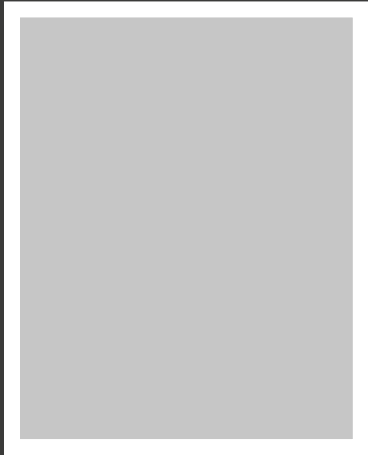


Glenn T. Hall



Like so many in New York, Glenn Hall's interest in handball developed when he was a boy.

He would play the game with his Uncle Ed. Later he began playing big blue on a regular basis in Farmingdale, New York. There he met two key people who affected the direction his life would take: one older guy directed him to Plainview to play small ball. The other told him to play 4-wall during the winter at Farmingdale College. Although adapting quickly to the small ball, Glenn struggled to find his way on the 4-wall court. Most of his handball career, ironically, became involved in playing in 4-wall events. In his very first 4-wall tournament, the Long Island Open, Glenn entered the C-Singles Division and lost to National Hall of Fame player Rosemary Bellini in the first round. Undeterred, Glenn persevered and became one of the strongest 4-wall competitors in the state, winning at least 15 regional championships and more than 70 local 4-wall championships in singles and doubles. In later years he played in USHA National 1-Wall Tournaments, once winning the Golden Masters Doubles while partnered with Hall of Fame player Al Torres. In 2013 he played in the USHA National Super Singles and did well, earning runner-up status.

It is likely that Glenn's early experience in track assisted him greatly in handball. Until he was passed 45, he never knew what it was like to be out of breath. A highly successful long distance runner in high school, then a Florida X-country champion, Hall, in 1972, was a qualifier for the Olympic Marathon Trials. All this taught him how to be a winner, and he

simply loved winning, and hated losing.

Glenn Hall began giving back to the sport he loved and at which he excelled in 2000 when he joined the Inner City Handball Association as a director. Shortly thereafter he became the organization's corporate secretary. During his time in that position he also volunteered to assist coaching players including the ICHA's first Top Four at the West Side YMCA: Kendall Lewis, Joe Kaplan, Eric Smith, and Jason Morgan.

In 2009 Glenn became a member of the USHA National 1-Wall Committee, where he oversaw many of the positive changes which took place. In 2014 he accepted the chairmanship of that Committee, which has, as of this writing, re-instituted the Player of the Year Awards Dinner, planned both USHA National 1-Wall events (small ball and big blue), and raised funds for prize money for both tournaments. Glenn also began reaching out to USHA Regional Directors to search out possible sites where 1-wall courts could be erected. Several potential sites are in the planning stages at this writing.

Glenn's personal ideas initiated the Grand National Series in 2014, which measures the best all-around handball players and covers five types of handball: 1-wall, 3-wall, 4-wall, and big blue in 1-wall and 3-wall. He also began printing an annual edition of the 1-Wall Rulebook, and selling ads in order to donate monies for tournament prizes. His best accomplishment may be organizing and starting the first ever "Big Ball Little League" program for youths in all five boroughs, a program which will take off a few months from this writing.