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**Gabriels and USBA Form Partnership**

Gabriels Billiards and the United States Billiard Association (USBA) have entered into a three-year sponsorship partnership beginning January 1, 2012. Under the terms of the agreement, Gabriels will become the “Official Partner of the USBA” and will financially support the USBA Three-Cushion National Championship Tournament during the term of the agreement. Founded in 1932 in Antwerp Belgium by René Gabriels, a legendary balkline player, Gabriels specializes in the production of high-end carom tables. Gabriels website is [www.gabrielsbilliards.com](http://www.gabrielsbilliards.com). The USBA is the governing federation for carom billiards in the United States. Its website is [www.usba.net](http://www.usba.net). The partnership will enable the USBA to continue its efforts to grow carom billiards in the United States.

**Carom Café – B – September 16-18, 2011**

**Jae Cheon Seong Wins the Carom Café “B” Tournament**



The top 4 players in the picture are:  
 Jae Cheon Seong (1st), Ira Lee (2nd), Young Ha Choi (3rd),  
 Armando Rodriguez (4th)

# Carom Café – C –September 9-11, 2011

## Johnny Kim Wins the Carom Café “C” Tournament

2011 Carom Cafe C Finals  
September 10 to 11 Carom Cafe Billiards

	Park	Kim	Flores	Alejandro	Sanchez	Flores	Park	Valdovinos	WINS/LOS	TOTAL POINTS	% of POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
Edie *	35	3	32	4	35	3	28	5	3	34	3	35	3	3	3	3
Park		16	20	16	20	17	20	18	3	129	92.14%	235	0.549	5	0.714	5
Johnny Kim	17		17	14	17	5	17	17	3	104	87.39%	217	0.479	5	1.214	1
Hugo Flores	10	14		17	17	12	17	17	4	104	87.39%	228	0.456	6	0.680	3
Johnny * Alejandro	20	20	8		20	11	20	13	3	112	80.00%	221	0.507	4	0.769	4
Adriel Sanchez	9	6	16	7		17	17	17	3	89	74.79%	229	0.389	3	0.447	6
Armando Flores	17	17	15	17	10		17	17	2	110	92.44%	262	0.420	4	0.773	2
Tommy * Park	8	17	20	10	9	18		20	2	102	72.86%	280	0.364	9	0.588	8
Luis Miguel * Valdovinos	20	17	10	20	18	13	9		5	106	75.71%	231	0.459	3	0.571	7
Johnny Kim Wins The 12 Point Playoff Match Against Armando Flores 12 to 11																
TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.450																

“C” Players (below .500) went to 17 points and “C+” Players (slightly above .500) went to 20 points.

### Edgie’s Billiards – B Jose Lizarraga Wins at Edgie’s

There were 12 players. Preliminaries: 2 groups of 6. Finals: 4-man round robin (top 2 from each group)

Payout:

- 1st: \$800 Jose Lizarraga
- 2nd: \$500 Vinh Nguyen
- 3rd: \$300 Cristobal Tovar
- 4th: \$160 Allen Castillo

High run out of the money: \$40 Mark Hansen (11)



### President’s Desk

I am happy to report two related pieces of news.

The USBA has entered into a sponsorship agreement with Gabriels Billiards, a division of Loontjens Biljarts. Under the agreement, Gabriels will become “The Official Partner of the USBA” and will help us grow the sport of carom billiards in the United States.



Gabriels will supply eight Kronos carom tables for the USBA Three-Cushion National Tournament for each of the next three years.

Gabriels will also help with some of the costs of running those tournaments.

This leads to my next piece of news. The USBA National Tournament for 2012 will be back in Las Vegas at the Tropicana between May 5 and 11 as part of the Lucasi Hybrid American Cue Sports (ACS) National Championships week. As many of you know, the USBA Nationals for 2011 were held at the Tropicana in conjunction with the ACS event. It proved to be a great venue. When John Lewis, the Executive Director of the ACS, invited the USBA back to Las Vegas for 2012, we wanted to accept, but we needed help. Gabriels will provide that needed assistance.

My hope, frankly, is to make the USBA Nationals a destination for all carom billiard players each and every year. The glamour of Las Vegas, the organizational strength of the ACS and the vision of Gabriels form a powerful troika for achieving this goal. See you in Las Vegas next May! Have a safe and happy holiday season.

### World Class Billiards Peabody, MA “B”

World Class Billiards hosted the final stop of the 2011 USBA Tour with a field of 16 players which were divided into 2 groups of 8 players each to 20 points. The top 3 players from each flight advanced to a 6 player round robin to 25 points.

The “A” flight consisted of all 4 players visiting from New York: Jim Watson, Jim Shovak, Rich Vitzthum and Merrill Hughes. David Van Lokeren from Rhode Island was also in the flight and is always a big favorite to win at World Class Billiards. Also in the flight was Ben Parker, Sean Angelesco and George Padios, all local players.

The “B” flight consisted of Bob Page, Lenny Collibee, Joe DeAmato, Chris O’Brien, Robert Ferrara, Ellis Lawrence, Tony Ferrara, all local players and Nick Bonavita from New Jersey.

Tony Ferrara wins his first USBA Tour Tournament going 4-1 with a .743 finals average and the finals’ best game of 1.087. By wins/losses and then total points scored,

Payout: First place was \$1700, 2nd was \$1200, 3rd was \$800, 4th was \$600, 5th was \$500 and 6th was \$400.



Jim Watson, Tony Ferrara, and Jim Shovak



John Jacobson (3rd), Robert Byrne (2nd) and Lupe Cruz (1st)

## ***Minneapolis Billiard Club Fall Classic –September 23-25, 2011***

### ***Lupe Cruz Wins the 2011 Minneapolis Billiard Club Fall Classic***

Minneapolis Billiard Club would like to give thanks to the following for making our event a big success: David Levine, Mickey Campbell, Paul Fritzam, Tiger Cues, Rene Ducret, Jim Larson, Matt Lind, George Bisonnette and Cue2U.com

### ***Upcoming USBA Tournaments***

**Dec 2-3-4, 2011**

USBA Regional Qualifier- Dick Takano Memorial

Where: Tacoma Elks #174

Tacoma, WA

Contact: Tommy Thomsen (509)-240-2027

Entry \$130.00 "A" Division Players (.500 avg. & higher)

\$ 65.00 "B" Division Players (.499 avg. & lower)

**Dec 2-3-4, 2011**

The Carom Club

Wyoming, MI

Open Handicapped Tournament

Entry Fee: \$235\* USBA Members: \$210

Handicaps: (determined by USBA Rankings Committee)

Contact: Gary Scharf (616-805-0316)

**January 19-22th, 2012**

3-Cushion USBA Regional Qualifier

Pendennis Club

Louisville, Kentucky

Contact: Paul Frankel – (901) 210-7251 Cell Or (901) 756-2594



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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**

# The Jump Shot

by Robert Byrne

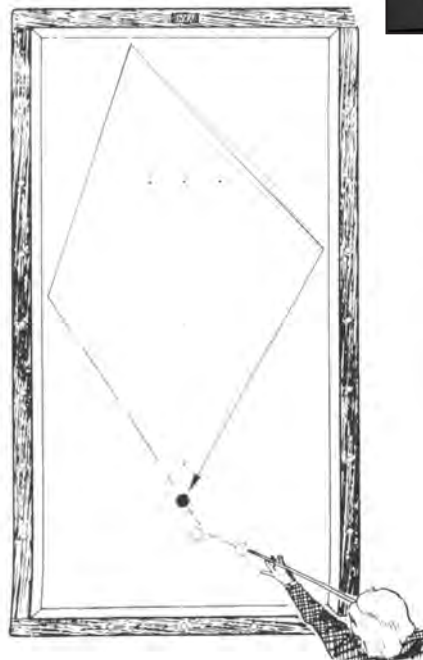
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In executing jump shots, the cue must be elevated. How high depends on how high you want the cueball to rise (45degrees is about the limit; more than that and it is too hard to aim and stroke). Speed also varies with the amount of jump needed, but most jump shots must be hit with considerable authority. You can apply right and left English and backspin to the cueball on a jump shot, but forget about topspin because the tip will interfere with the ball's effort to leave the cloth.

The shot in diagram 119 is reminiscently practical. In fact, at one Western Regional Tournament in North Hollywood, I was playing at the table next to Al Gilbert when he made the shot in a game against John Teerink of Seattle.

Gilbert had to jump the entire red ball. The shot is a little easier, of course, when you only have to jump over the edge of a ball.



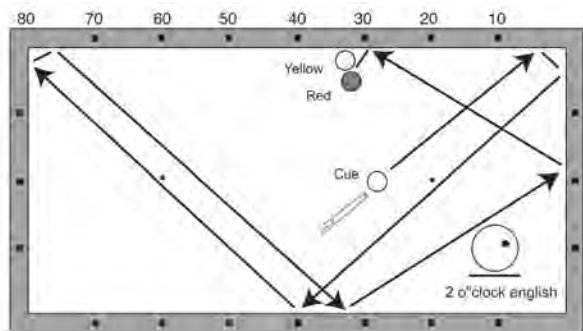
## Rip's Tips

### 8 Rails in 5 Seconds



While looking over my collection of shots to remember. I came across this one by Semih Sayginer which took only about 5 seconds to hit 8 cushions. This is a great shot and it seems like the idea is to hold the cue ball on the table while applying a tremendous stroke to shorten the ball up as it hits these crazy angles. I think he set the balls up something like the diagram shows and use a level cue to hit the cue ball and used 2 o'clock English to have the ball bite all around the table and with checking English still on the ball at the 6th cushion, straightening up to make the shot. What a beauty!

"George Rippe is a former billiard room proprietor and artistic billiard enthusiast," He can be reached at 978 975-9958



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**"A four day event at"  
 Pendennis Club  
 Louisville, Kentucky  
 January 19-22, 2012**



Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman, ESPN & World Masters Trick Shot Champion, will be performing at the Pendennis Club the day before the USBA Qualifier starts. His "entertaining" exhibition with a "twist of humor" style on the pool table will take place on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this unique show. Relax, watch, and enjoy this special moment in billiard history!





Pedro Piedrabuena  
Four Time USBA  
Champion



Jae Hyung Cho  
Former USBA Champion



Carlos Hallon  
Three Time USBA Champion



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**20th SUPER BILLIARDS EXPO**



## March 8-11th, 2012

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks



Hugo Patino  
Two time USBA Champion



Mazin Shooni  
Former USBA Champion



Miguel Torres  
Former USBA Champion



Mercedes Gonzales  
USA Women's Champion



Bill Smith  
Runner up- USBA Champion



Michael Kang  
Runner up- USBA Champion



Frank Torres  
Former USBA Champion



George Ashby  
Former USBA Champion

# USBA Tour Carom Café Open featuring Torbjorn Blomdahl Torbjorn Wins It

Format: 28 players

4 groups of 7 players each RR to 25 points

Top 2 from each group advances to the finals.

Top 2 from each group:

Group A: Hugo Patino & Mike Lee

Group B: Mazin Shooni & Sonny Cho

Group C: Michael Kang & Tony Ferrara

Group D: Miguel Torres & Jim Shovak

The 2 best 3rd place finishers were: Lloyd Wallace & Sun Shin

Brian Yi won the auction and Sang Bin Lee won the lottery.

Torbjorn Blomdahl was seeded into the finals.

The finals consisted of 14 players:

2 groups with 7 players each, RR to 30 points.

The top 2 finishers from each group would advance to a

4-player Single Elimination to 40 points.

Top 2 from each group:

Group A: Torbjorn Blomdahl & Mazin Shooni

Group B: Hugo Patino & Miguel Torres

Single Elimination Semi-Finals:

Mazin Shooni defeated Hugo Patino 40-37.



**Mazin Shooni (2nd), Torbjorn Blomdahl (1st),  
Hugo Patino (3rd)**

Torbjorn Blomdahl defeated Miguel Torres 40-23.

Single Elimination Finals:

Hugo Patino (3rd place) defeated Miguel Torres (4th) 40-29.

Torbjorn Blomdahl (1st) defeated Mazin Shooni (2nd) 40-26.

*Special Thanks to David Levine, Marty Isserlis, Merrill Hughes,  
Jan Carl, Michael Kang & of course, Charles Brown.*

*Thanks for making this happen, guys.*

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## Marshalltown, Iowa Regional Qualifier –November 11-13, 2011

Lupe Cruz and Fred Lamers advance to the Nationals. Lupe was handed one loss by Gary Eake, but managed to win the 10 person round robin with a .754 average and an 8 run. Fred had 2 losses, one from Lupe and one from John Jacobson, who also had 2 losses. Fred edged John by 3 points and had the tournament best game - 25 points in 16 innings for a 1.562 avg. Fred's overall average-.777

	Cruz	acobson	Lamers	Cruz	Jimenez	Eake	Wedge	McElligott	Rosenberger	Kapinos	WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	INNI	AND AVERAGE	HIGHEST RUN	BEST GAME	RANKING
Lupe Cruz	32	5 129	5 40	8 22	5 36	5 30	4 22	6 41	4 37	5 18	218	289	0.754	8			1st
John Jacobson	31		28	5 31	4 21	4 39	4 46	3 27	4 43	4 45	213	304	0.701	6			3rd
Fred Lamers	29	24	4	37	4 16	7 35	4 31	5 30	4 32	4 24	216	278	0.777	7			2nd
John Cruz	46	38	3 36	4	46	3 27	3 39	4 68	5 57	3 15	144	345	0.417	4			9th
John Jimenez	21	20	15	49		65	3 65	3 3	61	95	135	365	0.370	5			8th
Gary Eake	37	4 39	3 35	4 28	4 3		25	3 67	4 44	4 51	198	390	0.508	4			5th
Ed Wedge	29	3 46	3 31	2 38	2 66	4 26	7	52	3 47	3 44	182	379	0.480	7			4th
T.R. McElligott	22	28	45	99	3	68	3 51	4	63	53	168	399	0.358	4			6th
Russ Rosenberger	40	39	3 31	62	2 42	3 47	2 63		92		158	416	0.324	3			7th
Bernard Kapinos	37	2 44	2 23	3 56	2 68	3 51	2 44	53	3 99		109	466	0.234	3			10th
Points Against	128	145	135	194	203	177	175	174	185	225	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.479	