

The cue I own was commissioned by Fred Backlund who was a close friend of Lamar “Doc” Frye.

Fred wrote a monthly article for The National Billiard News titled "Running English" from 1988 to 1991 under the pseudonym Fred Beard, not to be confused with Freddie “The Beard” Bentivegna. Fred was an accomplished photographer as well as a writer and is the photographer of the photo posted by “Silverminer”, an AZ member who is part of the Frye Family, that shows Doc Frye with an array of his cues before him on a table.

Fred spoke with George Balabushka on numerous occasions and always wanted a cue from him. Since George and Doc Frye already knew each other, George agreed to send an assembled forearm/handle to Doc Frye to be finished for Fred. X-rays confirm that the forearm and handle match Balabushka’s assembly. The cue also has a penny dated 1975. The forearm used is a Szamboti forearm.