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# The USBA Newsletter 3-Cushion Billiard News

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## Jae Hyung Cho New US 3-Cushion Champion



he 2010 US National 3-Cushion Championship was held February 17-21 at the Tacoma Elks Lodge. Play was on five heated Verhoeven tables covered with super-fast Simonis 300 cloth and Aramith Pro tournament balls. The Lodge was an outstanding host for the event and provided bleacher seating for spectators, staff to clean the equipment after each match, scorekeepers, ticket-takers, lunch and dinner buffets, and free practice time for all participants. Charles Brown, USBA Director from New York, did his usual accurate and efficient job as Tournament Director and Master of Ceremonies. Tiger Products provided gloves and cue wraps for all the players through their player representative Mazin Shooni.

As a special treat, Tacoma member Tom "Huf" Hofstedt was on hand to draw caricatures of all the players. Tom also produced an excellent program booklet for the event.

The 35 entrants were mostly players who had won qualifiers around the country, but also included the four top finishers from 2009 and a few open entrants who had played in qualifiers but had not won. They were grouped into five groups of seven players for round-robins with 25-point matches. One top finisher from 2009 was seeded into each group.

The prelims produced one major surprise as defending champion Hugo Patino failed to advance. He lost matches to 2005 champion Sonny Cho and to Min Jae Pak, who had put in a top-notch performance at the USBA Tour stop in August at Carom Cafe in New York with a 1.3 average.

In another group, last year's runner-up Pedro Piedrabuena was totally dominant as he didn't let any of his 6 opponents get to 10 points. Jae Hyung Cho ran a 7 against Pedro to tie at 7 points, but then Pedro shifted gears to win 25-9 in only 10 innings.

Two players from each group advanced to the 10player final round-robin, which had matches to 40 points. Besides Piedrabuena,



Sonny Cho and Miguel Torres had been undefeated in their prelim groups, while Carlos Hallon, Michael Kang, Mazin Shooni, Min Jae Pak, George Ashby, and Jae Hyung Cho advanced with 5-1 records. John Jacobson advanced from a 3-way tie for second in his group based on a most-points tie-breaker. Of the 10 finalists, six were former US Champions.

Live streaming to the Internet of the finals was provided by OTBnTV.com, allowing hundreds of fans to keep up with the action and scores. Commentary for each match helped anyone new to the game to catch up on the intricacies of shots including position play and safeties.

Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman was on hand to give one of his excellent trick shot shows between rounds. Along with USBA Directors Bruce Warner and Henry Ugartechea, Tom manned the microphones for the commentary during the live streaming.

Going into the final round of five matches, Piedrabuena and Jae Hyung Cho both had 8-1 records, while all the other players had at least two losses. This meant that the rematch between Pedro and Jae would determine the new champion. (In round-robin play, it's possible for equal win-loss records to happen, in which case a play-off would have been necessary to determine first and second places.)

In getting to the championship match, Jae Hyung Cho turned in the best game of the final rounds with 40 points in 21 innings against 2006 champ Mazin Shooni. Mazin had an excellent 1.600 average in that game, so he just caught Cho at the wrong time. Cho's sole loss was to Miguel Torres. For his part, Piedrabuena got to the finals with the highest grand average and a 1.739 game against 3-time former champ George Ashby. Pedro's only loss had been to Shooni.

Cho led through most of the final match. Piedrabuena rallied at the end, scoring 10 points while Cho was at 39, but an 18-point deficit proved insurmountable. Jae Hyung Cho became the 2010 US Champion with a 40-32 score. The grand average of all players in the finals was 0.987. For more details, visit the US Billiard Association website at www.USBA.net.

#### 2010 USBA National Championship Final Placement and Prizes

1st	\$3700						
2nd	1st Jae Hyung Cho 2nd Pedro Piedrabuena						
3rd	Miguel Torres	\$3100 \$2600					
4th	Sonny Cho	\$2200					
5th	Mazin Shooni	\$1800					
6th							
	Michael Kang	\$1500					
7th	Carlos Hallon	\$1200					
8th	Min Jae Pak	\$1000					
9th	George Ashby	\$800					
10th	John Jacobson	\$700					
High Run: 11 points							
Pedro I	\$50						
Michae	\$50						
Best Game: 1.905 (40/21)							
Jae Hy	\$100						
Best General Average: 1.232							
Pedro I	\$100						
Total I	\$18,900						

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Miguel Torres, Jae Hyung Cho and Pedro Piedrabuena with trophies from 2010 USBA National Championship Final





## *Carlos Hallon Qualifies at New Wave Billiards*

The Florida USBA Regional Qualifier was held at New Wave Billiards in Miami.

2010 Carom Café C+ Tournament Carom Café Billiards



I-r Mike Brodie (6th), Carlos Hallon (1st), Henry Ugartechea (2nd), Room Owner Hernando Pineres, Alfonso Torres (3rd), Victor Cuzzi (4th).Not pictured: Jim Bishop



Billy Kim 3rd, Jairo Sanabria Daza 1st, Jorge Meza 2nd

# 2009 Ranking Champions... Top 150 on page 30



Hugo Patino 2009 "A" Level Rankings Champion



Jim Watson 2009 "B" Level Rankings Champion



Dale Saunders 2009 "C" Level Rankings Champion



#### Fellow Members of The USBA, Greetings:

s your new president I would like to say that I am looking forward to working for and with you during the next four years. And also to be working with the new board whose energy and drive excites me tremendously, to say nothing of Jim Shovak our dedicated Sec/Treas.

We have plans for both another Jr's Championship and a Women's Championship. Felipe Razon is working on the former and Bob Byrne on the latter. Anybody who wants to work in these areas let me know. George Theobald is doing research on how other professional sports organizations induct people into their Halls of Fame. Again, if this is an area you would like to work on, let me know. Tom Paley is working in the area of historical research. Any document or pictures you might have would be greatly appreciated. They can be sent via Internet as data files or as hard copy that will be returned to you after copying.

This year's tour looks to be bigger and better than ever. Any donations would be gladly accepted. Send them to Jim.

I would encourage all of you to participate more on the forum at usba.net. I will be posting regularly there, especially about topics that are under discussion by the board. Your opinions on these subjects will be greatly valued.

Please feel free to call me at 743-428-1161 anytime if you want to talk to me. Or e-mail me through the forum.

Yours in billiards, Dennis Dieckman

# Final 2009 USBA Player Rankings

šank –	First	Last		Level	TotalPts								
1	Hugo	Patino	USA		445	1.178	76	John	Lee	USA	B	21	0.994
2	Pedro	Piedrabuena	USA	A	397	1.299	77	James	Stoner	USA	8		
3	Mazin	Shooni	USA	A	376	1.075	78	Tim	King	USA		20	0.615
4	Sonny	Cho	USA	A	324	0.971	79 80	Adolfo	Alzate	USA	B	19	0.722
5	Miguel	Torres	USA	A	275	1.162	81	Anthony Walt	Scott	USA	B	19	0.468
6	Michael	Kang	USA	A	259	0.981	82	Dale	Saunders	USA	c	19	0.468
7	Javier	Teran	Ecuador	A	205	1.225	83	Sun	Shin	USA	8	18	0.690
8	Felipe	Razon	USA	B+	198	0.733	84	Kalu	Gaviria	USA	B	18	0.612
9	Min Jae	Pak	USA		188	1.179	85	Peter	Hull	USA	c	18	0.012
10	George	Ashby	USA	A	154	0.729	86	Bilal	Khalifa	USA	8+	17	0.783
11	Luis	Avila	Mexico	A	140	1.375	87	Ricardo	Carranco Jr.	USA	B	17	0.731
12	Young Gull		USA	A	124	0.728	88	Gary	Scharf	USA	0	17	0.604
13	Dion	Nelin	Denmark		119	1.567	89	and the second se	Thomsen	USA	8	17	0.501
14	Miguel	Almaraz	Mexico	A	119	1.180		Tommy	14.140.05055.52		2010		
15	Jim	Watson	USA	в	117	0.713	90	Bruce	Warner	USA	в	17	0.424
16	Jamil	Isreal	USA	B-	102	0.760	91	Bert	VanManen	etherlanc	. <b>A</b>	17	
17	Jim	Shovak	USA		92	0.548	92	Richard	Vitzthum	USA	8	16	0.662
18	Bob	Page	USA	в	89	0.562	93	Juan	Delgadillo	USA	8	16	
19	Roberto	Rojas	Mexico	A	88	0.973	94	Timoteo	Moreno	USA	Α.	15	0.979
20	Guillermo	Sosa	Mexico	A	83	1.287	95	Jesus	Quinonez	USA	8	15	0.590
21	Carlos	Palafox	USA	A	79	0.990	96	James	Richards	USA		15	0.499
22	Gilbert	Najm	USA	в	79	0.799	97	Ester	Park	USA	C	15	0.458
23	Erdem	Kilicogiu	Turkey	A	74	0.841	98	Loonard	Collibee	USA	8	15	0.457
24	Mike	Bengels	USA	8+	74	0.748	99	Carl	Nelson	USA		15	0.363
25	Dan	Kolacz	USA	8	70	0.630	100	Eduardo	Martinez	Mexico	8+	15	
26	Salvador	Diaz	USA	A	67	0.995	101	Han Jun	Shin	USA	8	14	0.559
27	Antonio	Rivera	USA	8	66	0.646	102	Eric	Parent	USA		14	0.512
28	Hyuk Joong	Yoon	USA	B	64	0.589	103	Raye	Raskin	USA		14	
29	Douglas	Lee	USA	<b>B</b> +	58	0.830	104	Carlos	Elias	Mexico	B+	13	0.799
30	Jacob	Haack-Sorens	coenmark	A	55	1.223	105	Francisco	Castano	USA		13	0.730
31	Juan	Elizaide Sauz	USA	8	53	0.582	106	Mark	Hansen	USA	8	13	0.684
32	Mark	Jarvis	USA		53		107	Dung	Nguyen	USA	8	13	0.495
33	John	Cristiano	USA	8	52	0.714	108	Bob	Jacobson	USA	c	13	0.377
34	Bassel	Elshaar	USA		52	0.630	109	Gregory	Warren	USA		13	100005
35	Sang Jin	Lee	USA	8.	49	0.842	110	John C.	Park	USA	A	13	
36	Lupe	Cruz	USA	8+	48	0.769	111	Carlos	Hallon	USA	A	12	0.906
37	Naviv	Ramiraz	USA		48	0.665	112	Mike	Brodie	USA	C	12	0.428
38	Peter	Banyai	USA	A	47	0.921	113	Gary	Cohen	USA	8	12	
39	David	VanLokeren	USA		47	0.684	114	Jorge	Rubio	Ecuador	A	12	
40	Jae Hyung	Cho	USA	A	46	1.250	115	Salvador	Cardenas	USA		11	0.932
41	Darrel	Stutesman			46	0.571	116	Tom	Harwood	USA	8	11	0.680
			USA			a construction and the	117	Danny	O'Rourke	USA		11	0.576
42	Francisco	Parra	USA	8	45	1.043	118	Carl	Pavia	USA		11	0.512
43	Fred	Lamers	USA		43	0.689	119	Tim	Gardner	USA	c	11	0.476
44	Joe	DeAmato	USA	8	43	0.638	120	Billy	Kim	USA	c	11	0.476
45	John	Jacobson	USA	в	43	0.606	121	Jose	Jiminez	USA	8	11	0.419
46	Drew	Dangelmayer	USA	в	43	0.525	122	Eric	Hughes	USA	c	11	0.360
47	Paul	Frankel	USA	. 8	43	0.423	123	Martin	Magana	USA		10	0.804
48	Charles	Brown	USA	в	42	0.547	124	Cha Seo	Seo	USA	c	10	0.515
49	Tom	Ressman	USA	в	42		100 TO 100			USA	8	10	0.619
50	Rodolfo	Covarrubias	Mexico	A	40	1.219	125	Kip	Hocking		C.		
51	John	Kim	USA		40	0.740	126	Seong Yoo		Korea		10	0.456
52	Frank	Kerastos	USA	в	36	0.657	127	Herman	Nie	USA	C	10	0.426
53	Adrian	Viguera	USA		34	0.938	128	George	Padios	USA	c	10	0.346
54	Alain	Hernandez	Mexico		32	1.076	129	Cesar	Cardoza	USA		9	0.705
55	Carlos	Alvarez	USA	B+	32	0.820	130	Doug	Brink	USA	8	9	0.633
56	Arturo	Velasquez	Mexico	A	32	0.807	131	Hyeon Woo		USA		9	0.626
57	Francisco	Losiza	USA		32	0.602	132	Jake	Zymeck	USA	B	9	0.603
58	Eillis	Lawrence	USA		32	0.525	133	Rudy	Legler	USA	B	9	0.499
59	Gary	Eake	USA		32	0.359	134	George	Theobald	USA	в	9	0.472
60	Vicky	Pineda	USA	A	31	1.102	135	Rich	Kuchma	USA	C	.9	0.381
61	Jeong Hwa		Korea		29	0.829	136	Ademil	Sanchez	USA	c		0.363
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67		Elias	USA	ŝ	26	0.715	141	Jose	Lizarraga	USA		8	0.693
	Gary						142	Andres Fel	2.00.001/01/01/01	USA	B	8	0.642
68	Ira	Lee	USA		26	0.666	143	Mark	Sullivan	USA	B	8	0.622
69	Mehmet	Goren	Turkey	A	25	0.879	144	Alfonso	Terres	USA			0.592
70	Soon	Hong	USA	8+	25	0.783	145	John	Magulas	USA	в	8	0.545
71	Cong Thank		USA	8+	25	0.779	146	Joe	MacNamara	USA	в	8	0.397
72	Robert	Raiford	USA	в	25	0.598	147	Allen	Castillo	USA	в	8	
73	Bong Kun	Kim	USA	A	23	0.845	148	Ed	Friedman	USA	в	8	
74	Armando	Wong	USA	8	23	0.559	149	Rigoberto	Cuevas	USA	в	7	0.730
75	BIII	Johnson	USA		22	0.394	150	Javier	Garcia	USA		7	0.722

# The Basics of Position Play

by Robert Byrne

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

Many if not most casual three-cushion players spend their lives without ever trying to leave themselves an easy shot. They think ahead in that they try not to leave the other guy anything.

On some shots, trying for position reduces the chance of scoring, but the risk may be worth it in view of the award. When faced with a relatively easy shot think position.

In this diagram the black ball is big in the corner, and with cue ball at A, this is a very easy shot, thanks to the size of the final target. An easy position pattern calls for driving the first object ball along the dashed path so that it ends up in the shaded zone, while at the same time making the cue ball land softly on the red. If both of these ends are accomplished, there will be another good shot the great majority of the time.

In other words, try to gather the three balls. If you can't,



try to leave the first object ball in the center of the table. If that isn't practical, leave all three along a long rail. And if you can't do that, drop the first ball into a corner

Robert Byrne has a new book, "Behold My Shorts - The Best of Robert Byrne". To see him in his polka-dot shorts, go to: http://www.thonline.com/store/bookBrowse.cfm To view his new book's Press Release, go to: http://www.usba.net/BreakingNews/Byrne PressRelease-11-2-09.pdf

## USBA Profit and Loss December 2006 through December 2009

#### Income

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billiard tour fund	190.20	Dues 2010	4,081.00
Dues 2011	2,300.00	Dues P2006 1,008.00	
Dues 2012	180.00	Dues P2007 12,488.69	
Dues 2013	45.00	envelopes -	672.36
Dues 2014	45.00	green card machine -	1,730.72
Junior/Ladies Billiards Fund	2,286.46	ink -	1,317.65
Main Fund		labels - 65.75	
2008 Nationals -	964.40	legal -	1,500.00
2009CPB-Conf-Guatemala -	500.00	live-streaming -	225.00
2009Nationals -	2,726.10	membership displays-posters	0.00
2010Nationals 11,000.00		Membership Packages -	2,854.86
501(c)3 administration -	1,315.00	miscellaneous -	2,569.42
accounting -	565.00	Nationals 2007 -	1,788.75
Bank Fees -	237.61	Newsletter - 10,726.40	
Champions Travel Fund		other supplies -	750.13
2009WorldChmp-Switz -	2,100.00	patches -	1,135.00
CPB-2009 -5,200.00		postage -	6,079.37
CPB-Champshp-6-4-08 -	2,546.06	ranking system program -	75.00
Germany-WorldChamp-2008 -	3,690.59	referrals -	922.50
KoreaWorldCup -	290.00	sanction fees 8,223.00	
Mexico City World Cup -	346.25	s tickers -	419.00
SpainWorldCup2008 -	1,824.37	taxes -	968.00
Viersen 2007 -	2,563.34	TournamentExpenses -	113.00
WC-Ecuador -	3,632.21	zapco mailers -	269.81
Champions Travel Fund - Other	5,125.00	Main Fund - Other	6,324.35
Total Champions Travel Fund -	17,067.82	Total Main Fund	23,828.84
cloth reimbursement -	1,501.29	PlayerReservedFund	1,340.00
CPB-Membership -	600.00	Total Income	30,215.50
doodle spots -	1,492.00	Expense	0.00
Dues 2008	20,789.74		
Dues 2009	21,066.00	Net Income 30,215.50	



#### George Ashby Open

Adrian Viguera Wins at Bogart's Banquet Hall in Jacksonville, IL

I-r, Adrian Viguera, George Ashby, **Rich Conboy** 

### Ken Higgins Memorial **USBA 3-Cushion Tournament**

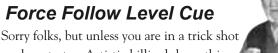
Neal Olson and Ralph Weiss Win the First Ken Higgins Memorial

## 2010 Upcoming Tournaments

April 25: SHOT CONTEST - The Rack - Memphis, TN Apr 30-May 2: Mike Kelley Memorial - Marshalltown, IA May 21-23: Medford Elks - Medford, OR

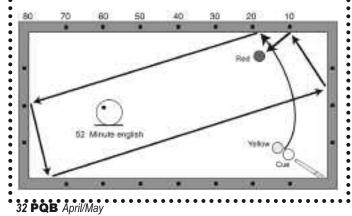
# **Rip's Tips**

## Force Follow Level Cue



pool contest or Artistic billiard show, this shot is illegal! It would be ok to masse this shot so let's call this a level cue masse and then it will be ok. Hit the cue ball at the 52 minute mark and follow through about 8 inches, (after cocking your aim to the right a bit), and notice how the cue ball reacts. I think you'll get am appreciation for the force follow shot, oops... I meant to say Level Cue Masse Shot.

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





I-r, John Kim (2nd), Arturo Herrera (1st), Joseph Hwang (3rd).

### Carom Café B tournament

36 players.

6 groups of 6 players each, round robin to 20 points. Arturo Herrera wins 1st place. (\$2,070) John Kim wins 2nd place. (\$1,370) Joseph Hwang wins 3rd place. (\$970)

#### " USBA Membership"

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