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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

I had the unique pleasure to be involved in the negotiations over the last couple of months to make the Turning Stone Classic a NineBall Rankings Event. When I say "pleasure", I really mean it. Social media got all aflutter over the idea that there was going to be some huge clash of personalities demanding they get their way when it came to certain aspects of the event, but that couldn't have been further from the truth.

What I got to hear was two people who are passionate about making the sport better than it has been, while also wanting both the event and the points list succeed. There were no "demands". There were suggestions and requests, but certainly no "demands". Both sides expressed their thoughts and both sides listened to the thoughts of the other side.

And at the end of the day, the deal got done, and the Turning Stone Classic XXXVI is a Matchroom NineBall Rankings Event.

I wish more conversations about this sport went this way.

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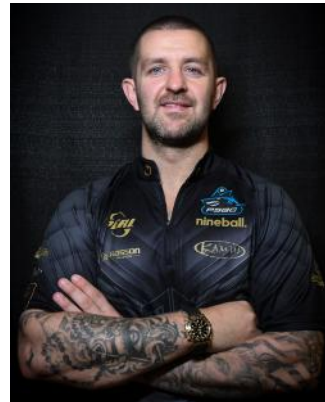
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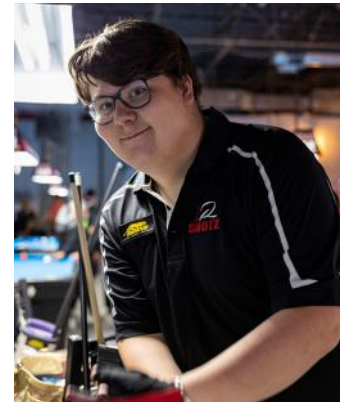
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Have you ever heard the saying “you are what you eat”? We know that if you fuel your body with healthy foods, you increase your chances for a longer, healthier life.

Similarly, if you choose unhealthy foods, you will more likely become overweight, experience fatigues, and ultimately increase your chances for things like high blood pressure and heart disease. Obviously, our nutrition has a big impact on our overall wellness, but there are other factors that go into how we feel about ourselves as well, all leading to our chances for future success in the things we choose to do in life.

Aside from what we eat, the company we keep has a dramatic impact on our mental health. For example, when we hang around people who build us up, support us, and are there for us on tough days, we develop greater human

resiliency and ultimately perform better at whatever we do in life. On the other hand, if we choose to be around people who regularly belittle us, call us names, or simply do not have any confidence in our ability, we run the risk of experiencing a negative outlook, loss of confidence, increased anxiety, and ultimately an overall feeling of being inadequate. Yes, the people around us can build us up – or tear us down.

Be proactive with your company

No, you don't have to go out today and tell the negative people in your life that you are done with them, but you can instead find subtle, discrete ways to



simply spend less time in their company without them even knowing. If you regularly sit next to someone who talks negatively to you, either work to change the subject, or get up and move! Similarly, if you know people who support you, try to hang out with them more, practice together, and build each other up. Remember, the efforts you make with the company you keep will have a direct impact on how you feel about yourself – for better or for worse.

Final thoughts

Yes, similar to how we are what we eat, our mental health is constructed in much the same way. If we “feed” our minds with uplifting conversation, we will carry ourselves with greater confidence. Unfortunately, by hanging around with negative people the exact opposite occurs by “feeding” negativity into our mind.

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EMBRACE AN ATHLETIC MINDSET

ANTHONY BEELER

Despite what some people say about pool, I personally believe *it is an athletic sport*. However, many pool players still play the game like it isn't and I believe this holds them from reaching their full potential.

In this article, I'm going to show you how you can change your mindset to produce a better pool stroke when you are under pressure.

WHAT IS AN "ATHLETIC SPORT"?

In the same way a golfer drives a golf ball, or a punter kicks a goal during a football game, a pool stroke is also an athletic movement.

POOL PLAYERS THINK TOO MUCH

Most pool players don't know how to limit their thinking before a shot, and this really affects how good they become. One reason that pool is a far more difficult game than others, is because there's so much time to think. 90% of the game is spent "making decisions" or sitting in the chair,

meaning we literally have way too much time to think about our stroke.

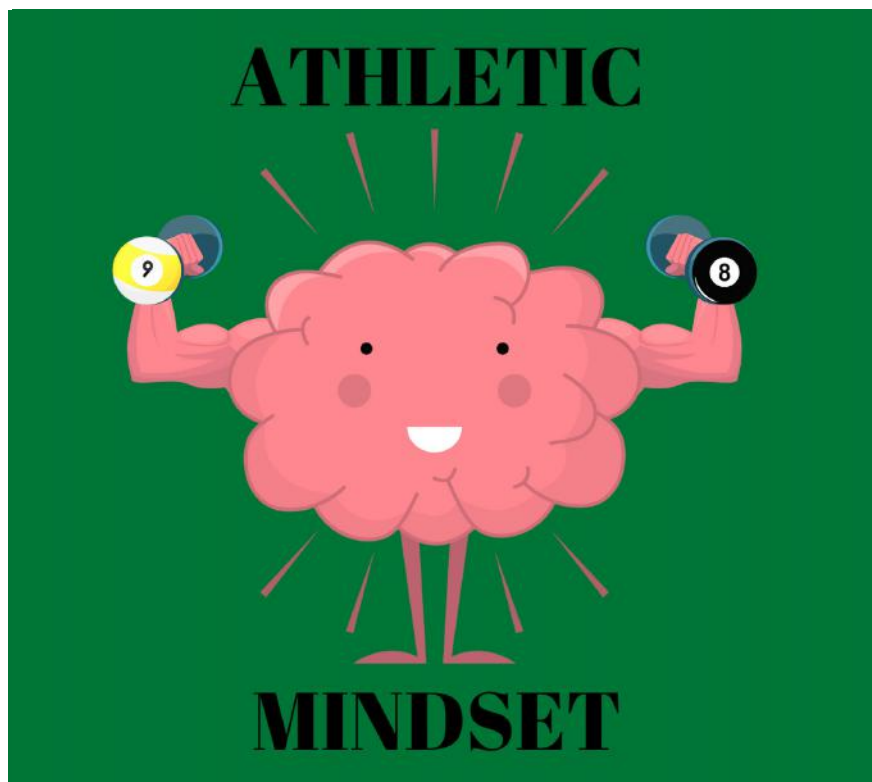
I'm not saying that all thinking in pool is bad – one of the many great aspects of the game is that every shot is different...each shot presents its own set of unique challenges, which requires you to think about the best way to play it.

However, most pool players, don't know how to turn off their critical thinking and access their "athletic mind", so they can make a more natural stroke.

When a player is shooting their best game, they are not preoccupied by thought, judgement or emotion. There's no sense of self or "self-consciousness". The mind is focused 100% on the present and as far as they are concerned there is no past or future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BRAIN DURING DEAD STROKE?

The prefrontal cortex is the part of the brain which is responsible for managing processes like reason, logic, problem solving, planning, and memory. In pool this is great during the initial planning phase of your pre-shot routine, but it can easily become "a negative voice in your head" when you are getting ready to shoot. To produce a,



better pool stroke and get into “dead stroke”, that little voice needs to be turned off and your athletic mind needs to be activated.

In pool, think about how focused you feel when you shoot certain shots – you have a clear vision of what you intend to do, and you execute it perfectly. This is what happens when your athletic mind is turned on and your critical mind is switched off. Your body is better able to “react” to the intentions you have set for the shot.

HOW CAN WE DO A BETTER JOB OF TURNING ON THE ATHLETIC MIND?

One strategy is to focus on your breathing. This is proven to reduce activity in the thinking part of the brain. Breathing is also a key part of athletic performance, and it also helps reduce tension in the muscles.

Focusing on your senses is another great way to connect with the present

“ **IN POOL, THINK ABOUT HOW FOCUSED YOU FEEL WHEN YOU SHOOT CERTAIN SHOTS – YOU HAVE A CLEAR VISION OF WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO, AND YOU EXECUTE IT PERFECTLY.** ”

and turn off the critical mind. Notice what you are seeing, feeling, or hearing as you walk up to the shot. Experiment with your senses and focus on one. Simply becoming more aware of where your attention is and whether you are still “thinking” all the way through the shot, will help you produce a better stroke more often.

I personally believe pool is an athletic sport. Many pool players still play the game like it isn’t and I believe this holds them from reaching their full potential. Work to change your personal mindset, and you will produce a better pool stroke when the match is on the line.

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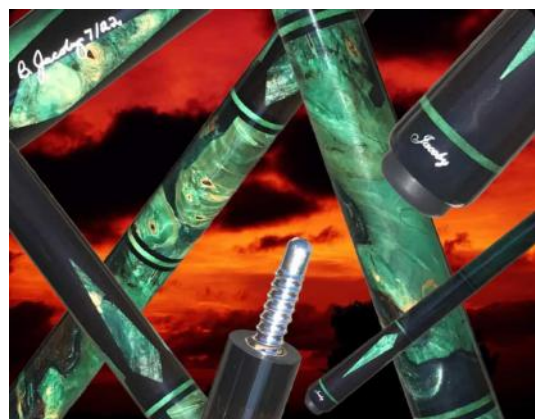
Brandon Jacoby

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Wise words from one Jacoby to another, “It’s a whole lot easier to make a living from pool, not at pool.” Words from his father that Brandon lived by. This month’s “Meet the Cue Maker” we hear from Brandon Jacoby of Jacoby Custom Cues.

Brandon Jacoby, 48, resides in Ne-koosa, Wisconsin with his wife and four children. Growing up, playing pool was a family activity for as long as he can remember. Everyone was involved, from his grandfather to aunts, uncles, cousins and most influential, his dad. With the Jacoby name being a family brand, it would be difficult to lead into Brandon’s cue making career without first touching on his dad’s. Dave

Jacoby, Brandon’s father, shared in the same love of the game. He was an avid pool player and often went on the road traveling for tournaments. Brandon recalls being young and tagging along for a few but at the time, he was more interested in the swimming pool at the hotel than joining his dad in the tournament rooms. After growing a strong love of the game, Dave developed a curiosity about the equipment and started with simple cue repair. He purchased his first lathe in 1983 from future Viking Cues founder, Gordy Hart. When Dave wasn’t at his primary job at the papermill, he spent much of his free time doing cue repair in his garage. He learned mostly by trial and error and cutting bar cues in half. Brandon states however, that his father also attributes learning a fair amount from cue makers Jerry Olivier, Keith Josey and founder of the American Cuemakers Association (ACA), Leonard Bludworth. Dave later stepped into the role of cue maker and even joined the ACA when it was formed in 1992. He went on to lead an active role in the ACA including positions on the board, vice president and even president. Presently, Dave has mostly stepped back from his various roles in cue building and will soon be retired.



While his father was beginning his pursuit in cue building, Brandon’s interest in the game heightened. By age 16, Brandon was spending all his free time playing pool and he even aspired to make a career of it. It was at that time his father shared with him some important wisdom. He advised, “It’s a whole lot easier to make a living from pool, not at pool.” Unlike most children that age, Brandon listened to his dad’s advice. When he became of age, he switched gears and enlisted in the military with the intent to become a police officer. However, when he completed basic training and it was time to continue his education, his dad convinced him to go to school locally. By doing this, Brandon was able to work in his dad’s shop part-time and they both quickly realized they made a great team. In 1996, Dave ended his employment at the papermill and teamed up with his 22-year-old son to establish



Brandon Jacoby



Jacoby Custom Cues. They've been working together building cues full-time ever since.

Brandon has spent the last 28 years working side by side with his dad and learning all his techniques. Although he has many awards under his belt, he states to this day the highlight of his career has been being able to work alongside his father for so long. With his father now mostly retired, Brandon looks forward to the day his own children can join in. His son welcomes this tradition and happily told him he can't wait until he can join at the shop so they can "drive each other crazy" working together. Even still, there is plenty of room at the shop allowing space when needed. The Jacoby shop is open to the public and consists of 25,000 sq ft with a 1,500 sq ft showroom in front featuring cues on display. Customers come from all over to visit and often receive a tour of the shop as well. A large range to choose from, Jacoby Custom Cues include about 60% custom designs with around 40% made of small production batches. When choosing a build, he divides his cues into four categories: Freestyle, custom, heritage series or short-line, and custom inspired. Freestyle allows Brandon to choose all aspects of the design and build. Custom brings together a collaboration between him and the customer for the design and build. Heritage series or short line typically includes a batch of five that consists of matching inlays that pair together. Lastly, custom inspired involves a customer choosing a design from a prior custom cue but tailoring it to match their needs. With Jacoby cues, all components are built in house except for the bumper, the tip, and the occasional pin. Cues can be full splice or short splice, whichever the customer chooses. Once completed, you'll find Brandon's signature and date between the points and the logo at the butt of the cue. Brandon states what sets his cues apart are his material and color choices. He enjoys pairing

wood with materials that aren't often seen together such as buffalo turquoise or malachite. While many cue makers focus on fine detail you can only see up close, Brandon does the opposite focusing on bold choices allowing you to see the design from across the room. With such eye-catching designs, it's no wonder he's created cues for such high-profile names as Corey Duel and Jeannette Lee. He's even made a cue for pro football player Payton Manning. Although he's enjoyed making cues for some memorable names, what he really enjoys are the cues he submits each year for the ACA challenges.

Each year, the ACA holds competitions in which cue makers get to submit their work to be voted on. One of the largest events is the yearly Super Billiards Expo. Jacoby has submitted cues for this event since 2008. Obviously, a fan favorite, 14 out of the last 15 years they've taken either 1st or 2nd place in the ACA's People's Choice award. One such cue that Brandon is particularly proud of is the "Shah Jahan", named after the man who commissioned India's Taj Mahal. The cue is inspired by what very few have seen, which is the interior of the Taj Mahal. This cue design highlights the symmetry and beauty of the mausoleum. All within the inlay of the cue you will find blue lapis, oyster, angel wing shell, box elder burl and ebony. It required over 300 hours to build with the work of 10 team members and sold for \$25,000. Although their award-winning cues often carry a large price tag, Jacoby cues are typically affordable to most players with average prices ranging from \$340 to \$3,000. Their yearly production sits at around 2,000 playing cues per year. However, you can double that number if you include their break and jump cues.



To get your own Jacoby Custom cue, you can check current stock with various dealers listed by state on their website at jacobycustomcues.com. Alternatively, if you'd like to start the process of having your own custom built, just fill out a request form which can also be found on their website. Staff will then work with the customer on design and build. The current waitlist is 12 months with each cue then taking about 9 to 12 months to complete. He credits this quick turnaround to his three key shop assistants: Tony Reimer, Shane Walker and Tim Kobza whom all play a substantial role in the process. Having his team allows Brandon to complete cues faster along with the flexibility to travel to more events. Attending on average 40 events per year, Brandon travels more than most cue makers. He says his favorite part about being a cue maker is the interaction with customers which also keeps him relevant and up to date on what's going on in the industry. You can find him at most Wisconsin state events as well as APA team events and the Derby City Classic. You'll also see him every year at the Super Billiards Expo. Next year will be no different. So, make sure you stop by, say hello and see what the next potential award winner may be.

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Gospel Trick Shot #32

The Impossible Shot

History of the Trick Shot: Legendary 17-time World Champion in multiple billiard disciplines Mike “Tennessee Tarzan” Massey is back again this month with a shot he named “The Impossible Shot.” This shot was done in a bar in Florida last winter as Mike and Rob “The Hurricane” Peacock were traveling around together doing Gospel Trick Shot shows the first half of 2022. Mike is a walking encyclopedia of billiard knowledge and history and this shot reflects the creativity of his amazing mind. When yours truly Steve “Leapin” Lillis needs to gather insight and information about pool and billiards, I go to my brother in Christ, road partner, and lifelong friend Mike Massey. This is a special trick shot from the mind of Mike who has invented and perfected seemingly an infinite number of shots!

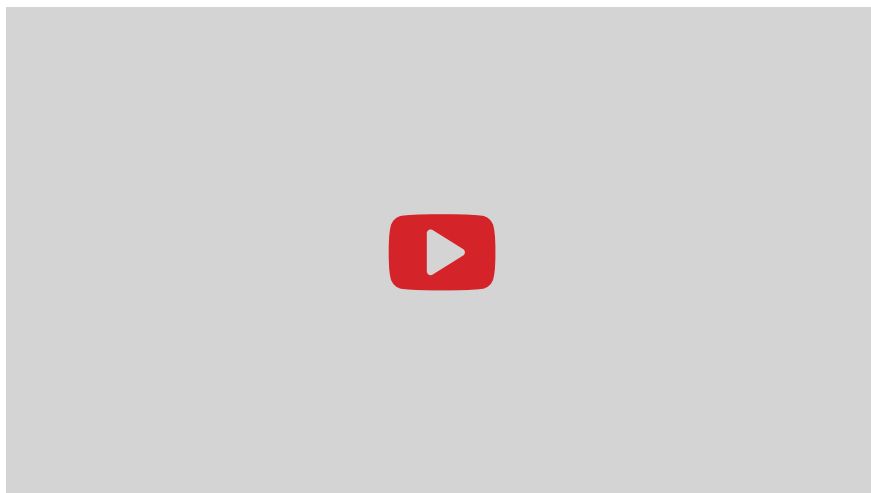
GTS Name and Why: Why is it called the impossible shot? Let’s break the shot down into its many parts. First the cue ball and the one-ball need to be lined up frozen to each other to make the push shot while pocketing the one ball with a fouetté stroke of the cue to curve past the side rail into the first cue stick. Then there needs to be enough spin on the cue ball to cut the two-ball off the bottom rail into the same corner pocket as the one. Then the cue ball with enough spin and speed catches the second cue stick knocking the three-ball into the side pocket before sliding down the cue stick to pocket the four-ball in the opposite corner pocket of where the one and two were pocketed. Impossible you say? Look at the video and see for yourself! This shot also reminds me of a very important Scripture verse in the Bible and spiritual principle below!

Scripture Reference in ESV Translation: Luke 1:37 “For nothing will be impossible with God!” This comes from the story of the virgin birth of Jesus when Mother Mary asked the angel how can this be that I will conceive a child without a man!

Cue Ball Placement: Place cue ball as shown in diagram frozen to the one-ball.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Place one-ball aiming towards the inside of the bottom corner pocket as shown in the diagram allowing for directional throw and spin after applying top right fouetté English on the cue ball. The two-ball will be placed frozen on the center diamond of the bottom rail. The three and the four balls are placed hanging in their respective pockets as show in the diagram.

Objective: Hit the cue ball firm with top right fouetté english curving past the first side rail and catching the cue stick positioned on the table as shown in the diagram. The spin on the

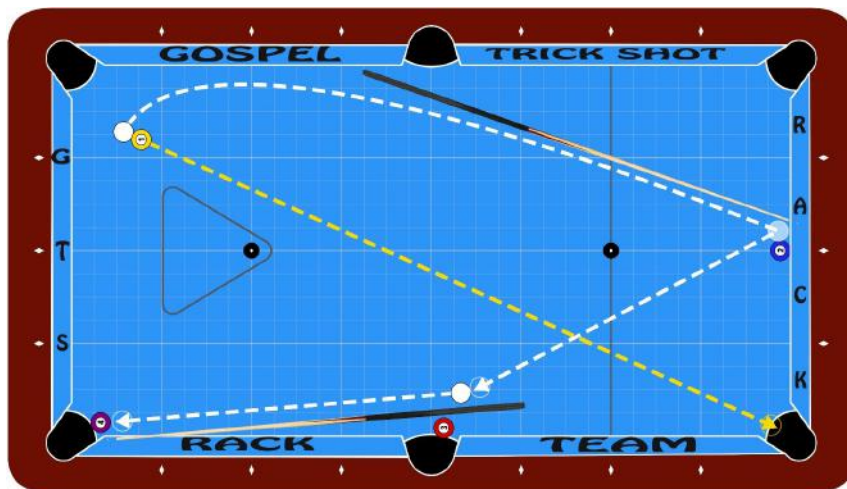


cue ball will cut the two ball off of the bottom rail and into the corner pocket. With all that spin on the cue ball it will catch the second cue stick and pocket the three-ball before sliding down that second cue stick to pocket that final four-ball in the opposite corner pocket.

Special Notes: Observe the position of the two cue sticks on the pool table in the diagram. The fouetté stroke of the cue stick is a combination slight masse with top spin striking downward with top right at about 1:00 O’clock on the cue ball.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: I have never seen this shot done in a live show but apparently the cameraman Rob Peacock was impressed with the shot. I am not sure how many takes it took to record, but knowing Mike Massey

he probably adjusted quickly! There is a high degree of difficulty on this shot so if you attempt to do it in a live show be sure to have some interesting stories and funny lines that you can use after each miss to entertain and amuse the crowd and help build anticipation to cheer you on to finally make it! About 20 years ago I saw my other brother in Christ, road partner, and dear friend Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman do an entire 30-minute show with a seemly impossible difficult Artistic Pool shot. Tom not only kept the crowd of over 100 people entertained but the more he missed the bigger the crowd got and the more excited they became until he finally made the shot after about 40 attempts! God honors seemingly impossible things and situations when you all about His glory and honor because it takes faith. God bless as you attempt big things for God!



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Chou Chieh-Yu is the 2022 Predator World Women's 10-Ball Champion.

The 35-year-old defeated compatriot Wei Tzu Chien 9-3 in the final at Sportpark Klagenfurt in Austria to win €30,000 and receive the trophy and gold medal.

'Rita' Chou was 2013 World Games gold medalist and can now call herself World Champion thanks to an impres-

sive and dominating performance on the final day of play. After defeating Kelly Fisher 9-4 in the semi-finals, she outplayed Wei in the final to earn her World title.

"I am really excited now, thank you everyone," said Chou on receiving her trophy. "It is the first time I won

a World Championship. I felt relaxed today, even when the situations were tough.

"I want to thank my family, my supports and my sponsors, and of course Wei Wei. I didn't expect to win this week, but I have been really enjoying my game. I am looking forward to celebrating when we get home."

Tzu-Chien Wei, Chieh Yu Chou, Kelly Fisher and Jasmin Ouschan



Wei had reached the final by coming back to beat home favorite Jasmin Ouschan 9-7. Wei was trialing for the first half of the match, before coming from 5-3 down to level at 5-5. Ouschan regained her lead at 6-5 and then 7-6 but Wei took the next two to reach the hill 8-7 up. A missed 10 gave the Austrian an opportunity to level, but the chance was a difficult bank. The crowd couldn't bear to watch as Ouschan's effort hit the rail and handed Wei a straight shot to the middle pocket.

A blistering 9-0 victory against 'Amber' Chia Hua Chen in Friday's quarter-finals had wowed the crowd but Wei was struggling to find that sharpness on Saturday. In the final, she struggled to get going and Chou took advantage.

Wei's nerves were showing from the start as she missed a straight 1 after Chou's dry break. She responded with a great two-rail kick to later make the 1, but a missed 9 allowed Chou to steal the rack.

Chou doubled her lead in the second by running the table after drawing a foul from Wei following a dry break. An unfortunate kiss meant Chou scratched on the third break, but she took the rack after Wei hit the 9 too soft, leaving her short of position on the 10.

The fourth rack belonged to Wei but Chou took the next two. Two more racks were shared, taking the match to 6-2 and Chou got to the hill 8-2

Kelly Fisher



ahead when Wei missed another 9. A long 2 opened the next rack for Wei, who cleared to remain in the event.

Five racks ahead and an alternate break format meant Chou would have chances, and she didn't have to wait too long for her moment of victory. Wei left a shot at the 1 for Chou, who came up a little short on the 2, and then left a shot for Wei. It was a long cut shot on offer and Wei was disappointed with her effort, which was hit too thick and proved to be her last shot of the match.

Chou took the 2 and dealt with a difficult 6 with a long shot down the rail, guiding the cue to the center of the table for a perfect shot on the 7.

The road to becoming a World champion is never smooth, and Chou gave herself one last test when she came up short on the 9. But it was a test she completed like a champion; a lot of backspin brought the cue back off the side rail and perfectly down to the 10, which was rolled in with an exclamation of 'yes!' from the new World Champion.

The draw and brackets for the Predator World Women's 10-Ball Championship can be seen here: <https://probilliardseries.com/event/1677/>.

The draw and brackets for the Predator World Teams Championship is at <https://probilliardseries.com/event/1678/>.

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SHAW WINS

Eighth Career Turning Stone Title

Story by AzB Staff / Photos courtesy ERWIN DIONISIO

Coming in to the Turning Stone Classic XXXV, held on September 1st - 4th at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona New York, the biggest question fans were asking was whether World Champion Shane Van Boening would match Jayson Shaw's record of seven career Turning Stone Classic titles. In the end, it turned out to be a fairly easy 8th career win for Shaw.

Van Boening and Shaw were just two of the top players looking to cash the \$8,000 first prize check at Turning Stone this time. They were joined by Mika Immonen, Earl Strickland, Donny Mills, Jeremy Sossei and Bucky Souvanthong, just to name a few.

With the exception of Hunter Lombardo losing his first round match with Immonen, the pool gods were pretty kind to the pros in attendance, as the top players avoided running into each other for the first two days of the event.

Things started getting serious on Saturday with Shaw scoring a lop-sided 9-3 win over Earl Strickland, Mills eking out a hill-hill win against Kevin West and Sossei living up to his "Giant Killer" moniker with a 9-6 win over Van Boening after a controversy over a foul that was overruled by tournament staff.



Jayson Shaw

Sossei would go on to lose a tough 9-7 match with Mills while Immonen ran over Joss tour favorite Bucky Souvanthong and Shaw comfortably beat Canadian Danny Hewitt 9-4.

On the one loss side, Yesid Garibello won what might have been the comeback of the week as he trailed Frankie Hernandez 5-0 before coming back to win 9-8. Van Boening did away with any questions of whether he would win the event from the one loss side as he forfeited his Saturday match against Michael Yednak. Van Boening would not be the only late event forfeit, with Strickland unscrewing his cue mid-match after exchanging words with Souvanthong.

Jesse Engel is a player that fans have not seen a lot of in the last few years, but if Turning Stone was any indication, his game hasn't lost a beat. After dropping a hill-hill match with Jimmy Rivera on Friday, Engel won six straight matches on the left side of the board. That streak of matches included notable wins over Demetrius Jelatis, Kevin West, Yednak, Hewitt and local favorite Aaron Greenwood. His run was finally brought to an end by Mills on Sunday.

Bucky Souvanthong



The hot-seat match came down to Shaw and Immonen. Immonen seems like he has taken his game back to where it was 10 years ago and is playing like the player that was crushing events all over the world back then. He had won the Ginky Memorial earlier in the year, but a win here in Verona would really send the message to the rest of the pros that he was back. Immonen made it to the hot-seat match

without a loss, but Shaw made quick work of him in the hot-seat match and Immonen then lost a tough 9-6 match to Mills.

Donny Mills is no stranger to the final day of play at Turning Stone. He has two fourth place finishes, as well as a third place finish in 2017. While he has experience on the final day, that sometimes doesn't translate into experience

Donny Mills



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playing in the final match of the day. The final race to 13 saw Mills struggling with his break and Shaw having no problems at all. An early dry break by Mills led to a three pack from Shaw and a 4-1 Shaw lead. At 4-1 down, Mills ran out a fairly routine rack but missed a 7-ball and clutched his head knowing he had made a major mistake. He would have two racks to think about that mistake as Shaw ran the rest of that rack and the next one for a 6-1 lead.

Mills has been playing long enough to know that a race to 13 isn't decided in the first seven racks and Shaw had to know Mills wasn't going to just give up. Mills made his push with multiple table runs to climb back to 6-4 down, but Shaw outmaneuvered Mills to regain his four rack lead at 8-4. After Shaw won those two racks, Mills seemed to run out of steam. Shaw combined table runs with wins in safety battles to cruise to a 13-5 win



Mika Immonen

and his eighth career Turning Stone title.

The Turning Stone Classic XXXVI is scheduled for January 5th - 8th, 2023 and with the recent announcement

that the event will be a Nineball World Ranking, it is expected to draw another field of top players to try to keep Shaw from career title number nine. We will find out how they do in just a couple of months.



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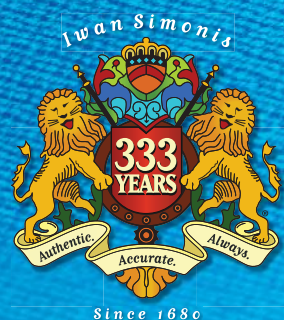
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YAPP WINS

Seybert's Michigan Open Again; **FISHER** Is Women's Champion

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Aloysius Yapp successfully defended his Seybert's Michigan Open title with a 4-2, 4-1 win over Robbie Capito in the final, and Kelly Fisher won her fourth Pro Billiard Series event with a shootout victory over Wei Tzu Chien in the women's final at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Aloysius Yapp and Kelly Fisher

Fisher, previously a Pro Billiard Series winner in Austria, Las Vegas and Germany, came back from losing the first set against Wei to win a high-quality final by shootout and admitted that, given the way she played earlier in the week, she hadn't been expecting to take home the title.

Yapp had defeated Chang Jung-Lin by shootout in his semi-final earlier on Saturday but didn't allow the final to go that far as he took every chance offered to him to earn the trophy for a second successive year.

Capito had reached the final with a 4-0, 4-1 win against Vitaliy Patsura in the semi-finals earlier on Saturday and when Yapp missed a jump to the 1, it was Capito who had the first opening of the match, and he took full advantage to clear for the first rack.

However, a dry break presented Yapp a shot on the 1 and this time it was the Singaporean who took a rack on his opponent's break.

A break and run took Yapp into the lead for the first time but he broke dry in the fourth. Capito had a clear shot at the 1 but after finding perfect position, missed a simple 3 to the middle.

“CAPITO FINALLY GOT AN OPENING WHEN YAPP LEFT HIM SIGHT OF THE 4, BUT AFTER MAKING THE 5, THE CUE KICKED THE 7 TO THE SIDE RAIL. A GLANCE OFF THE 10 HELPED CAPITO LINE UP POSITION FOR THE 7, BUT HE OVERHIT IT AND THE CUE RAN INTO THE 8.”

He would get another chance when Yapp left a long effort at the 3 and Capito made a tough shot down table.

At the recent Predator Canada Open, Capito was in the corner as partner Chia Hua Chen took the title, and this time it was roles reversed as 'Amber' was supporting Capito from the bleachers. She watched on as he made it 2-2 but Yapp regained his set lead when Capito overhit a 5, which had only required the faintest of touches to find the middle pocket. Yapp then completed the set, despite breaking dry, after executing a jump shot on the 1.

The Singaporean continued his run into the second set, taking the first rack and then cutting the 4 with plenty of speed to land perfectly on the 5

as he doubled his set advantage to 2-0, and another break and run took him to the hill before Capito could register a rack.

Capito finally got an opening when Yapp left him sight of the 4, but after making the 5, the cue kicked the 7 to the side rail. A glance off the 10 helped Capito line up position for the 7, but he overhit it and the cue ran into the 8. A thin cut made it to the left corner but Capito then needed to jump the 10 in order to make the 9. He executed that shot superbly, and then made a difficult, high-pressure 10 to give himself hope.

However, unable to afford a mistake, Capito came up dry on his break again. Yapp had a clear shot at the 1 but missed a 2/7 combo he called. Yapp didn't have to wait too much longer; a chance to seal the title for a second consecutive year came after Capito played an aggressive bank but left a straight 3.

It was a nervy runout at times from there, but Yapp completed it to earn the \$20,000 prize and keep hold of his Seybert's Michigan Open title.

The final of the women's event was a fitting finale to a high-quality event, with Wei and Fisher both in fine form as they battled for the \$13,000 title.

After Wei took the first rack of the opening set, a brilliant 8/10 carom had Fisher level. Wei's lead was reinstated after Fisher' dry break left an

Robbie Capito



Seyberts Michigan Open

open table, and 2-1 soon became 3-1 after Fisher scratched when making the 6 ball in the fourth rack.

A great bank to make the 4 got Fisher on her way to 3-2 and the Brit, gold medal winner at The World Games this summer, got the better of a safety battle in the sixth rack to tie the set at hill-hill.

Fisher had the advantage of the break but, despite making the wing ball, found herself with the cue tied to the 9. Wei took out a difficult 1 down the rail to earn herself an opening and followed it up with a long 3. The 6 presented another challenge but Wei found no problems in completing the rack to take the set and a big step towards the title.

A high-quality final showed no sign of abating in the second set. Both players won two of the first four racks but when Wei snatched at the 3, it clipped the 8, missed the pocket, and Fisher cleared to lead 3-2.

Breaking for the last time, Kwikfire Fisher took the 1 down and had nice position on the 2. She had work to do in the rack and played the 5 nicely along the top rail to gain position

on the 6 and from there completed a controlled clearance to win the set 4-2 and take the final to shootout.

Having won the lag, Wei was first to shoot and found the heart of the pocket from the spot. Fisher did exactly the same but Wei's second clipped both jaws and returned up table. Fisher seized the advantage with her second shot, piling the pressure on Wei, who missed again with her third.

That meant Fisher needed one successful shot to win the title. However, she then missed for the first time herself. Wei would still have to make her fourth shot and hope Fisher missed again for the shootout to go to sudden death, but it didn't go that far as Wei missed for a third time, crowning Fisher a Pro Billiard Series champion for the fourth time.

"I am a bit in shock," said Fisher. "I got to the final and that was unexpected of me this week. I never got settled until my last match last night against Angeline Ticoalu, that was the first match where I felt I got flowing, so I had a battle all week just trying to find myself, find my game, let alone expecting to go on and win it.

"Once I got that gear it carried on today, thankfully. Today, I performed really well against Karen and pretty steady in the final. Wei came up with all different shots, put me under pressure and I held it together through the shootout.

"I am really ecstatic to win and get another title under my belt. These events, the excitement they create, I really like; when we have a shootout and the crowd is crammed around the table. The format is tough on the players but it is the future to put this sport on the map. It has been a great event and I am looking forward to the next one."

Fisher had beaten Karen Corr 4-1, 4-0 in an impressive semi-final performance, while Wei had reached the final with a shootout win over Allison Fisher. The Duchess of Doom won the first set 4-1, but Wei took the second 4-2 before winning the shootout 2-1 to reach her second final of the month.

The next US Pro Billiard Series event is the Fargorate Ohio Open, October 19-22 in Wilmington, Ohio.

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MOVES CLOSER TO MOSCONI CUP SELECTION

With Undefeated Win On Home Felt In Spain

Story by Skip **MALONEY** - AzB Staff / Photos courtesy Erwin **DIONISIO**

Going into the PRP Nineball Open last weekend (Sept. 14-18) at the Exe Boston Hotel in Zaragoza, Spain, the struggle for a 3rd place spot on the Mosconi Cup's European team, defined, as of August 31, by the Nineball World Rankings, was something of a race between Austria's Mario He and Spain's Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz.

Both made it undefeated through two separate knockout rounds of the 128-entrant field in Spain. They both went on, undefeated to the finals where Sanchez-Ruiz prevailed to claim the event title, his fourth major title of the year.

With the USA's Shane Van Boening and Germany's Joshua Filler holding the top two spots in those Nineball World Rankings and being too far ahead in the rankings to be unseated, each Mosconi Cup team will select two more from the list at the conclusion

of the final three ranking events; The Euro Tour Dynamic Billiards Slovenia Open in Lasko, Slovenia (Oct. 1-3), the Sandcastle 9-Ball Open at Sandcastle Billiards in Edison, NJ (Oct. 6-8) and the US Open Pool Championship at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, NJ



Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz



(Oct. 10-15). With Austria's Albin Ouschan, who did not compete in Spain, currently in the #3 position in the World Rankings and in the driver's seat to claim a second spot on the Mosconi Cup team, the third selected seat continues to be a struggle between Sanchez-Ruiz (currently #4) and He (#5). Though at the moment, Sanchez-Ruiz has a commanding lead and seems likely to draw the third pick, it might well continue into next week's Slovenia Open and depending on whether the two opt for a trip to New Jersey afterwards, it could end up on this side of the Atlantic.

Sanchez-Ruiz and He emerged from separate brackets to advance to the PRP Nineball Open's final draw of 32. Sanchez-Ruiz, after being awarded an opening round bye, defeated two of his fellow countrymen, Manuel Fernandez and Gabriel Carral 9-2 to qualify for the single-elimination Phase Two (well over 50% of the field was from Spain). He was joined from the winners' side of the bracket by countrymen Jose Alberto Delgado and Jose Castillo, Lithuania's Pijus Labutis, Poland's Wiktor Zielinski and Mieszko Fortunski, Marc Bijsterbosch from the Netherlands and Hungary's Oliver Szolnoki.

In the other Phase 1 bracket, Mario He (also awarded a bye) defeated Spaniards Amalia Matas 9-4 and Mayte Ropero 9-7 to be among the winners' side competitors to advance. Germany's Ralf Souquet was on that list, too, as were Poland's Konrad Juszczyszyn, Switzerland's Ronald Regli, Spain's David Alcaide and Jonas Souto, Estonia's Denis Grabe and, also in the running for that 3rd spot on the Mosconi Cup team, behind He, Alex Kazakis from Greece.

Sanchez-Ruiz' toughest battle advancing to the event's quarterfinals came in the opening round of the single-elimination Round 2, when Francisco Diaz chalked up eight racks against him. From there, it was relatively smooth sailing through Ivan Nunez 11-3 for Sanchez-Ruiz to arrive at his quarter-



Mario He

final matchup versus Delgado. He, on the other hand, began his single-elimination advancement with two double hill matches against Portugal's Sara Rocha and Spain's Iker Echeverria, which he successfully negotiated to face Bosnia-Herzegovina's Sanjin Pehlivanovic.

Three competitors lurking behind Sanchez-Ruiz and He on the rankings list, appeared in the other two quarterfinals. Kazakis, immediately below He on the list, faced Denis Grabe (in the 20s on the list), as Szolnoki, immediately below Kazakis, met up with Zielinski, immediately behind him.

Sanchez-Ruiz downed Delgado 11-5 and in the semifinals, picked up Zielenski, who'd eliminated Szolnoki 11-8. He defeated Pehlivanovic 11-2 and drew Kazakis, who'd eliminated Grabe 11-7.

Assuring their spots on the rankings list, Sanchez-Ruiz and He advanced to the finals; Sanchez-Ruiz 11-5 over Zielinski and He 11-2 over Kazakis.

It was clear from the outset of the finals that Sanchez-Ruiz and He were playing for more than bragging rights at their local pub. He broke the initial rack and ran the table to open the scoring. Sanchez-Ruiz broke and won the second to create the first of only two ties in the race to 13.

Sanchez-Ruiz won the next four to go ahead 5-1, at which point the two of them embarked on a series of runs that

narrowed that lead down to between two and three racks. He got within a single rack three times in that stretch, at 6-5, 7-6 and 8-7, but He's win of rack #15 opened the door for Sanchez-Ruiz to head on out on a four-match run that put him on the hill, ahead by five at 12-7.

He, though, came right back and matched Sanchez-Ruiz' longest run of the game at the start, winning five racks to force a single deciding game. He broke, but left himself with a low-percentage shot at the 1-ball, sitting north of and at a sharp angle to a side pocket. He played safe and began a two-ball safety battle that took up nearly half of the final match-time. Sanchez-Ruiz broke it up after He had given him an opening on the 2-ball that also opened the table. Sanchez-Ruiz ran them from there and claimed the event title.

The battle for the two remaining European Mosconi Cup slots (not counting the coach's two wild-card picks), moves on to Lasko, Slovenia.

Matchroom Nineball Rankings

- 1st *Shane Van Boening*
- 2nd *Joshua Filler*
- 3rd *Albin Ouschan*
- 4th *Francisco Sanchez Ruiz*
- 5th *Mario He*
- 6th *Alexander Kazakis*
- 7th *Oliver Szolnoki*
- 8th *Wiktor Zielinski*
- 9th *Jayson Shaw*
- 10th *Abdullah Alyousef*

Philippines Are Predator World Teams Champions

Story and photos courtesy **PREDATOR MEDIA GROUP** and Vincent **ROCHFORT**

Philippines defeated Great Britain 3-0 in the final in Klagenfurt, Austria to be crowned 2022 Predator World Teams Champions, eight years after finishing runners-up the last time the event was staged.

The team of Rubilen Amit, Carlo Biado and Johann Chua won 4-3, 4-3, 4-1 against the British trio of Kelly Fisher, Jayson Shaw and Darren Appleton. Both Biado and Amit were part of the silver-medal winning team of 2014, when they lost to China in the final.

Philippines had reached this year's final with a shootout victory over Germany, who fought back from 2-0 down to force the decider. Britain's semi-final was against Chinese Taipei, who were defeated 3-1 with Shaw in practically good form for his nation.

The final was much closer than the scoreline might suggest; the first two

sets – women's singles and a men's match contested by Shaw and Biado – both finished 4-3, before the victory was completed by Amit and Chua in a 4-1 mixed-doubles win over Fisher and Appleton.

"It feels amazing to be champions," said Amit. "We're, we're very, very happy, and very and relieved. Finally, no more matches, we can rest and just enjoy it and enjoy Austria and Klagenfurt!"

"Last time we placed 2nd and now we are finally the champions. I am very happy that I have Johann and Carlo as my teammates because they are awesome, they are very good players."

Biado added: "Finally we made it. My job was to win in this event and with my team, and I want to thank them because we all played well. We have to celebrate now!"

The final's first set went the way of Amit, but it would have been easier had she not missed the 7 at 3-2 up. Fisher made it with a great shot to the corner and then took a difficult 9 to the middle before rolling in the 10 to make it 3-3.

The Brit had the break but after she missed a 3-ball jump, control passed to Amit, who produced a solid run out to take the first set of the final.



Shaw had been imperious in the semi-final, beating Wu Kun Lin 4-0 and Chang Jung-Lin 4-1. He fired himself to a 2-0 set lead in no time against Biado, before the reigning US Open champion escaped a safety with a 1-ball bank to open the table and pull it back to 2-1.

A kick shot on the 3 opened up the next rack for Biado, who drew level at 2-2. He had the break next but with a chance to lead for the first time, snookered himself on the 7 and a hopeful double bank failed, allowing Shaw to steal the point.

Shaw came up dry on the hill. Biado made the 1 and went safe on the 2, but when Shaw's reply went wrong, Biado was able to join his opponent on the hill.

The Filipino was put back in after a push out and what followed was a high-quality safety battle. A great kick from Shaw made the 2, but there was no shot on the 3. After a visit from Biado, Shaw made another great shot – a 3/8 carom – only to be left still without a shot on the 3. Biado's failed jump finally gave Shaw an opening but there was still work to do and he caught the 10 coming back for position on the 9. Eagle Eye played safe but Biado produced a great bank down the length of the table to take Philippines within a set of the title.

Clearly, the team didn't want to wait for their crowning moment. The doubles pair of Chua and Amit were quickly 2-0 ahead against Appleton and Fisher. Britain were up against it but produced a calm clearance to cut their deficit in half. The fourth rack went to Philippines, and after Appleton lost the cue ball and Fisher then missed the 5, the title belonged to the Philippines, and the winning 10 ball to Johann Chua.

"I am so happy and so proud," said Chua. "It is my first medal from a World Championship, and I am so thankful and so happy to make it with this team. We knew our opponents are really tough, but we came here to enjoy it."

Kelly Fisher, Darren Appleton and Jayson Shaw



In yesterday's Predator World Women's 10-Ball Championship semi final, Kelly Fisher had suffered a 9-4 defeat to eventual champion Chou Chieh-Yu. The opening set of the Chinese Taipei vs Great Britain semi-final threw up a repeat of that semi-final, and Fisher was able to exert a small amount of revenge with a 4-2 win.

Jayson Shaw was next up in men's singles, facing Wu Kun Lin. The Scot is a ruthless operator and had his Eagle Eyes set on title, and wasting no time in dispatching Wu 4-0 as he produced a masterclass performance.

Taipei needed a response and Chang Jung-Lin alongside Chou brought it with a hill-hill win in mixed doubles against Fisher and Darren Appleton. That left Chang needed a win against Shaw to force a shootout, but the Brit brought his fine form from the earlier set against Wu to deliver a 4-1 win.

Rubilen Amit's 4-2 women's singles win against Pia Filler gave Philippines first blood in the second semi final. Biado then came from 2-1 down to reach the hill first against Thorsten Hohmann. A masse around the 2 then saw Biado escape from a safety and make the 1, playing a lot of draw to come back and make the 2. From there he ran the rack for a 4-2 set victory and to take Philippines to the hill of the match.

But Germany fought back; first the Fillers against Amit and Johann Chua, and then Joshua Filler in singles against Chua won 4-0 to force the fifth set shootout.

In the shootout, Biado and Joshua Filler both opened with successful shots from the right. Amit and Pia Filler then both made their shots from the left. Shooting from the right, Chua found the very heart of the pocket but Hohmann missed his. That afforded Biado a chance to take Philippines to the final, and he made no mistake from the spot.

Matches from the Predator World Teams Championship can be replaying in full on the World Billiard TV YouTube Channel.

The draw and brackets for the Predator World Women's 10-Ball Championship can be seen here: <https://probilliardseries.com/event/1677/>.

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Story by MARY KENNISTON

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After the players auction, the brackets were posted and play began.

Using eighteen Diamond tables, the 128 player field was whittled down by Sunday to the final 32. A second players auction was held and when it was over, the action resumed.

Two players battled their way through the very tough field to the hot seat match – Ukraine's Vitaliy Patsura and BCA Hall of Famer Alex Pagulayan.

On his way to the hot seat match, Patsura thumped Raymond Linares 9-2 and Jay McGovern 9-1 and defeated Justin Espinosa 9-5, Nathan Wallace 9-7 and Jesus Atencio 9-6 before eking out a win over John Morra 9-8.

In the bottom portion of the bracket, Pagulayan defeated Clint Palaci 9-5, Brian Sanders 9-5, skunked Gordon



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Vanderveer 9-0, blistered fellow Filipino and day's old Texas Open One Pocket champ Roberto Gomez 9-2 and Robert Frost 9-3. He then sent Josh Roberts to the one loss side with a score of 9-5.

In dead punch, the hot seat match saw Patsura claim his seat in the finals with a 9-5 victory over Pagulayan. Alex headed to west to await an opponent.

Over on the one loss side, Josh Roberts kept Jesus Atencio in his chair with a 9-4 win. John Morra eliminated the always tough Naoyuki Oi 9-5. Both Atencio and Oi finished 5th-6th.

Morra was ahead with a 5-3 lead until Roberts stepped on the gas. Tied at seven apiece, Josh won the last two games and took the win 9-7. John finished in fourth place.

The Alex Pagulayan-Josh Roberts match began – each player looking to get into the finals. Alex leaped out to a 5-1 advantage but here came Josh! He tied it up at five games each!

Alex won the next three games to reach the hill 8-5. But then, here

came Josh again to take the next two games! Alex decided to finish it right there and took the match 9-7. He moved on to the finals leaving Josh in third place.

As this event was true double elimination, Pagulayan would have to defeat Patsura twice to win the tournament.

Alex won the first game and Vitaliy won the next three. Then he started to really pull ahead – 5-2, 6-2, 7-3 and to the hill he went. Alex managed to win one more game and then Vitaliy ran out to claim the title!!!

While the main event was going on, Sky Woodward took the \$500 added Banks Ring Game mini over Raed Shabiband Sakura Muramatsu defeated Jennifer Kraber to win the Ladies Ring 9 Ball Game! Congratulations to both!

The \$3,500 added Ladies 9 Ball Division had a full field of 32 players with races to seven.

After several matches, room owner Kim Sanders and last year's third place finisher Sakura Muramatsu battled for

the hot seat. Sakura cruised to a 7-3 win to claim her spot in the finals.

Kim was sent to the west side to await the victor of the Jennifer Kraber-Michelle Cortez match. Michelle prevailed 7-5 leaving Jennifer in fourth place.

Cooling her heels waiting for an opponent didn't seem to faze Sanders any as she took the match over Cortez 7-4. Michelle finished in third place.

As this was also true double elimination, Sanders would have to defeat Muramatsu twice to win the tournament but it was not to be – Sakura won the final match 7-3.

Congratulations to Vitaliy and Sakura for becoming the 2022 Texas Open 9 Ball Champions! Great tournament, Alex and Kim!

And, thanks again to everyone at Skinny Bob's for a first class event! Big thanks to the local sponsors – they included Diamond Billiard Products, GAF, Hanshew Custom Cues, Sanders Roofing & Exteriors, ABC Supply, Sionis, Aramith and Mints Amusements.

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You see it all the time, at all levels of the sport. From seasoned veterans who cash regularly at Pro events, but have yet to record a win.

From amateur players, who compete on regional tours, winning occasionally, but coping with a consistency problem. To the Junior International Championships (JIC) roster of competitors, who are just learning to address the variety of issues associated with moving them up a proverbial 'ladder' where they are able to put that first win onto their pool resume.

Of all of these groups, it is arguably the junior competitors who have the hardest time identifying the nature of the 'hump' they're attempting to get over and discovering ways to go about it. This is due, in part, to their dual tasks of improving their skills at the table, while trying to navigate the often-tricky waters associated with becoming an adult. The good news is that the young competitors are learning lessons early that many of their adult counterparts are still working on.



Brent Worth

Like Brent Worth from Hampton, VA, who turned 18 in July. He's been competing on the JIC for two years now. He began the second season at #11 in the tour rankings and has slowly worked his way up the specific 18 & Under Boys division to sixth place. He finished in third place in the ProAm division of the JIC (open to all, both genders and eligible to players who've aged out of the 18 & Under divisions). He had come within a single spot of winning himself free entry to the Pro event of his choice. The two available spots went to two competitors who've worked their way over the JIC 'hump' and have won multiple stops in both seasons, Landon Hollingsworth and Joey Tate. Worth knows that this particular 'hump,' a short-term of goal of winning a JIC event, is still in front of him. But he also knows that it's within his reach now.

"I can beat these guys if I put in the work," he said recently, noting that he had defeated Joey Tate in a winners' side quarterfinal of the most recent JIC ProAm event.

As often happens (to twist a phrase), a 'closed door' in one place offers an open one elsewhere. Earlier this year at the Super Billiards Expo outside Philadelphia, Worth signed on to compete in the 17U Amateur tournament and went undefeated in the single-elimination event. In the finals, he defeated Payne McBride, profiled in the August issue of BILLIARDS BUZZ, who would go on in the JIC series to claim third place in the 18U division standings, three spots ahead of Worth. Last month, Worth competed on the Viking Cues' Q City 9-Ball Tour,



lost his opening match and then won eight on the loss side to challenge a veteran player, Stevie McClinton, in the finals. Worth defeated him twice, 6-3, 6-2 to claim his first regional tour title in his first-ever appearance on the Q City 9-Ball Tour.

Though it turned out well, Worth's appearance on the tour was emblematic of issues at the core of his growth in the sport. He won it, but he'd added some pressure to the job by dropping that opening match.

"It's been one of my problems," he said. "My mental game. Losing focus and staying in (a game, match or tournament)."

The turning point for Worth, as it has been for a number of JIC competitors, was the development of his relationship with Dee Adkins, father of JIC competitor Riley Adkins and mentor

to Payne McBride, Tatum Cutting and a number of other JIC alumni. What began as training in a private home which became known as Pods (owner's name) US Junior Training Center, evolved into Dee's US Junior Training Center with its own home in West Jefferson, OH. It is a training facility to which, according to Atkins, "most of the JIC players have been."

But of course, it didn't start there. It started at home for Worth. His father, John, who will have turned 67 by the time you're reading this, owned a pool room briefly, Hampton Roads Billiards, before moving on to become the owner of a vending company, servicing machines in gas stations and pool rooms, currently around 30 of them. John Worth is an 'old school' pool player, whose history in the sport evolved and revolved around the one-on-one gambling side of things.

"I never tried to be a good player," he said. "I tried to be a good hustler. And I wanted Brent to be a good player and I sent him in that direction by sponsoring him in the BEF (Billiards Education Foundation) and the JIC."

"I was OK," he responded when asked if he'd been any good. "These days,

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Junior Player of the Month

Brent can spot me the '7' ball on the break and in a race to 7, he'll beat 7-1, 7-2. He definitely took an interest in pool because of my experience in it. Lots of experience."

Brent's earliest memories of his introduction to the sport were centered around the time that his father owned the pool room and continued as his father moved around the countryside servicing machines at a number of them. At around 9 or 10 years old, Brent was aware that John played in a weekly pool tournament at a local pool hall, and normally, Brent would stay with his Mom. Until one night,

Mom wasn't going to be home and Brent tagged along with his Dad.

"Every weekend after that first one," Brent recalled, "I was asking him to go."

"They had this one table in the back, away from the main room," he added, "and I got hooked. At first, because it was in a bar, he didn't want me to go, but when I got be around 12, they started letting me play in tournaments."

When it began, Brent had yet to be lured to any number of other sports likely to have been available to him

in his community. By the time he got to high school, his interest and time had already settled into pool and he did not engage with any of the other sports offered. Initially, the lure of it had less to do with the sport itself than an already present interest in competition.

"I always liked competing," he said, adding that his first exposure to competition came at tables without felt and pockets where he would play board games. "Growing up, I always wanted to win."

"I like learning, too," he added. "I'm not really sure what it was about the game (of pool) itself, but I wanted to learn. There was something about making that first ball, getting excited about it, and not just me, but the people around me getting excited, too."

The 'hook' had been set and the sport was reeling him in.

At 11, he attended his first Super Billiards Expo, where he lost his first (single-elimination) match. He's competed in the Billiards Education Foundation's Junior Nationals a number of times, but never did break through to become one of that event's champions. The 'hump' of chalking up that first win probably looked like a mountain at that point, but that competitive spirit of his kept him going. It was, is, something recognized by his Dad and Dee Adkins.

"His competitive drive," said John Worth. "He wants to be a winner. The only thing, if anything, that's lacking at this point is practice. He's getting better and better at every event."

From Adkins' point of view, being strongly competitive is something of a double-edged sword. While it can motivate a young player to be better, it can also lead to a player putting pressure on him or herself that can be counter-productive.



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“It’s (Brent’s) best and worst trait,” he said. “He’s on a fine line of working that out.”

Adkins has been working with him for about a year and a half now and recognized that competitive spirit early. He’s worked with the junior competitor on figuring out ways to channel that energy when its downsides – anger, disappointment, frustration – threatened to derail elements of the progress that the youngster had made in his skill set.

“Brent had some issues he had to work on, is still working on,” Adkins said. “I’ve said a few things to him, trying to help him out a little and he has improved his game and attitude. He’s a hard worker and a good listener.”

“Brent had that big breakthrough at the SBE and he’s been playing well,” he added, noting that having supported and mentored both finalists in that SBE event, Worth and Payne McBride, his personal loyalties were more or less evenly divided.

“Both of them wanted it pretty badly,” he said. “It was tough to watch because in that situation somebody’s going to win and somebody’s going to lose.”

The ‘turn around’ for Brent was definitely the time spent with Adkins, on all of the important aspects of the game; the fundamentals, the proper mental attitude and the importance and benefits of good sportsmanship.

“He helped me a lot,” said Brent, “taught me techniques to not get so upset. He stayed on me about it and I don’t do it much anymore. Part of that was learning not to go in with (too) high expectations. If you go in thinking ‘Oh, I’m gonna win,’ if you lose, it can be discouraging.”

“I also struggled with focus,” he added, “and he told me to go back to my fundamentals. ‘If you miss,’ he told me, ‘think about it, don’t just get mad.’”



His assessment of his own strengths and weaknesses is multi-faceted. He knows what he’s good at and recognizes what still needs work.

“Ball-pocketing,” he said of what he believes to be his strength. “I shoot pretty straight; as good if not better than most. What I struggle with are the patterns.”

His perception of his own struggles lacks the perspective of those who watch him play. Adkins, as an example, considers Brent’s decision-making to be his best quality, while his pattern play has improved a lot over the past couple of years.

“All of them (junior competitors) have little things that get things stalled a little,” he said. “They have a couple of years where they’re starting to beat the good players, but haven’t won the big one yet.”

“Mentally,” he added, “it puts a lot of pressure on them, but they do finally break through.”

Brent has graduated from high school already and at present, works for his father’s company. Considerations of the future have crossed his mind; the possibility of further education, perhaps related to some kind of business degree in an effort to start his own

business some day and of course, getting over the JIC and other milestone ‘humps’ to compete as a professional pool player.

“I want to be a Pro,” he said, considering where he hopes to be in five years. “I’m going to be practicing a lot over the next five years and hopefully, I’ll be playing in Pro tournaments by then.”

“The breakthrough will come,” said Adkins, “as long as he keeps that mental thing ‘solved.’ He’s doing it now and if he continues to do that, it will happen.”

On the immediate horizon for Brent is competition in the JIC’s 18U Boys Championship, scheduled for Nov. 3-5 as part of Pat Fleming’s International Open in Norfolk, VA. It could be his breakthrough moment, the opportunity to get over the ‘hump.’ Or not.

In any case, someday, one assumes, Brent Worth will be like Igor (played by Marty Feldman) in the Mel Brooks’ film *Young Frankenstein*, who was told by Dr. Frankenstein (Gene Wilder) that as a brilliant surgeon he could possibly help Igor with his hump. Igor responded with a question.

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Caroline Pao **becomes the #1-ranked** **US player on the WPBA**

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On the long weekend of Sept. 21-25 in Battle Creek, MI, Caroline Pao became the top-ranked USA player on the WPBA, moving ahead of Jennifer Baretta into fourth place behind the UK's Kelly and Allison Fisher and Canada's Brittany Bryant. She did this after finishing in the eight-way tie for 9th place at the Predator US Pro Billiard Series at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Her rise to this pinnacle in her career, her best-recorded earnings year since she began appearing on our payout lists over 20 years ago, has been the result of hard work, dedication, practice-practice-practice, and the assistance of a number of sponsors. Not to mention a little bit of luck related to recent WPBA history, which saw the number of yearly events diminish over the past few years and gradually, over the past year or so, saw the event-numbers go up, dramatically, in part due to the tour's ongoing association with the Predator US Pro Billiard Series.

The WPBA ranking system doesn't work the way many regional-tour ranking systems do, confining its rankings to a single season and starting over when a new season begins. The WPBA allots points to its members over a series of associated events, and as the points associated with a recent event are recorded, the oldest event on the ongoing list drops off the ranking radar. The ranking list that was updated after the Michigan event listed 10 events, dating back to Wisconsin's Aramith/Doctor Pool Classic in November, 2019, at which Pao finished in the tie for 17th place. The next event, moving forward in time occurred in 2020 and the next in 2021. The next seven have occurred

in this calendar year; three of them (so far) associated with the Predator US Pro Billiard Series. The number of offered events had a way of drawing more foreign competition back to the North American WPBA Tour, which accounts for some of Pao's surprise that in the midst of this rejuvenation of the tour and the return of many competitors, she has somehow managed to move from 11th place on the ranking list when the year started, to 4th on

that list, and as it turned out, the top American on it.

She wasn't surprised because she had any doubts about her skills or dedication to the task(s), but because of this particular year's worth of challenges. It is, she'll tell you, something that she loves to do and given the fact that she also holds down a full-time job as a representative for Mezz Cues here in the US, her status as a member of the pool community is 24/7.

Caroline Pao



“I feel really lucky to have this ranking as the top USA player on the WPBA,” she said, “However, I want to say that the competition has been a lot more stern than it has been over the last few years because of all of the international players who’ve come back to play.”

Along with the top three on the WPBA ranking list (the Fishers and Brittany Bryant) who’ve been here right through the tour’s ‘lean’ years, are (among others) such players as Taipei’s Tzu-Chien Wei (runner-up to Kelly Fisher in Michigan), Spain’s Amalia Matas and Indonesia’s Angeline Ticoalu (tied for 4th in Michigan), and in a welcome return that could signal more events to come for her, Ireland’s Karen Corr.

According to Pao, coming to terms with playing that level of player requires a kind of mental adjustment that is not easy to accomplish. As standard as the ‘play the table, not the opponent,’ may be, it is definitely easier said than done.

“I think that whenever you do play big-time players, (the Fishers, Tzu-Chien Wei, Barretta and others), their presence is known,” she said. “Whether you like it or not, or try not to focus on it, they’re there and you know it. For you to forget about that and focus on you is harder with them, just because of who they are.”

It’s a strange human trait to note the presence of a particular human being across the table from you and allow that to affect the skills, concentration and focus that as a player, you’ve put in so much time to accomplish.

“It really is and no matter how hard you try to fight it and tell yourself (not to be influenced), this game is about 80% mental,” she said. “There’s skill involved, but overall the mental process overtakes it all and while you might make a certain shot nine out of 10 times, in one moment, your percentage might fall.”

“I’ve seen so many countless players miss a key shot like that, but it’s not the same scenario,” she added. “This



Caroline with Briana Miller from a recent J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour stop

one moment might be the shot that can make or break you and you might have made it a thousand times, but this one time, you twisted your wrist, or your timing’s a little off, or you shanked it a little bit or held your cue too tight. It could be any of those reasons to throw that one shot off, at that particular time.”

Though she has yet to win a WPBA event, she is a regular competitor on them and is regularly among the top players at the end.

“I think it’s just that my play has been consistent and I tend to come into the top 16,” she said of her advancement to the top US spot in the rankings. “That’s how the points add up to do it.”

She is already looking ahead, not only to specific events in the future, but to ways that she can improve her skill set and approach to the game. And though “grateful and excited” with her recent results, she’s not quite where she wants to be. Yet.

“My dream, and it’s a long shot, is to win a WPBA event,” she said. “It is so hard with (the likes of) Kelly, Allison and Kristina (Tkach). It’s great to come out on top with one of these players in a match or event, but to do it consecutively is Hard!!”

“I think I still need to fine-tune some things in my game,” she added, “things that they’ve already taken care of. For me to beat them consistently, aside from confidence and a

strong mentality, I still need to work on a lot of aspects of my game.”

“Pocketing the balls and running out, for example, is one big part of the game, but defense, safety play, kick safes, kicking balls in, all of that also is a big part of the game. The (higher-level players) are better in that part of the game. Even if I play a decent safe, their chances of kicking it in or kick-safing it back to me are a little higher in percentage than me.”

She’s also looking ahead to some events that will not offer her WPBA opportunities in pursuit of the dream, like an upcoming stop on the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour and continuing to compete on the J. Pechauer Northeast Women’s Tour, at which she has had considerable success over these past couple of years. She’ll also continue her dream quest at the WPBA’s Sledgehammer Open, a Helena Thornfeldt Memorial event at Janet Atwell’s room (Borderline Billiards in Bristol, TN; Oct. 19-23), could compete in another of the Predator US Pro Billiard Series event in Puerto Rico (Nov. 15-19) and travel to Rothchild, WI to compete in the Dr. Pool Classic (Dec. 7-11).

She is immensely grateful to her sponsors - Mezz Cues, Sugartree Cues, Raxx Pool Room (West Hempstead, NY), Kurweil’s Country Meats, Three-Second Cases.

“Without them,” she said, “honestly, it would have been pretty rough to attend all the events.”

Black Widow

Appears At Cancer Symposium; Scheduling More Appearances

Although still fighting cancer, The Black Widow Jeanette Lee was back out doing one of the things she does best, representing the world of professional pool to the world.

Lee recently participated in a Title IX celebration and symposium on behalf of the Jimmy V Foundation, a prominent cancer charity. The topic was the courage of women in the face of the challenge of cancer. Jeanette gave a speech, performed a

billiards demonstration, attended the Wine Celebration Gala and participated in a round table symposium with other cancer warriors.

Lee's participation in this event was a great sign of both her level of celebrity stature and as to how strong she

is feeling after what has so far been a 20 month battle with ovarian cancer. Lee takes an ongoing, daily chemo treatment with Lynparza which appears to be working exceedingly well, considering that her cancer is "in as much remission as it can be". Lee commented on how it felt to get back



Olympic Gold Medalist and 17 time National Champion Cross Country Skier Kikkan Randall, Business Executive and former WNBA President Donna Orender, Jeanette Lee and Olympic Medalist and National High Jump Champion Chaunte Lowe

out representing the world of pool, “It was great fun and very fulfilling. I very much want to use my battle with ovarian cancer to help others and the Napa gala and symposium did exactly that. I drew strength from it myself. The Jimmy V Foundation does great and very visible work and I value my association with them.”

Jeanette did all of this, including bi-coastal flying, and was able to handle it all physically without undue fatigue. That has emboldened her and her management, to have her do more things. In a measured way, very conscious of her condition and with an eye towards making sure she does not create any fatigue, Jeanette will be doing more things publicly. She will be making appearances at upcoming events including the WPBA Sledgehammer Open in support of her late friend, Helena Thornfeldt and the

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– Jeanette Lee

BCA Hall of Fame induction in support of the enshrinement of her long-time friend and coach, Jerry Briesath. She will also be making herself available for commercial outings and exhibitions on a limited basis.

“I am not ready or capable at this time to compete at the highest level but I still want to be out there with the players and billiards fans. I simply

feel good being around their energy,” commented Lee. Lee’s manager, Tom George, commented, “For Jeanette, being out in the public eye and interacting with her fans is very therapeutic. We will be careful not to get her overly tired but will be selectively scheduling public and corporate appearances. Her long-term health remains our guiding priority.” Mr. George can be reached at tk.george@comcast.net.



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Pool World Mourns Loss Of **MOLRUDEE KASEMCHAIYANAN**

It is my melancholy duty to announce the passing of fellow WPA Board member and accomplished athlete Molrudee Kasemchaiyanan. It all seems so surreal what has happened so quickly.

Molrudee competed at the recent World Games and it was there that the first signs that something was wrong appeared. She thought she had injured her arm the day before her match, but couldn't recall anything she could have done that brought on the lack of strength and pain she was having. She couldn't even break the balls hard enough to make a legal break and consequently easily lost her match. Not long after returning home to New Zealand she was taken to hospital for further investigation. I became aware that she

was not in a good way on August 11. On August 31 the doctors said that her condition was inoperable with tumours on the brain. They said with radiotherapy they may extend her life for a further 2-3 months. Unfortunately her condition was too poor and too weak to receive chemotherapy and as a consequence, Molrudee's journey of life ended, 22 February 1979 – 5 September 2022.

It is hard to come to grips with, someone so bright and bubbly, gone at just 43. Most people would find it hard to believe she was 43, she looked like someone in her early thirties and appeared to look so fit and healthy. Tragically, she leaves behind a beautiful baby boy Liam, just two years of age. A very popular personality, she will be sorely missed by everyone who had the pleasure to have known her.

Ian Anderson - President World Pool-Billiard Association

Molrudee Kasemchaiyanan



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World Champion SVB Is Onboard

We are extremely excited to announce that ‘The South Dakota Kid’ Shane Van Boening is the latest Pro player to join #teamonboard!

The current ranked #1 Nineball World Rankings player needs no introduction at all as his resume speaks for itself. Mr America has won everything there is on the table and is regarded as one of the best, if not the best player to come from America.

Back in April this year SVB finally became the champion of the world after beating Albin Ouschan, a goal that he has always strived to achieve throughout his career. Alongside this Shane has also cemented his place and is the first name on Team USA Mosconi Cup this November 30 – 3 December at Bally’s Las Vegas.

We caught up with Shane and he had this to say:

“I’m really happy to announce my new partnership with Onboard Sportswear who will be supplying me with performance clothing for all the events I play in. They provide the most comfortable shirts to wear in the game of pool and Onboard makes really awesome designs too! We have some great things planned together over the next year with my very own SVB range being launched soon!

A big thank you and mention to the team for supporting the SVB Junior Open to where Onboard will supply every player with a Custom Event Jersey. Alongside the event the team are also launching the new US Website

and doing a Junior Fundraiser Competition throughout the US Open at their booth.”

A selection of SVB’s current playing jerseys will be available to purchase online very soon across all website stores.



BECUE BILLIARDS and ASHLEY BURROWS *Collaboration Continues*

The collaboration between Becue and Ashley Burrows continues. She has recently renewed her contract for next season.

"We are really happy to have Ashley on our team. She is an extraordinary player who puts the utmost commitment and passion into this sport."

Ashley, who became a pro player in 2018, has shown that she can always aspire to important goals, achieving excellent results in the most prestigious tournaments. The recent participation in the World women's 10-ball

Championship in Klagenfurt in Austria in September allowed us to spend some time with her here in Italy, at our company in Pordenone, just a couple of hours drive from where the tournament took place.

Ashley Burrows



It was an opportunity to take stock of our collaboration, find ways to improve together, test new products soon to be released and plan the future. The opinion of our players and of those who use our products, in fact, is of vital importance for us because through their feedback we can create performing products that adapt to every need and type of game. Becue has always started from here: from the players, who remain and will remain the center and the basis for continuing to innovate through our products.

"There are so many factors that can influence what kind of performance you will have on any given day. Knowing that I have some of the best equipment out there gives me one less thing to worry about. Everything I play with is made with care and ded-

ication by people who love this game as much as I do. And I think that shows in the quality and craftsmanship of all of the products Becue makes. From the feel and feedback I get in my carbon shafts, the impeccable balance in the break cue, and the effortless accuracy with the jump cue, the tools I have in my bag are, in my opinion, second to none. With all of the other choices there are out there, all of the other huge companies that exist in this sport, I am glad to be part of this passionate and caring family."

The collaboration between Becue and Ashley Burrows is destined to last over time, thanks to the mutual commitment and passion for this beautiful sport.



Ashley with Becue owners Alessandro and Michele

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2023 Nineball World Rankings

To Begin With USA Double Header

Matchroom is delighted to announce the opening two Nineball World Ranking events of 2023 will take place in the USA with the Turning Stone Classic XXXVI set to open the new year campaign from January 5-8 with the winner set to take home \$10,000 before the 24th annual Diamond Billiards Derby City Classic Nineball Division gets underway from January 25-28 at Caesars Southern Indiana.

The 2023 Nineball World Ranking schedule will be the busiest yet promising to give players undivided opportunity to ply their trade at the top level with the chance to force their way into contention at Matchroom's flagships events including qualification for the Mosconi Cup, World Pool Championship and World Pool Masters amongst others.

The Turning Stone Classic sees 128 players do battle in the double-elim-

ination format so familiar at some of the sports biggest tournaments with the likes of defending champion Jayson Shaw, Fedor Gorst, and Mika Immonen amongst the early entrants.

Last year saw Gorst dominate the Derby City Classic as he became Master of the Table, but it was 2022 Mosconi Cup hopeful Francisco Sanchez Ruiz who got the better of Joshua Filler in the final.



Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer said: "I am so excited to have Mike on board with the historic Turning Stone for the first time, a highly respected event by top players and hope it's the first of many tournaments and of course to be working once again with long term partner Chad at Diamond Billiards."

"Players and fans can expect to hear news of the full Nineball World Ranking schedule in the coming weeks as well as our broadcast schedule, but we wanted to ensure players had maximum time possible to plan out their January and we hope this news does just that."

"We are committed to growing the game of Nineball globally as the main commercial entity of the sport and we hope two huge events in the USA to start the season underlines just this."

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Chad Sharlow, President of Diamond Billiards said "DIAMOND looks forward to kicking off the New Year with the Derby City Classic and providing the opportunity for pool professionals to begin their year securing points towards the Nineball World Rankings.

Matchroom and DIAMOND look forward to providing players with professionalism and consistency throughout

the tour. From the rules to the playability of the tables, the pros can rest assured everything will be top notch!"

Mike Zuglan of the Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour said "I'm honoured that my Joss Northeast 9-Ball Tour's Turning Stone Classic XXXVI will again be a part of the Matchroom Nineball World Rankings schedule. Looking forward to once again be able to help the players reach Mosconi Cup fame."

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Digital Pool Welcomes **SAVANNAH EASTON** to Team

Digital Pool would like to welcome Savannah “The RoadRunner” Easton as the newest member to the Digital Pool Pro Team!

At only 12 years old she is a fierce competitor and has really been making quite a name for herself over the past year by being a positive influence for the game and competing in many pro-level events all across the country. She has already won several national titles at the BEF Junior Nation-

als this year and she is looking to secure a few more at the upcoming SVB Junior Open and WPA Predator World Junior 9-Ball Championships. Savannah has a very bright future ahead and we look forward to supporting her in achieving all of her goals and dreams. Welcome to the team Savannah!

Biography: Savannah Easton, aka Roadrunner, born and raised in Las Vegas, started learning the concept of pool at the age of 4 by watching her dad, Larry, played at home. She was a leisure home player on and off between the years. Because she was involved in many other sports like baseball and ice hockey, competing in pool never crossed her mind. In July 2021, at the age of 11, she decided to compete in BEF Junior Nationals as her first tournament, although she did not place that year, it spiked her interest in continuing to compete. She continued to practiced at home, placed in many local adult tournaments, ladies tournaments, started to travel for junior international championship and was invited to multiple WPBA events. In June 2022, her second time entering the BEF Junior Nationals, she accomplished both 18 and under Girls 8 ball as well as 14 and under Girls 9 ball National Champion titles. It took her exactly 11 months to achieve her first goal.

Nothing is going to stop Savannah from moving forward. Playing players heads up and a willingness to challenge anyone (even Shane VanBoening or Jayson Shaw) to a set. She plays well under pressure and thrives on competition.

Savannah is also aligned with Predator Cues, KAMUI Brand, Jam Up Apparel, Golden State Billiard Supply, Salotto, Predator Billiard Arena Light, Iwan Simonis Ride the 9 Tour and Griff's Bar & Billiards. Give Savannah a follow – enjoy her enthusiasm, skill and energy for pool! BEEP BEEP!



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KELLY FISHER

Joins WPA Board Of Directors

The WPA takes great pleasure in announcing that KELLY FISHER of Great Britain will join our Board of Directors.

WPA President Ian Anderson said, "I have no doubt Kelly will be an asset to our Board, she brings with her a wealth of experience from the sport, which we will no doubt be able to benefit from,

particularly when dealing with matters related to player issues, rules and regulations."

Importantly for Kelly, as one of the top female players in the world (currently #1), her appointment will not impinge

on her playing career which still has a good few years left.

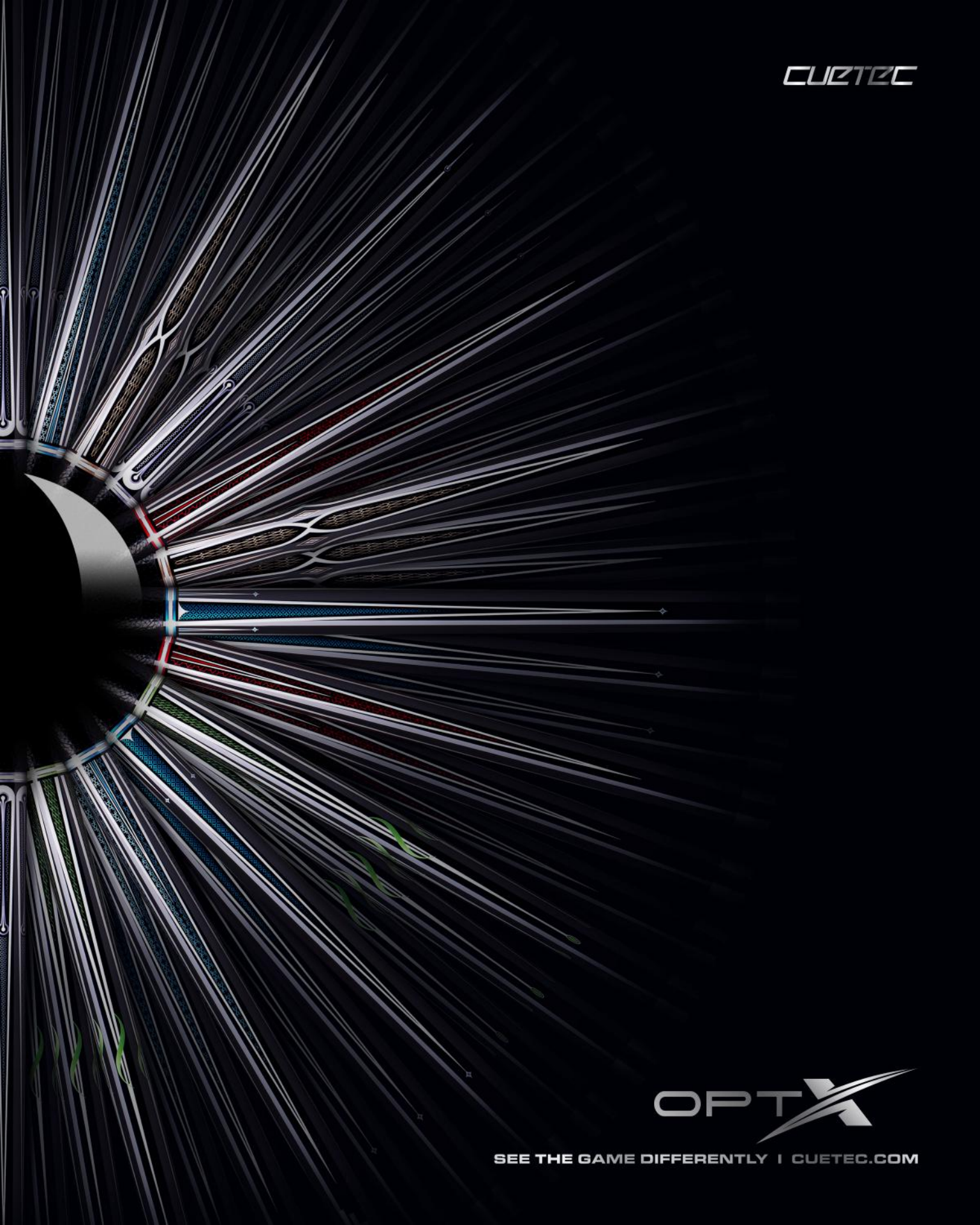
With the imminent announcement of the new member for Asia, and once their Board representative is nominated and accepted, the WPA Board will be back once again to full strength.



Kelly Fisher

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Fulda Home Of EUROPEAN OPEN For Next Three Years In Festival Of Pool

Matchroom is delighted to announce the European Open Pool Championship will return to the City of Fulda in Germany for the next three years with Pool's leading promoter set to create a Festival of Pool in Thorsten Hohmann's hometown in partnership with local government Fulda Die Sportstadt and the Deutsche Billard-Union.

After the success of the inaugural European Open back in August, the 2023 Major will take place at Hotel Esperanto, Fulda from August 8-13 2023 with player entries set to open on Monday, 3 October at 2 pm UK time and spectator tickets from Friday, 7 October to Matchroom Pool Club Members.

The agreement will see the City, Federation, and local club SG Johannesberg benefit from Matchroom's global exposure both digitally and linearly thanks to the sprawling TV coverage and over one million followers across social media in a partnership with the aim of growing pool and Fulda being the very heart of it as the home of the European Open.

As part of this, SG Johannesberg will run a German-only qualifier alongside the Deutsche Billard-Union with fans set to experience a unique festival-like atmosphere not only at the venue but across the city with special ticket packages set to be announced allowing access to not only the tour-

namment but Fulda's most loved attractions. Matchroom has also pledged to donate tournament equipment to the City to help push the sport further.

Player entries will open on Monday, 3 October with the entry fee only \$250 for the 256 double-elimination tournament that was taken down by Albin Ouschan in 2022 against World Champion Shane Van Boening for a slice of the \$200,000 prize fund.

Spectator tickets will start from €15 per session with fans also given the opportunity to purchase a weekend pass to see all the weekend action for €40 or a season pass to enjoy every minute of the action for only €95.

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Major Oberbürgermeister/Lord Mayor Dr. Heiko Wingenfeld of Fulda: "I am delighted to hear that the European Open is to remain in Fulda. We are very happy with the outcome of the European Open event, not least because it was the first time that the event has been held at all and the first time it was held at this venue. The feedback from both players and fans was extremely positive."

"We look forward to welcoming the players and fans to Fulda, the hometown of Thorsten Hohmann, in the coming three years. We are sure that we will play host to some very exciting events featuring the world's best pool players and witnessed by numerous fans. Fans watching the events live and in person or via their TVs at home will see that Fulda is an attractive city where sport is really lived."

The President of the Deutsche Billard-Union Helmut Biermann said: "As the federation with by far the largest

“ WE CANNOT WAIT TO RETURN TO FULDA FOR NOT ONLY NEXT YEAR BUT AT LEAST UNTIL 2025. THE CROWDS CAME OUT IN THEIR DROVES OVER THE SIX DAYS TO SUPPORT THE PLAYERS NEW AND OLD COMPETING IN THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MAJOR POOL TOURNAMENT TO HIT GERMANY IN OVER 30 YEARS. ”

number of active pool players in Europe, we followed Matchroom's first pool event in Germany with interest. After the overwhelming success of the first European Open, we are now pleased that after a short open dialogue with Matchroom we have. We have managed to set up a fruitful co-operation for the future. We look forward to the challenge of working with such a respected partner for our mutual benefit and for the further progress of billiards in the future."

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer said: "We cannot

wait to return to Fulda for not only next year but at least until 2025. The crowds came out in their droves over the six days to support the players new and old competing in the first international major pool tournament to hit Germany in over 30 years."

"We strongly believe with thanks to the support of the Lord Mayor Heiko Wingenfeld, the Deutsche Billard-Union, and Hotel Esperanto, Fulda we can grow this event from strength to strength in the heart of Germany. I am so excited to see what we can continue to grow."



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WPA Announces New Asian Representative

The WPA is delighted to announce that the Asian Confederation of Billiard Sports (ACBS) has been appointed as our new member responsible for the continent of Asia.

The ACBS will fill the void that was left after the departure of the APBU.

WPA President Ian Anderson said, “I am pleased we have found a suitable body for the very important role of being the member for Asia. The Asian region consists of many countries, and these countries provide some of the world’s best players at male, female and junior levels. We welcome them into our family and look forward to working closely with them in the future”.

All countries who were members of the now defunct APBU will be members of this new organisation. Very importantly, the ACBS is officially recognised by the Asian Olympic Committee (AOC).

The ACBS will soon nominate its representative to the WPA Board of Directors and then the WPA Board will be back to full strength once again.

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Tourney Results

Sep 01 - Sep 04

Turning Stone Classic XXXV

Turning Stone Casino

Verona, NY

- 1 Jayson Shaw \$8,000
- 2 Donny Mills \$5,000
- 3 Mika Immonen \$3,600
- 4 Bucky Souvanthong \$2,600
- 5 Jesse Engel \$2,000
- 5 Jimmy Rivera \$2,000
- 7 Aaron Greenwood \$1,600
- 7 Earl Strickland \$1,600
- 9 Alex Bausch \$1,200
- 9 Danny Hewitt \$1,200
- 9 Jeremy Sossei \$1,200
- 9 Yesid Garibello \$1,200
- 13 Dave Dreidel \$850
- 13 Jesse Docalavich \$850
- 13 Jonathan Smith \$850
- 13 Michael Yednak \$850
- 17 Dave Shlemperis \$550
- 17 Frankie Hernandez \$550
- 17 Holden Chin \$550
- 17 Kevin West \$550
- 17 Len Gianfrate \$550
- 17 Mhet Vergara \$550
- 17 Sean Zeng \$550
- 17 Shane Van Boening \$550
- 25 Dany Normandin \$300
- 25 Garrett Vaughan \$300
- 25 Jimmy Conn \$300
- 25 Kevin Clark \$300
- 25 Michael Boulliane \$300
- 25 Patrick Helie \$300
- 25 Reggie Cutler \$300
- 25 Tristan Speedwell \$300

Sep 03 - Sep 03

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Break Time Billiards

Winston-Salem, NC

- 1 Daniel Adams \$750
- 2 Mark Bolton \$550
- 3 Bill Fowler \$250
- 4 Jamie Bowen \$150

5 Josh Heeter \$125

5 Matt Lucas \$125

Sep 03 - Sep 04

Capone's 2022 Labor Day Classic Amateur Division

Capone's Billiard Lounge

Spring Hill, FL

- 1 Rhyan Hunter \$950
- 2 Ameet Kukadia \$680
- 3 Mike Mello \$500
- 4 Justin McNulty \$360
- 5 Andy Crews \$220
- 5 Dan Mello \$220
- 7 Justin Logan \$160
- 7 Litos Davila \$160
- 9 Benjie Estor \$100
- 9 Gary Hale \$100
- 9 Jamison Daniels \$100
- 9 Mike Daly \$100
- 13 Anthony Fisher \$60
- 13 Bruce Pou \$60
- 13 Jared Schlauch \$60
- 13 Joe Vetrone \$60

Sep 03 - Sep 04

Capone's 2022 Labor Day Classic Open Division

Capone's Billiard Lounge

Spring Hill, FL

- 1 Tommy Kennedy \$950
- 2 Tony Crosby \$650
- 3 Lee Heuwagen \$400
- 4 Ross Webster \$260

Sep 06 - Sep 10

Women's World 10-Ball Championship 2022

Sportpark Klagenfurt,

Klagenfurt

- 1 Chieh-Yu Chou \$29,910
- 2 Tzu-Chien Wei \$19,940
- 3 Jasmin Ouschan \$11,964
- 3 Kelly Fisher \$11,964

5 Chezka Centeno \$6,480

5 Chia Hua Chen \$6,480

5 Ho-Yun Chen \$6,480

5 Yum-Mi Lin \$6,480

9 Allison Fisher \$3,988

9 Angeline Ticoalu \$3,988

9 Chihiro Kawahara \$3,988

9 Eylul Kybaroglu \$3,988

9 Ina Kaplan \$3,988

9 Kristina Zlateva \$3,988

9 Pia Filler \$3,988

9 Sara Rocha \$3,988

17 Bojana Sarac \$1,994

17 Line Kjorsvik \$1,994

17 Oliwia Zalewska \$1,994

17 Seoa Seo \$1,994

17 Veronique Menard \$1,994

17 Woo-Jin Lee \$1,994

17 Yu-Wen Hsieh \$1,994

17 Yuki Hiraguchi \$1,994

Sep 06 - Sep 10

World Pool Team Championship 2022

Sportpark Klagenfurt,

Klagenfurt

1 Carlo Biado \$13,293

1 Johann Chua \$13,293

1 Rubilen Amit \$13,293

2 Darren Appleton \$8,640

2 Jayson Shaw \$8,640

2 Kelly Fisher \$8,640

3 Chieh-Yu Chou \$4,985

3 Joshua Filler \$4,985

3 Jung-Lin Chang \$4,985

3 Kun Lin Wu \$4,985

3 Pia Filler \$4,985

3 Thorsten Hohmann \$4,985

5 Albin Ouschan \$3,323

5 Amalia Matas \$3,323

5 David Alcaide \$3,323

5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$3,323

5 Jasmin Ouschan \$3,323

5 Mario He \$3,323

5 Masato Yoshioka \$3,323

5 Oliwia Zalewska \$3,323

5 Tomasz Kaplan \$3,323
5 Toru Kuribayashi \$3,323
5 Wojciech Szewczyk \$3,323
5 Yuki Hiraguchi \$3,323

Sep 09 - Sep 11

Ten Ball Champions Challenge: Roberto Gomez vs John Morra

Railyard Billiards

Louisville, KY
1 Roberto Gomez \$30,000

Sep 10 - Sep 10

Predator Tri State Tour 2022 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY
1 Max Watanabe \$1,000
2 Jay Chiu \$615
3 Bob Toomey \$370
4 Julien Tierney \$220
5 Brandon Alli \$140
5 Jose Estevez \$140
7 Lidio Ramirez \$110
7 Paul Lyons \$110

Sep 10 - Sep 10

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia
1 Brent Worth \$800
2 Stevie McClinton \$550
3 DJ Brads \$340
4 Scott Roberts \$180
5 Cameron Lawhorne \$125
5 Collin Hall \$125

Sep 10 - Sep 10

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Players Billiards

Eatontown, New Jersey
1 Pat Langley \$400
2 Ed Wooley \$240
3 Justin Pelech \$160
4 Christian Taz \$120

Sep 10 - Sep 11

Women In Pool Inaugural 9-Ball Championship

Yale Billiards

Wallingford, Connecticut
1 Ashley Benoit \$2,000
2 Rachel Walters \$1,200
3 Tina Pawloski Malm \$600
4 Alyssa Solt \$400
5 Lindsey Bazinet \$300
5 Stacie Bourbeau \$300
7 Rachel Lang \$220
7 Wendy Snow \$220
9 Dawn Fox \$150
9 Jane Imm \$150
9 Melissa Jenkins \$150
9 Rebecca Hilton \$150

Sep 10 - Sep 11

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2022 Stop 5

Metro Sportz Bar

Phoenix, AZ
1 Rebecca Wagner \$900
2 Justine Bishop \$350
3 Susan Williams \$250
4 Jaye Succo \$175
5 Pearl Ortiz \$100
5 Susan Mello \$100
7 Heather Cortez \$50
7 Sara Sorg \$50

Sep 10 - Sep 10

2022 DFW Ladies 9-Ball Tour Stop 5

Stixx And Stones Billiards

Lewisville, Texas
1 Monica Anderson \$625
2 Krystle Suarez \$470
3 Tiffany Pryor \$250
4 Bailey Barber \$140
5 Francisca Riza Pili \$70
5 Tera Saunders \$70
7 Desiree Collins \$50
7 Janna Talmon \$50

Sep 14 - Sep 18

PRP Nineball Open 2022

Exe Boston Hotel

Zaragoza,
1 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$4,983
2 Mario He \$2,989
3 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,494
3 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,494
5 Denis Grabe \$996

5 Jose Alberto Delgado \$996
5 Oliver Szolnoki \$996
5 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$996
9 David Alcaide \$597
9 Dimitris Loukatos \$597
9 Iker Andoni Echeverria \$597
9 Ivan Nunez \$597
9 Jonas Souto Comino \$597
9 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$597
9 Marc Bijsterbosch \$597
9 Nick De Leon \$597
17 Antonis Kakaris \$298
17 Daan Leyssen \$298
17 Daniel Gonzalez \$298
17 Francisco Diaz \$298
17 Ivan Belmonte \$298
17 Jose Castillo \$298
17 Kostas Koukiadakis \$298
17 Lauwereyns Moritz \$298
17 Marius Kirilinas \$298
17 Miesko Fortunski \$298
17 Panagiotis Xypoliteas \$298
17 Pijus Labutis \$298
17 Ralf Souquet \$298
17 Ronald Regli \$298
17 Sara Rocha \$298

Sep 15 - Sep 18

Action Palace High Stakes One Pocket

Action Palace Billiards & Gameroom

Huber Heights, Ohio
1 Roberto Gomez \$25,000
2 Alex Pagulayan \$15,000
3 John Morra \$10,000

Sep 16 - Sep 18

Fedor Gorst vs Carlo Biado Race to 120

Railyard Billiards

Louisville, KY
1 Fedor Gorst \$15,000

Sep 17 - Sep 18

The Maine Event XIV

TJ's Classic Billiards

Waterville, Maine
1 Dave Hall \$1,000
2 Alex Osipov \$700

- 3 Ray McNamara \$500
- 4 Cody Porter \$350
- 5 Jeff LaFlamme \$200
- 5 Samoth Sam \$200

Sep 17 - Sep 18

NWPA Tour 2022 Stop 3

Sam's Billiards

Portland, Or

- 1 Molina Ortiz \$750
- 2 Liz Cole \$515
- 3 Maryann McConnell \$375
- 4 Suzanne Smith \$260
- 5 Cristy Barsky \$160
- 5 Katherine Robertson \$160
- 7 Kathie MacDonald \$95
- 7 Melissa Rushton \$95

Sep 17 - Sep 18

California State Women's 9-Ball Championship

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento

Sacramento, CA

- 1 Melissa Herndon \$1,500
- 2 Melissa Morris \$1,000
- 3 Savannah Easton \$500
- 4 Gigi Callejas \$400
- 5 Milianne Chin \$200
- 5 Yu Anran \$200
- 7 Emilyn Callado \$100
- 7 May Tcha \$100

Sep 17 - Sep 17

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

West End Billiards

Gastonia, North Carolina

- 1 Bill Fowler \$700
- 2 Antonio Belton \$400
- 3 Zach Martin \$250
- 4 Kirk Hixon \$130
- 5 David Honeycutt \$60
- 5 Matt Lucas \$60

Sep 17 - Sep 18

The Maine Event XIV Second Chance Event

TJ's Classic Billiards

Waterville, Maine

- 1 Jeff Mosimann \$300
- 2 Doug Brown \$200

- 3 John Francis \$140
- 4 Richard Young \$80

Sep 17 - Sep 18

B & L Billiards Tournaments' 2nd Annual Fargo Open 9-Ball Championship

Bank Shot Bar & Grill

Laurel, MD

- 1 Josh Brothers \$920
- 2 Manny Chau \$460
- 3 Marvin Ramirez \$320
- 4 Derek Crothers \$230
- 5 Matt Krah \$170
- 5 Tom Zippler \$170
- 7 Mike Saleh \$125
- 7 Scott Haas \$125
- 9 David Zecena \$90
- 9 Nathan Childress \$90
- 9 Richey Orem \$90
- 9 Rick Molineiro \$90
- 13 Bobby Pacheco \$60
- 13 Derek Benavides \$60
- 13 Shawn Toni \$60
- 13 Thomas Haas \$60

Sep 17 - Sep 18

BWPPA 2022 Stop 3

Savanna Pool and Snooker

Whitefield, Manchester

- 1 Dave Beaumont \$271
- 2 Fred Dinsmore \$162
- 3 Roy Kimberley \$108
- 3 Tony Southern \$108

Sep 17 - Sep 18

2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 9

Jeffro's Billiards

Canton, Tx

- 1 Jesse Moore \$1,140
- 2 Joshua Paredes \$760
- 3 Cameron Cummings \$550
- 4 Ruben Juarez \$355
- 5 Clint Freeman \$250
- 5 Roger Prachyl \$250
- 7 Clint Palaci \$190
- 7 David Franklin \$190
- 9 Dan Bowman \$130
- 9 Michael Pickering \$130
- 9 Ramon Rodriguez \$130
- 9 Ricky Phifer \$130

Sep 21 - Sep 25

WPBA Predator Event

Kellogg Arena

Battle Creek, Michigan

- 1 Kelly Fisher \$13,000
- 2 Tzu-Chien Wei \$8,000
- 3 Allison Fisher \$4,000
- 3 Karen Corr \$4,000
- 5 Amalia Matas \$2,000
- 5 Angeline Ticoalu \$2,000
- 5 Jasmin Ouschan \$2,000
- 5 Marharyta Fefilava \$2,000
- 9 Aleksandra Guleikova \$1,200
- 9 Caroline Pao \$1,200
- 9 Chia Hua Chen \$1,200
- 9 Kaylee McIntosh \$1,200
- 9 Kim White-Newsome \$1,200
- 9 Kristina Zlateva \$1,200
- 9 Kyoko Sone \$1,200
- 9 Silviana Lu \$1,200
- 17 Janet Atwell \$725
- 17 Joanne Ashton \$725
- 17 Kristina Tkach \$725
- 17 Maria Teresa Roper Garcia \$725
- 17 Sakura Miramatsu \$725
- 17 Savannah Easton \$725
- 17 Shanelle Loraine \$725
- 17 Veronique Menard \$725

Sep 21 - Sep 24

Michigan Open 2022

Kellogg Arena

Battle Creek, Michigan





















- 1 Aloysius Yapp \$20,000
- 2 Robbie Capito \$11,000
- 3 Jung-Lin Chang \$7,400
- 3 Vitaliy Patsura \$7,400
- 5 Fedor Gorst \$4,000
- 5 Jayson Shaw \$4,000
- 5 Joven Bustamante \$4,000
- 5 Mika Immonen \$4,000
- 9 Bader Al Awadi \$2,500
- 9 Chia-Chen Hsieh \$2,500
- 9 Jeremy Seaman \$2,500
- 9 John Morra \$2,500
- 9 Kang Lee \$2,500
- 9 Kun Lin Wu \$2,500
- 9 Pijus Labutis \$2,500
- 9 Sharik Sayed \$2,500

Sep 24 - Sep 25

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 2

Yale Billiards

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	NAME	COUNTRY	\$ AMOUNT	
	Fedor Gorst	 RUS	196.272,00 US\$	
	Joshua Filler	 GER	134.419,00 US\$	
	Shane Van Boening	 USA	120.797,00 US\$	
	Kelly Fisher	 GBR	110.849,00 US\$	↑
	Jayson Shaw	 SCO	110.807,00 US\$	↑
	Franciso Sanchez-Ruiz	 ESP	109.056,00 US\$	↓
	Albin Ouschan	 AUT	93.435,00 US\$	↓
	Wojciech Szewczyk	 POL	85.735,00 US\$	
	Roberto Gomez	 PHI	83.175,00 US\$	↑
	Tony Chohan	 USA	81.275,00 US\$	↓

Wallingford, Connecticut
 1 Kevin Guimond \$1,200
 2 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$750
 3 Alex Bausch \$550
 4 Aaron Greenwood \$400
 5 Ray McNamara \$300
 5 Rick Matarazzo \$300
 7 Alex Osipov \$200
 7 Joe Darigis \$200
 9 Brent Boemmels \$150
 9 Brian Vu \$150
 9 Len Gianfrate \$150
 9 Ryan Cullen \$150
 13 Jonathan Smith \$100
 13 Jose Soto \$100
 13 Steve Mack \$100
 13 Vadim Brown \$100

Sep 24 - Sep 24

2022 On the Ball Ladies Tour Step 5

Big Tyme Billiards

Spring, Texas
 1 April Larson \$800
 2 Ming Ng \$625

3 Chris Fields \$450
 4 Larissa Almandariz \$325
 5 Angie Payne \$150
 5 Carmel Luttrell \$150

Sep 24 - Sep 24

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC
 1 Kelly Farrar \$500
 2 Justin Knuckles \$300
 3 Delton Howard \$130
 4 Danny Farren \$50

Sep 24 - Sep 24

Predator Tri State Tour 2022 Stop

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ
 1 Hunter Sullivan \$1,425
 2 Nick Torraca \$905
 3 Don Henriquez \$565
 4 Gustavo Ardon \$365
 5 Brook Villa \$200
 5 Mikhail Kim \$200

7 Anthony Nesta \$80
 7 Tom Crane \$80

Sep 24 - Sep 25

Joss Tour 2023-2023 Stop 2 Second Chance

Yale Billiards

Wallingford, Connecticut
 1 Steve Mack \$300
 2 Steve Sutton \$200
 3 Martin Longmire \$150
 4 Lou Diaz \$90

Sept 25, 2022

560 & Under Maryland Fargo Event

Cambridge, Maryland
 1 Lucas Kilgore \$680
 2 Mark Somers \$440
 3 Tom Wilson \$320
 4 Jeff Sanders \$160
 5 Bobby Brake \$80
 5 Tree Chester \$80

Upcoming Tournaments

OCTOBER

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.

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 3

Oct 01 - Oct 02

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

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 4

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub
Amsterdam, NY

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 5

Oct 15 - Oct 16

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York

North Central Pool Tour 2022 WPBA Qualifier

Oct 01 - Oct 01

The Pyramid Club
Addison, IL

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2022 Stop 6

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Bullshooters
Phoenix, AZ

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 20

Oct 15 - Oct 15

Markley Billiards
Norristown, PA

Dynamic Slovenia Open 2022

Oct 01 - Oct 03

Tri Lilije Hall
Lasko,

JPNEWT Tour 2022 Stop #10

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Eagle Billiards
Dickson City, Pa

2022 DFW Ladies 9-Ball Tour Stop 6

Oct 15 - Oct 15

Snookered Billiards
Frisco, TX

Predator Women's Slovenia Open 2022

Oct 01 - Oct 03

Tri Lilije Hall
Lasko,

2022 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship

Oct 10 - Oct 15

Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ

Shane Van Boening vs Jayson Shaw Race to 120

Oct 17 - Oct 19

The Rockin Cue
Harlingen, Texas

Sandcastle 9-Ball Open

Oct 06 - Oct 08

Sandcastle Billiards
Edison, NJ

SVB Junior Open

Oct 13 - Oct 14

Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
Atlantic City, NJ

One Pocket Champions Chal- lenge - Chohan vs Pagulayan

Oct 19 - Oct 22

Buffalo's Billiards
Jefferson, La

New England 9-Ball Tour 2022 Joe Brown Memorial

Oct 08 - Oct 08

Buster's Billiards
Somersworth, NH

14th Annual "Cues for the Cure" Breast Cancer Fund- raiser

Oct 15 - Oct 15

Corner Pocket
Largo, FL

WPBA Sledgehammer Open

Oct 19 - Oct 23

Borderline Billiards
Bristol, TN

Sunshine State Predator Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 6

Oct 08 - Oct 09

Brewlands Bar & Billiards
Lakeland, FL

West Coast Women's Tour 2022 Stop 5

Oct 15 - Oct 15

Family Billiards
San Francisco, CA

Ohio Open 2022

Oct 19 - Oct 22

Roberts Centre
Wilmington, Ohio

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 6

Oct 22 - Oct 23

Brickhouse Billiards
N. Syracuse, New York

Maryland State Bar Table Scotch Doubles 9-Ball Cham- pionship 2022

Oct 22 - Oct 23

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard
Glen Burnie, Maryland

2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 10

Oct 22 - Oct 23

Snookered Billiards
Frisco, TX

New England 9-Ball Tour 2022 Stop #9

Oct 23 - Oct 23

Straight Shooters Family Billiards
Fall River, MA

2022 American Straight Pool Championship

Oct 24 - Oct 29

Q-Master Billiards
Virginia Beach, VA

2022 Ladies American Straight Pool Championship

Oct 26 - Oct 29

Q-Master Billiards
Virginia Beach, VA

2022 International 9-Ball Open

Oct 28 - Nov 05

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
Norfolk, Va

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 7

Oct 29 - Oct 30

American Pool & Billiards
Portland, Maine

NWPA Tour 2022 Stop 4

Oct 29 - Oct 30

Phil's Bar & Grill
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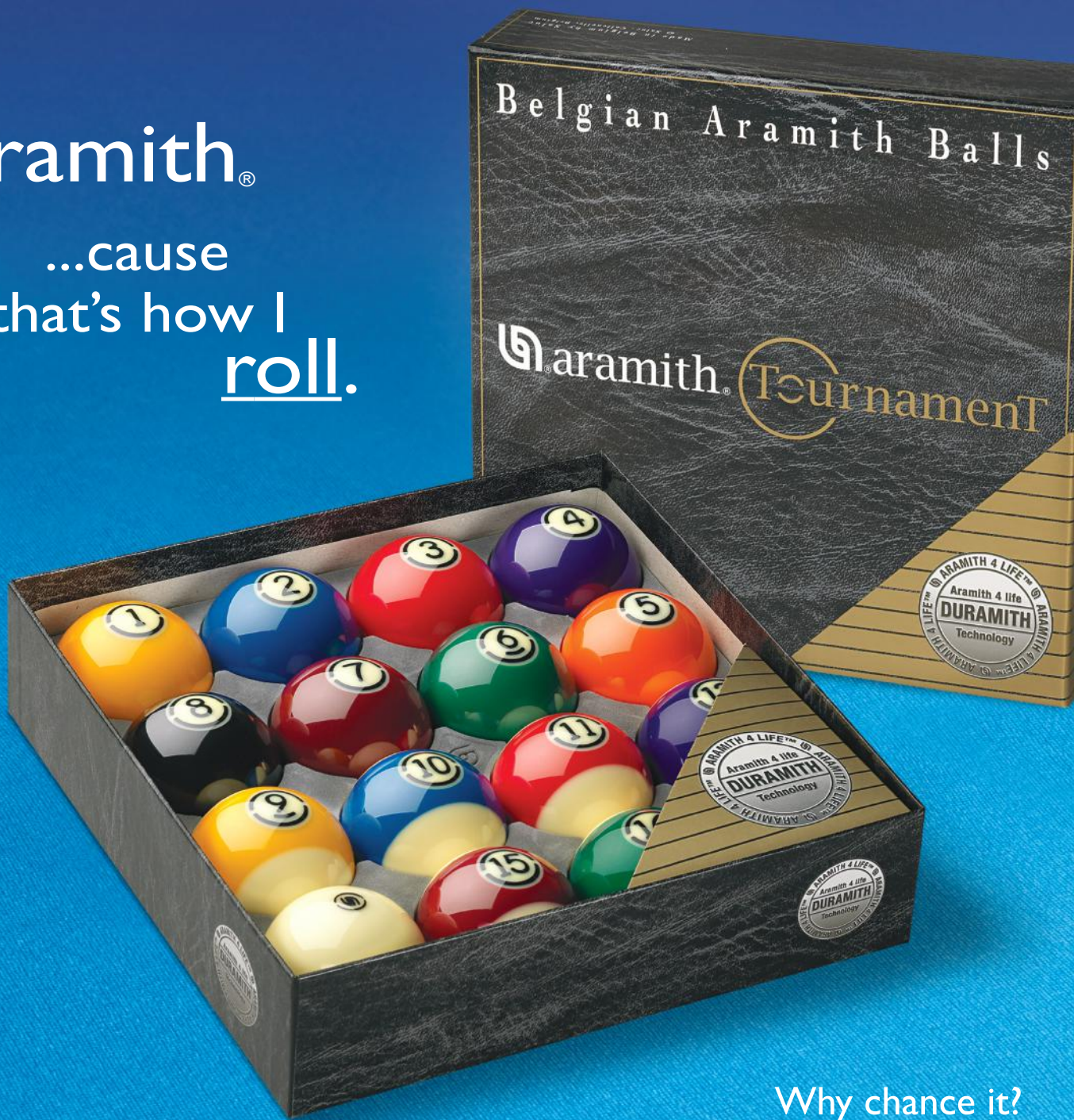
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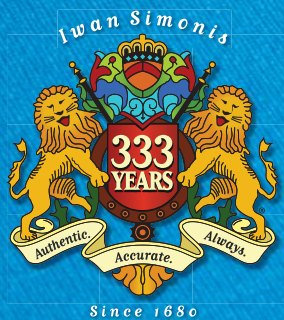
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