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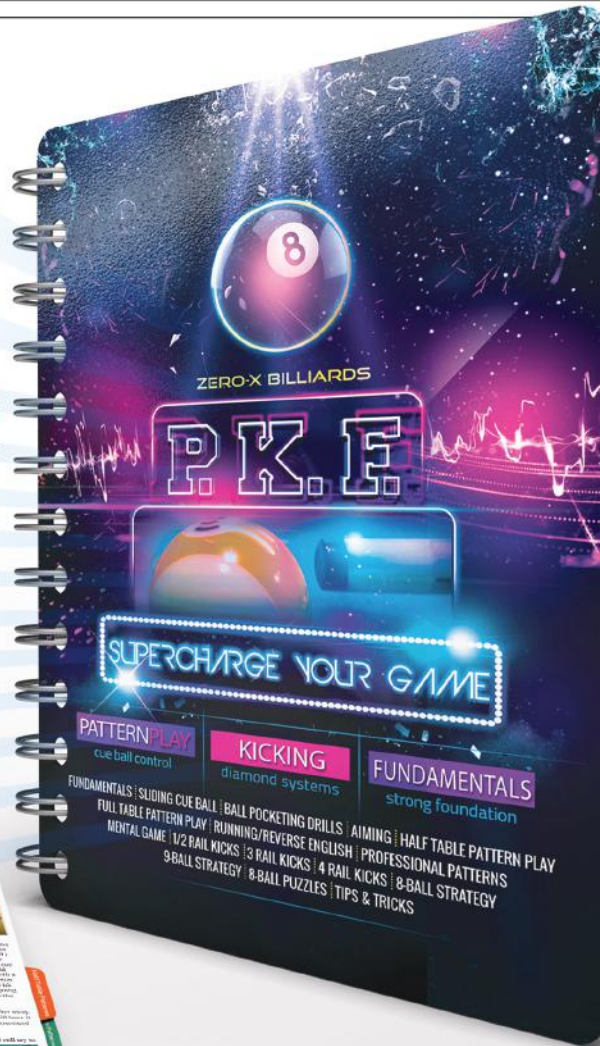
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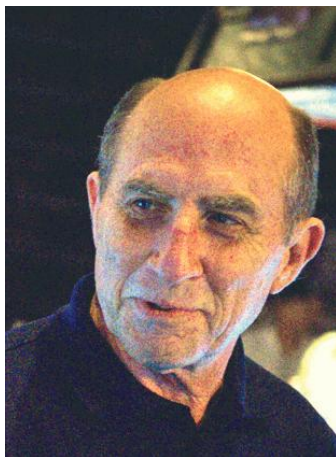
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Don't let the bastards grind you down!

Here in Georgia, Fall has just swept in on some stiff winds. Our night's went from calm 60's to blustery 40's. The Hickory leaves are blinking orange and yellow. And we just got back from the U.S. Open! It was everything the advance billing had predicted. Van Boening winning his fifth Open in ten attempts. Makes you just shake your head. Read all about it inside with lots of match details. Thanks to Brady, Shannon and Pat. You guys were great.

We have lots more inside this issue. You have to read the Through the Keyhole story on Tiger Products. They believe one of the reasons for their success is that they listen to the customer. And we have the story on the Hall of Fame inductions for Belinda Calhoun and Rodney Morris. This was a great induction ceremony that ran the gamut from tearfully emotional to drop your jaw funny.

You will also get the scoop on Jayson Shaw's incredible run of events in October and November as well as the final results from the Tennessee 8-Ball Open that was held in Chattanooga the week after the Open at the Chattanooga Billiard Club. And we can even provide you info on the 14.1 event held in Maryland the week before the Open.

Our columnists are back. Kristin Taggart always entertains and Chris Stankovich enlightens. Jay Helfert is back to reminisce about the old days before he needed a toupee. Anthony Beeler offers his insights into the game and we even have a very special "letter to the Editor" from Scott "The Shot" Smith that we want all of you to read.

As I write this we are a day away from electing a new President. By the time these words see daylight our country will have begun a journey towards a new direction of some sort. I hope that whatever journey we take will find us willing to listen to the entire canvas prior to applying the paint. And that we remember that the heart of democracy lies in compromise. Nobody gets everything they want.

Now I am back out into the breeze. I will listen to the crunch of the leaves, watch my dog splash in the pond, and marvel at a hawk as it loops overhead. And I will hope that Americans will remember that what is important in America is America, not the folks who borrow leadership for four years at a time. No matter how they try to screw things up you can still see this country and all of its promise just over the next hill. *Illegitimi non carborundum.*

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The Way It Was

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by Jay Helfert

It was 1968 and the Stardust tourney in Vegas had just begun. I was in L.A., right down the road, so how could I resist. I drove over with my buddy Mark (who went on to become a successful attorney) and we checked in to our \$29 room at the Stardust. I immediately raced over to the tournament room to see what was going on while Mark rested up from the long drive.

It was late at night and the matches were over for the day but a crowd was gathered in the tournament room, so something had to be going on. I got as close as I could to the action and there were no games in progress, just a group of men standing around the pool table, all talking at once it seemed. I recognized Puggy Pearson, a noted gambler and poker player, and Amarillo Slim, another notorious gambler who also played a mean game of pool. Jack Perkins, who was a damn good hustler and his brother Larry were also present. Nicky Vacchiano also hovered around like a snake waiting to bite someone - FATALLY!

The focus of the conversation seemed to revolve around a fat guy who I did not recognize. They were calling him Suts and I was later to find out he was better known as St.Louis Suts, short for Sutton, his last name. He was a building contractor who liked to play pool for high stakes and naturally all the best hustlers gravitated toward him. They were trying to make a game and numbers like 10-8 and 9-7 were being bandied about. Suts must be a pretty good player I thought, until I realized that it was Larry Perkins who was to play him. Larry was not known for his pool game. He was a card player.

Finally the game was agreed upon and now the bet was being discussed. After several minutes of talking in the thousands (yes THOUSANDS in 1968!), Suts reached in the pockets of his jeans jump suit and pulled out a huge wad of cash. He threw it on the table and said, "Match it!," I was stunned, never having seen anything like this before. There had to be thousands of dollars in this wad and he wanted to play one game for the whole thing. Someone, maybe Nicky, took the wad, unraveled it and counted it out. There was over \$7,000 there! One by one, each of the assembled gamblers agreed to take a piece of the bet, one thousand to this guy and two thousand to another, until they had covered the entire bet.

Neither guy played that good. I was sure I could beat either one, but I had never played for over a hundred a game, so they were a little out of my league. The game itself had many twists and turns before Perkins finally made his game ball, to the delight of his many partners. Almost immediately, a new discussion began about the next game. The handicap was adjusted slightly and Suts threw another roll on the pool table and exhorted them to match that one too. And they did!

This game went on for some time, with Suts winning a game here and there and Puggy Pearson replacing Larry Perkins after a while (Perkins claimed to be ill). When it was all said and done, Suts had donated over 50K to the Pool Hustlers Benevolent Fund. Up to this time I had no idea that pool was ever played for this kind of money. It was an eye opener for me, that's for sure.

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How to Prepare to Play Tougher Opponents

by Karen Corr



This is a very interesting question. What I try to do first is groove in my stroke on the practice table. When I achieve a good stroke, it gives me a lot of confidence. Next, I like to practice run outs to feel confident.

It's also a good idea to practice on the table you are playing and get used to the speed.

Once the match begins, the nerves start to kick in, which I feel helps me focus. We can all get too nervous though, and it is tough when your arm is shaking.

There are two quotes I was told that helps me;

- 1. Focus on the technique, and not the outcome**
- 2. Play to beat the table, not your opponent**

The first one is great, as we usually want to primarily focus on where the object ball is going. The success of the shot is all dependent on the object ball. If we missed, it's a negative and if we made the ball, it's a positive. When you focus on your technique, the balls can go in or stay out but you feel good if you have given each shot your best technique. You will find that once you are hitting balls with your

proper technique, they will find the pocket more often than not.

The second one is to play to beat the table. I find this helps me to just plan out the table and focus on getting the right position for the next shot. This also helps you to gauge the rails and the speed of the table. When you play for shape somewhere and don't get there it could be the table or technique and we have to adjust. If your technique is too fast, the energy transfers to the cue ball, causing you to over hit the ball. It also affects the reaction coming off the rails, meaning the balls will come off the rails with more speed. If your technique is nice and smooth. Your speed will be more consistent.

Just remembering these two main points has helped me win a few games against the big boys. I have also learned over the years to try not to watch my opponent, you can watch how they go around the table as this keeps you focused on the game in hand. Some players are more vocal and animated around the table to try to put you off your game. It's so easy to get involved in that type of match and that gets you out of stroke. Your opponent feels good because he/she is used to playing that way. It is so easy to fall into someone's game, like if a player plays faster than you, it's easy to play that speed. Conversely, playing a player that's very slow, it is easy to play their slow pace. I try to figure out my best speed and rhythm as that helps me to get on with the game but also gives me time to think about the correct shots. I know my stroke preparation when I am at my best and I try to get back to that when I feel that I am falling into the trap of letting my opponents speed affect me.

I am still learning that sometimes you just don't feel mentally the same from one match to the next,

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but that is just like having a bad day at the office. To help with those bad days, I always try to eat healthy foods and make sure that I get quality rest in between matches. Conserve your energy when you are at a major pool tournament, it helps to be fresher and clearer minded.

When everything clicks into place, it's a wonderful feeling. It's all about what you put into it and you will see the reward. Don't leave your best game on the table. When you feel good wrap your cue up with a big smile.

For me, that is what draws me back to the game. It is all about the challenge of competing and then getting back to the practice table to get ready for the next event.

Go kick butt

Good luck

~ Karen Corr

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Karen Corr was inducted into the **BCA Hall of Fame** in 2012 as one of the most deserving players ever to earn the honor.

Karen owns four **World Snooker Titles**, three **World English Pool Titles**, and scores of **WPBA Event Titles**.

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I regularly work with athletes to help them develop their mental toughness and ultimately play their best, and as you might imagine confidence plays a big role in this process. By being confident this does not mean being “cocky,” but instead suggests that you truly believe that on any given day on any given rack YOU, not the opponent, can come out victorious. In fact, countless sport psychology studies have shown for years that the more confident you are, the better you will perform - making it vitally important you develop your self-confidence!

By feeling confident your body will follow suit by being more relaxed, better focused, and you will actually “see” more shots on the table as a result. Interestingly, the way in which you carry yourself will either support this mindset, or crush it, depending on what you do.

For example, if you tell yourself that you really can be the best player in the room your entire body will work in better synchrony, allowing you to casually walk in, warm up, and play your game. On the other hand, if you don't feel like you have much game, your body will respond by being tight, and you might even give away your nervousness with shaky hands and twitchy body movements that are driven by anxiety. The way your body responds, however, is largely up to the way in which you program it (believe you can or you can't, but the choice is up to you).

When I suggest to “walk the walk,” it really means for you to think through how you want to be perceived by the competition. When you appear to be confident, it often has the exact effect on the competition - meaning your confidence will likely strike anxiety and fear into their game. In order for you to enter the room at your peak state, consider the following tips:

Review your goals. Before you go to the pool room take a moment to read through your personal goals (yes, you should set some!), and try to focus on the things you want to achieve today.

Be realistic. While you always want to strive to be the best, it is important to play within yourself and focus on the things that are more realistic to happen today. For one player that might be running a single rack, while another player may have realistic expectations of running through a tournament.

One game at a time. Yes, this sounds cliché, but how many times have you allowed your thoughts to jump too far ahead and ended up missing an easy shot as a result? Believe it or not, staying in the moment and only focusing on the next shot is a very challenging skill for players to develop - but one very worthwhile to learn.

Stick with routines. Your pre-game routine is vitally important toward your success! Learn about the significance of deep breathing, imagery, and positive self-talk to name a few, and develop your own re-game routine that allows you to play with comfort and confidence.

Take a timeout. Sometimes when we feel the wheels falling off we simply keep playing, missing shot after shot and only becoming angrier with ourselves after every miss. Why do we do this when we play a game that allows for brief timeouts to re-gather our thoughts?? Sometimes it's best to step back, breathe, and re-think the table so that you can regain your confidence and composure and still save the rack (and maybe the tournament).

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Thin to Win

by Anthony Beeler

During the late 1990s I spent a lot of time competing in tournaments at Shannon Daulton's All-Star Billiards in Somerset, Kentucky. Shannon's tournaments were always popular and he always had a way of drawing the most talented players in the area. In fact, I can recall one occasion where North Carolina native, Charlie "Hillbilly" Bryant visited his poolroom.

At that time, Bryant was a strong road player displaying powerful offensive skills. One Saturday afternoon he entered Shannon's monthly 9-Ball tournament. The fields were always tough, but I knew that Bryant would be a significant force in an already formidable field. During a normal tournament Shannon usually drew around 40 talented players. However, Bryant was such a powerful breaker and skilled ball runner that local tournament legend Mike Blevins stated that he didn't believe that Bryant could be beat.

In fact, the local competition seemed to be no match for him, but it wasn't long until we were pitted against one another in the semi-finals of the event.

We were racing to 6 games. The match seesawed back and forth with me leading the match by a score of 5-4. In game number 10, I broke the balls and ran down to the 7 and was left with a very thin cut shot, as pictured in the diagram below. As I lined up on the shot, I knew that speed would be a critical element in pocketing the ball.

In fact, before the match I had learned a valuable lesson watching Shannon Daulton play Charlie Bryant some one-pocket. During their practice session, Charlie lost a game shooting the same shot that I was currently facing. After Charlie missed the ball, Shannon said, "You have got to hit that ball with some speed. You didn't hit it with a full stroke. Your aim on that shot is only as good as the speed that you hit it with."

I knew that Shannon was referring to friction induced throw. If you strike a thin cut shot too soft friction will drag the object ball off the intended target line. Essentially, you can strike the object ball in the correct place and still miss the ball.



I remember pondering their conversation as I got down to shoot my shot. At that point, I got back up off the shot and reset myself. I knew that I needed to hit the shot with top left spin and a firm speed in order to give myself the best possible chance to win. Shooting the shot firm reduces friction induced throw giving you a much truer aim.

After carefully contemplating what to do, I executed the shot perfectly, falling in line on the 8-ball to get to the 9. I then pocketed the remaining balls to win the match.



After the match was over, Charlie shook my hand and congratulated me on my victory saying, "Son, you are hitting the balls awfully good! I knew that 7 wouldn't be easy, but you hit it perfectly. Speed was crucial on that shot. Hitting thin cut shots too soft can be a real aiming barrier. You deserved to win that game!" I told him that I was very fortunate to hear his conversation with Shannon before the match. He said, "Yes, it's just like Shannon said, no matter what aiming system you use it's completely worthless if the

shot isn't struck with the correct speed."

Always remember that speed control is critical. The best aiming system in the world doesn't mean a thing if you strike the shot too soft. So the next time you have to go thin to win remember to strike the shot firm and you will increase your chances of pocketing the ball by a significant margin.

Anthony Beeler is a 2013 BCAPL National 9-Ball Champion. He also finished 9th out of 1086 players at the 2013 BCA National 8-Ball Championships. Beeler has numerous top 25 national finishes and is a certified Master Instructor for the American CueSports Alliance. He is the founder of Virtual Billiard Academy and has authored the book *Unstoppable! Positive Thinking for Pool Players*.

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Breaking to Win

by Jerry Briesath

When most amateur's break, they try to smash the cue ball as hard as they can and watch the eight ball to see if it is going in a pocket with little knowledge of what is really important to execute a good break. As their skill level increases, they become more aware of how important a good break is. When a top player breaks the balls, his eyes watch what the cue ball does. Whether he hits the front ball or the second ball, he wants to keep the cue ball under control as much as possible.

When striking the front ball, you must be sure to hit it dead center so there's no energy left in the cue ball after striking the rack. If you break and see the cue ball carom to the left or right at high speed after striking the front ball, you are not putting all of the cue ball's energy into the rack. Usually you will be consistent and see the cue ball going left consistently or right consistently. If your cue ball consistently goes right at high speed after striking the front ball, start changing your aim slightly to the left to keep the cue ball under control.

If your cue ball goes to the right one rack and the left the next rack and to the right the next rack, you are probably shooting too hard. Even though the best players break the balls at very high speed, they never shoot as hard as they can -- they take a little bit off their top power to control the cue ball.

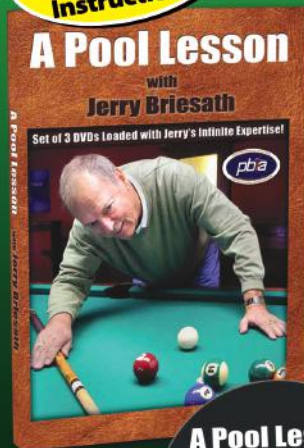
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Hanging Up The Flow Charts

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Several months ago, I heard the news about one of pool's "Greatest Promoters" passing away! Barry Behrman, of Q-Master Billiards in Chesapeake, Va. and the producer of 40 US Open 9-Ball Championships, had cashed in his chips. Although Barry had "checked out," he left us with the memories of 40 US Open 9-Ball Championships, memories that will guarantee his immortality.

I was Barry's T.D. (Tournament Director) for 17 of those US Opens. With Barry out of the picture, the US Open will be different for sure. It could be better, could be worse, that remains to be seen. Barry was a very bright guy and he had the wherewithal to pass the administrative duties of the event on to Pat Fleming. The US Open is in the hands of the "best guy in the business" for protecting its integrity and continuity.

After several months of deliberation about my future as a tournament director, I decided that this would be a good time to step down and leave those duties to whomever Fleming and other promoters decide will be best for the job.

After 35 years in the business of running professional pool tournaments for the "World's Greatest Players," I don't have anything left to prove, my work is done. It speaks for itself.

So as this chapter of my life closes, I want to thank everyone that made my career fulfilling, exciting and fun as hell! It was a thrill and an honor to work for the greatest players in the business.

- **Sid Mann** (Texas River City Open - Austin, Tx)
- **Paul Heubler** (Cuemaker that produced the Heubler Cup Series - Linn, Mo)
- **Barbara Woodward** (Sands Regency Hotel & Casino - Reno, Nv)
- **Barry Behrman** (US Open 9-Ball 17 times - Chesapeake, Va)
- **Steve Mizerak & The Seminole Tribe of Florida**

(Entire run of the Senior Tour)

- **Allen Hopkins** (That was the T.V. tournament where I blew the call with Earl and Charlie and they showed the replay about 200 times. Thanks guys)
- **James O. Blaylock** (Producer of the Music City Open Nashville at J.O.B.'s)
- **Greg Sullivan, Mark Griffin & Chad Scharlow** (Derby City Classic - Louisville, KY 11 times)
- **P.B.T.** (Don Mackey Commissioner) What ever happened to that bandit?
- **Camel Pro Billiards Series** (RJ Reynolds Tobacco, Larry Kiger of Sports Marketing Ent. and the Camel Brand)
- **Robin Kiker** (Rob's Roust - Charlotte, NC) The tourney where Miz and Efren gambled!
- **Bud Cecil** (Tar Heel Classic - High Point, NC) The one that looked like a bomb had hit the shopping center that hosted the event)
- **Robert Turner** (Marketing Director for the Bicycle Club in Bell Gardens, Ca) The one and only Robert Turner
- **Galveston, Tx** (The one I got fired at) Don't remember the promoters names.
- **Jim Williard** (International 9-Ball Classic - Chicago, Il) Wow, what a monster tournament. It was during a time when several promoters stiffed players on prize money and Williard brought out a wheelbarrow full of money and exclaimed that he pays off! Good for you Jim Williard
- **Dragon Promotions** (Charlie Williams and crew) The one where the "Dragon Slayed" his adversary in the finals
- **Tom Gearheart** (Glass City Open) "Anybody here from Detroit?" "Anybody here from Toledo?" Fun, fun, fun
- **UPA** (United Poolplayers Association)
- **Architect from N.Y.C.** (Sorry, don't remember his name but we played in Grand Central Terminal in New York City. Very cool! Jennifer Barretta robbed me gambling, but she can get a rematch any time for \$100 a game)
- **Frank Burgess** (Denver Open) Mile High City. Home of the world champion Denver Broncos
- **Red Walling** (Red's Houston, Tx) The tournament where Efren first came to the United States and won the tournament using an alias of Cesar Morales
- **Terry Stonier** (Sacramento, Ca)

- **Tony Annigoni** (San Francisco, Ca)

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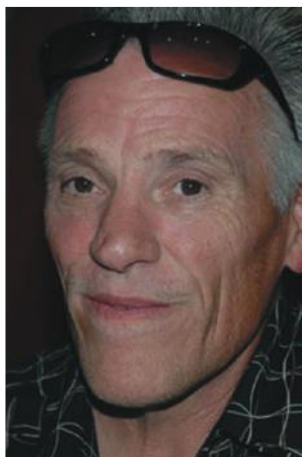
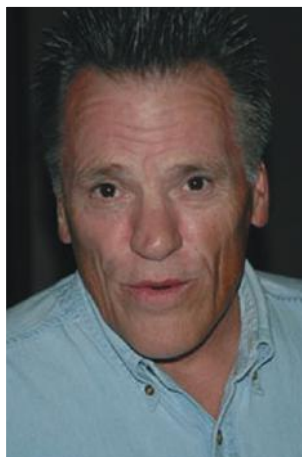
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Shane Claims Fifth U.S. Open Title

by AZB Staff • Photos to JP Parmentier

The crowd was out early this year proclaiming their favorite to win the Open. Most were pulling for Shane Van Boening to tie the record of Earl Strickland with five wins. They would not be disappointed.



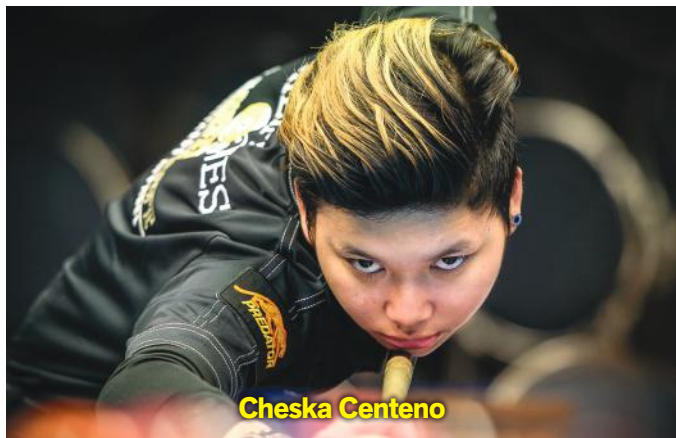
Ralf Souquet

The play began on Sunday, October 16 and there were some good matchups right from the start. The tournament did not seed players and the blind draw meant that some great players could run into one another early. One great match found Ralf Souquet facing Wang Can of China. This one was close, but in the end the experience of Souquet ruled the day, as he walked away a winner at 11-9. Then Earl Strickland had a great match with Jeremy Jones, and these two former Open Champions battled down to the same scoreline as Jones took the win 11-9.



Jeremy Jones

Probably the crowd favorite match of the day came when 17-year old Filipino powerhouse Cheska Centeno came to the show table to play James Blackburn. We in the States had been hearing of this amazing young lady and now we had the chance to watch her work. Work she did. She breaks the balls like a cannon, once driving all 9 balls above the side pocket. But her break is not the best part of her game. That is reserved for her stroke. Her stroke is powerful, fluid and compact. Her acceleration is perfect and she commands the cue ball like few you have ever seen. The object balls split the pocket and the cue ball seems to know exactly where to go after each stroke. If you have not seen this young lady play you are in for a treat when you do. She won the match 11-4.



Cheska Centeno

Day two found more of the heavies slugging it out. Darren Appleton had to beat fellow Brit Karl Boyes and Chin Shun Yang moved Ping-Chung Ko left. Monday also found Shane Van Boening in a tight spot when John Morra took him all the way to the hill before Van Boening could take the match in the final rack.



Appleton & Boyes

Tuesday found Van Boening falter. Jung Lin Chang beat him 11-4 and sent him over to the one-loss side. Some fans were heard to comment that this would give Van Boening an easier road to the finals as he would be playing folks who had already shown they could lose. It did not work out that way. Van Boening's opponents on his way back to the finals were Thorsten Hohmann (11-6), Corey Duel (11-4), Daryl Peach (11-7), Mike Dechaine (11-6), Brandon Shuff (11-4), Alex Pagulayan (11-9), Jeremy Jones (11-5) and Dennis Orcullo (11-5) before he earned the spot to play in the semis to get back the Chang. So he had to beat four World Champions and four U.S. Open Champions just to stay alive.



Dennis Orcullo

Other greats would also have tough roads to traverse. Jayson Shaw had been shooting everyone's lights out. But so had Ko Pin Yi, and these two crashed into one another on Thursday. Ko came out of the gate strong while Shaw struggled to find his break. It appeared that Ko had everything under control when he got the score to 10-4 in his favoring the race to 11 games. He only needed one. It would never come. Suddenly Shaw got his break back and from that rack on he commanded the table. He put 7 games in a row on his side of beads and took the win 11-10.



Ko Pin Yi

Our final day began with two matches. On the one-loss side Shane Van Boening took on Dennis Orcullo. This one stayed close at first as our two combatants were tied at 1, then 2, then 3 and finally at 4 games apiece. But then Shane went on a roll and surged to a two-game lead at 6-4. He would never trail again. By the time Orcullo scored another rack the score was 10-5 and Shane won the next rack to win 11-5 and send Orcullo home in fourth place.

Our winner's side match found Jayson Shaw

taking on Jung Lin Chang. Shaw did not seem his usual self in the early going. Instead of the bouncy and positive Shaw we had seen all week he seemed gloomy at the table and both his shot-making and position play were not nearly as sharp as we had seen on previous days. By the time he got in gear he trailed Chang 8-2. Chang got to the hill at 10-4 before Shaw began his run and began to look more like himself. Shaw took rack after rack and denied Chang opportunities until he had tied the score on the hill at 10-10. But in the final rack he missed a very tough opening shot on the three ball and Chang took full advantage and ran the rack out to claim the win.



Jayson Shaw

Still with only one loss for the week Shaw next took on Shane Van Boening. Shaw jumped out to a 6-0 lead before Van Boening got out of the gate to take us to 6-1. Then Van Boening began stringing racks. 6-1 became 6-2, then 6-3, then 6-4, then 6-5. Shane was two balls away from leveling the score at 6 when he miscued on the 7 ball. Shaw finished that rack out to make the score 7-5. Shaw was running out the next rack when he overcooked his position on the 9 ball and scratched. SVB now trailed 7-6 with the break.



Shane Van Boening

In the next rack Van Boening missed a long shot down the rail on the three ball. Shaw again took advantage and took us to 8-6. He won the next as well and then made the nine on the snap but also scratched. Van Boening had ball in hand. Shane took it all the way home to narrow the score to 9-7. He then broke and ran the next rack to get to 9-8. He did the same in the next rack and we were tied at nine games apiece.

Now we had a race to two games to determine which of these men would go on to play in the finals and which would go home with third-place honors. Once again Shaw had to just sit in his chair and watch Van Boening break and run to get the hill first at 10-9.

Shane came to the table determined to make a good break shot. He did. The nine was kicked into the corner and it was over with Van Boening winning 11-9.

That set up our final match between Shane Van Boening and Jung Lin Chang. Both men had been shooting impeccable pool through the week but Van Boening was the crowd favorite as they wished to see him tie the record held by Earl Strickland of winning five U.S. Open titles. The final would be a race to thirteen games with the requirement that you must win by two at that point. If not, the race is extended to a race to fifteen so 14-14 becomes hill-hill.



Earl Strickland

The opening lag was so close it took a few minutes for our Head Referee and Master of Ceremonies Ken Shuman to determine that Jung Lin Chang had won the lag. Our shooting war had already begun. Chang broke the first rack and his playing speed had noticeably slowed. But his shooting had not dulled a bit. He broke and ran the first rack. The next rack he broke dry. Shane missed a shot on the two ball

in the side pocket and brought Chang back to the table. Chang ran out the rack for a 2-0 lead. Chang broke dry but left Shane only a safety opportunity. Van Boening left the balls nine feet apart with only a terribly thin cut shot available for aggression. Chang took it on and made it. The man was sending a statement. He finished it by running out to a 3-0 lead.



Shane got to the table early in the next rack and took it home to draw his first bead. Then he broke and ran to draw within one game. Ditto for the next rack and we were tied at 3. Shane took his first lead when he ran out the next rack as well to go up 4-3. In the next rack Van Boening played a safety on the one ball that left Chang kicking. That left Van Boening a shot on the one and you just shouldn't leave Van Boening a shot on the one. He cleared the rack with ease to lead 5-3.

Van Boening broke dry but left a shot. Chang ran down to the nine but left himself almost on top of it with nothing but a razor cut into the corner. He made it to take us to 5-4. But Shane got the table after a scratch in the next rack to go up 6-4. Then another break and run for 7-4. After a brief safety battle in the next rack Chang got the first shot and finished early with a 4-9 combination. Score: 7-5. An illegal break brought Shane to the table. He ran out to 8-5.

A difficult layout gave innings to both players in the next game but Chang made an amazing jump shot on the three ball and ran out from there. 8-6. When Shane took the next rack to lead 9-6 the crowd began to feel that he had rounded the turn and was heading for home. That feeling as fortified when he broke and ran the next one to lead 10-6 and stand only three wins away from victory.



On the next break Van Boening scratched in the side pocket. Chang cashed that to narrow the score by one to 10-7. Then he broke and ran the next rack and took the next game as well to bring us to 10-9. The handsome four-game lead Van Boening had owned only minutes earlier had virtually vanished. But Chang had an illegal break and Van Boening once again rose from his chair. He took that game. 11-9. The next rack also went his way and Van Boening stood on the hill. Chang got to the table in the next rack but soon Van Boening was back in control and he took the rack home to win his fifth U.S. Open title. That means he has won half of the U.S. Opens in which he has participated.



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BCA Hall of Fame 2016

by AZB Staff



The 2016 Hall of Fame induction was held at the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship in Norfolk, Virginia. Our host was Mike Panozzo of Billiard's Digest and he began the ceremonies by reminding the two honorees of some of their most memorable career moments. For Belinda Calhoun that included her win at the 1981 BCA Nationals and for Rodney Morris it was his 1996 victory over Efrén Reyes to win the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships.

The HOF banquet is also where the Tony Robles Sportsmanship Award is given and this year went to Niels Feijen. Feijen received a plaque and a check for \$1,000 for his accomplishment.

Next came a video tribute to U.S. Open founder Barry Behrman produced by Jerry Tarantola. It took all present on a long voyage of memories with Barry and the out-takes from past Opens were classic pool video. They even found photos of the first Open featuring the event winner Mike Sigel with an incredibly young Barry Behrman.

When we got down to the business of honoring Mrs. Calhoun and Mr. Morris the first speaker was Belinda's sister Yvonne Campos, who served the crowd with many memories of growing up with Belinda. She also introduced family members and close friends in the audience who had all traveled here to Norfolk to be present as this honor was presented.

Yvonne presented a video about Belinda that showed pictures of Belinda as a young beauty queen who could simply stun you with her looks. And, at

16, she began to learn that she was serious about playing pool. So the photos turn to Belinda with a cue in her hand. On to present day with more photos of husband Jay and family and tributes from greats like Ewa Laurance and Peg Ledman.



After she was presented with her jacket, her plaque and her ring, Belinda spoke emotionally of all the people who have had a major role in her life and many in the crowd teared up along with her. She thanked all the cue makers who stepped up with sponsorships during her career and of those who gave her free pool time in their rooms so she could practice for long hours and those who inspired her and encouraged her along the way. She thanked her first roommate who also became the first President of the WPBA, Billie Billing and also thanked many of those involved in the initial founding days of the WPBA. Belinda said that when she served on the board of the WPA that she was referred to as "Belinda Burden" because she was always raising issues of women's equality in pool. She pointed out the importance of "The Three Amigos" (Shari Stauch, Vicki Paski and Ewa Laurance) to the early success of the WPB tour. And she spoke with obvious love of Harold Simonsen who would let her use his credit card to get to tournaments when money got thin.

She thanked far too many folks for us to list them all here, but suffice it to say that Belinda Calhoun has made a lot of friends along her way.

Then Brian Hashimoto (Hawaii Brian) was

brought up to introduce Rodney Morris. Brian had been an early mentor of Rodney's and is a lifelong friend. Brian reminisced about Rodney's days as a competitive dancer and how he quickly showed talent as a pool player once the game caught his interest. He remembered their first event in Memphis in 1989 and how quickly Rodney's career took off.

Rodney was brought up and presented with his jacket, plaque and ring. And then he began speaking and he proved himself to be quite entertaining as a speaker. Totally off the cuff, he kept the crowd laughing with his tales of a misspent youth and a light attitude. He joked about how Ralf Souquet "shot me full of holes," and how Johnny Archer was forever knocking him out of tournaments. He remembered how he had lost hill-hill to Earl Strickland perhaps 8 times in a row and how after each win Strickland would come shake his hand and tell him not to be discouraged, that he would be a great player one day. And one day Rodney beat Earl in a tournament and Earl said: "You got lucky on me." And Rodney countered: "What about how I was going to be a great player if I kept trying?" The crowd was now in gear and fully on Morris' side no matter where he wished to take us.

And he took off. He would intersperse the memories with thanks to friends and supporters who were present. But he kept going back to the stories and they were well presented. He talked about how he was raised by his grandmother and how the house was full of over a dozen kids and how he grew up thinking he was Mexican and he was both surprised and delighted to discover that he was Hawaiian.

He spoke of how they moved back to Hawaii when he was ten years old but he didn't fit in because he spoke perfect english, not island english. He talked of how he became interested in dancing and how he devoted himself to it. From there he went to an Uncle who taught him that it was senseless to steal a dollar out of his mom's purse when he could go steal real money from strangers! And "So he taught me this life of crime, so we're going around stealing and, you remember when they came out with boom boxes? We would just walk into a store, put a boom box on our shoulder and turn it on and juke out of the store with it cause nobody knew if it was yours or not when you came in." When Rodney continued with another story of youthful crime Rob Johnson of the BCA jokingly got up and came over to remove Rodney's new Hall Of Fame jacket. The crowd broke out laughing. But where this was leading was that Rodney eventually got pinched

for stealing cigarettes and was sentenced to do a weekend in the Detention Hall. When he got out his mom was not there to pick him up. Not knowing where to go Rodney walked across the street and into the business that was there: Hawaiian Brian's Pool Room. And that is when he fell in love with Foosball and Pool.

Rodney went on to remember how he won his first major in 1996 at the PBT event in Puerto Rico. That same year was the year he won the U.S. Open. Then he took us where no one thought he would go - to his legal problems the following year that found him convicted of a drug trafficking conspiracy. But he even treated this incident with laughter and surprised us by saying that the prison had a pool table but he never tried it out. During his four years on vacation ("I had to swear off women, drinking, stuff like that") he simply did his time and waited.

When he got out one condition of his parole was that he get a job. So he got a job at the pool room and began gambling and earning some good money again. He got back into pool and dedicated himself once again to the game. He interjected funny jibes at fellow players, imitating Raj Hundal's accent and saying he had to earn money because Ralf Souquet was not going to buy him any airline tickets. He closed with a bit of a stunner by announcing that he would retire from pool at the end of this year. Finally, he noticed the importance of a single letter in our language. "Twenty years ago I was getting indicted. Tonight I am getting inducted." The room howled to it's feet and gave both of our honorees a well-deserved ovation.



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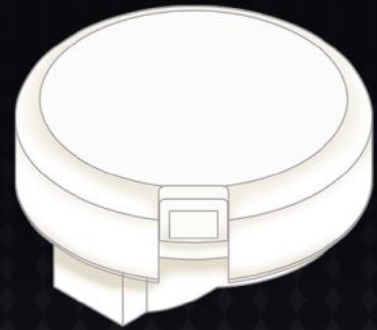
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MOSCONI CUP Begins December 6



by AZB Staff

The stage has now been set for Mosconi Cup XXIII. Both teams have been completed and are now focused on Alexandra Palace in London from December 6-9. Team USA has the monkey to get off their backs as they have been drenched in defeat for eight of the last nine years. There are no excuses that work. It is obvious that the level of play in Europe has surpassed the Americans and the only way that can be denied is to win the Mosconi Cup. Yes, it really is that important.

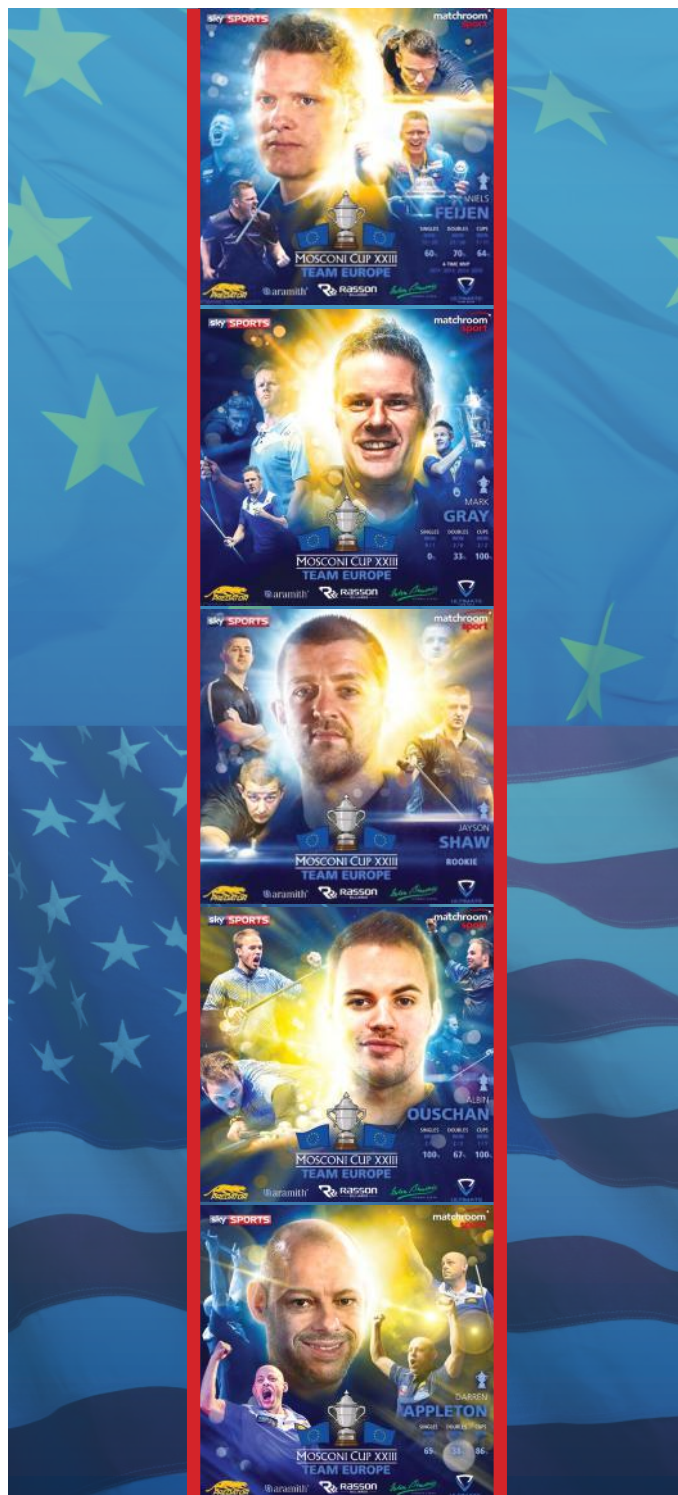
You can point out all the reasons it should not be so pivotal. Short races, rowdy crowds, a test of much more than mere pool skill. But despite whatever reasons you come up with the cream here seems to always come to the top. Look at all of the modern Mosconi Cup teams and it is hard to disagree that the better teams win at least the majority of the time. And the Cup is not alone. Look at the record of the World Championships and you will see the same trends happening at the same time as they happened at the Cup.

The fact that the event is important means a lot to the game in whatever region wins the Cup. Sponsorship and marketing decisions take the Mosconi Cup into account. Where is the game perceived to flourish and where to languish?

The players for both sides need not even concern themselves with any ancillary matters such as these. They have enough pressure just being out there under the lights playing live pool before millions of viewers and playing for their country as a bonus. The very importance of this event is the first obstacle the player has to overcome. It has always been impressive how these players seem to rise to the occasion and are able to focus on their shots and strategies.

Our teams this year are, for Team Europe:

Niels Feijen, Marl Gray, Jayson Shaw, Albin Ouschan and Darren Appleton



“The fact that the event is important means a lot to the game in whatever region wins the Cup.”



And for Team USA:

Shane Van Boening, Mike Dechaine, Sklyer Woodward, Rodney Morris, and Justin Bergman

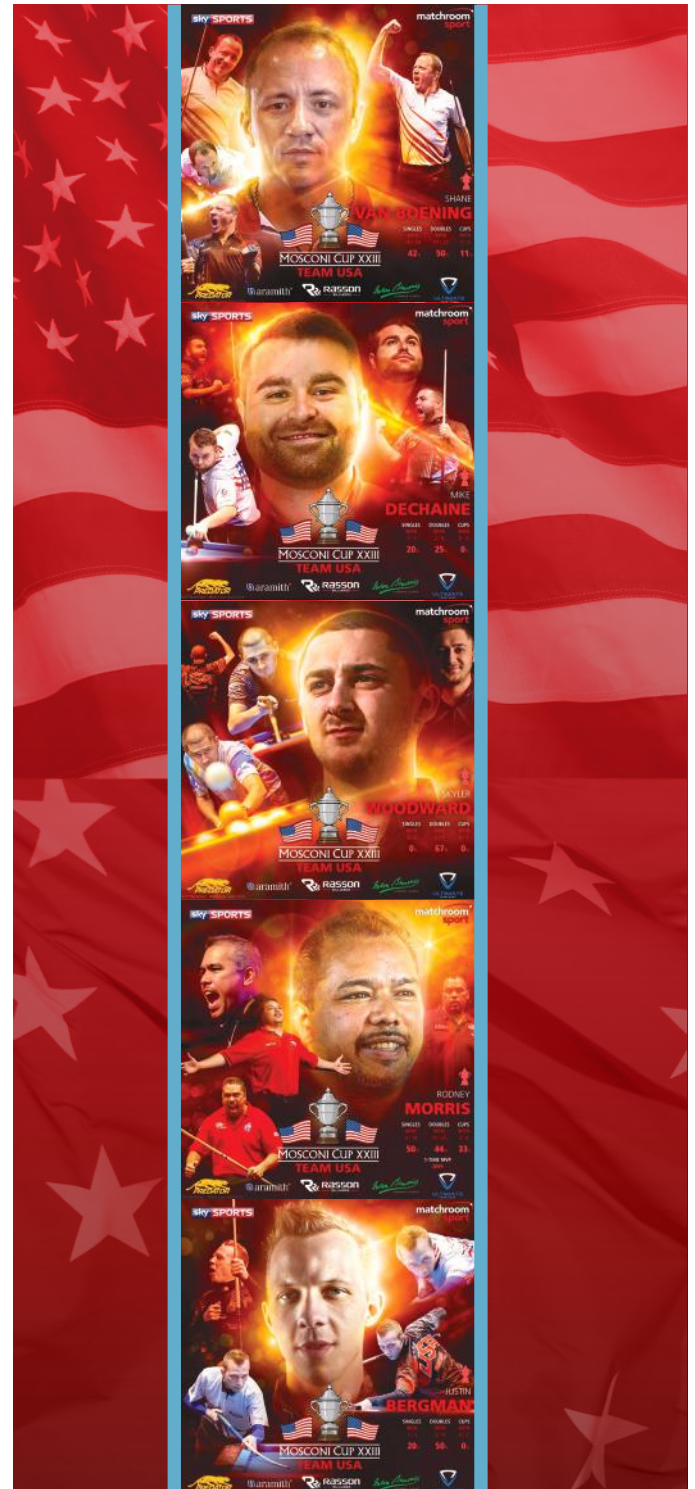
Every player is a powerhouse. Any of them can beat any of the others on any given day. So this may once again all come down to the team that carries the most positive mental attitude to the table. That has long been the case. Back when the USA dominated this event you could see in their eyes that they knew they had the game in the bag when they stepped off the airplane at Heathrow.

Now that has all turned around. It is the Euros who go around with a bounce in their step and a quick smile. The Americans look determined and focused, but the Euros look confident.

It is time for Team USA to win. No more "building for the future" and "gaining experience." It is time to win again. Team Captain Mark Wilson went with the top four points leaders in Van Boening, Dechaine, Woodward and Morris but then skipped over Oscar Dominguez to grab Justin Bergman who was in sixth.

Same thing over in Europe. Marcus Chamat went with the required first three point getters to gain Feijen, Shaw and Gray, but then skipped past David Alcaide, Francisco Ruiz, Ralf Souquet and Imran Majid to claim Albin Ouschan and then over Mika Immonen and completely out of the top ten to nab Darren Appleton. So Captain's picks make up 30% of the field this year and may prove pivotable to the outcome.

Billiards Buzz will be there to chronicle the action. We will have daily reports on AZBilliards.com and then a full article in the Buzz that comes out only days after the competition ends in London.



Johnny Archer Claims Tennessee 8-Ball Open

By AZB Staff

Johnny Archer has won the inaugural Tennessee State 8-Ball Open held at Phil Windham's Chattanooga Billiard Club. This was a true double-elimination final TD'd by Steve McDonald and Archer had a tough and determined Jason Klatt to overcome in an effort that required both available sets in the finals.

This event has been long in the planning stages and Mr. Windham is already planning improvements. "We learned a lot this year. I want to keep the cue show, everyone loved it, but will probably alter the way the cues are displayed and change some other details. As for the tournament I am considering dropping it to 32 players and doubling the added money. And I want to tweak the fan seating as well."

The Cue Show ended on the Saturday prior to the finals and it drew three dozen custom cue makers to display millions of dollars in cues. Many in the Chattanooga area had never seen such complex cue designs and they were awed by the displays. One visitor told us: "These folks can paint a picture with wood that is easily equal to anything on canvas."

The tournaments lasted from Thursday through Sunday night. When the last eight players came in to work on Sunday the winner's side of the charts was still populated by Johnny Archer, Robb Saez, Jeremy Jones, and Jason Klatt. The four representatives from the one-loss side were Ramil Gallego, Antonio Lining, Eric Durbin and Nick Varner.

All four tables were gong at once and two of the players from the one-loss side would be eliminated in this round. Both of these matches were close. Ramil

Gallego defeated traveling partner Antonio Lining on the hill at 6-5. Then Eric Durbin ended the run of Nick Varner as he controlled the later stage of the match to win 6-4.

Our winner's side matches found Johnny Archer besting Robb Saez 6-4 and Jeremy Jones missing nothing as he beat a newly more deliberate Jason Klatt 6-3. Klatt has noticeably slowed his pace but one cannot argue with the results he is getting. He is shooting extremely well as his finish here this week demonstrates.



Our 2:30 round featured the two one-loss matches that would drop our field to only four players. Robb Saez maintained both his table skills and his composure as he coolly won the case game to send Gallego home 6-5. Jason Klatt gave Eric Durbin little air or wiggle room and sent Durbin to the stands with a 6-2.

On the winner's side we still had both Jeremy Jones and Johnny Archer. In this match Archer found a sure-fire way to beat Jeremy Jones - don't let him to the table. Archer dominated with run outs and total control so complete that he beat his good friend 6-1 to claim the Hot Seat.



Now only Jones and Klatt were left to threaten Archer. They did battle in our Semi-Finals and gave us yet another epic hill-hill match. Klatt came out on top 6-5 and Jones was resigned to third place.

As mentioned, the finals between Archer and

Klatt were true double-elimination. Klatt would have to beat Archer twice in order to win. The first set saw Klatt go out to a two rack lead at 2-0 only to have Archer win the next two to tie us up. The real difference in this set was the break. Klatt was making balls and shooting while suffering only a single dry break in the entire match while Archer was dry on three of his first four attempts, turning the table over each time. Klatt played cautiously and made no fatal errors. He forced a second set with a double-hill 6-5 win over Archer.

The final set found better breaks from Archer with the exception of a single scratch in rack four. Klatt won the first rack but then Archer won four games in a row. Klatt was unfazed. He just replied by winning the next four racks to take the lead in the match 5-4 and stand on the hill. Archer never flinched. He just went to work, won the next two racks and claimed the Championship.

The Tennessee 8-Ball Open was co-produced by Phil Windham and Ray Hansen. Ray Hansen also live streamed the event and provided a cue from Mike Durbin that was raffled off and the proceeds donated to the prize fund. The cue drew almost \$4,000 in ticket sales.



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Niels Feijen Wins 12th Annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship

By AZB Staff

Players began arriving at Diamond Billiards in Midlothian, Va from as far away as Holland, Greece, Russia, Estonia, Canada, England, Spain and the Philippines on Tuesday evening Oct 11 for the 12th Annual **AMERICAN 14.1 STRAIGHT POOL CHAMPIONSHIP**. This event has become an integral part of the October pool scene at beautiful **DIAMOND BILLIARDS, Midlothian, VA** owned by hosts, Tom & Cynthia Dorsey, and located just west of Richmond. Previously the American Straight Pool title has been won by some impressive names, even to those unfamiliar with the grand old game of 14.1



Niels Feijen 150 defeated Mika Immonen 114.

October 16, 2016

Darren Appleton 150 defeated Thorsten Hohmann 94.

October 25, 2015

Darren Appleton 150 defeated Karen Corr 28.

September 14, 2014

Thorsten Hohmann 150 defeated Johnny Archer 111.

September 16, 2013

John Schmidt 150 defeated Thorsten Hohmann 21.

August 18, 2012

Johnny Archer 150 defeated John Schmidt 74.

July 24, 2011

Danny Harriman 150 defeated Shaun Wilkie 94.

June 20, 2010

Danny Harriman 150 defeated Dave Daya 28.

June 28, 2009

Bob Maidhof 150 defeated Danny Barouty 140.

July 12, 2008

Mika Immonen 150 defeated Mike Davis 59.

June 10, 2007

Ed Hodan 150 defeated Danny Barouty 89.

November 19, 2006

Ryan McCreesh 150 defeated David Hunt 67.

August 8, 2005

... so many terrific matches by many of the world's greatest modern day 14.1 players.

This year's 42 player field of the top Straight Pool players in the world arrived at Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA for afternoon warm-ups, check out the equipment of 11 Brunswick Gold Crowns and 5 Diamond tables all recently covered with new Simonis 760 cloth. Players were anxious for a few hours of practice as competition this year included one of the strongest 14.1 fields ever assembled.

Local tournament players once again congregated to mix with out of town pros many of whom had come long distances to play. Most know one another well and this makes for an enjoyable weekend of friendship, camaraderie and challenging Straight Pool all tied together. The round robin format is a nice chance for lesser known players to visit and share cordiality and play with great champions such as Mika Immonen, Darren Appleton, Nick van den Berg, Thorsten Hohmann, John Schmidt, Niels Feijen (this year's winner), Dennis Orcollo, Alex Pagulayan, David Alcaide, Lee Vann Corteza, and others in the sterling field.

Prize money has grown as has the field of world class players. This year's entries 42 @ \$300 plus \$28,500 ADDED provided a total PRIZE FUND of \$41,100. Format follows the tried & true plan of previous years with a 42 player field of 7 balanced flights of 6 players playing round robin matches to 100 with the top 24 advancing to the Sat-Sun single elimination. The flight winners were rewarded with a first round bye in the knockout session. All 24 who advanced through the round robin are seeded

1-24 based on W-L and ball differential. A \$100. award was given to the No. #1 seed Thorsten Hohmann with four different high run prizes. Top run was Niels Feijen's 168 who was also the eventual winner, defeating Mika Immonen in the final match. Over the five day tournament there were a dozen runs of more than 120! Championship caliber Straight Pool for all to witness.

Peter Burrows and Director Megan Fort welcome the opportunity for players to voice their opinions of format, rules and anything else on their mind. Peter seeks feedback to make this a "players friendly" tournament. Some of these elements are a polished dress code, player integrity with all ball fouls, and no time clock, always a debate. Peter notes...

"We honestly believe that players do play at their own pace, and generally that is a constant one. There will always be discrepancies and fluctuations, but a given player in my experience usually plays the way they play. I have watched top 14.1 players for more than six decades since first seeing Mosconi & Crane play at the old Bensingers room on Randolph Street in Chicago in the late 1940s. Pool players play at the pace they play at and the rhythm and tempo of one player's game is what it is. I just don't believe in a shot clock in Straight Pool. The game at this world class level is cerebral and players need time to think and analyze and I want to recognize that. Some situations lend themselves to more rapid disposal of a rack, but others do not. It you want a time clock play chess."

"There will always be a match here and there that is drawn out, and this year was no exception, with a few matches on the tight Diamond tables taking an unusual 2+ hours. But this is an exception and will happen in this most imaginative of games. Everyone is not a John Schmidt, Luc Salvos or Machine Gun Lou Butera!" Tournament Director, Peter Burrows, believes that most 14.1 players understand this. No time clock.

Peter goes on to note that playing under the classic "all ball fouls" requires a greater emphasis on player integrity which has been so widely adopted with great success in golf...

"Why do we need a white glove referee at every table? Nice, classic of course, but simply not practical. Golf rules are many times more complex than pool but the Royal & Ancient rules are well known and players honestly adhere to them. Pool can do the same. And while we're at it, let's dress the part. So the American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship is a dress code tournament following the format of other world class events. The dressier the better, what's wrong with that? Pool guys ... and ladies ... are handsome folks ... let's look the part! Dress up our game. My gosh, we've got the Black Widow, Ms. Jeanette Lee the most stunning gal on the planet plus just a terrific player and advocate for our sport . . . and impeccably attired many time World Champion Thorsten Hohmann, although not playing this year, Jeanette & Toasty have been a regulars in our past tournaments, beating all of us like a drum, let's follow their lead and look sharp!"

This is especially true given today's live streaming of pool matches. All five days were covered extensively thanks to Cynthia & Tom Dorsey and Inside Pool with their free live stream. Many of the top players and some locals provided insightful commentary thanks to Shaun Wilkie, Danny Barouty, Andy Lincoln, Michael Frank and others who sat in the live-stream booth for a spell.

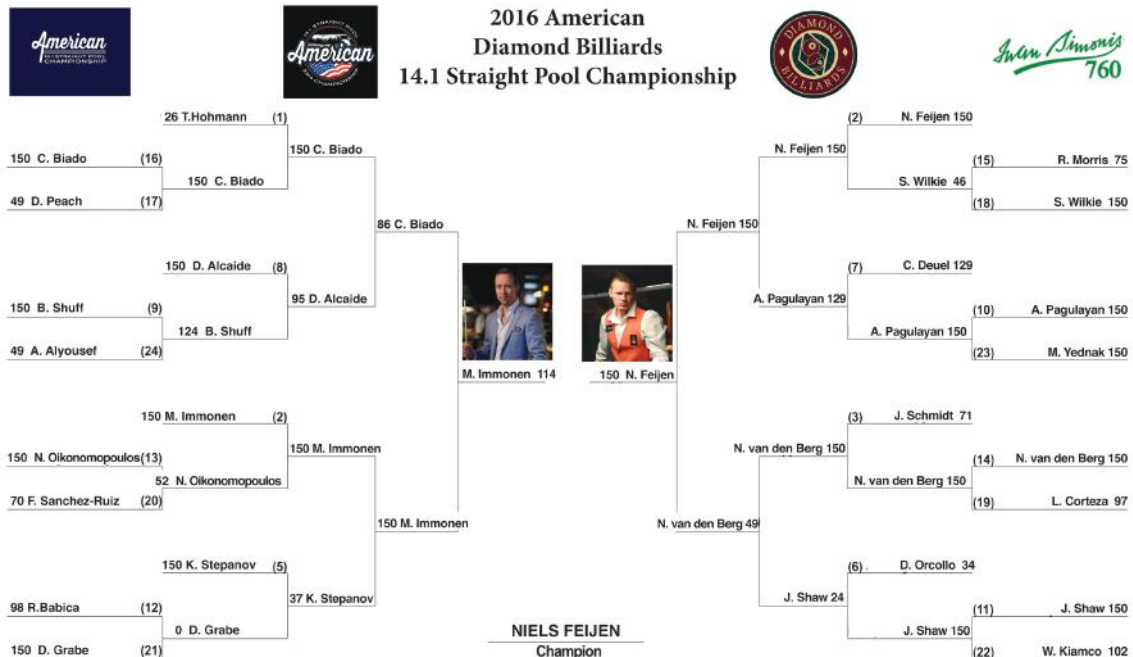
Peter Burrows believes the old fashioned RR

straight pool format is not only fairest to players, allowing them to play a maximum number of matches, but is also ideal for spectators. They can watch their favorite locals and top pros all day long with no fear that they will get quickly eliminated in a one and done tournament. From the players perspective they can get warmed up, become familiar with the equipment and there is no tedious Loser's Side delay which occurs in drawn out double elimination tournaments. Non-stop action involving everyone from dawn to dusk is a key positive in the round robin format!

The Round Robin generally went according to odds with most top pros advancing although great champion and tournament winner for the past two years, Darren Appleton, did not advance this year. The top eight Seeds for the Single elimination each received a 1st round bye and each got to sit out the first round on Saturday as a reward for their top finish. 9-24th players were seeded playing one another in the opening elimination round, 9 vs. 24, 10 vs. 23, etc.

Congratulations to our winner, 2008 World 14.1 Champion, Niels Feijen and to our great runner up Mika Immonen. Over five days of play vs. the world's top players Niels lost no matches and Mika only one, the final game.

Just so many terrific matches by many of the world's greatest modern day 14.1 players. All who watched would surely agree. Congratulations and a tip of the old fedora to everyone who helped make this year's 12th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship a huge success. We wish to again thank our many dedicated sponsors, including **Ivan Lee** and **Simonis Cloth** and **Aramith Balls**, Bob Jewett, San Jose, CA, Peter & Sandy Sears, Madison, WI, and Andy Lincoln, Megan Fort, Michael Frank and our entire tournament committee and all of our many generous sponsors. Our deep thanks and appreciation to gracious room owner **Thomas Dorsey** and his entire staff at **Diamond Billiards**. What a beautiful job they did as hosts for the tournament. Superlative in every way! Thank you! Finally we must give thanks to the dozens of top pros for their continued patronage of our tournament for without them we would not have a chance to witness their magnificent skills in this beautiful and historic game of 14.1. Their time and schedules are valued and each one made a yeoman effort to come to Virginia and play. God willing we hope to see everyone back again next year, October 2017, the week before the fall U.S. Open.



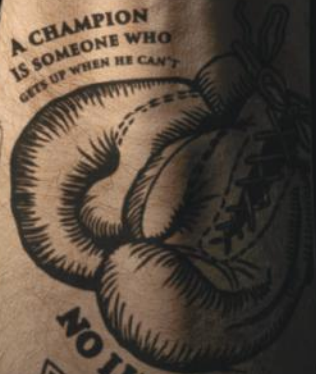
\$200. Niels Feijen High Run for Round Robin. 168
 \$200. Nick van den Berg, High Run for Elimination, 139
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 \$100. Thorsten Hohmann No. #1 Seed into Elimination

Winner	\$ 10,000	Feijen
2nd	\$ 7,000	Immonen
3-4th	\$ 3,000	Biado, Van den Berg
5-8th	\$ 1,500	Alcaide, Stepanov, Pagulayan, Shaw
9-17th	\$ 900	See chart
18-24th	\$ 500	See chart
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Through The Keyhole: Close-Up With Tiger Products

By AZB Staff

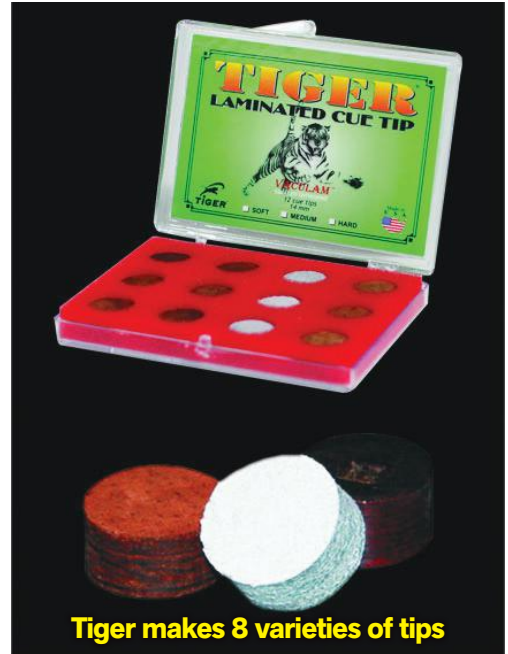
Tiger Products has become known in the industry for quality, consistency and value. Most folks are so familiar now with Tiger that many believe this to be an old-line billiard firm. Not so. Tiger is just now at that twenty-year mark. They have come a long way in a brief period of time and have garnered the support of players such as Dennis Orcullo, who borrowed a Tiger cue from a friend and won a tournament with it and so played with Tiger Cues before becoming a Tiger player representative.



You cannot speak of Tiger Products without talking about Tony Kalamdaryan. He is the founder and thoughtful leader of the company and it is his vision that has gotten them so far. Kalamdaryan was already in the leather business in the mid 1990s and was looking for ways to expand the productivity of his shop. He had everything needed to work leather, including hide splitters and drills and such. And he looked around and saw a market in cue tips and the idea was born.



"There was no one out there much back then. There was Tweeten for the solid tip and Moori for the layered tip. There was room for another competitor."



The tip trade was not an immediate winner. Many early prototypes were not up to snuff. "It wasn't as easy as I had thought it might be. It took us about three years of experimentation and a lot of tips just went right into the garbage before we found all the keys to making a tip that was good enough to sell. That was in 1997. And it is not the tip we sell today. It took another two years of customer feedback to make it better. There are a few critical steps in making a tip that you must follow but once you understand those steps they give you a lot of leeway as to where you go with the hardness, the hit, all the characteristics of a tip are under your control. Today's Tiger tips I am convinced are the best cue tips being produced because we listened to the customer and made the appropriate adjustments to give players what they want in a tip."

With the tip move a success, Tony began looking for other areas in the cue sports where he could

innovate. His next "hit" product was the stacked leather wrap, now seen on cues throughout the world. After that he decided to no longer limit himself to the leather side of pool and began working on what would become the Tiger shaft. "We looked around at the market and saw some things we thought could be done better. And that led to the shaft. We began experimenting with different shaft concepts and after a lot of experimentation we came up with a process that works. There is a specific way of cutting the wood to make the shaft a players shaft, with the proper response, feel and results. We had a lot of help on the shaft project including folks like Ned Morris of Hot Springs and Rich Smithlin of Las Vegas. We did not have a tapering machine so they both helped us out there until we made one of our own. But here we go again, what I thought was going to be a fairly rapid progress took about four years and the project required more square footage and much more machinery so we invested quite a lot to do it right."

Now that Tiger had a shaft it would be only a matter of time before they would begin making cues. In 2010 they teamed up with Dave Jacoby and the Tiger Cue was born with a Tiger shaft and tip and a butt designed by Tiger and built by Jacoby. "Jacoby was great to work with. He delivered what we asked for including details like balance and the quality was great. Then our business picked up and Jacoby's business picked up and demand required that we take control of the butt process and since we were already making the prototype butts that we sent to Jacoby to manufacture all we had to do was step up the volume. Jacoby agreed and so the very first cue we made all in-house was the Icebreaker. That was in 2011 and we followed up with the Classic Series and since then everything has been in-house."

Tony explained he is still imagining new products and projects. "We don't like to put a budget on a project. We just put it out there and work it until we get the best possible



result, one that can properly be labeled as "Tiger." This year Tiger has introduced their "E-Series" cues that they consider their entry-level cue. But when it comes to hit, playability and finish we will put it up against anyone's custom cue. We never compromise the quality of the hit on any of our cues. All of our cues come with a Tiger low-deflection shaft. Those cost \$260 alone and these cues start at just over \$400 so that is certainly not a bad deal. And it is all made here in the US. Now we make the entirety of all of our cues right here, including the pin. We recently came out with a Tiger pin that surpassed what I was going for. We already have other cue makers asking about ordering these pins. This pin will never come loose during play and a player can tighten it to the 'feel' he desires."



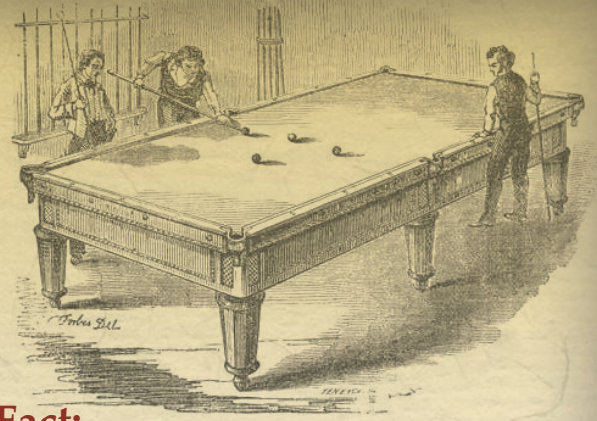
Tony continued: "I think I can say that Tiger Cues are the only cues today that are made, from the tip to the bumper, all in the United States. We only import joint protectors and, of course, we need some fine Italian leather for our wraps! We make our own ferrule materials. Our cues are all made with a hand-crafted, quality approach using the newest technology."

More information and a lot of detail about how Tiger Products are manufactured may be found at <http://www.tigerproducts.com>. You may view their entire product line there.



Billiards Beginnings

by Kristen Taggart



Interestingly, the "first played" billiards game dates back to the 15th century. Some resources suggest its beginnings were even earlier dating back to 589 B.C.! Records trace King Louis XI of France purchasing his first billiard table in 1470. The same records indicate billiards came to North America by a Spanish family living in Florida in 1565.



Billiards began as a lawn game, very similar to croquet. Royalty was the first group to participate in games, though people of all rank and stature have played since its inception.

In 1878, billiard championship tournaments and one-on-one challenges began to be held on a yearly basis. These tournaments were big news, sometimes superseding other national news. One account says even war news during the Civil War! Popular players were featured on cigarette cards and during the war and troops played at their location posts. In the 19th century, the "pool room" was a betting parlor for horse racing and pool tables were installed just to pass the time between races. After WWII, it seemed the previous excitement of pool had died almost completely out, but was revived a decade later in its former luxury with the opening of upscale game rooms.



Fun Fact:

Billiards was the first sport to have a World Championship in 1873.

Did Ya Know?

Michael Phelan is considered the father of American billiards.

Really? Get Out!

Billiards is considered the safest sport in the world.

Fun Fact:

In 1863, the First American Billiard Congress was started.

Pool continued in social settings, though for a long time was only played in rooms where there was also loitering, smoking, fighting and betting. As a result, it was considered primarily a male-dominated sport. Despite this, women have always been enthusiastic players of this sport, and in the last 200 years, women of all backgrounds have become players, professionals and instructors of the game. The Women's Professional Billiard Association was formed in 1976 and continues to thrive today as more and more women enter into the sport.



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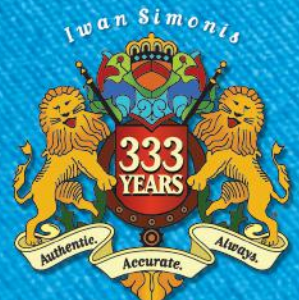
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Jayson Shaw Enjoys 3 Tournament Undefeated Streak

by AZB Staff

Shaw's Winnings	
US Open 9-Ball Championship	\$11,500
Steinway Classic	\$7,000
Kuwait 9-Ball Open	\$50,000
Ocean State 9-Ball Championship	\$2,500

PHOTO: Ocean State 9-Ball Championship: Mike Zuglan, Ron Casanzio, Jayson Shaw and room owner Steve Goulding

Jayson Shaw didn't have much downtime to recover from his heartbreaking hill-hill loss to Chang Jung-Lin in the semi-finals of this year's US Open 9-Ball Championship. Shaw trailed in that match 10-4, but won six straight games to get to the precipice of another impressive comeback victory, before missing a ball in the case game and finishing in third place. Chang would go on from there to lose to Shane Van Boening in the finals of the event. Shaw commented "The end of US Open was hard on me. I thought it was going to be my year, but I just tried to take all the positives from there and not let it get me down. I played amazing all week and narrowly just lost out."

No sooner was the US Open complete, before Shaw had to drive to New York for the Predator Pro-Am Tour's Steinway Classic on October 24th - 26th. Shaw raced through the field of 79 players at this event and gained a little revenge beating Chang 9-7 midway through the event. After defeating Filipino

powerhouse Carlo Biado 9-7 for the hot-seat, Shaw faced off against Van Boening in the finals. Shaw has been making a habit lately of mounting big comebacks (Shaw's comeback from 10-4 down against Ko Pin-Yi at this year's US Open 9-Ball Championship for example), and he had to mount a smaller comeback in this match. Shaw trailed Van Boening 4-0 early in the match, but won eight of the next nine racks to enjoy an 8-5 lead. He would not trail again, en route to a convincing 15-10 win.

Getting back home on the 27th, Shaw had just three days to relax before boarding a plane and flying 6,000 miles to Kuwait for the inaugural Kuwait 9-Ball Open 9-Ball Championship. Shaw picked up in Kuwait, where he left off in New York and ran through his round robin bracket with no problem. His wins over the Philippines' Raymund Faraon and Kuwait's Mishari Buhaimed were by a combined score of 18-4.

Shaw's run through the final round of 64 saw him score early wins over Chinese Taipei's Wu Kun-

Lin, Poland's Wojciech Szewczyk, Aloysius Yapp from Singapore and Filipino Warren Kiamco. Next up, in the semi-finals, was a rematch with Ko Pin-Yi. Ko had lost to Shaw at the US Open, after leading the match 10-4, and he again held a large lead over Shaw this time. Ko led the 9-5 and 10-6, but would again be forced to sit in the chair and watch Shaw mount a comeback to win the match 11-10.

When asked about his recent come-from-behind victories, Shaw explained his mindset in these matches. "When you're down in matches like 10-5 or 10-6 you've got nothing to lose, so I just let my stroke out and tell myself that I can do this. I know it's a big task but you need a little luck and you have to play perfect and I'm very fortunate to have played really well and get some luck on my side in those matches."

The finals of the event was another rematch with the player who eliminated Shaw from the US Open, Chang Jung-Lin. Chang took a quick 4-1 lead, but apparently, no lead is safe against Shaw, and he came back to win the match 13-10 for the biggest 9-ball win of his career so far. Shaw commented after the match, "It's amazing to win my first big major event, There were a few people doubting me and giving me shit online before the US Open and Kuwait, so that gives me fuel to the fire and makes me want to be more successful."

While some players might sit home and celebrate

having just won their first major title, that wasn't Shaw's plan. Less than a week after the long flight back home, Shaw was at it again at the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour's 28th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship at Snookers Billiards in Providence RI - an event he had won last year. This time, Shaw raced through the field of 79 players and defeated Ron Casanzio 9-1 in the finals, for this third straight undefeated tournament win.



PHOTO: Jayson Shaw with Kuwait Open 9-Ball trophy

When reflecting on his accomplishments over the last four events, Shaw was confident but still humble. "I think this will only be the start of something special for me as I know I have plenty more titles coming my way, as long as I keep putting the hard work in."



PHOTO: Predator Pro-Am Tour's Steinway Classic: Shane Van Boening, Jayson Shaw and Carlo Biado

Upcoming Tournaments

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November 15 - November 30:

UMB/CPB Medellin World Cup 2016

11/14 - 11/19

Colombia

Website: <http://www.umb.org/>

Junior World 9-Ball Championship 2016

11/16 - 11/20

Shanghai

Shanghai

Website: <http://www.wpa-pool.com/>

Diamond Pool Tour 2016 Season Finale

11/17 - 11/20

Casino Del Sol Resort

Tucson, Arizona

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

Accu-Stats Make It Happen Eight Ball 2016

11/17 - 11/20

Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ

Website: <http://www.accu-stats.com/>

All Japan Championship

11/17 - 11/23

Archaic hall

Amagasaki-city

Joss Tour Stop #8 at Union Station

11/19 - 11/20

Union Station Billiards

Portland, Maine

Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #7

11/19 - 11/20

Le Terminus

Gatineau, Quebec

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

Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 5

11/19 - 11/20

Gold Rush Billiards

Yuba City, California

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297634297243311/>

1st Annual Michael Komlanc Memorial

11/25 - 11/27

Ice Breakers poolhall

Youngstown, OH

2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 12

11/26 - 11/27

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December 1 - December 31:

Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #8

12/03 - 12/04

Le Spot Billiards
Rimouski, Quebec
Website: <http://www.falconcuesquebec.com/>

Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 6

12/03 - 12/04

Billiard Palacade
San Francisco, CA
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297634297243311/>

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

12/03 - 12/03

Gate City Billiards Club
Greensboro, NC

Mosconi Cup XXIII

12/06 - 12/09

Alexandra Palace
London
Website: <http://www.matchroompool.com/page/MosconiCup/Home>

Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Stop 4

12/11 - 12/11

Bo's Billiards
Warwick, RI
Website: <http://www.ridethe9tour.com>

Taom Tips Tour 2016-2017 Stop 3

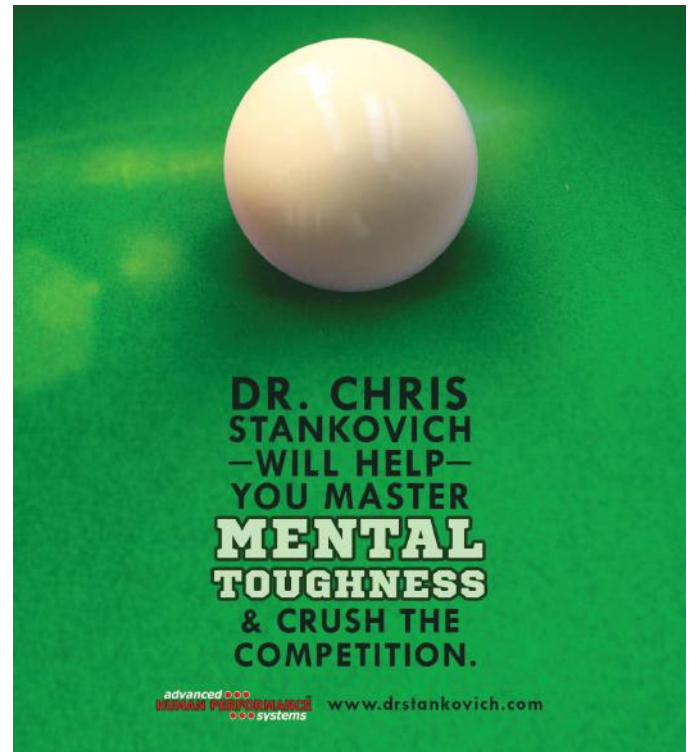
12/16 - 12/18

Carom Room
Beloit, WI

2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 13

12/17 - 12/18

Hard Times Billiards
Sacramento, CA
Website: <http://www.mezzweststatetour.com>



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January 1 - January 31:

CSI Arizona State 8-Ball Championships

01/04 - 01/08

Casino Del Sol Resort

Tucson, Arizona

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

Turning Stone Classic XXVII

01/05 - 01/08

Turning Stone Casino

Verona, NY

Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

Taom Tips Tour 2016-2017 Stop 4

01/06 - 01/08

KK Billiards

Appleton, Wisconsin

2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 14

01/07 - 01/08

Hard Times Billiards

Bellflower, CA

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

WPBA Regional Tour Championship 2017

01/12 - 01/15

Zingales Billiards

Tallahassee, Florida

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

Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #9

01/14 - 01/15

Dooly's Levis

Levis, Quebec

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

Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 7

01/14 - 01/15

The Jointed Cue

Sacramento, CA

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297634297243311/>

Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Stop 5

01/15 - 01/15

Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

Website: <http://www.ridethe9tour.com>

2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 15

01/21 - 01/22

Buffalo Billiards

Petaluma, California

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

Joss Tour Stop #9 at Salt City Billiards

01/21 - 01/22

Salt City Billiards

North Syracuse, NY

Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 8

01/28 - 01/29

Blue Fin Billiards

Monterey, California

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297634297243311/>

Monthly Results

Tournament results from October 2016

09/28 - 10/02

The Tornado Open 2016 Ladies Open Event

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, FL

1 Kelly Fisher	\$13,000
2 Ga-Young Kim	\$9,000
3 Allison Fisher	\$6,000
4 Chezka Centeno	\$4,500
5 Karen Corr	\$3,100
5 Monica Webb	\$3,100
7 Eunji Park	\$2,150
7 Jia Li	\$2,150
9 Joanne Ashton	\$1,200
9 Vivian Villarreal	\$1,200
9 Brittany Bryant	\$1,200
9 April Larson	\$1,200
13 Gerda Hofstatter	\$900
13 Naomi Williams	\$900
13 Jennifer Barretta	\$900
13 Loree Jon Hasson	\$900
17 Liz Lovely	\$500
17 Ewa Laurance	\$500
17 Jessica Barnes	\$500
17 Laura Smith	\$500
17 Line Kjoersvik	\$500
17 Emily Duddy	\$500
17 Sierra Reams	\$500
17 Melissa Herndon	\$500

09/28 - 10/02

The Tornado Open 2016 Open Men's Event

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, FL

1 Shane Van Boening	\$15,000
2 Josh Roberts	\$9,000
3 Warren Kiamco	\$6,700
4 Alex Pagulayan	\$4,600
5 Justin Bergman	\$3,200
5 Dennis Orcollo	\$3,200
7 Manny Chau	\$1,850
7 Antonio Lining	\$1,850
9 Yu-Hsuan Cheng	\$950
9 Shaun Wilkie	\$950
9 Mike Dechaine	\$950
9 Mike Davis	\$950
13 John Morra	\$500
13 Skyler Woodward	\$500
13 Ramil Gallego	\$500
13 Jason Klatt	\$500
17 Rodrigo Geronimo	\$300
17 Michael Delawder	\$300
17 Mika Immonen	\$300
17 Johnny Archer	\$300

17 Yohan Sanchez	\$300
17 John Ditoro	\$300
17 Drake Niepoetter	\$300
17 Josh Ulrich	\$300

10/01 - 10/02

JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 10

First Break Cafe

Sterling, VA

1 Meredith Lynch	\$700
2 Tina Pawloski-Malm	\$360
3 Kathy Friend	\$275
4 Elaine Wilson	\$115
5 Judie Wilson	\$75
5 Nicole King	\$75

10/01 - 10/02

Diamond Pool Tour 2016 Stop 7

Pockets Billiards

Tucson, AZ

1 Mitch Ellerman	\$1,000
2 Manuel Luevano	\$700
3 Eric Beeler	\$600
4 Chris Paradowski	\$400
5 John Polaski	\$250
5 Tim Daniel	\$250
7 Oscar Avila	\$125
7 George Teyechea	\$125

10/01 - 10/02

Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop #2

East Ridge Billiards

Rochester, NY

1 Jeremy Sossei	\$1,000
2 Ron Casanzio	\$800
3 Nelson Oliveira	\$600
4 Bucky Souvanthong	\$400
5 Dwight Dixon	\$300
5 Lyn Wechsler	\$300
7 Aaron Greenwood	\$150
7 Sourith Thammavong	\$150

10/01 - 10/02

9-Ball Challenge Inaugural

Nature's Recreational Center

Malarkey's Pool & Brew

Tacoma, WA

1 Stephen Holem	\$2,450
2 Marc Vidal Claramunt	\$1,650
3 Joe Spence	\$1,250
4 Erik Vargas	\$1,000
5 B.J. Copeland	\$700
5 Alain Boutin	\$700

7 Dan Louie	\$450
7 Paul Potier	\$450
9 Ruben Silva	\$250
9 Stan Tourangeau	\$250
9 Tim Whitworth	\$250
9 Dexter Ambang	\$250
13 Paul Marquez	\$150
13 Scott Chandler	\$150
13 Al Perez	\$150
13 Todd Marsh	\$150

10/01 - 10/02

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Randolph's Billiards

Hickory, NC

1 Hunter White	\$550
2 Brian Capps	\$375
3 Steve Hughes	\$225
4 Rick Roper	\$100

10/01 - 10/02

Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop #2

Second Chance

East Ridge Billiards

Rochester, NY

1 Bruce Nagle	\$300
2 Nick Brucato	\$200
3 Nick Coppola	\$120
4 Hendrik Drost	\$80
5 Spencer Auigbelle	\$40
5 Travis Salvetti	\$40

10/07 - 10/09

Chinook Winds Open 10-Ball Men's Event

Chinook Winds Casino

Lincoln City, OR

1 Skyler Woodward	\$10,000
2 Antonio Lining	\$5,600
3 Amar Kang	\$3,200
4 Chris McDaniel	\$1,800
5 Max Eberle	\$1,020
5 Rodney Morris	\$1,020
7 Ramil Gallego	\$580
7 Jason Williams	\$580
9 Crist Aiardo	\$320
9 Manny Perez	\$320
9 Todd Marsh	\$320
9 Chris Byers	\$320
13 Ruben Silva	\$180
13 Dan Louie	\$180
13 Mike Grimm	\$180
13 Ben Sutherland	\$180

Monthly Results

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Chinook Winds Open 10-Ball Women's Event

Chinook Winds Casino Lincoln City, OR

1 Chezka Centeno	\$4,000
2 Allison Fisher	\$2,000
3 Heather Cortez	\$1,000
4 Kelly Isaac	\$550
5 Liz Cole	\$250
5 Cindy Sliva	\$250
7 Kim Jones	\$150
7 Kimberly Kirk-Lengel	\$150

10/08 - 10/09

Joss Tour 2016-2017 Stop 3

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub Amsterdam, NY

1 Bucky Souvanthong	\$1,000
2 Ron Casanzio	\$650
3 Brent Boemmels	\$450
4 John Babravich	\$300
5 Bruce Nagle	\$200
5 Bruce Carroll	\$200

10/08 - 10/10

Gotham City Billiard Club 9-Ball Pro Classic 2016

Gotham City Billiards Brooklyn, NY

1 Konrad Jusczyzyn	\$10,000
2 Yu-Hsuan Cheng	\$6,000
3 Kai Lun Hsu	\$4,000
4 Mike Dechaine	\$2,500
5 Lee Vann Corteza	\$1,500
5 Earl Strickland	\$1,500
7 Dennis Orcollo	\$1,000
7 John Morra	\$1,000
9 Jeremy Sossei	\$550
9 Thorsten Hohmann	\$550
9 Ruslan Chinahov	\$550
9 Roberto Gomez	\$550
13 Warren Kiamco	\$325
13 Mieszko Fortunski	\$325
13 Ralf Souquet	\$325
13 Jayson Shaw	\$325

10/08 - 10/08

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Diamond Billiards Midlothian, VA

1 Stevie McClinton	\$550
2 Scott Roberts	\$375

3 Robert Ash	\$250
4 Chris Gentile	\$100

10/08 - 10/09

10th Annual Bob Stocks Memorial

First Break Cafe Sterling, VA

1 Vilmos Foldes	\$1,000
2 Eric Moore	\$600
3 Brian Dietzenbach	\$400
4 Bobby Stovall	\$280
5 Brian Deska	\$180
5 Bruce Choyce	\$180
7 Brett Stottlemeyer	\$120
7 Kenny Miller	\$120
9 Christopher Wilburn	\$80
9 Brian Jones	\$80
9 Paul Adolini	\$80
9 Pat Carosi	\$80

10/09 - 10/09

Joss Tour 2016-2017 Stop 3 Second Chance

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub Amsterdam, NY

1 Nick Brucato	\$300
2 Dave Johnson	\$200
3 Hendrik Drost	\$140
4 Jim Romanowski	\$80

10/12 - 10/16

American 14.1 Championship 2016

Diamond Billiards Midlothian, VA

1 Niels Feijen	\$10,000
2 Mika Immonen	\$7,000
3 Carlo Biado	\$3,000
3 Nick Van Den Berg	\$3,000
5 Jayson Shaw	\$1,500
5 Alex Pagulayan	\$1,500
5 Konstantin Stepanov	\$1,500
5 David Alcaide	\$1,500
9 Dennis Orcollo	\$900
9 John Schmidt	\$900
9 Corey Deuel	\$900
9 Shaun Wilkie	\$900
9 Denis Grabe	\$900
9 Nick Ekonomopoulos	\$900
9 Brandon Shuff	\$900
9 Thorsten Hohmann	\$900
17 Lee Vann Corteza	\$500
17 Michael Yednak	\$500
17 Rodney Morris	\$500

17 Radoslaw Babica	\$500
17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$500
17 Abdullah Alyousef	\$500
17 Daryl Peach	\$500
17 Warren Kiamco	\$500

10/14 - 10/15

2nd Annual Great Dismal Swamp 9-Ball Classic

Colonial Cues

Elizabeth City, North Carolina

1 Billy Thorpe	\$3,500
2 Shane Van Boening	\$2,300
3 Tommy Kennedy	\$1,300
4 Vilmos Foldes	\$800
5 Ramil Gallego	\$600
5 Gabe Owen	\$600
7 Chezka Centeno	\$450
7 Oscar Dominguez	\$450

10/15 - 10/16

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2016 Stop 5

Pockets Billiards

Tucson, AZ

1 Bernie Store	\$250
2 Pearl Ortiz	\$180
3 Jaye Succo	\$150
4 Leandrea Gaff	\$100
5 Tami Hathcock	\$50
5 Tracie Hamman	\$50
7 Justine Bishop	\$30
7 Kasey Wills	\$30

10/15 - 10/16

JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 11

Markley Billiards

Norristown, PA

1 Dawn Fox	\$400
2 Linda Haywood Shea	\$275
3 Kathy Friend	\$180
4 Joy McFeaters-Haas	\$125
5 Christina Madrigale	\$80
5 Kia Sidbury	\$80

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10/15 - 10/16

Joss Tour 2016-2017 Stop 4

Salt City Billiards North Syracuse, NY

1 Danny Hewitt	\$1,000
2 Martin Daigle	\$700
3 Hendrik Drost	\$550
4 Spencer Auigbelle	\$400
5 Bruce Nagle	\$300
5 Aaron Greenwood	\$300
7 Marco Kam	\$200
7 Ed Saur	\$200
9 Bucky Souvanthong	\$100
9 Joe Darigis	\$100
9 Ron Casanzio	\$100
9 Mark Creamer	\$100

10/15 - 10/16

Joss Tour 2016-2017 Stop 4 Second Chance

Salt City Billiards North Syracuse, NY

1 Dave Mills	\$280
2 Jason Hall	\$180
3 Jerome Rockwell	\$120
4 Nate Marshall	\$80
5 Lance Kellogg	\$40
5 Russ Randall	\$40

10/15 - 10/16

Chad Bostic Memorial

Breaktime Billiards Cary, NC

1 Steven Page	\$625
2 Scott Roberts	\$400
3 Christy Norris	\$225
4 Anthony Mabe	\$100
5 Dustin Boone	\$50
5 Ricky Dixon	\$50

10/16 - 10/22

U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships 2016

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel Norfolk, Va

1 Shane Van Boening	\$50,000
2 Jung-Lin Chang	\$24,000
3 Jayson Shaw	\$11,500
4 Dennis Orcollo	\$8,000
5 Jeremy Jones	\$5,750
5 David Alcaide	\$5,750
7 Yu-Lung Chang	\$4,500
7 Alex Pagulayan	\$4,500

9 Ping-Chung Ko	\$3,250
9 Brandon Shuff	\$3,250
9 Abdullah Al Shammari	\$3,250
9 Pin-Yi Ko	\$3,250
13 Warren Kiamco	\$2,750
13 Carlo Biado	\$2,750
13 Chia-Chen Hsieh	\$2,750
13 Mike Dechaine	\$2,750
17 Josh Roberts	\$2,500
17 Naoyuki Oi	\$2,500
17 Mark Gray	\$2,500
17 Daryl Peach	\$2,500
17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$2,500
17 Imran Majid	\$2,500
17 Kai Lun Hsu	\$2,500
17 Justin Bergman	\$2,500
25 Kun Lin Wu	\$2,250
25 Radoslaw Babica	\$2,250
25 Nick Van Den Berg	\$2,250
25 Mika Immonen	\$2,250
25 Corey Deuel	\$2,250
25 Mario He	\$2,250
25 Jeremy Sossei	\$2,250
25 Eklent Kaci	\$2,250
33 Chin-Shung Yang	\$2,000
33 Darren Appleton	\$2,000
33 Jason Klatt	\$2,000
33 Ralf Souquet	\$2,000
33 Hao Xiang Han	\$2,000
33 Raj Hundal	\$2,000
33 R.J. Carmona	\$2,000
33 Thorsten Hohmann	\$2,000
33 Chezka Centeno	\$2,000
33 Miesko Fortunski	\$2,000
33 Bing Jie Chu	\$2,000
33 Maksim Dudanets	\$2,000
33 Ramil Gallego	\$2,000
33 Lee Vann Corteza	\$2,000
33 Robb Saez	\$2,000
33 Jani Siekkinen	\$2,000

10/16 - 10/16

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Steinway Billiards Astoria, NY

1 Jaydev Zaveri	\$800
2 Alberto Estevez	\$530
3 Chris Kaiser	\$320
4 Miguel Laboy	\$210
5 Chris Kelly	\$130
5 Nicole Monaco	\$130
7 Allison LaFleur	\$95
7 Brooke Meyer	\$95
9 Lidio Ramirez	\$70
9 Basdeo Sookhia	\$70

9 Pashk Gjini	\$70
9 Suzanna Wong	\$70

10/21 - 10/23

Open 9-Ball Tournament

Fat Toad Billiards Junction City, Kansas

1 Joey Gray	\$560
2 Mike Beehler	\$420
3 Ashton Frye	\$280
4 Sam Cordova	\$160
5 Al Martin	\$85
5 Ruben Silva	\$85
7 Todd Fausnett	\$55
7 Michael Harvey	\$55

10/21 - 10/23

Open One Pocket Tournament

Fat Toad Billiards Junction City, Kansas

1 Joey Gray	\$450
2 Mike Beehler	\$250
3 Sam Cordova	\$100

10/21 - 10/23

WPA World Artistic Pool Championship

Jamaica Joe's Midwest City, Oklahoma

1 Will DeYonkers	\$2,000
2 Abram Diaz	\$1,700
3 Florian Kohler	\$1,500
4 Jason Lynch	\$1,300
5 Jamie Moody	\$1,200
6 Mark Dimick	\$1,100
7 Mike Massey	\$900
7 Curtis Robertson	\$900
9 Brian Pauley	\$500
9 Jim Barnard	\$500

10/22 - 10/23

Diamond Pool Tour 2016 Stop 8

Skip and Jan's Sports Bar Gilbert, Arizona

1 Scott Frost	\$1,000
2 Mitch Ellerman	\$750
3 Steve Stowers	\$600
4 Brian Poore	\$350
5 John Schramm	\$175
5 Bobby Emmons	\$175
7 J.R. Ascencion	\$100
7 Chuck Evans	\$100

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Joss Tour 2016-2017 Stop 5

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

1 Jonathan Smith	\$1,000
2 Nelson Oliveira	\$600
3 Bruce Nagle	\$400
4 Kang Lee	\$250

10/22 - 10/23

JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 12

Eagle Billiards

Dickson City, Pa

1 Nicole Albergeria	\$600
2 Emily Duddy	\$430
3 Dawn Fox	\$275
4 Linda Haywood Shea	\$185
5 Kia Sidbury	\$120
5 Borana Andoni	\$120
7 Kathleen Lawless	\$80
7 Jenn Keeney	\$80

10/22 - 10/23

Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #4

L'international Billard, Jonquière

Jonquière, Quebec

1 Danny Hewitt	\$1,000
2 Maxime Villeneuve	\$700
3 Normand Bacon	\$500
4 Pat Desbiens	\$345
5 Jeff Blais	\$200
5 Eric Cloutier	\$200
7 Martin Daigle	\$110
7 Daniel Gagne	\$110
9 Sebastien Laramee	\$55
9 Jacques Villeneuve	\$55
9 Jonathan Hebert	\$55
9 Luc Salvas	\$55

10/22 - 10/23

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

1 Jody Musselman	\$600
2 Scott Howard	\$400
3 Dakota Harris	\$230
4 Blade Best	\$125
5 Eric Roberts	\$50
5 Michael Gann	\$50

10/22 - 10/23

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2016 Stop 18

Steinway Billiards Astoria, NY

1 Arturo Reyes	\$1,200
2 Thomas Schreiber	\$800
3 Abel Rosario	\$600
4 Annie Flores	\$400
5 Bob Toomey	\$300
5 Juan Guzman	\$300
7 George Poltorak	\$150
7 Ron Mason	\$150

10/22 - 10/22

Western New York Pool Tour 2016

9-Ball Stop

Diamond Billiards Bar & Grill

Rochester, NY

1 Jeremiah Imburgia	\$365
2 Nick Brucato	\$200
3 Dan Kolacz	\$50

10/22 - 10/22

8th Annual "Cues for the Cure"

Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Amy's Billiards

Stuart, FL

1 Jeannie Seaver	\$600
2 Vanessa Seaver	\$400
3 Stephanie Mitchell	\$300
3 Echo Pinkley	\$300
5 Crystal McCormick	\$150
5 Marlene Houldsworth	\$150
5 Kelly Coyle	\$150
5 Mimi McAndrews	\$150

10/23 - 10/23

Western New York Pool Tour 2016

8-Ball Stop

Diamond Billiards Bar & Grill

Rochester, NY

1 Mark Hatch	\$285
2 Luis Recio	\$125
3 Jeremiah Imburgia	\$45

10/24 - 10/26

5th Annual Steinway Classic

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Jayson Shaw	\$7,000
2 Shane Van Boening	\$4,000
3 Carlo Biado	\$2,500

4 Mika Immonen	\$1,500
5 Ping-Chung Ko	\$1,000
5 Vilmos Foldes	\$1,000
7 Ruslan Chinahov	\$800
7 Lee Vann Corteza	\$800
9 Pin-Yi Ko	\$600
9 Kai Lun Hsu	\$600
9 Dennis Orcollo	\$600
9 Jung-Lin Chang	\$600
13 Darren Appleton	\$400
13 Nick Malai	\$400
13 Alexandros Kazakis	\$400
13 Earl Strickland	\$400

10/27 - 10/30

Tennessee State 8-Ball Open

Chattanooga Billiard Club

Chattanooga, TN

1 Johnny Archer	\$3,750
2 Jason Klatt	\$2,400
3 Jeremy Jones	\$1,600
4 Robb Saez	\$1,150
5 Ramil Gallego	\$800
5 Eric Durbin	\$800
7 Antonio Lining	\$500
7 Nick Varner	\$500
9 Joe Pierce	\$325
9 Shannon Murphy	\$325
9 Greg Antonakos	\$325
9 Stevie Moore	\$325
13 Jerry Hager	\$225
13 Josh Roberts	\$225
13 Mike Massey	\$225
13 Shane McMinn	\$225

10/29 - 10/30

Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #5

Le 755

Trois-Rivieres, QC

1 Sylvain Grenier	\$1,160
2 Tom Theriault	\$895
3 Alain Martel	\$660
4 Danny Hewitt	\$480
5 Jeff Blais	\$320
5 Martin Daigle	\$320
7 Patrick Adam	\$200
7 Pat Desbiens	\$200
9 Eric Cloutier	\$100
9 Jonathan Hebert	\$100
9 Marco Caron	\$100
9 Styve Gilbert	\$100

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Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Brass Tap Billiards

Raleigh, NC

1 Blade Best	\$600
2 JT Ringgold	\$300
2 Travis Guerra	\$300
4 Mike Mullins	\$100
5 Justin Clark	\$25
5 Rich Anderson	\$25

10/30 - 10/30

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

1 Lidio Ramirez	\$560
2 Victor Dabu	\$320
3 Tony Ignomirello	\$210
4 Jaydev Zaveri	\$130
5 Nes Jovanovic	\$75
5 Bob Toomey	\$75

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