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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Congratulations to Chang Jung Lin (and Ko Ping Chung) for their outstanding performances at the International 9-Ball Open last month. It was a pleasure to watch them play in person and they truly showed the fans why the future of pool is in Asia right now. Don't get me wrong. There are still top quality players in America, Europe, the Philippines and many other places. The Asian players just seem to play at a different level when the heat is on. Of course to be fair, with the support they have, it is really no surprise. Coaches, managers, translators, etc. It seems like all the players have to concentrate on is playing. I'm not saying that other players "need" something like this to compete, but it sure doesn't hurt.

Congratulations also to Pat Fleming and his outstanding staff. They put on an absolute top notch event with no headaches or drama that I was aware of. Of course, we shouldn't expect any less from Pat. He is a consummate professional.

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Here Are A Few Tips To Keep You In The Groove



JERRY BRIESATH

- When the cue ball and the object ball are about 1 inch apart, and the line of the two balls is an inch or two off line from the intended pocket, most players under cut the shot. This is because of a thing called “cue ball induced throw”. This means that you have to cut the ball a little more than it looks in order to pocket the object ball.

You can also use a slight amount of outside English that will help overcome the cue ball induced throw. Set the shot up and try it several times with no English and notice how much

you must over cut the shot to put it in the pocket. Then set up the same shot and use a little outside English and you’ll see that you don’t have to cut it as much.

- Cutting the ball down the rail is a nightmare for most amateurs and almost every player that has trouble with the shot under cuts the ball. There are way too many amateurs out there that have trouble with this shot and don’t know whether they are under cutting or over cutting it, especially if the object ball is frozen to the rail.

The first step in learning to make more of these shots is to see if you are consistently over cutting or under cutting the shot. This means you must watch the collision of the cue and object ball to determine which error you’re making and then change your aim to correct the problem. The nice part is that most players are consistent, meaning that they will consistently under cut the shot or in rare instances consistency over cut the shot. With very little aiming correction, the shot becomes easy.

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ANTHONY **BEELER**

Recently one of my students asked, “How can I erase the memory of a missed shot and not let it create self-doubt for the rest of my match? Whenever I play a bad match I immediately start to think about how much it has affected my chances of winning that particular event. Negative thoughts start to creep in...it’s hard to rebound from a poor performance.”



As a coach, I usually tell my students that thoughts are just thoughts and to treat them as such. When your brain produces negativity, a single thought doesn’t have the power to become an emotion that will affect your overall performance. However, the more time you devote to that particular thought, the more you empower it to change your overall mood. Negative thoughts generally lead to performance anxiety, which can dramatically decrease your overall level of play.

Below you will find 4 ways to eliminate negative thoughts you are likely to encounter after missing a ball or making a costly position error.

1. Respond to the challenge:

Professional players tend to respond to the challenge after a poor performance. On the other hand, losers react. It is important to become aware of your feelings and not let them overpower you. If you miss an easy shot, you can expect a negative thought to enter your head. This is actually very normal. Good pool players pay attention to their negative thoughts, and give themselves time to respond, instead of just reacting.



2. Keep your thoughts in the present moment:

Many students have found that trying to clear their mind and focus on their breathing can help. Other options include concentrating on your pre-shot routine or focusing on one of your 5 senses (because your senses only

exist in the present). Good players understand that negativity only exists from memories of past performances or the fear of future ones. If you embed yourself into the present, then you will be more likely to exhibit a positive attitude throughout your match.

3. Display good body language:

There's definitely a relationship between good posture and mood. If you continually frown and put yourself in a hunched over position while you are sitting in the chair, you will eventually start to embrace negative thoughts. Conversely, if you sit with your shoulders back and smile, you'll feel more confident. When you think you are a slump, notice your body language and correct it as the need arises.

4. Start over:

Replace negative thoughts with something positive. In between matches, focus on something completely unrelated to pool, like your favorite sport or restaurant.

If you feel uncomfortable while you are down on the shot, get up and restart your pre-shot routine.

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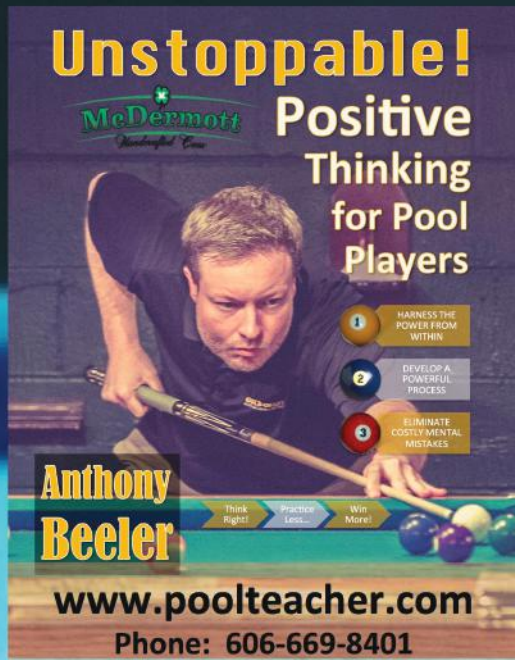
Focus on one stroke thought (for example, you might focus on putting a really good pause into every backswing).

Try these mental game techniques and I believe you will be able to re-

bound from a poor match performance! Another thing to remember is that your first match does not have to set the tone for the entire tournament. Many great tournament performances have started with a loss. How you finish is the most important thing.

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Practice, practice, practice – that’s all there is to pool success, right?

While it is true that playing more pool will typically lead to better skill development, if you *really* want to maximize your abilities – and work *smarter*, not harder – then tune in to this month’s column on the three pieces of peak athletic development that can be immediately applied to pool for maximum success.

Whenever I work with elite-level athletes looking to improve athletic performance, regardless of sport, I always suggest we begin by examining the three pieces needed for athletic success:

1. Physical conditioning
2. Technical instruction
3. Mental preparation

As I begin to discuss how each of these components leads to athletic success, think about how *you* are doing in each area, as well as what *you* need to do to improve (and take your pool game to new levels!).

Physical conditioning relates to your strength and stamina. Before tournaments, are you well rested, hydrated, and well stretched? Do you typically eat something light and energizing, and not something that sits in your stomach like a rock? If you are not paying attention to your physical conditioning and usually end up tired and sore while playing a few hours of pool, it doesn’t matter how good your shooting eye is or how cool your nerves are as you will eventually beat yourself by playing sloppy pool due to physical fatigue.

Technical instruction includes your shot-making ability, offensive and defensive strategies, and anything else related to improving your play (i.e. watching instructional videos, reading books, etc.). Technical instruction relates to practice, and successful practice relies on you being in good physical condition to play your best.

Mental preparation is the *execution* piece to playing your best pool. Mental preparation includes developing self-confidence, controlling nerves, and moderating arousal levels to maximize your ability. Mental toughness allows players to “play to win,” rather than “play to avoid losing.” Mental toughness is what allows players to go beyond being a great “practice player,” and play to their best ability in crucial tournament situations.

All three pieces are vital to pool playing success! You have to be in good shape (and free of drugs and alcohol), know the game of pool, and then be able to replicate what you do in practice in tournament-like situations. Sadly, many average pool players only focus on one thing – shooting more pool – and then get frustrated when they play great in practice but below their ability in tournaments. In these instances things like having been physically unprepared and tired and stiff, or



being mentally unprepared by allowing nerves to get out of control, *never get addressed* and he or she goes back to the pool hall and just shoots more balls in practice over and over again. Do you see the problem? The systematic approach I am discussing in this article will allow you to isolate your strengths and weaknesses – and win more games.

Next time you think about improving your game, start with the following questions – chart your progress and watch your game improve:

1. How “ready” am I when I play in competition? Am I loose and limber? Am I well nourished and hydrated? Am I free of drugs and alcohol?
2. How well do I know the *game* of pool? Can I successfully make shots, play strategically, and get out of trouble situations? Do I need to get additional instruction to improve my game?
3. How mentally strong am I when I play? Am I confident I can win at any time? When I get nervous, do I know skills I can use to control nerves and regain my confidence?

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Mike Howerton

Mike Howerton is the face, brains, and workhorse behind AzBilliards.com – the leading online billiards website (and the longest-running). Let's find out more about Mike and AzBilliards!



Q: Where did you grow up?

I was born in Phoenix, Arizona, but Dad was military and we were in Bellevue, Nebraska for a few years before we moved back to Arizona.

Q: How and when did you start playing pool?

I've played barroom pool since I was an early teenager. It was something my entire family did.

Q: Wow, your entire family? Who else played?

My Mom, Dad and Grandfather all played barroom pool.

Q: That's really cool. Btw, I think you got pretty fortunate with the name "A to Z Billiards" of the website. You started an online billiard website in the mid-90s for the pool scene in Arizona and so you acquired

the URL 'azbilliards.com.' However, when the website started to gain major traction and became super popular, you had to change the name. And lucky for you, Az (for Arizona) could easily be transported to "The A to Z of Billiards." Was it as simple as that to transition from Arizona to a national theme with just that minor, but important change? Or did you contemplate a new name and different URLs?

I thought about getting a couple additional domain names, but it was never really a priority because the transition was pretty seamless. I completely lucked into AzBilliards and am always thankful I didn't live in any other state!

Q: See? Lucky! Tell us about your schooling.

I have a high school GED and some technical training from Devry. Let's just say that school and I never really got along.

Q: How did you get involved in computers?

I grew up in that generation where all of the kids had computers at home. I've been told that I'm a control freak, and computers (and pool) fit right in with that.

Q: Hahaha! What day job did you have when you started AzBilliards in the mid-90s?

I had a 9-5 building websites for book publishers. I was able to have a co-worker design the first version of the site, I coded it, and it was hosted on a machine at work.

Q: What year did stop working at that "real" job?

I was kind of forced into it in 2003 when my 9-5 job shut its doors. I kept a couple clients and started working at home then. To this day, I still have non-pool clients that I do work for.

Q: Did that put pressure on you to figure out ways to make AzB profitable?

AzBilliards was not a big money maker for years, even now. I ran the site for years without even considering making money, just because I love the game. When I first launched the site, I didn't even dream of it becoming what it is today.



Ra Hanna, Jerry Forsyth and Mike watching the action

Q: You asked me to become a partner with AzBilliards in the late 90s when you noticed I created a website for my boyfriend at the time, a top pro. Not many people were online then and websites were a new thing so you and I were pioneers (and there were very few of us). Any regrets? Haha, seriously, I have enjoyed helping AzB and while I don't help out that much anymore, I have enjoyed seeing AzB grow, and also our friendship! Did you worry about the risks asking someone to join you?

For the longest time, I was the only one who worked on AzB. On top of that, I have been a micro-manager all of my life and have always struggled to ask for help on things. So while uncomfortable at first, asking you to partner up made perfect sense. You introduced me to a number of top players back then. You have also become a great friend over the years.

Q: Aw, I feel the same! Speaking of partners, tell us about Jerry Forsyth – how did he join AzB?

I met Jerry at a Camel Pro Tour event in Las Vegas back in '99. It was the first pro event that I ever attended. Websites weren't looked at as real media back then, and I expected to be looked down on. Jerry was working for *Pool & Billiard* magazine at the time and he treated me like just another member of the media. We struck up a friendship and stayed in touch, looking for a way to work together throughout the years. He contacted me about 10 years ago with an idea to work together, and the rest is history.

Q: And what impact did Jerry's retiring have on you / AzB?

A lot more work!!! Seriously though, it is forcing me to come out of my shell a bit more. You would have never con-

vinced me to do this interview five years ago!

Q: Something people don't know is when you used to travel to cover tournaments, you didn't have enough money to do that and so you needed to hit the pavement and get sponsors so you could cover big tournaments in person. Do you still have to do that?

No, not anymore. We have a solid group of advertisers on the site that help cover those expenses.

Q: How long did it take you to finally get agreements with advertisers?

I really didn't get serious about advertisers until Jerry came on board. The first thing he made me promise when we formed our partnership was that I wouldn't deal with advertising any longer.

Q: He was a great asset for sure! What is your favorite event to play in?

I used to love playing the BCAPL Nationals every year. The Riv was a great place to play and hang out with friends. I haven't played the event for a couple of years, though.

Q: Why is that? You still find time (somehow) to play league, right?

I haven't played league in a couple years and even when I was playing, it was with teams that weren't being put together for Vegas. I think real life gets in people's way, and week-long trips to Vegas to play pool kind of fall down the priority list.

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Pat Fleming, Jerry Forsyth and Mike

Q: I completely understand. Plus, you actually do A LOT more than just Azbilliards.com. Tell the fine folks all that you are involved in or run. I think they will be VERY surprised!

I do a lot because I truly love this game and want to see it get better.

- I'm on the North American Pool Tour's board - I really believe in what they are trying to do with the regional tours.
- I have published a local *Arizona Billiard and Dart* publication for years.
- I also put together the *Billiards Buzz* digital publication.
- I took over American Billiard Radio when Dave Bond passed away.
- I run the Diamond Pool Tour in Arizona with my buddy Chuck Parrill.
- And Chuck and I also recently got involved creating a junior 9-ball tour here in Az.

I have been involved with other things in the past, but, I find that I commit to too much and can't devote the proper amount of time to some projects that way. I am always working on future projects, though.

Q: For those that don't know, David Bond ran American Billiard Radio, but passed away unexpectedly at the beginning of this year. Mike wanted to keep his dream alive and has continued the show in his honor. Btw, thank you for doing that. And when you travel to tournaments, do people still not realize who you are?

Yes, but that is usually because of my doing. I've always saw myself as the guy behind the curtain. Being involved with American Billiard Radio (Dave, we're thinking about you!) has gotten my voice out there though, so people will recognize my voice sometimes at tourneys.

Q: Funny how that is keeping you from being incognito haha. And even for this interview, it was tough to find photos of you! That reminds me, when I first joined AzB you would see me at big tournaments for several years and afterwards you would tell me that you saw me, but never came up to me, lol!

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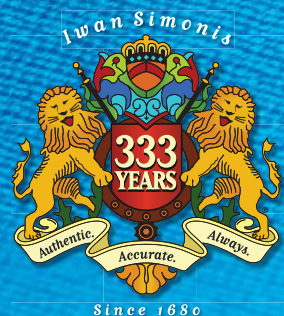
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Ahh, I remember those days of not being recognized. As I started attending more and more pro events, I would recognize some people who were at event after event but still not introduce myself. Sometimes it was family members of players and sometimes it was just fans who love the game as much as we do.

Q: Your to-do list used to be so long, it was difficult to prioritize. Do you still have the longest to-do list in the industry? If not, how did you finally figure out how to prioritize things that would ease your stress level?

My list is still very long. When it comes to AzB, I will never be “done” with things I want to do with it. There are sections of the site that I have wanted to build for years and just haven’t found the time to finish them. Soon, though. :)

Q: What do you think could help make pool mainstream and more positive?

I don’t think this game has any chance to truly grow until all of the various sections of the industry can find a way to work together. For as long as I can remember, everyone has been so caught up in scratching and clawing for their share of the pie, that they never think about working together to make the pie bigger. Don’t get me wrong, though. I have been guilty of this very thing in the past. It is easy to do, and sometimes we all need a reminder that we are doing it.

Q: Did you always know you wanted to be a Dad?

It was something that I always felt would happen, and I was blessed with two great kids. They have their strug-

gles (like all of us do), but they really are great kids.

Q: How old are Richard and Mandy? What are they doing today?

Richard is 24, and Mandy is 21. They both moved out to experience life and have temporarily moved back home to take a breather from all that life throws at you.

Q: I remember for many years you would be up all night working on AzB projects or to-do lists and then you’d take the kids to school in the morning. Do you finally sleep normal hours, yet?

It is off and on. I might sleep regular hours for a week or two, and then something will happen that forces me to stay up late and I fall back into a night schedule. I have struggled with



mood related issues for as long as I can remember though, and I know the late night hours are not good for me.

Q: What are a few of the things (or one thing) you are most proud of about AzBilliards.com?

Hmm, that's a tough one. I never had dreams or plans as to what AzB would become, I just worked hard at it and it kind of took on a life of its own. I am proud of what it has become, but I also credit that to a lot of blind luck in that it was just the right time for something like that.

I am also very proud of the friends that I have made in the pool world. I have built friendships that I hope will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Q: So, do you ever get tired or frustrated?

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I was told many, many years ago that I was doing something positive for the pool world with AzB, but that I would get bored with it eventually and stop doing it. I do find myself getting tired or frustrated with it sometimes, and when that happens I try to take a day or so away from thinking about the site. That usually helps to clear my head and get me back on the right track.

Q: Personal websites have transitioned to social media. What do you think about social media?

It has certainly taken some traffic from AzB, but that is the way technology works. Social media can also lead to a very isolated environment where people don't hear any opinions but their own. I see many top players who will "unfriend" any critics who disagree with them on Facebook. For better or



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for worse, you are going to get different opinions on AzB, especially the forums.

Q: Speaking of the AzB forums, how is it dealing with issues (people) on the forums? Is that fun or what? haha

That is by far the worst part of what I do. I really should have not allowed aliases when I first set up the forums. I don't know if they would have grown like they have with real names required, but the anonymity makes people say things on there that they would never say in real life. I would love to do away with the Non Pool Related section of the forums. The political divisiveness is out of control, but I guess it is like that all over social media right now.

Q: You and I had to make some tough choices in the beginning. I remember I was traveling with my boyfriend who was great friends with pro player Tony Ellin. He got a call

that Tony had passed away in a tragic accident. You and I discussed at length what to do – announce right away because we knew, or wait for a more proper time to announce the sad news? Being an online source allows for fast reporting, but we also wanted to be smart, sensitive, and cordial. Have you come across other instances where you had to decide what to do with info you were given?

It is sometimes a struggle between wanting to break news and reporting negative things that really don't help the industry in any way. No matter how many millions of people play pool, the diehard pool world is still pretty small and I consider it all one big family. Reporting some things seems too much like gossiping about family members, and it really isn't necessary. I know that we are supposed to be completely neutral in what we report on the site, but at the same time we need to look out for the game itself.

Q: I really love that – you are definitely putting the image of pool first when making decisions. What section (or sections) or AzB do you think helped propel it to be mainstream with a more national tone from just the Arizona pool scene?

Well, in the beginning it was the Camel Pro Tour coverage. That is what took the site from local Az coverage to a national audience. The forums, of course, were a big part of our traffic growth, too. The money list is popular and that was just seeing something similar in a magazine years ago and applying it to all of the events we report on.

Q: What are the most popular sections of the website?

The forums, of course. And our online brackets and real time scoring draw a lot of traffic during major events. Nowadays, you can find online bracket apps all over, but I still like ours (Mike smiles).

Q: Any regrets on projects that either didn't work out or created too much work that you weren't expecting?

Jerry and I tried a video news project years ago that really didn't go the way we expected it to. Part of the problem with that project was that I was one of the people on camera, and I just wasn't comfortable in that position back then.

Q: And didn't you dabble in live streaming for AzB at one time?

Yeah, I streamed for a year on the WPBA back when streaming was first



Mike and Jerry

getting started. I still stream Diamond Pool Tour stops and random other events. That's the thing about the pool world, though. We all do what we have to do - we see that something needs doing and we usually take it on.

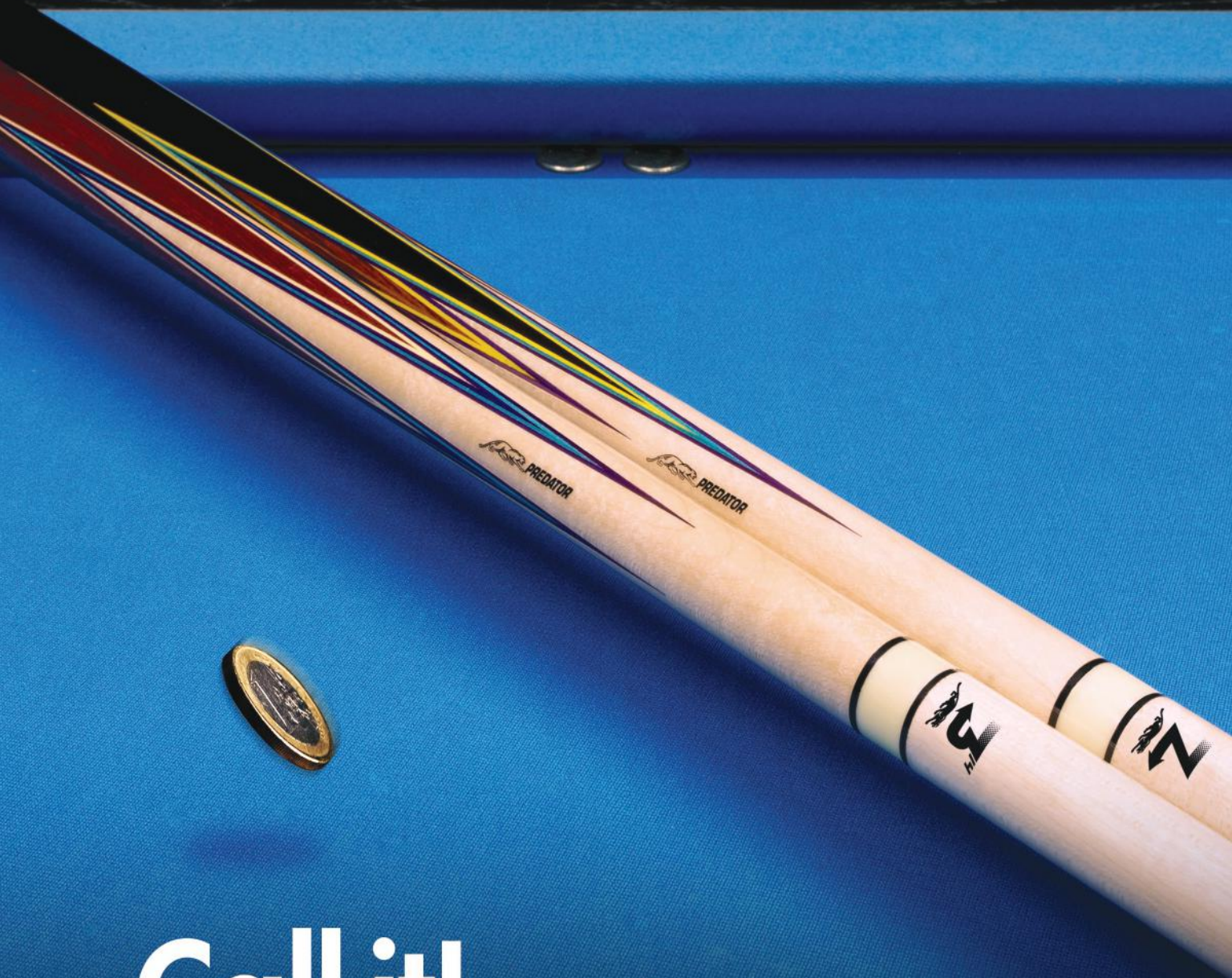
Q: That's absolutely a fact! Who in the industry has surprised you the

most? (I mean, besides me of course haha)

Besides you? That's a tough one.

But, I immediately think about Tony Robles. He won a BCA National Championship many years ago and I had never met him before. I had an interview scheduled with him and everyone I talked to beforehand had nothing but glowing things to say about him. I thought that there was no way someone in the pool world could be that well-loved. Then I did the interview with him and discovered that he *really is* deserving of all of the love he

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in the time while I was dreaming of the website, our boss Laurence would have had the site already built! He really taught me by example that an idea isn't much until you sit down and make it happen.

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

I would have to say that Jerry Forsyth would be that person. Jerry is the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off of his back in a snowstorm. My father died young and he has been a father/brother/best friend/business partner figure in my life for many years now.

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

You would think that with as much pool as I watch, I would be a decent player. That isn't the case. My game is probably the same place where it was 20 years ago, and I don't see it getting any better.

That makes sense – you have a ton of other things going on and responsibilities. So, thank you for finding the time to do this interview, Mike! So many people know and love AzBilliards. It's been a treat to share with them some insight into the man behind the website :)

gets. Tony was the most patient, caring player that I had ever talked to.

Q: He IS great! I am glad you mentioned him so people who don't know find this out about him. Who is your favorite pro player (male and female) and why?

I grew up following the game. I bought all of the magazines and watched pool anytime I could find it on TV. Although he isn't with us any more, Miz was one of my favorites. Partly because of what he has done for the industry over the years and partly because of how good he was to deal with during the few interactions I had with him. As

for the ladies, I have had a crush on Loree Jon since I was a teenager.

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

When I had a 9-5 job, my boss was a guy from South Africa who came to American with no real plan and had built a successful business on his own. I was sitting around after work one day, talking to a co-worker about a website I was thinking about building. I was listing off all of the cool things that it would contain and then it finally hit me.... I mentioned to him that

Melinda “ak-trigger” Bailey has been in the pool scene as a player and ambassador for pool for over 25 years.



Additionally, she was a Tournament Director for two large tours in Texas for over 15 years. She is a loyal blogger (<http://pooljourney.blogspot.com/>) and holds numerous BCA/ACS Texas State and National titles (singles, doubles, and teams).

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Chang Wins Inaugural International 9-Ball Open

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When Matchroom Multi-Sport announced their acquisition of the US Open 9-Ball Championship, Pat Fleming was left with a decision to make.

Fleming took over the running of the long-standing event in 2015 and had commitments from the venue and sponsors for the 2018 running of the event. With no event to run, Fleming decided to go ahead and

create his own event, just with a different name. And thus was born The International 9-Ball Open.

The players showed Fleming that he had made the correct decision with

this event, as a truly international field of 113 players from 26 different countries made their way to the Sheraton Norfolk Westside Hotel in Norfolk, Va on October 21st - 27th. Much to those players appreciation,



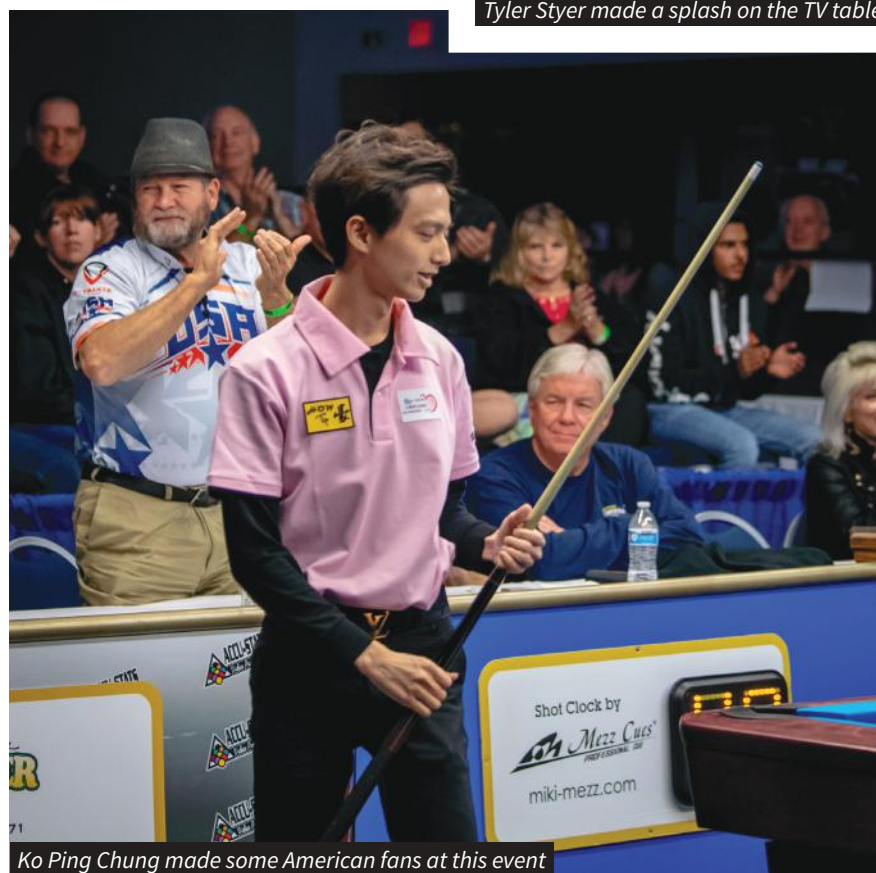
Chang Jung Lin was all smiles with Ra Hanna after his win

Fleming had a team of referees handling racking duties this year on every table. Players could inspect the rack, but they had to accept it without calling for a re-rack. While this sometimes led to a small delay as those referees got backed up with tables, the players all seemed to like the rule. "I have been talking to each player as they get their check and they all love the racking rule", Fleming said.

In addition to being the final Mosconi Cup point event for Europe, it was also the last opportunity for Team USA captain Johan Ruijsink and co-captain Jeremy Jones to watch the group of



Tyler Styer made a splash on the TV table



Ko Ping Chung made some American fans at this event

Mosconi Cup hopefuls play against top level competition. One of those Team USA hopefuls got to work making his case for inclusion on the team in the first round when Tyler Styer matched up with Niels Feijen on the streaming table. Styer took complete control and raced to an 8-3 lead against the

veteran Dutchman. Feijen was able to mount a comeback though, and knotted the score at 8-8. Styer could have folded after watching Feijen win five straight racks, but instead he buckled down and won three of the next four for the 11-9 win. Team USA co-captain Jones couldn't help but sit

up and take notice of Styer's play. "For him to be playing like this on the feature table against a tough opponent, he is definitely making a statement" said Jones late in the match. Feijen took that first-round loss in stride and would go on a six-match winning streak before finally being eliminated by Fedor Gorst.

Day three saw another American player make a statement. Although he was not part of the Team USA hopefuls, Justin Bergman was still undefeated going into Tuesday play where he completely dominated Greece's Alex Kazakis 11-3. Bergman was completely unstoppable in this match and the match put him into the final sixteen undefeated players going into day four.

As the event had gone on, the fans watched various favorites make their way to the one loss side, but day five was when the biggest of those favorites were handed their ticket to the one loss side. American favorite Shane Van Boening dropped a hill-hill thriller to Chinese Taipei's Ko Ping Chung that saw Van Boening scratch on the break at 10-6 ahead and never get back to the table. Ko ran that rack and then proceeded to break and run the next four racks for the win. That set Ko up



Chang Jung Lin

to face Estonia's Denis Grabe on day six after Grabe sent world #1 Eklen Kaci to the one loss side 11-7. Another crowd favorite dropping a day five match was "Eagle Eye" Jayson Shaw, who lost a one-sided 11-4 match to Chinese Taipei's Chang Jung Lin.

Day six matches saw the field cut down to just four players. The hot-seat was an "all Chinese Taipei" affair between Ko and Chang, while Skyler Woodward would face Shane Van Boening on the one loss side. Van Boening had recovered from his Thursday loss to the elder Ko and eliminated



Chris Melling



Justin Bergman looked unstoppable on day three

Chris Melling, Dennis Orcollo and Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz on the one loss side. Woodward had suffered a loss to Sanchez-Ruiz on Thursday but won matches over Gorst, Bergman, and Grabe on Friday.

The hot-seat match started off a little slowly with both players looking uncomfortable on the streaming table. The match remained close through the first ten racks with the players tied at 5-5. The match then completely changed its complexion as Ko took control and won six straight racks for the 11-5 victory. Coincidentally, the match on the left side between Van Boening and Woodward also came down to an 11-5 scoreline. Van Boe-

ning held an early 2-0 lead, but that would be his only lead as Woodward comfortably navigated table after table, keeping Van Boening safely in his chair for the majority of the match.

The semi-final match between Chang and Woodward started out as a case study in domination. Chang raced to an 8-0 lead and was leading 6-0 before Woodward had even pocketed a ball. Chang had left Woodward very little to work with and Woodward seemed to be pushing himself to come with a marquee shot that just wasn't there.

At 8-0 though, Chang scratched on the break and Woodward had his first real chance to do some damage. Woodward took that opportunity and went back to a smart controlling game. With Woodward winning racks, it was now Chang's turn to find himself unable to do anything. Woodward raced back to within one rack at 8-7. A missed four ball by Woodward in rack sixteen led the way to a 10-7 Chang lead. Woodward made one last run and got back within one rack again at 10-9, but a Woodward safety early in rack twenty was his last time at the table as Chang ran out that rack to earn the rematch with Ko in the finals.

Chang and Ko both came into the final match with hopes for a career-defining win. Chang had turned in a second and a fourth-place finish in this building the last two years, while Ko had the chance to show people who the better Ko brother truly was. The match couldn't have been much closer early on, as the players traded leads to a



Skyler Woodward was the top finishing American in third place

7-7 scoreline. Ko then took his first two rack lead at 9-7 and it looked like the pool gods were smiling on him when he miscued on a three-ball in the seventeenth rack, but still pocketed the ball (in a different pocket than in-

tended) and then made a 9-ball break in the eighteenth rack for an 11-7 lead. Those same pool gods then turned their back on Ko as he scratched twice leading to an 11-11 scoreline. Another scratch by Ko in rack twenty-three put Chang on the hill at 12-11. Chang faced a tough table after his break in rack twenty-two, but he wasn't going to allow Ko another chance at the table. He calmly ran that rack and roared in appreciation as he pocketed the final 9-ball for the win.

When asked after the finals about his success in this building the last three years, Chang credited it to the Diamond tables and how they play differently than what they have in Asia. "The Diamond table leads to more defense and that suits my game better" Chang said. Chang then commented on coming back from 11-7 down in the finals. "When Ko got lucky I thought maybe this is just not my day. I already did my best and luck is not on my side. Then when Ko got a little bad luck, I thought that the chance might have come back to me" said Ko as he clasped his hands together and looked to the pool gods in the sky.



Shane Van Boening



Kaci Captures American 14.1 Title

14th Annual 2018 AMERICAN 14.1 STRAIGHT POOL CHAMPIONSHIP
Carom Café, Flushing, NY
Oct.16-19, 2018

Photos courtesy Karl Kantrowitz

For the past four years the American 14.1 was been played at Diamond Billiards, Midlothian, VA where great progress was made through the increased prize fund and additional world class players.

Winner	\$ 10,000
2 nd	\$ 6,000
3 rd - 4 th	\$ 3,000
5 th - 8 th	\$ 1,500
9 th - 16 th	\$1,000
17-24 th	\$ 700
Prizes	\$ 400
Total	\$ 42,000
Entry	\$ 300

This year's 14th annual American Straight Pool Championship moved to NYC the hub of straight pool in the US. Once again, the tournament highlighted a moderate \$300. entry fee, (48 players \$14,400) and two x entries, \$28,000, added with a first place of \$10,000.

Players began arriving into NY on Monday where a reception was held for Thorsten Hohmann & Tony Robles at Manhattan's classy Amsterdam Billiards. Round Robin action began at Carom Café on Tuesday with a 48 player field divided into eight flights each headed by a top player. The five

remaining players in each flight were selected in the open blind draw at the players meeting. See attached. Players came from around the globe including current World No. #1 player Eklent Kaci from Lac, Albania who was the eventual winner. Also in the field was the greatest player over the past 40 years, Efren Reyes of the Philippines, along with top world 14.1 gurus Thorsten Hohmann, Mika Immonen, John Schmitt, Alex Pagulayan, Dennis Orcollo, Ralph Souquet and a host of top international players. In addition, many terrific lesser known young players showed their prodigious straight pool skills.

And some old timers as well. Early in the round robin, NY standout, 73 year old Tom Walter from Great Neck, stepped up after Efren's opening safety break and ran 125 and out! Stoic Tom was not even aware that he had run 125 and began to rack the balls for the 10th time before iconic Efren got out of his seat to shake Tom's hand! Always a legend. Two matches later Efren ran 125 and out against Queens very own Zion Zvi. The 15 Brunswick Gold Crowns played perfectly thanks to Simonis 860 blue cloth and brand new Aramith Tournament Pro balls and allowed only five 125 ball runs in the 120 games during the round robin; others were Dennis Orcollo and 2x by Thorsten Hohmann. The 24 players who advanced, the top three in each of the 8 flights based on W/L, were pretty much those that were expected. Typically players who advance have won three of their five matches but if two players tie then their head to head match determines who moves on. Should three or more players tie advancing is determined by the best ball differential, balls made in five matches & balls made against.

The Annual **AMERICAN 14.1 STRAIGHT POOL CHAMPIONSHIP** has become an integral part of the



October pool scene and this year's new venue, Carom Café in Flushing, NY, long known as the home court of USA Three Cushion Billiards, has now taken its place as one of the nation's premier rooms for pool and in particular 14.1. Supported by a superb live stream table and HIGHROCK state-of-the-art video equipment and top notch pros doing colorful commentary the tournament flowed smoothly and without incident. If you watched in person or viewed any of the live streaming you could not miss the new Cuesco electronic scoring screens at

every single table. Cuesco sent staff all the way from Seoul, Korea to assist with implementation of this new touch screen electronic scoring equipment. With only very minor bugs, as any new system would have, the players universally raved about the ease and clarity of the scoring.

Previously the American Straight Pool title has been won by some impressive players, even to those unfamiliar with the grand old game of 14.1. This year yet another great young foreign player is added to the list, Eklent Kaci from Lac, Albania.



American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship

Eklent Kaci 200 def. Thorsten Hohmann 168 Oct 19, 2018, Flushing, NY
Konrad Juszczyszyn 150 def. Dennis Orcollo 87, Oct 21, 2017, Richmond, VA
Niels Feijen 150 defeated Mika Immonen 114. Oct 16, 2016, Richmond, VA
Darren Appleton 150 defeated Thorsten Hohmann 94. Oct 25, 2015, Richmond, VA
Darren Appleton 150 defeated Karen Corr 28. Sep 14, 2014, Richmond, VA
Thorsten Hohmann 150 defeated Johnny Archer 111. Sep 16, 2013, Baltimore, MD
John Schmidt 150 defeated Thorsten Hohmann 21. Aug 18, 2012, Glen Burnie, MD
Johnny Archer 150 defeated John Schmidt 74. July 24, 2011, Glen Burnie, MD
Danny Harriman 150 defeated Shaun Wilkie 94. June 20, 2010, Glen Burnie, MD
Danny Harriman 150 defeated Dave Daya 28. June 28, 2009, Annapolis, MD
Bob Maidhof 150 defeated Danny Barouty 140. July 12, 2008, Annapolis, MD
Mika Immonen 150 defeated Mike Davis 59. June 10, 2007, Annapolis, MD
Ed Hodan 150 defeated Danny Barouty 89. Nov 19, 2006, Annapolis, MD
Ryan McCreesh 150 defeated David Hunt 67. Aug 8, 2005, Annapolis, MD

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

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

“There will always be a match here and there that is drawn out, and this year was no exception, with a few match-

es on the tight Diamond tables taking an unusual 2+ hours. But this is an exception and will happen in this most imaginative of games. Everyone is not a John Schmidt, Luc Salvas or Machine Gun Lou Butera!”

Tournament Director, Peter Burrows, believes that most 14.1 players understand this. No time clock.

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– Peter Burrows ”



Marek Kudlik

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

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

naments, beating all of us like a drum, let's follow their lead and look sharp!"

This is especially true given today's live streaming of pool matches. All four days were covered extensively thanks to Highrock and their free live stream. Many of the top players and some locals provided insightful commentary thanks to Gene Mann, Michael Yednak, Jerry McWorter, Shaun Wilkie, Danny Barouty, Michael & Darren Frank and others who sat in the live-stream booth for a spell.

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

The Round Robin generally went according to odds with most top pros advancing as seen in the charts along with some terrific young players. Especially impressive was Finnish youngster Casper Matikainen who streaked through the RR 4-1 and put up a 120 ball run to defeat Ralf Souquet in the 1st rd. of elimination where matches were to 150.

In the round of 16 Mika Immonen, flight winner got a bye and then played Mr. 400 in a tight match to 150. Needing only four balls Mika scratched on his final breakshot; unfortunately John needed only 7 and quickly got out ending Mika's tournament. On a nearby table Ralph Eckert opened with a run of 105 on Dennis Orcollo, who then put up 23 before Ralph got back



Konrad Juszczyzyn

“ GOLF RULES ARE MANY TIMES MORE COMPLEX THAN POOL BUT THE ROYAL & ANCIENT RULES ARE WELL KNOWN AND PLAYERS HONESTLY ADHERE TO THEM.

– Peter Burrows ”

to the table to add 17. Dennis ran out! Two century runs. Ralph averaged 60 balls an inning and lost! Straight pool, the greatest game, can be painful.

2017 winner, Konrad J. continued to impress going 4-1 in the RR and becoming the 4th seed before finally losing to Thorsten in the semi-finals following a crazy late match scratch. Konrad brought along with him 3 other very strong 14.1 players from Poland. Miezko Fortunski lost a heartbreaker to his countryman, Konrad, in the round of eight. 19 year old Marek Kudlik played beautifully, using nerves of steel to defeat legend Efren Reyes in the same round before a partisan crowd. . . 3 polish loyalists rooting for him, everyone else for Efren! Unphased Marek moved on to knock off Schmidt 150-5!! Just ask John how the young phenom plays. Poland's Rad Babica came with the youngsters making his 3rd visit. A strong contin-

gent for sure. Equally strong where three great young players from Moscow, Ruslan Chinahov, Max Dudanets & Fedor Gorst, all who advanced to the elimination round and played great.

Gracious Warren Kiamco, stuck in a very tough bracket, was the top player not to advance. Strong players who finished 3-2 but did not advance due to losing head to head matches were Bob Hunter, Shawn Wilkie and Mike Davis. RR Bracket winners were the eight top seeds for the Single elimination each received a 1st round bye on Thurs.as reward for their top finish. 9-24th players were seeded playing one another in the opening elimination round, 9 vs. 24, 10 vs. 23, etc.

Congratulations to our winner, 2018 American 14.1 Straight Pool Champion, currently ranked the No. #1 player in the world, Eklent Kaci who defeat-

American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship

ed all time great and always gracious and humble many time Champion, Thorsten Hohmann. Their final match to 200 began Friday evening at seven and was nip & tuck for three hours. Exciting for sure. Key scratches along the way by both players with virtually no balls being simply missed. Thorsten, had two runs of 125 and the tournament HR of 144, but his late unfortunate scratch lead to his only loss over four days opened the door for Eklent who ran 80 plus out to take the title.

Just so many terrific matches by many of the world's greatest modern day 14.1 players. All who watched would surely agree. Congratulations and a tip of the old fedora to everyone who helped make this year's 14th annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Championship a huge success. We wish to again thank our many dedicated sponsors, including **Ivan Lee** and **Simonis Cloth** and **Aramith**

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pros for their continued patronage of our tournament for without them we would not have a chance to witness their magnificent skills in this beautiful and historic game of 14.1. Their time and schedules are valued and each one made a yeoman effort to come to NYC and play. God willing we hope to see everyone back again next year, October 2019.

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MARIO HE KEEPS THE TROPHY IN AUSTRIA

Mario He (AUT) won the Dynamic Billard Klagenfurt Open 2018 at the Sportpark Klagenfurt with a 9-8 victory in the final match against Mark Gray (GBR).

The final match was packed with thrilling shots and exciting strategy. Both players are excellent shotmakers and the final match was a collection of superb performance and high class pool. With a few ups and downs for both players, the match came to hill-hill with Mario He breaking. He fired the opening shot of rack #17 and to his disliking, saw no balls finding pockets. Gray got to the table and pocketed the 1-ball with a long and precise shot. He got to the 5-ball which was frozen to the 9-ball and thus not playable for him. He attempted a safety shot but left a

long pot for Mario He. Since the 6-ball and the 7-ball were lying close together, he was not too worried about the leave. Mario He not only pocketed the 5-ball but also opened up the 6-ball and the 7-ball with the cue ball. He then elevated his cue stick and pocketed the 6-ball with a masse shot. The remaining three balls were just business as usual for the Austrian, who won the final match 9-8 and took the title of the Dynamic Billard Klagenfurt Open winner 2018.

“Mark Gray has never lost a final match in the Euro-Tour. He won 6 out

of 6 until today. But that did not worry me too much since I knew that I could win if I can play up to me expectations”, mentioned a modest Mario He. On his facebook page, Mario He wrote: “I’m over the moon and so happy to win the Euro-Tour here in Klagenfurt, my 4th Euro-Tour win and feels still same like the first one. Can’t describe how the pressure, sadness, happiness in all matches and single moments were.”

With this event in the books, Eklent Kaci (ALB) still leads the Euro-Tour Rankings with a narrow 20 point margin over Mario He who is now in second place.



TOP EIGHT FINISHERS

1. Mario He AUT
2. Mark Gray GBR
3. Marc Bijsterbosch NED
- Oliver Szolnoki HUN
5. Joshua Filler GER
- Niels Feijen NED
- Jakub Koniar SVK
- Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz ESP

TOP TEN EURO-TOUR RANKINGS

1. Eklent Kaci ALB
2. Mario He AUT
3. Albin Ouschan AUT
4. Wiktor Zielinski POL
5. Denis Grabe EST
6. Ralf Souquet GER
7. Alexander Kazakis GRE
8. Maximilian Lechner AUT
9. Marc Bijsterbosch NED
10. Mark Gray GBR

Jasmin Ouschan

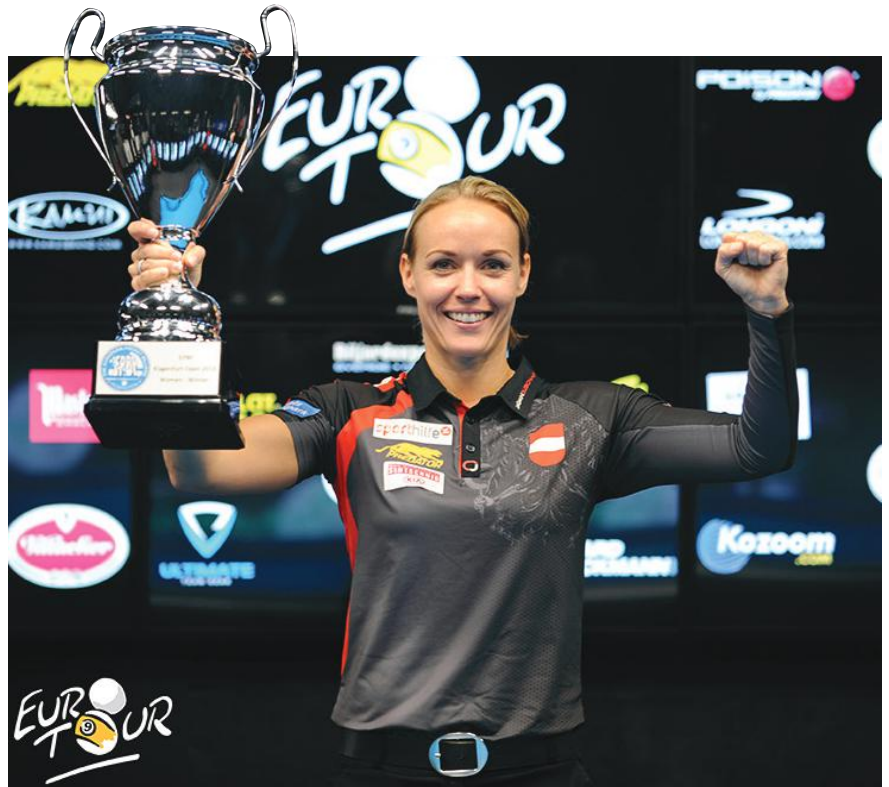
completes double triumph for Austria in Klagenfurt

Jasmin Ouschan (AUT) won her 16th Euro-Tour tournament title in her hometown, Klagenfurt in Austria. She defeated Ana Gradisnik (SLO) 7-4 in the final match of the EPBF Klagenfurt Open.

Once again, Ouschan dominated the field at a women's Euro-Tour tournament. It is always special for her to perform in her hometown in front of her home crowd. Ouschan dominated all of her opponents on her way into the final with the exception of Kateryna Polovinchuk (UKR) who took Ouschan to the limit. Polovinchuk demanded everything from Ouschan and got to hill-hill before Ouschan kept her nerves together and took the match against Polovinchuk.

The final match started as expected with Ouschan gaining the upper hand in the early stage of the match. Early on, Gradisnik had very little opportunity to even slow Ouschan down. After six racks, Ouschan held a comfortable 5-1 lead over Gradisnik, but then the Slovenian started a little comeback. Ouschan could not finish off Gradisnik and her opponent made use of the opportunities that she was given. After ten racks, the scoreboard showed Ouschan with a thin 6-4 lead. Ouschan is so experienced though, that she knows how to handle heat and pressure. She played her style and took rack #11 to win her hometown tournament, the EPBF Klagenfurt Open 2018 with 7-4 over a tough opponent Ana Gradisnik.

“There was a stage in the match when I kind of lost my focus,” Ouschan admitted, “since I had a long day and I am very happy that I was able to over-



come that stage and get back into gear to be able to take this title and keep it here in Klagenfurt.”

TOP EIGHT FINISHERS

1. Jasmin Ouschan AUT
2. Ana Gradisnik SLO
3. Vania Franco POR
- Kristina Tkach RUS
5. Tina Vogelmann GER
- Kateryna Polovinchuk UKR
- Marharyta Fefilava BLR
- Christine Feldmann SUI

EURO-TOUR RANKINGS WOMEN

1. Marharyta Fefilava BLR
2. Kristina Tkach RUS
3. Jasmin Ouschan AUT
4. Oliwia Cziprynska POL
5. Ana Gradisnik SLO
6. Natalia Seroshtan RUS
7. Kateryna Polovinchuk UKR
8. Tina Vogelmann GER
9. Pia Filler GER
10. Ine Helvik NOR

Shaw Back For More Mosconi Mayhem

Jayson Shaw is the final player to be selected by captain Marcus Chamat for this year's partypoker Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace, London this December 4-7.

Shaw is the second wildcard player selected by Chamat after Albin Ouschan was chosen on Tuesday. Shaw and Ouschan join automatic qualifiers Eklenti Kaci, Mario He and Niels Feijen who finished as the top three players on the Team EUROPE Ranking.

Scotsman Shaw made his partypoker Mosconi Cup debut at Alexandra Palace two years ago and made the winning 9-ball as Europe beat USA 11-3. He was again a vital part of the team in Las Vegas 12 months ago as Europe registered a 11-4 win and will be looking for his third Mosconi success next month.

"It feels amazing to be on the team again for the third time in a row," said Shaw. "This year I have played pretty well in all major events and placed very highly, although I have not played a lot of events like in the last few years due to having a second baby and changing cue company.

"But what I have achieved over last three years is amazing and that's why I got the wild card in my eyes. I'm still US Open 9-ball champion and ranked third in the World Rankings.

"I know it was a hard decision for Marcus but I was made for the Mosconi Cup and can't wait. Thank Marcus for believing in me and giving me the wild card and bringing me into what I can say is a very strong team. I can't wait to join up with the boys and start practicing.

"I have great memories in London. I played my first Cup there and made



the winning 9-ball in a fantastic last match. It was an amazing feeling and I will be looking to do the same again this year. Europe have very strong players again this year.

"It's going to be a hard battle but we will be ready like always and we will do what we do best and that's win. Next year I will be back playing all the EuroTour events and major events trying to qualify again like in the last two years."

Tickets for partypoker Mosconi Cup XXV are on sale now priced from £25

per session, with season tickets available priced £90. Premium seating in rows 4-7 is available at £49 per session or £175 for a season ticket, with VIP Hospitality packages from £155 per person per session with a season ticket priced at £549.

The 2018 partypoker MOSCONI CUP is also sponsored by Rasson Billiards who supplies the Official Table; the cloth is supplied by Iwan Simonis and the Official Balls are Super Aramith by Saluc. Predator is the Official Cue of the event and Ultimate Team Gear provide all Mosconi Cup apparel.



APA Announced as Team USA Main Sponsor

MATCHROOM MULTI SPORT is delighted to announce that the American Poolplayers Association (APA) has once again signed on as the main sponsor for Team USA for the forthcoming partypoker Mosconi Cup which takes place at the Alexandra Palace, London from Monday 4th to 7th December.

Team USA will all be sporting the APA logo on their team uniform throughout the event and the players and coaches will all be involved to bring a unique behind-the-scenes look as the tournament progresses on a daily basis.

Not only is APA the Official Sponsor of Team USA, but they also bring the support of their nearly 250,000 members who will be rooting for their team to reclaim the Mosconi Cup for the first time in nine years.

“We’re very proud to sponsor Team USA once again this year. We believe this is the year that Team USA once again hoists the Mosconi Cup in victory, and we look forward to bringing the excitement to our members as it

unfolds in London,” said APA Marketing Director Jason Bowman.

Matchroom Multi Sport COO Emily Frazer added; “It is great news that the APA will again be backing Team USA at this year’s Mosconi Cup. The APA will be working closely with ourselves and Team USA before, during and after the Mosconi Cup to bring exclusive interviews and exciting behind the scenes content to APA players across America.

“This partnership is of huge benefit to both parties. Together APA and Team USA can promote pool to the sport’s biggest audience at the Mosconi Cup, while the American team will benefit from the support of thousands of players across the USA.”

Tickets for the Mosconi Cup are available from www.mosconicup.com

EXPANDED WORLD POOL MASTERS Returns To Gibraltar, March 29-31

The World Pool Masters returns to Victoria Stadium, Gibraltar next March 29-31 with more players, more matches and an even bigger prize fund.

After 25 years of being 9-ball's biggest invitational tournament, the World Pool Masters expands again for its 26th edition with 24 of the world's best players set to battle it out for their share of a \$100,000 prize fund with the winner in line to take home \$25,000. Tickets will be on sale from midday (Gibraltarian time) on Tuesday, October 2nd.

For the first time there are now eight pre-determined spots in the World Pool Masters, with a further 15 players invited by tournament promoter Matchroom Multi Sport and the final member of the field selected by you, the fans.

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

The World Pool Masters will again be staged at Victoria Stadium, Gibraltar. The tournament will commence on Friday, March 29th with the eight race-to-seven preliminary round matches played across two sessions – an afternoon session from 1pm and an evening session beginning at 7pm.

The Last 16 will take place over the two sessions on Saturday, March 30th before finals day on Sunday, March 31st sees all four quarter-finals in the afternoon session. The evening session sees the two semi-finals played as a race-to-eight before the race-to-nine showpiece final determines the destination of one of pool's most sought-after titles.

Among the eight players seeded into the Last 16 is defending champion Niels Feijen, reigning US Open champion Jayson Shaw, European Cham-

pion Konrad Juszczyszyn and Asian champion Ko Pin-Yi.

The four remaining seeded players will be the WPA World No.1 male and female players (as of December 31st, 2018), the 2018 World 9-Ball Champion and the MVP at this year's partypoker Mosconi Cup.

The first two unseeded players have already been confirmed by promoter Matchroom Multi Sport. They are two-time World Pool Masters champion Shane Van Boening, and current WPA World No.1 Eklent Kaci.

Should Kaci remain as World No.1 at the end of the year he will take up his place as one of the seeded players.

For more details including prize fund break down on the 2019 World Pool Masters, visit www.worldpoolmasters.com. Further players will be added to the line-up on a weekly basis. For all the latest World Pool Masters news follow World Pool Masters on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Tickets go on sale at midday Gibraltarian time (11am UK) on Tuesday, October 2 priced at just £7 for afternoon sessions and Friday evening and £12 for weekend evening sessions. Daily tickets are priced at £10 for all day Friday and £15 for Saturday or Sunday. A season ticket including admission for all six sessions costs just £34.99. All tickets will be available from www.worldpoolmasters.com.



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Bryant goes undefeated

to take WPBA title at Janet Atwell's Borderline Billiards

IT'S HARD TO KNOW JUST HOW EXACTLY THE PROVERBIAL 'LUCK OF THE DRAW' CAN IMPACT A TOURNAMENT FIELD. IS THERE EVER AN EASY PATH THROUGH A STRONG FIELD?

Does early 'luck of the draw' influence a player's ability to face increasingly difficult competition? With 'no' as the answer to the 'easy path' question, one would think that getting a few relatively 'easy' matches under your belt before facing any heavy hitters would have to be of benefit. On the weekend of October 18-21, Canada's Brittany Bryant went undefeated through a field of strong opponents to win the WPBA BLU-EMU Southern Open Signature Tour Stop.

With a Fargo Rate of 663, Bryant opened the tournament with matches against opponents whose ratings were in the 500 range, slowly graduating to matches against higher ranked opponents, and then, in the finals, squaring off against Mary Rakin with exactly the same rating of 663. The \$10,000-added event drew 64 entrants to Janet Atwell's Borderline Billiards in Bristol, TN.

That said, it didn't take Bryant long to get into the thick of things. Fol-

lowing victories over Autumn Duncan (Fargo Rating 585) 7-2 and Bonnie Arnold (553) 7-3, Bryant faced the Texas Tornado, Vivian Villarreal, sporting a higher Fargo rate of 685 (the top Fargo-rated female in the US). They locked up in a double hill fight that eventually advanced Bryant against Jia Li (654) and a second double hill fight, which Bryant won, advancing to a winners' side semifinal match against Karen Corr (722; as an Irish competitor, Corr is not on the US Top 10 list, and doesn't appear among the



Brittany Bryant, Janet Atwell and Mary Rakin (Photo courtesy of Teresa Moore)

top 10 World List, dominated by seven Chinese women, whose ratings range from 782 to 744).

Meanwhile, Line Kjorsvik (675) was running her own gauntlet of top-notch talent. She defeated Ji-Hyun Park, Jeannette Lee, Ashley Rice and Helena Thornfeldt to draw (out of the frying pan into the fire, so to speak) Allison Fisher (724). Fisher had sent Bryant's eventual finals opponent, Mary Rakin, to the loss side in the second round.

Bryant downed Corr 7-3, and in the hot seat match, faced Kjorsvik, who'd survived a somewhat predictable double hill match against Fisher. Bryant claimed the hot seat 7-5 over Kjorsvik and waited for Rakin to complete her nine-match, loss-side winning streak that would bring her into the final match.

Six matches had put Bryant in the hot seat, and while they included those back-to-back wins over Villareal, Li, Corr and Kjorsvik, the run paled (somewhat) in the face of what Rakin accomplished to meet her in the finals. Wins over Kaylin Wykoff and Maureen Seto put Rakin into the first money round (17th-24th) against Gerda (Hofstatter) Gregerson. A subsequent win over Dawn Hopkins led to five straight wins over Thornfeldt, Jennifer Baretta, Corr, Fisher and Kjorsvik.

She defeated Thornfeldt 7-4 and Baretta 7-3 to pick up Corr, coming over from the winners' side semifinal. Fisher drew Jia Li, who'd defeated Loree-Jon Hasson 7-5 and Melissa Little 7-4 to reach her.

Rakin defeated Corr 7-5 and in the quarterfinals, faced Fisher, who'd eliminated Li 7-2. Rakin and Fisher locked up in a double hill fight that

eventually advanced Rakin to the semifinals against Kjorsvik. A second straight double hill fight, won by Rakin, gave Rakin her shot at Bryant in the finals.

The finals, according to FargoRate, was a 50/50 proposition. Rakin had the intangible of momentum and recent wins over higher ranked competitors going for her, though two straight double hill wins over quality opponents might have taken a little out of her. Bryant had the wait, which can sometimes work for you with a little rest or against you, in terms of going a little cold at the table. By the same token, her own list of recently defeated quality opponents suggested that either way, it was going to be a good match between two quality opponents who had more than earned their way into the finals. Bryant won it 7-4 to claim the event title.



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BILLIARD CONGRESS OF AMERICA TO MANAGE BILLIARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Billiard Congress of America today announced it has reached an agreement with the Billiard Education Foundation's Board of Trustees to assume oversight and day-to-day management of the organization.

The Billiard Education Foundation, formed in 1993 as a non-profit charity, is committed to promoting a lifelong love of pool and building the next generation of players through youth programs and academic scholarships.

Key programs of the BEF include the annual BEF Junior National 9-Ball Championships, annual Junior State Championships, annual selection and support of juniors competing in the WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships, academic scholarship and awards, Pool in School programming and curriculum development, and junior instruction in partnership with the Professional Billiard Instructors Association.

"After teaming up to produce the BEF Junior Nationals, Atlantic Challenge Cup and Break and Run Junior Premier Instructional Program, it is evident a partnership is the best way to promote the game to a new generation of players," said Billiard

Congress of America Chairman Brian Igielski. "I'd like to thank the Billiard Education Foundation's Board of Trustees and Billiard Congress of America's Board of Directors for their support in making junior pool a priority. We look forward to making the most of the support our industry is demonstrating for junior programs."

"This partnership is a great addition to the ever-growing support we are dedicated to providing junior players and their parents," said Billiard Education Foundation President Tom Riccobene. "In the foundation's 30th anniversary year, throughout America more teachers and coaches than ever now recognize that playing pool promotes positive growth in social, cognitive and physical skills. On behalf of these professionals, as well as our fantastic group of volunteers and trustees, we want to thank the Billiard Congress of America for their commitment to help us promote, operate and grow our junior programs."

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Wisconsin Billiard Hall of Fame Inducts First Class

The Wisconsin Billiards Hall of Fame held their Inaugural Hall of Fame Weekend at the Mad Apple Billiards in Appleton, WI on October 12-14th, 2018.

On Friday evening there were 135 people in attendance for the induction ceremony and dinner. The inaugural Hall of Fame class of inductees were Jerry Briesath, Willie Munson, Connie O’Heron and Bruce Venzke. Guest speakers included Jeanette Lee, Mark Wilson, Randy Goettlicher and others chosen by the Hall of Famers to introduce them.

This first class event was truly a remarkable one, exceeding the expectations of most in attendance. The entire weekend was restricted to members only, who in addition to being able to attend the banquet, also receive voting rights on the ballot each year, are entered into monthly

prize give-a-ways, and can play in the Hall of Fame Tournaments.

Following the banquet, ten of the best bank pool players in the state were part of the Invitational Ring Banks Chip Tournament. Playing for chips for every bank made, the crowd watched on as Pete Heard from Milwaukee took down Mosconi Cup Team USA hopeful Tyler Styer in the finals.

Saturday and Sunday kicked off the main events with 128 players coming to the Mad Apple for an Upper 10-Ball and Lower 9-Ball tournament. After two days of stiff competition, Sergio Rivas defeated Duncan Kaufman to claim the 10-Ball title, and Dakota



Knutson took down Cody Wedig for the 9-Ball crown.

Each year, the Wisconsin Billiards Hall of Fame Weekend will take place at a new venue, and during the banquet it was announced that 2019 will move to Dave Cole’s Carom Room in Beloit the second weekend of October. The tournament formats will also change year after year.

WIBHOF was formed on October 1st, 2017 as a non-profit organization that operates both as a Hall of Fame, but also as a foundation of support for pool players in need. The board of directors, comprised of Jon Kramer, Gregg Andler and Kyle Boers and four other volunteers, have grown the company rapidly in its first year. Currently with 11 sponsors and over 500 paid members, Kramer, the President of the organization said “The amount of support we have seen from the Wis-





Lower 9-Ball Winner Dakota Knutson



Upper 10-Ball Winner Sergio Rivas

consin billiards community in our first year has been overwhelming.” The website also hosts tournament flyers for the state, a large image gallery of historical Wisconsin billiard photos,

game rules and more. In the voting period of November 1st – January 31st members are also able to log into the site and cast their votes for next year’s Hall of Fame class. In its first

year, wibhof.org has been viewed over 50,000 times by more than 2,000 people across the country and even international viewers from 60 different countries.



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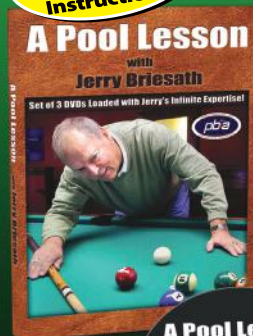
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Upcoming Tournaments

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NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 25

Coupe du Quebec Women's Division 1 Pro Event

11/01 - 11/04

Dooly's
Quebec
Website: <http://www.playnapt.com/>

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2018 Season Finale

11/10 - 11/10

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

Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Season Finale

11/15 - 11/18

Casino Del Sol Resort
Tucson, Arizona
Website: <http://www.diamond-pooltour.com>

Super 32 10-Ball Championship

11/03 - 11/04

Capone's Billiard Lounge
Spring Hill, FL
Website: <http://uspoisontour.com/>

Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2018 Stop 7

11/10 - 11/11

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

30th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

11/17 - 11/18

Snookers Pool Lounge
Providence, RI
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 6

11/03 - 11/04

Union Station Billiards
Portland, Maine
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

2nd Annual East Coast Canadian 9-Ball Open

11/13 - 11/19

Railbirds
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Florida 10 Ball Bar Box Championships

11/17 - 11/17

Racks Billiards
Sanford, Florida
Website: <http://www.sunshinestate-proamtour.com/>

DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop

11/10 - 11/11

Rusty's Billiards
Arlington, TX
Website: <https://dfw9bt.com>

US Open Straight Pool Championship 2018

11/15 - 11/18

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

AllOutPool Tour 2018 Stop 8

11/24 - 11/25

Premier Billiards
Coral Springs, Florida

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Tourney Results

10/05 - 10/07

39th Annual Midwest Bar Table Classic Main Event

John Wayne's Pub

- Indianapolis, Indiana
 1 Skyler Woodward \$5,000
 2 Dennis Orcollo \$2,500
 3 Justin Bergman \$1,500
 4 Can Salim \$1,100
 5 Alex Olinger \$600
 5 Alex Pagulayan \$600
 7 Danny Smith \$500
 7 Ed Hancock \$500
 9 Jayme Goodwin \$400
 9 Blake Baker \$400
 9 Francisco Bustamante \$400
 9 James Aranas \$400
 13 Jonathan Hennessee \$300
 13 Tommy Stevenson \$300
 13 Dee Adkins \$300
 13 Jeremy Seaman \$300

10/05 - 10/07

39th Annual Midwest Bar Table Classic One Pocket

John Wayne's Pub

- Indianapolis, Indiana
 1 Francisco Bustamante \$2,000
 2 Dennis Orcollo \$1,000

10/06 - 10/06

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop Amateur

Capone's Billiard Lounge

- Spring Hill, FL
 1 Nathan Rose \$570
 2 James Adams \$370
 3 Alec Saputo \$260
 4 Dale Stanley \$180
 5 Justin McNulty \$130
 5 Ameet Kukadia \$130
 7 Jai Smith \$90
 7 Trenton White \$90

- 9 Rhyan Hunter \$60
 9 Bobby Jones \$60
 9 Bobby Garza \$60
 9 Justin Gilsinan \$60

10/06 - 10/07

Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Stop 6

Freezer's Ice House

- Tempe, Az
 1 Mike Hamman \$900
 2 Fernando Diaz \$570
 3 Jason Sweet \$355
 4 Brian Brown \$225
 5 Ruben Silva \$140
 5 Peter Horton \$140
 7 Joey Barrera \$90
 7 Eric Young \$90
 9 Gus Briseno \$60
 9 Evan Edwards \$60
 9 Manuel Luevano \$60
 9 Joe Guerra \$60

10/06 - 10/07

The Hudson Valley Fall Classic II

The Spot

- Nanuet, New York
 1 Shaun Wilkie \$1,000
 2 Jeremy Sossei \$750
 3 Bucky Souvanthong \$600
 4 Zion Zvi \$450
 5 Robert Pole \$300
 5 Michael Yednak \$300
 7 Nicolas Charette \$150
 7 Tom Acciavatti \$150

10/06 - 10/06

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #2

Buster's Billiards

- Somersworth, NH
 1 Dana Hussey \$500
 2 Kyle Sariceno \$300
 3 Jason Seavey \$200
 4 Mark Pulsifer \$150

- 5 Mathew Treglia \$75
 5 Cody Chagnon \$75
 7 Walt Kelly \$60
 7 Matt Benson \$60

10/06 - 10/06

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Shotmakers Sports Bar & Billiards

- Garner, NC
 1 Keith Bennett \$475
 2 Donald Williams \$250
 3 Barry Mashburn \$135
 4 Kevin Ping \$50

10/06 - 10/07

The Hudson Valley Fall Classic II Second Chance

The Spot

- Nanuet, New York
 1 Victor Nau \$300
 2 Dylan Spohr \$200
 3 Joe Darigis \$140
 4 Jim Kearney \$80

10/07 - 10/07

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop Open

Capone's Billiard Lounge

- Spring Hill, FL
 1 Donny Mills \$800
 2 Anthony Meglino \$500
 3 Justin Hall \$380
 4 Tommy Kennedy \$280
 5 Nathan Rose \$200
 5 Justin Gilsinan \$200
 7 Joselito Martinez \$140
 7 Bill Stroup \$140
 9 Trenton White \$80
 9 Joe Vetrone \$80
 9 Joe Scarborough \$80
 9 Marcus Murillo \$80

10/07 - 10/07

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Luis Lopez \$705
- 2 Luis Carrasco \$450
- 3 Dave Shlemperis \$280
- 4 Latonia Taylor \$170
- 5 Nick Limbertos \$110
- 5 Mike Mele \$110
- 7 Ambi Estevez \$75
- 7 Shweta Zaveri \$75

10/13 - 10/14

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 3

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

- 1 Bruce Nagle \$1,050
- 2 Ron Casanzio \$750
- 3 Scott Haas \$600
- 4 Jeremy Sossei \$450
- 5 Thomas Haas \$300
- 5 Danny Hewitt \$300
- 7 Jim Kearney \$175
- 7 Nicolas Charette \$175

10/13 - 10/14

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 6

Bullshooters

Phoenix, AZ

- 1 Susan Williams \$840
- 2 Pearl Ortiz \$390
- 3 Gigi Callejas \$200
- 5 Teri Curtis \$160
- 5 Heather Cortez \$160
- 4 Mel Smith \$150
- 7 Jessica Derezinski \$80
- 7 Carmen Osenton \$80

10/13 - 10/19

Chinese 8-Ball International Open

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City Of Industry, California

- 1 Gareth Potts \$15,000
- 2 He Wen Li \$7,000
- 3 Han-Qing Shi \$3,000
- 4 Chuang Liu \$1,500

10/13 - 10/14

Action Pool Tour 2018 Stop #10

Peninsula Billiards

Newport News, Virginia

- 1 Rick Scarlato \$500
- 2 Ozzy Reynolds \$300
- 3 Greg Sabins \$200
- 4 Steve Fleming \$125
- 5 Tim Collins \$60
- 5 Jaime Gonzalez \$60

10/13 - 10/14

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop #14 Amateur Division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Jim Gutierrez \$1,400
- 2 Mizuno Atsutoshi \$1,000
- 3 Cesar Turcios \$700
- 4 Jonathan Martinez \$350
- 4 Jonathan Martinez \$350
- 5 Ramilo Tanglao \$225
- 5 Matthew Harricharan \$225
- 7 Michael De Lara Inoa \$150
- 7 Amy Yu \$150
- 9 Dave Shlemperis \$125
- 9 Bryan Toolsee \$125
- 9 Erick Carrasco \$125
- 9 Paul Carpenter \$125
- 13 Irene Kim \$100
- 13 Max Watanabe \$100
- 13 Shawn Sookhai \$100
- 13 Joe Morace \$100

10/13 - 10/14

JPNEWT Tour 2018 Stop 7

Eagle Billiards

Dickson City, Pa

- 1 Linda Haywood Shea \$600
- 2 Nicole King \$400
- 3 Melissa Jenkins \$300
- 4 Elaine Wilson \$200
- 5 Sharon O'Hanlon \$100
- 5 Anita Sowers \$100

10/13 - 10/13

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #3

Yale Billiards

Wallingford, Connecticut

- 1 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$500

- 2 James Pasciolla \$300
- 3 Sal Midolo \$175
- 4 Jason D'Angelo \$125
- 5 Ray Buthe \$80
- 5 Shane Bansrupan \$80
- 7 Mario Argentino \$40
- 7 Darryl Helm \$40

10/13 - 10/14

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 3 Second Chance

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

- 1 Bob Forchilli \$300
- 2 Ben Werblow \$200
- 3 Jason Hall \$120
- 4 Jordan Turner \$80
- 5 Bruce Carroll \$40
- 5 Nick Brucato \$40

10/13 - 10/14

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia

- 1 Collin Hall \$550
- 2 Brent Hensley \$350
- 3 Brian Bryant \$225
- 4 James Blackburn \$150
- 5 Travis Guerra \$50
- 5 Chris England \$50

10/16 - 10/19

2018 American Straight Pool Championship

Carom Cafe

Flushing, NY

- 1 Eklent Kaci \$10,000
- 2 Thorsten Hohmann \$6,000
- 5 Dennis Orcollo \$3,000
- 3 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$3,000
- 3 Marek Kudlik \$3,000
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10/18 - 10/21

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5 Denis Grabe \$1,000
5 Scott Haas \$1,000
7 Alexandros Kazakis \$800
7 Jayson Shaw \$800
9 John Morra \$500
9 Johnny Archer \$500
9 Brandon Shuff \$500
9 Tony Chohan \$500

10/18 - 10/21

WPBA BLU-EMU Southern Open Signature Tour Stop 2018

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN
1 Brittany Bryant \$5,000
2 Mary Rakin \$3,300
3 Line Kjoersvik \$2,400
4 Allison Fisher \$1,900
5 Jia Li \$1,500
5 Karen Corr \$1,500
7 Melissa Little \$1,100
7 Jennifer Barretta \$1,100
9 Loree Jon Hasson \$800
9 Monica Webb \$800
9 Helena Thornfeldt \$800
9 Vivian Villarreal \$800
13 Teruko Cucculelli \$550
13 Julie Cone \$550
13 Dawn Hopkins \$550
13 Caroline Pao \$550
17 Janet Atwell \$350
17 Veronique Menard \$350

17 Gerda Hofstatter Gregerson
\$350
17 Ashley Rice \$350
17 Bonnie Arnold \$350
17 Marianne Merrill \$350
17 Gail Eaton \$350
17 Sara Miller \$350

10/20 - 10/21

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 4

Brickhouse Billiards

N. Syracuse, New York
1 Ron Casanzio \$1,000
2 Bruce Nagle \$700
3 Mike Donnelly \$550
4 Qais Kolee \$400
5 Bucky Souvanthong \$300
5 Sourith Thammavong \$300
7 Marco Kam \$200
7 Dave Dreidel \$200
9 Jed Jecen \$125
9 Spencer Auigbelle \$125
9 Jim Kearney \$125
9 Jay Goyer \$125

10/20 - 10/21

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop #15 Amateur Division

The Spot

Nanuet, New York
1 Matthew Harricharan \$1,200
2 Luis Carrasco \$800
3 Mac Jankov \$500
4 Troy Deocharran \$350
5 Amy Yu \$200
5 Chris Kelly \$200
7 Ambi Estevez \$150
7 Abel Rosario \$150

10/20 - 10/21

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 4 Second Chance

Brickhouse Billiards
N. Syracuse, New York
1 Mark Creamer \$300
2 Dave Lebrun \$200
3 Mike Hurley \$140
4 Ben Werblow \$80
5 Geoff Montgomery \$40
5 Doug Wells \$40

10/20 - 10/20

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC
1 JT Ringgold \$500
2 Larry Faulk \$300
3 Robert Perez \$125
4 Jack Whitfield \$50

10/21 - 10/27

The International 9-Ball Open

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

Norfolk, Va
1 Jung-Lin Chang \$40,000
2 Ping-Chung Ko \$20,000
3 Skyler Woodward \$10,000
4 Shane Van Boening \$6,000
5 Denis Grabe \$4,000
5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$4,000
7 Dennis Orcollo \$3,300
7 Justin Bergman \$3,300
9 Fedor Gorst \$2,750
9 Jayson Shaw \$2,750
9 Chris Melling \$2,750
9 Eklent Kaci \$2,750
13 Niels Feijen \$2,550
13 Kevin Cheng \$2,550
13 Cheng-Chieh Liu \$2,550
13 Alex Pagulayan \$2,550
17 Oscar Dominguez \$2,400
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25 Miesko Fortunski \$2,250
25 James Aranas \$2,250
25 Mika Immonen \$2,250
25 John Morra \$2,250

10/21 - 10/21

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #4

Legends Sports Bar & Grill

Auburn, ME

- 1 Ben LeBlanc \$800
- 2 Jeff Mosimann \$400
- 3 Matt Benson \$300
- 4 Gregg Morse \$200
- 5 Kyle Sariceno \$125
- 5 Josh Edmonds \$125
- 7 Derick Lycette \$80
- 7 Ross Webster \$80
- 9 Kyle Pepin \$60
- 9 Rick Bergevin \$60
- 9 Tyler Dunbar \$60
- 9 Justin Myers \$60

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Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

- 1 Leo Birdman \$630
- 2 Thomas Schreiber \$360
- 3 Eugene Ok \$230
- 4 Nathaniel Raimondo \$140
- 5 Mike Garetta \$80
- 5 Joe Romeo \$80

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Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 5

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

Utica, New York

- 1 Bucky Souvanthong \$1,000
- 2 Qais Kolee \$700
- 3 Spencer Auigbelle \$550
- 4 Jorge Teixeira \$400
- 5 Jeremy Sossei \$300
- 5 Bruce Carroll \$300
- 7 Nate Marshall \$200
- 7 Hendrik Drost \$200
- 9 Mike Hurley \$100
- 9 Ron Casanzio \$100

- 9 Nick Coppola \$100
- 9 Jon McConnell \$100

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Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Stop Amateur

Spin City Café Billiards

New York, NY

- 1 Rene Villalobos \$1,400
- 2 Amy Yu \$1,000
- 3 Elvis Rodriguez \$650
- 4 Paul Carpenter \$400
- 5 Arturo Reyes \$275
- 5 Paul Lyons \$275
- 7 Ryan Dayrit \$200
- 7 Bryan Toolsee \$200
- 9 Matthew Harricharan \$150
- 9 Eugene Ok \$150
- 9 Bob Toomey \$150
- 9 Suzanna Wong \$150
- 13 Marisol Palacios \$100
- 13 Luis Carrasco \$100
- 13 Abel Rosario \$100
- 13 Dave Shlemperis \$100

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Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop Battle of the Billiards

Stroker's Billiards

Palm Harbor, FL

- 1 Joselito Martinez \$400
- 1 Marcos Burgos \$400
- 2 Tim Baron \$255
- 2 Joe Zinkhan \$255
- 3 Sam Kantar \$165
- 3 David Jacobs \$165
- 4 Mitchell Nelson \$100

- 4 Trey Jankowski \$100
- 5 Dale Stanley \$50
- 5 Mubarak Sulaiman \$50
- 5 Les Duffy \$50
- 5 Anthony Fisher \$50

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Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 5 Second Chance

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

Utica, New York

- 1 Fred Gokey \$320
- 2 Nick Coppola \$220
- 3 Mike Sykes \$160
- 4 Joe Wysocki \$100
- 5 Jon McConnell \$60
- 5 Mark Creamer \$60

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Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Randolph's Billiards

Hickory, NC

- 1 Mackie Lowery \$700
- 2 Brian Francis \$425
- 3 Kirk Overcash \$275
- 4 Mike Bumgarner \$150

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Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Jerry Almodovar \$475
- 2 Kevin Serodio \$275
- 3 Paul Wilkens \$175
- 4 Ed Medina \$100
- 5 David Schaeffer \$50
- 5 Michelle Brotons \$50

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GUARANTEED PRIZE

3 MILLION PESOS

ENTRY FEE

SINGLES
3,000

DOUBLES
6,000

SINGLES

CHAMPION	500,000
2ND	200,000
TOP 4	80,000
TOP 8	20,000
TOP 16	8,000
TOP 32	4,000

DOUBLES

CHAMPION	700,000
2ND	400,000
TOP 4	150,000
TOP 8	50,000
TOP 16	20,000
TOP 32	10,000

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