

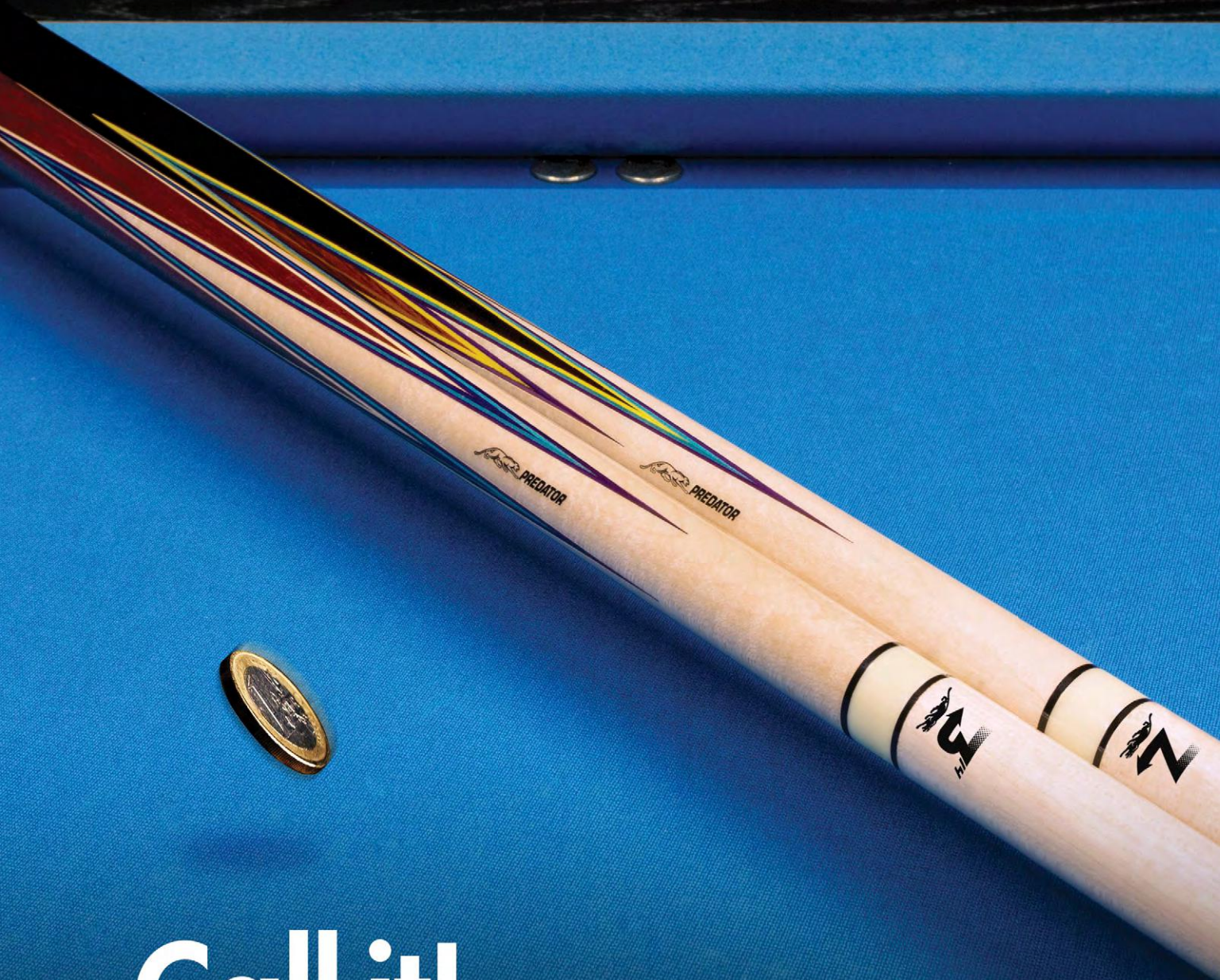
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FROM THE HEAD RAIL

MIKE HOWERTON

It was August of 1999, and I was covering my first professional pool tournament as the webmaster of AzBilliards. I was overwhelmed by seeing all of these pool players who I had only known through the pages of Billiards Digest and Pool & Billiard Magazine.



As I was setting up my computer in the media section on the first day, a voice spoke up from behind me and asked who I was covering the event for. I answered "AzBilliards", wondering if I would be looked down on for not being "real media", but that was far from what happened. That voice belonged to Jerry Forsyth, and he immediately took me under his wing and introduced me to the players at that event. I can still remember my hands shaking when I met The Miz and Earl.

Jerry and I stayed in touch through the years, looking for some way to work together to cover this game that we both love so much. While that first pro event in 1999 may have convinced me to transition AzBilliards from local Arizona coverage to national coverage, it wasn't until Jerry and I finally worked out a partnership in 2007, that AzBilliards really started to become what it is today. I am positive that the site would not be anything like what it is now, without that partnership with Jerry. More than that though, I would not be the man that I am today without Jerry being my partner, my confidante and most importantly, my friend.

Jerry and I have worked on various billiards projects for ten years now. We have travelled all over the world together and have been there for each other when one of us was down and didn't want to do this any more. For ten years now, I have refused to even consider being a part of this game without Jerry by my side.

It wasn't until earlier this year that Jerry's wife Fran explained that letting Jerry retire was what he truly wanted me to do. She explained that he has a life with her on their farm and he wants to enjoy it without the stresses of covering this game. When I understood that, I knew that I had to accept that he wasn't always going to be by my side as I continue to cover this game.

This may be a goodbye to Jerry for most of you, but it won't be for me. I will still talk to him many times each week and I will still enjoy relaxing with him and Fran on the front porch of their farm in Atlanta. We may not talk about pool as much as before, but he will still be one of my best friends in the world.

This game has brought me a lot of success with AzBilliards, and I never imagined the site would grow like it has. More important than all of that success though, is that it introduced me to Jerry. That friendship may be the best thing AzBilliards has ever given me.

Enjoy your retirement buddy. See you later this month.

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JERRY BRIESATH

What is an easy shot?

I can't tell you how many times people have asked me why they miss a so-called easy straight in shot on the eight ball. They put the cue ball a foot from the head rail and the eight ball between the side pockets and it's a straight in shot to the far corner.

What they don't realize is that whenever there is a big distance between the cue ball and the object ball, and a big distance between the object ball and the pocket, it is a very very difficult shot.

Just because the shot is straight in does not mean it is an easy shot.

So how do you know what is an easy shot and what is a tough shot? Here are my standards for an easy shot.

If the cue ball and the object ball are on the same end of the table and the angle is 45 degrees or less, these are easy shots and you must make them all.

Remember, missing one of these shots gives your opponent a free trip to the table which can easily become a loss for you. Please remember that very few games are won because your opponent made a very difficult shot, but rather most games are lost because you screwed up an easy shot.

Whenever you miss a shot as I described above, be sure to practice that shot until you're comfortable you can make it every time.

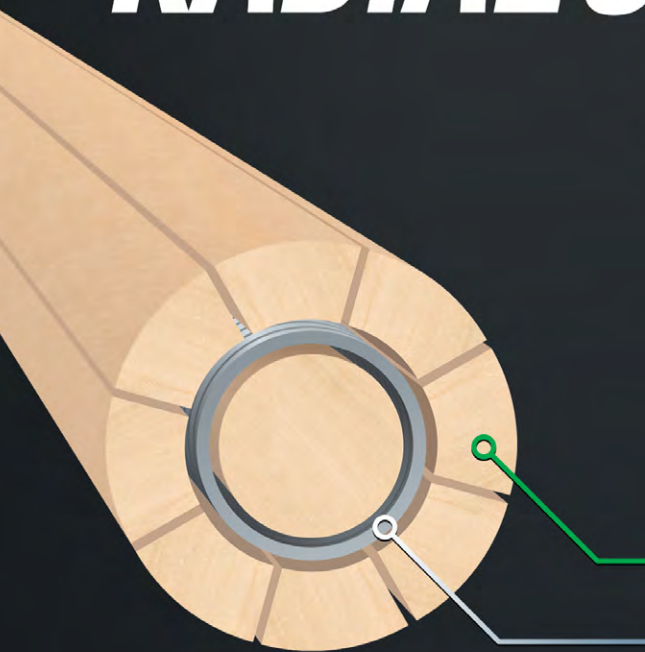
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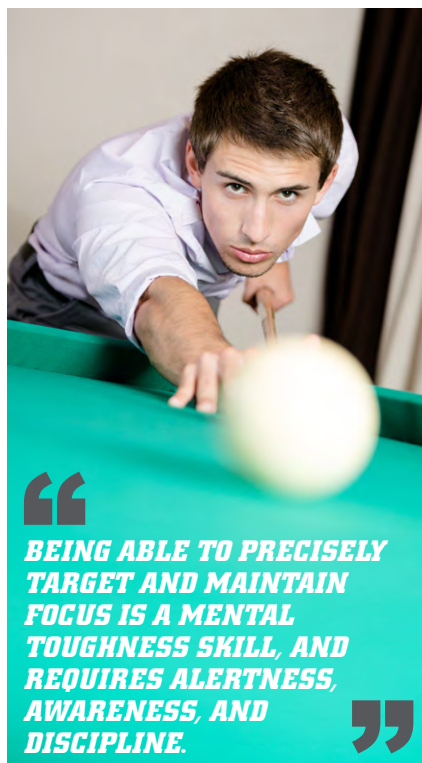
Human focus is a seemingly simple concept, yet very few people maximize their focus and allow themselves to reach their full pool-playing potential. Being able to precisely target and maintain focus is a mental toughness skill, and requires alertness, awareness, and discipline.

While it is relatively easy to focus on one shot, over the course of a game (or tougher yet, a tournament) focus often widens to include a number of factors that really have little to do with your pool success. For example, thinking about the last blown shot doesn't help anything, nor does allowing your mind to float and think about what you are going to do later today or this weekend. Great athletes know this, and they work very hard on keeping their focus in the here-and-now.

Developing great focus

In order to maximize your focus try including some of the following tips:

- **Understand what is relevant to your success.** Focusing on the lay of the table *is* important, while looking at the tournament bracket likely isn't going to help you.
- **Focus on what you control.** Rather than getting caught up with things beyond your control (i.e. who you are playing in a tournament, or the particular unique qualities of the table you are playing on), try instead



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to focus on having you cue ready and your mind prepared for the next shot.

- **Catch your mind wandering and bounce back.** You will definitely lose your focus from time-to-time, as it is very human for us to experience momentary focus disruptions. The key, however, is stopping when you notice this happening, taking a deep breath, and reminding yourself what you need to focus on in order to maximize your potential.

The bottom line

While it is true that successful pool relies on knowing the game and how to execute shots on the table, players might be surprised to learn that often games are won and lost not because players didn't know what they were doing out there, but instead due to brief focus hiccups that lead to their own increased frustration, while providing a confidence boost to the opponent. The good news is that every pool player, regardless of talent level, can improve his or her ability to focus, and by doing so will ultimately play at their peak level.

Dr. Chris Stankovich (“The Sports Doc”) is a national expert in the field of sport & performance psychology and has been featured on ESPN for his work with elite athletes. His #1 best selling pool video “Mind of Steel: Mental Toughness for Pool Success” has been used by players around the world to improve focus and confidence, eliminate anxiety, and win more games. You can learn more about Dr. Stankovich and “Mind of Steel” by visiting drstankovich.com



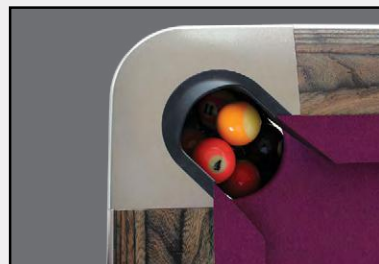
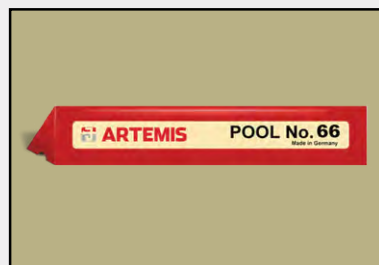
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IMPROVE YOUR “POOL” PLAYING ABILITY

ANTHONY **BEELER**

By now, you are probably questioning what a picture of boy in a swimming pool has to do with learning how to play pool. Have you ever heard the story about the little boy that wanted to learn how to swim?



His parents took him to the local swimming pool and enrolled him with an instructor. After a few weeks, he had learned the basics of swimming and could perform a few strokes. His parents cheered and clapped, but the boy thought that he could still do better.

So he kept going to swimming classes and after a few more weeks, he was able to swim across the pool. His parents cheered and clapped, but the boy thought that he could still do better.

After a few more months, he was able to complete a few laps of the pool. His parents cheered and clapped, but the boy thought that he could still do better. He started to enter swimming competitions and eventually won his first race. His parents cheered and clapped, but the boy thought that he could still do better.

Next, he entered an ocean race and won it in his first attempt. His parents cheered and clapped, but the boy thought that he could still do better.

So, he stood on the beach and looked out over the ocean, out to the horizon beyond. He wondered what the limits



were on what he could achieve and whether he had reached his limitations yet.

In a sense, pool players are a lot like that little boy. As an instructor, I embrace the philosophy of Continuous Improvement (CI). Unlike other models, Continuous Improvement is not a one-time process. It is a powerful way of improving that focuses on the continual efforts made by a player to improve his or her game.

In K-12 education this process could be linked or referred to as response to intervention (RTI) strategy. The first thing you need to do is assess yourself. I suggest for you to take a test (diagram your next 25 misses during match play) that will show you where some of your weakness areas lie. Not only do I want you to diagram the shot, but I also want you to diagram the overall layout of balls (what you are trying to get position on next).

The shots I am referring to should be makeable a good percentage of the time. I don't want you to spend time diagraming impossible shots. Look for patterns as to why you miss makeable

“ DOWN DEEP, WE'RE ALL LIKE THAT LITTLE BOY WHO LEARNED HOW TO SWIM. WE ALL HAVE SOME BASIC SKILLS, BUT LET'S NOT STOP THERE. ”

shots and then practice each shot that you diagramed 100 times.

As you practice each shot, I want you to score yourself using the following scoring guide: Give yourself a “0” if you miss the shot. Give yourself a “1” if you pocket the ball but do not get position on your next shot. Give yourself a “2” if you pocket the ball and the cue ball is on the correct line for position but either “goes long” or “falls short” of the desirable position zone. Then give yourself a “3” if you pocket the ball and your cue ball falls into the correct position zone. Once you have completed the shot 100 times divide your total score by 3 and this will give you an overall success percentage for that particular shot. You can use this success percentage to monitor your improvement over time.

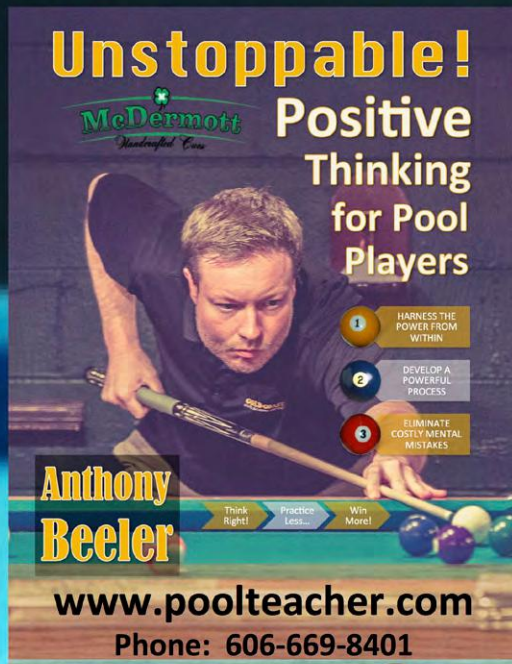
A good player will go through this cycle several times, building on the success of each previous cycle. I recommend setting both short and long-term goals. Each is an essential part of the improvement process. If you initially scored a “55” your short-term goal might be to improve to 65 by the end of the month. Likewise, your long-term goal might be to be successful 95 percent of the time within 12 months. Always write your goals down. This makes you more accountable.

Down deep, we’re all like that little boy who learned how to swim. We all have some basic skills, but let’s not stop there. Let’s go from basic skills to competent, from competent to good, from good to great, from great to expert, and from expert to world-class. Sometimes it is important to

look out to the horizon, dream big dreams and find a way to make them into a reality.

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BRIDGING OVER A BALL.

I was asked the question on what to write this month and at the time I was at the pool room and I was working on bridging over balls as I have been struggling in this area.

What I found I was doing was pushing the cue to the left, which greatly affected my aim and put unintentional English on the ball. I practiced cueing up and down the spots which is a great tool help you see if you are cueing center ball. What I do is place the chalk on the middle diamond on the opposite short rail, and place the cue ball in front of the head spot. I place the object ball behind the head spot leaving a 2 inch gap between the balls. I practice bridging over the ball and watching where the cue ball hits the top rail in relation to the chalk. I then watch which side of the table the cue ball comes back to, i.e. Left, right or straight back. With myself, I found that as my cue was going over to the left side, it was throwing my aim off to the left in addition to putting left hand side on the cue

ball. I found it useful for me to hold the cue near the seam of the top of the wrap (choke up short) to eliminate the error by shortening the backswing and the follow through. Here in the pictures we have 2 basic bridge hand examples. The first is more traditional creating a tripod with all fingers on the table and the finger and thumb elevated to get over the object ball. The second bridge can give you more stability by spreading your index and pinky finger and placing the flat of the knuckles of the middle two fingers on the table. Find what is the most stable for you that works best and creates a solid foundation.

I was experimenting with the approach to the table. For me, it worked best by approaching the shot square on as I usually do then adjusting my body by turning to the side in order to get the proper elevation, keeping both feet on the ground and both legs straight. The other approach would be to look at the shot already side on and step into the shot elevated, creating less body movement.

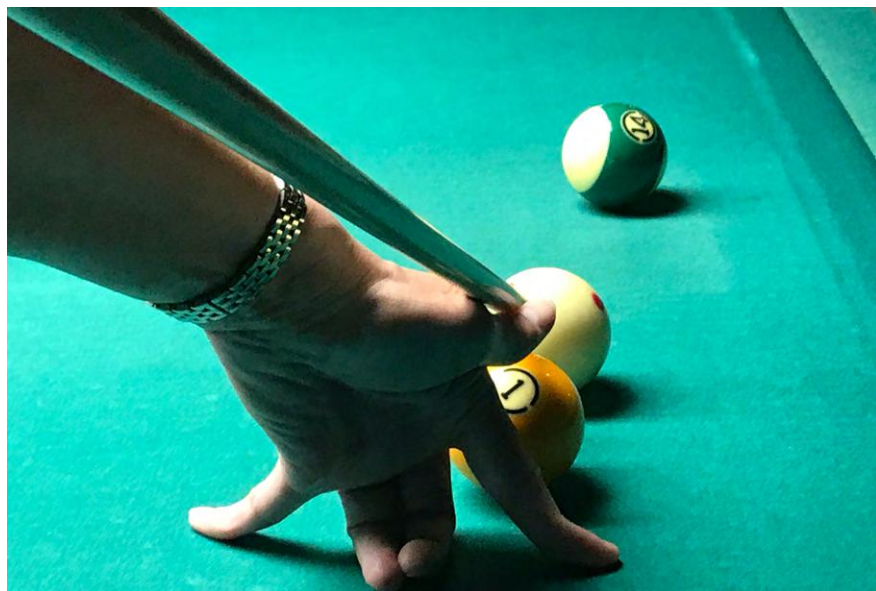
The next drill that I would suggest is to bridge over the object ball and shoot the cue ball directly into the pocket from various angles around the table, try varying the speed of hitting the

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ant things to remember when shooting over a ball is that there is only so much you can do with the cue ball. If the cue ball is really close to the object ball you are bridging over, you can only use follow on the cue ball. As the

distance increases, you may be able to put stun or even draw on the cue ball, however I recommend that when bridging over a ball, it is best to keep it simple and focus on making the ball instead.



cue ball to help you get a feel of different situations. When you feel like you are getting a clean hit on the cue ball, practice the shot for real by placing an object ball on the table and shoot the ball into the pocket while bridging over a ball. Starting off at 2 feet then increase the distance as you feel more confident. One of the most import-

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Aimee Peterson is an inspirational top player from Colorado who is a fierce competitor on the table. Yet, not many people know she deals with a lot of adversity away from the table. Let's find out more about Aimee, how she handles her battles, what influences have helped her, and what we can all learn from her:

Q: First off, how did you get into playing pool?

My mom actually got me started playing. She was playing in a APA 8 ball league and they needed a lower ranked player for their team. As soon as I turned 21, she pretty much told me I was playing whether I wanted to or not! Lol! Been hooked ever since.

Q: What is your love of the game?

There are many aspects of this game that I love. I think these can change as your game progresses. I love the challenge, the chess play aspect of the game. Each rack is different from the last and each has its own set of unique challenges to accomplish a runout. I also still enjoy a good safety battle. Interestingly, I lack the same amount of patience in my daily life that I have acquired on the table.

Q: What do you think is the reason for your successful marriage? (Brad and Aimee have been married for 17 years.)

There are so many pieces to the puzzle to make a marriage work, but mostly I believe that you have to be willing to put in the time and effort. Marriage isn't always easy. You have to be dedicated to each other and sometimes you do a lot more giving than taking. Honesty is a big one for us, along with love, respect, trust and forgiveness are all key to us being suc-



cessful. We've seen each other at our worst and at our best. We've laughed and shed many tears together. We've also been angry and yelled at one another. But no matter what has happened, we've remained committed to each other and are dedicated to do what it takes to get us through the tough times. Our personalities are also quite a bit opposite of each other. Brad has such a big personality. He likes to be the comedian and is very outgoing. I'm much more serious

and reserved. I think we really complement each other. Brad also had a wonderful grandmother and granddad to help teach him about love and patience, and I'm extremely lucky to have him share that with me.

Q: Brad's Grandmother lived with you for several years (which I admire, because it's a selfless act of kindness/love), until her sad passing in January at the age of 104. What gems did you learn from her?

I could go on and on about Alta, or GG as we called her. She was one of the strongest women I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. She grew up in the great depression and saw so much change and innovation during her amazing life of 104 years. She was the heart of her family, keeping everyone together and in the loop. She was an incredibly kind person who greeted everyone with a big smile. She loved people and being around her friends and family, but most importantly, she LOVED being the center of attention. She also had a strong love of her See's Candies chocolates. It was her "medicine" as she would call it. And if you refused a piece when she offered one to you, she would say that you were "just plain silly."

She would always say to Brad "if you don't think it, you won't be it", meaning if you didn't think you would get sick, then you wouldn't. She was rarely ever sick and lived independently in her home of 77 years until the age of 100 when she tripped on her slippers getting ready for one of her many holiday outings that resulted in a broken hip. She moved in with us shortly thereafter. There were some challenging and defining moments during the four years we were her care givers, but it was extremely rewarding for us both. She taught me a little extra patience and helped show us both what really is important.

She taught me to have a kinder heart and to hold those dear a little closer. One of the things that I sadly see so many people forget, is that our elders still deserve and need the same love and respect that we would want for ourselves. There isn't a lot of dignity in getting older, especially when they have to rely on others for their every need. Showing them kindness and understanding goes such a long way. We also had the help of Denver Hospice her last few months and they were absolutely amazing.

“ I’VE ENCOUNTERED A FEW CHALLENGES WITH MY POOL GAME INCLUDING VISION DIFFICULTIES, LACK OF STAMINA AND FOCUS BEING THE MOST MAJOR ONES. ”

Q: Tell us about Timmy.

Timmy is my resident brain pituitary tumor – a prolactinoma. Pituitary tumors are more common than you think, but most go undetected because they can produce little to no symptoms depending on what type and if it is hormone producing. It's thought that I may have had Timmy for quite some time before I was diagnosed. My more noticeable symptoms were fatigue and weight gain. My weight has always been pretty consistent, so it was upsetting when I started gaining weight. I made diet changes and exercised more, but nothing was making a difference, I just kept gaining. At the time of my annual check-up, I had gained 40 pounds in less than 6 months. My doctor ordered several tests to see what might be going on and didn't expect for the results to come back as a possible tumor. I was scared but relieved that they had found something. I was referred to an endocrinologist and an MRI confirmed the prolactinoma tumor diagnosis.

The tumor was small enough that surgery wasn't necessary and I was started on the one of only two medications available that had less side effects. Unfortunately, I soon began experiencing one of the rarer side effects - paranoia. Most days were mild, but I would have many periods of extremes. Feeling almost daily that I was being followed or was going to be attacked was difficult. Thankfully, I was able to adequately manage my fears knowing it was just a side effect of the medication.

Over time, I did manage to lose some, but not all of the weight I had gained prior to my diagnosis. I was

determined to find a way even after the doctor told me for 4 years that it would be near impossible to do. I began doing research on autoimmune diseases and diet. I also began seeing a naturopathic doctor who did some further testing that revealed that I had internal inflammation from food sensitivities. I made some drastic changes to my diet and finally managed to lose those final pounds. The diet changes have also helped me feel better overall.

I was treated with medication for the tumor for about 5 years until this past January. My labs had finally remained stable over the last year so the doctor took me off the meds for a trial run. My last check-up in April did show that I had an increase in levels, but was still within normal range, so my trial has been extended a few months. Thankfully my level of paranoia has also decreased since being off the meds.

Q: Why did you name him?

I hated saying tumor, it sounded so bleak and horrible. So I was talking about naming it and one of my friends called him *Timmy the Tumah!* And so Timmy he was named.

Q: How did Timmy affect your pool playing/life?

Timmy has affected my life on and off the table in so many ways. There were a lot negatives that he brought about for sure. I became someone I didn't really recognize anymore. The hormonal imbalance that a prolactinoma can cause can really wreak havoc. Before I was finally diagnosed, I was either angry or sad, wasn't much in between. I had always been pretty energetic, I liked to get things done quickly and

was a perfectionist. I went from someone who was constantly on the go to someone who could barely get out of bed. The emotional roller coaster put strains on some very important relationships in my life. I felt like I was in a fog and lacked focus. He forced me to take a step back in a lot of areas of my life including pool. I didn't have the desire or the energy to play as much as I wanted to or to get everything done I needed to every day. It's been very hard adjusting to that.

I've encountered a few challenges with my pool game including vision difficulties, lack of stamina and focus being the most major ones. Thankfully the medication has helped with some of the issues, but I still struggle. I don't feel as fierce as I used to and have been told I don't have the same stone cold look when I play, especially when I make a mistake. Timmy has oddly given me some positive things as well. He's helped me to stop stressing about some of the little things, and being able to enjoy more of the important things. I'm more relaxed on the pool table which has allowed me to just play the game without a lot of stressful expectations and consequences. Regardless of it all, I have managed to continue to play and enjoy this game that I've loved for over 20 years. I have to be more realistic about what I can and can't accomplish on and off the table, but I still give it everything I've got each day.

My husband has been truly amazing through all of this. He's stuck by my side on this crazy roller coaster ride and has been so supportive. He often takes on more of the day to day responsibilities at home which has helped me tremendously both physically and mentally. I'm truly blessed to have him in my life.

Q: Besides dealing with the stress of Timmy, you then had a pretty bad car accident. Tell us about that.



Brad & Aimee

In October 2014, I was heading home from work and saw a distracted driver on his phone. I didn't really think anything more of it other than he was an idiot. Less than a mile up the road, I was at a complete stop just 2 blocks from my house when I heard a noise, looked in my rear view mirror and saw headlights coming at me. I instinctively tensed up with my right arm braced on the steering wheel and my right foot pressed firmly on the brake pedal. I was rear ended by a Chevy Avalanche truck traveling around 40 to 45 mph on impact.

When I got out of the car and saw it was the same guy that was on his phone distracted, I was beyond angry. I proceeded to verbally tear into him when I was interrupted by another voice saying they needed help, someone was hurt. After hitting me, the Avalanche veered off into oncoming traffic and hit a small Toyota truck head on. The front end of the Toyota was entirely smashed in. The passenger of the Toyota was taken to the ER by am-

bulance and I later found out she had a broken sternum. At the time, my body was in shock and I didn't start to feel any pain until about an hour later and Brad took me to the emergency room. The doctor barely examined me, said I probably had whiplash and told me to go home and take something over the counter. A couple days later I saw a primary care doctor who said it could take several weeks for my body to recover and found no broken bones in my hand or my foot.

After several weeks, my pain just wasn't getting better so I was referred to specialists. An EMG found substantial nerve damage in my neck, right arm and hand. I was later diagnosed with Thoracic Outlet Syndrome (TOS). TOS can be caused by trauma, such as a car accident, and is basically when the nerves in the neck space between your collarbone and first rib become compressed or trapped. It can cause excruciating pain in the neck and shoulders, and numbness and pain in your arms and fingers. My migraine

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frequency went from 2 to 4 per week before the accident to 4 to 6 per week after the accident with a more severe pain that doesn't respond well to my migraine medications.

Q: You had a lot to decide on to try and solve all the different pains you were going through. What did you eventually decide? Also, how do you accept that the accident occurred and with all the effects on you?

Well, since my body was not responding very well to conservative treatments, major surgery is being recommended to remove the first ribs and some of the small muscles from both sides of my neck. At the advice of a second neurologist, I was referred to a pain management specialist and received 10 testing nerve blocks to see if my pain can be managed without surgery. After having some promising results, I had nerve ablation (cauterization) on the left side this past May. The recovery was excruciating. I had daily severe migraines for nearly 3 weeks and the muscles felt like they had been run through a meat grinder. I did notice some very mild pain relief, but didn't know if it was enough that I wanted to go through that again on the right side.

Wanting to exhaust all of my options, I went ahead with the ablation on the right side in mid-June. I'm still recovering, but have noticed that my overall headache pain has improved some. My right hand and elbow also continued to worsen to the point I could no longer manage my pain and I could almost no longer even pick up a paper clip at work. I returned to the hand surgeon and after another EMG that showed a significant worsening, I was scheduled for carpal tunnel and cubital tunnel release this past March. This surgery relieved about 80% of my symptoms in the right arm, but I still have mild pain, tingling and numbness in both arms and hands caused by the TOS.



I will continue to evaluate things for a little while longer to see if the surgeries I have had will be enough pain relief to keep me from having to have major TOS surgeries.

The car accident is unfortunately just one more thing that has had a negative impact on my daily life, as well as my pool life. I am still very angry at the driver who was 24 at the time and had just moved here from out of state. He told the police that he was lost. Who drives that fast in a strange city looking for a street you've never heard of before in the dark? And even though I had seen him distracted on his phone, since I couldn't prove that he was on his phone at the time of impact, he only received a careless driving ticket.

The only comfort I've been able to find from the accident was that I must have had a grand purpose that day to save the lives of the two people in the Toyota truck. I have absolutely no doubt in my mind, that had I not taken the

brunt of the initial impact, they both may have been killed in the head on collision. I also think I got a bit lucky too. When I was pushed into the intersection, I wasn't put into the path of the oncoming traffic where I could've easily been hit again head on.

It's important to put your phones down, or whatever else might be distracting you, when you're driving. It just isn't worth the potential chance that you could alter or take the life of yourself or someone else.

Q: Wow, you've been through a lot! And, you also have recurring migraines. When did those start?

I've actually been a migraine sufferer since I was 12 years old. The doctors said I was a hypochondriac at first. I can remember crying myself to sleep at night because the pain was so bad. As with most migraine sufferers, there is often no reason found why you get them or a magic cure for them. At 19, I was diagnosed with having several

different types of migraines. Thankfully the one I don't get very often is cluster migraine, those can be very brutal. When I had my first MRI, I remember calling my dad crying being the test results came back normal. He chuckled and said that normal was good. But normal to me meant there was nothing wrong for them to fix to take the pain away. In my very early 20's I developed daily chronic headaches that still plague me today. I honestly don't know what it is like now not to have a headache.

Having migraines/headaches can be very depressing. There isn't a day that goes by in my life that I don't wonder why I was the one that was given this burden of pain to endure on a daily basis. However, I learned very early on that if I stayed home every time I didn't feel good or had a headache, I would literally never leave my house. It's my normal, it's all I know. I think I probably have better odds of getting struck by lightning than having a day without a headache! Some days are better than others, but every day I just get up and do the best that I can.

Q: I'm curious - how can you play pool with migraines?

How do I play with migraines? I have to, or I would never play. There is of course a breaking point. Once the pain crosses my threshold, I can't play or do much of anything. Those are the ones that knock me down and potentially send me to the emergency room. Sometimes I think that I am able to focus better with a headache because it forces me to. It forces me to go through my routines slower, more deliberately and makes me stay down through the shot. However, it isn't something that I am thankful for or would wish upon others. Headaches in general are very taxing on your system, both physically and mentally.

In 2008, I began having severe vertigo and was diagnosed with a form of

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Meniere's Disease, which is somewhat common in migraine sufferers. It's something that I still struggle with as well on a daily basis. I have lost many pool matches because I didn't feel well or had a bad headache, but I still tried. I am very proud to say that I have won at least two local APA tournaments with a severe migraine and a live band playing loudly in the background. Can't say I enjoyed the process, but to me, it speaks volumes as to who I am as a player and as a person, and what I am capable of achieving and enduring. I really try not to tell people how badly I feel because no one likes to hear about negativity all the time. I'm also not looking for people to feel sorry for me. We all have things in our lives that we have had to endure and overcome. But I do genuinely appreciate it when people are understanding and compassionate when I don't feel good.

Q: You play in a lot of national tournaments. What is your favorite one?

That's a tough question and I hate to pick just one because I like them all for different reasons and have made many great memories at all of them. If I had to pick just one though, I think I would have to say BCAPL Nationals. It's a great tournament to play. The level of competition is always strong, they tend to have higher participation, and they seem to stay one step ahead in regard to professionalism, match time scheduling, and playing equipment. I don't know many people who don't love a Diamond table! They also have a lot of vendors, including several custom cue and case makers. I do wish that BCAPL would re-implement the texting system they

had used before they moved to the Rio. It would text you who your next opponent and match time was, and it would also notify you if your match was going to be delayed. I thought it was a great service. I'm a fan of the new Fargo rating system. I can agree with both the positives and negatives I've heard from other players about the system, but I think that it's just going to take some time for everyone to be rated properly. The quickest way I see to accomplish this is for more leagues and tournaments to report players scores.

Q: The first time we played, you beat me at BCAPL Nationals in Vegas 4-0. It's pretty vivid for me. Do you have nightmares about that match, too? I was actually happy you beat me that match - if I had won, I would have moved up to an Advanced level. How did you feel becoming an Advanced player?

No, I don't have any nightmares about our match. I'm still haunted by the shot I missed that got me knocked out of the event, but considering it was my very first time playing the BCA national event, I was elated with my finishes and that I was moved up to the Advanced division. My partner and I were doing very well in the open scotch doubles event when I lost my very first match in the women's open 8 ball singles event. I was playing well, I believe I was up 2-0 or 3-0 in a race to 4, when my opponent decided it was a good time to point out the fact that I was not wearing a collared shirt. I unfortunately didn't realize it was a rule since it was my first year and I nervously tried to continue to play hoping the ref wouldn't see me while my husband ran to the room to get me

a new shirt. Unfortunately, I was just too frazzled and ended up losing that match. In total, I played 28 seemingly back to back matches over the course of 4 days in the scotch doubles and singles event that year. I impressively took 5th place out of 373 players in the women's open 8 ball event and 3rd place out of 321 teams in the open scotch doubles event.

That year I had my eye on my first custom AE cue. I told myself that if I won enough, I could buy it. Once I was in the money in the singles event, I vividly remember looking at the bottom of each score sheet before I played the match where it showed the amount of money that the loser of that match would receive. Each match I would tell myself that it wasn't enough to buy that cue which seemed to really help motivate me. I was a bit disappointed for not placing higher in the singles event because I was playing really well. I unfortunately just ran out of steam, but I did win enough to buy that AE cue!

Q: What do you love about competing?

I think I love the grind the most. I'm definitely a grinder. I seem to find myself battling through many tournaments on the back side. I think you could ask just about any of my pool playing friends and they would agree that I seem to play better there, so it's never a shock to them if I place well in an event after an early loss. Winning is great, but losing has taught me many lessons and aspects about the game that you can't get from winning. I am also very intrigued by how my opponents shoot. What patterns they see, how they execute shots, do they maintain composure at the table, etc. I love learning from watching others play.

Q: What is your most favorite win/title?



Alice

There are two events that really stand out for me. One of my favorite wins would be the APA Top Lady Gun tournament I played in January 2016. My husband's grandmother, GG, hadn't been feeling well and at 103, we were fearful that our time with her was becoming short. Whenever one of us would leave for an event, GG would always give you her big bright smile and say "WIN WIN WIN!" This time instead of replying my usual that I would do my best, I told her I was going to win it for her so she could have the trophy. I remember how her eyes lit up and off I went, determined to bring her home a trophy that night. I battled hard through a field that I had to give up at least a one to three game spot and was fortunate to get some really good rolls when I needed them. GG was elated the next morning when I handed the trophy to her.

My favorite title would be winning the Women's Master's 8 Ball Team event

at the 2016 VNEA World Championships in Las Vegas. It was a triple elimination format and we lost the match for the hot seat. We managed to play back through the field without another loss to play in the finals. We needed to win three matches before the other team won two. We played a total of four matches over 7 ½ hours to win the title. It was such a great achievement for us and it may never again be duplicated.

Q: Who do you look up to?

I always looked up to my grandma Alice. I remember spending a lot of time with her growing up. My parents divorced when I was very young and she would often watch me. She gave me great feelings of comfort and stability when I was with her. She lived alone after her second husband passed away I believe around the time I was 3 or so. She was a very independent and strong woman.

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I was around 8 years old and I remember her house had been broken into 3 times in under 6 months. One of the times I was with her and we were pulling into the driveway when I saw that the back door was cracked open. I pointed it out and I think she was trying to remember if maybe she forgot to shut the door when we saw the door move. I immediately went into a panic. My grandma so calmly backed out of the driveway and we drove down to the end of the block to a neighbor's house. They called the police and helped her get the house secured. I was so afraid to stay in the house that night. But not her, she just held me and told me she wouldn't let anyone harm us. She was superwoman to me.

Q: What do you think propelled your game?

I was blessed to have had many mentors along the way and each one helped propel me over the years. I would say tournaments played a big role. I played APA up to 4 nights a week in my early 20's, but I wasn't much into playing singles tournaments. I didn't think I was good enough, which is something I hear a lot from many novice players. I now know tournaments give you such great experience. They can help you gain both physical and mental stamina and how to persevere.

Oddly enough, I think that my desire to want to beat some of the men played a big role as well. My apologies to all the men out there in the APA, but as I was coming up the ranks early on, there really were a lot of amateur men who thought they were something special on the pool table. Many that had very large ego's that wanted to impress you with their lackluster abilities. And let's be honest, most of them didn't feel that women could play very well. I have to chuckle thinking back at some of those times when I would

“ YOU SHOULD HAVE THE CONFIDENCE AND PATIENCE TO WIN AND EXCEL, BUT YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BE A GRACIOUS WINNER AND LOSER. FORGIVENESS IS CRITICAL. ”

see them slamming the balls into the pockets because they thought it made it more impressive. I was determined to prove to them that women can in fact play, and a lot of us can play really damn well!

Q: That's a pretty interesting aspect I hadn't heard before! What happened after those years?

I took pride in my game and my abilities as I advanced. I took on each one of these matches as a challenge to show them how capable I, and other women, could be at beating them. Some took it very well when they would lose and others we'll just say not so much, as one once broke his cue over his knee in a fit of rage. It was extremely satisfying to win against those types of players. I became even more delighted when someone would refuse or was afraid to play me. I remained a very strong 6 in the APA for many years, thinking that achieving a 7 was nearly impossible.

I eventually branched out and started playing BCA and VNEA leagues. I found myself in strange new territory with so many great players. It was scary for me no longer being at the top at the pack. I was now just a little fish in a big pond. That helped propel my game as I knew I had to work even harder and was forced to become more offensive. It was then that I finally achieved my goal of becoming a 7 in the APA. I've since stopped trying to prove myself and just try to play the game that I love to the best of my abilities, while still trying to learn and improve along the way. I'm very proud and humbled that I have made a positive impact on many women that play, that have said they look up to me and that I have given them hope

that they can improve their game and begin to set and achieve goals. I have achieved so much in this game, but I am still striving to improve and reach many more goals.

Q: Any advice for aspiring players?

I like to watch and listen to others playing the game with an open mind. I've learned so much about the game without ever picking up a cue. I believe there is something to learn about the game from nearly everyone you watch, even the most novice of players. There is such an innocence and fearlessness that more novice players have. We tend to lose those qualities as we become more advanced in our game because we know the consequences of our actions, so we're always trying to manipulate the outcome. I think we sabotage ourselves with that knowledge sometimes. We've all said something right before a shot, like "make sure you don't scratch", but then end up scratching anyway because we had negative thoughts. I get excited when I see someone execute a shot, get a leave, or manipulate the cue ball in a way that I didn't know how to do and then take that information back to the table with me and practice.

Confidence, patience and humility are also very important qualities to have. You should have the confidence and patience to win and excel, but you should always be a gracious winner and loser. Forgiveness is critical. If you make a mistake during a match, you have to be able to forgive yourself immediately, otherwise you will carry the negativity with you to the next shot. Commit yourself 100% to each shot and chances are you will be rewarded more times than not.

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Woodward Wins RYO Rack Classic

BY TED LERNER

It's a long way from the quiet of rural Ledbetter, Kentucky to the 24 hour action of New York City, and not just in terms of the 969 miles one has to travel. To come from the sticks and make it in the Big Apple requires a firm commitment to the long journey, along with plenty of talent, perseverance, guts, and a certain panache.

For several years now, American pool fans have known that Skyler Woodward possessed these essential tools to success in professional pool. But it was not until this summer, mid-July specifically, in the city where the stars shine

brightest, that the friendly and talented 24 year old Kentucky native finally took his place on the big stage in the professional ranks.

Playing gutsy and care free pool over four days, Woodward captured the

biggest title of his young career at Steinway Billiards in Queens, winning the third leg of the World Pool Series, the RYO Rack Classic. In the final, Woodward breezed to a relatively easy two sets to nil finals win over English great Darren Appleton.



**April Larson**

diately following his July event, and the World Games in Europe attracting many of the European players. Some players were heard grumbling about the expense of playing in New York City, also the low payouts for players not finishing in the semis and above, and that the format and tables were too tough.

Certainly every new venture, especially in pool, faces plenty of hurdles but Appleton does seem to be doing several things right. The tour is well organized and the difficult rules and conditions--4 inch pockets, take-what-you-make, break box, and long races--are geared towards the better players. His partnership with social media giant Unilad, which offers free streaming of the WPS through Facebook Live to its over 30 million followers, has brought pool to huge audiences worldwide that may never have seen a pro event before, and bodes well for possible sponsorship and more added money in the coming years. And of course, there's the fact that Appleton himself is fully committed to making this tour work. If the Englishman is anywhere near as tenacious a promoter as he is on the table—and it appears he is—it's hard to imagine the World Pool Series not eventually succeeding.

The World Pool Series couldn't go wrong with more of what happened on the second day of the tournament where viewership and interest absolutely skyrocketed. England's Chris Melling and Finland's Mika Immonen both had one loss in the double elimination, race to 11 format, and were playing on the TV table in a do-or-die match to see who would advance to the final 16 single elimination round. The pair split the opening two racks.

The win in New York follows Woodward's stellar, runner-up performance with partner Shane Van Boening at Matchroom Sport's high profile scotch double's event, the World Cup of Pool, in London in June. Combined with this win in New York, Woodward has now placed himself among the top young stars of the American pool scene. Already one of America's top bar table players, the Ledbetter native has a bag full of tools that foretell big things to come. Personable, loaded with talent, drive, and an infectious and positive attitude, Woodward has the pool world at his feet. He will now surely once again be on the Mosconi Cup Team USA squad in December in Vegas. And he looks more than ready to be a regular winner and contender both nationally and internationally in all the biggest events.

It was a dizzying finish to an amazing four days of brutally tough 8-ball for the soft spoken Woodward. He never tasted defeat throughout the event. Along the way, though, he endured several pressure cooker matches where it looked certain that he would make an unceremonious exit. But whenever the rolls seemed to be going against him, the American kept his cool and waited for things to turn

around. That calm demeanor, along with plenty of dead-eyed shooting, served Woodward well and carried him to the winner's circle.

The third installment of Darren Appleton's fledgling 4-stop, 8-ball tour once again managed to showcase the sport's brightest young talent. In the first leg in January, the Molinari Players Championship, 23 year old Russian Ruslan Chinakov captured the title. In April at the Aramith Masters, 18 year old Albanian Klenti Kaci took the pool world by surprise by besting the stacked field. With Woodward's win it's clear that the youth movement in pool is a very real and welcome development.

Appleton barely managed to get 64 players in the field, a significant drop from the 92 players that had entered in the April event. While some might be quick to predict doom for the new tour, Appleton chalked up the reduced field to several factors; a slew of tournaments happening out west imme-

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Then Melling proceeded to make pool history with a rack that practically broke the internet.

Words may fail to aptly describe the stunt that Melling pulled off in front of an audience of over 50,000 viewing on social media giant Unilad, but we'll give it a go. Melling had the solids but was faced with a difficult table and no obvious answers for an easy clear. Then came three shots that will surely make the rack "must see TV" for years to come.

The first shot saw the Englishmen gently send the pink 4-ball into the 13 ball, while the cue ball caromed across table and back into the still moving 13-ball, which then nudged the still-moving 4-ball into the corner pocket. While this unusually creative shot drew applause from the crowd, Melling was now hooked behind the 13. No problem, though. Without even blinking, Melling then jacked up his playing cue and swerved the cue ball on a full table arc and incredibly potted the 2-ball at the other end of the table.

Several easy shots later Melling ran into a wall as his last ball, the 1-ball, was blocked from both corner pockets. After fussing for two minutes, Melling called the 1-ball in the very



corner that was blocked. What's this? The crowd seemed to sense something special was about to happen and indeed it did. Melling sent the 1-ball on a four rail journey around the table, through all of Immonen's stripes, barely past the 8-ball and into the tight 4 inch corner pocket. With the cue ball in position and with the crowd going wild, the Englishman tapped in the 8-ball to win the rack.

It was clear that Melling was in that rarefied zone and, indeed, he went on to rout Immonen 9-3 and move into the final 16.

"That was the greatest clearance of my career," Melling said afterward.

"On the 1-ball a lot of people might say that was lucky, but 8-ball is call shot. It's going to take something for somebody to beat that shot."

Another crowd pleaser turned out to be none other than 17 year old April Larson. With her prodigious talent and infectious personality, Larson has been garnering plenty of attention in the last few years and especially in 2017. She recently reached the semi-finals in the WPBA Masters event. Before coming to New York, she represented the USA in the Atlantic Cup challenge in Austria.

At Steinway the Minnesota native lost her first match to American Corey Deuel. She then proceeded to win two straight 9-8 matches in one day, each one via a thrilling shootout. In the second match against Korea's Lee Kang, Larson showed incredible bottle and nerve in the shootout as she potted one long 8-ball after the next to win the match, as the large crowd watching gave this budding pool superstar a rousing applause. Larson would go on to lose her final match on the one-loss side of the bracket, but she made a host of new fans along the way.

While the internet went positively bonkers over Melling's daring-do, the Albanian youngster Klenti Kaci hardly seemed nonplussed. In the round



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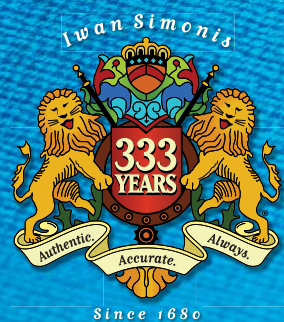


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of 16 match against Melling, Kaci's methodical and laser like play was too much for the Englishman, as the Albanian took the match two sets to 1 to move into the quarterfinals. There Kaci met up with another rising young player in Austria's Mario He, who's confidence has been soaring all year, and especially since capturing the World Cup of Pool with partner Albin Ouschan in June. But the imposingly tall Kaci proved impenetrable, taking down He in two straight sets for a spot in the semis on the final day.

There he would meet up with Woodward in a match of pool's bright young guns that told of a fine rivalry in the making. Like Kaci, Woodward had come through the double elimination stage untouched with three solid wins. In the final 16 match Woodward matched up with Chicago native Dennis Hatch. The pair of potential Mosconi Cup teammates engaged in an entertaining, back and forth affair that had plenty of twists and turns. Woodward won the first set 7-6, while Hatch barely squeaked over the line to

take the second set by the same score. Woodward, though, was unfazed and handily grabbed the third set to move to the quarterfinals.

"I played real good today," Woodward said afterward. "I'm really happy with the way I played. I always play with confidence. If you're scared you can't play your game. I'm a positive thinker. If you miss a shot there's nothing you can do about it. All you can do is go to your next shot."

Indeed Woodward's confidence soared and in the quarters he easily took down Canada's Jason Klatt 2-0 to move into Saturday's semi-final against Kaci.

The other semi-final would end up featuring two players on the other end of pool's generational spectrum. 40 year old Appleton didn't expect to be competitive at all in New York. Besides playing, the Englishman had also been deeply involved in all the aspects that come with being the pro-

motor of the event. Additionally, Appleton hadn't had much time on the table in the last few months as he has been tending to his mother in England who has been ill.

The Englishman, however, had built a head of steam in New York with four straight wins. In the double elimination stage he beat Corey Deuel and then Immonen. In the knockout stage on day 3 he put in two of his best performances of the year. In the round of 16, Appleton handily defeated compatriot Mark Gray, 2-0. Then against another Brit Imran Majid, Appleton did it again, winning easily, 2-0.



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The 38 year old Babica looked more than ready to slug it out in the trenches with Appleton as he grinded out two tough wins in the knockout stage, first beating Deuel, 2-1, then outlasting Israel's Zion Zvi 2-1 in a slog of a match that lasted over six hours until 2am.

Babica would get little rest as his semi-final match against Appleton began at 11am on Saturday. The Englishman won the first set, while the Pole took the second. Appleton picked himself up and put together an excellent run in the third set to make his first World Pool Series final.

Woodward and Kaci were featured on the TV table and the match turned into an epic showdown well worth the viewing time of fans who tuned in on Facebook Live. Kaci had barely been challenged in the first three days of the event but would get a stiff test from Woodward. The two dueled for nearly 90 minutes in the first set, but Kaci grabbed the point with a fine finish. Woodward bounced back nicely in the second race-to-six set, and brushed off several errors to take the match to a one set decider.

With his methodical and amazing precision play, Kaci took

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advantage of several errors by the American in the third set and shot out to a commanding 4-1 lead. Woodward, though, stayed in the moment and didn't get flustered or fazed. Showing tremendous bottle, the American won five straight racks to book his spot in the championship match.

Appleton came in to the final a slight favorite, if only because he'd been on the big stage countless times in the past. He also had over an hour to catch his breath, while Woodward had only 30 minutes rest after his arduous 5 and a half hour semi-final against Kaci.

Woodward, though, came out loose and self-assured, as if he didn't have a care in the world. The pair went back and forth early in the first set, but then Woodward stamped his class on the match. With strong confident potting and well thought out patterns, the American took the first set 6-3.

Woodward kept up the relaxed attitude and great shooting in the second set and it was only a few games

in that it was clear he had Appleton's number this day. Appleton actually had a chance to tie the set at 3-3, but as he got down to shoot the 8-ball in the pocket, he touched one of Woodward's solids with his arm, resulting in a foul and run out for the American. The gaff put the wind in Woodward's sails as he won the next two racks for the biggest title of his career.

Afterward Woodward was mobbed by fans at Steinway who all wanted a photo and an autograph with this new American pool star. As he greeted all the well-wishers, Woodward couldn't quite wrap his head around what he had just accomplished. Not only had he won the biggest tournament of his young career, but he had done it in the Big Apple against a stacked field. He was sure, however, that it was the start of even bigger things to come.

"I played good and steady the whole tournament," Woodward said Woodward, who had just pocketed \$10,000. "When I finished the match with Klentti I just went and sat down away from the pool table. I didn't even hit a ball, I didn't even look at a pool table until we started the final match. I had a clear head, I was ready to play the finals and I was fresh again. I know I played a little quick but I felt real comfortable.

"You have to capitalize on every mistake that your opponent makes and stay positive. Even when I was down on myself, even when I showed a few emotions, I was still positive."

"It feels crazy. I feel amazing. I still haven't come down off it all the way. It's the biggest win I have ever had. I think it's going to be a big jump for me. I think I'm just going to get better from here."



Darren Appleton

EUROPE WINS THIRD STRAIGHT Atlantic Cup Challenge

with most dominant performance to date

Team Europe gets the headline, the credit for winning its third straight Atlantic Cup Challenge 11-2 over Team USA, and individual congratulations go out to Russia's Kristina Tkach and Maxim Dudanets, Poland's Daniel Maciol and Wiktor Zielinski, Belgium's Diana Khodjaeva, and the team's MVP, Germany's Patrick Hoffman. And, of course, they get to hold on to the Atlantic Cup.



Team Europe celebrates the win

Team USA - April Larson, Sierra Reams, Manny Perez (MVP), Richard Evans, Nathan Childress and Shane Wolford - gets the lingering questions. Why is this happening? How is it that Europe is so dominant and what can be done to reverse the trend? The questions extend beyond Team USA's three straight Atlantic Cup Challenge losses, and peripherally, into questions about the elder version of the Atlantic Cup, known as the Mosconi Cup, which hasn't been won by that Team USA in eight years (their ninth attempt at reclaiming that title is coming up at Mosconi Cup XXIV in December).

One of this year's Atlantic Cup Challenge captains, Johnny Archer, who was a member of the last Mosconi Cup team to defeat Europe in 2009, envisions the road ahead (moving away from European dominance towards, at minimum, parity), to be a long one.

"In my opinion," he said, "it's going to be a long process. It's not going to happen overnight."

This year's Atlantic Cup Challenge, held from July 5-8 at Sportpark Klagenfurt in Austria, began on a strong positive note for Team USA with a win in the event's opening round. Rounds in this event feature a mixture of single, two-player and three-player matches, each of which earns a team an indi-



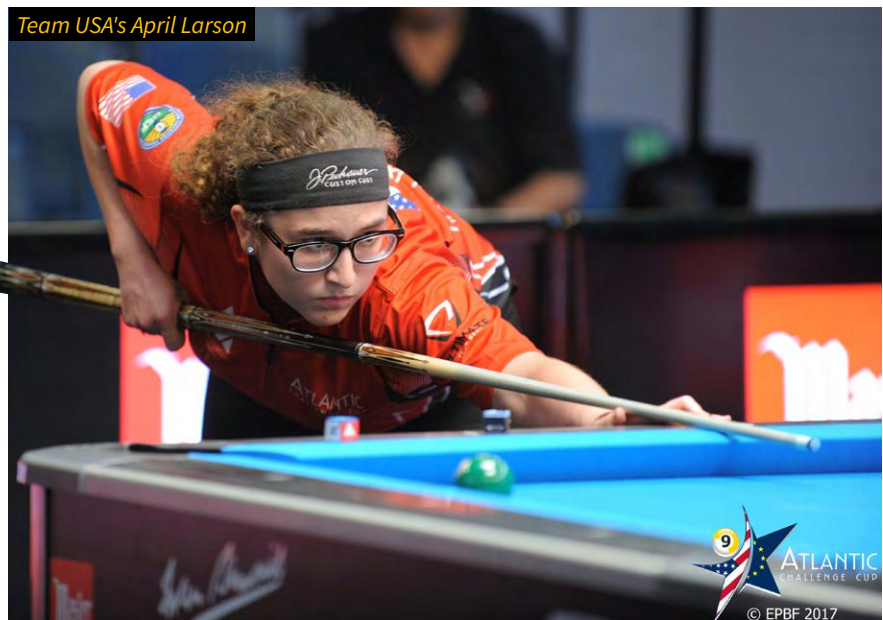
Nathan Childress & Manny Perez from Team USA

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vidual point, in a race to 11 of them. It begins with a full team match, pitting each of the six players on each team against each other; first team to win six matches earns the first point. Team Europe jumped out to a 5-2 lead in this opening round, before Team USA's eventual MVP, Manny Perez ran out on Poland's Daniel Maciol. This started a three-game rally for Team USA that knotted the score at 5-5. In the deciding game, Poland's Wictor Zielinski broke,

sinking the 1-ball, but leaving himself no shot at the '2.' He played safe, but not safe enough, as Team USA's Shane Wolford dropped the 2-ball, ran the rest of the table to win the game and scored his team's first point.

Team USA's celebration of that first point in the contest was jubilant. With that jolt of confidence, spirits and 'fives' were running high, as they thought to themselves, "Ok!! We've got this!" It would be two days and nine Team Europe points later, before Team USA found another cause for celebration. Team Europe ended Team USA's first-win celebration with a win in Match #2; a triple match pitting Wolford, Nathan Childress and April Larson against Poland's Maciol/Zeilinski duo and Belgium's Diana Khodjaeva. Europe took an early 3-1 lead before Zielinski played a poor safety shot that allowed Childress to draw Team USA within one at 3-2. Larson tied it up at 3-3, as thoughts about their second comeback in as many matches danced merrily in their hearts and minds. Not to be. Europe came back to win three



Team USA's April Larson



Atlantic Challenge Cup

straight and create the event's only tie at 1-1. A second triple match closed out the opening day; Russians Maksim Dudanets and Kristina Tkach, along with Germany's eventual MVP Patrick Hoffman, played against Perez, Evans and Reams. An early 2-0 lead for the Americans was quickly erased by five straight racks for the Europeans. An unforced error by Europe's Hoffman in the eighth rack gave USA's Perez the chance to chalk up his team's third rack of the match. A safety battle ensued in the early going of rack #9, before Europe's Tkach took advantage of a miss by USA's Reams and finished it to give her team the lead that they'd never relinquish.

Day Two starts out hopeful and ends in calamity

Down by only one match, at 2-1, and still riding the 'high' from their first win, Team USA began Day Two on a hopeful note. Looking at five matches, they were hoping to win at least three of them to knot the overall score at 4-4.

Team Europe had other ideas. Beginning with two 'scotch double' wins, followed up with individual wins by Europe's Dudanets over USA's Evans (who missed three 9-balls in the match), and a win by Europe's Hoffman over Shane Wolford, Team Europe was ahead 6-1. In the last



Team USA celebrates early success

match of Day Two, April Larson took command early, jumping out to a 4-1 lead in a race to 6 against her friend (from previous Atlantic Cup Challenge events) and opponent, Russia's Kristina Tkach. Tkach started whittling away at the lead, and chalked up five in a row to put her on the hill. Larson fought back to win the 10th game and force a decider. In attempting to play for position, shooting at the 5-ball in

the last game, Larson hooked herself behind the 8-ball. She went rail first and kicked into the 5-ball, but she left Tkach with a shot. The Russian took advantage and cleared the rest of the table to win the match.

A one-point lead had turned into a six-point lead, as Team Europe went undefeated on Day Two. Not insurmountable, of course, though certainly disheartening on the face of it.

"We had a horrible day," said Archer, noting it as a contributing factor in the overall "huge loss. Going 0-5 on that second day was just a dagger in the heart."

"That last day was pretty brutal," said Larson, the only three-year veteran of USA's Atlantic Cup Challenge team. "It was definitely hard. You just have to convince yourself that all you can do is your best."

"Johnny (Archer) was encouraging," she added. "He said just to try our hardest, because that's really all we could do."



Team Europe MVP, Patrick Hoffman





More relaxed and with a lot less to lose, Team Europe came out on Day Three, and in spite of strong play by both of Team USA's mixed doubles teams (Evans/Larson & Wolford/Reams) chalked up two more wins. Russians Dudanets and Tkach had defeated Evans and Larson 6-4, and while Wolford and Reams had fought to double hill, Hoffman and Khodjaeva chalked up the win. At 9-1, an individual match between Perez and Europe's Wictor Zielinski went double hill, before Zielinski missed the 6-ball in game #11 and after a safety exchange, took the rack to win Team USA's second and last overall point.

Poland's Daniel Maciol brought Team Europe to the hill at 10-2 with a 6-4 win over Team USA's youngest competitor, Nathan Childress. Zielinski and Khodjaeva then closed it out 6-3

over arguably Team USA's strongest players, Perez and Larson.

"We played better in the mixed doubles (and final singles match), and lost quite close," said Archer of the Challenge's final day. "Europe doesn't give any opportunities away, and when they do, you have to be prepared to take advantage."

"Our team came here with a lot of experience already," said European captain Albin Ouschan. "The team is really strong. They have won many titles at European Championships so far and I knew it was a great team."

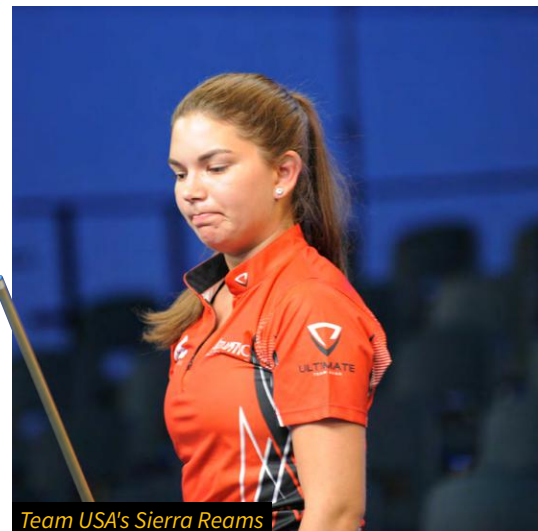
"The fact that most of these youngsters regularly play the Euro-Tour, where they compete with the top players in the game makes these kids even stronger and better," Ouschan added. "They make the right decisions in the respective moments. We were (just) much more experienced than the American team."

This "experience" gap is a known factor; known and recognized by Archer, and by three-year Atlantic Cup Challenge team member, April Larson.

"We just don't have the confidence they have," she said. "The European Juniors play much higher caliber tournaments during the year." On a 'wish list' for Larson and a number of emerging junior players, her teammates on this year's team among them, is the chance to play in such higher level tournaments throughout the year, so that the Challenge of the Atlantic Cup would be a bit less daunting.

"I wish pool could (be) more of a career (choice), to push the Junior players," she said. "Right now, though, the money (in pool) is not so hot, and players in America are always having

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Team USA's Sierra Reams

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"They're battle-tested," said Archer of the European players. "They play straight-up (no handicaps) and against people like their captain (Albin Ouschan).

"They're more solid," he went on to say. "They don't make mental mistakes, and they're what cost you; not just in dogging a ball or mis-hits, but in trying something that ends up blowing up in your face."

Archer's going to be back coaching the 2018 Atlantic Cup Challenge Team, and is already working on how things are going to change. He's not predicting a sudden turn-around, or prophesizing a win in 2018, but his head's in the game now.

"We're going to have to change," he said. "Come up with a different practice regimen, and come up with different things for them to work on. One of the things they'll have to work on is changing their mentality.

"But these kids... they have such a purity about them, it does my heart good," he added. "They have such a pure vision of pool and life. To see that and get to work with that. It's going to keep me going, that's for sure."

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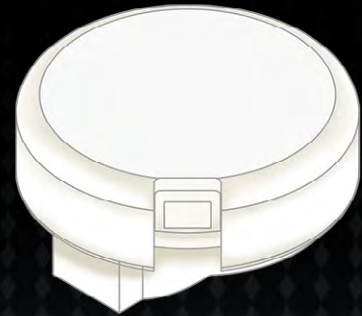
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After four-days of having fun, making new friends from across the country and playing their hearts out on the pool table, four new champions were crowned in each tier of the Junior Championships.

In the finals of the Green Tier (Skill Levels 1-2), Kaleb Frazier of Jackson, Miss., defeated Madison Glenn of Lawton, Okla. Glenn finished Runner-up. Gianluca Hackembruch of Ontario, Canada, and Maile Cook of Sedgewickville, Mo., tied for 3rd Place in the Green Tier which featured the largest number of competitors in this year's event with 120 participants.

In the finals of the newly added Red Tier (Skill Level 3), Kyle Dodd of Cape



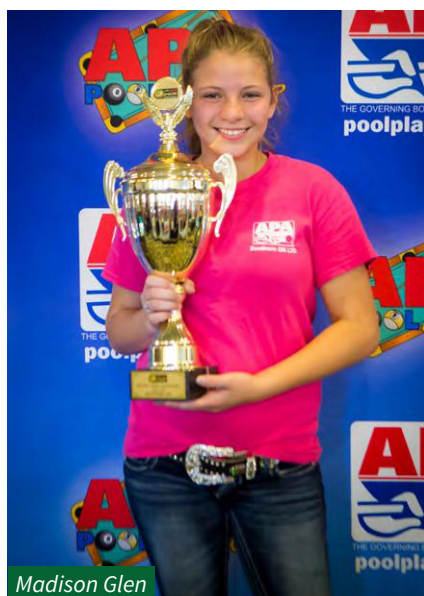
Kyle Dodd



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Kaleb Frazier



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Girardeau, Mo., defeated Treyton Weber of Mitchellville, Iowa. Weber finished Runner-up. April Czarnecki of Urbandale, Iowa, and Deekin Smith of Lebanon, Ind., tied for 3rd Place in the Red Tier which had 82 participants.

In the finals of the White Tier (Skill Levels 4-5), Hayden Hill of Cordova, Ill., defeated Hayden Sheeler of Ankeny, Iowa. Sheeler finished Runner-up. Cameron McBride of Fenton, Mo., and Beck Matthews of Louisville, Ky., tied for 3rd Place in the White Tier which had 58 participants.

In the finals of the Black Tier (Skill Levels 6-9), Matthew Franzke of Melbourne, Fla., defeated Chase Stum-



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

The APA produces four major tournaments each year—the APA World Pool Championships, the APA Poolplayer

“OVERALL, NEARLY 300 PLAYERS COMPETED IN ONE OF THE FOUR 9-BALL SKILL LEVEL TIERS...”

Stumfull of Independence, Mo. Stumfull finished as Runner-up. The Black Tier, featuring the highest skilled players, included 31 competitors. Tying for 3rd Place in the Black Tier were Kenneth Walters of Matthews, Mo., and Timmy Bly of Decatur, Ill.

Overall, nearly 300 players competed in one of the four 9-Ball skill level tiers July 13 – July 16 at Sharky's Billiards.

Champions and top finishers each took home trophies in addition to Samsung Galaxy Tablets for the champions, JBL Waterproof Bluetooth Speakers for Runners-up and 3rd Place finishers received Quadcopter Drones.

The four-day event also included a Junior/Adult Doubles event, recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievements and a special exhibition and autograph signing by Florian “Venom” Kohler.

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VAN BOENING WINS PAC WEST INVITATIONAL

Shane Van Boening came out on top of a field of 53 players at the Pac-West Invitational, held June 23rd - 25th at Sam's Hollywood Billiards in Portland, Oregon.



While the field was mostly local players, \$10,000 in added money and Mosconi Cup points were more than enough to bring a number of big guns including Van Boening, Skyler Woodward, Corey Deuel, Dennis Hatch, Mika Immonen, Ramil Gallego, Antonio Lining and Oscar & Ernesto Dominguez.

Even with the field mostly local talent, the pool gods had a little fun in the first round as Woodward and Hatch matched up against each other. That match went to Woodward 9-4, giving Hatch a very long path through the one loss side to manage. Woodward would stay undefeated until the fourth round of play, where he lost a tight 9-7 match to Van Boening.

Van Boening then went on to defeat Lining 9-6 to get to the match for the hot-seat. His opponent for the hot-seat was Ernesto Dominguez. Domin-

guez already had a 9-5 win over Immonen under his belt, and was looking to upset Van Boening for the hot-seat. That upset didn't happen though, as Van Boening ran away with a 9-4 win over Dominguez.

On the one loss side, the man to beat was Ramil Gallego. Gallego took a 9-4 loss to Woodward mid day Satur-

day, but fought back with a six match winning streak on the left side of the board that included notable wins over Hatch, Lining and a dominating 9-3 win against Oscar Dominguez. Gallego then eliminated Ernesto 9-2 to earn his shot against Van Boening in the finals.

The final match looked to be on its way to a second set early on, as Gallego led for the first part of the match. A 6-4 Gallego lead was quickly eliminated though at 6-6. Van Boening then took his first lead since 1-0, at 7-6. Gallego had a chance to tie things again at 7-7 but missed a 10-ball, allowing Van Boening to the hill. Gallego did come back to tie things at 8-8, but a dry break in the case game was his last trip to the table as he watched Van Boening run out for the the 9-8 win, and first place.

Van Boening pocketed \$6,000 for first, and padded his sizable lead on the Mosconi Cup points list. Gallego settled for \$4,000 in second place prize money.





Klenti Kaci and Mika Immonen

Kaci comes back from the loss side to down The Iceman in Predator Open/Pro stop

In an article about the Aramith Masters Championship, held in April at Steinway Billiards in New York, and won by 18-year-old Albanian Klenti Kaci, veteran pool journalist Ted Lerner noted that the youngster played “with an almost surreal poise and skill that belied his youth.”

He not only defeated the Philippines’ Carlo Biado in the final of that event, he had previously defeated Jayson Shaw. Twice in a row, and the second time, double hill. Kaci brought his “surreal poise and skill” to Amsterdam Billiards in Manhattan on the weekend of July 8-9 and took out The Iceman, Mika Immonen, twice to claim the Open/Pro title on a Predator Tour stop. The \$500-added event drew 22 entrants.

Kaci and Immonen met first in a winners’ side semifinal, while Mark Gray

and Frankie Hernandez battled in the other one. Despite Kaci’s emerging reputation, no one was surprised by Immonen’s 7-2 victory over him. A lot of people were surprised (Hernandez among them) by Gray’s shutout win that put him in the hot seat match versus Immonen. Immonen claimed the hot seat 7-2, and waited on Kaci’s return.

Kaci and Hernandez moved to the loss side and into the event’s first money round. Kaci drew Hunter Lombardo, who’d defeated Alex Kazakis 7-5 and Marc Vidal 7-4, to reach him. Hernandez picked up Denis Grabe,

who’d advanced past Zion Zvi 7-5 and Besar Spahiu 7-4 (Grabe, another European import, finished 5th in the Aramith Masters Championship). Kaci downed Lombardo 7-4, and in the quarterfinal, faced Grabe, who’d eliminated Hernandez 7-3.

Grabe put up a quarterfinal fight against his European counterpart, forcing a deciding game, but Kaci won it 7-6, and then, in the semifinals, downed Gray 7-4 for a second shot at Immonen. He completed his loss-side run with an 11-2 victory over Immonen in the finals.

Klatt over Morra for Canadian Bar Table Championship

FROM JULY 6TH-9TH, THE CORNER BANK IN TORONTO CELEBRATED CANADA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY WITH A \$5,000 ADDED 8-BALL EVENT. THE EVENT WAS DEDICATED TO THE LATE VINCE MACINTYRE WHO WE LOST IN 2013. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT VINCE WOULD HAVE PLAYED IN THIS EVENT IF HE WAS STILL WITH US, HE WAS A WARRIOR ON THE BAR TABLES.

The talented field of 68 players included some of Canada's best bar box players including Louis Fazekas, John Morra, Andy Aupin, Adam Monture and Al Porter. Fans in attendance witnessed some excellent pool. On route to the finals, John Morra defeated Rob Hall, Jonathon Lessard, Brad Guthrie before facing the current Canadian 8-Ball Champion Adam Monture. Adam and John traded games right down to the wire before Morra clinched the last rack. John continued his journey with wins over Erik Hjorleifson and Jason Klatt to earn the hot seat.

Jason Klatt had wins over Bruce Hickey, Ben Crawley, Jeet Khandi, Tyler Styer and Andy Aupin before losing to John Morra in the A-Side finals. In the b-side finals, Jason Klatt eliminated the young gun from Wisconsin, Tyler Styer. I'm sure we will be seeing more of this sharpshooter as he has recently been spending some time here in Canada.

Klatt now faced John Morra again in the finals. This was a "true double knock-out" event with Jason needing to win two sets for the title. Klatt wasted no time jumping out to a 5-0 lead before Morra could get a game on the board at 5-1. John missed the 8-Ball in the next rack put Jason in front 6-1. Jason held it together to win the first set 8-2 and the players quickly lagged again to start the last set of the tournament.

Jason Klatt came out of the gate strong once again. This set was played at a slower pace as both players could now see the finish line. Morra stayed within reach eventually tying the score at 5-5. A foul on the 8-Ball in the 11th rack put Jason ahead 6-5. Jason broke dry in the next rack and Morra carefully cleared the stripes to tie the score at 6-6. Now it was Morra's turn to break dry, Klatt took his time and ran the table to reach the hill 7-6. Jason followed it up in style with a break-and-run to win the event.



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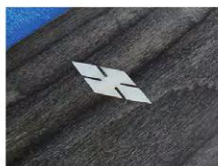
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A great practice for this workout or any pool session is to write down how well you did on each drill. The best way to measure your improvement, is to track your performance during these pool drills and over time you'll gradually see your numbers go up. This is awesome for two reasons.

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2. It will keep you motivated to keep practicing because you know you're getting better

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WARM UP

It's important to get in stroke before you start any practice session, that's why the best drill to do before any session are simple straight in shots. In the middle of a session this is easy



to do, but if you haven't hit a ball all day you'll actually find this is a little more challenging than usual. Shoot the shot below as a stop shot and try to make it 25 times to get ready for the rest of your workout.

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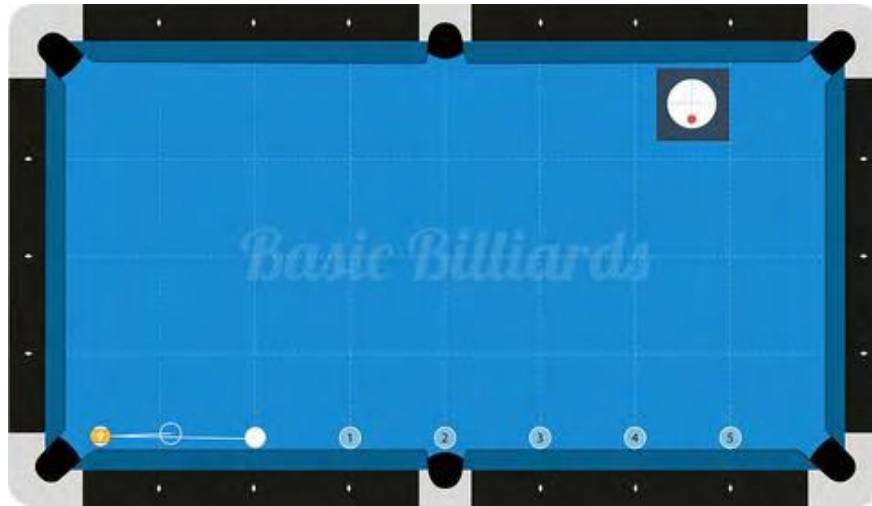
the cue ball one diamond from the side rail. Pocket the object ball and don't worry about position. After making this shot 3 times in a row, move to the cue ball to the next position until you get all the way to the last position near the side pocket.

This is one of the most common shots in pool, so being able to execute it from any angle on the table is a great skill to have. If you can do this drill all the way through without missing, your well on your way to becoming a dangerous pool player.

PRACTICE GAME

At the end of any practice session, you should try to play a real pool game to get more experience and apply the skills you just learned. Whether your game of choice is eight ball or nine ball, play a few racks by yourself trying to run out missing as little as possible. You'll be surprised how much better your game is after each of these practice sessions working on a few of these skills and overtime as you incorporate new drills into your routine, you'll have a well rounded game that makes it easy to run out a rack.

What is your practice routine? Have you seen improvements in your game by doing a routine? Tweet us on Twitter @thedelta13.



DRAW DRILL

The ability to put backspin on the cue ball is essential to playing pool well. And the ability to control how much backspin you apply is crucial for an effective pool player, which is why this is a great progressive drill to help improve your game.

Start with the cue ball two diamonds away from the object ball, which should be on the rail close to the corner pocket. From here, make the object ball and draw the cue ball back one diamond. If you are successful, then move the cue ball back another diamond and try to execute the same shot again drawing the cue ball back one diamond. Continue this until you get all the way to position 5.

The key to getting backspin on the cue ball is to accelerate during your stroke. The best way to visualize this is to image the cue stick pushing the bottom of the ball as your stroke through your shot. If you can get this pushing motion down, then you'll get the backspin you want.

lenging, but achievable at the same time.

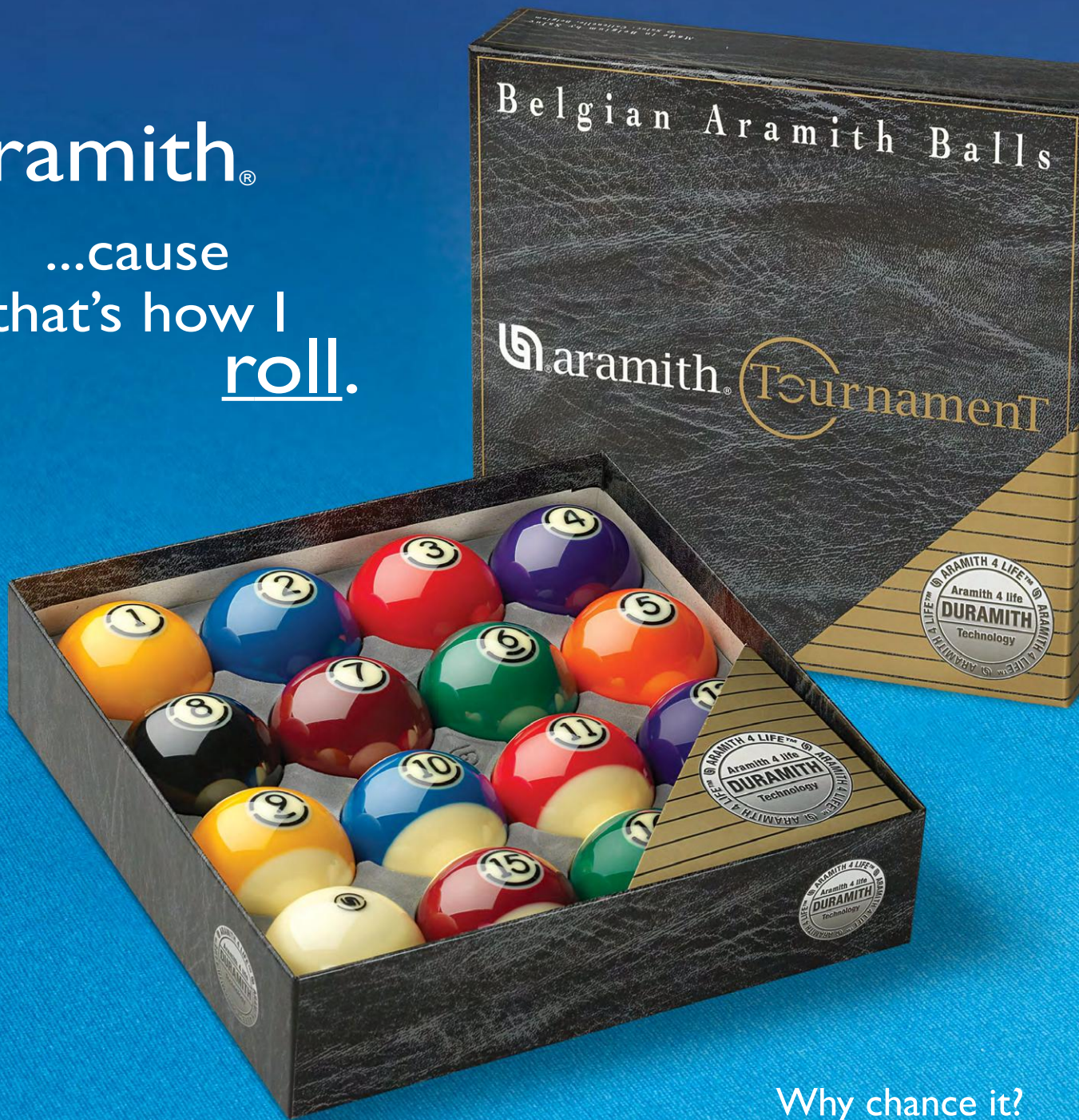
SHOTMAKING DRILL

Not every shot is going to be directly straight in, so it's important to work on shotmaking skills when you can. This progressive shot making drill will help a lot when it comes to pocketing balls along the rail. Start with an object ball a ball's width off the rail and

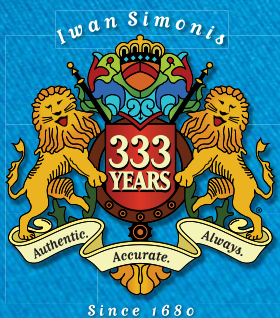


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THE GLASS CITY OPEN WAS A WELL-RESPECTED TOURNAMENT FOR MANY YEARS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JOE KERR, LARRY KAHAN AND TOM ELDER.

But then health problems confronted both Kerr and Kahan and the tournament, which had begun in 1984, held its last event in 1992.

In 2002 Tom Gearhart decided to revive the event at the Clarion Hotel in Toledo. This was formerly the Sheraton Westgate and was one of the former homes of the event which had begun at Hi-Q Billiards and moved to the Tam-O-Shanter before landing at the Sheraton. So today we take you back to that event and are very happy to show these photos, taken by Diana Hoppe, that depict the pool scene as it was back then.

Johnny Archer won this event with simply flawless shooting. He later told Conrad Burkman that he was playing



FIGURE 1: Tom Gearhart with his 2003 Champion, Johnny Archer and flanked by Melanie Archer

the best pool of his life and that he had never played this well before except in

spurts. Danny Harriman took second place. Please enjoy the photos!



FIGURE 2: Archer was in rare form and proved unbeatable.





FIGURE 4: Ron Wiseman came from nearby Detroit.



FIGURE 5: Steve McAninch was the local favorite.



FIGURE 6: Tommy Kennedy was juggling even then.



FIGURE 7: Keith McCready was in action.

FIGURE 3: Danny Harriman grabbed second place in spite of this haircut.



FIGURE 8: Alice Rim



FIGURE 9: Pam Treadway



FIGURE 10: Earl Strickland wore sport glasses, said to improve contrast, this entire year.



FIGURE 11: Aaron Aragon says he has never handicapped him. His



FIGURE 12: Nobody ever liked finding their name next to Buddy Hall on the draw sheets.

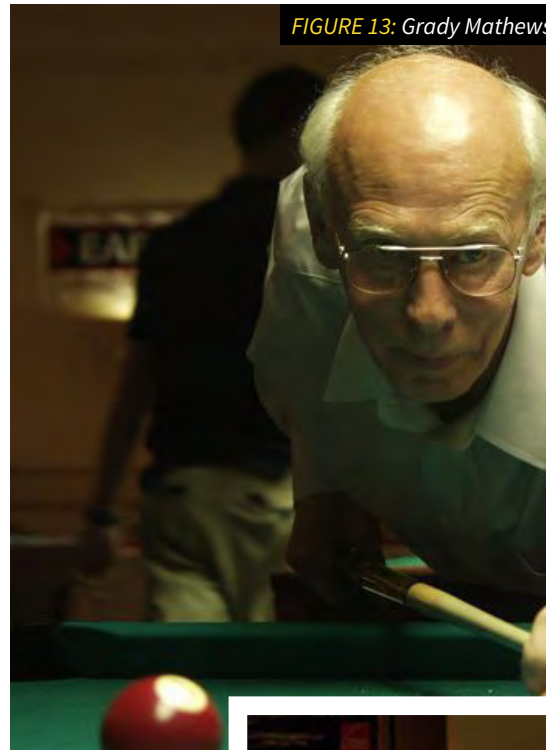


FIGURE 13: Grady Mathews



FIGURE 14: This was the first time many had seen John Brumback shooting at six pockets.



FIGURE 15: Tommy Kennedy, Corey Deuel and Danny Basovich.



FIGURE 20: Corey Deuel



ot from a wheelchair that
nickname is "Ironsides".

s still shot a sporty stick on '03.



FIGURE 16: Tony Watson would gamble with anyone, anywhere.



FIGURE 19: Jimmy Wetch was a powerhouse.



FIGURE 18: Mike Davis



FIGURE 17: TD Scott Smith preparing the blind draw.



uel unleashes his bridge shot.



FIGURE 21: Marty Sawinski could imitate the voice and mannerisms of any pool player.



FIGURE 22: Tom Martin, left, a journalist who spoke fluent Japanese with Earl Strickland, who spoke fluent pool.

Upcoming Tournaments

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JULY 31 - AUGUST 31

Dynamic European Championships for Youth

07/31 - 08/07

Golden Tulip Jagershorst
Leende

Website: <http://www.epconline.eu/>

2017 BEF Junior Nationals

08/02 - 08/05

South Point Hotel & Convention
Center

Las Vegas, NV

Website: <http://billiardeducation.org/>

Diamond Pool Tour 2017 Stop 4

08/05 - 08/06

Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada

Website:

<http://www.diamondpooltour.com>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 5

08/05 - 08/05

Corner Pocket

Largo, FL

Website: <http://www.sunshinestate-proamtour.com/>

Dynamic Netherlands Open

08/10 - 08/12

Golden Tulip Jagershorst
Leende

Website:

<http://www.eurotouronline.eu/>

SE Open 9-Ball Tour Stop

08/12 - 08/12

Uncle Waldo's Billiards
Daytona Beach, FL

Website:

<http://www.southeastopen.com/>

Maryland State 10-Ball Bar Table Championship

08/12 - 08/13

Bank Shot Bar & Grill
Laurel, MD

2017 NAPT Summer 10-Ball Classic

08/17 - 08/20

Shooters
Grayslake, Illinois

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

West Coast Women's Tour 2017 Stop 3

08/19 - 08/20

Diamond Billiards
Fresno, California

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

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 4

08/19 - 08/20

Kolby's Corner Pocket
Tempe, AZ

Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

SE Open 9-Ball Tour Stop

08/19 - 08/19

Miscue Lounge
Fort Myers, FL

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

SE Open 9-Ball Tour Stop

08/20 - 08/20

Miscue Lounge
Fort Myers, FL

Website:

<http://www.southeastopen.com/>

Dynamic European Championships

08/23 - 08/26

Golden Tulip Jagershorst
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Website: <http://www.epconline.eu/>

Southeastern 9-Ball Championship

08/23 - 08/27

6 Pockets Bar & Billiards
Decatur, AL

2nd Annual Don Coates Memorial

08/23 - 08/27

Brass Tap Billiards
Raleigh, NC

Definition Of A Player Tour 2017 Stop 1

08/26 - 08/26

West Chester Billiards
West Chester, Pennsylvania

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 6

08/26 - 08/27

Brewlands Bar & Billiards
Lakeland, FL

Website: <http://www.sunshinestate-proamtour.com/>

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 7 Open Division

08/26 - 08/27

Bogies Billiards & Games
Houston, TX

Website:

<http://www.lonestarbilliardstour.com/>

Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2017 Stop 8

08/26 - 08/26

Bogies Billiards & Games
Houston, TX

Website:

<http://gulfcoastregionaltour.com>

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AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 30

Turning Stone Classic XXVIII 9-Ball Open

08/31 - 09/03

Turning Stone Casino
Verona, NY

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

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 14

09/02 - 09/03

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY

Website: <http://www.predatorproamtour.com/index.asp>

Diamond Pool Tour 2017 Stop 5

09/09 - 09/10

Main Street Billiards
Mesa, AZ

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

Definition Of A Player Tour 2017 Stop 2

09/09 - 09/09

The New Jordan Lane
White Hall, Pennsylvania

OB Cues Ladies Tour 2017 Stop 5

09/16 - 09/17

Slick Willie's - Austin
Austin, Texas

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

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 15

09/16 - 09/17

CueBar Billiards
Bayside, NY

Website: <http://www.predatorproamtour.com/index.asp>

West Coast Women's Tour 2017 Stop 4

09/16 - 09/17

The Broken Rack
Emeryville, CA

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

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 5

09/16 - 09/17

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

All Japan Open Championship 2017

09/16 - 09/26

Archaic hall
Amagasaki-city

Diamond Pool Tour 2017 Stop 6

09/23 - 09/24

Metro Sportz Bar
Phoenix, AZ

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

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 7

09/23 - 09/24

Park Avenue Billiards
Orange Park, FL

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

The Maine Event XI

09/23 - 09/24

TJ's Classic Billiards
Waterville, Maine

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

Definition Of A Player Tour 2017 Stop 3

09/23 - 09/23

West Chester Billiards
West Chester, Pennsylvania

Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2017 Stop 9

09/30 - 09/30

Bogies Billiards & Games
Houston, TX

Website:
<http://gulfcoastregionaltour.com>



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Tourney Results

07/01 - 07/02

Sidepocket Open

Side Pocket Billiards

Shreveport, LA

1 Skyler Woodward	\$2,600
2 Robb Saez	\$1,300
3 Jerry Calderon	\$950
4 Chase Rudder	\$700
5 Alex Olinger	\$475
5 Zeke Morrison	\$475
7 Warren Kiamco	\$250
7 Gary Onomura	\$250
9 Ron Canterberry	\$100
9 Karl McClendon	\$100
9 Trey Matthews	\$100
9 Eddie Morgan	\$100

07/01 - 07/02

5th Annual Cole Dickson 10-Ball

Family Billiards

San Francisco, CA

1 Dennis Orcollo	\$2,500
2 Mika Immonen	\$1,600
3 Rodney Morris	\$1,000
4 Delbert Wong	\$600
5 Steve Lingelbach	\$400
5 Vilmos Foldes	\$400
7 Gus Briseno	\$300
7 Lee Brett	\$300
9 Greg Harada	\$200
9 Francisco Bustamante	\$200
9 Rylan Hartnett	\$200
9 Santos Sambajon	\$200
13 Ramon Mistica	\$100
13 Robert Yulo	\$100
13 Jason Williams	\$100
13 Frank Robutz	\$100

07/01 - 07/02

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Randolph's Billiards

Hickory, NC

1 Travis Guerra	\$550
2 Brian Capps	\$350
3 Justin Clark	\$200
4 Clint Clark	\$100

07/04 - 07/04

West Coast 10 Ball Pro Challenge

California Billiard Club

Mountain View, Ca

1 Jayson Shaw	\$3,200
2 Alex Pagulayan	\$2,300
3 Amar Kang	\$1,500
4 Gus Briseno	\$1,000

07/05 - 07/07

West Coast Challenge One Pocket

California Billiard Club

Mountain View, Ca

1 Dennis Orcollo	\$3,300
2 Alex Pagulayan	\$2,300
3 Shane Van Boening	\$1,500
4 Santos Sambajon	\$1,000
5 Jayson Shaw	\$600
5 John Schmidt	\$600
7 Warren Kiamco	\$450
7 Damien Alishan	\$450
9 Bryce Avila	\$325
9 Chris Cruz	\$325
9 Gus Briseno	\$325
9 Tony Chohan	\$325
13 Francisco Bustamante	\$225
13 Jerry Matchin	\$225
13 Skyler Woodward	\$225
13 Rodney Morris	\$225

Ultimate Pool Tour Stop 1

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

1 Besar Spahiu	\$4,700
2 Eklent Kaci	\$2,900
3 Alexandros Kazakis	\$1,690
4 Jeremy Sossei	\$500
5 Jorge Rodriguez	\$400
5 Marc Vidal Claramunt	\$400

07/06 - 07/09

Molson Cup Canadian Bar Table Championship

The Corner Bank

Toronto, Ontario

1 Jason Klatt	\$3,500
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2 John Morra	\$1,900
3 Tyler Styer	\$1,200
4 Mario Morra	\$700
5 Erik Hjorleifson	\$525
5 Andrew Aupin	\$525
7 Jeet Khandi	\$350
7 Tim Bristow	\$350
9 Stefan Ghodino	\$300
9 Louis Fazekas	\$300
9 Alain Lessard	\$300
9 Adam Monture	\$300
13 Al Porter	\$250
13 Brad Guthrie	\$250
13 Chris Russell	\$250
13 Maurice Arsenault	\$250

07/07 - 07/09

West Coast 9 Ball Pro Challenge

California Billiard Club

Mountain View, Ca

1 Warren Kiamco	\$5,500
2 Thorsten Hohmann	\$3,500
3 Corey Deuel	\$2,000
4 Jayson Shaw	\$1,000
5 Sina Valizadeh	\$775
5 Dennis Orcollo	\$775
7 Amar Kang	\$575
7 Alex Pagulayan	\$575
9 Shane Van Boening	\$400
9 Francisco Bustamante	\$400
9 Skyler Woodward	\$400
9 Damien Alishan	\$400
13 John Schmidt	\$300
13 Santos Sambajon	\$300
13 Ramon Mistica	\$300
13 Rodney Morris	\$300

07/08 - 07/09

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 13 Open/Pro Division

Amsterdam Billiard Club

New York, NY

1 Eklent Kaci	\$1,160
2 Mika Immonen	\$600
3 Mark Gray	\$300
4 Denis Grabe	\$200
5 Frankie Hernandez	\$100
5 Hunter Lombardo	\$100

07/08 - 07/09

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 3

Main Street Billiards

Mesa, AZ

1 Vivian Villarreal	\$800
2 Bernie Store	\$400
3 Pearl Ortiz	\$280
4 Barbara Lee	\$150
5 Priscilla Hernandez	\$100
5 Heather Cortez	\$100
7 Jaye Succo	\$50
7 Sara Miller	\$50

07/08 - 07/09

Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 7

Champion Billiards & Sports Caf  

Frederick, MD

1 Shaun Wilkie	\$1,100
2 Scott Haas	\$700
3 Karen Corr	\$450
4 Brandon Shuff	\$300
5 Bruce Nagle	\$200
5 Jordan Grubb	\$200
7 David Hunt	\$140
7 Jimmy Varias	\$140
9 Tina Pawloski Malm	\$100
9 Brian Dietzenbach	\$100
9 T.J. Moore	\$100
9 Paul Oh	\$100
13 Trevor Dentz	\$60
13 Pat Carosi	\$60
13 Matt Krah	\$60

07/08 - 07/09

Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 7 Ladies Division

Champion Billiards & Sports Caf  

Frederick, MD

1 Tina Pawloski Malm	\$330
2 Amanda Lampert	\$120
3 Anita Sowers	\$60

07/08 - 07/09

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017 San Antonio Open

Fat Racks Billiards and Sports Lounge

San Antonio, Texas

1 Eric Aicinena	\$1,000
2 Manny Chau	\$650

3 Rudy Sanchez	\$430
4 Sam Manaole	\$275
5 Fernando Colunga	\$140
5 David Gutierrez	\$140
7 Felipe Yniguez	\$90
7 Santiago Garza	\$90
9 Candy Ramos	\$45
9 Frank Ferrer Jr.	\$45
9 Lynn Maschek	\$45
9 Mickey Woinicki	\$45

07/08 - 07/09

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 13 Amateur Div.

Amsterdam Billiard Club

New York, NY

1 Ryan Boursse	\$1,500
2 Troy Deocharran	\$1,000
3 Rhys Chen	\$750
4 Robert Pole	\$500
5 Tim Fitzsimmons	\$350
5 Ron Bernardo	\$350
7 Ellahi Zouraz	\$250
7 Duc Lam	\$250
9 Alex Osipov	\$200
9 Emily Duddy	\$200
9 Steve Berezovsky	\$200
9 Frank Tonn	\$200
13 Shawn Sookhai	\$150
13 Paul Carpenter	\$150
13 Elvis Rodriguez	\$150
13 Dave Weinstein	\$150

07/08 - 07/09

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC

1 JT Ringgold	\$600
2 Dave Williams	\$400
3 Jack Whitfield	\$250
4 Larry Faulk	\$150
5 Greg Smith	\$100
5 Terry Ringgold	\$100

07/11 - 07/14

Chohan vs Orcollo Challenge Match

California Billiards

Fremont, California

1 Tony Chohan	\$100,000
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07/12 - 07/15

RYO Rack Classic

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Skyler Woodward	\$14,000
2 Darren Appleton	\$7,000
3 Eklent Kaci	\$4,500
3 Radoslaw Babica	\$4,500
5 Imran Majid	\$3,000
5 Jason Klatt	\$3,000
5 Zion Zvi	\$3,000
5 Mario He	\$3,000
9 Sharik Sayed	\$2,000
9 Mark Gray	\$2,000
9 Chris Melling	\$2,000
9 Shaun Wilkie	\$2,000
9 Dennis Hatch	\$2,000
9 Tony Robles	\$2,000
9 Corey Deuel	\$2,000
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17 Warren Kiamco	\$700
17 Mika Immonen	\$700
17 Denis Grabe	\$700
17 Hunter Lombardo	\$700

07/12 - 07/15

Simonis Challenge

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

1 Mika Immonen	\$4,000
2 Lee Vann Corteza	\$2,000
3 Brandon Shuff	\$1,000
3 Manny Perez	\$1,000
5 Jimmy Rivera	\$750
5 Alan Rolon	\$750
5 Hunter Lombardo	\$750
5 Ben Crawley	\$750
9 Waleed Majid	\$450
9 April Larson	\$450
9 Frankie Hernandez	\$450
9 Tommy Tokoph	\$450
9 Johnny Archer	\$450

9 Warren Kiamco	\$450
9 Denis Grabe	\$450
9 Ahmed Aldulaimi	\$450

07/14 - 07/16

2nd Annual Topwater Memorial

Bogies Billiards & Games

Houston, TX	
1 Alejandro Calderon	\$1,710
2 Devin Poteet	\$1,100
3 Corey Flud	\$700
4 Manny Chau	\$450
5 Tyler Partin	\$200
5 JC Torres	\$200
7 Wes Read	\$100
7 James Davis Jr.	\$100

07/14 - 07/16

Japan Open 2017 Men's Division

New Pia Hall

Tokyo, Japan	
1 Jung-Lin Chang	\$10,801
2 Naoyuki Oi	\$5,450
3 Yoshihiro Kitatani	\$2,702
4 Kun Lin Wu	\$2,702
5 Antonio Lining	\$1,351
5 Hiroshi Takenaka	\$1,351
5 Jeffrey Ignacio	\$1,351
5 Tomoo Takano	\$1,351
9 Rody Morta	\$675
9 Li Wen Lo	\$675
9 Hayato Hijikata	\$675
9 Toshiyuki Sugawara	\$675
9 Satoshi Kawabata	\$675
9 Johann Chua	\$675
9 Masaki Tanaka	\$675
9 Yuki Komiya	\$675

07/15 - 07/16

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2017 Stop 4

Uncle Waldo's Billiards

Daytona Beach, FL	
1 Anthony Meglino	\$900
2 Michael Delawder	\$600
3 Kenny Willis	\$400
4 Jesus Borjas	\$280
5 Bobby Garza	\$185
5 Brian McBride	\$185
7 Bill Mallen	\$120
7 Sam Kantar	\$120
9 Gary Gilsinan	\$80
9 Scott Nodell	\$80

9 Jason Lancaster	\$80
9 Michell Monk	\$80

07/15 - 07/16

Omega Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 7

Puckett's

Fort Worth, Texas	
1 Rick Stanley	\$1,000
2 Jesse Hernandez	\$640
3 Douglas Pitts	\$425
4 Mike Voelkering	\$320
5 Fahad Alrawi	\$230
5 Robin Barbour	\$230
7 Justin Whitehead	\$180
7 Luis Lopez	\$180
9 Jeff Turney	\$100
9 Jay Murillo	\$100
9 Crispian Ng	\$100
9 Chris Rickman	\$100
13 Viet My	\$75
13 Chris Woody Smith	\$75
13 Greg Sandifer	\$75
13 Garrett Dalton	\$75

07/15 - 07/15

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA	
1 Reymart Lim	\$500
2 Tim Monk	\$300
3 Eric Moore	\$200
4 Randy Canipe	\$110

07/15 - 07/16

Eastern Carolina Cup Ladies 9-Ball Championship 2017

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC	
1 Tracy Callaghan	\$250
2 Miranda Werner	\$180
3 Debbie Teichert	\$125
4 Crystal Gent	\$75

07/15 - 07/16

Japan Open 2017 Women's Division

New Pia Hall

Tokyo, Japan	
1 Yuuki Hiraguchi	\$3,603
2 Yu-Hsuan Fan	\$1,801
3 Kyoko Sone	\$900
4 Chihiro Kawahara	\$900
5 Risa Yoneda	\$450

5 Fuji Hiromi	\$450
5 Izui Saeko	\$450
5 Yumiko Takahashi	\$450

07/16 - 07/16

Tri State Tour 2017-2018 Stop

Rockaway Billiards

Rockaway, NJ	
1 Jerry Ritzer	\$500
2 Frank Sieczka	\$220
3 Adam Kosmin	\$150
4 Bob Toomey	\$100

07/17 - 07/19

US Open 10-Ball Championship 2017

Griff's

Las Vegas, Nevada	
1 Shane Van Boening	\$15,000
2 Warren Kiamco	\$8,000
3 Roberto Gomez	\$5,000
4 Alex Pagulayan	\$3,000
5 Lee Vann Corteza	\$1,700
5 Justin Bergman	\$1,700
7 Skyler Woodward	\$1,200
7 Ralf Souquet	\$1,200
9 Corey Deuel	\$800
9 Max Eberle	\$800
9 Karl Boyes	\$800
9 Mario He	\$800
13 Dennis Orcollo	\$500
13 Billy Thorpe	\$500
13 Radoslaw Babica	\$500
13 Sharik Sayed	\$500

07/22 - 07/23

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop NC State 10-Ball Open

Brass Tap Billiards

Raleigh, NC	
1 Reymart Lim	\$1,200
2 Keith Bennett	\$850
3 Mike Davis	\$600
4 Corey Morphew	\$450
5 Brian White	\$250
5 BJ Ussery	\$250
7 James Blackburn	\$150
7 Glenn Russell, Sr.	\$150
9 Corey Sykes	\$75
9 Tyler Chappell	\$75
9 Nil Lim	\$75
9 David Hunt	\$75



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