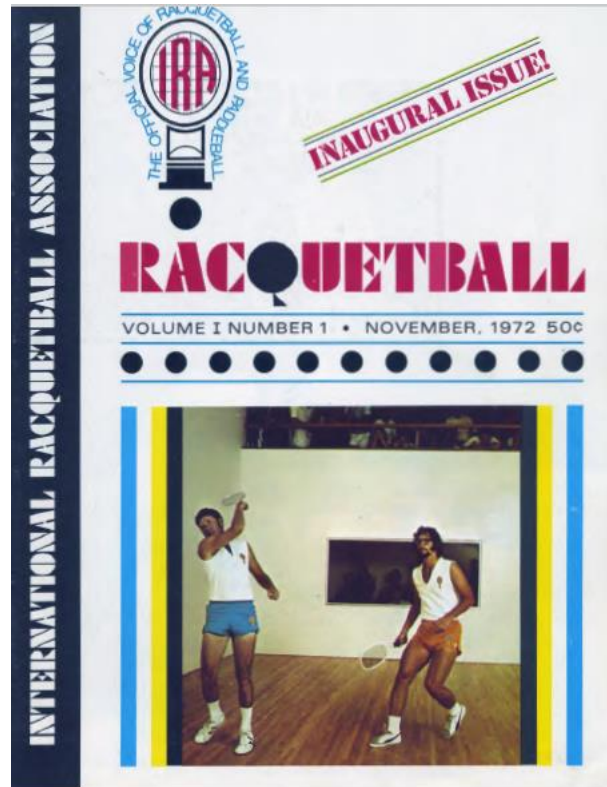


**RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #5 – Answers**  
**By Jim Easterling**  
**Wednesday 1-15-2025**

1. B. The very first racquetball magazine was called RACQUETBALL and it was published in November 1972. It was published by the International Racquetball Association (IRA).  
(On USA Racquetball web site)



2. D. Time, Inc. announces plans to develop Sports Illustrated Court Clubs.  
(Racquetball – Summer 1974 – Page 5-6)
3. B. The tournament in April 24-27, 1969 was called, on the entry form,  
International Paddleball Association Championships.  
("ACE" (handball) – Feb. 1969 – Page 28)

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL PADDLEBALL  
ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**APRIL 24-27, 1969**

**ST. LOUIS JCCA**

Four-wall tournament using the conventional strung racquets and official IPA ball.  
**EVENTS:** Singles, doubles and Masters singles and doubles.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be current (1969) member of IPA. If not, \$2 will cover through 1969; includes subscriptions to ACE magazine, \$5 covers through 1971. If already current (1969) USHA member, \$1 extra will cover IPA. Fees can be sent to: IPA, 4101 Dempster St., Skokie, Ill. 60076. Or, players can sign up at site of tournament.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$5 per man, per event. Players can play in both open singles and doubles. Masters players can participate in both Masters events.

**Deadline for Entries:** Tuesday, April 22, 6 p.m. Draw will be made that night.

Information on motel accommodations will be sent upon request.

IPA Tournament Committee  
JCCA, 11001 Schuetz Rd., St. Louis, Mo.

Chairman: MILTON HARRIS

Please enter me in  Singles  Doubles  Masters Singles  Masters Doubles  
(please print)

Name ..... Club/YMCA .....

Address ..... City ..... State ..... Zip .....

Make entry fee checks payable to: IPA Tournament.

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4. C. Victor Niederhoffer, who was a very good squash player, defeated Marty Hogan at the NRC National Championships in 1975.  
("National Racquetball" – July 1982 – Page 46)
5. NRC was the abbreviation for National Racquetball Club.
6. B. Illinois State Racquetball Association (ISRA) was founded in 1971, two years before Bob Kendler's USRA.  
(Racquetball Illustrated – March 1981 – Page 40)
7. C. Peggy Steding was #1 in 1975-76 and Shannon Wright was #1 in 1977-78-79.  
([www.proracquetballshats.com](http://www.proracquetballshats.com))
8. Jackie Paraiso and Joe Paraiso won the Mixed Open at the 1996 AARA National Doubles Championships.  
(Racquetball – Nov/Dec 1996 – Page 14)
9. D. Jim Easterling completed a racquetball marathon for 61 hours and 10 minutes in Grand Rapids, Michigan in September 1977.  
("National Racquetball" – Nov. 1977 – Page 22)
- 10.B. Penn was the manufacturer of this can. The printing on these balls was: Penn Official Ball 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Hall of Fame and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – National Singles.  
**BONUS POINTS:** This tournament was the National Singles and it was called the Grand Gala Hall of Fame 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



There were 1,000 "Special Souvenir Collector's Editions made for this "Once in a Lifetime Event". Notice this can is marked 1 of 1000.



11. Illinois, Oklahoma, Ohio and Michigan are among the States that have a Racquetball Hall of Fame.
- 12.C. Wilson ball used the slogan Mightier than the Penn.  
(International Racquetball – Oct. 1984 – Page 18)
- 13.B. Rich Wagner beat Marty Hogan in the quarterfinals, beat Steve Serot in the semifinals (Serot forfeit the third game) and beat Steve Keeley in the finals.  
(National Racquetball – Sept. 1975 – pages 42-43)
- 14.D. Egan Inoue was clocked at hitting a racquetball **191 MPH** back in 1991. Jim Turner, one of the commentators, at the Nationals in 1991 said that he talked to Egan Inoue and he said that he was clocked at 191 MPH.  
(VHS Tape – AARA 1991 Nationals)
- 15.C. Ryan Rodgers is the owner of R2 Sports. USA Racquetball has been using his tournament software for many years. I spoke with Ryan (7-20-21) and he said that USA Racquetball has been using his software for 20 years.
- 16.D. Dr. Bud Muehleisen had clubs built that were called Muehleisen Courts.  
(Racquetball – March 1975 – Page 8)
- 17.B. Mort Leve originally founded the National Court Clubs Association (NCCA).  
(RB Illustrated – Dec. 1979 – Page 58)
- 18.C. Jim Pruitt ran the First National One Wall Racquetball Tournament on June 26-29, 1980, in New York City's Central Park.  
(“National Racquetball” – June 1980 – Page 29)

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  1. Ektelon Racquetball Championships – May 12-15, 1983
  2. WPRRA National Championships – May 21-26, 1983
  3. AARA U.S. National Championships – May 25-30, 1983
  4. DP Leach/Catalina Pro-Am Racquetball Series Championships – May 30-June 4, 1983
  5. DP/Leach National Championships – June 14-19, 1983  
(National Racquetball – May 1983 – Page 9-11)
  
20. D & B Marty Hogan won the **\$10,000 TOYOTA 4X4** in 1984. Jerry Hilecher won the **\$13,000 TOYOTA MINI-VAN** in 1985. (National Racquetball – Oct. 1984 – Page 48 and “National Racquetball” – July 1985 – Page 19)

**DID YOU KNOW:**

In 1983, Michigan produced a booklet called *Where to play in Michigan: A guide to Michigan’s racquetball facilities*. This booklet listed the name of the club, number of courts, if any glass courts, if club was public or private, address, phone number etc. This booklet was assembled by Dianne Driver (later became Dianne Easterling) (MRA Newsletter – Fall 1983 – Page 3)

Jim Hiser (2014), Charlie Brumfield (2013), Randy Stafford (2021) and John Foust (2023) have all received a Lifetime Achievement Awards in the past but they were not **sanctioned by USA Racquetball**.



**SOMETHING FUNNY:**

It was at the Dearborn Athletic Club in the summer of 1983. It was a hot day and I was playing a friendly racquetball match with Denny Freitag. She seemed to really have the SLOWS that day. I hit a shot that she should have gotten to rather easily and she didn’t get to the ball in time. She then, quite upset at herself, looked down at her feet and said, “WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR - A BUS”. (“RAM Newsletter” - Great Lines – December 1986 – Front Page)

**SOMETHING FUNNY:**  
(SEE PHOTO)

