

## RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #2 – Questions

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1. During which tournament did the following happen?
  - (1) Charlie Drake had words with Terry Fancher and ripped Fancher's shirt as he was trying to pull Terry back to talk to him.
  - (2) Dave Peck knocked out Lindsay Myers with a backhand punch to the jaw.
  - (3) Don Thomas lost a match and put his fist into a mirror in the locker room.
2. Who started the Colorado Racquetball State Association and worked at the National Racquetball Office for a time?
  - A. Luke St. Onge
  - B. Larry Haemmerle
  - C. John Foust
  - D. John Mooney
3. What do these people (Frank Taddonio, Otto Dietrich, Larry Haemmerle and Keith Calkins) have in common? (This is not a trick question).
4. The 1<sup>st</sup> NRC Outdoor 3-Wall National Championships was conducted on June 28-30, 1974, at the Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California.  
Who won the Men's Open Doubles?
  - A. Steve Serot and Steve Keeley
  - B. Steve Keeley and Steve Strandemo
  - C. Steve Serot and Steve Strandemo
  - D. Dr. Bud Muehleisen and Charlie Brumfield

**(Bonus points – Who won the Men's Open Singles division?)**
5. Who is the only person to win the Boy's 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 & under and won the Boy's 8 & under Multibounce?
  - A. Shane Vanderson
  - B. Scott Zimmerman
  - C. Jack Huczek
  - D. Sudsy Monchik
6. Who was the first female player ever to win prize money, as a pro, in a racquetball tournament?
  - A. Lynn Adams
  - B. Kathy Williams
  - C. Shannon Wright
  - D. Peggy Steding
7. Who is the only person to be the "Commissioner" of the Men's Pro Tour and the Women's Pro Tour?
  - A. Luk St. Onge
  - B. Dave Negrete
  - C. Jim Hiser
  - D. Hank Marcus

8. Which manufacturer made a steel racquet with steel strings?
  - A. Ektelon
  - B. Dayton
  - C. Wilson
  - D. Spalding
  
9. The Canadian National Championships (1972 or 73) was held at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. The winner of this tournament beat Jerry Hilecher, Bill Schmidtke and Steve Serot. Who was the winner?
  - A. Charlie Brumfield
  - B. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
  - C. Steve Keeley
  - D. Steve Strandemo
  
10. Which manufacturer made the only brown racquetball?
  - A. Seamco
  - B. Penn
  - C. Trenway
  - D. Vittert
  
11. What do these people (Mike Zeitman, Steve Czarnecki, Jason Thoerner and Mike Wedel) have in common? (This is not a trick question).
  
12. What shoe brand did Marty Hogan endorse in 1977?
  - A. Patrick Shoes
  - B. Bata Shoes
  - C. Puma Shoes
  - D. Nike Shoes
  
13. What Pro, at a racquetball camp, played a game using a plastic jug while he carried a half-filled water beach ball?
  - A. Mike Zeitman
  - B. Kathy Williams
  - C. Steve Keeley
  - D. Davey Bledsoe
  
14. Who was the person to physically place the old "National Racquetball Magazines", "Racquetball in Review" and other magazines on the USA Racquetball website?
  - A. Renee Gundolff-Isherwood
  - B. Mike Wedel
  - C. Leo Vasquez
  - D. Jim Easterling
  
15. Who defeated Marty Hogan at the Stockton, California Pro-Am in 1984 by the scores of **11-9**, **11-2**, **11-3** in less than 35 minutes?
  - A. Mike Yellen
  - B. Gregg Peck
  - C. Dave Peck
  - D. Brett Harnett

16. Which company manufactured a ball that was in a six-sided cardboard container?
- A. Seamco
  - B. Wilson
  - C. Penn
  - D. Trenway
17. ABC network television had a special program "The Women Superstars" that aired February 25, 1979. There were seven events and fourteen women participated in this program that ABC Sports billed as "America's most gifted women athletes". Who was the racquetball woman who finished third in the competition?
- A. Lynn Adams
  - B. Peggy Steding
  - C. Kathy Williams
  - D. Shannon Wright
18. In 1979, three States made eye guards mandatory at their sanctioned tournaments before the National Association established the requirement. Can you name at least two?
19. In 1984 at the Davison Racquet Club in Davison, Michigan, who won the Boy's 18 & under U.S. National Junior Racquetball Championships?
- A. Chris Cole
  - B. Jimmy Floyd
  - C. Joel Bonnett
  - D. Doug Ganim
20. Who was the 10-year-old individual who got caught carrying two six-packs of beer down the hallway of a hotel in Newport Beach, CA at the Junior Nationals?
- A. Sudsy Monchik
  - B. Cliff Swain
  - C. Baby Huey
  - D. Chris Cole

### **DID YOU KNOW:**

The very first racquetball ad in a Pro Racquetball Magazine was a Green Seamco 559 Racquetball. (National Racquetball – Sept. 1973 – Inside front cover)

A person built a swimming pool shaped like a racquetball racquet. (National Racquetball – Feb. 1986 – Page 12)



*Fred's racquet shaped pool gives you an idea how much he likes racquetball*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Outdoor one-wall paddleball in New York, at one time, use a handball to play with.



(Even though one can has handballs and the other can has Paddleball on it they both had the same ball inside which had the word **HANDBALL** on it)  
("YouTube" New York City PADDLEBALL TODAY")

Some racquetball manufacturers made small ball key chains.



## **INTERESTING STORY: (Broken Glass)**

(RAM Newsletter – Dec. 1985 – Page 9)

A long time ago (I think it was around 1977 or 78) Dennis Wood, who was the first President of the Michigan Racquetball Association, was talking on the phone to his friend, Steve Strandemo, and Steve wanted to put on an instructional racquetball clinic in Michigan. Dennis said it would be no problem and that he would get back with him in a few days. Dennis reserved a club, set a date and got Mike Yellen to put on an exhibition match with Steve.

The instructional clinic/match would be held at the Southfield Racquetime Club which was a 30-court facility with two exhibition courts each with three glass walls.

Steve Strandemo conducted his instructional clinic in front of an estimated group of 100 people. After his clinic, he then pulled out of his gym bag a paperback book that he wrote titled, THE RACQUETBALL BOOK and gave a plug for his new book.

Shortly after that Steve Strandemo and Mike Yellen started warming up for their exhibition match. These guys were hitting great cross court shots, great kill shots, great pitch shots. They just looked like outstanding Professionals warming up.

Then I climbed up the ladder to the referee stand to check out the microphone and make sure I had balls, pencils, scorecards, towels and anything else I thought that I would need to ref this match. Even though I looked calm on the outside I was shaking like a leaf on the inside.

As the game got started, both Steve and Mike made incredible shots and gets. One of the players called a time out and was outside the court drying off his hands and racquet handle. I overheard a spectator say, "I wonder what idiot would volunteer to ref this match"? I was wondering that same thing myself. As the game was nearing the end Mike hit a shot and as Steve was running backwards to retrieve the shot his back hit the back wall glass door. The door exploded into a thousand little pieces. The game was stopped and Steve took off his shirt and Mike checked out his back. Steve had no visible cuts or scrapes and he said he was ready to continue the match.

Both players went over to the other three wall glass court (which was directly on the other side because both three wall courts shared the same front wall) so the spectators moved to the other side and both players continued the match like nothing had happen. The crowd really got their money's worth watching this match.

That is the "Broken Glass" story and I (Jim Easterling) ought to know because I was the "idiot" that refereed the match. ("RAM Newsletter" – December 1985 – Page 9)

## SOMETHING FUNNY:

(Pretty Referee by Charlie Garfinkel)

A few years ago, I was engaged in a very tough match. The referee was beautiful. However, she was a lousy referee. After two or three obviously bad calls, I asked for line judges. Sure enough, shortly after they took their places there was a controversial call. I raised my hand and the referee said, "You're appealing!" I said, "You're not so bad yourself!"

("Racquetball" – 2008 Sept/Oct – Page 52)

## HELP:

I have in my collection three different colors of "The Other Ball". I only have one can that holds the "Black" ball. My problem is I don't know if the other two color balls have their own can or box or whatever they came in.

If anyone can help me with the answer, please email me at: [rbjim887@comcast.net](mailto:rbjim887@comcast.net)

