

# **WILLIAM ALAN GOTTLIEB**

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Bill played tournament and semi-pro racquetball in the 70's and 80's under the nickname of "RADIATION MAN". He was known for his unorthodox soft style game of lob serves, ceiling balls, soft corner killshots, and his trade-mark overhead reverse corner rollouts from a ceiling ball. Bill won several open state championships and numerous semi-pro tourneys throughout the Midwest.

Bill credits his mentors: Mr. G. Daniel Wood of Jenison, Michigan and Steve Keeley formerly of Haslett, Michigan for their time, instruction and profound influence on his game. He also acknowledges the downtown Lansing YMCA racquetball population who "pummeled me unmercifully during the early years". His most memorable moment came during a Midwest teaching clinic conducted by touring pro Steve Strandemo, who strongly advised the students "not to emulate the Radiation Man technique".

Bill served on the Board of Directors for the MRA and RAM, as a tournament director, on the rules committee, and as a general instigator.

Bill is employed as a Master Electrician by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union #665 in Lansing. He is also a squash pro at the Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing.