



## **RACQUET & PADDLE SPORTS BIO**

David Meharg grew up in a racquet sports family from Tuxedo Park, NY where at an early age his father and grandfather introduced him to tennis, court tennis, platform tennis and squash. He has both played and taught tennis throughout his life and for over 30 years has been professionally involved in the tennis business as a certified tennis professional, a Division 1 college coach, a tennis court / facility designer and for many years he represented major brands in the tennis industry. He now owns and manages one of the oldest and most recognized tennis court construction businesses in the United States and recently founded Tennis Court Consult, providing services as an independent tennis court and facility consultant.

Drawing on his many years as a player, coach and technical tennis expert, David founded Tennis Court Consult (TCC) and offers independent consulting services to assist in the design, construction and maintenance of tennis courts and facilities. TCC primarily focuses on providing a comprehensive yet cost effective "in the field" approach, working directly with tennis court owners, facility managers, architects, engineers and other professional service experts across the country and around the world. TCC also developed the **NEXT-COURT** surface system – focusing on designing, supplying and building courts that support multiple racquet and paddle sports on one court.

Since 2001, David has been Owner and General Manager of Putnam Tennis & Recreation in Harwinton, Conn., a large full-service tennis construction and maintenance company in a highly competitive geographic region. In addition to managing business activities and implementing marketing and sales strategies, he specified, sourced and branded the "Putnam Synthetic Grass" tennis court surface, which has been installed in many states across the country.

Prior to joining Putnam, David was the Managing Director for DecoTurf (1998-2001), the surface of the US Open, for California Products Corp., based in Andover, Mass. With DecoTurf, he managed all aspects of production, sales, delivery and installation, establishing and maintaining relationships with key international organizations and initiating player testing and product development that resulted in play and color improvements at the US Open.

David has extensive experience with "soft" tennis courts too, having been the Tennis Court Division Manager of ISP Fast Dry (1995-1998), a division of GAF Corp. based in Hagerstown, Md. In this position, he managed production, sales, delivery and installation of ISP Original Fast Dry (Har-Tru), increasing sales three-fold and attaining a dominant market-share position.

With a degree in Planning and Landscape Architecture, David worked as a Tennis Facility Designer & Consultant for Global Consult Group in Manasquan, N.J. (1992-1994), combining his technical education with his tennis background in providing comprehensive design services to tennis clients, including private homeowners, facilities, clubs, professional events, and venues

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around the world. He also has tennis retail experience, as a Tennis Pro and Retail Sales Manager for a high-profile tennis store outside of Philadelphia.

David is a past board member of the Tennis Industry Association, past board member of the American Sports Builders Association, and past member of the USTC&TBA Specification Committee, working closely with the U.S. Tennis Association's Technical Committee. He has also authored technical and tennis-related articles for major industry trade magazines. He stays current with the trends in tennis and racquet sports as a Certified Teaching Professional with the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR), Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR) and Professional Platform Tennis Registry (PPTR), and he continues to play, teach and organize tennis and platform tennis at clubs in Connecticut and New York.

Off the court, David is the owner and manager of Cornwall Bridge Gallery in Cornwall Bridge, Conn., where he oversaw the year-long renovation and construction of the art gallery, building and grounds. He enjoys hiking and outdoor activities, including golf, sailing, skiing and is an accomplished acoustic guitar player.

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