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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

This is it. The month that pool fans have been waiting for all year. The Diamond Las Vegas Open, The World 10-Ball Championship and the US Open Pool Championship all happen in September. And if that wasn't enough, the ladies of the WPBA will also be back in action at the WPBA Sondheim Kiwanis Invitational, The Predator US Pro Series will hold its third stop, and Alex Pagulayan & Tony Chohan are going to play One Pocket for enough money to make a nice down payment on a home. All of these events will be available to watch online, either free or for a small PPV fee. A lot of these events were postponed from past dates because of Covid, but it's going to be a heck of a September. Now just imagine if we had even half of this action every month.



Check out our new columnist this month. Michelle Hughes from Biggelbachs.com is starting a Meet The Cuemaker monthly column for us. The first installment is all about Eric Crisp from Sugartree Customs.

Congratulations to both Dennis Orcollo and Kristina Tkach. With Dennis' prize money from the Texas Open, he has surpassed the \$100,000 mark on the AzBilliards money list, and with her Euro-tour Win, Tkach has taken over the top spot on the Ladies Money List. Whoever is at the top of those money lists at the end of the year is going to have a big leg up in the Player of the Year race. Stay tuned.

Until next time,
Mike

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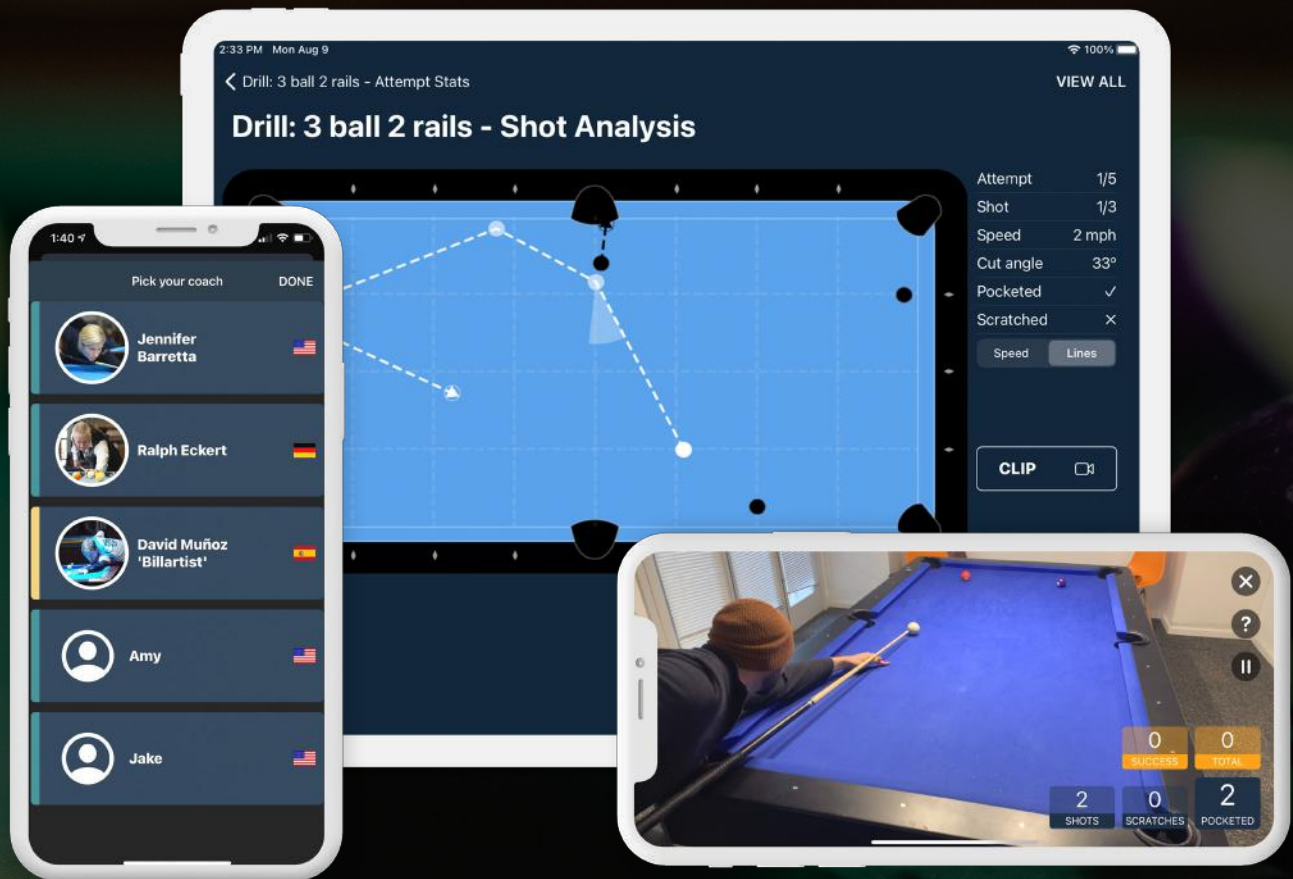


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Have you ever noticed that whenever you are asked to memorize something, like a phone number, that it's always easiest to remember the first and last numbers, and that the number sin the middle are often the toughest to recall?

P sychologists have studied this curiosity and discovered that we as humans are really good at remembering first things (primacy effect), and last things (recency effect), and that we often mix up the information in between. Memory experts have taken these findings and recommended that students study in many “short-burst” sessions, rath-

er than trying to study for hours and hours on end. Shorter bursts allow for more starts (primacy), and stops (recency), and therefore better memory retention.

Applying this to pool

When we practice for long periods of time without a break, we only have one start and one stop, meaning that we overlook and memorize less of what happens between those points. Instead, try to create smaller “chunks” of practice time of 15-20 each, then take a few minutes break before starting your next “chunk.” These shorter training periods will also provide for mini mental breaks, an invaluable piece to playing great pool.

Remember, the more you are alert and eager to play, the more likely you



will fully commit to playing your best. Keeping practice interesting by breaking down your practice into what more resembles baseball innings is one way to accomplish this task.

Over-extending can lead to bad habits

Another reason to keep practicing in small chunks is to offset long practice sessions that inevitably, over time, cross a threshold to where you are no longer invested and simply going through the motions. When this occurs, we develop sloppy, bad habits, and eventually our game becomes compromised as a result. Just like you are what you eat, you are also the pool player you have developed yourself into over time, so make sure to think about how important it is to practice effectively.



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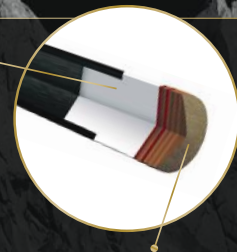
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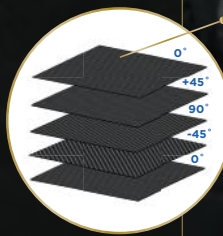
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MENTAL TOUGHNESS TAKES THE TROPHY

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Pool is primarily a mental game, especially at the highest levels. Therefore, it's important for players to develop a strong inner game that emphasizes mental toughness.

Often, you see up and coming players who have lots of natural talent, but rarely do they ever play up to their potential. The problem is that most pool players are not educated about the various advantages developing a mentally tough game can bring. This is because most coaches didn't stress the importance of a solid mental game when their students were learning to play.

In pool, your decisions, thoughts, mental images, and feelings set you up for each stroke you deliver during a match. Mental training helps players develop key mental skills which complement their mechanics. What most people do not know is that mental training isn't just for players who have challenges with their game. In fact, it's also for great players who are looking to improve their overall performance. Coaches and

players have used mental training for years to gain a competitive edge. Every day I teach my students about confidence, composure and how to make their game more process driven. Developing a good understanding of all 3 of these components allows players to become more mentally tough and raise their game to a much higher level.

To develop mental toughness in pool there are several mental skills that you can learn. From my work and research in pool, I have discovered that most pool players who are playing in "dead stroke" are confident, process driven and composed. Most pool players have experienced the zone at one time or another, if only for a short time. And every player can learn to develop a mindset that helps them enter the zone more frequently by learning how to make their game more process driven and ritualistic.

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Mentally tough pool players are at an advantage because they have...

- A good understanding of how to get in the zone and they also understand the feelings associated with playing in the zone.
- Confidence or a strong belief in their skills or ability to win.
- Great focus and concentration and have an uncanny ability to play in the present moment.
- A narrow focus of attention or a unique ability to focus on one specific thing without distraction.



“ **A STRONG MENTAL GAME IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS A SERIOUS PLAYER SHOULD LEARN. TO DEVELOP A STRONG MENTAL GAME, IT TAKES A DAILY COMMITMENT TO PRACTICE.** ”

- The ability to subconsciously deliver a straight, smooth, stroke.
- The ability to successfully manage stress and remain calm under pressure.
- A sound decision-making process.
- The ability to regroup or collect themselves after they make a mistake or shoot a bad shot.

- Fun, no matter what the score is, because they love playing the game.

A strong mental game is one of the most important aspects a serious player should learn. To develop a strong mental game, it takes a daily commitment to practice. To be successful with mental toughness training, pool players must learn how to apply it to their games, matches and tournaments. It can only be mastered through rigorous practice.

It's easy to do mental training and then forget about the strategies you learned a week or two later. The key is to find a system you like and practice it until you can apply it daily. Practicing sound mechanics will improve your game but always remember that it's often the player with the best mental toughness training who takes home the trophy!

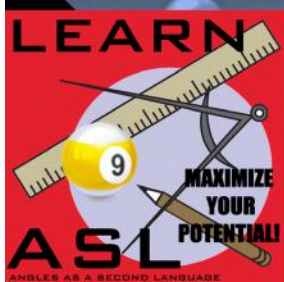
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ERIC CRISP

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When it comes to cue making, if you're like me, I wanted to know more about the backstories of these individuals behind the lathe. Who are they?

Where are they from and what got them into building some of the most beautiful and sought-after cues that so many of us pool players take pride in adding to our collections. As I've come to meet more and more, it has become evident there are a vast range of individuals of all different ages and backgrounds. "Meet the Cue Maker" aims to shed light on some of these questions we've had for our favorite cue makers both established and up and coming.



This month we will be meeting cue maker Eric Crisp of Sugartree Customs, located in Nashville, Tennessee. Eric at the age of 43, has been building cues for over 20 years. Already having experience as a machinist, his venture in to cue building started at the young age of 20, shortly after joining the Air Force. With his first station in Korea, Eric found himself spending his free time gambling for hours at 3-cushion billiards. When his ferrule broke one night he decided to just go back to the machine shop on base and fix it himself using a new piece of plastic. After that, he realized the difference changing one element of the cue can make in the playability of the cue. He took the next step and tracked down some pallet wood to begin building his first cue. After spending a year in Korea, he was then stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, where he began building cues from start to finish, learning as he went.

"Sugartree Customs" was established in 2001, named after Eric's place of birth. He was born at home in Sugar Tree Forest, Ohio. As a tradition, he continues to use pieces of wood from Sugar Tree in every build he makes. It can be as small as a sliver in the ring or even the main component. Sugartree cues are known for their sleek beauty as well as their playability. Eric hand-



crafts his cues from start to finish, often cutting the wood himself which he acquires from all over the country. He also chooses to forego using a CNC machine unlike many other cue makers. Instead he opts to do everything by hand, creating some of the most elegant and finely detailed builds.

A couple high profile names that have cues built by Sugartree Customs are Joe Rogan and billiards Hall of Famer, Ray Martin. Due to high demand and an extensive waitlist, Eric stopped accepting new orders after 2009. He ranges in production anywhere from 0 to 35 cues per year and will likely decrease that number further once his teenage son moves out onto his own. Now to get one of these coveted cues you'll likely have to go through one of his brokers. One thing is for sure, if you have a Sugartree cue in your collection, you certainly have one of the best.

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Gospel Trick Shot #19

Come Back!

History of the Trick Shot: This shot is a continuation of converting Artistic Pool shots from the WPA sanctioned World Artistic Pool program into Gospel Trick Shots. In the 2018 Official Shot/Challenge Program this shot is found in Disciple 2 and it is Shot 3b. It is performed in the video by Brian “Superman” Pauley who is a top ranked World Artistic Pool competitor. Brian is on our GTS RACK Team and in the video explains the Gospel Trick Shot message that goes with the shot. This Artistic Pool shot has a degree of difficulty rating of 8. The shots range from 6 to 10 so this shot this month requires more practice, knowledge, and skill to make it consistently!

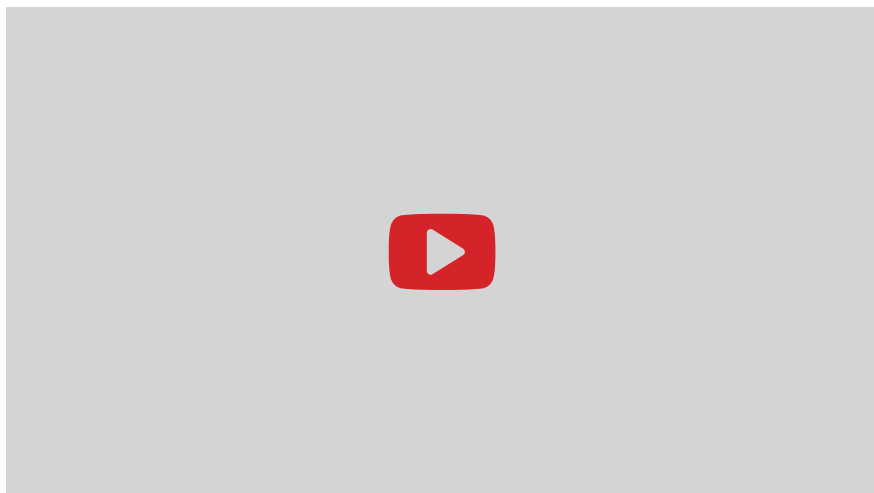
GTS Name and Why: This shot is a visual illustration of our featured Scripture verses this month from James 4:8 which says “Draw near to God and he will draw near to you” and Zechariah 1:3 “Return to me declares the Lord and I will return to you.” In the video you will see the cue ball come back which is symbolic of our return to God if we are heading in the wrong direction.

Scripture References in NIV Translation: James 4:8 and Zechariah 1:3.

Cue Ball Placement: In hand within 1x1 diamond zone near the corner pocket as shown in the diagram. Special thanks to PBIA instructor Larry Nicholson of Texas for the diagram.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Red ball in hand within 1x1 diamond zone near the corner pocket with yellow ball hanging near pocket. Bridge is on the rail top along the 1st diamond. If desired you can prop up the short side of the bridge with a cube of chalk.

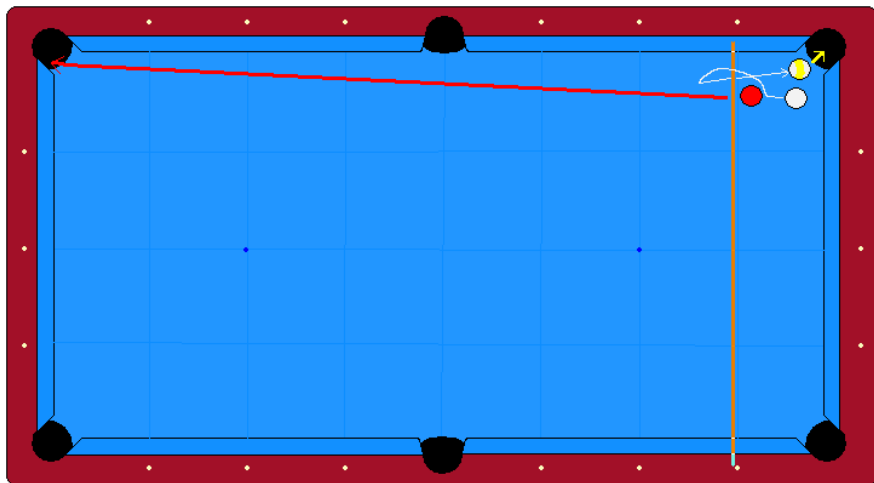
Objective: Shoot the cue ball into the red ball, making it into the far corner pocket. The cue ball will jump over the bridge, and draw back under it, to make yellow ball.



Special Notes: Sometimes the bridge may be unintentionally contacted with the cue ball and the shot will still be successful. The cue ball may also contact the side cushion or the head cushion prior to making the yellow ball in the corner pocket.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: There are many different versions of the “Come Back” Gospel Trick Shot. To give a successful illustration, reversing the direction of the cue ball and/or object balls is always required. In my 25

plus years of doing Gospel Trick Shot shows, I have witnessed many people return to God after hearing this type of message. In Artistic Pool competition, I have noticed that this shot must be successfully executed to win the Prop/Novelty Discipline # 2 medal since it has a moderate degree of difficulty and is by no means a hanger. In Gospel Trick Shots it is always essential to fit your message to meet the needs of the listener. Be flexible and let God direct you as to what to say and practice, practice, practice!!!





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FRANCISCO SANCHEZ-RUIZ

Wins First Career Eurotour Title

Spain's Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz won his first ever Eurotour stop beating Greece's Alex Kazakis in a thriller in Lasko Slovenia.

In a match that had it all, fans were treated to everything; jumps, scratches, kicks and a lot of emotion as the two finalists put on one hell of a performance in front of an excited crowd. With so much happening, the last rack simply summed this match up.

With the score tied at 8-8, Kazakis had the crucial break but it was illegal, handing the initiative to Sanchez-Ruiz

who then left the 1-ball hanging in the pocket. Kazakis made that ball but hooked himself on the 3-ball. He played a good kick-shot to leave Sanchez-Ruiz with a difficult jump shot. Francisco elevated the cue ball with such accuracy that he made the 3 in the side pocket but the cue ball traveled to the opposite side pocket and clipped the knuckle only just staying on the table, to the delight of the Spaniards watching who gave a loud

cheer. Francisco was shaking and Alex was holding his head as Francisco held his nerve to run the remaining balls and clinch his first ever Eurotour title.

Francisco now joins an elite club of players who can claim they've been there, done it and got the badge to prove it. Now it's onto the next tour stop which is in Antalya on 28th - 30th October.





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Tkach Wins Thrilling Eurotour Final

In a drama filled final match in Slovenia, Russia's Kristina Tkach won the Predator women's Lasko Open beating Germany's Kristina Grim 7-6.

Kristina Grim had Tkach on the ropes, and twice let her off the hook, most notably when leading 6-5 and missing a straight 9-ball for the match. At 6-6, Grim again had the chance to seal her first victory but again, the nerves bit the young German and she gifted Tkach the win.

That win takes the Russian's haul of titles to an impressive 8 Eurotour

crowns in her short career but none will ever be so dramatic. A tearful Grim acknowledged her mistakes cost her the first title she's been looking for, but vowed to be back stronger next time. "I'm mad now" she said "but I have only myself to blame".

After Kristina Grim decided to participate at the very last minute, jumping into her friend, Tobias Hoiss's car on

Wednesday morning, she will be very satisfied with her best result to date on the women's Eurotour, at least when she gets time to cool down and reflect on her missed chances, she's strong and is determined to make amends for this missed opportunity.

Next tour stop for the women is the Predator Women's Antalya open from the 28th - 30th October.

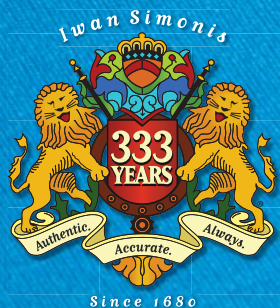


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SHAW COMES BACK

From A Hot Seat Loss To Down Varias And Win Dynaspheres Cup 10-Ball Open

Evidence that pool can be a tricky game can be found in a variety of circumstances, up to and including whether a given player, at a given location, competing against a given set of opponents is having a good or bad day.

Jayson Shaw

It was by no means a 'sure bet' that Jayson Shaw, surely one of the better pool players on the planet at the moment, was going to win the Dynaspheres Cup 10-Ball Open, held this past weekend (Aug. 14-15) at Bank Shot Bar & Grill in Laurel, MD.

A good bet, mind you, but the notion that it was a 'sure bet' got a jolt from a well-known pool-reality button when Shaw lost the event's hot seat match to a mid-Atlantic competitor, who, though he's cashed in many events over the past eight years, has nev-

er actually won a major tournament (recorded by us here at AZBilliards). A regular on the Action Pool Tour, Jimmy Varias has been runner-up at two stops on that tour, five and seven years ago; both times, taking the same path of claiming the hot seat

and then being defeated in the finals, by Shaun Wilkie in 2014 and Brian Deska in 2016.

All things considered, the competition in this \$1,500-added event that drew 48 entrants seemed to underperform. None of the event's final four competitors managed to tally a game-winning average above 68%. Combined, their game-winning average was only 64%. That said, the final four played most of their games on the winners' side of the bracket. Altogether, the four of them played only seven matches on the loss side. On both sides of the bracket, the final four recorded only three shutouts (third-place finisher Grai "Pookie" Rasmehai was involved in two of them, a win and a loss) and were involved in only two double hill matches.

It should be noted, as well, that there were junior competitors on hand, fresh from competition at the BEF Junior Nationals. Silver Medalist Skylar Hess (14 and Under Girls) lost her first match in this event, won her first match on the loss side and then fought mid-Atlantic veteran competitor Steve Fleming to double hill before being eliminated. The Vaughan brothers, Garret and Grayson were also on-hand, each winning two winners' side matches. Elder brother Garrett won a loss-side match before being eliminated in a double hill fight.

After being awarded an opening round bye, Shaw went through Kevin West, Erick Toledo and Robert Cord to arrive at his winners' side semifinal match-up versus Grai "Pookie" Rasmehai. Varias, in the meantime, without a bye, defeated Curtis Branker, Sunny Nassif, Del Sim and Eric Lyons to arrive at his winners' side semifinal match-up against Shaun Wilkie.

In one of the two shutouts in which he was involved, Rasmehai was sent to the loss side by Shaw ("Pooky" had earlier shutout Billiard Sports Network's Josh Setterfield). Varias and Wilkie battled to double hill before Varias pre-



Jimmy Varias

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Dynaspheres Cup 10-Ball

vailed to face Shaw in the battle for the hot seat. Varias won it in a match that fell a game short of double hill at 7-5.

On the loss side, Wilkie picked up fellow mid-Atlantic competitor, Kevin West, who'd won his opening match over Rob Hess, only to run into Shaw playing his opening match. West was the beneficiary of a loss-side forfeit by Tim Metter before embarking on a six-match, loss-side winning streak that had recently eliminated Del Sim 6-4 and Robert Cord 6-3. "Pookie" drew Erick Toledo, who was working on a modest four-match, loss-side streak that had just eliminated Eric Lyons 6-3 and Roger Haldar 6-1.

"Pooky" advanced to the quarterfinals on the heels of a 6-2 win over Toledo. Wilkie joined him after downing Hess 6-1.

"Pooky" took the quarterfinal match 6-4 over Wilkie, at which point, more than just a few were wondering whether Shaw's hot-seat loss was just a fluke and whether a "Pooky"/Jimmy Varias was possible. It was, of course, but it didn't happen. Shaw defeated "Pooky" 6-3 and turned his full attention to the finals.

Shaw had to win twice in the finals and won the opening set 7-3. As had happened in their hot seat match, they battled back and forth to a single game shy of double hill in the second set. Unlike the hot seat match, it was Shaw who edged out in front to win the second set and claim the event title 6-4.

Tournament director Billiard Sports Network's Jake Lawson extended thanks to the ownership and staff at

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Jimmy Varias and Jayson Shaw



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Hollingsworth Highlights Slate Of New Junior National Champions

With a total of ten divisions being contested over five days, the 2021 Billiard Education Foundation's Junior National Championship at the South Point Hotel & Convention Center was going to have a number of players celebrating hard fought wins, but the player walking away with the most accolades was South Carolina's Landon Hollingsworth.

Hollingsworth didn't just turn in one undefeated performance. He went undefeated to win both the 18 & Under Boys Division and the 16 & Under Boys Division. Hollingsworth had an early scare in the 18 & Under Division, going hill-hill before beating Indiana's Jake Sollman. After that win, it was pretty much smooth sailing as Hollingsworth won twenty three of his next twenty eight racks

to take the hot-seat, defeating Ohio's Riley Adkins in the process. Adkins made quick work of Eric Roberts in the semi-final match 7-1, and then took his best shot at Hollingsworth in the finals. In the end though, it was Hollingsworth with an 11-7 win over Adkins, for the division win.

Hollingsworth was tested in the 16 & Under Boys Division, not only by reign-

ing 14 & Under Boys Division Winner (from 2019) Lazaro Martinez III, but also Joey Tate. After sending Tate to the one loss side in the final four on the winner's side, Hollingsworth faced off against Martinez for the hot-seat, and Martinez took him to hill-hill before Hollingsworth won the match. Martinez then lost in the semi-final match to Tate, giving Tate an opportunity to avenge his that earlier loss



to Hollingsworth. The final match was a close one, but didn't start out that way. Hollingsworth rushed out to a 9-3 lead, before Tate turned it on and pulled back within two racks at 9-7. Tate kept up the pressure and was within one rack at 10-9 down when he missed a 9-ball while stretched across the table, to leave Hollingsworth with ball-in-hand on the case 9-ball for the title.

The two rack difference in the finals was stressful enough on the parents and fans in attendance, but the finals of the 14 & Under Division did them one better, with a hill-hill final match to determine the Champion. Minnesota's Harry Leinen had defeated Kyle Yi, out of Texas, in a 9-5 hot-seat match. Yi was right back in the finals, and took Leinen to hill-hill before Leinen deposited the final 9-ball for the title.



Harry Leinen

In the 18 & Under Girls Division, eventual winner Aryana Lynch was tested from the starting gun, as she won back to back hill-hill matches (Bailey Barber and Hayleigh Marion) to get things started. After a relatively stress free 7-2 win over Savanna Wolford, Lynch



Aryana Lynch

was again tested, this time by Tiana Jiang in Jiang's first real competition in over a year. Lynch finally sent Jiang to the one-loss side 9-7 and Sofia Mast then defeated Jiang 7-3 to setup the final match between Mast and Lynch. That final match went Lynch's way 11-6 for the title.

With all of the drama in the other divisions, the 16 & Under Girls Division really had very little drama to speak of. Minnesota's Kennedy Meyman put on

a 9-ball clinic, beating four opponents and not allowing one of them past two racks. Meyman's final record for the entire division was thirty four wins out of a total of thirty nine racks. She defeated Elli Gonzales for the hot-seat and again in the finals by a combined record of 20-3.

The 14 & Under Girls division was the only division that had a defending champion involved in the finals. Reigning champion Skylar Hess took



Kennedy Meyman

Junior National Championship

the hot-seat with a 9-8 win over Virginia's Hayleigh Marion. Marion was back with a vengeance in the finals, and defeated Hess in another close match, 11-9, for the title.

This year's event saw the addition of two new divisions for the players to compete in. The 10-ball division was open to any players 22 and younger in a unique "triple elimination" format. While players had to lose three matches to be eliminated from this one, Wisconsin's Mason Koch showed that the best way to make sure you don't lose three matches is to not lose any of them. Koch defeated Ricky Evans for the hot-seat, and then Florida's Justin Toye in the finals.

The 8-ball division was also something new this year, and the field of 65 male and female competitors proved how popular it was. This division saw Lazaro Martinez III in the hot-seat, after a 3-0 win over brother Gabriel Martinez. In the finals though, it was



Hayleigh Marion

Gabriel taking control and defeating Lazaro for the division win.

Also in play at this event, were two blind draw scotch doubles events that saw Lazaro Martinez III team up with Joey Tate to win the 22 & Under Scotch Division and Landon Holling-

sworth teaming up with Savannah Easton to win the 16 & Under Division.

Dates are already set for the 2022 Junior National Championship and the event will take place on June 21st - 25th, right back at the South Point Hotel and Convention Center.

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BURWELL GOES UNDEFEATED

For Second Time On JPNEWT, Downs Shea Twice To Claim Title

In the first event of the second half of the 2021 J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour season, tour director Linda Shea and Kia Burwell moved into first and second place in the tour standings. Burwell went undefeated in the event and defeated Shea twice, but as runner-up, Shea added enough

'standings' points to get ahead of the tour's first-half leader, Caroline Pao. Burwell's undefeated run, her second on the tour this year, put her ahead of Pao, as well, and firmly into second place in the standings, ahead of Pao and Nicole Nester, who entered the event in third place in the tour

standings, finished in the event tie for 7th/8th and ended up in fourth place in the standings, just behind Pao. The 7th event of the 12-event 2021 JPNEWT season drew 16 entrants to Triple Nines in Elkridge, MD.



Kia Burwell

“ SHEA ELIMINATED GYFTOPOULOS 7-3, AS KING SHUT WILSON OUT. SHEA THEN DEFEATED KING 7-3 IN THE QUARTERFINALS AND WYATT 7-1 IN THE SEMIFINALS TO EARN A SECOND SHOT AT BURWELL, WAITING FOR HER IN THE HOT SEAT. ”

Burwell's path to the winners' circle went through Taylor Perkins 7-3 and Judie Wilson before running into Shea in one of the winners' side semifinals. Kelly Wyatt, in the meantime, downed Melissa Jenkins 7-5 and Eugenia Gyftopoulos 7-3 to arrive at a winners' side semifinal match versus Nicole King.

Burwell took the first of two versus Shea 7-2 to punch her ticket to the

hot seat match. Wyatt joined her after downing King 7-2. Burwell claimed the hot seat in a double hill battle versus Wyatt and waited on Shea's return.

Shea opened her loss-side trip back to a rematch against Burwell versus Gyftopoulos, who'd followed her defeat at the hands of Wyatt with loss-side victories over two Nicoles; Christ, 7-4 and Nester, 7-3. King picked up Judie Wilson, who'd followed her loss to

Burwell with wins over Terri Thomas 7-4 and Kelly Daniel 7-3.

Shea eliminated Gyftopoulos 7-3, as King shut Wilson out. Shea then defeated King 7-3 in the quarterfinals and Wyatt 7-1 in the semifinals to earn a second shot at Burwell, waiting for her in the hot seat.

In the extended race-to-9 format, Shea had to reach '7' first, to extend the race to 9. Burwell reached 7 first, ahead by four, to claim the event title.

Tour director Shea thanked the ownership and staff at Triple Nines for their hospitality, as well as title sponsor J. Pechauer Custom Cues, Bitzel and Associates PTPA Physical Therapy, George Hammerbacher (Advanced Pool Instructor) and, for the live stream of matches, Britanya E Rapp (angle aim Art). The next stop on the JPNEWT (#8), scheduled for September 18-19, will be hosted by First Break Sports Bar in Sterling, VA.



Kia Burwell, Kelly Wyatt, Judie Wilson, Eugenia Gyftopoulos, Nicole King and Linda Shea

ALMARAZ GOES UNDEFEATED

Through Veteran Field On The Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour

Together, between the Gulf Coast Regional Women's Tour, the old OB Cues Tour and the current Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour, Tara Williams and Gail Eaton have chalked up 22 (recorded) event titles (more, if you count tours and events other than those three) in careers that go back 12+ (Williams) and 22 +(Eaton) years.

At this past weekend's (Saturday, July 31) stop #3 on the Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour, they finished runner-up (Eaton) and 3rd (Williams), having both lost a match to a competitor, Mille Almaraz, who recently moved back to Texas from Las Vegas and was com-

peting on the tour for the first time. Eaton, who'd won the last stop on the tour in June, and Williams faced each other in the event's semifinals, as Almaraz went undefeated in the \$2,000-added event that drew 27 entrants to Stixx and Stones in Lewisville, TX.

Almaraz' path to the winners' circle went through three straight 7-3 wins, over Jessica DeMello, Cristina Schneider, and Christy Grigsby, to arrive at a winners' side semifinal against Courtney Peters. Tara Williams, in the meantime, started off with wins over Julie

Mille Almaraz





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Gail Eaton

“ **EATON CHALKED UP AND MOVED RIGHT INTO THE FINALS, WHERE SHE RAN INTO HER SECOND STRAIGHT DOUBLE HILL FIGHT. ALMARAZ SEALED THE DEAL TO CLAIM HER FIRST JERRY OLIVIER LADIES TOUR TITLE.** ”

Collins 7-3 and Marlina Nieves 7-2. She then dispatched Gail Eaton to the loss side 7-4, to arrive at her winners' side semifinal matchup versus Kim Pierce.

Williams shut Pierce out and advanced to the hot seat match. Almaraz joined her after sending Peters to the loss side 7-2. Williams and Almaraz came within a game of double hill, but it was Almaraz, who edged out in front to claim the hot seat 7-5.

On the loss side, Eaton had followed her loss to Williams with a double hill win over Natalie Rocha and a 7-5 victory over Cristina Schneider to draw Peters. Kim Pierce drew Kim Sanders, who'd lost a winners' side quarterfinal to Peters and then, eliminated Marlina Sieves 7-2 and Michelle Cortez 7-4.

Eaton defeated Peters 7-4, while the two Kims fought to double hill. Kim Sanders prevailed to join Eaton in the quarterfinals. Eaton earned her rematch against Williams with a 7-4 win over Sanders.

In what was likely the 'marquee matchup' of the tour's 3rd stop, the two wily veterans squared off to determine who would earn a second shot at the 'newbie' waiting for one of them in the hot seat. The match lived up to its unstated billing as the 'one to

watch.' Eaton and Williams battled to double hill, before Eaton prevailed a second time.

It wasn't over yet, though. Eaton chalked up and moved right into the finals, where she ran into her second straight double hill fight. Almaraz sealed the deal to claim her first Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour title.

Tour representatives thanked John and Anju Bergman, and their Stixx and Stones staff for their hospitality, as well as their new tour sponsor the On the Ball Company, which, as of the next stop - #4, a \$2,000-added event, scheduled for Oct. 16-17 at Bogies Billiards in Houston, TX - will be known as the On the Ball Ladies Tour.



Mille Almaraz, Gail Eaton and Tara Williams

Junior Player of the Month

Riley Adkins

While some of our Junior Player's of the Month got their start in the game because of a parent, most of them didn't get started because of a parent with the credentials that Riley Adkin's father has.

Papa Adkins just happens to be Dee Adkins, who has a Derby City Classic All Around Championship to his name, as well as more than enough individual event titles to fill a trophy cabinet and still have trophies left to find room for.

The younger Adkins, Riley, says he has some memories from back then (Dee won his All Around Title before Riley was born). "He would always bring us gifts from the tournaments" said Riley. "Back then I never paid any attention to the game. I just thought it was hitting a ball with a stick"

As Riley got older, his interest in the game grew, but it wasn't a quick process. "Riley started around 11, but he was just having fun" observed Dee. Riley's recollection matches that of his dad. "I started out just hitting them

around at my dads pool hall, and didn't care too much about it" he said.

It didn't take long for the game to capture Riley's attention. "I started watching all these pros and great players playing and something just

clicked. It felt like that's what I was meant to do" he said. While Riley was learning from his Dad, Dee was also learning something he didn't know about the game, as he saw what little options the junior players had to receive top level training. "Once he took it seriously I took him to some big Junior events and then realized many kids didn't have what he had as far as



opportunity, so that's when I decided to start helping in any way I could" said Dee. Thus was born Dee's US Jr Training Center.

Riley enjoyed success on Dad's US Junior Pool Tour, but it was the formation of the Junior International Championship that he credits with fueling his current results. "I've really stepped up in my game and I believe the start of the JIC tour is what started it for me. Playing with all the best juniors in the country every single month has really given me motivation and drive" he said.

That drive has shown itself this year, where Riley is ranked #2 on the JIC 18 & Under Points List and had a runner-up finish in the 18 & Under Boys Division at the Junior Nationals last month, losing to Landon Hollingsworth in the finals. "Riley is one of the hardest workers on the JIC. Even though he rarely shows it you know that he just wants to win so bad" observed JIC Director Ra Hanna.

With Dad teaching 40-50 of his peers at his training center, the Father/Coach and Son/Student relationship has had its share of challenges. "It was really rough on us in the beginning" said Dee. "We fought our butts off to find that happy medium though. Now, he's asking me the questions that I wanted to bring up to him. It's all about finding that fine line. We talk

deeply about everything". Riley sees the relationship in the same way. "It was rough at first having him as my coach, but we've really figured out the father-coach thing and that has also excelled my game" he said.

In addition to the nuts and bolts of running a table, Dee has made sure to tutor Riley on the realities of a career as a pro pool player. "His goal is to be a professional pool player. He knows the realities of that and I work with the kids to understand and have other options" says Dee. "He told me how hard it is to get to the top from the very start" says Riley. "He told me to be smart with my money if I get there and that the work doesn't stop when you reach the top. You gotta work harder than ever to maintain it". While Dee does train Riley's competition, he says there doesn't appear to be any bad feelings over it. "It's odd for your Dad to be training everyone you play against. He fights and digs when he is playing them, but he cheers for them when he is not. I can't teach that. He just has it" says Dee. Hanna has noticed the same thing. "I know that Dee trains his opposition, but it's for the sheer good of the game, no politics and no nepotism. If you want to be the best, you just have to prove it" says Hanna.

The second place finish earned Riley the opportunity to represent his country at the upcoming Junior World



Dee, Riley and Corey Deuel

Championship in Austria. "Having the chance to represent the USA is the best feeling in the world" said Riley. "It's been one of my dreams to go". Riley is looking forward to the trip, but it will be a new experience for him as it will be his first time playing in a big event without his coach/Dad by his side. Dee can't go overseas because of a small health scare, so it will be Mom Adkins who will be traveling with Riley this time. "I haven't missed an event with him in five years" says Dee. Riley commented "It's going to be weird without my dad there. He's been to every tournament with me, but I am still very excited and it'll be a trip I'll remember for the rest of my life".

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MARTINEZ And CUTTING Win Junior 9-Ball Open 19 & Under Boys & Girls Events In Sacramento

A measure of how much junior competition has grown in just the past year is name recognition. In the early part of this year, even if you were a regular reader here at AZ, you might never have heard of Tatum Cutting, Sofia Mast, Gabriel Martinez or Landon Hollingsworth.

Now, with fall just around the corner and some major junior championship events on the horizon, you're probably recognizing those names. Their current relevance is that the first two (Cutting and Mast) finished as winner & runner-up in the \$5,000-added Junior 9-Ball Open for 19 & Under Girls event held at Hard Times Billiards in Sacramento, CA this past weekend (Aug. 14-15). The second two (Martinez & Hollingsworth) finished as winner and runner-up in the \$5,000-added boys' equivalent at the same location.

In a very small field of young women (seven), the finalists in the 19 & Under Girls event were two of the best junior competitors in the country, Tatum Cutting and Sofia Mast. Each has won two of the six events on the Junior International Championship (JIC) circuit. Cutting was runner-up to Mast twice in those events, while Mast placed 3rd and 4th in Cutting's two wins. Having attended all six of the JIC events, Mast is currently ranked as #1 in the JIC 18 & Under Girls division. Cutting is third. This time out, it was Cutting who took home the top prize. They faced each other twice; in a double hill opening match and again, in the finals.

Cutting's initial victory put her into a winners' side semifinal match against Kennedy Meyman, whom Cutting had

faced and defeated in the semifinals of the 3rd JIC event back in April. Savannah Easton and Asia Gillespie squared off in the other one.

Cutting sent Meyman to the loss side 7-3 and in the hot seat match, faced

Easton, who'd defeated Gillespie 7-4. Tatum gave up just a single rack to Easton and claimed the hot seat.

On the loss side, Mast downed Hayleigh Marion 7-2 to pick up Asia Gillespie. Meyman drew Sophia Lua, who'd lost



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her opening round match to Easton and drawn a loss-side bye to reach Meyman.

Mast downed Gillespie 7-4 and in the quarterfinals, faced Meyman, who'd shut out Lua. Meyman, who won the JIC's opening event in the 18 & Under Girls division is currently ranked #2 (behind Mast). Mast and Meyman came within a game of double hill, but it was Mast who edged out in front by two to win the quarterfinal 7-5.

Mast then downed Easton 7-4 in the semifinals for a shot at one of her familiar opponents, Cutting, waiting for her in the hot seat. Cutting downed Mast a second time, this time 7-4, to claim the event title.

Boys' field of 17 features top names from BEF Junior Nationals and JIC

The top finishers in the 19 & Under Boys division of this event have figured prominently in both the BEF Junior Nationals and the JIC series. The winner of this event, Gabriel Martinez, finished 4th in the Junior Nationals (16 & Under), is 5th in JIC rankings for 13 & Under Boys (having won two of the six events) and 18th in 18 & Under boys. This event's runner-up, Landon Hollingsworth, was the winner in two divisions of the Junior National competition (18 & Under and 16 & Under), though he hasn't performed as well in the JIC series, where, in the 18 & Under division, though he's competed in all six events, he hasn't finished better than 5th.

Adrian Prasad currently leads the pack of 13 & under boys on the JIC ranking list, having won three events in that division and finished in the tie for 7th at this event. Nathan Childress, who finished 4th is the leader on the JIC's 18 & Under Boys list, having won four of the six events.

In Sacramento, Martinez' path to the winners' circle went through Nathan Nunez and Adrian Prasad to arrive at a winners' side semifinal meetup with



Gabriel Martinez

Spencer Ladin. Hollingsworth, in the meantime, got by Cody Hill, Payne McBride and his own brother, Cameron Hollingsworth to arrive at his winners' side semifinal matchup versus Nathan Childress.

Hollingsworth got into the hot seat match with a 7-3 win over Childress. Martinez joined him after surviving a double hill battle versus Ladin. Martinez claimed the hot seat 7-4.

On the loss side, Ladin picked up Andrew Hutchins, who'd just eliminated Cameron Hollingsworth in a double hill fight. Childress drew Lazaro Martinez (whose brother was in the hot seat), who'd recently defeated Adrian Prasad 7-3.

Martinez and Childress battled to double hill before Childress prevailed

and advanced to the quarterfinals. He was joined by Ladin, who'd defeated Hutchins 7-3.

Ladin took the quarterfinal match, double hill, to draw Hollingsworth in the semifinals. Hollingsworth won 7-4, earning himself a second shot at Martinez in the hot seat, waiting for him. Martinez completed his undefeated run with a 9-6 win in the finals.

Tournament director Desiree Dominguez thanked sponsors Predator, Simonis Cloth, Jam Up Apparel, Dunkel Custom Cues, Sacramento Internet Marketing Agency, Molina Mike, Phil Prentice, Aaron's Pool Parlor (for providing live streaming throughout the event) and Omega Billiards.

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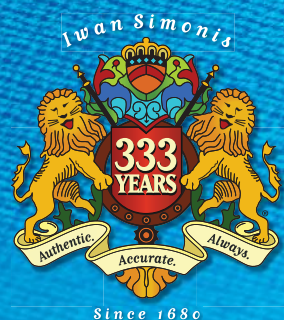
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Billiard Education Foundation Celebrates Successful Junior National Championship

While the numbers may have been slightly down for the 2021 Billiard Education Foundation's (BEF) Junior National Pool Championships at the South Point Hotel & Convention Center in Las Vegas, with the help from some returning Champions and some creativity, the Billiard Education Foundation was happy with the final event and how it fits into the infrastructure that they are trying to build.

A couple of changes that took place this year was the addition of an "Under 22" 10-ball event, and an "Under 18" 8-ball event.

The "Under 22" event was partially created for players who might have missed their last chance to compete last year due to the pandemic and cancelation of the event. "We wanted to give all of the kids who missed out

on the chance to defend their title or missed their last year of eligibility an opportunity to come back to the Junior Nationals and compete again," said Shane Tyree co-managing director of the BEF.

The creation of this new older division was two-fold though. "In addition to giving these young players another opportunity to compete we wanted to

add a stepping stone between junior competition and playing against the professionals. The majority of these junior competitors aren't ready for a professional event and we needed have to do something to change the infrastructure to develop our young talented players. This new U22 10-Ball National Championship gives the older players a stepping stone before they are competing against the Shane



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With a field of 22 players, the “U22 10-Ball Championship” in its inaugural year is already a success, and Tyree still sees a lot of room for growth in the future. “All of the kids in that division are going to college and are going to tell their friends about it. The potential for that to grow is unlimited. With the ACUI (Association of College Unions International) no longer doing a billiard event, we might be able to bring in these college kids and run a bigger national championship.”

A big difference between the standard 9-ball divisions for the various age groups and the “U22” 10-ball division was the prizes for the players. The various 9-ball divisions are paid out to the winners as scholarship money, but the 10-ball was different. “With the 10-ball, players are already college-aged and playing for money in most of their local events, so they are more accustomed to what event payouts look like. What we wanted to do with the 10-ball was to cater to their development and growth as a player so we want to encourage them to enter more big-time professional events. The payout is paid entry into 3 BCA rankings events to first place. 2nd is paid entry to 2 events and 3rd

is 1 event.” explained Tyree. “We want them to continue to grow. We want them to go to those tournaments and match up with professional players and start seeing if this is something they want to pursue.”

This year’s new 8-ball division saw players of all ages competing as it was open to all competitors under 18, both male and female. “The younger kids love playing the top players, and the girls cherish an opportunity at beating the boys. It’s a challenge they all welcome... We simply want to give all the junior competitors as many opportunities to compete at the highest level as possible. The lessons they learn along the way through this process are invaluable. They get to learn more strategy as they get more exposure to a wider range of opponents. But overall it helps build that camaraderie amongst our young athletes.” said Tyree.

While the event certainly had its reasons to celebrate, one dark note during the event was the absence of Junior International Championship (JIC) organizer Ra Hanna. Hanna has created a thriving “tour” system for the young competitors and has been a key part of past Junior National Championships. He was not able to make it this year due to health reasons. When

asked about what Hanna’s absence meant to the players, Tyree described it as “disheartening.” “Ra not being here is sad. Ra has a connection with these players and brings an energy like no one else. Anyone and everyone can see that. His love for the kids, comes through in his live streams. He’s been doing BEF Junior Nationals for a handful of years and has a relationship with most of these players. For him not to be here, it’s just not the same. He is in our hearts and prayers.”

Tyree expanded on how Hanna’s JIC is such an important thing for the kids, “The platform that Ra is building with the JIC is building a camaraderie with these kids. We look forward to maintaining our relationship with Ra and the JIC and to see what we can accomplish working together.”

At the end of the day, the Junior National Championship was one event that was just part of a plan that Tyree has for the game to “develop the infrastructure of pool in America. We don’t just need one SVB. We need a dozen of them if we are going to compete on that world stage. When we go to international events, we need more than one or two players who are competitive. The only way we can do that is by developing and refining our current infrastructure. It is important that we get as many industry insiders working together as possible that’s the only way we will be successful.”

Next up for the BEF and Tyree is to handle the North American contingent of players who qualified for Predator’s World Junior Pool Championships... America will field a team of roughly a dozen players who travel to Austria for the 2021 WPA Predator World Junior 9-Ball Championships in Klagenfurt Austria on October 6th – 10th.

After that event is over, Tyree will be back to planning an even bigger 2022 Junior National Championship at the South Point on June 21st – 25th 2022.

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ANSWERS US OPEN QUESTIONS

The upcoming US Open Pool Championship (formerly the US Open 9-Ball Championship) has been all the talk on social media lately, but maybe not for all of the right reasons.

To join the field of 256 players in this prestigious event, players must not only pony up the \$750 entry fee, but they must also sign a fourteen-page Player Agreement. Signing a player agreement is something new for a number of these players, and with that newness comes questions. We spoke to Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer, to try to help shine some light on some of those questions.

Section 6.1 of the player agreement states “Players shall be required to provide and wear their own playing shirts for the Event (“Event Shirts”); which must be worn throughout the Event and in any promotional work associated to the Event”. Some fans were reading this section as being required to purchase “event shirts” from Matchroom. Frazer explained that this interpretation of the contract was not correct. “We are selling an event shirt that players or fans can purchase” said Frazer, adding that players would receive a discount if they wanted to purchase the product. Players would not be forced to wear the Matchroom shirt though.

Another section that drew attention on social media was section 10.1 that states, “The Player hereby agrees with the Promoter that he/she will stay at the appointed Event Accommodation (“Harrahs Resort, Atlantic City)”.

While this is not an uncommon rule at major events like this, Frazer explained that this rule was also in place to keep players within Health and Safety requirements for the event. She also added that all players would receive Covid tests and would need a negative result to compete in the event.

While those two sections drew questions from the players, it was section 12.1 that had the most people talking. Section 12.1 states that “By signing this Agreement, the Player confirms that they will not participate in any ‘US Open Championship’ style pool events during the fourteen months from signature of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Promoter”.

Questions immediately came up on social media, asking about Mark Griffin’s US Open 8-Ball, 10-Ball, One Pocket, and Bank Pool events. Frazer responded online that this clause was only intended for 9-ball events. That led the line of questions to then focus on Pat Fleming’s upcoming International 9-Ball Open. Again, Frazer



indicated that the contract would also not stop players from competing in Fleming’s event. “The player agreement is not to unreasonably hold the players” said Frazer. “It is just to protect the Matchroom brand”. Frazer also pointed out that the clause has been in their agreement for years and was probably only becoming a question now because the 256 player field for the US Open was attracting players who had not played a Matchroom event all year. “We have been doing invitationals, but now that we are doing open events” she explained. While the new players were questioning the agreement, Frazer noted that the “higher level players understand the Matchroom goal and aim”.

Frazer was certainly not happy with the agreement being posted online asking “If you have a question about something like this, do you screenshot it and ask all of your Facebook friends, or do you go to the promoter and ask them?”. Even with that unhappiness though, Frazer places some of the blame for the misunderstandings on herself, saying that she has been working on “realigning and readjusting the player agreement for 2022”. Even while questioning the method that the agreement was being debat-

ed online, Frazer said she was happy that the players were discussing the matter. “I like that the players have a voice. We don’t get it right every time, and we will always listen. At the end of the day, we have the best interest of the players at heart” she said.

Although the US Open Pool Championship player agreement was the initial reason for our conversation with Frazer, she also shared that tickets had just gone on sale the day for the upcoming Mosconi Cup XXVIII, to be held at the Alexandra Palace in London England on December 7th – 10th. “We have already sold 1700 tickets and met our day one goal” said Frazer.

Frazer promised that they would not draw out the announcements for the Mosconi Cup this year, after announcing online that Albin Ouschan and Shane Van Boening would be the first players competing for Team Europe and Team USA this year. “Albin is our world #1, so he was going to make the team. Shane is the Team USA playing Vice Captain, so we knew he was making the team too”. Frazer confirmed that Alex Lely and Jeremy Jones would be back to captain their respective teams and said her team was working on an announcement on how the rest of each team will be chosen.



ULTIMATE POOL MASTERS ROUND-UP

BRENNAN AND MCCARTNEY CLAIM OPENING PRO EVENTS

Northern Ireland's Declan Brennan and Australia's Jake McCartney created history by winning the first ever Ultimate Pool Professional Series events in Newcastle-under-Lyme last month.

With extensive live television coverage in the UK and livestreaming of other tables on ultimatepoolgroup.com, the events signaled the start of this season's £144,000 circuit bringing

together 32 of the world's best and most entertaining English 8-ball pool players.

Mayobridge cueist Brennan staked his claim as the planet's number one player at present after defeating two-time world champion Chris Melling 7-5 in the final to win the pro event 1 title and bank a cool £10,000.

Brennan lived up to high expectations and ran through his opponents on his way to the final – incredibly dropping only six frames in four matches.

His pursuit began with a 7-2 victory over Shane Thompson in round one before repeating that scoreline when dispatching former World Masters winner Josh Kane in the last 16. Another 7-2 triumph was registered in the quarter-finals as he got past the challenge of 2012 world champion John Roe.

In the semi-finals, another former world champion was eliminated – this time 2016 victor Shaun Chipperfield – as “The Destroyer” was relentless in a 7-0 clean sweep win.



Declan Brennan

Waiting for Brennan in the final was Melling, who was looking for his second major Ultimate Pool accolade having won the Champions League earlier this year.

However, “The Magician” certainly didn’t have it easy on route. He needed to come back from 5-3 down to deny four-time world women’s champion Emma Cunningham 7-5 in round one before 7-5 and 7-6 victories over Malta’s Dejan Grech and former International Masters winner Rob Chilton respectively. The two-time Mosconi Cup winner had a bit more breathing space as he defeated former European Champion Stevie Dempsey of Ireland 7-3 in the semi-finals.

Despite the difference in experience at this level, Brennan began the final as the favourite and didn’t disappoint, securing glory at the climax of the twelfth frame.

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!

Hailing from Ballarat in the state of Victoria, McCartney pocketed a £4,000 payday and won his first major international singles title following a 6-3 victory over England’s Thompson in the final.

McCartney has made the huge commitment to base himself over in the UK for six months so he can fully concentrate and participate on the Ultimate Pool professional circuit. That big decision has already proved fruitful for the popular Aussie.

McCartney narrowly lost out to reigning world blackball champion Scott Gillespie in a deciding frame - watching him clear up off his dry break – in pro event 1, but the former world team championship winner bounced back in the best way possible later that weekend.

He comfortably navigated the in-form Shaun Storry 6-1 first up before ending the campaigns of Roe 6-4 in the last 16 and former back-to-back world junior champion Jordan Church 6-5 in the quarters. 2019 world championship finalist Dom Conney was next to be defeated - 6-1 in the last four.

Thompson had been very clinical getting to the title match, relinquishing only eight frames and also stopping reigning six-time world champion Michael Hill 6-3 in the other semi-final.

However, McCartney wasn’t to be denied a dream start to his spell on the Series, coming through in front of the live television cameras to lift the most significant trophy of his career to date. Many of his followers back home on the other side of the world stayed up to watch the livestream.



Ciprian Gabriel Gindac

Ultimate Pool
Professional Event 2
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HARRISON WINS INAUGURAL ULTIMATE POOL MASTERS

At the end of 21 sessions of live televised action, during which 64 players representing countries in the UK and beyond took part, the 2021 Apply Mortgages Ultimate Pool Masters title and a £10,000 first prize was decided in the most dramatic of circumstances.

All-time great Phil Harrison – known for his supreme skill and class, but not necessarily his speed around the table – ousted Simon Fitzsimmons in a thrilling 6-Reds Shootout by just over a second after their final ended 5-5 when the match-clock expired.

The climax to this unique tournament brought the four remaining competitors together for Finals Night.

Former world champion Harrison had already done for several world class players on his way to the last four. In previous rounds he defeated Greg Batten, Marc Farnsworth, Rob Chilton and Jordan Shepherd.

In the semi-finals Harrison was superb yet again, racking up three break clearances and two reverse clearances as he put out Josh Kane 6-4.

Reigning Shootout Grand Finals winner Fitzsimmons had a varied path to the final four that involved two 6-Reds finishes and a remarkable 7-0 white-wash win over the red-hot Craig Waddingham in the quarter-finals.

His success over local star Rob Wharne in the semi-finals was slightly less eventful, but largely comfortable as he chalked up a 7-2 result.

In what was their first ever meeting in a major event, Harrison and Fitzsimmons served up a classic in front of the engrossed Players Pool and Snooker Lounge and television audiences

Harrison got off to another strong start with reverse and break clearances in the opening two frames, although “The Bouncer” got back into it to level at 2-2 and again at 3-3.

A crucial double was nailed by “The Farmer” to help him go back ahead before a magnificent break clearance put him in firm control with not long left on the clock. However, Fitzsimmons – who had the best break statistics out of the four coming into the night – found a golden break in frame nine and then squared up at 5-5 to effectively force the 6-Reds decider.

But there would be another twist in the tale. Despite setting a very pleasing time of 27.84 seconds going first in the shootout, Fitzsimmons could only sit and watch as Harrison dashed around the table to better it with a score of 26.70 in an exhausting and jaw-dropping finale.

The newly crowned champion – who celebrated with his son – said: “I think it is probably my best ever tournament win. I’ve had some good memories in the past but under this sort of pressure in front of the tv cameras and everything – I’ve never felt anything like it. I was probably shaking all the way through the match.”



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Carlos started playing at age 10 and won his 1st NAPA tournament at the age of 13 competing with adults. He went on to win multiple local tournaments in the DFW Metroplex before beginning to travel nationally in 2020

on the Junior International Championship Tour and Dynasphere Junior Cup. Carlos was the 2020 TPL Masters division winner.

He is competing in the BEF Junior Nationals, Las Vegas July 27-31, 2021.

About Cue Sports and Entertainment Group Inc / Stixx and Stones is a Cue Sports focused company based in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; Stixx and Stones is its first Pool Hall located in Lewisville, Texas that has become “DFWs Favorite Pool Hall where you meet old friends and make new ones”. Together they are focused on innovative ideas and services to help grow all aspects of the pool community.



Carlos Jinez

KAPLAN AND GINDAC JOIN TEAM MEZZ

Mezz Cues is pleased to announce that it has added two European Champions to their list of sponsored players.

German Ina Kaplan is a three-time Women's Euro Tour Champion and holds over ten career German National Championship titles in four different disciplines; 8-Ball, 9-Ball, 10-Ball, and Straight Pool.

When reached for comment Kaplan responded, "I feel truly honored to officially represent MEZZ Cues. I'm over the moon that I can play with all the great equipment MEZZ is producing."

While Kaplan was already using the Mezz "Ignite Shaft," she was excited about going "All Mezz" with the new sponsorship. "I have to say it is the best equipment I've ever played with. I'm really looking forward to the next tournaments with my new gear and feel that my my game is in its best shape now."



Ina Kaplan

Joining Kaplan on Team Mezz is Romanian Champion Ciprian Gabriel Gindac.

Gindac has been active as a professional player in Romania for well over a decade and commented that he has been impressed with Mezz for all of that time. "I am a fan of Mezz cues from 10 years ago, so it is amazing to start a collaboration!" said Gindac. "I think Mezz quality is one of the best in the world."

Kaplan and Gindac join such notables as Mika Immonen, Jeffrey De Luna, Mario He, Jason Klatt, Donny Mills, Caroline Pao, Sarah Rousey, Petri Makkonen, Wojciech Szewczyk, Mateusz Sniogocki, and Jeannie Seaver as Mezz Sponsored players



Ciprian Gabriel Gindac

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MOSCONI CUP

TICKETS ON SALE AUG 23

Matchroom Pool can reveal spectator tickets for the 2021 Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace, London, England will go on pre-sale at 12 noon (UK time) this Monday, August 23, and General Sale this Tuesday, August 24.

The 2021 Mosconi Cup will take place from Tuesday, December 7 to Friday, December 10 with fans returning for the first time at the Mosconi Cup in the UK since 2018.

Competition for places on defending champions Europe and the USA are hotting up with captains Alex Lely and Jeremy Jones week's away from confirming their sides that will do battle for the 27th time.

Team USA will be out to avenge the humiliation of 2020, where Europe ran riot claiming an 11-3 victory in Coventry, England whilst Europe will be looking for more of the same in front of a home crowd in London.

It promises to be a Mosconi Cup to remember with fans set to pack out Alexandra Palace creating a cauldron unmatched in Pool. Already, we know two players representing their respective teams with Team USA's new vice and three-time Mosconi winner Shane Van Boening set to grace London. New World Champion and Matchroom Pool Rankings World No.1 Albin Ouschan has become the first name on Alex Lely's European roster.

Ticket prices start from £30.00 per session with a whole host of ticket options available including VIP and new for 2021, Platinum VIP+ where fans can get up close table side at Alexandra



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Platinum VIP+ tickets which includes a meet and greet with one player from each team per day as well a whole host of other benefits including premium padded seating for extra comfort on the front row tables, a two-course buffet dinner, and unlimited drinks*.

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Tickets will be available via www.matchroompool.com with Matchroom Pool Club subscribers receiving an email with their pre-sale ticket link at 12 noon UK time on Monday, August 23. Matchroom Pool Club is free to join at <https://matchroompool.com/pool-club/>

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PREDATOR 2021 WPA WORLD JUNIOR 9-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Moves To Austria

The Predator 2021 WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championship is being relocated from Las Vegas to the Sportpark in Klagenfurt, Austria.

Their event will be held in conjunction with the Predator Austria Open which will take place October 6-10, 2021, with juniors able to play alongside top professional players.

With travel restrictions to the United-States being a constraint for a number of foreign junior participants, it made it difficult for families to organize travel in early September and therefore impacted the decision to move the event.

“The current reality is that the United States has Covid-related travel restrictions that make it impossible for this event to take place on US soil,” said BCA Communications Manager Shane Tyree. “We wish all competitors good luck in Austria as they compete in the 2021 Predator WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championship.”

“Predator is very excited to bring this event back after its one-year hiatus due to the pandemic and is dedicated to making this event take place for all of our young talented pool players,” said CEO of Predator Group Karim Belhaj. “Juniors are the future of the sport and we want to inspire more young players to play our beloved game.”

“The WPA is excited to partner with Predator to bring the World Junior 9-Ball Championship to the world stage after missing out in 2020 through the global problems of Covid-19,” said WPA President Ian Anderson. “This event is often regarded as our most important world championship as it is all about the next generation of players and the future of our sport.”

The field will consist of a max of 96 players in three categories: boys under 19, boys under 17, and girls under 19. Junior players will be competing next to professional players during the Austria Open under the same professional conditions. The juniors will take the stage with the finals being livestreamed on Kozoom in the same arena as the Predator Austria Open.

The event will be played on the new Predator Pro Table, Arcadia Reserve cloth and using Predator’s Arcos II Reserve balls which are the official table, cloth and balls of the 2021 Predator WPA Junior World 9-Ball Championship. For more information on the official equipment, visit www.predatorcues.com.

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WCBS Announces World Games 2022 Sponsors

The World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS) is delighted to announce its sponsors for the World Games to be held in Alabama, USA during July 2022.

After a comprehensive tender process done over the last two months, five prestigious brands from the world of billiards sports were chosen to be partners for the upcoming World Games cycle.

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WCBS President Ian Anderson says: “We are thrilled to be working with such an illustrious list of brands from the world of billiards sports. There’s an incredibly strong alignment be-

tween WCBS and these brands to promoting high-impact billiards sports competitions throughout the world, and the World Games is the perfect setting for us to further this ambition.”

About WCBS

The WCBS debuted at the World Games in Akita, Japan in 2001. WCBS is the only organisation recognised by the IOC as the world governing body for the Billiards Sports. The WCBS has three members (UMB, WPA and IBSF), each representing a different discipline of Billiards, Carom, Pool and Snooker. At the World Games, the WCBS will be represented in the following disciplines: Pool – 9-Ball (men & women), Snooker (men) and Carom – 3 Cushion (men). For more details, visit <https://www.wcbs.sport/>.

About World Games:

The World Games are conducted by the International World Games Association (IWGA) under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). For Billiards, the World Games is the highest level of international competition. The 2022 edition of the World Games (postponed from 2021) will be played from July 7-17, 2022. For more details, visit <https://www.theworldgames.org/>.



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Aug 07 - Aug 08

New England 9-Ball Tour 2021 Stop #17

Snookers Pool Lounge

- Providence, RI
 1 Billy Lanna \$1,400
 2 Chad Bazinet \$800
 3 Kyle King \$600
 4 Richard Barrette \$450
 5 Jackie Loving \$350
 5 Ray MacNamara \$350
 7 Dev Bhattacharya \$250
 7 James Stonkus \$250
 9 Clyde Matta \$125
 9 Jim Prather \$125
 9 Mario Barriere \$125
 9 Matt Bonarrigo \$125

Aug 07 - Aug 08

3rd Annual Brendan Crockett Memorial

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento

- Sacramento, CA
 1 James Aranas \$5,500
 2 John Morra \$3,500
 3 Tyler Styer \$2,000
 4 Carlo Biado \$1,000
 5 Omar Al Shaheen \$800
 5 Warren Kiamco \$800
 7 Corey Deuel \$500
 7 Shane Van Boening \$500
 9 Edgie Geronimo \$300
 9 Ian Costello \$300
 9 Roberto Gomez \$300
 9 Sean Tur \$300
 13 Chris Gentile \$250
 13 Gerardo Jamito \$250
 13 Jason Williams \$250
 13 Jhaycee Cabal \$250
 17 Adrian Prasad \$200
 17 Alex Moreno \$200
 17 Angelo Innes \$200
 17 Chris Wedekind \$200
 17 CJ Robinson \$200
 17 Horia Spenea \$200

- 17 Miguel Morfin \$200
 17 Sherry Ahola \$200
 25 Ben Hrabina \$120
 25 Eugene Villena \$120
 25 Homero Esquivel Jr. \$120
 25 Jeffrey De Luna \$120
 25 Justin Marks \$120
 25 Miza Estrada \$120
 25 Nathan Nunes \$120
 25 Phil Prentence \$120

Aug 07 - Aug 07

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Clubhouse

- Lynchburg, Virginia
 1 Billy Walker \$800
 2 Justin Knuckles \$500
 3 Jake Lebon \$350
 4 Cameron Lawhorne \$200
 5 Brian Overman \$125
 5 Travis Guerra \$125

Aug 12 - Aug 14

Dynamic Billard Lasko Open 2021

Hotel Thermana Park Lasko

- 1 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$5,308
 2 Alexandros Kazakis \$3,538
 3 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$2,064
 3 Mohammad Soufi \$2,064
 5 Besar Spahiu \$1,474
 5 Joshua Filler \$1,474
 5 Mario He \$1,474
 5 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,474
 9 Jakub Koniar \$1,179
 9 Marc Bijsterbosch \$1,179
 9 Mark Magi \$1,179
 9 Radoslaw Babica \$1,179
 9 Ronald Regli \$1,179
 9 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,179
 9 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,179
 9 Tomasz Kaplan \$1,179
 17 Andreas Madsen \$707
 17 Daniel Maciol \$707
 17 David Alcaide \$707
 17 Denis Grabe \$707
 17 Egor Sokolov \$707

- 17 Eklent Kaci \$707
 17 Fedor Gorst \$707
 17 Mateusz Sniegocki \$707
 17 Maximilian Lechner \$707
 17 Moritz Neuhausen \$707
 17 Niels Feijen \$707
 17 Ralf Souquet \$707
 17 Roman Hybler \$707
 17 Sebastian Batkowski \$707
 17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$707
 17 Yuma Dornier \$707
 33 Anthony Brabin \$324
 33 Benjamin Belhassen \$324
 33 Christos Papageorgiou \$324
 33 Daniele Corrieri \$324
 33 David Zalman \$324
 33 Dimitris Loukatos \$324
 33 Amil Andre Gangflot \$324
 33 Jonas Souto Comino \$324
 33 Luca Menn \$324
 33 Marco Dorenburg \$324
 33 Marius Skoneczny \$324
 33 Miesko Fortunski \$324
 33 Pia Filler \$324
 33 Ramazan Akdag \$324
 33 Stefan Huber \$324
 33 Tobias Bongers \$324

Aug 13 - Aug 15

California State BEF Junior 9-Ball Open Boys Division

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento

- Sacramento, CA
 1 Gabriel Martinez \$3,000
 2 Landon Hollingsworth \$1,500
 3 Spencer Ladin \$1,000
 4 Nathan Childress \$500
 5 Andrew Hutchins \$250
 5 Lazaro Martinez III \$250

Aug 13 - Aug 15

California State BEF Junior 9-Ball Open Girls Division

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento

- Sacramento, CA
 1 Tatum Cutting \$2,500

- 2 Sofia Mast \$1,000
- 3 Savannah Easton \$750
- 4 Kennedy Meyman \$500
- 5 Asia Gillespie \$200
- 5 Sophia Lua \$200
- 7 Hayleigh Marion \$150

Aug 14 - Aug 15

Racks on the Rocks Open 9-Ball

Racks on the Rocks

- Peoria, IL
- 1 Sergio Rivas \$1,600
 - 2 Austin Summers \$860
 - 3 Brandon Pearson \$550
 - 4 Brett Charlett \$400
 - 5 Alex Grell \$225
 - 5 Ben Gonzales \$225
 - 7 Josh Donaldson \$150
 - 7 Martin Zavala Jr. \$150
 - 9 Anthony Mullins \$100
 - 9 Bobby McGrath \$100
 - 9 Coty Harlan \$100
 - 9 Kyle Van den Bosch \$100

Aug 14 - Aug 15

Dynaspheres Cup 10-Ball Open

Bank Shot Bar & Grill

- Laurel, MD
- 1 Jayson Shaw \$1,200
 - 2 Jimmy Varias \$700
 - 3 Pooky Rasmeloungon \$500
 - 4 Shaun Wilkie \$350
 - 5 Eric Toledo \$250
 - 5 Kevin West \$250
 - 7 Rob Cord \$175
 - 7 Roger Haldar \$175
 - 9 Dan Leary \$100
 - 9 Del Sim \$100
 - 9 Eric Lyons \$100
 - 9 Russ Redhead \$100

Aug 14 - Aug 15

2021 Predator Womens Lasko Open

Hotel Thermana Park Lasko

- 1 Kristina Tkach \$1,769
- 2 Kristina Grim \$1,179
- 3 Melanie Suessenguth \$943
- 3 Pia Filler \$943
- 5 Amalia Matas \$707
- 5 Ana Gradisnik \$707

- 5 Bojana Sarac \$707
- 5 Diana Stateczny \$707

Aug 14 - Aug 15

JPNEWT Tour 2021 Stop #6

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards

- Elkridge, MD
- 1 Kia Burwell \$500
 - 2 Linda Haywood Shea \$300
 - 3 Kelly Wyatt \$200
 - 4 Nicole King \$130
 - 5 Eugenia Gyftopoulos \$60
 - 5 Judie Wilson \$60

Aug 14 - Aug 14

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Rock House Tavern

- Gastonia, NC
- 1 Justin Duncan \$800
 - 2 Bryant Cooper \$550
 - 3 Hank Powell \$400
 - 4 Brian Francis \$250
 - 5 Cole Lewis \$100
 - 5 Jeff Underwood \$100

Aug 15 - Aug 15

"Break The Cycle" Awareness Event

Crow's Nest

- Plaistow, New Hampshire
- 1 Erica Testa \$310
 - 2 Samantha Barrett \$230
 - 3 Lida Mullendore \$160
 - 4 Michelle Haddock \$80

Aug 21 - Aug 22

New City Heritage Super Tournament

New City Billiards & Cafe

- New York, New York
- 1 Jesus Atencio \$1,600
 - 2 Tony Liang \$1,000
 - 3 Shawn Sookhai \$750
 - 4 Wilfredo Albay \$600
 - 5 Del Sim \$300
 - 5 Kenny Lee \$300

Aug 21 - Aug 22

Action Pool Tour 2021 Stop 2

Wolf's Den Billiards

- Roanoke, Virginia
- 1 BJ Ussery \$600

- 2 Shane Wolford \$300
- 3 JR Hepner \$200
- 4 Chris Pyle \$120

Aug 21 - Aug 22

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2021 Stop 9

QBall Billiards

- Jacksonville, Florida
- 1 Justin Toye \$800
 - 2 Jesse Link \$510
 - 3 Michael Delawder \$335
 - 4 Logan Lane \$220
 - 5 David Grossman \$145
 - 5 Kristian Dimitrov \$145
 - 7 Matt Deweese \$95
 - 7 Randall McLuckie \$95

Aug 21 - Aug 22

Predator Tri State Tour 2021 Stop

Shooters Family Billiards

- Wayne, New Jersey
- 1 Jimmy Conn \$600
 - 2 Tae Chang \$400
 - 3 Ron Oulette \$250
 - 4 Juan Melendez \$150
 - 5 Brandon Alli \$100
 - 5 Rick Rodriguez \$100
 - 7 Levie A. Lampaan \$70
 - 7 Roberto Rodriguez \$70

Aug 21 - Aug 22

2021 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 8

Snookered Billiards

- Frisco, TX
- 1 Jeremy Jones \$850
 - 2 Chip Compton \$540
 - 3 Jesus Sorto \$400
 - 4 Blake Kamiab \$340
 - 5 Daniel Herring \$240
 - 5 Jeff Franklin \$240
 - 7 Crispian Ng \$140
 - 7 Sky Massengill \$140
 - 9 Chase LaFerney \$80
 - 9 Chris Reinhold \$80
 - 9 Donnie Gregory \$80
 - 9 Joshua Perez \$80
 - 13 Dave Nangle \$70
 - 13 Fahad Alrawi \$70
 - 13 Kenny Rowell \$70
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Aug 21 - Aug 22

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC

- 1 Graham Swinson \$420
- 2 Justin Knuckles \$280
- 3 Jorge Ramos \$170

Aug 22 - Aug 22

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ

- 1 Tae Chang \$400
- 2 Joe Mazzeo \$250
- 3 Christian Jay Orque \$200

- 4 Robert Calton \$150
- 5 Jay Pass \$85

Aug 23 - Aug 29

48th Annual Texas Open One Pocket Division

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Dennis Orcollo \$15,500
- 2 Josh Roberts \$10,000
- 3 Shane Van Boening \$5,000
- 4 Tony Chohan \$3,500
- 5 Corey Deuel \$2,500
- 5 Scott Frost \$2,500
- 7 Jeremy Seaman \$1,500
- 7 Omar Al Shaheen \$1,500

Aug 23 - Aug 29


48th Annual Texas Open 9-Ball Division

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Shane Van Boening \$11,000
- 2 Dennis Orcollo \$6,500

- 3 Roland Garcia \$4,000
- 4 Skyler Woodward \$2,800
- 5 Jeffrey Ignacio \$1,600
- 5 Tony Chohan \$1,600
- 7 Jesus Atencio \$1,000
- 7 Naoyuki Oi \$1,000
- 9 Carlo Biado \$800
- 9 Edgie Geronimo \$800
- 9 Evan Lunda \$800
- 9 John Morra \$800
- 13 Chris Reinhold \$575
- 13 Kun Lin Wu \$575
- 13 Manny Chau \$575
- 13 Omar Al Shaheen \$575
- 17 Blaine Barcus \$375
- 17 Chia-Chen Hsieh \$375
- 17 James Aranas \$375
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48th Annual Texas Open Bank Ring Game

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas
1 Chip Compton \$2,400
1 Corey Deuel \$2,400
3 Manny Chau \$1,100
4 Louis Demarco \$750
5 Roberto Gomez \$550
6 Junior Jueco \$450
7 Tony Chohan \$350
8 Jeffrey De Luna \$200

Aug 27 - Aug 29

48th Annual Texas Open Ladies 9-Ball Division

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas
1 Allison Fisher \$3,200

2 Courtney Peters \$1,800
3 Sakura Miramatsu \$1,100
4 Chris Fields \$750
5 Gail Eaton \$425
5 Jennifer Kraber \$425
7 Ming Ng \$250
7 Tam Trinh \$250

Aug 28 - Aug 28

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Breaker Billiards

Clifton, NJ
1 JoAnn Mason Parker \$400
2 Julien Tierney \$250
3 Levie A. Lampaan \$200
4 Raymond Paragas \$135

Aug 28 - Aug 28

Predator Tri State Tour 2021 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY
1 Thomas Schreiber \$1,095
2 Solomon Brown \$650
3 Henry Cha \$400

4 KC Clayton \$250
5 Jay Chiu \$150
5 Kevin Shin \$150

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