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After The Pan American Billiards and Snooker Association launched its new initiative, **#WeCueAsOne** last month which was aimed at supporting equality, inclusion and diversity in cue sports in the PABSA region, PABSA would now like to introduce its next stage of the this initiative.

Introducing the 'Find a Club' section of the PABSA website. There is now a comprehensive and growing list of clubs and places to play snooker and billiards in the Pan American region available on the PABSA website. To support equality, inclusion and diversity within cue sports in the PABSA region, this new list of places available for players and fans to play and participate in cue sports will help with the growth, the knowledge and the engagement of cue sports. Whether you are new to snooker and billiards, looking to make a comeback to cue sports or whether you want to grow your knowledge of the game please take a look at this list for your nearest place to visit.

With our growing association the 'Find a Club' list of places to play and interact with cue sports will continue to grow in the future and will continue to offer opportunities to players and fans in the Pan American region. If you know of any clubs or venues which offer access to at least one 12ft snooker table, then please email media@pabsa.org. Thank you for your continued support.

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Meet Ahmed Aly Elsayad

My name is Ahmed Aly Elsayad, and I was born in Cairo, Egypt, and grew up in beautiful Alexandria, by the Mediterranean Sea. I began playing pool at the age of 15, with my older brother and his friends and quickly progressed with the game. I fell in love with snooker after seeing my first table in my father's private club. The big table and small pockets were a welcome challenge, and everyone was well-dressed.

I am self-taught and always used to watch the high-ranking players at their matches, adopting their techniques. I won my first tournament at age 18, the Under 21 Egypt National Championship. I then went on to represent Egypt at the World Amateur Championship and was asked to join the national team. I reached the top 16 in this tournament and lost to a Scotsman named Graeme Dott.

I hold the record for most consecutive wins at the USA National Championships with three Championships in a row. I am tied for most wins with five, but I am hoping to change this later this year. To add to this success I was recently appointed to the USSA board as a director. I am honored to have represented the USA multiple times at the World Championship, including our 5th place Team win with USSA president Ajeya Prabhakar. I also played in the inaugural 2019 Pan American Snooker Championships where I reached the quarter finals losing 4-1 to eventual winner, Igor Figueiredo from Brazil.

I'm always looking for ways to promote the game and build and connect with members of the snooker community. My home club is the New York Athletics Club (NYAC) in New York which has hosted the USA National Championships on several occasions. I have brought people such as World Champion Mark Williams and Chris Henry to play with us here in New York, and have travelled and played with a wonderful group with the International Snooker League, that includes Kenneth Shea and Cliff Thorburn. I was even lucky enough to make my Broadway debut with The Nap, Richard Bean's black comedy about snooker.

Looking ahead, I would love to turn pro and join the tour. I think it would be great if the United States could be represented on this world stage. In the meantime, I look forward to my new position on the board, working with a great group, and to share with everyone my love of the game.

I wish everyone a safe year ahead!



Ahmed Aly Elsayad

Player Stats



Name - Ahmed Aly Elsayad

Nickname - The King

Lives - New York City, USA

From - Cairo, Egypt

Age - 41

Highest break - 147

Achievements

Egypt Under 21 Champion

5 x USA National Champion

2019 Pan American
Snooker Championship
quarter-finalist

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PABSA needs your help to continue to grow snooker and billiards in the Pan American region. To support our association and donate please follow the link below. Thank you for your continued support.

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Igor Figueiredo Fundraiser

After many months supporting and raising funds towards PABSA's Igor Figueiredo fundraiser, the campaign has now ended. After your fantastic support and contributions we have managed to raise £1224.08! This will allow Igor Figueiredo to continue his journey to try and compete and stay on the World Snooker Tour.

Those who contributed \$25 or over were entered into a raffle to win an Igor Figueiredo Ultimate Cue. After Igor featured a live stream video with the raffle draw we are pleased to announce the winner was Iuri Liu from Brazil.

Congratulations!!!

We would once again like to think you for your continued support and contributions.



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