

# ***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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

