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The Professor-Q-Ball Fall 2016 3-Cushion Tournament - Rushville Illinois

On Thursday October 13th, 2016 30 3-Cushion Billiard Players from 11 states (IL, WI, MN, IA, IN, OH, MO, MD, TN, FL, & KS) converged on Rushville, Illinois to battle for fame and fortune. The "battle field" includes 3 Sam Kim Steel, 1 newly acquired Gabriel's Imperator and 2 Brunswick. The Sam Kim Steel and Gabriel's tables feature new cloth and are heated. The 2 Brunswick tables are rarely used other than for tournaments. The cloth is in excellent condition and play well, thanks to expert table mechanic and tournament host George Ashby, but these tables are not heated.

Originally slated as a 24-player tournament the event filled within 24 hours after the early June event announcement and the Waiting List had accumulated an additional 9 players within 48 hours. Unfortunately two of the entered players passed away over the summer (George Theobald - Chicago and John Langhoff - Milwaukee). A variety of other personal issues caused other players to drop out and the final player tally settled in at 30.

The Preliminaries featured two brackets of 8 players and two brackets of 7 players. One player was seeded in each bracket (Fred Lamers, Lupe Cruz, George Ashby & Brian Haff). Two players advanced from each bracket to an 8-man Round Robin Finals. The two best 3rd place finishers placed 9th (Fred Lamers) & 10th place (Luis Milan). They each received \$100 cash prizes but did not advance to the finals.

The action began with a 6:00 p.m. Player Meeting to draw for brackets, and to remind the contestants of the rules, regulations and dress code. Preliminary play began immediately thereafter with one round completed Thursday evening, four rounds completed Friday and two rounds completed Saturday by 2:00 p.m.

Noel Mendoza donated a beautiful \$850.00 "Schuler Cue by Noel Mendoza" to be raffled off. The raffle generated \$960.00 to the Prize Fund. The Raffle, the Hi-Run Out of the Money (Brian Haff - 8) and 9th & 10th place awards were conducted immediately after the preliminary play was completed. Fred Lamers was the lucky winner of the Schuler Cue by Noel Mendoza.

Four rounds of the 8-Player Finals were completed Saturday afternoon and evening with the last three rounds of the finals wrapping up about 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The Awards ceremony transpired immediately thereafter.

BRACKET A: The A-Bracket featured the always-strong Fred Lamers (seeded), Felipe Razon who is always a contender and never to be overlooked Jim Bishop. In A-Bracket Lamers had the Best Game average "twice" of 20 points in 13 innings to Avg. 1.538. He also had a high run of 6 but remarkably could only muster 3rd place in the bracket. The aforementioned Jim Bishop played strong and consistent throughout the bracket to go undefeated 7-0 and claimed the top spot. Felipe Razon took 2nd edging out Lamers on points scored 135 to Lamer's 132. Razon and Lamers both had 5-2 records and Bishop and Razon had high runs of 7. Bracket Average was 0.419.

BRACKET B: The B-Bracket featured the gentle giant killer from Des Moines IA, Lupe Cruz (seeded) who easily captured 1st in the bracket going 7-0. 2nd Place went to Rick Shryack, a local Rushville area contender playing in his first 3-C tournament ever. Shryack topped the evenly matched remainder of the B-Bracket with a 4-2 record and 107 total points, which included the bracket high run of 6. Cruz also captured the B-Bracket Best Game average of 1.250 with 20 points in 18 innings for a Avg. 1.250. His high run was 5. USBA Secretary Tom Paley took 3rd. Bracket Average was 0.368.

BRACKET C: Tournament Host George Ashby (seeded) easily dominated the C-Bracket allowing only 56 Points Against to be scored collectively by his 6 opponents. The 8-time former National Champ delivered a Best Game average of 1.429 and a Grand Average for the bracket of 0.930. A relative newcomer to 3-C from Minneapolis, John Logan, garnered 2nd in the C-Bracket losing to Ashby and only by 3 points. Chicago gentleman Luis Milan went 3-3 with two of his losses on the hill. Milan placed 3rd. Bracket Average was 0.485.

BRACKET D: The D-Bracket was a real dogfight right to the end. Brian Haff, who was seeded, was one of four players in this 8-man bracket that went 5-2 but with a 20 to 6 trouncing by James Richards Mr. Haff barely captured 3rd place by just 2 points. James Richards placed 1st with a most impressive performance against his very talented competition. James lost 18-20 to Tournament Sponsor Professor-Q-Ball Paul Frankel and 19-20 to Madison Wisconsin's finest, Nam Cho who placed 2nd in the D-Bracket. Bracket Average was 0.402.

FINALS: The 25-Point Final Matches began promptly at 4:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon and Lupe Cruz was ready. Cruz literally "cruised" over the competition going undefeated. His journey featured a Best Game Average of 1.190 and Grand Average of 0.774. High Run of 8. 2nd place Felipe Razon was the player to come within striking distance of Cruz. Even though he also had a Best Game Average of 1.190 and a better Grand Average of 0.800 Razon lost to Cruz 22-25. George Ashby finished a very strong 3rd and John Logan grabbed 4th. The Bracket Average was 0.544. Not bad for a quaint little town in southern Illinois.

Our Thanks and Appreciation to all of the following who contribute money, time, food or labor to make the Rushville Tournaments continually successful: Steve Jones-building owner, Professor-Q-Ball's National Pool & 3-Cushion News by Paul Frankel - lead sponsor, Green Gables Motel - sponsor, Carson Klitz - Mayor of Rushville & Bob Keller - Gabriel's Table, George Ashby & Rich Shryack- table installations, maintenance and recovery, Noel Mendoza - Cue Donations, Dale Saunder - computer program design and data entry, United States Billiard Association and David Levine, Nam Cho - cash donation, Mickey Campbell - cash donation, Dennis Dieckman - Ernie Presto Sportsmanship Award, George Theobald Estate - Hi-Run Prizes (In & Out of the Money), All the players who continue to support the Rushville Events and keep Three-Cushion Billiards alive and well in Mid-America.

Prize Breakdown: 1st - Lupe Cruz - \$1,100, 2nd - Felipe Razon - \$900, 3rd - George Ashby - \$800, 4th - John Logan - \$700, 5th - James Richards - \$550, 6th - James Bishop - \$450, 7th - Nam Cho - \$375, 8th - Rich Shryack - \$215.00, 9th - Fred Lamers - \$100, 10th - Luis Milan - \$100, Hi-Run in the Money - Lupe Cruz - \$75, Hi-Run out of the Money - \$75, Ernie Presto Sportsmanship Award - George Ashby - \$50.

See the attached Charts for Bracket and Player Details.

Spring 2017 Dates are March 9th (Player Meeting @ 2:00 pm), 10, 11, 12th

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32 Players -Tournament Specifics to Follow in Early 2017



Felipe Razon - 2nd, Lupe Cruz - 1st, George Ashby - 3rd

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CHART A

	LAMERS	KAPINOS	ROSSMAN	BISHOP	EAKE	VAN VOOREN	RAZON	HOVICK	WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
FRED LAMERS		29 4 20 0.690	21 3 20 0.952	38 3 19 0.500	29 2 13 0.448	13 5 20 1.538	32 4 20 0.625	13 6 20 1.538	5 2	132	175	0.754	6	1.538	3
BERNIE KAPINOS	28 2 7 0.250		51 2 16 0.314	55 1 9 0.164	66 3 19 0.288	66 4 17 0.258	21 2 4 0.190	59 2 12 0.203	0 7	84	346	0.243	4	0.314	8
TOM ROSSMAN	21 2 7 0.333	52 2 20 0.385		48 3 18 0.375	36 3 10 0.278	66 4 18 0.273	34 4 17 0.500	46 4 20 0.435	2 5	110	303	0.363	4	0.500	6
JAMES BISHOP	39 3 20 0.513	56 2 20 0.357	48 3 20 0.417		44 3 20 0.455	38 7 20 0.526	31 3 20 0.645	48 3 20 0.417	7 0	140	304	0.461	7	0.645	1
GARY EAKE	29 5 20 0.690	67 3 20 0.299	36 4 20 0.556	44 3 18 0.409		36 4 20 0.556	14 2 6 0.429	43 3 16 0.372	4 3	120	269	0.446	5	0.690	4
JOE VAN VOOREN	11 2 6 0.545	66 3 20 0.303	67 2 20 0.299	37 2 13 0.351	35 2 9 0.257		37 2 14 0.378	54 2 20 0.370	3 4	102	307	0.332	3	0.545	5
FELIPE RAZON	31 4 18 0.581	21 7 20 0.952	34 4 20 0.588	30 2 17 0.567	14 5 20 1.429	37 3 20 0.541		24 4 20 0.833	5 2	135	191	0.707	7	1.429	2
ROBERT HOVICK	13 3 6 0.462	59 3 20 0.339	45 3 16 0.356	48 2 6 0.125	43 3 20 0.465	53 2 14 0.264	23 4 8 0.348		2 5	90	284	0.317	4	0.465	7
Points Against	84	140	132	100	111	129	89	128		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.419

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CHART B

	CRUZ	ROSENBERGER	PALEY	PICKLESIMER	SHRYACK	SAUNDERS	DRYER	WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
LUPE CRUZ		16 3 20 1.250	26 5 20 0.769	33 3 20 0.606	41 3 20 0.488	26 4 20 0.769	18 5 20 1.111	6 0	120	160	0.750	5	1.250	1
RUSS ROSENBERGER	15 1 6 0.400		36 4 16 0.444	56 5 20 0.357	44 2 5 0.114	62 2 18 0.290	58 2 20 0.345	2 4	85	271	0.314	5	0.444	5
TOM PALEY	25 3 6 0.240	36 4 20 0.556		37 3 20 0.541	57 1 16 0.281	21 5 20 0.952	42 3 20 0.476	4 2	102	218	0.468	5	0.952	3
ERNEST PICKLESIMER	33 3 9 0.273	55 3 17 0.309	36 3 14 0.389		63 2 14 0.222	63 2 20 0.317	51 3 13 0.255	1 5	87	301	0.289	3	0.389	7
RICK SHRYACK	40 3 13 0.325	45 5 20 0.444	57 4 20 0.351	64 5 20 0.313		88 2 20 0.227	35 6 14 0.400	4 2	107	329	0.325	6	0.444	2
DALE SAUNDERS	25 1 4 0.160	62 2 20 0.323	21 1 3 0.143	62 2 18 0.290	88 3 18 0.205		44 4 20 0.455	2 4	83	302	0.275	4	0.455	6
PAUL DRYER	18 1 1 0.056	58 18 0.310	42 3 18 0.429	51 3 20 0.392	35 4 20 0.571	43 2 11 0.256		2 4	88	247	0.356	4	0.571	4
Points Against	39	115	91	118	93	109	107		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.368

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CHART C

	ASHBY	MILLER	MILAN	LOGAN	ALLDRIDGE	VALERIO	HOLSTROM	WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
GEORGE ASHBY		20 5 19 1.000	20 6 19 1.053	20 4 25 0.833	20 2 14 0.800	20 5 27 1.429	20 5 6 0.741	6 0	120	129	0.930	6	1.429	1
MIKE MILLER	11 4 19 0.579		20 4 39 0.513	16 3 38 0.410	13 3 25 0.342	7 3 35 0.280	20 2 2 0.571	2 4	87	195	0.446	4	0.579	6
LUIS MILAN	9 2 38 0.474	19 4 38 0.500		19 4 36 0.528	20 5 37 0.541	20 6 27 0.741	20 3 40 0.500	3 3	107	197	0.543	6	0.741	3
JOHN LOGAN	17 4 23 0.739	20 3 40 0.500	20 3 37 0.541		20 6 32 0.625	20 4 33 0.606	20 3 38 0.526	5 1	117	203	0.576	6	0.739	2
JOSHUA ALLDRIDGE	5 2 24 0.208	20 3 38 0.526	11 1 36 0.306	15 3 31 0.484		18 3 43 0.419	20 3 62 0.323	2 4	89	234	0.380	3	0.526	5
ERICK VALERIO	5 2 13 0.385	20 4 26 0.769	12 3 26 0.462	11 2 32 0.344	20 2 43 0.465		20 5 46 0.435	3 3	88	186	0.473	5	0.769	4
KEN HOLSTROM	9 2 27 0.333	15 3 35 0.429	16 3 39 0.410	9 2 38 0.237	9 2 62 0.145	8 2 45 0.178		0 6	66	246	0.268	3	0.429	7
Points Against	56	114	99	90	102	93	120		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.485

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CHART D

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BRIAN HAFF		31 5 26 4 16 9 39 4 14 3 22 6 49 2 5 16 0.516 20 0.769 20 1.250 20 0.513 6 0.429 20 0.909 20 0.408 2	27 7 44 3 51 3 43 5 32 7 44 3 5 20 0.625 20 0.741 13 0.295 15 0.294 20 0.465 20 0.625 20 0.455 2	40 2 29 3 51 2 46 3 35 3 4 13 0.520 14 0.538 14 0.350 20 0.690 20 0.392 20 0.435 20 0.571 3	41 3 53 2 29 3 31 4 25 4 5 7 0.438 20 0.444 20 0.488 20 0.377 13 0.448 20 0.645 20 0.800 2	52 2 42 1 48 4 49 3 1 7 0.179 20 0.392 6 0.207 12 0.231 8 0.190 5 0.104 15 0.306 6	29 4 43 4 52 4 62 3 5 20 1.333 19 0.442 18 0.360 20 0.690 20 0.465 20 0.385 20 0.323 2	30 1 49 3 52 3 62 4 2 2 0.095 9 0.290 13 0.283 6 0.200 20 0.408 13 0.250 20 0.323 5	34 2 24 2 50 3 62 2 62 3 1 12 0.250 16 0.364 9 0.265 6 0.250 20 0.400 14 0.242 15 0.242 6	81	114	106	91	135	94	120	135	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.402												
NAM CHO	32 3		27 7 44 3 51 3 43 5 32 7 44 3 5 20 0.625 20 0.741 13 0.295 15 0.294 20 0.465 20 0.625 20 0.455 2	40 2 29 3 51 2 46 3 35 3 4 13 0.520 14 0.538 14 0.350 20 0.690 20 0.392 20 0.435 20 0.571 3	41 3 53 2 29 3 31 4 25 4 5 7 0.438 20 0.444 20 0.488 20 0.377 13 0.448 20 0.645 20 0.800 2	52 2 42 1 48 4 49 3 1 7 0.179 20 0.392 6 0.207 12 0.231 8 0.190 5 0.104 15 0.306 6	29 4 43 4 52 4 62 3 5 20 1.333 19 0.442 18 0.360 20 0.690 20 0.465 20 0.385 20 0.323 2	30 1 49 3 52 3 62 4 2 2 0.095 9 0.290 13 0.283 6 0.200 20 0.408 13 0.250 20 0.323 5	34 2 24 2 50 3 62 2 62 3 1 12 0.250 16 0.364 9 0.265 6 0.250 20 0.400 14 0.242 15 0.242 6	81	114	106	91	135	94	120	135	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.402												
PAUL FRANKEL	25 3	26 3		40 2 29 3 51 2 46 3 35 3 4 13 0.520 14 0.538 14 0.350 20 0.690 20 0.392 20 0.435 20 0.571 3	41 3 53 2 29 3 31 4 25 4 5 7 0.438 20 0.444 20 0.488 20 0.377 13 0.448 20 0.645 20 0.800 2	52 2 42 1 48 4 49 3 1 7 0.179 20 0.392 6 0.207 12 0.231 8 0.190 5 0.104 15 0.306 6	29 4 43 4 52 4 62 3 5 20 1.333 19 0.442 18 0.360 20 0.690 20 0.465 20 0.385 20 0.323 2	30 1 49 3 52 3 62 4 2 2 0.095 9 0.290 13 0.283 6 0.200 20 0.408 13 0.250 20 0.323 5	34 2 24 2 50 3 62 2 62 3 1 12 0.250 16 0.364 9 0.265 6 0.250 20 0.400 14 0.242 15 0.242 6	81	114	106	91	135	94	120	135	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.402												
TRAVIS GALLUP	16 2	45 3	41 3		53 2 29 3 31 4 25 4 5 7 0.438 20 0.444 20 0.488 20 0.377 13 0.448 20 0.645 20 0.800 2	52 2 42 1 48 4 49 3 1 7 0.179 20 0.392 6 0.207 12 0.231 8 0.190 5 0.104 15 0.306 6	29 4 43 4 52 4 62 3 5 20 1.333 19 0.442 18 0.360 20 0.690 20 0.465 20 0.385 20 0.323 2	30 1 49 3 52 3 62 4 2 2 0.095 9 0.290 13 0.283 6 0.200 20 0.408 13 0.250 20 0.323 5	34 2 24 2 50 3 62 2 62 3 1 12 0.250 16 0.364 9 0.265 6 0.250 20 0.400 14 0.242 15 0.242 6	81	114	106	91	135	94	120	135	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.402												
TIM MUMMA	39 1	51 3	29 1	52 2		42 1 48 4 49 3 1 7 0.179 20 0.392 6 0.207 12 0.231 8 0.190 5 0.104 15 0.306 6	29 4 43 4 52 4 62 3 5 20 1.333 19 0.442 18 0.360 20 0.690 20 0.465 20 0.385 20 0.323 2	30 1 49 3 52 3 62 4 2 2 0.095 9 0.290 13 0.283 6 0.200 20 0.408 13 0.250 20 0.323 5	34 2 24 2 50 3 62 2 62 3 1 12 0.250 16 0.364 9 0.265 6 0.250 20 0.400 14 0.242 15 0.242 6	81	114	106	91	135	94	120	135	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.402												
JAMES RICHARDS	15 4	43 3	50 2	29 4	43 4		52 4 62 3 5 20 1.333 19 0.442 18 0.360 20 0.690 20 0.465 20 0.385 20 0.323 2	30 1 49 3 52 3 62 4 2 2 0.095 9 0.290 13 0.283 6 0.200 20 0.408 13 0.250 20 0.323 5	34 2 24 2 50 3 62 2 62 3 1 12 0.250 16 0.364 9 0.265 6 0.250 20 0.400 14 0.242 15 0.242 6	81	114	106	91	135	94	120	135	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.402												
DAVE HOAG	21 1	31 3	46 2	30 1	49 3	52 3		62 4 2 20 1.333 19 0.442 18 0.360 20 0.690 20 0.465 20 0.385 20 0.323 2	30 1 49 3 52 3 62 4 2 2 0.095 9 0.290 13 0.283 6 0.200 20 0.408 13 0.250 20 0.323 5	34 2 24 2 50 3 62 2 62 3 1 12 0.250 16 0.364 9 0.265 6 0.250 20 0.400 14 0.242 15 0.242 6	81	114	106	91	135	94	120	135	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.402											
CHRIS CZAJA	48 3	44 3	34 2	24 2	50 3	62 2	62 3		1 6	92	324	0.284	3	0.400	7	TOURNAMENT AVERAGE: 0.402														
Points Against	81	114	106	91	135	94	120	135		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:				0.402																

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FINALS

	BISHOP	CRUZ	ASHBY	RAZON	RICHARDS	LOGAN	CHO	SHRYACK	WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
JAMES BISHOP		21 2 5 0.238	21 5 17 0.810	35 3 11 0.314	33 3 25 0.758	44 4 19 0.432	29 5 20 0.690	47 3 25 0.532	2 5	122	230	0.530	5	0.810	6
LUPE CRUZ	21 3 25 1.190		29 4 25 0.862	32 8 25 0.781	46 4 25 0.543	31 5 25 0.806	32 4 25 0.781	35 4 25 0.714	7 0	175	226	0.774	8	1.190	1
GEORGE ASHBY	22 6 25 1.136	28 2 14 0.500		28 3 21 0.750	27 5 25 0.926	31 4 25 0.806	35 5 25 0.714	29 5 25 0.862	5 2	160	200	0.800	6	1.136	3
FELIPE RAZON	36 3 25 0.694	31 4 22 0.710	29 4 25 0.862		21 7 25 1.190	36 3 25 0.694	28 5 25 0.893	34 5 25 0.735	6 1	172	215	0.800	7	1.190	2
JAMES RICHARDS	33 5 16 0.485	45 2 11 0.244	27 6 22 0.815	21 3 10 0.476		60 3 25 0.417	55 2 25 0.455	71 4 25 0.352	3 4	134	312	0.429	6	0.815	5
JOHN LOGAN	44 4 25 0.568	30 3 16 0.533	30 4 17 0.567	35 3 13 0.371	60 3 17 0.283		27 6 25 0.926	63 3 25 0.397	3 4	138	289	0.478	6	0.926	4
NAM CHO	29 6 25 0.862	32 3 10 0.313	35 3 16 0.457	27 1 5 0.185	55 3 22 0.400	26 3 16 0.615		48 4 25 0.521	2 5	119	252	0.472	6	0.862	7
RICK SHRYACK	46 2 10 0.217	35 2 9 0.257	29 3 10 0.345	34 4 15 0.441	70 2 20 0.286	62 2 15 0.242	48 2 15 0.313		0 7	94	324	0.290	4	0.441	8
Points Against	151	87	132	100	159	150	160	175		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.544