

RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #3 - Questions
By Jim Easterling
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1. Which one of these individuals below was the Executive Director of the National Racquetball Association the longest?
 - A. Myron Roderick
 - B. Luke St. Onge
 - C. Jim Hiser
 - D. Mike Wedel

2. John Ellis (CA) won the Boy's 18 & under in 1991 in s, Minnesota. In the Regionals, just before this event, someone had John Ellis down 10 to 0 in the tie breaker in the finals and John came back to win this event. Who was this person?
 - A. Joel Bonnett
 - B. Mike Guidry
 - C. Chris Cole
 - D. Sameer Hadid

3. Who was the person Marty Hogan and Charlie Drake filed a lawsuit against for libel for \$14M?
 - A. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
 - B. Luke St. Onge
 - C. Davey Bledsoe
 - D. Jerry Hilecher

4. There was a club called "Racquetime" in Southfield, Michigan that hosted the "Ninth IRA National Singles Championships May 28-31, 1977. How many racquetball courts were in this club?
 - A. 10
 - B. 16
 - C. 24
 - D. 30

5. Who received a Fair Play award for a call he made on himself at the 1994 Olympic Festival?
 - A. Chris Cole
 - B. Ruben Gonzalez
 - C. Andy Roberts
 - D. John Ellis

6. Ektelon produced many racquets over the years. One year, they produced a racquet and made another similar racquet but it was VERY LARGE and sent the LARGE one out to "Special People or Special Places". What was the name of this racquet?
7. Who were the two people known as the "Dynamic Duo"?
8. On one of the front covers of the "Racquetball Magazine" there was the heading "AARA 25th Anniversary. What year was this?
 - A. 1991
 - B. 1992
 - C. 1993
 - D. 1994
9. On YouTube, there is "History of Racquetball Parts 1-10". Where did the ten parts originate?
10. Charlie Brumfield was the Vice-President of which racquetball company?
 - A. Geostar
 - B. Leach
 - C. Ektelon
 - D. Wilson
11. Who was the first Female President of the National Racquetball Association?
 - A. Shannon Wright
 - B. Cheryl Kirk
 - C. Malia Bailey
 - D. Linda Mojer
12. Who was the person who came in second in the Men's Open State Championships, received a wooden plaque then tossed it in the trash on his way to the locker room? Then on his way out of the locker room, he went through the trash, got his plaque and went to have his picture taken?
 - A. Sudsy Monchik
 - B. Jerry Hilecher
 - C. Chris Cole
 - D. Cliff Swain
13. What was the smallest racquetball racquet (to the best of my knowledge) that was ever used to play an actual racquetball match?
14. Who was the first person to receive the "Lifetime Achievement Award" sanctioned by the National Racquetball Association?

15. Who scanned forty years (1969 to 2008) of the National Racquetball Association's (IRA, AARA, USRA and USAR) minutes and placed all the minutes in protective plastic sheets and put them in three 3-inch binders that is now in the USA Racquetball's possession?
- A. Luke St. Onge
 - B. Linda Mojer
 - C. Renee Bundolff
 - D. Jim Easterling
16. At the Promus Hotel Corporation U.S. Open (1996) there was a Python Grip booth that housed a 12-foot live Python Snake. What was the name of the snake?
17. There have been five racquetball individuals (to my knowledge) who played a Hands vs. Racquet game over the years. Name two of them.
18. What was the name of the National Racquetball Association (before it was called racquetball). Robert W. Kendler was the President of that organization.
19. Who were the first two touring racquetball professionals to run the 26-mile, 385-yard Honolulu Marathon?
- A. Jackie Paraiso & Cheryl Gudinas
 - B. Steve Keeley & Steve Strandemo
 - C. Jennifer Harding & Jean Sauser
 - D. Dan Obremski & Doug Ganim
20. Years ago, Steve Keeley gave the nickname of Radiation Man to a player from Michigan who played at some tournaments with him. What is Radiation Man's real name?

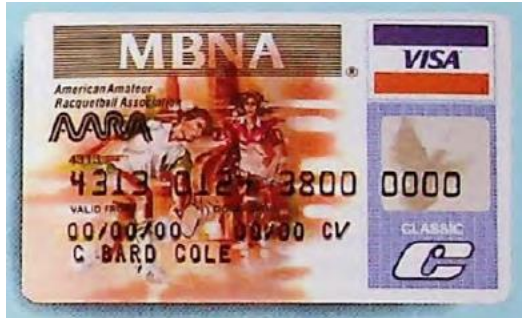
DID YOU KNOW:

There was a publication called "Racquetball Today" that provided subscribers twelve monthly issues for only \$10.00. It was advertised as racquetball's ONLY NATIONAL NEWSPAPER.

(National Racquetball – May 1983 – Page 43)

Jim Hiser got kicked out of the Canada Nationals in 1983?
(Story told to me by Jim Hiser)

At one time, you could get a VISA card with the AARA logo and a racquetball player on the card. A portion of each purchase went back to AARA.
(National Racquetball – May 1988 – Page 43) (See photo)



That Wilson made a ball that came in a 2-ball six-sided cardboard container and that the only way you could get that container was to buy a Cliff Swain starter kit. (See photos)



SOMETHING FUNNY:

Stu Hastings was at a racquetball tournament. The club was Oakland Racquet Club in Birmingham, Michigan. It was Sunday January 13, 1984, and Stu was having a bad day in the finals on the court against Pat Walsh. Calls were not going Stu's way and the referee, Jim Easterling, gave him an avoidable hinder resulting in a side out. As Pat was about to serve, Stu held up his racquet and turn around and said, "Since we're playing by the rules today, could you watch a little closer on the serve. He is stepping over the front line about a foot on his serve".

(RAM Newsletter – Great Lines – May 1986 – Page 2)

GREAT STORY:

I was listening to a cassette tape interview with Charlie Garfinkel from March 11, 1992 (Barb St. Onge, yes Luke "a past Executive Director" St. Onge's wife, interviewed 20 plus people about the early history of racquetball and put them on cassette tapes back in 1991 and 1992). He told a story about when he interviewed Charlie Brumfield. Charlie "The Gar" Garfinkel said that the interview was in 1973 or 74 and at that time the games were to 21 points. Brumfield was beating everyone and most people were getting below 10 points against him. The "Gar" ask Brumfield what he would do if he was hurt just before a tournament, Charlie thought a moment and said, "Well maybe his opponents would get 12 or 14 points against him". I talked to Charlie Brumfield (7-24-22) and he said "Affirmative, that's absolutely true".

HELP:

I am looking for a Sports Craft racquetball racquet that has Rich Wagner's name on the handle.

If you can help me, please email me at: rbjim887@comcast.net