

RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #8 - QUESTIONS

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This is my eighth and final Racquetball Trivia for this season. I hope you have learned about people, places, events and other racquetball related activities that happened over the years that you would otherwise not have known. I also hope you enjoyed the photos of racquetball items and got a few laughs about some of the situations I presented along the way.

You can contact me directly if you want to inquire about anything I have covered. My email is: rbjim887@comcast.net

1. Twin girls played on the pro circuit during the 1980's. What were their names?
2. Vitalis (hair products) and Leach teamed up so if you completed their coupon, along with a "Proof of Purchase" of a Vitalis product, you could purchase certain Leach racquetball equipment at a discount. Who was the Pro who advertised this promotion?
 - A. Marty Hogan
 - B. Ruben Gonzalez
 - C. Jerry Hilecher
 - D. Rich Wagner
3. At a tournament in Bloomingdale, IL (1982), Naty Alvarado (a three-time national handball champion) defeated a Pro female racquetball pro in a Hands vs. Racquet Battle of the Sexes Challenge. Who was this female pro?
Hint: She is in the Racquetball Hall of Fame.
4. Who was the Pro who received the first million-dollar contract over ten years in racquetball?
 - A. Cliff Swain
 - B. Charlie Brumfield
 - C. Marty Hogan
 - D. Mike Yellen
5. In 1991, if you called the National Office and joined the AARA ,they would give you a pin and a can of Penn Racquetballs. What pin was given to a person becoming a new member?
 - A. National Singles Championships pin
 - B. AARA pin
 - C. Pacific Rim pin
 - D. U.S. Open pin

6. Which racquetball magazine could you order that had a full-size replica of their front cover, in a frame and you could get your picture on it with the words "Player of the Year"?
 - A. National Racquetball
 - B. Racquetball International
 - C. Racquetball Illustrated
 - D. Killshot

7. What year was the United States Racquetball Association (USRA) with Bob Kendler founded?
 - A. 1971
 - B. 1972
 - C. 1973
 - D. 1974

8. Which manufacturer produced the Aztec Z-100, Black Hawk Z-88 and the El Dorado Z-200 racquets?
 - A. Ektelon
 - B. Wilson
 - C. Trenway
 - D. Vittert

9. What racquet manufacturer produced a racquetball racquet designed specifically for women?
 - A. Ektelon
 - B. Wilson
 - C. Omega
 - D. Leach

10. Which magazine included the first ad for an Ektelon racquetball racquet?
 - A. Racquetball
 - B. Handball
 - C. National Racquetball
 - D. International Racquetball

11. In 1977, how fast did Marty Hogan (19 years old at that time) hit a racquetball? (This was measured with a radar gun)
 - A. 101
 - B. 122
 - C. 142
 - D. 162

12. On December 12-15, 1974, an NRC Pro-Am was conducted in Livonia, Michigan at Racquettime Club. This was the first time that a green ball came in a two-ball pressurized can. What was the name of this ball?
- A. Seamco 444
 - B. Seamco 558
 - C. Seamco 559
 - D. Seamco 600
13. Who is the only person to win the National Singles, World Singles and two Tournament of the Americas (now called Pan Am Championships) in 13 months?
- A. John Ellis
 - B. Rocky Carson
 - C. Chris Cole
 - D. Sudsy Monchik
14. Where was the first U.S. Open racquetball tournament conducted?
- A. Houston, Texas
 - B. Indianapolis, Indiana
 - C. Memphis, Tennessee
 - D. Minneapolis, Minnesota
15. In the 1990's, a new racquet came out called the American Racquetball Racquet that was different than any other racquet at the time and has never been copied or duplicated by any manufacturer since then. What made this racquet so unique?
16. Who has been the Event Director of the annual World Senior Racquetball Championships?
17. A few years ago, there was a multi-year agreement making Spalding the official racquet. What organization signed this multi-year agreement with Spalding?
- A. USA Racquetball
 - B. AARA
 - C. LPRA
 - D. IRT

18. In 2010, the Executive Director, Jim Hiser, assembled the “DRAW OF THE CENTURY” for the Women’s Pros (Racquetball – 2010 Winter – Page 27). In 2009, he assembled the “DRAW OF THE CENTURY” for the Men’s Pros (Racquetball – 2009 Fall – Page 34). This was solely based on Jim’s subjective point of view. Both articles stimulated a lot of conversation and debate especially since the draws were one person’s perspective. Based on these draws, who were the man and woman considered “PLAYER OF THE CENTURY”?
19. There was a full-page ad with a man not wearing any shorts and only knee-high socks on and towel around his neck with a racquet in his hand. What product was advertised in this magazine ad?
20. There was a full-page ad of a naked lady in a racquetball magazine. What product was advertised in this magazine ad?

DID YOU KNOW:

That Seamco was the Only Official Ball at one time.



That Dr. Bud Muehleisen wore a tuxedo in an advertisement for The Other Ball made by Point West. (Racquet World Review – 1978 July – Back Cover)

Dr. Bud. The Other Ball. The Other Glove.

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926 Fesler Street — El Cajon, CA 92020 — 714 / 449-9554

The Other Ball
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local sporting goods dealers and pro shops

The advertisement features a black and white photograph of Dr. Bud Muehleisen, a man with glasses wearing a tuxedo and a white glove, holding a silver tray filled with various tennis equipment including tennis balls, rackets, and gloves. The background is dark, making the white text and the items on the tray stand out.



This is an 8 x 10 autographed photo of Julia Adams signed by her in the 1954 classic sci-fi movie of Creature from The Black Lagoon.

This has absolutely nothing to do with racquetball, just a great movie.



A can of Seamco 600 racquetballs on the left and on the right is a radio that looks like a can of Seamco 600 racquetballs.

DID YOU KNOW:

That in 2009, Michigan celebrated their 25th Anniversary Racquetball Association of Michigan (RAM) Hall of Fame.



Back row left to right: Fred Wiegand, Craig Finger, Jimmy Floyd, Kent Bonnett, Tom Blakeslee, Duane Russell and Dianne Easterling.

Middle row left to right: Randy Minto, J.D. Driver, Mike Yellen, Ron Pudduck, Johnny Northern, Dick Caretti and Irene Ackerman-Chmura.

Front row: Bill Gottlieb, Stu Hastings, Jim Easterling, Jim Hiser, Tom Brownlee, Fred Lewerenz and Lynn Hahn.