogan, in the round of 32, at the Seamco/NRC National Championships in Las Vegas in April 1975?
  - A. Bill Schmidtke
  - B. Ron Rubenstein
  - C. Victor Niederhoffer
  - D. Steve Keeley
  
5. What did NRC stand for?
  
6. What Racquetball State Association was formed before Bob Kendler's USRA?
  - A. Michigan Racquetball Association (MRA)
  - B. Illinois State Racquetball Association (ISRA)
  - C. Ohio Racquetball Association (ORA)
  - D. California Racquetball Association (CRA)
  
7. Who were the two most dominant female professional players in the 1970's?
  - A. Lynn Adams and Caryn McKinney
  - B. Heather McKay and Caryn McKinney
  - C. Peggy Steding and Shannon Wright
  - D. Peggy Steding and Lynn Adams
  
8. What husband and wife team were first time Champions as a team at the 1996 Ektelon AARA 29<sup>th</sup> U.S. National Doubles Championships?
  
9. In September of 1977, there was a racquetball marathon performed in Grand Rapids, Michigan where a person played for 61 hours and 10 minutes. Who was this person?
  - A. Jim Woolcock
  - B. Jim Hiser
  - C. Jim Pruitt
  - D. Jim Easterling

10. Which manufacturer had three balls in the container and each ball had different printing on each ball? (This was only done once in the history of our sport and probably will never be done again)
- A. Wilson
  - B. Penn
  - C. Seamco
  - D. Ektelon
11. There are several States, as of 2024, that have a Racquetball Hall of Fame. Can you name four of them?
12. What racquetball uses the slogan "Mightier than the Penn"?
- A. RAM
  - B. Seamco
  - C. Wilson
  - D. Spalding
13. There was a tournament in Schaumburg, Illinois in 1975 where someone beat Marty Hogan in the quarterfinals, beat Steve Serot in the Semifinals (Serot forfeited the third game) and beat Steve Keeley in the finals. Who was this someone?
- A. Mike Zeitman
  - B. Rich Wagner
  - C. Davey Bledsoe
  - D. Ken Wong
14. Who was clocked at hitting a racquetball **191 MPH** back in 1991?
- A. John Ellis
  - B. Marty Hogan
  - C. Tim Doyle
  - D. Egan Inoue
15. Who is the owner of R2 Sports which USA Racquetball has been using for their tournament software for several years.
- A. Doug Ganim
  - B. Jim Hiser
  - C. Ryan Rodgers
  - D. Usher Barnoff
16. Which player had clubs built and used their last name in the name of the clubs?
- A. Lynn Adams
  - B. Marty Hogan
  - C. Charlie Brumfield
  - D. Dr. Bud Muehleisen

17. Who originally founded the National Court Clubs Association (NCCA)?
- A. Chuck Leve
  - B. Mort Leve
  - C. Bob Kendler
  - D. Luke St. Onge
18. Jim Pruitt ran the First National One Wall Racquetball Tournament (June 26-29, 1980). Where was it conducted?
- A. Texas
  - B. California
  - C. New York
  - D. Michigan
19. In 1983, there were five different National Racquetball Championships. Name three of them.
20. The Merritt Security Club in Baltimore, Maryland ran a racquetball tournament in July 20-22, 1984, and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner received a **\$10,000 TOYOTA 4X4 VEHICLE**. Who won this vehicle in 1984? A year later (April 17-21, 1985) the same club had another tournament and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner received **\$13,000 TOYOTA MINI-VAN**. Who won this vehicle in 1985?
- A. Charlie Brumfield
  - B. Jerry Hilecher
  - C. Mike Yellen
  - D. Marty Hogan

### DID YOU KNOW:

That Steve Serot, Steve Keeley and Steve Strandemo were considered in the top 5 best racquetball players in the world at one time?  
(Racquetball – May/June 1975 – Page 42)

That the Adult and Junior Region 9 Championships (Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia) gave every entrant a Special Pin that had the three States on it along with the year of the regionals.  
(RAM Newsletter – April 1989 – page 1 also RAM Newsletter – March 1990 – page 1)



That there was a lady, with one leg, who played racquetball without crutches or an artificial leg?

(Racquetball Illustrated – Dec. 1981 – Pages 48-51)



When playing her husband Bruce and friend Joyce, Marcia rests between shots by leaning on her racquet.

### **GREAT LINE:**

It was at Livonia Racquetime in the winter of 1978. Bob and Dan played each other every week on the same day, at the same time and on the same court. They would always have a close, good and fun grudge match against each other. They both would swear so much at themselves that the air would turn blue near their court. One of the funniest lines I have ever heard (that I can print) was made by Dan. Dan skipped in an easy shot and yelled at himself, "Boy, you couldn't find your ass with both hands if you were sitting on them."

(RAM Newsletter – February 1987 – page 3)

## CHARLIE BRUMFIELD STORY

I was talking to Dr. Bud Muehleisen (sometime in 2022) and he told me this great funny story about Charlie Brumfield. Dr. Bud said that he and Charlie were going to play in a tournament in Chicago and this tournament was in early to mid 1970s. Dr. Bud arrived a day early and went to the club to find Charlie. At the club, he asked some people where Charlie was and they told him that there was a favorite place close by that all the players went to so they could get something to eat and drink. So, Dr. Bud went to the restaurant/bar and he saw someone he knew and asked them if he had seen Charlie and he said yes, he is at that table at the back of the room. It was very crowded so it took Dr. Bud a while to get to this table. When he got there, he asked the people sitting there if they had seen Charlie and they said yes. Then he asked them if they knew where he was and again, they answered yes. So, then he said, "Well where is he?!" And they said under the table. Dr. Bud looked and Charlie Brumfield had passed out and was under the table. I talked to Charlie Brumfield (7-25-22) and he said "Affirmative, that's absolutely true."

