

RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #6 – 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. Currently, who won the most Outdoor Racquetball Championships?
 - A. Charlie Brumfield
 - B. Rocky Carson
 - C. Cliff Swain
 - D. Brian Hawkes

2. What was “Racquetball in Review”?
 - A. Book
 - B. Magazine
 - C. Article
 - D. Newsprint tabloid

3. A National Paddleball Association Singles Championships was conducted April 19-21, 1974 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Who won the Men’s Open division?
 - A. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
 - B. Charlie Brumfield
 - C. Steve Keeley
 - D. Steve Serot

4. At one time, there was a professional racquetball teachers' organization formed called American Professional Racquetball Organization (APRO). Who was the past President of the National Racquetball Association involved in this organization?
 - A. Otto Dietrich
 - B. Randy Stafford
 - C. Frank Taddonio
 - D. Larry Haemmerle

5. Who was the instructor who said "The will to win means nothing without the will to prepare"?
 - A. Stu Hastings
 - B. Jim Winterton
 - C. Fran Davis
 - D. Tom Travers

6. Which Country, after the USA and Canada, has (or had) the most court clubs in the world?
 - A. Germany
 - B. Ireland
 - C. Japan
 - D. England

7. There was a game advertised as Racquetball Without the Walls that came out in 1979. What was this product called?
 - A. String-Ball
 - B. Jokari
 - C. Tag Racquetball
 - D. Python

8. A racquetball tournament had 537 people entered in it that was conducted March 7-9, 1980 at the Franklin Racquet Club, in Southfield, Michigan. Jim Hiser (Executive Director 2002-2013) played in a division, at this tournament, that had over 140 players. What division was it?
 - A. B division
 - B. C division
 - C. D division
 - D. Seniors

9. Sean Connery played in a Sci-Fi movie that came out in 1981 where he played a futuristic version of racquetball. What was the name of this movie?

10. Linda Mojer, who was the editor of the racquetball magazine for many years, did a few supplements for the magazine called Racquetball Facebook and Racquetball Record Book. Many Michigan players appeared in these supplements over the years. What two names were listed in the 1998 supplement the most times?
 - A. Chris Cole
 - B. Joel Bonnett
 - C. Stu Hastings
 - D. Jimmy Floyd
 - E. Jack Huczek

11. Rich Wagner played a pro in a practice match back in the 1970's. During this match, the racquetball pro broke his racquet over Rich's back, Rich then got this person in a head lock and went to the floor. During the scuffle, this person bit Rich's middle finger. Rich had four stitches put in his finger. Who was this pro?
 - A. Steve Strandemo
 - B. Dave Peck
 - C. Charlie Brumfield
 - D. Jerry Hilecher

12. At the October 1989 Board of Directors' meeting, the AARA Board approved a new collegiate scholarship program. Who was awarded the first AARA scholarship?
 - A. Chris Cole
 - B. Jack Newman
 - C. Jimmy Floyd
 - D. Eric Muller

13. Which company produced the first Wallyball?
 - A. Penn
 - B. AMF Voit
 - C. Wilson
 - D. Spalding

14. There was an instructional package that included a 60-page instructor's guide, two VHS tapes and other items called "Mastery of Racquetball" which was the Official Instruction Program of the AARA. Cliff Swain was the Pro in this instructional package. Who was the Teacher and Coach in this instructional package?
 - A. Jim Winterton
 - B. Tom Travers
 - C. Fran Davis
 - D. Steve Strandemo

15. Who won the Men's Open Division at the World Racquetball Tournament in 1974?
 - A. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
 - B. Charlie Brumfield
 - C. Steve Keeley
 - D. Steve Serot

16. San Diego, at one time, was considered the Mecca of racquetball. When was the first Private Club in San Diego completed?
 - A. 1960
 - B. 1963
 - C. 1965
 - D. 1968

17. What racquet company used "It's one hell of a mean Streak" slogan in their advertisement?
 - A. E-Force
 - B. Ektelon
 - C. Spalding
 - D. Pro Kennex

18. When R2 was invented how did the owner come up with the name R2?

19. How much money did Marty Hogan earn in 1979 from endorsements, clinics, prize money and other racquetball related activities?

- A. \$50,000.
- B. \$100,000.
- C. \$150,000.
- D. \$200,000.

20. Who was known as "The Big Bird"?

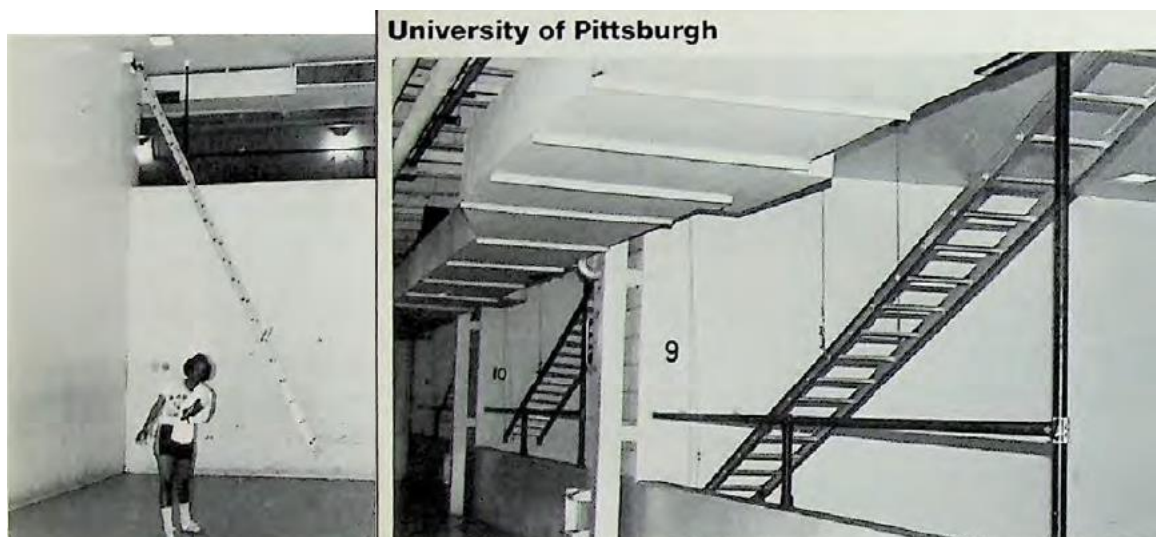
- A. Charlie Brumfield
- B. Charlie Garfinkel
- C. Derek Robinson
- D. Dave Peck

DID YOU KNOW:

That at one time, at the University of Pittsburgh, the only way to get into the racquetball courts was from a rope-pulled ladder?

(Racquetball Illustrated – July 1981 – Page 60)

(See photo)



Is it beer or is it racquetballs? The four cans on top actually contain two Penn racquetballs. The four cans on the bottom are actually empty beer cans.
(From Jim Easterling's racquetball can collection)
(See photo)



DID YOU KNOW:

In the early 1970's and earlier, the game we call Racquetball today was called all kinds of names. Sometimes, it was called Paddle Racquets, Paddle Rackets, Paddleball, Gut Racquet and all various other terms depending on where you were in the Country. There was a tournament in Louisville, Kentucky called the Midwest IPA (International Paddleball Association) Tournament. The doubles team winner at this tournament was Alan Hyman and Mike Zeitman (Hall of Fame member). There was a photo of Mike, along with other winners, with a trophy and a racquet in his hand. I called Mike Zeitman to ask him if this was a Paddleball tournament or a Racquetball tournament that he and his partner had won. He told me that it was called Paddleball but he actually used a racquet. Mike Zeitman is the tall person all the way to the right standing up.
(ACE – 1969 April – Page IPA-16)
(See photo)



I NEED YOUR HELP:

I am looking for a Rich Wagner racquet made by Sport Craft.
If you can help, please email me at: rbjim887@comcast.net
(See photo)



FUNNY CARTOON:

(See photo)

