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Edgies Tournament



Picture: Room Owners Susie & Tony Bangoy, Luis Avila (2nd), Pedro Piedrabuena (1st), Hugo Patino (3rd), Guillermo Sosa (4th), Jose Castillo (tournament director).

FINAL STANDINGS

Semi Finals

Piedrabuena 30 Sosa 9

8 innings 8 innings

3.750 average 1.125 average

High Run = 17

AVILA 30 PATINO 25

21 innings 20 innings

1.428 average 1.250 average

Finals

Piedrabuena 30 Avila 25

23 innings 23 innings

1.304 average 1.087 average

1) PEDRO PIEDRABUENA \$4,700

2) LUIS AVILA \$3,100

3) HUGO PATINO \$1,500

4) GUILLERMO SOSA \$1,200

5) RICARDO CARRANCO \$1,050

6) JOHN LEE \$900

7) MIGUEL TORRES \$700

8) JAE CHO \$600

9) MAZIN SHOONI \$500

10) VICKE PINEDA \$420

11) GILBERT NAJM \$350

12) SOON HONG \$280

13) BOB TRACY \$210

14) YOUNG SONG \$210

Total: \$15,720

9 "A" players x \$350 = \$3,150
 34 "B" players x \$200 = \$6,800

Added = \$4,500 Auction = \$550 (Bob Tracy)

Lottery = \$720 (Gilbert Najm)

Carom Café held a "C" Tournament

Eight players played a round-robin format to 15 points.

In the end, it was Leo Chaparro who emerged victorious with a 6-1 record and a .456 grand average. Carlos Carrillo finished 2nd with a 5-2 record and a .459 average; Kelly Woodward finished 3rd with a 4-3 record and a .389 average. Congratulations to all the players!

Chris's Billiards in Chicago hosted the first-ever Regional "B" Championship Tournament

With a field of 20 very-strong players, David Camarena came out on top, averaging .817 and advancing to the Finals of the "B" Championship to be held at the Nationals in 2014.

Congratulations to David on a fine performance against some very strong players!

FINALS							HAFF	RAZON	CAMARENA	MILAN	LE	VILLEGAS	WINLOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING	
BRIAN		23	44	36	27	0														
HAFF			17	24	25	15	W	4	81	130	0.623		0.739	5						
FELIPE	22		34	34	24			3	115	114	1.009		1.364	2						
RAZON	30			25	30	30	W	1	116	142	0.817		1.154	1						
DAVID	45	34		37	26			3	104	148	0.703		0.811	3						
CAMARENA	30	30		26	30	W	1	96	119	0.807		1.071	4							
LUIS	37	34	37		40			2	0	0				6						
MILAN	30	18	30		26	W	2													
THANG	28	24		41				2												
LE	30	11	25	30		W	2													
CARLOS								0												
VILLEGAS	L	L	L	L	L		0													
Points Against	120	76	104	111	101	0		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:			0.784									

USBA National Champions Are Given Free Entry Into National Championships

The USBA Nationals Committee has decided that all National Champions (current and former) will no longer play in National Qualifiers. Instead, they will be given free entry into the Nationals. This will serve two purposes:

- 1) It is a reward to all National Champions. Out of respect, a National Champion will no longer need to "qualify" to play in the Nationals. They have already earned that right. They also will not need to spend time and money traveling to a National Qualifier.
- 2) With National Champions not competing, less-skilled players are more likely to compete in the Qualifier.

The list of living USBA Champions include:

- 1) Pedro Piedrabuena
- 2) Hugo Patino
- 3) Jae Hyung Cho
- 4) Mazin Shooni
- 5) Sonny Cho
- 6) Miguel Torres
- 7) George Ashby
- 8) Carlos Hallon
- 9) Frank Torres
- 10) Eddie Robin

Marshalltown, IA USBA Open

Ten players: 2 groups of 5 players each. Top 4 from each advanced to 8-player single elimination. Finalists: George Ashby, Fred Lamers, Lupe Cruz, John Jacobson, Bob Jacobson, John Logan, Greg Vavra, Kevin Callahan.

Finals 1st round: George Ashby, Fred Lamers, Lupe Cruz and John Jacobson advance.

2nd round: Ashby wins over Lamers 30-14 in 26 innings. Cruz wins over John Jacobson 30-20 in 32 innings.

Lamers and Jacobson play for 3rd and 4th with John winning 30-24 in 36 innings.

Ashby 30, Cruz 14 in 30 innings.

Ashby averages 1.031 in the prelims and 1.140 in finals.

President's Desk

The USBA is pleased to announce that the 2014 Three-Cushion National Tournament will be held at Paris Bida in Houston, Texas. For the third consecutive year, the tournament will be held on Gabriels tables. Gabriels is the official partner of the USBA. The tournament is scheduled to run from April 8 to April 13. The schedule is being developed by the tournament committee, but April 8 is likely to be for registration and practice, with the actual tournament play beginning the next day. The final schedule will be announced in early 2014.



The USBA is also in the process of scheduling all of the national qualifying tournaments. One is on the calendar: December 6 to 8, 2013, in Ashland, Oregon at the Ashland Oregon Elks Lodge. Four or five others are in the works and will be announced in the coming weeks. Please visit the tournament calendar on the USBA website for information about the Ashland qualifier. As other qualifiers are announced, information about each one will also be placed on the USBA website.

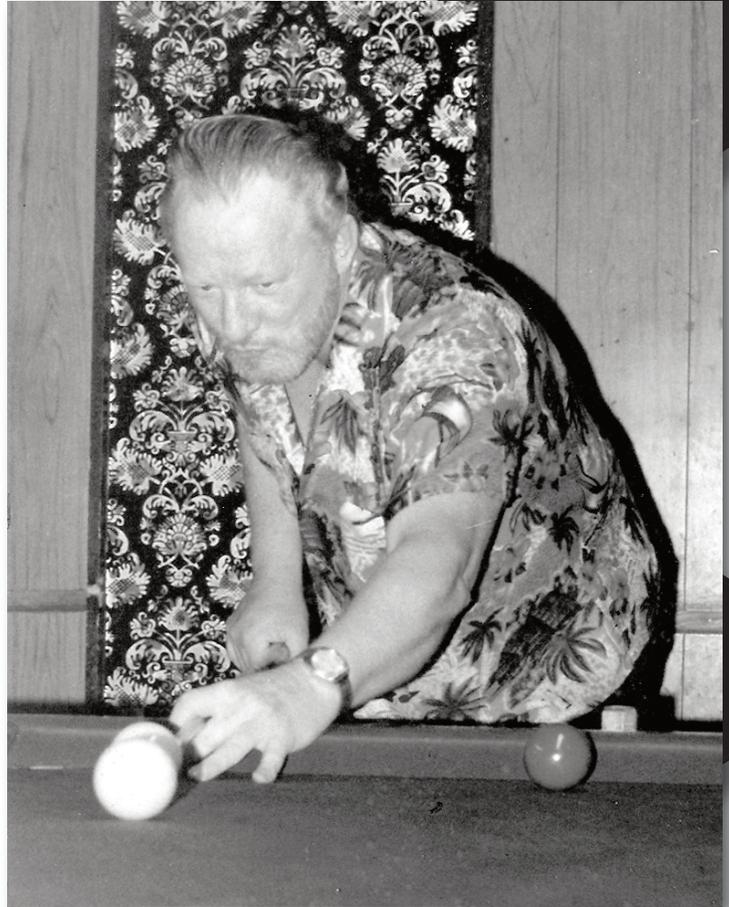
Houston provides a great opportunity for the USBA. It is centrally located with major airports serviced by a variety of national carriers. Travel to and from Houston should be easy for players and spectators. And Houston is also a hotbed of Carom billiards, with 14 rooms and over 50 tables. There are strong local players that will strengthen the field. It should be another great national tournament.

George Rippe Passes Away November 1st, 2013

I first met George when Tom Sansouci got the billiard table from Steve Bill that used to reside in George's room in Lawrence. Steve and George were friends and both would come over for an evening of billiards before Steve moved off to North Carolina. I was just starting and sort of "tagged along". While getting a table had been a lifetime ambition for Tom; the bonus was that George came along with it bringing his absolute love of artistic billiards and his passion for the game of 3-rail. That was the beginning of a great relationship between George, Tom, his wife Colleen, and the grandchildren that continued right up till his passing. Gruff old George was a marshmallow with the little girls, who delighted in seeing him.

Then down to business and George was in his element, spinning yarns from the days when he had his own room, enjoying good shots, trying to make better ones. Even when there was a perfectly good "natural" he would often go for the more flamboyant effort, spinning his ball off the rails like a dervish, dancing to his will, seemingly in defiance of the very laws of physics. Making one of those shots seemed to erase years from the man. I feel privileged to have played with him.

George spent a lot of time practicing and advocating artistic billiards. He would eagerly wait for his opportunity to come to the table with a leave that would require some superhuman stroke. Those were right up his alley! Doubling rails, insane string shots, drawing three rails, "Boston reverses", or any other type of shot that would require imparting significant spin and a deft stroke were all part of the Rippe arsenal. "Well, would you look at that!", he would often exclaim as the ball was closing on the third rail just prior to scoring. A quiet little grin would start to spread as he leaned over the next shot, professing all the while that "he had made this shot once". He dispensed his knowledge sparingly and only over a prolonged period of time, but he really appreciated it when you were able to take something he had showed you into a game and score. He appreciated it even more if you gave him



credit! As my game got better and his physical abilities diminished, I was still astounded that this man in his 80's could perform at such a high level. What an inspiration he was to someone like myself who was so new to the game. He not only imparted his wisdom, but also his passion and devotion to the game. I have to say I play billiards today in large part to his encouragement and tutelage.

Upcoming USBA Tournaments

Dec 6-8: National Qualifier: Ashland Elks Lodge, Ashland, OR
Contact: Tom Thomsen: 509-240-2027 or Mark Williams: 541-941-1291

Dec 7-8: USBA B+ Tournament: Carom Café, Flushing, NY
Contact: Michael Kang 917-204-6070 or Charles Brown 646-528-3238

Edgie's Billiards, Milpitas, CA National Qualifier:
December 15th, 2013 at 10:00am.

Tournament Director: Raye Raskin 415-497-8732

USBA Open Tournament

January 10-12, 2014

Rushville Billiards, Rushville, IL

Contact Steve Jones 217-242-6200

January 12, 2014 Sunday

Amazin Billiards National Qualifier-781 605-2389

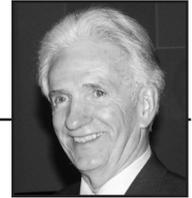
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Entry Fee: USBA Members: \$120 Non-members: \$145

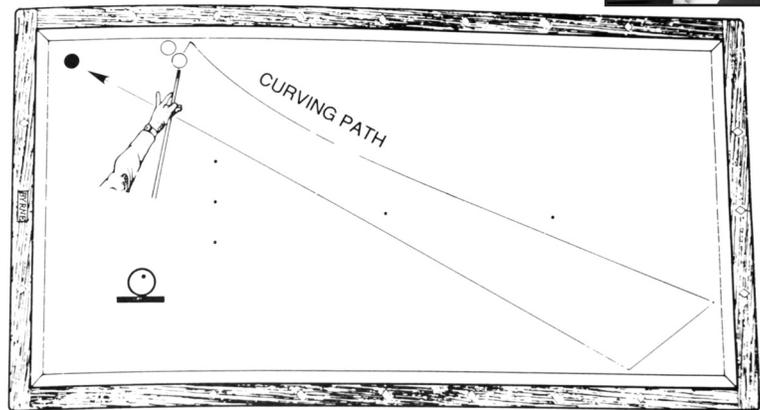
Natsy Shot

by Robert Byrne

Contributing Writer • from Byrne's "Advanced Techniques in Pool & Billiards" with permission



Trying to shoot a natural off the white with right-handed English will likely result in a foul or a miscue; besides, even if you manage to get a clean hit, you probably won't hit the right-hand short rail far enough from the corner to score. Juan Navarra of Argentina makes the shot easily by "bending the ball." Elevate the butt of our cue to about 15 or 20 degrees and use extreme follow and just a touch of right English. Aim so that it looks like you aren't hitting enough of the white. The cue ball comes off the first rail at the wrong angle, and then bends forward. Don't shoot hard, or the curve won't take place soon enough. The cue ball should die near the red.



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C H O I C E H O T E L S I N T E R N A T I O N A L

Election Board of Directors

Attention all USBA Members:

This fall we will be having our elections for the new Board of Directors of the USBA. The election will be held from October 1 through December 31 of 2012. The newly-elected Board Members will begin their 4-year terms of office on March 1, 2014.

With the recent changes made to the Constitution, the USBA Members will elect a Board consisting of 7 Directors. There will be no voting for President or Secretary. Instead, the 7 newly-elected Board Members will elect a Board Chairman and a Secretary and/or Treasurer as well as decide the responsibilities and duties of each Board Member.

All current USBA Members will receive a paper ballot in the mail which should be received by October 31st. If you don't receive one by October 31st, then please contact the Secretary, Jim Shovak at 516-238-6193 or email him at JimShovak@usba.net

Thank you for your commitment to the USBA and to carom billiards.



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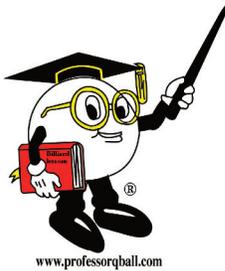




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