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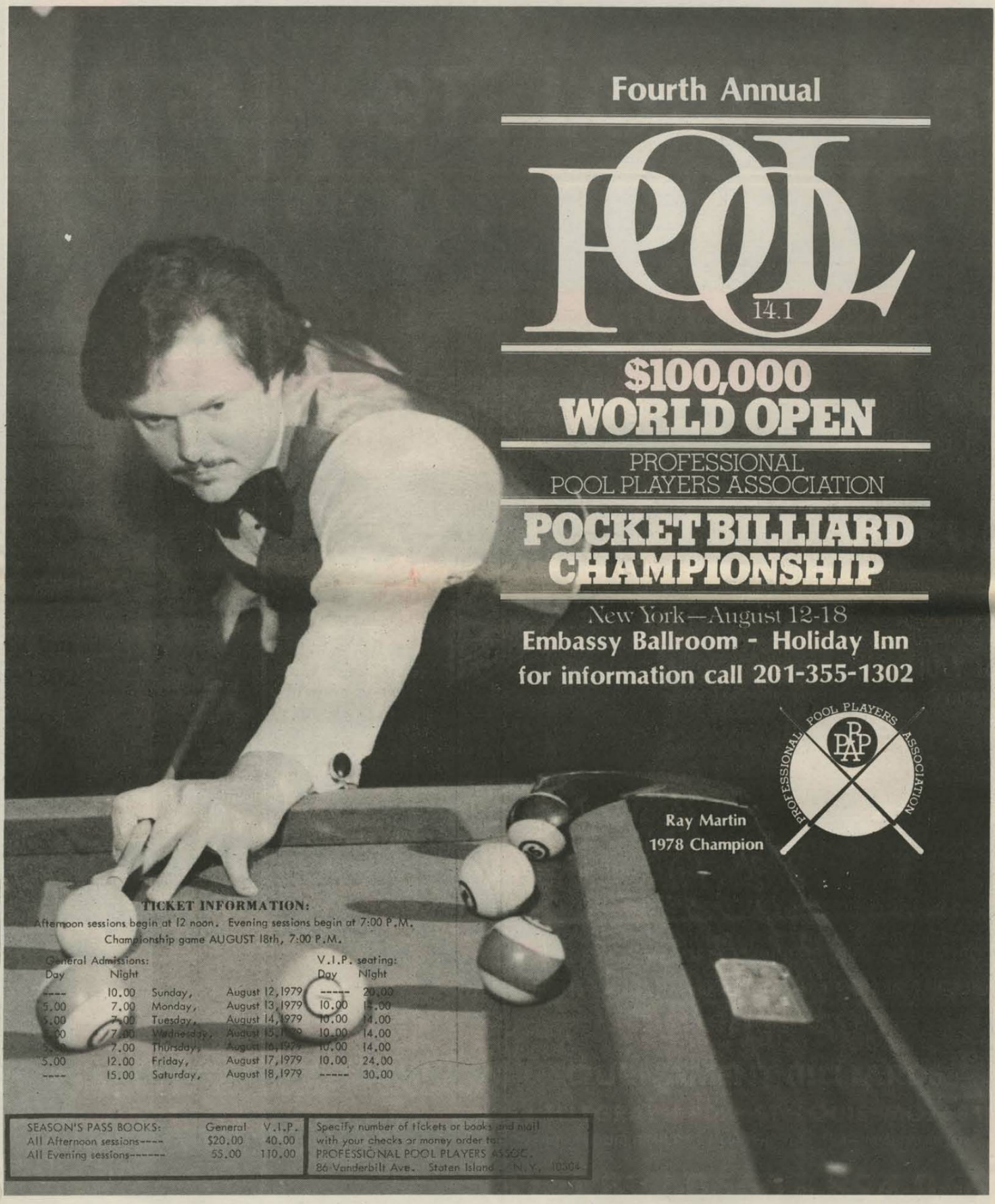

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—Ed.

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On behalf of the Central Pennsylvania Straight Pool League, thank you very much for the exposure you've given us. Because of your recent article I've already had two teams wishing to enter next season.

Our '78-'79 season will begin in September and any interested parties wishing to join should contact me for information.

By the way, I really enjoyed your feature on Ruth McGinnis. I find the player biographies the most interesting part of your magazine.

Sincerely,
JOE LAZARVICH
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My Name Is Gone, Is There A Reason?

Enclosed are the results of the World 3-Cushion Championships which were just concluded in Peru.

I have a question. Am I to assume that since my name has been removed from the listing of correspondents that you no longer have need for my contributions? The name in the masthead is of no importance — whether or not I should continue to send you articles is.

Sincerely,
CARL CONLON
Ann Arbor, MI

Oops! Sorry Carl. Your name was inadvertantly deleted when the masthead was updated. As you can see, you are now back among the living.

(Carl's account of the World 3-Cushion Championships appears on Page 6.)

—Ed.

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Something to Say?

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IN THE MAIL

Where Did Your Writer Get His Information?

I have admired the sport of billiards for years and this is one of the reasons why I am a subscriber to *National Billiard News*. I enjoy reading many of the articles. However, in the April, 1979 issue there was an article on the late Mike Eufemia which contained certain points I disagree with.

There is some doubt in my mind as to how much the writer of this article knows about pool. He says that Mike Eufemia holds the world record for the highest continuous run — 625. Anyone who pays at least a little attention to the pool world knows that Willie Mosconi is the one who holds the record with 526. If there is a difference between the two records, then it should be stated; if not, then I would like to know where he got his information.

The writer also says that Eufemia is criticized for not taking any spectacular shots. Any excellent pool player will tell you that tournaments are not won by just making fancy shots. If a player has superb ball control, there will be no need for any spectacular shots.

Lastly, it is said that Eufemia quit school and cancelled plans of becoming a doctor to pursue a pool career instead. No pool player can really make a living from playing pool alone. I also find it hard to believe that Eufemia could abstain from playing pool for eight years if he liked the game that much.

Over the years I have paid much attention to billiards, but I have never heard of this so-called world record holder Mike Eufemia. Perhaps the writer has built up Mike a little too much.

Sincerely,
JOHN P. FIFE
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Mike Eufemia's run of 625 was achieved before a large crowd at the Logan Billiard Academy in Brooklyn, New York on February 2, 1960 and is recognized by the Guiness Book of World Records (See Lags, Break & Fouls, March, 1979). Willie Mosconi's run of 526 was accomplished in Springfield, Illinois in 1954 before a large crowd, and is acknowledged by the Billiard Congress of America. As for Mike abstaining from the game for eight years, he did this in order to make his billiard supply business a profitable venture. As you state, "no pool player can really make a living from playing pool alone."

Our information comes from Mike's family and people who knew and were close to him through the years. We stand by the article as it was written.

—Ed.

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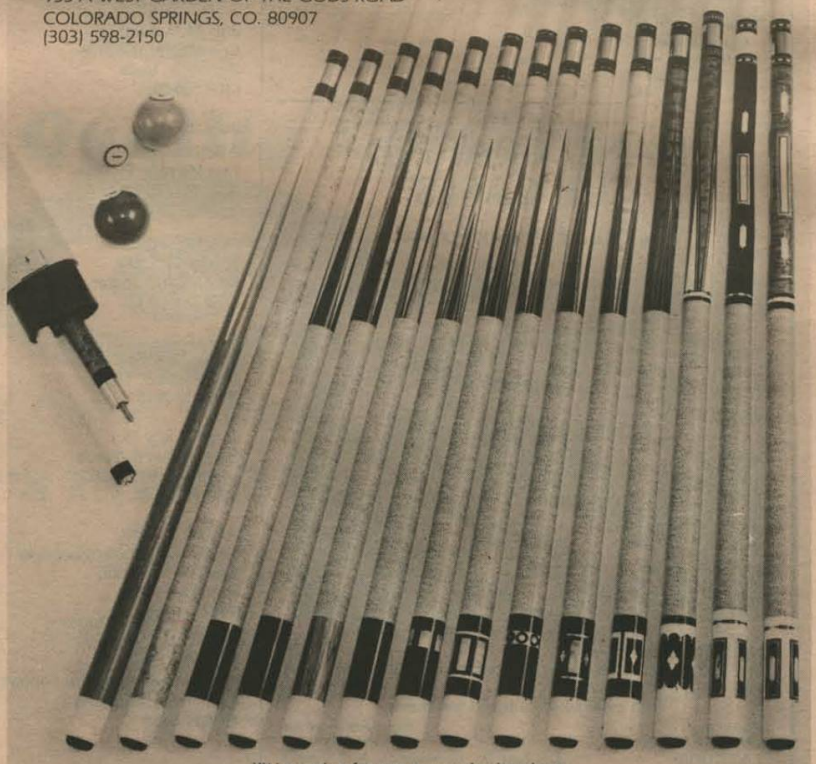

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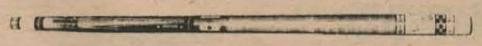

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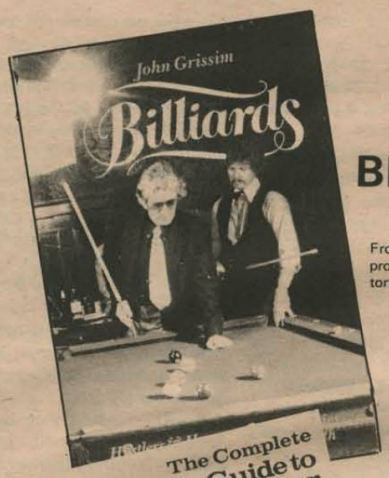

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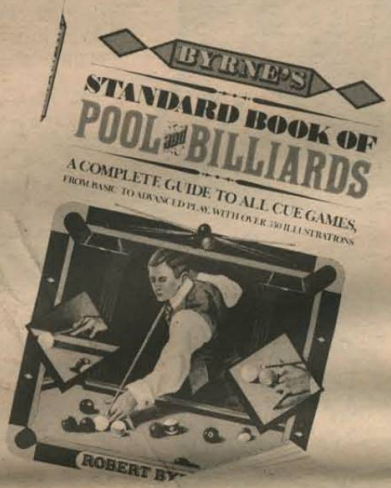

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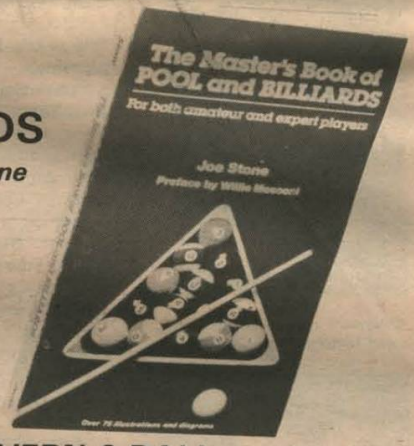

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World 3-Cushion

Ceulemans is all smiles after winning his 16th title

Kobayashi celebrates his final game victory over Ceulemans

By CARL CONLON

The 34th championships of the world in 3-cushion billiards have been successfully concluded with Raymond Ceulemans of Belgium collecting his 16th title.

The tournament was held in the gymnasium of St. Augustine College in Peru, and at time attendance reached over 2,500 spectators.

The twelve players representing various billiard federations throughout the world were:

From Europe — Raymond Ceulemans of Belgium defending champion and holder of more than 110 major titles; Johan Scherz of Austria, runner-up in this year's European Championships; Egidio Vierat, a transplant from Portugal now playing for France and 3rd place in this year's European Championships.

From South America — Humberto Suguimizu of Peru, 11 times champion of Peru and 3 times champion of South America; Alfonso Gonzales of Colombia, 3 times champion of South America; Hernan Bustos of Chile; Adolfo Suarez of Peru, their greatest sports hero and 1961 World 3-Cushion Champion.

From Africa — Mohamed Diab of Egypt.

From Asia — Nobuaki Kobayashi of Japan, probably the second best 3-cushion player in the world and 1974 World 3-Cushion Champion; Yoshio Yoshihara of Japan, twice 3rd place in World 3-Cushion competition.

From North America — Edward Robin of the United States, the present North American Champion; Allen Gilbert of the United States, many time North American Champion.

Following are highlights from the 11 rounds of play.

The best game in the first round was between Kobayashi and Gonzales. Kobayashi had only 15 points in 30 innings and then made 22 in the next 4 innings. He totaled 32 points in 7 innings on the way out to average better than 1.000.

In the second round, the Ceulemans-Gonzales game saw Ceulemans make 43 points in the last 15 innings including one run of 8, one of 6, and three of 5

Round 3 had good play with the Suguimizu-Suarez game attracting most attention. Suguimizu handled Suarez quite easily with the crowd roaring at every point.

Round 4 had no particularly good games as all the players settled down a bit.

In round 5 Kobayashi made a picture run of 14, trying for the record of 15 held by Lopez of Argentina and Ceulemans.

The most interesting game in Round 6 was between Ceulemans and Robin as the champion sought revenge on Robin for his loss in the 1971 Las Vegas World Championship. Ceulemans won the match 60-47 in 46 innings. After the tournament the champion complimented Robin on his excellent play, pointing out that he had played Eddie "dead safe" — absolutely no clear shot for the last 20 innings and Robin still scored at a 1 per inning average.

The highlight of Round 7 was the Gonzales-Robin game, Gonzales winning 60-59 in 74 innings. The lead changed hands 21 times during the game.

Round 8 saw the Kobayashi-Yoshihara game just about guarantee the championship for Ceulemans as Yoshihara knocked off Kobayashi 60-44 in 45 innings, leaving Ceulemans the only undefeated player.

In Round 9 Kobayashi settled any hopes of Suguimizu for a second place finish with a 60-57 victory over the Peruvian. Gilbert and Robin replayed the U.S. championship with Gilbert winning 60-58 in 77 innings. The game lasted 3 hours and 21 minutes.

Round 10 saw Diab sneak up on Gilbert and, playing the best game of his tournament carer, beat Allen 60-49 in 46 innings. Ceulemans gave the Peruvian fans a shock beating their champion, Suguimizu, 60-26 in 28 innings. It was the best game of the tournament. At this point the Belgian had the championship locked up on the basis of best general average even if he lost to Kobayashi in his final game.

There were plenty of fireworks in the last round. Robin beat Suarez 60-28 in 38 innings for his best game of the tournament. Gonzales tied the World Tournament High Run record of 15 in his defeat of Diab, 60-26 in 44 innings. Kobayashi got revenge for last year's terrible defeat at the hands of Ceulemans (60-27 in 25 innings) by downing the Belgian 60-45 in 36 innings. Both players played a strong safety game. Ceulemans made a comeback from 42-25 in 24 innings to 51-42 in 33 innings when Kobayashi ran 8 to 59 and closed out one inning later.

The final standings follow, with won/lost records, high runs, and final averages, in that order:

1st — Raymond Ceulemans, 10-1, 10, 1.384; 2nd — Nobuaki Kobayashi, 10-1, 14, 1.135; 3rd — Yoshio Yoshihara, 8-3, 9, 1.069; 4th — Egidio Vierat, 7-4, 11, 0.973; 5th — Humberto Suguimizu, 6-5, 13, 1.097; 6th — Allen Gilbert, 6-5, 8, 0.853; 7th — Johan Scherz, 5-6, 10, 0.939; 8th — Eddie Robin, 4-7, 8, 0.858; 9th — Alfonso Gonzales, 3-8, 15, 0.900; 10th — Hernan Bustos, 3-8, 7, 0.855; 11th — Adolfo Suarez, 2-9, 7, 0.805; 12th — Mohamed Diab, 2-9, 9, 0.762.

The tournament was quite successful with the crowd over 2,000 most evenings and a capacity of 2,650 for four of the days. The crowd was noisy and very inconsiderate of the players most of the time. With changes in temperature of 10 to 15 degress at times, the quality of play was held down.

Generally speaking the event was well run with good play and good officiating and minimum problems.

The next World 3-Cushion Championship were confirmed for Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 5-15, 1980.

Ceulemans and Gonzales lag

Gilbert (left) and Robin enter the arena

The nations' Flags are displayed during the opening ceremony

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Raymond Ceulemans, the champion

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Nobuaki Kobayashi, the runner-up

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Egidio Vierat, 4th place

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ABA Action Wrap-Up

GEORGE ASHBY

BILL HAWKINS

From the American Billiard Association come the following results of several tournaments held over the last few months.

In the Drexel Open held in Jacksonville, Illinois May 5-6, George Ashby took top honors with Bil Hawkins finishing 2nd, Don Brink 3rd, Luis Campos 4th, Jack Knoerr 5th, and Jim Blesse 6th.

Bill Hawkins won the Hall of Fame Billiards event in Lansing, Michigan May 26-27. Bill was followed by Bob Strange 2nd, Bob Letherby 3rd, Bob Ameen 4th, Gene Johnson 5th, and Ernie Presto 6th.

The University Bowl in Boca Raton, Florida was the scene of ABA action June 8-10. Bill Maloney was the winner in that event with Carlos Hallon finishing 2nd, Vince Corelli 3rd, Frank Edwards 4th, Robert Arana 5th, and Aaron Steinberg 6th.

And at the Moose Lodge 799 in Elgin, Illinois ABA members took the top three places with Barney Weber finishing 1st, Bill Berg 2nd, and Phil Thompson 3rd.

In the point standings for the ABA Classic, Bill Hawkins leads the pack with 48, followed by Luis Campos with 39 and Don Brink with 27.

Points are awarded toward The Classic, the ABA's culminating event of the season, in order of finish in ABA sanctioned events. 1st place receives 10 points, 2nd place 7, 3rd place 5, 4th place 4, 5th place 3, 6th-8th places 2 and all others receive 1 point.

Courtney Memorial Won By Sims

Despite final round losses to Bob Byrne and Nabih Yousri, Harry "Hollywood Fats" Sims took first place in a June three-cushion tournament held at Harry's Family Billiards in Novato, California. Called the Ed Courtney Memorial in honor of the late president of the Billiard Federation of the U.S.A., the tournament attracted 21 players, including such out-of-staters as Mort Brock of Reno, Nevada, and George "Superstroke" Rippe of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Sims' winning record was ten wins and two losses, earning him a third of the $1,100 prize fund. Four players were close behind with records of 9-3; ranked in order of total points scored they were Carl Baldwin, Bob Byrne, Nabih Yousri, and John Kinnane. Next in line were Khalil Diab (8-4), Norm Kingwell (6-6), Tommy Thompson (5-7), and Tom Ross (5-7).

High runs of 11 were scored by Yousri and Leonard Tong.

Tournament host Lee Simon divided the field by blind draw into three flights of seven players. After round-robin play in each flight, the top three advanced to a final playoff. No games were repeated, however, in the nine-man finals — scores were carried forward from the preliminaries. All games were 30 points.

Advantages of this format — the "accelerated round-robin" — are that every game counts, no games are repeated, more players can advance to the finals, there is less difference between the number of games played by finalists and those eliminated in the preliminaries, and seven players per table can be accomodated comfortably. Since final standings are determined by the players' record in the entire tournament, there is no way a player can throw a game to enable a friend to advance to the finals.

Play began at 3:00 Friday afternoon, 10:00 Saturday morning, and 10:00 Sunday morning. The last games were finished by 9:30 Sunday night. To rule out the possiblity of playoffs, it was decided in advance that total points scored would separate players with the same won-loss records, and if points scored were the same, then the winner of the match between the two players would determine the ranking.

The late Edward Courtney, for whom the tournament was named

The tournament was sanctioned by the American Billiard Association. The next one in Novato, which is 25 miles north of San Francisco, is tentatively scheduled for late December.

Some key scores: Baldwin 30, Byrne 25; Leonard Kaplan 30, Kinnane 16; Byrne 30; Yousri 19, Kinnane 30; Yousri 17, Baldwin 30, Yousri 28; Thompson 30, Byrne 18; Yousri 30, Sims 24; Byrne 30, Sims 27.

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PPPA Plans 1979 Tourney, Mosconi Induction Dinner

Plans are underway for the Professional Pool Players Association 1979 World Open, according to that organization's May newsletter. Scheduled for August 12 through 18, the event will take place in the Embassy Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Hotel in New York City, and will be the biggest and best of all their past tournaments, the newsletter announced.

WILLIE MOSCONI

The PPPA is accepting at large entries for the tournament at $350 each, with a $100 deposit required to reserve and guarantee a spot. It is not certain whether the meet will field 32 or 64 players. It will, however, be a tuxedo affair following a double elimination format, according to the newsletter.

The PPPA is also still seeking member rooms who would like to run a qualifier and advises that anyone desiring to do so should contact them as soon as possible. Address inquiries to PPPA, 86 Vanderbilt Avenue, Staten Island, New York, 10304.

In other organizational activity, the PPPA will induct Willie Mosconi into their Hall of Fame at a special induction ceremony and dinner to be held at the same Holiday Inn on August 1. Invitations have already been mailed to all of Mosconi's friends and to all PPPA members, the newsletter announced.

BCA Slates Ref's School In October

The Billiard Congress of America has announced plans to hold a one day Referee School on Wednesday, October 30, at the Commenwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The date is one day prior to the opening of the National 8-Ball Championships.

Instructors for the school will be Red Jones, Tournament Director for the 8-ball event, and Conrad Burkman, Head Referee of the BCA and chairman of their rules committee.

Those who attend the school and pass the one day session will receive a certificate from the BCA and also be given the opportunity to referee at the tournament.

There is a $10 registration fee and you must sign up in advance, announced BCA Managing Director Bob Goodwin. Interested parties should write BCA at 717 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

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Maryland State Champs

MIKE SIGEL

Mike Sigel went undefeated to win the $600 1st prize in the 1979 Maryland State Nine Ball Championship held at the Gentlemen's Cue in Pikesville, Maryland, May 10th through May 19th. This annual tournament featured 16 of the best players in a double elimination format (best of 21).

Second prize of $300 went to Tom Vanover, who almost upset Mike in the semi-final match. Tom had Mike 9 to 5 but Mike never made a mistake after that and won 6 straight. Third prize of $150 went to Gregg Sullivan.

Cindy Rolphs won 1st place and $350 in the 1979 Maryland State Women's Pocket Billard Championship by defeating Linda Haywood. Cindy handed Linda her first loss in two years in the first round of the 16 player double elimination tourney. Linda then won eight matches, including defeating Cindy in the semi-finals, but lost the title to Cindy in the finals.

Linda received $150 for 2nd place and Terri Scott $75 for 3rd.

The format was eight ball, best of 5 games, and the finals were best of 7 games. Cindy defeated Linda 4 to 1 in the final match.

The tournament was held at the Gentlemen's Cue in Pikesville.

TERRY SCOTT, LINDA HAYWOOD, CINDY ROLPHS

Willie Wins Wisconsin Tour Kickoff

By BRUCE VENZKE

The 3rd year of the Billiard Congress of Wisconsin-West Allis Pool & Supply Nineball Tour and State Championships got underway June 3rd at the venerable Antler's Billiards in downtown Milwaukee.

Bossman *Dave Smaida* was host to 27 B.C.W. nineballers as the 10-stop tour of qualifiers for the 1980 Wis. Nineball Championships began; all participants receive points based on their finish positions, with the top 16 in point total at tour's end in February being invited to the state tournament.

Milwaukee veteran *Willie Munson*, current Wisconsin 14.1 Champion, kept up his winning ways of late, forging through the field undefeated. Drawn into a 6-player preliminary bracket of round robin play, he and Kenoshan *Ron Schneider* found their match unnecessary after going 4-0 and giving the others all 3 losses. So they were unscathed and into the eight-player single elimination "finals" chart.

Ron Dobosenski and *John Brannon* (Madison and Beloit) drew into a 5-man bracket, and took the two finals' sports as Ron went 4-0 and John lost only to Dobosenski.

The other four finalists were the winners of four-man brackets; Green Bay's *Malcolm Beu* dumping *Gary Rindt* 8-3 in the key match in their bracket to advance, Madison's *Jim Fitzpatrick* making it by virtue of edging out *Jim Karamanis* 8-7 in their pivotal match, *Bruce Venzke* squeaking past *Gary Eake* 8-6 in their deciding bout, and *Mark Osborn* turning back *John Quiyote* 8-4 when they met to determine the bracket finalist.

After the blind draws of those eight finalists, there were four extremely tight matches. John Brannon slipped by Dobosenski 8-7, Venzke overcame a 5-7 deficit to clip Oxborn by 8-7, Schneider nipped Fitzpatrick by an 8-6 margin, and Munson retired Beu, also by an 8-6 tally.

Munson stayed on the 8-6 track in his semi-final battle with Brannon, while Schneider coasted over Venzke 8-5 in their semi match. That put Munson and Schneider into the title match.

Willie Munson has a slew of titles in the Midwest, but this particular tour has repeatedly left him as the bridesmaid during the past two years. This time he was prepared to end the tour drought, and he did so quite handily, outgunning first-time finalist Schneider by an 8-4 count.

T.D. *Dave Batchelor* again reports the finish as follows, with State Championship Qualification Points in parenthesis:

1. W. Munson - $270 (15); 2. R. Schneider - $135 (13); 3. J. Brannon - $65 (10); 4. B. Venzke - $65 (10) 5. R. Dobosenski - $35 (8); 6. M. Osborn - $35 (8) 7. M. Beau - $35 (8); 8. J. Fitzpatrick - $35 (8).

The 19 non-finalist participants received 5 qualification points each.

WILLIE MUNSON

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Achilles Heel Takes It All

RUNNERS-UP— Deanne Waldrup, Fannie Whitaker, Cathy Huntington and Achille's Heel owner Jack King.

By LEE THOMPSON

The Sacramento bar league, the biggest in the U.S., held their women's annual statewide tournament in 8-ball, at Terry stonier's "Jointed Que" May 18 to 20.

The bar league is comprised of eight divisions and only those who have won their division title are eligible for the play-offs. The teams in contention this year are: Achilles Heel I, Achilles Heel 3, The Buffalo Club, Northgate, Senor Pablo, The Wikkiup, The Bluebird, and The Stix.

The format is round robin, best of II, team after three days play having the most points is declared the winner.

Achilles Heel I is the team favored to win. They have won it two years straight and if they take it down this year they get to keep the beautiful trophy.

It's now Sunday evening and coming down to the wire, as Achilles Heel I plays The Wikkiup. They only have to win 9-6 to take it down. Meanwhile Achiles Heel 3 is playing the Bluebird and must win 10-1 to get into a play-off situation with Achilles Heel I, for first place. The play their hearts out, and despite the knowledge that they play for the same bar and owner, they are aggressive and very competitive.

But, the favored team is too much. Achilles Heel I wins their match 10-1 and relegates Achilles Heel 3 to second place. Achilles Heel I is led by Debbi Cumbra, a strong player who is achknowledged to be the best in Sacramento.

Achilles Heel 3 is sparked by Fannie Whittaker.

Fannie is an apprentice construction worker by day and haunts the tables by night. She's a serious competitor and never plays to the grandstands, an ego failing that snares most women players. She could, in time and with persistence and dedication, become a professional player.

But the tournament is over now, flash bulbs are popping and cowbells are being lustily rung as this small but enthusiastic crowd mills around the players. The Buffalo Club, which came in third this year, also had its share of die-hard fans and admirers. Deservedly so, because they're a team to be reckoned with next year. The team is led by Heidi Van Cleave, who a few months ago with Rick Allen won the Cerebral Palsy couples Pool-A-Thon.

I start gathering up my notes when I'm introduced to Jack King, the owner of Achilles Heel, the finest bar room in Sacramento. He sponsors three women's teams and three men's teams and their combined reputation as players is awesome.

Jack is lugging an ice chest of champagne and starts handing out the "bubbly" to all his players. He takes my arm and says I have to partake of the winners brew too. Which I do happily.

I found that Jack is always on hand to give his women's team encouragement and moral support. Not only during their weekly tournaments but also and more importantly, during the final playoffs.

Jack invites me to the post tournament celebration at the Achilles Heel and I find myself riding with super players Debbi Cumbra, Fannie Whittaker and Cathy Huntington. On our arrival I learn that Jack closes his bar on the last day of each year's tournament for the sole purpsoe of celebrating with his teams. Win, lose or draw!!

Drinks are on the house and there's a buffet spread fit for a queen. Jack is happily posing for pictures with his teams and the players obviously appreciate his all-out support as they gather around.

Much later it's time to head for home and Bob Parker drives me to my destination.

I write for the love of the game but it's nice knowing your efforts are appreciated and in this instance I really got the "red carpet" treatment.

I'll be back next year, same time, same place.

THE CHAMPS—Marlene Lucas, Teekla Sanchez, Leona Goodwin, Debbie Cumbra, Jack King, and, holding the trophy, Sherry Howell.

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The first "All-American" team 8-ball Billiard Championships ended in the early hours of Monday morning, June 4, when a team of five women representing The Wheel Inn of Billings, Montana, held off a late charge by the Tam O'Shanter Ladies of Colorado Springs at the Billiard Congress of America event in Rochester, Minnesota.

The Tam O'Shanters, who had struggled through the losers' bracket for 16 straight hours, tied the unbeaten leaders by winning eight straight games and forcing a rematch that kept the lights burning at Rochester's Mayo Auditorium until one o'clock Monday morning. In the replay, the Billings team regained its earlier championship form and held on to win a tension-filled contest that had members of both teams in tears as they played the last two games of their match.

Ironically, the men's division also involved the Tam O'Shanter Club of Colorado Springs, when it captured the crown in a sharp battle of skill with the Union Center five from Albert Lea, Minnesota. A surge by Union Center brought the two teams within one point of each other in the next to last game. Gary Voshell of Union Center broke and started a run that was within two balls of clearing the table when one refused to fall into the corner pocket. Gary Gross of the Tam O'Shanters then walked to the table, shut his eyes until he was certain of his composure, and proceeded to run out for game and ultimate tournament win.

The Championships, sponsored by the Billiard Congress of America and Valley pool tables, were the first ever held for league-winning teams. Thirty teams participated, coming from as far as Ohio, Oklahoma and Newfoundland, Canada.

Bob Goodwin, manging director of the Billiard Congress, summed up the resurgence in tournament billiards by observing that the emphasis has changed from professional play to amateur. "With the coming of home and coin-operated tables in the fifties and sixties, people changed from observers to participants. They want to compete with others, not observe professionals.

"We used to sponsor the U.S. Open Straight Pool Tournament, but stopped two years ago when interest waned. Instead, we started the National Singles Eight-Ball Tournament and had two thousand amateur participants the first year. Last year, our second, we had over 4,000. And our brand new All-American Team Championships brought together 30 teams representing the best from 7,000 amateurs playing in leagues.

"With 30 million people playing pool in the United States, we have no idea where it will end.

"However," he noted, "there are some other striking difference between the old-time professional matches and those of today. For example, on the first day of this tournament, some of the girls came to us and said they could not stand the silence. It was making them so nervous their hands were shaking. So we put a juke box in the auditorium, and they played happily ever after. Can you imagine Irving "The Deacon" Crane stroking to an ear buster like "Boogie Nights?"

"There were a few other changes that were noticable, too. The Colorado Springs teams charted a plan to fly them and their booster clubs to Rochester. I'm surprised it flew — they must have unloaded half of Coors' last week's production of "Colorado Koolaid." They proceeded to throw a party for all the other teams at one of the hotels. If the hotel's management tests the water in the swiming pool, I'll bet it measures 1.8 on the hiccup scale.

"Other than that, the amateur players are quite well behaved. I just wish they hadn't thrown the BCA Executive Vice President James Wilhem into the pool — suit, shoes and all. If that becomes a habit, we are going to have to rewrite the rulebook!"

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ABOVE—The Tulsa women's team captured 3rd place. LEFT-Scenes from the action of the 3-day event.

RUNNERS-UP—BCA Executive Vice President Jim Wilhelm is flanked by the Tam O'Shanter women's team during the trophy presentation.

R CHANCE– The Tam O'Shanter women's team is overjoyed n in the first round of the finals.

MEN'S CHAMPS– The Tam O'Shanter Club from Colorado Springs proudly display their trophies.

WOMEN'S CHAMPS– The Wheel Inn of Billings, Montana, were tired but happy after their victory.

RUNNERS-UP– Union Center of Albert Lea, Minnesota, finished 2nd in the hard-fought contest.

The All-American—Another View

From the Rochester, Minnesota, Post-Bulletin

By BILL McAULIFFE
Post-Bulletin Sports Writer

It was billed as a tournament, but it was more like a marathon as the Tam O'Shanters from Colorado Springs Colorado, dueled the Wheel Inn of Billings Montana, until midnight Sunday before Wheel Inn won the women's division of the Billiards Congress of America's All-American national team eight-ball championship.

Tam O'Shanters, whose male counterparts won the men's division without a loss, defeating Union Center of Albert Lea in the finals earlier Sunday, lost its first three-set match of the double-elimination tournament Friday morning and began an arduous comeback through the losers' bracket.

After beating Mr. Glen's of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in a Saturday afternoon match, the Tams beat Corky's of Wayzata Saturday night to reach the losers' bracket semifinals at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday morning they beat Galleon II of Sheboygan, moved into a noon match with Last Call of Chicago, which they won, and polished off the shorthanded Jolly Knights of Tulsa, Oklahoma to qualify for the 6 p.m. finals with still-undefeated Wheel Inn.

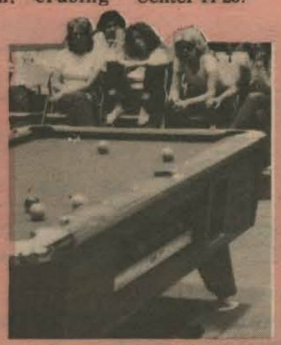
Tam O'Shanter was down 25-9 at one point before Linda Gross won a game 3-0 from Wheel Inn's Lorna Lacy and started Tam O'Shanter on its way back. Gross, whose husband Gary sank the winning shot in the men's championship match, brought Tam O'Shanter within a point at 33-32 going into the final game of the match. Teammate Betty Dix then beat Wheel Inn's Pearl Moler 4-0 for a 36-33 match win and Wheel Inn's first defeat of the tournament as well as the season.

That match started at 9:30 p.m. more than 12 hours after Tam O'Shanter began playing Sunday without a break.

Wheel Inn won a 9 a.m. match Sunday and didn't have to play again until meeting Tam O'Shanter at 6 p.m. And the break time may have been the difference in the final match as Wheel Inn cruised to a 41-17 victory, a winning margin which eliminated the need for the last two games of the match.

(Teams in the tournament consisted of five players, who were matched one-on-one in established lineups. A player scored three points for sinking the eight ball to win a game, and added an additional point for each of his opponent's seven balls left on the table. Thus, a perfect game was worth 10 points, the least a winner could score was three, and a loser was given nothing.)

The Tam O'Shanter men were clearly the class of the men's division, crusing through the tournament with five match wins and no defeats. They beat Union Center 59-31 in the finals of the winners' backet, and after Union Center eliminated Pro Billiard of Davenport Iowa, 42-41 in the losers' bracket. Tam O'Shanter repeated the performance, beating Union Center 44-23.



CLOSE BUT. . . Sorrow sets in after Tam O'Shanter women's team loses to the Wheel Inn in the final game.

Nevada Wins 'Shootout'

By JOHN CASH

It was as if the Gunfight at the OK Corral had been re-enacted in the green felt jungle.

The scene was the San Fernando Valley where men's and women's teams from Nevada and Utah competed for the first time ever in an amateur match of combined 8-ball and 9-ball play.

The stakes were high, Podnah; $1,000 per session for the men — 10 in all, and $500 total for the women.

Names were as colorful as the setting, a smallish tavern in the central valley. The Deacon was there. So was Iron Mike and The Window Washer.

Gabby from Houston stopped by to watch and he played on the regulation tables in 9-ball against Alan Hopkins.

Las Vegas brought the cash and backed it up with a relatively easy 21-16 victory in 9-ball, a game of pocket billiards in which the Nevadans participate league-wise and one in which they excel.

The previous day, however, was not so easy for the visitors. Trailing 6-0 and 8-2 John "Deacon" Hart intently studied a near-impossible finesse shot on the 6-ball. The game was 8-ball and that black beauty was cradled on the edge of the pocket where the Deacon eventually would force his final solid ball through. No more than 1/32nd of an inch to spare. Zingo! Deacon stroked it in, drew back the cue ball and gently stroked in the game-winner.

That shot seemed to ignite his team members who won 12 of the following 19 games for a 14-all tie in the best-of-40 match.

Terry Wilson of Las Vegas, who atoned for his naive efforts in an earlier loss at Ogden, Utah, was the star. He won eight of 11 games overall and five of his final seven in 8-ball as the Nevada team took control and won seven of the remaining 10 games for a 22-18 edge.

Teammates "Iron Mike" Henderickson, who captained the Vegans' triumphs, Jim Blakeman and Dick "Lefty" Miles came through when the pressure was most evident.

Blakeman's long rail bank of the 4-ball into the 9-ball the full lenth of the table against San Fernando Valley's top shooter Ron Rosas highlighted the 9-ball segment in which the California team never mounted a threat.

A serious threat, however, was launched against the Las Vegas females, who entered the competition undefeated in interstate play including wins against Odgen twice and teams from Great Falls, Montana.

The sessions were comprised of 15 games of 8-ball and 15-games of 9-ball with the overall total determining the winning team. Each segment, however, determined the winner of the cash.

Las Vegas held a commanding and somewhat surprising 10-5 lead in 8-ball the first day, a game played by the Californians in league play.

But the margin was short-lived as San Fernando Valley stormed back to tie at 14, took a 15-14 lead and missed victory when Lorraine Lilley won the 30th game to send the match into overtime.

Ironically, Lilley, the team captain, was the victim of the 18-17 defeat in the final game.

Spirits were high as the women began play the next day in 9-ball. Afterall, that was Las Vegas' specialty. The team never had lost a 9-ball session in the combined games format.

Lilley and teammates Denise Tomkies, June Watson, Andy Vandermark and Ann Chambers quickly moved to a 4-1 advantage, but San Fernando stormed back and led 14-7 before the Southern Nevadans staged an incredible comeback.

Tomkies responded to the pressure with a win and her teammates rallied for four more. Again Denise repelled the doom of defeat and the Nevada team won seven in a row for a tie at 14.

Tomkies faltered slightly, but Lilley won the crucial 30th game and again the teams went into sudden-death, the first to win three games declared the champ.

San Fernando grabbed a 16-15 lead, but that was the California team's final bid. Vandermark, Chambers and Lilley made short work of their opponents in dispatching the Cal team 18-16 to win the overall competition by a scant game, 35-34.

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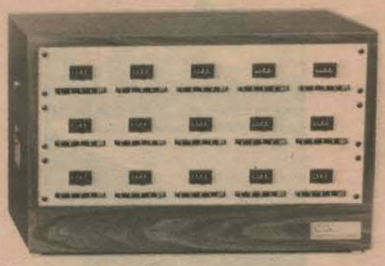

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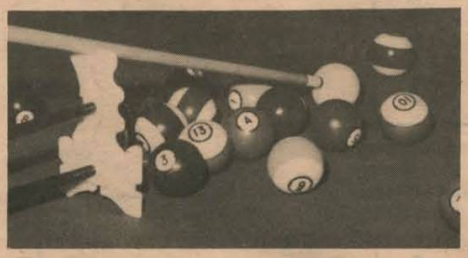

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Willis played on an off-shore oil rig about 50 miles out in the Bay. He took a helicopter out to the rig and stayed overnight.

Snooks Takes Greenleaf

This classic photo was taken on a March day in 1948 when Morris (Snooks) Pearlstein (left at table) defeated the incomparable Ralph Greenleaf. The exhibition match, which thrilled the room of spectators, was held at the Ross Billiards Academy on South Carolina Avenue in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The gentleman at the far right is Joe Ferguson, who was Greenleaf's manager for many years. He was also considered to be the best referee of his time.

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That's My Mom!

The ambulance was waiting. Her labor pains were less than three minutes apart. But Kathy Haddon wouldn't leave the pool tournament. Her son just had to wait. And he did.

At stake was the women's championships of the St. Petersburg, Florida Tavern Pool League. Kathy was the top shooter in the league this year with 51 victories in 58 matches.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, the baby was four days overdue and the pains were four minutes apart. By 11 p.m. the pains were 2½ minutes apart. They got more frequent.

"She won't make it through overtime," bar owner Lay Mastry said.

By 11:15 there were only two balls on the table — the 2 and the 8. The pains were insistent.

Kathy deftly wielded her cue, dropped the 2 and slammed home the 8.

Her husband was waiting. So was the ambulance. So was the doctor at St. Anthony's Hospital. By 11:30 she was enroute.

At 1:43 a.m. on Mother's Day, little more than two hours after the winning shot, Kathy gave birth to a boy and all was well.

Made In Hong Kong

Jimmy Caras recently returned from Hong Kong where he gave an exhibition in the Prat American Pool Center May 16 through May 20. Invited by Brunswick International Limited for a series of exhibitions and clinics, he also gave a 1½ hour show of fundamental and trick shots at McPherson Hall for 1,000 Chinese.

Caras reported that the Prat American Pool Center was opened by Philip F.L. Chan and boasts 34 Brunswick Gold Crown tables with Brunsco cloth — no snooker, no billiards, just pool — and is one of the finest rooms in the Far East.

Caras also reports that Chan introduced American pool to the Chinese and that they have fallen in love with the sport. Their favorite games are 8-ball and 14.1, Caras said.

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Never Too Young

Paul Gerni, trick shot champion and exhibition player, shows a small friend a trick or two for the TV cameras at the BCA All-American Team Championship in Rochester, Minnesota. Gerni and Nick Varner donated their time and talents to the All-American, taking on all comers who wanted to "Challenge the Champs."

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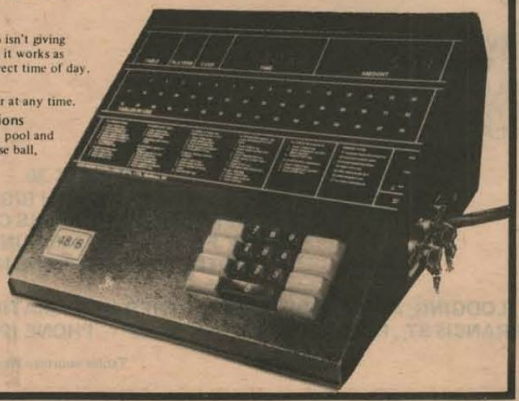

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Canada Wins ISL

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The Canadian team, which repeated its 1979 ISL Tournament victory, lined up with Ken Shea of Nova Scotia, Gus Ness from Toronto and Ottawa's Bill Olson.

John (Jack) Rogers of Dublin, Ireland defeated Bert Demarco of Edinburgh, Scotland for the ISL Singles championship. Herb Lehmann of New York Athletic Club I and Tony O'Beirne of Ireland were eliminated in the singles semi-finals.

Complete team standings were — 1. Canada, 2. Ireland, 3. NYAC I, 4. Scotland, 5. USA, 6. England, 7. South Africa, 8. NYAC II, 9. Bermuda.

In all, 108 team matches (324 frames) were played on the New York Athletic Club tables during the team competition.

In the ISL Annual Meeting, also held at New York Athletic Club, the 1980 ISL Tournament was assigned to Bermuda for mid-May and there is a good chance that Hong Kong and New Zealand will become members of the ISL for 1980. Noel Miller-Cheevers of London, England and Jim Hausman of Garden City, New York were re-elected President and Executive Director respectively.

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Bill and Ruth Elliott of Towne Billiards in Calgary, will be hosting the Billiards Championship in May.

For 1979, no regional playdowns have been set up. Players interested in entering should write to either the Canadian Snooker Control Council, 1407 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, or to The Alberta Snooker Control Council, 127, 100 Whitwood Place N/E, Calgary, Alberta, T1Y 3S8.

The Canadian Champion will go to Sri Lanka to compete for Canada (October or November). Although prize money has yet to be established, the expenses during the Champion's stay will be looked after.

Edmonton Wins Inter-City Match

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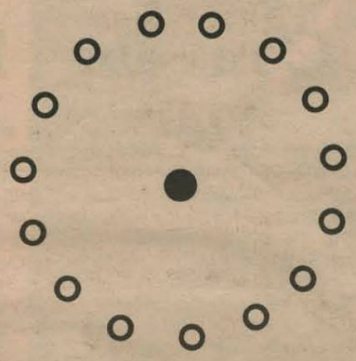

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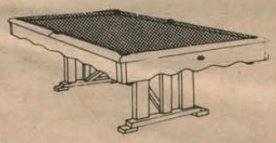

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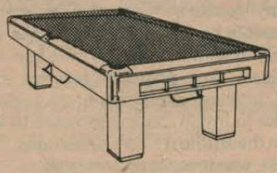
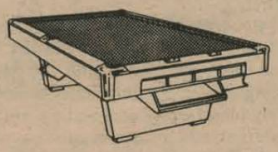




Venzke's View from the bleachers

By Bruce Venzke

A Quiet Giant Convenes In Reno

The Billiard and Bowling Institute of America (BBIA) is a relatively unknown organization to most of us in the playing sector of the pool and billiard world.

A trade organization similar to the BCA in structure and administration (run by a board of directors through the NSGA, with *Bob Goodwin* as Managing Director), its low profile in the pool world is not due to a lack of strength or support for the sport. Indeed, the BBIA has often and generously contributed to the causes and needs of its BCA "sister" in addition to its own activities.

Such financial assistance is not particularly surprising however, considering the aims and goals of the BBIA — and considering that many of the leading names in the billiard industry are or have been members of both organizations over the years.

It was my pleasure to attend the 36th Annual BBIA Convention in Reno during the 3rd week in May. My goal was to find out a bit of the workings and people involved in this first rate organization, since such trade groups generally do their thing behind the scenes, with little public acclaim accompanying the effort.

And what a group of people it is! I shouldn't start, but ... *Kim Gandy* (Gandy's Industries); *Paul Lucchesi, Sr.* (Eastern Slate); *Bill Gunklach* (National Billiard Mfg. Co.); *Rich Marquardt* (Henry W. T. Mali Co.); *Paul Huebler* (Huebler's Industries); *Gordy Hart* (Viking Cue); *Stewart Bonnet* (Mickey Finn's, Inc.); *Mike Geiger* (D & R Industries); *Nick Varner* (Rack N' Cue); *Jerry Briesath* (Cue-Nique Micro-Logic Mfg.); *Mort Luby* (Bowler's Journal); *Dick Lane* (BCA Player Rep.); *Paul Lucceshi, Jr.* (Paul's Billiard Supply); *Irv Nemecek* (Tweeten Fibre Co.); *Don Shimel* (J-S Sales Co.) and *Howard Schoenbaum* (Southern B & B Supply) are *some* of the people I ran into that are probably familiar to you. It is a genuine reassurance to see the potential of a gathering of such persons in our industry.

And they know how to have a convention, too. They came prepared to do some work and have some fun — and succeeded at both. (*I* think a good convention concedes that the work must not stand in the way of the conventioneers enjoying themselves.)

Spearheaded by Convention Chairman *Nancy Hart* (the first woman Vice President in BBIA history, by the way) with her assistants *Fred Krommes* and Don Shimel, the group had a slate of activities that truly featured something for everyone. And with Bob Goodwin and *Garrie Senior* also bustling around helping, it all went off very well. Add to it the inherent attractions of The Biggest Little City in the World, it was no wonder that the convention was enjoyed thoroughly by the 160-plus who wrangled plane reservations to a gambling mecca served primarily by a striking airline.

So when you see those B B I A letters, don't wonder who they represent anymore. It's a group of dedicated industry leaders doing their part to propogate the sports they are involved with.

It was truly our pleasure to be accepted so warmly by everyone at their 36th annual convention.

The plush seats of Reno's MGM Grand are behind us now; next month it'll be back down to earth on the hard bleachers of home. Hope you'll join me again then ... *I'll save you a seat.*

The Horn Section

By Melodie Horn

Concentration Is The Key

Pool, as well as many other sports, is a game of mental intrigue, and very often when you analyze an important match you will find the toughest competitor you have faced is in your own mind.

It may crop up as a nagging voice that causes you to momentarily doubt a shot. Sometimes the voice will say "Relax, that's an easy shot. Think about that weekend away you're going to take." Or "Feel that pain in your back? Boy, are you tired." The voice takes on many faces, but the end result is nearly always the same. You miss your shot or your shape, and usually a game to go with it.

Recently I was introduced to a book titled **Inner Tennis** by Tim Galloway. While this book deals physically with the game of tennis, the primary emphasis is how to effectively blend a physical and a mental game to a winning advantage, regardless of the sport involved. You may not agree with all aspects of his conclusions, but you should acquire some interesting new perspectives regarding your own ability. I recommend the book highly.

Since mental attitude is so important in pool, you need to be open enough to accept advice and/or criticism from players whose game you know and respect. It is equally important not to allow spectators to undermine your confidence.

As a woman playing a game which in many areas is still considered a "man's sport", players who often cannot play as well as you and certainly do not have your desire to improve, will often criticize your ability in a discouraging manner. A necessary learning process is one in which you can eventually discern the difference between a player genuinely interested in assisting you and someone who simply has to let you know how smart he is.

It is often very difficult to maintain your "cool" when someone is constantly in your ear while you are playing. However, whenever possible I have found that it is always best to politely refrain from getting into any verbal sparring sessions. It isn't good for your mental game, nor will it produce any effective results. Don't let it discourage you. Think of it as a forge to temper the steel of your determination.

Remember, if your total concentration is at the table everything else will seem to become less important, and you will find how much easier the game can become.

When I was asked to write this column, one of my concerns was whether or not I could possibly have enough material to write a monthly column. While I do have some other ideas, my primary interest is in creating interest for women who play. I would like to invite those interested to write to me c/o the Billiard News. Questions, items of interest, whatever might stir you.

Pot Shots

A glance at the news of the past, compiled from the *NBN* archives by Bruce Venzke. Do you recall?

1 Year Ago: July, 1978

• **Scott (The Shot) Smith** won $1200 and the title of the 1st National Colorado Springs 9-Ball Open at Sagone's Billiards. Smith was undefeated in the 28-player shootout. **Danny Medina** took the runner-up spot, worth $500.

• **Mike Carella** narrowly defeated **Dave Charette** in Joe Farhat's 9-Ball Bash at The Velvet Rail in Lansing, winning $1200 in the main event. Counting the two midnight mini-tournaments, 128 shooters went to the post during the 3-day gathering of the stars of the pocket billiard world.

PETE MARGO

• **Pete Margo** took two events in New Jersey; a 14.1-Nineball round robin with **Jack Colavita, Earl Herring** and **Ray Martin** at Mike Asch's Hi-Cue Lounge, and also a 14.1 challenge match with **Allen Hopkins** ('77 World Champion) at Al's Greenbrook room by a score of 500-286.

• **Mort Luby** announced plans to publish a bi-monthly magazine devoted solely to billiards. An offspring of *The Bowler's Journal* (which will drop its billiard coverage), the new magazine is slated for publication in the fall of 1978.

5 Years Ago: July, 1974

• **Steve Mizerak** and **Jean Balukas** won the men's and women's divisions of the 1st Billiard News National Open pocket billiard championships at the Cushion 'N' Cue in Livonia, Michigan. **Irving Crane** and **Jeanne Tomasello** took the runner-up spots.

• **Lou Butera** defeated **Johnny Ervolino** in the final of the U.S. Classic pocket billiard championship at Bill Romain's Classic Club in Las Vegas, to win $1000 and a berth in the 1974 U.S. Open in Chicago.

• In Lansing action at Joe Farhat's Velvet Rail, **Alton (Babyface) Whitlow** defeated Milwaukee veteran **Willie Munson** 11-7 in the final match of the Rip-off Nine-ball Tournament; also **Jim Mataya** beat **Richie Ambrose** 125-76 to grab the crown of the 32-player Michigan Open Pocket Billiard Tournament and a 1974 U.S. Open berth.

• The Hi-Cue Masters Pocket Billiard Championships was won by former World Champion **Frank McGown** who turned back 1973 World Champ **Ray Martin** in a playoff match for the title. McGown also natched a 1-inning, 125-and-out win over **Earl Herring**.

Kollins' Kolumn

By Tom Kollins

Snooker Lingo

Anyone who attended the 1979 International Snooker League (I.S.L.) competition at the New York Athletic Club could hardly help but be reminded of the fact that there is no greater obstacle to a closer relationship between England and the United States than the language barrier. And the vernacular of the snooker player further compounds the problem we Americans have understanding the "King's English."

The game of snooker was introduced — and has remained immensely popular — in those countries that formed the British Empire in the early nineteenth century. Many of those countries are represented in the I.S.L. Ireland, Scotland, Canada, South Africa, the British Protectorate of Bermuda, and Great Britain itself are all hotbeds of the game. But the terms that are used to describe the action and its implements are enough to confuse even the most astute pool aficionado.

Therefore, as a public service to anyone who may have overheard one of the lads explaining how the white went "in off" after he'd potted the blue in the middle bag, here is a list of snooker terms and their pool equivalents, as we know them here in the colonies:

TO POT A BALL is to pocket a ball; A GREAT POTTER is a straight shooter; AN END POCKET is a corner pocket; A MIDDLE POCKET is a side pocket; IN THE BAG means in the pocket; when the cue ball screatches, it is said to have gone IN OFF; TO BE SNOOKERED is to be sewed up or hooked.

SIDE is right or left english; SCREW is low english or draw; DEEP SCREW is a lot of draw; STUN is a center hit with no spin on the cue ball.

A WALKOVER is a forfeit; THE COLORS are any balls that aren't red or white; A CANNON is a billiard or carom from one ball to another; A PLANT is when two or more balls, either frozen or very nearly frozen, are lined up toward a pocket (a combination); A HIGH BREAK is a high run; THE "D" is the balk area; TO DOUBLE IT means to bank it.

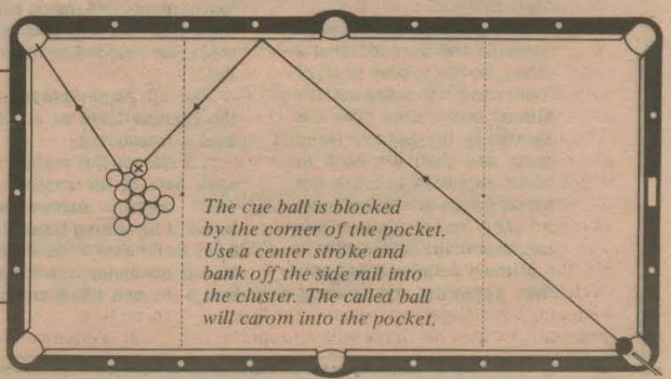
There is also a group of cockamamie instruments beneath the table that rivals the assortment found in any dentist's office. They are: THE REST, we call it the bridge; THE HALF BUTT, a longer bridge with a cue to match; THE FULL BUTT, an even longer — and clumsier — pair (remember, snooker is played on a six by twelve foot table); THE SPIDER, a bridge used for shooting over a ball; and THE GOOSENECK SPIDER which has an extension that enables you to shoot over an entire rack of balls.

If all this isn't enough, they play with short, one-piece cues made of ash rather than maple, topped with a brass ferrule and a soft leather tip.

Now picture all of this on that huge table with light green cloth, small pockets with rounded edges, cushions that are flat rather than pointed, a tiny cue ball and twenty one object balls to match, and you're ready to play a frame of snooker.

But if a bloke should offer you four or five blacks for a start — "if you fancy yourself for a few quid" — BEWARE. Because he'll be potting balls and you'll be spotting colors and keeping track of his breaks until your bank account is several stones lighter, and you'll bloody well know the difference between a shilling and a shellacking.

Trick Shot



The cue ball is blocked by the corner of the pocket. Use a center stroke and bank off the side rail into the cluster. The called ball will carom into the pocket.

Profiles

Mike Massey

Playing It Straight

Concluded From Last Month

By LARRY GREEN

He began as a player when he was 14 years old in Loudon, Tennessee, moved on to the traveling life of the hustler, was buried on the road by drugs and alcohol and finally emerged as the game's toned-down version of Billy Graham.

For a time he spread the gospel with a cue case under his arm, quoting the scriptures while he amazed onlookers with his shooting skills.

Now he plays it straight. Christianity-wise he teaches through example. On the tables he is building a part-time pro career with the hope that someday the game will come into the limelight in the public's eye, much as golf and tennis have done in recent years.

"There's nothing wrong with the game itself," he says. "It's a good game, a mental game with a lot of physics involved when you play on the higher levels."

Despite that contention, the game constantly fights its image, many persons picturing the hustler as a vulture ready to prey on helpless victims.

"A lot of players think that pool is the only way that they can make a living," says Massey, who once did not even believe in competition. "They feel they have to gamble to make it.

"If a player plays the tournaments and tries to make a living, he has to play in all of them and finish in the top five almost every time. The big money is in the top three spots and then it's hard to cover expenses because the tournaments are so far apart on the map and close together on the calendar."

Massey's Bible taught him that gambling was wrong, but he feels, after much consideration, that that is true when a player misrepresents his talent to steal from players of lesser ability.

"I still believe that gambling's wrong, but there is a part of me, deep inside, that's just not as sure as it once was," he readily admits.

"If two players are of equal talent and they can afford to lose without hurting their family, I thing that's a different story. Mostly they're playing to prove who is the better player and the money simply brings pressure into play."

In other words, pool is no different than golf, one of the big gambling games for both amateurs and pros across the country. You won't find many weekend foursomes which don't have at least $5 riding on the outcome.

"I think players need to do more things like what I did," he says of the recent exhibition in which he cracked the record for most balls pocketed in a 24-hour period and donated the proceeds to Muscular Dystrophy.

"We need to build the image of the game. That's my goal. Charity was a big part of it, but a lot of it was for publicity. I travel around to tournaments and put on exhitions and this will help me, make the people know who I am."

Like all games played on the highest level of ability, pool is demanding.

"I'll tell you this much," he says now of his record, "I don't believe anyone will break it for a long time. You have to be able to shoot and it's also an endurance thing. I ran a lot and lifted weights getting ready.

"It'll take an above average player to do it and all I've got to say is more power to him. I want to be there when he breaks it. My feet are still hurting."

Massey was billed second to Minnesota Fats, the main ambassador for the game, in a trick-shot show during the $12,000 Sacramento Open Nine-Ball Championship Tournament, April 10-15.

"I believe that I'm as good as anybody," he admits and cites wins over some of the game's best to attest his claim.

"Pool is not my whole life like it is for most of the pros. I have my job with the fire department and I lay brick on the side. The last tournament I played in I could hardly make a bridge with my left hand because it was so sore from a bricking job I had just finished."

Mike Massey

Still, Massey continues to come up with ways to gain positive publicity for the game. He is trying to work his way into the Super Stars competition and a book is being written about his life by Chattanoogan Larry Headrick. The tentative title is, "The Death of a Hustler."

"I wish we could get the tournaments giving better money like tennis and golf," dreams Massey. "Before that happens we'll have to have a television contract.

"Straight pool might be a bit too slow for TV, but the big game now is nine-ball and it's fast, exciting and easy to understand. I think it would be interesting for the public if they could see the great players in action."

So, what other goals await Massey's hands?

"I think I'm going to try and put on some type of exhibition every year," he says. "Next time I'll try to break the old record, but do it playing one-handed. I feel like that will be tough, but not impossible."

Massey is also currently teaching a course in the game at Chattanooga State Technical Community College, further spreading the world.

One thing is certain, Massey's energy, drive and ingenuity seem bottomless and he is determined to make a contribution.

"I don't think a player reaches his peak until he's about 45," Massey, who turned 32 in April, admits. "I've still got my best days ahead of me. I just want to help the game grow, too."

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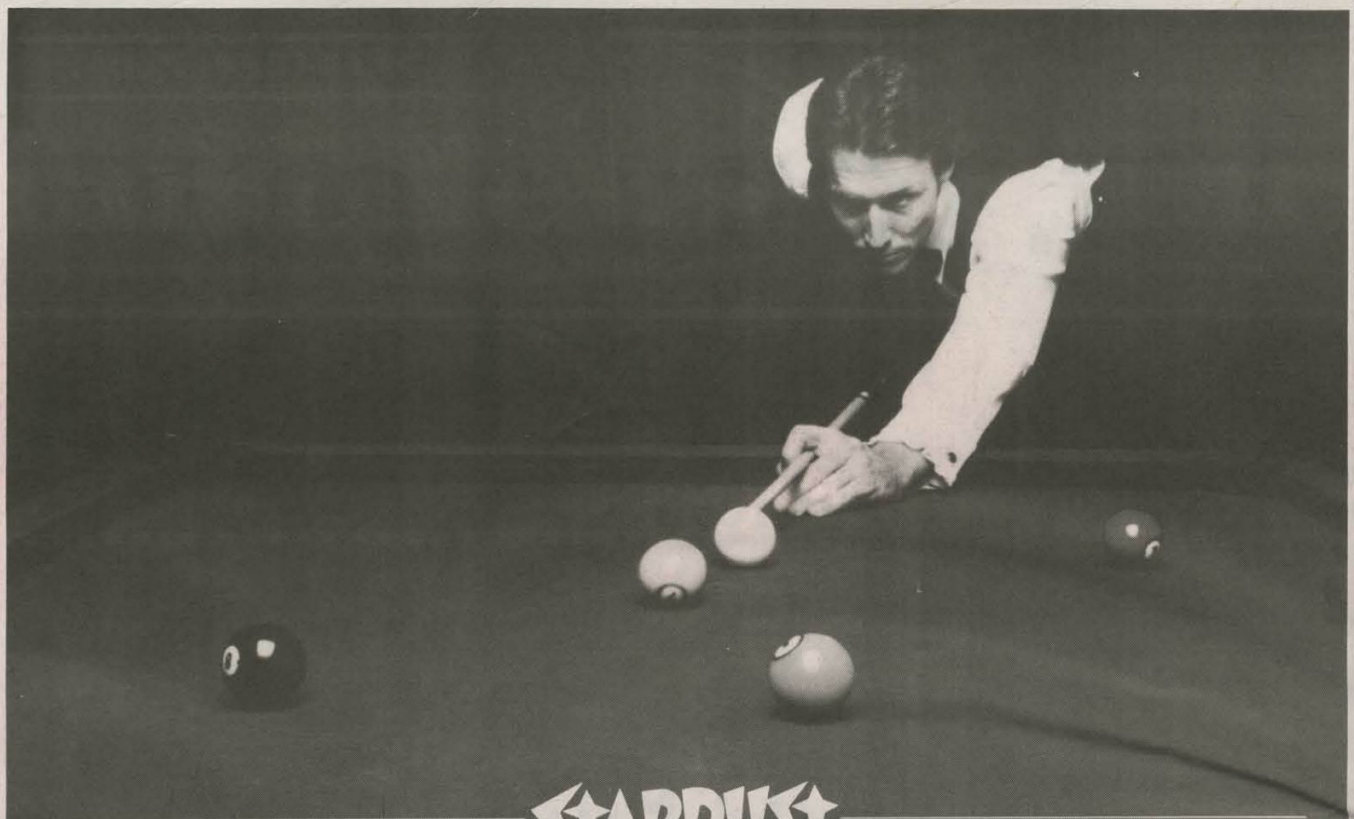

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