

**2006 SANG LEE INTERNATIONAL OPEN – SUMMARY**  
(A USBA Tournament)

**Tournament Dates:** August 13-20, 2006 – players’ meeting August 12, 2006

**Tournament Venue:** Carom Café Billiards – Flushing, NY (718) 358-8585

**Prize Fund:** \$100,000\* with the top 20 finishers receiving prizes:

1 \$15,000	6 \$6,000	11 \$3,500	16 \$1,950
2 12,000	7 5,500	12 3,000	17 1,800
3 10,000	8 5,000	13 2,600	18 1,700
4 8,000	9 4,500	14 2,250	19 1,600
5 7,000	10 4,000	15 2,100	20 1,500

High run \$500

Best game \$500

**Entry Fee:** \$450

**Size of Field:** Five Seeds plus 96 in the Qualifications

*\* \$100,000 prize fund is based on a full field of 96 Players in the qualifications. However, if there is not a full field we will guarantee a total prize fund of \$80,000 (all individual prizes listed will be 20% less).*

*This Tournament is “first-come first-served.” – meaning that the first 96 players who pay their entry fee in full will be guaranteed a spot in the Qualifications. Additional players will be wait-listed. Detailed information on how to submit your entry fee and regarding our cancellation and wait-list policies may be found on pages 2-4.*

**Format:**

Qualifications: 96 players – 12 Groups of 8 players with the 2 top finishers from each Group plus the 6 best 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers advancing

Semifinals: 40 players in the Semifinals include 30 advancing from the Qualifications plus 5 Seeds, 3 auction winners and 2 lotto winners

5 Groups of 8 players with 4 from each Semifinal Group advance to Finals  
Finals: Top 10 Semifinalists advance to the “A” final; the next 10 to the “B” final

All Groups play round-robin. Match length is 25 points in the Qualifications, 35 points in the Semifinals and “B” Finals and 40 points in the “A” Finals. More information is provided on pages 7-8.

**Additional Information Provided Below:**

- Tax reporting and withholding: pages 9-10
- Hotels: pages 5-6
- Dress code: formal (more on page 7)
- Spectator admission: Daily \$10-80; Weekend \$70-\$130; Entire Tournament \$120-\$180 (see p. 4)

### **We Appreciate Your Support:**

The Sang Lee International Open has been made possible by the generosity of Carom Café, our sponsors and a number of private donors. Our ability to stage this Tournament every year will improve if many people can pitch in and help. Any of the payment methods mentioned below in the section on Entry Fees can be used to make a donation. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

## **SANG LEE INTERNATIONAL OPEN – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Dates and Location**

The Tournament begins Sunday, August 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. and ends Sunday, August 20, 2006 at about 6:00 p.m. The Players' Meeting will occur Saturday, August 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The venue is:

Carom Café Billiards  
34-02 Linden Place  
Flushing, NY 11354  
Tel: (718) 358-8585  
Fax: (718) 358-5467

Contacts: Charles Brown, Michael Kang, Min Jae Pak

### **Entry Fee – \$450**

Participation in the Tournament is open to all players on a “first-come, first-served” basis. U.S. players must be members of the United States Billiard Association (USBA); non-U.S. players must be members of a recognized National billiard federation.

To reserve a place in the Tournament, participants must submit an entry fee of \$450 – other currencies are not accepted. Payment may be made by:

- Cash
- Check
- Money Order
- Wire Transfer
- PayPal

To pay by check or money order (payable to “Carom Café Billiards”), please mail it to:

Charles Brown  
101 West 80th Street  
# 10A  
New York, NY 10024

**If you are paying by Wire Transfer or PayPal it is important that you inform Charles Brown before you do so.** (His telephone and e-mail may be seen at the top of every page.) The reason for doing this is that both you and Carom Café will generally have to pay fees on those sorts of transactions and we do not wish anyone to make this payment when there are no openings left in the Qualifications. If a check or money order is received after all 96 places in the qualifications have been filled, we will simply return it to you without cashing it.

To make payment via wire transfer, (after informing Charles Brown) instruct your bank to transfer \$450 to:

NARA Bank, N.A.   **ABA # 122041727 or Swift Code: NARAUS6L010**  
138-02 Northern Blvd.  
Flushing, NY 11354  
For further credit to the Account of Carom Café Billiards, Inc.  
34-02 Linden Place  
Flushing, NY 11354  
**Account #: 0861079701**

To make a payment via PayPal (which accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) you must visit the PayPal website ([www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)) to open an account. After establishing an account, follow these instructions:

Click on “Send Money” and fill in the following information:

Recipient’s Email: [tournament@sangleeinternational.com](mailto:tournament@sangleeinternational.com)  
Amount: 450.00  
Currency: U.S. Dollars  
Type: Quasi-cash  
Subject: 2006 Sang Lee Open

After hitting “continue,” PayPal will repeat your order. When this happens, look to the “Shipping Information” section and click on “no shipping address required.”

### **Cancellation Policy**

As long as space is available, players who submit their \$450 entry fee in full will gain entry to the Tournament. They are also guaranteed a full (100%) refund (minus transaction fees), *provided* the request is submitted to Charles Brown no later than July 7, 2006. (Refunds to U.S. residents will be paid by check. For foreign residents we will work out a mutually convenient way to refund the money.) *After July 7, 2006, however, refunds will be paid only if substitute players can be recruited to enter the tournament.*

The organizers believe that the 96 places available in the Qualification round will be filled and that a Waiting List for entering the Tournament will probably develop. Such a list would provide substitutes for those wishing to cancel after July 7, 2006. However, the organizers cannot guarantee that this will actually occur.

### **Waiting List**

Once the 96 places available in the Qualifications are fully subscribed, we will continue to accept names for a Waiting List on a first-come, first-served basis. No deposit will be required to have one's name placed on the Waiting List and no name will be placed on the Waiting List until all 96 places in the Qualifications have been filled.

Upon learning of a cancellation, the organizers will contact the first name on the Waiting List. That person will then have seven days to submit his/her entry fee. If he/she fails to do so, his/her name will be dropped to the bottom of the Waiting List. Immediate payment will be required for any substitute entries after July 21, 2006.

### **Spectator Admission**

Spectators may purchase admission tickets for individual days, the entire week, or the weekend (Friday through Sunday). Limited VIP seating is available only on Aug 19th and Aug 20th. Players who enter the Qualifications will have free, general (non-VIP) admittance the entire duration of the Tournament. Prices are as follows:

#### DAILY RATES:

Sunday, Aug 13th	\$10	-
Monday, Aug 14th	\$10	-
Tuesday, Aug 15th	\$10	-
Wednesday, Aug 16th	\$10	-
Thursday, Aug 17th	\$15	-
Friday, Aug 18th	\$25	-
Saturday, Aug 19th	\$30	VIP \$60
Sunday, Aug 19th	\$40	VIP \$80

#### PACKAGE RATES:

Friday - Sunday	\$70	VIP \$130
Sunday - Sunday	\$120	VIP \$180

FREE Spectator Admission for Women during the Qualifications!

## **Hotels**

Below we provide information regarding seven nearby hotels – six within walking distance of Carom Café. They are listed from least to most expensive (based on weekly prices). *Be advised that we have not reserved a block of rooms anywhere, and so availability is not guaranteed.* Our aim has been to offer a wide range of choice with regard to type of room, exact location and price. Since availability is not guaranteed, we recommend that you make your reservation as soon as you know the dates you will be attending the Tournament. (Usually, it is standard practice for these types of hotels to honor a cancellation without penalty until the day before your scheduled arrival. However, we recommend that you confirm the hotel's cancellation policy when you make your reservation.) You may want to inquire if your hotel will offer a small discount if paid in cash upon your arrival (these policies may differ with each hotel).

### **Flushing International Hotel**

134-32 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-358-4515

A 3-minute walk from Carom Café, this hotel is the closest and least expensive option. However, it also has the fewest amenities. There is no food service of any kind in the hotel – it doesn't even have vending machines. 12 of the 50 rooms have two beds.

### **Imperial Hotel**

135-33 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-461-3888 Fax: 718-461-5879

Web: <http://www.imperialhotelnyc.com>

A 10-minute walk from Carom Café, the hotel is nicer than both the Flushing International (above) and the Flushing Grand (below). There is complimentary coffee, tea, cake and cookies in the morning. However, only 4 of the 32 rooms have two beds and, thus, room availability will be limited except for couples and singles.

### **Flushing Grand Hotel**

36-38 Main Street

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-888-8668 Fax: 718-888-8768

Web: <http://flushinggrand.com/>

A 5-minute walk from Carom Café, this hotel represents an upgrade compared to the Flushing International. The accommodations are a bit nicer and complimentary doughnuts and coffee in the morning is included in the price. 17 of 46 rooms have two beds.

### **Comfort Inn**

133-43 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-939-5000 Fax: 718-939-4000

Web: <http://www.comfortinn.com/flushing> (then type “Flushing” in the “City” field)  
A 10-minute walk from Carom Café, this hotel is a slight upgrade compared to the Imperial. Continental breakfast is included in the price and the hotel offers free Wi-Fi connections. 17 of 50 rooms have two beds.

### **Extended Stay America**

18-30 Whitestone Expressway

Whitestone, NY 11357

Tel: 718-357-3661 Fax: 718-357-3644

Web: <http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/>

Located 1.3 miles from Carom Café, the walk takes about 25 minutes and will be too long for most people, but the drive is very short. This hotel is ideal for those who have cars and wish to stay in a place where they can prepare their own food. The rooms are large and have kitchen appliances and a small dining area. Also, there is a shopping mall adjacent to the hotel.

### **Best Western Queens Court**

133-51 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-888-1900

Web: <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=33111>

A 12-minute walk from Carom Café, the rooms are quite nice and 37 of 59 rooms have two beds. However, the hotel has few amenities. For example, it has a fitness room but no food service. One would expect more from a hotel in this price range.

### **Sheraton Hotel La Guardia East**

135-20 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: 718-460-6666 Fax: 718-445-2655

Web: [www.sheratonlaguardia.com](http://www.sheratonlaguardia.com)

A 10-minute walk from Carom Café, this is the best hotel in the area and 116 of 173 rooms have two beds. There is a restaurant and bar, a fitness center, the rooms are spacious, etc. It is located near many stores and restaurants and a 1-minute walk from the #7 train to Manhattan. The hotel was not willing to offer special rates (and there are no weekly rates) but told us that the best rates are generally available online. They recommended their own website – i.e., [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com) (type in “Flushing” in the city field and “New York” in the state field). However, we have sometimes been able to find better rates at the major online services like Orbitz, Expedia or Travelocity. So, hunt around before reserving.

## **Format and Scheduling**

The format and schedule described below is based on a full field – 96 players participating in the Qualifications. Fewer entrants *may* prompt us to lengthen the games in the Qualification round from 25 to 30 points. Other details – such as the number of matches on each day and the hours of play – may also be affected.

### ***Players Must Dress Properly and Be on Time***

All players will be required to wear a dress shirt of any color, black slacks, black shoes, formal-wear tie and vest. Moreover, all players must arrive on time for their matches. Both rules will be strictly enforced without exceptions, as follows:

- Any player without the proper attire will forfeit the match.
- Players who arrive 0-10 minutes late will not be allowed to practice.
- Players who arrive more than 10 minutes late will forfeit their match.

### ***Determination of Seeds***

Five players are Seeded directly into the Semifinal round of the tournament. For the 2006 edition of the Sang Lee Open, they will consist of: the top three finishers from the 2005 Sang Lee International Open – Torbjörn Blomdahl, Semih Sayginer, and Dick Jaspers; the player ranked number one on December 31, 2005 in the “World Players Ranking” list maintained by the Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) – Daniel Sanchez; one seed as determined by the host organizer – Raymond Ceulemans.

### ***Qualifications***

96 players divided into 12 Groups of 8 players – playing round robin, games to 25 points.

The top 2 finishers plus the 6 best 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from each Group of 8 players will advance to the Semifinals.

The tournament director reserves the right to seed up to one player into each of the separate Qualification Groups; the remaining players will be assigned by random draw.

## ***Semifinals***

40 players divided into 5 Groups of 8 players – playing round robin, games to 35 points;

Participants include:

- The 30 players who advanced from the Qualifications (2 from each of 12 Groups plus the 6 best 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from 6 different groups)
- 5 Seeded players
- The winning bidders in 3 Auctions
- The winners of 2 Lottos.<sup>1</sup>

Seeded players will be assigned to separate Groups by random draw as will the players who advance via Auction and Lotto. The 30 players who advance from the Qualifications will be seeded according to their performance in the Qualifications. All Semifinalists will likely play 2 matches on Wednesday, 3 matches on Thursday and 2 on Friday;

Top 4 from each Semifinal Group – 20 of the 40 Semifinalists! – advance to the Finals.

## ***Finals – Who Advances?***

“A” Finalists are comprised of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers from each Semifinal Group.  
“B” Finalists are comprised of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers from each Semifinal Group.

## ***Finals – Format***

“A” – 10 players playing round robin; games to 40 points; competing for prizes 1-10.

“B” – 10 players playing round robin; games to 35 points; competing for prizes 11-20.

All Finalists play 2 matches on Friday, 4 matches on Saturday and 3 matches on Sunday.

## ***High Run and Best Game Prizes***

The \$500 prizes for High Run and Best Game are awarded for performance in the Finals only. Participants in both the “A” Final and “B” Final are eligible for these prizes.

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<sup>1</sup> Although anyone may bid on Auctions or buy Lotto tickets, only people who play in the Qualifications may play in the Semifinals. Non-players who win may “sponsor” people who played in the Qualifications.

## **Taxes**

If you are planning to enter the tournament you need only read the sections below that apply to you:

- For U.S. residents – only sections 1 and 5 apply;
- Most foreign residents need only read sections 2 and 5;
- However, if you live outside the United States but you have received or can obtain an Individual Tax Identification Number (**ITIN**) from the Internal Revenue Service (**IRS**) you *may* be able to avoid withholding taxes. To learn more, read sections 3 and 4 (as well as 2 and 5).

Forms referred to below may be viewed/downloaded at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/>.

### ***Section 1 – United States Residents***

You can avoid withholding taxes on your prize money by filling out Form W-9. This tells us your name, address and Social Security number. (Form W-9 will be made available at the Tournament.) After the Tournament, Carom Café will report your winnings to the IRS, to New York State and to you, using Form 1099-MISC. (If you do not fill out Form W-9, we will be required to withhold 30% of your prize money!)

### ***Section 2 – Foreign Residents: Most Will Be Subject to Withholding Taxes***

For most (and, perhaps, all) foreign participants, the process is very simple: (1) You will be subject to 30% withholding taxes on your prize money; (2) at the Tournament, prize winners will have to supply their name and address; and (3) we will then provide the IRS with this information on Form 1042-S, two copies of which will be mailed to you. When it comes time for you to pay taxes in your own country, you will not only have a record of your winnings, but you will have documents that show that you paid substantial taxes to the U.S. Government. In many cases you will be able to get a tax credit for these payments. Be sure to check with your tax advisor in your home country.

### ***Section 3 – Foreign Residents: A Few May Be Able to Avoid Withholding Taxes***

For some non-U.S. residents, withholding taxes may be avoided *provided* (a) your country has a tax treaty with the United States, (b) you have an “Individual Taxpayer Identification Number” (**ITIN**) from the IRS *and* (c) your prize money does not exceed the maximum amount that is exempt from withholding under the treaty.

If you do not have an ITIN, we regret to inform you that rule changes in recent years have made them much more difficult to get. We will be unable to assist you in obtaining an ITIN but a tax adviser in your own country might be able to help you. However, if you received an ITIN at any time in the past, it is still valid.

In any event, if you have an ITIN and there is a tax treaty between your country and the United States and your prize does not exceed the amount allowed under the treaty you will be able to avoid withholding taxes by filling out Form 8233. We will be able to help you do this at the tournament.

One more thing: If you are eligible for zero withholding, we will have to *temporarily* withhold 100% of your prize money until 10 days after Form 8233 is mailed to the IRS. We expect to mail such Forms one or two days after the end of the tournament. The 10-day period is required by the IRS to give them time to verify your eligibility for avoiding withholding. Assuming there is no objection from the IRS (and there shouldn't be as long as your ITIN is valid), we will mail you a check for the full amount of your prize approximately 12 days after the Tournament ends.

#### ***Section 4 – Foreign Residents: Information on Individual Countries***

The table below summarizes the treaty situation for residents from 28 countries. We list the maximum dollar amount that you may earn without becoming subject to tax withholding. We also list the treaty article number that will have to be put on Form 8233. *None of this is relevant to you unless you have or can obtain an ITIN.* If there is no treaty with your country you will be subject to withholding even if you have an ITIN.

Argentina	No treaty		Italy	\$12,000	17(1)
Aruba	No treaty		Japan	\$ 3,000	17
Austria	\$20,000	17	Korea	\$ 3,000	18
Belgium	\$ 3,000	14(2)(c)	Luxembourg	\$10,000	18
Canada	\$15,000	16	Mexico	\$ 3,000	18
Colombia	No treaty		Netherlands	\$10,000	18
Czech Rep.	\$20,000	18	Peru	No treaty	
Denmark	\$20,000	17	Portugal	\$10,000	19
Ecuador	No treaty		Russia	No limit	
Egypt	\$ 400/ day	17	Spain	\$10,000	19
France	\$10,000	17	Sweden	\$ 6,000	18
Germany	\$20,000	17	Switzerland	\$10,000	17
Greece	\$10,000	X	Turkey	\$ 3,000	17
Hungary	No limit	13	Vietnam	No treaty	

#### ***Section 5 – Two Additional Notes About Taxes***

If you do not win a prize (i.e., if you do not advance to the “A” finals or “B” finals) we will not need to collect any personal information from you. For U.S. residents, this means you will not have to fill out a W-9. For foreign residents, it means that neither will you have to fill out an 8233, nor will you have to provide us with the information we would need to fill out a 1042-S.