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Secretary's Desk:

Greetings!

It has been a very busy year for the USBA and 3-cushion billiards in general.

I just wanted to “squeeze” this brief Newsletter in-between editions of Professor-Q-Ball.

Last month we were very fortunate to have ESPN televise a 3-Cushion Trick Shot event. It was the first time in United States history that 3-cushion was shown on television on a national level. It was a great start. We can all thank Ira lee. Of course there were many others involved, but I have no idea who and how many. Thanks to all! We obviously have a long way to go, but at least we broke the ice. I don't have any information yet on how it was received, ratings, etc, but I am sure Ira will let us know when he finds out.

It is scheduled to be aired again on October 14th on ESPN 1 at 5:30pm EST.

We have completed 4 stops of the USBA Tour and we still have at least 4 more stops to go. See “Upcoming Tournaments” section.

The 2007 Sang Lee International Open is completed. The results will appear in next month's Newsletter section of Professor-Q-Ball. For those wanting results now, they can be seen online at: <http://www.sangleeinternational.com/2007.html> Click on one of the PDF files on the lower right-hand side.

The 2008 National 3-Cushion Championships will be upon us before we know it. I have included information on entering and also on holding qualifiers.

A new Membership Package is being constructed as well. Information will be released when we have it. A brand new USBA Forum will soon be available on the website, www.USBA.net . Give other players and the USBA your opinions and comments. Buy and sell billiard items and supplies. Tips from the Pro's & more. An online USBA Membership Database will include all members' contact info, bios, and pictures when it is completed. Members' personal information will only be shown if the member has allowed it.

More to come. I'll keep you posted.

Jim Shovak



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2008 National 3-Cushion Championships

The USBA is proud to announce the **2008 National 3-Cushion Championships** to be held January 9-13, 2008 at the Executive Inn Hotel in Louisville, KY.

Defending National Champion -- Pedro Piedrabuena
2007 Runner-up -- Mazin Shooni

The Executive Inn Hotel
978 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40209
502-367-6161
\$ 75.00 per night-single or double

The field will be limited to 42 players. Qualifier tournaments are being organized now. Visit **www.USBA.net** for locations to be posted soon. Check the "Event Calendar".

The top 4 finishers from 2007 are automatically given first priority, leaving 38 available spots.

These spots will be filled by winners of qualifying tournaments first, and then will be made available to the membership in the following order of priority:

- 1) Players who have played in a Qualifier (\$ 300.00 entry fee) on a first paid/first served basis.
- 2) Members who have played in a USBA Tournament in 2007 (\$ 500.00 entry fee) on a first paid/first served basis.
- 3) All other members (\$ 500.00 entry fee) on a first paid/first served basis.

All players who qualify through their Regional Qualifier will receive \$ 200.00 expense money when they arrive to play at the National Championship Tournament.

Entry fees are now being accepted. Payment will put your name on the waiting list. You will be notified shortly after November 1, 2007 on availability.

All questions and entry fees should be sent to the USBA Secretary. All checks and money orders should be made out to **"USBA"**.



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Mail to: Jim Shovak/USBA Secretary
58 Hawthorne Avenue
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JimShovak@USBA.net
516-238-6193

For room owners: USBA National Championship Qualifiers

This is a formal announcement to all room owners and tournament directors regarding qualifiers for the USBA National Championship in January of 2008.

If you desire to hold a qualifier, you will need to obtain permission/approval from the secretary. If you wish your qualifier to be advertised in the Professor-Q-Ball publication, the deadline to notify us is September 20, 2007. All qualifiers must be finished by December 16th, 2007, since the Nationals will begin 3 weeks afterwards.

Benefits of holding a qualifier: If you wish to change your billiard table cloth, Simonis will provide a significant discount. In addition the USBA will reimburse you half the cost of the cloth, providing that there are 6 players for each table at the qualifier. In other words, if you have 6 players at the qualifier, the USBA will reimburse you half the cost of one cloth. If you have 12 players and at least 2 newly recovered tables, the USBA will reimburse you half the cost of 2 cloths. If you have 10 newly recovered tables and 60 players in the qualifier, you get half the cost of 10 cloths.

Conditions for reimbursement: After your qualifier is finished, you will need to send several items to the secretary for approval.

- #1) Qualifier Summary Form (I will provide this to you)
- #2) Receipt of cloth purchase from Simonis
- #3) \$ 500.00 per Qualifying player from the qualifying tournament
- #4) \$ 5.00 USBA sanction fee for each player who entered the qualifier
- #5) 2007 Dues from each player who did not yet pay their 2007 dues
- #6) USBA Membership Application from each player (I will provide this to you)

I will also provide a list of all players who have already paid their 2007 dues.

These items must be received by the secretary within 2 weeks of the finish of your qualifier. If these items are not received within that time frame, the tournament will not be sanctioned by the USBA, and the players who “qualified” will no longer be qualified into the National Championship event. In addition, the USBA will not reimburse you for cloth. Please follow-through and collect monies from all who owe and forward it to the secretary in a timely manner to avoid problems.



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How many players can you send to the Nationals?

The minimum number of players for a qualifier is 6. One person out of the 6 can be sent to the Nationals. The USBA needs to receive \$ 500.00 for the qualifying player along with \$ 5.00 sanction fee for each of the 6 players, plus appropriate 2007 dues, if necessary.

If you have 10 players, you can send 2 to the Nationals. With 15 players, you can send 3 to the Nationals. With 20 players, you can send 4. With every additional 5 players, you can send one more. All of this must be approved beforehand by the secretary, to ensure that we have enough room for your players in the Nationals.

A typical entry fee to a qualifier is \$ 105.00, but you can make it whatever you wish. For instance, if you have 10 players each paying \$ 105.00 entry fee, there will be \$ 1,000.00 available to be sent to the USBA to cover the entry fee for 2 players. If you wish to send fewer players to the Nationals and have more players in the qualifier, you can always lower the entry fee. If you are not sure how to run a qualifier, the USBA will provide assistance for organizing and promoting it. My advice to all is to eliminate prize money altogether. The winners go to the Nationals, that is all. If someone cannot make it, the next-place finisher goes instead. There seems to be a lot of controversy regarding prize money if the first place finisher cannot go to the Nationals. I would avoid prize money altogether if possible. All players need to realize that if they cannot go to the Nationals, then they are not owed anything whatsoever. The prize is to play in the Nationals, it is not prize money. If you cannot play in the Nationals, then please do not expect prize money if you win.

Collection of 2007 dues: Any player who has ever been a USBA member is required to pay their 2007 dues of \$ 36.00 before participating in a USBA event. If the person is brand new, and has never been a previous USBA member, then their dues for 2007 are only \$ 18.00 (after July 1, 2007).

I advise all tournament directors to collect dues and sanction fees before starting the tournament. I also advise adding the \$ 5.00 sanction fee to the entry fee. Instead of the entry fee being, let's say \$ 100.00, charge \$ 105.00. It makes life a lot easier.

Please contact me with questions or tournament date possibilities.

The deadline to make arrangements with me is November 1, 2007.

Thanks.



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Junior Championships

The 2007 Junior Championships were held during the Sang Lee Tournament from August 16-19. Eight players, all under 21 years of age, competed for the chance to travel to Spain to compete in the World Junior Championship.

GROUP A

Ryan Taramona –New York
Ronald Mendez–New York
Olivia Lee (Sang Lee’s daughter) –New York
Edwar Gomez–New York

GROUP B

Thang Lee - Chicago
Sebastian Osorio–New York
Jung Sub Kim–New York
Juan Medina–New York

This event was made possible through generous donations from many USBA Members.

The winner was Edwar Gomez, and second place was Jung Sub Kim, son of Sang Ho Kim, one of the USA’s top players. Third place went to Juan Medina and fourth place went to Ryan Taramona.

Juan Medina will be representing the United States in the World Junior Championship in Spain on September 13-16, 2007. Good luck Juan!!!

Upcoming Tournaments

September 7-9: USBA Tour Stop # 5: World Class Billiards, Peabody, MA
“B” Tournament-Already full

September 21-23: USBA Tour Stop # 6: Minneapolis Billiard Club
1101 Stinson Blvd. N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55413

\$ 3,600.00 Prize Fund (based on 21 players)
\$ 1,500.00 is being added by the USBA



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This is a "B" player tournament only.
Must have below an .800 average.

First 21 paid players guaranteed a spot. \$105.00 entry fee.
Make checks payable to: Minneapolis Billiard Club .

Must be or become a USBA member. Players' meeting is Friday at 9:00am. Matches will immediately follow. Matches will be played on two heated Verhoeven tables. A 3rd table is available if needed. All matches are scheduled to be 25 points, but may be shortened to 20 points if necessary. Preliminaries: 3 flights of 7 players each - Top 2 players from each flight go to finals. Finals: 6 man Round Robin.

Payouts: (based on 21 players)

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|------|-------------|
| 1st- | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2nd- | \$ 800.00 |
| 3rd- | \$ 650.00 |
| 4th- | \$ 500.00 |
| 5th- | \$ 400.00 |
| 6th- | \$ 250.00 |

Payments must be received by September 7, 2007.

Lodging: Days Inn: 651-636-6730 Super 8: 651-636-8888
Both are \$ 65.00/night, two beds. Both are in Roseville about two miles from the billiard club. CALL FRED LAMERS WITH ANY QUESTIONS: 763-300-6370

October 26-28: USBA Tour: Eight Ball Billiards, Maywood, CA
5250 Atlantic Blvd., Maywood, CA 90270, phone: 323-562-9092

Players meeting on Friday morning at 10:00 am. Matches start at 11:00 am Friday and 10:00 am Saturday and Sunday.

Entry Fees: "A" Players: \$ 205.00 and "B" Players: \$ 105.00.

Prize Fund: \$ 9,200.00 (added: \$ 1,500 by room owner & \$ 1,500 by the USBA)

"B" players will have less than a .750 average. The "B" Tournament will be played even-up, no handicaps. 20 point games in the preliminaries and 25 points in the finals.

The A Tournament will be a HANDICAP event based on players' levels. 30 point games.

"A" player has between .750 and .899 average. A player goes to 26 points.

"A+" player has between .900 and 1.199 average. A+ player goes to 28 points.

"International Master" has 1.200 average or better and goes to 30 points.

Averages to be determined by the Tour Directors.



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“A” Tournament: 16 players maximum-2 Flights of 8 players
Top 3 from each flight advance to finals. Finals: 6 players - Round Robin

“A” Prizes awarded: (Based on 16 players)

- 1- \$ 1,700.00 + Trophy or Plaque and picture in Professor-Q-Ball magazine
- 2- \$ 1,200.00 + Trophy or Plaque and picture in Professor-Q-Ball magazine
- 3- \$ 1,000.00 + Trophy or Plaque and picture in Professor-Q-Ball magazine
- 4th= \$ 800.00 5th place=\$ 600.00 6th place=\$ 400.00

“B” Tournament: 30 players maximum-3 Flights of 10 players each
Top 2 from each flight advance to finals. Finals: 6 players - Round Robin

“B” Prizes awarded: (Based on 30 players)

- 1- \$ 1,000.00 + Trophy or Plaque and picture in Professor-Q-Ball magazine
- 2- \$ 750.00 + Trophy or Plaque and picture in Professor-Q-Ball magazine
- 3- \$ 600.00 + Trophy or Plaque and picture in Professor-Q-Ball magazine
- 4th= \$ 500.00 5th=\$ 400.00 6th=\$ 250.00

First 16 paid “A” Players and First 30 paid “B” Players guaranteed a spot.

Cash payments can be made to the following people: Jose Cerda-Eight Ball Billiards Owner, George Aronek-USBA Regional Director, Bruce Warner-USBA Regional Director, Pedro Piedrabuena

All personal checks must be received by October 5, 2007.

Make checks or money orders out to: **“BILLIARD TOUR”** and mail it to:
Jim Shovak/USBA Secretary
58 Hawthorne Avenue
East Islip, NY 11730
516-238-6193 or JimShovak@USBA.net

Hotel: Ramada-City of Commerce-7272 East Gage Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90040. 1-562-806-4777-Ask for Toti- \$ 69/night-Eight Ball Billiards Rate.

November 13-18: USBA Tour: New Wave Billiards Int'l Open- Miami, FL

NEW WAVE BILLIARDS PRESENTS: The 2007 USBA Tour:
Miami 3-Cushion Billiard International Open Tournament
\$ 26,000 Prize Fund
\$7,000 First Prize

Dates: November 13, 2007- November 18, 2007



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This is an OPEN tournament. Everybody plays even. No handicaps.
Players Meeting: November 13th at 4:00 pm - first round starts after draw at 6:00 PM

Entry Fee- \$305 **First 48 paid players guaranteed spots!!!!**
Payment Deadline 10/23 (no exceptions)

\$ 3,000 (added by new wave)-\$ 3,000 (local sponsors)-\$ 3,000 (USBA)
\$ 1,000 (donations & cue raffle)-\$ 1,600 (wildcard spot \$40x40=\$1600)
48 players- Random Draw- Preliminary Round: 6 groups of 8 players-
round robin-25 point matches.

"A"- FINALS: Top 2 players from each group plus 1 wild card spot thru Raffle =
13 player round robin (35 point games).

3rd & 4th place finishers enter "B"- FINALS: Top 4 players get 1st round bye
12 man double elimination - 20 point games

Tie Breakers: 1- Most Wins 2- Most Points 3- Points Allowed 4- Head to Head

CASH PRIZES: "A" FINALS (based on \$26,000 prize fund)

1- \$7000 2- \$4000 3- \$3000
4- \$2000 5- \$1500 6- \$1500
7- \$1500 8- \$1000 9- 1000
10- \$600 11-\$600 12- \$600
13- \$500

"B" Finals

1-\$500
2- \$300
3- \$100
4- \$100

Hi-Run- \$100 Best game Finals- \$100

Make All Payments out to: "New Wave Billiards" & mail to:

New Wave Billiards 1403 SW 107th Ave. Miami, Florida 33174

Telephone: 305-220- 4782

e-mail: Hernando Pineras - silvando@bellsouth.net

Jim Shovak - jimshovak@usba.net

Jake Zymeck - jzymeck@bellsouth.net

Hotel Information: Mention New Wave Tournament

Airport Regency Hotel 1000 NW Le Jeune Rd. Miami, FL 33174

(305)- 441-1600 \$89 per day single or double, free breakfast

USBA Sanctioned Tournament: Ties, Vests, White Shirt & Shoes

(all players must be or become current members of the USBA, or
members of a foreign billiard organization)

Tournament Directors: Jake Zymeck 561-670-0240

Hernando Pineras 305-220-4790 Jim Shovak 516-238-6193

Equipment: 6 Wilhelmena 5x10 heated tables

New Simonis Rapide 300 cloth Aramith spotted balls

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November 16-18: Regional Qualifier: Jilly's, Marshalltown, IA
Call John Jacobsen- 641-753-7168

December 7-9: Dick Takano Memorial, Tacoma, WA Elks
Call Darrel Stutesman- 253-584-3994

January 4-6, 2008: Regional Qualifier # 1: Executive Inn, Louisville, KY
Call Paul Frankel: 901-210-7251

January 5-6, 2008: Ladie's 3-Cushion Championship: Executive Inn, Louisville, KY- Call Paul Frankel: 901-210-7251

January 6-7, 2008: Regional Qualifier # 2: Executive Inn, Louisville, KY
Call Paul Frankel: 901-210-7251

January 9-13: USBA National Championship-Executive Inn, Louisville, KY

Feedback:

Just a question to all.

I sent out a supplemental newsletter back in May.

In it, I had a series of short angle shots with a lot of numbers. I called it "Simple Short Angle System II". There were many shots diagrammed.

Although it might be confusing to some, I am looking for feedback. Was it helpful to anyone? Was it too confusing? Any further questions? Your input is appreciated.

Jim



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Profit & Loss

December 1, 2006 through September 3, 2007

| | ◇ Dec 1, '06 - Sep 3, '07 ◇ | |
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| Viersen 2007 | -2,563.34 | |
| Champions Travel Fund - Other | <u>5,125.00</u> | |
| Total Champions Travel Fund | | 2,561.66 |
| Junior/Ladies Billiards Fund | | 5,381.64 |
| Main Fund | | |
| 501(c)3 administration | -1,295.00 | |
| Bank Fees | -10.00 | |
| Dues 2007 | 10,688.69 | |
| Dues 2008 | 216.00 | |
| Dues 2009 | 36.00 | |
| Dues 2010 | 36.00 | |
| Dues P2006 | 1,008.00 | |
| envelopes | -17.38 | |
| ink | -445.06 | |
| labels | -43.42 | |
| miscellaneous | 0.27 | |
| Nationals 2007 | -1,788.75 | |
| Newsletter | -1,803.41 | |
| other supplies | -195.15 | |
| postage | -1,602.37 | |
| sanction fees | 545.00 | |
| zapco mailers | -52.46 | |
| Main Fund - Other | <u>5,892.73</u> | |
| Total Main Fund | | <u>11,169.69</u> |
| Total Income | | 19,112.99 |
| Expense | | <u>0.00</u> |
| Net Income | | <u>19,112.99</u> |

Total number of Members: 404

Total paid Members: 380



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Has your address changed?

Phone numbers?

Email address?

Please let me know right away!

PRINT PLEASE: Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt # _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

We are in the process of setting up a member directory. Which information may we include in the directory?

Home Phone yes _____ no _____

Cell Phone yes _____ no _____

Other Phone yes _____ no _____

Email Address yes _____ no _____

Send completed form and a check or money order payable to "USBA" to:

Jim Shovak/USBA Secretary
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Or email it to: JimShovak@USBA.net



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