

RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #3 – ANSWERS

By Jim Easterling

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1. B. Luke St. Onge was the Executive Director for the longest period.
 - a. Ken Porco 1969-73 4 years
 - b. Myron Roderick 1973-75 2 years
 - c. Tom McKie 1975-77 2 years
 - d. Mike Zeitman 1977-78 1 year
 - e. Luke St. Onge 1978-02 24 years
 - f. Jim Hiser 2002-13 11 years
 - g. Steve Czarnecki 2013-16 3 years
 - h. Jason Thoerner 2016-18 2 years
 - i. Mike Wedel 2018-22 4 years
 - j. Mike Grisz 2022- 2 years (currently)

2. D. Sameer Hadid was beating John Ellis 10 to 0 in a tie breaker in the final of a Regionals and John Ellis came back to win the match. Sameer Hadid is also the person that John beat in the finals of the Boy's 18 & under in 1991 at the Ektelon Junior Olympic Championships.
(VHS tape of AARA Ektelon Junior Olympic Championships 1991)

3. C. Marty Hogan and Charlie Drake filed a lawsuit for libel against Davey Bledsoe for \$14M.
(Racquetball Illustrated – March 1981 – Page 26)

4. D. Racquetime had 30 racquetball courts and 2 of them were 3-wall glass.
(Racquetball – May-June 1977 – Pages 10-19)

5. A. Chris Cole was flown to Rome by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the sole U.S. Athlete tapped by the International Committee for Fair Play to receive one of only thirteen Diplomas of Honour awarded to athletes worldwide. He received this award because he called a double bounce against himself at match point in a semi-final team qualifier. (Page 13)

6. The name of the racquet, made by Ektelon was the Power Ring. The normal size racquet was 21" x 10 ½" and the VERY LARGE racquet was 42" x 20 ½".
(Racquetball – Sept/Oct 1996 – Pages 32-33) (See photo)



7. The two people who were known as the Dynamic Duo were Fran Davis and Stu Hastings.
(Killshot – Oct. 1991 – Page 56) also (VHS tape AARA 1991 National Doubles)
8. C. The **1993** front cover of the Racquetball Magazine had AARA 25th Anniversary
1968 to 1993.
(Racquetball Magazine – Jan/Feb – 1993)
9. The 10 parts of History of Racquetball on YouTube came from a VHS made in
1992 produced by Gil Vieira as Executive Producer entitled “Silver Anniversary
Edition – 25 Year History of Racquetball”
(Racquetball – Sept/Oct 1992 – Page 33)
- 10.A. Charlie Brumfield was the Vice-President of Geostar.
(Racquetball Illustrated – July 1981 – Page 19 also back cover)
- 11.B. Cheryl Kirk was the first and the only female President (as of 2024) for the
“National Racquetball Association”.
(Racquetball – July/Aug – 2008 – Page 5)
- 12.C. Chris Cole was the person who tossed his plaque in the trash can and
then retrieved it to have his picture taken. I talked to Chris Cole (6-16-21)
and he said that he lost the finals to Brian Mitchel and was very upset
because he thought that he should have won that match. Chris said that
he forgotten all about this event until I reminded him of it. Chris said he
thought that tournament was 1984 and he was 15 years old.

13. The smallest racquet, to the best of my knowledge, used to play an actual racquetball match is pictured below. I (Jim Easterling) used this little racquet in different matches many times over the years usually for a cause such as muscular dystrophy or breast cancer. I talked with Charlie Brumfield (8-2-21) and he said Charlie Drake and Leach produced this racquet. The racquet is 9 ¼" H x 4 ½" W. (See photo)



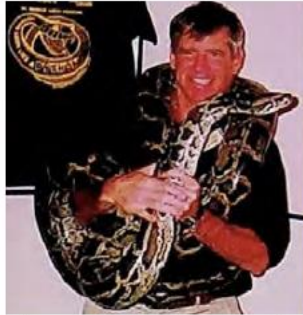
This racquet is 9 ¼"H x 4 ½"W

14. Geoff Peters was the first person to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award sanctioned by USA Racquetball. US Racquetball awarded other Lifetime Achievement Awards. Currently, the recipients are:

Geoff Peters	2021
Linda Mojer	2022
Jack Hughes	2023

(USA Racquetball web site)

- 15.D. Jim Easterling scanned 40 years of minutes and placed them in protective plastic sheets then placed them in three 3-inch binders. These binders were sent to the National Office in Colorado in 2008 or 2009.
16. The name of the Python Snake at the U.S. Open in 1996 was **Walter**. (Killshot – Instruction Special – Page 35) (See photo)



“Walter” – the Python Snake

17. The individuals who played Hands vs. Racquet games, that I am aware of, are:
Dr. Bud Muehleisen was beaten by Paul Haber (Handball – Feb. 1971 – Page 51)
Dr. Bud Muehleisen defeated Paul Haber (Racquetball – Nov. 1971 – Page 14)
Fran Davis was beaten by Naty Alvarado (Racquetball Illustrated – April 1982 – Page 10)
Jennifer Harding defeated Vern Roberts, also,
Heather McKay defeated Vern Roberts (Racquetball Illustrated – April 1982 – Page 8)
Charlie Brumfield defeated Paul Haber (Racquetball – Nov. 1972 – Page 8)
18. The name of the National Racquetball Association before it was called racquetball was International Paddle Rackets Association (IPRA)
(ACE – Dec. 1968 – Page IPRA-1) (See Photo)

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19.C. Jennifer Harding and Jean Sauser successfully completed the 26-mile, 385-year Honolulu Marathon.
(Racquetball Illustrated – April 1981 – Page 57)

20. Who is the “Radiation Man”? His real name is Bill Gottlieb. I talked with Bill (4-18-21) and he told me that many years ago, when Steve Keeley drove his van around to the different Pro tournaments, he and Steve were at some tournament on a Friday or Saturday night party having a few beers. Bill’s hair sort of looked like an Afro. It was one of his unique features like wearing a warm-up top with a marijuana leaf on the back. After a few beers, one thing led to another and Steve Keeley said that Bill looked like a “Radiation Man”. After that, Steve started introducing Bill to people at tournaments as “Radiation Man”. The name stuck and the rest is history.

(THE REST OF THE STORY – I was listening to a tape interview with Davey Bledsoe (conducted March 20, 1992) and Davey said he lost his first racquetball tournament against a person nicknamed “Radiation Victim”. I talked with Bill (1-30-22) and he said that initially he was called “Radiation Victim” but later it changed to “Radiation Man”. (See photo)



Left to right: Tournament director ?, “Radiation Man” Bill Gottlieb, Larry Fox and Steve Keeley. All three of these players are from Michigan.

DID YOU KNOW:

The first year that you could play in the 8 & Under Multibounce was 1983 and the first year that you could play in the 8 & under was 1988.
(USA Racquetball web site)

Fran Davis held a Racquetball Camp in ARUBA.
(Killshot – Jan/Feb/March 1992 – Page 112)

John Ellis was racquetball's **1st Pan-American Games GOLD MEDALIST.**
(Racquetball – May/June 1995 – Page 31)

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