

# **STEVE KEELEY**

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Steve Keeley, born in February of 1949, was one of the early great racquetball players. He started playing racquetball in 1971 after playing paddleball for many years before that.

Steve was in the top 4 for many years on the Pro Tour in the 1970's. He also finished in the top 4 for many years at the USRA National Championships. Steve was a Canadian National Racquetball Champion as well as a National Singles and National Doubles Champion in paddleball.

Steve has written several books on racquetball and invented some of the terms used today in racquetball. He has been featured in Sports Illustrated and has literally traveled across the country and AROUND THE WORLD teaching people how to play racquetball.

Some of the things Steve has done both on and off the court are legendary, such as walking on the court with 2 different colored shoes, riding a bicycle for over 200 miles and getting off and going immediately to a court for a tournament, or having the paddle knocked out of his hand and still finishing the rally, and doing cartwheels on the court and still returning the shot.

Steve will always be remembered for the OFF-THE-WALL things that he did but he would also like to be remembered for working eight hours a day, seven days a week for 2 months both on and off a court learning on how to put spin on a racquetball.

Steve is now retired from racquetball and lives in San Diego, California.