

Eugene and Ilona Balner Inducted into ACA Hall of Fame  
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The American Cuemakers Association have inducted cuemakers Eugene and Ilona Balner into its Hall of Fame. Eugene and Ilona Blaner started Palmer Cue Company in Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1964. Palmer Cue Company was one of the first truly successful cuemaking enterprises. Until that time, cuemakers were operating from one man shops. The Balners changed that. Many of their innovative ideas and techniques for manufacturing and marketing cues are still being used today, and many of their cues are highly prized by collectors.

Other members of the ACA Hall of Fame are: George Balabushka, Herman Rambow, Burton Spain, Ernie Gutierrez, Harvey Martin, Gus Szamboti, and Frank Paradise.