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Javier Teran Wins the Carom Café Open

Carom Café filled the field with 49 players, both from the US and foreign countries. The field was very tough with top players in every flight. The players were divided into 7 groups with 7 players each with 25 point matches to be played in the preliminaries. The top 2 finishers of each flight would advance to the finals (14 players). Also, the best four 3rd place finishers (wild cards) would advance making it 18 players in the finals. There would also be one auction and one lottery winner making it 20 players in all. Averages were not kept, so the tie-breakers were determined by win/loss record, total points scored, head-to-head and then points-against. The finalists would then be divided into 2 groups with 10 players each in 30 point matches. The winner of each of the 2 groups would then play each other for the Championship in a 35 point match.

Group A: Luis Aveiga from Ecuador wins the group and Lloyd Wallace, a local player, comes in 2nd.

Group B: Mazin Shooni wins the group and Javier Teran from Ecuador comes in 2nd.

Group C: Brian Yi, a local player, surprises everyone except the locals winning the group. Wim Van Cromvoirt from Holland comes in 2nd.

Group D: Hugo Patino wins the group and Therese Klompenhouwer from Holland comes in 2nd.

Group E: Francisco Parra plays strong and wins the group with Barry von Beers from Holland coming in 2nd.

Group F: Allen Jensen from Denmark wins the group and Pedro Piedrabuena comes in 2nd.

Group G: Glenn Hofman from Holland and



l-r, Hugo Patino (2nd), Javier Teran (1st) and Glenn Hofman (3rd).

also the World Juniors Champion wins the group and Roberto Rojas from Mexico comes in 2nd.

The four-best 3rd place finishers were Miguel Torres, Luis Avila from Mexico, Jim Shovak and Sonny Cho. Just missing the cut were Sang Jin Lee, Ira Lee and Song Lim, all local players. Michael Kang won the auction and Jorge Rubio from Mexico won the lottery.

The 20 players were then placed into the 2 finals groups based on their preliminary performances. The top 5 finishers of each group would then play one final match to determine placement.

The final match was between Hugo Patino and Javier Teran. Teran played extremely strong and the match was finished before all of the other matches. Teran ran a 13-and-out to win decisively 35-11.

Congratulations to Javier Teran and all the other finalists!

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Jesus Quinonez and Lan Nguyen Win in Tacoma

by Tommy Thomsen

The Mike Fahey Memorial 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament was held at the Tacoma Elks Lodge in Tacoma, Washington on August 19 – 21.

We had 20 participants for this tournament: 11 “B” players and 9 “C” players. We held two round-robin tournaments with four winners for the “B” side and three winners for the “C” side. The “C” tournament was won handily by a new player, Lan T. Nguyen; second place went to Galen Lee; third place went to Matt Lind. All these players were from other areas: Nguyen from Portland, Oregon; Lee from San Jose, California; Lind from Minneapolis, Minnesota. There were two players from Denver, Colorado. The rest of the “C” players were from Tacoma and Portland. Mr. Lee also had a very fine run of 9 to take the high run honors.

On the “B” side, the tournament went right down to the final game. If Mr. Jesus Quinonez scored 17 points he would win on total points. If Mr. Neal Olson won and held Mr. Quinonez to less than 17 points then he would have won. As you can see from the chart Mr. Quinonez remained undefeated and won the first prize.

Mr. Vandenberg had a beautiful run of 13 to take high run honors for the “B” side. He also took third place. Mr. Truong came in fourth to round out the prize money. We finished at 2:00 PM on Sunday just as we hoped we would. The Tacoma Elks Lodge is to be thanked once again for letting the USBA hold another tournament there; they have five very nice Verhoeven billiard tables. Our next USBA tournament to be held there is the Dick Takano Memorial on December 2 – 4, 2011. This will be the qualifier for next year’s USBA National Tournament.

Edgie’s Billiards “B” Tournament

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 (top right)
2nd	\$500	Vinh Nguyen (bottom right)
3rd	\$300	Cristobal Tovar
4th	\$160	Allen Castillo

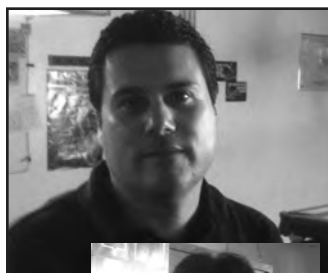
High run out of the money: \$40 Mark Hansen (11)



Tommy Thomsen awarding prize money to Lan T. Nguyen C Tournament Winner



Jesus Quinonez B Tournament Winner



President’s Desk

The last two months have been very busy at the USBA. I will mention a few of the projects currently underway and, in the process, acknowledge several USBA board members for their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.



Doug Deitel, Merrill Hughes and Raye Raskin are currently evaluating our existing website to determine whether it can be improved. They hope to be able to complete their review within a few weeks.

Steve Andersen, who is in charge of USBA marketing, has been busy following leads for sponsors and otherwise promoting the USBA and carom billiards. His energy and creativity are amazing.

Merrill Hughes has been actively engaged in developing a USBA youth billiards program. This is an important and long-term project, and I’m confident that Merrill is the right man for the job. I also want to single out Merrill for his extraordinary effort at the Carom Café Open in July. Not only did he play in the tournament, but he manned the microphone and chat room for the live stream throughout the tournament.

I could go on and mention the hard work of other board members, but I’ll save that for another day. All board members are volunteers who spend evenings and weekends working to promote the game of carom billiards and to improve the USBA. They all deserve two taps of the chalk for their efforts.

Feel free to contact any board member through the USBA website to discuss billiards or the USBA. Yours in billiards.

2011 USBA TOUR "B" Tournament

Dung Nguyen from Houston Wins at Doral

21 players: 3 groups of 7 to 20 points

Top 2 from each group plus 2 wild cards (3rd place finishers) advance

Finals: 8 player round robin to 25 points

Results:

- 1) \$2,000 Dung Nguyen
- 2) \$1500 Hugo Sanchez
- 3) \$1100 Justin Gennaro
- 4) \$900 Jim Shovak
- 5) \$700 Alfonso Torres
- 6) \$500 Victor Cuzzi
- 7) \$300 Jim Bishop
- 8) \$200 Carlos Bazo

Special thanks to the owners of Doral Billiards who not only added money to the prize fund and treated us all like Kings (and Queens), but Doral has been very active in recruiting new members to the USBA through the use of some very clever ideas in their room. USBA Members play for free between certain hours of the day on Sundays and Mondays. The room has already signed up 40 new members this year alone. Thank you to Doral Billiards, Mercedes Gonzales, Victor Cuzzi and Henry Ugartechea who were all instrumental in promoting the idea.



I-r, Justin Gennaro (3rd), Dung Nguyen (1st) and Hugo Sanchez (2nd).

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Upcoming USBA Tournaments

October 7-9: Thanh Tam Billiards - Handicapped Garden Grove, CA

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2011- Oct 27-30: USBA TOUR "Open" - Carom Cafe-Flushing, NY

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Contact: Charles Brown: 646-528-3238 or Michael Kang: 917-204-6070

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Contact: Joe DeAmato: 978-535-7000 or 617-957-2114

Dec 2-4: Regional Qualifier-Dick Takano Memorial-Tacoma Elks, WA

Contact: Tommy Thomsen: 509-240-2027

2012- January 19-22: Regional Qualifier - Pendennis Club-Louisville, KY

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The Jump Shot

by Robert Byrne

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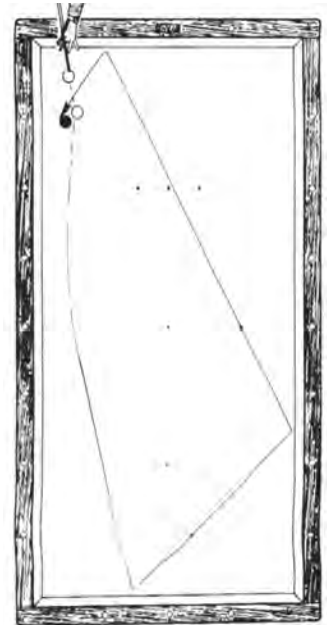


The jump shot in pool has become a popular weapon among today's top players in recent years. Opportunities for jump shots also come up in three-cushion billiards, but not nearly as often. Billiard jump shots are more often used in exhibitions than in games-still, there are a few positions where they are practical, especially for the aggressive players.

The way I understand the rules now, jump shots are legal provided no ball touches the wooden part of the rail; a ball riding along the top of the cushion before falling back onto the table is okay.

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 jump shot in diagram may well be the best choice under the circumstances. There are several other shots to consider, but they can be made tougher with a slight change in the placement of the balls. Shooting down on the cueball with enough power to make it jump over the red gives you a good chance of scoring. Some left English is needed in the given position, and the resulting masse effect is shown by the curve in the cueball's path on its way to the first rail.



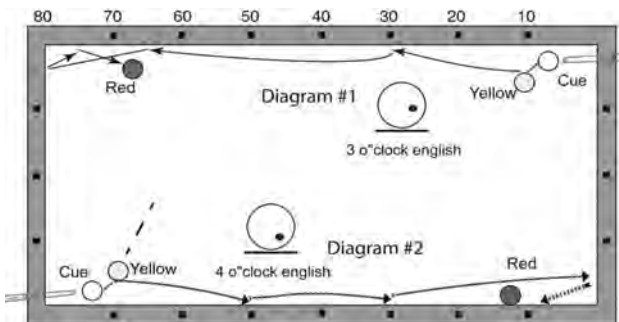
Rip's Tips

Two Great Shots?

2 - 4 Cushion Options

Diagram #1 requires a graceful yet firm stroke with 15-degree elevation of cue. Strike the yellow ball as thin as possible to contact the cushion at about the 3rd diamond after pulling the cue back quickly after contact of the hit. To sneak behind the red ball we need the cue ball to hug the rail and then its short-long and red ball. **Diagram #2** requires about the same treatment, except that we need more speed and wrist action. After striking the yellow ball pull the cue back quickly with a good yank to hit the same rail twice and go around the red back to the game winning shot.

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