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**January 8-13 2018**



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**Tiger Cup**

From August 18 to 20, 2017, Million Dollar Billiards in North Hollywood, California, held the Tiger Cup, an international tournament sponsored by Tiger Cues and Tips, IBS and Billizone. Seventy-two players from Belgium, Vietnam, Mexico, Colombia, Korea, Peru, China and the USA were divided into 12 groups of 6 for round robin play. Thirty-two players advanced to the finals: 1st and 2nd from each group, the best five 3rd place finishers, two auctions and one lottery. The finals consisted of a single elimination “knock out” bracket.

The first round was played to 25 points or 30 innings whichever occurs first. Semifinals were played to 30 points no handicap and the final game was played to 40 points.

Champion	D. Anh. Vu
2nd.	N.Q. Nguyen
3rd.	Pedro Piedrabuena
4th.	Minh Cam Ma

Total payout was \$20,000.00

We want to thank every participant for attending this great event.

I also want to thank my “work team” for a Great job and the many hours they dedicated to this event to be successful.



**4th Pedro Piedrabuena USA, 3rd Minh Cam Ma. Vietnam, 1st D.Anh Vu. Vietnam, and 2nd N.Q. Nguyen Vietnam, & back row Hector Ocampo (Room Owner)**

# Therese Klompenhouwer Wins the Jennifer Shim International

Twenty-eight women 3-cushion billiard players, including current and former women's world champions, assembled on August 4-6th in New York at Carom Café for the 2017 Jennifer Shim International Tournament. **Therese Klompenhouwer**(right) of the Netherlands repeated her 2015 victory and avenged who loss to Orië Hida in the 2016 Women's World Championship by beating Hida in the final match 30-22 in 27 innings with a high run of 8.

Originally conceived as an invitational event to highlight women 3-cushion players, the event was renamed in 2015 to honor a much beloved local player **Jennifer Shim** (see photo)



## 2017 Jennifer Shim International Carom Café Billiards August 5 to 6 Final Ranking

FINAL RANK	NAME	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME
1	Therese Klompenhouwer	240	215	1.116	8	1.666
2	Orië Hida	207	200	1.035	7	1.875
3	Mi Rae Lee	212	327	0.648	7	1.034
4	Ryoko Kobayashi	179	292	0.613	4	0.962
5	Natsumi Higashiuchi	234	288	0.813	7	1.200
6	Namiko Hayashi	229	314	0.729	5	1.000
7	Ji-Eun Han	216	348	0.621	6	0.862
8	Karina Jetten	160	235	0.681	7	1.087



Jennifer Shim

## **USBA Promoted Prestigious Sport**

1. The USBA was formed in 1988 in order to bring the 3-cushion community together under a set foundation of rules and to further promote the sport in the U.S. For almost 30 years, the USBA has continued to promote the game by working with venues and billiard establishments holding tournaments, events and exhibitions. By using the money acquired from sanctioning fees, memberships, and sponsorship the USBA has been able to continue to put together high quality tournaments across the country. With these tournaments, the USBA promotes the billiard companies that support our organization. With the evolution of billiards internationally, the USBA has also employed live-streaming on the internet, by doing this we have been able to reach a broader audience, promote the sport, and advertise the sponsors.

2. The USBA has employed a system to partner with the rooms across America. This system is the Matching Grants system. When a room works with the USBA to hold a sanctioned tournament (meaning they will charge a \$10 sanctioning fee per player and every player must be a current USBA member), When the room/promoter agrees to the terms, the tournament will be advertised on the USBA website and other media outlets. By doing this, the room will have monetary support and promotional support from the USBA, making it a fair partnership.

3. The USBA offers players many benefits as members and supporters. The sanctioning fees are imposed on USBA tournaments, so that there will be bigger promotional support for the tournament. With the promotional support, the players

can expect more players attending the tournament, which will mean the prize fund will be higher. This also means, that there is money to further grow other tournaments that the USBA holds throughout the year. As a member of the USBA, there are many benefits (discounts on Tiger Products, USBA newsletter, instructional videos, and Simonis & Aramith).

4. With a sufficient amount of money, the USBA can further promote the sport of 3-cushion billiards with more tournaments across the country. Currently, the USBA holds two tournaments at the Casino Del Sol in Tucson, Arizona. With more money, the USBA could hold more tournaments like these two in different parts of the country. This will allow more players to play and strive to get better to play. Going into the second year in a three-year contract with the Casino Del Sol, we have noticed a spike of 3-cushion players in the Arizona region. Players within the Phoenix and Tucson areas have started a ranking system in their state, where they can challenge other players (ran by players via a Facebook group). There have also been several pool players who have also started playing 3-cushion billiards in this area. I believe this to be a direct affect of the USBA holding large tournaments in this region. When players no longer have to travel across the country to play in large tournaments, they find value in practicing and playing in tournaments, where they stand a chance to win money from the prize fund. With more money, the USBA could partner with other venues across the country to hold prestigious tournaments with larger pay-outs. This would further grow the sport in all parts of the U.S.

### **Upcoming USBA Tournaments**

#### **October 12-15**

Professor-Q-Ball Rushville Event

Entry fee \$150 ,Players meeting on Thursday, Contact: Gary Eake at (920) 420-1303,Email-geagebroker.com

#### **November 3-4-5**

Russ Guppy Memorial Tournament Hood River Elks Club, Hood River, Oregon 541-386-1507

\$85 first 21 paid entrants. Contact Harvey Wixman hwixman@hoodriverelectric.net

#### **November 10-12**

USBA Open 3-Cushion Tournament

Amazin Billiards - Malden MA - 781-605-2389

\$2,000 Added Based On Full Field of 24, Entry Fee: "A"

Players: — \$300, "B" Players: — \$200 "C" Players: —

\$150Entry fee includes table time for tournament.

#### **November 17-19**

US Bida - Houston,Tx

USBA 3-Cushion event, Patrick 281 857-7383

Entry - .800 above \$365, .799 Below \$295, usba.net website

#### **December 8-9th**

Dick Takano Memorial Tournament

Tacoma Elks Club, Tacoma, WA

Contact Ed Brasfield 541 490-1192 bfasteddie41@aol.com

#### **January 8-13th-2018**

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### **President's Desk**

Three-cushion billiards is very important to me and always will be. Allow me to tell you briefly what is on my mind.

Growing the 3 cushion fraternity and exposing and enjoying this beautiful game to its fullest. This is my hope.

I also hope most of you will go to the USBA website and see what we have planned for January. A beautiful tournament for the vast majority of our membership. Open to all players who average below .850. More on this tournament later.

Equally as important, we MUST start planning for our 2018 National Championship. It might seem like it's far off but to do it right, it takes a lot of planning. I believe most, if not all of you agree.

My goal with regard to the Nationals:

1. To provide an elegant, safe, convenient and accommodating venue.
2. To provide the largest prize fund ever.

3. To have the largest field we can accommodate.
4. To provide a challenging and competitive format.
5. To do the best we can to keep player's costs down.

These goals are lofty and difficult but if we all band together, the entire membership, or at least ALL the players who have it in their plans for 2018, I believe we can attain most if not all of these.

Room owners; please contact me with your thoughts about hosting the Nationals. We do NOT have a venue as yet and we obviously and desperately NEED your input here.

Some time in October I'll post the 'requirements' for being the host of a National Championship. Until then please feel free to call me, email me or contact any one of your regional USBA Directors, even if there's a 'chance' you'd consider this.

I hope to hear from some room owners and as many of you 3 cushion aficionados who'd like to converse. Thanks for your time and thanks in advance for your cooperation and participation.

## Jae-Ho Cho, Wins Verhoeven Open

by Frits Bakker

Following the Frenchman Jérémy Bury as the prominent last year winner in New York, the Korean Jae-Ho Cho and Belgian Eddy Leppens were the shadow strikers to dominate and seize power now. The world top, with Dani Sánchez, Dick Jaspers, Frédéric Caudron and Torbjörn Blomdahl as the spearheads, missed the main spots in the Carom Café. Jae-Ho Cho was the final, diminutive giant in the last match against Eddy Leppens (40-19 in 16). The stage was completed by Dani Sánchez, who became third ahead of Semih Sayginer. Jae-Ho Cho stepped with his victory in the footprints of Sang-Lee, the former Korean/American to whom the tournament in the Carom Café was named. The Korean winner, the first in the history of the event, was awarded \$9,000 US dollars, Eddy Leppens by \$6,500.

The final victory in New York, with eight players from the world's top 12, was dominated in the last stage by two relative outside players, the Korean number 16 in the world, the Belgian nr. 18. Jae-Ho Cho (37) has won one World Cup in his career so far, three years ago in Istanbul. The 49-year-old Eddy Leppens was three times on the podium of a World championship, but could never win a World Cup.

They were not the two huge favorites who had the best sprint in the marathon of matches. The Spanish world champion Dani Sánchez, winner and big contender for a new victory, had only one weaker match: in the semi-final against Jae-Ho Cho. Semih Sayginer had a promising start in the other half-final against Leppens, but the Belgian escaped miraculously when his Turkish opponent lost his way.

The tournament was marked by many highlights with high

averages, high runs and fascinating fights. When the apotheosis was coming up, it was all about win. The tension was growing. Jae-Ho Cho could deal better with it than Eddy Leppens, who ran into a better final opponent after a brilliant performance. Jae-Ho Cho was ruthless in the first part. With runs of seven in the third inning and eight in the fourth, he

launched the attack with a 20-3 lead. Then, Leppens could only make a six (30-14), but the match had already been decided.

Jae-Ho Cho, who treated the audience to a huge smile, showed his emotions, waved to the fans outside the arena, popped up his cue, posed in front of the scoreboard with friends and Korean fans. He celebrated the prestigious victory, writing his name as the first

Korean in the gallery of many of the world's major cracks.

Eddy Leppens was close to the main success after a flawless preliminary round and a strong come-back against Semih Sayginer in the semi-final.



I-r, 2nd Eddy Leppens ,3rd Dani Sánchez, 1st Jae-Ho Cho, 4th Semih Sayginer

### Semi-finals:

Eddy Leppens-Semih Sayginer 40-31 in 24

The first attack of Sayginer, with runs of six in the tenth and eight in the twelfth inning to 24-9, broke Leppens' resistance in the opening of the match. The Belgian, so confident and strong in the previous stage of the tournament, suddenly was looking for his form and feeling. The misses were often followed by a desperate look, unrecognizable for the Leppens who played so

sovereignly. Semih Sayginer took a profit from the better start, but ran into some misses when Leppens regained his confidence after the break. The first revival with six brought the Belgian back to 26-20, four innings later (22nd), Leppens dashed off with a run of 13, putting Sayginer in a losing position (37-29). Two innings later, the Belgian finished and reached for the second time (after 2008) the final of the New York tournament.

FINAL RANK	NAME	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAM
1	Jae Ho Cho	368	223	1.650	10	2.50
2	Eddy Leppens	349	184	1.897	10	2.91
3	Daniel Sanchez	351	190	1.847	11	4.37
4	Semih Sayginer	340	202	1.683	12	2.69
5	Duc Ahn Chien Nguyen	354	221	1.602	12	2.22
6	Frederic Caudron	339	165	2.055	14	3.50
7	Wan Young Choi	355	223	1.592	12	2.69
8	Quyét Chien Tran	343	218	1.573	12	2.35
9	Doong Koong Kang	369	180	2.050	11	2.91
10	Roland Forthomme	343	175	1.960	14	3.63
11	Dick Jaspers	354	176	2.011	13	3.50
12	Minh Cam Ma	315	184	1.712	11	2.66
13-16	Heang Jik Kim	264	137	1.927	10	2.69
13-16	Dinh Nai Ngo	260	145	1.793	15	4.37
13-16	Torbjorn Blomdahl	269	156	1.724	15	3.88