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# FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

**F**or all of the negative thoughts that I can sometimes have about the state of our game, when the rubber hits the road (when the tips hits the cue ball?) this game supports it's own. Once again, this has been proven with the huge outpouring of support for Jeanette Lee. As of the day we are finishing this up, her GoFundMe has raised almost \$240,000. The final goal for this fundraiser is \$250,000 and I have no doubt that it will be achieved. If you haven't supported it yet, head on over to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jeanette-lee-legacy-fund> and help out however you can. You can check out reports from two different benefit tournaments that were held for Jeanette last motth in our pages.



Speaking of GoFundMe fundraisers, the pool world lost Jalal Al Sarisi over this past month. There is also a fundraiser for Al Sarisi's funeral costs online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-jalal-alsarisis-family-with-funeral-expenses>. The goal for this fundraiser is a lot smaller, but it would be great to see the pool world come together to help support this great player's family.

A big congratulations to Adrian Prasad, our May Junior International Championship Player of the Month.

Until next time,  
Mike

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# EMBRACE YOUR WEAKNESSES, Don't Run from Them

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRISTOPHER STANKOVICH  
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**When it comes to pool, what gives you the most trouble? Consistently making balls on breaks? Long cut shots? Position pool? Playing successful safetys? Most people have both things they do very well, as well as parts of the game that they find challenging.**

**A**dditionally, most people like to spend time on the things they do well, and do all that they can to avoid doing things they don't do very well. Applying this to pool, many players will spend extra time practicing parts of the game they find fun and do well, while rarely working on the frustrating parts of the game that they struggle doing successfully. If this is your approach to the game I'll be the one to state the obvious: You're doing it wrong (but the good news is help is on the way!).

## Accept the challenge

If the goal is to continually improve your pool game, then you must accept the challenge of improving upon your weaknesses! Ignoring the parts of your game that need the most work will result in you continuing to play about at the level you are right now --- it's like the old saying, "if you keep on doing what you have always done, you'll keep on getting what you have always got." Sure, practicing is a lot more fun making the shots you know you can make, but how will your game ever improve using that approach?

Instead, try to develop a regular routine that pushes you to practice the aspects of your game that cause you the most anxiety, then open your mind and roll up your sleeves and get after it! Will this be easy or fun? Truthfully, it might not start out that way, but you have the power to make this way of practicing an exciting challenge to overcome.

## Make a decision best for you

If you are the kind of player that just likes to bang 'em around and hang out with friends, then embracing your weaknesses probably isn't the approach for you. On the other hand, if you are truly committed to maximizing your game, then you already know that you have to become proficient at the toughest parts of the game as you know these situations will absolutely come up in play. Furthermore, if you continue playing up against better competition, more talented players will readily see your areas of weakness that you have ignored working on, and you better believe they will exploit those weaknesses. Start today by writing down the areas of your game that need the most attention, keep your attitude positive, and commit to working on these challenges each and every day.

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# 5 WAYS TO ACHIEVE “DEAD STROKE”

ANTHONY BEELER

**W**henever I ask my students to describe their mental state during their best pool matches, they all say very similar things, such as:

- Feeling confident
- No expectations or worries
- A sense of freedom
- Playing in the present moment
- Being alert and focused, with no distractions
- Playing subconsciously
- Relaxed, calm, and highly focused

The state that these players are describing is synonymous with “dead stroke”. Ironically, it happens when you least expect it. But what usually follows is the question: “*How can I play like that more often?*” Most of us just accept that this optimal state for pool performance is something that only happens at random, and we can’t do much about making it happen.

However, we can train ourselves on and off the table so that “dead stroke” can be accessed more readily and more frequently. In this article, I’ll give you 5 strategies that will help you “get in the zone”.

## 1. BE ENGROSSED IN your pre-shot PROCESS

My best students measure their success by the quality of their pre-shot process, not the outcome. Process goals tell us where we need to place our attention and with practice, we can make it a habit. Trust in a good process will keep the conscious mind quiet and allow the stroke to be more subconscious, resulting in better shot execution.

## 2. PLAY IN THE PRESENT

One of the things that players describe when they achieve “dead stroke” is being very “present”. This means they’re not preoccupied with the past or future. You’re not thinking, you’re just

“ **Process goals tell us where we need to place our attention and with practice, we can make it a habit. Trust in a good process will keep the conscious mind quiet and allow the stroke to be more subconscious, resulting in better shot execution.** ”



being. Learning how to be more present or more “mindful” is a skill, that you can get better at it with practice. In fact, if you notice yourself getting distracted, just bring yourself back to the process and use your senses to engross yourself. Over time, you’ll notice that your focus will improve, and you’ll be able to play longer without being distracted.

## 3. FEED OFF OF PRESSURE SITUATIONS

Ask any pro player whether they would rather be slightly nervous or completely relaxed and they will probably tell you “slightly nervous”, the reason being is that they are great at channel-



ing their nervous energy to perform better. When playing in high-pressure situations with an uncertain outcome, the human body triggers a “fight or flight” mechanism. You will identify this as nerves or jitters. However, this nervous energy can serve as a powerful performance enhancer, provided you can keep your mind in the present. Often you will have increased focus and higher sensory awareness. When given the choice, choose to embrace being out of your comfort zone, it can raise your game to a much higher level.

#### **4. CHALLENGE YOURSELF**

Have you ever wondered how you can make great shots that seem impossible, and miss a super easy shot during your very next game? This is an example of how challenge can induce focus. On the more difficult shots, you

are more challenged, and you give the shot your utmost attention. The key to playing well is to make each shot a challenge so that you will attain a higher level of engagement on every single shot.

#### **5. DON'T WORRY ABOUT HOW YOU LOOK**

Self-consciousness interferes with your overall performance. When players describe playing pool “in the zone” there’s no worrying about how they look to others, they’re immersed in what they are doing. It’s very important to never get too wrapped up with the outcome and how your play makes you look. The desire to avoid a bad outcome creates too much pressure on every shot.

Most of us just accept that “dead stroke” is something that only happens at random. However, the best

players in the world train themselves on and off the table so that “dead stroke” can be accessed more readily and frequently. With the right practice strategies, you’ll be able to achieve this optimal state too. Embrace the 5 strategies listed above and you be playing in a state of “flow” more often than ever before!

Anthony Beeler is the current *Billiards Instructor of the Decade* and is a former BCAPL National Champion. He has numerous “Top 25” national finishes and is the primary author of the *ACS National Billiards Instructor’s Manual*. He has also authored the book *Unstoppable! Positive Thinking for Pool Players*. Anthony currently has the highest established Fargo Rating of any Master Instructor. He has won over 300 tournaments and has defeated numerous professional players in tournament competition.

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# Gospel Trick Shot #15

## Lazy/Energetic Rack

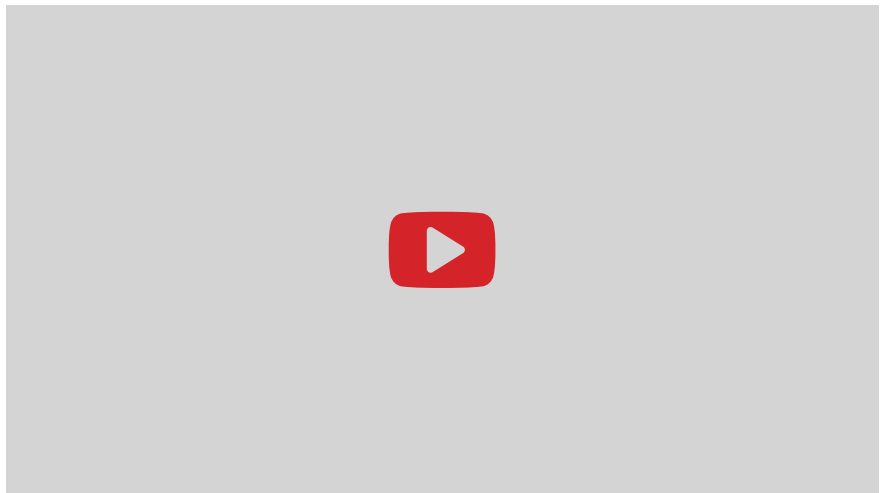
**History of the Trick Shot:** This shot is a two-part shot. The first part called the Lazy Rack has been performed by the greats for many years. I saw it for the first time in 1980 as Nick Varner did a show in Chattanooga, TN as part of our Mike Massey 9-Ball Open in which I was the tournament director. The second part of the shot called the Energetic Rack is a derivative of a competitive Artistic Pool shot from the original 40-shot program put together in year 2000 as I served as WPA Artistic Pool Division Chairman and a member of the shot selection committee in the early 2000's.

**GTS Name and Why:** The name was based on truths found in the wise sayings of the Bible in the Book of Proverbs. The results of being lazy verses being energetic are compared. In literature it is called a couplet with antithetical parallelism. In billiards this couplet or two-part shot illustrates the point with a slow or lazy way to rack the balls compared to an energetic or quick way to rack the balls. Which way will you choose?

**Scripture References in NIV Translation:** Ecclesiastes 9:10 and Proverbs 6:6-11.

**Cue Ball Placement:** Cue ball is used to prop up rack as indicated in the Lazy Rack part and cue ball in hand as indicated in diagram for the Energetic part of the shot.

**Object Ball(s) placement:** In the Lazy Rack diagram all fifteen balls are racked up with the one ball removed from the rack and with the cue ball used to prop up the rack as indicated in the diagram. The one ball



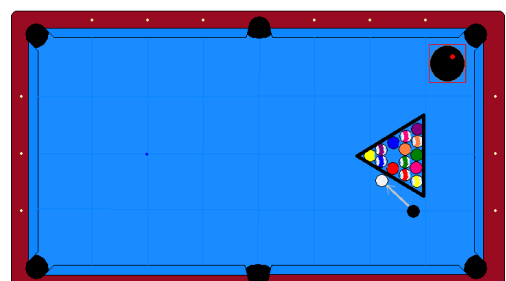
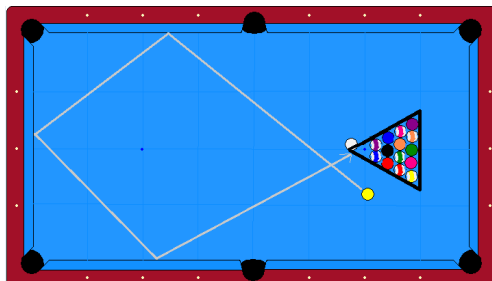
will then go three rails around the table and enter the spot in the rack to kick out the cue ball with the one ball entering the rack to make a full rack of 15 balls all racked up. Part two the Energetic Rack requires a slight jump shot with the eight ball being flipped up off the cue ball and back into a full rack of 15 balls.

**Objective:** For the Lazy Rack the important part is to know your three cushions so that the one ball can consistently end up back into the full rack of 15 balls. For the Energetic Rack this slight jump shot on the eight ball back into the rack is a "feel" shot and requires patient practice. It is important that you place the cue ball frozen to the rack as indicated in the diagram

between the second and third ball down in the rack.

**Special Notes:** For the Lazy Rack bank the one ball with running English about medium speed. For the Energetic Rack hit the eight ball with one tip of top right with a slight jump to flick it into the center of the rack.

**Crowd Reactions Through the Years:** People easily understand this object lesson and have enjoyed this shot for more than 20 years during my Gospel Trick Shot shows. I especially remember the oohs and aahs from students as this shot reminded them of getting back to work with their studies. Which way will you choose?





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# Kiamco Wins 5th BEHRMAN MEMORIAL

## That Brought Past US Open 9-Ball Competitors Back Home

At times, it felt like a high school Homecoming weekend. The \$5,000-added, 5th Annual Barry Behrman Memorial Tournament, held this past weekend (April 24-25) at his former pool hall, Q Master Billiards in Virginia Beach, VA offered free entry to Past US Open 9-Ball Championship winners.

*Dexter Real, Warren Kiamco, Q Masters  
Manager Gary Ornoff and Manny Chau*



Though it was a bit of a surprise that only three past champions took advantage of this \$200 courtesy – Rodney Morris ('96), Johnny Archer ('99) and Mika Immonen ('08 & '09) – it was not as much of a surprise that two of them ended up among the event's final four standing. Immonen and Archer finished 3rd and 4th, respectively (Morris was eliminated by Shaun Wilkie, ending just out of the money in the tie for 17th).

What helped create the homecoming atmosphere was exemplified by the competitor who went undefeated to claim the event title, Warren Kiamco. He was among the 56 entrants at this event and one of a number of competitors who had, over the years, made appearances at the US Open, but didn't win. Since he first finished in 5th place at the 1998 US Open, Kiamco has cashed in 11 of them, including his best finish, 3rd in 2008. According to records, runner-up, Manny Chau, who lost his first match to the Iceman, Mika Immonen and then won nine on the loss side for a shot at Kiamco in the hot seat, has only cashed in two US Opens ('09 & '10). It's likely that he, like so many others at this event, competed in many others and they all contributed to the 'coming home' kind of feeling, including, but not limited to Brandon Shuff, Jeremy Sossei, Matt Krah, Mhet Vergara, Shaun Wilkie, Daniel Dagotdot, Reymart Lim, Tommy Tokoph, Eric Moore and Jeffrey De Luna.

Kiamco opened his nine-match winning campaign with a 9-2 victory over Tom Czaplicki and then ran right into

Shannon Paschal with Mika Immonen



a double hill battle against The Scorpion, Johnny Archer. Kiamco sent Archer on the seven-match, loss-side trip that would end in the quarterfinals, as he advanced to down Daniel Sardoncillo 9-3 and then, in a second double hill fight, Jeffrey De Luna. This

put Kiamco in a winners' side semifinal match against Reymart Lim.

The Iceman, in the meantime, downed Joe Blackburn 9-1 and sent Manny Chau to the loss side, where he'd win nine in a row against some of the event's toughest opponents and battle Kiamco in the finals. Iceman advanced to defeat James Davee, double hill, and Brandon Shuff (winner of the debut Barry Behrman Memorial in 2017) 9-4, to draw Jeremy Sossei in the other winners' side semifinal.

Kiamco defeated Lim 9-4 and in the hot seat match faced Immonen, who'd sent Sossei off 9-3 to an immediate match against the streaking Johnny

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Archer. A double hill battle for possession of the hot seat followed. In the deciding 17th game, the Iceman had the final two balls in sight, neither of them, nor the positioning necessary to win the match were challenging, except to the extent that all shots are challenges. The 8-ball rattled in a corner pocket and rattled him, as well. It was the first of two straight losses that would leave him in third place. Kiamco was one match and a few hours away from claiming the title.

Archer, in the meantime, working on the loss side, had defeated Bill Mason, Jared Pitts, shut out Garret Vaughn, and eliminated Mhet Vergara, Jimmy Bird and Jeffrey De Luna, to draw Sossei. Chau had navigated his loss-side way through Dylan Carr, Don Perryman, Tommy Tokoph, Eric Moore, 'young gun' Shane Wolford, and fought a tough, double hill battle versus Brandon Shuff, to draw Reymart Lim.

Archer and Sossei battled back and forth to a 5-5 tie before Archer began a four-rack streak that would advance him, looking strong, precise and very Scorpion-like, into the quarterfinals. He was joined by Chau, who'd (alliteratively) eliminated Lim 9-5. Chat room commentary and support was split between the two veterans, Archer and Chau. Chau, though, pulled ahead to win it 9-6 and advanced to his re-match against Immonen. Displaying varied levels of frustration that only increased as his semifinal rematch against Chau moved on, Immonen was unable to overcome the steady and competent play of Chau, who won 9-5, earning a shot against Kiamco in the finals.

Though Kiamco and Chau have been around the proverbial block a few times, competing in any number of hot seat matches, loss-side runs and semifinal wins and losses over the years, one might have assumed that the gritty play and consistent time-at-table as Kiamco waited, would have given Chau a bit of an edge in the fi-



Gary Ornoff and Jeremy Sossei

nals that followed. Kiamco dusted off whatever 'cobwebs' that might have formed during his multi-hour wait and opened those finals with three straight racks; a lead that would never really be challenged.

Chau won the 4th rack, but Kiamco came back to increase his lead by four of them at 5-1. Chau chalked up another one, but Kiamco came right back to run four more. Even as Kiamco moved ahead by seven at 9-2 in the race to 11, chat room and stream commentary by Ra Hanna (and others) kept predicting a run by Chau that would close the gap. It came in rack 12, when Kiamco scratched and Chau ran the table to make it 9-3.

Chau won two more, setting the chat-o-sphere buzzing, before Kiamco responded with the rack that put him on the hill. In what proved to be the

final rack, Kiamco cleared the table and lined up a straight-on shot at the 9-ball. Chau conceded at that point. Kiamco stood up when Chau gestured his concession, acknowledged the courtesy and got back down to aim. He changed his mind about the straight-on shot and in a sort of punctuation move, hit the 9-ball hard and watched it travel three rails and fall into a side pocket.

Tournament director Dexter Real thanked the ownership and staff at Q Master Billiards, as well as Virginia Novelty, Holt, MW Designs Fences and Decks, National Billiard Academy, Nick Varner Cues, Diamond Billiard Products, team straight pool eye and Littman lights. He also thanked Ra Hanna and his On the Wire Creative Media crew for an excellently commented stream throughout the weekend.

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# Woodward Over Orcollo

## *To Remain Barbox King, Calls Out Van Boening*

It was touted as the biggest money match of modern times, and it pitted the “King of Money Matches” Dennis Orcollo against the “King of the Barbox” Skyler Woodward.

In the end, there can only be one king at a time though, and the player to keep their crown after this match at Stixx and Stones Billiards in Lewisville Texas was Skyler Woodward.

They started the third and final day of their event on Sunday with Wood-

ward holding a narrow 100-95 lead. Although Woodward ended up winning by that same five rack margin, it was what happened in between that was so exciting.

Both players came out showing a little fatigue from the two long days of play that they had already been through. Orcollo made up the five rack gap in a hurry and the day saw it's first lead change at 103-102 Orcollo. Orcollo built on that lead, via a five

pack (5 straight break and run wins) and started to distance himself from Woodward at 109-102. Next it was Woodward's turn to control things as he won nine of ten racks to regain the lead at 111-110.

Our third lead change of the day came two racks later when Orcollo pulled ahead 112-111, and the fourth lead change was two racks later with Woodward ahead 113-112. Woodward took control of things after that rack and had two different three packs as he pushed his lead to seven racks at 121-114. It almost seemed like Woodward was playing with too much pace and confidence as he missed a surprising



Skyler Woodward

7-ball in the 237th rack of the weekend and Orcollo got back within five at 121-116 and took a short break. That break helped Orcollo regain control, winning another nine out of ten racks to hold a 125-122 lead at the dinner break.

Things picked right up where they left off after the dinner break as Woodward regained the lead (lead change #5) at 130-129. Seeing the weekends finish line in sight, Woodward found a compromise between the quick pace of confidence he had been showing in streaks earlier in the match, and giving any tricky balls an extra amount of focus to assure success. He rode that compromise to a six rack lead at 135-129.

A scratch on the break in rack 270 finally brought Orcollo back to the table and he was all business. He ran that rack, and the next four in a row, to get back within one at 135-134. Then it was Orcollo scratching on the break and Woodward jumping out of his chair for his turn to control things. Almost like a game of HORSE on the pool table, Woodward ran that rack and the next four in a row to push ahead 140-134.

Orcollo won the next three racks and might have won more had he not left himself hooked on the one ball after the break in rack 278. Dennis pushed to a full ball jump shot that seemed to almost dare Woodward to take it on, and “take it on” he did, jumping over the blocking ball to make the one and running out for a 141-137 lead.

After another two racks won by Orcollo (141-139), it was the “Money Match King” who appeared to crack just a little under the pressure. A kick attempt by Orcollo went very much awry in the next rack, putting Woodward back ahead 142-139 and then a low percentage thin cut/combo on the one ball by Orcollo in the next rack led to a 143-139 Woodward lead. Just a couple of racks later, it was Orcollo going for another “hero shot” and selling out the table to Woodward for a 148-142 scoreline.

**“IT LOOKED AS IF ORCOLLO WAS HOPING TO LEAVE WOODWARD A TOUGH JUMP SHOT, BUT WOODWARD INSTEAD WENT FOR A SLIGHT MASSE AROUND THE OFFENDING BALL AND MADE THE TWO-BALL. THAT WAS ALL WOODWARD NEEDED TO FINISH OFF THAT RACK FOR THE 150-145 WIN.”**

Orcollo would get back to within four at 148-144 before Woodward got to the long awaited hill at 149-144. The final exchange at the table came in rack 295 when Orcollo pushed out after being hooked after the break. It looked as if Orcollo was hoping to leave Woodward a tough jump shot, but Woodward instead went for a slight masse around the offending ball and made the two-ball. That was all Woodward needed to finish off that rack for the 150-145 win.

Perhaps riding the high of such a big win, Woodward laid down a challenge after the match. “Shane Van Boening, you are next” said the weekends big winner. In no time at all, Van Boening (celebrating his win at the Jay Swanson Memorial) answered on Facebook with the added stipulation that the winner

of a match between he and Woodward would get to shave the loser’s head on the PPV stream. The internet is already abuzz with talk of this match and who everyone likes to win it.

The entire three day match was streamed by rackem.tv and fans will be able to watch reruns of the match early this week on the rackem.tv website.

The match was sponsored by Omega Billiards, Acme Billiards, Stixx and Stones, Muecci Cues, Diamond Billiard Products, Predator Arcos II, OB Cues, Simonis Cloth, D Reel Promotions, 8-Ball Players Club, Molina Mike, Docs Billiard Office, Dunski’s Dungeon, Aramith, Pat Diveney Cues, Rounceville, Off The Rail Apparel, James Hanshew, How Tips, Shelby Custom Cues, Digi Pool and the LBS Championship.



Dennis Orcollo

# Sheerman And Seaver Win U.S. Amateur Championship Titles

**J**ason Sheerman of Port St Lucie, Fla., is the 2020-2021 U.S. Amateur Champion. Sheerman went undefeated through the 117-player field in his first U.S. Amateur Championship appearance.

The U.S. Amateur Championship was held March 17-21 at Stroker's in Palm Harbor, Fla., and was presented by the American Poolplayers Association.

After falling behind 8-1 in the Championship Final, Sheerman battled back to defeat Daniel Gambill of Hickory, N.C., 11-9.

"It was super tough, I don't know how I did it. In my last couple matches, I was dealing with a deficit, I just tried to keep my head straight, focus on the shot at hand and do what I had to do to get out," said Sheerman.

Sheerman sent Gambill to the one-loss side of the bracket in the hot-seat match, but Gambill forced a rematch with a victory over defending champion Blake Baker in the semifinal round. Gambill earned his second Runner-Up finish in 13 U.S. Amateur Championship appearances.

Baker dropped his first match of the tournament to Ernesto Bayaua, and battled all the way back to the semifinal round for a 3rd Place finish.

Sheerman's name will not only be added to the coveted Larry Hubbart trophy, but he'll move on to compete in a Pro Event in 2022 and will return to defend his title next year.

Jeannie Seaver of Tarpon Springs, Fla., is the 2020-2021 Womens U.S. Amateur Champion. Seaver went undefeated through the 47-player field in her first U.S. Amateur Championship appearance.



Jason Sheerman

“It was a very tough field. It’s a very prestigious title to win. A lot of the great players have won it, and now I’m one of them,” said Seaver after her victory.

Seaver defeated fellow Floridian Julia Sheerman of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., 9-3 in the Championship final held at Stroker’s in Palm Harbor, Fla.

“The first time we played, she crushed me in 8-Ball. Somehow I got lucky and won a few more than Julia in that final match,” said Seaver.

Seaver sent Sheerman to the one-loss side of the bracket in the hot-seat match, but Sheerman forced a rematch with a victory over Deanna Foster in the semifinal round.

Sheerman finished Runner-Up in her first U.S. Amateur Championship appearance. Her deep run in the tournament coincided nicely with her husband, Jason’s, victory in the Open Division.

Foster finished in 3rd Place, her best U.S. Amateur Championship finish ever.

Seaver also moves on to compete in a Pro Event in 2022 and will return to defend her title next year. Her name will, of course, join a handful of others forever featured on the Womens U.S. Amateur Championship trophy.

Both championship matches can now be viewed for free on the APA YouTube channel at [youtube.com/apaleagues](https://youtube.com/apaleagues) in addition to dozens of other matches that were lived-streamed from this year’s U.S. Amateur Championship.

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*Jeannie Seaver*

The entry window for the 2022 U.S. Amateur Championship is now open with the Preliminary Rounds scheduled across North America in mid-September.

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

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# The 25th Jay "Swanee" Swanson Memorial 4K Added 9-Ball Tournament Showcases Big Heart In Las Vegas

A full field of 64 strong players came out to Griff's in Las Vegas over the weekend of April 10th & 11th to compete in "The Swanee".

**"T**he Swanee" is short for the Jay "Swanee" Swanson Memorial Tournament, and Griff's hosted its 25th event. The event attracted several stand out up and coming pros, and legendary

road warriors that competed in the double elimination 4k added 9-ball tournament. The event was free to spectators and available to view on live stream by a professional stream with commentary by BBTv via Griff's Facebook page.

"Swanee" the player was a legendary, larger than life character who was known as the best player out of San Diego and one of the best in the nation. A towering "Gentle Giant" who was all heart and loved the excitement of competition and followed the



Corey Deuel and Shane Van Boening

action. The legend of Jay "Swanee" Swanson was huge. Unfortunately, "Swanee" had to quit the game after his doctor discovered that he had an enlarged heart and ultimately even he couldn't contain it.

His legacy continues, and legends reflect back on great road stories and memories like Johnny Archer who respected how he always practiced hard and took the game seriously. After this weekend, even more new players will continue his legacy in remembering and participating in the 2021 Swanee. This event was run by Tim Kovacs and KPP (Kovacs Pool Promotions) and hosted by Mark Griffin, Gary Lutman and Griff's staff.

All players played one another even with no jump cues allowed. Races to 8 on the winners side and races to 7 on the one-loss bracket. The finals was a race to 11 games. (The player had to win by two games, and if it went to 15-15, the match went to sudden death)

The event drew big names in the game, like Shane Van Boening, Vilmos Foldes, Warren Kiamco, Oscar Domin-

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guez, Chris Robinson and Corey Deuel. The field was filled with a super strong field of talent with big heart.

Talent was deep in the field with 33 players rated 650 or higher with 17 over 700. On paper, Shane Van Boening came into the event as the favorite with an 817 Fargo.

It would be Shane's old Mosconi Cup teammate, pro Corey Deuel who would stand out by going through the field to the hot-seat undefeated. Corey defeated Sergio Rivas, Oscar Dominguez, John Kocela, Nick De Leon, Danny Olson and Chris Robinson to earn his seat in the finals.

James Cabal, Daniel Sardonicillo, Manny Perez and Oscar Dominguez played solid finishing 9-12th.

Nick De Leon and Chris Lulek, both from team Arizona, had outstanding performances finishing 7-8th. Vilmos Foldes played outstanding throughout the event and knocked Chris Lulek out of the tournament 7-4, before running into a buzzsaw in Shane Van Boening on then TV table, losing 7-1.

Nick De Leon lost a well fought match against one of the favorites, Warren Kiamco, 7-4.

Warren was playing superb pool Saturday and all day Sunday before com-



Jay Swanson

## 25th Annual Jay Swanson "Swanee" Memorial

ing up short in a hill-hill thriller, getting defeated by the "South Dakota Kid" Shane Van Boening 7-6.

Shane would play another Mosconi Cup player, Chris Robinson, on the TV table for a chance to play Corey Deuel in the finals. Shane outperformed Chris in compelling fashion 7-3.

The stage was set, with all eyes on two top American players who have both represented the United States of America on one of pool's largest stag-

es – the Mosconi Cup. Both players embody all of the characteristics that "Swanee" would be proud of. Both of these players can play the game at the highest level and have heart, big heart.

In the finals...

All eyes were on the final match on the TV table... Corey Deuel vs Shane Van Boening.

Shane continued his hot play on the TV table while Corey played a solid

set. Shane capitalized on a few key misses and jumped ahead at 9-6, before Corey closed the gap to two racks at 10 – 8. Corey's late comeback came to an end with a scratch on the break, as Shane ran out the remaining balls and earned a hard fought victory capturing the 25th Swanee.

Griff's etches the names of each years champion in a special plaque that has a picture of "Swanee". This year, Shane Van Boening proved to have the biggest heart and dug the deepest to deliver a gritty win to become the 2021 "Swanee" Champion.

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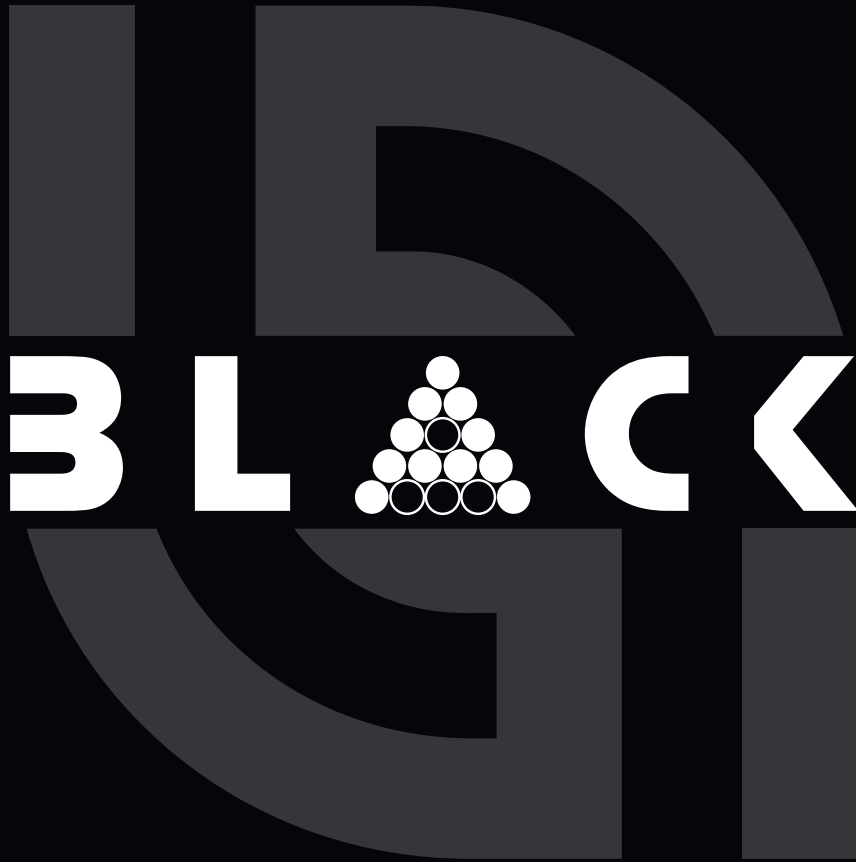
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*The Stars Came Out In Florida To Support*  
**The Black Widow  
Legacy Tournament,  
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The pool community at large has always been good at coming out to support members of its own extended pool family. At pool tournaments large and small, coast to coast, when a player is in need of help, his or her fellow players, and usually, lots of them, come out in support.



*Tommy Kennedy, Jeanette Lee and Mika Immonen*

This was especially true last weekend (April 10-11), when the player in need was the Black Widow, Jeanette Lee, whose diagnosis of ovarian cancer had galvanized the pool community into a flurry of benefit events, designed to assist Lee and her daughters. Lee, in the meantime, who visited the benefit event on Saturday, had already begun a fierce and determined battle to beat the cancer, with much the same style and verve that has characterized her entire career.

She entered Brewlands Bar and Grill of Carrollwood in Tampa, FL on a wheelchair to (literally) thunderous applause from the hundreds assembled, who stopped shooting pool long enough to welcome her. She thanked everyone and proceeded to tell them that she had already undergone three of six scheduled chemotherapy treatments, and that she was scheduled for surgery on Thursday (April 15).

“From there,” she explained, noting that the surgery was going to require some extra healing time, “each cycle is about three weeks apart, so... I’m supposed to turn the big five-oh on July 9th and am supposed to be finished with chemo the first week of July.”

“The goal,” she added, “is to make it to 50.”

No stranger to pain, having spent the latter part of her career battling scoliosis and becoming the national spokesperson for the disease, she didn’t need to tell people about her courage and strength. Many of the people in the room had been eyewitness to the pain she would occasionally endure during competition. She went on to tell them from where that courage and strength emanated.

“I’m as stubborn as all get-out,” she said. “I plan to be here for my children.”

She paused for just a moment, looking at the crowd that had gathered to support her efforts.



*Tony Robles and Jeanette Lee*

“I could never have imagined this kind of support,” she added, “and I am humbled by it. We’re going to get through this and thank you guys for being on my team.”

Among her friends in the Tampa, FL area where she and her family live, are a number of people quite familiar with the process of organizing pool tournaments. One of them, Jeannie Seaver (the APA’s 2020-2021 Women’s US Amateur Champion, as of March 20) has had experience with benefit tournaments and along with Sonya Chbeeb, jumped at the chance to or-

ganize this one. Having become close friends with Lee since she relocated to Florida, they didn’t hesitate to give back, in return for all that Lee had done for them over the years.

“She’s an icon and a legend,” said Chbeeb, “and inspirational in so many ways. (People) can relate to so many of her experiences, with their own; the life struggles she’s gone through can touch so many people’s lives that way. She has always been supportive and helpful to people who want to learn or advance their game, always there for them.”

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## Black Widow Legacy Event

“We’re doing this for her and her family,” she added. “She’s always been focused on everybody else and now it’s time for her to focus on herself and her family. We wanted to have this event to allow her time to just relax and let someone else take over, to let someone do something for her.”

Though experienced at running benefits, Jeannie Seaver was used to somewhat smaller-in-scale events and thanks, in part, to the pandemic, she hadn’t actually organized one in quite some time. When she heard of the need, signing on to help put it together was obvious to her, and she came to it with what she believed to be reasonable expectations.

“I figured we’d be making \$10 to \$15k,” she said. “I didn’t think it would be over \$30k.”

But it was. Closer to \$32k when all was said and done, and thanks to the efforts of the co-tour directors of the Sunshine State Predator Pro Am Tour (Janene Phillips & Bobby Garza), it went off smoothly. As Garza set up the streaming service that would broadcast throughout the event, Phillips, with the assistance of Rob McLaren, Leah Nusbaum and Cami Becker set themselves to the task of running not just one, but two tournaments. Having anticipated the large gathering that eventually did show up, they had decided beforehand to run two separate tournaments, one for higher-ranked competition (Open/Pro) and one for the lower ranks; A & B brackets, as it were. The Open/Pro competitors would compete on the venue’s 9-ft. tables, while everyone else would compete on 8-ft. tables.

The A bracket held 63 players, while the B bracket had 89.

And now, as Jeanette likely thought, but didn’t actually say, ‘Let’s shoot some pool.’

Shawn Collie and the Iceman, Mika Immonen win B and A brackets, respectively

The competitor who won the larger tournament (the B bracket), Shawn Collie, had, until this weekend (according to our records), cashed in only four events since 2007. It looked as though he was going to struggle again, when he lost his opening match, in a double hill fight against Steven Krogh. Collie moved to the loss side and won 11 matches, concluding his loss-side run the way he’d started, in a double hill fight. He would go on



to give up only a single rack in the finals and claim his fifth cash payout and his first-ever tournament win.

With Collie already at work on the loss side, the eventual, mixed-gender hot seat opponents – Allen Ellison and Carrie Vetrano – advanced through the field. Ellison faced Kim Burbank in one of the winners' side semifinals as Vetrano squared off against Anthony Rotenberry. Two double hill matches followed, with Vetrano and Ellison moving into the hot seat match, won by Ellison 4-2.

It was Rotenberry who had the misfortune of running into Collie, who was eight matches into his loss-side winning streak. Burbank drew Andrew Erb, who was working on a six-match, loss-side winning streak that was about to end. Collie downed Rotenberry 3-1, as Burbank was busy surviving her double hill match versus Erb. Collie took the quarterfinal match versus Burbank 3-1 and then cleared his last hurdle for the finals, a double hill win over Vetrano in the semifinals.

Collie would put an exclamation point on his loss-side run. As noted at the outset, he gave up only a single rack to Ellison in the extended race-to-6 finals to claim the title.

The Open/Pro segment of the tournament ended with two classic battles between two of the sports more recognizable personalities; the ever-ebullient Tommy Kennedy and the Iceman, Mika Immonen. Behind them both and finishing in third place was 'young gun,' Trenton White.

The Iceman got himself into a winners' side semifinal against Les Duffy, having given up only nine racks over four matches, including a winners' side quarterfinal, 6-2 win over Tony Robles. Kennedy, rather unceremoniously, dropped event organizer and APA Women's Amateur Champion, Jeannie Seaver, 6-3 in the opening round and then went on to shut out

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Mike Sullivan. He then gave up two to Ken Black, before defeating Jeffrey De Luna 6-4. This set him up in his winners' side semifinal against Ray Linares, who was, when he wasn't playing, doing duty in the stream booth as a commentator.

Immonen downed Duffy 6-1, as Kennedy was busy sending Linares to the loss side 6-4. Kennedy took the first of his two against Immonen 6-4 and waited in the hot seat for his return.

Duffy and Linares didn't last a round on the loss side. Duffy was defeated by the 'young gun,' Trenton White, double hill. Linares fell to Robles 5-1. White and Robles locked up in a double hill, quarterfinal fight that eventually sent White to the semifinals, where he was shut out by the Iceman. Immonen claimed the Open/Pro side of the Jeanette Lee Legacy Tournament with an 8-3 victory in the finals.

The list of people who brought this event together and saw to it that it ran smoothly is long, and though it's likely that none of those who contributed in one way or another, were or are interested in being recognized for their efforts, that is exactly the reason that we'll mention them; beginning with Jeannie Seaver and Sonya Chbeeb, along with Brewlands owner, Larry Wathal and venue manager, Sammy Hewett.

"Larry and Sammy outdid themselves hosting this event," wrote Janene Phillips. "Larry added \$1,500 to the two events, 20% of which went to Jeanette. Sammy was one of the event coordinators and worked around the clock to make sure this event was perfect."

Phillips, too, was among those who contributed to the success of this event, along with the previously-mentioned Rob McLaren, Leah Nusbaum, Cami Becker and, running the live stream, Bobby Garza and commentators Ray Linares and Cheryl Baglin. With apologies to a number of contributors who stopped into the venue and donated a variety of different items like merchandise, cues and autographed items, noted sponsors included Mezz Cues, Molinari, Roy's Basement, Predator Cues, Sterling Gaming, Bass Pro Shops, Dunnski Dungeon, Kamui Products, Shells Restaurant of North Tampa, Joss Cues, N the Zone, Tiger Products, Ladies Florida Tiger Tour, Bulletproof Break Tips, and Sammy Hewitt's Crew – Sara, Bri, Jamie, Mika, Lollipop, Dee, Millie, Mary, Mark, Lauren, Tony, Stephanie, Marci, Nick and the Egnatowski's. Thanks went out, as well, to all of those who competed in both of the tournaments, including, but by no means limited to, Lee's fellow professionals Mika Immonen, Tommy Kennedy, Janet Atwell, Jeffrey De Luna and Tony Robles.

There are two more Black Widow Legacy benefit events scheduled. This coming weekend (April 17-18), Janet Atwell (who competed in this recent event) will host the Black Widow Open at her room, Borderline Billiards in Bristol, TN. Seaver, Chbeeb and company will be on hand for another Legacy event that will be hosted by Stroker's Billiards in Palm Harbor, FL on the weekend of May 8-9.

**Black Widow Open**

# BLACK WIDOW BENEFIT 'TRAIN'

*Stops At Atwell's Borderline  
Billiards And Raises \$16K*



*Janet Atwell and Rodney Morris*

**T**hough unable to physically appear at the latest tournament that was organized and held for her benefit, Jeanette Lee, the Black Widow, arguably the most recognizable name in billiard sports, did make a video-call appearance at Janet Atwell's Borderline Billiards in Bristol, TN on Saturday, April 17. In the latest of an ongoing series of Black Widow Legacy Tournaments, organized by her fellow professionals and legions of fans all across the country, Lee explained to those who had gathered in Borderline Billiards to help her as she battles ovarian cancer, that she will continue to fight and that efforts to help her and her daughters have not gone unnoticed.

"The support makes a difference," she told the assembled crowd, who, as they had done a week earlier in Florida, stopped what they were doing to listen to her on the large screen that had been set up in Atwell's room for the purpose. "You guys are just lifting me up and I will kick this cancer."

Two days after undergoing a related operation, she explained to the crowd that she would have loved to be there in person, but that traveling on an airplane for her was just too dangerous.

"But I love you guys," she said. "I'm so thankful and I'm looking forward to watching these matches."

Lee, as well as those at the venue and any who watched the live stream were



Rodney Morris and Jaiden Hess

treated to a number of entertaining pool matches, not the least of which was a true double elimination set of final matches in which "Rocket" Rodney Morris, who came from the loss side, was defeated by a 16-year-old competitor by the name of Jaiden Hess. Earlier, he'd been sent to the loss side by a 14-year-old junior by the name of Precilia Kinsley. The event drew 106 entrants, including a number of strong area competitors like Kia Burwell, Reid Vance, Cole Lewis, Eric Roberts, Lisa Cossette, Ryan Fossum, Scott Howard and Corey Morpew (among others, Morris included).

"Rocket" was, of course, playing with an A+++ handicap and throughout

most of the tournament was being required to win at least twice as many games as the opponents he ended up facing in individual matches. He got an opening round "bye" and won just a single winners' side match before running into 14-year-old Precilia Kinsley, who sent him to the loss side. Nine matches later, he returned from the loss side and though he took the opening set of the true double elimination final against Jaiden Hess, Hess came back and fought to double hill in the second set, before dropping the final 9-ball and claiming the event title.

In spite of the handicap, "Rocket" was impressed by the youngsters he faced in this event.

"These kids are getting some good coaching, good teaching," he said. "Of course, they have a long way to go, learning about the cue ball (among other things), but they have got the passion."

"Somebody's out there," he added. "keeping them focused, instilling that love of the game. And then, that boy, Jaiden, ends up beating me in the fi-

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## **Black Widow Open**

nals, and we've got ourselves a couple of lifers now."

Morris also had high praise for Atwell and the Legacy Tournament she'd organized to benefit her fellow professional.

"It was a very emotional weekend," said Morris, who'd been able to speak to Jeanette just prior to her appearance on the big screen to talk to all of those present. "Everybody did a great job."

"Janet was amazing," he added. "She is top-notch, just a very genuine person."

According to Atwell, she will be hosting another benefit for Lee in the future, at a date to be announced. She credited her landlords, Jeff and Terri

**“ THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BLACK WIDOW LEGACY TOURNAMENT IN FLORIDA ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 8-9, THE SECOND TO BE ORGANIZED BY JEANNIE SEAVER AND SONYA CHBEEB. ”**

Gregory, with donating \$2,000, \$1,000 of which will go towards added-money for the next event.

"Counting online donations, local donations and everything raised during the event, Atwell wrote later, "we raised \$16,867."

There will be another Black Widow Legacy Tournament in Florida on the

weekend of May 8-9, the second to be organized by Jeannie Seaver and Sonya Chbeeb. The Black Widow Open Benefit Event will be hosted by Stroker's Billiards in Palm Harbor, FL.

"With the support of hundreds of people like you," the Black Widow had noted before the event at Borderline Billiards got underway, "I don't think this cancer has a chance."



Reid Vance and Pricilia Kinsley with Janet Atwell



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# Junior Player of the Month

# *Adrian Prasad*

**Junior International Championship (JIC) Director Ra Hanna made it clear that his “Player of the Month” picks would not be based simply on performance on the tour.**

**W**inning back to back titles in the 13 & Under Boys division didn’t hurt our May Player of the Month Adrian Prasad though.

Prasad kicked off the tour back in January at Wolf’s Den Billiards in Roanoke, Virginia with a runner-up finish to Texas’s Gabriel Martinez. Prasad took something away from that loss

though. “I learned from that loss. It made me push way harder to beat him the next time we played.” said Prasad.

He would get that chance at the very next JIC stop at Racks in Sanford, Florida, where he defeated Martinez on his way to a 9-7 win over Minnesota’s Hank Leinen in the finals.

In the short history of the Junior International Championship, no one had earned back to back titles in any division, but Prasad put that challenge behind him in April at Racks on the Rocks in Peoria, Illinois. After dropping a final four match against South Dakota’s Eddie Vonderau, Prasad had wins over Jayce Little, D’Angelo Spain, Vonderau and Leinen for his second straight title.

Although Prasad is “only” thirteen years old, he says he has been playing since he was five. Noticing some friends playing on the table in his home when he was five, Prasad tried playing and quickly fell in love with the game. It was the gift of his own cue, from his father Atish, that pushed Prasad to where he is with game today. Prasad says he now plays every day, devoting roughly six hours a day to drills and practice.

Even with his already impressive resume, it wasn’t just that resume that earned Prasad his Player of the Month title. Junior International Championship Tournament Director Kory Wolford commented on the young champion. “What can you say about this young man, he is humble with the fight of a tiger. He is one of the nicest kids you would ever want to meet, except on the felt!”. Hanna is in agreement. “Sure Adrian Prasad is a great



talent on the pool table, but off the pool table is where he really shines... He has made more new friends than he can count. His drive, determination and character is exactly what the JIC stands for...Our first back to back champion, and he's only getting started!!!" said Hanna.

Prasad credits a lot of his success to the support he has from his family. Dad Atish, Mom Sarita and eleven year old sister Ashley have all helped to support Prasad and his obsession with the game. From taking him to local tournaments at Hard Times Billiards to JIC stops across the country from their home in Sacramento, Prasad says his family is always there for him.

Wolford commented on that support Prasad has from his family. "Adrian is well mannered and respectful to all competitors, parents, even tournament directors. I base this on the strong family ties he has to his Parents and siblings". Mosconi Cup veteran Chris Robinson has also noticed the support that Prasad enjoys. "He's an amazing kid and has a great future if he keeps going. His parents have done an amazing job raising him." said Robinson.

It looks like the sky's the limit for young Prasad. He has been working with Hard Times owner Oscar Dominguez and Dominguez is impressed. "He is learning quick. It's crazy. I'm kinda jealous" said Dominguez. Anyone watching Prasad play sees the same potential. "You'll see a lot of great things happen in the near future for him. I can feel it." said Chris Robison. "I am so proud to watch the development and dedication he puts into this game. Mark my words you will be hearing great things from this young man in the near future." said Wolford.

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# ***Team Ohio Wins Ladies Battle for the Border***

**In November of 2020 male teams from Ohio and Michigan engaged in the first Battle for the Border, a Mosconi Cup style team event for state pride and cash.**

**N**ot to be outdone by the men, the women of Ohio and Michigan put the work in and organized their own Battle for the Border event. The girls put their marketing hats on and went on the prowl for sponsors. Their hard work paid off with more than \$10,000 of support for the event. The teams chose to rotate between 8 ball (race to 3) and 9 ball (race to 5) for their matches in an overall race to 9. The players sought for a host venue in Michigan since the men's border battle was in Ohio.

When the dust cleared, Eastside Billiards in Grand Rapids Michigan won the opportunity. Similarly with the mens event, captains were chosen for each team. Ohio was captained by Julie Skripac-Copper from Cincinnati Ohio. Julie is the 2012 Ohio BCA State 8 ball champion, the 2011 Valley Forge 8 Ball Champion, and a regular on the WPBA tour. Michigan called upon Lonnie Fox-Raymond from Adrian Michigan. Lonnie is a 3X Indiana VNEA State Champion, a 3X Ohio BCA State Champion, and a regular on the WPBA

tour as well. Both Ohio and Michigan picked great captains.

With a few months before the event, the captains started releasing the names of the players that would populate each team. The anticipation online was high as fans wondered who would be picked next. When the smoke cleared, the teams were set. Team Michigan was: CJ Spack (2X Michigan State Champion, 3X Great Lakes Tour Stop Champion), Lori Tripp (2018 Owosso Michigan Top Ladies

Event winner, 2017 Ladies Team Grand Rapids Open runner up), Renee Havel (Dr Pool Champion, 3X third place finisher in the Super Billiards Expo Ladies Open), Jen Polik (2X VNEA Champion, BCA Women's 9 Ball Runner up). Team Ohio countered with Amy Theriault (2X Ohio BCA State Champion, 2017 Midwest Ladies Regional Tour Champion), Tatum Cutting (2018 TAP National Scotch Doubles Champion, 2019 BEF Junior National Champion), Chelsea Hoyt (Big Money Billiards Parlor Ladies 8-ball Champion, Avenue Cue 8 Ball Champion), Angela Janic (2019 Ohio BCA State Champion, 2019 Central Pennsylvania Bar Box Open 9 ball runner up), and Shannon Dunn (2017 VENA 8 ball Champion, 2017 VNEA 9 ball runner up). The teams were set. The Jersey's printed. The only thing left was to play the match.

The night before the event the players and the fans were treated to an additional side event. Both Michigan and Ohio are home to professional artistic pool players. Team Ohio had Brian "Superman" Pauley (Current World Draw Champion and #5 on the WPA World Artistic Pool Rankings) while team Michigan answered with Jason "The Michigan Kid" Lynch (2X World Jump Champion and #2 on the WPA World Artistic Pool Rankings). The players squared off in their heads up playoff format where players had to duplicate shots picked from the 120 Shot program. Brian and Jason are road partners for their Artistic Pool events so the comradery was on display for the enjoyment of the room. Brian and Jason dedicated this match to both Curtis Robertson, an artistic pool player and cue maker who trag-

ically died in a plane crash in October of 2020, and Harry Pauley, Brian's father who died of Covid induced double pneumonia in December of 2020. Both Brian and Jason put on a show making difficult shots but also entertaining the crowd, but Jason Lynch bested his road partner and got the momentum started for team Michigan. The men of Michigan and Ohio had their time, next it was the women's turn to take center stage and show the world their skills and compete for their state's honor.

Day 1 started like the traditional Mosconi match of team Ohio vs team Michigan. After going through the full roster, team Michigan got on the board first with a team win. (1-0 Michigan) The first match saw Angela Janic vs CJ Spack in a 9 ball match. Janic



CJ Spack, Lori Tripp, Renee Havel, Jen Polik, Lonnie Fox-Raymond, Julie Skripac-Cooper, Amy Theriault, Shannon Dunn, Angela Janic, Chelsea Hoyt, Tatum Cutting

## Ladies Battle for the Border



Team Ohio MVP Angela Janic

had the momentum first and got out to a 4-0 lead. Spack played smart and started chipping back at the lead, eventually getting the match to hill-hill. The last rack was a back and forth ordeal with Spack completing the comeback win. (2-0 Michigan) Match 3 saw a doubles 8 ball match with Janic/Therault vs Fox-Raymond/Tripp. Team Ohio won the first game but Fox-Raymond and Tripp roared back and won the next three games to win the set. (3-0 Michigan) Match 4 was a singles match between Shannon Dunn and Lonnie Fox-Raymond. Like the last match, Shannon of team Ohio won the first game but Lonnie, showing early MVP potential, fired back and won 5 straight games. (4-0 Michigan) Match 5 was a singles 8 ball match between Amy Therault vs Jen Polik. The match went hill-hill with Amy getting the win and bringing Ohio their much needed first match win. (4-1 Michigan) Trying to keep the momentum in match 6, team Ohio sent up Shannon Dunn and Chelsea Hoyt against CJ Spack and Lori Tripp in a team 8 ball match. Dunn and Hoyt got out to a 2-0 rack lead. In rack 3 team Michigan made a positional error and Hoyt and Dunn capitalized and ran out to take match 6. (4-2 Michigan). With team Ohio having the momentum, they sent the youngest player in the whole

event Tatum Cutting against Renee Havel in a singles 9 ball match. Tatum showed why she is a BEF Junior National Champion and won 5-0, keeping the momentum with team Ohio. (4-3 Michigan) The last match of Day 1 saw the captains pick a partner and square off in a 9 ball doubles match. Julie Cooper picked Angela Janic while Lonnie Fox-Raymond picked CJ Spack. The teams went back and forth showing how evenly matched these teams were. With Michigan up 4-3 in match 8, CJ Spack had a tricky back cut on the 9 ball. She made the

9 but the cue ball went to the side rail and headed to the same corner pocket the 9 went in. The whole room was on pins and needles but the cue ball stopped just short of falling in, giving team Michigan the match win and slowing down Ohio's momentum. Day 1 ended with an overall score of 5-3 in favor of team Michigan.

Day 2 opened up with another Team Michigan vs Team Ohio match. This was a 9 ball race to 8 format. Day 1 showed how even these teams were. The difference in team Fargo rates was less than 10. That's pretty even. The team match came down to 7-7 with Janic playing Fox-Raymond for the last game. Lonnie left herself with a tough 50/50 shot on the 8 ball. She chose the side pocket but missed. Angela came back and made a clutch full table cut on the 8 ball but left herself literally the same 9 ball shot CJ Spack had at the end of day 1 where she almost scratched. Angela put a good draw stroke on the cue ball to ensure she didn't scratch. This brought team Ohio within 1 game of the overall score at 5-4. Match 10 saw doubles 8 ball with Julie Cooper and Amy Therault taking on CJ Spack and Jen Polik. Riding the wave of momentum from



Brian "Superman" Pauley

the team win, Julie and Amy got on the hill quick with a 2-0 lead. In rack 3, team Michigan was in the middle of a runout and trying to get back in the match. Jen went for a break out on the 8 ball but missed the breakout, leaving a touchy shot on the 8 ball for CJ. CJ went for a kick on the 8. She got a good hit but missed the shot and opened up the table for team Ohio. Ohio took advantage and ran out. The Ohio crowd that made the trip went wild as the overall score was tied at 5-5 in the race to 9. The ever important match after evening up the score saw a rematch from day 1 in Lonnie Fox-Raymond vs Shannon Dunn. Lonnie got out to a 2-0 lead and left herself with a difficult full table, back cut bank shot on the 8 in rack 3. Lonnie got down and drained the bank center pocket and got perfect shape on the 9 ball. The Michigan fans erupted as Michigan went ahead 6-5. Ohio put up the two young guns of the team in Cutting and Hoyt vs Havel and Polik in a doubles 9 ball match. The young guns jumped out to a 4-2 lead with great position play. In game 7 Chelsea Hoyt made 3 balls on the break but had no shot on the 1 ball, which seemed to be a regular occurrence in the match. Tatum pushed out to a long shot. Jen took the shot and made it, however leaving tough shape for Renee. Renee was not able to pocket the next ball and left an open table. Tatum and Chelsea finished off the rack and tied up the overall score at 6-6. Match 13 was Hoyt vs Tripp in 8 ball. After Lori got a 2-1 lead, Chelsea answered back with a break and run, sending it to hill-hill. After a safety battle, Chelsea had a tough 4 rail bank on the 8 but was unsuccessful. Lori had two tester cut shots left but an error on her 7th ball saw her scratch leaving Chelsea ball in hand on the 8. (7-6 Ohio) Match 14 saw a singles 9 ball match between Angela Janic and CJ Spack. Angela played like a woman possessed and got out to a 4-1 lead. After a foul by Spack in rack 6, Janic made a 2-9 com-



Jason "The Michigan Kid" Lynch

bo to take the match and put team Ohio on the Hill. The emotional Janic let out a banshee cry in excitement. (8-6 Ohio). Trying to keep Michigan alive captain Lonnie Fox-Raymond paired herself with Lori Tripp in a doubles 8 ball match against Angela Janic and Tatum Cutting. Michigan got out to a 2-1 lead with Ohio to break. Angela and Tatum navigated rack 4 with a break and run to get to the hill. With their tournament lives on the line, Lori and Lori answered the break and run with one of their own to win the match. (8-7 Michigan) The atmosphere in the room and well as on the Railbirds TV stream was amazing. Match 16 was a captains pick doubles 9 ball. Both captain sent the exact same teams back. Capitalizing on the emotion of the last match, team Michigan jumped to a 4-2 lead. In game 7, Janic fluked the 9 ball in and made the match score 4-3. Janic and Cutting grinded out the next game and sent

the match to hill-hill. The final game of this match was back and forth and everyone watching in person and online were on the edge of their seats. Eventually Angela Janic was staring down a 9 ball for the match and the event. After taking some extra time, she buried the 9 ball to the excitement of her team and the fans.

The MVP was chosen by the losing team. Team Michigan chose Angela Janic as the MVP. This event could not have happened if not for these ladies doing the leg work and getting the sponsors. A big thank you to all the sponsors for supporting this event, especially the title sponsor in Tight Rack Billiards. This border battle format looks to a great idea for future events. Team Indiana already said "We got next." Team Ohio is up for the challenge and the opportunity to show why they are the Battle for the Border Champions.

# *Jalal Al Sarisi Loses Battle With Covid*

The pool world was saddened this week with the loss of another pool player to the Covid virus. Jalal Al Sarisi passed away on April 12th alongside his family in Jordan.

**A**l Sarisi, originally from Venezuela, had been over in the states earlier this year and had enjoyed a win on the DFW 9-Ball Tour in January, but was back in Jordan when he tested positive for Covid in March.

Al Sarisi's first sponsor in America was Carlos Sanchez with Clutch Shot Billiards Apparel, and Clutch Shot has helped to create a gofundme cam-

paign to help cover funeral costs for Alsarisi.

"Jalal was the first player we sponsored and he such a great guy" said Sanchez. "Wherever we would go for tournaments, the other players would comment on how intimidating he looked. He was really just a teddy bear though."

Sanchez also said he is working with Al Sarisi's brother on a tournament to celebrate his memory. "I want to hold a memorial every April in his honor" said Sanchez.

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# ***RICARDO CARRANCO***

## ***Wins at Amazin Billiards***

**From April 15th thru April 18th, 33 players from around the country converged at Amazin Billiards in Malden, MA, in a tournament that was as grueling as any handicap tournament to date.**

**P**layers from every level seemed to be in a battle to win virtually every game they played. Even top players who would average over 1.90 in a particular game were then life and death against a player going to 18 or to 23.

Apparently the handicapped system that '3 Cushion USA' has honed and now established was working, in that everyone had a chance to be the lone victor at tournaments' end.

The lone victor however was a very deserving top player from the state of

California by the name of Ricardo Carranco. And it wasn't easy. Although going 5 & 1 in the prelims and losing to up and coming Richie Britt (23), Ricardo earned a bye in the single elimination finals. And it was there in his first match with Ray Glennon (23) that



*Ricardo Carranco*



# Amazin Billiards 3-Cushion

Finishing 5th thru 8th were Vicke Pine-da, Paul Feltman Jr., Paul Feltman Sr and local Ray Glennon. All 4 of these players were literally points away from being top 4.

Then finishing 9th thru 12th and tast-ing a bit of the spoils were Bilal Khalifa Sr., John Johnson, Mazin Shooni and Jesus Corona.

Again, this tournament was as hotly contested as any recent tournament at Amazin Billiards.

Some other notables had both Paul Feltman Sr and Jr once again making their way into the single elimination finals. Their quest ended there but they both played very well once again in Boston.

The 3rd place finishers that did NOT make it into the finals were Richard Falanga, Bobby Page and Richard Vitzthum. These 3 guys competed hard and just missed advancing.

Three other locals, Dave Camaratta, Tom Surette and George Couture also had 3 wins and finished a close 4th in their respective flights.

Some individual highlights saw Ricar-do Carranco Sr throw a 1.2 game at Ken Holstrom while Mr. Carranco won 3 games in his flight.

It looked early as though Hector O'Campo would advance and he DID play well but ran into some tough games on day 3. Hector looked really strong at times resulting in a highly competitive flight.

Great to see Camilo Medina back in Boston and him along with Carlos Ramos showed the 15 locals in Boston that Florida is known for more than just its' weather. These guys played tough and Carlos just missed advancing.

Mickey Campbell and Ray Tower, al-though in different flights did win a cou-

A								WIN/LOS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
	VICKE PINEDA +0	RAY GLENNON +12	RICHARD FALANGA +15	DAVE CAMARATTA +20	KEN HOLSTROM +15	CAMILO MEDINA +10	RICARDO CARRANCO SR +17							
VICKE PINEDA +0		35	35	35	35	35	35	0	210	224	0.938	10	1.458	1
RAY GLENNON +12	33		35	31	35	35	35	2	204	257	0.794		1.129	2
RICHARD FALANGA +15	29	34		35	33	33	35	3	201	243	0.827		1.522	3
DAVE CAMARATTA +20	29	35	29		35	35	33	3	196	238	0.824		1.667	4
KEN HOLSTROM +15	17	25	25	33		35	31	6	147	239	0.615		1.368	7
CAMILO MEDINA +10	19	34	35	21	35		33	4	177	235	0.753		0.921	6
RICARDO CARRANCO SR +17	27	23	22	35	35	35		3	177	241	0.734		1.842	5
Points Against	154	186	181	190	210	194	197		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.782

B								WIN/LOS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
	HECTOR OCAMPO +15	PAUL FELTMAN JR +7	RAYMOND TOWER +15	BOB PAGE +12	GEORGE COUTURE +12	JOE DEAMATO +7	JESUS CORONA +7							
HECTOR OCAMPO +15		30	35	25	35	30	29	2	184	240	0.767		0.938	6
PAUL FELTMAN JR +7	35		27	35	35	35	35	1	202	209	0.967		1.458	1
RAYMOND TOWER +15	30	35		28	31	35	32	4	191	249	0.767		0.875	5
BOB PAGE +12	35	31	37		35	24	29	3	189	246	0.768		1.400	3
GEORGE COUTURE +12	28	26	35	20		35	35	3	179	214	0.836		0.946	4
JOE DEAMATO +7	35	24	30	35	30		20	4	174	239	0.728		0.811	7
JESUS CORONA +7	35	21	35	35	33	35		2	194	235	0.826		1.167	2
Points Against	198	167	197	178	199	194	180		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.805

C								WIN/LOS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
	BERKAY KESKIN +10	JOE CHIASSON +18	CARLOS RAMOS +10	KRIS KWON +0	MICKEY CAMPBELL +17	BILAL KHALIFA SR +3	RICHARD VITZTHUM +10							
BERKAY KESKIN +10		35	35	35	29	33	35	4	202	193	1.047		1.269	2
JOE CHIASSON +18	30		28	28	35	29	35	4	185	259	0.714		1.071	6
CARLOS RAMOS +10	30	35		35	26	35	23	3	184	224	0.821	7	1.207	4
KRIS KWON +0	27	35	35		35	32	35	2	192	207	0.928		1.400	5
MICKEY CAMPBELL +17	35	32	35	22		25	25	4	174	230	0.757		1.136	7
BILAL KHALIFA SR. +3	35	35	35	35	35		35	1	207	253	0.818		1.346	1
RICHARD VITZTHUM +10	33	34	35	35	35	19		3	191	198	0.965		1.591	3
Points Against	190	206	197	190	195	173	184		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:					0.854

ple of games but fell a bit short of what some people thought they might do at their respective handicaps. Next time.

Two more locals, Jo Jo Chiasson and Manny Cunha competed hard, won 2 games and gave some top players fits as they put heat on all throughout. Jo Jo coming off a successful tournament in Tucson, played to a higher number (18) but still showed well.

Dr. Cue, Tom Rossman was considered by many to finish high and he did make a lot of points finishing 2 & 3 but a few more points and he's in as well. Tom put on another one of his uniquely entertaining pocket billiards exhibitions and truly a great time was had but a very nice crowd on day number 1 of the event.

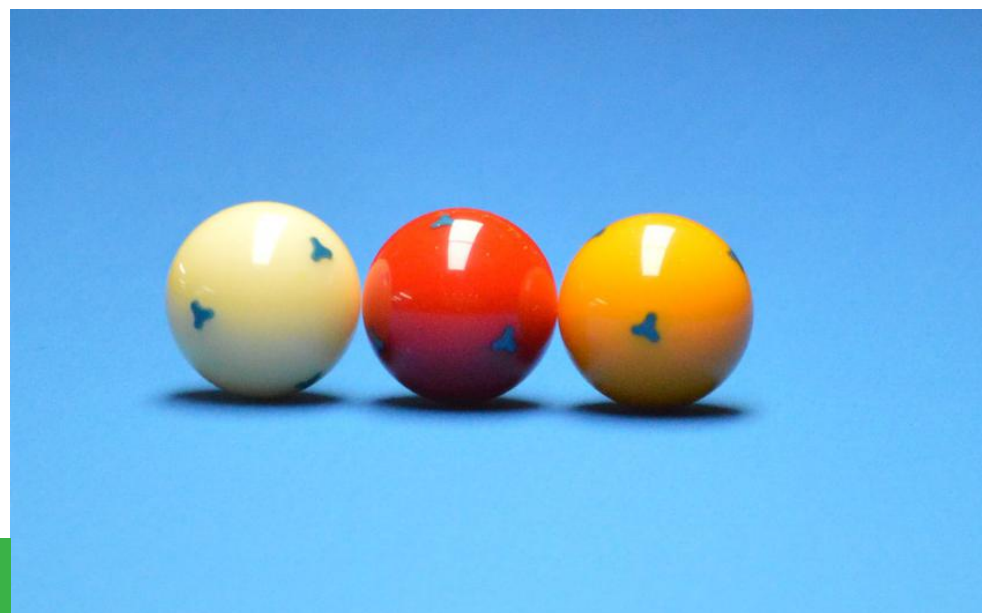
Lastly, BBTV's own Ben Sutherland, a pool player who apparently fell in love with the game of 3 cushion while live streaming play from Tucson in January and vowed to participate in April at Amazin Billiards and participate he did. Ben got his first 3 cushion match win against a real tough player in Paul Feltman Sr. and honestly, competed while going to 15 making it tough on most everyone.

Congratulations to Ricardo Carranco once again and to all the players. Many congratulatory thanks went to Mazin Shooni and rightfully so, whose tireless dedication to his quest of making 3 cushion truly beautiful while engaging ALL levels of players to participate is working. His dream, his formula and his format is catching on all over the country.

It was a beautiful 4 days and nights of 3 cushion excellence, 3 cushion love and 3 cushion camaraderie for the entire event. Congrats to one and all.

D							WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
	SEAN ANGELESCO +17	PAUL FELTMAN SR. +10	MANNY CUNHA +17	MAZIN SHOONI +0	TOM ROSSMAN +15	BEN SUTHERLAND +20							
SEAN ANGELESCO +17	50	33	35	22	35	35	3	160	177	0.904	1.222	<b>3</b>	
PAUL FELTMAN SR. +10	35		35	33	31	28	2	167	219	0.763	1.061	<b>2</b>	
MANNY CUNHA +17	27	29		32	35	35	2	158	201	0.786	0.970	<b>4</b>	
MAZIN SHOONI +0	35	14	35		35	35	4	154	134	1.149	9	<b>1</b>	
TOM ROSSMAN +15	33	35	32	21		35	2	156	261	0.598	0.750	<b>5</b>	
BEN SUTHERLAND +20	26	35	26	15	27	34	1	148	204	0.725	1.800	<b>6</b>	
Points Against	156	146	163	137	173	168		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:				0.788	

E							WIN/LOSS	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL INNINGS	GRAND AVERAGE	HIGH RUN	BEST GAME	FINAL RANKING
	RICHIE BRITT +12	BOB FERRARA +12	BILAL KHALIFA JR +12	TOM SURETTE +20	JOHN JOHNSON +17	RICARDO CARRANCO JR +0							
RICHIE BRITT +12		35	35	32	30	35	3	167	172	0.971	1.400	<b>2</b>	
BOB FERRARA +12	19		35	27	24	27	1	132	183	0.721	0.833	<b>6</b>	
BILAL KHALIFA JR +12	24	34		30	35	29	1	152	190	0.800	1.364	<b>5</b>	
TOM SURETTE +20	35	35	35		32	24	3	161	165	0.976	1.591	<b>4</b>	
JOHN JOHNSON +17	35	35	26	35		30	3	161	204	0.789	0.972	<b>3</b>	
RICARDO CARRANCO JR +0	31	35	35	35	35		4	171	208	0.822	1.207	<b>1</b>	
Points Against	144	174	166	159	156	145		TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:				0.841	



# KELLY 'KWIKFIRE' FISHER

## SIGNS A NEW SPONSORSHIP DEAL WITH N' THE ZONE SPORTSWEAR

Multiple time World Champion & Hall Of Famer Kelly Fisher is proud to announce that she has recently signed a new sponsorship deal with N' The Zone Sportswear.



**N'** The Zone, based out of Illinois, USA, has been making quite a splash in the pool world in the last few years, and the addition of the British great is aimed at taking the company to even higher levels.

"We are proud to have partnered with Kelly Fisher," said Jemal, owner of N' The Zone. "She is a great player and ambassador for the sport. Kelly is very personable, she is very famous in the U.S. and China. We feel she will help our company and product grow."



"I am really happy to join with N' The Zone," remarked Fisher, the current World Champion. "Their company has grown rapidly and they are well respected in the industry. They have quality apparel with cool & unique & customized designs. I am proud to be a part of their team."

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# Barry Hearn OBE

## Steps Aside As Eddie Hearn Becomes Matchroom Sport Group Chairman

**Eddie Hearn will become Chairman of the Matchroom Sport Group of Companies as Barry Hearn OBE steps aside after almost 40 years to become President of the Group in an advisory role, dealing primarily with event strategy and global development.**

**E**ddie will become Chairman of the Group of Companies and Chairman of Matchroom Sport, Professional Darts Corporation, Matchroom Boxing, Matchroom Boxing USA, Matchroom Media and the PGA Euro-Pro Tour.

Also, in the group, Steve Dawson will take over from Barry as Chairman of World Snooker after this year's World

Snooker Championship. Matthew Porter will become Chairman of Matchroom Multi Sport and Katie Hearn CEO of Matchroom Media.

Hearn founded the sports promotions company back in 1982, enjoying huge success with Snooker before moving into Boxing, Darts, Pool and Tenpin Bowling amongst more than a dozen different sports.

Through the 1990s Hearn turned several niche sports into major TV attractions with a succession of innovative ideas. His acquisition of a majority shareholding in the PDC in 2001 and World Snooker in 2010 saw him appointed Chairman as both companies went from strength to strength.

Matchroom supplies a wide range of sports programming to broadcast-



**“ FOLLOWING SEVERAL YEARS IN THE SPONSORSHIP AND EVENT MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY, EDDIE HEARN JOINED MATCHROOM SPORT IN 2004, HE ASSUMED THE ROLE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE PGA EUROPRO TOUR AND SUBSEQUENTLY HEADED UP MATCHROOM SPORT’S RAPIDLY EXPANDING POKER AND ONLINE GAMING OPERATIONS.**

ers worldwide, producing over 3,000 hours of action annually across over 600 event days in addition to original documentaries and shoulder programming for all platforms.

Following several years in the sponsorship and event management industry, Eddie Hearn joined Matchroom Sport in 2004, he assumed the role of Chief Executive of the PGA EuroPro Tour and subsequently headed up Matchroom Sport’s rapidly expanding poker and online gaming operations. With the swift growth of the company in recent years Eddie has assumed the role of Group Managing Director and will now become Group Chairman.

Eddie’s most notable public face is as the head of Matchroom’s Boxing division, promoting a stable he has grown, and which is littered with World Champions and Olympic gold medallists.

Under Eddie’s leadership, Matchroom Boxing has returned to the forefront of the sport around the world. In 2018 he agreed a historic \$1billion deal with live streaming platform DAZN to stage 16 fights a year across America under Matchroom Boxing USA.

**“ UNDER EDDIE’S LEADERSHIP, MATCHROOM BOXING HAS RETURNED TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE SPORT AROUND THE WORLD.**

Barry Hearn OBE said: “It has been a huge honour to have worked with some of the greatest sports people on the planet across the last 40 years and enjoyed so many wonderful experiences across our spectrum of events in that time, from snooker’s glory days of the 1980s to record-breaking boxing shows and the incredible growth of professional darts, as we have created opportunities for thousands of sportsmen and women during that time.

“Great challenges have been met, but none more so than the Covid pandemic. I have been determined to stay in charge until this disaster passed and now there is light at the end of the tunnel and I believe it is the right time to pass control of Matchroom to my son Eddie and the brilliant teams we have assembled across all our activities.

“I shall continue to be available to all Matchroom companies as non-executive President, an advisory role concentrating on group strategy and global expansion, but Eddie will be elevated to Group Chairman with overall responsibility for the entire group.

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“I could not be prouder of the Matchroom Group of Companies and the outstanding teams that operate in a highly competitive marketplace. Matchroom has grown from two employees operating in an office under a snooker hall in Romford in 1982, to the global powerhouse it is today due to the efforts and performances of all our staff, contractors, broadcasters, and partners.

“I know the company is in good hands with Eddie at the helm and with my daughter Katie heading up Matchroom Media, Matt Porter at the PDC, Frank Smith at Matchroom Boxing, Emily Frazer at Matchroom Multi Sport, Steve Dawson my Chief Executive for over 30 years and Dan Godding at the PGA EuroPro Tour, along with all their teams.

“Now is the time to give all Matchroom employees the opportunity to take this great British company to the next level and beyond.”

Eddie Hearn commented: “Anyone that knows me is well aware of what Matchroom means to me and our family. It has a legacy that spans 40 years from a small office under a snooker hall in Romford to a global powerhouse of sports entertainment. My father has dedicated his life to the company and since I joined in 2004 I have done the same. Now a greater responsibility falls on my shoulders and I am very proud to continue his great work and lead the business and the incredible team that we have built at Matchroom. We have seen astounding growth in the last ten years but we have only just begun. I look forward to continuously evolving and continuing the global growth of this astonishing family business.”

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# **IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**

**NORFOLK, April 15, 2021, 09:00am DST: The INTERNATIONAL is BACK with NINE days of pure pool from October 22-30, 2021.**

**W**ith two successful years under its belt, the *INTL*, as it is recognized, has quickly become one of the top tournaments in the world. Previous to last year's pandemic cancellations, the *INTL* brought over 200 players from over 23 countries together to play under one roof. The players will be playing on the "triple gold standard" of professional pool: Diamond tables, Simonis cloth, and Aramith balls, and they will be playing in the same

Sheraton Waterside Hotel ballroom as in the past, as well as its predecessor, the U.S. Open. To say the least, familiarity will be their only solace, for the competition will be fierce. As the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament of the Mosconi Points 2022 Calendar, the 2021 *INTL* places itself in a unique position in the professional players mind – get ahead early in the points! The winner of the 2021 *INTL* leads the Mosconi Point standings right away! Also, being sanctioned by the WPA, the *INTL* is one of the last stops on the WPA 2021 tour and the last chance at the coveted points is sure

to make for some heated play! With past winners such as 2018's Chang Jung-Lin and 2019's Jayson Shaw, the players will definitely be charging out of the gate!



# **DEFENDING CHAMPION JAYSON SHAW**

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Needless to say, with successful freshman and sophomore events, Pat Fleming, the producer of the 2021 INTL, is not content with sitting on his laurels. This year, Pat has made some significant improvements to his third International 9-Ball Open. So, you ask, what has changed? With \$50,000 added, the INTL now has an expanded field AND lower entry fee – 160 player field and \$500 entry fee – and first place is still \$30,000! This year, the INTL joins all other International Pro events by shifting to single elimination for the final 32 players. This is going to ratchet up the competition immensely! But that’s only the start.

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For 2021, while 9-ball is the centerpiece, Pat is grooming the INTL into something more than “just a 9-ball tournament”. In addition to the 160 player 9-Ball Open, the International will be showcasing the inaugural 32-player 2021 INTERNATIONAL ONE-POCKET OPEN. The One-Pocket Open takes place the first Friday and Saturday of the 2021 INTL, prior to the start of the 9-Ball Open, extending the INTL two extra days. With \$5000 added, an entry fee of \$300, and a \$4500 first prize, this is going to be filled fast – and fast paced - with the world’s best one pocket players! It is double elimination until the final 8 players. Then watch the sparks fly! It is sure to be the start of yet another great yearly INTL event.



## CHANG JUNG-LIN

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Not content with two pro tournaments going on at one event, Pat Fleming, in partnership with Ra Hanna of *On the Wire*, is bringing back the junior’s event. Better than ever, the 2021 Junior Invitational Championship will have both a Junior Men’s AND a Junior Women’s division. Eight Ju-

nior Men and four Junior Women, decided through qualifying events leading up to the 2020 INTL, will compete in their divisions to be the 2021 Junior Championship Men’s and Women’s 9-Ball Champions! We are very proud to support the next generation of professional players and very happy to give them the opportunity to play at the 2021 International.

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The 2021 Diamond Big Foot Challenge, a most popular 10-Ball event on a Diamond 10-Foot table and a favorite discipline at the Derby City Classic, is being added to our schedule. This event will be featured in the Simonis-Aramith Arena for three days while the 9-Ball Open is simultaneously being competed in the ballroom. Sixteen of the world’s best are

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## 2021 International Open

invited, so each match will be worthy of a finals match. This three-day event, Sunday-Tuesday, October 24-26, 2021 has a \$16,000 purse with the winner pocketing \$8,000. Don't miss it!

The Simonis-Aramith Arena will, once again, be center stage for all of the 2021 INTL disciplines. Three levels of reserved seating will be available: TV Arena Table side seating, Tier 1 seating and Tier 2 seating, as well as general admission for the whole event. Full-day passes, and Multiple day-packages will be available. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, April 15th, 2021. Visit <https://www.intlopen.com/seating> to view the seating chart and reserve your seat.

Since the 2021 INTL has been extended to include two full weekends, it is expected to draw larger crowds for our vendors to cater to throughout the 9-day event. Interested vendors can sign up and reserve vendor space here: <https://www.intlopen.com/vendors>

Accu-Stats Video Productions will be providing recording and live-streaming of the 2021 INTL, through their Pay-Per-View service. Suffice to say, Accu-stats is looking to have a few tricks up their sleeve regarding production and access. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

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For more up to date information on the 2021 INTL, visit both the INTL website and Facebook page.

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**The 2021 International is now accepting entry fees for One-Pocket and 9-Ball Player Entries.**

**Spectator Tickets for Reserved and General Admission Seating will go on sale Thursday, April 15, 2021.**

See the details below for more information on all of these events.

### Quick International Open Details

- Play Dates: October 22-30, 2021
- Site: Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia, USA

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- Discounted Hotel Room Rate: \$115.00 plus tax for a single or double
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- TV Arena Seat Reservations available
- Pay-Per-View by Accu-Stats
- Live Scoring by AZ Billiards
- Websites:  
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<https://www.accu-stats.com>

**9-Ball Division**

- Play Dates: October 24-30, 2021 (Sunday thru Saturday: 7 days)
- Entry fee: \$500
- Size of Field: 160 players
- Added Money: \$50,000 guaranteed regardless of number of players.
- First Prize: \$30,000
- Prize Fund Breakdown with 160 entry fees:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	\$30,000	5-8 <sup>th</sup> :	\$5,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$20,000	9-16 <sup>th</sup> :	\$2,500
3-4 <sup>th</sup> :	\$10,000	17-32 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$1,250

- Format: Double Elimination, Race to 10
- Alternate break and neutral rackers

- Official rack is the Outsville Accu-Rack 9-Ball Rack template
- Single Elimination for final 32 players
- Sanctioned by: World Pool Association (WPA)
- Mosconi Points awarded

**One-Pocket Division**

- Play Dates: October 22-23, 2021 (Friday and Saturday: 2 days)
- Entry Fee: \$300
- Size of Field: 32
- Added Money: \$5,000 guaranteed regardless of number of players.
- Prize Fund Breakdown with 32 players:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	\$4,500	3-4 <sup>th</sup> :	\$1,900
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$3,100	5-8 <sup>th</sup> :	\$800

- Format: Double Elimination, Race to 3
- Single Elimination for final 8 players

**Junior Division**

- Play Dates: October 29-30, 2020
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- Size of Junior Women’s Field: four
- Format: Double Elimination, Race to 9, Alternate Breaks

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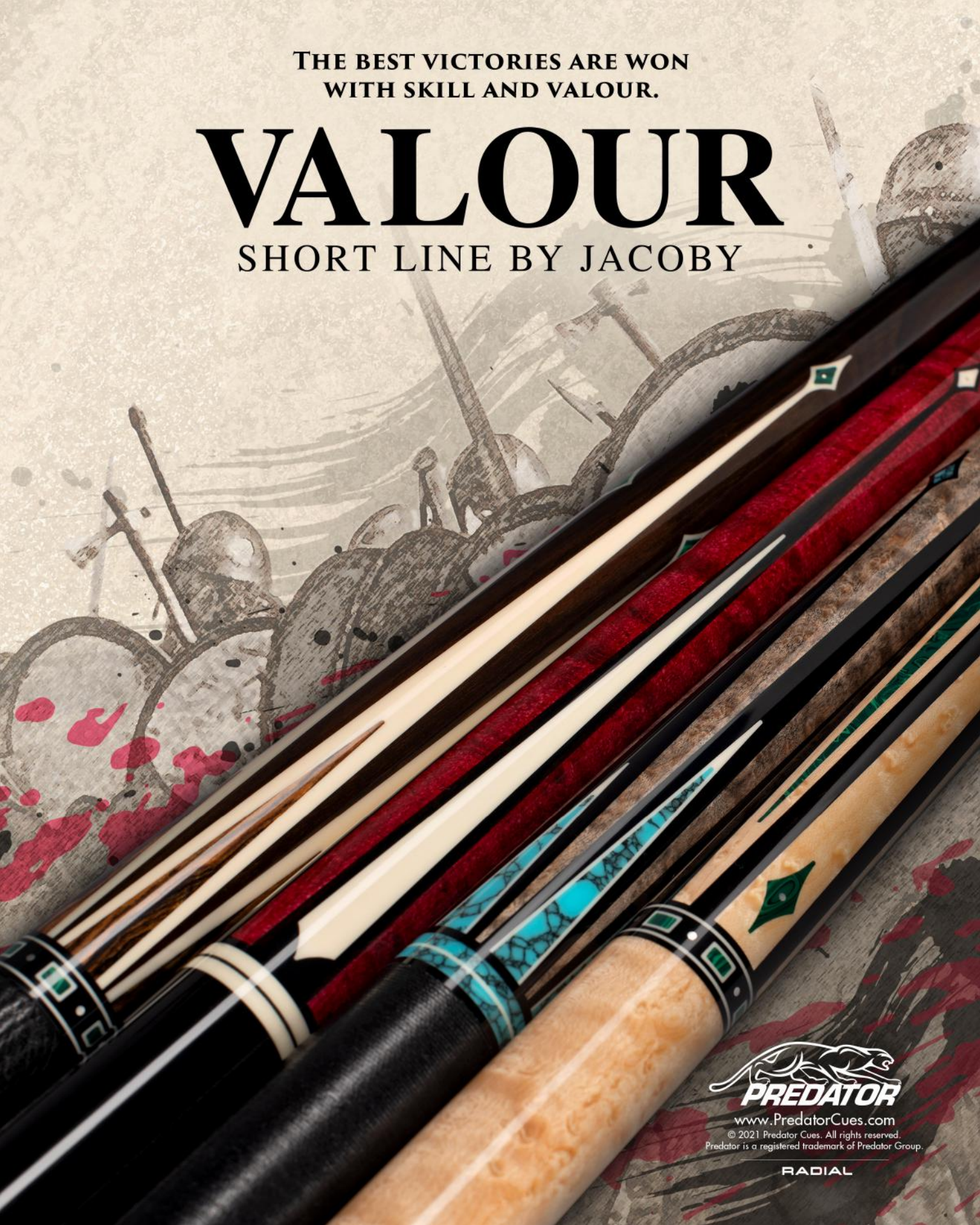
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# ***VAN BOENING*** ***Confirmed For Masters,*** ***THORPE & WOODWARD*** ***Line-Up For USA At World Cup***

Skyler Woodward and Billy Thorpe will represent Team USA at this year's World Cup of Pool, while Woodward and Shane van Boening have both been confirmed for the World Pool Masters.

**T**wo-time Mosconi Cup MVP Woodward will be joined for the first time at the World Cup of Pool by Thorpe, who has been a Mosconi Cup team-mate of Woodward

every year since 2017. The pair are close off the table and teamed up on it for a memorable 5-1 doubles win over Niels Feijen and Alexander Kazakis at the 2019 Mosconi Cup, a result which

was the start of a run of momentum which took USA from trailing 5-3 to eventually winning a second successive Cup.

The World Cup of Pool takes place at Stadium MK, Milton Keynes, this May 9-14 and once that event has completed, Woodward will travel to Gibraltar for the World Pool Masters, which takes place from May 22-25.

Shane van Boening will also play the Masters as the South Dakota Kid looks for a third title having previously won the event in 2014 and 2015. Justin Bergman declined an invitation to enter the World Pool Masters.

Van Boening, Thorpe and Woodward will all then play in the World Pool Championship in Milton Keynes, England, from June 6-10, where Chris Robinson and Corey Deuel will also compete, meaning all five members of the 2020 Team USA will participate, as will Tyler Styer, a Mosconi Cup winner in 2018 and 2019.

All three events will be broadcast live on Sky Sports and on DAZN in USA. Further players to participate in each event will be announced over the coming weeks.

Already confirmed for the World Cup of Pool are defending champions Austria (Albin Ouschan & Mario He), hosts Great Britain A (Jayson Shaw & Chris Melling) and three-time winners Philippines (Jeff De Luna & Roberto Gomez). A full list of teams confirmed so far can be found at [worldcupof-pool.com](http://worldcupof-pool.com).

David Alcaide will defend his World Pool Masters title in Gibraltar, with World Champion Fedor Gorst and Mosconi Cup MVP Jayson Shaw among the other players invited.

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Skyler Woodward & Billy Thorpe

# Draw Made For World Cup Of Pool

**Austria will begin their World Cup of Pool title defence against Slovakia, while hosts Great Britain A will face debutants Belarus in the first round of the doubles tournament, which begins on Sunday, May 9 at Stadium MK, Milton Keynes, live on Sky Sports.**

**A**mong the standout first-round ties is Great Britain B (Kelly Fisher & Allison Fisher) against three-time champions Philippines (Roberto Gomez & Jeff De Luna), while 2019 semi-finalists Spain will face Italy.

The 16 seeded teams were automatically placed into the draw brackets, with 16 unseeded teams drawn at random. The draw is set for the whole tournament, with some mouth-watering potential second-round matchups including USA vs. Philippines.

Defending champions Austria (Albin Ouschan & Mario He) also lifted the

World Cup in 2017 and could become the first pairing to win the trophy three times.

The tournament will begin on Sunday, May 9 with fan-favourites Japan (Naoyuki Oi & Masato Yoshioka) in action against Croatia (Philipp Stojanovic & Roberto Bartol). All first round matches are race to 7, with three matches per session and two sessions per day. The first round will complete on Tuesday, May 11 with Great Britain A (Jayson Shaw & Chris Melling) facing Belarus' all-female pairing of Margarita Fefilova & Yana Halliday. Halliday's husband, Richard,

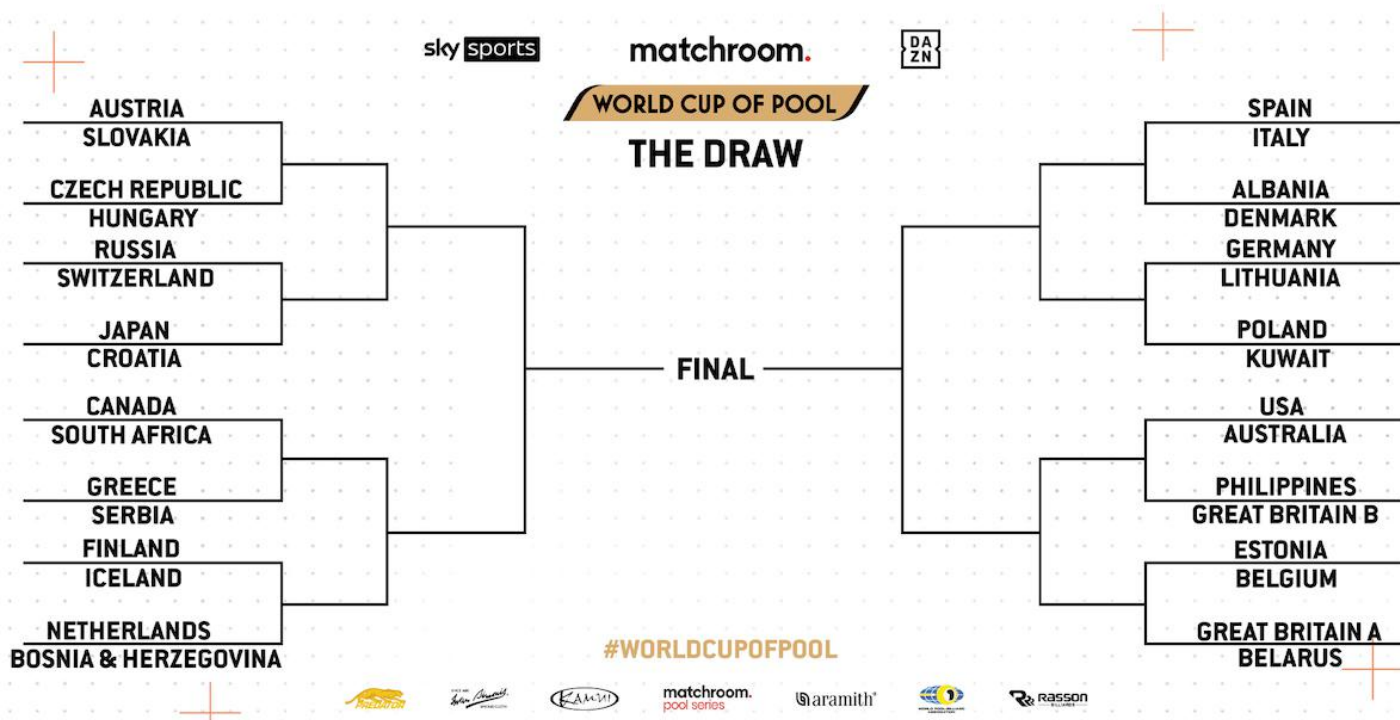
will represent South Africa alongside brother Vincent. They face Canada (Alex Pagulayan & John Morra) in the first round.

The World Cup of Pool will be broadcast live on Sky Sports, DAZN and Matchroom.Live, with further international broadcasters to be confirmed.

## MATCH SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 9 (12:00-16:00)**

- R1: Japan vs. Croatia
- R1: Czech Republic vs. Hungary
- R1: Austria vs. Slovakia



**Sunday, May 9 (17:30-21:30)**

R1: Russia vs. Switzerland  
 R1: Greece vs. Serbia  
 R1: Canada vs. South Africa

**Monday, May 10 (12:00-16:00)**

R1: Netherlands vs. Bosnia & Herzegovina  
 R1: Finland vs. Iceland  
 R1: Albania vs. Denmark

**Monday, May 10 (17:30-21:30)**

R1: Spain vs. Italy  
 R1: Germany vs. Lithuania  
 R1: USA vs. Australia

**Tuesday, May 11 (12:00-16:00)**

R1: Philippines vs. Great Britain B  
 R1: Poland vs. Kuwait  
 R1: Estonia vs. Belgium

**Tuesday, May 11 (17:30-21:30)**

R2: Austria/Slovakia vs. Czech Republic/Hungary  
 R2: Canada/South Africa vs. Greece/Serbia  
 R1: Great Britain A vs. Belarus

**Wednesday, May 12 (12:00-16:00)**

R2: Russia/Switzerland vs. Japan/Croatia  
 R2: Finland/Iceland vs. Netherlands/B&H  
 R2: Spain/Italy vs. Albania/Denmark

**Wednesday, May 12 (17:30-21:30)**

R2: Germany/Lithuania vs. Poland/Kuwait  
 R2: USA/Australia vs. Philippines/Great Britain B  
 R2: Estonia/Belgium vs. Great Britain A/Belarus

**Thursday, May 13 (12:00-16:00)**

Quarter-final 1  
 Quarter-final 2

**Thursday, May 13 (17:30-21:30)**

Quarter-final 3  
 Quarter-final 4

**Friday, May 14 (12:00-16:00)**

Semi-final 1  
 Semi-final 2

**Friday, May 14 (17:30-21:30)**

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# TEAM POOL CONCEPT

## Growing From its Mosconi Cup Roots to Locations Across The Country

As we noted about a week and a half ago (March 20) in our News pages, the New England Women's Pool Alliance (NEWPA), which had launched the weekend before, would either have already conducted a second event or be close to doing so before this edition of BILLIARD BUZZ 'hit the stands,' so to speak.

That \$200-added event, The Anchorperson Challenge, scheduled for May 23, will be hosted by Amazin' Billiards in Malden, MA. Limited to eight teams of four, the competitors will engage, first, in a round robin series of 8-ball matches, and then, advance the best player on each team to a single-elimination tournament.

"It's like a relay team (in a foot race), where the relay team's best runner, the anchorperson, goes last," explained Katie Fiorilla, who along with Stacey Tonkin and Samantha Barrett founded the Alliance.

It's a compelling twist to what has become something of a standard format for team pool events, which is modeled on the Mosconi Cup format (a team match, followed by a series of singles and doubles matches), with each competitor earning points to a pre-determined goal. What has become apparent as the NEWPA continues to develop its program of special events, to be accompanied by an as-yet-to-be-scheduled series of events and a tour, is that team pool might be the proverbial 'way to go' in elevating the sport's profile in the dizzying array

of professional sports available on all manner of media.

The merits of the idea are numerous. The potential concerns and obstacles are visible.

"I think pool in general has changed over the years," said Fiorilla. "There aren't as many pool halls and it's not as common as it used to be that people would spend a lot of time in pool rooms, gambling. There are just so many other things to do – online poker, video games – that the popularity (of pool) has gone down."

"It takes a lot of time and practice to get to the point where you can be competitive at pool," she added, "and a lot of people are just not interested."

Part of the team concept as it applies to individual players is not about pool itself. It's more about the shared experience of a team and the social interactions among members.

"It's about just getting together for a night out and few drinks," said Fiorilla. "The team concept is appealing, too, because it's not just going it alone. The people on the team kind of all



Mosconi Cup teams from 2019



Team Ohio from 2020

have your back. There are people to support you and the camaraderie of that is appealing.”

Fiorilla also notes that for a variety of reasons, men tend to be more competitive and have more confidence in their abilities. While recognizing that there are certainly women who are notably very competitive and would challenge the basic assertion of stronger competitiveness in men (Jeanette Lee, Alison Fisher, & Kelly Fisher, *et al*), she argues that the women who challenge that point are not among those who would consider playing in an Alliance round robin tournament in Bangor, ME, for example.

“These are all women who’ve chosen to make a living out of it,” she said.

As originally conceived, the Alliance is expected to have three components; The Tonkin Tour (a regularly scheduled series of typical tournament stops) to be operated by Stacey Tonkin and Specialty Tournaments (team events, fund raisers, etc.). The Specialty Tournaments and a branch of the Alliance dedicated to networking, mentorship, meetups, guest speakers, and excursions will be operated by Fiorilla and Samantha Barrett, with likely cross-over activity going on with all three of those ‘branches.’

As for the upcoming team event this month (May), while the nature of competition between the participating New England states is front and cen-

ter, the Alliance has worked to make it fun, as well. The event was also designed to limit the amount of time to make it happen.

“We know that it’s a turn-off for people, to be playing until two or three in the morning,” said Fiorilla, “so the event was designed for a single day.”

“The idea was to get it to be engaging,” she added, “where everyone would want to stay around as long as possible, to see if the anchorperson could do well. Marc Dionne (tour director of the New England 9-Ball Series) is donating money for operating costs like food and we also want to thank Inside Pool, the Billiard Channel and Mazin Schooni for adding money to the event and also contributing food.”

#### *Elsewhere, established rivalries boost attendance at team events*

Among the stronger arguments to convince the industry to encourage team events is the eventual establishment of rivalries. Brian “Superman” Pauley is a professionally-ranked Artistic Pool Player from Ohio, who’s also a contributor here. He and a partner, Jason Lynch (*aka* The Michigan Kid) have already organized team events pitting Michigan and Ohio pool teams against each other; a men’s team event, last November, and a recent women’s event, which was preceded on a Friday night by an Artistic Pool demonstration (see report on the event, elsewhere in this issue).

The college football rivalry between Michigan and Ohio State dates back to a game in 1897, when the Wolverines crushed the Buckeyes 34-0 (The Buckeyes have won the last seven meetings and 14 of the last 15). The two teams have been recognized by at least one journal (Yardbarker) as the #2 college sports rivalry in the nation, behind only Army/Navy. The Buckeyes and Wolverines are also #1 and #2 in annual ticket revenue. (Buckeyes \$54m/ Wolverines \$44m). Pool, of course, isn’t played in a massive stadium, but the sport could easily benefit from a rivalry that sparked the same sort of loyalty and following in its fan base as those two college teams. And as far as the money goes, a properly supported live stream could potentially generate a financial return that could make the investment worthwhile.

“I think for pool players, (team events) are a pretty big deal,” said Pauley. “They get emotionally invested (because) they’re not just a person but part of a team and especially if it’s a rivalry like Michigan and Ohio State.”

“For fans, too,” he added. “People are used to rooting for teams.”

Pool fans, though, will need to be weaned from events that are totally free of charge. And it’s not as though the American sports-viewing public has an aversion to pay-per-view events; 4.4 million people paid a total of \$400 million to watch Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao for 12 rounds of boxing in 2015. In fact, 12 of the 14 biggest pay-per-view events in sporting history, according to Entrepreneur magazine were boxing matches. The other two were wrestling matches.

“It has to be marketed right and people are going to have to want to watch,” said Pauley. “It’s funny, but when pool was on TV, trick shot magic had higher ratings than the tournaments.

“It has to be both entertainment and sport,” he added. “Watching ‘runout’ pool can be fairly boring.”

You’d never have known that from having watched the Mosconi Cup over the past couple of years. The crowds have been rowdy, the game play often intense and the number of people who watched it stream either live as it happened or afterwards, numbered in the hundreds of thousands, some of whom were repeat customers, who watched separate recordings of different days and individual matches at the event. Still, it’s a much higher number than most of the locally organized-and-run tournaments that take place and for the most part, are streamed every week on pool tours and special events from coast to coast.

Creating a framework around which a team pool structure could be built would take some organization and it would, eventually, need to be centralized; same format, same games, and a regular schedule. What is now underway in both New England and Ohio and in Arizona, as but two examples, would need to be duplicated, marketed, and eventually developed to the point where it is available in any number of locations, perhaps divided into regions and later. . . who knows. . . into leagues?

In our own backyard (Arizona), Junior Flores has been organizing and running a regular team event that was originally a competition between the West Side and the East Side of Phoenix.

“It was just something for the fans,” said Flores, “and there was nothing like it here. Now, every year, people in Phoenix look forward to this event.”

“I think team events, as a player,” he added, “add a lot more pressure. When you’re on a team, players feel as though they’ll let their team down



Team Arizona from 2019

if they don’t do well. Multiply that by 10, one team versus another, with fans coming to support you. It benefits the bar, bringing people in, some of whom aren’t even pool players.”

Flores has run five team events in the West Side/East Side rivalry (formerly the North/South rivalry) and to date, four against teams coming from Nevada. The West Side leads the East Side 3-2. Arizona leads Nevada 3-1. These events have hosted up to 300 spectators.

“For the Phoenix events,” said Flores, “we have to rent bleachers.”

“We’ve received inquiries from Northern California and there’s been talk about Oklahoma, too,” he added. “We’ve heard that Colorado has their ‘state wars,’ too.”

Among many things that would need to be worked out to connect just the three geographically disparate areas mentioned here, would be whether such events should be handicapped. If organizers and promoters of these events are looking to develop the concept into something that might stretch from coast to coast, the way Larry Chiborak wished to do with Bonus Ball, they might have to consider making the team events an Open competition (no handicaps), which is something

that many local promoters might be loathe to do. As with the three cases noted here, though, local participation is what fueled the creation of the team events and trying to elevate the level of play as the number of events grew would have a way of denying the very people who helped the idea take flight, the right to fly themselves.

At present, the Michigan/Ohio series of team events are played without handicaps. The format for those events and the Arizona-based events are modeled on the Mosconi Cup events, while the New England Women’s Pool Alliance has carved out a combination round-robin/single elimination format they refer to as the Anchorperson Challenge. Multiply *those* differences by 10 and try to imagine players, promoters and event organizers trying to meet and decide on one way to do it all.

We are, of course, way ahead of ourselves here, but there are little pockets of these ‘team pool’ events that are cropping up all over the landscape. They’re distinctly different than pool teams of their amateur pool league counterparts (APA, BCAPL, VNEA, NAPL and others), because they foster the creation of fan-generating rivalries that those fans might want to follow and even (gasp!) pay money to see.

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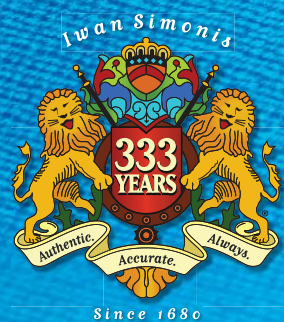


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- 2 Tina Soto \$400
- 3 Alicia Stanley \$250
- 4 Sheila Lowe \$130
- 5 Amanda Rowland \$60
- 5 Kathy Knuth \$60

## Apr 09 - Apr 10

### Woodward vs Orcollo Race to 150 Bar Box 10-Ball

#### Stixx And Stones Billiards

Lewisville, Texas

- 1 Skyler Woodward

## Apr 10 - Apr 11

### Jay Swanson "Swanee" Memorial 9-Ball Tournament 2021

#### Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

- 1 Shane Van Boening \$3,000
- 2 Corey Deuel \$2,100
- 3 Chris Robinson \$1,500
- 4 Vilmos Foldes \$1,000
- 5 Danny Olson \$700
- 5 Warren Kiamco \$700
- 7 Chris Lulek \$500
- 7 Nick De Leon \$500
- 9 Daniel Sardoncillo \$300
- 9 James Cabal \$300
- 9 Manny Perez \$300
- 9 Oscar Dominguez \$300

## Apr 10 - Apr 11

### Maryland State Bar Table 9-Ball Championship 2020

#### Brews & Cues on the Boulevard

Glen Burnie, Maryland

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- 2 Matt Krah \$860
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- 25 Stephen Stinebaugh \$70

## Apr 10 - Apr 11

### JPNEWT Tour 2021 Stop #2

#### Markley Billiards

Norristown, PA

- 1 Liz Taylor \$425
- 2 Caroline Pao \$280
- 3 Judie Wilson \$190
- 4 Linda Haywood Shea \$125
- 5 Christine Pross \$80
- 5 Kelly Cox \$80
- 7 Carianne Merkle \$55
- 7 Kris Consalvo-Kemp \$55

## Apr 10 - Apr 10

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### JAC's All American Billiards, Brews & More

Newport, Tennessee

- 1 Ryan Fossum \$500
- 2 Matt Marrisette \$300
- 3 Dustin Lackey \$150
- 4 Tony Miller \$50

## Apr 10 - Apr 10

### Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Championship

#### Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ

- 1 Hunter Sullivan \$550
- 2 Kevin Scalzitti \$390
- 3 Henry Cho \$280
- 4 JC Guzman \$200
- 5 Levie A. Lampaan \$160
- 5 Tom Higgins \$160
- 7 Bob Toomey \$100
- 7 Christian Taea \$100

## Apr 10 - Apr 11

### Black Widow Legacy Tournament A Bracket

#### Brewlands Bar & Billiards

Lakeland, FL

- 1 Mika Immonen \$900
- 2 Tommy Kennedy \$600
- 3 Trenton White \$420
- 4 Tony Robles \$300
- 5 Les Duffy \$200
- 5 Raymond Linares \$200
- 7 Jeffrey De Luna \$150
- 7 Wesley White \$150
- 9 Alec Saputo \$100
- 9 David Singleton \$100
- 9 Julio Estevez \$100
- 9 Lee Heuwagen \$100

## Apr 10 - Apr 11

### Black Widow Legacy Tournament B Bracket

#### Brewlands Bar & Billiards

Lakeland, FL

- 1 Shawn Collie \$500
- 2 Allan Ellison \$355
- 3 Carrie Vetrano \$255
- 4 Kim Burbank \$180
- 5 Andrew Erb \$130
- 5 Anthony Rotenberry \$130
- 7 Jamison Daniels \$95
- 7 Lance Davis \$95
- 9 Alex Leonard \$65
- 9 Josh Harding \$65
- 9 Margie Soash \$65
- 9 Rob McLaren \$65
- 13 Dale Leonard \$45
- 13 Jeremy Caruthers \$45
- 13 Ko McFayden \$45
- 13 Oscar Arango \$45

## Apr 11 - Apr 11

### New England 9-Ball Tour 2021 Stop #1

#### Snookers Pool Lounge

Providence, RI

- 1 Ambriory Minyety \$450
- 1 Soel Quinones \$450
- 2 Kerry McAuliffe \$250
- 2 Scott Reynolds \$250
- 3 Alvin Lan \$188
- 3 Ricardo Diaz \$188
- 4 Kevin Bauccio \$138
- 4 Matt Rezendes \$138
- 5 Casey Olivieri \$100
- 5 Joe Watt \$100
- 5 Mark Morgan \$100
- 5 Stacie Bourbeau \$100

## Apr 17 - Apr 17

### Tri State Tour 2021 Stop

#### Shooters Family Billiards

Wayne, New Jersey

- 1 Ray Lee \$750
- 2 Aiden Wagner \$500
- 3 Hunter Sullivan \$300
- 4 Jimmy Acosta \$170
- 5 Henry Cha \$120

- 5 KC Clayton \$120
- 7 Brandon Alli \$90
- 7 CJ Chey \$90

## Apr 17 - Apr 18

### The Black Widow Open

#### Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

- 1 Jaiden Hess \$700
- 2 Rodney Morris \$500
- 3 Shane Mabe \$450
- 4 Omar Carachure \$350
- 5 James Snyder \$300
- 5 Precilia Kinsley \$300
- 7 Bill Hubbard \$200
- 7 Christopher Stowers \$200
- 9 Greg Brown \$150
- 9 Jimmy Hightower \$150
- 9 Joey Sutphin \$150
- 9 Ryan Fossum \$150

## Apr 17 - Apr 18

### 2021 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 4

#### Snookered Billiards

Frisco, TX

- 1 Jason Dutchover \$1,030
- 2 Roman Bayda \$675
- 3 Gus Briseno \$530
- 4 Robert Clark \$400
- 5 Chris Gaither \$275
- 5 Harold Paine \$275
- 7 James Davis Jr. \$170
- 7 Tony Loeper \$170
- 9 Clint Palaci \$100
- 9 Crispian Ng \$100
- 9 Robin Barbour \$100
- 9 Tony Top \$100
- 13 Eric Charlton \$80
- 13 Eric Smith \$80
- 13 Frankin Catron \$80
- 13 Robbie Smith \$80
- 17 Carson Jaffrey \$70
- 17 Curtis Cardwell \$70
- 17 Darryl Smith \$70
- 17 Jeff Franklin \$70
- 17 J.P. Kinman \$70
- 17 Mike Stankiewicz \$70
- 17 Robert Newkirk \$70
- 17 TJ Davis \$70

## Apr 18 - Apr 18

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC

- 1 Jeff Underwood \$600
- 2 Glen Spikes \$325
- 3 Justin Knuckles \$200
- 4 Greg Smith \$75

## Apr 24 - Apr 25

### 5th Annual Barry Behrman Memorial Spring Open 9-Ball

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

- 1 Warren Kiamco \$4,500
- 2 Manny Chau \$2,300
- 3 Mika Immonen \$1,600
- 4 Johnny Archer \$1,200
- 5 Jeremy Sossei \$750
- 5 Reymart Lim \$750
- 7 Brandon Shuff \$500
- 7 Jeffrey De Luna \$500
- 9 James Davee \$350
- 9 Jimmy Bird \$350
- 9 Shane Wolford \$350
- 9 Shaun Wilkie \$350
- 13 Benjie Estor \$250
- 13 Eric Moore \$250
- 13 Kevin Myers \$250
- 13 Mhet Vergara \$250

## Apr 24 - Apr 25

### Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2021 Stop 4 Open Division

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida

- 1 Anthony Meglino \$900
- 2 Bobby Emmons \$600
- 3 Tommy Kennedy \$430
- 4 Justin Gilsinan \$300
- 5 Bobby Garza \$215
- 5 Joel Rodriguez \$215
- 7 Justin Toye \$150
- 7 Rich Schau \$150
- 9 Derek Laprarie \$105
- 9 Frankie Bourgeois \$105
- 9 Lee Heuwagen \$105
- 9 Randall McLuckie \$105

## Apr 24 - Apr 25

### Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2021 Stop 4 Amateur Division

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida

- 1 Kristian Dimitrov \$925
- 2 Ronald Machado \$635
- 3 Andrew Cleary \$455
- 4 Gary Gilsinan \$325
- 5 Manuel Montas \$235
- 5 Tim Moss \$235
- 7 Doug Shrimplin \$170
- 7 Shawn Knowles \$170
- 9 Brian Luke \$120
- 9 Dominick Dunn \$120
- 9 Joe Vetroso \$120
- 9 Leon Micco \$120
- 13 Brian Sudney \$85
- 13 Milt Strack \$85
- 13 Terry White \$85
- 13 Trey Dawson \$85

## Apr 24 - Apr 24

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Buck's Billiards

Raleigh, North Carolina

- 1 JR Poste \$520
- 2 Hank Powell \$340
- 3 Daniel Adams \$175
- 4 Bruce Campbell \$125
- 5 Bethany Tate \$50
- 5 Shane Hardie \$50

## Apr 24 - Apr 25

### Blufelt Handicapped Tournament

#### Shooters Billiards and Arcade

Southington, CT

- 1 Mike Dechaine \$900
- 2 Ryan Cullen \$500
- 3 Darren Jevons \$320
- 4 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$240
- 5 Alvin Lan \$170
- 5 Lance Lisciotti \$170

- 7 Ken Debrose \$130
- 7 Kerry McAuliffe \$130
- 9 Brian Tierney \$90
- 9 Dan Uccello \$90
- 9 Dave Loveland \$90
- 9 Pete Genovese \$90
- 13 John Vitale \$60
- 13 Kenny Hoke \$60
- 13 Kevin Malley \$60
- 13 Nick Marino \$60


## Apr 25 - Apr 25

### New England 9-Ball Tour 2021 Stop #2

#### Straight Shooters Family Billiards

Fall River, MA

- 1 Jordan Emerson \$550
- 2 Mike Demarco \$325
- 3 William Aley \$225
- 4 Phil Russo \$120



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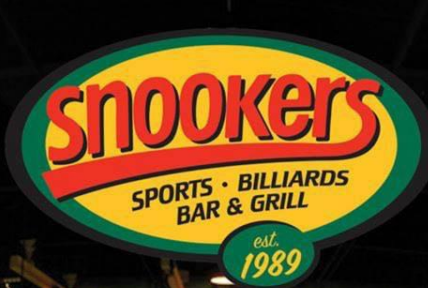


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