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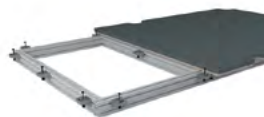
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FROM THE HEAD RAIL

Jerry **FORSYTH**

I am happy to announce that as of July 1 I will be stepping back from most of my duties at AZB in order to enter something similar to retirement. I live in the pool world, and that means I can't actually just retire and go away, so I will continue to handle the advertising side of AZB and I may show up at a few events throughout the years to be able to see old friends.



My wife of now almost 50 years and I are planning on a stress-free future and we have prepared. Our little farm is paid off, we have planted over 150 new trees on the land to keep the pastures shady and cool, and we are all set up with a par-three chipping course we bush-hogged and mowed into the land, a 6-hole Frisbee golf setup, Bocce Ball, croquet, pool, a 'swimming hole' and fishing pond, and a really good dog who enjoys belly rubs and walks in the woods.

I would like to take the opportunity to first thank my wife for all her years of putting up with my constant travel, to Shari Stauch of Pool & Billiard Magazine for putting me on that road, to Mike Panozzo for all of his assistance through the years and, of course, my heartfelt gratitude to Mike Howerton for taking me onboard at AZB and allowing me the freedom to make my own assignments and carve my own trail. Freedom may be the best part of any task.

And with that done I will just say: Be kind to one another. You are all rowing the same boat.

Now sit back and enjoy this issue of the Buzz. There is lots of good stuff for you again this month. For one, a look back to the 2003 Border Battle with great photos of the stars of the day including Earl Strickland, Alex Pagulayan, Johnny Archer, Nick Varner, Cliff Thorburn, Alain Martel, Corey Deuel, and John Horsfall. Expanded coverage of the World Cup of Pool is here and our instructors have put up a great roster of information for you. Plus, we go in depth to the World Cup of Pool, The Ginky Memorial and the China Open! And, our Melinda Bailey has Mike Panozzo of Billiards Digest in the interview room for a one on one chat.

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Coming to America

JULIE KELLY AND I HAD A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD IN 1997, SPENDING 7 WEEKS IN NEW ZEALAND TRAVELING ON A CAMPER BUS DOING SNOOKER EXHIBITIONS COVERING THE NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS.

On the way back from New Zealand, we flew to L.A, and then to Boston where Julie had family. We heard Allison Fisher came over in 1995, so we started to look into the 9 ball tour in America. We went to a pool room and had a go at it since we had never played the game before. At first it seemed really easy because we were able to make the balls because the pockets were huge compared to snooker pockets. We then realized there was more to the game, such as breaking and strategy/patterns. In January 1998, we were invited to Coldwater, Ontario to do a snooker exhibition and during that time the owner helped us research a bit more about the 9 ball tour.

We went back home and Julie decided to sell her sheep and we would come over for 3 months to try to qualify for the WPBA tour. I continued to play in the snooker events. That year the World Championship Ladies Final was played at The Crucible. I lost to Kelly Fisher in the final and with the £2,500 second place money, I payed my bills and got a flight to America. This was an exciting time but also scary going to a new country to play a new game, not knowing how we were going to adapt.

We came to Boston first and started the first weekend driving to Terra Haute, Indiana where I won my first qualifier to get on tour. I followed it up with 10 qualifiers in a row so it was pretty tough on Julie since we were playing on the same qualifying tour. After I got on tour, Julie proceeded to qualify for the WPBA. Julie's sisters were in New Hampshire, Boston, and New Jersey and we decided to stay in New Jersey with her sister Pauline and her husband until we got an apartment in Feasterville, PA.

At a local tournament we met Pete Fusco, who also had a pool room in Feasterville. He spent many hours

teaching us the fundamentals of 9 ball. Coming from snooker, we had the stroke and accuracy but we needed to learn pattern play and breaking to be successful in 9 ball.

I won my first WPBA tournament in October 2000 in Los Angeles. By now Julie and I had established ourselves and we were working on our visas to be able to stay in the states.

We went into the World Championships in Quebec, Canada in November 2000. Julie had to qualify for the event so we were both in Stage 2. It was the ideal event for both of us because we both made it to the final. As we practiced together and traveled the world together, it was strange to play each other in the final. I was the favorite to win. It went to 8 each in a race to 9 and Julie broke and ran out, making some amazing shots and she deserved to win. That win enabled Julie to have the confidence and the



NOW I MIX CARE WORKING WITH PLAYING POOL AND I AM ABLE TO FULLY ENJOY THE GAME AGAIN. I RECENTLY WON THE LATEST WPBA EVENT THE RIVERS CASINO OPEN IN PITTSBURGH.



opportunity to stay longer in America as she was thinking of going home.

In 2001, I had my crazy year winning all of the WPBA events. This established me as one of the best players in the world.

As each year went by, we would go home a couple of times a year each time thinking we would just give it another year and go home. While the opportunities were still available to us, we decided to stay and make the best of them. We always knew at some point we would go home.

In 2010, my mum was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had been over for her

treatments and July 4, 2011 is when we decided to come home so I could take care of her. Julie went home to Ireland to take care of her family. My mum died in June 2012. I had been in England for a year and it was tough to figure out what I wanted to do. I came back to the states later that year and the game had really changed. After going back and forth, I finally moved back and settled in Pennsylvania. As things slowed down, I had the opportunity to get certified as a nurses aide. Now I mix care working with playing pool and I am able to fully enjoy the game again. I recently won the latest WPBA event the Rivers Casino Open in Pittsburgh.

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Proper Aiming Sequence

Most amateurs really don't start aiming until they get bent over into their shooting position. This is a big mistake that can really hurt your game. When you watch the pros play, you will notice that the first thing they do is get their chin in line with the intended cue ball path before they bend over into their shooting position. And

the important thing is to keep the chin on that intended line all the while they are bending over into their shooting position. This means that as you are bending over into your shooting position, your eyes are switching back and forth from the cue ball to the object ball so that when you do place the cue tip to the cue ball, your aim is already within one eighth of an inch or close to perfect. Therefore, when you take

a few warm-up strokes and stop to re-check the aim, you should only need a very minor adjustment, or none at all, before shooting the shot.

Remember, the most important part of the aiming process is before and while you are bending over into your shooting position. When that first aim is close to perfect, you will definitely pocket more balls.

Good luck,
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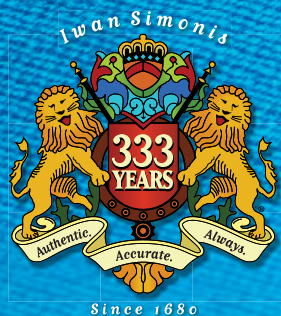
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There are many big shots in every pool game, from hitting an effective break to making a key shot to set up for a run of the table. Having said that, there is one shot in pool, regardless of table situation, that is the most important: *the next shot*.



Forgetting the last shot

One of the fastest ways to see your game sink is to regularly get hung up and upset about the last shot you missed. It's easy to do this, of course, as there's few things more aggravating in life is to miss a bunny on the table you make most of the time. While it's easy to sulk, it's also true that if you are still thinking about the last shot, it becomes impossible to put all your focus and energy toward the next shot. Remind yourself that there's nothing you can do to change the last shot, so move forward.

Don't think too far ahead

Just as bad as it is to get stuck thinking about the last shot, it's also a problem if you look too far ahead at the table

and overlook making the next shot to get you to the run of the table you want. Again, it's easy to look ahead to the balls hanging around the pockets and get excited at the prospect of winning the game, but ask yourself how many times you have done this before and ended up missing a relatively easy shot simply because your attention was divided?

If you want to move your game from good-to-great, it is imperative that

you discipline yourself to simply take one shot at a time, and focus all your attention and energy toward making a good shot.

Tips for success

- Keep in mind you can't change a shot that has already happened.
- Also remember that by looking too far ahead, it leaves you vulnerable for missing a relatively simple shot before the run.
- Learn to train your mind to examine the table with patience, and then once you have a plan in your mind to then turn all your attention toward *the next shot*.
- Developing the discipline needed to sustain appropriate focus in pool can be a challenge, but it's also a quick way to accelerate your game by playing smarter, not harder.
- Keep track of your progress in a journal so you can watch the growth you make – this not only helps you chart your progress, but also helps with confidence development – a key variable linked to sport success.

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

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Back in 1999, *Rack and Cue Billiards* in Campbellsville, Kentucky was the setting for the state's 9-ball Championship. Players like John Brumback Shannon Daulton and Stan Shuffett were all regulars in quest for the title.



At that time, I was beginning to learn more about the little intricacies of the game, such as mechanics and advanced fundamentals. One topic I was particularly curious about was the grip. Mike Blevins was from Somerset, Kentucky and he was an incredibly difficult to beat. In fact, in addition to Gerald Daulton, Mike was given credit by many for teaching Shannon Daulton how to play.

After losing to Shannon Daulton in the finals the previous year, I soon found myself face to face with Mike in the finals of the 1999 rendition. During our match, I began to pay close attention to Mike's grip. Mike always seemed to move the cue ball effort-

lessly around the table and I always believed this was due to the way that he held the cue.

First, Mike had the right idea in that the thumb should be pointed straight to the floor, with the hand cocked slightly to the left if you are right handed. The little finger should not touch the cue, which should be cradled by the front fingers.

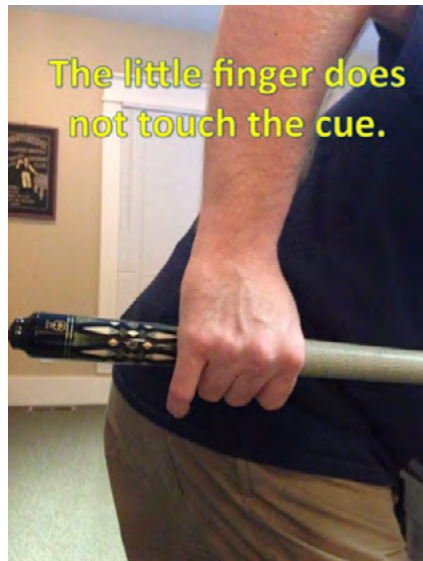
It is important to remember that if you hold the cue too tightly there is a tendency to stop your stroke. Mike primarily held his cue lightly, resting it on only the front fingers with the little finger not touching the cue. This light cradling of the butt made it much simpler for him to stroke in a perfectly

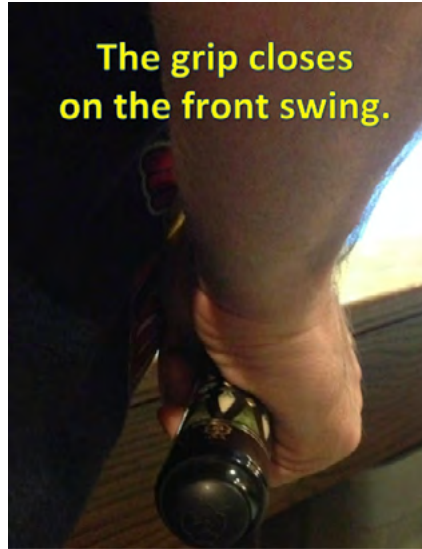
straight line than with a tighter grip. In fact, some instructors compare perfect grip pressure to that of someone holding a bird. If you hold the bird too tightly you will hurt it, but if the bird is held too loosely it will escape and fly away. It is important to not hold the cue too light or too tight.

When watching Mike play I always imagined an eye on his grip hand directly above the cue (where the "X" is located on the photo). The imaginary eye looks down the butt and shaft of the cue towards the target. Using this analogy ensures that the grip hand is directly over the cue and is not torqued significantly in one direction or the other.

Finally, the last element of Mike's grip was that he always opened his grip on the backswing and closed his grip on the forward swing. Snooker Champion, Steve Davis has described the perfect grip as being neutral at the "SET" (90 degrees) and open on the "PAUSE" (back swing) and then closed at the "FINISH" (squeezing on contact).

My match with Mike gave me a better insight into how to develop a proper grip. The real victory wasn't the fact that I won the championship that year. It was that I had learned something far more valuable. I witnessed the elements of a good grip in action, and I had the opportunity to dissect it up close and personal.





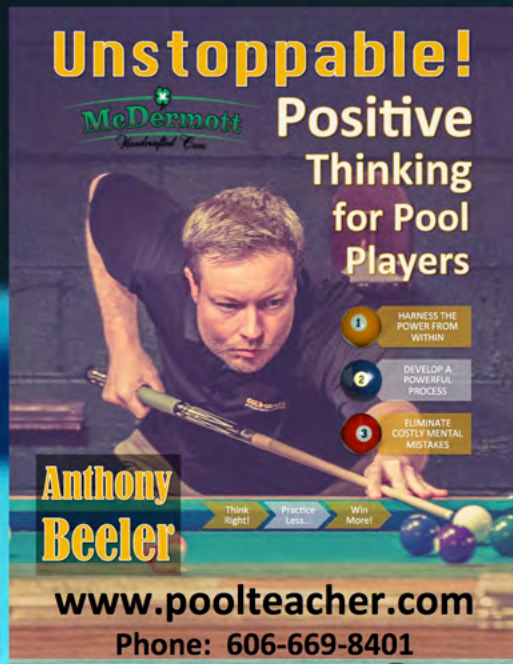
a faulty grip hold you back. Get a grip on your game and practice holding your cue correctly.

To this day, my grip is much better due to the impression Mike Blevins made on me that day. As an instructor, I see

many players who have limited abilities because they have a flaw with the way they hold the cue. Don't let

ANTHONY BEELER is the 2017 Pool Instructor of the Year and is a former BCAPL National 9-Ball Champion. He has numerous top 25 national finishes and is one of only 8 ACS Master Instructors in the world. He is the primary author of the National Billiards Instructors Manual and has also authored the book Unstoppable! Positive Thinking for Pool Players. Anthony currently has the highest established Fargo Rating of any Master Instructor. He has won over 300 tournaments and has defeated numerous professional players in tournament competition.

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INTERVIEW WITH *Mike Panozzo*

MELINDA BAILEY

Mike Panozzo is the Editor of the long-standing print billiard magazine, *Billiards Digest* (BD), and he also co-owns its publishing company, Luby Publishing. Mike is well-known in the pool industry and among the players. Everyone loves his wit, knowledge, and that he lives life to the fullest. Let's find out more about Mike!

Q: How did you and your wife meet? What is the secret to the sustainability of your marriage?

I always joke, "I've been married 35 years...and they've been 12 of the happiest years of my life!" I get that from my 87-year-old dad, who still introduces my mother as his "first wife." Ellen and I met freshman year in college, but didn't start dating until junior year. Got married a few years after graduation. I was at *Billiards Digest* and she was in grad school. I really think sustainability in marriages comes from having gone through the years of no money and big decisions...careers, where to live, etc. So many young people now wait until their lives are settled and in order before they get married. I think going through that process with someone helps you as a couple in the long run. Also respect. You have to respect each other.

Q: You've lived in Chicago your entire life. What are some things you really love about your city?

I would never live anywhere else but Chicago. To me, it's New York City with civility, despite what people read about in terms of crime. People here, in general, are Midwest nice. Also, it's



a fantastic food city, a fantastic live music city, and has a beautiful downtown. And it's still an ethnic melting pot, which is cool. The three most important things to me are friends, food and music. And Chicago comes up aces in all three.

Q: Luby Publishing is a publishing company for several magazines for billiards and bowling. You started at Luby Publishing in 1980. What position did you start as? Has writing always been something you wanted to do?

I knew when I was 10 years old that I wanted to be in journalism of some sort. I loved writing and loved reading the paper...usually the sports page. When I was a senior in high school, I remember talking to a counselor about college. I told him I definitely wanted to go to school for journalism, but wasn't sure what curriculum... broadcast, radio or print. He looked at me and said, "Well, son, you've got a face for radio and a voice for print. So I would suggest magazines or newspapers!"

I interviewed for the *Billiards Digest* job thinking I would be an associate editor or something, but the interview with Mort Luby started with him handing me the list of responsibilities of the editor. I tried to not look flustered and faked my way through the interview, exaggerating my familiarity with layout and design, photography, etc. I thought to myself, "Just get the job. If you flop and lose the job, then it's on you. But give yourself the chance." Been here ever since. It's really the only professional job I've ever had.

Q: In 1994, Mort Luby Jr sold the company to you and Keith Hamilton (both long time employees of Luby Publishing). When you were first offered this, did you hesitate?

I was there 13 years when Mort offered to sell the company to Keith and me.

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I never hesitated. I knew that Keith was a business guy, so I knew he could handle the financial end. And I trusted my ability to run the editorial side of the publishing company. Mort had prepared me for that by entrusting me with *Billiards Digest* — from writing, editing, photography, layout and design, ad sales, billing, collection, working with the printer, etc. I learned a ton by watching him run *Bowlers Journal* and I just followed his lead with *BD*.

Q: Do you play pool?

I love pool, but I play maybe two or three times a year and I don't play very well.

I always thought that NOT being a player helped me as a writer. I would sit down with top players to write instructional articles and I always figured that if I could get the instruction to make sense to a non-player like me, I knew the readers would understand it.

Q: What about bowling? Are you secretly a top bowler?

I'm beyond terrible! I probably average 135!

Q: As Editor of *Billiards Digest* for the last 36 years, you write every month in the "From the Editor" portion at the very beginning of the magazine. You set the tone for the readers that month. Let's talk about a few of the topics you have written about. What is the most memorable one? What is the one that caused the most controversy? What was the most difficult one to write? Have you found yourself in a position to have to hold back your opinion?

Truly, having a monthly column is one of the coolest, most terrifying, most challenging and most rewarding parts of running a magazine. I am awed by the ability of the great newspaper columnists, who churn out two or three memorable columns every week. That's astonishing. It's really hard. At times columns come quickly and write themselves. Other times it's a real struggle, but you've got to do it. You don't EVER take a pass on a month because you're struggling for something to write about.

I've never really counted, but it's safe to say I've written well over 400 editorials, so it's hard to pick out a most memorable. I've never been afraid to take on tough topics...criticizing or questioning the BCA, or promoters, or players if I felt it was necessary and if I thought there was a purpose in doing so. I've been accused of being a "shit starter," but I've never written on a topic simply to "stir the pot." The object is to get people to think and talk, or to make them laugh, or to tell a story. As a publisher, your primary responsibility is not to your advertisers, but to the people who pay money to receive the magazine every month. And they pay that money to get an independent view of the sport and industry they love. Our obligation is to give them a look at the sport in a way that no one else delivers, and editorial opinion is one of those things.

The great thing about an editorial is that you don't have to be neutral. Hell, you don't even have to be objective! It's your space and you can be as one-sided as you want.

I think my battles with the BCA during its heydays of the late '80s and early '90s were the most fun. I would right

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a one-page editorial and would get a two-page response from whoever was president of the BCA. And all of the people on the board were my advertisers! Didn't matter to me. I think one of the most memorable was when the WPA received formal membership in the International Olympic Committee. The BCA was a big part of that process. I wrote an editorial congratulating them but stating that "membership was the easy part. Getting into the Games will be the hard part." Then-BCA president Don Shimel from J-S Sales went ballistic and wrote me a scathing response. Then, a few months later, we're at the BCA Annual General Membership Meeting and Don is presenting to the membership. He's talking about the WPA's membership in the IOC and he says, "Yes, that's great. But that was the easy part." I almost fell out of my chair laughing!

The most controversial period was when the men's tour and women's tours split up. There was no shortage of material back then, particularly when Don Mackey was running the men's pro tour. And the WPBA always got very defensive when anything they did was questioned. I'd go to Classic Tour events in Florida and I'd have to wear a parka because of the icy reception!

The most difficult columns to write have been those remembering close friends in the business that had passed away. But they've also been among the most rewarding columns. Cathartic as well. They are emotional and personal, but you also have to write in a way that lets the reader know why you thought it was important to share that personal story with them. I don't write those very often,

maybe only three or four in 37 years. But they were important stories to share.

Q: Do you REALLY want pool lessons from me?

Yes, I do want lessons from you because you're a great player and your blog has always shows that you understand not only the game, but also how to talk about it. There are world champions out there who couldn't explain how or why they do what they do. Also, I don't think you would laugh at my mistakes, and that's really important!

Q: One little perk about your job is you get to travel. How many Mosconi Cups have you been to?

I believe I've been to 19 Mosconi Cups. Still the best pool experience there is.

The early days at York Hall in east London were incredible. It's a cold, damp old hall famous for its boxing events. There was no charge for tickets in the early years, and the place would have as many kids as it would adults. And it was glorious. The kids would run up after a match and high five and hug the players. They players were heroes to them. The production back then was incredible as well. Sky would build a studio off the corner of the arena and there would be post match shows and interviews. It was really slick.

The Mosconi Cup is still the event I most look forward to every year.

Q: What is the most memorable place you have been to for pool and why?

The most memorable was visiting the slate quarries in Northern Italy. From the '70s through the '90s, almost all pool table slate was from the mountains of Italy. The companies that mined and finished the slate were all from a small town near Genoa. They formed a group and received government funding to promote Italian slate. They paid for me to go see the quarries three or four times. Those trips were fantastic. Being 100 percent Italian, I was in heaven. Those trips were 20 percent business and 80 percent pleasure.

Q: You recently won the coveted Billiard and Bowling Institute of America (BBIA) Industry Service Award. How did your speech go? How long did you work on it? What did the award mean to you?

Ha! That was a great moment for me. Still not sure why I received the award. I think it was for 37 years of essentially annoying everyone in both industries! I spoke for about 10-12 minutes, but I could have gone on longer. It was an easy speech to write because I love that association so much (BBIA is made up of the top manufacturers

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and distributors in bowling and billiards) and because I'm so close to so many people in that group.

Q: What are your thoughts about mainstream media and the lack of attention pool gets?

Quite honestly, there is no reason for mainstream media to treat pool like a mainstream sport right now. It's not even for lack of money, but for lack of organization. The sport is so fragmented that there is no context to which mainstream media can relate. I think the sport and its players are great stories, but I think we fall far short of deserving to be in the media's daily consciousness.

Q: What do you love most about the pool industry?

The people. And because of that I am somewhat conflicted. On the one hand, I would love for the billiard industry to be huge and for the players to be million dollar stars. At the same time, I love that the industry is small. The companies in bigger industries are run by bean counters and management firms and corporate offices. People in the billiard industry start because they love pool and they stay in the industry for life. That's why I have dozens and dozens of friends that I've known for 20 or 30 years. You don't get that in other industries. And you don't get that in mega-dollar sports. In other industries you call a company and the person you talked to six months ago is no longer there. There are companies I've called on in pool and have spoken to the same person for 30 years. That's fantastic.

And I love the accessibility of the players and industry leaders. If the pro pool tours were as big as baseball or

snooker, you think I'd be able to just ring up Johnny Archer, or direct text Allison Fisher? I'd have to go through an agent to get maybe three minutes on the phone. I love that about pool. It's one of the reasons I've stuck around for 37 years.

Q: What do you like least about the pool industry?

The small-mindedness and turf protection. There is no reason this industry should have wilted like it did when the recession hit in the mid-2000s. The industry had plenty in reserves to survive. But there was never a long-term plan. There was never enough smart effort put into growing the sport and industry the right way so that it could survive a down cycle.

Q: Whose idea was it to co-author the billiard books you did with Steve Mizerak?

Steve had done a book in the late '70s, and the book company wanted to do another book with him. He contacted me to co-author it. I flew down to Florida and we took photos and discussed the instructional side of it. Then I added in a number of other chapters to make it more entertaining. The book was Steve Mizerak's *Complete Book of Pool & Billiards*. Damn thing almost killed me. I was working 60-hour weeks back then as it was, and then I'd come home and work all night on the book for three months or so. But it was an incredible experience. The book was really successful, selling around 150,000 copies. We did two more books together after that, but they were much smaller and simpler.

Q: What is the most memorable thing from being at Luby Publishing?

What opportunities do you think being there gave you?

Getting this job was the best thing that ever happened to me. It challenged me and I'm proud of what I've been able to accomplish here. I got more out of my talents than I ever thought possible. I think everyone should realize that. We can do so much more than we ever think we're capable of. You just have to be willing to trust yourself. My goal with the magazines was always to produce issues that I would be proud to show journalism contemporaries. Honestly, I think we could have taken short cuts over the years and pool fans would still have been satisfied. But I wouldn't have been satisfied, so we always pushed to produce the best magazines the sports offered. All of the opportunities I've been given and all of the great experiences I've enjoyed and many of the most treasured friendships of my life are owed to this magazine.

Q: One thing I adore about you is your humor and also your positive outlook on life. Where do you think you get those things from?

My sense of humor comes from my dad, who, ironically, is a funeral director. One of the sharpest wits and funniest people I've ever known, although he wouldn't have taken credit for that when I was a kid. Back then my humor was categorized as just being a smartass. I have six brothers and sisters, and none came close to my record when it came to trips to the principal's office in grade school. I was there so often they named the hallway leading to Sr. John Edwin's office the "Mike Panozzo Thruway."

As for my philosophies on life, I've gotten most of those from old movies! They all pretty much boil down to finding a way to enjoy every single day, finding things to be passionate

about, and surrounding yourself with people worth sharing those passions and enjoyment with. Everything else is static.

Q: What advice do you have for pool players?

Play for the love of the game, not for the love of money. And don't depend on it for your livelihood. At least not right now. I hope that day comes.

Q: Do you have a few goals you would like to share with us?

I don't have any real goals. I play life one shot at a time. I have hopes. And I hope that the billiard industry and the players who devote their lives to perfecting their craft reap all the rewards they deserve. They've certainly paid their dues, and I hope they get paid back in spades.

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Austria downs team USA in finals of the 12th World Cup of Pool

No matter how many times you flip a coin, the odds of it landing on one side or the other are always going to be 50-50. It could land on 'heads' a hundred times in a row, and the odds on the 101st roll would be the same as when the streak of 'heads' started; 50-50.

Some version of that thought was probably running through the minds of Shane Van Boening and Skyler Woodward, as they prepared to face Austria's Albin Ouschan and Mario He in the finals of the 12th annual 2017 12BET World Cup of Pool, held at York Hall in London from June 13-18. It was Austria's first appearance in the finals of this event, which features 32 Scotch doubles teams of two from all over the world. It was the USA's third appearance in the finals, having lost to the Philippines in the 2006 inaugu-

ral event (Earl Strickland and Rodney Morris, defeated by the Philippines' Efrén Reyes and Francisco Bustamante), and then, two years later, winning it; Van Boening and Morris, downing Darryl Peach and Mark Gray.

Austria moved into the finals on the heels of a 32-15 win-loss record, having downed Sweden, Russia, England's B team of Mark Gray and Imran Majid, and in the semifinals, gave up only a single rack to China in a race to 9 (as host nation, England fielded two teams; Darren Appleton and Daryl Peach were Team A).

Team USA advanced to the finals through Singapore, Spain, Finland and in the semifinals, the event's defending champions, Chinese Taipei - by a combined score of 32-13. Van Boening and Woodward had every right to feel confident. Any talk of Europe's 'dominance' over the USA, most notably over the last decade in Mosconi Cup competition, at which Team USA has chalked up only one victory (2009), were just that. Talk. They were into the finals, and with their most recent 9-4 win over the defending champions, were playing as well as they had since the single elimination tournament had begun five days before.

Two top-notch teams, four fierce competitors in the finals of a major world pool event.

Toss the coin. History be damned, see how it lands; 50-50.

It came up Austria. Ouschan and He combined to claim the event title, their country's first, defeating Van Boening and Woodward 10-6 in the finals. The Austrians secured the magnificent trophy, gold medals, as well as \$60,000. Van Boening and Woodward split a \$30,000 check, and chalked up what Matchroom Sports, in its reporting of

the event, called "the added bonus of playing so well as a team, ahead of the 2017 Mosconi Cup in December."

The race-to-10 final match was closer than the score might indicate, at least halfway through. It got underway in sweltering conditions in the famous York Hall, situated in the heart of London's bustling East End.

The two teams sparred through the early stages, with ties at 2-2, 4-4 (halfway, as it turned out), and then, 5-5. Van Boening and Woodward edged ahead at 6-5, before a critical decision emerged in the 12th rack. Team USA took the bolder option of going for a ball, when a safety might have been the better option. Woodward missed the shot and Austria leveled the score at 6-6. Austria went on from there to chalk up the next four and claim the 12BET World Cup of Pool title.

"It's crazy," a delighted Albin Ouschan said. "After winning against England B with such a bad performance in the quarter-finals, we didn't think about lifting the trophy. But I played two, almost perfect sets (while) Mario played

incredibly well and made some important shots.

"I am so proud of him," he added, "and myself, too. It's an amazing feeling."

Ouschan had played in this tournament for the first time five years ago, and lost to the US team in the second round. Last year, Austria lost to the champions, Chinese Taipei, and told his then and now partner, He, "Next year, we'll win."

"And here we are with the trophy," he said. "I was struggling a little bit early on, (not) stroking as well as usual, but I played well at the end."

For the USA, it was a disappointing moment but they were optimistic about the future.

"We had them at 6-5," said Van Boening, "but we made a mistake when we should have played safe and that was the turn of the match."

"Only one team can win," he added, philosophically. "That's part of the game."



Shane Van Boening celebrates an early win.



Shane Van Boening and Skyler Woodward after defeating Team Chinese Taipei

Van Boening praised Woodward's performance, indicating that the young man will "definitely be (his) partner next year.

"He shot better than I did," said Van Boening. "He should be on the Mosconi Cup team this year. He'd be my number one pick."

For his part, Woodward, though disappointed, was reveling somewhat in the after-glow of demonstrably strong performances, including their semifinal victory over the defending champions.

"I had fun," he said. "Shane and I played well all week."

"We got some bad luck off the break, but it happens," he added. "We made that one error, where we (didn't think it through). (When we were up 6-5), we should have gone for the dead safety, but we thought too fast."

As of June 29, Van Boening tops the list of five competitors vying for a spot on the Mosconi Cup team. Behind him are Dennis Hatch, Oscar Dominguez, Rodney Morris and Billy Thorpe.

Woodward is currently eighth among the top 15 players, who've been competing in qualifying events since last year's Mosconi Cup. There are four events to go - The US Open 10-Ball and US Open 8-Ball (both July 22-Aug. 1 in Las Vegas), Turning Stone XXVIII (Aug. 31-Sept. 3) and the US Open 9-Ball Championships (October 25-31) - and Woodward has his sights set.

"I have to get points now for the Mosconi Cup," he said, "and make sure I get on that team."

Produced by Matchroom Sport Television and broadcast for six days live on Sky Sports in the UK, the 12BET World Cup of Pool tournament was available live in over 100 countries around the world. The event was sponsored by Rasson Billiards, which supplied the Official Table, with cloth by Iwan Simonis, and balls from Super Aramith by Saluc. Predator was the Official Cue and Chalk of the event.

Much of this report was prepared by reference to daily reporting on the event by sponsor Matchroom Sports. Quotes from the players were drawn from those reports, as well as details about individual matches.



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Ginky Memorial

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**Jayson Shaw goes undefeated to claim his second Ginky Memorial Pro title
Davis becomes seventh different winner of Ginky Memorial Amateur title**

In the seven years that it has been held, the annual George “Ginky” Sansouci Memorial Tournament has seen five different Pro players win the Pro event, while seven different players have entered the winners’ circle of the Amateur event. Mike Dechaine and Jayson Shaw have won the Pro event twice (Shaw, being the most recent), while Earl Strickland, Mike Davis and Zion Zvi have claimed the title once each. The Amateur event, in order, has been won by Raj Vannala, Daniel Dagotdot, Mike Yednak, Kapriel Delimelkonoglu, Rhys Chen, Tony Liang and this year, by Phil Davis.

Attendance at this annual event has grown steadily over the years, although the numbers did drop a little this year; from 190 to 165 in the \$2,000-added Amateur event, and from 54 to 44 in the \$2,000-added Pro

event. Both events were streamed live throughout the weekend by AZBTV, sponsored by Blatt Billiards, and featured commentary by Upstate AI and a host of guest commentators.

Held under the combined auspices of the Predator Pro Am, Tri-State and Mezz Pro Am Tours at Steinway Billiards in Astoria (Queens), NY on Memorial Day weekend, this 7th Annual Ginky Memorial saw Shaw go undefeated in the Pro event. To win the Amateur event, Davis had to come from the loss side in what was initially a split tournament amongst similarly ranked competitors.

Of particular interest to many, in the Pro event, was the potential for a match between the only two players with previous titles - Dechaine and Shaw. While the ‘previous title’ aspect of their potential meeting was part of

it, the anticipation of a matchup was also fueled by the renowned fiery personalities of the two.

They did meet, early in the event, with Shaw winning 8-5. Anticipation of a re-match remained alive during Dechaine’s six-match, loss-side winning streak, but was spoiled in the semifinals by Frankie Hernandez.

Shaw had advanced through the field to a winners’ side semifinal against The Iceman, Mika Immonen, while Hernandez faced Predator Pro Am Tour director, and founding force behind creation of this tournament, Tony Robles, who, for the second year in a row, found himself in a winners’ side semifinal. Shaw sent Immonen west 8-3, and faced Hernandez, who’d sent Robles over 8-2. Shaw gave up only a single rack to Hernandez and claimed the hot seat.

Over on the loss side, Dechaine moved into the first money round and downed Reymart Lim 8-6. He followed that with a double hill win over Tim Murray, which led to a match against Immonen, coming over from his loss to Shaw. Robles drew Jeremy Sossei, who'd gotten by Mike Miller 8-1 and Jorge Rodriguez 8-3. It made sense, though probably not to Immonen, that "Fireball" Mike Dechaine eliminated "The Iceman" Mika Immonen 8-5. Dechaine was joined in the quarterfinals by Sossei, who'd defeated Robles (for his second straight 5th/6th finish) 8-3.

Dechaine took the quarterfinal match 8-2 over Sossei, and turned to the last obstacle in his potential path back to a re-match against Shaw - Frankie Hernandez, in the semifinals. Being in New York, a lot of support rallied behind Hernandez, although it was doubtful that anyone watching it live at Steinway, or on the AZBTV stream would have been disappointed had a finals matchup between Shaw and Dechaine materialized.

To Hernandez' credit, it didn't. He defeated the two-time Ginky Memorial champion, Dechaine, 8-3 and got his own second shot against Shaw. Shaw

“ **THE 165-ENTRANT AMATEUR TOURNAMENT DIVIDED THE PLAYERS UP INTO TWO SEPARATE BRACKETS OF A PLAYERS AND B-D PLAYERS.** ”

completed his undefeated run with an 11-3 victory over Hernandez in the finals.

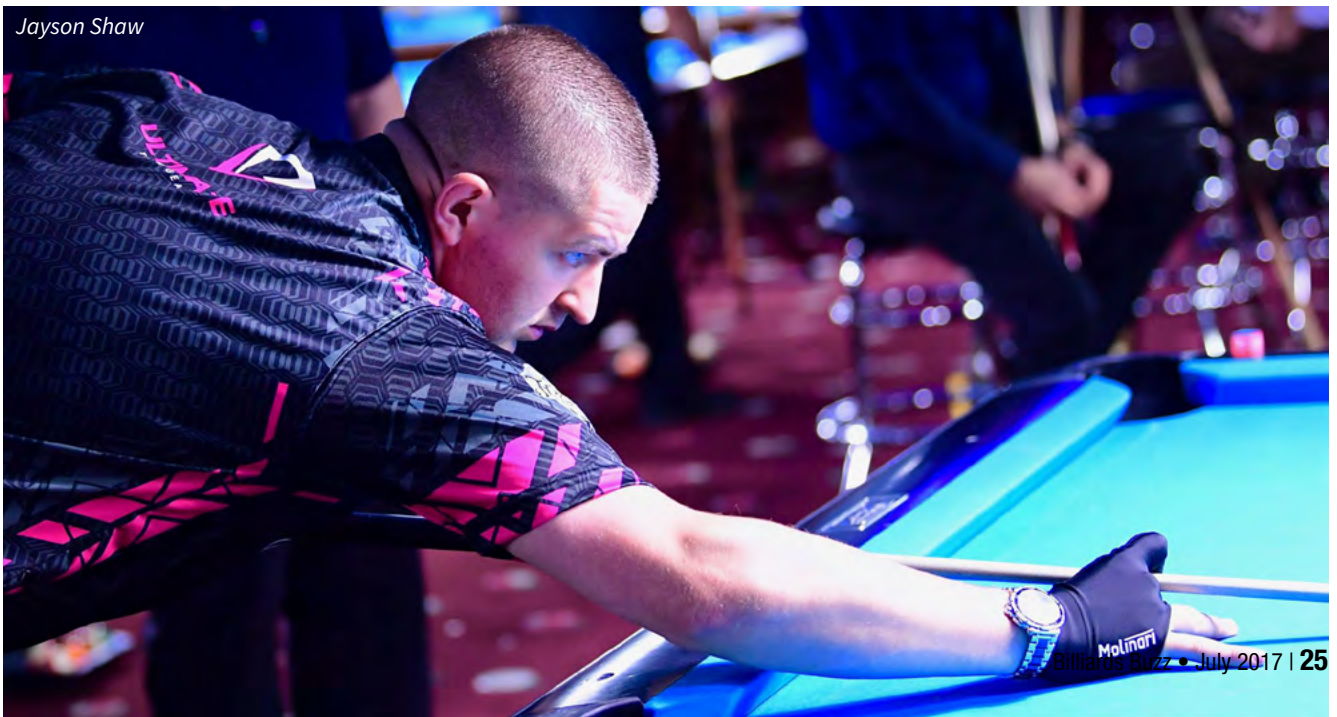
The 165-entrant Amateur tournament divided the players up into two separate brackets of A players and B-D players. They did not meet until the very end. Amy Yu won the B-D bracket, while Ramon Rodriguez won the A bracket. Davis, defeated early by Rodriguez, came back on the loss side to defeat him and advance to the finals against Yu.

As the event moved into the 9/12 matches, only one previous Ginky Memorial champion remained, Rhys Chen, who, after a 7-5 victory over James Conn, was knocked out by Koka Davladze 8-6. Davladze, who'd previously eliminated James Stevens 9-6 advanced to meet Davis in the 5/6 matches. Junior Singh, in the meantime, having defeated Neven Lipovac 7-4, and Benny Rosado 7-5, picked up Gary Bozigian.

Davis and Singh advanced to the quarterfinals; Davis 7-1 over Davladze, and Singh 7-5 over Bozigian. Davis took the quarterfinal match over Singh 9-5, and then, in a re-match against Rodriguez, downed him 7-5 in the semifinals for a shot at Amy Yu.

He took full advantage. Giving six racks to Yu in a race to 13, Davis completed his loss side run with a 13-8 victory to claim the 7th George "Ginky" Sansouci Memorial Amateur title.

Event director Tony Robles, as he is every year at this time, was demonstrably appreciative of the effort put forth by representatives from the Tri-State and Mezz Tours, as well as the ownership and staff at Steinway Billiards. In addition to thanks offered to Blatt Billiards (BlattBilliards.com) for their sponsorship of the live stream, Robles also thanked sponsors Predator Cues, Ozone Billiards, PlayNAPL.com, PoolOnTheNet.com, Cappelle (BilliardsPress.com), and the DeVito team.



Jayson Shaw

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MAKE IT HAPPEN ONE POCKET INVITATIONAL

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Van Boening downs Reyes twice

to win 10th Accu-Stats Make It Happen One Pocket event

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In a repeat performance from 2016, Shane Van Boening and Efen Reyes squared off in the finals of the fourth Accu-Stats Make It Happen One Pocket Invitational event, held from June 8-11 at Sandcastle Billiards in Edison, NJ (overall, including games other than One Pocket, there have been 10 Make It Happen events).

As it so happened, Van Boening and Reyes met twice in a row at this most recent event; first, with identical 3-1 records, in the final match of the round robin phase, and then, in the finals. Last year (and the year before), it was

Reyes who claimed the title. This year, Van Boening won both final matches to finish with an overall record of 5-1 and claim the event title.

Reyes' loss in the final round robin match left both him and Francisco

Bustamante with identical 3-2 records at the end of that phase. Reyes won the tie breaker that sent him to the finals against Van Boening by virtue of having won more total games (15) than Bustamante (14). Bustamante was a late addition to the field of six,

pressed into service when Jayson Shaw was unable to compete due to his appearance in the China Open. Also competing in this event were Alex Pagulayan, Josh Roberts and Billy Thorpe.

All matches were played on a regulation 9-ft Diamond Pro Am table, with Simonis 860 cloth and Pro Aramith balls. Airfare and lodging for the players was provided by Accu-Stats, and there were no entry fees for the six players who pocketed \$1,000 for each win they recorded. All matches occurred live in the TV arena at Sandcastle Billiards; for live viewing on the Internet, later viewing on DVD (for more information, go to accu-stats.com) or logging on to Vimeo. Each match was covered live by commentators Bill Incardona, Danny DiLiberto and Ken Shuman.

In previous incarnations of this event, players raced to 3 in their individual matches. This year, they raced to 4, offering competitors just a bit of breathing room in which to recover from any opponent's fast break out of the gate. Overall, it didn't appear to help much, as through 16 matches, the six competitors chalked up an average match score of 4-1.6. This, in spite of the fact that four out of the 16 matches went



Alex Pagulayan

“ THE OPENING DAY'S FOUR MATCHES LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE EVENTUAL 1.6 WINS BY LOSERS IN THE EVENT. ”

double hill, with Thorpe involved in three of those and winning one of them. It wasn't until the final match of Day Two that the first one was chalked up, between Pagulayan and Thorpe (won by Pagulayan). Thorpe was involved in the second one, as well, against Reyes, in the second match on Day Three (won by Reyes). The third came at the end of Day Three, when Reyes downed Pagulayan. The last,

chalked up in the Day Four opener, was won by Thorpe over Roberts.

Roberts, it should be noted, was the only competitor to defeat Van Boening, and was the only person, other than Van Boening, to defeat Reyes, in what proved to be the event's longest match; 16 minutes shy of three hours. His match against Van Boening happened in the opening round robin match on Day Three, and not only did Roberts win, he shut Van Boening out, with a ball count of 32-12. The day before, in the second match of the day, he'd defeated Reyes 4-1.

The opening day's four matches laid the groundwork for the eventual 1.6 wins by losers in the event. It began with a shut out (Pagulayan over Roberts), and then, two 4-1 victories (by Van Boening over Thorpe, and Reyes over Bustamante), before a relatively close match occurred between Van Boening and Pagulayan. Van Boening took a quick 2-0 lead, in spite of some protracted safety play that slowed down the second game. Pagulayan answered with two racks to tie it up.



Billy Thorpe



Francisco Bustamante

Van Boening went 8-0, quickly, twice to end that match and that day's proceedings.

Day Two featured three 4-1 matches and the event's first double hill contest. Bustamante took the opening rack in his match against Thorpe, who, in spite of letting Bustamante

get close after taking a 7-1 ball lead in game two, eventually won and tied the match. Bustamante won the next three. This was followed by Roberts' 4-1 win over Reyes. Van Boening then downed Bustamante 4-1, and the stage was set for the first double hill match. Pagulayan opened his match against Thorpe with a win, but Thorpe

came back to tie it, go ahead by one, and then, on the heels of a Pagulayan foul, run eight balls to go up 3-1. Pagulayan came back to win three in a row.

At the end of Day Two, Van Boening sat atop the round robin leaderboard at 3-0. Pagulayan was second at 2-1, with Reyes and Roberts tied for third at 1-1. Bustamante was in fourth place at 1-2, while Thorpe, officially, at this point, out of contention for a spot in the finals, in last place at 0-3.

Day Three opened with Roberts' shut-out over Van Boening, which in spite of the lopsided game score, proved to be one of those infamous, One Pocket grinds in which players are shooting at balls that are all south of the side pockets. A foul started Roberts off at -1, but after running four, Van Boening turned the table back to Roberts, who ran six for a 5-4 lead. Van Boening scratched to make it 5-3. At 6-3, the remaining six balls were all down-table. Van Boening got one more in, but Roberts got the two he needed



Shane Van Boening


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to take the opener. Roberts got out to a 6-0 lead in the second game, but shortly after Van Boening dropped his first ball, and another by Roberts, the remaining seven balls were grouped near a far corner. The two eventually called a break, after which Roberts came back, and managed to drop the ball that gave him a 2-0 lead.

Roberts ran seven right out of the gate in game three, and when Van Boening missed a subsequent bank, he conceded the game to Roberts, and it was 3-0. Roberts ran another seven in game four, but this time, Van Boening found an opening and ran six of his own. Too little, too late, though, as Roberts dropped the eighth ball to complete the surprising upset.

Reyes then chalked up his second win, competing against Thorpe in the event's second double hill match. The two went back and forth through virtual runouts (Thorpe starting; 8-0, 8-2, 8-1, 8-1) to a 2-2 tie, before Thorpe won game #5 at 8-4, and Reyes chalked up

game #6 at 8-6. Reyes finished it with an 8-5 win in the deciding rack. In Match #11, Bustamante gave up only a single rack to Roberts; that single rack ending up with Bustamante two balls down in the minus column. The third double hill match of the event went to Reyes, over Pagulayan. Reyes took a 2-0 lead (8-4, 8-3), before Reyes, at the 7-7 mark in game three, conceded the game to Pagulayan. Pagulayan took game four to tie it, with Reyes in the minus column. Game #5 went to 7-7 before Reyes finished it to get on the hill. Pagulayan went into the minus column by three and eventually conceded the deciding game and ending the day's matches.

Day Four opened with a gutsy performance by Thorpe over Roberts; the event's fourth (and last) double hill match. Roberts entered the match at 2-2 with a chance for a tie break ticket to the finals. Thorpe had yet to win a game and had been out of contention for a spot in the finals for two days. The opening game saw the balls move

south of the side pockets quickly, with Roberts finally sinking the eighth ball to win it. Thorpe responded to tie, and then Roberts won two to reach the hill. Thorpe fought back to tie and then win his first match.

There was a potential slot in the finals riding on the outcome of Match #14 between Bustamante and Pagulayan. The winner would be at 3-2 in the round robin, and dependent on the outcome of Game #15 between Van Boening and Reyes, might advance to meet either of them. The two traded racks to a 1-1 tie. Two fouls by Pagulayan left him down two in the minus column, but when Bustamante left a ball in front of Pagulayan's pocket, the Lion made him pay with the event's highest run to game win; 10 balls and out, for a 2-1 lead. Bustamante came right back to tie it, and then, reach the hill with an 8-2 win in rack #5. With the assistance of Lady Luck, working against Pagulayan on an aggressive safety in game #6 that left him at -2, Bustamante ran four, twice to win the



Efren Reyes



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game, and a possible shot at the finals.

The final game of the round robin phase pitted the two 3-1 players against each other; Van Boening and Reyes. Reyes opened this match with the tie-breaking 15th game that put him ahead of Bustamante for a spot in the finals, so it was more or less academic from here, amounting to a question as to which of these two would go into the finals with a 4-1 record and which would enter at 3-2. Like Reyes, Van Boening needed to win a 15th game in order to advance to the finals, in the event of a loss in this last round robin game. He tied this match up at 1-1, chalked up that 15th game to go ahead 2-1 and wins the fourth game for a two-point lead. Reyes put together a run of eight in game #5 to make it 3-2, but Van Boening finishes it at 4-2.

In their second game, the event finals, Reyes once again, took the opening rack, with a run of six and out. A single shot by Reyes, sandwiched between two runs of four, put the second game

in Van Boening's pocket for a 1-1 tie. Reyes inched ahead 2-1, and Van Boening tied it up again. Ahead 1 to -1 in game #5, Reyes watched as Van Boening ran nine and out to go ahead 3-2. At one ball each in game #6, Reyes opened the rack and dropped three before falling short on a bank. Van Boening ran five and made one for Reyes. At 6-5, Van Boening sunk a long rail shot, and was on the hill for the championship point. Reyes tried for a bank, missed and scratched. Van Boening took ball-in-hand to win the game, the match and the championship title.

Van Boening finished the event with a 5-1 record, winning 20 of his 32 games, and sinking 53 more total balls than his opponents (191-137). He and

Bustamante were the only players to end up with winning game records at this event; 20-12 for Van Boening and 14-12 for Bustamante. They were also the only two to finish with a larger total ball count than their opponents; 154-115 for Van Boening, and 150-122 for Bustamante. Reyes finished at 3-3, winning 15 of his 31 games, and behind in total ball count, 184-213. Bustamante and Van Boening ended up with the highest average minutes per game in their match. While Van Boening and Thorpe recorded the shortest game at 42 minutes. Average match length was 99 minutes. Average minutes per game was 18.

In round robin play, players who broke to start a game won 64% of the games played. Van Boening finished round robin play with the highest percentage of games won when he broke (10 of 13; 77%), with Bustamante and Pagulayan tied for second in that category (10 of 15; 67%). Reyes finished 4th (10 of 16; 63%).

One Pocket has been called “the chess game” of pool, dependent as it is on a unique combination of strategy and tactics, over and above the skills necessary to pocket balls in generally difficult circumstances, and the cue ball control necessary to play safe when necessary, which is often. The six players competing for the 2017 Accu-Stats Make It Happen One Pocket Invitational brought their already-known skills to the table, along with their varied-in-size thinking caps. Accu-Stat's next event will be the 2017 US Open 9-Ball Championships, scheduled for October 22-28, at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA.

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Appleton, Rossman

ELECTED TO BILLIARD CONGRESS OF AMERICA HALL OF FAME

The Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame welcomes a transplanted English 8-Ball star and one of the sport's most enthusiastic ambassadors to the class of 2017. The United States Billiard Media Association today announced that three-time World Champion Darren Appleton and "Dr. Cue" Tom Rossman have earned induction as the 69th and 70th members of the sport's most prestigious hall of fame.

Appleton, 41, will enter the Greatest Players wing of the BCA Hall of Fame, while Rossman, 69, will be honored in the Meritorious Service category. Both will be formally inducted during ceremonies later in the year.

Born in Yorkshire in northern England, Appleton split his childhood between English 8-Ball, soccer and boxing. He compiled a 12-4 record as an amateur fighter and won the junior national English 8-ball championship in 1996, at 16. Four years later, Appleton decided to devote full time to his cue career, and over the next decade he was the top-ranked player in the world seven times.

In 2006, Appleton left the English game and traveled to the United States to participate in the short-lived International Pool Tour. Appleton's American Pool career took off after his surprising win over Jiaqing Wu in the final of the World 10-Ball Championship in the Philippines. He followed that win with the World Pool Masters title in 2009.



Appleton won the first of his two consecutive U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships in 2010, and captured his second WPA world title in 2012 when he beat Hewen Li of China in the final of the World 9-Ball Championship. Showing a propensity for winning in back-to-back years, Appleton won the Challenge of Champions in 2011 and 2012, and the World Tournament of 14.1 in 2013 and 2014. Appleton's 2013 straight pool win included a run of 200 and out against Francisco Bustamante, the highest recorded run in a major straight pool tournament.

He also scored one his great personal triumphs in 2013 when he edged Taiwan's Jung-Lin Chang, 11-10, to win the gold medal at the World Games in Cali, Colombia. Appleton added the World Cup of Pool title to his resume in 2014, teaming with Karl Boyes. And in 2015, Appleton won his third world crown, this time capturing a world 8-ball title by besting World Snooker Champion Mark

**ABOUT UNITED STATES
BILLIARD MEDIA
ASSOCIATION**

Founded in 2007, the United States Billiard Media Association is a non-profit association dedicated to elevating the visibility and status of billiards in the media at large. The USBMA consists of professional print, radio, TV, public relations and Internet media persons who cover cue sports. One of the association's main functions is electing of billiard media members to the Billiard Congress of America's Hall of Fame Board for the purpose of nominating and electing players and notable figures to the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame.

the discipline formally recognized by the world organization. Rossman served as president of the WPA Artistic Pool Division for more than a decade. The WPA World Artistic Pool Championship was first staged in 2000, and has been held every year since. Rossman won the title in 2006, and was runner-up on three occasions.

Rossman's efforts in organizing trick shots as a competitive discipline was also instrumental in the development of the ESPN Trick Shot Magic shows, produced by Billiards International. Trick Shot Magic continues to draw the highest ratings of any televised billiard programming in the U.S.

Rossman is a master teacher as well, certified as an Advanced Instructor by the Professional Billiard Instructors Association and the American CueSports Alliance. He continues to travel the country promoting the sport, reaching thousands of junior players and enthusiasts.

"I am humbled and honored to be elected into the BCA Hall of Fame,"



Selby in the final of the Chinese Pool World Championship.

"It's really amazing to know I'm in the BCA Hall of Fame," said Appleton from Yorkshire, where he was visiting his ailing parents. "I can't really put it into words. To be playing American pool full time for only 11 years and achieve this recognition is incredible. There is no bigger honor for a pool player. This is the pinnacle. It's been a difficult year for me personally, so this is the kind of news I really needed. I'm very thankful."

Rossman was born in Minonk, Ill., and studied business management

at Eastern Illinois University. But pool was always Rossman's true passion and he has parlayed that love into a 40-plus year career as a competitor, promoter, innovator, teacher and ambassador in the sport.

Rossman is credited with being the founding father of the modern day "Artistic Pool" movement. Rossman developed and promoted numerous events through the 1990s and was asked by then-World Pool-Billiard Association president Jorgen Sandman to help develop professional artistic pool competitions within the association's worldwide federation and have



ABOUT BILLIARD CONGRESS OF AMERICA

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Rossman said upon hearing the news. "Starting out as a rack boy at the age of 10 provided an initial foundation for my billiard journey. My wife and business partner, Marty, and I share the joy of the roll with players, fans and students of the game around the world. We have been actively involved with all facets of the billiard industry at the junior, amateur and professional levels for a long time.

"The Hall of Fame designation is extra special in so many ways. When a person connects with his or her dreams, visions, blessings and passions in a heartfelt manner, he or she may truly rack up a victory in the game and, more importantly, in life."

Voting for the 2017 BCA Hall of Fame was conducted by the USBMA Hall of Fame Board, which consists of USBMA members, elected At-Large members and living members of the Hall of Fame. To be eligible for consideration in the Greatest Players category, a player a) must be 40 years old by Jan. 1 of the year of their inclusion on

the ballot; b) must have a professional playing career of at least 10 years; and c) must have recorded significant achievements in U.S.-based and international events.

Appleton easily outdistanced Women's Professional Billiards Association champion Gerda Hofstatter in voting. Appleton was named on 88 percent of the ballots, while Hofstatter was named on 45 percent. Vivian Villar-

real, Shannon Daulton and Jeremy Jones were named on less than 20 percent of the ballots.

Rossman's nomination was recommended by the Meritorious Service Committee, which also recommended George and Paul Jansco of Johnston City fame for consideration. USBMA members voted to include Rossman on the final ballot, where he was approved by the Hall of Fame Board.





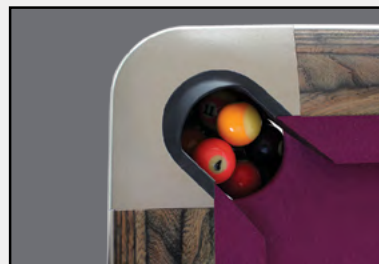
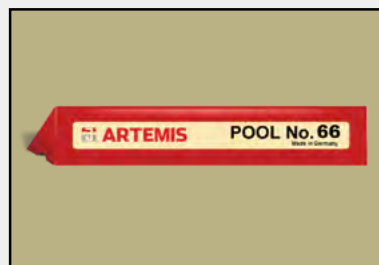
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Ashton Twins Classic

In discussing the young April Larson, in an interview about her which appeared in Billiards Digest magazine last July, Mark Wilson, captain of the US Mosconi Cup team for three years, made mention of her skills and the likelihood of their development over time.



April Larson

“She’s got the tools,” he said. “It’s just a matter, now, of sharpening them.”

Since that interview, Larson, a five-time Junior Nationals Champion in two separate divisions (under 13 & 13-17), has gone on to compete at the professional level, chalking up a victory at the North American Pool Tour’s (NAPT) Summer 10-Ball Classic last August, and finishing among the top 10 in four other events last year; a stop on the North Central Pool Tour (runner up), the Super Billiards Expo’s Women’s Championship (5th), the NAPT’s Inaugural 10-Ball Invitational (7th) and The Tornado Open (9th).

On the weekend of June 10-11, she traveled with her sharpened tools to Calgary, Alberta and went undefeated at the \$5,000-added, 2nd Annual Ashton Twins Classic to chalk up her first (recorded) win of 2017. This, in spite of a strong nine-match, loss-side winning streak by her eventual opponent in the finals, Emily Duddy, who’d finished third in the 1st Ashton Twins Classic last year.

In races to 9, Larson’s seven opponents in this most recent event, which drew 46 entrants to the Hidden Spot in Calgary, were chalking up an average of just under five racks per match against her (4.71, to be exact), but her undefeated run through the field was surgical, none the less. What had to be frightening to her opponents was the casual ease with which she approached every shot, stroke and eventual game victory; no signs of body language hinting at nervousness, silent aggression, or frustration when



an unlucky roll or unforced error led to one of those 4.71 racks against her. Just a friendly, business-like attitude that served her well through the 100 games that she played, and the 67 of them that she won to secure the title.

And the recently-turned-17-year-old has yet to graduate from high school.

“I have one more year left,” she said, “and I can’t wait to be out.”

With plans to join Mark Wilson’s program at Lindenwood University, where she will presumably further sharpen her already considerable skills, her future in the sport is bright. And being noted by those who’ve opposed her, like veteran pro LoreeJon Hasson, who defeated her in a one-on-one Challenge Match at The Break Room’s 2nd Annual 8-Ball Classic last weekend. The match went double hill before Hasson won the challenge and

then warned potential opponents in Larson’s future.

“WPBA ladies,” said Hasson, after the match, “Watch out! April is the real deal.”

Following victories over Maria De-Wolff, Shaundra Norquay, Kathie MacDonald and Denise Belanger, Larson moved into a winners’ side semifinal against the opponent who would end up keeping Larson’s racks-against average below 5, Rashiela Dela Cruz. In the meantime, one of the event-name-sake Ashton twins (Joanne) advanced to the other winners’ side semifinal versus Liz Cole.

Dela Cruz chalked up her event-leading seven racks against Larson, but the youngster put up her nine and advanced to the hot seat match. She was joined by Ashton, who’d defeated Cole 9-5.

Larson grabbed the hot seat 9-3 over Ashton and waited for Duddy to complete her loss-side run.

On the loss side, it was Dela Cruz who ran into Duddy, six matches into the streak that would put her into the finals against Larson. Duddy had most recently eliminated Theresa Lien

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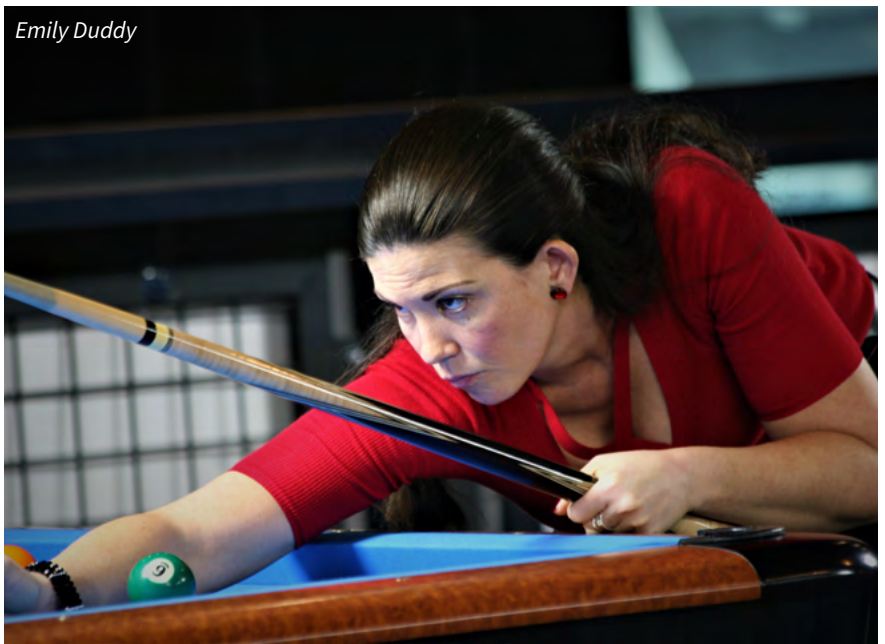
9-2 and Veronique Menard 9-7. Cole drew Cathy Metzinger, who'd defeated Robyn Petrosino 9-1 (Petrosino had sent Duddy to the loss side in the event's second round) and last year's Ashton Classic winner, Brittany Bryant 9-6 to reach her.

Duddy advanced to the quarterfinals 9-6 over Dela Cruz, where she was met by Metzinger, who'd eliminated Cole 9-7. Duddy defeated Metzinger 9-3 and then spoiled Joanne Ashton's bid for a second shot at Larson with a 9-7 win in the semifinals.

By virtue of her resume, her gutsy loss-side streak and natural inclinations toward self-confidence, Duddy entered the race-to-13 finals prepared to win. She maintained that air of confidence through about 14 of the eventual 18 games, in spite of chalking up only one of the first seven. At 6-1, she chalked up two in a row to cut Larson's lead in half. They traded racks to 7-4, before Larson chalked up three for a 10-4 lead. In the 15th rack, Larson took aim at an easy 9-ball shot and rattled it in the hole. Thanking goodness for small favors, Duddy dropped it to win what would prove to be her last rack.

In typical style, Larson shrugged off that single one of her very few unforced errors, and returned to the table for racks 16, 17 and 18. She won them all to complete her undefeated run, and claim the event title.

On her way back home, Larson said that underneath her apparent calm exterior throughout the tournament ("Everybody says that," she noted), was a nervous wreck. Friends who



gathered around the pool table when the last match was over were surprised that she was shaking, a remnant of nerves, hidden below the surface of her calm exterior.

"Oh, for sure," she said. "I was glad it was over."

Though she'd faced and defeated Duddy before at her first SBE appearance two years ago, she was under no illusions that a win this time would be guaranteed.

"I told some friends of mine before the event started that if I got into a final against either Emily or Joanne (Ashton), it was going to be tough," she said. "I wanted this real bad, and I knew I had to forget who I was playing, and just play the table."

And she did, of course. She joined Emily and a few gathered well-wish-

ers in a ceremonial 'shot' just after the match ended; a 'shot,' which given Canada's age restrictions on the consumption of alcohol, and her own preferences, consisted of milk. She tries not to drink anything during a match - no water, or soft drinks - to avoid any need for a bathroom break, but she reportedly welcomed the milk.

She'll rest up for a week, and then travel to Des Moines, Iowa to participate in Big Dog Billiards and Diveny Custom Cues' 2017 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo, scheduled for June 21-25. Though she won't be a part of that event's Bigfoot 10-Ball Challenge, One Pocket Championship or Banks Ring Game, she will sign on to that event's \$2,000-added 9-Ball Open, where she'll mix it up with the boys.

"I've been able to experience the best of the best women," she said, "so it's all the same to me."

Note to Mosconi Cup organizers: It might be time to rethink the male restriction on members of the US team.

"I certainly hope so," she said, "because that's what I'd like to do."

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Televised throughout the four days of competition, the event is aired live in an incredible 144 countries around the world, including Sky Sports in the UK and Eleven Sports Network in the USA.

Mandalay Bay is one of the Las Vegas Strip's most striking properties. Set on 120 lush acres near the south end of The Strip, the resort boasts more than 3,300 rooms and over 40 restaurants, bars and lounges. Mandalay Bay will play the perfect host the biggest event in cue sports.

With total domination by Team EUROPE in recent times – America last held the Cup aloft in 2009 – the American squad will be counting on some

big home support in an arena set up to take the biggest crowd in United States Mosconi Cup history.

Matchroom Sport Chairman Barry Hearn commented, "I've stayed at Mandalay Bay many times over the years and I'm very excited to be bringing the Mosconi Cup there in December. Crowds have grown year-on-year both in Europe and Las Vegas and we will be looking to smash attendance records this year. It's always very exciting to be taking the Mosconi Cup to a new venue and we will be working very hard with the Mandalay Bay team over the coming months to make this one to remember."

Chris Baldizan, Sr. Vice President of Entertainment Booking and Development for MGM Resorts International, said, "MGM Resorts and Matchroom

Sport have had an incredible relationship over the years and we look forward to hosting this premier billiards event at Mandalay Bay in December. The Mosconi Cup has been held on The Strip in the past so when we heard they wanted to return to Las Vegas, Mandalay Bay seemed like a natural fit to host this year's event. There will be a lot of excitement among the competitors as well as the guests who travel from all over the world for this international championship event."

Information on how to purchase tickets to pool's number one event will be made available shortly.

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BEAU RUNNINGEN

Wins First Annual Brendan Crockett Memorial

Beau Runnigen recovered from a second round loss, and went on to win the 1st Annual Brendan Crockett Memorial 10-Ball Tournament held at On Cue Billiards in La Mesa, California on June 10th - 11th.

Runnigen's weekend started off on the right foot with a 7-2 win over Reid Fleming, but was quickly derailed in his second match when he lost a 7-5 decision to Ramil Gallego. After that loss, Runnigen went on an impressive seven match winning streak that included notable wins over Fach Garcia, Oscar Dominguez, Dave Hemmah, Ernesto Dominguez, Rodney Morris and Tyler Styer.

Runnigen rode that winning streak into the finals, where he faced previously unbeaten Vilmos Foldes. Vilmos' run through the winner's side includes wins over Michael Robinson, Melissa Herndon, Rey Lorenzo, Dave Hemmah, Rodney Morris and Tyler Styer. The final match started off close with the player tied at 1-1, but an uncharacteristic miss on the 10-ball in rack three seemed to start Foldes' game unravelling. Runnigen controlled the match from that point and easily defeated Foldes 11-4 for first place.

While the tournament drew a field of 87 players, those players and the fans weren't just there for the thrill of competition. They were all gathered to remember the short life of Brendan



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Beau Runnigen and Vilmos Foldes

Crockett, who passed away almost a year ago with his brother Jefferson, in a car accident.

Brendan was a regular competitor on the West Coast and the idea to hold a memorial tournament came together by Melissa Herndon and Desiree Dominguez pretty quickly. Herndon commented on the emotional weekend, "It was incredibly moving to see so many players show up to celebrate Brendan and play in the inaugural memorial tourney. I heard a bunch of new stories about him, and it really felt like the weekend was about him and not just another tournament. Brendan loved competition, and 10-ball was his favorite. His friends, the sponsors, On Cue Billiards, and the players all came together to make this event

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into an event that Brendan would've loved...and we look forward to making the 2nd Annual Brendan Crockett

Memorial 10-Ball Open an even bigger, badder tournament that draws more top name players! “

To help raise money at the event, Brendan's father Bill raffled off a Bill Stroud Joss West cue from his personal collection. Bill Crockett is a cue collector and plans on raffling off a cue at this event each year. The tournament raised nearly \$1500 for the Brendan Crockett Scholarship Fund. More information on this fund can be found online at Brendancrockett.org

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Delta-13 Interview with Florian ‘Venom’ Kohler

Delta-13 Interview with Florian ‘Venom’ Kohler, Professional Pool Trick Shot Artist, World Cup of Trick Shots winner, ESPN Trick Shot Magic winner and six time Guinness Book World Record holder.

Delta-13: Florian, can you tell us something about yourself you think everyone may not know about you?

Florian: I started playing Trick shots directly. I never had a teacher. I am also a black belt in Judo.

Wow, we didn't know that about you! Awesome. So, what would you say is your greatest pool accomplishment?

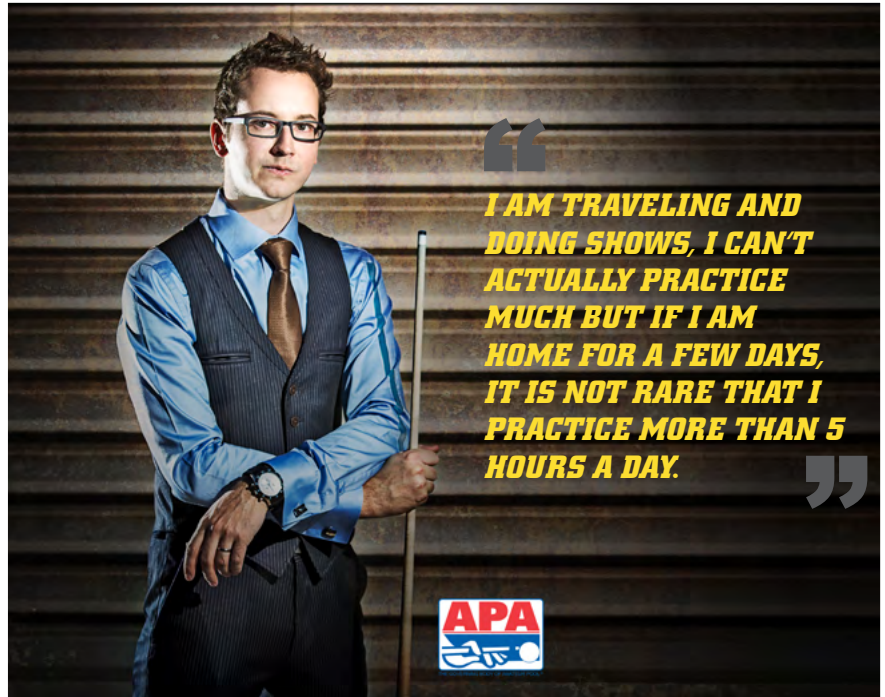
This is a tough question. I am proud of many things such as my win on ESPN Trick shot magic or other titles but I

think the greatest accomplishment is that I've compiled more views on the Internet than any other pool player.

That is a great accomplishment. Florian, what are your "billiard career goals" for the next say 3-5 years?

I would love to develop my career outside the billiard industry and try to reach a younger crowd in the hope they gain interest in pool. You can also expect more and more crazy videos over the next few years...

Haha we love your videos and have been honored to be apart of them! Florian we'd like to talk a little about your game and how you began. Aside from your professional career, do you have



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another occupation? If not, at what point and how were you able to make the transition to being a professional trick shot artist as a full time career?

I studied optometry when I was younger and I am a licensed optician. However, I didn't work long as my pool travels made having a job very difficult. I moved to the US only 4 years ago and pretty much "gambled" I could make a living with trick shots. If that didn't work out I would have just gone back to my normal job.

It sure did work out! How much time do you spend on average a week perfecting your craft?

Recently I have been traveling a lot, more than 80 plane trips in 2015 for example. When I am traveling and doing shows, I can't actually practice much but if I am home for a few days, it is not rare that I practice more than 5 hours a day. If a tournament is coming up than that amount can pretty much double. In any sport if you want to be good, you have to practice a lot and pool trick shot is the same.

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What age were you introduced to pool?

I first picked up a cue at the age of 18.

Who introduced you and are they still part of your game?

I am self taught so not much influence on that side but I did look up for every trick shot artist that had videos on the internet back then. My biggest influence is definitely my friend and to a certain degree my mentor, Mike Massey.

Florian, we'd also like to talk about success in the game. What would you say is the best part of your game?

My creativity by far. It isn't so hard to recreate a shot if you have talent and patience but inventing it is a much different story ;)

What motivates you in your craft?

My need to create. I just can't stand not to evolve. I constantly want to improve my shots and am never satisfied with the results. I am also a practice animal and contrary to a lot of people, I truly love practicing.

What would you say is the most critical moment in the game/tournament/trick shot event?

That depends on several factors but the hardest moment is always after you realize you can win and to not choke under pressure!

Do you have a technique you use that specifically helps you?



Florian Kohler Interview

Not really, I am all based on this motto: “The more you practice the better you will become.”

Excellent motto and very true. How do you stay “in the zone” during a tournament/trick shot event?



Again, it is all practice related. In a tournament or even a show you do not want to doubt yourself. If you’ve practiced enough and made the shot a thousand times, it will take some stress away and you will also better know the adjustments needed. If you have the pre-tournament work done well, your stress level reduces a lot. To the contrary, if you are unprepared and rely only on your talent at the first problem, it will be hard to turn the situation in your favor.

Thanks so much for visiting with us, Florian!

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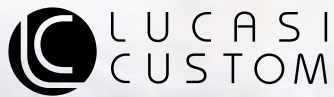


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THE BUZZ SPOTLIGHT

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THIS MONTH THE BUZZ SPOTLIGHT TIME MACHINE TURNS BACK TO 2003 AND THE BORDER BATTLE TELEVISED COMPETITION BETWEEN TEAM USA AND TEAM CANADA.

The Border Battle was promoted and produced by Jim Wych of Toronto. Jim Wych is the voice of many televised pool events such as the Mosconi Cup and the

World Cup of Pool and began his career as a professional snooker player.

One of the best friends he made in snooker was Cliff Thorburn and Cliff

made an appearance in 2003 on the Border Battle and showed that snooker players really do have an easy time of transitioning their skills to pool.

Team USA was made up of Johnny Archer, Nick Varner, Corey Deuel and Earl Strickland. The Canadians were represented by Cliff Thorburn, Alain Martel, Alex Pagulayan and John Horsfall. America would take home the winning check, but the true value of the week was the TSN broadcast of the event throughout Canada.

Please enjoy these photos from the depths of our vault. AZB would like to thank Chantal Vezina for taking all of these photos and for their use.



FIGURE 1: Jim Wych (L) produced *The Border Battle* and his long-time friend Nick Varner participated





FIGURE 3: Team Canada featured Thorburn, Pagulayan, Horsfall and Martel.



FIGURE 4: Cliff Thorburn and Alex Pagulayan prior to their first doubles match.



FIGURE 6: Horsfall studies a tough shot.

FIGURE 2: Team USA consisted of Archer, Deuel, Strickland and Varner



FIGURE 5: Nick Varner and Johnny Archer make a plan.





FIGURE 7: Deuel and Strickland await their turn.



FIGURE 10: Sometimes you have to will those bank shots into the hole.



FIGURE 8: Ron Wiseman was among the spectators.



FIGURE 9: It does not take much to get Alex to goof for the camera.



FIGURE 11: The best guess is that this was a discussion about Rogaine.



FIGURE 12: Our Teams

Upcoming Tournaments

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JULY 01 - JULY 31st

Sidepocket Open

07/01 - 07/02

Side Pocket Billiards
Shreveport, LA

5th Annual Cole Dickson 10-Ball

07/01 - 07/02

Family Billiards
San Francisco, CA

West Coast Challenge One Pocket

07/05 - 07/07

California Billiard Club
Mountain View, Ca

2017 Atlantic Challenge Cup

07/05 - 07/08

Sportpark Klagenfurt,
Klagenfurt

Ultimate Pool Tour Stop 1

07/06 - 07/08

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

West Coast Challenge 10-Ball

07/07 - 07/09

California Billiard Club
Mountain View, Ca

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 13

07/08 - 07/09

Amsterdam Billiard Club
New York, NY
Website: <http://www.predatorproamtour.com/index.asp>

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 3

07/08 - 07/09

Main Street Billiards
Mesa, AZ
Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

Definition Of A Player Tour 2017 Tournament

07/08 - 07/08

Pockets Tavern
New Castle, DE

Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 7

07/08 - 07/09

Champion Billiards & Sports Caf  
Frederick, MD
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 7 Open Division

07/08 - 07/09

Fat Racks Billiards and Sports Lounge
San Antonio, Texas
Website: <http://www.lonestarbilliardstour.com/>

World 8-Ball Series 2017 Stop 3

07/12 - 07/15

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY

2nd Annual Topwater Memorial

07/14 - 07/16

Bogies Billiards & Games
Houston, TX

Hard Times 9-Ball Open

07/15 - 07/16

Hard Times Billiards
Bellflower, CA
Website: <http://www.hardtimesbellflower.com/>

Diamond Pool Tour 2017 Stop 3

07/15 - 07/16

Pockets Billiards
Tucson, AZ
Website: <http://www.diamondpooltour.com>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 4

07/15 - 07/15

Uncle Waldo's Billiards
Daytona Beach, FL
Website: <http://www.sunshinestateproamtour.com/>

US Open 10-Ball Championship 2017

07/17 - 07/19

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada
Website: <http://www.playcsipool.com/>

41st BCAPL National Championships

07/19 - 07/29

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV
Website: <http://www.playbca.com/>

Definition Of A Player Tour 2017 Tournament

07/22 - 07/22

Pockets Tavern
New Castle, DE

Strokers Billiards Junior Fundraiser

07/22 - 07/22

Stroker's Billiards
Palm Harbor, FL

US Open 8-Ball Championship 2017

07/29 - 07/31

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

Upcoming Tournaments

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AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 31st

Dynamic European Championships for Youth

07/31 - 08/07

Golden Tulip Jagershorst
Leende

Website: <http://www.epconline.eu/>

2017 BEF Junior Nationals

08/02 - 08/05

South Point Hotel & Convention
Center
Las Vegas, NV

Website: <http://billiardeducation.org/>

Diamond Pool Tour 2017 Stop 4

08/05 - 08/06

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

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

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 5

08/05 - 08/05

Corner Pocket
Largo, FL

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

Dynamic Netherlands Open

08/10 - 08/12

Golden Tulip Jagershorst
Leende

Website:
<http://www.eurotouronline.eu/>

SE Open 9-Ball Tour Stop

08/12 - 08/12

Uncle Waldo's Billiards
Daytona Beach, FL

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

Maryland State 10-Ball Bar Table Championship

08/12 - 08/13

Bank Shot Bar & Grill
Laurel, MD

2017 NAPT Summer 10-Ball Classic

08/17 - 08/20

Shooters
Grayslake, Illinois

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

West Coast Women's Tour 2017 Stop 3

08/19 - 08/20

Diamond Billiards
Fresno, California

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

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 4

08/19 - 08/20

Kolby's Corner Pocket
Tempe, AZ

Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

SE Open 9-Ball Tour Stop

08/19 - 08/19

Miscue Lounge
Fort Myers, FL

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

SE Open 9-Ball Tour Stop

08/20 - 08/20

Miscue Lounge
Fort Myers, FL

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

Dynamic European Championships

08/23 - 08/26

Golden Tulip Jagershorst
Leende

Website: <http://www.epconline.eu/>

Southeastern 9-Ball Championship

08/23 - 08/27

6 Pockets Bar & Billiards
Decatur, AL

Definition Of A Player Tour 2017 Stop 1

08/26 - 08/26

Royal Billiards
Wilmington, Delaware

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 6

08/26 - 08/27

Brewlands Bar & Billiards
Lakeland, FL

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

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 7 Open Division

08/26 - 08/27

Bogies Billiards & Games
Houston, TX

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

Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2017 Stop 8

08/26 - 08/26

Bogies Billiards & Games
Houston, TX

Website:
<http://gulfcoastregionaltour.com>

Tourney Results

05/30 - 06/04

Rocket City Open 10-Ball Mini

Good Timez Billiards

Huntsville, Alabama
 1 Jonathan Hennessee \$4,000

05/30 - 06/04

Rocket City Open One Pocket

Good Timez Billiards

Huntsville, Alabama
 1 Tony Chohan \$9,000
 2 Alex Pagulayan \$5,500
 3 Francisco Bustamante \$3,500
 4 Skyler Woodward \$2,000

06/03 - 06/04

Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop 16

Snookers Pool Lounge

Providence, RI
 1 Eklent Kaci \$1,050
 2 Jayson Shaw \$750
 3 Nelson Oliveira \$600
 4 Ron Casanzio \$450
 5 Greg Mitchell \$350
 5 Bruce Nagle \$350
 7 Steve Mack \$250
 7 Joe Darigis \$250
 9 Jamie Forcier \$175
 9 Mike Pettit \$175
 9 James Chemaly \$175
 9 Paul Dryden \$175
 13 Darren Jevons \$100
 13 Robert Madenjian \$100
 13 Brent Boemmels \$100
 13 Sam Traygis \$100

06/03 - 06/04

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY
 1 Chumreon Sutcharitakul \$700
 2 Kapriel Delimelkonoglu \$470
 3 Jonathan Gavrielof \$300
 4 Ron Bernardo \$170
 5 Thomas Schreiber \$110

5 Bob Toomey \$110
 7 Nathaniel Raimondo \$90
 7 Pascal Dufresne \$90
 9 Amir Uddin \$70
 9 Raul Calderon \$70
 9 Naoko Saiki \$70
 9 Tucios Cesar \$70

06/03 - 06/04

The Break Room's 8-Ball Classic

The Break Room

Duluth, Minnesota
 1 Corey Deuel \$8,000
 2 Jason Klatt \$6,000
 3 Shane Van Boening \$4,000
 4 Earl Strickland \$2,000

06/03 - 06/04

**Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop 16
 Second Chance**

Snookers Pool Lounge

Providence, RI
 1 Kerry McAuliffe \$340
 2 Brent Boemmels \$230
 3 Alex Gurevich \$170
 4 Steve Goulding \$120
 5 Jim Kearney \$60
 5 Alvin Thomas \$60

06/03 - 06/04

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia
 1 Jonathan Ailstock \$525
 2 Colin Hall \$325
 3 Ron Frank \$150
 4 Justin Clark \$75
 5 Greg Taylor \$50
 5 Brent Hensley \$50

06/04 - 06/11

2017 China Open Men's Division

Shanghai, China
 1 Joshua Filler \$40,000

2 Jung-Lin Chang \$20,000
 3 Yu-Hsuan Cheng \$10,000
 3 Thorsten Hohmann \$10,000
 5 Albin Ouschan \$6,000
 5 Mateusz Sniegocki \$6,000
 5 Carlo Biado \$6,000
 5 Ping-Chung Ko \$6,000
 9 Marco Teutscher \$3,000
 9 Jia-Qing Wu \$3,000
 9 Hao Xiang Han \$3,000
 9 Can Wang \$3,000
 9 Jayson Shaw \$3,000
 9 Da-Li Lin \$3,000
 9 Ralf Souquet \$3,000
 9 Zhao Dong Zeng \$3,000
 17 Niels Feijen \$2,000
 17 Hayato Hijikata \$2,000
 17 Roland Garcia \$2,000
 17 Zheng-Jie Liu \$2,000
 17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$2,000
 17 Jeffrey De Luna \$2,000
 17 Jalal Yousef \$2,000
 17 Nick Van Den Berg \$2,000
 17 Ahmad Taufiq Murni \$2,000
 17 Naoyuki Oi \$2,000
 17 Shuang Yu Chen \$2,000
 17 Pin-Yi Ko \$2,000
 17 Matt Edwards \$2,000
 17 Hunter Lombardo \$2,000
 17 Jin-Hu Dang \$2,000
 17 Haitao Liu \$2,000

06/04 - 06/11

2017 China Open Ladies Division

Shanghai, China
 1 Siming Chen \$36,000
 2 Sha Sha Liu \$18,000
 3 Xiao-Fang Fu \$9,000
 3 Chezka Centeno \$9,000
 5 Chihiro Kawahara \$5,400
 5 Kelly Fisher \$5,400
 5 Rubilen Amit \$5,400
 5 Xiao-Ting Pan \$5,400
 9 Jasmin Ouschan \$2,700
 9 Ga-Young Kim \$2,700
 9 Shi Tian Qi \$2,700
 9 Chen Xue \$2,700
 9 Tzu-Chien Wei \$2,700

9 Jiang Teng	\$2,700
9 Chieh-Yu Chou	\$2,700
9 Meng-Hsia Hung	\$2,700

06/08 - 06/11

Accu-Stats Make It Happen One Pocket Invitational

Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ	
1 Shane Van Boening	\$5,000
2 Efren Reyes	\$3,000
3 Francisco Bustamante	\$3,000
4 Alex Pagulayan	\$2,000
4 Josh Roberts	\$2,000
6 Billy Thorpe	\$1,000

06/09 - 06/11

2nd Annual Ashton Twins Classic

The Hidden Spot

Calgary,	
1 April Larson	\$3,500
2 Emily Duddy	\$2,000
3 Joanne Ashton	\$1,500
4 Cathy Metzinger	\$900
5 Rashiela Dela Cruz	\$500
5 Rashiela Dela Cruz	\$500
7 Veronique Menard	\$300
7 Veronique Menard	\$300
9 Robyn Petrosino	\$200
9 Denise Belanger	\$200
9 Theresa Lien	\$200
9 Erin McManus	\$200

06/10 - 06/11

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 11 Open/Pro Division

Gotham City Billiards

Brooklyn, NY	
1 Jeremy Sossei	\$1,100
2 Zion Zvi	\$650
3 Joe Korsiak	\$400
4 Chris Derewonski	\$250
5 Michael Wong	\$100
5 Greg Mitchell	\$100

06/10 - 06/10

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Corner Pockets

Fayetteville, NC	
1 Scott Roberts	\$500
2 Anthony Mabe	\$300

3 Chad Weachter	\$150
4 Brian Pate	\$50

06/10 - 06/11

1st Annual Brendan Crockett Memorial

On Cue Billiards

La Mesa, CA	
1 Beau Runnigen	\$2,500
2 Vilmos Foldes	\$1,700
3 Tyler Styer	\$1,150
4 Rodney Morris	\$800
5 Evan Edwards	\$500
5 Sal Butera	\$500
7 Ernesto Dominguez	\$350
7 Ramil Gallego	\$350
9 Brian Parks	\$250
9 Dave Hemmah	\$250
9 Sina Valizadeh	\$250
9 Victor Ignacio	\$250
13 Rob Epple	\$160
13 Oscar Dominguez	\$160
13 Santos Sambajon	\$160
13 Ben Yumal	\$160

06/10 - 06/10

Definition Of A Player Tour 2017 Tournament

Royal Billiards

Wilmington, Delaware	
1 Briana Miller	\$200
2 Rick Miller	\$100
3 Shawn Jackson	\$40

06/10 - 06/11

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 11 Amateur Division

Gotham City Billiards

Brooklyn, NY	
1 Raphael Dabreo	\$1,600
2 Koka Davladze	\$1,050
3 Dave Callaghan	\$690
4 Emit Yolcu	\$400
5 Dave Weinstein	\$200
5 Dan Faraguna	\$200
7 Thomas Rice	\$150
7 Ambi Estevez	\$150
9 Xavier Romero	\$100
9 Paul Carpenter	\$100
9 Roberto Hung	\$100
9 Annie Flores	\$100

06/10 - 06/11

SE Open 9-Ball Tour Stop

Uncle Waldo's Billiards

Daytona Beach, FL	
1 Anthony Meglino	\$850
2 David Grossman	\$540
3 Nathan Rose	\$400
5 Les Duffy	\$250
5 Sam Kantar	\$250
7 Francisco Diaz	\$150
9 Josh Lewis	\$100
9 David Singleton	\$100
9 Michael Delawder	\$100
9 Tommy Kennedy	\$100

06/10 - 06/11

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 6 Open Division

Bogies Billiards & Games

Houston, TX	
1 Manny Chau	\$550
2 Chase Rudder	\$355
3 Doug Young	\$220
4 Justin Espinoza	\$140
5 Sonny Bosshamer	\$70
5 Joey Torres	\$70
7 Ernesto Bayaua	\$35
7 Hiro Nakahara	\$35

06/10 - 06/11

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 6 Amateur Division

Bogies Billiards & Games

Houston, TX	
1 Justin Espinoza	\$500
2 Hiro Nakahara	\$320
3 Pete Charles	\$200
4 Bob Guzik	\$120
5 Doug Gray	\$60
5 Jeff Chauncy	\$60
7 Sonny Bosshamer	\$30
7 Jim McCarry	\$30

06/10 - 06/10

Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2017 Stop 7

Bogies Billiards & Games

Houston, TX	
1 Gail Eaton	\$350
2 Terry Petrosino	\$230
3 Yvonne Asher	\$130
4 Kim Pierce	\$70

06/11 - 06/11

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

1 Steve Kaminow	\$640
2 Esteban Morrell Jr.	\$340
3 Adrian Daniel	\$200
4 Kapriel Delimelkonoglu	\$130

06/12 - 06/18

CBSA International Open Men's Division

Tennis Center of Liuzhou

Guangxi, China

1 Jung-Lin Chang	\$14,649
2 Zheng-Jie Liu	\$7,324
3 Yu-Hsuan Cheng	\$2,929
3 Hong Ming Ao	\$2,929
5 Le Mi	\$1,464
5 Jeffrey De Luna	\$1,464
5 Kun-Fang Lee	\$1,464
5 De Jing Kong	\$1,464
9 Lixi Yu	\$732
9 Xiao Huai Zheng	\$732
9 Li Wen Lo	\$732
9 Chin-Shung Yang	\$732
9 Jian-Bo Fu	\$732
9 Oliver Villafuerte	\$732
9 Han Hao Xiang	\$732
9 Myint-Kyaw Phone	\$732
17 Che-Wei Fu	\$292
17 Zhi-Song Fan	\$292
17 Long Zhou	\$292
17 Ming Wang	\$292
17 Xiao Zong Xu	\$292
17 Jun Ho Lee	\$292
17 Rong Hua Chao	\$292
17 Ping-Chung Ko	\$292
17 Ching Ting Tang	\$292
17 Shin Fan Chao	\$292
17 Shu Ming Zhu	\$292
17 Shuang Yu Chen	\$292
17 Haitao Liu	\$292
17 Zhen Qi Xue	\$292
17 Bing Jie Chu	\$292
17 Kun Lin Wu	\$292

06/12 - 06/18

CBSA International Open Women's Division

Tennis Center of Liuzhou

Guangxi, China

1 Kelly Fisher	\$14,649
2 Han Yu	\$7,324
3 Tzu-Chien Wei	\$2,929
3 Siming Chen	\$2,929
5 Sha Sha Liu	\$1,464
5 Doudou Zhou	\$1,464
5 Yu-Ying Xia	\$1,464
5 Chia Hua Chen	\$1,464
9 Chezka Centeno	\$732
9 Chieh-Yu Chou	\$732
9 Ge Bai	\$732
9 Xiao-Fang Fu	\$732
9 Fan Yang	\$732
9 Allison Fisher	\$732
9 Xiao Tong Wang	\$732
9 Pan Zhang	\$732

06/13 - 06/18

World Cup of Pool

York Hall

London,

1 WCOP Team Austria	\$60,000
2 WCOP Team USA	\$30,000
3 WCOP Team Chinese Taipei	\$15,000
3 WCOP Team China	\$15,000
5 WCOP Team England B	\$10,000
5 WCOP Team Philippines	\$10,000
5 WCOP Team Finland	\$10,000
5 WCOP Team Japan	\$10,000
9 WCOP Team Canada	\$5,000
9 WCOP Team Spain	\$5,000
9 WCOP Team India	\$5,000
9 WCOP Team Germany	\$5,000
9 WCOP Team Holland	\$5,000
9 WCOP Team Scotland	\$5,000
9 WCOP Team Russia	\$5,000
9 WCOP Team Poland	\$5,000
17 WCOP Team Norway	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Romania	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Singapore	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Australia	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Thailand	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Greece	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team England A	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Portugal	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Malta	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Qatar	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Hungary	\$3,000

17 WCOP Team Indonesia	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Malaysia	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Sweden	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team Kuwait	\$3,000
17 WCOP Team New Zealand	\$3,000
1 Mario He	\$30,000
1 Albin Ouschan	\$30,000
2 Skyler Woodward	\$15,000
2 Shane Van Boening	\$15,000
3 Pin-Yi Ko	\$7,500
3 Yu-Lung Chang	\$7,500
3 Jin-Hu Dang	\$7,500
3 Jia-Qing Wu	\$7,500
5 Daryl Peach	\$5,000
5 Naoyuki Oi	\$5,000
5 Hayato Hijikata	\$5,000
5 Mika Immonen	\$5,000
5 Petri Makkonen	\$5,000
5 Carlo Biado	\$5,000
5 Johann Chua	\$5,000
5 Imran Majid	\$5,000
9 Konstantin Stepanov	\$2,500
9 Mateusz Sniegocki	\$2,500
9 Wojciech Szewczyk	\$2,500
9 Alex Pagulayan	\$2,500
9 David Alcaide	\$2,500
9 John Morra	\$2,500
9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$2,500
9 Raj Hundal	\$2,500
9 Amar Kang	\$2,500
9 Ruslan Chinahov	\$2,500
9 Pat Holtz	\$2,500
9 Jayson Shaw	\$2,500
9 Nick Van Den Berg	\$2,500
9 Niels Feijen	\$2,500
9 Thorsten Hohmann	\$2,500
9 Ralf Souquet	\$2,500
17 Gabor Solymosi	\$1,500
17 Bashar Hussain	\$1,500
17 Waleed Majid	\$1,500
17 Ryan Pisani	\$1,500
17 Tony Drago	\$1,500
17 Rui Edgar Franco	\$1,500
17 Antal Gabor	\$1,500
17 Matt Edwards	\$1,500
17 Toar Dotulong	\$1,500
17 Irsal Nasution	\$1,500
17 Muhammad Bewi Simanjuntak	\$1,500
17 Jken Yung Kok	\$1,500
17 Muhammad Almie	\$1,500
17 Marcus Chamat	\$1,500
17 Daniel Tangudd	\$1,500
17 Joao Grilo	\$1,500
17 Mark Gray	\$1,500

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\$10,000 ADDED! • ENTRY \$100
9-BALL • RACES 9 / 9

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17 Ioan Ladanyi	\$1,500
17 Mats B. Schjetne	\$1,500
17 Tom Bjerke	\$1,500
17 Darren Appleton	\$1,500
17 Bader Al Awadi	\$1,500

06/16 - 06/18

1st Annual Alberta Cup

The Hidden Spot

Calgary,	
1 Alberta Cup Team Edmonton	\$4,000
1 Cathy Metzinger	\$571
1 Sandy Badger	\$571
1 Brian Butler	\$571
1 Roger Colbert	\$571
1 Carlos Barbosa	\$571
1 Rob Phillips	\$571
1 Garry Hauck	\$571

06/17 - 06/18

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 12

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY	
1 Mike Panzarella	\$1,500
2 Lidio Ramirez	\$1,000
3 Eugene Ok	\$650
4 Ray Feliciano	\$400
5 Abel Rosario	\$250
5 Rick Motilal	\$250
7 Raphael Dabreo	\$140
7 Thomas Schreiber	\$140
9 Greg Matos	\$100
9 George Floriden	\$100
9 Duc Lam	\$100
9 Annie Flores	\$100

06/17 - 06/18

Colorado 8-Ball Open

Felt Billiards

Englewood, CO	
1 Mark Haddad	\$775
2 Jose Cruz	\$550
3 Chris McDaniel	\$300
4 Fernando Corona	\$175
7 Mike Dewitt	\$55
5 Dino Devost	\$55
5 Joe Cooper	\$55
5 James Beckemeyer	\$55
9 Perry Gilbert	\$25
9 Adam King	\$25
9 Chris Rose	\$25
9 Johnny Vasquez	\$25

06/17 - 06/18

Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 6 Open Division

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA	
1 Eric Moore	\$850
2 Chris Futrell	\$500
3 Chuck Sampson	\$300
4 Greg Sabins	\$200
5 Mike Davis	\$120
7 Shaun Wilkie	\$80
7 Steve Fleming	\$80
9 Mat LeMire	\$50
9 Willard Whitehair	\$50
9 T.J. Moore	\$50
9 Paul Oh	\$50

06/17 - 06/18

Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 6 Ladies Division

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA	
1 Tina Pawloski Malm	\$200
2 Jackie Duggan	\$70
3 Cheryl Pritchard	\$40

06/17 - 06/18

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Billiards and Brews

Knoxville, TN	
1 Michael Chapman	\$500
2 Jonathan Pinegar	\$300
3 Jerry Harris	\$150
4 Steven Ellis	\$50

06/19 - 06/25

CBSA International Pengzhou 9-Ball Open Men's Division

Pengzhou China

1 Pin-Yi Ko	\$14,649
2 Chin-Shung Yang	\$7,324
3 Yu-Lung Chang	\$2,929
3 Ping-Chung Ko	\$2,929
5 Jia-Qing Wu	\$1,464
5 Jin-Hu Dang	\$1,464
5 Jung-Lin Chang	\$1,464
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9 Zhi-Song Fan	\$732
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9 Li Wen Lo	\$732
9 Che-Wei Fu	\$732
9 Chih-Yang Chang	\$732
9 De Jing Kong	\$732
9 Roland Garcia	\$732
9 Maghsoud Ali	\$732
17 Ri Teng Liu	\$292
17 Myint-Kyaw Phone	\$292
17 Sanjin Pehlivanovic	\$292
17 Xiao Zong Xu	\$292
17 Chia-Chen Hsieh	\$292
17 Haitao Liu	\$292
17 Han Hao Xiang	\$292
17 Jeffrey De Luna	\$292
17 Can Wang	\$292
17 Ru lan Xu	\$292
17 Lo Ansen	\$292
17 Ting-Chang Kang	\$292
17 Bing-Han Ke	\$292
17 Ching Ting Tang	\$292
17 Kun-Fang Lee	\$292
17 Xi He Zhu	\$292

06/19 - 06/25

CBSA International Pengzhou 9-Ball Open Women's Division

Pengzhou China

1 Sha Sha Liu	\$14,649
2 Doudou Zhou	\$7,324
3 Han Yu	\$2,929
3 Ga-Young Kim	\$2,929
5 Xiao-Fang Fu	\$1,464
5 Ruo Lin Chen	\$1,464
5 Jiang Teng	\$1,464
5 Si Jia Wang	\$1,464
9 Xia Zhi Liu	\$732
9 Chieh-Yu Chou	\$732
9 Chia Hua Chen	\$732
9 Ge Bai	\$732

9 Yu-Ying Xia	\$732
9 Chen Xue	\$732
9 Siming Chen	\$732
9 Sun Dan Hong	\$732

06/21 - 06/25

2017 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo One Pocket

Big Dog Billiards

Des Moines, IA	
1 Dennis Orcollo	\$12,000
2 Alex Pagulayan	\$6,000
3 Tony Chohan	\$4,000

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2017 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo Bigfoot 10-Ball Challenge

Big Dog Billiards

Des Moines, IA	
1 Tony Chohan	\$3,750
2 Rodney Morris	\$2,250
3 Francisco Bustamante	\$1,500

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2017 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo Banks Ring Game

Big Dog Billiards

Des Moines, IA	
1 Alex Pagulayan	\$3,000

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Pac-West Invitational

Sam's Billiards

Portland, Or	
1 Shane Van Boening	\$6,000
2 Ramil Gallego	\$4,000
3 Ernesto Dominguez	\$2,600
4 Oscar Dominguez	\$1,800
5 Antonio Lining	\$1,300
5 Russell Cearley	\$1,300
7 Dennis Hatch	\$900
7 Skyler Woodward	\$900
9 Corey Deuel	\$450
9 Scott Pahl	\$450
9 Darin Walding	\$450
9 Mika Immonen	\$450

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JPNEWT Tour 2017 Stop 4

Champion Billiards & Sports Caf  

Frederick, MD	
1 Karen Corr	\$800
2 Briana Miller	\$400
3 Tina Pawloski Malm	\$300
4 Eugenia Gyftopoulos	\$160
5 Nicole King	\$135
5 Heather Platter	\$135
7 Cassandra Bein	\$100
7 Gwen Townsend	\$100

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NWPA Tour 2017 Stop 4

Malarkey's Pool & Brew

Tacoma, WA	
1 Suzanne Smith	\$305
2 Kim Jones	\$210
3 Cassie Francois	\$170
4 Sarah Myers-Mitchell	\$75
5 Teri Klyzek	\$50
5 Andy Ruth	\$50

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Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 3

Stroker's Billiards

Palm Harbor, FL	
1 Donny Mills	\$1,140
2 Stephen Richmond	\$785
3 Anthony Meglino	\$550
4 Michael Delawder	\$375
5 Nathan Rose	\$270
5 David Grossman	\$270
7 Tim Baron	\$190
9 Steve Knoll	\$140
9 Han Berber	\$140
9 Smoky Jacobs	\$140
9 James Roberts	\$140
13 Josh Lewis	\$80
13 Kodi Allen	\$80
13 Stephanie Mitchell	\$80
13 Felix Luna	\$80

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Omega Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 6

Puckett's

Fort Worth, Texas	
1 David Gutierrez	\$1,000
2 Mike Voelkering	\$650

3 Jay Murillo	\$490
4 Robbie Cleland	\$380
5 Ray Amarro	\$300
5 Amos Bush	\$300
7 Greg Sandifer	\$210
7 George Merchan	\$210
9 Doug Winnett	\$100
9 CJ Wiley	\$100
9 Aram Hasan	\$100
9 TJ Davis	\$100
13 Adam Stevens	\$75
13 Brandon Thrasher	\$75
13 Lynn Smith	\$75
13 Vince Tovar	\$75
17 Rick Stanley	\$50
17 Alberto Nieto	\$50
17 Shane Minihan	\$50
17 Curtis Cardwell	\$50
17 Steve Sheppard	\$50
17 Phillip Palmer	\$50
17 Marcelino Santiago	\$50
17 Ricky Carpenter	\$50

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Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Cue Time Sports Bar & Grill

Spartanburg, SC	
1 Jason Brown	\$1,100
2 Brian White	\$750
3 Brian Bagwell	\$530
4 Mike Bumgarner	\$300
5 Hunter White	\$175
5 Tim Heath	\$175
7 Zack Baker	\$125
7 Corey Morphew	\$125

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Western New York Pool Tour Stop

Dutch Mill Restaurant, Party Room and Pool Hall

Greece, NY	
1 Ques Aziz	\$340
2 Spencer Auigbelle	\$205
3 Danny Figueroa	\$40

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Western New York Pool Tour 8 Man Challenge

Dutch Mill Restaurant, Party Room and Pool Hall

Greece, NY	
1 Nick Brucato	\$175

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