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# FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

**W**ow, John Schmidt finally did it. And he didn't leave any real room for doubt as he crushed Willie Mosconi's straight pool run of 526 balls with a run of 626 on May 27th. This feat meant a lot to John and he deserves all of the accolades for proving that he is the best 14.1 player in the game today.

Marketed properly, this could be good for more than just John. This could be good for the entire game of professional pool. If you want more information about John's run than we have in this issue, check out the Cue It Up Podcast at [www.cueituppodcast.com](http://www.cueituppodcast.com) for an interview that they conducted with John the week after his run.

We also want to welcome Melinda Bailey back from her monthlong vacation. She is back in this month's pages with a great interview of "Double J" Jeremy Jones.

Until next time.



  
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# Learning To Think Like The Pros



JERRY BRIESATH

How many times have you broken the balls, made one on the break, balls all over the table and said to yourself, “if I don’t run this table I will lose” and then you proceed to run two balls and miss the third?

Every pool player has gone through this thought process at one time or another. When players get to a more advanced level, their thought process begins to change. They learn to realize that the magic number of every pool game is 3.

When the novice player thinks “if I don’t run this table I will lose”, the more experienced player is thinking “I must make this first ball, get the proper angle on the next ball so I can get to the third ball”. Then when he makes that ball, he thinks “now I must make ball number 2 and leave a good angle on ball number 3 so I can get to ball number 4”. As you can see,

the better player’s thinking is much simpler and precise, which allows him to be much more successful at running racks.

Most pros will tell you that once the balls are broken, they can see how they are going to play all of the balls off the table, but they always do it by 3s. So now, you can see why the number 3 is the magic number of every pool game.

Good luck.  
— Jerry



# BEWARE OF THE UNIQUE STRESS THAT COMES WITH WINNING

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRIS STANKOVICH  
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**Whenever people think of stress they almost always think of negative life experiences, like dealing with money problems, a tough boss, or a disease/illness. Interestingly, did you know that even good life events can be stressful?**



Psychologists call this eustress, and it's the kind of stress associated with things like planning for a wedding, the holidays, or even dealing with newfound wealth. For pool players becoming a winning player can be stressful, even though success is a nice life experience to have.

## Understanding stress

When we feel as though we are overwhelmed and potentially incapable of handling life situations, we feel stress. For example, if you have been tasked with 10 different things to do today, but only have 30 minutes of free time, it's quite likely you will feel stress. The symptoms you may experience might include agitation, frustration, anger, loss of focus, and a host of additional issues. While stress isn't something we can "see," the pressure we experience because of stress leads to responses that are easily seen.

Obviously the better we deal with stress, the more calm and relaxed our minds and bodies become. It is for these reasons that it makes a lot of sense for pool players to deal with stress, especially since stress can directly result in tense, tight shots that are often missed.

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## Why good stress?

When things are going great and you're winning games, why would you experience any stress at all?? The answer to that question has everything to do with expectations – both your own, as well as those of others. More specifically, when you are expected to win it can lead to more pressure than when you have few expectations placed on you. If you play on a team, the team might over-rely on you on league nights, resulting in you trying to do too much. In these examples otherwise talented players have struggled with focus, preparation, and dealing with unexpected missed shots and lost games. Has this ever happened to you?

## What to do

Here's the reality: We all deal with stress. The first thing to do is accept this fact, as even in our finest moments we are all liable to deal with an unexpected life event that stresses

us out. Accordingly, it's important to develop healthy and effective ways to deal with stress that don't rely on drugs and alcohol. Some ideas that can help are taking control of your pre-game preparation, adhering to a comfortable pre-shot routine, and getting away from pool for short breaks to keep things fresh. Make the opponent beat you rather than you beating yourself!

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# ANCHOR YOUR GAME WITH CONFIDENCE!

ANTHONY BEELER

**As you know, I am one of only 8 ACS Master Instructors in the world. Master instructors tend to specialize in mental game coaching, and there's one technique in particular that has proven highly effective in getting my players into dead stroke.**

**S**ometimes players can just walk up to the table and “feel it” and on other days they don’t. What if you could trigger confidence whenever you wanted it?

In pool, success is highly dependent on mental side of the game, what kind of “attitude” you display directly influences how you are going to perform. A positive outlook produces straighter strokes. This alone can explain fluctuations in a player’s ability to perform from match to match.

So why do you feel more confident on some days than you do on others? The fact is that there are indeed “confidence triggers” which get you into a particular mindset or mood. Conversely, there are also certain negative triggers, which produce the opposite effect.

Most triggers are unconscious (in other words you don’t know exactly what they are, but they do play a role in how you perform). In this article, I’d like to show you some ways that you can consciously “program” those



triggers to produce a more confident mindset using a technique that is referred to as NLP.

Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) can help us “program” our brain’s behavior if we use the right means of communication.

Let me give you some examples:

- That feeling you get when you hear your favorite song on the radio.
- The use of certain colors in their marketing of a particular product can also trigger a mood.
- A certain smell can also evoke a mood (a smoky pool room) or remind you of a previous success or failure.
- Your past performance at a particular tournament can also make you feel more confident or fearful about that same event in the future.

The key to confidence is for players develop an NLP plan. Instead of leaving these powerful mood changing triggers to chance, good players design a program for themselves. And studies have shown that this actually works!

The 5 Triggering Mechanisms:

- Verbal (words or self-talk)
- Visual (colors, symbols or images)
- Auditory (sound)

- Kinesthetic (touch)
- Smell

Players tend to all respond differently to each of the various triggers, so this is something you will have to experiment with. For me, I like to “feel” the pool cloth as I slide my bridge hand into the correct position. I associate the texture of the cloth with positive feelings. The simple fact is that negativity always stems from past memories of failure or the fear of the future. Concentrating on one of your five senses will place you in the present moment, which is a very positive place to be.

To be successful, you will want to associate a particular mood or feeling with one of the triggers above. Then you can use that trigger to help reproduce that same feeling/mood. The more that feeling/experience is anchored, the more powerful the trigger will become.

First, recall a time when you were successful at a tournament or during match play. Think about every detail as precisely as you can. See yourself walking confidently between each shot and try to remember how you felt when you were going through your pre-shot routine.

Then “drop the anchor” when your memory of that feeling is strongest. You can also do this at any time during match play when you feel success.

Examples of ways to drop the anchor include:

- Describing the experience with a certain word e.g. “stroking” or “dead stroke”
- Associating that word with a certain color or a symbol.
- Using a sound to connect it to which you’ll be able to use at the table, like snapping your fingers or tapping your cue against the floor.

With reinforcement, your anchors will get stronger and will help you trigger more confident feelings whenever the need arises. You can also incorporate them into your pre-shot routine this will definitely help you get in the mood to play your very best.

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# JEREMY JONES

Professional Pool player Jeremy Jones is the spotlight interviewee this month! You have seen his name, heard his voice, and watched him play over the years, but now let's get to know him!

**Y**ou will appreciate his knowledge, his humor, how he tells stories, his background, and his sights on the future. He is a true representative of our sport and I am excited that you all to get to know him better! P.S. His wife, Amy Jones, joined the interview process, so you might see a few of her comments throughout, and consequently get to see what a great team they make.

**Q:** Okay Jeremy, let's start! Where did you grow up?

**A:** Baytown, Texas.

**Q:** How and when did you start playing pool?

**A:** I started the very week I turned 17. I worked with some guys at a pizza restaurant and one of them always went to the game room to play pool. One day, Gibby (Gilbert Luna), drove me to the game room and then proceeded to hustle me out of my money! [Jeremy laughs]

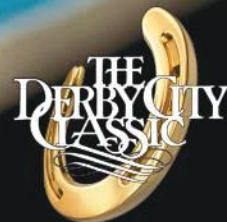
**Q:** What an entrance into playing pool! In the 90s, you were a staple at the Texas tournaments. You were

THE player everyone in Texas was talking about for the entire 90s (even before turning pro). Were you aware you had become *that good* at such a young age (in your 20s)?

**A:** Yeah, I think it's natural to kind of start to feel your game grow, but I never really thought about how good I was or felt too much what you are describing. You see, rather than just knocking balls in, I was more a student of the game, always trying to learn. Therefore, I think that mentality makes you kind of think that you never really have it because you just kind



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of constantly still learn. So, I didn't really pay attention to people - whether they were talking about me or trying to beat me or whatever.

**Q:** How/Why did your game elevate so quickly?

**A:** You know, probably two main reasons: being around Houston and a lot of great players, and then also going on the road a lot. Going on the road I got to learn pretty quickly because to stay on the road you have to win or else you have to go home, right? Lol. But it's probably the unknown factors of the players and the places that kind of automatically keeps you on your toes. Improving naturally goes faster because of these factors; it's just the nature of the beast - you just learn quicker.

**Q:** What tournament win do you consider your first "big" win?

**A:** In 1993 I finished second in the Open Men's 8-Ball Division at the BCA-PL Nationals. The next year I had to move up to the Masters Division, and I won it. Also in 1994, I won the Texas State Open that was held at Eric's Billiards in Austin. So, I'd say all those events right around the same time were my first big tournament wins.

**Q:** Back then if you won that Master's Division, one of the prizes that came with first place was a paid trip to Italy to tour the slate company, correct?

**A:** Yeah, and it was cool - it was my first time to Italy and BCAPL also paid for a guest to come along so I brought my brother, Drew. Touring the facilities of the slate company (L.E.A.N.I Slate) was really interesting for us.

**Q:** You mentioned going on the road. Did you enjoy gambling and

being on the road and sometimes hustling?

**A:** Well, I didn't really hustle people, lol. I wasn't ever much of a bar kind of player... like we didn't take advantage of people playing pool. I mean, we did do some fun things that we thought were cool on the road - you know, like wearing work shirts and playing the part a little bit. I think that was a little movie-ish kind of thing we did, haha. But, otherwise, we really didn't hustle. But yeah, the road was great, and also extraordinary if you think about it. It's kind of crazy - you just go to pool rooms in strange towns (this was before the internet) and you just ask people, "Hey, we're here to gamble. Y'all have players who want to play?" It was pretty fun not knowing what was gonna happen and the unknowns.

**Q:** What are the differences, mentally, between gambling and playing in tournaments?

**A:** Well, it's just that you know "the start" more than anything. Back in the day gambling, if you didn't beat most good players pretty quickly, they would just end up playing better and better and better. But with tournaments, you can't depend on that gear coming later. Kind of like getting in the zone - you got to jump from the gate because in a tournament it's one race on the winner's side, one race on the loser side. So the difference is you need to realize it's how to start a match, just like you want to end a match.

**Q:** What has been your biggest money match? With who, when, what game, for how much, how long, and hope you won!

**A:** My biggest money match was when I played Flyboy (Jimmy Spears). He was a great player back when he was young - he continued to be a really good player up until he got a little

*Jeremy and Ryder at the 2016 TX Open 10-Ball*



## Melinda Bailey

bit unhealthy later in his life. I played him in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at Lamberts and I think it was at the end of '97 or early '98. We played 7-ahead one pocket for about \$40,000. I gave him 10/7 11/7. The set only took about 5-6 hours, as it was only about 15 games or so. And yes, I beat him.

**Q:** Wow, that's pretty strong! You became "pro" in the late 90s and sky rocketed to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the rankings at one point. How did it feel to go from being a road player to a pro in magazines?

**A:** I think that's what I eventually wanted to do was turn pro, so it felt good. I made a lot of money gambling, though, and it was a lot of fun, but you know eventually you want to play better and you want to be challenged so it was good to turn pro. It's funny, I had a really rough start, lol. I didn't win a single tournament match the first year in 1996 and then I kind of jumped up to like the top 25 in '97 and then crept up a little more '98. Then in '99 I broke out and had a big year and was in the top four or five for quite a while.

**Q:** Tell us about that time in Oct of 2003 in Virginia Beach. :) Was it surreal?

**A:** Oh Yeah, for sure surreal to win the US Open [9-Ball Championship]. I'm the kind of the player that tries to play by themselves. I preach that to people, too: "When you practice, you should practice by yourself." A lot of people can't do it, but it's good because in the game you kind of play by yourself. And that's kind of how it was that week for me. Whenever I get like that in tournaments, it's weird, I don't really remember much. I just... play. But it was great of course to win.

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The Happy Jones Family

I played a little bit rough in the hot-seat against Keith McCreedy and then I went and napped in-between that match before I played Jose Parica in the finals, because I couldn't sleep the night before obviously. Then I came in to practice before the finals and I never made a ball practicing - it was awful! I was talking to my buddy that I was there with and he said, "Don't worry about that, you know you're playing great." And I did; played pretty flawless in the finals. I think I broke and ran eight racks.

**Q:** "Obviously couldn't sleep." Hmm... so, how did you calm your nerves knowing you were still on the winner's side on the final day of the US Open!?

**A:** Ironically, I think not sleeping well helped with not having much nerves. I was more worried about fatigue on such a big day (that's why I took that nap).

**Q:** About five years before that huge win, you won the US Open One Pocket in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1998. How did it feel to win the most coveted one pocket tournament at such a young age (in your late 20s)?

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**A:** Well, I lost my first match, but then I won 10 matches in a row on the losers side to get to the finals. And that was probably the toughest US Open One Pocket field that I had remembered. Buddy Hall, Nick Varner, Steve Cook, Cliff Joyner, just all these great one pocket players came and played, so it meant a lot to win it among them.

**Q:** And please share how you defeated your opponent (Jeff Carter) in the finals.

**A:** Oh yeah, that was crazy. I had Jeff 4-2 in a race to 5 (one race to five). I needed about four balls and he owed about four balls. So I was in a good spot, but I was still playing it real tight. I had him on two fouls (we had a referee) and he scratched on this shot that you could not even believe that the cue ball could go in and scratch. He had taken so long to shoot that shot, I forgot he was on two fouls. So I'm getting up to get ball in hand and the referee exclaims, "Jeremy Jones wins the tournament on three fouls!" You know, you don't see that often in one pocket. But because I forgot he was on two fouls, I was kind of shocked at first; I had to actually regroup a little bit before I could soak in I won and enjoy the win.

**Q:** You are an impressive instructor and have many successful students. Tell us what your coaching style is.

**A:** I try to coach in a way to teach players to play more naturally, more like an athlete, not so much with calculation involved. Most people make a lot of good strokes, it's just a matter of being able to repeat it and know how to make good strokes. So, it's been pretty fortunate. I don't try to really make big changes with people because pool is a very personal game; you want to keep their personality into the swing. So, I kind of tweak them, get them cleaned up, and give them some information on things they



Keith McCready and Jeremy at the Onepocket.org Hall of Fame Induction

can look for when they're not with me or not with another player watching them. I want them to just start to trust their stroke a lot more and be able to repeat a lot of good strokes, rather than it just being every so often.

**Q:** How can people contact you if they want to set up lessons?

**A:** Thank you for asking, I'd love to help out players. They can contact me at [jeremy@jeremyjonespool.com](mailto:jeremy@jeremyjonespool.com) or Facebook messenger.

**Q:** You are one the most requested and favorite commentators in the sport today! You have a way with describing the patterns and shots, and have a demeanor and knowledge of the game that all levels of players appreciate and learn from. I feel that's another reason why you are a

sought-after instructor. Can you by chance pinpoint why you effectively give advice/suggestions?

**A:** I think my style of commentating is due to that I grew up around sports. I played a lot of sports, I was a good athlete, watched a lot of sports on TV, and listened to Howard Cosell and all those guys when I was young. And then also probably another reason is being around the guys that I was around in the pool hall. I was very lucky I was around a lot of old guys that were good speakers, funny, they could relate things to pool and just communicate real well. Jersey Red, Buddy Hall and Nick Varner, all of them are real sharp, so you pick up a lot from all those type of guys. And finally, I think I kind of know what people are wanting to hear a little more, so I get good direction from the people I work for.

**Q:** Tell the fine folks how many Mosconi Cups have you played in.

**A:** I played seven times. We were victorious five times. My first one was in 1999 and my last was in 2008.

**Q:** I hear it's an event like non-other and really tests your nerves. Tell us about your experiences playing in the Mosconi Cup, please.

**A:** Definitely, I mean *definitely* the highest tension pool I've ever played. Partly because you're playing for your country and partly because you have teammates that you're trying not to let down. Many of them are your peers (usually, lol) or even in the reverse, the younger guys are looking at you to play solid.

You know, I think the Mosconi Cup is an event that sets up well for my game because it's very mental out there. Most of the tougher events, I always felt like I excelled when the conditions were tougher, where the tables were tougher, the moment was tougher. And I think that's just my demeanor. When I was playing my best, I wasn't real high / wasn't real low, just kind of flatlined through it. So, I think the Mosconi Cup sets up well for my type of temperament.

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**Q:** And just last year (and now this year) you were named co-Captain of the USA team for the Mosconi Cup. In 2018 you and Johan Ruijsink helped put the USA Team back into the “win” category.” Is it more stressful being the captain?

**A:** Oh absolutely. I mean there was some stress on the build-up to the entire year because we're trying a different way and we're trying to convince the players of some things. And not only the players, the fans and sponsors, too. But, yeah, once the moment arrived, like I told my wife, Amy, who was there, I was way more stressed out in the stands than I ever would have been in the pit. [Amy adds, “I saw it, too. I could see him stressed.”]

**Q:** Why do you think USA team won this past year? What was different?

**A:** Well, I think a lot of the young guys started to believe in a few things on the table. And then also, we real-

ly preached professionalism to them, that they are professionals not just playing, but just with the mentality of knowing you have to really try to be improving. Anytime you play a game that can't be played perfectly, improvement is always the key. So I think those guys really evolved a lot with that information. I actually think they can still get a lot better.

**Q:** Most people I interview have overcome something. You have a large family (6 brothers and sisters, a lot of nieces and nephews) and you all have experienced several tough deaths (a sister, Mom, and Dad). How have you not let grief consume you?

**A:** Probably has a lot to do with that they didn't let grief consume them. My Mom was the toughest one for sure because she was young when she got sick, but even she dealt with it well. And then my Dad dealt with his real well. My sister's was unexpected. But just being around high-spirited people helped. I mean it wasn't easy, of course. When my Mom passed away, I didn't play pool for a couple months. But I think just being around people who were a lot of support was helpful. None of those situations are perfect, but we just deal with them the best we can.

**Q:** You are a very positive person in general and very optimistic – you're a joy to be around. But as most of us pool players, you also sometimes get upset in matches. [Amy says with sarcasm, “no way!”]. What have you done to work on that part of your game, that I presume you hate as well?



Jeremy, Amy, Ryder, Brady, Ema and Tommy

**A:** It's kind of like nerves in my opinion. Whenever I was prepared, you wouldn't see me get mad. It didn't really matter what happened. Because when you're prepared, even if you did get beat bad and you know you're playing well, you just go on. So it's just like nerves - if you're prepared, the nerves are a good thing. But if you're not prepared, the nerves are quite on the other end and they can become very bad for your game. So it's kind of the same thing as getting heated. If I'm not prepared, if I know I'm not prepared, and I know I'm not in stroke, it's a lot easier to get upset about things. They kind of go hand in hand.

**Q:** Very Interesting. BTW, and you were nominated for the One Pocket Hall of Fame in 2017! Congrat's! How did it feel to be nominated and win that award?

**A:** Definitely a one-of-a-kind feeling! Knowing I'll be set in history among so many great players is pretty amazing.

**Q:** Did winning that award or even winning the US Open 9 Ball or US Open One Pocket Championships ever add pressure to you?

**A:** No, no at all. In my opinion, wins like that can only be positive.

**Q:** That shows right there your strong mental toughness! There are many other traits to admire about you - you're kind to everyone, patient, caring, and giving, just to name a few. Who do you attribute these characteristics to or why do you think you are this way?

**A:** It's probably due to my Mom more than anything; she was really caring. And we had a busy childhood with six kids - six active kids in sports, in school, and other activities - and yet she was still very calm and caring the whole time. And, probably being



a patient person helps me. I used to think before I spoke all the time, and although I'm not as good at it as I used to be, I try to evaluate things first before speaking. So, yeah, that and my Mom.

**Q:** Since *day one* you have always put the fans first. You are very receptive to fans talking to you and always find time to be generous with your time and energy to ensure they are given attention and are heard. Why is this important to you?

**A:** Pool kinda allows for that. Whenever I was coming up, I was certainly one that asked questions and tried to talk to players, and they were always pretty kind with me. It's not a conscious thing really - it's a pretty easy and the fans are really great! Amy adds, "it's just part of your character." Thank you. Oh, and maybe being

a Texan has something to do with it! [Jeremy and Amy both smile]

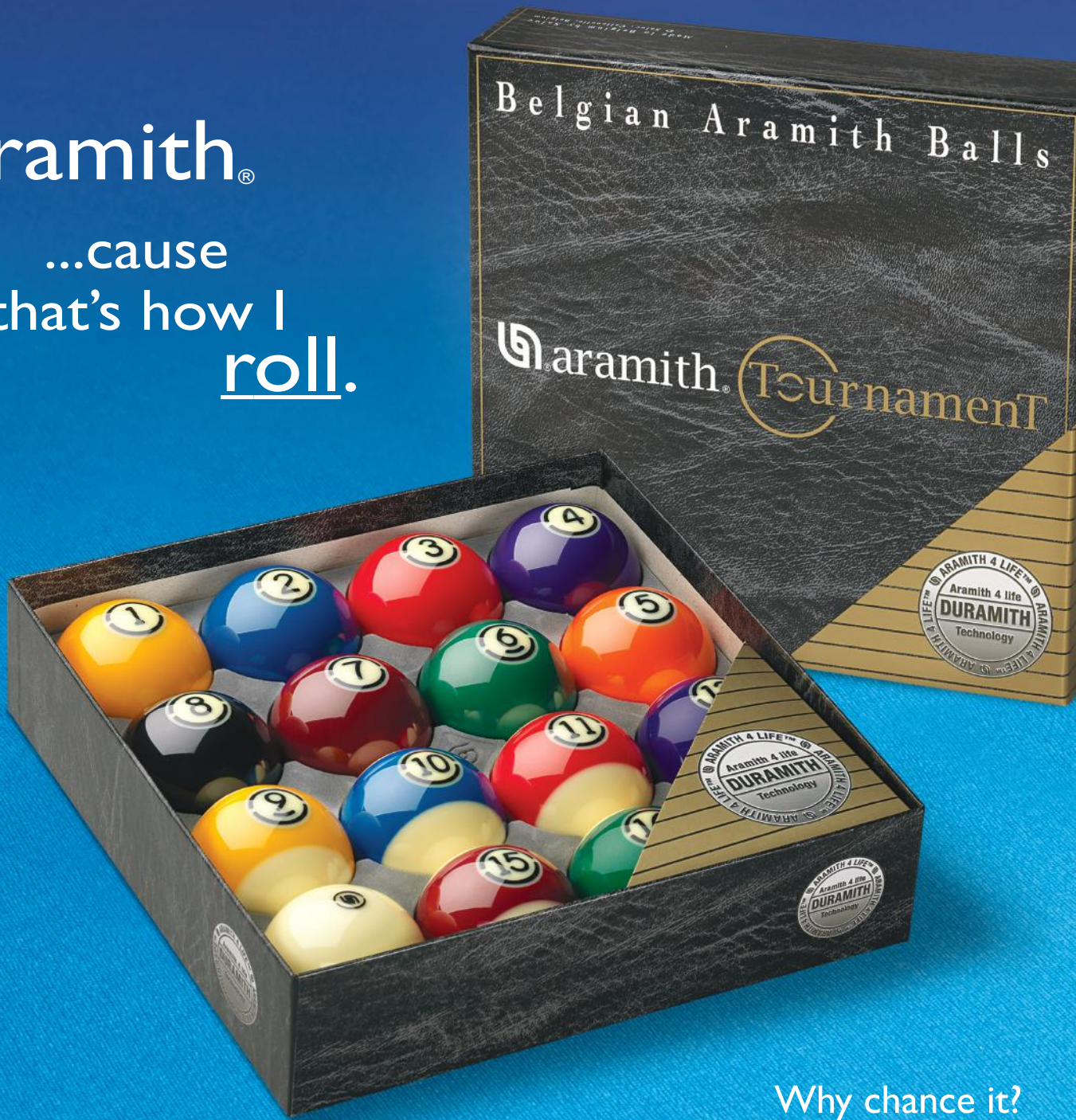
**Q:** You have done some charitable events - please tell us about them.

**A:** I like doing them and also getting people involved to help others. I think it's a big part of what we need in our sport. You look at Facebook now and you see so many benefits around pool. The pool world at times can be brutal, just like any other kind of business world, but there's a lot of caring people in pool and when times are tough, people tend to bend over backwards and help our fellow pool players. I think it's a pretty awesome thing to see the pool community come together so much, and I like helping as well.

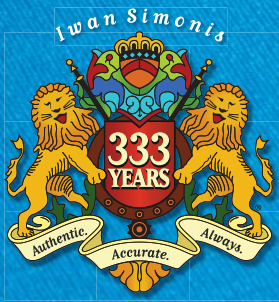
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**A:** Well, I think it starts at the top when you are talking about “mainstream.” It’s not going to be with the amateurs that get it mainstream. Even though amateurs are a big part of pool, of course! But you don’t see the Triple A teams or Double A teams as talented (even with as much talent as there is), so you don’t see them on TV very much. So, the mainstream of pool has got to start with the professionals, and I think the pro players have a responsibility to work towards that.

**Q:** Who are your sponsors?

**A:** Bob Owen Custom Cues, Molinari Gloves, and Club Billiards in Wichita, Kansas.

**Q:** Didn’t you at one time design cues? Or have a cue line?

**A:** I did a little bit with Lucasi, when I had a Signature Series with them, and worked for them for almost 5 years.

**Q:** Did you enjoy designing cues?

**A:** Yeah, I like designing cues – done a lot of cues, too. Designed some cues for my friends and had a lot of cues I’ve designed, had made, and played with. So, it’s fun. It’s not easy, though—you do a lot of scrapping when you start on something, “Oh that’s not gonna work,” lol, but it’s fun though.

**Q:** Where do you work? [Amy gives Jeremy “a look.” and then says, “He works all over the world!” lol]

**A:** [Jeremy smiles and shakes his head in agreement and then says:] Well, I’m self-employed. I started teaching (more consistently) a couple years ago. And of course I’ve been doing the commentary off and on for 10-12 years.

**Q:** What’s your favorite quote or words you live by?

**A:** Probably what I say to our kids a lot, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

**Q:** How did you and Amy meet? (how long have you been married and how long did you date?) [“No pressure to remember,” jokes Amy.] With the pressure on, Jeremy cautiously answers:

**A:** I met her around 2013, but she didn’t pay much attention to me [Jeremy laughs], but that’s all right! And then about a year later we ran across each other. And *again* she still didn’t pay too much attention to me! [this time Amy laughs, lol] But from there, we started talking and went on to date for three years. In July we will have been married for two years.

**Q:** You have always wanted to be a Dad, and now you gained 4 children when you and Amy married. How does it feel to have kids now?

**A:** Well, better now than later for sure, because they wear me out a lot of times! Haha. But, it’s great. It’s everything I expected, plus some.

**Q:** Speaking of kids – you are a proponent of the juniors in our sport. Tell us how you are involved and what you see for them in the future.

**A:** I just try to be involved when I can with them. I want to do more things for the juniors. I think anytime you talk about a sport, kids are the future. And especially in this sport, we are trying to get American juniors back on the map a little more because there’s tons of talent. I think a lot of big things are going to happen for the juniors, and the main thing is to give them more to play in. We’re trying to maybe change the juniors to where they don’t become such gamblers, we want them to be in more training and competing in more official tournaments.

**Q:** What has been your most coveted title or accomplishment?

**A:** Well, the greatest individual title you would have to say the US Open 9 Ball Championships. But for myself, I always grew up playing team sports, so I would have to say the Mosconi Cup more than anything.



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**Q:** What is your most memorable match?

**A:** Hmmmm. Well, I guess the US Open final, maybe? Oh! But one that was pretty memorable, though, was when I played in the Carolina Open in 2004. It’s funny because I didn’t win the tournament, but in the last four matches on the losers side, I broke and ran 30 racks in four matches. And Johnny Archer still beat me 13 to 12 in the finals, lol! I remember that really well because the way the last four matches went down where I ran so many racks. I was up 9-0 against Shannon and I broke and ran 8 racks after being up 1-0. He ordered a beer and he told me, “Because I know you’re trying to beat me 11-0” haha. Things like that you remember a little bit more. Not so much running the racks part, I just don’t think I would have remembered it as much if I didn’t lose the tournament.

**Q:** I heard once you lost a big tournament where you fouled in the finals, but your opponent didn’t see the foul because he was talking to the crowd (or something like that). Giving up the foul, meant he would win that big tournament. What tournament was it, and how did you feel about the reaction from everyone about your honest action?

**A:** The tournament was at Parkway Billiards in Chattanooga, TN in 1991 or 1992. It was a big bar table tournament with a lot of great players. I actually beat Buddy Hall for the first time at that event. I went on to play Mike Gulyassy in the finals, him needing 1 game and myself needing 3 or 4. It was my shot, I addressed the cue ball

and at my first prestroke, I feathered the ball. The ball didn’t move. The 200 spectators, including the tournament director, didn’t see it, but I felt it. That actually happened one other time at Fast Eddies in Beaumont, TX playing Al Mason, but I still won that one LOL.

**Q:** What is your favorite event to play in?

**A:** For sure the US Open. I don’t get to play in the Mosconi Cup anymore, so prior to that, definitely the Mosconi Cup.

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

**A:** My wife for sure. She pushes me to a degree to where she always makes me feel like I’m the best. [Jeremy smiles proudly]

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

**A:** Jersey Red helped me the most. Buddy Hall helped me a lot. Johnny Archer obviously because we roomed together at tournaments for 5-7 years. Nick Varner was always very helpful to me, too - gave me a lot of pointers; watched my matches and would tell me if I’m jumping up or if I’m moving a little bit.

You know, I got real lucky being around great players at the right time. Like when I tried to learn straight pool, I lived around Jimmy Caras in Florida. Jimmy won four World Championships titles between 1936 to 1949 and was inducted in the Hall of Fame in 1977. He reached out to me and for two months he helped me at 90+ years old.

**Q:** You’ve mentioned Jersey Red a few times. Tell us about him, for many of us who didn’t know him or ever met him.

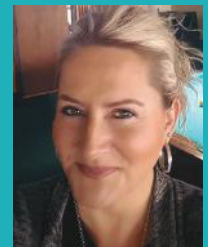
**A:** Jersey Red was one of those guys that was charismatic, like many from that era. I think he and I got along so well, not only because of pool, but we both liked sports and competing. As far as a player, in my opinion he should’ve been in the Hall of Fame long ago. I believe he won a major tournament in 5 different decades and that is probably because he played so many games at a high level.

**Q:** What goals do you have (on and off the table)?

**A:** Well, if I’m thinking seriously on the table, it’s got to be practice. That’s the goal that kind of takes care of everything, really. I guess it’s not really a goal, but it gets you to where you can meet the goals. Off the table, trying to take care of some kids, try and improve pool, and be an ambassador to these younger players to see how we can help them.

Jeremy is definitely paying it forward! Thank you so much for your time, Jeremy. We know you are busy and so we appreciate so much getting to know you better!

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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To understand the magnitude of this feat is to compare it to some of sports most legendary records: imagine surpassing Cal Ripken, Jr., in the most consecutive games played. How about besting more than 28 of Michael Phelps’ Olympic medals, or topping Bobby Fischer’s longest winning streak in chess.

Schmidt, 46, achieved the record in just under four hours, and “caught lightning in a bottle.”

“Maybe my forte is I can stay loose, play extremely fast and maintain a very high level of concentration,” Schmidt said. “Then fail and start over.”

Schmidt’s team captured the record-breaking run on video for verification. Mosconi, the undisputed legend, set the 1954 record in an exhibition match. Schmidt devoted much of 2018 preparing to break the record. He’d already been known in circles as “Mr. 400” for his eight runs over 400. His resume also boasts winning the 2006 US Open 9 Ball Championship, a member of Team USA, winning the 2009 Players 9 Ball Championship and 2012’s World Straight Pool Championship.

“This is something that makes me feel so proud,” Schmidt, who’s been playing pool since he was 18, said. “I’ve committed myself to be the best pool player I can – I’ve sacrificed a lot, and this is just really special.”



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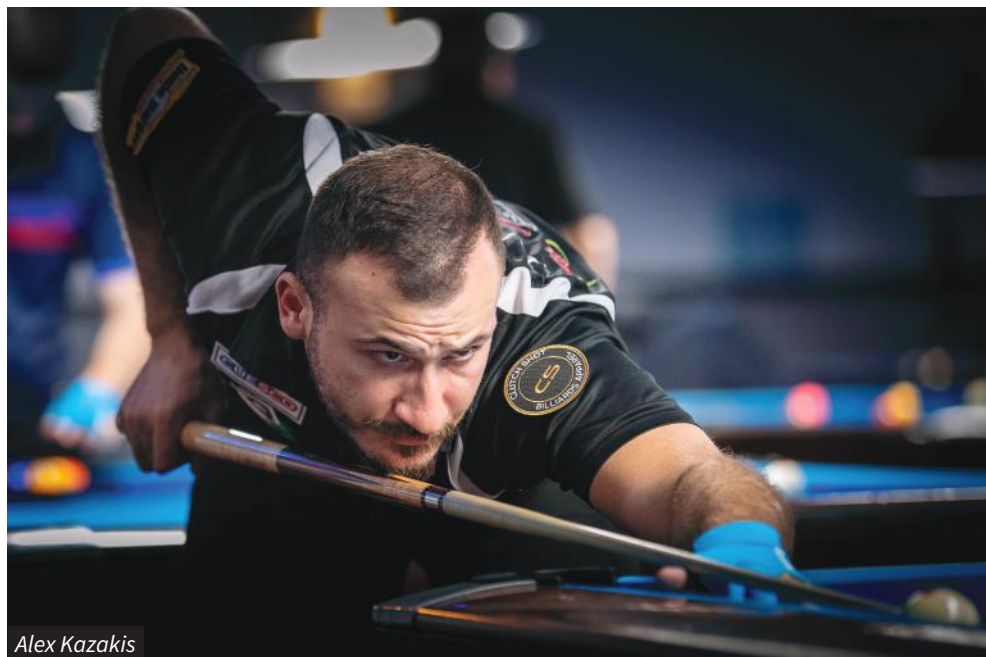
# ***Kazakis goes undefeated to claim Open/Pro side of*** **9th Annual Ginky Memorial**

**In the absence of defending champion, Klenti Kaci and runner-up Lee Van Corteza (or third-place finisher, Mike Dechaine), Jayson Shaw and Alex Kazakis were the early, euphemistic ‘fan favorites’ going into the 9th Annual George “Ginky” Sansouci Memorial Tournament, held over this past Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27).**

**T**here was a bit of a collective groan when Shaw stumbled in the third round, falling to Del Sim, double hill, to begin a loss-side trip, but the Scotsman validated fan interest in his abilities when he won seven on the loss side to meet Kazakis in the finals. Kazakis, though, coming off his best earnings year to date (2018), completed an undefeated run by downing Shaw in the finals to claim the 9th Open/Pro 10-Ball Ginky Memorial title. The \$2,000-added event, held under the combined auspices of the Predator Pro Am, Tri-State and Mezz Tours, drew 36 entrants to Steinway Billiards in Astoria (Queens), NY.

The weekend also included a \$2,000-added Amateur event, which, like the Open/Pro event drew a record field of 169 entrants, divided initially into upper and lower handicapped brackets. Jason Sheerman won seven on the loss side to meet and defeat the man who’d sent him there, Jimmy Acosta, in the finals. Further details on the Ginky Memorial’s Amateur tournament, which once again, crowned a unique champion, will be featured in a separate report.

As it turned out, Del Sim’s triumph over the event’s presumed ‘favorite’



Alex Kazakis

was short-lived and ended with a 9-4 loss to Kazakis in one of the winners’ side quarterfinals. What was left at that point was a list of three usual suspects, with one unusual suspect to compete in the winners’ side semifinals. Kazakis advanced to face Jeremy Sossei, who’d just survived a double hill fight versus Raphael Dabreo. The other usual suspect, Zoren James Aranas, advanced to meet the somewhat

unusual suspect, 19-year-old Russian phenom, Kristina Tkach, who was the event’s only female competitor.

Kazakis sent Sossei to the loss side 9-7, while Aranas sent Tkach west 9-3. Early on, in the battle for the hot seat, it looked as though the second ‘fan favorite’ – Kazakis – was going to join Shaw on the loss side. Aranas jumped out to a 4-0 lead, before Kazakis woke up and chalked up four of his own to tie it and then, take the lead at 5-4. Aranas responded with three racks to tie and retake the lead at 7-5. They proved to be the last three racks he would win in the match. Kazakis fol-

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lowed his five-in-a-row with four-in-a-row to reach the hill first and then, claim the hot seat.

Over on the loss side, Kristina Tkach drew an immediate rematch against the man she'd defeated in the third round of play, Hunter Lombardo. Lombardo had defeated Jimmy Rivera 9-5, Raphael Dabreo 9-1 and moving into the first money round, just did survive a double hill fight against the Ginky Memorial's 2016 champion Zion Zvi. Zvi had previously spoiled any hopes Shaw might have been entertaining about a rematch versus Del Sim by defeating Sim 9-6. Sossei had the misfortune of picking up Shaw, four matches into his loss-side winning streak, having given up only eight racks over the

past 35 games; two to Mhet Vergara, three to Alan Rolon and three to Dmitris Loukatos.

Lombardo successfully navigated his way through his rematch against Tkach, which was tight through about the halfway point of the match. He pulled out in front and advanced to the quarterfinals 9-5. Shaw joined him after eliminating Sossei by the same 9-5 score.

Shaw took an early 3-0 lead in the quarterfinals, after which, briefly, it looked as though Lombardo was going to give him a run for his money, literally. Lombardo won two to draw within one at 3-2. Shaw, though, roared right back to win another three

in a row to go out in front by four at 6-2. Lombardo fought back a second time with another two, but they'd prove to be the last two. Shaw added his third run of three to win it 9-4.

Now, as one might imagine, things started to tighten up. Though externally calm and composed, it was clear from the semifinal get-go that both Shaw and Aranas wanted a shot at Kazakis in the hot seat. From all appearances, this might just have been a match between two buddies with nothing at stake but a good time playing pool; there was no grim determination, or frustration over the occasional (actually, rare) bad rolls. Even the mistakes, and there were a few, were met with an easy sense of hu-



**9th Annual Ginky Memorial  
Open 10-Ball**

Jayson Shaw, Alex Kazakis, James Aranas and Hunter Lombardo

## 9th Annual Ginky Memorial

mor as these two battled to see who'd be relegated to a third-place finish. It was rare to see either of them actually finish a rack. Each of them conceding up to three balls at the end of racks to move on.

Shaw took the opener and Aranas came back to tie it. Shaw won two and then, they traded racks back and forth to 5-3. Aranas missed the 8-ball in the 9th rack and conceded the final three balls to give Shaw a 6-3 lead. Aranas came right back with three in a row to tie things at 6-6 and then sunk four on the break, ran the other six balls and took his first lead at 7-6. It would be his last. Shaw won three straight to end the Filipino's weekend 9-7.

The match everybody had been waiting for, was on.

It was a modified race to 11. If Shaw reached 11 first, they'd extend the match to 13. At the 8-7 mark, with Kazakis out in front, that probability remained. But getting there was more than half of the fun of this match, which was preceded by a few trick shot demonstrations by the two of them. Accompanied by microphone commentary that introduced the finalists, they placed two object balls on a diagonal from each other, and stroked the two balls simultaneously. The balls collided at the center of the table, each of them bouncing off the other and landing in a pocket. One time, one of the balls failed to drop into its designated pocket, but bounced off of an extra rail to land in a side pocket.

Demonstrations over, they lined up for the lag, won by Kazakis, who opened the proceedings with a win. Shaw responded with a win of his own to mark



Jayson Shaw

the first of four ties. Kazakis got out in front by two at 3-1, but Shaw came back to win two to tie it at 3-3. At 5-5, the tide turned in Kazakis' favor. He won three in a row to give himself an 8-5 lead that he'd never relinquish (Shaw conceded the last three balls in the rack that gave Kazakis this biggest lead of the match).

Shaw closed the gap with two in a row to pull within one at 8-7, but in the following rack, Kazakis made a match-defining shot – an oblique angle, long table bank shot on the 8-ball – that led Shaw to concede the game's last two balls. Kazakis won the next rack to reach the hill first and though Shaw won the 18th rack, Kazakis took the 19th to claim the event title.

Event director Tony Robles thanked Manny Stamatakis and his entire Steinway Billiards staff, who worked tirelessly, professionally and with remarkable grace throughout a long

weekend with over 200 pool players and a contingent of venue regulars who spent time playing chess and backgammon at nearby tables. Robles also acknowledged his regular tour sponsors, including Predator Cues, Ozone Billiards, PlayNAPL.com, Capelle (Billiards Press.com), PoolontheNet.com, The DeVito Team, as well as the cooperation of the other sponsoring tours (Tri-State and Mezz Tours) and the tireless, non-stop live stream operated by Upstate AI and his broadcast team.

Robles also made note to all in attendance of the defining fact that this annual event is held each year in memory of George "Ginky" Sansouci, who passed away in 2011, and whose legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of innumerable players in the New York area and wherever "Ginky" played. The event was attended by members of the Sansouci family, who were accorded 'front row' seating privileges for all of the live-streamed matches and remain deeply grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Ginky's life with a living, breathing memorial to his influence on the game and the people who continue to play it.

**“ KAZAKIS WON THE NEXT RACK TO REACH THE HILL FIRST AND THOUGH SHAW WON THE 18TH RACK, KAZAKIS TOOK THE 19TH TO CLAIM THE EVENT TITLE. ”**

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# Juszczyszyn Breaks The Dutch Hearts

Poland's Konrad Juszczyszyn claimed his first ever Eurotour gold and at the same time, broke the Dutch hearts at the Dynamic Billiard Treviso Open in Italy.

After a couple of weeks of pool in the European Championships, where the Dutch came up dry with no medals in the men's events, Ivar Saris had suddenly raised their spirits reaching his first ever final on the European 9-ball tour. The young Dutchman had beaten some great players to get into the final, notably Germany's Ralf Souquet, the Spaniard David Alcaide and Russia's Ruslan Chinakhov who have all tasted victory on the tour but Konrad Juszczyszyn had other ideas.

Konrad, making only his second appearance in the finals, had played fearlessly throughout the tournament but saved his best for last. He produced some amazing shots which wowed the crowd in Treviso and with the legendary Mike Massey in the audience, everyone was in awe. Massey, who is famed for his trick-shots, was



Konrad Juszczyszyn

smiling as jump after jump went in with precise accuracy. This proved to

be too much for Ivar who played his part in a great final but eventually lost the match 6-9 and saw a new champion crowned in Konrad Juszczyszyn.

Afterwards, Konrad explained, I have watched several of my team mates collect golds from the tour in the past and I am delighted to join this exclusive club, it's now on to the next tour stop in Austria next month and I feel very good with my game, I'm going for it again" he continued.

Results and rankings can be found at [www.epbf.com](http://www.epbf.com) The event was hosted by the European Governing Body for Pool, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) and organized by International Billiard Promotion (IBP). For further information and reference please go to the federation website or visit us on Facebook for regular news clips or contact our press office [press@epbf.com](mailto:press@epbf.com).



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# Tkach Dominates The Predator Women's Treviso Open

**Kristina Tkach, Russia's golden girl, cemented her place as Europe's number one with a dominant performance at the inaugural Predator Women's Eurotour in Treviso Italy.**

After cruising through to the semi-finals, she overcame a scare as Slovenia's Ana Gradisnik led 6-5 and looked to be reaching her first ever final when a small mistake allowed Kristina to level the score at 6-6. Needing only one more rack, Ana had another chance to beat Kristina but when she missed the six-ball, it sealed her fate and allowed Kristina to finish the match and enter the final arena. Kristina's opponent in the final, Belarusian Marharyta Fefilava who was ranked third in Europe was sensing a weakness or maybe fatigue as Kristina spent the previous weeks collecting gold medals at the European Championships, but it wasn't to be. Kristina came flying out of the blocks taking a 5-1 lead and seemed on course for another gold but Marharyta fought back admirably. Marharyta pulled back rack after rack and got very close but when the score was at 6-5 to Kristina, she made



**Kristina Tkach**



**Marharyta Fefilava**

an error that proved costly and Kristina went on to claim the crown and become the inaugural Predator women's Eurotour champion and has now amassed an amazing seven European tour titles in her young career already.

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**8-BALL:**

Men - Eklent Kaci (ALB)  
 Women - Kristina Tkach (RUS)  
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 Under 23 - Pijus Labutis (LTU)

**TEAMS:**

Men - Spain  
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**9-BALL:**

Men - Fedor Gorst (RUS)  
 Women - Jasmin Ouschan (AUT)  
 Under 23 - Pijus Labutis (LTU)  
 Wheelchair - Jouni Tahti (FIN)

Final Medal Count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	RUS	3	2	2	7
2.	POL	2	1	4	7
3.	FIN	2	1	3	6
4.	LTU	2			2
5.	AUT	1	2	2	5
6.	POR	1		1	2
	SUI	1		1	2
	SWE	1		1	2
9.	ALB	1			1
	ESP	1			1
11.	GER		3	3	6
12.	GBR		1	3	4
13.	IRL		1	1	2
	NED		1	1	2
15.	HUN		1		1
	LAT		1		1
	UKR		1		1
18.	BLR			2	2
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20.	BIH			1	1
	BUL			1	1
	FRA			1	1
	SRB			1	1



Karol Skowerski and Kristina Tkach



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# Sheerman wins seven on the loss side to win finals rematch against Acosta at Ginky Memorial

**No one has ever repeated as the champion of the annual George “Ginky” Sansouci Memorial’s Amateur Tournament.**

**R**aj Vannala was the event’s inaugural champion in 2011, and after that, it was won by Daniel Dagotdot, Michael Yednak, Kapriel Delimelkonoglu, Rhys Chen, Tony Liang, and Phil Davis. Last year, Lukas Fracasso-Verner won the title and was the only one of the previous eight champions to compete this year. Delimelkonoglu and Yednak competed in the Open/Pro event. The amateur event maintained its ‘unique winner’ tradition at the 9th annual Ginky Memorial, held this past Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27). Jason Sheerman, defeated in an early round by Jimmy Acosta, won seven on the loss side to meet and defeat Acosta in the finals and become the 9th unique amateur to win the Ginky Memorial. Sheerman had cashed in two previous Ginky Memorial appearances, finishing 25th in 2017 and 17th in 2016. The tournament’s namesake would be proud to know that his annual memorial tournament has crowned a new amateur winner every year since the event was inaugurated. This year’s \$2,000-added Amateur event, held under the combined auspices of the Predator Pro Am, Tri-State and Mezz Pr Tours, drew a record 169 entrants to Steinway Billiards in Astoria (Queens), NY.

The Open/Pro side of the 9th Annual Ginky Memorial was won by Alex Kazakis, who went undefeated through a field of 36 entrants, downing Jayson Shaw in the finals (see separate sto-

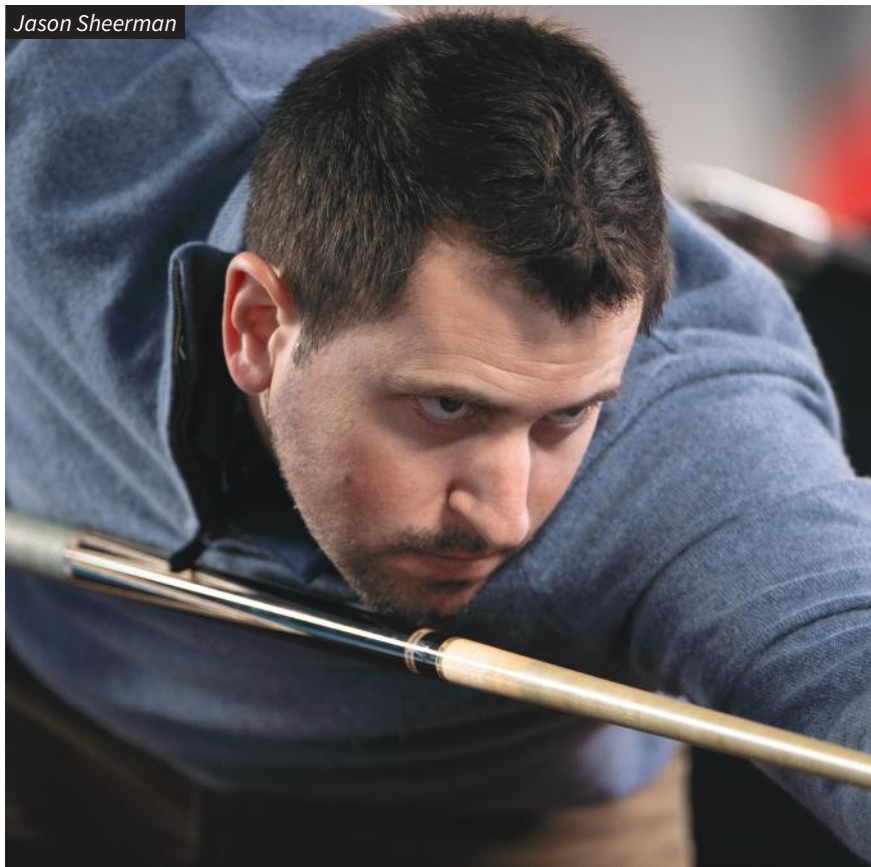
ry). Shaw, by the way, was looking for his third Ginky Memorial title, having been one of only two competitors to have won the Open/Pro side of the event twice, in 2015 & 2017. Mike Dechaine won the inaugural Open/Pro event in 2011, was runner-up to Earl Strickland in 2012, and won it a second time in 2014.

In this year’s Amateur event, the 169 entrants were initially divided into upper and lower handicap brackets, merging only as the event drew near the end. With Sheerman already at work on the loss side, Acosta ad-

vanced to a winners’ side semifinal against Mike Saleh. Greg Matos, in the meantime, squared off against Jim Gutierrez.

Acosta got into the hot seat match with a 7-4 victory over Saleh and was joined by Matos, who’d sent Gutierrez to the loss side 7-3. Acosta claimed the hot seat 8-6 over Matos and waited (though not for very long) on what turned out to be the return of Sheerman.

It was Saleh who picked up Sheerman, four wins into his loss-side



Jason Sheerman

streak that had most recently included a 7-4 win over Juan Guzman, and 8-5 win over Andrew Lee. Gutierrez drew Luis Lopez, who'd defeated Mac Jankov 6-4 and Bob Mapes 7-5 to reach him.

Sheerman chalked up his fifth loss-side win 7-1 over Saleh. He was joined in the quarterfinals by Lopez, who'd eliminated Gutierrez 6-3.

Win #6 for Sheerman sent Lopez to the figurative showers 10-5. Win #7 did the same to Greg Matos, who was eliminated 9-7.

As it turned out, the quarterfinals and hot seat match were happening simultaneously in this event, going into Monday evening. So, when Matos fell to Acosta in the hot seat match, the semifinals started immediately (this was happening just as the finals of the Open/Pro event were getting underway). So, Acosta didn't have a lot

Luis Lopez, Jason Sheerman, Greg Matos and Jimmy Acosta



of time in the hot seat to think about the fact that the competitor he'd sent to the loss side in what must have seemed like a lifetime ago, was on the verge of earning a rematch. And earn it he did.

Sheerman took full advantage of his second chance against Acosta. He defeated him 9-7 to become the 9th different player to capture the George "Ginky" Sansouci Memorial Amateur title.



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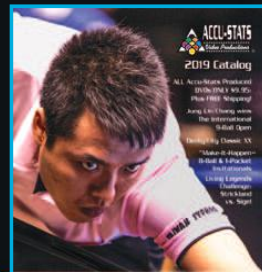
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# Global Stars Complete World Cup Of Pool Line-Up

The final teams have been confirmed for the 2019 World Cup of Pool with powerhouse nations such as Philippines, Germany and Holland all set to compete at the Morningside Arena, Leicester this June 25-30.

Tickets are on sale now at [www.matchroompool.com](http://www.matchroompool.com) for pool's biggest doubles event with the draw to be announced shortly.

A further 15 teams have been added to the line-up with the final nation to be the winner of a European qualifying event, which will take place over the weekend of June 1-2 at IDM Club in Bucharest, Romania.

US Open and World Champion Joshua Filler will again compete alongside Ralf Souquet for Germany, with another Mosconi Cup legend in Niels Feijen being joined by Marc Bijsterbosch for Holland. Alex Pagulayan teams up with John Morra to represent Canada, and Ko brothers Pin-Yi and Ping-Chung will be aiming to win Chinese Taipei's second World Cup title.

Other Asian nations will include Japan (Naoyuki Oi and Toru Kuribayashi), Hong Kong (Lo Ho Sum and Yip Kin Ling Leo), Singapore (Aloysuis Yapp



Team Austria - Albin Ouschan & Mario He

and Sharik Aslam Sayed) and three-time World Cup winners Philippines (Carlo Biado and Jeff De Luna).

European representation is completed by France (Alex Montpellier and Fabio Rizzi), Russia (Fedor Gorst and Ruslan Chinakhov) and Poland (Konrad Juszczyszyn and Mateusz Sniegocki).

Elsewhere South American Champions Chile will be represented by Enrique Rojas and Alejandro Carvajal, while there will also be teams from Brazil and Saudi Arabia, with players to be confirmed shortly.

2019 World Cup of Pool Confirmed Teams:

**Albania** Eklent Kaci / Besar Spahiu

**Australia** Justin Sajich / Danny Stone



Team Canada - Alex Pagulayan & John Morra

**WORLD CUP OF POOL**



*Team China - Wu Jiaqing & Liu Haitao*



*Team Finland - Mika Immonen & Petri Makkonen*

**Austria** Albin Ouschan / Mario He

**Brazil** TBC / TBC

**Canada** Alex Pagulayan / John Morra

**Chile** Enrique Rojas / Alejandro Carvajal

**China** Wu Jiaqing / Liu Haitao

**Chinese Taipei** Ko Pin-Yi / Ko Ping-Chung

**Czech Republic** Roman Hybler / Michal Gavenčiak

**EUROPEAN QUALIFIER**

**Estonia** Denis Grabe / Mark Magi

**Finland** Petri Makkonen / Mika Immonen

**France** Alex Montpellier / Fabio Rizzi

**Germany** Joshua Filler / Ralf Souquet

**Great Britain A** Jayson Shaw / Chris Melling

**Great Britain B** Mark Gray / Imran Majid

**Greece** Alexander Kazakis / Nick Malaj

**Holland** Niels Feijen / Marc Bijsterbosch

**Hong Kong** Lo Ho Sum / Yip Kin Ling Leo

**Italy** Fabio Petroni / Daniele Corrieri

**Japan** Naoyuki Oi / Toru Kuribayashi

**Malta** Tony Drago / Clayton Castaldi

**New Zealand** Matt Edwards / Simon Singleton

**Philippines** Carlo Biado / Jeff De Luna

**Poland** Konrad Juszczyszyn / Mateusz Sniegocki

**Russia** Fedor Gorst / Ruslan Chinakhov

**Saudi Arabia** TBC / TBC

**Singapore** Aloysuis Yapp / Sharik Aslam Sayed

**South Africa** Richard Halliday / Jason Theron

**Spain** David Alcaide / Francisco Sanchez Ruiz



*Team Germany - Joshua Filler & Ralf Souquet*



*Team Great Britain B - Mark Gray & Imran Majid*



Team Japan - Naoyuki Oi & Toru Kuribayashi

\$60,000 first prize from a total prize fund of \$250,000. Matches are race to 7 in the first two rounds, race to 9 in the quarter and semi-finals and, for the first time, race to 11 in the final.

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**Sweden** Marcus Chamat / Tomas Larsson

**USA** Shane van Boening / Skyler Woodward

Tickets for the 2019 World Cup of Pool are on sale now priced at £5 for weekday afternoons and £10 for weekday evenings and weekend sessions. A season ticket is available for £75 with premium ticket packages available for weekend days including food and unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks.

The 2019 World Cup of Pool features 32 two-player teams battling for the



Team Philippines - Carlo Biado & Jeff De Luna



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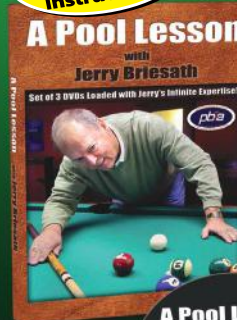
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# WORLD CUP OF POOL DRAW COMPLETE

The draw for the 2019 World Cup of Pool has been made, with China to start their title defence against Sweden and hosts Great Britain A to face Malta in round one.

**T**ickets are on sale now at [www.matchroompool.com](http://www.matchroompool.com) for pool's biggest doubles event, which takes place at Morningside Arena, Leicester from June 25-30, live on Sky Sports.

Wu Jiaqing and Liu Haitao will represent China but their quest to become the first team to successfully defend the World Cup title will be given a tough examination in round one as they come up against Sweden, comprised of Tomas Larsson and European Mosconi Cup captain Marcus Chamat on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 25.

As hosts, Great Britain have two teams in the event. Great Britain A (Jayson Shaw and Chris Melling) being their World Cup on the Wednesday evening against Malta, who include cue legend Tony Drago alongside Clayton Castaldi. Great Britain B (Imran Majid and Mark Gray) face Chile (Enrique Rojas / Alejandro Carvajal) during Tuesday evening's session.

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# World Cup Of Pool Live On DAZN In America

The World Cup of Pool, 9-ball's biggest doubles tournament, will be broadcast live in America on the global sports streaming platform DAZN this June 25-30, Matchroom Multi Sport is pleased to confirm.

**M**osconi Cup winners Shane van Boening and Skyler Woodward, who were World Cup silver medallists two years ago, will once again represent America in the prestigious \$250,000 event. Van Boening was a member of the team when USA last won the World Cup in 2008 and has been ever-present for the Stars & Stripes since.

The World Cup of Pool brings together the very best players from across the globe in 32 two-man teams. Leicester, England hosts this year's event as China bid to become the first nation to successfully defend a World Cup title. They'll have to fend off one of the best doubles fields ever assembled with the likes of Great Britain, USA, Philippines, Chinese Taipei and Germany among the powerhouse nations desperate to land the title.

As well as broadcasting the event live across America, DAZN will also show the World Cup of Pool live in Canada, Brazil, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Japan.

Joe Markowski, EVP of DAZN North America, said: "We're happy to provide top-level events like the World Cup of Pool to billiards fans on DAZN."

Matchroom Sport Chairman Barry Hearn said: "The World Cup of Pool is a 9-ball major and we are delighted that American fans will be able to watch live anytime, anywhere on DAZN."

"The World Cup is one of the must-see 9-ball tournaments of the year, and with a stellar line-up of players we know this will be one of the best ever. China are defending champions and



undoubtedly have some of the best billiards talent in the world, but Germany have the US Open Champion Joshua Filler, USA hold the Mosconi Cup, and Team GB will have the home crowd on their side. Every team playing will believe this can be their year to lift the trophy."

Live coverage of the World Cup of Pool will begin at 8:30am Eastern Time on Tuesday, June 25 with two sessions per day until the final on Sunday, June 30 which begins at 2pm Eastern.



# Record Attendance at APA Poolplayer Championships

**World's Largest Pool League Awards More Than \$750,000**

**Poolplayers looking for yet another opportunity to make it to Vegas are finding their way there by competing in the APA Poolplayer Championships. More than 2,500 players made their way to the Westgate Resort & Casino in Las Vegas in early May for APA's annual spring event.**

**P**oolplayers from 49 states and two countries competed for nearly \$750,000 in five events: the 8-Ball Classic, 9-Ball Shootout, 8 and 9-Ball Doubles Championships and the Wheelchair Championship.

After five days of nearly non-stop action, 12 new champions had cemented their poolplaying legacy by taking home an APA title.

The final round of the 9-Ball Shootout featured four championship matches, one for each Skill Level Tier, with two shooters in each tier competing for \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

In the Green Tier, Robbie Schreckengost of Kearneysville, W.V., defeated Donovan Balan of Hacienda Heights, Calif. In the White Tier, Bryan Marcum of Worthington, Ohio, defeated Shareef Chandler-El of Schaumburg, Ill. In the first year of the newly added Gray Tier, Edward Arciniega of National City, Calif., defeated Terry Lecreux of Toronto. In the



**8-Ball Classic Champion  
Orange Tier  
Nazario Aguilar of Chicago, IL**



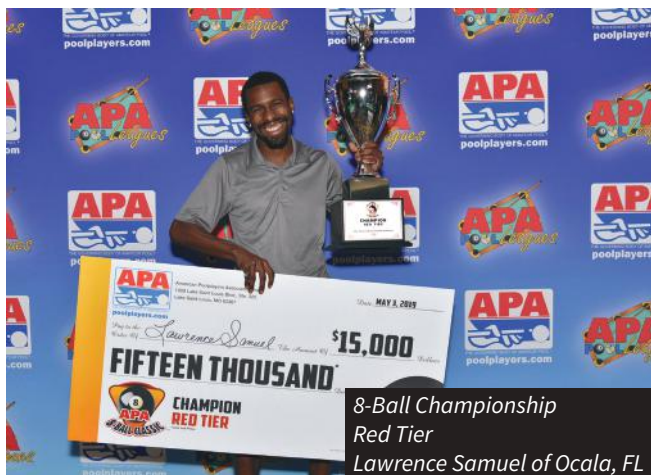
**8-Ball Classic Championship  
Purple Tier  
Abrin Schaad of Pekin, IL**



**8-Ball Classic Champion  
Blue Tier  
Karla Garcia of Miami, FL**

Black Tier, Dustin Gunia of Omaha, Neb., defeated William Gallagher Jr. of Atco, N.J.

Each of the three Champions received a cash and prize package worth \$10,000. Runners-Up in each tier took home a prize package worth \$5,000.



**8-Ball Championship  
Red Tier  
Lawrence Samuel of Ocala, FL**



**Wheelchair Challenge  
Charlie Hans of Cincinnati, OH**



**8-Ball Classic Championship  
Yellow Tier  
Jesse Garcia of Joliet, IL**

Nearly 6,000 players throughout North America qualified for Regional competition in the 8-Ball Classic, with 692 of them advancing to the championships.

In the finals of the 8-Ball Classic, five champions each took home a cash and prize package worth \$15,000 for their performances.

In the Blue Tier, Karla Garcia of Miami, Fla., defeated Noemi Rodriguez of Chicago, Ill. In the Yellow Tier, Jesse Garcia of Joliet, Ill., defeated Christian Delgado of Winter Springs, Fla. In the Red Tier, Lawrence Samuel of Ocala, Fla., defeated Garrett Hogue of Forney, Texas. In the Orange Tier, Nazario Aguilar of Chicago, Ill., defeated James Sevion of Montgomery, Ala. In the Purple Tier, Abrin Schaad of Pekin, Ill., defeated David Barnes of Denton, Md.

Jerry Brown of St. Petersburg, Fla., received the Sportsmanship Award in the 9-Ball Shootout.

More than 4,000 poolplayers made it to the Regional Level of the 9-Ball Shootout before the field was whittled down to the 483 who advanced to Las Vegas.

First Place winners received cash and prizes worth \$15,000. Each Runner-Up received cash and prizes worth \$9,000.

Shannon Peek of Sealy, Texas, won the Sportsmanship Award in the 8-Ball Classic.



**9-Ball Doubles Champions  
PFLS of Fayetteville, NC - Henry Sevcik II and David Griffin**



**8-Ball Doubles Champions  
Swamp Donkeys of Taunton, MA - Ralph Serode and Jeff Waterman**

## APA Poolplayer Championships

In the 8-Ball Doubles Championship, Swamp Donkeys – Ralph Serode and Jeff Waterman– of Taunton, Mass., defeated Drunk Tank – Scott Esposito and Vince Boettger– of Chicago, Ill. The victory earned them a \$5,000 payday. As Runners-Up, Drunk Tank took home \$3,000.

In the 9-Ball Doubles Championship, PFLS – David Griffin and Henry Sevcik– of Fayetteville, N.C., defeated Kidless in Vegas – Brittany Blomlie and Wes Mancil– of Ocala, Fla. The victory earned them a \$3,500 payday. As Runners-Up, Kidless in Vegas took home \$2,300.

In the finals of the Wheelchair Championship, Charlie Hans of Harrison, Ohio, defeated Earl Hessbrook of Spring Branch, Texas, to take home \$2,000 in prize money. Hessbrook received \$1,200 as the Runner-Up.

The final of each championship round was live-streamed (courtesy of PoolDawg) and can be viewed online at <http://www.youtube.com/apaleagues>.

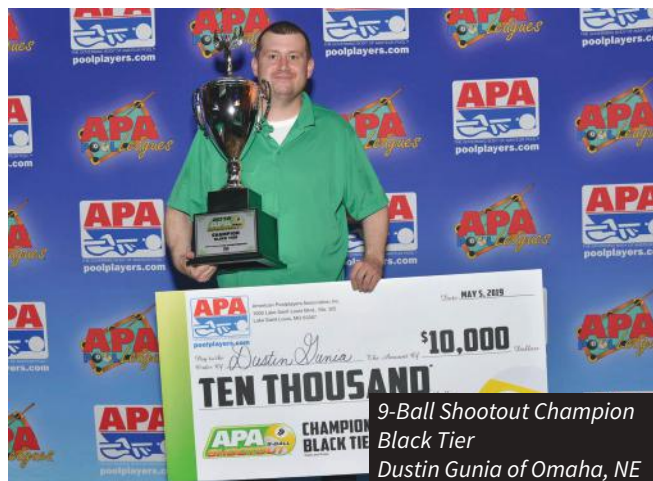
The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, Mo., sanctions the world's largest amateur pool league, known as the APA



9-Ball Shootout Champion  
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Black Tier  
Dustin Gunia of Omaha, NE



9-Ball Shootout Champion  
Gray Tier  
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Pool League throughout the United States, and as the Canadian Pool League in Canada. Nearly 250,000 members compete in weekly 8-Ball and 9-Ball League play. The APA is generally recognized as the Governing Body of Amateur Pool, having established the official rules, championships, formats and handicap systems for the sport of amateur billiards.

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For more information on the APA Poolplayer Championships, visit <https://poolplayers.com/poolplayer-championships/>.

# APA RECOGNIZES TOP LEAGUE OPERATORS

## World's Largest Pool League Presents League Operator of the Year Awards

The American Poolplayers Association (APA) recognized their top franchisees with League Operator of the Year awards during its Annual League Operator Convention in late April. The five winners were selected from a group of nearly 300 APA League Operators throughout North America, with one League Operator selected from each market size.

In the Level 1 Market, Rob Ahne of the Southern Illinois APA was selected as League Operator of the Year. Ewa and Mitch Laurance, and their partners, Nikki and Toby Graham, of the Coastal Carolina APA were the top League Operators in the Level 2 Market. In the Level 3 Market, Skip & Joyce Lassiter of the Birmingham APA were selected League Operators of the Year for the third consecutive year. Rob and Jennifer Miller, and their partner, Dan Simning, of the River Valley APA in Pennsylvania were selected in the Level 4 Market. Matt Gillespie of the Central Indiana APA was awarded League Operator of the Year in the Level 5 Market.

APA recognizes a number of League Operators each year for their accomplishments in running their League area. Those selected as League Operator of the Year receive \$1,000 and a trophy.

In addition to recognizing the League Operators of the Year, APA also awarded the Rookie and Journeyman of the Year awards. Ashley and Kevin Morgan of the Lake and Osceola APA in Florida won the Rookie of the Year Award, while Don Ward of the Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill APA in North Carolina was selected for the Journeyman of the Year Award. The Journeyman of the Year is presented



to the top League Operator who is no longer a rookie, but not yet eligible to receive the League Operator of the Year award.

APA President Terry Bell also named long-time League Operators Bruce and Ann Barthelette of the Connecticut APA as winners of the APA Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually for outstanding career achievements over 20 years or more.

The three-day conference, held at the Westgate Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, concluded with a formal reception where the winners were announced. This year's event also served as a celebration of APA's 40th Anniversary.

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For more information on becoming an APA League Operator, visit <https://poolplayers.com/franchise/>.

# UBL League Makes History in Chattanooga

The best way to get a pool players attention is with money. Our game has been cash-poor for a long time, but those days are coming to an end if the UBL (United Billiard Leagues) has its way.

This past weekend at the Chattanooga Billiard Club they gave away \$240,000 in prize money to a field of 16 teams. The last-place team earned \$5,000 while the first place team took home a whopping \$100,000 for their effort. This has never been rivaled in amateur pool.

The idea of the UBL is to level the playing field between a wide range of player skills. They want a banger to be able to compete with a pro. The new handicap system they have devised is called Ball in Hand.

The founder of the UBL, Mike Sigel, came up with the idea for his unique handicap system while searching for a way to play competitively with one of his sons. One day his son had no shot and picked up the cue ball and moved it. That set the light afire in Mike's brain and he soon came up with the Ball in Hand handicap system. Briefly, each player is rated according to their skill and is assigned a number of Ball in Hand opportunities for each rack that they play.

So if a player who is a one plays a player who is a five then the one gets to take Ball in Hand once at any time he wishes during the rack and the player ranked as a five gets five Ball in Hands for each rack. This levels the field so that a beginner actually has a good opportunity to win against a much better cueman. This later proved itself out as one of the wildcard teams got all the way to the finals of this championship.

So Sigel, concept in hand, has recruited investors to fund the leagues until they grow to the point of self-sufficiency. He also recruited Pete Margo as a partner as well as Loree Jon Has-

son as a "point man" to be a popular face for the company and to help recruit rooms into the system.

The UBL teams nationally had to qualify for the trip to Chattanooga by playing the ghost in 8-Ball. The fourteen highest scores earned the right to play in the Chattanooga event. Then they pulled two team names at random from a list of all teams and with that brought 16 teams to the Finals. Each of the teams knew that they were guaranteed \$5,000 just for playing, so they were all winners before the first ball was ever struck.

The final match was between "Tammy and the Boys" and "Kracker Jacks 5". Two teams of amateurs playing for a minimum of \$40,000 with the winner grabbing the \$100,000. Obviously, none of them had ever played a race to 3 points for a \$60,000 difference before.

The first two matches were split, so with the score tied at 1-1 Kevin Lawder of "Tammy and the Boys" led Jamie

Person of "Kracker Jacks 5" 3-1. They are both ranked as 2 BIH. As an interesting aside, "Tammy and the Boys" were one of the two wildcard teams drawn at random into the field. When Jamie was shooting the 8 ball to win his 2nd game someone in the crowd had the red focus light on their camera go off right on his final stroke and he missed the 8. However, he soon returned to the table and sank the 8 for the win. At this point in the match the score of this match-up was 3-2 in a race to four and the team scores remained at 1-1 in the race to 3 for the victory. Remember, every individual match win contributes one point to the team score. Jamie won the next match as well so we were on double hill at 3-3. Whoever would win the final rack would put their team's score at 2, also on the hill. In the final rack Jamie Person ran through his suit of balls but landed really tough on the 8 with no BIH left. He made it for the big point. "Kracker Jacks 5" needed one more match win to take the 100 grand.

UBL Champs Kracker Jacks 5 with UBL Heads Mike Sigel, Pete Margo, and investors





The next pairing was Mark Mariana of “Kracker Jacks 5” and Joshua Penfield of “Tammy and the Boys”. Mariana drew first blood but then Penfield took control and kept Mariana a spectator for most of the next three games to go up 3-1 in the race to 4. Penfield continued the domination in the next rack to take the match 4-1 and get the team score to double hill at 2 apiece.

The next match would be the deciding match for the \$100,000. It came onto the shoulders of Dani Martin of “Kracker Jacks 5” and Michael Burke of “Tammy and the Boys”. Dani was ranked as a 3 BIH while Michael is a 0. A female ranked as a 3 against a man ranked as a 0 with a \$60,000 difference hanging on the outcome.

Michael Burke won the first rack with comfortable skill and some nice position play. Then Dani Martin showed she had done her homework on the strategy of when to use your BIH. She managed the table well, kept her 0 BIH opponent off-balance with safeties, and won the next two racks to lead 2-1. In the next rack she combined excellent BIH timing with some fine shots. Now leading 3-1, she was only one rack win away from the big money. And she showed virtually no nerves. Most of the time she looked to be playing a friendly game with her chums. She is a cool cat.

Michael Burke was under the gun. He had to win the rest of the racks in or-

der to win. He ran the first 7 balls of the final rack but then got out of line on the final object ball and had to play a safety that went awry.. That brought Dani back to the table with her 3 BIH plus the one she would start her run with as a result of the foul by Burke. She used it to try and tie up the table, an effort that fell short. Nerves now seemed to be all over both players. The money effect finally kicked in. After another inning apiece Burke intentionally fouled again to tie up the table but each time this gave Dani another BIH. Dani Martin then called safety and made the 7 and Burke returned with a safety where he freed his final ball.

Martin had 5 balls on the table with 3 BIH in her bandolier. She gave Burke another chance at the table but left him only a bank and he scratched. Now Dani had an open table and still 3 BIH. She played a safe and Burke banked in his final object ball. But he had only a half-pocket shot for the 8 into a blocked corner. It would not fit and that brought Dani Martin back to the table.

With BIH she shot the one ball into the side pocket. With that shape she shot the two into the corner. She then had a ball in the jaws of the corner and one about a foot away from the other corner and the 8-ball a near hanger. And she had a BIH to use. She really did not need it. She got great shape on

the final ball but took the BIH to make it perfect.

Two easy shots later the “Kracker Jack 5” had won \$100,000. Needless to say, the place went nuts. This was what Sigel, LoreeJon Hasson, and their investors had sought. Proof that the handicapped system actually makes it possible for social amateur players to win big money.

The spirit of this league was defined by a note in the video chat room from the wife of Derek Allemand, a member of the fifth place finishers, Bubba’s Shot in the Dark, a team that took home \$15,000 for their three days. Ashley Allemand wrote: “The tension is definitely felt in the room. This was big money for my husband just starting out. A facilities maintenance man with some oil field guys and a car dealer/bar owner. Average Joes.”

The league grows by having room owners sign their rooms up and forming teams to play. Any information you may need to get your room registered or to get any other details about the UBL may be found at [www.UBLNOW.com](http://www.UBLNOW.com). All the contact information you could need is on the website.

A special thanks is due to Phil Windham and his entire staff at the Chattanooga Billiard Club. They were most excellent hosts and always present a marvelous venue for events.

**Total prize money = \$240,000**

- 1st) Kracker Jacks #5 \$100,000
- 2nd) Tammy and the Boys. \$40,000
- 3rd) Kales Team \$20,000
- 4th) Shot in the Dark \$15,000
- 5-6) Str8 Shooters, Fusco’s Gunslingers \$10,000 (each team)
- 7-8) Kracker Jacks #3, Waco Clicks #1 \$10,000 (each)
- 9-12) R. Gonnolley, Wrecking Crew, Looking TrUBL, Big Dogs. \$5,000 each
- 13-16) Ball Busters, Sammy is It, Fusco’s Finest, Rat Pack \$5,000 each

# Hearn Hails Phenomenal Success Of Partypoker US Open 9-Ball

**BCA Hall of Fame promoter Barry Hearn has hailed the ‘phenomenal success’ of the partypoker US Open 9-Ball Championship, which was watched live by a global TV audience in over 130 countries worldwide.**

**G**ermany’s Joshua Filler cemented his position as the World No.1 by beating China’s Wu Jiaqing 13-10 in front of a sold-out crowd of 700 pool fans at the Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas.

The double elimination stage of the event was broadcast free on the US Open Facebook page, with the live stream viewed over 2million times.

When the tournament moved to single elimination and onto the global TV stage, over 130 countries took the live broadcast, with DAZN in countries including America and Germany, Sky Sports in the UK and CCTV in China.

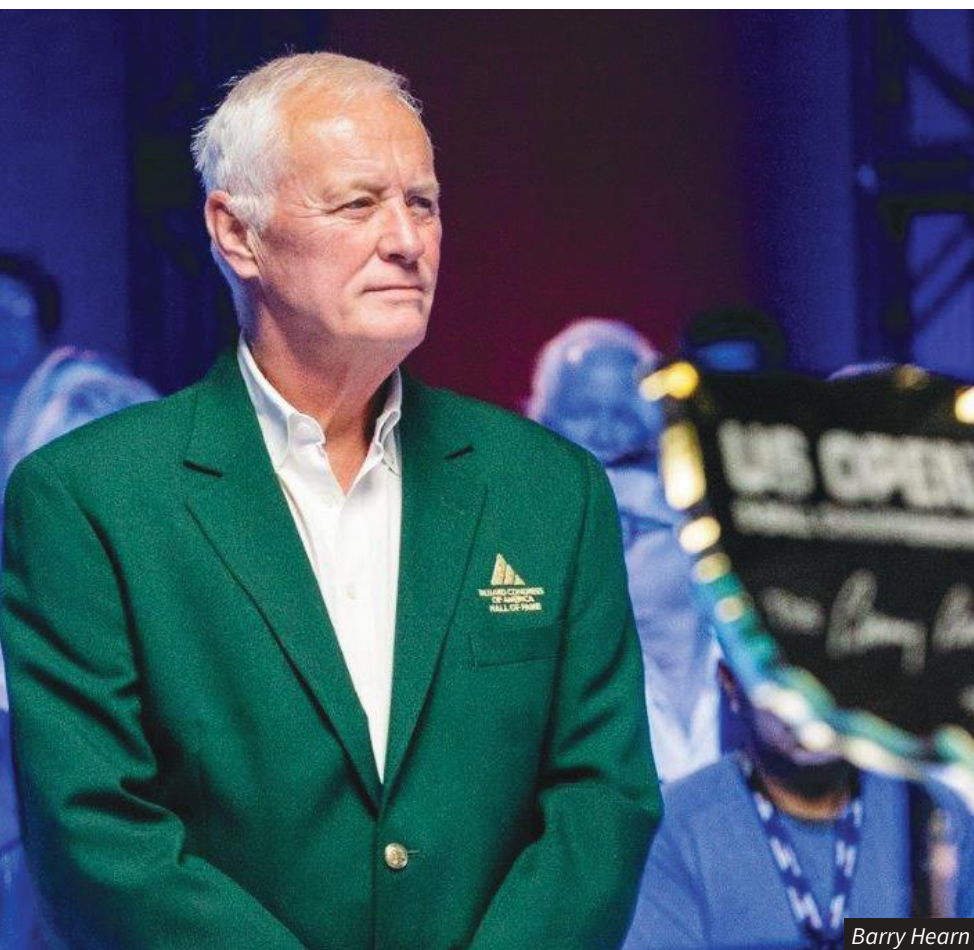
“It has been a phenomenal success in year one, and that is thanks to the players and fans who came out to support the sport,” said Matchroom

Sport Chairman Hearn. “We had over 100 players on the waiting list for this event, on top of the 256 field we had and we achieved some really impressive viewing figures on Sky Sports, so the game is in good health and is going to go from strength to strength.

“We were live to over 130 countries around the world who watched great pool from the City of Entertainment, and we had 47 different nations represented. As an opening year event for us it ticked a lot of boxes but the good news is we are not complacent and we can make this event bigger, more exciting and I think the players will be rewarded, as they should be because they have special talent.

“I am inspired by the fact pool is such an electric sport. Matchroom have shown the way with the Mosconi Cup, World Cup and World Pool Masters and the US Open has history which we can really build upon to make this an event where it isn’t several hundred, but why not several thousand people attending? We are planning something even bigger for next year and we have some really exciting times ahead in 9-ball pool.”

Details of the 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship will be announced in due course. Fans can sign up to the free Matchroom Pool Club to be among the first to hear about next year’s US Open and get exclusive access to the ticket pre-sale. Sign up at <http://www.matchroompool.com/pool-club/>.



Barry Hearn

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# Upcoming Tournaments

Each month *Billiards Buzz* looks ahead at the events on our calendar to give both players and fans the information they may use to plan their activities.

**JUNE - JULY**

## 2019 US Open One Pocket Championship

**05/30 - 06/01**

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

## Beasley Custom Cues Open 9-Ball

**05/30 - 06/02**

Brass Tap Billiards  
Raleigh, NC

## Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 16

**06/01 - 06/02**

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill  
Providence, RI  
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com>

## Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour 2019 Stop 4

**06/08 - 06/09**

JR Pockets  
Denton, Texas  
Website: <http://www.obcuestour.com/>

## Midwest Ladies Regional Tour 2019 Stop #2

**06/08 - 06/08**

Cushions Billiards & Lounge  
Westerville, OH  
Website: <http://www.midwestladiesstour.com>

## Brown's Mechanical 9-Ball Open

**06/15 - 06/16**

Diamond Billiards  
Midlothian, VA  
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

## 6th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out Open 9-Ball

**06/19 - 06/23**

Maskat Shrine Ballroom  
Wichita Falls, Texas

## 2019 West Coast Challenge Women's Division 1

**06/20 - 06/23**

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

## Santo Domingo 10-Ball Master

**06/21 - 06/23**

Club Billar La Bolivar  
Santo Domingo

## Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019

**06/22 - 06/23**

Stroker's Billiards  
Palm Harbor, FL  
Website: <http://www.sunshinestate-proamtour.com/>

## UPA Bar Box Championships

**06/24 - 06/29**

Binions  
Las Vegas, NV  
Website: <http://www.upatour.com/>

## World Cup of Pool 2019

**06/25 - 06/30**

Morningside Arena  
Leicester  
Website: <http://www.matchroompool.com/page/WorldCupofPool/Home>

## Northern Virginia Amateur Tour Stop

**06/29 - 06/30**

Brews & Cues  
Glen Burnie, Maryland  
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267290537455630>

## Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019

**07/13 - 07/14**

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

## Action Pool Tour 2019 Stop 7 Open Division

**07/13 - 07/14**

Peninsula Billiards  
Newport News, Virginia  
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

## Northern Virginia Amateur Tour Stop

**07/20 - 07/21**

7 Billiards  
Gaithersburg, Maryland  
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267290537455630>

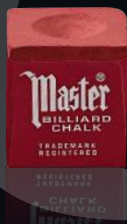
## WPA World 10-Ball Championship 2019

**07/22 - 07/26**

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino  
Las Vegas, NV



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# Tourney Results

**05/02 - 05/05**

## 2019 Bogies Classic 9-Ball

### Bogies Billiards & Games

Houston, TX

- 1 Andy Jethwa \$3,900
- 2 Alexandros Kazakis \$2,250
- 3 Mika Immonen \$1,200
- 4 Justin Espinosa \$700
- 5 Alejandro Calderon \$350
- 5 Roberto Gomez \$350
- 7 Johnny Archer \$275
- 7 Shane McMinn \$275
- 9 Ricky Hughes \$200
- 9 Jung-Lin Chang \$200
- 9 Jonathon Demet \$200
- 9 Omar Al Shaheen \$200
- 13 Blaine Barcus \$150
- 13 Max Eberle \$150
- 13 Dennis Orcollo \$150
- 13 Allen Baker \$150

**05/02 - 05/05**

## 2019 Bogies Classic 10-Ball

### Bogies Billiards & Games

Houston, TX

- 1 Jung-Lin Chang \$2,500
- 1 Jeffrey De Luna \$2,500
- 3 Omar Al Shaheen \$1,000
- 4 Raymund Faraon \$500
- 5 Justin Espinosa \$300
- 5 Ruben Bautista \$300
- 7 Josh Roberts \$150
- 7 Justin Bergman \$150

**05/04 - 05/05**

## Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 15

### Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

- 1 Jeremy Sossei \$1,000

- 2 Frankie Hernandez \$700
- 3 Jennifer Barretta \$500
- 4 Robert Pole \$300

**05/04 - 05/05**

## Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

### Gate City Billiards Club

Greensboro, NC

- 1 David Tickle \$600
- 2 Jason Potts \$425
- 3 Jeff Abernathy \$250
- 4 Alex Valencia \$125
- 5 Michael Wyatt \$75
- 5 Brian Overman \$75

**05/04 - 05/05**

## Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 15 Second Chance

### Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

- 1 Mike Donnelly \$300
- 2 Elvis Rodriguez \$200

**05/04 - 05/05**

## 2019 Maryland State 9-Ball Championships

### Champion Billiards & Sports Café

Frederick, MD

- 1 Brandon Shuff \$1,250
- 2 Shaun Wilkie \$800
- 3 Kenny Ruttman \$600
- 4 Justin Martin \$500
- 5 Chip Klein \$300
- 5 Kevin West \$300
- 7 Bobby Pacheco \$220
- 7 Del Sim \$220
- 9 Brandon Sluzalis \$170
- 9 Jeff Ball \$170
- 9 Scott Haas \$170
- 9 Brett Stottlmyer \$170

- 13 Dylan Spohr \$140
- 13 Tom Zippler \$140
- 13 Brian Jones \$140
- 13 Loye Bolyard \$140
- 17 Andrew Tu \$90
- 17 Jay Heilbrun \$90
- 17 Tim Tanana \$90
- 17 Steve Fleming \$90
- 17 Rick Scarlato \$90
- 17 Fred Crislip \$90
- 17 Paul Oh \$90
- 17 Rick Molineiro \$90

**05/05 - 05/05**

## Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

### Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

- 1 Shivam Gupta \$500
- 2 Ilija Trajceski \$325
- 3 Marc Lamberti \$200
- 4 Tri Chau \$130
- 5 Ed Medina \$80
- 5 Andrew Ciccoria \$80
- 7 Scott Bannon \$60
- 7 Rick Brothers \$60

**05/09 - 05/11**

## 2019 Dynamic Billard Treviso Open

### Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel

Treviso,

- 1 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$5,039
- 2 Ivar Saris \$3,359
- 3 Pijus Labutis \$1,959
- 3 Mateusz Sniegocki \$1,959
- 5 Casper Matikainen \$1,399
- 5 Tomasz Kaplan \$1,399
- 5 Eklent Kaci \$1,399
- 5 Ruslan Chinakhov \$1,399
- 9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$1,119

9 Petri Makkonen \$1,119  
 9 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,119  
 9 Roman Hybler \$1,119  
 9 Mark Gray \$1,119  
 9 Damianos Giallourakis \$1,119  
 9 Francisco Diaz-Pizarro \$1,119  
 9 David Alcaide \$1,119  
 17 Nick Malai \$671  
 17 Fabio Rizzi \$671  
 17 Mats B. Schjetne \$671  
 17 Miguel Silva \$671  
 17 Sebastian Staab \$671  
 17 Konstantin Stepanov \$671  
 17 Edmond Zaja \$671  
 17 Imran Majid \$671  
 17 Jakub Koniar \$671  
 17 Mauro Castriota \$671  
 17 Maksim Dudanets \$671  
 17 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$671  
 17 Joshua Filler \$671  
 17 Christian Froehlich \$671  
 17 Denis Grabe \$671  
 17 Mario He \$671  
 33 Daniel Maciol \$307  
 33 Arjan Matrizi \$307  
 33 Alex Montpellier \$307  
 33 Karol Skowerski \$307  
 33 Ralf Souquet \$307  
 33 Besar Spahiu \$307  
 33 Sergey Lutsker \$307  
 33 Marek Kudlik \$307  
 33 Thorsten Hohmann \$307  
 33 Ville Hamalainen \$307  
 33 Lefteris Georgiou \$307  
 33 Tobias Bongers \$307  
 33 Marc Bijsterbosch \$307  
 33 Radoslaw Babica \$307  
 33 Ivo Aarts \$307  
 33 Jan Van Lierop \$307

## 05/09 - 05/12

### 7th Annual Big Tyme Classic Open 9-Ball

#### Big Tyme Billiards

Spring, Texas

1 Omar Al Shaheen \$5,000  
 2 Alejandro Calderon \$3,000  
 3 James Aranas \$2,000

4 Skyler Woodward \$1,200  
 5 Warren Kiamco \$850  
 5 Alex Pagulayan \$850  
 7 Jeffrey De Luna \$525  
 7 Dennis Orcollo \$525  
 9 Hanni Al Howri \$300  
 9 Jonathon Demet \$300  
 9 Shane McMinn \$300  
 9 Roberto Gomez \$300  
 13 Lee Alford \$200  
 13 Justin Espinosa \$200  
 13 Francisco Bustamante \$200  
 13 John Morra \$200

## 05/09 - 05/12

### 7th Annual Big Tyme Classic One Pocket

#### Big Tyme Billiards

Spring, Texas

1 Francisco Bustamante \$2,800  
 2 Shane McMinn \$1,600  
 3 Alejandro Calderon \$1,000  
 4 Roberto Gomez \$600  
 5 Jeremy Jones \$400  
 5 John Morra \$400

## 05/11 - 05/12

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### The Steakhorse Restaurant and Billiards

Spartanburg, SC

1 Bill Fowler \$750  
 2 Brian Bagwell \$525  
 3 Danny Rinehart \$375  
 4 Jeff Abernathy \$275  
 5 Hank Powell \$170  
 5 Jason Gardner \$170

## 05/11 - 05/12

### Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019 Stop #4

#### Brewlands Bar & Billiards

Tampa, Florida

1 Justin Hall \$1,000  
 2 Jeremy Bell \$700  
 3 Anthony Meglino \$515  
 4 Shannon Fitch \$370  
 5 Serrafin Serrano \$265

5 Zia Faheem \$265  
 7 Che Mrvos \$200  
 7 Mike Xiarhos \$200  
 9 Nathan Rose \$130  
 9 Tommy Kennedy \$130  
 9 George McLanahan \$130  
 9 Robert Batson \$130  
 13 Jeanette Lee \$100  
 13 Mike Griffin \$100  
 13 Carlos Gomes \$100  
 13 Ashley Chewcaskie \$100

## 05/11 - 05/11

### 2019 Dynamic Billard Treviso Open Ladies Division

#### Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel

Treviso,

1 Kristina Tkach \$1,679  
 2 Marharyta Fefilava \$1,119  
 3 Ana Gradisnik \$895  
 3 Kateryna Polovinchuk \$895  
 5 Pia Filler \$671  
 5 Veronika Ivanovskaia \$671  
 5 Sara Rocha \$671  
 5 Nataliya Seroshtan \$671

## 05/11 - 05/12

### Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

#### Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Yomaylin Feliz-Forman \$800  
 2 Jimmy Acosta \$530  
 3 Ryan Dayrit \$330  
 4 Joe Mazzeo \$200  
 5 Ed Medina \$130  
 5 Stewart Warnock, Sr. \$130  
 7 Amir Uddin \$100  
 7 Jim Gutierrez \$100

## 05/18 - 05/19

### Action Pool Tour Back To The Beach

#### Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

1 Mike Davis \$800  
 2 Chris Bruner \$450  
 3 Nil Lim \$250

- 4 R.J. Carmona \$200
- 5 Bernard Andico \$100
- 5 Kelly Farrar \$100
- 7 Steve Fleming \$50
- 7 Scott Haas \$50

## 05/18 - 05/19

### Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Stop Amateur #8

#### Gotham City Billiards

- Brooklyn, NY
- 1 Andrew Lee \$1,300
- 2 John Morrison \$800
- 3 Zain Sundaram \$500
- 4 Juan Melendez \$350
- 5 Mac Jankov \$200
- 5 Joe Torres \$200
- 7 Monika Callaghan \$100
- 7 Tony Ignomirello \$100

## 05/18 - 05/19

### JPNEWT Tour 2018 Stop 3

#### First Break Cafe

- Sterling, VA
- 1 Karen Corr \$650
- 2 Nicole King \$350
- 3 Linda Haywood Shea \$275
- 4 Elaine Wilson \$120
- 5 Bethany Sykes \$75
- 5 Kia Sidbury \$75
- 7 Anita Sowers \$50
- 7 Lai Li \$50

## 05/18 - 05/19

### DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Rusty's Billiards

- Fort Worth, Texas
- 1 Tim Larson \$800
- 2 Walter Huenerfuerst \$530
- 3 Angelo Innes \$390
- 4 Donnie Gregory \$350
- 5 John Carlo Tuazon \$270
- 5 Peter Villatoro \$270
- 7 Paul Guernsey \$180
- 7 Hector Guerrero \$180
- 9 Paul Villanueva \$115
- 9 Chase Wheeler \$115
- 9 TJ Davis \$115

- 9 Juan Parra \$115
- 13 Joe Salazar \$65
- 13 Randy Staggs \$65
- 13 Greg Sandifer \$65
- 13 Neil Nabil Saidawi \$65

## 05/18 - 05/18

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Borderline Billiards

- Bristol, TN
- 1 Trey Frank \$500
- 2 Sean McGrady \$300
- 3 Brian James \$125
- 4 Robert Ingold \$50

## 05/18 - 05/19

### New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #20 Partners

#### Buster's Billiards

- Somersworth, NH
- 1 Tyler Boudreau \$375
- 1 Tom D'Alfonso \$375
- 2 Elliot Coates \$275
- 2 Josh Rupard \$275
- 3 Greg Andrecyk \$175
- 3 CK Anousavanh \$175
- 4 Fred Watson \$140
- 4 Jason Cheng \$140
- 5 George Morgan \$80
- 5 Mike Olcott \$80
- 5 Tony Deliso \$80
- 5 Pam Fialho \$80

## 05/19 - 05/19

### Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Stop Open Pro Stop

#### Gotham City Billiards

- Brooklyn, NY
- 1 Frankie Hernandez \$900
- 2 Jorge Rodriguez \$500
- 3 Del Sim \$300
- 4 Mhet Vergara \$100

## 05/19 - 05/19

### Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

#### Steinway Billiards

- Astoria, NY
- 1 Manuel Gomez \$700
- 2 Luis LaPuente \$400

- 3 Eugene Ok \$270
- 4 Luis Jimenez \$160
- 5 Pashk Gjini \$100
- 5 Mike Strassberg \$100

## 05/23 - 05/26

### 5th Annual Buffalo's Pro Classic One Pocket Event

#### Buffalo's Billiards

- Jefferson, La
- 1 Alex Pagulayan \$17,000
- 2 Corey Deuel \$11,000
- 3 Jeremy Jones \$8,000
- 4 Justin Hall \$6,000

## 05/24 - 05/26

### 2019 US Open Bank Pool

#### Griff's

- Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1 Shane Van Boening \$8,000
- 2 Billy Thorpe \$5,000
- 3 John Morra \$3,000
- 4 Warren Kiamco \$1,500
- 5 Mitch Ellerman \$750
- 5 Gary Lutman \$750

## 05/25 - 05/27

### 9th Ginky Memorial Amateur Division 2019

#### Steinway Billiards

- Astoria, NY
- 1 Jason Sheerman \$3,000
- 2 Jimmy Acosta \$2,000
- 3 Greg Matos \$1,200
- 4 Luis Lopez \$900
- 5 Jim Gutierrez \$600
- 5 Mike Saleh \$600
- 7 Andrew Lee \$400
- 7 Bob Mapes \$400
- 9 Craig Remper \$300
- 9 Mac Jankov \$300
- 9 Bryan Toolsee \$300
- 9 Juan Guzman \$300
- 13 Dinko Busanich \$200
- 13 Thomas Schreiber \$200
- 13 Zain Sundaram \$200
- 13 Debra Pritchett \$200
- 17 Dan Boersma \$150
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25 Chuck Giallorenzo \$100

## 05/25 - 05/26

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop NC State 9-Ball Open

#### Brown's Billiards

Raleigh, NC

1 Keith Bennett \$900  
2 Justin Martin \$625  
3 Brandon Shuff \$400  
4 Kelly Farrar \$250  
5 Steven Page \$150  
5 Mike Davis \$150  
7 JT Ringgold \$75  
7 Joshua Padron \$75

## 05/26 - 05/27

### 9th Annual Ginky Memorial Pro Division 2019

#### Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,800  
2 Jayson Shaw \$1,400  
3 James Aranas \$1,000  
4 Hunter Lombardo \$700  
5 Kristina Tkach \$400  
5 Jeremy Sossei \$400  
7 Zion Zvi \$200  
7 Dimitris Loukatos \$200

## 05/27 - 05/29

### US Open Straight Pool Championship 2019

#### Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

1 Shane Van Boening \$8,000  
2 Billy Thorpe \$4,400  
3 Warren Kiamco \$2,000  
4 Gabe Owen \$1,000



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