

RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #4 – Answers
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1. C. The Seamco 444 was the Official Ball for all IRA sanctioned tournaments in 1977. (Racquetball – Jan/Feb 1977 – Page 10)
2. A. Dr. Bud Muehleisen and Joe Sobek were inducted into the national Racquetball Hall of Fame in 1974. (Racquetball – Summer 1974 – Pages 5-6)
3. D. Ivan Bruner was the NMRA President for the longest period.

Ivan Bruner	1971-1997	26 Years
Ron Pudduck	1997-2006	9 Years
Paul Banales	2006-2007	1 Year
Tom Curran	2007-2011	4 Years
Howard Walker	2011-2012	1 Year
Cindy Tilbury	2012-present	12 Years to date

(A big thank you to Bruce Adams and Cindy, Ron and others for providing this info)
4. B & C Lynn Adams #1 (6 times) 1982-85-86-87-88-90
Michell (Gilman) Gould #1 (7 times) 1991-93-94-95-96-97-98
(www.proracquetballstats.com)
5. The three females who had a #1 season ending ranking the most times after the Year 2000 were:

Cheryl Gudinas #1 (4 times)	2001-2004
Ronda Rajsich #1 (4 times)	2006-2008 and 2011
Paola Longoria #1 (11 times)	2009-2010 and 2012-2020

(www.proracquetballstats.com)
6. B. Livonia Racquetime was the largest private racquetball facility in the US in 1974. (National Racquetball – Sept. 1974 – Page 23)
7. B. Jerry Hilecher was the Pro who put a dent in a locker in Phoenix, AZ and returned a year later to the same Pro-Stop and saw the same dent. (I talked with Jerry Hilecher (6-16-21) about this and we both had a laugh)
8. D. Marty Hogan, who was 37 or 38 years old at the time, played with Jeff Conine at 1994 National Doubles Championships and won the Men's 25+. (Racquetball – Jan/Feb 1995 – Page 16)
9. They were all National Rules Commissioners at some point in time.

Keith Calkins	(Racquetball – July 1979 – Page 4)
Dr. Bud Muehleisen	(Racquetball – Nov. 1972 – Page 4)
Jim Austin	(Racquetball – July/August 1980 – Page 8)
Michael Arnolt	(Racquetball in Review – June/July 1984 – Page 2)

10. Egan Inoue's brother's name was Enson and he was ranked #1 in Japan in 1994. (Killshot – Winter 1994 – Page 30)

11.C. Seamco made eight different cans of racquetballs over the years.

- Seamco 558 black
 - Seamco 559 green
 - Seamco 600 blue
 - Seamco 747 black
 - Seamco 444 black
 - Seamco Assassin blue (dimpled ball)
 - Seamco Classic blue
 - Seamco Club green
- (Jim Easterling's ball collection)



12.B. Joe Garcia invented the sport of Wallyball. (Racquetball – June 1981 – Page 8)

13.D. Jay Jones was a Hollywood Stunt Man who played in racquetball tournaments. (National Racquetball – August 1978 – Page 64)

14. The name of the movie with a six-minute segment of racquetball is Splash. The film starred Tom Hanks, John Candy and Daryl Hannah and was produced by Ron Howard. (International Racquetball – April 1984 – Page 28)

- 15.D. Ed Remen was the first person to buy a National Racquetball Hall of Fame ring.



- 16.C. Charlie Garfinkel was considered Mr. Humble because of the type of articles he wrote over the years. (National Racquetball – Oct. 1978 – Page 63)
17. Malia Bailey, from Norfolk, VA, was inducted into the USA Racquetball Hall of Fame in 2019. Her maiden name was Kamahoahoa before she married.
- 18.D. The IRT was the first racquetball organization/group to present the First Officially licensed pre-paid calling card. (Killshot – Summer 1995 – Page 31)
- 19.C. Wilson manufactured the Shannon Wright and Davey Bledsoe autograph racquets. (National Racquetball – Aug. 1979 – Page 34)
- 20.C. Jimmy Lowe was inducted into the Alaska Racquetball Hall of Fame in 2011.



GREAT LINE:

1. Mike Ceresia in a tie breaker against Tim Sweeney with Otto Dietrich as the referee. Mike wanted a hinder and Otto said no. Mike then said "That was a terrible call and that's a terrible shirt".
(VHS – 1992 World Racquetball Championships)

DID YOU KNOW:

Jack Huczek played in a Play the Pro Day to help make money for breast cancer at the MAC Club in East Lansing, Michigan on November 25, 2006. (Racquetball Reporter – Feb. 2007 – page 6.)

Charlie Brumfield was the Rules Committee Chairman at one time. (Racquetball – Jan/Feb 1976 – page 22)

SOMETHING FUNNY:

BYE MAKES THE HALL OF FAME

In an unprecedented move, the Hall of Fame Committee for the Racquetball Association of Michigan (RAM) named "Stanley Bye" to the Hall of Fame. Via a Special Session on November 20, 2005, the RAM Board approved the recommendation from the Hall of Fame Committee. "We decided that, due to the very unusual circumstances of Bye's participation in racquetball since its inception, we would proceed with this most deserving honor", said Jim Easterling in the wake of the Board's vote. Easterling, Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee in both Michigan and at the national level, went on to note that while Bye may have been a consistent first-round loser in every event he played, the sheer number of events which he participated in was a major factor in this surprise announcement. It was also pointed out by Easterling that the Committee considered two other important factors in this decision. First, Bye faced the top seeds in every event he played, so his early departure was certainly no shame. Also, Bye often provided balance to any draw within which he entered. In those events he didn't enter, imbalance in the draw was often observed. In such cases, a negative pall was cast over the draw, such that the early matches were nicknamed "Rat-Tails", connoting the image of the aforementioned, scavenging rodent. "You can see by the use of that term what Bye has meant to the sport of racquetball", stated Easterling.

Meanwhile, Bye is overjoyed with this unexpected honor. "Sometimes I've felt like the Barney Fife of racquetball", noted Bye. "Look, I've lost every match I've played, but I guess persistence should count for something", he added. Furthermore, Bye was complimentary of the State of Michigan for finally recognizing his unique contribution to the sport. "I can die now", Bye said.

(This article was written by "James Woolcock" in the "Racquetball Reporter" – Feb. 2006 – page 10)

HELP:

I am looking for three "ACE" magazines (Handball) that had some information about racquetball in them to add to my collection. The dates are: ACE – June 1969, ACE – October 1969 and ACE – December 1969.

If you can help me, please email me at: rbjim887@comcast.net