



The USBA Newsletter 3-Cushion Billiard News

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Parker Hess Memorial 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament

The second annual Parker Hess Memorial 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament was held at the Ashland, Oregon Elks Lodge on May 1-3. Eighteen players from Washington, Oregon, and California were divided into two nine-man round-robin flights. B, C+, and C players all played to 25 points. The exception was that when two C players played each other, in both the prelim rounds and the finals, each player started with five points on the string. (Avg. for the C Finals were adjusted to reflect this, but not the prelim rds.) The top two finishers in each prelim flight from each of these three levels were sent to separate 4-man round-robin finals flights.

In the B division finals, Mark Hansen of Sacramento, Ca. was undefeated to take first place. The other three B finalists all tied with one win and two losses, so the outcome was based on total points made. Jesus Quinonez of Tacoma, Wash. came in second, beating out Walt Scott of Vale, Oregon by a single point. Raye Raskin of Larkspur, Ca. came in fourth place. The high run in the B division was made by Jesus Quinonez in his finals match against Mark Hansen.

In the C+ division finals, it was Marc Smith of Rogue River, Oregon who came in first; he played extremely well in this tournament and was undefeated in the finals. Rudy Vigil of Vallejo, Ca. came in second, and Alfred Wenzl of Medford, Oregon came in third. Mark Williams of Ashland, Oregon was the fourth place finisher in this group and also had the division's high run of 5 in his prelim match against Tim Poole.

The C division finals winner came right down to the last game. Jim Spannaus and John Hughes, both of Medford, Oregon were tied with 2 wins each. Jim won their final game and came in first, with John finishing second, also winning the high run prize for a run of five in the prelims. Harold Reid of Burns, Oregon was third and Ron Hopkins of Bellingham, Washington came in fourth.

Many thanks are due to the officers and staff of the Ashland, Oregon Elks Lodge # 944 for supporting this tournament and making the lodge as comfortable as possible for all the players. Submitted by Tommy Thomsen and Mark Williams, tournament co-directors

RED FLIGHT	Hansen	Raskin	Thomsen	Law	Wixman	Smith	Wenzl	Hopkins	Spannaus	WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
Mark Hansen	47	32	33	50	31	28	48	40	8	0	200	309	0.647	0.893	B1	
Raye Raskin	16	20	25	25	25	25	25	25	6	2	186	394	0.472	0.641	B2	
Tom Thomsen	22	25	24	24	25	25	25	25	5	3	195	409	0.477	5	0.667	B3
Gene Law	11	14	17	25	23	20	25	n/a	2	5	135	398	0.339	0.535	B5	
Narvey Wixman	20	6	25	22	13	22	25	21	2	6	154	495	0.311	0.490	B4	
Marc Smith	10	16	25	25	53	25	25	25	6	2	176	352	0.500	1.087	C+1	
Alfred Wenzl	15	19	22	25	25	21	25	25	4	4	177	423	0.418	0.536	C+2	
Ron Hopkins	15	12	16	21	22	11	15	25	1	7	137	422	0.325	5	0.478	C2
Jim Spannaus	5	13	5	n/a	25	13	12	17	1	6	90	374	0.241	0.310	C1	
Points Against	114	130	155	168	196	155	169	192	171		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.405					



B Finalists: Walt Scott, Mark Hansen, Jesus Quinonez, Raye Raskin



C+ Finalists: Alfred Wenzl, Marc Smith, Rudy Vigil, Mark Williams



C Finalists: Harold Reid, Ron Hopkins, Jim Spannaus, John Hughes

President's Desk:

The Board has been trying to get some important items accomplished. First, we are trying to set up some formulas for rooms to have incentive to hold more USBA Tournaments. Second, we are trying to set up some Championship Tournaments at the end of the year for "C" and "B" players.

In the near future, we plan to hold ones for Beginners, C+, B+ and A players (.850-



.999 average). We also may hold a Handicap Championship as well as start a USBA League.

Third, we are creating a completely new website from scratch. Fourth, our intention is to integrate a custom program into the website allowing tournament directors to use the program for running tournaments. The tournament director will tell the program the amount of players, the amount of available time for the tournament, the format and the number of available tables and the program will automatically create a schedule of matches and the round robin spreadsheets (results tables). The tournament results will be entered into the spreadsheets as the tournament is in process and all that information will be automatically uploaded into the website database. The monthly rankings will be calculated automatically every month and on time. Also, a Player Rating System will be set up in the program (different from Rankings). This type of program will not be cheap, but it is a necessity if we are to keep track of players' performances, ratings and averages properly and avail ourselves the opportunity to run fair and accurate Championship Tournaments. Boy, there's so much to do if we want to grow!

Dechaine and Shooni Win the Team Challenge at the Super Billiard Expo.

Professor-Q-Ball Promotions held several special events in 3-cushion billiards at the 23rd annual Super Billiards Expo April 16-19. Two Gabriel's Emperor tables were brought in to do the events and set up by Master Mechanic Yura Ra. (Yura's Nothing But Billiards).

The highlight event was a Team Challenge Match. The players for the event were Shane Van Boening and Mike Dechaine, both well known pool players and Mazin Shooni and Hugo Patiño, both previous National 3-Cushion Champions. The pairing for the event was Dechaine and Shooni against Van Boening and Patino. The format was Scotch doubles (alternating shots) in a race to 30 pts. The match was close with neither team having a clear advantage in the early part of the match. The score seesawed back and forth until tied at 20 points. Then Dechaine and Shooni started to pull away winning the match with a final score of 30-23.

Hugo Patiño and Mazin Shooni played two exhibition matches to 30 points. Hugo prevailed in both matches finishing 30-22 in 26 and then upped his game for the second match with a score of 30-15 in 16 innings. Additionally, Mike Dechaine and Shane Van Boening played a match against each other with Mike Dechaine winning 20-13 in 31 innings.

On Saturday Mazin Shooni held a clinic for youths 18 and under which was well received. He spent two hours discussing three-cushion, showing them some shots and letting them try the game. The juniors, all of them were there to compete in the Juniors Players Championships 17 & Under pocket pool



Mazin Shooni, Mike Dechaine, Paul Frankel (Professor-Q-Ball) Patino & Shane Van Boening

events for youths at the Expo. Shooni was helping them with fundamentals to improve their stroke as well. All participants received a special certificate for taking part in the clinic.

Merrill Hughes, USBA Treasurer, enthusiastically gave assistance in the youth clinics.

Throughout the event we also had a 'Race to 3, Challenge the Champion' program. Players paid \$10 and got the break, if the player won, he got a Hanbat billiard cue. 68 players participated, 17 cues were awarded.



IBS Open Tournaments Sponsored by Yura (Nothing But Billiards)

Three separate events in the evenings – Race to 5 - \$20 Entry - Single Elimination and the top 3 winners receiving trophies in each event. Total of 66 players, Professor-Q-Ball and IBS added \$440.



Yura and Paul

Day 1

18 players \$140 added
 1st Joe DeAmato \$300 •
 2nd Chulwon Kantg \$140
 3rd Mazin Shooni \$70

Bonus for "Break & Runout"

Sponsored by John Palmer of On The Level Billiards
 Mazin Shooni Break & Run Bonus \$100

Day 2

25 players \$140 added
 1st Xavier Romero \$360 • 2nd Chris Bartzos \$200
 3rd Arturo Reyes \$80

Day 3

25 players - \$150 added
 1st Eric Kwon \$350 • 2nd Tony Martzakis \$200
 3rd Chris Bartzos \$100

Tournament Director Charles Brown was on hand all the time to make sure all the events ran smoothly as well as Tom Paley, USBA Secretary, and Merrill Hughes, USBA Treasurer.

I would like to thank all the players, participants, and sponsors who helped make these historical events possible.

Plaques of Appreciation

In a private ceremony with the team of supporters, Paul Frankel presented plaques of appreciation to those team members who have stepped up to make the past 5 years a successful Expo Event.

All recipients were honored to receive this recognition and honored to be a part of Professor Q-Ball Promotions at the 2015 Expo.

Left to Right- Charles Brown, Tom Paley, Yura Ra, Paul "Professor-Q-Ball" Frankel



Upcoming USBA Tournaments

June 12, 13 Fri, Sat., and Sun
 Dubuque Tournament
 Entry fee \$125 IN ADVANCE
 For details, email bob@byrne.org
 Byrne at 563 557 8970.
 Entries will be cut off at 18.

June 19-21
 USBA TOUR INTERNATIONAL OPEN
 Million Dollar Billiards
 12135 Victory Blvd
 North Hollywood, California 91606 USA
 Contact RICARDO CARRANCO - 323-490-8075

July -26 19-21
 The Verhoven Open
 Carom Café Flushing Queens, NY
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