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## MIZERAK WINS U.S. MASTER TOURNEY



JOE RUSSO, TRENTON, N.J.

### Joe Russo & Allen Hopkins Wins Berths In U.S. Open

Joe Russo, winner of Maine B.C.A. Qualifying tournament at the D. & A. Billiard Lounge at Waterville, Maine. Joe won eight straight games and his opponent in the finals was another New Jersey 18-year old cue wizzard and a regular at Mike Asch, Hi-Cue Billiards Lounge, Elizabeth, N.J. Allen Hopkins, of Cranford, N.J. Allen had three straight victories over Russo in exhibition matches before the final. Russo is one of the top 14-1 pool players in the country today. His game has improved terrifically in the last two years. By winning the Maine State, he won four hundred and fifty dollars and a berth in the Fifth Annual United State Open in Chicago, Ill. on August 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1970. Allen Hopkins by winning six games and loosing two was the second place finisher and won \$300 and berth in the United State Open. Russo's stylish cue art is a crowd pleaser. He owns the Gold Crown Billiards Center, in Trenton, N.J.

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STEVE MIZERAK JR.

### Mizerak, 200 Riggie, 74 In Finals

Steve Mizerak Jr. the smoothie and soft stroking south paw school teacher from Carteret, New Jersey played great 14-1 straight pool to finish first in the twenty-two entries field in the third annual 1970 U. S. Master Eleven-Days Cue Classic at the beautiful twenty-five Gandy Big G. tables Jack and Jill Cue Club in Arlington, Virginia. Steve Jr. first match was a four innings route over the "California Kid" Richie Florence one hundred and thirty-five to fifty-six. In the second inning Steve Jr. ran eighty-nine and scratch, in the third and fourth innings, he

ran twenty-two balls, in the fourth inning he ran twenty-five balls and out. Pat Lynch was Steve Jr. second opponent who is a regular at DeValliere and Bill Weenie Beenie Staton Cue Club, Clarmount Shopping Center. The flashy dapper Eddie Kelly was Steve Jr. third opponent and was leading one hundred and eight to ninety-three and Steve Jr. ran forty-two balls and out in the thirteen innings. Steve Jr.'s fourth opponent was Irving Crane the world champion. It was all over in six innings, he ran forty-eight in the first inning and he ran twenty-eight

in second innings. He played safeties in the third and fourth innings, and ran seventy in the fifth inning, and five and out in six innings. Final score, one hundred and thirty-five to Crane's eight. Crane and Riggie played in semi-finals. Riggie, two hundred to Crane's seventy-one. Riggie and Mizerak final match a sixteen inning game. Mizerak two hundred, Riggie sixty-four. Irving Crane had the high run in the tournament ninety-two balls. After the cue show was over Richie Florence bought him a new Lincoln and Eddie Kelly and Richie  
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ALLEN HOPKINS

## RUSSO WINS B.C.A. MAINE STATE

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# Editor's Notebook

by EARL NEWBY



First contest in a public hall, May 13, 1854. Malcolm Hall, Syracuse, N.Y. Caroms with unrestricted hazards (pocketings), stake un-known. Joseph N. White, 500; George Smith, 484.

This was not technically a public contest, admission having been by invitation only. Mixed caroms and hazards were last played invitation only. Mixed caroms and hazards were last played professionally on a six-pocket table by two lads in a hotel billiard-room on Third Avenue, New York City, in 1865 for a stake of \$50.00 a side. The winner has long been out of billiards. Maurice Daily, then sixteen, was the loser.

Four-Ball Game, (Up to 1863, all play not other wise described was at unrestricted caroms, with 2-3/8 balls, on a 6x12 ft. six-pocket table; from 1863 to 1869, on a 6x12 four-pocket, with the various restrictions mentioned; from 1869 to 1873, chiefly on 5-1/2 x 11 four-pocket, under a new system of counting; and from 1873 to 1870, almost altogether on a 5 x 100 carom table.

First match with an "average" without guessing. New York City, April 24th, 1858, \$250.00 a side. bet-totals, winning average and best runs: John Seereiter, 1000--6.94-53; Bernard Crystal, 830-68. This was a billiard-room or private match, and its given here only because it was the first in which score was kept in figures from beginning to end.

First Technically Public Contest. Fireman's Hall, Detroit, Michigan, April 10th, 1859. \$250.00 a side. Dudley Kavanagh, New York, 1000-8447-177, Michael Foley, Detroit, 898-87. This match was the first to which an admission fee was charged. Michael Phelan (New York) vs. John Seereiter (Detroit). same hall, April 11th, \$5,000 a side, on table taken from Seereiter's room (used night before by Kavanagh and Foley) but having a new cloth. Phelan, 2000-12.20-129; Seereiter, 1904-157. Admission was five dollars, but this charge was rather to keep the wrong persons out than to profit from letting the right ones in. Phelan was outnursed, but he outbetted the Detroiters, and both outgeneraled and generally outbatted their representative.

First Professional Tournament. Phelan and Collender's Union Square Billiard Room (Upper Floor), New York City, October 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31st, 1860. Invitation or private tournament on a 6x12 carom table for two souvenir cues, one given by Claudius Berger, of France. In the table below, a "Lost" column is specially inserted because of shortage of games, that between Lynch and Geary (the latter substituting for Christian Bird, of Philadelphia) being neither played nor forfeited. All games were 500 up but the final and deciding one (Kavanagh, 1000-29.41-144, Tieman, 746-156.

Dudley Kavanagh, N.Y.	4	0	144	29.41	20.49
Philip Tieman, Cincinnati	3	1	185	21.74	18.41
James Lynch, N.Y.	1	2	162	18.52	18.37
Michael Geary, Chicago	0	3	65	...	9.04

First J. M. Brunswick & Co.'s Table in Tournament. Cincinnati, Ohio, October 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31st; 1967-5-1/2x11 four-pocket, play unrestricted. All games 300-points but that determining tie between Foster and Coon, which was 1000. Davis won third prize. The first was the table on which games were played. Average of tournament, nine games apiece, 12.93.

	W.	R.	AV.	G.A.
M. FOSTER	8	194	100.	25.37
J. W. COON	8	162	37.50	16.25
C. DAVIS	7	124	23.08	14.
P. Snyder	4	288	50	13.29
J. VERMEULEN	4	98		
F. Ackerman	4	141	27.27	13.47
H. Choate	4	81	11.11	9.
F. Parker	4	138	42.86	1405
W. C. Rivers	2	116	15.79	11.11
F. E. SMITH	0	76	...	7.31

One half of the contestants became champions, State, National, or both; but the best mere billiard-player of the ten (Foster) never could attain to that eminence.

Jacob Schaefer's Public Debut. July 25th, 1873 Washington Hall, Indianapolis, Purse game. Schaefer, 300-4.84-38 Parker A. Byers, 183-20. He had also pursued two weeks before, Jacob Garratt beating him by 1000 to 932; but it was at the four-ball game, and in Garratt's Indianapolis billiard-room.

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## Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder

In our poker column we forgot to mention "Casalle." He is among the best playing "Razz." I don't like his chances playing "hold-em" with the Texans. He plays pool and handicapped correctly can beat a pro. You name it, Casalle can do it -- but best of all -- he's a bookmaker and a good one.

Another gentleman who has made an impression on the Greek is "Handsome Nicky." He's a champion



Nick Vaccahana

pool player, finished second in the straight pool category and should have won. He plays Gin with the champions and takes home the money. He plays Razz with the best and takes home the money. He's just an all around guy with gals, fellows or gamblers.

Most of the people mentioned above are gamblers and guys we have met the last month. You see the wife and I have been feuding and the Greek has been making the rounds at night with "Puggy Wuggy," playing cards and betting on pool matches.

It has been interesting -- I must admit -- but now comes the time to return to normal living again.

Working the the office all day and staying up most of the night is a little rough when you have hit the 50 mark.

Others who have impressed the Greek in the last month:

George "The Arab," Sam "the jeweler," "Weenie Beenie," "Cleo" from Birmingham, "Big Jack" from Houston, Frank Cardone's boy, who's a champion pool player, and 23-year-old Steve Cook, the school teacher from Lima, Ohio, who makes a cue ball talk.

You know what -- The Greek may produce a pool tournament of his own.

## Danny McGoorty Taken Ill



Danny McGoorty, for forty years a widely-known and respected three-cushion billiard player, is seriously ill and has moved to Seattle to be close to a specialized clinic.

Friends wishing to give him a lift by means of a card or letter can reach him at 154 South 152nd Street, Seattle, Washington 98148.

## Briesath Tops Cacciapaglia For Pool Title

Jerry Briesath of Madison, Wis., won the Illinois State Open Pocket Billiards Championship here Sunday night by beating Rockford's Charlie Cacciapaglia, 125-68, in the title match.

The victory earned Briesath the \$125 first place money and a berth in the U.S. Open which carries a \$300 entry fee.

Briesath had a run of 56 during the championship match.

Cacciapaglia earned his berth in the match by downing Loves Park's Dallas West, 125-50. Briesath advanced by beating Willie Munson of Milwaukee, 125-40.

In earlier matches Sunday, Briesath won the bracket four title by beating Tom Kollins of Detroit, 125-52, then defeated West, 125-102.

Munson beat Cacciapaglia, 125-105, before losing to West, 125-42. Cacciapaglia beat Briesath, 125-116 to set up the title match.

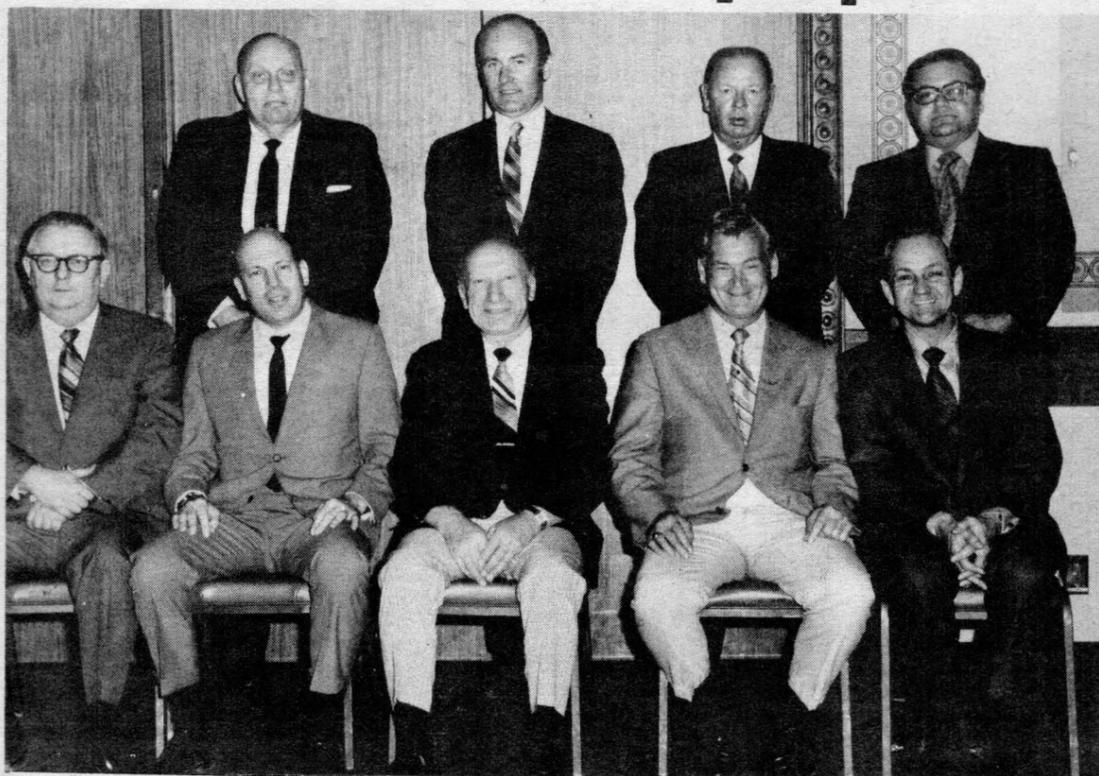


JOHN HUMBERT

DEFENDS TITLE

Bob Ameen, the defending champion of the Que and Cushion 3rd Annual Motor City Open 3-cushion billiard championship.

# 27th Annual Convention of BBIA Officially Opens



The 1970-71 Board of Directors of the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America is pictured above as follows: Front Row left to right... Len Bantz, Executive Secretary, James Wilhem, Saunier-Wilhem Co., 1st Vice President; Samuel Galtz, Triangle Leather Goods, President; Loyd Miles, Ft. Worth Billiard Supply Co., Immediate Past President. Back Row left to right... Ben Shimel, J-S Sales Co., Inc.; Mort Luby, National Bowlers Journal and Billiard Revue, Past President; Don Reese, Chas. W. House & Sons, Inc.; Robert S. Mullen, Q-Master Inc.

The 27th Annual Convention of the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America officially was opened by Loyd Miles, President, with a synopsis of the basic happenings in the billiard and bowling industries during 1969/1970. Doug Farley, marketing director of the Sahara Hotel, headquarters of the convention, extended official welcome to BBIA members on behalf of the Sahara Hotel and the city of Las Vegas.

The business of the convention started the afternoon of April 29 with concomitant meetings of the distributors and manufacturers. Chaired by Loyd Miles, Fort Worth Billiard Supply Company, the BBIA distributor members covered most of the major topics of concern to the industry:

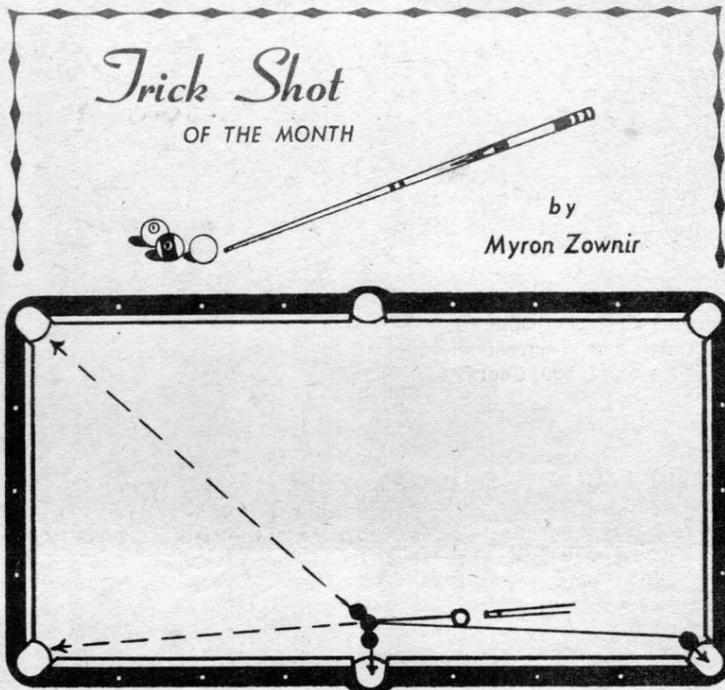
freight liability and the related problems of breakage of slate, standardization of packing, liaison and work with the ICC, freight classification rates, and the efficiency (or lack thereof) in the traffic department in routing and rating of shipments.

Everyone agreed that there must be a concerted effort to improve the freight liability situation which now exists and to alleviate the problems of shipping billiard and bowling equipment.

Other subjects discussed were in the area of financing including computer systems, carrying charges, accounting systems and better financial statements. Suggestions were made to improve the merchandising and selling techniques within the industry. The distri-

butors agreed that it might be advantageous to present a distributor's seminar in the fall where an exchange of ideas on subjects already agreed upon would take place.

Gordon Murrey was chairman of  
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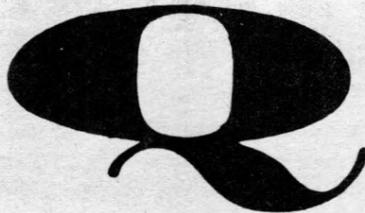
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# Willis, Moore & Taylor In Pool Exhibition

Don Wagner a major of Barksdale Air Force and a regular player at the Marshall Street Billiards Club, Wagner teamed up with Willis, to play Moore and Taylor nine-ball. "Willis said if the major keeps at his pool game, he has a very bright future. We would like to congratulate the winner, Mr. Red



Left to right: DON WAGNER, DON WILLIS, JIMMY MOORE, and EDDIE TAYLOR

Box for the fantastic two day billiard show at the Spot Club in Shreveport. Attendance of the matches was close to 300 for each performance. The "Knoxville Bear" Eddie Taylor, "Cowboy" Jimmy Moore and the "Cincinnati Kid" Don Willis put on a display of trick and fancy shots the like of which has never been seen in these parts. Veteran old timers who have been watching pool exhibitions for fifty to sixty years remarked that they have never seen anyone come

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## Cowboy Moore Is Victim

# Cincinnati Kid Wins Marshall Street Shootout

Smoke drifted upward and curled around the light fixture as the Cincinnati Kid shifted a toothpick in his mouth and sighted in on the remaining balls on the green felt table.

The faint sounds of balls being hit on other tables and the murmur from a crowd of over 200

onlookers didn't pierce the Kid's concentration.

As Cowboy Jimmy Moore leaned on his cue stick, a cigar in the corner of his mouth, Don Willis, the Kid's straight name, put one ball in the corner pocket. Click, click, click and the rest of them were gone.

Eddie Taylor, the Knoxville Bear, announced "Mr. Willis leads Mr. Moore, 98-95."

Moore a big guy with his grey hair bristling in a neat crew cut, conceded the two balls to Willis who had won the break. The Friday afternoon exhibition match at the Spot Club, a basement pool emporium at 610 Marshall, came to an end.

### THE SECRET

What's the secret to this game?" an onlooker asked Willis later.

"You've got to have it here," the grey haired Willis said as he stabbed a finger at Moore's chest. "You've got to have guts and you've got to have heart. If you ain't got those, forget it."

Willis, a 61-year-old resident of Canton, Ohio, qualifies as a pretty good authority about the game of billiards. So, also, do Taylor and Moore, a couple of the game's superstars.

The trio put on another exhibition match and performed trick shots again last night. A couple of other exhibitions are scheduled between 3 and 5 and 7 and 9 p.m. today.

The things these three guys did with a cue stick would easily entitle them to hold a card in the magician's union. They made the cue ball jump, back up and curve and Willis even threw in a juggling act during the trick shot session.

Willis, the subject of a fascinating story in Sports Illustrated a couple of years back, is rated the game's top money player.

Tournaments, says the short, rotund Willis, are not for him.

"In tournaments," the Kid says, "you're giving a guy a free shot at you. If he misses, he's just cost him nothing. There's no pressure on him. But put that money

on the line..."

### THE GREATEST

"This guy here," the Kids said, motioning toward Moore, "is considered the greatest all-around player who ever lived."

Moore, who calls Albuquerque, N.M., home, no longer wears the boots and hat that earned him the nickname "Cowboy." "They hurt my feet," the 59-year-old Moore grinned.

Willis, who first stroked a cue ball at age 13 and Moore, who waited until he was 18 to enter his first pool hall, are old friends and both have raised large families by using their talents with a cue stick.

"Back in the depression," recalls Willis, who has six children, "I'd play like every ball for those kids back home."

Moore, who won world championships in 1958 and 1965, has seven children.

Both men, active long after most professional athletes have been forced to stop competing, said billiards presents no injury hazards like elbows in tennis.

"What is the most money you've ever heard of bet on a game?" Moore was asked. His reply: "\$6,000."

The Cowboy also said he knew of a guy who had dropped \$57,000 in one pool session in Las Vegas.

Those are pretty stiff stakes considering one of the competitors might not even get a shot. Moore, in Friday afternoon's exhibition match, ran off 44 straight and that's nowhere close to a record.

After you've learned how to play, said the Kid "Speed and a level stroke are the most important things. You've got to have concentration. If you're not in deep concentration, you can't play,



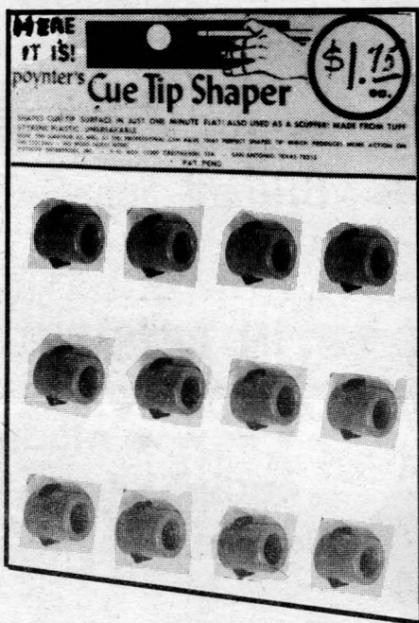
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## PROMINENT POOL TRIO



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I would like to tell our readers about the Cadillac and Pontiac authorized franchise dealer in Evansville, Indiana, businessman, sportsman and Billiard buff, George A. Wright. He is as choosy about the pocket billiard tables he plays on as the car he drives, he has in his recreation room in his home, one of those twenty-five hundred dollar Brunswick Limited Nine model, beautiful, trimmed in leather, silver quarters set in the rail instead of peart diamonds. This table's bed-cloth and rail cloth is tangerine color. We call this color an off-color red. We told you that George is choosy about the cars he sells and drives and the type of Pool table he plays on in his home, and we say he is very choosy about whom he invites over for an evening of Pool in his private home. The oil broker in

the middle of the photo is Hubert Cokes, King of Professionals. Tom Fox, author, who has his own T.V. show on Channel 6 in Philadelphia, also has his column in the Philadelphia Daily News, has written several articles on Cokes as Daddy Warbucks. Hubert L. Cokes was a personal friend of the late Ralph Greenleaf and Amelia Greenleaf. All through the years Cokes has been a salesman for the sport of Billiards. In the photo on the right is a celebrity known as Minnesota Fats, who has more publicity than any one in Billiards. He told recently that he has one factory that builds 500 pool tables a day; all leading department stores sell "Minnesota Fats tables."

Minnesota Fats is to receive the "Man of the Year" Award in May. One of our friends said that "George was choosy." I said "No, not choosy. He has good

taste." I like to tell all our readers what Mr. Wright said in his letter: "Minnesota Fats, Hubert L. Cokes and I have been discussing the possibility of a National Billiard Tournament in this city. We are currently in the very early planning stages so we have nothing concrete to report."

### CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 3) the BBIA Manufacturers meeting. Panel members of the meeting included John Mikithser, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.; Don Reese, Chas. W. House & Sons, Inc.; and William Gunklach, National Billiard Manufacturing Company.

Bill Gunklach made the suggestion that BBIA join with other trade associations in a united effort to get freight carriers to meet their responsibilities to manufac-

turers. He said many firms are having great difficulties recovering losses on damaged freight. Along the same lines, Dennis Rubber suggested that BBIA publish a bulletin which would tell a manufacturer, step by step, exactly how to make a claim on damaged goods. He said some claims are now disallowed simply because of lack of knowledge on the part of the manufacturers making the claim. The idea was voiced that manufacturers themselves might consider carrying insurance on shipped goods themselves rather than rely on the carrier's insurance firm. If this was done, an appropriate reduction in rates should be made.

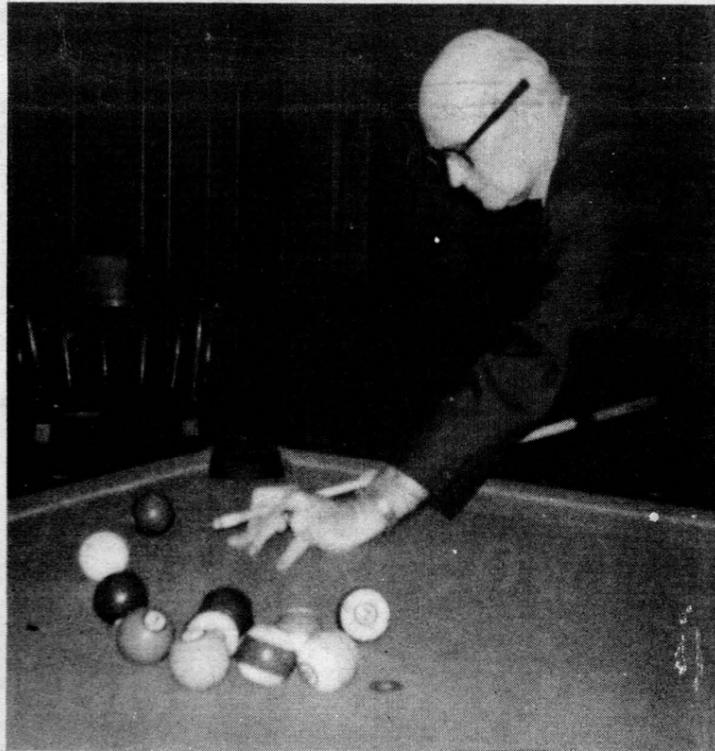
Don Reese spoke on selling techniques. Among the cardinal rules for salesmen are: don't knock the competition, and always tell your customers that business is great.

Asked to summarize the current state of the bowling industry, Brunswick's Jack Thomas said, "Bowling is now a healthy industry getting healthier."

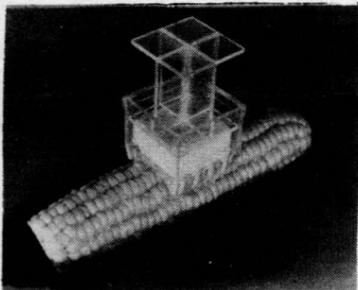
At the Joint Meeting of manufacturers and distributors Bill Gunklach spoke about the standardization of slate packaging. Assembly is impossible, he said, if slates which were made to be used together become separated. The suggestion was made that if one slate is broken, claim should be filed for all three sections.

Shipping was, obviously, again the topic of discussion. Information is essential for properly filed claims. All packaging materials should be saved for inspection and dealers should refer to manufacturers original shipping documents if they are reshipping the merchandise in order to get the

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# Mizerak Captures Masters Title



Left to right: RICHARD RIGGIE, 'WEENIE BEENIE STATON', and STEVE MIZERAK, Jr.

## Brunswick To Offer Tiffany Lamp Promotion

Last year, it was the cuspidor which helped dealers generate interest in Brunswick's home billiard table line. This year, Brunswick is offering an even bigger bonus to dealers in connection with its new table introductions -- a Tiffany lamp.

The Tiffany lamp, which has become a much sought after decorator item, has been designed for Brunswick in a billiard motif and is being offered to dealers for \$12 each -- considerably under prices for reproductions now available. Brunswick will also offer one

lamp free to dealers purchasing a sample pack or better. The dealer's name will also be included in special national magazine ads offering the Tiffany. Mats, artwork, and display material will be offered for local promotion. Brunswick expects the lamp to

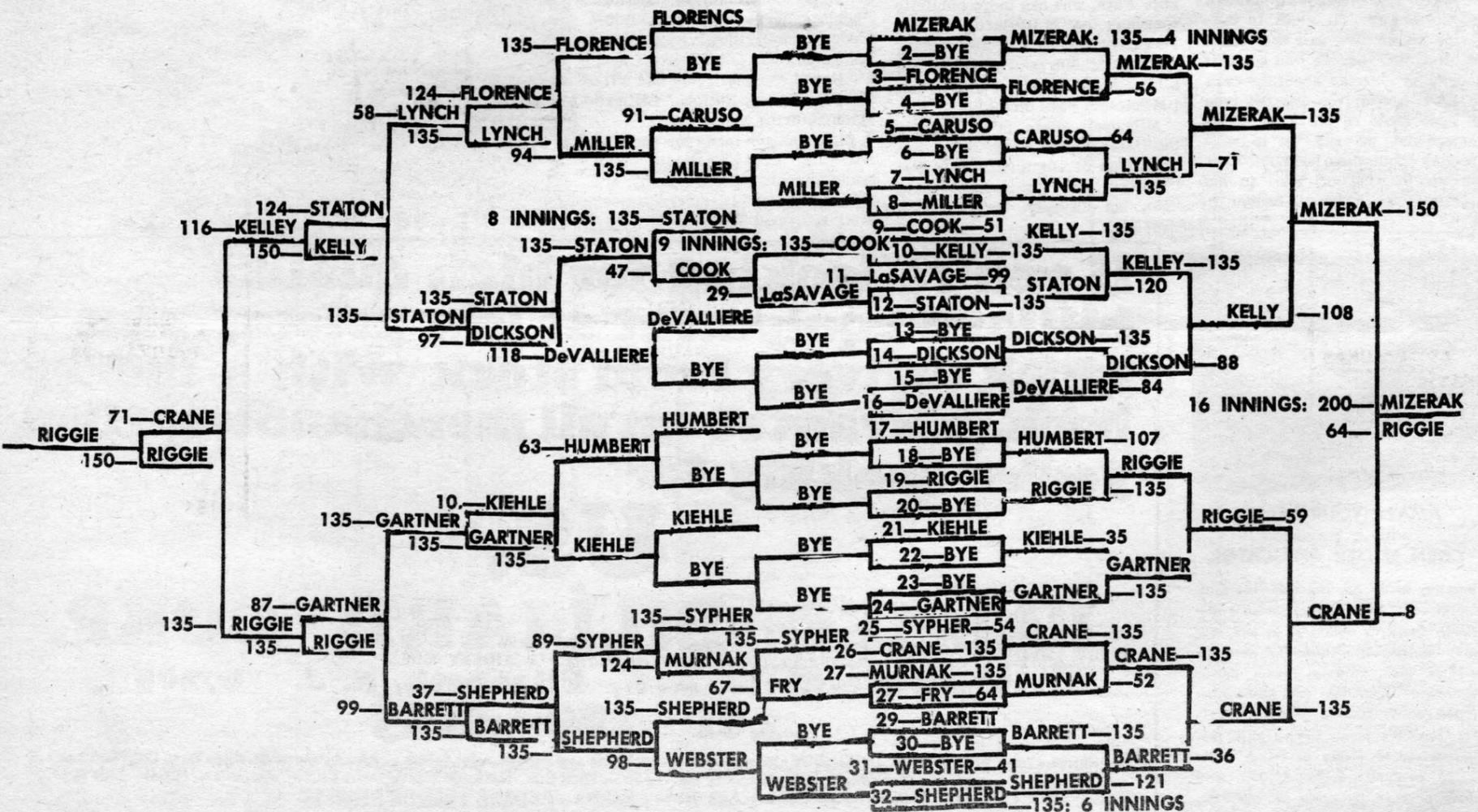
help dealers generate traffic and more sales. According to George Sodini, national sales manager, studies have shown that the most sought-after item when a consumer purchases a table is lighting. "By giving the Tiffany lamp away," Mr. Sodini observes, "or

selling it at cost -- or even selling it at a profit, the dealer can offer a complete package -- a decorator table and decorator lighting as well."

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## U.S. MASTERS-MEN'S DIVISION



# Dorothy Wise Takes Ladies Masters



## Wins Women Tournament at Jack & Jill Cue Club

Dorothy Wise World's best women player in 14-1 pocket billiard by winning the B.C.A. Union State Open each year that they had the women tournament. Dorothy played great by winning all matches in the U.S. Master Ladies Division at the Jack & Jill Cue Club.

Her first match and opponent results was Dorothy Wise sixty-five, Paula Meek twenty-six. Dorothy's second match and opponent was Karin Martinez 1969 and 1970 Michigan State Champion, the score finals Dorothy Wise, sixty-five, Karin Martinez

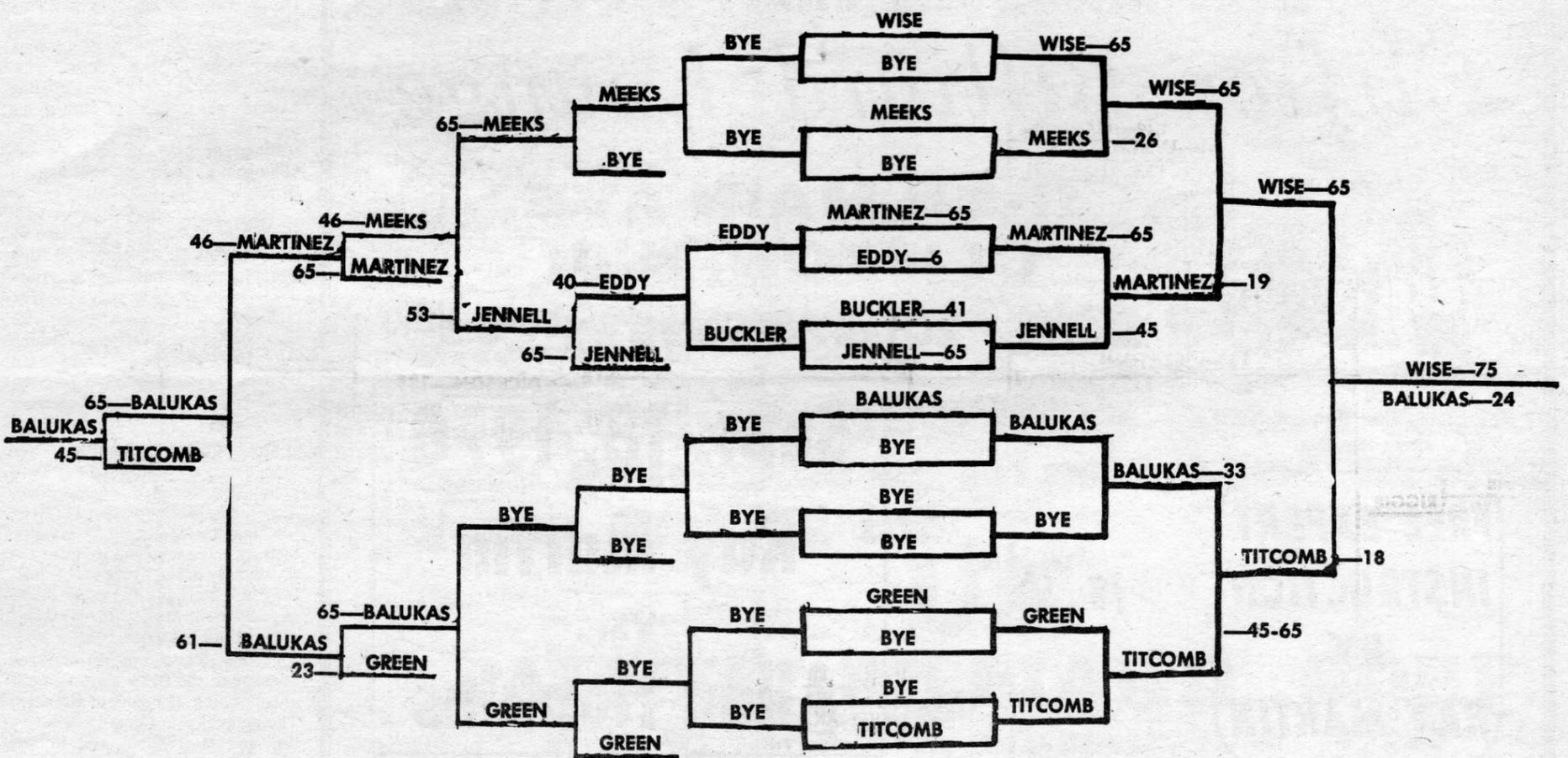
nineteen. Dorothy's third match and opponent Gerry Titcomb, Ohio State Champion and also a member of Brunswick Company Advisory Staff. The score Dorothy Wise, sixty-five, Gerry Titcomb, eighteen. In the final match was great for the fans to watch for the ten-

year-old "Jean Little Princess Balukas who had the high-run nineteen balls of the ladies cue show. The final score was Dorothy Wise sixty-five, Jean Balaukas twenty-four. The staff of the Billiard News congratulates Bill Staton and Charles DeValliere own-

ers of this fine family billiards lounge and sponsor so many fine billiards and are always upgrading the sports in Arlington Virginia.

Below Is The Complete Results Of Who Won And Who Lost In The Masters Ladies Division

# U.S. MASTERS-LADIES' DIVISION



- WINNER — DOROTHY WISE**
- \$500.00 — 1st, Dorothy Wise
  - \$300.00 — 2nd, Jean Balukas
  - \$200.00 — 3rd, Gerry Titcomb
  - \$150.00 — Karin Martinez
  - \$100.00 — 5th, Paula Meeks
  - \$ 75.00 — 6th, Linda Green
  - \$ 50.00 — 7th, Bobbi Jennell
  - \$ 50.00 — 8th, Susan Eddy
  - 9th, Shelly Buckler
- HIGH RUN IN MONEY: 19 — JEAN BALUKAS  
 HIGH RUN OUT OF MONEY: 6 — SHELLEY BUCKLER

## Ray Martin New Owner Clifton Billiard Lounge

Ray Martin of 11-05 Cadmus Place, Fairlawn, N. J. realized his life-long ambition, when he became the new owner and manager of the Clifton Billiard Lounge 1158 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J. Ray has been playing Pocket Billiards since he was 16 years of age, and turned professional 3 years ago. He has played exhibition matches with Willie Mosconi and has a high run of 224. He was King of the Hill for 26 weeks in Elizabeth, N. J., and he has played in various benefit matches. Ray won the first N. J. State Masters Pocket Billiard Tournament with nine straight wins. He has played in all the ma-

tor tournaments and made an impressive showing in the Salt City U. S. Open and in tournaments in Las Vegas, Nevada.

His customers and fans think it's great to have a Billiard Room operated by a man who knows the game so well and can help them perfect theirs. It is a great relaxing sport that will be taught correctly by Mr. Martin.

In the future, Ray will have High School and College team competition, with a special class for ladies. There is also free expert instruction given personally by Ray Martin. Ray a family man, resides with his wife, Barbara, and 3 children, Allan, Robyn and Dianne.

At his Clifton Billiard Lounge, there will be plenty of excitement and activity with exhibitions, tournaments, King of the Hill and Challenge matches.

The first exhibition match will take place on Mon., June 29th at 7:30 P.M. at the Lounge. Ray will be playing Onafrio Laurie, Dean of Pocket Billiards, who has played with Ralph Greenleaf, and all the Billiard greats. Mr. Laurie won the Nine Ball Championship in 1968 and finished 3rd in the Worlds Tournament.

We are honored to have as referee Mr. Cue Ball Kelly, who will perform fancy and track shots, and who has referred all the top matches, including the Worlds Tournament and performed on T.V.

Coming up next will be Allan Hopkins, a bright young player from Elizabeth.

Ray Martin was the winner over Laurie 150-141.



ONOFRI LAURI and 'CUE BALL' KELLY

JIM MATZ, Filbert Ave. resident, pocketed 117 straight balls Tuesday in a pocket billiard match in Park Bowling Lanes.



ALLEN HOPKINS



RAY MARTIN

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proper rate. Cloth wrapping is going to be changed over to nylon reinforced paper. Bowling balls, it was noted, are packed inside master boxes which are subjected to tremendous abuse in the mails.

The general procedure for filing claims was covered during the session, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30, in time for the champagne party in the Sahara Hotel.

April 30 meetings opened with the "buzz sessions" conducted by Dr. Charles D. Greenidge of High Yield Management, Inc. Participants were divided into billiards and bowling sections and each was given an "in-basket" case which duplicated several problems in the pertinent field that might face the businessman upon his return from vacation.

The in-basket cases were designed to stimulate provocative discussion about problems common to manufacturers, distributors and dealers in the bowling or billiard industry. The items in the in-basket cases represent materials which any manager might experience in his day-to-day operation of his business.

Cavett Robert was the featured speaker at the BBIA Keynote Luncheon which 125 people attended. The subject was Human Engineering and Motivation, and Robert reminded the group that the human factor in business is still the most important in the entire pattern of economic success. Robert pointed out that "a person prepared knowledgewise and not con-

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ditioned peopiewise, is merely a failure walking around looking for a place to happen." Further, he stressed, "No person can realize his full potential unless he learns to master the 'Third Dimension' in dealing with people.... not just the what and why, but also the how."

Ten principles around which Robert's talk centered were:

1. Do you know how to create the open mind attitude -- how to pierce the pre-occupation barrier?
  2. Do you know how to create the best acceptance climate by making people feel important, not just a nauseating message of their ego, but an honest appreciation of them?
  3. Do you know how to sell yourself in one minute? You have no second chance at a first impression; there is no rerun.
  4. Do you know how to get together with your prospect not only physically, but mentally and emotionally?
  5. Do you realize that you must know how to sell yourself four times before closing a sale. Your prospect must like you, then understand you, then believe you and finally trust you.
  6. Do you know how to give your prospect a logical reason for doing what he emotionally wants to do so that his decision will stay fixed and not come unglued when the emotion dies away?
  7. Do you know how to translate features into benefits? Don't be a feature-yacker.
  8. Do you know how to use the great "feel-felt-found" formula? Ninety percent of the people are imitators and only five percent originators.
  9. Do you know how to fix a problem in your prospects mind before even considering its solution? Until your prospect has first agreed with you just what his problem is, you are only talking to yourself.
  10. Above all else do you know how to bring your "do how" up to your present "know how?" Any knowledge that you cannot relate to the human equation is about as useless as a sun dial in the shade.
- After the luncheon, the billiard and bowling division meetings

were held, with James Wilhem, Saunier-Wilhem Company, chairman of the billiard meeting and Jack Thomas of the Brunswick Corporation chairman of the other.

Discussion in the billiard division meeting concentrated on the various sources of supply within the industry. Products were introduced and participants, by number identification, gave the source that are available throughout the country. From this, BBIA intends to issue a product directory.

Thomas covered the changing milieu in which business is operating, including the increased youth population, the trend toward urbanization, increased discretionary incomes, more and stiffer competition and an outlook for the 70's. He spoke on the National Bowling Council's efforts in the past couple of years centering on the Million Dollar Promotion campaign. The conclusion brought out the fact that there is much industry members can do separately and together for the improvement of their facet of the recreation industry.

Following the meetings, Murrey & Sons Company, Inc. hosted a membership reception for the BBIA convention participants.

May 1 the annual BBIA business meeting was held for members only, during which the election of new BBIA officers and directors took place. Samuel Glantz, Triangle Leather Goods was elected president; James F. Wilhem, Saunier-Wilhem, 1st Vice President; and Gordon Murrey, Murrey & Sons, Inc., 2nd Vice President. New board members elected for three year terms are Ben Shimmel, National Billiard Chalk Co., James Wilhem, Saunier-Wilhem; and Don Reese, Chas. W. House & Sons. Elected for a one-year term to replace resigned board member Frank Lanza, Victor Billiard Company, Inc., is Robert S. Mullen, Q-Master Billiard Supply Company.

High point of the day was the 17th annual BBIA Industry Service Award Luncheon, and this year's award went to Rudolf Wanderone, better known to the public as Minnesota Fats.

The convention closed after the afternoon Board Meeting. Plans for next year's show call for the Americana Hotel in Bal Harbour, Florida, to be the site. Dates have been set for April 22-24, 1971.

**Letter to the Editor**

Letter to Editor:

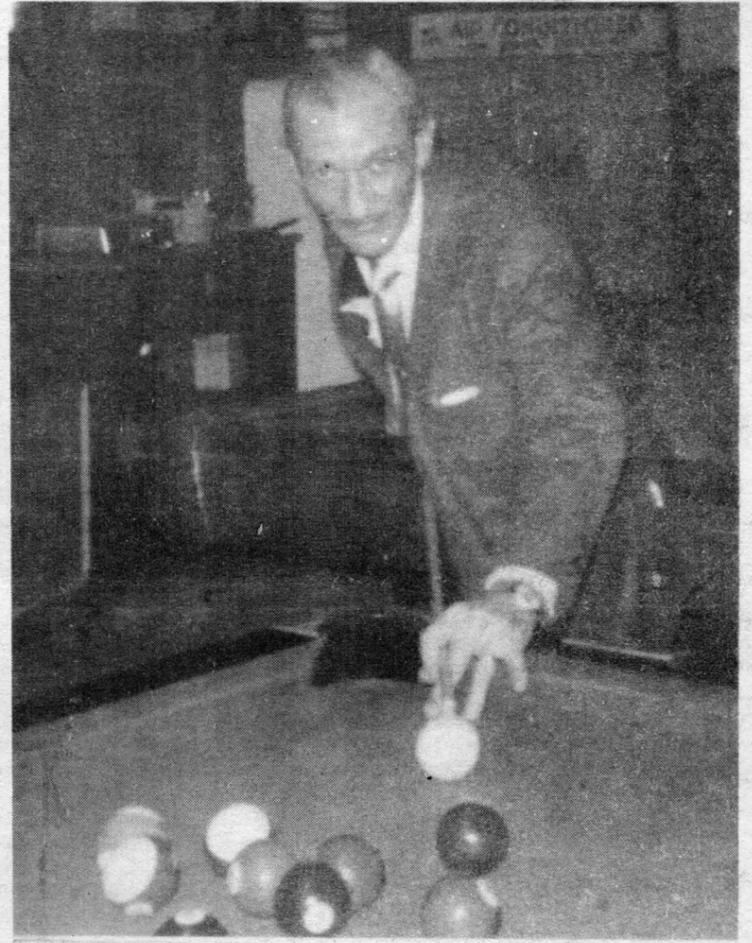
I used to travel all over the U.S.A., and give instructions to a lot of well-known celebrities, and I'm a very good friend of "Cue Ball Kelly," well-known referee in pool. On my tours all over the U.S.A. from 1927 to 1956, my run in 14-1 Straight Pool was 81. I played an exhibition game with Ponzi in Cleveland in 1928.

I played Greenleaf in Chicago in 1931. In my younger days I used to play Exhibition games with well-known players, such as Jimmy Caras, Bennie Allen, Erwin Rudolph, Irving Crane, etc. I used to own a pool room on Broadway and Chauncey Street in Brooklyn where Jackie Gleason, Vince Edwards, Bobby Grimm, the Yankee pitcher, were accustomed to play pool. Also I owned pool rooms.

In 1944 I enlisted in the U. S. Army at the age of 36 and even though I had 7 children the Army took me. In the Army I became an instructor and did exhibitions of trick shots, etc.

Now that I own a pool room in Richmond Hill, N. Y., called Cuddy's Billiard Academy, I average to play almost every day. And at my age, 62, with bad eyes, I still do pretty good because last week I made a high run of 78.

My pool room has eleven tables, and I have a nice crowd of people. I'm trying to help build up the pool business in my own way. If you wish to print this letter in "The National Billiard News" I would like it, because I'm well-known all over the U.S.A. If you do print it in your paper, please send



EDDIE LAPASATO, Richmond Hill, N. Y.

me a copy of the paper or let me know where I can get a copy in New York. Please mail back the picture.

Thank you.  
Eddie Lapasota  
110-27 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418

**MIZERAK**

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left to go on a long road trip for the west coast. Al Miller is stopping in Philadelphia to take in

the golf classic at White Marsh Country Golf Club. The U.S. Annual Master Tournament is fine billiard show.

**Pool Immortal**



**RALPH GREENLEAF**

Regarded by many as the finest pocket billiard player in the history of the sport, the late Ralph Greenleaf possessed skill, color and a fighting heart to a remarkable degree. He won his first pocket billiard championship in 1919 and his last one in 1937. A born showman, he was a top drawing card in the game until the day of his death in 1950.

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# Bald Eagle Speaks

By Bob Ameen



Comparisons of the "good ol' days" and now reflect the decline of former popular pastimes and the success of new ones.

Take the "gentlemen's game" as it's called-- three-cushion billiards. Game was so named due to the caliber of persons who competed as contrasted to the followers of "pool" or pocket billiards.

During the 1920s, 1930s and part of the 1940s, pool was played in smoke-infested dungeons, many of which were fronts for a bookie operation in the back room. The game became associated in the minds of many with the underworld element. Playing pool was synonymous with gambling and "good" people looked down their noses at those who frequented these dens of iniquity.

Today, the situation is almost a complete turnabout. Plush billiard rooms, lounges, academies (you name it) dot the modern landscape. Most big bowling lanes have a connecting billiard room where bowling patrons while away time between games in league play.

New equipment, pastel-colored surroundings, wall-to-wall carpeting and air conditioning have transformed the hell-hole of yesteryear into a much sought after site of relaxing recreation.

Three-cushion, one of many forms of play available under the general heading billiards, in its day was more popular than pool. Only the rich could afford to have an expensive table in the family "billiard room."

Commerical establishments partitioned off their three-cushion tables from the rougher element who stooped to knock the stuffings out of 15 balls on a pool table. Rugs graced the three-cushion section, while highly polished brass spittoons placed at strategic locations et off the decor of the room where the elite and the upper crust met to discuss business over a game of billiards and a good cigar.

But, times change. Today, following anear catastrophic decline after World War II pocket billiards (thanks in part to "The Hustler") has skyrocketed in popularity. Not only are some commercial operators doing a land office business, but home tables costing only a fraction of their commercial counterparts, have made their way into millions of American homes, thus developing hordes of afficianados.

However, the gentlemanly scientific game of three-cushion, made so famous by the immortal Willie Hoppe, fell into bad straits. Today, only about one-fourteenth as many persons participate in three-cushion as in pocket billiards.

However, a few die-hard fans, including yours truly, have kep the game alive. Tournaments held in three areas -- west coast, middlewest and east coast -- have succeeded in preventing the once-popular game of skill from taking the last fateful plunge into oblivion. In fact, the game is beginning to show an upward trend in spectator and player interest.

# Brunswick To Celebrate Anniversary

In 1565, the Spanish pioneered the sport of billiards in America. In 1970, The Brunswick Corporation, which produced America's first billiards table 125 years ago, is commemorating billiards founding fathers with the introduction of home tables in the Spanish motif.

The new tables, appropriately christened the Granada and the Matador, highlight the new home line for 1970-71 which is being introduced by The Brunswick Corporation, founded in 1845 by John M. Brunswick in Cincinnati.

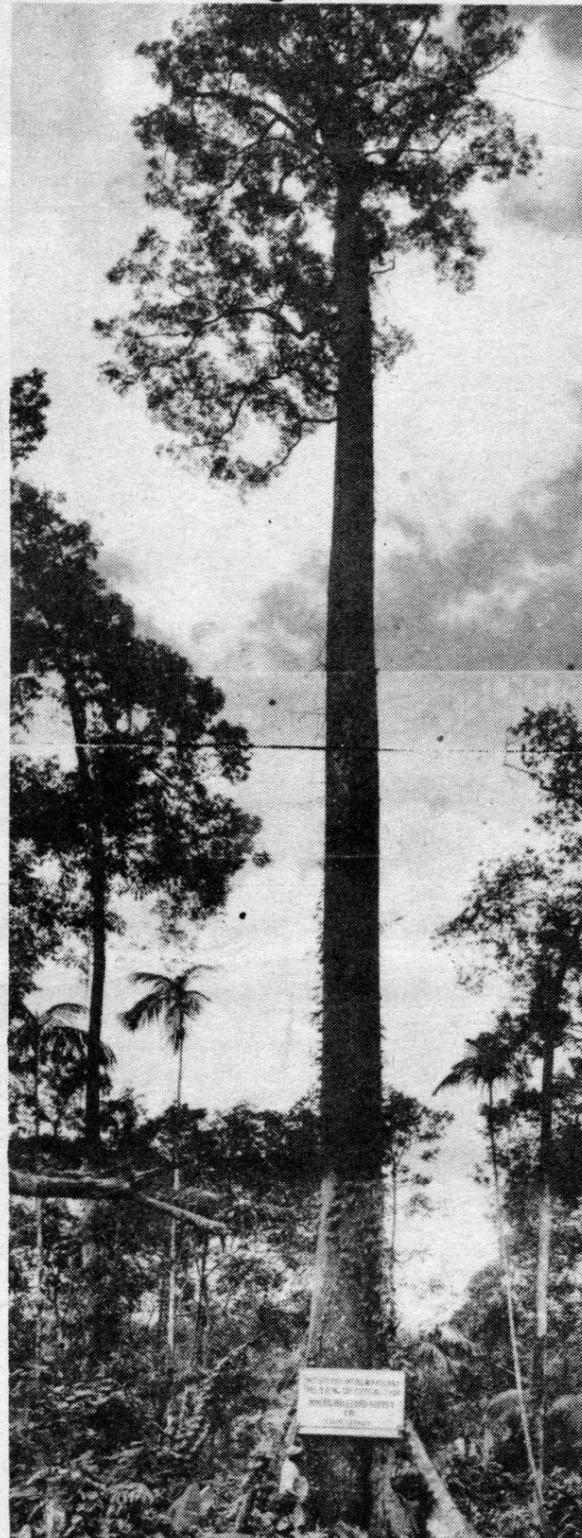
"We decided to feature the Spanish look," notes George Sodini, national sales manager for Brunswick, "to tie in with the popularity of Mediterranean in furniture styling. Since the billiards table is a piece of furniture, we believe it should complement other furniture in the home. And Mediterranean is America's number 1 style today in all of home furnishings."

The other new entry is the Granada, with five-inch thick Honeycomb bed guaranteed for two years against warpage and sag. This table headlines another Brunswick first -- a special promotional group. The group also includes the Claremont, in contemporary styling, along with the Townhouse bumper table and Westport family game table.

Rounding out the Brunswick line are the Sierra and Dunham. The Sierra, in Old California styling, features a one-inch thick slate bed, with retails ranging from \$995

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# Cushion 'N' Cue 3rd ANNUAL MOTOR CITY OPEN 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament

AT: Cushion 'n' Cue Billiard Lounge, 23137 Coolidge, Oak Park, Mich.  
WHEN: Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday, August 14, 15, 16, 1970. Entries MUST be postmarked no later than August 8, 1970. Organizational meeting and rules discussion, Friday evening, August 14, 6:00 p.m. Matches will start immediately following meeting.

PRIZES: Prize Fund--\$140.00 from Cushion 'n' Cue plus Champ of Champs Entry Fee, plus High Run money, plus trophies for winner, runner-up, and highest run. \$35.00 Entry Fee from each player.

1st: 35% of Prize Fund = \$490.00 if filled; \$250.00 guaranteed plus Entry Fee and Trophy.

2nd: 25% of Prize Fund = \$350.00 if filled; \$175.00 guaranteed plus Entry Fee and Trophy.

3rd: 20% of Prize Fund = \$280.00 if filled; \$150.00 guaranteed.

4th: 10% of Prize Fund = \$140.00 if filled; \$75.00 guaranteed.

5th-6th: 5% of Prize Fund = \$70.00 if filled; \$35.00 ea. guaranteed.

High Runs: \$25.00 per day, plus Trophy for Highest Run in Tournament.

FIELD: OPEN to any player. Limited to first 36 PAID entries.

UNIFORM: Coat and tie, or, coat and turtle-neck.

EQUIPMENT: Regulation 5 x 10 Brunswick and Gandy Carom tables, with K-55 or Tru-Speed rubber. Balls will be 2 27/64 Super Aramith Cast Phenolic. Cloth will be Simonis Super Extra Roulant (same as used in B.F.U.S.A. National and World Tournaments).

FORMAT: Field to be divided into preliminary flights (by blind draw) of 5 or 6 players, each player to play every other player in flight 35-point matches. Top 2 players from each flight to play semi-final round-robin, 35-point matches, in 3 flights of 4. Top 2 from each flight to Final round-robin, 50-point matches, to determine top six places. First place will not be decided by points. To be played under Billiard Congress of America rules. Sanctioned by American Billiard Association.

INFORMATION: Call or write: MR. RAY ABRAMS or MR. DAVE SKAE  
Cushion 'n' Cue Billiard Lounge  
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Phone: 313-541-1608

## 3rd ANNUAL MOTOR CITY OPEN 3-CUSHION OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

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# RESULTS OF D.&A. QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 25 - 29, 1970

Joe Russo of Trenton, N.J. defeated 18 year old Allen Hopkins of Cranford, N.J. in the 7th and 8th round of the 2 day double elimination event by the score of 150 - 94 and 150 - 141 to take top honors and the \$450.00 first prize. Although Hopkins had held three straight wins over the 55 year old pro, in previous matches in New Jersey, past records were of little value, as Joe out maneuvered his lesser experienced opponent late Sunday night.

The following are the players, address, wins and losses and total balls pocketed.

	Won-Lost	Balls-Pocketed	Prizes
Joe Russo, Trenton, N.J.	8-0	1200	\$450.00
Allen Hopkins, Cranford, N.J.	6-2	985	\$300.00
Norman Webber, Lewiston, Maine	4-2	751	
Chick Goodchild, Augusta, Maine	3-2	683	
John Marco, Peabody, Mass.	3-2	642	
Wendell Weir, Hartford, Conn.	2-2	552	
Larry Shorty Johnson, Cambridge, Mass.	2-2	483	
Tom DeSantis, Liverpool, N.Y.	2-2	526	
Norm Pomerleau, Augusta, Maine	2-2	412	
Maurice Johnson, Rockland, Maine	1-2	332	
Don Howard, Chelmsford, Mass.	1-2	292	
Gary Bolduc, Waterville, Maine	0-2	285	
William Cutler, Ithaca, N.Y.	0-2	244	
Roy Crabtree, Westbrook, Maine	0-2	222	
Tom Cyr, Hartford, Conn.	0-2	175	
Charles DeLorme, Cambridge, Mass.	0-2	160	
Edward Carey, Waterville, Maine	0-2	83	



1970 NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT WINNERS -- Left to Right: Nick Varner, Purdue University Men's Pocket Billiards, winner of the Willie Mosconi Trophy; Pablo Fernandez, University of Miami, 3-Cushion Billiards, winner of the Charlie Peterson Trophy; Catherine Stephens, Western Washington State College Women's Pocket Billiards, winner of the Ben Nartzik Trophy.

## Awarded The 1970 New York State Pocket Billiard Championship

By JOE MARCUS  
Contributing Editor

Jimmy Cattrano Sr. has long been one of the top billiard boosters in the New York area and this time instead of hosting a three-cushion tourney in his Jacy's Academy located in Flushing he has been awarded the 1970 New York State Pocket Billiard Championship.

"I'm very happy to receive the honor of hosting such a prestige event," Cattrano said from behind the control desk. "We have planned to hold the tourney from Friday July 31 to Sunday, August 2 so that the players won't have to miss too much time from their jobs."

"This tourney has received tremendous enthusiasm since it was announced late last month and I'm looking forward to a very fine representation of the top players in the area."

The winner receives a paid spot in the National Open which will be held in August.

Cattrano is no stranger to hosting big tournaments.

While he has always been among the top holders of three-cushion tourneys including the National Three-Cushion Championship last year, the first time that an Eastern establishment has ever received such an honor, he has not neglected the pocket billiard players.

"I can't help it if I myself like three-cushion play," he said while



his son Jimmy Jr. who was once tabbed by the great Willie Hoppe as a fine three-cushion prospect stood by. "I think three-cushion play has more skill but straight pool is a tremendous sport and again I want to say that I'm happy to have the opportunity of staging this tournament."

"With the extra incentive of a spot in the U.S. Open we should have a great field competing for the State title."

### Goes Spanish

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for the 4 x 8 pocket size to \$1.195 for the 4 1/2 by 9 automatic return model. Also available in this styling is a 4 x 8 table with automatic returns and w 4 1/2 x 9 pocket model, both to retail at \$1,095. The Dunham, which features a three-piece thick slate bed, is in attractive transitional styling to blend with Early American, Mediterranean or Modern homes. The 4 x 8 retails at \$795.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are pictures of the winners of the 1970 Association of College Unions - International Billiard Tournament.

The tournament was held at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, on April 10 and 11, 1970.

This face-to-face National Tournament is the culmination of extensive nationwide competition. An estimated 12,000 students on over 200 college and university campuses first competed in local campus tournaments to determine campus champions. Students competed in one of three divisions: Men's Pocket Billiards, Three-Cushion Billiards, and Women's Pocket Billiards.

These top campus champions in each division then competed in their Regional Recreation Tournaments. The top four national scorers in each of the three divisions were then invited, with all expenses paid, to compete in the National Tournament.

Also enclosed are programs and the final results of the National Tournament.

I hope you will be able to use the enclosed material in your magazine.

Sincerely yours,  
C. E. Wertz, Director  
Annual Intercollegiate  
Billiard Tournament

#### ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE UNIONS-INTERNATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

April 10 - 11, 1970

Tournament Held at the University of Florida

### EXHIBITION

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close to the remarkable trick shots put on by this trio. Eddie Taylor makes what seems like impossible banks and is a genius with the cue ball. Moore is an absolute master of masse' shots and an all around wizard of the cue. The "Cincinnati Kid" does everything but eat the balls. The wing shots he makes are unbelievable. Also a juggling act that brought down the house. Scores of the matches were Nine-Ball Moore over Taylor 6 - 0 and 6 - 4. One Pocket Taylor over Moore 5 - 3 and 5 - 3. Straight pool Willis over Moore 100 - 95 and 100 - 84. Mr. Willis remarked that if all room owners in the country were like Mr. "Red" Box, owner of the Spot Club, he would start playing regularly again. "It's a pleasure to play for someone like Mr. Box" said Willis. It cost him over \$3,000.00 for the two day match of which the players got well over half. The "Cincinnati Kid" who was immediately invited back for next year said he is already looking forward to next year. We would like to say thanks to Mr. Paul Laney, the manager of the Spot Club for mailing in the results.

Name and School	Won - Lost	Highrun	Points	Innings	Inning Average
<b>MEN'S POCKET BILLIARDS</b>					
1. Nick Varner, Purdue University	3 0	31	300	59	5.08
2. Michael Carella, Miami-Dade Jr. College	2 1	39	270	53	5.09
3. Richard Lane, University of Oklahoma	1 2	48	172	43	4.00
4. Keith Woestehoff, Ohio University	0 3	26	145	44	3.30
<b>3-CUSHION BILLIARDS</b>					
1. Pablo Fernandez, University of Miami	3 0	5	75	169	0.444
2. Robert Brook, Kansas University	1 2	4	61	161	0.366
Tie					
2. Stephen Bayley, Univ. of Calif. at L.A.	1 2	4	61	173	0.353
4. Angelos Panagopoulos, University of Texas	1 2	4	54	173	0.312
<b>WOMEN'S POCKET BILLIARDS</b>					
1. Catherine Stephens, Western Wash. State College	3 0	12	150	60	2.50
2. Donna Ries, Univ. of Missouri at Kansas City	2 1	7	148	74	2.00
3. Gail Allums, University of Iowa	1 2	18	131	71	1.85
4. Candy Wennerstrom, Eastern Illinois Univ.	0 3	7	78	54	1.44

# This Lady's Right on The Ball



We would like to tell you about the best lady player in the State of Michigan, the blonde Karin Martinez. She is 27 years old, German born, housewife, and mother of two children; Yvette, 9 years old, and Tyrone, 6 years old. Her mother is from Stuttgart, Germany, who married one of our service men stationed in Germany in World War II. When Karin's family returned to the States they settled in the Detroit area. Karin is the co-owner of the Rak-Tyme Billiards, 30822 Ryan Road, Warren, Michigan, with her husband, Miguel Martinez. I ask each and every one of our many readers in the Wolverine State, when you are in the area, to stop in at the Martinez's Rak-Tyme Billiard Lounge and meet them; also enjoy the world's most fascinating sport, Pocket Billiards, while there.

Karin tells us "I won my very first Tournament in Lansing last year and placed second in the Illinois Women's State Tournament in Chicago a week earlier." She recalls that her husband taught

her the game and she picked up a few tips at the U. S. OPEN last year. All the big players were there - Irving Crane, the World's Champion; Jimmy Caras, five times World's Champion. Karin also tells us she got a big thrill when she played the 13 times former World's Champion, Willie Mosconi. That was one of her biggest thrills. She is qualified by winning the Michigan State Qualifying Double Elimination Tournament in Lansing recently to play in the B.C.A.U.S. OPEN in Chicago in August, 1970.

The Billiard News staff is pleased at how well Karin has learned to play the 14-1 Continuous Pocket Billiard game in the short period of four years she has been playing. Please read the article mailed in to us from a local newspaper in her city, written by Janet Patel; also note the article by Bill Hall that was written in 1969 after she had won her first Michigan State title.

SHOWING OFF her trophy as women's Michigan Billiards Champion is Mrs. Mike Martinez of Warren. This is the second year she's held on to the state title. She will compete in the U. S. Open later this summer. (Photo by Staff Photographer Herman T. Allen)

## Housewife Wins Pro Billiards Title

By BILL HALLS

Mrs. Karin Martinez has been playing billiards only four years but already she has won two championships and finished second in another.

"I'm just crazy about the game," said Mrs. Martinez, who won the Michigan State Women's professional billiards tournament over the weekend in Lansing. "I never played before my husband opened a billiard room four years ago. It was just natural to pick up a

stick and start playing."

Mrs. Martinez's talent with the cue was evident Sunday night in Lansing when she came from behind to defeat Mrs. Jean Ann Cardwell Williams two straight games to win her second Michigan championship. The tournament is sanctioned by the Billiard Congress of America.

"It was a double elimination tournament," she explained. "I had lost once and Jean was unbeaten. So I had to win two straight games."

Mrs. Martinez won the opener, 75-48, and took the second game, 75-62. She also won the high run award with 12 straight balls. In women's billiards, the first player

to score 75 points wins the game.

The 26-year-old housewife and mother took up the game four years ago when her husband, Mike, opened the billiard parlor on Ryan Road in suburban Warren.

"I won my very first tournament in Lansing last year and finished second in the Illinois State Women's tournament at Chicago a week ago," she recalls. "Mike taught me the game and I picked up a few tips in the U.S. Open last year. All the big players were there. . . Jimmy Caras and Irvine Crane."

Mrs. Martinez practices at her husband's billiard parlor when she isn't caring for two children, Yvette, 8, and Tyrone, 5.

### STATE CHAMPION 1970

Mrs. Miguel Martinez of Warren speaks softly and carries a big stick -- or billiard cue, if you like. Her rise to fame -- if not fortune -- in the world of women's billiard tournaments is continuing this year as she recaptured her title as the state's best in the Michigan Billiard Championship last weekend in Lansing.

In addition, Karin has accumulated four second-place prizes -- including the Arizona and Illinois State Tournaments and two metro contests.

By winning the Michigan championship for the second time in a row, she qualifies to compete in the U. S. Open in August in Chicago. Last year the petite blonde came in fifth, but she's got higher hopes this year.

ASK HER what makes a woman's champion, and she'll say practice, and admit in the same breath that she doesn't take her own advice seriously enough.

"You should practice a couple hours a day, but I don't."

"I'm just too busy now," says the mother of two.

She does get plenty of atmos-

phere, however, since she and her husband own the Rak-Tyme Billiards on Ryan Road in Warren.

HER BIGGEST thrill in the past year was playing against "the greatest" player of them all, Willie Masconi, when he was in town for an exhibition.

"Of course, I let him beat me," she laughed. "I got in 15 balls before he got a string of 150."

Mrs. Martinez has covered a lot of miles to pursue her favorite sport. Sometimes her husband accompanies her to tournaments and sometimes not.

"I'LL BE going alone by car to the Virginia State Tournament next week," she says, "but last year I flew to the Open in Las Vegas." She has to pay all her traveling expenses but there is some cash awarded for top prizes, which is just more incentive to win.

Karin adds, that apart from the excitement of playing, tournaments themselves can be pretty dull. But despite the time, and money and other drawbacks she plans on three to four more tournaments this summer. Now that's championship spirit.

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