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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

As we all know by now (even if we had to read it in this month's pages), Team USA defended their Mosconi Cup title. This was only their second win in the last ten years. I have read complaints online for two years now about the idea of a European Coach for Team USA, but I think Johan Ruijsink has more than proven that he has the key to building a successful Mosconi Cup team. This is Ruijsink's ninth Mosconi Cup title, and he is now 9-1-1 as a Mosconi Cup coach.



Whatever he is doing, it is certainly working. The members of Team USA came out with more confidence and simply outplayed their European counterparts. It sure looked like the choice of Justin Bergman as the fifth US member was also the right choice. Let's hope that Johan doesn't get the idea that he wants to coach Team Europe to another win, in order to prove his coaching prowess.

Until next time.

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LEARNING TO BET ON YOURSELF



JERRY BRIESATH

There you are aiming at the game ball, a long cut shot on the eight ball in the far left corner pocket. You've taken your warmup strokes, you check the aim — looks perfect.

Then as you begin your forward stroke through the cue ball, a little voice in your head suddenly screams at you to make a last-second correction. The cue stick suddenly makes a left turn as it goes through the cue ball and you miss the eight by a mile. Unfortunately, this is the scenario that affects millions of amateur pool players. There is a solution and it involves “Betting on Yourself”.

Every player hates to lose and every player hates to miss a shot, and when you listen to that little voice telling you to make a last-second correction as you are going through the cue ball, you almost always miss the shot. The ironic thing is — you were probably aiming perfect before that little voice came into your head and

made you change the direction that the cue stick was moving.

Now let's see what it means to bet on yourself. One of the basic fundamentals of a shooting system is to take a few warmup strokes and then with the cue tip right at the cue ball, check the aim by moving the eyes back and forth from cue ball to object ball. If you think the aim is perfect, you must tell yourself that you are finished aiming and you now only have one goal. You must make sure the cue stick goes straight through the cue ball four to six inches and freeze in that position whether you make the shot or not. In other words, you are betting that your aim is perfect and all you have to do is make sure the cue stick goes straight through the cue ball to make the shot.

If the cue stick does not go perfectly straight through the cue ball, you failed to bet on yourself and will probably lose the bet. Here's a little phrase that you can repeat to yourself that will make you miss less — “I will not shoot the shot until I think I am aiming perfect, then I will make the cue stick go perfectly straight.”

Here's wishing you all a great holiday season.

— Jerry Briesath



POOL IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF PICKING DONUTS

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If you have a sweet tooth then you probably enjoy the occasional trip to the donut shop where you can get your fix from all the various types and flavors of sweet pastries. One-by-one you get to point to exactly what you want, and if you want all of one specific kind you can do that, too.



Selecting donuts is one of life's richest experiences as you completely control your destiny, something that is the exact opposite in pool....

The beautiful fluid & unexpected game of pool

Unlike selecting donuts, pool players don't have the same luxury afforded to them. If you're looking for all glazed donuts in the form of all your pool shots to be easy cuts, you're in the wrong sport! When playing pool you could be snookered at any given time – and sometimes we even do this to ourselves. Pool games move along and present all kinds of unforeseen challenges, unlike the straightforward process of controlling the donut selection.

While it might seem funny to compare the complexities of pool against the simplicity of donut selection, it makes a bigger point: Forget trying to control every shot, as this approach is impossible. Pool games are unique and based on countless variables, including the quality of your opponent, the table, and how well you play on any given day. Great pool players know this, and they “go with the flow” as challenges arise, rather than becoming frustrated when they don't get to control every aspect of the game.

Practice ALL facets of the game

Get uncomfortable if you truly want to reach your full potential, and this means regularly practicing the shots and positions that you least enjoy. Remember, you don't get to control

every moment of action in pool, so push yourself to feel comfortable with long angle shots, tough cuts, bank shots, and various combinations. Many would-be great players don't do this, and instead limit their growth by only playing against lesser competition, and/or practicing shots and positions that they already do fairly well. Using the donut metaphor, these are the folks who select their pool growth in a similar way to picking donuts – they mostly only do what they like! Move beyond what you know, get out of your comfort zone, and push yourself to become at ease with anything you might see in a game and soon you will witness great growth spurts, and win more games.



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A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER!

ANTHONY BEELER

It was the winter of 2001, and I was 25 years old. The local poolroom in Campbellville, Kentucky had just been sold and the new owners were starting to put together one of the more competitive 9-Ball tournaments in the state.

Pro-player John Brumback had just won the October edition of the event and in November, I finished 2nd to Derby City Classic champion, Shannon Daulton.

As I returned in December, the city of Campbellville was adorned with glowing lights and red bows. I could think of no better Christmas present than to capture my first *Rack and Cue* title. As I maneuvered through the winner's bracket, one man caught my attention. The man referred to as "Blevins" was one of my childhood idols.

Mike Blevins was widely known for his success in the Willard's Billiards, Oneida, Tennessee tournaments held in the mid to late 1990's. In fact, over the course of a year Mike won nearly all of the monthly tournaments in Oneida, besting numerous top professional players.

I won the winners bracket and it seemed predestined that I was going to have face my idol for the championship. Before the final match began, two of my good friends, David "Coon Hunter" Phelps and Denzil Stephens, got me to agree that if I won, I had to take them out to eat at the nicest place in town.

As Mike approached me in the finals, eating was the last thing on my mind,



Mike Blevins and Anthony Beeler

the first words out of his mouth were, "Do you want to split the money?" My reply was "No, let's just roll the dice and see what happens!" Mike won the first match and claimed momentum, defeating me by a score of 5-4. In



the second and final set, Blevins broke and ran out the first 2 games. At that point I started telling myself "Maybe I should have split the money!"

In game 3, Blevins broke and ran two balls. He then played safe and I faced the layout below. After carefully surveying the table I decided to use the "Corner 5" kicking system. The "Corner 5" system is designed to calculate precise contact points for 3 rail kick shots. The system requires that you memorize a sequence of numbers to calculate where the cue ball will hit the 3rd cushion.



My plan was to play a return safety by contacting the 3 ball with a medium speed leaving it at cue ball position "A" which is behind the nearby wall of balls.

To calculate the shot, you must first look at the cue ball position number. The cue ball position number is the bottom set of numbers on the diagram. Each number corresponds with the diamond directly above it. Since the cue ball is coming out of the corner diamond, it is coming out of the number 5 (because when I go to shoot the shot my cue stick would be over top of diamond 5).

Once you get the cue ball number you subtract it from the third rail contact point number (the set of numbers directly above the cue ball position numbers at the bottom of the diagram). I needed to contact diamond 2, so I subtracted 2 from the number 5 and got 3.

I knew that I needed to hit diamond 3 on the upper cushion to execute my safety. The key is to remember that each contact point is through the actual diamond on the rail. Each shot must also be struck with running English and a medium speed.

I shot through diamond 3 and hit the shot perfect. Mike fouled, leaving me ball in hand. From that point the momentum of the match shifted. I caught fire and went on to win 5 consecutive games and claim the championship!

After the match, my friends came back to me and said, "It's time to celebrate!" Denzil said, "Yes, now you get to take us out to at the nicest place in Campbellsville." He then approached a random stranger and said, "Excuse me sir, but my friend is going to take us out to eat at the finest restaurant in Campbellsville, but we are not from around here and nobody knows of a good place. We can't decide where to go but we are willing to live with what-

ever you say. So what is your favorite place to eat?" The gentleman's reply was "The bowling alley." I laughed and laughed. The "Corner 5" had saved the day and my friends snookered themselves out of an expensive dinner. It was definitely a December to remember!

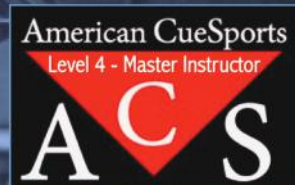
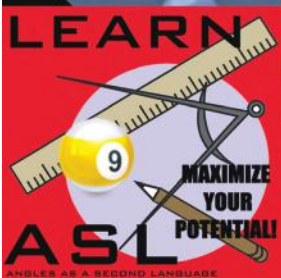
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Melinda Bailey

The Ashton Twins



Bev and Joanne Ashton are the most famous twins in the billiards industry! They have such amazing personalities, are SO much fun to be around, and their zest for living and experiencing a memorable life is contagious. I am excited you get to know them better (as individuals and as twins).

BTW, I conducted this interview a little different – I interviewed the sisters separately! They had no idea how the other replied. Let’s get started and see how that went!

Q: Let’s get the most important question out of the way. Who is the oldest?

Bev: Joanne is the oldest, only by 20 mins, though, lol!

Joanne: I am 20 minutes older. Best 20 minutes of my life!

Q: Where were you born?

Bev: Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, England

Joanne: Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire UK

Q: Where did you grow up?

Bev: Hertfordshire, England (I just read Joanne’s reply, I can’t believe she mentioned that street and that she remembered the name!)

Joanne: We lived in the same house on Parkfields until we moved to Canada.

Q: Why did you move to Canada (and when)?

Bev: We moved to Calgary, Alberta Canada in 1988. We came for a vaca-

tion and my mums brother and his family had already immigrated. We loved it here and went back and applied and moved a year later with our parents.

Joanne: We had no choice, we were 14 when we immigrated. We visited our uncle in 1988 and made the move a year later.

Q: Interesting, which leads to a curious question I’ve had. If anyone reading this interview is lucky enough to have met and talked with either of you, we notice right away your great, mesmerizing accent. But, is it an English (British) accent or a Canadian accent?

Bev: If we meet someone new in Canada, they think we have an English accent and ask us where we are from. Yet people we’ve known for a long time say we’ve lost our accent. We get comments all the time. One year I was sitting at the blackjack table at the Riviera in Vegas and an American playing cards at the table with us said to my friend (who was from Canada), “You don’t sound Canadian at all; you don’t sound like the Twins.” LOL!

Joanne: I don’t really think about it. A lot of people when meeting us for the first time are like “I love your accent!” Then others that are around us every day are just use to it and think



Bev and April Bedard Smith

we sound Canadian. I personally just speak and don’t think about it, tho.

Q: Who do you think is funnier, you or your sister?

Bev: I’m *definitely* funnier - have you met me, Melinda? Lol. Just look at my Facebook posts and let me know haha. I think I win in the funny department.

Joanne: I’m pretty funny, but I don’t put it out there on “front street” like Bev. So, lets go with her.

Q: Where do you work and how long have you been there?

Bev: Canada Post [post office]. I have been here nine years.

Joanne: I am part owner of The Hidden Spot Kitchen & Billiard in Calgary, AB. We are approaching our 5 year anniversary in January.

Q: Are you both part owner of the Hidden Spot?

Bev: No, I am not.



Bev and Joanne



The twins with Nana at one

quite the opposite and I feel my game has suffered the past few years, as I don't spend a lot of time on the table like I used to.

Q: Do you have big tournament at the Hidden Spot?

Bev: We always are trying to have good events at the Hidden Spot and we also do a lot for the pool community. We are having our biggest event yet - but it is so big, it will be held at the Grey Eagle Casino January 2-5, 2020. Very exciting! We have held "The Ashton Twins Classic" tournament annually for about four years at the Hidden Spot, but the Jan event will be an Ashton twins / WPBA event. Plus, alongside that event we are having a ladies and men's 8 and 9 ball event on bar tables. We are really looking forward to it!

Joanne: We have about 4 big events a year here, many weekly events and of course the Ashton Twins Classic, which now has outgrown our pool room. The Ashton Twins Classic will be held at the Grey Eagle Hotel and Casino January 2-5, 2020.

Joanne: She should be though. She promotes the place and brings a ton of events there!

Joanne: Yes. But.... people's consensus when you own a pool room is that you must get to play a lot of pool! It's

Q: How and when did you start playing pool?

Q: Joanne, was the Hidden Spot a goal? And, was it built from scratch or already a pool room?

Joanne: I was minding my business in Toronto when I was approached by my business partner (Dave Martin) to move back to Calgary and open this bad-ass place. It is way more work than I ever could have imagined! The building was already there, but it was an empty shell when we started, so it was completely built from scratch.

Q: Do you play pool at the hidden spot? Often? Only league?

Bev: I play league and I hit balls there, yes. Gotta support!



The twins singing

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would you rather play against your

opponent...



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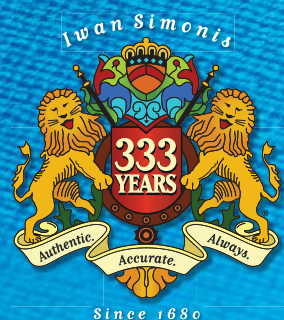
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Bev and Joanne from the 1990's

“ NOT EVERYONE IS GOING TO LIKE YOU AND THAT'S OK. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF FIRST, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE. – Joanne ”

Bev: I got in to pool leagues when I was about 18 years old. We got introduced to the whole pool world and fell in love with it. And, then, all we've wanted to do was play pool.

Joanne: At a young age I was always intrigued watching snooker sitting on my dad's knee in England. I actually started playing pool in my late teens having fun in a bar, and was then approached by a woman whose husband owns a league who said Bev and I should play.

Q: What did you do to elevate your game?

Bev: For me, playing with good players and watching a lot of great pool players helped me learn.

Joanne: I learned the most by watching good players and practicing.

Q: When did you first play in a Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) event? Was that a goal for you?

Bev: My first actual pro event was just last year [2018] in Tennessee - at WPBA pro Janet Atwell's pool room, Borderline Billiards. It was amazing and a great experience for me. I really enjoyed it!

Joanne: My first year on the WPBA Tour was in 2007, and I happened to receive the "Rookie of the Year" award that first year. And yes, it was definitely a goal to compete against the best women in the world.

Q: When your sister first played her first pro tournament, how did you feel about it?

Bev: Totally pumped and excited! And, a bit jealous I wasn't there (in every way). We took different paths - she won a qualifying spot on the WPBA tour from a ladies tour she won out of Seattle. I did not play in regional tours, tho. I did just turn down an invite to the WPBA event in Wisconsin, due to work. Dang it!

Joanne: I was happy for her to come out and play! This game is so mental and she could have done better if her focus was there, so I think she didn't get to show her true talent. At the end of the day, she just likes to have fun and maybe doesn't worry about playing on the tour. She's just along for the ride, but then when she loses I know she cares more than she will admit.

Q: Tell us one thing people would be surprised about by being a twin?

Bev: I can't tell you that! It's a twin top secret, lol!

Joanne: Honestly, people would be surprised to know that deep down we love each other even though we fight on the daily. I was just watching an old cinnefilm of us as babies with our dad the other day and he made the



Joanne and Bev with Tasha Thomas



Bev and Joanne with Jennifer Barretta and Emily Duddy

comment, "There you are, ignoring each other."

Q: When you two have to compete against each other, what are your feelings? For example, if she runs out against you are you proud? Or pissed, lol.

Bev: I'm proud of Joanne, but she gets pissed if I run out on her! Haha. However, we make deals sometimes, lol.

Joanne: I always play to win no matter who the competitor is! It's a bit different playing my twin because she knows how to push my buttons. For some reason, I don't feel as "hungry" playing her... at the end of the day, if she wins it's because I didn't play my best, so I can't be pissed. Lol. P.S. She's got the 8!

Q: Did you play league in the past and if so, did you ever swap teams one night and they didn't find out? (trying to find a situation where you two might have tricked someone or try to help the other sister out and pretend to be your sister)

Bev: We always have played on the same teams, so no swapping there.

We only did that scam in school and classes, lol.

Joanne: I started playing league again after 15 years just for the fun aspect. I can't recall a time we swapped teams during league, but we probably tricked some boyfriends back in the day.

Q: You two have been in the spotlight quite a bit your entire life in the media realm. At the young age of 23 months in a tv advertisement, to you two topless in a photo, to you two raising awareness for the Alberta Children's Hospital (a fundraiser), to Joanne playing in a reality show called 'Risky Business' with fellow Canadian Britney Bryant in Canada (where they played a race to 21 for 20k). So, go ahead and share with us about that topless photo of you two.

Bev: Which one? hahaha

Joanne: Which one?

Q: Okay, let me be more specific, lol. Share with us how the 'almost completely naked advertisement' of



Bev

you two with "legs for days" came about?

Bev: We had a manager guy at the time who had big plans for the Ashton twins haha. It was definitely an experience! We were young, a little naïve, and nervous, but when the pic came



The twins with Brittany Bryant and Viivian Villarreal

Melinda Bailey

out we kinda liked it and thought it was fun!

Joanne: It was an agent we had a long time ago that convinced us to pose in some lulu lemon bootie shorts. The labels [of them posing topless] went on hot sauce bottles. The slogan was, "Keep these bitches refrigerated!" As most people know, we are only 5'2" so our legs were clearly photoshopped! HAHAAHA. Needless to say, we sold out of it!

Q: How did you feel about being photographed with only your undies on?

Bev: Have you seen me in Mexico?? I'm not shy these days - I will post pics in bikinis.

Joanne: It was fine...no one saw our "front."

Q: As long as we're on the topic of exposure... You two are known as being super sweet, and also love to have a great, wild time. But, who comes up with the more daring ideas?



Joanne



April Bedard Smith, Joanne, Tasha Thomas and Bev

Bev: Me for sure! Again, have you seen my FB? I like to have fun, sing karaoke, go to the beach, have fun in Vegas, partying, etc. I try to have fun and make memories every day - life is too short not to.

Joanne: It's funny I think Bev is the more wild one. She's given off that facade so people automatically think I'm the same. I'd say I'm more reserved, but can have fun, too. Bev likes to portray I'm the stick in the mud, lol. So not true.

Q: Most people I interview have overcome something. Is there anything you'd like to share that we all can learn from? Or a difficulty you overcame?

Bev: I started a thing in my life about 5 years ago called "Orange Theory" - a fitness program - and it has helped me

gain more confidence. Ovy, see results with my body and just over all mentally. The best addiction I've ever had!

Joanne: Not everyone is going to like you and that's ok. Take care of yourself first, because you can't please everyone.

Q: Curious, do you think the Canadians are more acceptable of the LGBTQ community?

Bev: To tell you the truth, I don't really have any knowledge on that. When people ask me if I'm a lesbian or do I like girls I say, "I'm Bevy and I'm attracted to people, bottom line. You can't help who you fall in love with, right?" All I know is I am attracted to people I love; all kinds of people.

Joanne: I think North America as a whole is becoming more accepting.

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Bev: To be a good sport, be a good person, and always keep an open mind and always up for learning.

Joanne: Being a good person and growing every day. I would like to improve my break to be more consistent, and I've been working on it.

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

Bev: "My goal is not to be better than anyone else, but to be better than I used to be." And, "Never, ever underestimate the importance of having fun."

Joanne: "You're only as successful as your 3 best friends." And, "If you believe you can, or you believe you can't - You are right!"

As for me, I am now living my best life with my partner of 2 years. I've always been the more reserved twin, but now I'm more open with who I am.

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

Bev: Numerous BCAPL and VNEA titles. Tasha Thomas and April Bedard Smith have played with us many years and we make a great team. I can't pick just one title, so I'll say "All of them!" I actually love all tournaments. Traveling is all fun, especially in the states.

Joanne: I can't choose one. I have lost a tournament and still come away thankful for what I've learned and gained from the matches I won. It's always a great feeling walking back to your hotel room after winning a certain match after you have been down and come back or a hill/hill thriller or just feeling like you can't miss!

Q: What is your most memorable match?

Bev: Too many to mention, lol

Joanne: I'll have to get back to you on that.

Q: What is your favorite event to play in?

Bev: Always loved the tourneys in Vegas :)

Joanne: The Ashton Twins Classic. Duh!

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

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

Bev: There are a lot of great players, so it's difficult to choose just one, but if I had to pick just one, I would say Allison Fisher. She dominated for such a long time. Plus, she's a great person, solid, and a class-act all around. At the table, she doesn't show too much



emotion, plays so well, and her mechanics are huge.

Joanne: Jeanette Lee has been very kind to me and my sister. She was a positive influence when I first joined the tour and is still to many others today. Kelly Fisher and I are great friends and she's been helpful to me regarding my game. How could I forget the Queen Allison Fisher? She is amazing and one of my dearest friends. I always enjoyed watching players such as: Ginky and Marcus Chamet.

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

Bev: You, Melinda! Honestly, I don't think it's a 'person.' Music has actually been very big to me, so I would say artists have touched my life. Like Whitney Houston and Michel Jackson, as examples. Music is so important to me, and I listen to it 24 x 7. Lyrics are a big influence on my life.



Joanne and Paul Potier

“MUSIC HAS ACTUALLY BEEN VERY BIG TO ME, SO I WOULD SAY ARTISTS HAVE TOUCHED MY LIFE. LIKE WHITNEY HOUSTON AND MICHEL JACKSON, AS EXAMPLES. – Bev”



Emily Duddy, Bev and Kyoko Sone

Joanne: Through thick n' thin and all the up's and down's of life, my sister Bev has always been there. DON'T TELL HER I SAID THAT!

Thank you so much, Ladies! Really enjoyed getting to know you better and appreciate a look into your lives!

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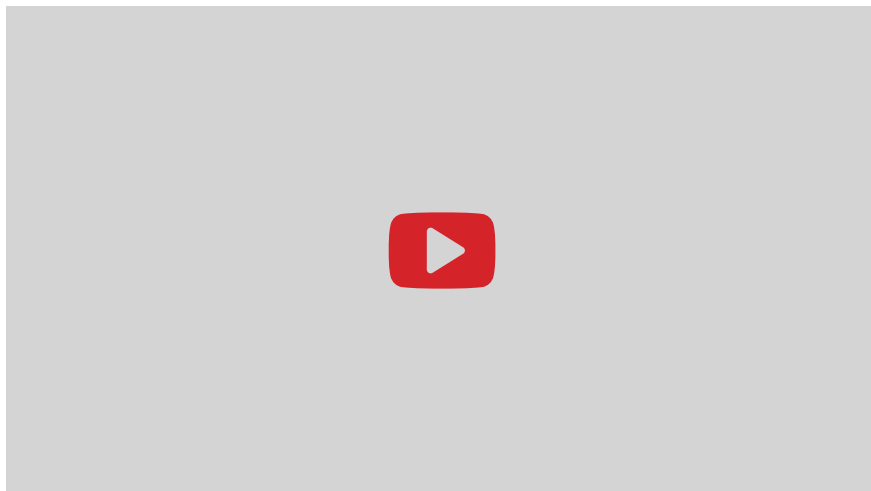
Gospel Trick Shot #2

Deception

History of the Trick Shot: The first time I saw this shot was the early 1970's when a road player came to my pool room in Verona, NJ and set up the shot to show off after beating up on some of the locals. I tried the shot unsuccessfully until years later when my road partner Mike Massey gave me some pointers.

GTS Name and Why: Deception - When I finally mastered the shot, I realized that the shot was very deceiving as the cue ball heads in one direction with the 8-Ball going in the side pocket moving in the opposite direction. I thought about situations in life that appear to be headed in the wrong direction and people who mislead you. I realized that we must rely on God's Word and what He will do!

Scripture References in NIV Translation: Jeremiah 29:11; I John 1:8; Proverbs 12:19-22; Philippians 1:6; Galatians 6:3; Romans 10:9,13; John 3:16; Romans 8:28.



Cue Ball Placement: Place cue ball as shown moving no more than a diamond width from that position.

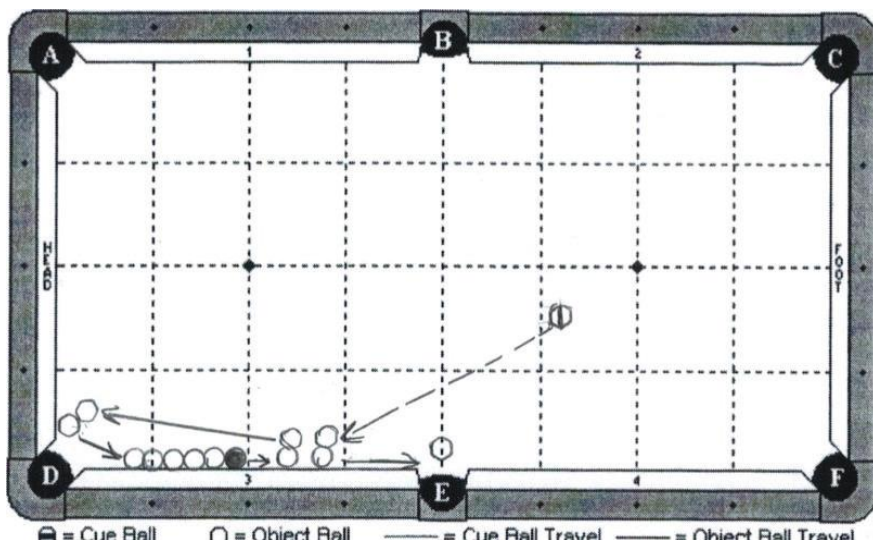
Object Ball(s) Placement: Place object balls as shown frozen with the two pairs of balls on rail with the top ball in the pair about 1/2 ball over the other. The pair of balls on the bottom rail are the key balls in the six-ball

combination with the other two pairs of balls clearing out for the 8-Ball to pass towards the side pocket. The 8-Ball is pocketed after kicking off the single object ball sitting in front of side pocket E.

Objective: Pocket only the 8-Ball using all the object balls (see note below) in the set-up of the trick shot.

Special Notes: You can add or remove one or more object balls from side rail DE combination to adjust for proper contact from the pair of balls on head rail DA. Split first pair of balls on rail DE with slight low draw English on the cue ball so it does not collide with the 8-Ball coming up rail DE.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: I ask people to guess where the 8-Ball will be pocketed. Usually it takes five guesses to pick the correct pocket. I then remind the people that the shot is called Deception. Then I remind them about life and how things are not always as they appear. Something to think about!



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Team USA Wins Again

Day One

Team Europe overturned a 2-0 deficit with a string of dominant performances to lead Team USA 3-2 after the opening day of play in the partypoker Mosconi Cup at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, live on Sky Sports and DAZN.

USA had won the team match and the first doubles as Shane van Boening and Tyler Styer beat Eklent Kaci and Niels Feijen. Joshua Filler fired back emphatically for Europe, beating Billy Thorpe 5-0 before Alex Kazakis and

Jayson Shaw were 5-1 victors over Skyler Woodward and Justin Bergman. Shaw and Bergman remained at the table for a singles clash, in which the Scot ran out a 5-3 winner to give his side the lead.

Europe won the opening rack of the first match, but USA then took the next five for the point. Shaw, however, was unhappy in the fourth when he was convinced that Bergman had fouled the 9-ball when trying to escape a safety. The decision went to the video reply but no foul was called and 32-year-old Bergman, making his

first partypoker Mosconi Cup appearance since 2016, took the rack for a 3-1 US lead. His Scottish opponent was left reeling at the call which meant he didn't have the opportunity to level at 2-2.

The home lead was extended to 2-0 after Van Boening and Styer teamed up to defeated Feijen and Kaci 5-4. The first four racks went with the break until Styer missed a routine 4 in the fifth, allowing Europe to steal. Feijen, however, erred himself in the next and parity was restored when the US pair pounced after the Dutchman had



Day Two

The 26th partypoker Mosconi Cup is all-square at 5-5 between Team USA and Team Europe after the second day of play at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, Las Vegas, live on Sky Sports and DAZN.

USA won the day 3-2 to tie the tournament, with the first team to reach 11 points to take home the trophy. Despite how close the overall score is, many of the matches haven't followed suit. Only one went hill-hill on the opening day and all five ended 5-1 on day two.

Shane van Boening was scheduled to play two singles and a doubles on Tuesday, but lost his first match to Germany's Joshua Filler. The South Dakota Kid then paired with Justin Bergman to beat Filler and Jayson Shaw in doubles before Tyler Styer fell to Albania's Eklent Kaci.

USA took the final two points of the day as Billy Thorpe and Skyler Woodward teamed up to defeat Niels Feijen and Alexander Kazakis before Van Boening, who had opened the day, returned to face Kazakis in the afternoon's closing match. The home

hit the 1-ball thick, leaving it hanging over the pocket.

Both teams then took advantage of their next break for the first hill-hill match of the tournament. USA had won the lag but couldn't make the 1. Feijen had a down table pot but missed, allowing Styer and Van Boening to clear and double USA's advantage.

"I am happy to get the win there," said Styer. "I missed a ball which isn't acceptable at this level so they will be pretty hurt that we could still win a match like that. We want to win every match if possible. We have to make up for the years where we have lost."

Europe may have been two down, but they had their trump card to play next. Since missing out on last year's Mosconi Cup, 2017 MVP Joshua Filler has become World Champion, US Open Champion and the undisputed World No.1.

He was walking next, to face Thorpe, who won the lag but scratched on the break. That allowed the German to lead, an advantage which he doubled off his own break. Rack three saw Thorpe lose the cue ball on the break again and Filler wasted no time in making it 3-0.

It was soon 4-0 as Filler ran out his next rack. Breaking to stay in it, Thorpe avoided the scratch but his lack of table time was evident as he missed the 3. The European crowd finally found its voice, singing Filler's name as he completed a 5-0 whitewash to get the visitors on the board.

The away side dominated the next match, too, as Shaw and Alexander Kazakis took a 5-1 win over Bergman and Woodward, setting it up for what was anticipated to be an epic closer between Bergman and Shaw.

The Scot took the lead after a Bergman scratch handed control to the Europe-

an, and off his own break Shaw made it 2-0. The lead was extended further after a poorly executed jump by Bergman, and Shaw took advantage of his own break for a second time to make it 4-0.

Bergman was on the board when he broke and ran the fifth and he had the home support on their feat as he took the sixth to cut Shaw's lead to 4-2. The Illinois man was breaking next and ran out to crank up the pressure on his opponent. But pressure wasn't a factor for Shaw, who ran his rack to give Europe the overnight lead.

"I have felt good all day but the butterflies have been there so I had to try and keep myself calm and composed," said Shaw. "We didn't start off great and they played well in the first match and in the doubles.

"Going 2-0 down, Josh had to go out and perform and I knew I had to go out and perform in those last two matches. There was a lot of pressure there but we play all year for this. Even though we are nervous we still get down and knock the balls in. It is great in here. The fans are going crazy. It is good to have USA on one side and the European support on the other."



A subdued Team Europe

Mosconi Cup

crowd were full of hope that their star man would level the tournament at 5-5 and they weren't disappointed.

"We wanted to make sure we got it as close as we could and I am glad we got it to 5-5," said Van Boening as the American half of the crowd chanted 'S-V-B'.

"I have been playing the Mosconi Cup for 13 years and it is really tough to play in this atmosphere, but these guys are doing a great job for us. They depend on us but we are depending on them too."

The day opened with the Fans' Choice match. Over 10,000 votes were cast online and the result pitted Van Boening against Filler; a blockbuster.

Van Boening won the lag but scratched on the break and didn't return to the table until his next break. By that point he was 2-0 down to the World Champion, who still hadn't missed a ball in the tournament.

The South Dakota Kid didn't have a shot on the 1 from his next break so pushed out. Filler invited Van Boening to play and his subsequent shot



Team Europe (sans Niels Feijen) ready to get things underway

left the 1 visible for the German, who executed a fine safety shot. From that, Van Boening left Filler a straight-forward cut and from there it was a roadmap to 3-0.

Van Boening looked set to get on the board when Filler broke dry on the fourth. It wasn't an easy clearance for the American but he shrugged off the pressure and was left with a simple 9 from almost



A triumphant Team USA

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Skylar Woodward with his second Cup and MVP trophy

on it's spot to the corner, but it rattled the jaw and a gasping home crowd had to watch on as Filler made it 4-0. The fifth rack did belong to Van Boening but it wasn't enough as Filler soon completed his assertive 5-1 win.

USA fired back in style in the day's second match. Van Boening held his nerve early as he made a tricky 9 to banish the ghosts of the previous match to give him and Bergman a 2-1 lead over Filler and Shaw. They ran the next rack and moved to the hill at 4-1 before closing out the point in the sixth as Van Boening urged on the loud US crowd.

"That is a great match to win," said Van Boening. "They had Filler back-to-back and we had to stop him."

Bergman added: "That's a huge point. We could have been down 5-2 so we had to win that. We have Shane out

three times today and nobody wants to play against him, nobody."

Europe's two-point advantage was soon restored though as Kaci put in one of the performances of the tournament so far to beat Styer 5-1, continuing his side's perfect singles record. It was a poignant victory for the Albanian after a deadly earthquake hit his home nation in the early hours of Tuesday.

"Every match is important but this was a good win because it could have been 4-4 but instead we lead 5-3," said Kaci. "I have all of my family in Albania and in the last 24 hours there has been a big earthquake and a lot of aftershocks, some of them big ones. Many buildings have been destroyed, many people have died, many people are injured and many have not yet been found. I am grateful to be here but I am praying for all of Albania and especially my family, I am glad they are ok."

Kazakis won the lag in the day's final match and took out the first rack.



As always, Team Europe had their fans in attendance

It should have been two after a Van Boening scratch on the break, but the Greek missed a straight down-table 6 and the match was level. From there, Van Boening didn't look back and dominated the match for a 5-1 victory to tie the partypoker Mosconi Cup at 5-5, setting up the final two days for what could become one of the best Cups in its 26-year history.

Day Three

Team USA lead the partypoker Mosconi Cup 8-7, setting it up for a dramatic Thanksgiving finale at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, live on Sky Sports and DAZN.

The day began with the scores at 5-5 and USA extended that to 8-5, with Skyler Woodward involved in all three wins. A Joshua Filler inspired Europe fought back though as the German beat Shane van Boening 5-0 before Jayson Shaw and Niels Feijen won a hill-hill thriller against Justin Bergman and Billy Thorpe that had it all and sparked wild European celebrations.

USA Coach Johan Ruijsink had scheduled Woodward to play in each of the day's opening three matches, starting with a doubles pairing alongside Van Boening, with Filler and Eklent Kaci in opposition.

The Albanian carried the adrenaline of the walk-on into his break and

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 – Justin Bergman

scratched to the middle pocket, handing early initiative to USA. Europe's next shot was their break at 2-0 down, but they couldn't capitalise, and the rack went to USA. Kaci and Feijen took the fourth but a poor Filler push out gave America control of the fifth and they duly moved to the hill.

Breaking for the match, Woodward had the 8 down but Van Boening was left unsighted on the 1. No problem, though, for the South Dakota Kid, who jumped the 3 to cut the 1 to the top corner and America were perfect from there to move 6-5 ahead.

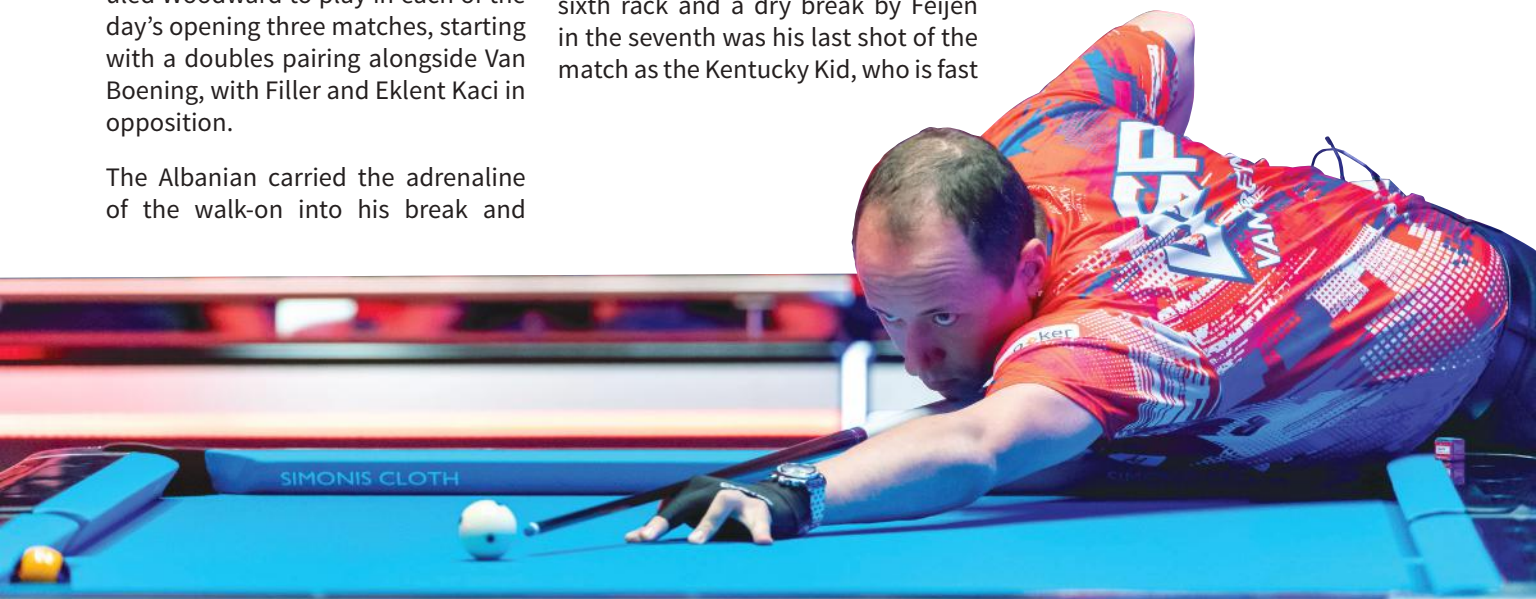
Woodward remained at the table to face Feijen, who was yet to find his stroke this week. The Dutchman looked to be staring down a 3-0 deficit when Woodward missed an uncharacteristic 9-ball and Feijen was able to put a three-pack together for the lead. But if any confidence was being built by the four-time MVP, it wasn't able to grow any further. Woodward ran the sixth rack and a dry break by Feijen in the seventh was his last shot of the match as the Kentucky Kid, who is fast

becoming 'Mr Mosconi' for Team USA, cleared the table twice for a 5-3 win and a 7-5 US lead.

That heaped pressure onto European pair Kaci and Kazakis, who were out next in doubles against Woodward and Styer. The Euro duo were both losing debutants last year and Kazakis had struggled so far this week too.

An American break and run in the first rack served to increase the decibel level from the US audience, but Europe took the next two for the lead. A fluked 3-ball – an attempted Kaci jump to the bottom corner which clipped the draw and screwed diagonally to the top corner – set Europe on their way to 3-1.

They reached the hill with a three-rack advantage, but a dry Kaci break handed an opportunity to USA, and Styer and Woodward took two racks to close to 4-3. Another European dry break brought the US duo straight

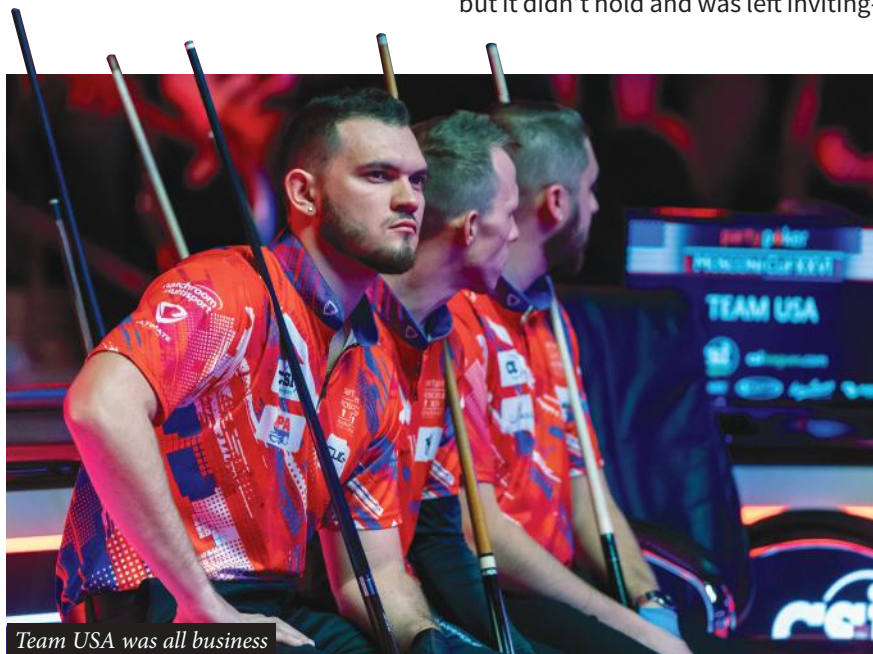


Shane Van Boening

back to the table and they gave the crowd the second hill-hill match of the week.

When Styer missed a tough cut on the 1, things looked promising for Europe. Kaci left Kazakis a 3-ball which was straight, but with the cue ball against the side rail on the jaw of the middle pocket. It was the kind of shot you need to make to win Mosconi Cup's, but what followed was a Kazakis miss which was symptomatic of his struggles at this competition over the last two years, and it meant Europe were 8-5 down. Woodward had the final 9 and before shooting it urged the Mandalay Bay crowd to its feet. To a man, they obeyed, and gave perhaps the week's loudest raw as the new yellow and black Aramith 9 hit the bottom of the pocket.

"I said to Tyler, anything can happen – they won four in a row, so can we," said Woodward, who was involved in all three US wins. "MVP would be nice but I don't care about that as long as we win. I don't care who is MVP, let's just get the cash! It is a huge point. We will win the session before and it's a big confidence booster for Shane coming in now."



Team USA was all business

**“ WE HAD GREAT SUPPORT. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
THIS WAS BY FAR THE HARDEST ONE TO WIN.
– Coach Johan Ruijsink ”**

Both captains went strong with their next singles picks, giving the fans what they'd voted for on day two. The Fans' Choice saw Filler win 5-1 on Tuesday and Europe were desperate for the repeat. In this match, it was America looking for revenge.

Filler, though, was in no mood for a US party. He won the lag and first rack and as he gained position on the 9 in the second, he turned to the home crowd and put his finger to his lips.

It was his performance, though, that would silence the American fans. The German lost control in the next rack but when Van Boening's 3-ball cut missed the top corner, Filler was straight out of his seat, ran around the table and completed the rack in no time at all.

Van Boening's next break was dry but Filler missed a 4-ball jump. The South Dakota Kid, though, left an easy 6 in trying to play safe. He'd intended to tie it up with the 9 on the bottom rail, but it didn't hold and was left inviting-

ly over the pocket. The rack was Filler's and he was on the hill.

The fifth rack turned out to be the last one of the match and though it wasn't without drama, it was what happened after the handshake that had America infuriated.

Van Boening left the arena, and Filler turned to his fans. At that moment he spotted his picture, complete with a crown on his head, on the big screen and turned back to the American side of the auditorium, asking 'Who is the King, who is the King?' USA Coach Johan Ruijsink urged him back to the European side, where captain Marcus Chamat lifted Filler into his chair to receive the adulation of the travelling support.

"The fans make this event so specially but when I am in the arena there is no time for respect," said Filler. "I respect Shane as a player and everybody said he is the king but I had to show everybody that I am the King now.

"We were three points behind but now just two, and we are getting closer. The last match is so important for us if we can go to just one point behind. Tomorrow is all singles matches and I see us as having a big advantage in the singles."

The final match of the night dished up one of the most dramatic finishes to a day's play the partypoker Mosconi Cup has seen. From 3-0 and

4-2 down, Feijen and Shaw drew level with Thorpe and Bergman and the final rack was huge; 9-6 or 8-7 going into day 3. The break was USA's and, hooked on the 6, Thorpe played a superb bank to the bottom corner. It was a great shot under pressure, but it left Bergman a tricky 7, which the Illinois



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man missed. With the 8 already down, Shaw and Feijen just had one ball each remaining and as the Dutchman sealed the point, European celebrations began.

“There was a tonne of pressure,” said Feijen. “I was struggling the first two days and every little thing that goes wrong you get punished severely. We didn’t do a lot wrong but we were down 3-0 so the heat was on right away but we stuck with it, played some really nice shots, quick wins and the crowd were unbelievable.

“This was a monster win. When Billy got hooked at 4-4, he made a tremendous bank but the shape was tough on the 7 and Justin had a lot of pressure on him.”

“It is a big win and we are only one point down now with all singles to play tomorrow. It’s game on,” added

Shaw. “Last year we were three down going into the last day and we came back strong. One match changes everything and there is a lot of pressure out there now, so tomorrow the singles will be massive.”

Day Four

Team USA retained the partypoker Mosconi Cup with an 11-8 success over Team Europe on Thanksgiving at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, Las Vegas, live on Sky Sports and DAZN.

The American side, aiming to repeat their win in London last year, began the final day with an 8-7 lead and made an early statement of intent as Billy Thorpe beat Jayson Shaw, the decisive moment coming in the seventh as Shaw punched the 3-ball to the top pocket but saw it rattle the draw, allowing Thorpe to take the rack and run out for victory in the next.

Eklent Kaci hit back in style for Europe, defeating Tyler Styer 5-1. Momentum swung back to the home side



The weight of the Mosconi Cup gets to everyone

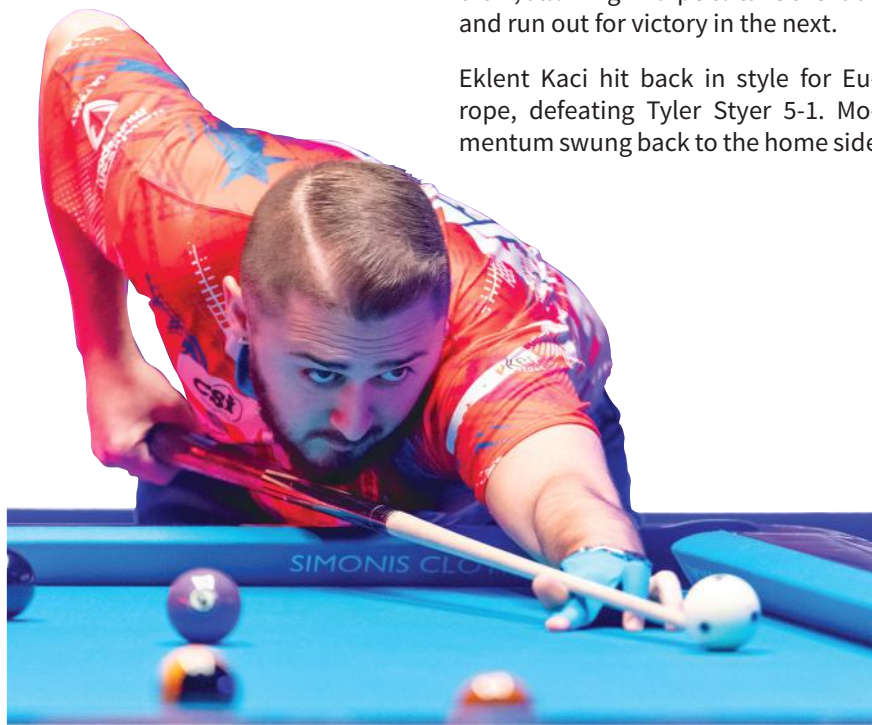
when Shane van Boening defeated Alexander Kazakis 5-3, taking America to the partypoker Mosconi Cup hill at 10-8.

Next up was Joshua Filler for Europe, with many expecting him to narrow the deficit. But Skyler Woodward relished the occasion and was celebrating with the crowd on their feet before he had even played the 5/9 combination for a 5-3 victory which sealed the cup and his own second successive Most Valuable Player title.

“Today I came out focussed, ready to play and I had a feeling I would be playing Filler,” said Woodward, who earns an invite to March’s World Pool Masters as MVP. “From the beginning I said I wanted to play Filler.

“I wouldn’t rather have a different team. We lost eight in a row but we won two in a row. This is the best team we could have and we are all good friends. I wouldn’t rather have anybody else backing me up than these guys.”

Thorpe added: “I knew I was going up against one of their best players, Jayson like Josh has so much firepower. I knew I had to come out, stay



Skyler Woodward

TEAM USA 11-8 TEAM EUROPE

Team USA 5-1 Team Europe
Van Boening/Styer 5-4 Feijen/Kaci
 Billy Thorpe 0-5 **Joshua Filler**
 Woodward/Bergman 1-5 **Kazakis/Shaw**
 Justin Bergman 3-5 **Jayson Shaw**
 Shane van Boening 1-5 **Joshua Filler**
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 Tyler Styer 1-5 **Eklent Kaci**
Shane van Boening 5-3 Alex Kazakis
Skyler Woodward 5-3 Joshua Filler

swinging and not let up on my stroke. We will be ready next year to defend the trophy. We will all be ready to go overseas and make it three years in a row.”

Justin Bergman, who would have faced Niels Feijen had Europe won another point, said: “I was ready to play but I told the guys to finish them off. I didn’t think I was going to play because I believed in them but I was ready if I was needed. This is the best team I have ever been on so I had a good feeling all week.”

van Boening said: “It was 2009 the last time we won a Mosconi Cup at home, and without all the fans’ supporting we wouldn’t be here. This group is probably the best team I have ever played with. We have a great friendship, great chemistry and it is an unbelievable team.

Styer said: “This team has such a good balance, we all get along and there is

no better group to do it than this. Johan has been getting us up early, doing everything together, and we are brothers now.

Coach Johan Ruijsink commented: “We had great support. Happy Thanksgiving! This was by far the hardest one to win. They had a great side, it is hard to be in America with all the pressure of winning last time. Last year was 9-6 on the last day but this time was 8-7 but we had a good line-up, came out strong and it was a good win.

“Last year was a bit of a surprise to Europe and we caught them off guard. This year they were prepared and we had extra pressure. This year was about handling the pressure, being in Vegas with all of its distractions and we came through. Every year will be a great fight every single year.

“I couldn’t have done this without Jeremy Jones. We are a great team. He is the perfect connection between me and the players and he has been in this arena as a player, which I haven’t.”

European captain Marcus Chamat said: “We came here to USA ten days ago. We have stuck together for the whole ten days, we came here as a team and we will leave here as a team. We stood beside each other the whole time and I am really proud of this

team. Things weren’t going our way and Joshua put up some great performances. Without him it wouldn’t be 11-8.

“I want to thank all the fans, American and European fans, who have helped make this amazing event. The American players put in an amazing performance.”

The 2020 partypoker Mosconi Cup will take place at Alexandra Palace, London from Tuesday, December 1st until Friday, December 4th next year, with tickets on sale to Matchroom Pool Club members from midday next Monday, December 2nd and will go on general sale at midday on Tuesday, December 3rd 2019.



One of the few moments when Joshua Filler wasn't running out

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Chinakhov wins 19th American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship at Q Master Billiards

If you weren't there competing or there to watch the competition, it might well have just appeared to be a busy weekend at Q Master Billiards in Virginia Beach. It is, after all, among, if not the biggest pool room in the country and it can get crowded at times.

There were a few visual cues that might have alerted you to the presence of the 2019 American Straight Pool Championships from October 22-26; a sign on an easel, for example, with details about the tournament or two covered pool tables in a small area, adjacent to the official 'tournament room,' now holding tournament paraphernalia and before the weekend was out, an array of pool cues for sale. There were, too, the large, Round Robin charts being used to track the progress of the event's early matches (Tuesday through Thursday). As the event whittled down from its initial 42 entrants, down to a single-elimination phase with 24 competitors, you might have noticed the influx of more top-notch pool talent from around the world, arriving to participate in the 2019 International US Open, scheduled to begin on Sunday Oct. 27, about 20 miles away in Norfolk, VA. As the event drew to a close on its final day, more and more prominent players started to filter in, looking for a spot from which to view the finals of the straight pool tournament, scheduled for approximately 6 p.m. on Saturday evening. Two members of the soon-to-be-competing 2019 American Mosconi Cup team – Billy Thorpe and Skyler Woodward – were playing against each other at one table, while other team members floated around elsewhere; Shane Van Boening and Justin Bergman, among them. There was a lot of practice, practice, practice going on.

When the finals of the Straight Pool Championships began on Saturday

evening between Russia's Ruslan Chinakhov and Canada's Alex Pagulayan, there was a break from all the practice. The table being utilized for the final straight pool match was in an isolated corner of Q Master Billiards' designated tournament room and while that room featured two, tiered viewing stands, only one of them, holding less than a dozen spectators was

close enough to view the single table, with its array of cameras for the live stream. Those who'd come to watch the finals drifted into the room itself and scattered themselves around the 13 other tables in the room, each in their own way, discovering a vantage point from which to view the match. Pagulayan, who'd just spent a great deal of time during his semifinal



Winner Ruslan Chinakhov



match seated (more on this later), waited patiently for the introductions being handled by event founder and promoter Peter Burrows. The two players were introduced and displaying his usual measure of humor and self-confidence, Pagulayan made note of the height differential between himself and his opponent, Chinakhov (who's a foot taller), and informed the audience that he had every intention of giving Chinakhov a chance at competition, only later. "When we're done here," Pagulayan quipped, "we're going to play some basketball."

It had taken these two competitors five days to arrive at this final. Three of those days, Tuesday through Thursday, had been spent in Round Robin competition, which had divided the initial 42 entrants into six flights of seven players each. There were, among the 42 entrants, six former champions of the event - Mika Immonen (2007), Johnny Archer (2011), Thorsten Hohmann (2013), John Schmidt (2012), Neils Feijen (2016) and the only two-time champion Darren Appleton ('14 & '15). There were,

as well, some notable runner-ups on hand; two-time runner-up Danny Barouty ('06 & '08), Shaun Wilkie ('10), and Dennis Orcollo ('17). Some of the former champions had recorded runner-up finishes at this event, as well; Hohmann ('12, '15, & '16), Schmidt ('11) and Archer ('13).

It's a pretty tight knit club, this annual get-together of straight pool players, all with different ideas about what makes straight pool the best of the pool disciplines.

"It's not a rote game," said Straight Pool Hall of Famer, Danny Barouty, aka The Man in the Hat. "All the other games are rote. In 9-Ball (and 10-Ball), you're always shooting at the lowest numbered ball and even with One Pocket, it's the same thing, because you're either attacking or defending the One Pocket. It takes away independent thought." "Shot making (in straight pool) is more critical," he added, "because it's harder to defend."

He's tried and competed a time or two at all of the disciplines, of course, but straight pool is his admitted favorite. "I don't like any of the other games," he said. "Billiards (three-cushion) is pretty, but I don't enjoy it. All pool players play billiards,

but the opposite is not true. Billiards players, you see, don't have to worry about pocketing balls."

Barouty's willing to teach straight pool to anybody who asks, although he says the first lesson will commence as soon as he learns the game himself. "It's more about the lack of luck in the game," said two-time champion Darren Appleton. "There are no flukes, so it's a lot tougher than people think." He spoke from experience at this year's event. He'd made it from the Round Robin phase to the single elimination phase and had knocked out Shaun Wilkie 150-21 in the first single elimination round. He ran into one of the competitors who'd gone undefeated in the Round Robin phase, Jani Siekkinen, who ended his run in the second round, 150-93. Appleton was one of many of the players who were eliminated that stayed until the end because they had to more or less wait around for the tournament in Norfolk to begin on Sunday.

"It's a pool players' game," he went on to say. "What I like about it is the pressure. One mistake and you could be sitting for a looooong time." "The etiquette's a lot better," he added. "There are no good hit/bad hit



Albin Ouschan



Marco Teutscher

controversies and I think the players are a lot more professional at straight pool.”

Chinakhov’s first opponent in the single elimination phase was “Mr. 600,” John Schmidt, who’d defeated Max Dudanets in the opening round 150-54. Pagulayan had to play “The Kaiser,” Ralf Souquet, who’d eliminated local player, Reymart Lim in the opening round 150-12. Chinakhov and Schmidt chalked up the closest battle of the tournament, with Chinakhov winning by only 9 balls; 150-141. Pagulayan downed Souquet 150-85.

In the event quarterfinals, Pagulayan defeated the player who’d ended Appleton’s run, Jani Siekkinen 150-14 and moved into the semifinals against

Marco Teutscher, who’d just eliminated David Alcaide 150-9. Chinakhov downed the last of the Round Robin’s undefeated players, Max Lechner, 150-13, demonstrating along the way why he’s nicknamed the Siberian Express. Lechner opened the quarterfinal match with a short 13-ball run, after which Chinakhov stepped to the table and ran out to 150. In the semifinals, Chinakhov faced Albin Ouschan, who’d arrived at the semifinals having eliminated three former event champions in three straight rounds of single elimination – Johnny Archer (150-44), Neils Feijen (150-130) and in the single elimination phase’s widest margin of victory, Thorsten Hohmann (150-8; Hohmann sunk eight balls at the start and Ouschan ran out to 150).

“I’ve been watching pool all my life,” said travelling pool fan and event sponsor, Dave Gelaszuz, who travelled from Columbus, OH with his wife to watch this event, “and I’ve never seen anything like it. . . two of the four (matches moving into the semifinals) were won by runouts.”

Returning to Pagulayan’s time in chair during the semifinals, which arguably led to his fate in the finals. With typical speed and occasional remarks to those gathered watching, The Lion jumped around the table and embarked on an impressive run in those semifinals against Marco Teutscher. Pagulayan was able to take aim at his winning, 150th ball and dropped it. Unfortunately, he’d put a little too much emphasis on his ‘draw,’ and the cue ball rolled back and dropped into a corner pocket, almost literally right under his nose. So instead of winning the semifinal match at the tail end of an 86-ball run, he dropped two points down to 148, as Marco Teutscher stepped up and started a serious run of his own.

Teutscher went on a 79-ball run that gave Pagulayan a lot of nerve-wracking time to think and though Teutscher’s run ended at 127 and Pagulayan returned to the tables to drop the two he needed to advance to the finals, it may have given him pause as he entered the finals. Characteristic of him, as noted above, he showed no signs of it having affected him.

Chinakhov’s semifinal was much less dramatic. He emerged from early safety play against Ouschan and ran to 141. Ouschan stepped to the table and dropped 17. Chinakhov returned and ran out to 150.

The final match between Pagulayan and Chinakhov had some early, seriously early drama, but settled into an extended and interrupted-only-once run by Chinakhov to 175, with Pagulayan finishing at -2.

Pagulayan broke the opening rack and though he executed a legal break, he scratched. This meant that he started the game out at minus-one, and Chinakhov would begin with ball in hand behind the line. Chinakhov, though, asked for a re-break of the rack. Pagulayan expressed doubt that this was the prevailing rule. However, when tour founder, Peter Burrows, was asked, he affirmed it and Pagulayan broke a second time, again, failing to sink a ball, though leaving Chinakhov a shot, from which he launched a run. That run was interrupted once, during which Pagulayan fouled a second time, sinking to -2 on the scoreboard. Chinakhov came back to the table and completed the final run to 175 balls and claimed the event title.

Like Thorsten Hohmann, who was eliminated in the quarterfinals, Ruslan Chinakhov had come to Virginia Beach on the heels of two straight tournaments at Steinway Billiards in Queens, NY – The 7th Steinway Classic, a 10-Ball event and the subsequent Grand Masters Division of the NYC 8-Ball Championships. Both of those events were won by Hohmann. Chinakhov figured strongly in the 8-ball event. Defeated by Hohmann in an early round, Chinakhov won seven on the loss side to challenge him a second time in the finals. Un-

successfully, as it turned out, but the runner-up finish had a way of encouraging the Russian as he made his way south to Virginia.

Straight pool is not, he noted, his favorite game, but he was in a ‘good place’ when he arrived.

“I like straight pool,” he said, as he decompressed at Q Master’s bar after claiming the straight pool title, “but I don’t like it as a tournament game. I like it as a practice game, because I actually don’t like to sit on a chair for an hour to watch my opponent while he’s on a run.”

He is reminded that his time at this year’s 14.1 Straight Pool Championships was not spent that way; that, in fact, it was his opponents who spent their time sitting.

“Yeah,” he said, “this time, not, but it’s not always like this.”

He would go on to compete at the International 9-Ball Open, about 20 miles west of Q Master Billiards at the Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA

the following day and finish a week later (along with his semifinal opponent, Albin Ouschan) in the tie for 17th place. Max Lechner, whom he defeated in the third round of single elimination play was the International 9-Ball Open runner-up to Jayson Shaw. The four-way tie for 9th place at the International 9-Ball Open was all players who’d competed in the Straight Pool Championships – Darren Appleton, Thorsten Hohmann, Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz and Dennis Orcollo.

“I’m in good shape right now,” said Chinakhov of his aspirations for the future. “Finally, during (that) week, I felt like I found my game. Maybe not even ‘mine,’ maybe even better than mine.”

Event founder and Chairman Peter Burrows thanked Q Master owners’ Barry Behrman’s son Brady and daughter Shannon Paschall, as well as general manager Gary Ornoff for their hospitality, as well as director Andy Lincoln, Vice Chairman Michael Frank, and the assistance of Kristine Jagdeo. The list of sponsors took up an entire page of the event program and included Bob Jewett, Billiards Digest and Mike Panozzo, the Derby City Classic’s Straight Pool Challenge, Nick Varner Cues and Cases, J. Pechauer Custom Cues, Predator Cues. Simonis Cloth and Aramith Billiard Balls.



Runner Up Alex Pagulayan

Kelly Fisher comes from the loss side to down Tzu-Chien Wei at WPBA's Aramith/Dr Pool Classic

Kelly Fisher came to Rothschild, WI on the long weekend of November 20-24 in search of her first 2019 win and knew almost immediately that she might need to defeat some adversaries she'd faced before.

There were, at the WPBA's Aramith/DR Pool Classic, the usual array of suspects in that regard; Allison Fisher, Jasmine Ouschan, Jennifer Baretta, LoreeJon Hasson, Janet Atwell and Line Kjorsvik, to name just a few. And though she wouldn't have to face China's Siming Chen, who did not compete and who'd defeated her in the finals of the WPBA Masters last February in Michigan, she knew she might have to face Chinese Taipei's Tzu-Chien Wei, whom she'd defeated in the semifinals of that WPBA Masters and then, been defeated by in the semifinals of August's Sondheim Diamond Invitational in Iowa. She did face Wei this time around, twice as it turned out, losing the first, but coming back from the loss side to win the second and claim the event title. The \$20,000-added event drew 48 entrants to the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center in Rothschild.

The importance of chalking up her first win of the year at this event was not lost on Fisher. As a professional, she's not inclined to dwell on a given event's individual importance, lest it interfere with the game(s) at hand, but having been on the mend since surgeries sidelined her for a few years, she was getting a little antsy.

"I was getting a worried for a moment there," she said. "I'd had numerous semifinal wins (since last May; 3, to be exact), so I'm very pleased to have gotten this title."

"I'm finally feeling that my game is back to where it was a few years ago," she added.

Fisher was one of 16 seeded competitors who were awarded opening round byes, as the other 32 squared off against each other. Fisher drew Shanelle Loraine out of that original 32, defeated her and joined 12 other players who'd been awarded opening round byes in advancement to the third round. Only Gerda Gregerson, Melissa Little, Line Kjorsvik and Jenna Bishoff from that group of 16 seeded, went to the loss side, sent by (in order) Jeannie Seaver, Dawn Hopkins, Jasmin Ouschan and Teruko Cucculleli.

Fisher went on to defeat Monica Webb 8-1 and then survived a double hill battle versus Jennifer Baretta to draw Tzu-Chien Wei in one of the winners' side semifinals. Jasmin Oushchan, in the meantime, got by Joanne Ashton 8-1, survived her own double hill battle versus Kjorsvik, and downed Dawn Hopkins 8-2 to pick up Jia Li.

Wei defeated Fisher 8-5 and in the hot seat, faced Ouschan, who'd sent Li to the loss side 8-4. A double hill battle

ensued for possession of the hot seat. Wei prevailed, sending Ouschan off to a second straight, double hill semifinal matchup against Fisher.

Over on the loss side, there were some top-notch matches brewing as the tournament's elites moved toward picking up Fisher and Jia Li, coming over from the winners' side semifinal. After losing to Jeannie Seaver in the second round, Gerda Gregerson embarked on a six-match, loss-side streak that saw her eliminate Eugenia Gyftopoulos, Catherine Tschumper and, moving into the early money rounds, Caroline Pao and Emily Duddy. She went on to down Brittany Bryant 8-5 and young Atlantic Cup Challenge competitor, April Larson 8-4 to draw Li.

Fisher drew Tamara Peeters, who was working on a six-match, loss-side winning streak of her own and fresh off something of an 8-1 upset over Teruko Cucculleli. Cucculleli had defeated Allison Fisher on the winners' side, be-



Kelly Fisher (Erwin Dionisio)

fore being sent over by Jia Li in a winners' side quarterfinal. She proceeded to eliminate Jessica Barnes, Beth Fondell and jumped into the money pool with an 8-4 win over Loree Jon Hasson. She downed Gail Eaton and Dawn Hopkins, both 8-6 and then, eliminated Cucculleli to reach Fisher.

Fisher gave up only a single rack to Peeters in advancing to the quarterfinals. She was joined by Jia Li, who'd sent Gregerson home 8-6. Fisher won a second straight 8-1 match, eliminating Li 8-1.

That little 16-2 run wasn't destined to last, as Fisher squared off against Jasmin Ouschan in the semifinals. It was Ouschan's second straight double hill match, and proved to be the second one in a row that she lost.

With lingering echoes of previous matchups and a nagging little voice that kept telling her that since she'd earned herself a second chance against Tzu-Chien Wei, she'd damn

well better take advantage of it, Fisher launched into the finals, in search of her first 2019 win. There are, she noted, generalities about such endeavors, and specifics, related to particular opponents. You have to play 'your game,' regardless of opponent, while awareness of specific opponents can inform decisions about approach.

"My main thing," said Fisher, "is to come out of the gate strong, to keep control of the table."

"Looking back at previous matches against Wei," she added, "it was about not allowing her to come back. She's capable of coming back from behind, so I knew once I had (the lead), I had to keep it."

As noted in a Biblical proverb - "The heart of Man (Woman) plans his/her way, but the Lord establishes his/her steps." Fisher lost the opening four racks and immediately switched roles to become the person "capable of coming back from behind." She al-

lowed Wei only one more rack, before she chalked up 10 to claim that first 2019 title.

"I've been practicing quite hard," she said a few days later from her home in Scotland. "It came down to being patient. I knew I was close (to getting back into previous form), and that there was room to grow.

"I want to win the big ones," she added, "and it really is just a matter of practice."

She'll spend a few days at home, more than likely find time to do some of that practice and then head for China and competition in the 2019 Women's World 9-Ball Championships, to be held from December 13-20.

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Of course, there are worse places to be than the sun-soaked skies of the Tampa area, one of the premier vacation destinations in the world, at a time when most of the country is getting its first taste of winter.

Winners of each division also receive an all-expenses paid trip to a pro event next year courtesy of the APA.

And, of course, the championship trophy - a combination of marble and bronze that more closely resembles a piece of art than something won in a pool tournament.

Baker Wins Title in First Appearance

Over the first quarter-century of the U.S. Amateur Championship, the event, in many ways, came to be defined by a list of seasoned veterans, who, year after year, left their mark on the event. Certain names you came to expect to see on the qualifier list each year, names like Brisbon, Brodt and Parks. Now in its 26th year, a youth movement seems to have taken hold at the U.S. Amateur Championship, with a new crop of young amateur players looking to leave their mark on the event and the sport, much like their predecessors. It began in 2018, when a previously unknown 26-year-old from Peoria, Ill., named Abe Schaad took home the title. This year, it was another 24-year-old newcomer making his mark after being inspired by the defending champion.

Blake Baker of Las Vegas went undefeated in his first U.S. Amateur Championship appearance and secured his place in amateur pool history. Baker defeated 65-year-old Bobby Stovall of Cum-

ming, Ga., 11-5 in the championship match.

Baker controlled the finale from the get-go, taking a 4-0 lead in the 9-Ball set before Stovall finally got on the board. The players traded wins the next two games, making it a 5-2 match. Baker would win five of the final six games in the 9-Ball set and held a commanding 10-3 lead as the players began the 8-Ball set with the newcomer on-the-hill needing one final game.

Stovall managed to stave off elimination in the first two games of the 8-Ball set, making the score 10-5, but Baker's bid for the title would not be denied. In the 16th and final game, he pocketed the 8-ball and the win.

Baker will move on to compete in a 2020 pro event courtesy of APA, and more importantly, his name will be added to the Larry Hubbart Trophy.

Stovall finishes as the Run-



Blake Baker

ner-up, his highest finish in the U.S. Amateur Championship.

Defending champion Abe Schaad finished in 3rd, dropping matches to only Baker and Stovall in the process.

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

Larsen Wins Record Third Women's U.S. Amateur Championship

Tina Larsen of Westwell, Ind., defeated Nathalie Jacob of Montreal, Quebec in a seesaw battle by a score of 9-7. The victory earned Larsen her third Women's U.S. Amateur Championship victory, and her first since 2007. She surpassed Tammie Jones and Amy Chen, both two-time champions, for most Women's U.S. Amateur Championship career titles.

Before securing her third title, Larsen had to go through a strong newcomer in Jacob, whose previous playing career consisted primarily of 9-Ball, with little experience playing 8-Ball. Despite her lack of proficiency in 8-Ball, Jacob gave Larsen all she could handle in the final.

Jacob got on the board first in the 9-Ball set, with Larsen taking the next two games and a 3-2 lead. Jacob took the next rack, before Larsen secured the next two, one by way of a 9-on-the-snap. With Larsen leading 4-2, Jacob showed some fight, battling back to win the next two games and even the match at 4-4. Larsen regained the lead, before Jacob again evened things

up at 5-5. Larsen took the final game of 9-Ball as the match moved to the 8-Ball set.

Larsen took the first game of the 8-Ball set and the players traded wins over the next three games. In the fifteenth game of the match, the ladies engaged in a showdown of defensive shots. It was here that Jacob's lack of experience in 8-Ball hindered her, as Larsen won the safety battle and eventually the match, 9-7.

Jacob finished as the Runner-up, the highest finish ever for a Canadian in the Women's U.S. Amateur Championship.

Stacie Bourbeau of Orange, Mass., finished in 3rd Place.

Forty-two ladies competed in this year's Women's U.S. Amateur Championship.

Larsen moves on to compete in a Pro Event in 2020, courtesy of APA.

Both championship matches can now be viewed for free the APA YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/apaleagues in addition to dozens of other matches that were lived streamed from this year's U.S. Amateur Championship. Streaming for the U.S. Amateur Championship was sponsored by www.pooldawg.com.

The entry window for the 2020 U.S. Amateur Championship is now open with the

Preliminary Rounds scheduled across North America in mid-September.

The U.S. Amateur Championship is conducted by the APA, and is the only tournament produced by the APA open to both members and non-members. Preliminary qualifying rounds were held throughout the country in mid-September.

As Champions, both Baker and Larsen will return next year to defend their coveted titles.

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

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Tina Larsen

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Corr dominates North American Pool Tour's Coupe du Quebec

Karen Corr not only went undefeated at the North American Pool Tour's (NAPT) Coupe du Quebec, she damn near went unscored upon. Through seven round robin flights and five rounds in a double elimination final bracket, she gave up only 11 games of the 88 she played to claim the event title.

She shut out four of her round robin opponents and three of the five she faced in the final double elimination phase. She was the only player to go undefeated in both phases of the event. The Division 1 Pro event drew 32 entrants to Dooly's in Quebec, Canada on the long weekend of October 24-27.

The Round Robin phase of the event split the field of 32 into four flights of eight players each. At the end of seven rounds in each of the four flights, the top four in each flight (based on win/loss records and point differentials for ties) advanced to the double elimination bracket of 16.

Corr's flight in the round robin phase pitted her against (among others) fellow J. Pechauer Northeast Women's

Tour player, Nicole King, as well as Nathalie Chabot, and Chantal Bergeron, all of whom finished with 4-3 records to advance to the final 16.

California's Callado sisters played in separate round robin flights. Eleanor finished with a 5-2 record, as did Nathalie Jacob, Amanda Soucy and Marie-France Blanchette; all advancing to the double elimination bracket. Sister Emilyn finished with a 6-1 record and was joined in the double elimination bracket by Toni Sakamoto, Farla Salmonovitch and Judie Wilson. The woman who'd defeated Emily Callado, Dorah Cornell, did not advance; Emilyn being the only opponent she defeated.

Veronique Menard was at the top of her round robin group and finished with a 6-1 record. Joining her in advancing were Roxanne Ryan Aucoin, Fanny Giroux (Menard's only loss), and Sandra-Line Michel.

Corr wasn't scored upon until she reached the hot seat match, downing Sandra-Line Michel, Nathalie Jacob and in the winners' side semifinal, Emilyn Callado by shutout; thus spoiling any hope for a Callado sister hot seat match. Eleanor Callado's path to the hot seat match went through Farla Salmonovitch 7-4, Marie-France Blanchette 7-3 and in the other winners' side semifinal, Veronique Menard 7-4. Corr gave up her first rack of the double elimination phase de-

feating Callado 7-1 to claim the hot seat.

On the loss side, Emilyn Callado picked up Blanchette, who, after her winners' side quarterfinal loss to Eleanor Callado, had defeated Judie Wilson 7-5 and Fanny Giroux 7-2. Menard drew Nathalie Jacob, who, after her quarterfinal loss to Corr, had defeated Toni Sakamoto 7-5 and shut out Roxanne Aucoin.

Emilyn Callado and Blanchette locked up in a double hill fight that eventually advanced Callado to the quarterfinals. She was joined by Menard, who'd defeated Jacob 7-1.

With the hope of a Callado sister semifinal looming, Menard spoiled that with a 7-3 win over Emilyn in the quarterfinals and turned for a second shot against her sister, Eleanor in the semifinals. Menard downed her 7-4 and got a shot at Corr in the hot seat.

To her credit, Menard chalked up more racks against Corr in the finals than all four of Corr's previous opponents, or any one opponent in both the round robin and double elimination phases. But it wasn't nearly enough, as Corr finished the proceedings with a 7-4 win.

NAPT President Adrienne Beach thanked Elvis Joubert and his staff for their hospitality, as well as event sponsor, Turtle Rack.



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GRABE TAKES ANTALYA OPEN 2019

Estonia's Denis Grabe won the Dynamic Billard Antalya Open 2019 at the Limak Atlantis Resort in Belek, Turkey on November 7 - 9 with a clear 9-2 victory over Eklent Kaci from Albania. The win was Grabe's third Euro-Tour victory after Sankt Johann and Portoroz, both in 2014.

Grabe and Kaci are undoubtedly at the top of the list of Europe's elite cue talents, both of them are capable of winning any tournament that they enter. The Euro-Tour is probably the hardest tour to win in the pool world though, with many other top level competitors for the title every time the Tour stage opens its curtains.

Grabe made the final with victories over Oliver Szolnoki (HUN) 9-5, Mieszko Fortunski (POL) 9-6 and Fedor Gorst (RUS) 9-6 in the semi-final. Kaci, a member of this year's Mosconi Cup team, made the final by eliminating Aleksa Pecelj (SRB) 9-2, Sanjin Pehlivanovic (BIH) 9-5 and David Alcaide (ESP) 9-4 in his semi-final match.

The stage was set for a high class final, but the last match of the tournament turned out to be high class but only from one side. Denis Grabe performed rock solid while Kaci struggled throughout and could not have been happy with his play. Trailing 1-4, Kaci showed his frustration and conceded a rack when he missed the 2-ball. This concession was considered unsportsmanlike by referee Nikola Pešo from Croatia and he penalized Kaci by awarding the next rack to Grabe as well. While the correct decision, the penalty certainly did not help Kaci's chances. In the end, Kaci could

not match Grabe and consequently lost the match 2-9. Grabe was clearly the better player in that match and rightfully pocketed his third victory in a Euro-Tour event.

TOP EIGHT FINISHERS DYNAMIC BILLARD ANTALYA OPEN 2019

1. Denis Grabe EST
2. Eklent Kaci ALB
3. David Alcaide ESP
Fedor Gorst RUS
5. Joshua Filler GER
Sanjin Pehlivanovic BIH
Mieszko Fortunski POL
Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz ESP

The Dynamic Billard Antalya Open was played in the Limak Atlantis Resort in Belek, Turkey, on up to 20 tables which were all streamed LIVE throughout the whole event. In order to be able to follow all the action LIVE, premium membership can be obtained at www.kozoom.com. Once a premium membership is held, all events for the respective period of time can be viewed LIVE. Additionally, a huge video gallery is contained in the website.

The event was hosted by the European Governing Body for Pool, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) and organized by International Billiard Promotion (IBP). For further information and reference please go to the federation website www.eurotouronline.com or visit us on Facebook for regular news clips or contact our press office press@epbf.com.



Zalewska Takes Second EPBF Event In A Row

Poland's Oliwia Zalewska won the Predator Antalya Open 2019 on November 9th - 10th with a fortunate victory over German Tina Vogelmann in the final match.

Zalewska, known as Czuprynska before she married, took her second Euro-Tour title in a row since her marriage in October this year. After her impressive performance in Klagenfurt, Zalewska was back in action in Antalya looking for another win. It wasn't looking good early though, as Zalewska lost her first match against Kateryna Polovinchuk (UKR) 4-7. On the one loss side, Zalewska defeated Elise Qiu (NED) 7-2 and Yvonne Ullmann-Hybler (GER) 7-3 to get back to the single elimination stage. There, Zalewska took revenge over Kateryna Polovinchuk and won 7-5 to oust her Ukrainian opponent. The next victim was Melanie Suessenguth (GER) who fell 7-4 to Zalewska. In the semi-final, Zalewska eliminated favored Russian Kristina Tkach 7-5.

That booked her a seat in the final match where she met Tina Vogelmann.

The German was playing her first final match and should definitely be proud of her play all weekend. Among others, Vogelmann overcame Tamara Peeters (NED) 7-6, Marharyta Fefilava (BLR) 7-4 and Christine Steinlage (GER) 7-3. The odds in the final match were clearly in favour of Zalewska, but Vogelmann clung to her chance. In the early stage of the match, Vogelmann took a lead over Zalewska and after six racks, Vogelmann was 4-2 up. Zalewska then took three racks in a row to take a 5-4 lead herself. It came to 6-6 with rack #13 having to be the decider. Here, Vogelmann opened the rack but failed to pocket a ball. Zalewska played a push-out which was answered by Vogelmann with a nice safety shot. Zalewska had no straight shot on the 1-ball, but went rail first and fortunately made the 1-ball in the side pocket of the opposite rail. While Zalewska then failed to pocket the 2-ball in the other side pocket as she intended, it found a home in the corner pocket, leaving an

open layout for Zalewska. The Polish ran the table and won the match with the help of lady luck with 7:6 over unlucky Tina Vogelmann.

TOP EIGHT FINISHERS PREDATOR ANTALYA OPEN 2019

1. Oliwia Zalewska POL
2. Tina Vogelmann GER
3. Kristina Tkach RUS
- Christine Steinlage GER
5. Pia Filler GER
- Melanie Suessenguth GER
- Diana Stateczny GER
- Marharyta Fefilava BLR

The Predator Antalya Open was played in the Limak Atlantis Resort in Belek, Turkey, on up to 20 tables which were all streamed LIVE throughout the whole event. In order to be able to follow all the action LIVE, premium membership can be obtained at www.kozoom.com. Once a premium membership is held, all events for the respective period of time can be viewed LIVE. Additionally, a huge video gallery is contained in the website.

The event was hosted by the European Governing Body for Pool, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) and organized by International Billiard Promotion (IBP). For further information and reference please go to the federation website www.womeneurotourneyonline.com or visit us on Facebook for regular news clips or contact our press office press@epbf.com.



Oliwia Zalewska

HSU KAI-LUN GOES UNDEFEATED TO TAKE OPEN/PRO DIVISION OF PREDATOR PRO AM TOUR STOP

Dayrit wins Amateur event

Four of the final five players competing in the Open/Pro event of the November 2-3 stop on the Predator Pro Am Tour had drifted north from participating in the International 9-Ball Open in Norfolk, VA. Can you guess which four, among Hsu Kai-Lun, Fu Che-Wei, Liu Cheng-Chieh, Ko Ping-Han and Tony Robles?

Hsu Kai-Lun and about half a dozen fellow Taiwanese players signed on to the \$500-added event, with Kai-Lun going undefeated through the field of 19, hosted by The Spot in Nanuet, NY. Kai-Lun defeated separate opponents in the

hot seat (Robles) and finals (Fu Che-Wei) to claim the title.

Kai-Lun had to defeat Fu Che-Wei twice; the first time in a winners' side semifinal, as Tony Robles squared off against Liu Cheng-Chieh in the other one. Kai-Lun downed Che-Wei 7-4 and was joined in the hot seat match by Robles, who'd sent Cheng-Chieh to the loss side 7-3. Kai-Lun claimed the hot seat 7-3 over Robles.

On the loss side, Che-Wei picked up Lin Ta-Li, who'd defeated Mike "Fingers" Badsteubner 7-2, and Max Watanabe 7-4. Liu Cheng-Chieh drew Ko Ping-Han, who'd eliminated Chang

Yu-Lung 7-4 and Joey Korsiak 7-3.

Ping-Han downed Cheng-Chieh 7-2, and in the quarterfinals, faced Che-Wei, who'd eliminated Ta-Li 7-4. Che-Wei then defeated Ping-Han to face Robles in the semifinals.

Che-Wei got a second shot at Kai-Lun in the hot seat, with a 7-4 win over Robles in the semifinals. The second meeting between Kai-Lun and Che-Wei was a double hill battle for the event title. Kai-Lun won it 7-6 to claim that title.

Dayrit goes undefeated through field of 62

Ryan Dayrit and Keith Guenzel battled twice to

claim the \$1,000-added Amateur event title that drew 62 entrants. They met twice, hot seat and finals, to claim the title.

They advanced to their respective winners' side semifinals; Dayrit, facing Carlos Duque and Guenzel, squaring off against Levie Lampaan. Dayrit moved into the hot seat match with a 7-4 victory over Duque. Guenzel joined him after downing Lampaan 7-2. Dayrit took the first of two against Guenzel 8-4 and waited in the hot seat for the second to happen.

Lampaan and Duque moved to the loss side where they picked up Jaydev Zaveri and Nick Croce, respectively. Zaveri had survived two straight double hill matches versus Bud Robideau and Ocheign Carlos to reach Lampaan. Croce had eliminated Jay Choi 7-3 and Nicole Monaco 7-5.

Zaveri advanced to the quarterfinals 7-4 over Lampaan and was joined by Duque, who'd defeated Croce, double hill. Duque took the quarterfinal match that followed 8-4.

Duque started the semifinals against Keith Guenzel with '4 on the wire' in a race to 9. He managed to chalk up the four he needed to force a single decid-



L-R: Ko Ping-Han (4th), Fu Che-Wei (2nd), Tony Robles (3rd), and Hsu Kai-Lun (1st)

ing game, which Guenzel won for a second shot at Dayrit in the hot seat.

Dayrit and Guenzel then locked up in a double hill final, which Dayrit finally won to claim the event title.

A Second Chance drew nine entrants and was won by Julie Ha. She took home \$110 for her efforts, which included her final 7-5 victory over Mike Harrington (\$70).

Tour director Tony Robles thanked Rhys Chen and his staff at The Spot for their hospitality, as well as title sponsor Predator Cues, Ozone Billiards, PlayNAPT.com, The DeVito Team, Poolonthenet.com, Capelle (BilliardsPress.com),



L-R: Keith Guenzel (2nd), Jaydev Zaveri (4th), Ryan Dayrit (1st), and Carlos Duque (3rd)

AZBilliards, Pool & Billiard Magazine, Billiards Digest and his own Predator Pro Am team, to include his

lovely wife, Gail. The next stop on the Predator Pro Am Tour, scheduled for the weekend of November 16-

17, will be a Double Points, \$1,000-added event, hosted by Cue Bar in Bayside (Queens), NY.



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EUROPE RETAIN THE ATLANTIC CHALLENGE CUP

Team Europe retained the Atlantic Challenge cup for the fifth year running, beating team USA 11-4 here in Treviso Italy. The best youth players from either side of the Atlantic met up for the fifth edition of this prestigious event, and they did not disappoint the fans with their performance.

The score line flatters Europe a little because there were some very close matches that could have gone the other way with a bit of luck from the pool gods, but it wasn't to be.

After the first day's play left the Americans with a mountain to climb and trailing 6-1, day two was a different story. April Larson started the morning session for team USA with a great win over the strong My Nguyen 6-1. This win lifted team spirits and showed a glimmer of hope, but Europe were never going to surrender their strong lead and took the next match to lead overall 7-2. Aryana Lynch picked up another point for team USA in the afternoon session, but it was sand-

wiched between two wins for team Europe which put the score at 9-3 for Europe.

The Evening session loomed, and team USA needed to win two of the three scheduled matches to keep day three alive, and any hopes they had of taking the cup back home as well. It was a partnership of April Larson and Ricky Evans who took the first point of the evening and the crowd were hoping for one more point to see us into day three. Europe had other plans and made sure there is a free day to

enjoy their victory and closed out the last two matches to retain the cup for a fifth successive year.

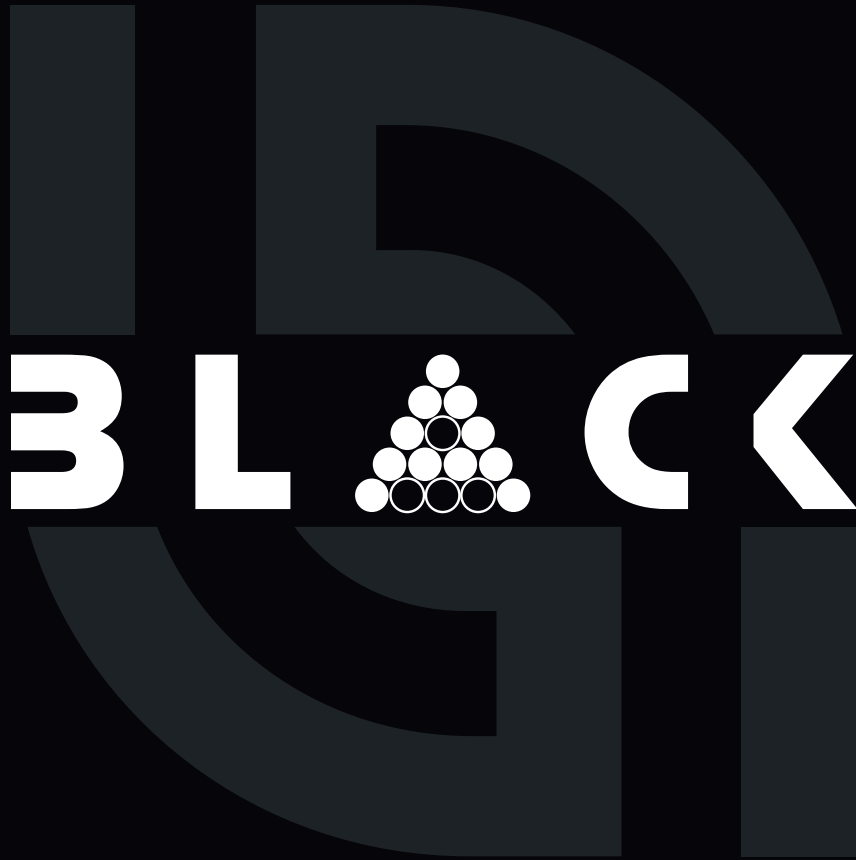
Launched by the European Pocket Billiard Federation and the Billiard Congress of America in 2015, the Atlantic Challenge Cup pits the best of youth from Europe and America in a Mosconi Cup style event in a race to 11 with a possible 21 matches in total. Six players on each team, four boys and two girls, will battle it out to see who will have the bragging rights across the Atlantic.

More information can be found at atlanticchallengecup.com or visit the official Atlantic Challenge Cup Facebook page.



Left to right: T. Brikmanis, D. Siranchuk, M. Nguyen, W. Zielinski, S. Pehlivanovic, C. Froehlich and J. van Lierop

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aramith® has created a brand new pool set design, and has teamed up with [matchroom multisport](#) to develop new colors specifically for TV.

The result is simply groundbreaking. It will soon be unveiled and be showcased at the upcoming Mosconi Cup, from November 25 to 28 in Las Vegas.

Don't miss it.

Lin Leads Chinese Taipei Contingent at Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

The team of players from Chinese Taipei did not have a good trip to the United States for the International 9-Ball Open, with Ko Ping-Chung's 5th place finish as the best performance by one of the group's players.

Their results at the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour's Ocean State 9-Ball Championship on November 9th - 10th at Snookers in Providence RI, was much better. Five of the six Chinese Taipei players cashed in the Ocean State event, with four of them in the top six spots.

Saturday matches narrowed the field of seventy-three players down to just twelve. The winner's side came down to Fu Che-Wei, Lin Ta-Li, Suad Kantaravic, and recent Junior Invitational 9-Ball Champion Lukas Fracaso-Verner. Both players from Chinese Taipei then advanced with Fu beating

Verner 9-2 and Lin over Kantaravic 9-6. Lin then defeated Fu 9-3 for the hot-seat.

Sunday matches on the one-loss side saw Hsu Kai-Lun eliminating Mike Gurpleo and Frankie Hernandez before losing a 7-3 decision to Kantaravic. The other half of the one-loss side saw Chang Yu-Lung over Ron Casanzio and Chiang Chen-Yu before being eliminated in 5th place by Verner. Verner sent Kantaravic to the seats in 4th place with a hill-hill win but then dropped the semi-final match to Fu 7-2.

The all Chinese Taipei final match went one set with Lin repeating his

hot-seat win over Fu 9-5 for first place.

Sunday's second chance tournament was won by Francisco Cabral, who went undefeated and didn't allow an opponent more than one rack against him all day. Cabral defeated Mike Salerno 3-1 for the hot-seat and 3-1 again in the finals.

The next Joss NE 9-Ball Tour stop will be the Turning Stone Classic XXXIII on January 9th - 12th. That event is now full. Any player who didn't get their entry paid can contact Mike Zuglan to get on the waiting list.



Mike Zuglan, Che-Wei Fu 2nd, Ta-Li Lin Champion, Steve Goulding Snookers Owner



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Shaw comes back from the loss side to win 5th Annual Dismal Swamp Classic

In the weeks preceding the International US Open in Norfolk, VA, many of the country's and a large contingent of the world's top pool players participated in a regularly scheduled series of independent tournaments which normally don't like to be thought of as 'warm-ups' for the International, but generally, for the players, are.

It began with the Steinway Classic in New York City, a 10-ball event, during the week of October 13, won by Thorsten Hohmann. On the weekend of Oct. 19-20, at the same location, NYC held its annual multi-division 8-ball championships, also won by Thorsten Hohmann, and on the following Tuesday, rounding out the disciplines, and edging closer to Norfolk, VA, Peter Burrows held his annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championships, won by Ruslan Chinakhov, in Virginia Beach, VA.

On that final weekend, preceding the International, as the 14.1 Straight Pool Championships moved into its single elimination phase, the only 9-Ball 'warm-up' to the International got underway in Elizabeth City, NC. Called the Dismal Swamp Classic and dedicated to Elizabeth City native, and 6-time World Champion, Luther "Wimpy" Lassiter, the \$9,000-added Classic drew a strong contingent of the country and world's top pool players, as well, many of whom may, to some, have appeared to be missing from the other warm-ups; Jayson Shaw, Shane Van Boening, Sky Woodward, James Aranas, and Alex Kazakis as examples, all of whom are still 'in the hunt' at the International, all on the loss side, except for Kazakis, who'll play in the hot seat.

Shaw emerged from the Swamp Classic attendees to claim the event title. His path to the winners' circle got sidetracked by Roberto Gomez in a winners' side semifinal, but he came back to defeat Gomez and then, Dennis Grabe in the finals. The 5th Annu-

al Dismal Swamp Classic, held from Oct. 24-26 under the auspices of the J. Pechauer Southeast Open 9-Ball Tour, drew 31 entrants to Colonial Cues in Elizabeth City.

As Shaw was busy being sent to the loss side 8-5 in a winners' side semifinal by Gomez, Van Boening was being sent over in the other winners' side semifinal, same score, by Dennis Grabe. Grabe then defeated Gomez 8-6 to claim the hot seat.

Shaw moved over and picked up John Morra, who'd defeated James Aranas, double hill, and Josh Roberts 8-6. Van Boening drew Jalal Youcef, who'd eliminated Chris Melling 8-4 and Alex Kazakis, double hill; two tasks most assuredly more difficult to accomplish than the sentence describing it.

Shaw and Van Boening moved on to the quarterfinals with identical 8-3 victories over Morra and Youcef, respec-

tively. Apparently enjoying that score, Shaw moved on to chalk it up against Van Boening in the quarterfinals.

Shaw's rematch against Gomez came within a game of going double hill, but it didn't. Shaw got a shot at Grabe in the hot seat with an 8-6 win over Gomez in the semifinals.

Shaw was apparently done with fooling around. He chalked up a four- and a five-pack in the finals to claim the event title 12-3 over Grabe.

Tour/event director Tommy Kennedy thanked the ownership and staff at Colonial Cues for their hospitality, as well as title sponsor J. Pechauer Custom Cues. The next stop on the J. Pechauer Southeast Open 9-Ball Tour, scheduled for November 30, will be a \$500-added event, hosted by Waldo's in Daytona Beach, FL.



Roberto Gomez, Jayson Shaw and Dennis Grabe



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World Pool Masters Returns To Gibraltar, March 26-29

The 2020 World Pool Masters, 9-ball's biggest invitational tournament, will take place from March 26-29 at the new Europa Sports Complex in Gibraltar, Matchroom Multi Sport is pleased to announce.

The World Pool Masters features 24 of the best players from around the world battling it out for their share of the \$100,000 prize fund. Tickets will go on sale to Matchroom Pool Club subscribers on Monday, December 9 and on general sale on Tuesday, December 10.

David Alcaide won his second Masters title in 2019 and will be looking to defend his crown against a superstar field including the likes of US Open champion Joshua Filler and two-time Masters winner Shane van Boening.

The 24-player field will again include eight pre-determined players who qualify through major achievements, with a further 15 players invited by tournament promoter Matchroom Multi Sport. The final member of the field will be selected by you, the fans as the Fans' Choice vote returns.

Van Boening, Jayson Shaw and Alex Pagulayan are the first invited players

while Alcaide, Filler and European Champion Fedor Gorst have already qualified to participate.

Matchroom Multi Sport COO Emily Frazer said: "The re-vamped World Pool Masters is back on the Rock in Gibraltar seeing 24 of the world's best in a straight knockout format. \$100,000 in prize money, a qualification criteria and a new sports venue supported by the Gibraltar Ministry of Culture, Media, Youth and Sport; this is the Superstars of Pool!

"The standard of play in women's pool is impressive right now and what better stage to see the World No. 1 female player than the World Pool Masters. It's race to 7 with the exception of the final, 9 on the spot – expect drama, excitement and close matches. Only the best of the best will be there!"

The Hon Steven Linares MP, Gibraltar's Minister for Sport said: "It is an honour for me as the Minister for Sport

to see the World Pool Masters and Matchroom Sport return to the Rock once again in 2020. These world class events continue to attract both locals and visitors alike and are true examples of HM Government of Gibraltar's events-led tourism policy.

"I am truly delighted to continue our work with Matchroom Sport. Our close relationship allows us to deliver and host world-class events such as this one for the enjoyment of all."

The eight pre-determined players will be seeded straight into the last 16, with the remaining 16 invited players – including the Fans' Choice – contesting the preliminary round. The eight seeded spots are reserved for:

- Defending Champion David Alcaide
- World No.1 As of December 31, 2019
- World 9-Ball Champion
- US Open Champion Joshua Filler
- European 9-Ball Champion Fedor Gorst
- Mosconi Cup MVP Skylar Woodward
- Asian No.1 On WPA World Rankings, Dec 31
- World No.1 Female As of December 31, 2019

Invited players will be announced over the coming weeks before then Fans' Choice poll launches early in 2020. For all the latest World Pool Masters news follow World Pool Masters on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Full ticket details will be released soon.



Matchroom Pool And Saluc Launch Tournament Black Ball Set

Matchroom Pool and SALUC are excited to launch the ground-breaking new Tournament BLACK set of Aramith balls, which will be used during the partypoker Mosconi Cup and all future Matchroom Pool events.

Tournament BLACK are being used today during Team USA's match against Team CSI at Griff's Billiards, Las Vegas, which is being streamed live, for free, at www.youtube.com/matchroom-pool1.

Aramith has created the new Tournament BLACK set to combine the very best of pool ball quality with an innovative, trendy and ground-breaking black design. Anticipating the need to better discern the balls on TV but also on small screen devices, Aramith have teamed up with Matchroom Multi Sport to develop new colours.

Matchroom and SALUC have a long-standing relationship dating back to the 1990s, over which time Aramith Pro-Cup balls have become the industry standard. Earlier this year Matchroom and SALUC agreed a three-year extension of their current partnership and began working together to create the Tournament Black set.

Yves Bilquin, COO of SALUC, said: "Aramith have created a brand-new ball set design coupled with the ultimate quality. We are thrilled to have collaborated with Matchroom to also find a new colour scheme that will enhance the viewers' experience.

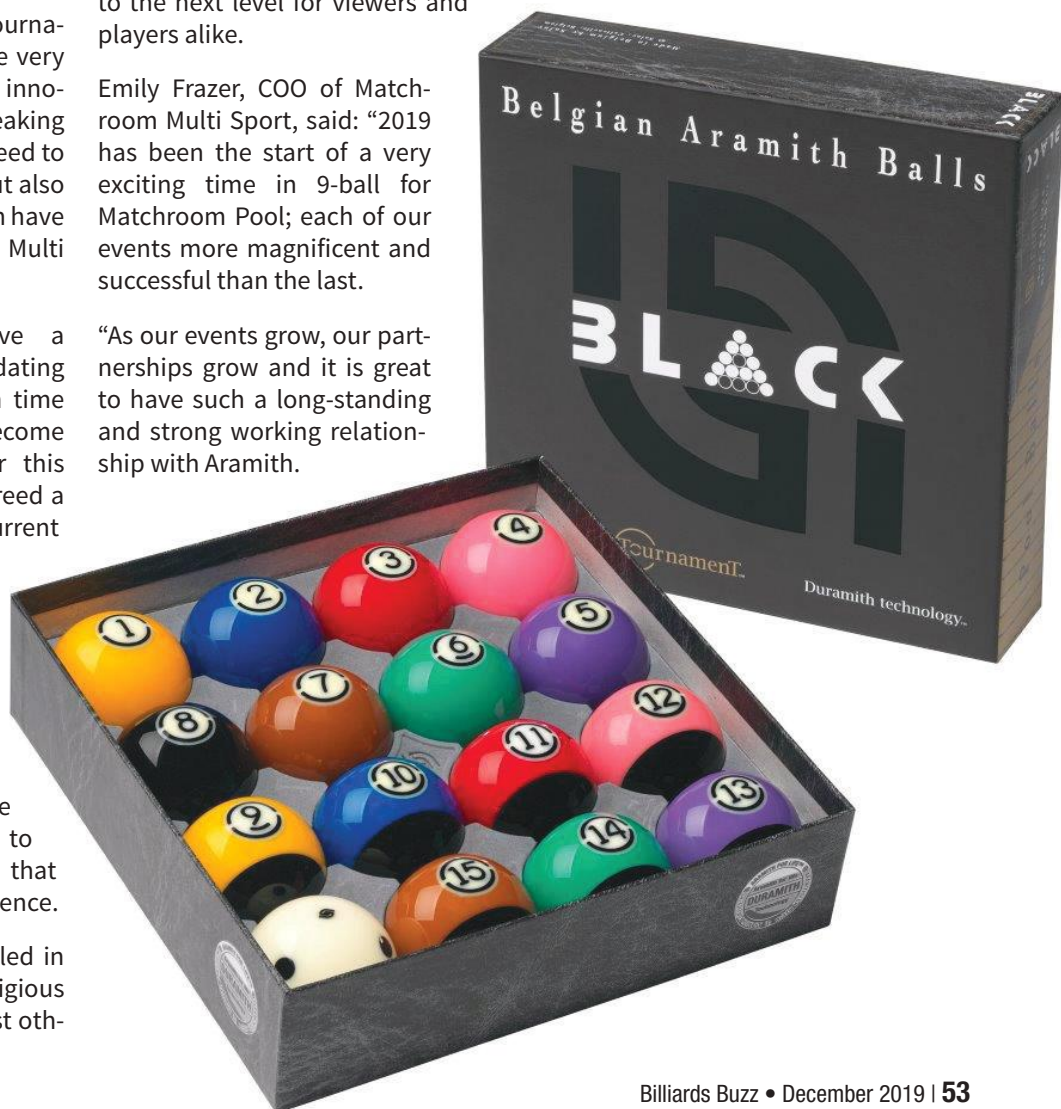
"Matchroom have always excelled in the promotion of the most prestigious pool events worldwide, amongst oth-

er sports. As the best and oldest billiard ball manufacturer we are very proud to continue and strengthen a partnership of more than twenty years and offer the pool community a groundbreaking new product of unrivalled quality that will bring the game to the next level for viewers and players alike.

Emily Frazer, COO of Matchroom Multi Sport, said: "2019 has been the start of a very exciting time in 9-ball for Matchroom Pool; each of our events more magnificent and successful than the last.

"As our events grow, our partnerships grow and it is great to have such a long-standing and strong working relationship with Aramith.

"As a team we have come together and created a new design for Matchroom Pool events and our TV broadcast whilst keeping in line with the upmost quality in which SALUC are regarded so highly for."



Upcoming Tournaments

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

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Amateur Stop #20

11/30 - 12/01

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY

Website: <http://www.predatorproamtour.com/index.asp>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019

12/07 - 12/08

Park Avenue Billiards
Orange Park, FL

Website: <http://www.sunshinestateproamtour.com/>

Action Pool Tour Year End Season Finale

12/07 - 12/08

Q-Master Billiards
Virginia Beach, VA

Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

WPA World 9-Ball Championship 2019

12/13 - 12/17

Doha, Qatar

North Central Pool Tour 2019 US Open Qualifier

12/14 - 12/14

Romine's
Milwaukee, WI

Website: <http://Facebook.com/northcentralpooltour>

2019 Women's World 9-Ball Championship

12/15 - 12/19

China

Northern Virginia Amateur Tour Stop

12/21 - 12/22

First Break Cafe

Sterling, VA

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267290537455630>

Turning Stone Classic XXXIII 9-Ball Open

01/09 - 01/12

Turning Stone Casino
Verona, NY

Website: <http://www.joss9ball-tour.com/>

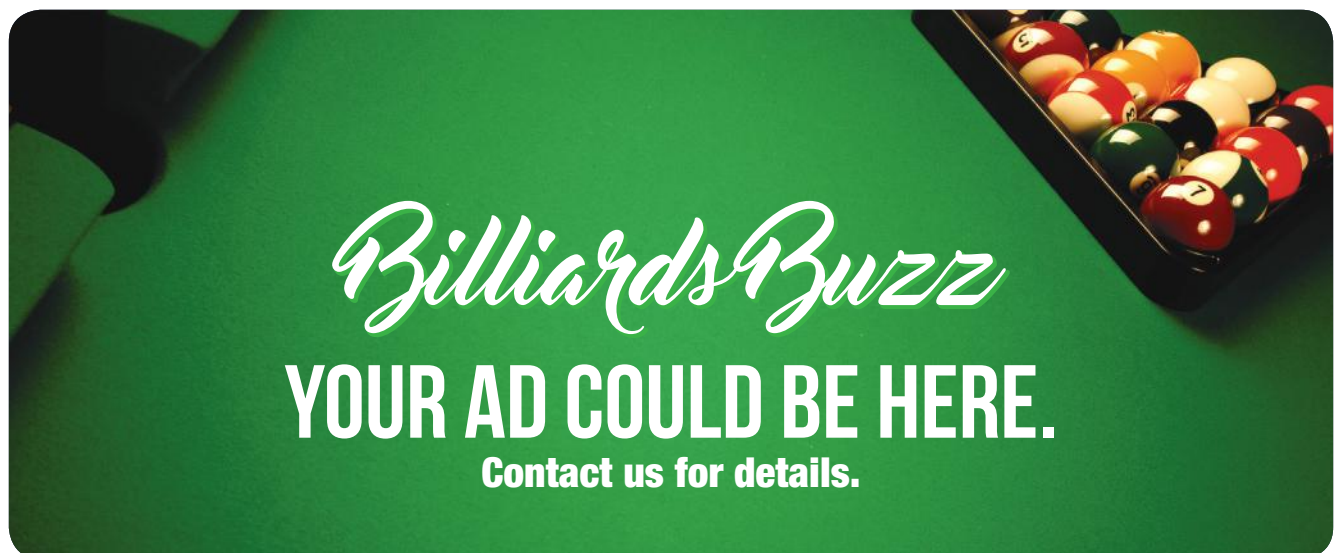
Joss Tour Junior 9 Ball Championship 2020

01/25 - 01/25

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports
Pub

Amsterdam, NY

Website: <http://www.joss9ball-tour.com/>



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Tourney Results

10/28 - 11/02

The International 9-Ball Open

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

Norfolk, Va

- 1 Jayson Shaw \$30,000
- 2 Maximilian Lechner \$18,000
- 3 Joshua Filler \$12,000
- 4 Justin Bergman \$7,500
- 5 Ping-Chung Ko \$5,000
- 5 Alexandros Kazakis \$5,000
- 7 Alex Pagulayan \$3,750
- 7 James Aranas \$3,750
- 9 Darren Appleton \$3,000
- 9 Thorsten Hohmann \$3,000
- 9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$3,000
- 9 Dennis Orcollo \$3,000
- 13 Jung-Lin Chang \$2,750
- 13 Shane Van Boening \$2,750
- 13 Denis Grabe \$2,750
- 13 John Morra \$2,750
- 17 Chris Robinson \$2,500
- 17 Aloysius Yapp \$2,500
- 17 Albin Ouschan \$2,500
- 17 Ruslan Chinakhov \$2,500
- 17 Mika Immonen \$2,500
- 17 Corey Deuel \$2,500
- 17 Marco Teutscher \$2,500
- 17 Yu-Lung Chang \$2,500
- 25 Ri Teng Liu \$2,250
- 25 Jui An Hsu \$2,250
- 25 Fedor Gorst \$2,250
- 25 Roland Garcia \$2,250
- 25 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$2,250
- 25 Max Eberle \$2,250
- 25 Lee Vann Corteza \$2,250
- 25 Naoyuki Oi \$2,250

11/02 - 11/03

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 6 1/2

Diamond Billiards Bar & Grill

Rochester, NY

- 1 Ron Casanzio \$1,000
- 2 Bruce Nagle \$700
- 3 Len Gianfrate \$500

- 4 Dave Mills \$350
- 5 Lyn Wechsler \$225
- 5 Jeremiah Imburgia \$225
- 7 Geoff Montgomery \$125
- 7 Michael Goldberg \$125

11/02 - 11/03

Predator Cues British 9-ball Championship

Escape Pool Bar

Barnsley, S. Yorkshire

- 1 Dave Beaumont \$323
- 2 Fred Dinsmore \$161
- 3 Tony Southern \$103
- 3 Adam Pearson \$103
- 5 Daniel Lee \$64
- 6 Koji Nagasaki \$58

11/02 - 11/02

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Shore Thing Billiards

Myrtle Beach, SC

- 1 Donnie Stewart \$625
- 2 Matt Collins \$400
- 3 Mitchell Floyd \$225
- 4 Wendell Thompkins \$150
- 5 Travis Guerra \$100
- 5 Deon Rheuark \$100

11/02 - 11/03

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Stop Amateur

The Spot

Nanuet, New York

- 1 Ryan Dayrit \$1,200
- 2 Keith Guenzel \$800
- 3 Carlos Duque \$500
- 4 Jaydev Zaveri \$325
- 5 Levie A. Lampaan \$250
- 5 Nick Croce \$250
- 7 Ocheign Carlos \$200
- 7 Nicole Monaco \$200
- 9 Corey Avallone \$150
- 9 Max Watanabe \$150

9 Bud Robideau \$150

9 Jay Choi \$150

11/02 - 11/03

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Stop Open/Pro

The Spot

Nanuet, New York

- 1 Kai Lun Hsu \$750
- 2 Che-Wei Fu \$550
- 3 Tony Robles \$350
- 4 Ping Han Ko \$220

11/02 - 11/03

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 6 1/2 Second Chance

Diamond Billiards Bar & Grill

Rochester, NY

- 1 Qais Kolee \$300
- 2 Sean Zeng \$200
- 3 Dan Sharlow \$120
- 4 Nick Brucato \$80

11/03 - 11/03

New England 9-Ball Tour 2019 Stop #6

Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

- 1 Mike Minichello \$1,700
- 2 Tyler Boudreau \$650
- 3 Josh Caesar \$400
- 4 Keith Platt \$215
- 5 Vashon Robinson \$90
- 5 Mark Ruzzano \$90

11/03 - 11/03

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

- 1 Marco Daniele \$500
- 2 Teddy Lapadula \$250
- 3 Shivam Gupta \$160
- 4 Paul Madonia \$100
- 5 Dave Shlemperis \$60
- 5 Brian Schell \$60

11/06 - 11/10

Star City 10-Ball Shootout

Wolf's Den Billiards

- Roanoke, Virginia
1 James Aranas \$5,700
2 BJ Ussery \$2,800
3 Jalal Yousef \$1,600
4 Roberto Gomez \$1,200
5 Jesus Atencio \$800
6 John Morra \$400
7 Jason Trigo \$300
8 Spencer Ladin \$200

11/07 - 11/09

2019 Dynamic Antalya Open

Hotel Limak Limra

- Antalya,
1 Denis Grabe \$4,986
2 Eklent Kaci \$3,324
3 David Alcaide \$1,939
3 Fedor Gorst \$1,939
5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$1,385
5 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,385
5 Mieszko Fortunski \$1,385
5 Joshua Filler \$1,385
9 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,108
9 Oliver Szolnoki \$1,108
9 Ralf Souquet \$1,108
9 Aleksa Pecelj \$1,108
9 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,108
9 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$1,108
9 Mark Gray \$1,108
9 Niels Feijen \$1,108
17 Imran Majid \$664
17 Nick Malai \$664
17 Albin Ouschan \$664
17 Andrey Seroshtan \$664
17 Jani Siekkinen \$664
17 Marius Skoneczny \$664
17 Wojciech Sroczynski \$664
17 Daniel Maciol \$664
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17 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$664
17 Thorsten Hohmann \$664
17 Tomasz Kaplan \$664
17 Dimitris Loukatos \$664
33 Pijus Labutis \$304
33 Maximilian Lechner \$304
33 Petri Makkonen \$304
33 Fabio Petroni \$304
33 Marcel Price \$304

- 33 Mats B. Schjetne \$304
33 Kostas Koukiadakis \$304
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33 Roman Hybler \$304
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33 Damianos Giallourakis \$304
33 Darren Appleton \$304
33 Mustafa Alnar \$304
33 Mateusz Sniegocki \$304

11/09 - 11/10

31st Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

- Providence, RI
1 Ta Li Lin \$2,500
2 Che-Wei Fu \$1,800
3 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$1,400
4 Suad Kantaravic \$1,100
5 Yu-Lung Chang \$700
5 Kai Lun Hsu \$700
7 Frankie Hernandez \$550
7 Chen-Yu Chiang \$550
9 Joe Dupuis \$400
9 Ron Casanzio \$400
9 Mike Giurleo \$400
9 Tom D'Alfonso \$400
13 Mike Minichello \$250
13 Jim Prather \$250
13 Alex Gurevich \$250
13 Jeremy Sossei \$250

11/09 - 11/10

2019 Dynamic Antalya Open Ladies Division

Hotel Limak Limra

- Antalya,
1 Oliwia Zalewska \$1,809
2 Tina Vogelmann \$1,206
3 Christine Steinlage \$965
3 Kristina Tkach \$965
5 Melanie Suessenguth \$603
5 Diana Stateczny \$603
5 Pia Filler \$603
5 Marharyta Fefilava \$603
9 Kateryna Polovinchuk \$180
9 Tamara Peeters \$180
9 Kamila Khodjaeva \$180
9 Ina Kaplan \$180
9 Veronika Hubrtova \$180
9 Ine Helvik \$180

- 9 Ana Gradisnik \$180
9 Veronika Ivanovskaia \$180

11/09 - 11/10

31st Ocean State 9-Ball Championship Second Chance

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

- Providence, RI
1 Francisco Cabral \$340
2 Mike Salerno \$220
3 Dave Shlemperis \$140
4 Kerry McAuliffe \$100
5 Darren Jevons \$60
5 Geoff Montgomery \$60

11/09 - 11/09

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Break and Run Billiards

- Chesnee, South Carolina
1 Hunter White \$700
2 Michael Dill \$425
3 Mike Bumgarner \$250
4 Justin Duncan \$125
5 Hank Powell \$50
5 Blade Best \$50

11/10 - 11/10

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Steinway Billiards

- Astoria, NY
1 Juan Guzman \$775
2 Omar Hulse \$530
3 Max Watanabe \$330
4 Bianca Martinez \$210
5 Alberto Estevez \$130
5 Raul Calderon \$130
7 Jonathan Martinez \$100
7 Jose Estevez \$100
9 Shawn Sookhai \$75
9 Luis Lopez \$75
9 Adrian Daniel \$75
9 Desi DeRado \$75

11/15 - 11/17

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop NC State One Pocket

Speak Eazy Billiards

- Sanford, NC
1 Jason Brown \$2,000
2 Josh Roberts \$1,350

- 3 Tony Chohan \$800
- 4 Mike Davis \$400
- 5 Hunter White \$225
- 5 Ron Frank \$225

11/16 - 11/17

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour Bar Box Championship 2019

Racks Billiards

Sanford, Florida

- 1 David Singleton \$1,350
- 2 Shannon Fitch \$900
- 3 Andrew Pettenger \$640
- 4 David Jacobs \$480
- 5 Bobby Garza \$350
- 5 John Gore \$350
- 7 Jose Baez \$250
- 7 Jai Smith \$250
- 9 Randall McLuckie \$195
- 9 Pedro Botta \$195
- 9 Nathan Rose \$195
- 9 Rhyan Hunter \$195
- 13 Michael Delawder \$140
- 13 Jason Sheerman \$140
- 13 Jenn Berzinski \$140
- 13 Trenton White \$140
- 17 Justin Gilsinan \$80
- 17 Joel Rodriguez \$80
- 17 Robert Noon \$80
- 17 Robert Batson \$80
- 17 Milton Strack \$80
- 17 Benjie Estor \$80
- 17 Christopher Anderson \$80
- 17 Anthony Cruz \$80

11/16 - 11/17

Action Pool Tour 2019 Stop 11 Open Division

Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, VA

- 1 Danny Mastermaker \$700
- 2 Larry Kressel \$400
- 3 Shane Wolford \$300
- 4 Scott Roberts \$200
- 5 Kelly Farrar \$100
- 5 Jimmy Bird \$100
- 7 Josh Craig \$50
- 7 Chris Bruner \$50

11/16 - 11/17

Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour 2019 Season Finale

Legends Billiards

- League City, TX
- 1 Jenna Bishoff \$1,050
 - 2 Jennifer Kraber \$750
 - 3 Kim Sanders \$550
 - 4 Janeen Lee \$420
 - 5 Autumn Duncan \$220
 - 5 Teresa Garland \$220
 - 7 Kim Pierce \$150
 - 7 Michelle Cortez \$150
 - 9 Michelle Yim \$110
 - 9 Calia Jackson \$110
 - 9 Belinda Lee \$110
 - 9 Darcy Durham \$110

11/16 - 11/17

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Amateur Stop #19

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

- 1 Abel Rosario \$1,200
- 2 JC Iglesias \$900
- 3 Jason Goberdhan \$600
- 4 Alberto Estevez \$350
- 5 Russell Masciotti \$270
- 5 Carlos Duque \$270
- 7 Juan Melendez \$200
- 7 Lidio Ramirez \$200
- 9 Matt Klein \$150
- 9 John Francisco \$150
- 9 Zain Sundaram \$150
- 9 Corey Avallone \$150
- 13 Shawn Sookhai \$120
- 13 Paul Lyons \$120
- 13 Bryan Toolsee \$120
- 13 Irene Kim \$120

11/16 - 11/16

North Central Pool Tour 2019 Stop 8

Romine's

Milwaukee, WI

- 1 Bonnie Arnold \$530
- 2 Pamela Kelly \$255
- 3 Barb Arndt \$125
- 4 Laura Bendikas \$60

11/16 - 11/17

JPNEWT Tour 2019 Stop #8

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards

Elkridge, MD

- 1 Lai Li \$400
- 2 Bethany Sykes \$300

- 3 Linda Haywood Shea \$200
- 4 Kia Sidbury \$130
- 5 Anita Sowers \$100
- 5 Judie Wilson \$100
- 7 Sharon O'Hanlon \$75
- 7 Melissa Jenkins \$75

11/16 - 11/17

DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop Season Finale

Rusty's Billiards

Arlington, TX

- 1 Juan Parra \$1,260
- 2 Greg Sandifer \$830
- 3 Jeff Georges \$610
- 4 Amos Bush \$560
- 5 Jesse Hernandez \$420
- 5 Jesus Sorto \$420
- 7 Tim Larson \$270
- 7 Gerardo Perez \$270
- 9 Mohammed Alrawi \$180
- 9 Curtis Cardwell \$180
- 9 Donnie Gregory \$180
- 9 Friday Abismo \$180
- 13 Douglas Pitts \$100
- 13 Neil Nabil Saidawi \$100
- 13 Chris Woody Smith \$100
- 13 Jason Gladden \$100

11/17 - 11/17

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Allison LaFleur \$525
- 2 Alfredo Altamarino \$305
- 3 CJ Chey \$200
- 4 Chris Kemp \$125
- 5 Joe Mazzeo \$75
- 5 Michelle Brotons \$75

11/18 - 11/24

All Japan Open Championship 2019

Archaic hall

Amagasaki-city,

- 1 Xiao Huai Zheng \$16,968
- 2 Jin-Hu Dang \$8,484
- 3 Li Wen Lo \$4,242
- 3 Tony Raga \$4,242
- 5 Johann Chua \$2,121
- 5 Yu-Lung Chang \$2,121
- 5 Mika Immonen \$2,121



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- 5 Kun Lin Wu \$2,121
- 9 Keisuke Hanawa \$1,065
- 9 Pin-Yi Ko \$1,065
- 9 Ping-Chung Ko \$1,065
- 9 Toh Lian Han \$1,065
- 9 Aloysius Yapp \$1,065
- 9 Jung-Lin Chang \$1,065
- 9 Jui An Hsu \$1,065
- 9 Jeffrey Ignacio \$1,065
- 17 Daisaku Nishijima \$537
- 17 Hayato Hijikata \$537
- 17 Jia-Qing Wu \$537
- 17 Lo Ho Sum \$537
- 17 Satoshi Aoki \$537
- 17 Carlo Biado \$537
- 17 Jeffrey De Luna \$537
- 17 Thorsten Hohmann \$537
- 17 Satoshi Kawabata \$537
- 17 Tomoo Takano \$537
- 17 Syo Tsuken \$537
- 17 Raymund Faraon \$537
- 17 Quoc Hoang Duong \$537
- 17 Sharik Sayed \$537
- 17 Norio Ogawa \$537
- 17 Yoshihiro Kitatani \$537

11/18 - 11/24

All Japan Open Championship 2019 Ladies Division

Archaic hall

- Amagasaki-city,
- 1 Han Yu \$4,713
- 2 Siming Chen \$2,357
- 3 Chia Hua Chen \$1,178
- 3 Xiao-Fang Fu \$1,178
- 5 Ho-Yun Chen \$594
- 5 Ku-You Mou \$594
- 5 Akimi Kajitani \$594
- 5 Hsin Yu Li \$594
- 9 Keiko Yukawa \$302
- 9 Kyoko Sone \$302
- 9 Yu-Wen Hsieh \$302
- 9 Marharyta Fefilava \$302
- 9 Chie Aoki \$302
- 9 Mei-Wen Lin \$302
- 9 Samia Konishi \$302
- 9 Wan-Ling Wang \$302

11/21 - 11/24

2019 WPBA Aramith / Dr Pool Classic

- Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center**
Rothschild, Wisconsin
- 1 Kelly Fisher \$10,000
- 2 Tzu-Chien Wei \$6,500
- 3 Jasmin Ouschan \$4,500
- 4 Jia Li \$3,200
- 5 Gerda Hofstatter Gregeron \$2,400
- 5 Tamara Peeters \$2,400
- 7 Teruko Cucculelli \$1,500
- 7 April Larson \$1,500
- 9 Brittany Bryant \$1,000
- 9 Jennifer Barretta \$1,000
- 9 Monica Webb \$1,000
- 9 Dawn Hopkins \$1,000
- 13 Gail Eaton \$750
- 13 Line Kjoersvik \$750
- 13 Allison Fisher \$750
- 13 Emily Duddy \$750
- 17 Loree Jon Hasson \$500
- 17 Jeannie Seaver \$500
- 17 Sara Miller \$500
- 17 Laura Smith \$500
- 17 Janet Atwell \$500
- 17 Caroline Pao \$500
- 17 Ashley Rice \$500
- 17 Ashley Burrows \$500

11/23 - 11/23

New England 9-Ball Tour 2019-2020 Stop #7

Straight Shooters Family Billiards

- Fall River, MA
- 1 Tom D'Alfonso \$700
- 2 Mark Ruzzano \$400
- 3 Adam Blair \$275
- 4 Jim Prather \$175
- 5 Antero Tavares \$125
- 5 Mourad Idrais \$125
- 7 Matt Rezendes \$90
- 7 Mike Nigrelli \$90

11/23 - 11/24

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop NC State Open 10-Ball Championships

Speak Eazy Billiards

Sanford, NC

- 1 Josh Roberts \$1,600
- 2 Mike Davis \$1,100
- 3 Tony Chohan \$700
- 4 Tommy Kennedy \$400
- 5 Johnny Archer \$200
- 5 Jonathan Pinegar \$200
- 7 Barry Mashburn \$100
- 7 BJ Ussery \$100

11/23 - 11/24

2019 Griff's Turkey Shootout

Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

- 1 Alex Pagulayan \$3,000
- 2 Blake Baker \$2,000
- 3 Max Eberle \$1,200

- 4 Chris Robinson \$800
- 5 Thierry Kalb \$550
- 5 Brian Begay \$550
- 7 John Morra \$400
- 7 Walter Glass \$400
- 9 Wilson Dorsey \$255
- 9 Chris McDaniel \$255
- 9 Attila Csorba \$255
- 9 Vilmos Foldes \$255
- 13 Mitch Ellerman \$200
- 13 Chris McCreary \$200
- 13 Jason Pader \$200
- 13 Chris Stanfield \$200

11/24 - 11/24

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

- 1 Jason Goberdhan \$400
- 2 Bob Toomey \$200
- 3 Rick Rodriguez \$120
- 4 Dax Druminski \$80

11/25 - 11/28

Mosconi Cup XXVI

Mandalay Bay

Las Vegas, NV

- 1 Skyler Woodward \$30,000
- 1 Shane Van Boening \$30,000
- 1 Tyler Styer \$30,000
- 1 Justin Bergman \$30,000
- 1 Billy Thorpe \$30,000
- 2 Alexandros Kazakis \$15,000
- 2 Eklent Kaci \$15,000
- 2 Niels Feijen \$15,000
- 2 Joshua Filler \$15,000
- 2 Jayson Shaw \$15,000



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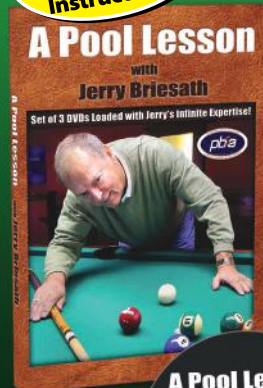
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Races 7/6

WOMEN'S 9-BALL
Capped @ 48 players
Double Elimination
Races 7/6

FRIDAY JAN 3 - 7PM



MEN'S 8-BALL
Capped @ 128 players
Double Elimination
Races to 6 both sides

WOMEN'S 8-BALL
Capped @ 48 players
Double Elimination
Races to 5 both sides

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