

2008 SANG LEE INTERNATIONAL OPEN – SUMMARY
(A UMB & USBA Tournament)

Tournament Dates: July 20 - 27, 2008 – players’ meeting July 20, 2008, 10:00am

Tournament Venue: Carom Café Billiards – Flushing, NY (718) 358-8585

Prize Fund: \$125,000 guaranteed with the top 20 finishers receiving prizes:

1	\$25,000	6	\$7,000	11	\$4,000	16	\$2,000
2	15,000	7	6,500	12	3,500	17	1,500
3	12,000	8	6,000	13	3,000	18	1,500
4	9,000	9	5,500	14	2,600	19	1,500
5	8,000	10	4,600	15	2,300	20	1,500

High Run: \$1,500 (or more; this is the guaranteed minimum)

Best Game: \$1,500 (or more; this is the guaranteed minimum)

Entry Fee: \$450

Size of Field: 96 in the Qualifications, plus 8 Seeds (seeded into the Semifinals)

This Tournament is “first-come first-served.” – meaning that the first 96 players who pay their entry fee in full will be guaranteed a spot in the Qualifications. If more than 96 players wish to inscribe, additional players will be put on a waiting list.

Format:

Qualifications: 96 players – 12 Groups of 8 players with the 2 top finishers from each Group plus the 4 best 3rd place finishers advancing to the Semifinals

Semifinals: 40 players – 4 Groups of 10 players, round robin
The Semifinals include: 28 advancing from the Qualifications, 8 Seeds, 2 auction winners, & 2 lotto winners
5 from each Semifinal Group advance to the Finals

Finals: Top 8 Semifinalists advance to the “A” final (players finishing #1 & #2)
The next 12 advance to the “B” final (players finishing #3, #4, & #5)
“A” Finals is an 8 player single-elimination
“B” Finals is a 12 player single-elimination

Match length is 25 points in the Qualifications, 40 points in the Semifinals, 50 points in the “A” Finals, and 40 points in the “B” Finals.

Travel Expenses

Carom Café Billiards will provide \$500 towards travel expenses for the top ten finishers from the 2007 edition of the Sang Lee International Open IF they participate in the tournament in 2008.

SANG LEE INTERNATIONAL OPEN – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dates and Location

The Tournament begins Sunday, July 20, 2008 and ends Sunday, July 27, 2008.

The Players' Meeting will occur on Sunday, July 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Play begins in the Qualifications on Sunday, July 20, 2008 at 12:00 pm.

The venue is:

Carom Café Billiards

34-02 Linden Place

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: (718) 358-8585

Contacts: Charles Brown, Michael Kang, Min Jae Pak

Entry Fee – \$450

Participation in the Tournament is open to all players on a “first-come, first-served” basis. U.S. players must be members of the United States Billiard Association (USBA); non-U.S. players must be members of a recognized National billiard federation.

To reserve a place in the Tournament, participants must submit an entry fee of \$450 – other currencies are not accepted. Payment may be made by: Cash, Check, Money Order, Wire Transfer, or PayPal.

To pay by check or money order (payable to “Carom Café Billiards”), please mail it to:

Charles Brown
101 West 80th Street #10A
New York, NY 10024

If you are paying by Wire Transfer or PayPal it is important that you inform Charles Brown before you do so. (His telephone and e-mail may be seen at the top of every page.) The reason for doing this is that both you and Carom Café will generally have to pay fees on those sorts of transactions and we do not wish anyone to make this payment when there are no openings left in the Qualifications. If a check or money order is received after all 96 places in the qualifications have been filled, we will simply return it to you without cashing it. Players will be asked to pay fees incurred by Carom Café.

To make payment via wire transfer, (after informing Charles Brown) instruct your bank to transfer \$450 to:

NARA Bank, N.A. **ABA # 122041727 or Swift Code: NARAUS6L010**
138-02 Northern Blvd.
Flushing, NY 11354
For further credit to the Account of Carom Café Billiards, Inc.
34-02 Linden Place
Flushing, NY 11354
Account #: 0861079701

To make a payment via PayPal (which accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) you must visit the PayPal website (www.paypal.com) to open an account. Click on Send Money and follow the instructions using the following information:

To: tournament@sangleeinternational.com
Amount: 450.00
Currency: U.S. Dollars
For: Service/Other

Cancellation Policy

As long as space is available, players who submit their \$450 entry fee in full will gain entry to the Tournament. They are also guaranteed a full (100%) refund (minus transaction fees), *provided* the request is submitted to Charles Brown no later than **June 20, 2008**. (Refunds to U.S. residents will be paid by check. For foreign residents we will work out a mutually convenient way to refund the money.) *After June 20, 2008, however, refunds will be paid only if substitute players can be recruited to enter the tournament.*

The organizers believe that the 96 places available in the Qualification round will be filled and that a Waiting List for entering the Tournament will probably develop. Such a list would provide substitutes for those wishing to cancel after **June 20, 2008**. However, the organizers cannot guarantee that this will actually occur.

Waiting List

Once the 96 places available in the Qualifications are fully subscribed, we will continue to accept names for a Waiting List on a first-come, first-served basis. No deposit will be required to have one's name placed on the Waiting List and no name will be placed on the Waiting List until all 96 places in the Qualifications have been filled.

Upon learning of a cancellation, the organizers will contact the first name on the Waiting List. That person will then have seven days to submit his/her entry fee. If he/she fails to do so, his/her name will be dropped to the bottom of the Waiting List. Immediate payment will be required for any substitute entries after **July 13, 2008**.

Format and Scheduling

The format and schedule described below is based on a full field – 96 players participating in the Qualifications. If there are fewer entrants the format will be revised at the tournament director's discretion. Fewer entrants may prompt us to lengthen the games in the Qualification round from 25 to 30 points.

Determination of Seeds

Eight players are seeded directly into the Semifinal round of the tournament. For the 2008 edition of the Sang Lee International Open, they will consist of:

- The top three finishers from the 2007 Sang Lee International Open – Frédéric Caudron, Daniel Sanchez, and Semih Sayginer
- The player ranked number one on December 31, 2007 in the "World Players Ranking" list maintained by the Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) – Torbjörn Blomdahl
- The remaining four seeds will be invited at the Organizer's discretion

Qualifications Format

96 players divided into 12 Groups of 8 players – playing round robin, games to 25 points. The top 2 finishers plus the 4 best 3rd place finishers from each Group of 8 players will advance to the Semifinals. A total of 28 players will advance to the Semifinals.

The tournament director reserves the right to seed up to one player into each of the separate Qualification Groups; the remaining players will be assigned by random draw.

The tournament director reserves the right to make changes to the format and scheduling dependant on the number of entrants and other unforeseen factors to ensure the smooth and successful operation of the tournament.

Semifinal Format

40 players divided into 4 Groups of 10 players – playing round robin, games to 40 points. Participants include:

- The 28 players who advanced from the Qualifications
- 8 Seeded players
- The winning bidders in 2 Auctions
- The winners of 2 Lottos.¹

The 28 players who advance from the Qualifications will be seeded according to their performance in the Qualifications as will the players who advance via Auction and Lotto. All Semifinalists will likely play 1 match on Wednesday, 3 matches on Thursday, 3 matches on Friday, and 2 matches on Saturday. The top 5 from each Semifinal Group – 20 of the 40 Semifinalists! – will advance to the Finals.

Finals – Who Advances?

“A” Finalists are comprised of the 1st and 2nd place finishers from each Semifinal Group.
“B” Finalists are comprised of the 3rd, 4th, & 5th place finishers from each Semifinal Group.

Finals – Format

“A” – 8 players playing single-elimination; games to 50 points; competing for prizes 1-8.
“B” – 12 players playing single-elimination; games to 40 points; competing for prizes 9-20.

High Run and Best Game Prizes

The prizes for High Run and Best Game are awarded for performance in the Semifinals and the Finals only. Participants in both the “A” Final and “B” Final are eligible for these prizes.

Prize for High Run shall equal \$100 per point (minimum \$1,500) up to a run of 19. If the High Run is 20 or higher, the prize shall be \$200 per point. In the event of a tie, players shall divide the prize equally for runs of 19 or less. For runs of 20 or more, every player involved in the tie shall receive \$150 per point.

¹ Although anyone may bid on Auctions or buy Lotto tickets, only people who play in the Qualifications may play in the Semifinals. Non-players who win may “sponsor” people who played in the Qualifications.

Prize for Best Game shall equal \$500 times the average (minimum \$1,500) up to an average of 3.000. If the Best Game is 4.000 or better, the prize shall be \$1,000 time the average. In the event of a tie, players shall divide the prize equally for Best Games below 4.000. For games of 4.000 or more, every player involved in the tie shall receive \$750 per point.

Performances in Semifinal matches and Finals matches are equally eligible for these prizes.

Players Must Dress Properly and Be on Time

All players will be required to wear a dress shirt of any color, black slacks, black shoes, formal-wear tie and vest. For sportswomen the same rules are applicable with the following exceptions: Sportswomen may wear a blouse of any color (or multi-colored) and can choose to wear a dress if so inclined. Waistcoat and bow-tie are not compulsory for sportswomen. Moreover, all players must arrive on time for their matches. Both rules will be strictly enforced without exceptions, as follows:

- Any player without the proper attire will be asked to get the proper attire before the start of their next match or forfeit the next match.
- Players who arrive 0-10 minutes late will not be allowed to practice but may play the match.
- Players who arrive more than 10 minutes late will forfeit their match.

Hotels

Be advised that we have not reserved a block of rooms anywhere, and so availability is not guaranteed. Our aim has been to offer a wide range of choice with regard to type of room, exact location and price. Since availability is not guaranteed, we recommend that you make your reservation as soon as you know the dates you will be attending the Tournament. You may want to inquire if your hotel will offer a small discount if paid in cash upon your arrival (these policies may differ with each hotel).

Flushing International Hotel

134-32 35th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718-358-4515

A 3-minute walk from Carom Café, this hotel is the closest and least expensive option. However, it also has the fewest amenities. There is no food service of any kind in the hotel – it doesn't even have vending machines. 12 of the 50 rooms have two beds.

Howard Johnson Hotel

135-33 38th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718-461-3888 Fax: 718-461-5879
Web:

A 10-minute walk from Carom Café, the hotel is nicer than both the Flushing International (above) and the Flushing Grand (below). There is complimentary coffee, tea, cake and cookies in the morning. However, only 4 of the 32 rooms have two beds and, thus, room availability will be limited except for couples and singles.

Flushing Grand Hotel

36-38 Main Street

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-888-8668 Fax: 718-888-8768

Web: <http://flushinggrand.com/>

A 5-minute walk from Carom Café, this hotel represents an upgrade compared to the Flushing International. The accommodations are a bit nicer and complimentary doughnuts and coffee in the morning is included in the price. 17 of 46 rooms have two beds.

Comfort Inn

133-43 37th Avenue

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-939-5000 Fax: 718-939-4000

Web: <http://www.comfortinn.com/flushing> (then type “Flushing” in the “City” field)

A 10-minute walk from Carom Café, this hotel is a slight upgrade compared to the Imperial. Continental breakfast is included in the price and the hotel offers free Wi-Fi connections. 17 of 50 rooms have two beds.

Extended Stay America

18-30 Whitestone Expressway

Whitestone, NY 11357

Tel: 718-357-3661 Fax: 718-357-3644

Web: <http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/>

Located 1.3 miles from Carom Café, the walk takes about 25 minutes and will be too long for most people, but the drive is very short. This hotel is ideal for those who have cars and wish to stay in a place where they can prepare their own food. The rooms are large and have kitchen appliances and a small dining area. Also, there is a shopping mall adjacent to the hotel.

Best Western Queens Court

133-51 39th Avenue

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-888-1900

Web: <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=33111>

A 12-minute walk from Carom Café, the rooms are quite nice and 37 of 59 rooms have two beds. However, the hotel has few amenities. For example, it has a fitness room but no food service. One would expect more from a hotel in this price range.

Sheraton Hotel La Guardia East

135-20 39th Avenue

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-460-6666 Fax: 718-445-2655

Web: www.sheratonlaguardia.com

A 10-minute walk from Carom Café, this is the best hotel in the area and 116 of 173 rooms have two beds. There is a restaurant and bar, a fitness center, the rooms are spacious, etc. It is located near many stores and restaurants and a 1-minute walk from the #7 train to Manhattan. The hotel was not willing to offer special rates (and there are no weekly rates) but told us that the best rates are generally available online. They recommended their own website – i.e., www.starwoodhotels.com (type in “Flushing” in the city field and “New York” in the state field). However, we have sometimes been able to find better rates at the major online services like Orbitz, Expedia or Travelocity. So, hunt around before reserving.

Wingate Inn & Suites at LaGuardia Airport

137-07 Northern Boulevard

Flushing, NY 11354 US

Tel: 718-445-3300

Web: <http://www.wingateinns.com/Wingate/control/home>

A 2-minute walk from Carom Café, this is one of the best hotels in the area.

All players must make their own hotel reservation

Taxes

If you are planning to enter the tournament you need only read the sections below that apply to you:

- For U.S. residents – only sections 1 and 5 apply;
- Most foreign residents need only read sections 2 and 5;
- However, if you live outside the United States but you have received or can obtain an Individual Tax Identification Number (**ITIN**) from the Internal Revenue Service (**IRS**) you *may* be able to avoid withholding taxes. To learn more, read sections 3 and 4 (as well as 2 and 5).

Forms referred to below may be viewed/downloaded at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/>.

Section 1 – United States Residents

You can avoid withholding taxes on your prize money by filling out Form W-9. This tells us your name, address and Social Security number. (Form W-9 will be made available at the Tournament.) After the Tournament, Carom Café will report your winnings to the IRS, to New York State and to you, using Form 1099-MISC. (If you do not fill out Form W-9, we will be required to withhold 30% of your prize money!)

Section 2 – Foreign Residents: Most Will Be Subject to Withholding Taxes

For most (and, perhaps, all) foreign participants, the process is very simple: (1) You will be subject to 30% withholding taxes on your prize money; (2) at the Tournament, prize winners will have to supply their name and address; and (3) we will then provide the IRS with this information on Form 1042-S, two copies of which will be mailed to you. When it comes time for you to pay taxes in your own country, you will not only have a record of your winnings, but you will have documents that show that you paid substantial taxes to the U.S. Government. In many cases you will be able to get a tax credit for these payments. Be sure to check with your tax advisor in your home country.

Section 3 – Foreign Residents: A Few May Be Able to Avoid Withholding Taxes

For some non-U.S. residents, withholding taxes may be avoided *provided* (a) your country has a tax treaty with the United States, (b) you have an “Individual Taxpayer Identification Number” (**ITIN**) from the IRS *and* (c) your prize money does not exceed the maximum amount that is exempt from withholding under the treaty.

If you do not have an ITIN, we regret to inform you that rule changes in recent years have made them much more difficult to get. We will be unable to assist you in obtaining an ITIN but a tax adviser in your own country might be able to help you. However, if you received an ITIN at any time in the past, it is still valid.

In any event, if you have an ITIN and there is a tax treaty between your country and the United States and your prize does not exceed the amount allowed under the treaty you will be able to avoid withholding taxes by filling out Form 8233. We will be able to help you do this at the tournament.

One more thing: If you are eligible for zero withholding, we will have to *temporarily* withhold 100% of your prize money until 10 days after Form 8233 is mailed to the IRS. We expect to mail such Forms one or two days after the end of the tournament. The 10-day period is required by the IRS to give them time to verify your eligibility for avoiding withholding. Assuming there is no objection from the IRS (and there shouldn't be as long as your ITIN is valid), we will mail you a check for the full amount of your prize approximately 12 days after the Tournament ends.

Section 4 – Foreign Residents: Information on Individual Countries

The table below summarizes the treaty situation for residents from 28 countries. We list the maximum dollar amount that you may earn without becoming subject to tax withholding. We also list the treaty article number that will have to be put on Form 8233. *None of this is relevant to you unless you have or can obtain an ITIN.* If there is no treaty with your country you will be subject to withholding even if you have an ITIN.

Argentina	No treaty		Italy	\$12,000	17(1)
Aruba	No treaty		Japan	\$ 3,000	17
Austria	\$20,000	17	Korea	\$ 3,000	18
Belgium	\$ 3,000	14(2)(c)	Luxembourg	\$10,000	18
Canada	\$15,000	16	Mexico	\$ 3,000	18
Colombia	No treaty		Netherlands	\$10,000	18
Czech Rep.	\$20,000	18	Peru	No treaty	
Denmark	\$20,000	17	Portugal	\$10,000	19
Ecuador	No treaty		Russia	No limit	
Eqypt	\$ 400/ day	17	Spain	\$10,000	19
France	\$10,000	17	Sweden	\$ 6,000	18
Germany	\$20,000	17	Switzerland	\$10,000	17
Greece	\$10,000	X	Turkey	\$ 3,000	17
Hungary	No limit	13	Vietnam	No treaty	

Section 5 – Two Additional Notes About Taxes

If you do not win a prize (i.e., if you do not advance to the “A” finals or “B” finals, or score the high run or best game) we will not need to collect any personal information from you. For U.S. residents, this means you will not have to fill out a W-9. For foreign residents, it means that neither will you have to fill out an 8233, nor will you have to provide us with the information we would need to fill out a 1042-S.