

New Mexico Racquetball's New Year Predictions for 2026

A Tribute to Satirist Dave Barry

President's Message January, 2026

January **Forgotten Racquetball Personalities will have been identified:**
Bobby Bible, Bo Champaign, Eleanor Quackenbush, John Rundles,
Al Sample, Rose Stoltmann, Wrenn Saunders, Brenda Young

March **Joe Garcia reappears with the newest concept of the**
Reno Sports Connection: *two racquetball courts, 2 pickleball courts,*
two padel courts, two tennis courts, two platform tennis courts,
and a 'fine dining' restaurant named 'Wallyball Joe's.'
This 24/7 pay for play venue has fees starting at \$5 per court hour.
Annual memberships are available as well for \$100 per year.

May **Las Vegas, New Mexico becomes the city designate for the next**
IRF World Training facility. New Mexico Highlands University administration
is so impressed with the operation of World Senior Racquetball; they are
transitioning their existing tennis courts into an indoor/outdoor court sport
complex. An additional three events will be added to the City of Las Vegas
annual schedule – Pickleball, Paddleball, and Handball. A Squash event will
remain at the Armand Hammer United World College of the American West.
The announcement comes during the weekend celebration of Fifty Years of
the New Mexico Racquetball Association. The week activity is broadcast by
Dan Cochell and Gary Mazaroff on the Tennis Channel.

- July International Squash, US Squash, & NM Racquetball send delegates to the Inn of the Mountain Gods for a *Meeting of the Minds* with the Wellbridge hierarchy. The consensus opinion from the group is that Sports & Wellness in Albuquerque will re-access the following squash courts: 1 at Midtown, 2 each at Highpoint and Riverpoint. The TCA (Tennis Club of Albuquerque) agrees to re-access its 2 squash courts.
- September The City of Albuquerque erects its first indoor court sport facility on the State Fairgrounds property (Expo New Mexico) in the renovated Tingley Arena. Six Handball-Racquetball-Paddleball-Squash courts have full back-wall & side-wall glass; with seating for 500 spectators. Parks and Recreation Director David Simon spearheads the venture. He and 3rd term Mayor Tim Keller secure the funding for this International Championship venue.
- November An early *Christmas Surprise*---the following New Mexico venues re-open: Club International in Santa Fe, Del Norte in Hobbs, Pinetree in Albuquerque, Royal Spa in Farmington, YMCA in Roswell, and Z Club in Tucumcari. Hopefully Tom Youngs Athletic Club and Academy Court Club will follow suit!
- UPCOMING January 17 Back on the Hill; YMCA, Los Alamos
 February 20-21 Randy Kahn Squash Event; Midtown, Albq.

Quote of the Month

'Pull people into your peace;

rather than being pulled into their chaos' L. Leyba

