

RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #6 – Answers
By Jim Easterling
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1. D. Brian Hawkes, as of 2021, has won the most Outdoor National Racquetball Championships. Charlie Brumfield – 2 wins, Rocky Carson – 10 wins and Brian Hawkes – 20 wins. (USA Racquetball web site)
2. D. Racquetball in Review was a newsprint paper tabloid that was the Official Publication of the AARA from July/Aug 1982 until June/July 1987. (USA Racquetball web site) (See photo)



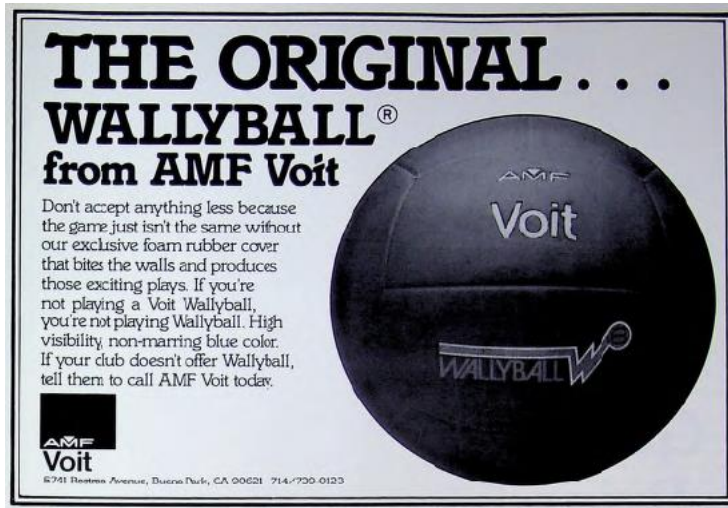
3. C. Steve Keeley won the Men's Open division at the National Paddleball Championships in 1974. Kathy Williams won the Women's Open. (National Racquetball – 1974 Spring – Page 39)
4. B. Randy Stafford was a past President involved with APRO. (National Racquetball – 1977 November – Page 23)
5. A. Stu Hastings said "The will to win means nothing without the will to prepare". (VHS tape – 1991 Penn World Challenge Racquetball Championships)
6. C. Japan, after the USA and Canada, has (or had) the most court clubs in the world. (Racquetball Illustrated – 1981 June – Page 55)

7. B. Jokari is a game set (some with two racquets) and a ball attached to an anchor block and a long rubber band. (Racquetball – 1979 April – Page 49) (See photo)



8. B. Jim Hiser played in the C division with 140 competitors.
(National Racquetball – 1980 June – Page 70) (Jim Easterling ran this event.)
9. Sean Connery was in the movie Outland where he played a futuristic version of racquetball.
(National Racquetball – 1981 May – Page 28)
10. C & E. Stu Hasting was listed eight times and Jack Huczek was listed twelve times in the Racquetball Record Book compiled by Linda Mojer.
11. C. Charlie Brumfield is the racquetball pro who bit Rich Wagner's middle finger.
(YouTube – Racquetball legends Brumfield, Muehleisen)
I, Jim Easterling, talked to Rich Wagner (4-22-21) and he said that he thinks the match was in 1976 and they played this match at the Atlas Health Club in San Diego, California.
12. D. Eric Muller was the first person awarded the AARA scholarship.
(Racquetball USA – Nov/Dec 1990 – Page 6)

- 13.B. AMF Voit was the original Wallyball
(International Racquetball – 1984 March – Page 37) (See Photo)



- 14.B. Tom Travers was the Teacher and Coach in the Mastery of Racquetball Instructional package along with Cliff Swain.
(KILLSHOT -1996 Winter – Page 29)
- 15.C. Steve Keeley won the Men's Open Division at the World Racquetball Tournament in 1974. Peggy Steding won the Women's Open Division.
(Racquetball – 1974 Nov. – Page 29)
- 16.C. The first Private Club in San Diego was completed in 1965.
(I talked with Dr. Bud Muehleisen, 7-16-21, and he said that he and his friends built the ONE COURT CLUB and it was still standing as of 2021.)
(Racquetball Illustrated – 1982 April – Page 8)
- 17.C. Spalding use "It's one hell of a mean streak" slogan in their advertisement of racquets. (KILLSHOT – 1995 Fall – Page back cover)
- 18.I talked with the owner of R2 Sports, Ryan Rodgers (7-21-21) and asked him how he came up with the name of R2 Sports. He told me that when he was younger, a friend of his use to call him R Squared because of his name. Ryan thought R2 Sports would work.
- 19.D. Marty Hogan earned over \$200,000 in 1979 from endorsements, clinics, prize money and other racquetball related activities.
(Racquetball Illustrated – 1980 March – Page 16)
- 20.B. Charlie Garfinkel was known as The Big Bird.
(Racquetball – 1975 May/June – Page 7 & 38)

DID YOU KNOW:

That there were eight different racquetball camps in 1981?

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| 1. Davey Bledsoe | July 12-17, 19-24, 26-31 | Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas |
| 2. Steve Strandemo | July 6-10, 13-17, 20-24 | Aspen Colorado |
| 3. Janell Marriott/Rita Hoff | July 5-10, 12-17 | Warwick, Rhode Island |
| 4. Dave Peck | June 28-July 3, 5-10, and | Champion, Pennsylvania |
| " " | July 12-17, 19-24, 26-31 | " " |
| 5. Mike Yellen | July 5-10, 12-17, 19-23 | Chicago, Illinois |
| 6. Don Thomas | August 9-14, 16-21 | Wall, Jew Jersey |
| 7. Jim Austin | June 1-August 22 | Houston, Texas |
| 8. Dr. Bud Muehleisen | June 15-19 and | San Diego, California |
| " " " | July 13-17 and | Santa Barbara, California |
| " " " | August 3-7 and | Santa Clara, California |
| " " " | August 10-14 and | Mammoth Lakes, California |
| " " " | August 24-28 | South Lake Tahoe, California |

(Racquetball Illustrated – July 1981 – Page 51)

There was a can of Handballs you could buy that had four handballs (each ball in a box) inside the can and the can was opened with a key just like the key on the bottom of a can of spam.

(See Photo)



DID YOU KNOW:

There was a limited edition (only 250 produced) of a Desktop Sculpture made for the 35th Anniversary Hall of Fame Grand Gala.

(Racquetball – 2008 July/August – Page 44) (See photo)



(From Jim Easterling's collection)

A CLASSIC STORY:

I was listening to a tape interview with Charlie Garfinkel from March 11, 1992, conducted by Barb St. Onge. Yes, Luke St Onge's (a past Executive Director) wife. She interviewed over twenty people about the early history of racquetball and recorded these interviews on cassette tapes back in 1991/1992. Charlie told a story about one of the best and most memorable racquetball matches he ever witnessed.

It was a match between Davey Bledsoe and Steve Serot in the early 1970's in Memphis, TN and Bill Schmidtke was the referee. The first game was 21-18 Serot and the second game went to Bledsoe 21-19. In the tie breaker, both players got cramps and someone went on the court and rubbed the legs of both players to try to get rid of the cramps. Bledsoe was ahead in the tie breaker 20 serving 15. Schmidtke called a hinder just as Bledsoe hit a perfect roll out. Bledsoe did not hear the hinder call and started jumping up and down because he thought he won the match. After this, the rally was replayed and Serot got the serve and ran off 6 straight points to win the match 21-18, 19-21, 21-20.

THE REST OF THE STORY: I talked to Steve Serot (1-30-22) and he verified the story above. He told me that 1 or 2 weeks earlier Steve and Davey were playing a match in AZ and Davey won the first game and game 2 Steve was ahead 20-15 and Davey got the serve back and won 21-20.

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