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3-Cushion Billiard News

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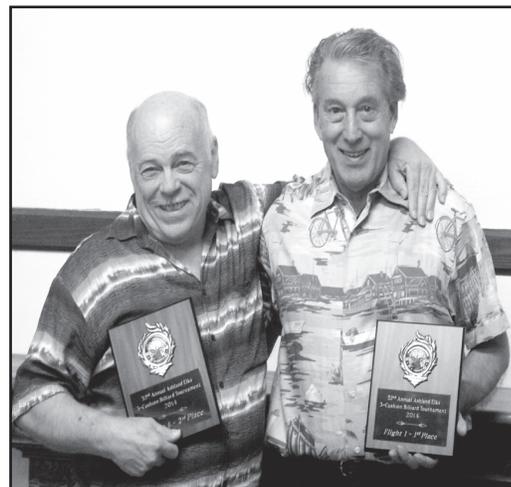
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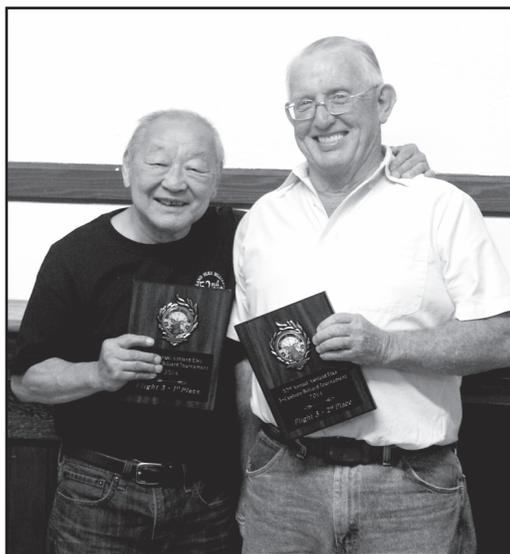
**52nd Annual Southern Oregon
 Fall Billiard Tournament**

October 4, the Ashland Elks Lodge finished hosting the week-long 52nd Annual Southern Oregon Invitational 3-Cushion Billiards Tournament. This was the first year that this tournament was played completely at the Ashland Lodge, having moved from the struggling Medford Elks Lodge where it had been headquartered for the previous half-century. A total of 36 players participated in the event, including 26 players from all around the country, from Florida and Ohio to Washington State and California.

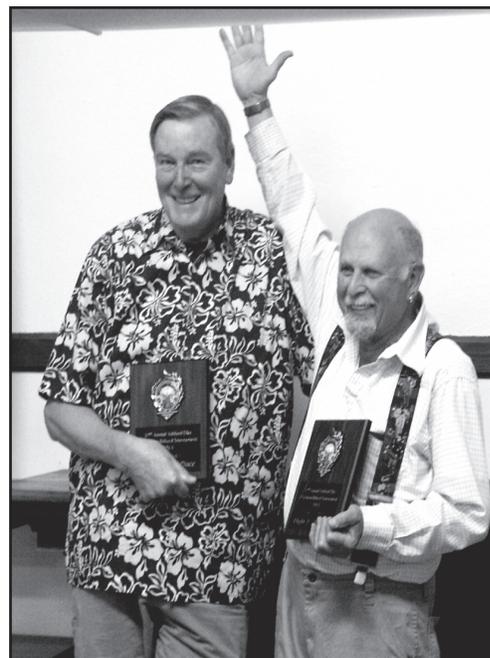
Thirty-six players were divided into three flights of 12 by ability level, and each player had to play everyone in his flight once plus the other five players in their half of the flight a second time, for a total of 16 games over the course of the week. The two top finishers in each flight then played in simultaneous finals matches after the final evening's award banquet and raffle.



Flight 1 Finalists, 1st Place Gary Cohen (R), 2nd Place Mark Hansen (L)



Flight 3 Finalists, 1st Place Toshi Moriguchi (L), 2nd Place John Hughes (R)



Flight 2 Finalists, 2nd Place Harvey Wixman (R), 3rd Place Dave Ehlers (L); not pictured, Galen Lee, 1st Place

Russ Guppy Memorial Endorsed 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament

The tournament was held November 14 – 16 at the Hood River Elks Lodge in Hood River, Oregon. Twenty-one players showed up in the middle of a snowstorm. There were twelve “B” players and nine “C” players. The twenty-one players were broken up into three flights of seven each with four “B” and three “C” players in each flight. A round-robin was held with everybody playing each other in their flights. Two players from each flight from each category were put into the finals.

Mark Sullivan and Darrel Stutesman were the “B” winners from the Red flight but Darrel felt he could not continue so John Fleming was substituted for him. In the White flight Dan Louie and Tim Poole advanced. In the Blue flight Tom Thomsen and Marc Smith continued on.

In the “C” category of the Red flight Dave Ehlers and Bob Biggs advanced. In the White flight Ron Hopkins and Kevin Hay advanced. In the Blue flight Mark Bradford and Scott Pahl went on.

In the “B” finals (see charts) Mark Sullivan came in first even though Dan Louie beat him in the final game. They each had one loss but Mark beat Dan by one total point. Third place went to Marc Smith by three points over Tom Thomsen. This is Marc’s first foray into the “B” division and hopefully it will not be his last.

In the “C” Division Ron Hopkins came in first for his second “C” division win of the season. Dave Ehlers won his last game so he finished second and Kevin Hay was third. Dan Louie had the high run of 6 in the “B” division and Ron Hopkins had a 5 for the “C” division.

We owe a special thanks to the Hood River Elks Lodge for allowing us to use their tables. Everyone there was very friendly and cooperative. The Saturday dinner was excellent. Thanks.



USBA Tour Open 8-Ball Billiards

**L to R): Back Row: USBA President Jim Shovak, Mexican Player Representative Jesus Gallegos, Luis Avila (Mexico-1st place), Javier Teran (Ecuador-2nd place)
Front Row: Ricardo Carranco (USA) and Harry Pena (Colombia) (both 3rd place).**

PRIZE FUND = \$18,250

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| 1) \$3,700 Luis Avila, | 2) \$2,700 Javier Teran |
| 3) \$1,825 Ricardo Carranco | 3) \$1,825 Harry Pena |
| 5) \$1,500 Robinson Morales | 5) \$1,500 Pedro Piedrabuena |
| 7) \$1,100 Mike Kim | 7) \$1,100 Bilal Khalifa |
| 9) \$700 Jose Lizarraga | 9) \$700 Salvador Diaz |
| 11) \$400 Allen Castillo | 11) \$400 Raymundo Munoz |
| 13) \$300 Frank Torres | 13) \$300 Jim Shovak |

High Run Finals = \$100 Pedro Piedrabuena (12), Best Game Finals= \$100 Luis Avila and Ricardo Carranco.30 pts in 12 innings (2.500 avg)

President's Desk:

Another year is almost over and it's time to look ahead to 2015.



The USBA has just secured a table sponsorship agreement for 2015 with Verhoeven tables. Verhoeven will be sponsoring the USBA for the 2015 USBA National Championship Tournament. The Nationals will therefore be held in a billiard room that uses Verhoeven tables. The Board of Directors will decide on the venue before the end of this year.

Billiard rooms should begin to schedule their National Qualifiers as soon as possible and should contact USBA Secretary Tom Paley to schedule the dates.

Later in 2015 we will also be holding a C and B Championship Tournament. Details will be unveiled in the near future. Qualifiers for this event may also be held.

The Board will also be working on the possibility of a USBA Handicapped League leading up to a major handicapped event. Other issues such as membership dues, sanction fees and room memberships may also be revisited. There are so many things that need to get done but so few available persons to help get them done. If anyone wishes to volunteer their services to be in charge of certain USBA tasks, please contact me so I can include you in our plans.

Thank you all for your continued support to bring the beautiful game of billiards to everyone.

USBA 3 Cushion Handicap Tournament Results from Amazin Billiards

Twenty one players converged at Amazin Billiards' 3 cushion sanctuary in Malden, MA for a two day event to participate in what will be known in the future as the Dave Van Lokoren Memorial Tournament.

A sincere moment of silence was expressed to pay our respect and to remember one of our fondest friends and 3 cushion billiard enthusiast known to all as Gentleman Dave.

Fittingly, the 1st tournament held here in Dave's honor was won by one of Dave's lifelong friends in Detroit in the person of Mazin Shooni.

Mazin (the only 'A+' player in the field) actually went 5 & 1 in his preliminary flight losing to Tony Ferrara who went a cool 6 & 0. The rest of the flight included Myron Goldenberg who played well going 2 & 4, Lenny Collibee who was highly regarded going 1 & 5, Charlie Delorme who was also 1 & 5, Cleiton Rocha, a top pool player showing well in his first 3 cushion event going 2 & 4 and Orlando Atehortua who played very strong while losing only to Mazin and Tony ending up 3rd in the flight while going 4 & 2.

Only Tony and Mazin advanced to finals.

Flight B was highly competitive. Ellis Lawrence won the flight going 5 & 1 losing only to John Johnson. Second was Bob Page also at 5 & 1 who still had to win his last match to ensure advancing and won 30 to 29. Third and an advancing wild card player was Dave Egdahl who at 4 & 2 lost only to Lawrence and Page. A good showing by John Johnson at 3 & 3 placed him 4th while 5th went to Ben Parker who found his stroke late and finished 3 & 3. In 6th at 1 & 5 was Eric Zewiey. Eric experienced a very unique inaugural event. In his 5 losses going to 30 points, he scored 29, 29, 29, 28 and 25 points. A nice showing. Rounding out the B flight was one of the classiest up and coming players who came in from Connecticut, Kevin Perry. Although 0 & 6, he too was virtually 'in' every match.

Flight A featured an undefeated Merrill Hughes from New York at 6 & 0. (all while pretty much running the show) Finishing 2nd was Joe DeAmato who rebounded in day 2 to go 4 & 2. Third and a wild card was the only 'A' player in the field, Jim Shovak from New York finished 4 & 2 also. Fourth and coming in all the way from North Carolina was Bob Thurston who battled hard and went 2 & 4. Fifth was local B+ player Bob Ferrara who also went 2 & 4. Next was Wilmar Garzon, a strong young player who was a newcomer to most in this field and presented a strong challenge to all going 2 & 4. In 7th place was the steady Aldemar Perdomo at 1 & 5 playing well.



The final 8 in the order of their seeding was as follows:

Merrill Hughes

Tony Ferrara

Mazin Shooni

Ellis Lawrence

Joe DeAmato

Bob Page

Dave Egdahl

Jim Shovak

#1 played #8, #2 played #7, #3 played #6, #4 played #5

Hughes defeated Shovak

Ferrara defeated Egdahl

Shooni defeated Page

DeAmato defeated Lawrence

The 4 losing players decided to split 5th thru 8th place money.

The 4 winning players played for placement in the top 4 spots.

DeAmato defeated Hughes

Shooni defeated Ferrara

Tony Ferrara and Merrill Hughes decided to split 3rd and 4th place money.

Shooni and DeAmato delayed their final match until Wednesday night at 8 p.m. and Mazin Shooni emerged victorious by a score of 30 to 24.

\$1000 was added to the prize fund and the awards were as follows:

1st \$1000

2nd \$700

3rd \$600

4th \$500

5th \$400

6th \$300

7th \$200

8th 150

Congratulations to Mazin Shooni for his win and to all the players who made the tournament a success.

It's with fondness for Dave and appreciation to Amazin Billiards that all the players look forward to next year and the 2nd Dave Van Lokoren Memorial Tournament.

David Van Lokeren

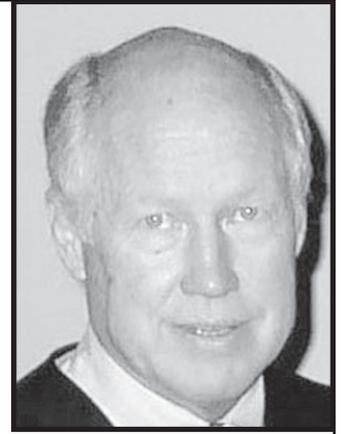
It is with tremendous sadness that we inform the fraternity of 3 cushion billiard players across this country of the passing of Dave Van Lucerne. Those of us that had the pleasure of knowing him and the privilege to call him a friend will miss him dearly. Never has there been a more gracious player in terms of his overall demeanor. Whether he was practicing or competing, winning or losing, running 8 or missing for 4 or 5 consecutive innings, David was always in control of his emotions. But it was more than his emotions that were being controlled; it was really his respect for the people around him that made him what he was and ultimately to become known as 'Gentleman Dave'.

Whether you were a friend of his from Detroit or got to spend time with him more recently in Rhode Island or whether you got to compete with him in Tacoma or New York or Boston, you had no choice but to be struck by his persona. He was genuine, he was compassionate, he was loving, a fierce competitor and a lover of life. His huge family is so blessed to call him dad or uncle or brother or cousin. We, in the billiard fraternity, if we were lucky, got to call him friend.

Dave accomplished much in his life and one of his long time dreams came to fruition. If you were fortunate enough to share in the reality of this dream, you understand where we're coming from. The Reserve. Dave opened a room with a 3 cushion billiard table and welcomed all to it. When I say that each and every time I was able to make it to Rhode Island and spend a few hours at the Reserve playing Dave and friends, I never once could walk into that 'room' without a tear coming to my eye. It was as peaceful and elegant to a 3 cushion player as any place on earth could be and it exuded from Dave and his love for the game, life and his friends.

Thank you for allowing a couple of Dave's many friends to share this brief message with you and thank you for remembering David Van Lokeren with us.

We'll love and remember him forever. Mazin Shooni and Joe DeAmato



Upcoming USBA Tournaments

December 5-7:

Dick Takano Memorial; National Qualifier
Tacoma Elks Lodge, Tacoma, WA
Contact: Ed Brasfield, 253-468-9839, bfasteddie41@aol.com

January 16-18, 2015:

National Qualifier, Ashland Elks Lodge. OR
Contact: Mark Williams, 541-941-1291,
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January 2015:

USBA TOUR OPEN TOURNAMENT
Doral Billiards, Miami, FL
Go to www.USBA.net for details as they become available

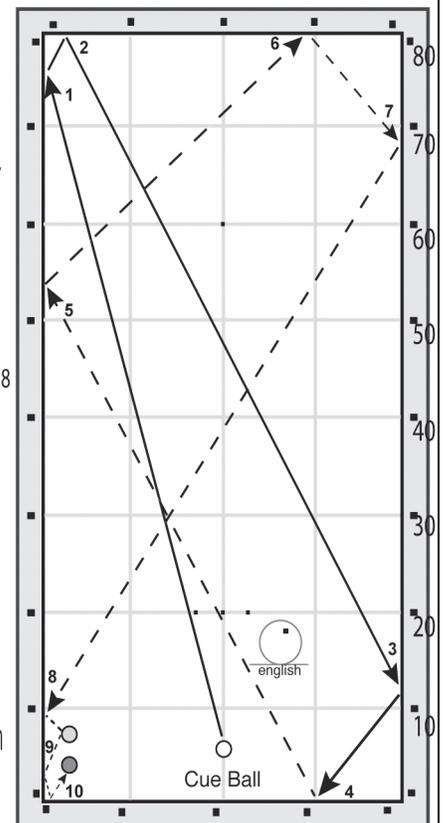
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USBA 3-Cushion Qualifier

November 14-16th at Illinois Billiard Club (IBC)

The three-day billiard extravaganza was hosted at America's oldest Billiard Club in memory of both the private club's members and all national billiards players and friends who have competed in the IBC's national tournaments and who have now passed away since the time of the club's founding.

The IBC was delighted to have this opportunity to support the USBA and what it represents to America's rich and time honored billiards history.

Entry \$150 - Race to 20 pts in prelims and 25 pts in finals
Format: 10 Player, 2 flights of 5 players, round robin A and B flights,

Two from each flight will advance into the final 4. With a 4 man round robin.

1st - \$225 plus entry into the 2015 USBA Nationals

2nd - \$175 plus entry into the 2015 USBA Nationals

3rd - \$200

4th - \$150

Hi-Run \$75 in each flight in prelims only.

Flight A- Brian Haff Hi-Run 5

Flight B- George Theobald Hi-Run 5

Special Attraction - On Saturday

ESPN & World Masters Trick Shot Champion Tom (Dr. Cue) Rossman performed on Saturday evening.

Tom (Dr. Cue) Rossman held the IBC's audience of members and friends transfixed with his quick yet charming wit, winning attitude that never quit, and, above all, his warm and friendly style that in the end, left everyone with a smile!

Special thanks go out to Jim and Bonnie Parker for allowing us to have this USBA Qualifier at their remarkable and historical IBC venue. Special thanks also to each IBC staff / player member for the joy and warm friendship that they shared with each of us during our visit / event experience at their magnetic "home away from home"!



4 Finalists left to right
Tom Rossman 2nd, Brian Haff 1st, Mr. Jim
Stoner, 4th, Paul Frankel 3rd.

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