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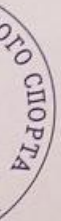
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FROM THE Head Rail

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Welcome back everyone. It was kind of a quiet month in November, but it wasn't supposed to be. The top pros were supposed to be competing at the Tornado Open in early November and the Ballpark Classic in late November. Both events were announced with a fair amount of fanfare, and both disappeared with much less publicity. This wasn't the first time that this sort of thing has happened, and I fear that it won't be the last either. I don't know what the solution is, but there has to come a time when these promoters have to prove themselves before they are believed in. Maybe that is what happened with these events. Maybe the players are finally refusing to come running at the first mention of a big payday and remembering the past. If this game is ever going to be taken seriously, it has to take itself seriously.

As we are finishing up this issue, Team USA has just clinched the Mosconi Cup. I personally am still floored by the four days of exciting pool that we all got to witness. Congrats to the players, coaches and Matchroom MultiSport. That is what pool is all about. Look for complete coverage of the event next month.

Until next time.



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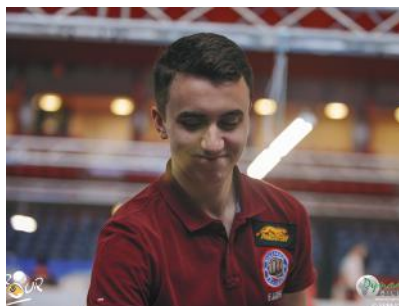
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Advantages of a Slow and Deliberate Backswing



JERRY BRIESATH

One of the biggest mistakes novice and amateur players make is having too fast of a backswing. Some amateurs even think that the harder they shoot, the faster the backswing must be. Even some of the old books used to say that when you shoot hard, you should go back faster. Nothing could be farther from the truth. When a player has a quick or jerky backswing, it is almost impossible to hit the cue ball exactly where you want to. Practice using a slow backswing and consciously observe that the cue tip stays pointing exactly where you

want to strike the cue ball during the entire backswing. Then when you accelerate forward, you have a much better chance of striking the cue ball exactly where you aimed.

Everyone has what I call a circle of error on the cue ball. A circle of error may be described as “where I aimed versus where I actually hit the cue ball” or “where I thought I hit the cue ball versus where I actually hit the cue ball”. This comes into play for amateurs especially when they are trying to draw the cue ball. If you have trouble consistently drawing

the cue ball back, it is because you are just missing the spot on the cue ball that you must strike it. By using that slow and deliberate backswing, you will quickly see that you are striking the cue ball much closer to where you aim in the first place.

This and more than 50 other topics are on my DVD set that you might consider for Christmas whether it's for you or your favorite pool player. Go to poollessons.com to check it out.

Have a great Christmas season — Jerry

ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU WANT TO UNLOCK FUTURE POOL SUCCESS

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The famous Greek philosopher Socrates once said, “If you ask the right questions, you’ll find the right answers.”



From my view, truer words have never been spoken. Having spent a career working with elite-level athletes, I find that one common trait amongst the best is that they are not afraid to ask important, serious, game-changing questions – even when it hurts their ego.

What successful athletes do

When studying the best at just about any occupation or hobby, you will find that they are rarely bogged down by denial or finger-pointing, but instead focus all their energy toward *asking important questions that will lead to even more important discoveries*. While it would be easy to bask in the glory of that great rack you ran early in the tournament, it might be even more important to the growth of your game to critically examine why you didn’t get out of other racks that were there for the taking? Great players ask those questions, while other players who never seem to get much better tend to spend more time enjoying their best shots and games.

In order to ask the right questions, it’s important to consider the following:

You will fail in life, so why run from failure? In fact, learning from your failures might be the best, fastest way to future success.



Use an open-mind. It’s important that you be honest with yourself, even if it doesn’t feel good. For example, if folks around your pool run look at you as a “choker,” rather than deny those charges, why not be honest and ask why you tend to crack under pressure situations – and what you can do to improve for the future.

Put your ego aside. If you are invested in improving your game then it is imperative that you “get over yourself,” so to speak. Study your game, focus on your weaknesses, and get great advice from experts how to improve your situation.

What unsuccessful athletes do

I have worked with countless athletes who fail to live up to their potential, and the primary reason for this is that they are uncomfortable dealing with uncomfortable situations – like learning from their bad games. Sure, everybody loves to see replays of winning and making great shots, but how does focusing on only your best days ever allow you to break through to higher levels in the future? It takes guts to face your last losing shot, especially if it meant the difference between winning a title and coming in 2nd ---- but this is exactly what is needed if you want to be the best.

Dr. Chris Stankovich, known as “The Sports Doc,” is a national expert in the field of sport & performance psychology and has been featured on ESPN for his work with elite athletes. His #1 best selling pool video “Mind of Steel: Mental Toughness for Pool Success” has been used by thousands of players to improve focus, increase confidence, and eliminate anxiety. You can learn more about Dr. Stankovich and Mind of Steel by visiting drstankovich.com

RACK UP A VICTORY WITH POSITIVE SELF-TALK

ANTHONY BEELER

We all experience doubt and negative thoughts, but champion players tend to deal with failure differently. They have a filter, which helps them stay positive and maintain emotional control. They don't let doubt turn into loss of confidence or lower self-esteem.

How do they do it?

In this article, I'm going to show you how you can intercept negative thoughts and push yourself to a higher playing level using the power of positive self-talk.

How aware are you of how you talk to yourself during a match and do you know how big a difference it can make to your state of mind and ability to perform?

Thoughts (positive and negative) come and go. Studies have shown that we have over 70,000 thoughts per day. Some of them are positive and some of them are negative. But what helps turn thoughts into emotions and feelings, is self-talk. Self-talk is your interpretation of your personal thoughts. If your self-talk is negative, and you've chosen to give in to those negative thoughts your emotions can make you feel a certain way. In pool,



this means more tension, a lack of focus, and more missed shots.

The good news is that self-talk is a choice. You can decide how you filter out the thoughts in your mind. You can create a new positive stream of energy, which can drive you to higher performance and more wins.

DEALING WITH DOUBT

Perhaps the most important time to be aware of your self-talk is when you're struggling or feeling under pressure. As I tell my students, the mental game is easy when things are going good, it's not until you experience adversity do you find out how good your mental game truly is.

For this reason, all my students "practice" positive self-talk and visualize overcoming adversity in those tough moments at the table. Expect to have doubts when you're out of your comfort zone and practice what you can say to yourself to restore your confidence. Notice your inner self-talk, and if needed, rewrite the script!

Remind yourself that you are a mentally tough competitor and that you have a champion's mindset! The more you can train yourself to quash doubt using self-talk, the easier it will be to perform in the future, and the less negative self-talk you'll experience.



MOTIVATION AND BELIEFS

Many of my students follow a routine, which includes positive affirmations, hypnosis and subliminal messages. I recommend that you spend a little time each morning visualizing and verbalizing all those things you would like to be and say them out loud, e.g:

- "I am a champion."
- "Winning is not a condition, it is who I am."
- "I always take the time to make the right decision."
- "I deliver a straight smooth stroke on every shot."

Repetition of these phrases and visualizing those goals vividly can change your belief system and bring them closer towards you. Notice what words have the best affect on you and add them to your personal script as needed.

MATCH TALK

During a match, notice the tone of your self-talk and whether you are talking to yourself in the form of negatives or positives. I wouldn't want any of my players to give themselves instructions in the form of a negative. Examples of this would be:

- "Don't overcut this shot" or "Don't hit it too hard." Replace with, "I

can pocket this ball with the correct speed.”

- “Don’t get distracted.” replace with, “Play in the present moment.”

PLAY IN THE PRESENT

Notice if you’re focusing on what the consequence of a shot will be. I often hear from players “If I make this shot I will be on the hill...”. They are no longer playing in the present. This creates higher performance anxiety and less focus on the process resulting in more missed balls. Notice if your self-talk is taking you into the future and out of an emotionally neutral state of mind.

POST-SHOT POSITIVITY

You might be frustrated after missing a ball, but do your best not to turn that into negative self-talk. I play with

pool players who tell themselves how bad they are (out loud not just in their heads!). Invariably those pool players don’t go on to achieve success until they are able to learn how to improve their inner self-talk. Choose your responses to missed shots by having some sort of script you follow. Missed shots and missed opportunities are an inevitable part of the game, so it’s important that you don’t let your inner thoughts change your mood. If you wouldn’t say it to someone else, don’t say it to yourself!

If you stroke a shot particularly well, remember to celebrate your success. Use some positive self-talk to enhance that positive feeling and store that memory.

Every day is a new opportunity to change your belief system and how you deal with negative thoughts. Notice how you are interpreting your match experiences around you and decide to see things in a more positive way – you’ll benefit enormously from doing so over the long haul!

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Chip & Joey

Best friends from Oklahoma, Chip Compton and Joey Gray, are talented, funny, professional pool players with fantastic attitudes and great personalities. They are well known all over the country as “Chip and Joey,” but especially in the South and at big tournaments.

Many people who come across Chip and Joey would agree that these two guys make attending tournaments more exciting

and memorable – because of being around their fun attitudes and also because it’s a treat to watch their precision skills on the table.

For this interview, I did something very different. I asked Chip and Joey the exact same questions, but I asked them separately, so they had no idea



Chip and Joey

what each one replied! I am excited for you all to find out more about them and for us all to read their answers together.

So, here we go!

Q: Hello Chip and Joey, would you two be interested in doing a combined interview?

Chip: That sounds really cool. So no live interviews? I'm kinda shy lol. Seriously, I would love to answer some questions and be a part of this. :)

Joey: I'm in! I would love for people to hear how Chip and Joey came to be lol. We have a great story and have both come an incredibly long way.

Q: What year were you born?

Chip: 1988

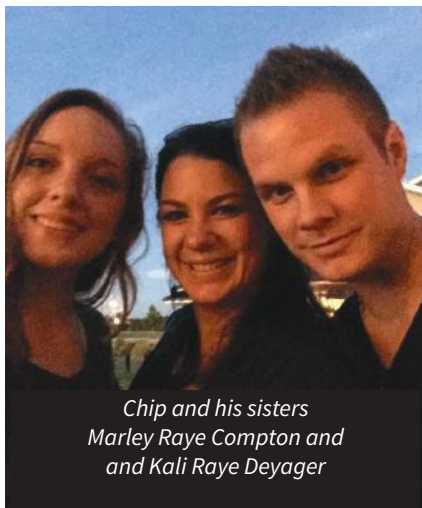
Joey: 1986

Q: Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Chip: Presbyterian Hospital. Oklahoma City, OK

Joey: I was born at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City (OKC). Also grew up here.

Q: How and when did you start playing pool?



*Chip and his sisters
Marley Raye Compton and
Kali Raye Deyager*



Chip: I started playing pool in 2001. My father owned a Heat and Air company and would take me on installation jobs so I could work for him and make extra money in the summer time. We would go to different bars and pool halls that his friends owned and he would let me play and hit balls at lunch when we weren't working. I fell in love with it immediately. He was an APA 7 and used to rob me until I was about 16 lol.

Joey: I started playing pool when I was 10 years old. Some kids in my neighborhood had a pool table. I became so obsessed that I started using the kitchen table and any random balls I could find (like tennis or golf balls) and used a fishing pole as a cue.

Q: Wow! Both of those stories are very cool! So, the inevitable question: how did you two meet each other?

Chip: I met Joey through a mutual friend (Tyler Strawn) in 6th grade. Tyler and I went to middle school together and Joey and him knew each other from pool and played Jr Nationals together. They were both already very talented and could beat most people in OKC at a young age.

Joey: I met Chip when I was around 14. I had seen Chip in the pool hall a few times, but we didn't talk until I saw he had a jump cue of mine that had been stolen from me. I was under the impression that he did it. So needless to say, we were not big fans of each other early on lol. We got it straightened out eventually and began playing each other. I saw major talent in Chip and we began running together instead of being against each other.

Q: So, it took some time before you two were good friends, then?

Chip: It definitely took some time. The first time I met Joey was at Aces on 10th Street in OKC. I had won a jump cue off a guy that worked at the pool room a week or so before. Turns out the jump cue was stolen... and it was Joey's! He walked up to me and took it. :(Took me a while to get over that, lol, but we became good friends shortly after.

Joey: We weren't best buds at first (like I said before about him stealing my jump cue! ;)), but we developed a strong relationship through another close friend of ours, Tyler Strawn. We competed daily and loved the game



Chip Compton

and wanted to beat each other really badly lol. Not long after, we hitched a ride to North Carolina at a young age with a truck driver to travel playing pool and making money. We did quite well and Chip's pool game really improved on the trip gaining a lot of experience and put under pressure.

Q: Either of you funnier than the other? Or are you both equally funny?

Chip: Tough question.. lol. I think I am funnier just in general, but Joey is a better joke teller. He will proly say the same. ;)

Joey: I would definitely say we both have a good sense of humor, might depend on who won that day who is funnier lol.

Q: I have always wondered, why is it "Chip and Joey" and not "Joey and Chip"? Does that bother either of you, too? haha

Chip: We have always wondered the same thing! I think "Chip and Joey" just rolls off the tongue better. It may bother him just a bit being 2nd lol.

Joey: Save the best for last! JK! I'm pretty passive about things so I never

cared whether people said Joey and Chip or Chip and Joey. We are separate people, so I like to think it's more Chip Compton and Joey Gray.

Q: How did you get so good at pool? What do you think propelled you to the status that you are now (pro players)?

Chip: I honestly think I got as good as I have because growing up I always got to play and spar with

someone better than me. Tyler at first, and then Joey. Joey really helped me improve. We used to play cheap sets to stay sharp when we were 15 till just a couple of years ago.

Joey: Feeding off of each other's talents and competing as much as possible. We also were blessed to have good people in our lives that supported us through thick and thin. Steve Trent was a big support who helped us practice by paying us to compete against each other and spent lots of time keeping us at the pool hall grinding.

Q: That's intriguing what Steve did (sounds very effective). And I don't know why, but I'm surprised you two gambled so much with each other for so many years.

Chip: When we were 15, Joey gave me the 7 and beat me out of my pool cue! And yes, we gambled a lot. We have never bet more than 50 or 100, though.

Joey: We have gambled a lot, actually. Just not for lots of money.

Q: What tournament were you playing in when you realized that you were now a pro?

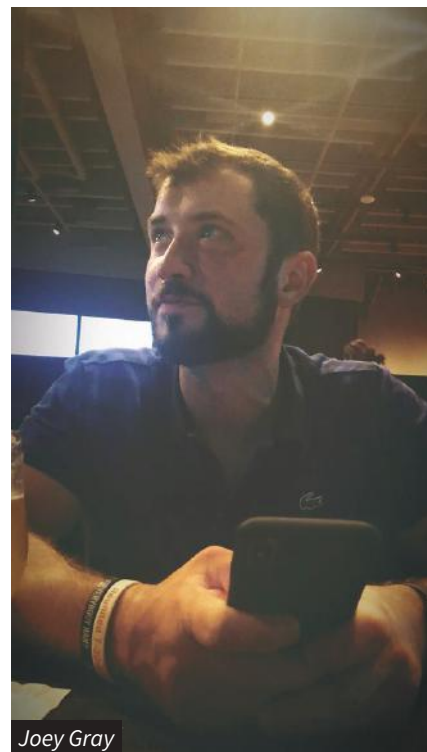
Chip: I would have to say the U.S. Open when I was 19 years old. I got top 30 and beat CJ Wiley and Earl Strickland in that tourney. I knew I could be something special after that.

Joey: When we started playing in the Derby events, instead of going there to just play for money. The competition is so strong there, you have no choice but to play at a top level.

Q: Did one of you excel at a certain game faster than the other? If so, what game?

Chip: It definitely took me longer to get as good as Joey at one pocket. I just never had the patience until I was 21 or 22, I just wanted to shoot at my hole. I'm sure he always enjoyed out moving me, lol!

Joey: I was a pretty big influence in Chip's improvement when he was young. I started a while before him and I was lucky to have learned from champions at a young age. Chip was always a straight shooter and I was exceptionally good at one pocket. Now,



Joey Gray



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Chip and Joey celebrate a win

Chip is among the best around at one pocket. Given his shooting ability, he learned the strategy which made him dangerous at the game. I like to think we both have improved a lot all around and will continue to do so.

Q: Do either of you get jealous of certain titles won, matches won, or things like that of the other?

Chip: We have always been pretty good about being happy for each other if the other won a title or beat the other in the finals of a big tourney. We usually have a pretty good saver and try not to be jealous. It definitely keeps us competitive, though.

Joey: Neither one of us likes to lose, of course. And it sucks to have your friend beat you, lol. But, I support him like a brother no matter how many titles or times he wins. If Chip wins, I

do too. And vice versa. For example, I was happy for him when he won the Olathe tournament just late last month (November). We will always be competitive with each other, though - it's what drives us to improve.

Q: Are you two best friends?

Chip: Yes. Even tho we fight like brothers and argue about a number of things, Joey has always been my best friend. I think we will always be close no matter what.

Joey: We are brothers and best friends.

Q: Do you practice together?

Chip: We used to practice 40 hours a week together. In my opinion that's how I improved so much in a short period. We don't spar much anymore, but we definitely need to so we can stay in stroke.

Joey: We practice together as much as we can. I've always been more susceptible to practice alone, though.

Q: When you have to play each other in big tournaments, how tough is that? And do you give it your all against each other?

Chip: Oh man.. it is rough playing each other! We have had to play so many times deep in tournaments and first rounds. It's always bitter sweet no matter who wins. We always play hard against each other. We actually just played each other last month in Tulsa in early November in the final 12, he beat me 5-2. I told him, "You better win now, or else," lol. He got 3rd.

Joey: We will play each other as hard as we can... *every time*. Even though it sucks, it is what it is.

Q: Please explain that dynamic of traveling to tournaments together and yet having to compete often against each other usually very deep in the tournaments?

Chip: We have been traveling together for almost 18 years now. We always split expenses and if one of us makes money, so does the other; we are a team. Playing each other deep in tournaments is tough, but it also means one of us gets to move on, so it's always competitive - but whoever loses needs to get their pom poms on, lol.

Joey: It's definitely rare, I think, to see two pool players travel together as long as we have. We don't always see eye to eye, but we make it work as well as we can. You gotta support your road dog and even if one of you isn't up to par, the other one generally will pick up the slack.

Q: What goals do you have (on and off the table)?

Chip: Making the Mosconi Cup team has always been a dream of mine. I have to make the team at least once before I hang it up. Off the table, I cannot wait to marry my girlfriend of 2 years and have a family with her.

Joey: I would like to elevate my game and accomplish some bigger goals. Compete in bigger events possibly out of the country. I have an incredible girlfriend and family and I hate taking time away from them, but it's necessary in this game. Someday I'd like to open a pool room and have a family.

Q: Who has been a big influence in your pool game?

Chip: My father was the biggest influence in my pool game. He always watched all my matches online and was my biggest fan. He was a really good man.

Joey: Tyler Strawn. When we were kids, he brought my game to another level from competing all the time. I was also around great champions Luke Bryan Jones, James Walden, and Gabe Owen. These players were incredible to watch and play growing up.

Q: Who has been a big influence in your life?

Chip: I would have to say my mother has had the biggest influence in my life. She taught me right from wrong and to always be kind to everyone, even if they don't deserve it. Anytime I was down on myself about pool or school or just life, she always knew just the right thing to say. She was a saint. I miss her so much.

Joey: My mother is the strongest person I know, and also my girlfriend and family. I love them so much and they have always supported me.

Q: What's your favorite quote or words you live by?

Chip: "Let's play it by ear." I really hate making plans. I always say this to my girlfriend and she hates it, lol.

Joey: I used to run marathons and still love fitness. But my favorite quote is, "Pain is only temporary. Quitting is forever."

Q: What has been your most coveted title or accomplishment?

Chip: Winning the White Diamonds tourney 3 times in one year is prolly financially my best accomplishment. But beating Efren in a few one pocket tournaments is up there as well. Him and Bustamante have always been my favorites.

Joey: Getting runner up at the Derby City One Pocket on my first try in the event was probably my proudest moment. To me, it signified that I can compete with the best.

Q: What is your most memorable match?

Chip: I have a few of them, but I have to say putting a 6 pack on Earl Strickland in the US Open to win 11-5 when I was 19 to get in the money has really stuck with me over the years.

Joey: I have played Bustamante multiple times and have won a lot, but the matches we play are always very epic to me.

Q: What is your favorite event to play in?

Chip: The US Open is always fun. But my favorite has to be the Texas Open at Skinny Bobs. I just love the crowd, the bleacher seating, and all of the competition there. It's always so rewarding if we do well there.

Joey: I love the Derby City Classic best.

Q: What do you love most about competing in pool?

Chip: I love knowing that if I am at my best, I am really tough to beat. The competition and getting to play the best in the world has always made me happy, also.

Joey: I love pool because of the effort that is required mentally, as well as physically. Also, the people I've met and become very close to and the places I've gotten to see, I've been very blessed.

Q: Most people I interview have overcome something. Chip, can you share the deaths that affected your life? And Joey, can you talk about that accident?

Chip: Well, my mother passed in January of 2014, it was very unexpected and took my whole family by surprise. My sister (Kali) and I took it extremely hard and miss her everyday. Almost 2 years later, I lost my little girl Harper Dianne Compton (named after my mother Dianne) to a brain aneurism and my father to lung cancer within 5 minutes of each other. I was heart broken and it really took a toll on me and my family. I used to believe everything happened for a reason, but this... I just don't understand.

Joey: When I was 24 I was beaten and robbed at my apartment complex taking the trash out. My attacker's only got 120 dollars from me. This was a very difficult thing to handle because it hurt my confidence and trust in people for a really long time. But time does heal all things. I recovered and became a better player and person, even though I went through such a very difficult time. Victims of Crime



Chip and Joey with Chad Glasgow

Foundation paid for all my bills and dental work years later, which was a tremendous relief.

Q: Such tough situations you both went through, wow. I am wondering as good friends, how did you help each other through those very difficult times?

Chip: That was a brutal deal for Joey. I remember him calling me from the hospital and I was at a pool tournament in Tulsa. I couldn't believe someone had blindsided him and hit him on the side of the face with a two-by-four. I came home immediately that Sunday to go and see how he was doing. I just tried to be supportive. He has so much family, they were all there for him and took care of him.

And yes, Joey was there for me for all of my losses. He was at every service we had and never left my side. He was very close to my mother and my father. He is the best friend I could ever ask for.

Joey: When Chip lost his mother, I felt it hard. I was there for him as much as I could be. But when Harper (his daughter who was only 7 days old) and Rick (his father) passed, I lost it for a while. We have always been there for each other. That's sometimes all you can do, I believe.

Chip supported me during my situation by being there if I needed him. He also gave me my space to heal. I spent most of my time healing with family. I could've been killed the doctor told me.

Q: I am so glad you had each other. Who are your sponsors?

Chip: Diveney Custom Cues, John Barton (JB cases), The Bridge Billiards in Edmond, OK, Joseph "Tiny" Weber at Club Billiards in Wichita, KS, Brutal Game Gear and Hanshew Jump Cues.

Joey: Diveney Custom Cues, JB Cases, The Bridge Billiards in Edmond,



OK, Joseph "Tiny" Weber at Club Billiards in Wichita, KS, Brutal Game Gear and Hanshew Jump Cues.

Q: I recently read that Tiny just passed away (at the end of November). My condolences.

Chip: Tiny was the best ambassador for pool I have ever met. He had a soft spot for pool players and always did whatever he could to help out. Guys like him come along once in a lifetime and it was an honor just to know him. He will be truly missed.

Joey: Tiny was one of the best things to ever happen to pool. I don't know of many people that supported the game like him. He will be remembered and missed deeply.

Q: When you two aren't together out of state, do you inevitably get asked, "where is (Chip?) or (Joey)? Does that get old?

Chip: All the time! And yes it gets old. We are not attached at the hip, even though it may seem like it lol.

Joey: Yes, every time we go somewhere separate we get asked. It's not annoying really. I know it's just because people see us together so often they aren't used to us traveling separately.

Q: Actually, that leads me to ask: Do you two travel separately often to big tournaments? Or do you always plan your travel together?

Chip: We most always travel together unless the other one has previous obligations and can't make it. I don't trust many pool players, so I try to stick with ole' Joe lol.

Joey: We do sometimes travel separate, only if one can't go at the same time the other wants. Or if we want to go somewhere else.

Q: What title were you most proud of for (Chip/Joey)? Were you there for it?

Chip: Well, he didn't win it but when Joey got 2nd at Derby City One Pocket to Shane Van Boening, I could not have been more proud. He played incredible and beat everyone besides Shane and Efen.. I sweated every match!

Joey: When Chip got 1st in both the One Pocket and Nine Ball in Olathe, KS just last year in 2017, I was very proud. And yes I was there!

Q: Are you two super competitive with each other?

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Chip: We are very competitive! Whether it's golf, pool, poker or anything else we do together lol. I think that's what has elevated us at pool and made us who we are today.

Joey: Yes, extremely competitive lol. But I feel like it pushes us to be better. In all aspects of life, actually.

Q: What has been the biggest money match you have ever played?

Chip: I have played many "fight night matches" for 10 and 20k. Mostly playing one pocket.

Joey: I've played for 10k a few times. But the most I've played for was 2,500 a game one pocket.

Q: OMGosh, I can't even imagine that! Speaking of money, do either of you have a day job? Or do you rely on winnings from tournaments or giving lessons?

Chip: Winnings from tournaments, gambling, selling pool cues etc. whatever it takes to pay the bills nowadays. I have given a handful of lessons, but it's just not something I enjoy. Joey does lessons all the time. I always joke

with him and say "Those who can't do, teach." ;)

Joey: I was in roof sales for a while, but recently started playing pool professionally. I give lessons all the time – I really enjoy it.

Q: What do you like to do away from the pool room?

Chip: I am an avid golfer and go play any chance I get. It's so nice to get some fresh air and do something different. I got Joey into golf when we were living together about 6 years ago. I would chip and putt in the living room, and he got addicted to it lol.

Joey: I love working out and watching good tv shows. Being with my family and dogs makes me happy.

Q: Do you discuss decisions that might affect the future of each of your pool careers? Like sponsorships or things like that?

Chip: Always. We have always included each other in sponsorships and business ventures, no matter what. We kind of come as a pair.

Joey: We definitely discuss sponsorship opportunities with each other. Always.

Q: I always enjoy seeing you both so accommodating to fans – whether taking photos or hanging out late at night at the pool room with fans and friends. Why is this important to you?

Chip: For me, it has always just been so flattering to have fans and people that love pool so much. It's so much fun meeting new people that support our sport. P.S. We probably have too much fun. Lol!

Joey: There were a lot of players that seemed stuck up to me growing up, and I never wanted to be that way! Chip and I have a lot of fun at tournaments; it's important for us to let

loose and enjoy our friends and fans when we aren't competing – part of the whole experience, right?

Q: What have you learned about yourself that you wish you knew sooner?

Chip: I have learned that I am very strong-willed over the past 4-5 years having been through what I have. I wish I had known sooner, because no matter what happens in life you have to keep moving forward and pushing to better yourself and those around you. If you are strong, I believe others around you have no choice but to be strong as well.

Joey: I learned that I took losing way to personal and it held me back when I was younger. I have to try and remain calm and not get bent out of shape. Chip actually helps me with that sometimes.

Thank you, Chip and Joey! I have been a big fan for years and am honored you two agreed to this interview so others could also see how great and impactful you two are on and off the table. My newest favorite interview! (shhh....don't tell the others.)

Melinda "ak-trigger" Bailey has been in the pool scene as a player and ambassador for pool for over 25 years.



Additionally, she was a Tournament Director for two large tours in Texas for over 15 years. She is a loyal blogger (<http://pooljourney.blogspot.com/>) and holds numerous BCA/ACS Texas State and National titles (singles, doubles, and teams).

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Virgin Island's Mahkeal Parris Captures WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championship Title

Over 60 junior pool players representing 27 countries and 5 continents converged on Moscow, Russia from 10/30 to 11/3 to participate in the 2018 WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships.

North America was well represented in this prestigious battle for world junior cue sport supremacy. Thirteen athletes (11 from USA and 2 from Canada) qualified via respective BEF/CBSA qualifying events. In addition, 23 companions, parents, and coaches including team leaders, Tom Riccobene, Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman, and Roy Pastor, made this historic trip to encourage and support the youthful competitors.

Players from the United States in the Girl's division were April Larson, Aryana Lynch, Michelle Jiang, Tiana Jiang, and Vivian Liu. Players in the Boy's Under 19 division were Jordan Burden and Thomas Haas from the US, plus Dean Cuillier from Canada. USA players Austin Summers, Joey Tate, Matthew Wiseley, and Mahkeal Parris, plus Haydar Cappel from Canada, represented the Boy's Under 17 division.

Arriving players registered on October 30th and attended a player's meeting led by Tom Riccobene to go over event guidelines, rules, and much more. Tom and “Dr. Cue” also gave a short pep talk to all players to encourage them and calm any jitters they might have in such a prestigious event. In the evening a group leader meeting was held by Gre Leenders, Secretary General of the WPA (World Pool Billiard Association) to cover event regulations and answer any questions.



On October 31st Leenders welcomed everyone at the player procession / opening ceremony and declared the event officially open. Players began scheduled practice sessions and competitive matches shortly after the ceremonies were over. In addition, group / individual photos of the players / coaches were taken.

Initial rounds of competition began on 8 beautiful Dynamic 9-foot tables made in Germany. Mahkeal Parris and Austin Summers posted first round wins, while Joey Tate, Matthew Wiseley, and Haydar Cappel battled brilliantly but came up short as Germany, Iran, and Norway players performed flawlessly. April Larson, Michelle Ji-



Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman, Haydar Cappo, Tiana Jiang, Jordan Burden, Vivian Liu, Dean Cuillerier, Thomas Haas, Michelle Jiang, Austin Summers, Aryana Lynch, Mahkeal Parris, April Larson, Joey Tate, Matthew Wiseley, Tom Riccobene, Roy Pastor

ang, and Vivian Liu were victorious in the second round with Aryana Lynch and Tiana Jiang experiencing their first loss against Sweden and Ukraine players respectively. Jordan Burden and Dean Cuillerier were defeated in the third round by Hong Kong and Poland players, but showed tremendous passion and resolve for future matches. Parris and Summers continued their winning ways in round four with a nail-biting score of 7 – 6 for each player. Round five girls action revealed April Larson and Michelle Jiang winning, while Vivian Liu was bested by Sweden. A final round of the day showcased Thomas Haas experiencing his first loss to a strong Poland player. North America finished the day winning 9 out of 18 matches.

Closed practice sessions and arena competition continued the next day with Haas and Burden winning matches in the first round, while Cuillerier played with the heart of a champion against a victorious Russia player. The following six matches revealed disappointing defeats for Tate, Cappo, T.Jiang, Lynch, Wiseley and Parris despite determined drive and passion evident in each match. Summers and Liu raced to victory over Slovakia and

Korea, with Burden besting Belarus and Bosnia / Herzegovina over Haas. North America finished the day with an excellent showing against the best junior players in the world with a 45.2% win-loss percentage.

The third day of competition started with Larson, M. Jiang, and Summers undefeated and Liu, Parris, and Burden with one loss each. Excitement filled the air as Liu made a valiant comeback but fell short on the final score against Korea. M. Jiang and Larson experienced hard fought losses to Taiwan and Sweden respectively. Parris stunned the top Iranian player with an impressive victory while Burden exhibited burning focus in an exciting seesaw battle against a determined player from Costa Rica. Larson handily defeated a Ukrainian star player to make the "final 4"! M. Jiang continued her brilliant play in a loss against a Korean champion player.

USA athletes Mahkeal Parris and Austin Summers played each other as a result of the redraw format for the "final 8" players. After an early lead, Summers encountered an awesome winning display of flawless position and shooting accuracy by Parris, moving him to the "final 4"!

April Larson finished in a third place tie after the eventual champion, Chia-Hua Chen from Taiwan, registered the match victory against her.

A special moment in billiard history continued as Parris registered an amazing six game wins in a row after being behind against Slovakia by a score of 5 games to 1. Parris played brilliantly with strategic safeties and crystal clear thinking for perfect position play...resulting in a magnetic victory score of 9 - 7, earning him a spot in the final match against Norway. After a rousing response from all in attendance, Parris was honored with photo requests with family, friends, and fellow players from many countries. North America completed the day with total match wins to date of 18 out of a possible 41 and a 43.9% win-loss percentage.

After preparing the arena for the 3 final championship matches, the stage was set for three of the greatest youth matches ever witnessed. Chen made a remarkable laser-focused comeback scoring a 9 – 5 win against a persistent Seo Seo from Korea. A determined Parris from the Virgin Islands (USA) nearly duplicated his semi-final performance by registering an early match score deficit of 1 – 4 against the solid style of Emil Gangfløt from Norway; however, Parris caught a gear with brilliant strategy and precision



Mahkeal Parris

World Junior 9-Ball Championship



shooting to take home the gold by a final score of 9 – 6. The arena went wild in full support of Parris’s incredible comeback victory.

The third match of the day pitted Kin Ling Yip against Robbie James Joaquin Capito, both from Hong Kong for the Boy’s under 19-division crown. After an early back and forth battle for table supremacy Yip pulled away to reach the hill with 10 games. Capito showed great poise and burning focus and tied the score at 10 – 10. Yip won the final game in a cool, calm, and collected manner to travel to the champion circle.

An awards ceremony was conducted shortly after the final match with huge gold trophy cups and medals presented to Taiwan’s Chen, USA’s Parris, and Hong Kong’s Yip. USA’s April Larson received a beautiful medal for her ex-

April Larson



cellent performance and 3rd place tie. Austin Summers tied for 5th place with 3 other international players. Michelle Jiang and Vivian Liu finished in ties for 5th and 7th respectively, along with other international stars of our sport.

Anyone wanting to view the guaranteed excitement in the semi-final and final matches can go to the following link for the respective videos, plus much more information on this magnetic event:

<https://wpapool.com/2018-world-junior-9-ball-championships/>

The skills, demeanors, and images of North America’s 13 athletes were showcased at the highest level throughout the event and demonstrated bonded spirits in this prestigious, sanctioned, and recognized event under the WPA banner (with the

BCA as the official North American integer within the WPA worldwide continental structure).

The “heart of a champion” was demonstrated by each player athlete in so many ways both “on and off” the table. A special thanks to the parents, companions, and guests traveling with and supporting the youthful competitors! In addition, thank you to Pechauer Cues for fundraising support and Jam Up Apparel for the creative and appealing USA jerseys. Thanks also to Roy Pastor for his valued input, photos, coaching, and special assistance prior to, during, and after the event. May each of you experience the special victory realized in the hearts of so many people involved in the journey taken within the expanding and treasured junior movement across the globe.



Glenn Parris (Father), Mahkeal Parris, Debra Parris (Mother) with Leona Edwards and Mahkeal’s Coach- Jerome Anthony

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First Time All Japan Winners

The Men's division of the 2018 All Japan Championship lived up to its name, as Japan's Tomoo Takano scored an 11-6 win over countryman Toru Kuribayashi for the title.

Takano didn't make it easy on himself, as he lost his first match of the round robin opening stage of the event. Takano dropped that opening round match to Filipino veteran Ramil Gallego 9-7. Gallego, then went on to lose a hill-hill decision to Japan's Hayato Hijikata. Both Takano and Gallego would qualify for the event's final stage with one loss each.

Takano's final stage path to the finals started with a close 11-8 win over Yusuke Kuroda, followed by back to back 11-8 wins over Filipino competitors Warren Kiamco and Johann Chua. Takano started hitting his stride after those wins, and defeated Japan's Tomoya Ima and then International Open 9-Ball runner up Ko-Ping Chung in the semi-final match.

Kuribayashi's path the finals was also a tough one, scoring notable wins over Jeffrey De Luna, Hayato Hijikata, Cheng Yu-Hsuan and Carlo Biado.

As the #3 ranked player in Japan, Kuribayashi was the favorite going into the final match, but that didn't matter to Takano. The final match started out close with Takano taking an early 3-0 lead, only to see Kuribayashi come back to tie things at 4-4. Kuribayashi took his first lead at 6-5, but was then forced to watch Takano win six straight racks for his first All Japan Championship title.

While the Women's division featured an all Asian final, neither competitor was from Japan as China's Shi Tian Qi edged past Korean Yun Mi Lim for a hill-hill win.

Shi took a less stressful route to the final stage of the Women's event as she cruised through the opening stage with 7-2 wins over Mariko Niibo and Rieko Haji. Both of the final two ladies had hill-hill scares on their way to the finals. Shi went hill-hill before eliminating Japanese junior Seo Seo. Lim started the final stage with a hill-hill win over Reiko Motohiro





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Eunji Park, Yun Me Lim, Shi Tian Qi and Wei Tsu-Chian

and also had a hill-hill match with reigning China Open Champion Fu Xiao-Fang. Shi came out strong in the finals and held a 3-0 and a 4-1 lead. Lim then took control of the match and won six straight racks for a 7-4

lead. It was then Shi's turn to regain control as she tied things at 7-7. Lim was the first player to the hill at 8-7, but she would be unable to get that final rack before Shi won the last two games for the hill-hill win and her first All Japan Championship title.



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Schaad and Cossette Win U.S. Amateur Championship Titles

The U.S. Amateur Championship is all about legacy, leaving your mark in a tournament contested by some of the best amateur players to ever pick up a cue stick - names like Parks, Brodt, Chen and Jones.

Pool tournaments come and go, but securing the title of U.S. Amateur Champion is something you carry with you forever, literally. Not only does it stand out on an amateur billiard resume, but your name is forever added to the Trophy of Champions for generations to come.

Legacy is what drove more than 2,100 of North America's top amateur players to try and qualify for the 25th Annual event. That's what brought 128 men and 41 women to Stroker's in Palm Harbor, Fla., in early November to compete in this year's U.S. Amateur Championship.

Of course there were some great perks too. Like a getaway to the Tampa area, one of the premier vacation destinations in the world, at a time when most of the country is experiencing their first taste of winter. An all-expenses paid trip to a pro event next year courtesy of the APA for the winners of each division.

And let's not forget the championship trophy - a combination of marble and bronze that more closely resembles a piece of art than something won in a pool tournament.

Hurricane Abe Takes U.S. Amateur Championship by Storm

There's a new kid in town, and his name is Abrin Schaad. The 26-year-old from Peoria, Ill., took this year's U.S. Amateur Championship field by storm earning the nickname "Hurri-



Abrin Schaad

cane Abe" in the process. Schaad went undefeated, winning seven matches, and knocking five-time champion Brian Parks to the one-loss bracket along the way.

He defeated fellow "young gun" Mike Leigh of Barrie, Ontario in the final round 11-3, after handing Leigh his first loss of the tournament just two rounds prior.

In the championship match, Schaad opened up an 8-0 lead in the 8-Ball set before Leigh finally got on board in the first game of the 9-Ball set. By then

though, the outcome seemed but a mere formality. Schaad ultimately closed out one of the most dominating finals performances in U.S. Amateur Championship history with a 9-on-the-snap to cap the victory.

Schaad will move on to compete in a 2019 Pro Event courtesy of APA, and, more importantly, his name will be added to the Larry Hubbard Trophy, forever cementing his legacy as a U.S. Amateur Champion.

Leigh finishes as the Runner-up, his highest finish in the U.S. Amateur Championship.

Former champions Henry Brodt and Brian Parks finished in 3rd and 4th Place respectively. James Adams and John Mitcheltree tied for 5th Place.

One hundred-twenty eight players competed in this year's U.S. Amateur Championship including eight former champions.

Cossette Takes Down Reigning Champ in Epic Hill-Hill Battle

Lisa Cossette of Rockwell, N.C., defeated reigning champion Melinda Huang of Los Angeles in a hill-hill battle by a score of 9-8. She'll advance to a pro event next year.

That's how the story ends. But, how it unfolded is a tale that will go down

“ **THERE'S A NEW KID IN TOWN, AND HIS NAME IS ABRIN SCHAAD.** ”

*Lisa Cossette*

“ **LISA COSSETTE OF ROCKWELL, N.C., DEFEATED REIGNING CHAMPION MELINDA HUANG OF LOS ANGELES IN A HILL-HILL BATTLE BY A SCORE OF 9-8.** ”

as one of the most epic showdowns in U.S. Amateur Championship history. The opening act begins late on the final day of competition in the hot-seat match, with both players undefeated and the winner heading to the championship match, while the loser would have to square-off in a play-in semifinal.

Huang, the defending champion, and savvy veteran of many U.S. Amateur Championship matches, outlasted Cossette 5-4 in a hill-hill battle that would serve as the opening act for what was to come.

Cossette then battled her way back by ousting Tina Hess in the semifinal round, setting up a rematch between herself and Huang.

In the finale, Huang jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the extended race-to-9. Cossette then found her stroke and took the next four games and a 4-3 lead. That lead was short-lived as Huang quickly won the next three games, regaining the lead 6-4. Then it was once again Cossette's turn to go on a run, winning the next four games to go on-the-hill. Like a true champion, Huang wasn't going down without a fight. She took the next two games,

to force one final game, where the winner would take all.

In the final game, Huang was at the table with no clear shot on the 4-ball which was blocked by the 9-ball and the 5-ball. Rather than give her opponent ball-in-hand, Huang attempted an aggressive shot that would have been remarkable if she could execute it. Unfortunately, however, she fouled. With ball-in-hand, and the 4-ball no longer tied up, Cossette ran out the table for the victory.

After nearly four hours, Cossette had avenged the earlier loss to Huang and captured her first Women's U.S. Amateur Championship title.

Huang finished as the Runner-up while Tina Hess of Huntsville, Ala., finished in 3rd Place.

Forty-one ladies competed in this year's Women's U.S. Amateur Championship, including three former champions.

Match coverage, including the finals, of this year's U.S. Amateur Championship and Women's U.S. Amateur Championship can be found on the APA YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/apaleagues. Streaming for the U.S. Amateur Championship was sponsored by PoolDawg.com.

The entry window for the 2019 U.S. Amateur Championship is now open with the Preliminary Rounds scheduled across North America in mid-September.

The U.S. Amateur Championship is conducted by the APA, and is the only

tournament produced by the APA open to both members and non-members. Preliminary qualifying rounds were held throughout the country in mid-September.

As Champions, both Schaad and Cossette will return next year to defend their coveted titles.

The U.S. Amateur Championship is a double elimination tournament that offers the nation's top amateur players the opportunity to showcase their skills through a combination of 8-Ball and 9-Ball matches, in the only APA event that does not use The Equalizer® handicap system.

The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, Mo., sanctions the world's largest amateur pool league, with leagues throughout the United States, Canada and Japan. Nearly 250,000 members compete in weekly 8-Ball and 9-Ball League play. The APA is generally recognized as the Governing Body of Amateur Pool, having established the official rules, championships, formats and handicap systems for the sport of amateur billiards.

The APA produces four major tournaments each year—the APA World Pool Championships, the APA Poolplayer Championships, the APA Junior Championships and the U.S. Amateur Championship—that, together, pay out more than \$2 Million in cash and prizes annually!

The APA and its championships are sponsored by Aramith, Action Cues, Pool Dawg and Valley-Dynamo.

To register for next year's U.S. Amateur Championship, visit <https://usam.poolplayers.com/>. For more information on the American Poolplayers Association, visit <https://poolplayers.com/>.

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MARIO HE WITHDRAWS FROM MOSCONI CUP

Mario He has withdrawn from the European squad for the forthcoming Mosconi Cup after receiving notification of a failed drugs test.

The case is ongoing, however, He has decided to withdraw from the European Mosconi Cup squad while he awaits the outcome of the investigation.

He said: "I'm so, so sad that this happened. There is never a right time for this but this was the worst time I could imagine. The Mosconi Cup was always my dream and I made it, but now I can't play it because I was tested positive by a doping test by a non-performance enhancing drug.

"It's unreal and like a nightmare, which I will never forget in my life. I have high blood pressure, which I have had since a young age and my mum has it as well. I got a medicine which

was not on the doping list. However, it didn't work and we changed the pill. The new medicine had the same name just with a Plus on it, so that's why I was not concerned about it. But this wasn't legal.

"I want to say sorry to the organisations and federations that have to do some work because of my fault."

He qualified for the 2018 Mosconi Cup through finishing second on the European Team ranking. He will be replaced by Greece's Alex Kazakis, who was the next highest placed player on the combined ranking list. The full, final ranking list can be viewed at: <http://www.matchroompool.com/wp-content/uploads/euro-rankings-2018-18.pdf>

Deuel Completes Team USA

Corey Deuel is the fifth and final player to be announced for Team USA at this year's partypoker Mosconi Cup.



Corey Deuel

Deuel will make his tenth appearance in the Europe vs. USA 9-ball battle and joins Shane Van Boening, Skyler Woodward, Billy Thorpe and Tyler Styer on Coach Johan Ruijsink's team to travel to Alexandra Palace, London in December.

Deuel was not initially selected in the eight-player squad to travel to Russia and Europe in September. Following Dennis Hatch's decision to withdraw from the process, nine-time Mosconi Cup star Deuel was invited to re-join the team and has now forced his way into the final five.

Coach Ruijsink said: "Deuel played himself into the team by playing amazing matches, although he always

stays critical about the few mistakes he makes – that is the spirit!

"He still wants to improve and still searching for the perfect game. Smart player that uses his strength and knowledge in the best possible way. Very Happy that I asked him back in the group and very happy he proved me wrong."

Tickets for partypoker Mosconi Cup XXV are on sale now priced from £25 per session, with season tickets available priced £90. Premium seating in rows 4-7 is available at £49 per session or £175 for a season ticket, with VIP hospitality packages from £155 per person per session with a season ticket priced at £549.

Team USA is supported by the American Poolplayers Association (APA) as their main team sponsor. The 2018 partypoker MOSCONI CUP is also sponsored by Rasson Billiards who supplies the Official Table; the cloth is supplied by Iwan Simonis and the Official Balls are Super Aramith by Saluc. Predator is the Official Cue of the event and Ultimate Team Gear provide all Mosconi Cup apparel.

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Corr goes undefeated to win NAPT Coupe de Quebec in Canada

In the two years between January, 2017 and the soon-to-be January of 2019, Irishwoman Karen Corr has chalked up nine major titles (so far). She's split her competition between wins in WPBA events and with the North American Pool Tour (NAPT), while also cashing in two successive Turning Stone events (XXVII & XXVIII).

Last year, she won the WPBA's Rivers US Open, three events on the NAPT and a stop on the J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour (JPNEWT). This year, she's added three wins on the JPNEWT and a victory at the Super Billiards Expo's Women's Championship to her growing and continuing to be impressive resume.

On the long weekend of Nov. 1-4, she added another NAPT win to the list. Corr went undefeated through a field of 42 entrants, on-hand for the \$5,000-added NAPT Women's Division 1 Pro event, held at Dooly's in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, about 25 miles southeast of Montreal in Quebec, Canada.

The event was preceded by a pro-am charity event in which Division 1 players were matched up with a local amateur player for a modified single elimination, blind draw Scotch Doubles tournament. A \$20 donation by the amateur players will be used by the venue, Dooly's, to fund a charity of their choosing.

Following an opening round bye and victories over Krista Walsh, Maria Juana and Laura Semko, Corr moved into the first of what would be two against Canada's Brittany Bryant in a winners' side semifinal. Eleanor Callado, in the meantime, having defeated Anick Cadorette, Nathalie Chabot, Denise Belanger, and Veronique Menard, squared off against her own sister,



Karen Corr (Photo courtesy of NAPT)

Emily Callado, in the other winners' side semifinal.

Eleanor downed sister Emily 7-5, as Corr was busy defeating Bryant 7-4; the first opponent to chalk up that many against Corr. Corr gave up only a single rack to Callado and sat in the hot seat awaiting what turned out to be the return of Bryant.

On the loss side, Bryant picked up Naomi Williams, who'd been defeated by Maria Juana in the opening round of play and was in the midst of a six-match, loss side winning streak that was about to come to an end. Williams had most recently eliminated Teruko Cucculelli 7-4 and Menard 7-1. Emily Callado ran into Jia Li, who'd lost a double hill fight to Bryant in a

winners' side quarterfinal and on the loss side, shut out Marilou Therrien and eliminated Denise Belanger 7-4.

Bryant ended Williams' loss-side run, but not before Williams forced a deciding 13th game in the race to 7. Li joined Bryant in the quarterfinals following a 7-3 win over Emilyn Callado.

Bryant downed her next two opponents 7-4; Jia Li in the quarterfinal and Eleanor Callado in the semifinal for second shot at Corr in the hot seat. Among many things Bryant may not have expected in the event's final match, a shutout would have been high on the list. But that's how Corr punctuated her undefeated run, shutting Bryant out to claim the event title.

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Gorst Wins First Career Eurotour Title

Russian youngster Fedor Gorst earned his first ever Eurotour title at the Dynamic Billard Treviso Open 2018 with a thrilling 9-7 victory over Poland's Mateusz Sniegocki in the final match.

It was Gorst's first appearance in a final match of a Euro-Tour and he made the most of it. He made his way over a number of elite players including Petri Makkonen (FIN), Mieszko Fortunski (POL), Ivo Aarts (NED) and Maximilian Lechner (AUT) to get into the final match. His opponent Mateusz Sniegocki had just won a really tough semi-final against his teammate Tomasz Kaplan (POL), sneaking over the finish-line 9-8.

The clash in the final match was experience versus youth. Sniegocki already has three Euro-Tour titles under his belt and this was his fifth appearance in a final match, while Gorst was the newbie. "I had nothing to lose really," stated Gorst after the match. "The odds were all in favour of Sniegocki so I could play my game and enjoy the final match". It seemed as if Gorst was as calm as one could be, but he said that wasn't the case. "I was nervous", admitted Gorst, "but I managed to keep my focus on the match and not think about winning my first Euro-Tour title." The match was really tight with both players exchanging the leading. At 7-7, Sniegocki missed an important shot. That brought Gorst to the table where he showed no mercy to the experienced Polish player and ran two racks, winning the final match 9-7. "Tomorrow I will probably be happy about my 2nd place today,"



Fedor Gorst

mentioned Sniegocki after the final when asked. "But today I'm suffering because I had my chances to win the match".

Top Eight Dynamic Billard Treviso Open 2018

1. Fedor Gorst RUS
2. Mateusz Sniegocki POL
3. Maximilian Lechner AUT
4. Tomasz Kaplan POL
5. Denis Grabe EST
6. Ivo Aarts NED
7. Miguel Silva POR
8. Joshua Filler GER

The new Euro-Tour rankings are pretty much dominated by Austrian play-

ers. Mario He (#2), Albin Ouschan (#3) and Maximilian Lechner (#8) have all conquered or defended a top ten position. The leader of the rankings is still Eklent Kaci (ALB).

Top Ten Euro-Tour Rankings

1. Eklent Kaci ALB
2. Mario He AUT
3. Albin Ouschan AUT
4. Fedor Gorst RUS
5. Niels Feijen NED
6. Alexander Kazakis GRE
7. Denis Grabe EST
8. Maximilian Lechner AUT
9. Mateusz Sniegocki POL
10. Wiktor Zielinski POL

Tkach Completes Russian Sweep at Treviso Open

Russia's Kristina Tkach won the EPBF Treviso Open 2018 Women's Euro-Tour event in the BHR Treviso Hotel, Italy with a final match victory over Poland's Oliwia Czuprynska. After Fedor Gorst winning the open event a day earlier, it was a double victory weekend for Russia.

Usually, the matches get tougher the deeper the athletes advance in the field. Looking at Tkach's matches though, this impression was turned upside down. In the early morning, she fought her way through the match against Tina Vogelmann (GER) and won 7-5. Her next opponent was Christine Feldmann (SUI) who also snatched 5 racks from Tkach. Again, 7-5 was the final result in Tkach's favour. Then Kristina Tkach encountered Jasmin Ouschan (AUT). This match was expected to be a fierce fight with Ouschan being the favourite player. To the surprise of the audience, Tkach smashed Ouschan and took her down 7-3 to advance into the final match.

There, Oliwia Czuprynska was waiting. The Polish athlete also did not have smooth sailing in the tournament on her way to the final. She eliminated Christine Steinlage (GER) 7-5 after having trailed 2-4 and 4-5 in the match. Czuprynska then had a hill-hill thriller against Kristina Zlateva (BUL). Czuprynska again came back from trailing 2-5 and levelled the match at 6-6. Czuprynska had the break shot, but a nightmare unfolded when



Kristina Tkach

Czuprynska broke. She had one ball pocketed but came up with an illegal break shot and left an open table for her opponent. Zlateva could not run the rack though, and the match soon became a safety battle with Czuprynska forcing Zlateva to commit a foul shot. With ball in hand, Czuprynska ran the rack and proceeded into the semifinal. Natalia Seroshtan (RUS) was eliminated with 7-4 which paved the way for Czuprynska into the final match against Tkach.

The final match can be described with one word: one-sided! It was only Tkach who was able to play up to her normal performance. Oliwia Czuprynska seemed to have lost all energy and power and lost with 0-7 to a deserved Champion Kristina Tkach.

Top Eight EPBF Treviso Open 2018

1. Kristina Tkach RUS
2. Oliwia Czuprynska POL
3. Natalia Seroshtan RUS
- Jasmin Ouschan AUT
5. Kristina Zlateva BUL
- Ana Gradisnik SLO
- Marharyta Fefilava BLR
- Christine Feldmann SUI



THE FINAL MATCH CAN BE DESCRIBED WITH ONE WORD: ONE-SIDED! IT WAS ONLY TKACH WHO WAS ABLE TO PLAY UP TO HER NORMAL PERFORMANCE.



That victory pushes Kristina Tkach to the #1 position of the Women's Euro-Tour ranking.

Shaw Cruises Through Ocean State Championship

Jayson Shaw looks to be in prime Mosconi Cup form, as he crushed a field of 87 players to win his third Ocean State 9-Ball Championship at Snookers in Providence RI on November 17th - 18th.

Shaw cruised through the winner's side with wins Tony Masi, Pat Fleming, Pete Bowman, Raphael Dabreo and Ryan Lineham. Over those five matches, Shaw lost only 9 out of 54 racks.

After a late Saturday loss to Zion Zvi, Shawn Wilkie was cruising through the one loss side. Wilkie had wins over Matt Krah, Lucas Fracasso-Verner, Pete Bowman and Kyle Pepin before getting revenge against Zvi 7-5. Wins over Dabreo and Lineham lead to a match with Shaw in the finals.

While Wilkie would fair better against Shaw than any other opponent all day, he would only get to 5 in the first set of the finals.

A field of nineteen players came back on Sunday to compete in the \$500 added second chance tournament, where Ryan Urso went undefeated including a 3-2 hot-seat win over Mike Demarco and a 3-1 final match win over Francisco Cabral.



Shawn Wilkie, Room Owner Steve Goulding and Jayson Shaw

The Joss NE 9-Ball Tour will now take a break until the Turning Stone Classic XXXI on January 10th - 13th at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY.

That tournament is full and players are urged to contact Mike Zuglan if they want to be added to the waiting list.

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Upcoming Tournaments

Each month *Billiards Buzz* looks ahead at the events on our calendar to give both players and fans the information they may use to plan their activities.

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 20

2018 Atlantic Challenge Cup

11/29 - 12/01

South Point Hotel & Convention Center
Las Vegas, NV

Home Leisure Direct Grand Finals

11/30 - 12/02

Players Pool and Snooker Lounge
Newcastle, UK

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Season Finale Open-Pro

12/01 - 12/01

Park Avenue Billiards
Orange Park, FL
Website: <http://www.sunshinestate-proamtour.com/>

JPNEWT Tour 2018 Stop #8

12/01 - 12/02

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards
Elkridge, MD
Website: <http://www.jpnewt.com/>

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

12/02 - 12/02

CueBar Billiards
Bayside, NY
Website: <http://www.thetristatetour.com>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Season Finale Amateur

12/02 - 12/02

Park Avenue Billiards
Orange Park, FL
Website: <http://www.sunshinestate-proamtour.com/>

2018 Women's World 9-Ball Championship

12/03 - 12/09

China

Mosconi Cup XXV

12/04 - 12/07

Alexandra Palace
London
Website: <http://www.matchroom-pool.com/page/MosconiCup/Home>

Manny Pacquiao 40th Birthday 10-Ball Tournament

12/05 - 12/16

Veranza Mall
, General Santos City

Space City Open VII

12/06 - 12/09

Big Tyme Billiards
Spring, Texas

AllOutPool Tour 2018 Stop 8

12/08 - 12/08

K & K Billiards
Miami, Florida

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop Open/Pro Division

12/08 - 12/09

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill
West Hempstead, NY
Website: <http://www.predatorproam-tour.com/index.asp>

WPA World 9-Ball Championship 2018

12/10 - 12/20

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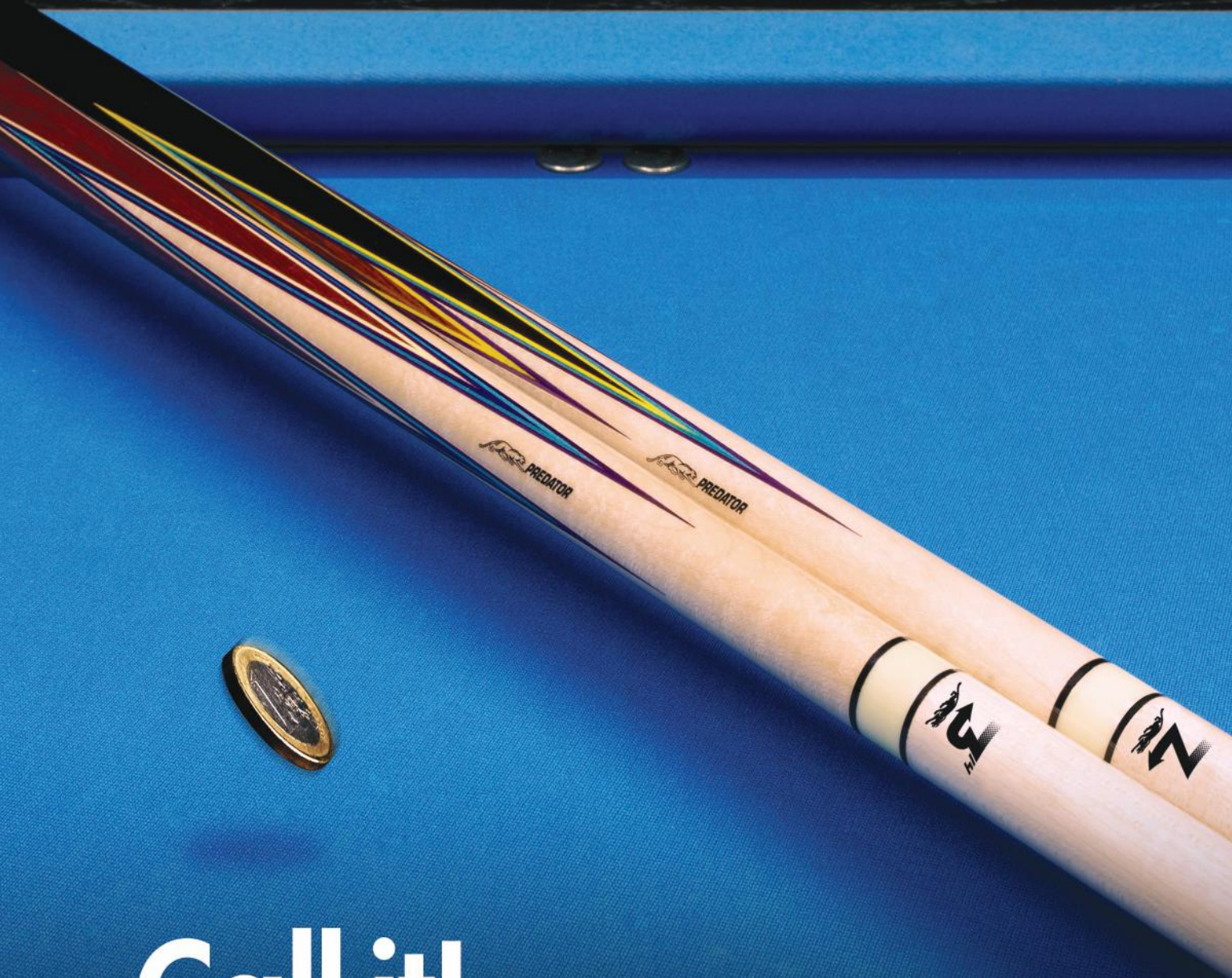
Action Pool Tour 2018 Season Finale

12/15 - 12/16

Q-Master Billiards
Virginia Beach, VA
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>



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Tourney Results

10/30 - 11/04

5th Annual Sparkle City 10-Ball Open

The Steakhorse Restaurant and Billiards

- Spartanburg, SC
 1 Alex Pagulayan \$5,000
 2 Carlo Biado \$3,200
 3 Dennis Orcollo \$2,000
 4 Francisco Bustamante \$1,150
 5 Warren Kiamco \$800
 5 Mark Bosch \$800
 7 Robb Saez \$500
 7 Johnny Archer \$500
 9 Chase Smith \$250
 9 Skyler Woodward \$250
 9 James Aranas \$250
 9 Loree Jon Hasson \$250
 13 JT Ringgold \$100
 13 Tony Chohan \$100
 13 Mackie Lowery \$100
 13 Can Salim \$100

10/30 - 11/04

5th Annual Sparkle City 10-Ball One Pocket

The Steakhorse Restaurant and Billiards

- Spartanburg, SC
 1 Alex Pagulayan \$4,000
 2 Danny Smith \$2,000
 3 Francisco Bustamante \$1,000
 4 Josh Roberts \$1,000

11/01 - 11/04

Coupe du Quebec Women's Division 1 Pro Event

Dooly's

- Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec
 1 Karen Corr \$3,100
 2 Brittany Bryant \$2,325
 3 Eleanor Callado \$1,550
 4 Jia Li \$1,085

- 5 Naomi Williams \$930
 5 Emilyn Callado \$930
 7 Veronique Menard \$775
 7 Denise Belanger \$775
 9 Teruko Cuculelli \$620
 9 Fanny Giroux \$620
 9 Laura Semko \$620
 9 Marilou Therrien \$620
 13 Ada Lio \$310
 13 Judie Wilson \$310
 13 Marie Blanchette \$310
 13 Sylvie Contant \$310

11/02 - 11/04

12th Annual Oklahoma Bar Table 9-Ball Championship

Jamaica Joe's

- Midwest City, Oklahoma
 1 Justin Bergman \$2,300
 2 Alex Olinger \$1,500
 3 Daniel Herring \$1,100
 4 Shane McMinn \$800
 5 Gordy Vanderveer \$500
 5 Joey Gray \$500
 7 Chip Compton \$300
 7 CJ Wiley \$300
 9 Justin Williams \$220
 9 Ryan Robinson \$220
 9 Jesse James \$220
 9 Billy Dyke \$220

11/03 - 11/04

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 6

Union Station Billiards

- Portland, Maine
 1 Kyle Pepin \$1,000
 2 Darren Belliveau \$650
 3 Dave Hall \$450
 4 Ivaylo Petrov \$300
 5 Samoth Sam \$175
 5 Jim Hayden \$175
 7 Jerry Guitard \$100
 7 Mike Verducci \$100

11/03 - 11/04

Maryland State 10-Ball Bar Table Championship

Bank Shot Bar & Grill

- Laurel, MD
 1 Johann Chua \$1,300
 2 Jesus Atencio \$850
 3 Shaun Wilkie \$600
 4 Kevin West \$470
 5 Mike Davis \$325
 5 Derick Daya \$325
 7 Rick Scarlato \$215
 7 Dylan Spohr \$215
 9 Curtis Branker \$140
 9 Coen Bell \$140
 9 Danny Mastermaker \$140
 9 Joshua McCauley \$140
 13 Christopher Wilburn \$90
 13 Scott Roberts \$90
 13 Matt Krah \$90
 13 Thomas Clark \$90
 17 Brett Stottlemeyer \$60
 17 Mark Nanashee \$60
 17 Chris Sutherland \$60
 17 Max Schlothauer \$60
 17 Kenny Ruttman \$60
 17 Cameron Lawhorne \$60
 17 Norman Day \$60
 17 Greg Thatcher \$60

11/03 - 11/03

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Steinway Billiards

- Astoria, NY
 1 Ed Medina \$500
 2 Lee Sung \$275
 3 Jaydev Zaveri \$180
 4 Sean Emmitt \$120
 5 Paul Wilkens \$60
 5 Teddy Lapadula \$60

11/03 - 11/04

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Corner Pockets

Fayetteville, NC

- 1 Joshua Shultz \$550
- 2 Kim Young \$325
- 3 Phillip Britt \$225
- 4 David Burke \$90

11/03 - 11/04

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 6 Second Chance

Union Station Billiards

Portland, Maine

- 1 Ross Webster \$300
- 2 Tyler Campbell \$200
- 3 Dan Couture \$140
- 4 Phil Harju \$80

11/03 - 11/04

BWPPA 2018 Stop 4

Wheelchair Cue Sport Academy

Stoke, Mandeville

- 1 Roy Kimberley \$321
- 2 Danny Luton \$160
- 3 Fred Dinsmore \$77
- 3 Daniel Lee \$77

11/04 - 11/04

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #5

Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

- 1 Justin Bertrand \$500
- 2 Ryan Lineham \$250
- 3 Jason Parker \$150
- 4 Kevin Bauccio \$120
- 5 Mark Young \$100
- 5 Jason D'Angelo \$100
- 7 Cho Loy Yen \$80
- 7 TJ Perrino \$80
- 9 Al Kallio \$60
- 9 Rick Gatta \$60
- 9 Tyler Boudreau \$60
- 9 Brian Tierney \$60

11/08 - 11/08

Player Relief Open 9-Ball Tournament

Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ

- 1 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,200

- 2 James Aranas \$900
- 3 Casper Matikainen \$600
- 4 Maksim Dudanets \$400
- 5 Ruslan Chinakhov \$300
- 5 Mieszko Fortunski \$300

11/09 - 11/11

The Perfect Storm Open Men's Pro Division

The Spot

Nanuet, New York

- 1 Alexandros Kazakis \$3,100
- 2 Ruslan Chinakhov \$1,600
- 3 Casper Matikainen \$950
- 4 Johann Chua \$500
- 5 Ryan Lineham \$300
- 5 James Aranas \$300

11/09 - 11/11

The Perfect Storm Open Men's Amateur Division

The Spot

Nanuet, New York

- 1 Ryan Lineham \$1,100
- 2 Mhet Vergara \$575
- 3 Mark Nanashee \$400
- 4 Alvin Thomas \$275
- 5 Daniel Dagabot \$125
- 5 Kevin Bauccio \$125

11/09 - 11/11

The Perfect Storm Open Ladies Amateur Division

The Spot

Nanuet, New York

- 1 Jia Li \$650
- 2 Borana Andoni \$250
- 3 Nicole Monaco \$100

11/09 - 11/11

The Perfect Storm Open Pro Women's Division

The Spot

Nanuet, New York

- 1 Chezka Centeno \$2,000
- 2 Kyoko Sone \$900
- 3 Kristina Tkach \$400
- 4 Angeline Ticoalu \$200

11/10 - 11/11

DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop Season Finale

Rusty's Billiards

Arlington, TX

- 1 CJ Wiley \$1,850
- 2 Jeremy Jones \$1,240
- 3 TJ Davis \$900
- 4 Corey Flud \$830
- 5 Jack Lynch \$620
- 5 Jordan Gartenberg \$620
- 7 Tim Larson \$410
- 7 Phil Autieri \$410
- 9 Judd Hunter \$280
- 9 Greg Sandifer \$280
- 9 Clint Palaci \$280
- 9 Josh Keller \$280
- 13 Mike Nagaki \$155
- 13 Oscar Araujo \$155
- 13 Brian Horvath \$155
- 13 Steve Raynes \$155

11/10 - 11/11

2018 Virginia State 8-Ball Championship Open

Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, VA

- 1 Warren Kiamco \$1,200
- 2 Mike Davis \$800
- 3 Reymart Lim \$525
- 4 Chris Bruner \$350
- 5 Cary Dunn \$240
- 5 Jason Trigo \$240
- 7 Eric Moore \$160
- 7 Elias Nassif \$160
- 9 John Newton \$100
- 9 Scott Roberts \$100
- 9 David Hairfield \$100
- 9 Rodney McLamb \$100

11/10 - 11/11

2018 Virginia State Women's 8-Ball Championship

Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, VA

- 1 Bethany Sykes \$400
- 2 Kia Sidbury \$200

11/10 - 11/10

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #6

Spin City Café Billiards

New York, NY

- 1 Cano Palaez \$700

- 2 Miguel Laboy \$400
- 3 Paul Wrangpetch \$250
- 4 Mizuno Atsutoshi \$150
- 5 Pat Langley \$95
- 5 Jimmy Acosta \$95

11/10 - 11/11

2018 NJ State 8-Ball Championship

Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ

- 1 Benny Blanco \$1,350
- 2 Gerard Soriano \$800
- 3 Richard Ng \$500
- 4 Michael Farley \$300
- 5 Naim Shala \$150
- 5 Gary Serrano \$150
- 7 Adrian Daniel \$100
- 7 Don Lambert \$100
- 9 Roger Hanos \$70
- 9 Mike Johnson \$70
- 9 Caroline Pao \$70
- 9 Levie A. Lampaan \$70

11/10 - 11/11

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Gate City Billiards Club

Greensboro, NC

- 1 Joey Tate \$750
- 2 Cameron Lawhorne \$480
- 3 Collin Hall \$250
- 4 Don Lilly \$180
- 5 Brent Kyles \$100
- 5 Robert Ash \$100
- 7 Cody Jones \$100
- 7 Derek Leonard \$100

11/11 - 11/11

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Rafael Alberto \$670
- 2 Luis Lopez \$420
- 3 David Laggat \$260
- 4 Mario Lozano \$150
- 5 Rick Motilal \$100
- 5 Raul Calderon \$100
- 7 Shweta Zaveri \$70
- 7 Nick Limbertos \$70

11/15 - 11/18

Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Season Finale

Casino Del Sol Resort

Tucson, Arizona

- 1 AJ Jones \$1,900
- 2 Mike Hamman \$1,000
- 3 Hugo Villanueva \$650
- 4 Carl Stewart \$450
- 5 Joe Guerra \$250
- 5 Rudy Alameda \$250
- 7 George Teyechea \$175
- 7 Matt Dawson \$175
- 9 Dana Moore \$120
- 9 Chuck Parrill \$120
- 9 Rick Schmitz \$120
- 9 Fernando Diaz \$120

11/17 - 11/18

30th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

Snookers Pool Lounge

Providence, RI

- 1 Jayson Shaw \$2,500
- 2 Shaun Wilkie \$1,800
- 3 Ryan Lineham \$1,400
- 4 Raphael Dabreo \$1,000
- 5 Zion Zvi \$750
- 5 Nicolas Charette \$750
- 7 Brian Chase \$600
- 7 Kyle Pepin \$600
- 9 Steve Mack \$400
- 9 Peter Bowman \$400
- 9 Phil Davis \$400
- 9 Kerry McAuliffe \$400
- 13 Pat Fleming \$250
- 13 Frankie Hernandez \$250
- 13 Lucas Francasso \$250
- 13 Matt Tetreault \$250
- 17 Rick Matarazzo \$150
- 17 Joe Dupuis \$150
- 17 Mike Xiarhos Jr. \$150
- 17 Francisco Cabral \$150
- 17 Robert Pole \$150
- 17 Matt Krah \$150
- 17 James Aranas \$150
- 17 Jennifer Barretta \$150

11/17 - 11/17

Florida 10 Ball Bar Box Championships

Racks Billiards

Sanford, Florida

- 1 Ricardo Rodriguez \$1,420
- 2 Robbie Langford \$850
- 3 Joselito Martinez \$600
- 4 Moe Fattah \$455
- 5 Don Branson \$350
- 5 Chris Gentile \$350
- 7 Bobby Conner, Jr. \$260
- 7 Mike Griffin \$260
- 9 Pedro Botta \$190
- 9 Jason Sheerman \$190
- 9 Estel Walton \$190
- 9 Eric Roberts \$190
- 13 Wesley White \$140
- 13 Felix Luna \$140
- 13 Rhyan Hunter \$140
- 13 Dave Uwate \$140
- 17 David Singleton \$90
- 17 Logan Hounkes \$90
- 17 John Souders \$90
- 17 Jordan Burden \$90
- 17 James Adams \$90
- 17 Brian McBride \$90
- 17 Bobby Garza \$90
- 17 Alec Saputo \$90

11/17 - 11/18

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop Amateur

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

- 1 Bryan Toolsee \$1,300
- 2 Suzanna Wong \$850
- 3 Greg Matos \$600
- 4 Josh Friedberg \$400
- 5 Annie Flores \$275
- 5 Ron Chau \$275
- 7 Ron Bernardo \$200
- 7 Chris Kelly \$200
- 9 Justin Muller \$125
- 9 Thomas Schreiber \$125
- 9 Dave Callaghan \$125
- 9 Debra Pritchett \$125
- 13 Jason Goberdhan \$75
- 13 Matthew Harricharan \$75
- 13 Eugene Ok \$75
- 13 Ramilo Tanglao \$75

11/17 - 11/18

30th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship Second Chance

Snookers Pool Lounge

Providence, RI

- 1 Ryan Urso \$320
- 2 Francisco Cabral \$210
- 3 Mike Demarco \$150
- 4 Samoth Sam \$100
- 5 Bill Cote \$50
- 5 Bruce Carroll \$50

11/18 - 11/18

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Christian Jay Orque \$510
- 2 Amir Elgantiry \$300
- 3 Mac Jankov \$200
- 4 Dave Shlemperis \$125
- 5 Rick Rodriguez \$70
- 5 Kevin Scalzitti \$70

11/18 - 11/25

All Japan Open Championship 2018

Archaic hall

Amagasaki-city,

- 1 Tomoo Takano \$15,946
- 2 Toru Kuribayashi \$7,973

- 3 Carlo Biado \$3,986
- 3 Ping-Chung Ko \$3,986
- 5 Tomoya lima \$1,993
- 5 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,993
- 5 Yu-Hsuan Cheng \$1,993
- 5 Li Wen Lo \$1,993
- 9 Aloysius Yapp \$1,001
- 9 Johann Chua \$1,001
- 9 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,001
- 9 Kunihiko Takahashi \$1,001
- 9 Jung-Lin Chang \$1,001
- 9 Hayato Hijikata \$1,001
- 9 Hideki Yamakawa \$1,001
- 9 Naoyuki Oi \$1,001
- 17 Jeffrey Ignacio \$504
- 17 Yoshihiro Kitatani \$504
- 17 Yoshioka Masato \$504
- 17 Warren Kiamco \$504
- 17 Pin-Yi Ko \$504
- 17 Gebby Adi Wibawa Putra \$504
- 17 Ri Teng Liu \$504
- 17 Hideki Arita \$504
- 17 Roland Garcia \$504
- 17 Jeffrey De Luna \$504
- 17 Lee Vann Corteza \$504
- 17 Cheng-Chieh Liu \$504

- 17 Hiroshi Takenaka \$504
- 17 Satoshi Kawabata \$504
- 17 Toh Lian Han \$504
- 17 Mika Immonen \$504

11/18 - 11/25

All Japan Open Championship 2018 Women's Division

Archaic hall

Amagasaki-city,

- 1 Tian Qi Shi \$4,429
- 2 Yun Mi Lim \$2,214
- 3 Eunji Park \$1,107
- 3 Tzu-Chien Wei \$1,107
- 5 Szu Ting Kuo \$558
- 5 Krystianti Andilah Nony \$558
- 5 Xiao-Fang Fu \$558
- 5 Pei-Chun Tsai \$558
- 9 Yuuki Hiraguchi \$283
- 9 Chia Hua Chen \$283
- 9 Seo Seo \$283
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11/24 - 11/25

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop Open/Pro Division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Raphael Dabreo \$600
- 2 Joe Korsiak \$400
- 3 Frankie Hernandez \$220

11/24 - 11/25

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop Amateur Division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Max Watanabe \$1,400
- 2 Jose Estevez \$900
- 3 Jonathan Martinez \$600
- 4 Erick Carrasco \$400
- 5 Eddie Kunz \$300
- 5 Joe Morace \$300
- 7 Debra Pritchett \$180
- 7 Jaydev Zaveri \$180
- 9 Marco Dy \$120
- 9 Pascal Dufresne \$120

- 9 Nick Croce \$120
- 9 Juan Melendez \$120
- 13 John Salmon \$70
- 13 Miguel Laboy \$70
- 13 Bob Toomey \$70
- 13 Abel Rosario \$70

11/24 - 11/24

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #7

Stix and Stones

Abington, MA

- 1 Matt Rezendes \$500
- 2 Ryan Hemingway \$250
- 3 Mike Nigrelli \$180
- 4 Ben Savoie \$150
- 5 Andy Maynard \$100
- 5 Mark Pulsifer \$100
- 7 Bill Gallagher \$70
- 7 Bob Lucas \$70

11/24 - 11/25

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Steakhorse Restaurant and Billiards

Spartanburg, SC

- 1 Hunter White \$1,200
- 2 Chase Smith \$750
- 3 Sergio Rivas \$450
- 4 David Anderson \$280
- 5 Lauren Kauffman \$175
- 5 Rob Hart \$175
- 7 Josh Long \$125
- 7 Cameron Lawhorne \$125
- 9 Michael Chapman \$75
- 9 Landon Hollinsworth \$75
- 9 Mackie Lowery \$75
- 9 Zac Leonard \$75
- 13 Jose Irizarry \$50
- 13 Chris Gentile \$50
- 13 Dalton Messer \$50
- 13 Michael Moore \$50

11/25 - 11/25

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

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- Total Purse, \$50,000* approximate
- Guaranteed Added **\$10,000**
- Entry Fee \$110** • Buy-In Option - \$50
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