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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

I teased about it last month, but I was honored at the BCA Trade Show, with receiving the BCA President's Award. To say that I was shocked with the award, would be a big understatement. With everything going on in the world of billiards lately, who has time to think about things like who is going to win awards?




With that being said though, I'm humbled to think that my name could possibly belong on the same list of award recipients as Jeanette Lee, Jerry Briesath, Harold Simonsen, Mike Panozzo, Bob Jewett and many others.

Somehow though, I misread the information about the general assembly meeting where the award was presented and arrived just as the meeting was ending. So, no chance for an acceptance speech. I was definitely saddened for the people I wanted to thank in that speech. I'm doing the next best thing though, as you will find my planned speech in the pages of the magazine this month.

Again, thanks to so many different people.

Until next time,
Mike



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All About The WALKOVER

I have created a new term for an optional move that comes just before a player assumes their position to take their stance at the table.

I call this practice the Walkover, and I define it as follows:

A Walkover occurs when you walk from your line-of-aim to the Walkover position. This is a straight line that runs from the back of the pocket through the object ball and out the other side. Once you are done peering down the Walkover line, you then return to your position to take your stance.

A picture is worth a thousand words, so I am going to give you an example. Your execution phase begins by viewing the shot from the line-of-aim at Position A, as shown in Diagram #1. Then you walk to Position B and look down the Walkover Line! When finished with your look, it's time to return to Position A so you can prepare to take your stance over the shot.

THOSE WHO DO THE WALKOVER

You may or may not have seen this maneuver being used at the amateur level. While watching the last few Turning Stone Classics, I have noticed that these strong regional players with Fargos of about 690-730 mostly do not use the Walkover. So, it appears that it has not, yet, been adopted by all but a portion of the touring pros.

Some of the prominent pros who are now doing the Walkover include Fedor Gorst (843), Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz (841), and Aloysius Yapp (830). Joshua Filler (849), Shane Van Boening (838), and Jayson Shaw (832) are among those who don't. In sum, among the world's leading players, some do the

Walkover, and some don't. For the top 20 players the don'ts win by a about a 2-1 margin.

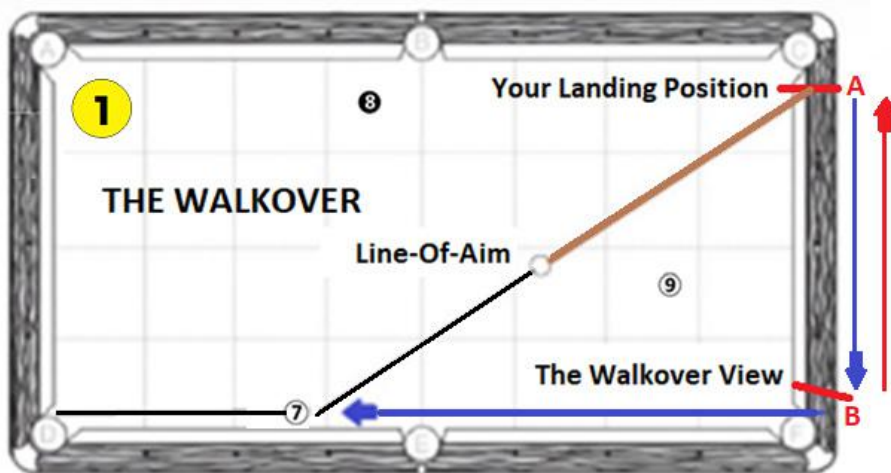
Big Question #1: do these users play better because of the Walkover, or are they actually handicapping themselves? Big Question #2: Would the non-users do better if they added the Walkover to their routine, or would it hurt them in ways big or small?

In this column I will be building my case that pros and amateurs alike should definitely NOT employ the Walkover. With all due respect to those who now do, I am going to give you several reasons why you should think about eliminating it from your shooting process. We're going to first take a quick look at the three basic types of Walkovers.

THE THREE BASIC WALKOVERS

The players who, I think, are trend followers among the pros probably have no real idea why they are now using the Walkover. This group will take a quick scamper to just short of the straight-in-line, lean over and take a quick peek down that line, and then quickly return to the line-of-aim. I call these faux Walkovers because all they do is waste their valuable time and energy.

The next level up are those who come to a stop and look down the line for a



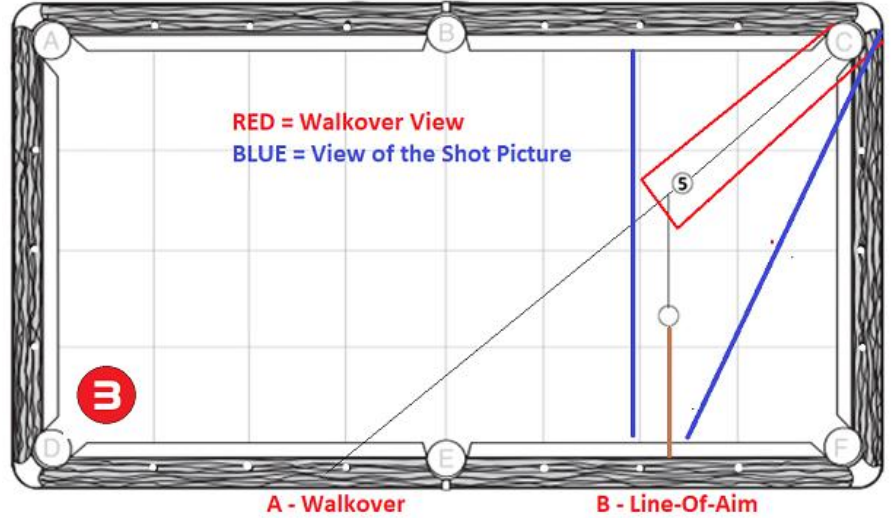
couple of seconds to take in the Walkover view, and then walk back to their shooting position.

And then you have the Walkover All-Star Team, which includes the three players mentioned above. These players will often stop at the straight-in-line, bend their knees to get down low, and then they will stare at this view for several seconds. If they read this column they are going to either love or hate me, but at least they will know the truth about the walkover.

THE (FLIMSY) CASE FOR THE WALKOVER

My first reason that some do the Walkover is that it acts as a kind of placebo. The players who do it think they are, in some unspecified way, improving their shotmaking accuracy, even though top players make about 95% of their shots with or without the Walkover. So, much like those who take medicines that are really placebos and then imagine that they will feel better, so to do these players possibly get a boost in their confidence.

The next possible reason is that they are looking at the back of the pocket, trying to create a more precise target. The trouble is that by the time they go back and take their stance along the line-of-aim, this point on the pocket will be all but impossible to see



because their perspective will have changed so much. **Diagram #2** shows the shifting perception of the back of the pocket.

Now for the most likely of reasons: the crouchers are making a serious attempt to lock in on the contact point on the object ball. I could write a feature on the uselessness of contact point aiming, but my short course below should suffice.

For starters, it is impossible to accurately identify the spot on a shiny colored ball at the equator where contact is made. This is especially true when you are looking down on the ball. Besides, the contact point is actually a thin bar a few millimeters long. This bar factors in the entire pocket, not

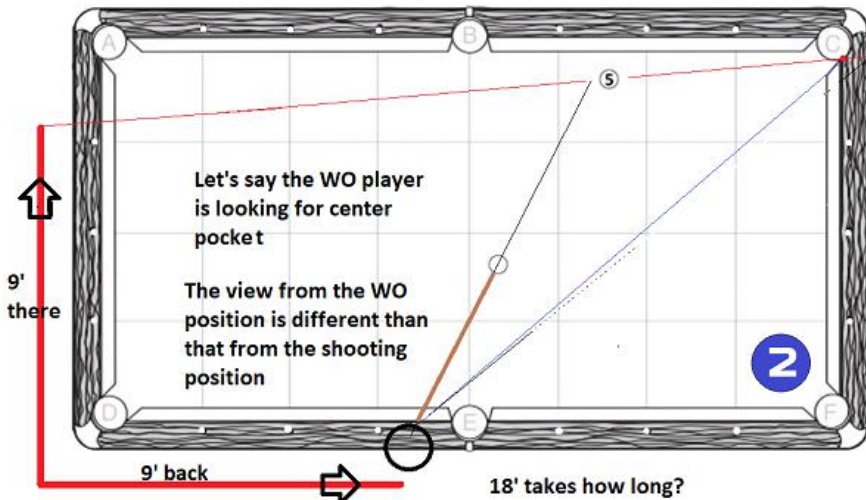
just the center of it. Next, by the time you walk back to your standing position, your perspective will have shifted dramatically.

Finally, should you manage to identify and retain the contact point, you will then need to employ your x-ray vision to look through the cue ball and find the spot on the other side of the cue ball that connects to the contact point. Oh, and let us not forget contact induced throw, speed of stroke, and english, if used, all of which have a huge impact on the overall aiming equation.

ASSEMBLING AND PLAYING A SHOT

Several elements combine to create the Shot Picture for each shot. These include the pocket, table, object ball, cue ball, and your cue (especially on shots cued off of the vertical axis). These elements combine to form a spatial relationship. It is the collection of these relationships in your memory that enable players with sufficient experience to aim with a good to great deal of accuracy.

Diagram #3 shows all of the relevant elements in one neat and tidy Shot Picture. Now let's look at the red rectangle, which is the area that players see who do the Walkover. I'm not what intel they are plugging into their shot



producing procedure, but anything that they can see that is relevant to the shot (which is not pocket targets of contact points) can be better seen from the point at which you are going to stand and land for the shot, as shown by Position B.

I mentioned that you assemble the elements into a workable representation of the shot. Let's look again at the red rectangle. We'll assume that you are going to get some visual from it. You must then store this visual in your working memory, walk back to the line-of-aim, and somehow combine it with the Shot Picture to finalize the assembly of the Shot Picture. Whew! That's a lot of unnecessary work.

TIME AND THE WALKOVER

Those of you who are amateurs and who almost never play within the constraints of a time clock should nevertheless get used to playing at a faster pace. This can be done by learning more about the games you play so that you can size up a layout and come to your decisions more quickly. And, if you know the game better and are confident that you do, then you will want to move through your shots more quickly because this improves your rhythm and creates flow to your game.

Touring pros should also strive to play faster even in the earlier non-timed rounds because this prepares them for those rounds which will be played with a clock running. When you are a pro and have advanced to the later rounds, which are played with a 30 second clock, you need to have trimmed the fat from your routine. And I'm sure you guessed it – that the Walkover is one big fat slab of fat. To see why, let's take a look at an example of a typical shot.

We're going to divide the shot playing pie into three or four slices as follows:

Planning - from your first look to a firm decision on how to play the shot.

Walkover (optional) – from standing down your line-of-aim doing the Walkover, and then returning to your position to take your stance.

Execution – this includes air WUS, landing, adjustments (however large or small), WUS, and the final stroke.

Safety Net – giving yourself a small but valuable margin for error so you can feel comfortable going about your process through the playing of the shot without worrying about the buzzer going off.



The examples below refer to **Diagram #4**.

Player A - No Walkover - Let's say planning takes 12 seconds, and execution takes another 14 seconds. That leaves this player with a four seconds long margin for error, which ensures that they will comfortably beat the clock.

Player B - Walkover – Planning takes 12 seconds, the Walkover takes 6 seconds, and the execution takes 14 seconds. That's two seconds more than the 30 seconds allowed. You will notice that there is no safety net. If this player eliminates the Walkover, they would have the same time as Player A.

As you can see, in the modern day world of pro pool, those who do the Walkover will often find themselves in a hurry to get certain shots off. Earlier I made my case against the Walkover. Hopefully those players who use it, will soon dump this time wasting procedure.

YOUR TIME BUDGET AND PREPARATIONS

If a player insists on sticking to the Walkover, which could last from 5-8

seconds for the most complete version, then those precious seconds would have to come from somewhere. In other words, there is a big tradeoff that is being made by those who do the Walkover, especially the most ambitious version

Let's assume, for example, that their Walkover takes 6 seconds. I maintain that a far better use of those 6 seconds could come from: performing Air WUS to get loose, or taking a deep breath, or reciting a mantra, or taking a little more time to land very precisely, or adding 3 or so WUS to their instance preparations. The latter can be used to groove your stroke, fine tune your aim, of get a better feel for speed. You might divide those 6 seconds into 3 for a deep breath, and 3 more for your WUS.

Now for the granddaddy of possible alternative moves, which I call the Kaci Double Take, named after Eklent Kaci (831). Kaci will often assume his stance on tougher shots to get a preliminary in-position view of the shot. He will then rise up and take a moment to gather himself before assuming his shooting stance. This one move is, to my way of thinking, 100x more relevant and valuable than the Walkover.

TO WALKOVER OR NOT

The first thing a player who uses the Walkover must do on some shots is to decide, once they have arrived at their shooting position of whether or not to do the Walkover. I would argue that there is no reason to do it on cuts under about 20 degrees (as you know, I actually feel that it should not be used at all). Regardless, pool requires that you make an endless stream of smart decisions, and the one to do the Walkover or not further taxes your pool playing brain, which is already operating near or at full capacity most of the time that you are at the table.

We'll assume a player has decided to do the Walkover. This means that they

will have to stop looking at the Shot Picture and leave the line-of-aim. They will then start spending several seconds doing some totally unproductive walking to the Walkover position. Next, they look at the Walkover view and gather some impression of the shot – one, by the way, that does not include the cue ball!

After leaving the Walkover position, they must retain the new view and return to the line-of-aim and pick up where they left off. Meanwhile, as I mentioned above, there are so many other super valuable tasks that could be done that can add so much to the production of a well-played pool shot.

POOL'S GREAT DEBATES

Reasonably long term players of our great sport are by now familiar with some great debates on the fundamentals and methods of play. These include:

- Drop your elbow on your follow through, or not.
- Use an open or closed bridge.
- Pause at the cue ball or stay in motion
- Look at object ball or cue ball last
- Aim by feel or use an aiming system

If the Walkover gains traction (heaven forbid) and becomes widely adopted by pros and amateurs alike, then we pool players will have an additional topic for a lively debate.

In this feature I have planted my flag firmly in the No-Walkover camp. In doing so I am contradicting the style of play of several of the world's best players while also siding with an even larger group of top pros who have yet to join the tribe of Walkover users.

So, what do you think of the Walkover?

To voice your opinions, please send me an email at capellepublishing@gmail.com or visit my Facebook page at facebook.com/pcapelle1

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MANAGING VARIABLES

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Just like life, when we play a game of pool, there is a lot of unpredictability. There are endless possibilities for what *could* happen, that we don't have control over.

But what we *can* control is how well we can manage our response to what happens, so we get the best out of ourselves every single game.

This is why expectations don't serve any purpose in pool. You can't expect anything to happen. If you do, it will only lead to frustration. What you can expect is variability, so you should prepare for it and embrace it.

The variability we get in pool is a good thing. In fact, it's part of what keeps us coming back. If every game of pool was 100% predictable, the game would not be nearly as fun.

Top players have learned how to be adaptable and master variability. For this reason, they feel fully prepared for anything that *could* happen and they are more confident as a result.



That said, you don't want to spend time worrying about what could happen. It's better to allocate time thinking about possible variables and how you will manage them, so you can be fully present during each shot of your match. Predicting variability and developing your plan to manage it should be an ongoing part of your "process."

The following exercise is one I do with my students. Let's establish the variables for your upcoming match and how you will deal with them.

TYPES OF VARIABLES IN POOL

- Physical Variables
- Mental/Emotional Variables
- Technical Variables

PHYSICAL VARIABLES

PLAYING ON DIFFERENT TABLES

Are you playing on a different sized table than you did last night? Is the cloth faster or slower than your last match? Do the cushions play livelier? How do you intend to play each shot? What will you do if you are out of position? How will the ball react given the new circumstances and what adjustments will you make? Is there any-

thing you can do to prepare yourself during warmup?

DEALING WITH SCOTCH DOUBLES PARTNERS

In tournaments, this is another “uncontrollable factor.” Some partners are chatty and fun, others quieter and more serious. Some are calm and others are more emotional and express their feelings throughout the match. Some are fast and some are slow. Knowing how you are going to deal with these different types of players, so they don’t affect you negatively, will help you manage your game when you are in doubles competition.

MENTAL VARIABLES

What mental challenges do you foresee? What will you do if you get off to a poor start? What will you do if you scratch or give up ball in hand? How will your strategy change if you are not playing your best? What will you do if you are in contention, and you have a

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chance to win the tournament? What will you do if you feel nervous? These are all possible challenges in your game that you’ll need to prepare for.

TECHNICAL VARIABLES

What causes you to “play well?” Are there certain mechanical mistakes that you catch yourself doing over and over? Create a checklist of everything you need to look at when you

are not playing your best. If you know your flaws and know your game, you can make the necessary adjustments to play better during a match.

Spend the time doing this exercise, listing out the physical, mental, and technical variables you foresee yourself facing. Write down how you’ll manage them, and you’ll play better as a result.

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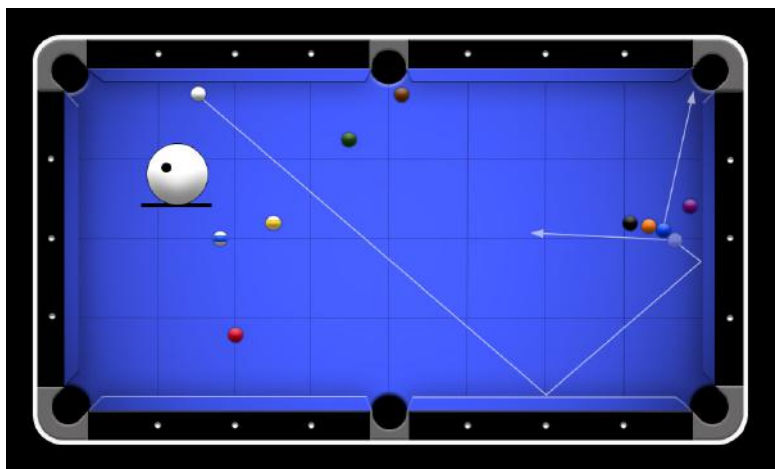
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Accu-Stats Video Productions has been bringing us World Class Pool on video for the last 30 years. With this column, we hope to bring you some examples of the best shots that come up between the greatest players who play this game.

This month's shot is from the 2017 Derby City Classic Bigfoot 10-Ball Challenge Semi-Finals. Newly crowned World 10-Ball Champion Carlo Biado was faced with this Alex Kazakis safety at hill-hill.

Commentator Mark Wilson thought Carlo would kick and try to leave distance, but Biado isn't looking to return a safety. He brilliantly kicks to make the 2-ball. Definitely a prime example of World Class Pool.



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Gospel Trick Shot #50

The “Jailbreak” Shot

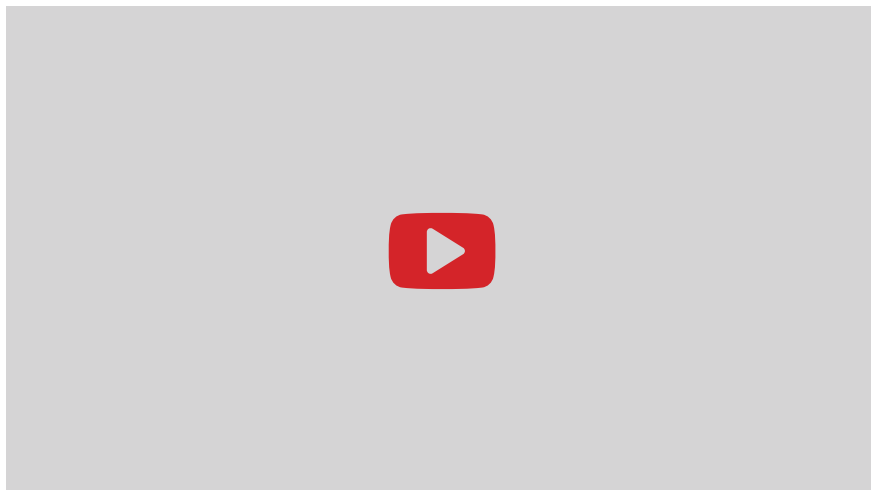
History of the Trick Shot: This Gospel Trick Shot performed on an English Blackball pool table was developed from a shot which is featured in the new Artistic Blackball shot program in Discipline 5 “Bank & Kick Shots” which debuted in Johannesburg, South Africa in October 2023. This is shot number 3 in that discipline with a degree of difficulty of 6, meaning you get 6 points for making it on the first attempt, 5 on the second attempt and 4 on the third attempt and zero if not executed. This is a relatively easy shot by Artistic Pool standards.

GTS Name and Why: This shot is called Jailbreak to represent how Paul and Silas were freed from prison in a story from the Book of Acts Chapter 16. An additional ball was added to represent Silas who was imprisoned with Paul. The two yellow balls represent Paul and Silas, the two red balls represent the Roman guards and the white cue ball represents the Holy Spirit who indwells us after we accept Jesus who died for our sins and gives us eternal life. Jesus alone has the power to free us from the bondage of sin. Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned for causing an uproar in the marketplace.

Scripture Reference: In Acts 16:25 – “About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. **26** Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose.”

Cue Ball Placement: Against the rail on the second diamond.

Object Ball(s) placement: One red ball is frozen to the cue ball in line with the second diamond on the opposite rail. The other red ball is frozen to the yellow ball in the opposite corner pocket. The first yellow ball is frozen to the red ball next to the cue ball. The second yellow ball is placed in front of the opposite corner pocket.



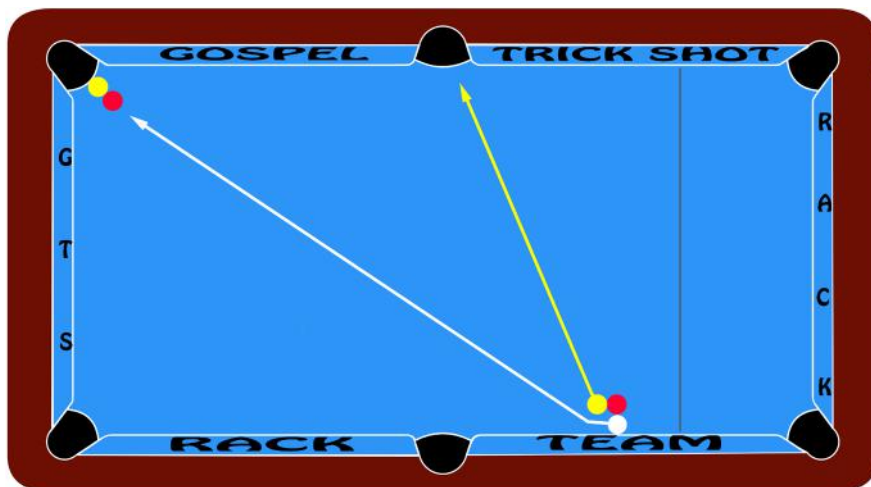
Objective: Shoot the cue ball into the rail which causes the yellow ball to go straight into the opposite side pocket. The cue ball then travels across the table to hit the red ball, sinking the yellow ball in the corner pocket.

Special Notes: The first red ball stays where it is! If the cue ball goes short of the far corner pocket, then use bottom draw on the cue ball to widen the angle.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: This is a new Gospel Trick Shot adapted to Black-

ball and will be presented at upcoming GTS shows. The shot entails shooting the white ball into the rail to make one yellow ball in the opposite side pocket and then travelling down the table to make the other yellow in the opposite corner pocket.

In the Artistic Blackball competition in South Africa in October 2023, this was a favorite among the full field of 48 players who participated in the event. It is a relatively easy shot and many of the Artistic Blackball players who executed the shot were delighted to score points.



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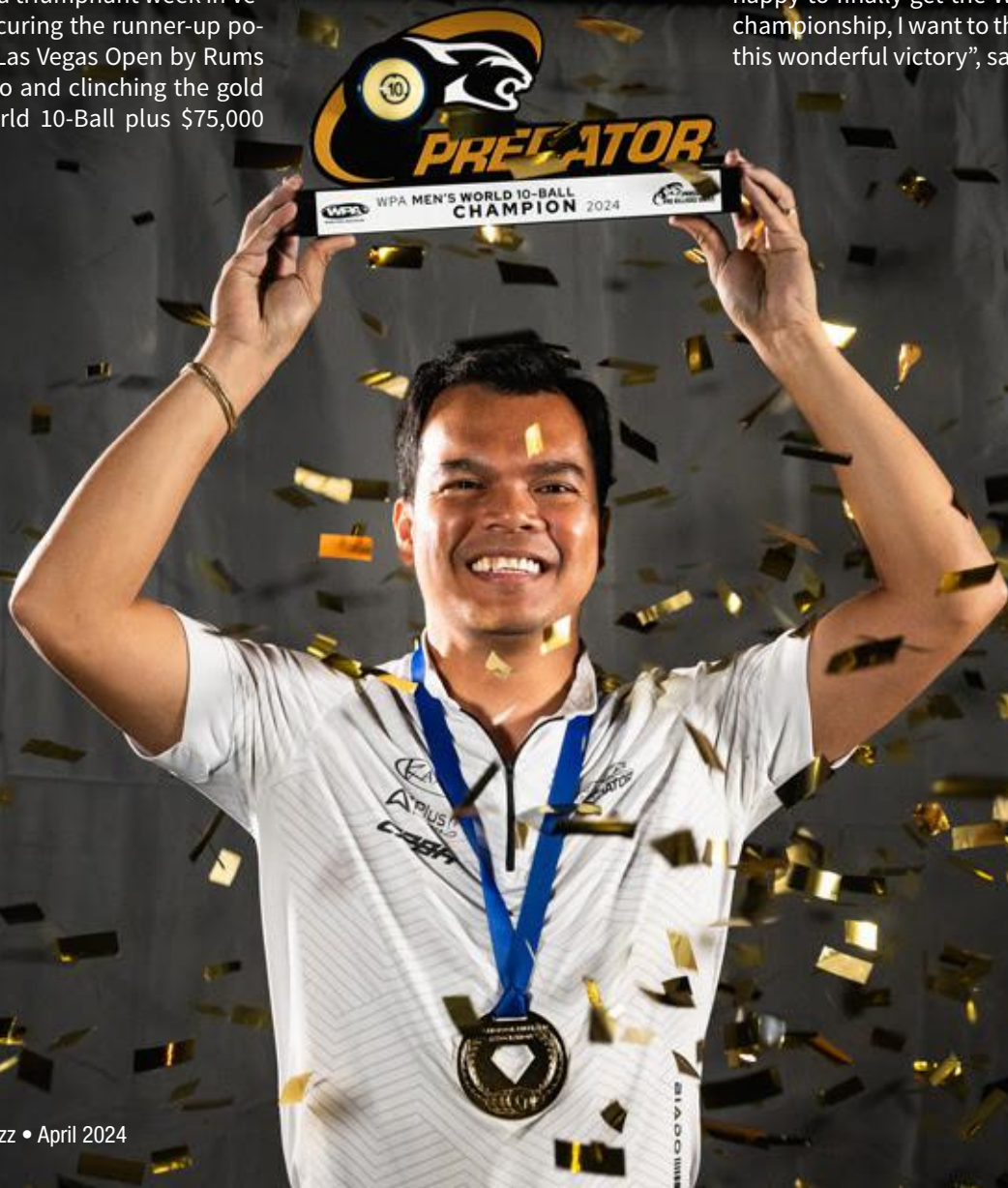
CROWNED WORLD 10-BALL CHAMPION

Article and photos courtesy Predator Pro Billiard Series

Carlo Biado becomes the new Predator WPA Men's World 10-Ball Champion taking down Naoyuki Oi from Japan in an exciting final 3-1 in sets.

The Filipino 'black tiger' concludes a triumphant week in Vegas, securing the runner-up position in the Las Vegas Open by Rums of Puerto Rico and clinching the gold medal in World 10-Ball plus \$75,000 top prize.

"I'm overwhelmed, I'm very very happy to finally get the World 10-Ball championship, I want to thank God for this wonderful victory", said Biado.



Carlo Biado

Fedor Gorst and Denis Grabe completed the podium with bronze medals. Gorst lost to Biado in semis, while Grabe lost against Oi.

Asian dominance prevails in Vegas tournaments, with all winners hailing from the continent. Chinese Taipei and the Philippines lead with three

wins each, reaffirming their supremacy atop the global pool world.

Winners:

- PBS Women Showdown: Chieh Yu-Chou
- Apex Mixed Doubles: Chieh-Yu Chou & Jung-Lin Chang

- Las Vegas Men's Open: Lee Vann Corteza
- Las Vegas Women's Open: Chezka Centeno
- Predator WPA Men's World 10-Ball: Carlo Biado

Naoyuki Oi, Carlo Biado, Denis Grabe and Fedor Gorst

The 2024 Predator Pro Billiard Series season kicked off with a bang at the CSI Expo Las Vegas, hosting 10 days of thrilling competition. Featuring five professional tournaments and boasting a prize fund exceeding \$500,000. Details of next events will be announced soon on PBS social media.

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Shane Van Boening lifted the Premier League Pool title on Monday evening, live from US 1 Billiards, West Haven, Connecticut on Matchroom.live and DAZN in the United States, defeating World Pool Master Ko Pin Yi 7-4 in the in the final.

For Van Boening, this marks his first Matchroom title on the World Nineball Tour since lifting the 2022 World Pool Championship, and adds to a collection of invitational titles alongside the Mosconi Cup, World Pool Masters and World Cup of Pool.

Stage 3

Defending champion Francisco Sanchez Ruiz and US Open runner-up Fedor Gorst had the most work to do heading into the final day, trailing the leading pack after 24 matches played. Sanchez Ruiz knew that he would

have to be at his very best to overturn a two-point deficit across five matches, but a crucial error in his first match against Van Boening scuppered hopes of another semi-final showing.

Having trailed 4-0 to the five-time US Open champion, a resurgent charge



Shane Van Boening

to 4-3 switched match momentum, with the Spaniard at the table to take the match to hill-hill. However, a missed 7-ball into the bottom pocket allowed SVB to clean up and take a crucial result.

After not playing his best across the weekend, the point would prove invaluable for Van Boening, who limped into the final four via a Rack Difference advantage to Mosconi Cup teammate Fedor Gorst.

Gorst had admittedly not played at his best across the week, adapting to the fast-paced format of the Premier League for the first time. With a one-point disadvantage going into Monday, three wins – including against Sanchez Ruiz and Van Boening – would see the Ghost overtake World no.1 Ruiz and finish in 5th place.

Van Boening and Ko Ping Chung would play out the final group match of the week on Table 1. Chinese Taipei superstar Ko defeated the South Dakota Kid to finish top of the table, with Filler, Pin Yi and SVB following in suit.

Semi-Finals

The semi-final play-offs were seeded by finishing positions within the league table, with 1st placed Ko Ping Chung taking on Shane Van Boening in 4th. Derby City Classic ‘Master of the Table’ Joshua Filler, finishing 2nd in the table, would face World Pool Master Ko Pin Yi.

Van Boening, who had been so dominant in the earlier stages, had his form questioned after a string of defeats over the weekend. In the semi-final, any doubts hanging over the 40-year-old would soon disappear. Running up a five-rack lead in the Race to 7, Ko Pin Chung was only able to get onto the board through a rare banked miss from SVB. Two more racks would soon follow, but Van Boening would get chance on the hill after the US Open champion scratched off the break.



Ko Pin Yi

With ball in hand and the table laid out perfectly, Van Boening would cannon in a 2-9 combination to reach his first Matchroom final since winning the World Pool Championship in 2022.

His opponent would be Ko Pin Yi, contesting a first final since capturing gold at the World Pool Masters last year in Brentwood, United Kingdom. Pin Yi would defeat Joshua Filler, one of the main form players of the week, 7-3 in a tense affair on Table Two. A high level contest was to be expected, with both men clearing over 120 racks won across the week. However nerves would show, with both missing customary pots throughout before the Chinese Taipei man would grab the advantage and see out victory.

Final

In a first World Nineball Tour finals meeting between the pair, match momentum would shift throughout – a feat we have commonly seen in Major finals on the tour.

Ko Pin Yi would take the opening two racks, before Van Boening responded brilliantly to tie at two each. After

receiving the ball from a push, the 40-year-old elected to jump two balls and pocket the two ball into the bottom corner. In clearing up, including a fantastic cut on the seven, the match was tied.

The match ebbed and flowed from there until it was 4-4, where Van Boening really kicked into gear. The former World champion would create one of the highlights of the tournament to get onto the hill. Caught in the top pocket, he produced a beautiful 2-9 carom into the far opposite corner to spark jubilation from the onlooking crowd.

This was his moment, and exchanging humorous retorts with the crowd, a break-and-run would see him over the line.

His exhaustion was clear, laying down on the table as the final nine was pocketed. Van Boening didn't spend a second way from the table in eight days and it paid off at the most crucial time – a worthy champion after an incredible week of action of Connecticut.

CHOU CLAIMS THE PBS WOMEN SHOWDOWN TITLE

Story and photos courtesy **Predator Pro Billiard Series**

Chieh-Yu Chou wins the inaugural PBS Women Showdown title, a \$100,000 event held in Las Vegas featuring 16 of the top female pool players in the world.

The world number one defeated Kristina Tkach in 3 sets to add another jewel to her crown and \$35,000 as champion's top prize. That culminates in a successful week in Vegas after also winning the Apex Mixed Doubles event with her partner Jung-Lin Chang.

In the semifinals, Chou bested Jasmin Ouschan while Tkach beat Tzu-Chien Wei.

Chou has won 4 PBS titles till the date, including 2 world championships (2023 Predator WPA Women's World 9 Ball and World 10 Ball), the 2023 Apex Wisconsin Open, and the 2024 Apex Mixed Doubles and the 2024 PBS Women Showdown.





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POLAND'S DANIEL MACIOL WINS POLISH DYNAMIC BILLIARD 10-BALL OPEN

Story by MACIEJ URBAN - Press Officer / Photos courtesy Polish Billiard Association

Daniel Maciol brought glory to his home country, with a win at the Polish Dynamic Billiard 10-Ball Open. Maciol defeated Estonian Denis Grabe 8-4 in the semi-final.

In the final match, he had to face the sensational Sanjin Pehlivanovic, who had defeated the Finn Petri Makkonen 8-6 in the previous round. The Pole and the citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina created a great show in the final, ending with a score of 8-7 for Daniel Maciol. The player of the DaSo

Team Dekada Sosnowiec club won, even after trailing the match 7-3!

It was “a huge rollercoaster” commented Daniel Maciol, who dismissed seven opponents on the way to the final. “First of all, it was a match at a very high level and I am glad that such

a match took place in the final. Sanjin played great, I lost significantly but I managed to make up for the loss and win” he added.

Marcin Krzeminski, president of the East European Billiard Council and director of the Polish Dynamic Billiard 10-

Daniel Maciol



Ball Open – KIELCE 2024 tournament, was “most pleased with the sporting and organizational success. We have a double success. Guests, players and our organizational staff are all happy with how the event turned out. We received comments from many countries around the world appreciating the efforts made in Poland in organizing the World Cup tournament. We also achieved sporting success.”.

The tournament took place on March 14-17 at the Grand Hotel Kielce. This is where 128 competitors from over 30 countries around the world competed for a prize pool of USD \$80,000.



Sanjin Pehivanovic



Petri Makkonen



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ZIELINSKI GOES UNDEFEATED

TO CLAIM \$10K-ADDED, MCDERMOTT CLASSIC TITLE IN MALDEN, MA

Article by SKIP MALONEY / AzB Staff - Photos courtesy JOHN GALLAGHER and STEVE BOOTH

Frost wins \$5K-added One Pocket, Olson claims \$1k-added One Ball/One Pocket title

The two events overlapped, which had a way of reducing the number of players who competed in both. The 2024 US Open events at Griff's in Las Vegas last week (four of them) began on Sunday, March 3 and didn't conclude until just after midnight on March 17. The three events of the McDermott Classic at Amazin' Billiards in Malden, MA, got underway on Tuesday, March 12, with its main-event, 9-Ball tournament commencing on Friday, March 15.

While it might have been possible to compete in the US Open's 10-Ball, 8-Ball and Open Banks competition which ended on Tuesday, March 12, and arrive in Boston in plenty of time to compete in the main-event 9-ball tournament of the McDermott Classic, it would have made for a hectic couple of weeks. That said, four of the top eight finishers in the McDermott Classic 9-Ball event this past weekend had competed in the US Open's 10-Ball and 8-Ball competition before board-

ing a plane, presumably, at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas and flying to Boston's Logan Airport.

Shane Van Boening, who won three of the US Open's four events (see report elsewhere in our News archive), was not on the plane. Neither were (brief examples) Lee Vann Corteza, Billy Thorpe, Carlo Biado or T-Rex (Tony Chohan), to name just a few. By the same token, the list of those who did not compete in the US Open



Wiktor Zielinski

and opted for an appearance at the McDermott Classic, which offered competitors the opportunity to rack up Matchroom World Nineball Tour Points, included a long list of top-tier competitors like (brief examples) Tyler Styer, David Alcaide, Jeremy Sossei, Mortiz Neuhausen, Chris Reinhold, Shane Wolford, Shaun Wilkie and, a bit of a surprise, Mike Dechaine, coming down from the rockbound coasts of Maine to rejoin the land of the living (pool players).

Poland's Wiktor Zielinski, who won the only US Open tournament that Van Boening did not win (8-ball), went undefeated to claim the \$10,000-added McDermott Classic 9-Ball title, which drew 77 entrants to Amazin' Billiards. Joining him just outside Beantown for the event were fellow US Open competitors Germany's Joshua Filler and Austria's Mario He (who tied for 3rd in the single-elimination format) and Spain's Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz, who finished in the four-way tie for 5th.

The first event of the McDermott week, which began on Tuesday, March 12, was the \$1,000-added One Ball/One Pocket tournament, which drew 20 entrants. Danny Olson went undefeated to claim that title, downing Lukas Fracasso-Verner in a double-hill final match. The \$5,000-added One Pocket event which drew 30 entrants began the next day (Wednesday, March 13) and was won by Scott Frost, who also went undefeated and also downed Lukas Fracasso-Verner in the final of that event.

Beginning at the beginning, the 20 entrants in the One Ball/One Pocket event engaged in a single-elimination process that gave 12 of them an opening round bye as four matches got underway to bring the field down to 16. Danny Olson and Lukas Fracasso-Verner set out from opposite ends of the bracket for their meetup in the finals. Olson (with a bye), started out with wins over Paul Song 4-2 and



Danny Olson

Scott Frost 4-1 to draw Denmark's Mickey Krause in one of the semifinals. Fracasso-Verner, also with a bye, defeated AJ Ajmera 4-1 and Raphael DaBreo 4-2 to pick up Michael Singesen in the other semifinal.

Olson and Krause locked up in a double-hill fight that eventually put Olson into the final. Fracasso-Verner eliminated Singesen 4-2. Olson and Fracasso-Verner made it a double-hill final with Olson claiming the title.

In a seriously modified, double-elimination bracket, the One Pocket event's 30 competitors started out traditionally enough in a double-elimination bracket, which advanced eight competitors, four from each side of the bracket to a sort-of single-elimination phase. Normally, this would yield one winner, one runner-up, two 3rd place finishers and four 5th place finishers, but the McDermott folks added a consolation playoff. The two players who lost the semifinal engaged in a one-match playoff that determined a 3rd and 4th place. The four players who lost the opening round of single-elimination, competed in two matches that created two 5th and two 6th place finishers.

In the double-elimination Phase 1 of this event, the winners of the One Ball/One Pocket event, Olson and Fracasso-Verner, would have met in the fourth round, had there been one, but their victories in the third round just advanced them to single elimination, where they met in the second round. In addition to Olson and Fracasso-Verner, Scott Frost and Jeremy Sossei advanced to single elimination from the winners' side of the double-elimination bracket. Shane Wolford, Nicholas DeLeon, Tyler Styer and Wiktor Zielinski advanced from the loss side. Zielenski, who didn't complete his undefeated run to claim the US Open 8-Ball title until late on Friday night (March 8), was at the tables for the One Pocket event, 'ready to rumble' on Wednesday morning, March 13. Not exactly still in jet lag territory, but certainly continuing to make time-zone adjustments and possibly, moving from Vegas to Boston, forgetting that he couldn't walk out of his hotel in a short sleeve shirt.

Not surprisingly, Olson and Fracasso-Verner, who shut out their first-round, single-elimination opponents, locked up in a double-hill, semifinal match that advanced Fracasso-Verner

to the One Pocket finals against Scott Frost. Frost had given up just a single rack in his opener against Tyler Styer and none in his semifinal win over Zielinski.

The three 'consolation' matches preceded the final. Nicholas DeLeon and Jeremy Jones finished 5th; DeLeon downing Shane Wolford 3-1, as Jeremy Jones defeated Tyler Styer, double-hill. Zielinski finished 3rd with a 3-1 victory over Danny Olson. Frost gave up just a single rack to Fracasso-Verner in the final and claimed the One Pocket title.

Zielinski shrugs off any lingering environmental adjustments, goes undefeated in 9-Ball

Though no path to a victory in a top-professionals event like the McDermott Classic's 9-Ball tournament is going to be easy, Wiktor Zielinski, with a FargoRate of 821, faced only one opponent with a higher FargoRate, Joshua Filler (848), another of the competitors who flew from Vegas to be in Boston (Shane Van Boening at 837 didn't make the trip). None of the other six that Zielinski faced – three each in the two, single-elimination phases of the 9-Ball Classic – had FargoRates above 800. Tyler Styer, whom Zielinski had to defeat twice, had the next highest FargoRate (778) of Zielinski's non-Joshua Filler opponents.

Zielinski and Styer met first in the third Stage 1 round, once Zielinski had defeated two opponents, one with a FargoRate below 700 and the other with a FargoRate below 600, by an aggregate score of 19-2; the 'below 600' opponent (Jason Walsh) chalking up the '2.' Zielinski took the opening round of their individual bout with each other 10-8, advancing as a result to single-elimination from the winners' side of Phase 1. They'd meet again in the event final.

Joining Zielinski among the other 15 advancing to Stage 2 were five



Lukas Fracasso-Verner and Scott Frost

USA representatives; Shane Wolford, Jeremy Sossei, Oscar Dominguez, Sam Henderson and Styer, who'd advanced from the loss side of Stage 1 action with a victory over Eric Roberts 8-6. Also advancing were the three other competitors, mentioned earlier, who travelled from Vegas to eventually join Zielinski among the event's final eight; Joshua Filler, Mario He and Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz.

In races to 11, at this point along his undefeated road to the event win, Zielinski's path went through Martin Daigle (1) and Mickey Krause (8) before it came up against his toughest, FargoRated opponent, in the event semifinals, Joshua Filler. Tyler Styer navigated his way to the same place with victories over an arguably tougher (FargoRated) set of opponents, all of them with higher FargoRates; opening against Moritz Neuhausen (11-6) and Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz (11-8) before drawing Mario He (810) in the other semifinal.

Styer battled He to double-hill in their semifinal and eventually, dropped the final 9-ball, advancing to the fi-

nals. Zielinski and Filler almost got to double hill, but Zielinski pulled out in front to win it 11-9.

Styer came into the finals at the tail end of a week of competition in one place. He'd been defeated by Scott Frost in both the One Pocket and One Ball/One Pocket events. The first time (0-4) eliminated Styer from the One Ball/One Pocket event. The second time (1-4) sent him to the consolation round(s) of the One Pocket event, where he was defeated, double hill, by Jeremy Jones. Styer was stepping into a personal "Last Chance Saloon" for what he hoped was going to result in a victory 'shot.'

Zielinski came in looking for a second undefeated victory in the same week of competition, in two locations, 2,715 miles apart. His was a "Second Chance Saloon" in which he was looking for a victory 'shot' that he could probably use. With the FargoRate odds very much in his favor (in 100 games, he'd be expected to win 77 of them), Zielinski grabbed his victory 'shot' with a 13-8 victory that earned him the McDermott Classic title.

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HUNG GOES UNDEFEATED **TO CLAIM HER FIRST WPBA TITLE AT** **\$15K-ADDED FAIRFIELD INVITATIONAL**

Article by SKIP MALONEY / AzB Staff - Photos courtesy WPBA

In the absence of the Women's Professional Billiards Association's top three competitors (Tzu-Chien Wei, Kelly Fisher and Jasmin Ouschan) at this past weekend's (March 21-24) Fairfield Invitational, there was a clear opportunity for someone to step up and into the void created by their absence.

The next 16 competitors on the WPBA's rankings list (and beyond) from Margarita Fefilova (#4) to Joann Mason Parker (#18) were on-hand to see what they could do about that. Of those 16, none had a chance at overtaking either Tzu-Chien or Fisher for the top two spots, although Fefilova and Allison Fisher (#5) had a shot at edging ahead of the absent Ouschan, but would have needed to win to do that.

What many likely did not expect was that a competitor who came to Fairfield as the #14-ranked WPBA competitor, Taipei's Bean (Meng-Hsia) Hung, would win her first WPBA title, going undefeated through five opponents (one of them, twice), four of whom were among the top 16 who, like her, were on-hand to chip away at the substantial rankings lead of the tour's top three. The \$15,000-added Fairfield Invitational drew 48 entrants, who competed for the event's Mad Hatter Cup at the Fairfield (Iowa) Convention Center.

There were any number of renewed, long-standing rivalries, first-time meetings and a host of unexpected, though pool being pool, not exactly surprising events. Who, for example, would have bet against Allison Fisher following up her first WPBA win as a

representative of the US at January's Iron City Invitational with another win here? Or have expected half of Germany's 'pool-power couple' (Pia Filler), to go 'two-and-out' at the hands of (in order) April Larson and Savannah Easton?

In races to 8, Bean Hung's path to the win began with a shutout over Ashley Benoit and moved on to send Caroline Pao and Allison Fisher, both 8-3, to the loss side before picking up Brittany Bryant in one of the winners' side semifinals. Like Hung, Bulgaria's Kris-



Kristina Zlateva and Meng-Hsia Hung

tina Zlateva opened up with a shut-out, over Tarah Connor. She advanced to down Stephanie Mitchell (2) and Kristina Tkach (4) to draw Fefilova in the other winners' side semifinal.

Hung earned her place in the hot seat match with an 8-6 win over Bryant, as Zlateva and Fefilova battled to double hill in their match. Zlateva dropped the final 9-ball and then, moved to the semifinals when Hung defeated her 8-5 to claim the hot seat.

Upon the arrival of Fefilova and Bryant to the loss side of the bracket, the Fairfield Invitational was down to its final six, who were WPBA-ranked as #4 (Fefilova), #5 (Allison Fisher), #6 (Bryant) and #8 (Tkach); #7 (Zlateva) would be along shortly as #14 waited in the hot seat for one of them to return. Bryant drew Tkach, who'd followed her loss to Zlateva with wins over Caroline Pao and Kennedy Mey-

man, both 8-1. Fefilova picked up Allison Fisher, who'd followed her loss to Hung with victories over Stephanie Mitchell 8-3 and Briana Miller 8-1. One couldn't have asked for a more taut, exciting conclusion to the event.

Fisher defeated Fefilova 8-4, while Tkach and Bryant locked up in double-hill battle. Bryant won it to join Fisher in the quarterfinal. Fisher defeated Bryant 8-6 in that quarterfinal and was eliminated by Zlateva 8-4 in the semifinals.

With Fargo Rates of 730 for Hung and 690 for Zlateva, the odds for a victory in the race to 10 final were 73/27, higher than they'd been in the hot seat match race to 8 (70.7/29.3). Coming off her best recorded earnings year to date (with us here at AZBilliards), Hung made it happen, downing Zlateva, a second time, 10-6 to claim her first WPBA title. The victory put Hung

just shy of being halfway to making 2024 her best year at the tables, with nine months to go.

The WPBA thanked the ownership and staff at the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center for their hospitality along with sponsors Jacoby Cues, Diveney Cues, Iwan Simonis, Iowa City Women's 8-Ball League, The City of Fairfield, Ottumwa Radio Group, Mad Hatter Billiards, Holt Family Dental Care, Outsville, Aramith Billiard Balls, JamUp Apparel, Diamond Billiard Products, Vic's Autobody Repair and Frontline Print & Web.

The next WPBA event, scheduled for May 1-5, will be the Borderline Brunswick Invitational. It will be hosted by Janet Atwell's new Borderline Billiards Brunswick Arena, a few doors down from her former Borderline Billiards location in Bristol, TN, where you can cross the street from Tennessee to Virginia.



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VAN BOENING

GOES UNDEFEATED TO CLAIM 2024 US OPEN 10-BALL TITLE AT GRIFF'S IN LAS VEGAS

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Zielinski comes back from hot seat loss to down Sanchez-Ruiz in US Open 8-Ball

It presumably accrued to his benefit that on Shane Van Boening's way to going undefeated and claiming the \$10k-added, 2024 US Open 10-Ball title that drew 63 entrants to Griff's in Las Vegas over the past few days (March 3-6), he did not have to match up against Austria's Albin Ouschan or the Philippines' Roland Garcia (they did compete). In order, those were the two competitors who defeated and left him in the tie for 13th place in

the \$10k-added, US Open 8-Ball event (March 6-9).

Taking it from the other direction, the winner of the 8-ball tournament, Poland's Wiktor Zielinski, did have to face the competitor who eliminated him in the 10-ball tournament, Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz, twice. The two had met (among other places) in the finals of the WPA's World 8-Ball Championships in Puerto Rico two years ago;

won by Sanchez-Ruiz. They battled to double hill on the loss side of the 10-ball event, in Zielinski's second, loss-side round. Zielinski faced him again in the 8-ball hot seat match and was once again defeated, double hill. In a presumed restoration-of-confidence semifinal, Zielinski downed Germany's Joshua Filler 8-3 and in a third match against Sanchez-Ruiz in the 8-ball finals that almost went double hill, Zielinski claimed that title 11-9.



Wiktor Zielinski

In races to 9, Sanchez-Ruiz was the first opponent that Van Boening faced in 10-Ball. Van Boening got by him 9-6 before sending Fahad Zaidaldhayan (3), The Lion (Alex Pagulayan; 7) and Carlo Biado (2) to the loss side, picking up Daniel Maciol in one of the winners' side semifinals. Lee Vann Corteza, in the meantime, looking for his second straight title in Vegas, having won the CSI Predator Series' Alfa Vegas Open, two weeks earlier (Feb. 21-24), got by Max Eberle (3), Mateusz Sniegocki (4), Dennis Laszkowski (4) and Joshua Filler, double hill, to draw Vitaliy Patsura in the other winners' side semifinal.

Van Boening sent Maciol west 9-6, as Corteza sent Patsura over by the same score. Van Boening claimed the hot seat 9-4.

Over on the loss side, where lurked any number of ongoing, potential contenders for the title, Patsura drew a rematch against one of them; Billy Thorpe, whom he'd sent to the loss side 9-4 in the opening round. Thorpe, who would end up with the event's second-highest, game-winning percentage (57%, behind Van Boening's 66% and ahead of Patsura's 54%) arrived with seven straight notches on his loss-side 'dance card,' including the recent elimination of Carlo Biado (1) and Max Lechner (4). Maciol drew Filler, who'd followed his loss to Corteza with victories over Oliver Ruuger (4) and Albin Ouschan, double hill.

Patsura ended Thorpe's loss-side winning streak, 9-6, while Maciol was busy eliminating Filler 9-5. Patsura and Maciol locked up in a double-hill, quarterfinal fight that ended with Patsura's advancement to a rematch against Corteza in the semifinals.

As he'd been when he faced Patsura the first time, Corteza was two matches away from winning his second straight title in Vegas. 'Close, but no cigar,' as they say. Patsura downed



Wiktor Zielinski

him 9-6 for a shot at Van Boening. The 'South Dakota Kid' claimed the 2024 US Open 10-Ball title with a 13-7 victory over Patsura.

Zielinski and Sanchez-Ruiz battle twice for the US Open 8-Ball title

Lee Vann Corteza, still in search of his second straight victory in two weeks, was the only competitor in either event to be among the final four in both. He left, though, without that title as Zielenski and Sanchez-Ruiz met again, twice, and hashed it out between them.

In races to 8, Zielinski started off with 8-3 wins over Daniel Maciol and Jeff Whitehead, before switching his racks-against switch to 2, all the way to the hot seat match, downing Jason Klatt, Szymon Kural and, in a winners' side semifinal, the relentlessly persistent Vann Corteza. Sanchez-Ruiz started out in a double-hill match against Sergio Rivas, surviving that to defeat Derald Salaz (2), Mario He (4), Bader Alawadhi (5) and in his winners' side semifinal, Joshua Filler (5). In their second, double-hill match playing different games in a matter of days, it was Sanchez-Ruiz who claimed the hot seat over Zielinski.

Filler moved over and picked up Albin Ouschan, who started his day with a double-hill win over Van Boening, before promptly joining him on the loss side after he was shut out by Alawadhi. Ouschan won four, including the elimination of Tony Chohan (5) and Szymon Kural (4) to face Filler. Vann Corteza drew Alawadhi, who'd followed his loss to Zielinski with victories over Daniel Maciol (2) and Roland Garcia (5).

It was Vann Corteza and Filler who advanced to the quarterfinals; Vann Corteza 8-5 over Alawadhi, Filler 8-3 vs. Ouschan. As befitted a match between two men who'd just finished 3rd (Vann Corteza) and 5th (Filler) in the previous 10-Ball event and wanted more from this event, they battled to double hill for advancement to the semifinals. Filler prevailed and got a shot at Zielinski.

That semifinal match went 8-3 in favor of Zielinski, who, down 2-0 in matches against Sanchez-Ruiz since they'd met up in the 10-ball tournament, proved that 'third time's a charm' theory. In another one of those almost double-hill matches, Zielinski claimed the 8-ball title with an 11-9 win.

VAN BOENING

MAKES IT THREE OUT OF FOUR WITH WINS IN 2024 US OPEN BANKS AND ONE POCKET

Story by SKIP MALONEY - AzB Staff / File photos courtesy ERWIN DIONISIO

All in all, it was really good week for the South Dakota Kid. After winning the 2024 US Open 10-Ball Championships (March 3-6) and finishing 'just a little outside' the money in the subsequent 8-Ball Championships (March 6-8), Shane Van Boening returned to the tables and went undefeated in both the \$10k-added Bank Pool Championships (March 10-12) and the \$10k-added One Pocket Championships (March 13-17).

It was also a good week for Griff's in Las Vegas, which played host to all four events. In effect, the 179 combined total entrants, with a fair number of them competing in two, three or all four events, had a way of keeping everybody 'in house,' no doubt keeping Griff's staff on their toes throughout the entire week. After the two largest fields of the week-long event drew 132 entrants – 63 in 10-ball and 50 in 8-ball – the last two events drew a total of 66 – 35 in Banks and 31 in One Pocket.

There is something more 'sophisticated' about the last two games played at the 2024 US Open last week. In the broadest sense of the word, 'sophisticated' means a 'machine, system or technique that has been developed to a high degree of complexity.'

Though neither Bank Pool nor One Pocket are complex in their objectives, the sophistication that enters the equation does so through its 'execution' doors. Banking balls is something of a specialized skill at the tables, something that in the lower levels of competition, is rarely recommended; too much variability in the rails themselves and the extent

to which they can be depended upon to deliver a target ball to its hoped-for destination without reacting in strange and mysterious ways. Not to mention the sheer number of angles that go into choosing a shot in either single, double or triple-rail calculations. One Pocket derives a lot of its sophistication from the combination of skills that go into shot selection, where the object of your 'move' in the game is not always about putting a target ball into a convenient hole. The moments between stepping to the table and deciding what you're going to do, ahead of actually taking a shot, has a way of being a bit longer in both games.

What that all comes down to is the fact that the second half of US Open week in Vegas was characterized not only by its competitors' abilities to use their shot-making skills. With Bank Pool and One Pocket, they're forced to bring their thinking skills to the tables, as well. Sure, one has to 'think' playing any pool game, but the 'sophistication' of those thinking skills is what tends to separate Bank Pool and One Pocket from its rotation 'cousins' of 9-ball and 10-ball, along with the solids and stripes game of 8-ball.

Shane Van Boening brought the full array of his prodigious skills to bear in the Bank Pool event, facing off against



a strong field of five opponents in six matches. He began by shutting out Can Salim and then shut out Canada's John Morra. He followed up with a 5-2 victory over fellow Mosconi Cup team member Sky Woodward before running into Lee Vann Corteza, who'd battled and lost to him in the hot seat match of the 10-ball event earlier in the week. Van Boening won what would prove to be his first of two against Vann Corteza, defeating him 5-1 in a winners' side semifinal and advancing to the hot seat.

In the meantime, Billy Thorpe was working his way to a hot-seat showdown with Van Boening. He shut out Todd Fielitz and sent James Davee (1) and Robert Frost (2) to the loss side, before picking up and defeating Mark Estiola 5-1 in the other winners' side semifinal.

In a compelling, double-hill hot seat match, with Thorpe chalking up more racks against Van Boening than all of his previous opponents combined, Van Boening snared his second hot seat of the week, sending Thorpe off to the semifinals.

On the loss side, Corey Deuel, who'd lost a double-hill, winners' side quarterfinal to Estiola, eliminated Roland Garcia (1) and Tony Chohan (double hill) to draw Vann Corteza. Estiola moved over and picked up Woodward, who'd followed his loss to Van Boening with victories over Mike Delawder (1) and Sergio Rivas (2).

Vann Corteza shut down Deuel 4-1. Woodward and Estiola battled to double hill before Woodward prevailed to join Vann Corteza in the quarterfinal. Vann Corteza then downed Woodward 4-1 and found himself, once again, as he had in the 10-ball championships, two steps away from an event title. Vitaliy Patsura stopped Vann Corteza's quest for the 10-ball title. Billy Thorpe did not stop his quest for the Bank Pool title.

Vann Corteza defeated him in the semifinal 4-2 and got his final (in more ways than one) shot at Van Boening. The South Dakota Kid did stop Vann Corteza's acquisition of a 2024 US Open title, downing him in the final 6-3 to claim his second title of the week.

Van Boening and Thorpe meet again in the hot seat match of the One Pocket Championships.

As the last event of the 2024 US Open series of them, there were a lot of people invested in the idea that the One Pocket Championships were their last shot at a title. Lee Vann Corteza, who'd finished, in order, 3rd (10-ball), 4th (8-ball) and was the runner-up in Bank Pool, was certainly among the most motivated to make that happen. Billy Thorpe, who'd finished 5th in 10-Ball and out of the money in 8-ball, was in the process of redeeming himself, finishing 3rd in the Open Bank Championships and as he crept among the One Pocket's final four, could 'see' the title on a near-sunset horizon of the entire week. They were not alone.

Two others worth mentioning, for different reasons. Roland Garcia, who'd finished just out of the money in 10-ball and Bank Pool and 7th in 8-ball, spent most of his time on the loss side of the One Pocket bracket, seven matches as it turned out. He moved ahead of his previous finishes when he defeated John Morra and advanced to the battles for 5th/6th. He would eventually challenge Van Boening in the final.

Junior competitor (14) Savannah Easton, six-time Junior National Champion across four disciplines (10-ball, 9-ball, 8-ball and 14:1 Straight Pool) was playing in her hometown of Las Vegas. Known as The Roadrunner, she's been competing professionally since she was 12 and last year, was among the WPBA's top 10 competitors. She played in all four events of the 2024 US Open. It doesn't real-

ly matter how she finished in any of them, except, very likely, to her, but the fact that she went two and out in three of them and won a double-hill, 8-ball match against James Davee isn't as relevant as the fact that she kept coming back to try again. She faced Tony Chohan twice (8-ball and Bank Pool) and the runner-up in the 10-ball event, Vitaliy Patsura. The young woman has earned the respect of many, including more than just a few who seriously underestimated her in any number of events. Definitely a name to watch.

And now, before the report takes longer to read than a One Pocket game. . .

Shane Van Boening wasn't scored upon in the One Pocket Championships until he reached his winners' side semifinal versus Tony Chohan (aka T Rex). Neither was his second-time, hot-seat match opponent, Billy Thorpe. Chohan battled Van Boening to double hill before he moved to the loss side. Thorpe downed Marc Vidal Claramunt 4-1. Van Boening claimed the hot seat 4-2.

On the loss side, the aforementioned Roland Garcia, four matches into his seven-match streak and having just eliminated John Morra 3-1, met up with Claramunt. T-Rex picked up Oliver Ruuger, who followed his winners' side quarterfinal loss to Claramunt with a victory over Kelii Chuberko 3-1 and then denied Lee Vann Corteza his last chance at a 2024 US Open title by defeating him, double hill.

Chohan shut Ruuger out and in the quarterfinal, faced Garcia, who'd survived a double-hill match versus Claramunt. Garcia then shut out both T-Rex in the quarterfinal and Thorpe in the semifinal. Van Boening proved to be a little more intractable. Garcia chalked up two racks against him in the race-to-5 final, but they weren't nearly enough to prevent Van Boening's claim to a third title in a week.

FLORIAN "VENOM" KOHLER CROWNED WPA WORLD ARTISTIC POOL CHAMPION

Article courtesy **World Artistic Pool**

The 2023 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship was held at the Bay City, MI branch of the Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Bay Region February 7 – 10.

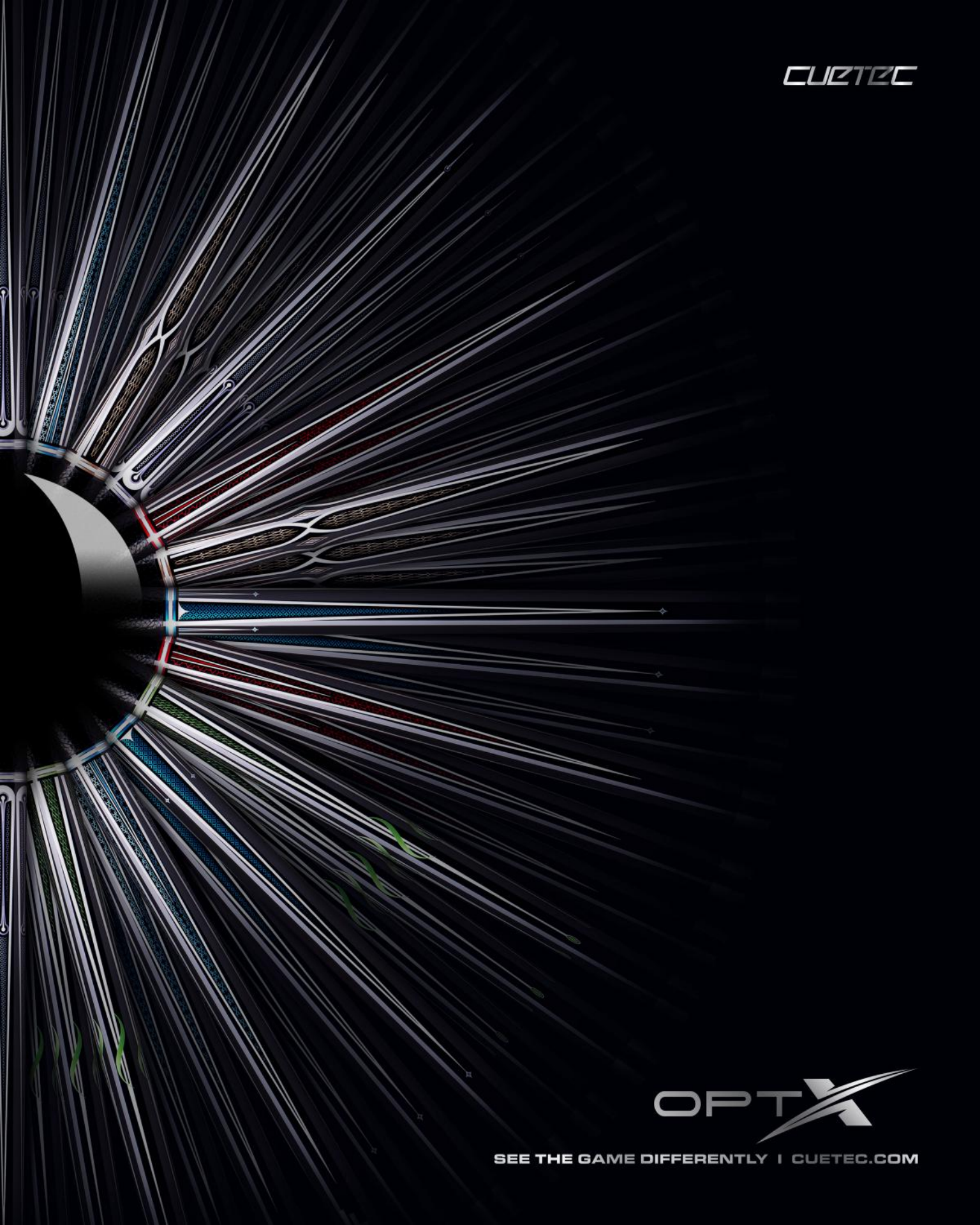
This year was unique as all the door proceeds, half the profit from program sales and cue ball sales was donated to the Club. It was the first time that our sport partnered with such a worthy cause. The tournament featured: a VIP dinner for players and sponsors, a limo service to and from venue to hotel, a total payout of \$15,400.00 all while raising \$1420.00 for the Boys and Girls Club.

Every professional sport will evolve over time and Artistic Pool is no exception. Many records that seem to be insurmountable when they are established, will still fall over time. In this day and age, the records that have defined the many different cue sport disciplines are falling one by one. Florian Kohler just broke his one hour and his 24 hour record for Trick Shots made and he also established the 48 hour

Artistic Pool record. The 2023 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship gifted us with many firsts, many lasts and many records. Florian broke the preliminary round record on a nine foot table at this year's tournament with 294 out of 320 points. The previous record of 282 out of 320 was set by Gabi "Mr. Perfect" Visoiu (Romania) at the 2019 Masters. Florian broke it by 12 points.



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WPA World Artistic Pool Championship

The tournament started out with 21 players attending from 5 different federations within the WPA umbrella. Countries represented were: USA, Canada, South Africa, Argentina, France and Taiwan. Players included former WPA World Champions, Chi-Ming Lin, Mike Massey and William DeYonker. Former WPA World Champion, Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Players shot 40 shots in a “golf” style trying to score as high as possible. During these preliminary rounds, we crowned 10 different WPA World Discipline Champions as well as a Rising Star Champion and a Sportsmanship Award recipient.

First Round Match ups and Scores for Friday night consisted of:

- (1) Florian Kohler 83 pts over (16) Anthony Merced 57 pts
- (2) Gaston Tomadoni 66 pts over (15) Jimmy Glanville 36 pts

- (3) William DeYonker 92 pts over (14) Dan Hosier 70 pts
- (4) Abram Diaz 91 pts over (13) Keegan Badour 45 pts
- (5) Steve Markle 77 pts over (12) Brian Pauley 33 pts
- (6) Tim Chin 82 pts over (11) Chi-Ming Lin 78 pts
- (10) Wayne Parker 67 over (7) Jason Lynch 66 pts
- (8) Jamie Moody 92 pts over (9) Maxence Delattre 86 pts

Second Round Matchups and Scores

- (1) Florian Kohler 103 pts over (8) Jamie Moody 66 pts
- (5) Steve Markle 79 pts over (4) Abram Diaz 69 pts
- (10) Wayne Parker 66 pts over (2) Gaston Tomadoni 51 pts
- (3) William DeYonker 79 pts over (6) Tim Chin 54 pts

Third Round Matchups and Scores

- (1) Florian Kohler 81 pts over (5) Steve Markle 31 pts
- (3) William DeYonker 69 pts over (10) Wayne Parker 49 pts

Finals

- (1) Florian Kohler 87 pts over (3) William DeYonker 39 pts

All throughout the tournament, Florian “Venom” Kohler seemed to be on a mission to earn the last title that has eluded him. He had placed second twice before in prior World Championships. This year he was not to be denied as he was never in danger of a loss in the playoff matches and easily defeated William “Billie Joe” DeYonker in the finals. We, the WPA Artistic Pool Division Board, congratulate Florian on his achievement.

2023 WPA Artistic Pool World Championships

	Trick & Fancy	Special Arts	Draw	Follow	Bank / Kick	Stroke	Jump	Masse	Total
Florian “Venom” Kohler	39	39	38	28	39	33	40	38	294
Gaston “The Prince” Tomadoni	38	40	38	38	38	23	37	25	277
William “Billie Joe” DeYonker	29	34	37	28	25	28	38	31	250
Abram “Too Tall” Diaz	38	40	36	29	23	22	39	20	247
Steve “Blue Shark” Markle	30	32	36	36	20	21	32	38	245
Tim “The Dragon” Chin	37	28	39	26	22	21	37	20	230
Jason “The Michigan Kid” Lynch	37	34	31	22	37	16	38	13	228
Jamie “Bayou Bullet” Moody	38	37	31	23	21	7	36	29	222
Maxence “JMASEM” Delattre	28	23	30	37	36	18	26	13	211
Wayne “The Cue Coach” Parker	27	35	29	31	28	21	19	20	210
Chi-Ming “Master Lin” Lin	40	28	31	17	20	14	28	30	208
Brian “Superman” Pauley	31	30	29	32	27	4	36	14	203
Keegan “Magic” Badour	28	31	27	28	22	12	40	15	203
Dan “Spear Thrower” Hosier	35	18	20	39	31	13	34	13	203
Jimmy “The General” Glanville	29	38	11	39	31	6	30	10	194
Anthony “The Specialist” Merced	19	19	28	31	15	6	29	26	173
Jordan “Pool Striker” Moreira	5	22	5	27	39	13	19	37	167
Tim “The Quiet Man” Gallagher	20	27	13	18	21	7	30	22	158
Mike “Pastor of Pool” Hewitt	20	27	23	14	23	14	14	0	135
Mike “The Tennessee Tarzan” Massey	30	18	14	23	14	13	-	-	112
Andrew “the Driver” Sozio	13	19	4	7	6	12	10	21	92

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DIEHL, MONTANO AND MAST CROWNED COLORADO JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONS

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The 16th Annual Colorado Junior State Championships took place at Felt Billiards in Englewood, Colorado on Saturday, March 9th, 2024. This year's event attracted 20 young players from all over Colorado, along with a familiar face in the girls division.



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One young billiard-athlete from each of the 10-Ball Divisions, along with the top boy and girl in the 14.1 divisions all earned paid entry to the 2024 Junior Nationals. “It was great to see so many new faces this year,” said Samm Diep, House Pro @ Felt, “I hope to see more young players from neighboring states next year!”

Results:

18 & Under Boys 10-Ball: ***Henry Diehl**

16 & Under Boys 10-Ball: ***Noel Montano**

18 & Under Girls 10 Ball: ***Sofia Mast**

14.1 Boys: ***Zach Bryan** (sponsored by the Denver Straight Pool League)

14.1 Girls: ***Sofia Mast**

12 & Under Coed 8-Ball: Rylan Terry

22 & Under Coed 8-Ball: Sofia Mast *

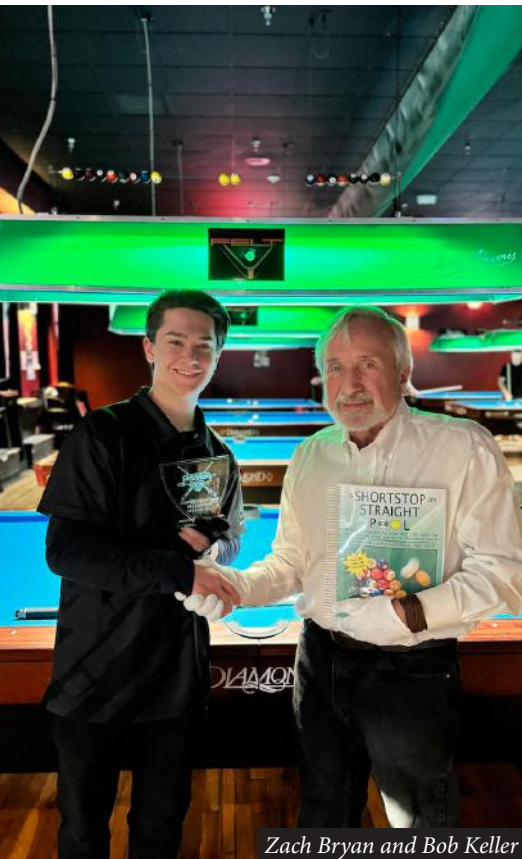
Earned paid entry to the Billiard Education Foundation’s Junior National Championships in Quincy, Illinois July 7-13.



Henry Diehl



Noel Montano



Zach Bryan and Bob Keller



Sofia Mast



Rylan Terry

Special Thanks to the volunteers who helped make the day possible:

- Hayley Schulz (Tournament Director)
- James Bennett (Live Streamer)
- Brett Colbert (Ref)
- David Sheesley (14.1 Ref)
- Larry Young (14.1 Ref)

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MIKE HOWERTON

NAMED BCA PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENT

Story by KEITH LORIA - Billiard Congress of America / Photos courtesy ERWIN DIONISIO and TRACI HOWERTON

Mike Howerton, CEO of AZBilliards, has been named the recipient of this year's BCA President's Award.

“I was pretty shocked,” he says. “It wasn’t even on my radar that I could win something like this. I was blown away. I went to the BCA website and saw the list of those who have won, and to think my name is among that list now is mind-boggling.”

When he founded the website AZBilliards.com in 1998, Howerton was only looking to cover the Arizona pool scene. It didn’t take long for billiard enthusiasts to take notice, and his web traffic began soaring. That’s when he made the decision to transition from a local site to a national site, and it’s since gone international.

The site has the go-to database of players, tournaments results and plenty of features and stories of players and topics those in the industry care about.

“When he created AZBilliards, he brought pool news into the computer age,” says Jerry Forsyth, long-time billiard journalist and commentator, who partnered with Howerton at AZBilliards and even did a podcast with him.

“The marriage of Accu-Stats into the AZB family, it now serves as a library of historic matches that go back five decades. In short, fans and researchers have a one-stop source to study the game, a source that will continue to grow for many years to come.”

Shane Tyree, CEO of the BCA, has always appreciated Howerton’s support of the organization.

“Mike volunteers his time as a BEF board member and for other groups whenever it’s requested, and he always lends a hand to BCA whenever asked,” he says. “Mike has been instrumental in assisting the BCA with managing and maintaining the BCA

Pro Player ranking system. And he continuously supports the BCA with free promotions and advertising on his website AZBilliards.com.”

Additionally, the AZBilliards forums are the most interactive platform billiard aficionados have today to share ideas and opinions as well as to trade, buy and sell billiards equipment.



“The AZBilliards forums still have the largest collection of voices chattering about the industry on a daily basis,” Tyree says.

Philippe Singer, BCA chairman and vice president of marketing for the Predator Group, notes Howerton has always been there when the BCA needed help and shares the same vision of growing the sport.

“Mike’s passion for the sport has led him to build a community of pool players, and build an archive of the game’s history in terms of competition, players, videos of matches with his recent acquisition of Accustat’s YouTube channel,” he says. “The information he makes available to all for free is unprecedented. While he often works in the background and prefers to stay away from the spotlight, his legacy is to have made a significant contribution to build today’s vibrant pool community.”

Forsyth is happy to see his friend get this honor.

“Mike has dedicated himself and AZ-Billiards to growing the game,” he says. “He has never been afraid to get his hands dirty while assisting with BEF and many other tournaments. He has promoted youth in pool for over three decades now and publicizes regional, national and international competitions in an effort to stoke enthusiasm around the sport.”

Howerton started playing pool as a youngster and it was something that his whole family did together.

“I just loved every part of it,” Howerton says. “I followed the pro game long before websites were in existence. I was going to the local pool store and getting Billiards Digest and other magazines and following the greats. To think this was a sport and they were making money competing in tournaments, I really just wanted to put a website together for Arizona pool and it blew up from there.”



Howerton’s philosophy has always been to get the most coverage possible out to as many readers as possible.

“He accomplished this by never charging his readers for any current coverage,” Forsyth says. “Instead, he allowed this to grow his audience into the hundreds of thousands and then let nature take its course as advertisers were always drawn to the size of his reader base. He also created a forum where fans gather to opine on all manner of subjects.”

The one aspect of Howerton that stands out to Forsyth is that he never sought any fortune or glory or even thanks for all he has done to promote the game.

“He was always happy with just getting results. And that he did,” he says. “Folks the world over now have a source to read and write about all forms of billiards.”

Singer watched as AZBilliards grew as a place to get information about what was happening in the pool world, became a place to exchange with fellow pool players, and eventually grew into a place to watch some of the best pool games of all time.

“When a pool players starts to get interested in pool, AZ Billiards and now

it’s Accustat’s YouTube channel, have been long-time favorites and helped fuel many players’ passion,” Singer says. “It is time to thank Mike and recognize him for his contributions to the billiard industry.”

Humbled by his award, Howerton thanks the BCA and those who helped him get to where he is today.

“Before I even got into pool, my tagline was always like the Wizard of Oz, and ‘pay no attention to the man behind the curtain’; for the most part, I’ve tried not to put myself out there,” Howerton says. “I feel AZBilliards stands for itself, and of course, Accustats does. This was a nice acknowledgment of the things I’ve done. I’m very, very proud.”

And for those who have known him, the award is well deserved.

“Mike has always been a behind-the-scenes kind of guy; he works relentlessly preserving and promoting this sport and industry we all love,” Tyree says. “From Accustats to AZBilliards, Mike has always been a keyboard warrior with an unparalleled love for the sport, and now for him to be recognized with the BCA President’s award truly says how impactful his work and dedication mean, not only to the BCA, but for the entire industry.”

Note from Mike: Had I made it to the awards presentation on time and been able to give my speech, it would have been something like this:

This is really a huge honor and was completely unexpected. I hope this isn't a lifetime achievement award, because there is still a lot I hope to do in this industry.

First off, I'd like to express my thanks to Philippe Singer. I've worked with Philippe and Predator since just about day one and they've helped support AzBilliards for many years in many ways.

Thanks to Shane Tyree of the BCA. A little hint for anyone looking to receive an award like this. Just make sure you always answer your phone when you see it's Shane calling, and always agree to do whatever he is asking for help with. It's worked for me, as you can tell.

Thanks to Ivan Lee. Aramith & Simonis has always been there for both AzBilliards and Accu-Stats.

I want to thank Melinda Bailey, who I worked with in the early days of AzB. Her passion for the sport came through in everything she did and I wait patiently for her to find that passion again and come back to the sport.

Samm Diep is another person who I am in complete awe of, when it comes to passion for the sport. and what she gets done in this industry.

I wouldn't be able to run a billiards website without great pictures and I have been lucky enough to work with some of the best photographers in the business. Diana Hoppe, JP Parmentier (when all he did was take pictures) and Erwin Dionisio have all been invaluable in



BCA President Philippe Singer with Mike Howerton

building AzB and I am proud to call each of them my friend.

Going along with the pictures are the stories on AzB and without Skip Maloney writing all of the stories that he does, AzB would be a much smaller site. Skip tirelessly finds a new way to say "Players A beat Player B" over and over again.

On the Accu-Stats side of things, I had worked with Pat Fleming for many years when he decided he wanted to step away from the day to day operations of Accu-Stats. When I finally told him that I thought I could make him an offer, he said that he couldn't think of anyone better suited to run the business than me. Just the idea that he had that kind of faith in me, to look after the legacy of what he has built in this industry, is another huge honor.

There are really two people who sit at the top of the list of people I want to thank. They are kind of #1a and #1b in my mind.

I think she will understand being #1b, but I thank my immensely patient wife for putting up with all of

the times I talk about pool and the people within it. I still don't think she really cares about who beats who, and the politics of pool, but she sure acts like it when I am going on and on about it every day.

Finally, person #1a. I met Jerry Forsyth about 20 years ago and without his support, I would have never accomplished the things that I have in this sport. He is a mentor, father figure, business partner, motivator, confidant and much more. I've traveled the world with him and all of the best experiences that I have in this sport were experiences that I shared with him. He has watched my children grow up, and he is still watching me grow up to this day.

Were it not for the fear of taking Covid back to his wonderful wife again, I think he would rightfully be here right now accepting this award with me.

So to all of these people, and many more that I have forgotten today, who helped me build AzBilliards over the last twenty five years, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you.



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HARRAH'S RESORT, ATLANTIC CITY TO HOST WORLD NINEBALL TOUR'S US OPEN POOL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FOURTH TIME

The 47th US Open Pool Championship will be held at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City between Monday, 19 August and Saturday, 24 August, live on Sky Sports in the UK & Ireland, in partnership with Caesars Entertainment and the Atlantic City Sports Commission.

Spectator tickets are on sale on now, with fans able to purchase hospitality tickets for the first time in the event's history.

Held for the fourth time at the New Jersey casino, the US Open is the sport's most historic tournament

and will see defending champion Ko Ping Chung lead the World Nineball Tour's 128 professional players seeded among a 256-player field aiming to claim the prestigious title.

First staged in 1976, the US Open Pool Championship has crowned illustri-

ous champions over the years, including five-time winners Earl Strickland and Shane Van Boening, Filipino great Efren 'Bata' Reyes and WNT #1 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz.

\$300,000 worth of WNT ranking points are on offer across the field, with the winner set to receive \$50,000.

The US Open is one of the hottest tickets on the World Nineball Tour, with last year's final at Harrah's Resort a complete sell out.

"We are thrilled to be hosting the US Open Pool Tournament for the fourth consecutive year in Atlantic City, NJ. Our seaside destination could not be better positioned to host this unique event in our world-class venues along with ample experiences for athletes and spectators," said Daniel Gallagher, Director of Sports Sales for the Atlantic City Sports Commission.

Spectator Ticket Details

Spectator tickets are available on general sale with prices starting from \$35 per day **here**. Nineball fans can also purchase a Season Pass for the first four days to take in all the multi-table action for \$100.

For the first time at the US Open, fans can take in the event in VIP Hospitality for the final day, with packages available for \$250.



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All tickets are subject to booking and local tax fees.

Spectator Hotel Details

Nineball fans will once again be able to secure a discounted hotel rate at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City.

Player Qualification

Players outside of the top-128 professional players will be able to qualify for their place among the 256-player field in Atlantic City through a number of official US Open Pool Championship Qualifiers.

Players will be able to compete in as many qualifier events as they choose up until qualification for an event, giving them the maximum amount of opportunities to enter. Once qualified for

an Open event, players will be unable to enter any additional qualifiers for the same Open event.

An official list of qualifiers for the US Open will be released soon, with organisers encouraged to register their interest to host an official Qualifier via pool@matchroom.com.

Broadcast Details

Through a range of global broadcaster partners, the US Open Pool Championship will be broadcast in every country around the globe. Nineball fans in the United Kingdom & Ireland will be able to enjoy via Sky Sports, with those in the United States able to watch through DAZN. Viaplay will broadcast the event in the Netherlands, Poland, Scandinavia and the Baltics.

Further broadcast details will be released in due course with fans outside the listed countries able to watch the US Open via Matchroom.live.

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Matchroom Multi Sport is delighted to announce that the Mosconi Cup, the showcase of the World Nineball Tour, will be held at the Caribe Royale resort in Orlando, Florida between Saturday, 30 November and Tuesday, 3 December, live on Sky Sports in the United Kingdom & Ireland and DAZN in the United States.

Traditionally hosted between London and Las Vegas, the 2024 edition will see the event move to the Sunshine State for the first time in the illustrious history of the Trans-Atlantic spectacle. Fans will be able to get their hands on both tickets in April, for the biggest event on the World Nineball Tour.

In groundbreaking news Matchroom Multi Sport CEO, Emily Frazer announced on Sky Sports News that Jayson Shaw and Skylar Woodward will lead Team Europe and Team USA respectively as playing captains in the 2024 Mosconi Cup. This will be the first time since 2004 where both captains will not only lead their teams but also compete on the table themselves.

Team Europe will make the trip across the pond once more as defending champions, having won the competition in each of the last four editions. Last time out at Alexandra Palace, London, they overpowered the Americans 11-3 under the guidance of Germany's Ralph Eckert, with Joshua Filler receiving the MVP award for the third time.

Each side will be made up of five players, with the top three qualifying through the WNT 2024 one-year Rankings. Following a successful model in 2023, qualification cut-offs will follow the European Open Championship, US Open Pool Championship and Hanoi Open Pool Championship. The re-



maining two players will be selected via 'Captain's Wildcards'.

The Mosconi Cup, expected to be a complete sell-out, with over 2,500 fans set to be in attendance each day across the four days. Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets early to avoid missing out on the annual showdown of the best billiards talent across Europe and the US.

Matchroom Multi Sport CEO Emily Frazer spoke of her delight to mark a new chapter in the storied history of Pool's flagship event. "This is one of the most exciting opportunities in the history of the Mosconi Cup," she said. "After celebrating 30 years of history, today we are thrilled to reveal the latest edition of the World Nineball Tour's centrepiece. This competition had flourished year on year and built a significant audience in the United

States over the last three decades. There is no atmosphere in the world like the Mosconi Cup. Florida paves a path for Nineball fans, new and old, to witness new history and be part of this extraordinary event."

Amaury Piepra, Managing Director at Caribe Royale said: "On behalf of Caribe Royale Resort and the city of Orlando we're proud to be hosting the 2024 Mosconi Cup. This exciting international tournament has continued to gain in popularity and is now coming to our 4 Diamond resort. We look forward to once again working with our partners at Matchroom on bringing world class events to Central Florida."

Fans can expect to hear news in the coming months on the two captains for both sides in what will be a festival of pool in one of the most iconic sporting venues the world has seen.

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BCA RE-ELECTS PHILIPPE SINGER AS 2024-2025 BOARD CHAIRMAN



I AM HONORED TO BE RE-ELECTED AND SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BILLIARD CONGRESS OF AMERICA

– PHILIPPE SINGER



During its general membership meeting in Las Vegas, NV., on March 20, 2024, the Billiard Congress of America announced the results of its 2024-2025 Board of Directors elections, which are as follows:

Category 1 (Manufacturer/Distributor)

- Wes Bond (Koda Sports), three-year term
- Colby Olhausen (Olhausen Mfg), three-year term

In the follow-up election of BCA officers, Philippe Singer (The Predator Group) accepted a one-year term as BCA Board Chairman,

as did each of the remaining seated officers: Vice Chairman Jacklyn Ady (Brunswick Billiard Group); Secretary Maria Trent-Martinez (Pool Tables Plus of Daytona Beach); and Treasurer Trey Stites (Valley, Dynamo and Champion Shuffleboard). The remaining directors include: Shane Bouchard (Maine Home Recreation); Debbie Corvey (Boyton Beach Billiards); and Ed Liddawi (Sandcastle Billiards).

“I am honored to be re-elected and serve as the chairman of the Billiard Congress of America,” said Singer. “Now that we have positive momentum with our members and healthier financial results, we can gear up and implement new initiatives to support our membership and promote the sport. Both the group of individuals serving on this board, as well as the Billiard Congress of America staff, are bringing innovative ideas and are committed to make them happen. I am looking forward to seeing more initiatives come to life that support the growth and development of both the industry and the association.”



About Billiard Congress of America

Founded in 1948, the Billiard Congress of America is a non-profit trade organization dedicated to growing a united, prosperous and highly regarded billiard industry through BCA leadership. The BCA seeks to enhance the success of its members and promote the game of billiards through educational, marketing and promotional efforts, annual industry trade shows, tournaments and other programs designed to encourage billiards as a lifestyle and make pool everybody’s game. For more information, visit bca-pool.com or call 303.243.5070.

PBS KICKS OFF SEASON WITH RECORD-BREAKING VIEWERSHIP

Over 8 million people reached across Pro Billiard TV and social media platforms during Las Vegas tournaments

The Predator Pro Billiard Series (PBS) launched its season in Vegas with 5 thrilling tournaments, over \$500,000 in Prize Fund and a record-breaking viewership. Pro Billiard TV's YouTube channel skyrocketed with over 10 days of non-stop action. The channel streamed 84 intense matches across two TV tables, captivating world-wide audiences with more than 180 hours of live content.



The numbers speak volumes: an astonishing 5.2 million views, drawing in over 1 million unique viewers. With an impressive 20,000 new subscribers jumping on board, Pro Billiard TV solidified its status as the ultimate destination for billiards enthusiasts worldwide. The excitement peaked during the WPA Predator Men's World 10-Ball Championship final, with a record-breaking 23,000 live viewers hanging on to every shot. The final match between Carlo Biado and Naoyuki Oi has racked up over 500,000 views and counting.

But the digital frenzy didn't stop there. Across social media platforms, the Pro Billiard Series left an indelible mark. On Facebook, PBS reached over 7.3 million people, with 26,000 new followers joining the ranks. Meanwhile, on Instagram, the series engaged more than 900,000 users, generating a staggering 44,000 post interactions and adding 4,500 fresh faces to its follower count.

Viewers also had the opportunity to catch all the live action for free on the BilliardTV network, accessible on vari-

ous platforms, including Samsung TV Plus. With an average of 185,000 daily viewers and a total of 2.7 million viewers tuning in during the Las Vegas tournaments, the BilliardTV network provided a convenient and accessible way for fans to experience the excitement of the Pro Billiard Series firsthand.

Reflecting on the success of the Vegas tournaments, PBS Events Manager Vincent Rochefort exclaimed:

"We're thrilled to see the overwhelming support from fans around the globe, including the new people that we are introducing to the sport via Billiard TV and who are starting to follow the sport on our channel. The record-breaking numbers on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram are a testament to the passion and dedication of the billiards community, as well as to our ability to attract and engage new viewers. We're grateful for their unwavering enthusiasm and look forward to delivering even more excitement in future PBS events"

Part of the Vegas tournaments' remarkable viewership success can be

credited to two new thrilling events. The PBS Women Showdown featured 16 top female players, showcasing their skill and competitiveness to an eager audience. Additionally, the introduction of the Apex Mixed Doubles event brought together 8 top pairs in an exciting new format, captivating viewers with dynamic matches. These additions injected fresh excitement into the tournaments, attracting a diverse audience and contributing to record-breaking viewership. More mixed doubles events to come this year!

The success of this event would not have been possible without the generous support of sponsors and partners, including Predator Group, Kamui, Yalin, Rums of Puerto Rico, Samsung TV Plus, Medalla Light, Cue Sports International, WPA, EPBF and Kozoom.

As the curtain falls on this remarkable season opener, fans are encouraged to subscribe to Pro Billiard TV on YouTube for replays, highlights, and exclusive content. Stay connected with @ProBilliardSeries on social media to catch all the latest updates on future events.

Tourney Results

Mar 02 - Mar 03

14th N.E. Pool & Billiard Hall of Fame 9-Ball Open

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

Providence, RI

- 1 Moritz Neuhausen \$1,450
- 2 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$900
- 3 Kevin Guimond \$750
- 4 Thomas Haas \$550
- 5 Francisco Cabral \$400
- 5 Jay Aliomer \$400
- 7 Bob Mendenjian \$300
- 7 Dave Hall \$300
- 9 David McConnell \$200
- 9 Paul Dryden \$200
- 9 Ranulf Tamba \$200
- 9 Ray McNamara \$200
- 13 John Francisco \$100
- 13 Peter Bowman \$100
- 13 Robert Lee \$100
- 13 Steve Edmonton \$100

Mar 02 - Mar 02

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop Lower Bracket

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Joseph Patti \$400
- 2 Justin Chang \$200
- 3 Jason Nicholson \$120
- 4 Fernando Ruiz \$100

Mar 02 - Mar 02

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop Upper Bracket

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Levie A. Lampaan \$500
- 2 Bud Robideau \$300
- 3 Aiden Wagner \$200
- 4 Gregory Meehan \$140

Mar 02 - Mar 03

2nd Annual Rack Race Event Four

Rack and Grill II

Augusta, Georgia

- 1 Josh Roberts \$900
- 2 Landon Hollingsworth \$450
- 3 Ricky Boughman \$300
- 4 James Mullins \$200
- 5 Larry Davis \$130
- 5 Richard Kilgore \$130
- 7 Jeff Crawford \$80
- 7 Jim Jennings \$80
- 9 Hunter Zayas \$60
- 9 Timmy Prince \$60
- 9 Todd Blackwell \$60
- 9 Tracy Prescott \$60

Mar 02 - Mar 02

Pool Series Tour Stop

Smokin' Cue

Charlotte, NC

- 1 Mike Davis \$650
- 2 Runal Bhatt \$450
- 3 BJ Ussery \$280
- 4 Brian Francis \$160
- 5 David Anderson \$80
- 5 Eddie Little \$80
- 7 Rico Gonzalez \$40
- 7 Todd Milan \$40

Mar 02 - Mar 02

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

OverTime Bar & Grill

Columbia, SC

- 1 Matt Collins \$600
- 2 Chris Coleman \$425
- 3 Mitch Holmes \$280
- 4 Terry Brumble \$140
- 5 Junior Gabriel \$55
- 5 Rory Dover \$55

Mar 02 - Mar 03

14th N.E. Pool & Billiard Hall of Fame 9-Ball Open Second Chance

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

Providence, RI

- 1 Steve Mack \$310
- 2 Russell Bellisle \$200
- 3 Robert Lee \$150
- 4 Jim DiMauro \$100

Mar 03 - Mar 06

US Open 10-Ball Championship 2024

Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

- 1 Shane Van Boening \$9,000
- 2 Vitaliy Patsura \$4,200
- 3 Lee Vann Corteza \$2,800
- 4 Daniel Maciol \$2,100
- 5 Billy Thorpe \$1,500
- 5 Joshua Filler \$1,500
- 7 Albin Ouschan \$1,100
- 7 Maximilian Lechner \$1,100
- 9 Carlo Biado \$800
- 9 Nick De Leon \$800
- 9 Oliver Ruuger \$800
- 9 Roland Garcia \$800
- 13 Danny Olson \$600
- 13 Dennis Laszkowski \$600
- 13 John Morra \$600
- 13 Yuma Dornier \$600

Mar 03 - Mar 03

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Gladi8or Billiards

Los Angeles, California

- 1 Michael Hansen \$700
- 2 Shahdad Zand \$450
- 3 Paul Vinas \$310
- 4 Dexter Vallapando \$200
- 5 Jonah Vise \$130

5 Stephen Lamb \$130
7 Kevin Nakamura \$90
7 Tim Traver \$90

Mar 06 - Mar 09

US Open 8-Ball Championship 2024

Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada
1 Wiktor Zielinski \$7,500
2 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$4,500
3 Joshua Filler \$3,000
4 Lee Vann Corteza \$2,200
5 Albin Ouschan \$1,400
5 Bader Al Awadi \$1,400
7 Roland Garcia \$1,000
7 Szymon Kural \$1,000
9 Carlo Biado \$750
9 Daniel Maciol \$750
9 Tony Chohan \$750
9 Vitaliy Patsura \$750

Mar 09 - Mar 10

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 14

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

Utica, New York
1 Jeremy Sossei \$1,000
2 Bucky Souvanthong \$700
3 Jason Reese \$550
4 Brad Guthrie \$400
5 Geoff Montgomery \$300
5 Ron Casanzio \$300
7 Dave Mills \$200
7 Kiet Mieu \$200
9 Aaron Greenwood \$100
9 Dan Sharlow \$100
9 George Lashoff \$100
9 Zach Robbins \$100

Mar 09 - Mar 10

2024 Maine State 10-Ball Championship

TJ's Classic Billiards

Waterville, Maine
1 Dave Hall \$1,050
2 Matt Jarrell \$700
3 Dillon Nickerson \$460
4 Chad Bazinet \$320
5 Bill Longmore \$210
5 Samoth Sam \$210

7 Dennis Patenaude \$150
7 Mo Cormier \$150
9 Gary Bryant \$110
9 Guy Bouthot \$110
9 Keith Trafton \$110
9 Kyle Pepin \$110

Mar 09 - Mar 10

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Dot's Cue Club

Rocky Mount, NC
1 Thomas Sansone \$800
2 Andy Harris \$630
3 Kelly Farrar \$430
4 Joey Tate \$250
5 Chris Rhoades \$125
5 Jose Irizarry \$125
7 Randy Tate \$80
7 Steven Page \$80

Mar 09 - Mar 10

Paradise Billiards 600 & Under

Paradise Billiards

Lantana, Florida
1 Ed Acosta \$1,500
2 Dylan Bryant \$1,000
3 Vinny Ceraulo \$750
4 Henry Kantorski \$550
5 Ramon Alfonso \$350
5 Tim Barker \$350
7 Chris Crum \$250
7 Terry White \$250
9 Adauto Mendes \$150
9 Alfredo Vera \$150
9 Christian Vanega \$150
9 Joe Senich \$150
13 Emily Broxson \$150
13 Jonathan Lopez \$150
13 Josh Carmusin \$150
13 Stan Rodowicz \$150

Mar 09 - Mar 10

JPNEWT Tour 2024 Stop #1

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ
1 Briana Miller \$725
2 Rachel Lang \$525
3 JoAnn Mason Parker \$350
4 Giovanna Napolitano \$250
5 Kia Burwell \$120

5 Melissa Jenkins \$120
7 Jay Pass \$75
7 Linda Cheung \$75

Mar 09 - Mar 10

Joss Tour 2024-2025 Stop 14 Second Chance

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

Utica, New York
1 Aaron Greenwood \$300
2 Rick Bentley \$200
3 Rohit Aggarwal \$140
4 Bruce Carroll \$100
5 Chrstine Cockrell \$40
5 Dan Sharlow \$40

Mar 10 - Mar 13

2024 US Open Bank Pool Championship

Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada
1 Shane Van Boening \$7,000
2 Lee Vann Corteza \$4,300
3 Billy Thorpe \$3,000
4 Skyler Woodward \$2,000
5 Corey Deuel \$1,200
5 Mark Estiola \$1,200
7 Sergio Rivas \$900
7 Tony Chohan \$900

Mar 12 - Mar 17

McDermott Classic 2024

Amazin Billiards

Malden, Ma
1 Wiktor Zielinski \$9,000
2 Tyler Styer \$6,000
3 Joshua Filler \$3,500
3 Mario He \$3,500
5 David Alcaide \$2,000
5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$2,000
5 Jonas Souto Comino \$2,000
5 Mickey Krause \$2,000
9 Chris Reinhold \$1,000
9 Jeremy Sossei \$1,000
9 Martin Daigle \$1,000
9 Michael Feliciano \$1,000
9 Moritz Neuhausen \$1,000
9 Oscar Dominguez \$1,000
9 Sam Henderson \$1,000
9 Shane Wolford \$1,000

Mar 12 - Mar 17

2024 McDermott Classic Open One Pocket

Amazin Billiards

Malden, Ma

- 1 Scott Frost \$3,850
- 2 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$2,700
- 3 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,800
- 4 Danny Olson \$1,250
- 5 Jeremy Jones \$850
- 5 Nick De Leon \$850
- 7 Shane Wolford \$600
- 7 Tyler Styer \$600

Mar 13 - Mar 16

2024 US Open One Pocket Championship

Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

- 1 Shane Van Boening \$7,000
- 2 Roland Garcia \$4,100
- 3 Billy Thorpe \$2,800
- 4 Tony Chohan \$1,800
- 5 Marc Vidal Claramunt \$1,100
- 5 Oliver Ruuger \$1,100
- 7 John Morra \$700
- 7 Lee Vann Corteza \$700

Mar 14 - Mar 17

Polish Dynamic Billard 10-Ball Open

Kielce, Poland

- 1 Daniel Maciol \$18,000
- 2 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$10,000
- 3 Denis Grabe \$6,000
- 3 Petri Makkonen \$6,000
- 5 Alexandros Kazakis \$4,000
- 5 Fitim Haradinaj \$4,000
- 5 Mieszko Fortunski \$4,000
- 5 Tomasz Kaplan \$4,000
- 9 Aleksa Pecelj \$2,000
- 9 Ciprian Gandac \$2,000
- 9 Eklent Kaci \$2,000
- 9 Karl Gnadeberg \$2,000
- 9 Marc Bijsterbosch \$2,000
- 9 Mohammad Soufi \$2,000
- 9 Pijus Labutis \$2,000
- 9 Ralf Souquet \$2,000
- 17 Daniel Guttenberger \$500
- 17 Francesco Candela \$500
- 17 George Antonakis \$500

- 17 Hubert Lopotko \$500
- 17 Jakub Koniar \$500
- 17 Karol Skowerski \$500
- 17 Kostas Koukiadakis \$500
- 17 Leevi Auresto \$500
- 17 Mateusz Sniegocki \$500
- 17 Mustafa Alnar \$500
- 17 Oliver Szolnoki \$500
- 17 Petr Urban \$500
- 17 Radoslaw Babica \$500
- 17 Roman Hybler \$500
- 17 Szymon Kural \$500
- 17 Yip Kin Ling Leo \$500

Mar 15 - Mar 17

2nd Annual Rack Race Event Five

The Rack & Grill III

Aiken, SC

- 1 Josh Roberts \$1,640
- 2 Scott Rabon \$865
- 3 Joe Franc \$540
- 4 Hunter White \$400
- 5 Robbie Shelley \$240
- 5 Steve Wiggins \$240
- 7 Brian Timmons \$150
- 7 Derek Leonard \$150
- 9 Chris Worsham \$120
- 9 Jim Lee \$120
- 9 Nick Van Allen \$120
- 9 Timmy Prince \$120
- 13 Kyle Mahon \$50
- 13 Matt Collins \$50
- 13 Nick Smith \$50
- 13 Stevie McClinton \$50

Mar 15 - Mar 17

Carolina Classic Mini One Pocket

The Rack & Grill III

Aiken, SC

- 1 Hunter White \$2,300
- 2 Josh Roberts \$1,200
- 3 Joe Franc \$740
- 4 Derek Leonard \$550
- 5 Matt Bulfin \$355
- 5 Scott Rabon \$355
- 7 David Ferguson \$230
- 7 Matt Collins \$230
- 9 Bill Eisenhard \$150
- 9 Chris Worsham \$150
- 9 Ian Jones \$150
- 9 Randy Flakes \$150
- 13 Calvin Le \$60

- 13 Dave Cook \$60
- 13 Michael McCall \$60
- 13 Pete Johnson \$60

Mar 16 - Mar 17

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 15

Brickhouse Billiards

N. Syracuse, New York

- 1 Nicolas Charote \$1,000
- 2 Tyler Henninger \$700
- 3 Aaron Greenwood \$550
- 4 Dan Sharlow \$400
- 5 Jim Kearney \$250
- 5 Sean Zeng \$250
- 7 Bucky Souvanthong \$150
- 7 Dwight Dixon \$150
- 9 Brad Guthrie \$100
- 9 Derick Daya \$100
- 9 Ed Saur \$100
- 9 Mark Creamer \$100

Mar 16 - Mar 16

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard

Glen Burnie, Maryland

- 1 James Brown \$500
- 2 Heath Russell \$280
- 3 Ricky Ferguson \$120
- 4 Chet Osborn \$55

Mar 16 - Mar 16

Predator Tri State Tour 2024 Stop

Diamond Jim's Billiards

Nanuet, NY

- 1 Alexander Estevez \$900
- 2 Fernando Ramirez \$550
- 3 Arnaldo Trancoso \$255
- 3 Jason Caradang \$255
- 5 Bud Robideau \$80
- 5 Christopher Chang \$80
- 5 Clint Pires \$80
- 5 Jessica Keim \$80

Mar 16 - Mar 17

Joss Tour 2024-2025 Stop 15 Second Chance

Brickhouse Billiards

N. Syracuse, New York

- 1 Rick Bentley \$320
- 2 Mike Renshaw \$200

- 3 Joe Whiteley \$160
- 4 Gary Chartowick \$100
- 5 John Dennis \$60
- 5 Mark Creamer \$60

Mar 18 - Mar 25

Premier League Pool 2024

US 1 Billiards & Bar

West Haven, CT

- 1 Shane Van Boening \$20,000
- 2 Pin-Yi Ko \$12,500
- 3 Joshua Filler \$8,000
- 3 Ping-Chung Ko \$8,000
- 5 Fedor Gorst \$7,000
- 6 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$6,250
- 7 Skyler Woodward \$5,250
- 8 Wiktor Zielinski \$5,000
- 9 Mario He \$4,750
- 10 Albin Ouschan \$4,500
- 11 Ang Tuan Nguyen \$3,750
- 12 Jayson Shaw \$3,500
- 13 Michael Feliciano \$3,250
- 14 Jin-Hu Dang \$3,000
- 15 Bernie Regalilaria \$2,750
- 16 David Alcaide \$2,500

Mar 21 - Mar 24

WPBA Fairfield Invitational

Fairfield Arts and Convention Center

Fairfield, Iowa

- 1 Meng-Hsia Hung \$6,500
- 2 Kristina Zlateva \$4,200
- 3 Allison Fisher \$3,000
- 4 Brittany Bryant \$2,400
- 5 Kristina Tkach \$1,750
- 5 Marharyta Fefilava \$1,750
- 7 Briana Miller \$1,300
- 7 Kennedy Meyman \$1,300
- 9 Caroline Pao \$1,000
- 9 Lonnie Fox-Raymond \$1,000
- 9 Stephanie Mitchell \$1,000
- 9 Veronique Menard \$1,000
- 13 Janet Atwell \$700
- 13 JoAnn Mason Parker \$700
- 13 Pamela Kelly \$700
- 13 Sofia Mast \$700
- 17 Angela Janic \$500
- 17 April Larson \$500
- 17 Ashley Benoit \$500
- 17 Emily Duddy \$500

- 17 Jordan Helfrey \$500
- 17 June Maiers \$500
- 17 Naomi Williams \$500
- 17 Susan Williams \$500

Mar 23 - Mar 23

APT Tiger Pool Tour 2024 Stop 2

Womens Division

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

- 1 Courtney Hairfield \$380
- 2 Iris Cabatit \$200
- 3 Soo Emmett \$120
- 4 HJ Kim \$80
- 5 Kaley Sullivan \$50
- 5 Renee Marple \$50

Mar 23 - Mar 23

APT Tiger Pool Tour 2024 Stop 2 Division 2

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

- 1 Kenny Marple \$1,000
- 2 Mitt endorff \$500
- 3 Reagan Wallace \$275
- 4 Shane Sullivan \$175
- 5 Jalen May \$100
- 5 Matthew Thompson \$100
- 7 David Jenkins \$75
- 7 Kenneth Tyndall \$75
- 9 Baker Hedhli \$50
- 9 Jady Bird \$50
- 9 Ray Korchak \$50
- 9 Ryan Martin \$50

Mar 23 - Mar 23

APT Tiger Pool Tour 2024 Stop 2 Division 1

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

- 1 Daniel Adams \$530
- 2 Jimmy Bird \$350
- 3 Bruce Reed \$250
- 4 Reno Villanueva \$150
- 5 Aaron Detherage \$80
- 5 David Gerald \$80
- 7 Christian Youngers \$50
- 7 Moe Mozannar \$50

Mar 23 - Mar 24

2024 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 3

Rusty's Billiards

Fort Worth, Texas

- 1 Shane McMinn \$835
- 2 Gus Briseno \$600
- 3 Mark Johnson \$450
- 4 Jimmy Davis \$320
- 5 Clint Freeman \$220
- 5 Jason Gladden \$220
- 7 Jonathan Rawlins \$140
- 7 Ramon Rodriguez \$140
- 9 Brandon Denman \$80
- 9 Frank Cherry \$80
- 9 Jay Grant \$80
- 9 Neil Nabil Saidawi \$80

Mar 23 - Mar 24

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC

- 1 Tracy Hardie \$640
- 2 Robbie House \$400
- 3 Jose Irizarry \$240
- 4 Jack Whitfield \$160
- 5 John Higgins \$80
- 5 Kelly Farrar \$80
- 7 Cody Jones \$55
- 7 Wilson Dorsey \$55

Mar 24 - Mar 24

New England 9-Ball Tour 2024 Scotch Doubles

Run Em Racks Billiards

Johnston, RI

- 1 Brian Berry \$250
- 1 Craig Koscieski \$250
- 2 Rich Senna \$175
- 2 Robert Avellar \$175
- 3 Joe Rodrigues \$125
- 3 Mike Uttley \$125
- 4 Felix Rivera \$50
- 4 Jose Pardo \$50

Mar 30 - Mar 30

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Breaking Tradition

Kingsport, TN

- 1 Dustin Coe \$400
- 2 Daniel Adams \$260
- 3 Matt Shaw \$140
- 4 Bree Bramlett \$55

Upcoming Tournaments

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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.

The Second Annual Rack One Pocket Classic

Apr 03 - Apr 07

The Rack Billiards
Fresno, California

Marina Pool Open

Apr 05 - Apr 07

Marina Pool Club
Modena,

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 16

Apr 06 - Apr 07

Yale Billiards
Wallingford, Connecticut

Lucasi West Coast Tour Stop 1

Apr 06 - Apr 07

Hard Times Billiards
Springfield, Virginia

2024 Super Billiards Expo Open NineBall Pro Players Championship

Apr 11 - Apr 14

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks
Oaks, PA

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 17

Apr 20 - Apr 21

Fairway Billiards
Fulton, NY

World Pool Masters 2024

Apr 25 - Apr 28

Halle39
Hildesheim,

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 18

Apr 27 - Apr 28

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York

NWPA Tour 2024 Stop 1

Apr 27 - Apr 28

Players Sports Bar
Kennewick, Washington

2024 UK Open

May 07 - May 12

Telford, UK

Joss Tour 2023-2024 #19

May 18 - May 19

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill
West Hempstead, NY

2024 WPBA Raxx Invitational

May 30 - Jun 02

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill
West Hempstead, NY



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 Fedor Gorst	 RUS	81.575,00 US\$	↓
 Lee Vann Cortez	 PHI	51.400,00 US\$	
 Naoyuki Oi	 JAP	49.725,00 US\$	↓
 Chieh-Yu Chou	 TPE	40.250,00 US\$	↓
 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	 ESP	37.750,00 US\$	↑
 Denis Grabe	 EST	28.324,00 US\$	
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