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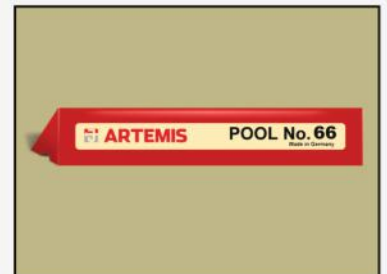
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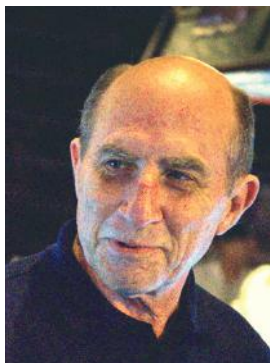
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# The Head Rail a message from the Editor



**Spring Finally Made It!** April is finally here and the pool season is warming with the temperatures. The Players Championship at the Super Billiards Expo (March 30 - April 2) in Valley Forge will be a Mosconi Cup points event so we expect the stars to shine there. SBE is also home to the TAP league's annual "Rally in the Valley" where hundreds of league players face off and celebrate together annually.

Then, just two weeks later there is the World Pool Series at Steinway in New York, another Mosconi Points event, and only a short hop from SBE, so many players will be found in the Northeast between the two Tournaments. At the same time promoter Darren Appleton will also be running the World Pool Series Challenge event for players who don't finish well in the main World Pool Series event.

April 10-14 will find all of the 14.1 purists gathered in Windsor Locks, CT for the CSI-produced US Open Straight Pool Championships. CSI is busy that month as they also will conduct the Alberta Bar Box Championships in Red Deer, Alberta April 17-23.

European Pros will get their workouts at the European Championships in Portugal at the end of March and then a regular Euro-Tour event will kick off at the same place and run from March 30-April 2. From April 13-16 Europeans will be concentrating on the Interpool Open in Gavle, Sweden.

There are also some quality regional events in April. Falcon Cues will have a stop at Dooly's in Edmonton on the first weekend and the Joss Tour will get exercised twice during the month. First they will be at Hippos in Utica, NY April 8 & 9 and then at Union Station in Portland April 29-30. The Falcon Tour returns that same weekend with a stop at Luc Salvass' place, Dooly's in Valleyfield.

The OB Cues Ladies Tour will hold their 3rd stop of the year at CK's Billiards in Dallas, also on April 29-30 and on April 30 the Ride The 9 Tour will be at Amazin Billiards in Malden, MA.

So get thee out and go watch a tourney. They are a great excuse for a road trip, and you need road trips.

This month in the Buzz we give you great coverage of the recent Chinese Pool World Championships event. Our own Mike Howerton made the trip over and gives you first-hand reports of all that happened there. We also have expanded coverage of the Amway Cup (now known as the Amway E-Spring Open), and our usual cadre of columnists to enlighten and entertain you.

Finally, if you have only recently picked up the game and are looking to expand your pool horizons let me suggest that you join a local league system. Being on a league team means you will play at least one night per week with folks who will become good friends. It will inspire you to practice to better support the team and you will most likely travel around the area playing teams that are based out of other rooms.

So you will get to meet the core of players in your area and play in local league tournaments, all of which will improve your game. Then you will begin to move up the ladder and compete in Regional and National Championships.

All in all, league play benefits both the players and the game itself. League players buy cues and cases and gloves and they play more frequently than others. League players help to spread the word about the game and increase its visibility.

How? Just go to your local rooms and ask what leagues play there. They can put you in touch with the operators and let you know what nights they play so you can come check them out before joining. Come on! It's time to get serious about your game.

~ Jerry Forsyth

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# Mind of Steel

## Frustrated with Your Play? Get Away for a Day (or two)

by Dr. Christopher Stankovich  
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Sometimes in life we find ourselves in the middle of a terrible slump where we see the quality of our play decline, or we simply become temporarily bored and disinterested and lose our focus and motivation. Some might call this burnout, and while these slumps are inevitable, they don't need to be catastrophic.

Pool players often put in long hours, and over time there is risk of "going through the motions," especially if you are not playing better competition or signing up for challenging tournaments. Sadly, it is during these times where our focus widens, our motivation declines, and our level of success decreases as a result. The good news, however, is that these moments of stagnant play can be quickly stopped and actually improved upon by simply taking a short break.

Many athletes fear taking time off because they think they will lose all the skills and abilities they have worked hard to develop, but psychology research shows us this really isn't the case. In fact, the theory of spontaneous recovery is loosely defined as the re-discovery of previously learned responses even though they haven't been used in awhile.

Using a practical example, pool players usually experience a learning curve when first tasked with developing the skills needed to bank balls, make combinations, and finely cut balls. When first learning how to do these things the player must take time to learn where to hit the ball, the amount of speed to use

and other important aspects relating to the table and setting up for the next shot. The good news is that once these skills are learned, they stay with you (even when you seriously question yourself where they went after a missed shot!).

What does this mean to a slumping, bored pool player who needs a break but is afraid of losing all the skills he has learned? It means that you can (and should) take short breaks in order to clear your head, and you shouldn't worry that your skills will leave you (at worst you will only need a short amount of time to re-find your stroke).

Interestingly, if you don't take breaks from time to time you actually run a greater risk of playing sloppy, adjusting to bad habits, and seeing your game decline over time as a result. Keep your head on straight and win more games by avoiding burnout and catching your breath once in awhile — you'll be happy you did in the long run.

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# MOUNTING A COMEBACK

by Anthony Beeler

Back in 1990, I watched Nick Varner's hot seat match with Mike Sigel at the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships. Varner was down 9-2 and corner hooked against arguably the best player in the world. Instead of giving up or throwing in the towel, Varner staged one of the greatest come-from-behind tournament victories ever witnessed.

By now, I am sure that you are aware that there are two games going on inside of every match. There's the more obvious physical game, which consists of mechanics, shooting, and safety play. Then there's also the less visible, mental game, which is comprised of handling pressure, dealing with misfortune, and being able to mount an unbelievable comeback.

Professional pool players know that winning the mental side of a match also a key part of winning the physical one. In fact, a mentally tough competitor who thinks positively will almost certainly outlast a more talented less mentally prepared opponent. Nowhere is this more visible than when a player makes a come-from-behind victory.

When you are behind by a significant margin and your opponent is only a few balls away from victory, you should do everything within your power to stay focused and make one final charge. Remember to concentrate on all of the steps of your pre-shot routine. Do not waste unnecessary energy dwelling on the deficit you are facing. Usually, at this stage of the match, most players are so discouraged that they just give up. You cannot afford to let that happen!

You may not know it, but your opponent can sense your level of frustration. Most players view negativity as a sign of weakness. In fact, the split second you start to think negative thoughts, you have already become defeated. Your defeat may actually be well before the final ball drops into the pocket.

So how do you remain focused when you are "down and out?" When you are way behind, you should never give up on the mental side of the game. As long as you maintain focus and exhibit a positive, no-quit attitude, then the only way that you can lose is by running out of games.

Several years ago I was playing in a 9-Ball tournament and was down 4-0 against arguably the best player in the state. I scratched, clawed, and fought my way back and finally tied the match at 4. In the final game I was lucky enough to make the 9-Ball on the break and win the match.

You may think that being down 4-0 is no reason to give up and that many players have pulled off far greater comebacks. This is true. However, the point I am trying to convey is that a comeback cannot happen if you allow yourself to be defeated mentally. Real mental toughness is when you mentally enable yourself and actually believe you can win even when the odds are stacked against you.

When your opponent is on the hill, don't give up - give yourself a fighting chance to win! Don't focus on the score and how badly you are being beaten; focus on shooting one shot at a time. Comebacks happen when you refuse to lose and when you focus all of your concentration into the present moment.

Many years ago, author Bill Hogan wrote a children's book that asks the question, "How do you eat an elephant?" The book's answer to that question is "one bite at a time." Mounting a comeback in pool is no different. Good players figure out a way to win even in the face of adversity, and they do it one ball at a time.

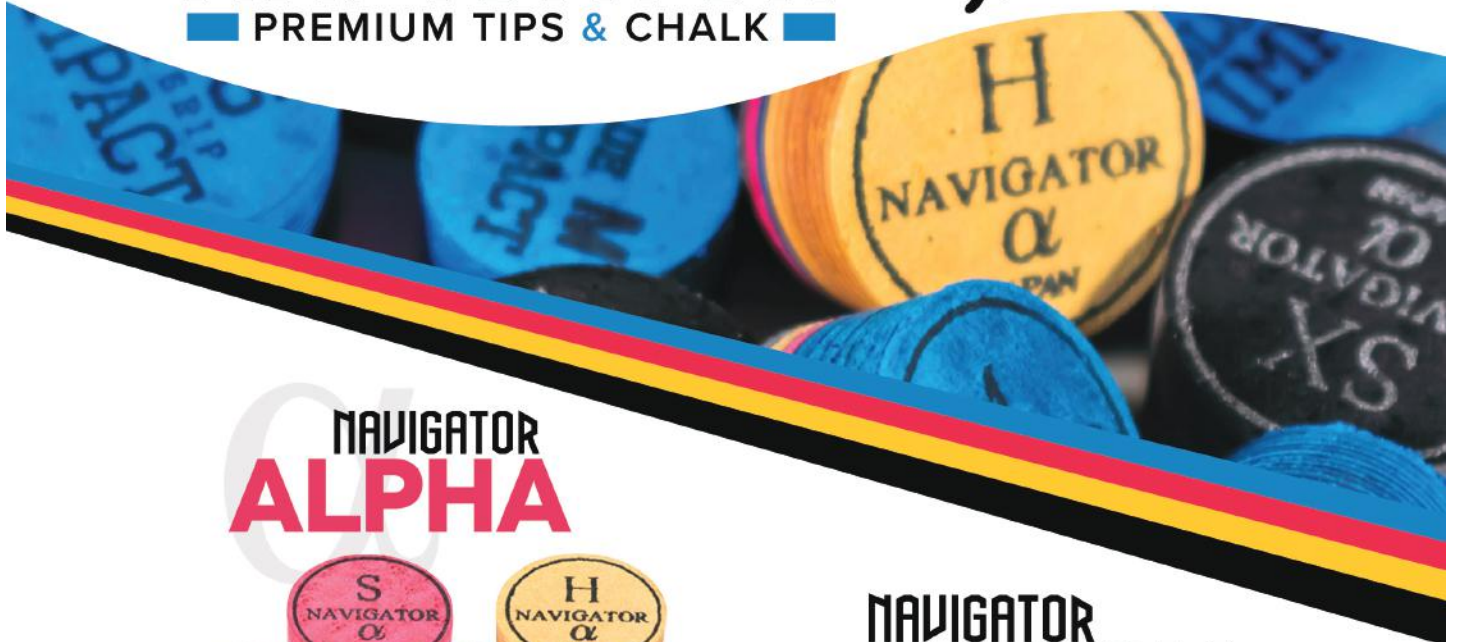


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# Straight Shooter

by Jerry Briesath



In this issue, we are going to give you some things to think about that can help your game. Believe it or not, most amateur pool players that play regularly aim as straight as the pros. They get into their shooting position, take a few warmup strokes, and when they're doing this nothing is moving except their eyeballs and the stroking arm, and then as they stroke through the cue ball their head starts lifting up. Some lift up one inch and some players lift their head 12 inches as they are stroking through the cue ball. This head movement is disastrous to accuracy because moving the head moves the shoulders which in turn moves the shooting arm at the worst possible time. Train yourself not to move your head for at least one second after the cue ball is struck. Missing less is what this game is all about and this will definitely help.

When your opponent is shooting, be sure to watch every movement he or she makes at the table. What how the balls change position, be alert as to where the eight ball is at all times and, of course, watch for fouls. When you get back to the table, you will be more aware of where to start to run the balls off and win the game.

Chalking up is a little bit like breathing, it's something we do automatically without thinking about it. We do it every shot without even looking at the tip as we are applying chalk and most of the time this is ok. But, anytime you

*“When your opponent is shooting, be sure to watch every movement he or she makes at the table.”*

miscue, you must learn to look at the tip and definitely find the brown mark that a miscue leaves on the edge of the tip, and play chalk generously.

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# Rachel Hurst Interview

by Melinda Bailey



**Rachel Hurst** is one of those players that you are so thankful to have crossed paths with in your life. And you are proud pool brought you together at some point in both your pool journeys. Rachel was an obvious

leader from the first day I met her — always a good head on her shoulders, mature for her age, gave great advice, and had a way with words that you could never, ever forget. I met her in the mid 90s in Austin, Texas and am proud to still be friends with her. You will see why with her answers below:



**Q: How and why did you first start playing pool?**

*Answer:* When I started college there was a pool table in the lobby of my apartment building. I was too broke to take advantage of any other kind of entertainment, so I spent my time down

*there knocking balls around until learned to play! Little did I know that pool table would start a 20-year obsession ...*

**Q: What is the biggest accomplishment of your pool career?**

*Answer:* Externally, it was winning my first National title in college - which ignited my love of competition. Internally, it was learning how to use my emotional challenges in pool to become a better person — how to extrapolate what I learned on the cloth to my day-to-day life.

**Q: You built cues with Bill Stroud at Joss West in Austin, Texas in the mid-late 90s. How did that happen and what did you love about building cues?**

*Answer:* He was looking toward retiring eventually, and he wanted to have a successor — specifically, he wanted a woman to take over the business. I was in the right place at the right time (active in the pool community and so my name came up when he was looking), and I worked with him for several years before determining that ultimately it wasn't for me. The truth is, I didn't love building cues (which is why I determined that it wasn't for me). I loved the creativity of the design process — but I later found many different mediums in which to express that creativity that were much more in line with my personality. But I give cue building a lot of credit for turning me into a successful entrepreneur. It was the genesis of me pursuing my interest in art and design — and it led to me starting a very successful art business that I thoroughly enjoyed for many years.

**Q: I think people will be very surprised to know you had a very bad accident and literally almost died making cues. Can you tell us about that day and what happened?**

*Answer:* I had very long hair at the time — hair that I was very vain about. To be safe working in a machine shop, I always kept my hair in a tight braid. But that one day I had big plans after work and I wanted to look my best ... so I decided to keep my hair in a ponytail instead of a braid so as to avoid the kinks that keeping my hair braided would inevitably create. At some point during the day I was turning shafts — and I was leaning

over the lathe, making sure the shaft was turning straight. This was a very large, converted metal lathe with a huge spindle turning at about 2,500 rpm. As I leaned over, gravity set in and my ponytail slid around to the front ... and I don't remember anything after that. I learned later that it had gotten caught in the spindle, pulling my head into the lathe. I was airlifted to the hospital and rushed into one of what would eventually be three reconstructive head surgeries.

**Q: How long was your recovery? What were your fears/concerns?**

**Answer:** My physical recovery was about a year and it consisted of several surgeries to try to reconstruct my face and scalp from the damage the lathe had caused. A couple of non-physical symptoms still linger with me 20 years later: some random vertigo and dizziness, and a somewhat spotty memory.

My fears were surprisingly few — maybe that was because I was on narcotic painkillers 24/7 for 7 straight months! J

The accident had the opposite effect on me, actually. I looked so hideous and horrible during the recovery period that I lost a lot of the vanity that was actually the cause of the accident in the first place. I was lucky enough to have people who loved me in spite of the fact that I looked like a cartoon character ... so from then on I became far less concerned with whether or not people thought I was physically attractive in general. Women, in particular, struggle with the idea that we're supposed to be pretty at all times — and it's not only unrealistic, but it can also be incredibly painful and limiting. To be unburdened inside in my mid-20s of this idea that I had to look good was a revelation. Ultimately, that was an enormous gift.

**Q: You eventually played pool again and were able to compete across Texas. What gave you that drive?**

**Answer:** I loved pool! I spent a billion hours every week in the pool hall. I loved the game; I loved all of the amazing people I met. It was the center of my life for many, many years. Once my head was back on straight (!) I had no impetus at the time to do anything else — pool was everything.

**Q: Your Dad is a famous painter (Oleg Stavrowsky) and you dabbled in oil paintings yourself about 15 years ago, yet you had never taken a painting lesson, just like your Father. Why do you think you were so talented in that similar arena? Was it genes? Watching your Dad? Something else?**

**Answer:** I think my artistic ability was a combination of several things, starting with genetics. My grandmother was also an artist (a map maker — which, at the time, was done by painting). And many

of my seven older brothers and sisters were artists as well, so I grew up literally surrounded by art ... and not just any art: incredibly good art. So I absorbed the principles of good design without even trying to. But I myself actually avoided art until I decided to learn the principals of design in my mid-twenties as a part of cue-making. Suddenly, my passion for art was awakened, and that was all she wrote. What began as an interest in scrimshaw for cues eventually transitioned into me painting huge murals on walls and ceilings in very high-end homes. I went from micro to macro, to be sure.

**Q: You now own a thriving realtor business in Austin (Team Hurst Realty Group/ <http://www.teamhursthouses.com/>) and you also do remodeling. I see a theme of artistic ability (cues, painting, remodeling). What do you enjoy most about this endeavor currently in your life?**

**Answer:** It was during those years as a muralist in high-end homes that my love of real estate grew. I was working with a lot of interior designers and contractors — and I became addicted to the process of taking something ordinary - and by employing good design and good remodeling practices - making it beautiful. Going into real estate was a natural transition for me. I love to help people see the potential in a property — and to watch them turn it into a place they love to be. This is particularly true because I'm essentially an introvert — so to me, my home is the place I feel the most relaxed and nourished. It's incredibly satisfying to help other people find that home that feeds them in that same way. And finally, I get to work with my husband — we're a very good team and we genuinely enjoy hanging out together. We laugh a lot — and that makes life SO much easier.

**Q: Was it natural to transition to real estate and do you miss painting murals?**

**Answer:** It was a pretty smooth transition for me. I was in my 40s when I transferred into real estate ... and climbing up and down 30' of scaffolding for my art business was not something that I had looked forward to doing into my later years. Because I was already very interested in remodeling and interior design, it didn't feel like a sacrifice to me. Instead, it felt like the next natural step. I can't afford to buy every house that my clients buy — but I get almost as much satisfaction by helping them find the right home (which means looking at a lot of houses — which I genuinely love!), helping them come up with remodeling ideas, and then watching it come to fruition for them.

I don't miss painting murals — I have become enamored of building furniture and doing as much

of the actual remodel process on our own properties as I can. (Creativity can be expressed in many ways!) But it is nice to look back every once and awhile to the artwork I did; I'm pretty proud of it.

**Q: You took several years off from pool and then competed in some local tournaments. Was it like riding a bike? What did you figure out about the experience of coming back for a short visit to the green felt in a pool room?**

**Answer:** I always have a great deal of fun when I jump back into the game for a little bit. I still have some skill (albeit very inconsistently) and it's fun to see what I can still access in my old arsenal. I typically participate in small ways every couple of years (I'm at this moment considering playing in a weekly pool league that starts next week). Playing again reignites that part of me that will always be compelled by the game. But I have no discipline for it anymore ... and it takes so much discipline and practice to be consistent. And, I'm very competitive by nature — so it never takes too terribly long before my lack of consistency (and so, my losses to players I think I "should" beat) starts to annoy me and I drop back out for awhile until I hear the pool table whispering to me again ... J

**Q: I remember you having a white wrap on your head after the accident and walking very slowly when you would visit the pool room after. Do you think about the accident at all anymore? Nightmares, etc.?**

**Answer:** I only think of the accident when I have episodes of vertigo now. The brain is incredibly well designed — it didn't allow me to be witness to what I was going through (even though I was apparently awake the entire time). I have zero memories of any of it. And I gained so much as a result of having gone through the whole recovery process — particularly, the realization that nothing ever lasts forever — not the good, not the bad. Anything you have to endure will eventually end — and there's immense freedom in that knowledge. I'm quite grateful for all of the lessons I took away from that whole situation.

**Q: What is your biggest learning lesson in life?**

**Answer:** Kindness and integrity. Kindness and integrity. Kindness and integrity. Be honorable and be kind to other people — especially when I do not want to. I've learned that living this way will get me everything I ever wanted in life — which is to say, it gives me peace.

**Q: How do you see pool today and what does it mean to you?**

**Answer:** Pool was one of the central focuses of my life for almost 20 years. The human drama, the competition, the wonderful friendships, the achievements, the satisfaction of a game well played, and the beauty of

watching good sportsmanship between excellent players are all an indelible part of the fabric of my character. Pool showed me everything I didn't want to see about myself (my insecurities, my lack of confidence, my need to be admired, etc.), and then it provided the exact path I needed to develop beyond those weaknesses and into a better human being. The things that pool taught me continue to be important in my life: how to both win and lose with grace, how to nurture a passion and develop a strong work ethic, and how to grab the joy that life allow you and run with it until you're completely out of breath. I wouldn't trade that for anything.

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# How to Prepare for Tournaments Overseas

by Karen Corr



I have been fortunate to have had a wonderful opportunities to travel the World playing pool and snooker. My first experience traveling abroad was an event in India. Back then I had to get vaccinations and take malaria tablets before I went. At that time, we also had

to apply for an entry Visa to enter the country.

I have travelled for Pool and Snooker to Australia, Canada, India, Taiwan, China, Japan, Philippines, New Zealand, Thailand, Singapore, and most of Europe including Ukraine.

When ever I am planning a trip overseas, I have to make sure my passport is in order and give myself time to get an entry visa for the country I am traveling too. Mostly you need this for China and it takes several weeks.

My last trip was to Taiwan and China. I packed tins of tuna, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jam, some bread and snacks. I make up sandwiches for the flight as it is so long.

Once I get there, I try to acclimate myself to what's around the hotel, where is the venue etc. Where can I eat and where is a supermarket where can I buy food? I like to find out where the practice tables are, usually you have a sign up sheet to put your name down for practice.

I like to fly in at night that way I can go straight to bed and try to adjust to the time change. I get up in the morning and make sure I eat breakfast. I like to try to bring some boiled eggs back to the room for later or before I play as I

won't have time to run out and grab something to eat.

The massages are cheap. This helps me relax and helps to get over the flight and be ready to play pool. Ready for action.

When you play in China it is so different. The arenas are much bigger and they have live TV. Like in the snooker days, there is no back ground music. It is so quiet and it takes a little while to get used to it. Over there, they are more schedule oriented and all the players are taken into the arena at the same time with the referees.

The language barrier is tough, so I always get a few translator apps on my phone or bring a translation book. China does not have access to Google and Facebook so that makes it even more difficult.

Knowledge is preparation. I learn something new every time I go over and be more prepared for the next trip.

Even on my last trip home from China I had a new learning experience. When I left the hotel in Yushan for the airport in Shanghai, I took the bullet train which goes 285KM per hour and the ride took three hours. I was at the train station at Shanghai Hongqiao airport and I had to get a bus to Pudong Shanghai airport. I dragged my bags to the bus area and no one could help me find the right bus. I then cued up for a taxi and when I got in I thought the driver said 200rmb Chinese money. I gave him the money and as he got moving, I was relieved that I would get to the airport on time. Just outside the airport the driver stopped the taxi and opened the door to let me out. In translation on the phone the ride was going to cost 1200rmb. So here I am, two bags and a back pack, parked on the road and I am wondering what to do next. I walked back into the airport and thought I would try to find the bus that dropped me off to ask how to get to Pudong airport. After walking up three stories to get to arrivals, I decided to ask another taxi

how much it would cost. I showed him everything I had in my pocket including a \$50 bill. He took off and drove around the airport and came back to me. He didn't understand me and I didn't him. So I thought to shout three times "does anyone speak English?" as you would, they must have thought I was crazy. With that the taxi man agreed to drive to the airport which was two hours away as it turned out. I was relieved again sitting in the back and finally I am all set, or so I thought. He left the airport then on the three lane road he did a U-turn and stopped the car on the right side of the road with people going around him. Now I cant believe what's happening. I got out of the car and just kept saying airport, and in Chinese he said "wait a minute". By now, I am going nuts not knowing what is happening and time is running out before my flight leaves. After 15 minutes, a car pulls up behind him and they take my case and load up his car. This car is not a taxi. By now I am just praying that he gets me to the airport safe. It turned out the taxi driver had called a friend to take me. So I went to pay the taxi man a 100rmb because he only drove out of the airport and instead he took all the money I had offered him before. Now I had no money to pay the

next man. He got me safe to the airport and I checked in and went through to the gate as they were boarding and finally relief that I was finally going home.

Another new experience.

## About Karen Corr:

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

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

She won the **Challenge of Champions** three years in a row.

Her game continues to sharpen and she is feared not only by other women but also by the top male pros as she makes a habit of taking them down in style.

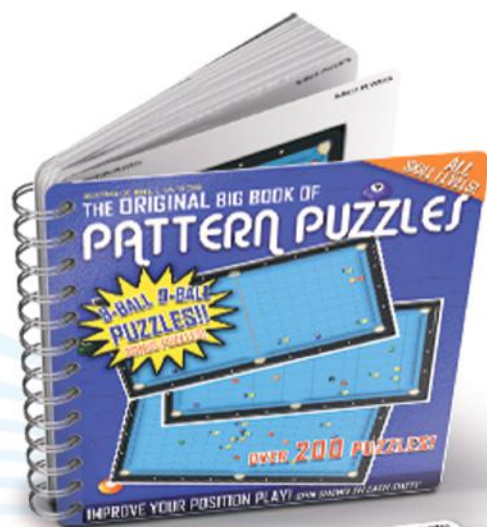
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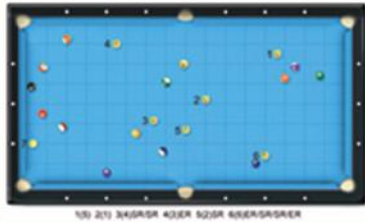
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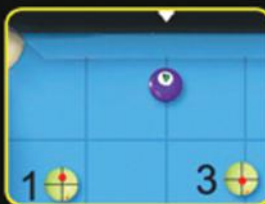
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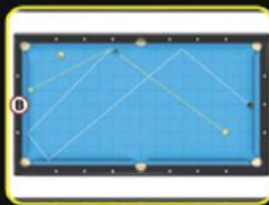
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Chinese 8-Ball is played on a 9 foot table with round cut (snooker) pockets that will reject all but the more pure shots. Slow cloth leads to changes in pattern play and the tight pockets mean that what might look like an easy shot down the rail is a much more difficult endeavor. Jawed balls, long safety battles and frustrated players are a very common sight while watching Chinese 8-Ball.

Before the main event could get underway, a record field of 238 men and 70 ladies competed in the "qualifier stage" of the event. Those 308 players would be whittled down to 30 men (15 Chinese and 15 International) and 14 ladies (7 Chinese and 7 international) who would be added to the final division. Six days of qualifiers led to the final 96 players to play in the main event. That field included a who's who of top Chinese 8-Ball (and American

9-Ball) players.

The 32 player Chinese Men's division included former #1 ranked Zheng Yubo, two time World Chinese 8-Ball Masters Champion Yang Fan, as well as such notables as Thorsten Hohmann (taking the place of a no show Chinese player), Wang Can and longtime 9-Ball player Haitao Liu.

The 32 player International Men's division was jam packed with top talent including reigning Champion Shi Han Qing who somehow ended up in the International division although he is a Chinese player. Shi was joined in the international group by such notables as last year's runner-up Mick Hill, Darren Appleton, 2016 AzB Player of the Year Jayson Shaw, Ko Pin Yi, Wu Jia Qinq and Chang Jung Lin. America was represented by Corey Deuel and Brandon Shuff, while the Philippines was well represented by Alex Pagulayan, Lee Van Corteza, Antonio Lining, Marlon Reyes and Carlo Biado.

Meanwhile, the 16 player International ladies division included reigning champion Chen Si Ming, as well as Filipino sensation Chezka Centeno, Karen Corr, 2016 AzB Player of the Year Han Yu, Liu Sha Sha, Kim Ga-Young and Kelly Fisher.

The first stage of the main events saw the 64 men and 32 ladies play in double elimination brackets to narrow the field to 32 men and 16 ladies.

The Chinese Men's division saw Zheng Yu Bo flex his Chinese 8-Ball muscle with an undefeated run through his bracket. Zheng was joined by such notables as Yang Fan and Wang Can. Hohmann found the Chinese division less than hospitable, after losses to Meng Fan Yu and Qiao Feng Wei.

The International Men's division saw Appleton scoring back to back hill-hill wins to advance to the final stage. His second win was over Jayson Shaw, who bounced back with a 9-2 win over Jack Whelan to qualify for the final stage. Shi Han Qing was also undefeated in the first stage after wins over Marlon Reyes and Antonio Lining. American Corey Deuel was undefeated with wins over Chang Yu Lung and Myanmar's Phone Myint Kyaw (who would be heard from again before the event was over). Other top players advancing to the final stage were Lee Van Corteza, Pin Yi Ko, Wu Jia Qinq, Carlo Biado and Mick Hill.

The International Ladies division saw Bai Ge, Liu Sha Sha, Chen Si Ming and Yuan-Chun Lin advance undefeated. Kim Ga Young, Kelly Fisher, Chihiro Kawahara and Han Yu advanced from the one loss side of the bracket.

The eight players from the International Ladies division were joined by Fu Xiao Fang, Shi Tian Qi, Wang Xiao Tong and Jiang Teng from the winners side of the Chinese Division. Chen Xue, Yu Jin Peng, Wang Ye and Jing Si Ya all advanced from the one loss side of the bracket.

As the event moved into the final single elimination stage, the crowd was stunned to see reigning champion Shi Han Qing eliminated in 17th place by Phone Myint Kyaw in a lopsided 11-3 match. Last year's third place finisher Darren Appleton was also eliminated in 17th place, by Haitao Liu, who was pocketing balls as if he was playing on a standard 9 foot table all week. Other notables to finish in 17th place were Corey Deuel, Lee Van Corteza and Antonio Lining.

Carlo Biado, Ko Pin Yi, Wang Can and Wu Jia Qing were all eliminated in 9th place, Wu on the wrong side of a hill-hill battle with Mick Hill. Hill would join Wu soon, as he was then eliminated by Jayson Shaw in the round of eight. Phone Myint Kyaw also turned in a 5th place finish after his loss to Haitao Liu.

The final four in the men's division saw Liu drop a 13-11 match to China's Chu Bing Jie and Shaw lose to Yang Fan (who many feel is the best Chinese 8-Ball Player alive).

The ladies division saw reigning champion Chen Si Ming win her first two matches to book a place in the final four. Liu Sha Sha won her first match, over World #1 Han Yu, but then dropped an 11-9 decision to Kim Ga Young. Kelly Fisher also won her first match, but also dropped her second round match, this time to Fu Xiao Fang 11-10.

The final four ladies saw Yu Jin Peng eliminate Kim Ga Young 11-4, and Fu Xiao Fang end the reigning champion Chen Si Ming's tourney 11-7.

The final day of the event was all about the finals, with the ladies racing to 17 over two sessions, while the men raced to 21 over two sessions.

First up was the ladies and it was Yu Jin Peng who looked more comfortable early on. A number of racks saw Wu Xiao Fang run down to a less than perfect shot late in the rack and give control back to Yu with very few obstacles. Yu took advantage of two "lucky ball" wins (made the 8-ball in the wrong pocket) to own a 9-7 lead at the end of the of the first session.

The men then took center stage in a much more competitive 20 rack session. Yang Fan came out strong early and took a quick 3-1 lead, but Chu then came back to win seven of the next eight racks for an 8-4 lead. Chu led the match 9-5 and may have possibly relaxed with his big lead. That was a mistake as Yang then won five racks to regain the lead at 10-9. Chu then won the final rack to end the session tied at 10-10.

The ladies then returned to the TV arena to finish their final match. Yu extended her lead to 12-8, but was then forced to watch Fu win the next six games to take a 14-12 lead. The players fought to a 15-15 tie, before Fu took the hill at 16-15. Any chance for her to relax was stopped quickly as Yu then joined her at hill-hill. The players knew that there was no shot clock at hill-hill and it showed in their approach at the table. The final rack went an amazing 29 minutes and saw Fu have five nervous shots at the 8-Ball before a delicate safety from Yu went awry and awarded Fu ball-in-hand on the case 8-Ball for the win.

The final session of the men's final was a true battle with eight tie scores and four lead changes. Neither player was able to put together a lead of more than one rack before rack 30, when Fan held a 16-14 lead. Chu then won three straight to retake the lead at 17-16, only to lose it two racks later at 18-17. The players fought to a draw at 19-19 before Yang won the last two games for a 21-19 win and his third major Chinese 8-Ball title.

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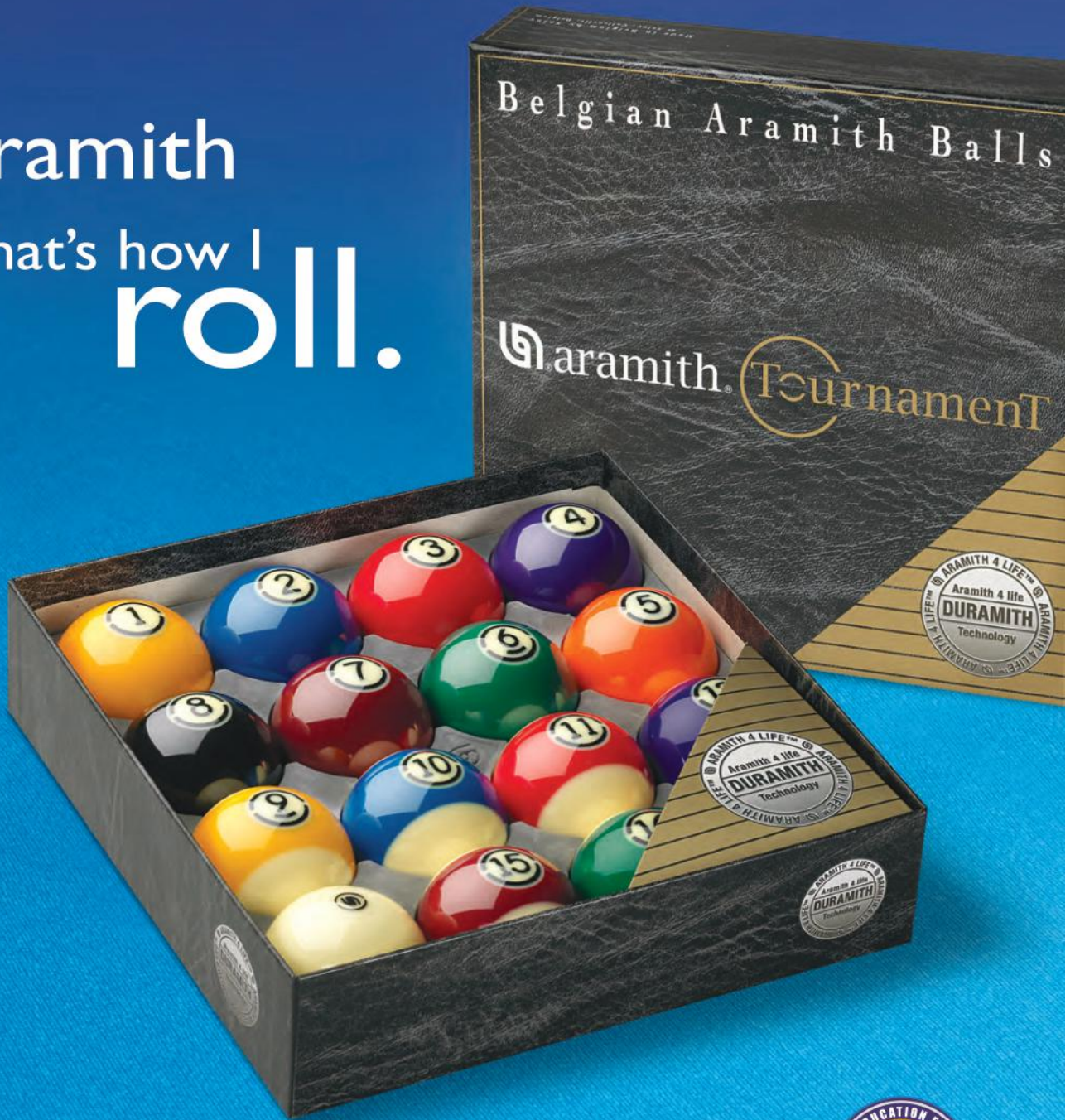
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# Si Meng Chen Captures the Amway Cup 2017

by Samuel Lai and AZB Staff



The Amway eSpring International Women's 9-Ball Championship 2017 was held between March 2nd - 5th at it's new home - the Taipei Gymnasium (#10, Section 4, Nanjing East Road, Songshan District), near Taipei Arena. Women players from all over the world, including Fury-sponsored players Sandy Liu (ShaSha) of China and Kelly Fisher of England, were flocking in to do combat for one of the most prestigious titles in Women's pool.

The championship, aka the Amway Cup, is the longest-running pool tournament in Taiwan, and celebrated her 20th Anniversary this year since Amway took up the sponsorship in 1998, with many moments to be remembered.

Chezka Luy Centeno of the Philippines made history last year by being the youngest ever (aged 16) to win the Amway Cup. She came back from 1-5 down to beat Kelly Fisher 11-8 in the final, and went home \$34,000 richer.

Same as last year, the qualifiers were held at the Jixian Billiards (#223 Jixian Road, Luzhou District, Taipei) between February 26th - 28th.

The Amway eSpring International Women 9-Ball Championship 2017 began on March 2 with the first 6 matches featuring players from 8 different countries

and regions.

Fury, the official cues of the tournament, immediately felt the excitement of the event as two of their sponsored players, former world #1 Sandy Liu (ShaSha) of China and South-East Asian gold medalist Angelina Ticoalu of Indonesia faced each other again this year in one of the opening matches in Group B. This was a rematch of their semifinal meeting in 2015 when Ticoalu defeated Liu.

Angelina managed to snatch the first point on the scoreboard but her opponent soon settled down and took over to lead the match all the way. In the end, Sandy was the better player and took her "revenge" with the final score standing at 7-4. Later on that day, Angelina recovered her lost ground by beating the Japanese Triple-Crown winner Joana Wu (Zhi-Ting) of Chinese Taipei, as well as the five time winner of this event, "Duchess of Doom" Allison Fisher, in a hill-hill thriller on the TV table. Sandy then extended her lead overnight in the group by beating Joana Wu 7-4 in the evening session.

The 2013 Amway Cup winner, Kelly Fisher of England, came back from behind to beat Lim Yun-Mi of South Korea 7-5. Kelly came back in good form after her surgery and looked to stay strong against her other opponents in Group H. Those included

Longasy Tips-sponsored Wei Tzu-Chien as well as her Taiwanese comrade Ho Hsin-Ju who came through from the qualifiers.

In the other groups, even though Kristina Tkach of Russia had a bad opening after scratching on her first 8-ball and eventually losing the match to the 2004 Amway Cup champion Liu Shin-Mei of Chinese Taipei, she was able to re-strengthen her position in Group A with two hill-hill wins over qualifier Wu Hsiao-Wen (Chinese Taipei) and the reigning Amway Cup Champion Chezka Centeno respectively. Earlier on, the defending champion had a relatively comfortable win over Jasmin Ouschan of Austria.



Chezka Centeno

Multiple world champions Karen Corr, of Northern Ireland, had wins over Japanese #1 Chihiro Kawahara and qualifier Fan Yu-Hsuan (Chinese Taipei) to lead in Group C.

Three time Amway Cup Champion Rita Chou (Chieh-Yu) earned both of her wins on the TV table by taking down Oliwia Czuprynska of Poland and Molrudee Kasemchaiyanan of New Zealand. The great Pan XiaoTing of China, who won the Amway Cup exactly ten years back, missed her action last year but now is returning to the scene brighter than ever, and she beat Molrudee and qualifier Mu Shu-Fong of Chinese Taipei to equal Rita in Group D overnight.

Han Yu of China, the recently selected AZB player

of the Year and current world #1 as well as a semi-finalist last year, marked the first absolute win of the day by whitewashing the Taiwanese qualifier Hsieh Yu-Wen on the TV table, then moved on to beat Pia Plaeser of Germany in Group E. Two times world champion Rubilen Amit copied Han and gave a lesson to the young South Korean rising star Woo-Jin Lee, being the only non-Taiwanese that came through from stage one. Lee lost in a hill-hill encounter with Hsieh but was able to grab a win over Pia that saved a last hope for her against Han in the afternoon session.

Ga-Young Kim, the two times Amway Cup winner from South Korea, stood out in Group F by beating Jennifer McCulla of Australia and qualifier Bean Hung (Meng-Hsia), who is coincidentally working in Australia. The 17-year-old Taiwanese Amber Chen (Chia-Hua), being the youngest player on board, enjoyed her first direct-entry to stage 2 this year, had 1 win and 1 loss on the day, and would face Kim on TV the next day.

Lin Yuan-Chun of Chinese Taipei, also a two times Amway Cup winner, won her first match 7-4 in Group G against Kristina Grim of Germany. Kristina, who almost broke down to tears after having a good lead but still losing to Kelly Fisher on the TV table last year, celebrated her victory with a deciding rack win on TV this year against qualifier Kuo Szu-Ting of Chinese Taipei.

The next day Kelly Fisher (GBR) won the last match on the TV table against Wei Tzu-Chien (TPE) to gain a direct entry to the last 16 of the tournament. Kelly was one of the players that had 4 wins in her respective group after the initial round robin stage. Wei and Veronika Ivanovskaia (GER) came in as 2nd and 3rd place respectively in Group H, hence advancing to play in the round of last 24.

Sandy Liu ShaSha and Angeline Ticoalu were drawn into the same group. They finished off 2nd and 3rd respectively in Group B, thus advancing into the last 24. Even though Sandy was leading most of the time throughout the stage, Allison Fisher (GBR) took her down on the TV table to equal their scores in games and had a better rack-difference to snatch the first place and advanced directly into the last 16.

*“The biggest excitement of the day came from the match between Kelly Fisher and Wei Tzu-Chien ...”*



Chou Chieh-Yu

In Group D, Pan XiaoTing was another player that had 4 wins after whitewashing local favorite Rita Chou Chieh-Yu, giving as much pleasure as shock to the audience both at the stadium and on TV. During an interview earlier on, Pan revealed that this was a match long expected, while the result was a pleasant surprise as she expressed in the post-interview. Oliwia Czuprynska came in third and followed Rita into the next round.

In the other groups, despite the fact that Jasmin Ouschan lost to the defending champion Chezka Centeno the day prior, Jasmin had more wins in the end and therefore advanced in first place in Group A. Chezka finished second after making a couple of critical errors to lose two hill-hill matches against Kristina Tkach and Wu Hsiao-Wen. Wu successfully made it into the last 24 after qualifying from stage 1.

Japanese leading lady Chihiro Kawahara had a rough ride in Group C, with only one win against Claudia Von Rohr (SUI), the new face on the tour. All of the other three players had the same result of 3 wins, but in the end it was Karen Corr that secured

a seat in the last 16 with a 2-rack difference. Fan Yu-Hsuan, who had made her appearance in stage 2 through qualifiers, fell short marginally by one rack against her local senior Chen Ho-Yun.

Han Yu gave no chance to Hsieh Yu-Wen on the TV table, then went on to win all the matches in Group E. Hsieh, who came through from the Taiwanese qualifier, and Lee Woo-Jin, the rising star from South Korea that made her way through stage 1, were on the same page before their last encounter with each other. In the end, it was Hsieh that had a better day, turning hill-hill excitement into an entry ticket to the last 24 for herself, leaving her opponent on the sidelines. Two times world champion Rubilen Amit finished second in the group.

Kim Ga-Young stood out in Group F with 4 straight wins, thus advancing to the last 16. For the remaining players, it was a close call amongst Natalia Seroshtan (RUS), Chen Chia-Hua and qualifier Bean Hung Meng-Hsia, with all three of them winning 2 games and losing 2. Natalia was the lowest one after rack counts and therefore the two Taiwanese girls went through to the last 24.

It was not exactly a joyride but Chen SiMing still surfed through Group G by winning all of her matches. Lin Yuan-Chun had a close one, and lost in the decider against Chen, but still managed to win all of her other matches to go through to the next stage. Kristina Grim of Germany, who took down qualifier Kuo Szu-Ting on the first TV match yesterday, came in third in the group.

Upon the completion of the last match on the day, all players gathered at the TV table to draw for the positions in the last 16 to 24 stage.

Liu ShaSha (Sandy) came through from winning in the last 24 to be up against Jasmin Ouschan of Austria on the TV table. The two played in the televised Chinese New Year Exhibition Match in Beijing this year and Jasmin was the winner. Jasmin had a good opening but Sandy quickly made it back to all square at 1-all. When the score stood at 3-3, Sandy started taking control and won four games in a row. It was a funny interlude when Jasmin went up for the handshake, Sandy did not realize that she had already won the match as she thought it was a race to nine. At the end of the day, Sandy became the only player standing in the last 8 from the initial line up of 16 runner-ups from the group stage.



Kelly Fisher

The biggest excitement of the day came from the match between Kelly Fisher and Wei Tzu-Chien, which was also a replica of the group stage match. Wei had a good start and soon went ahead in the game, but missed an easy 9 allowing Kelly to catch up. Wei missed another 9 and soon found Kelly waiting on the hill. Kelly broke for the match, but was unable to clear the table, allowing Wei to tie things up and a turn to break for the match. At hill-hill, Wei broke but was not able to find a connecting ball. Wei pushed out, forcing Kelly to play a hooked shot. Kelly made an excellent jump shot to pot the 1, and then ran the table and made it into the last 8.

The other Fisher (Allison) took on Angelina Ticoalu again, replicating their match in the round robin stage. Allison went into a quick lead, but when she was only three racks away from winning, Angeline fought back to stay in the game, making it even at 4-4. Just when everyone thought that the game might go hill-hill like the day before, Allison realized the situation and started playing more safety shots as the game went on. This created enough room for Allison to regain control of the match. With the 7-4 win, Allison would meet Sandy again (yes again!), another group stage rematch.

In a true clash of the titans, Chezka Centeno met the all-time great Karen Corr in the last 16 of the tournament. Chezka was the first to make it to the hill leading 6-3, but Karen fought back to make it all square

and bring the game into a thrilling hill-hill match. In the decider, Chezka failed to escape a hook shot on the 3, Karen then went on the run the table, but leaving a long straight pot on the 9 for herself. With her ultra-strong snooker background, Karen made the winning ball and dropped on her knees with a big scream as she moved into the last 8 of the event by knocking out the defending champion.

Han Yu had been surfing through the whole tournament without conceding a single match. In this round, Han kept enjoying her joyride against Veronika Ivanovskaia of Germany. The young Veronica had her chances to keep the score close but failed to do so. Han, the semi-finalist last year, on the other hand, was sweeping the table as soon as she got a chance to come to the table. In the end, Han advanced into the last 8 with the final score standing at 7-2.

Kim Ga-Young, another player unbeaten yet in the tournament, faced qualifier Wu Hsiao-Wen of Chinese Taipei in the last 16 match. Wu is an experienced player and at one point found herself 5-4 up against the two times cup winner. Nevertheless, Ga-Young was able to keep her cool and turned the match around to win at 7-5.

Chen SiMing, the other unbeaten player, seems to be untouchable even when "Hurricane" Chen Ho-Yun stepped up for the challenge after defeating Grim in the previous round. SiMing was ahead 6-1 before making a critical mistake that allowed the Hurricane to claw two games back. However, Ho-Yun's safety shot in the 10th game was not safe enough for SiMing. After winning this game, SiMing would be playing against Kelly Fisher in the next round, which would be a replica of the World Chinese 8-Ball final last year.

The final match of the day, and what could be considered as the biggest encounter of the day, was between the three times cup champion Chou Chieh-Yu (Rita) and Pan XiaoTing. Rita had a loss on TV the day before, but was able to benefit from a scratch by Pan to square the match at six apiece. Alternate breaks meant that Pan had a chance to break for the match but was left with no chance to attack. After exchanging a couple of safety shots Rita scratched, but again Pan found no chance to attack. After careful consideration, Pan decided to play the 1-9 combo and successfully potted the winning ball.

With the exit of Rita, all Taiwanese players were then out of the event. The four players from China



Si Ming Chen

stayed alive in the final 8, joining them were 3 from the United Kingdom, as well as one from South Korea. What's worthwhile mentioning again is that Liu ShaSha (Sandy) became the only player in the last eight that came through as a runner-up in the group stages.

The final day of the event started with only eight players and finally crowned Si Ming Chen as the 2017 Amway eSpring International Women's 9-Ball Champion.

The round of eight saw the undefeated Chen taking on Kelly Fisher, a familiar opponent. Just like the event in China last year, Chen came out on top of this match 9-6.

Chen's next match, against Ga-Young Kim, was even closer with Chen scoring the 9-7 win to book her place in the finals. Chen's opponent in the finals, Xiao Ting Pan, had an equally tough road to the final match. Pan was also undefeated in group play, and

scored wins over Chieh Yu Chau, Karen Corr and Sha Sha Liu on her way to the finals.

The final match was a close one, but Chen emerged with the 11-8 win and first place. The \$34,000 first prize launched Chen to the top of the AzB Woman's Money list temporarily, as Fu Xiao-Fang's win at the World Chinese Pool Championship two weeks later saw her take the top spot from Chen.



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# Star Billiards & CBSA Discuss Future of Chinese Pool

Prior to the commencement of The Third Annual "Yaqi Group Cup" Chinese Pool World Championship, a "Chinese Pool Development Seminar" was held with representatives from Star Billiards and the Chinese Billiards and Snooker Association (CBSA) hosting distinguished guests from different international federations and members of the media to discuss the game of Chinese Pool, its current status and where they hope the sport will grow.

While American Pool and Snooker are very popular in China, it was announced that over 80% of the players in China are playing Chinese Pool. Participation in this year's Chinese Pool World Championship grew with almost 400 players from over 40 countries playing in one of the stages of the event.

While Star and the CBSA are very happy with the growth of the game, they admitted that they know they have a long way to go. The following goals were discussed for the near future.

- **Push the game of Chinese Pool into schools and local communities.**
- **Increase the number of Professional Chinese Pool events in China**
- **Increase total prize money available to the top players with a goal of the top players being able to make a living playing game**
- **Hold qualifying tournaments in more countries outside of China**

Star Billiards is more than just the supplier of tables for the CBSA. The Chairman of the Star Group is also the President of the CBSA and Star Billiards is the organizer of the World Championship each year in Yu Shan, China.

Star announced the formation of the first Chinese School of Billiards, which will focus on teaching players, coaches, referees and managers of the game.

As if that wasn't enough, Star also announced their recently signed deal with the city of Yu Shan to build the country's first Pool and Billiard Industry Park. This park is slated to include a world class sports center that can host major events for pool and snooker in addition to player housing and advancing teaching facilities.

The park will also host the first billiards museum, with memorabilia from top players as well as from the history of the different disciplines of cue sports. The plans are for the museum to also house a new worldwide billiards hall of fame.

The eventual goal of the Pool and Billiard Industry Park is to grow Yu Shan China into the Chinese Pool equivalent of the Snooker World's Crucible in Sheffield England.

After the presentation from Star Billiards and the CBSA, comments were made by representatives from the WPA, IBSF, World Snooker, and The Russian Billiards Federation. All speakers expressed their support for the goals of the CBSA and Star Billiards



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This four-day event will again be staged at Sandcastle Billiards in Edison, New Jersey in the Aramith/Simonis TV Arena. These events only work because supporters like you purchase "Make-It-Happen" packages which finance the entire production. As always, 100% of the support money goes into the event. Accu-Stats takes nothing.

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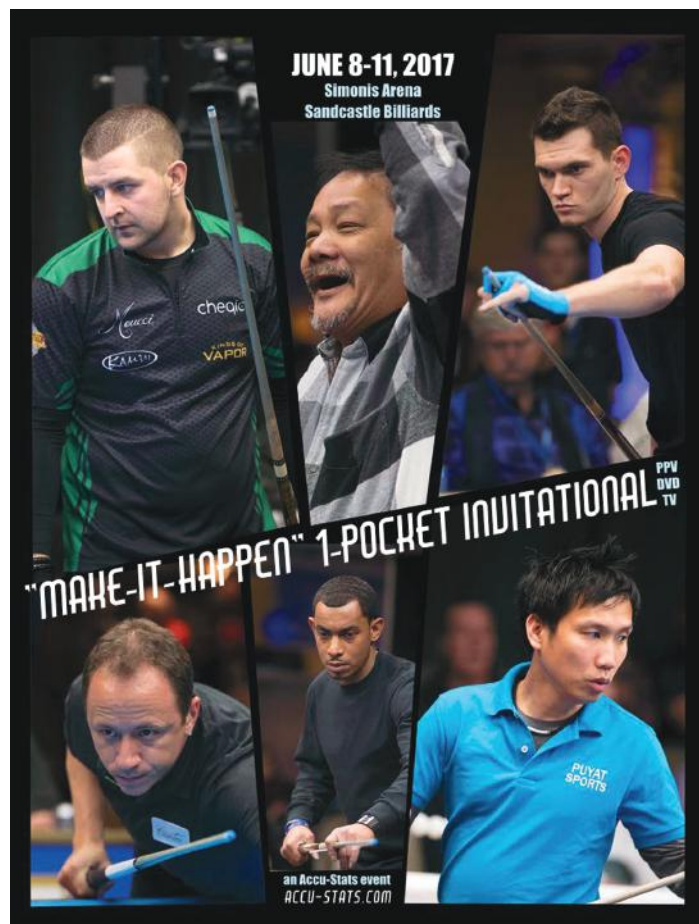
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# Through The Keyhole: A Spotlight on AZBtv

By AZB Staff



Al Leon took over AZBtv in 2013, but he had been in the streaming world for quite a while prior to that. We caught up with Al on the ides of March and he ran us through the evolution of AZBtv and how it came to be what it is today.

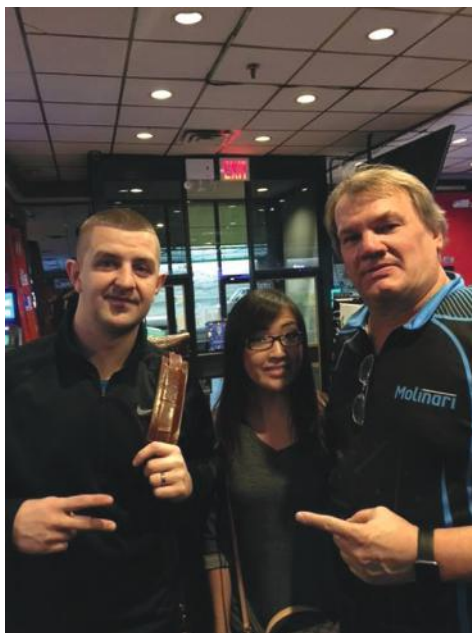
Years before "Upstate" Al actually produced the streams he was promoting them through every social media platform he could find. "We did 'Live Stream News' on things like Facebook and we kept it constantly current and updated." That begged the next question: Why? Al replied: "It always seemed to me that pool just did not get enough publicity. Here we were where folks could watch the best players perform on their home computer but they didn't even know about it so they couldn't watch. The goal was to make more people aware of the resources available to them so that they could watch the best and get inspired to play. We wanted to grow the game."

After speaking with Al at Turning Stone in 2013 AZBilliards made the decision to have Al take over the operation of AZBtv as he had the time, the passion

and the skills to develop the entity properly. He told us: "I was at Turning Stone and I would always leave before the semi's and finals and go home and watch those on the AZBtv stream. Pat Fleming was working with AZB to do Turning Stone at that time but AZB felt that Pat was putting in way too much work for nothing. So after speaking with Pat Fleming, the decision was made that I would take over the Turning Stone broadcasts."

So AZB shipped their two cameras, tripods, microphones and cables up to Al and told him to have at it. He did a few events as at Sharp-Shooters in Albany, NY for free to overcome the learning curve and then his studies told him he needed to get different equipment to keep up with the demands of the day. So he shipped back the AZB equipment and overloaded his credit card with video and audio

and computer gear. He went from running the cameras into a computer and out over the net to having audio and video mixers and much more powerful computing power to handle the needs of an HD stream. Al added: "One great resource I discovered is that the folks who



develop this stuff will talk to you and help you out. I needed info that wasn't in the instruction manuals and I would call up the companies and they would put me in touch with the folks who actually developed the product. They were a huge help in answering my questions and giving me a general education on advanced streaming."

"I bought so much stuff. And as time went by that stuff got passed over by newer stuff so now I have some great equipment that I don't even use because I have something else that duplicates that requirement more efficiently. I haven't done multiple tables yet but I am sure I could do 2-4 tables at the same time with all the stuff I have."

Al works hard for his money. He puts on 35-40 streams a year and drives upwards of 40,000 miles while so doing. But he enjoys what he is doing and that means a lot. We asked him for his favorite moment while streaming and he said: "There are so many. There's a new one every week. Every week I see an impossible shot lead to an impossible runout and so much funny stuff, it just happens all the time. I still get excited before every event. I will be there one or two days prior to the event and I am as excited as a kid going to camp for the first time."

Streamers love fast players and Al has some favorites on that list. "Take Jayson Shaw. I saw him take only 22 minutes to finish a set that had a two-hour time slot. So he gave me a 90-minute break where I could go eat, stretch, and just get out of the box for a while. You learn to love guys like that."

"But it is when two of the high-octane boys get together that you really get a show. I remember when Shane played Jayson Shaw in a race to 100 games and Shane got up by over 20 games and Shaw came back and surpassed him. You just don't run into firepower like that often and when you do it is very special."

Al is excited about the future simply because of all the advances in technology. "We are actually waiting on the internet now for increased speeds. Our equipment is ahead of the curve so we are looking forward to much higher internet speeds."

Upstate Al has an AZBtv Facebook page and you will always find his streams on the AZBilliards Front Page in the Streaming Guide section.



# 2017 Official Mosconi Cup Team USA Qualification Events



**MATCHROOM SPORT** can announce the Official Mosconi Cup Team USA Ranking Events for the 2017 Europe v USA match which takes place at the Tropicana, Las Vegas from 4th to 7th December. The roster has been set at 15 events, a reduction from 2016, with all tournaments on 7 foot tables having been dropped at the behest of the competing players.

In addition, there are no overseas events.

This year the final qualifying event will be in early September which means no US Open, following Team USA captain Johan Ruijsink's stipulation that he needs additional time to work with the team in the lead up to the event.

The 15 events are divided into three grades with Grade One carrying the most points and Grade Three carrying the least. At the end of the qualification period, Team Captain Johan Ruijsink will select four players from the top ten of the rankings plus one other player (top ten or not) to comprise his squad of players to travel to Las Vegas as the USA attempt to win the Mosconi Cup for the first time since 2009.

## 2017 Mosconi Cup Team USA Ranking Events Tour

**JANUARY 8/11**

**Turning Stone Classic I (Mike Zuglan)**

Verona, New York

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$25,000
Players: 128	Grade: One

**JANUARY 14/17**

**World Pool Series Event 1 (Darren Appleton)**

New York

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$16,200
Players: 119	Grade: One

**JANUARY 14/17**

**World Pool Series Challenge Event (Darren Appleton)**

New York

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$2,500
Players: 78	Grade: Three

**JANUARY 25/28**

**Derby City Classic 9 Ball (Greg Sullivan)**

Elizabeth, Indiana

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$25,000
Players: 320	Grade: One

**MARCH 30/APRIL 2**

**Professional Players Championship (Allen Hopkins Jnr)**

Oaks, PA

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$10/15,000
Players: 64	Grade: One

**APRIL 5/8**

**World Pool Series Event 2 (Darren Appleton)**

New York

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$16,800
Players: 128	Grade: One

**APRIL 5/8**

**World Pool Series Challenge Event (Darren Appleton)**

New York

Table: 9 ft	Players: 70 plus
Added: \$2,500	Grade: Three

**JULY 12/16**

**World Pool Series Event 3 (Darren Appleton)**

New York

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$16,800
Players: 128	Grade: One

**JULY 12/16**  
**World Pool Series Challenge Event (Darren Appleton)**  
 New York

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$2,500
Players: 70 plus	Grade: Three

**JULY 17/19**  
**US Open 10 Ball (CSI)**  
 Las Vegas, Nevada

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$15,000
Players: 128	Grade: One

**JULY 29/31**  
**US Open 8 Ball (CSI)**  
 Las Vegas, Nevada

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$15,000
Players: 128	Grade: One

**AUGUST 17/20**  
**Chuck Markulis Memorial (Hard Times)**  
 Sacramento, CA

Table: 9 ft	Added: Minimum \$5,000
Players: 100	Grade: Two

**AUGUST 31/SEPT 3**  
**Turning Stone Classic II (Mike Zuglan)**  
 Verona, New York

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$25,000
Players: 128	Grade: One

**SEPTEMBER 1/5**  
**Texas Open 9-Ball Championships**  
 Round Rock, Austin, Texas

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$5,000
Players: 128	Grade: Two

**SEPTEMBER 9/10**  
**Houston 9-Ball Open**  
**Legends Billiards**  
 League City, Texas

Table: Over Size 4 x 8	Added: \$8,000
Players: 128	Grade: Two

**POINTS CUT OFF**

- Events with a field upwards of 80 players – top 32
- Events with fields between 64 and 79 players – top 24
- Events with less than 64 entries – top 16.

**Grade One**

- 1 – 50 pts
- 2 – 40
- 3 – 35
- 4 – 30
- 5/6 – 26
- 7/8 – 22
- 9/12 – 18
- 13/16 – 13
- 17/24 – 8
- 25/32 – 5

**OR**

- 1 – 50 pts
- 2 – 40
- 3/4 – 32
- 5/8 – 24
- 9/16 – 15
- 17/32 – 8

**Grade Two**

- 1 – 40 pts
- 2 – 32
- 3 – 28
- 4 – 24
- 5/6 – 21
- 7/8 – 18
- 9/12 – 14
- 13/16 – 10
- 17/24 – 6
- 25/32 – 4

**Grade Three**

- 1 – 25 pts
- 2 – 20
- 3 – 18
- 4 – 15
- 5/6 – 13
- 7/8 – 11
- 9/12 – 9
- 13/16 – 7
- 17/24 – 4
- 25/32 – 3

**OR**

- 1 – 25 pts
- 2 – 20
- 3/4 – 17
- 5/8 – 12
- 9/16 – 8
- 17/32 – 4

**Derby City**

- 1 – 50 pts
- 2 – 40
- 3 – 35
- 4/5 – 30
- 6/10 – 21
- 11/16 – 15
- 17/22 – 11
- 23/39 – 5

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# 2017 Official Mosconi Cup Euro Team Qualification Events



**MATCHROOM SPORT** can announce the 12 event series that will determine three of the five spots on the European Mosconi Cup team as they bid to extend their run of successive victories to eight this December in Las Vegas. The events fall into three categories; “World Events” of which there are two; European “A” events, numbering five and European “B” events of which there are also five.

Unlike previous years there will be only two rankings instead of three. The first will be the “European Ranking” which includes the five European “A” and five European “B” events. The winner of this ranking will gain a spot on the Mosconi Cup side.

The second ranking will be the “World Ranking” which will comprise all 12 events. The first and second placed players in this

ranking will gain spots on the European Mosconi Cup team.

In the event that the winner of the European Ranking also comes first or second in the World Ranking, then the player filling the third position in the World Ranking will gain an automatic spot. The remaining two players will be wildcard picks.

With two events having taken place, the up-to-date ranking will be published shortly. The next ranking event is the Portuguese Open which starts on March 30th.

## 2017 Mosconi Cup European Team Ranking Events

### LEVEL ONE (World Ranking Only)

**JUNE 4/11**  
**WPA China Open**  
Shanghai, China

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$200,000
Players: 64	

**OCTOBER 22/28**  
**US Open 9 Ball (Behrman)**  
Norfolk, Virginia

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$70,000
Players: 128	

### LEVEL TWO (World Ranking Only)

**FEBRUARY 24/ 26**  
**Euro Tour Italian Open**  
Treviso

Table: 9 ft	Total Prize Fund: €36,000
Players: 128 minimum	

**MARCH 30/APRIL 1**  
**Euro Tour Portuguese Open**  
Albufeira, Algarve

Table: 9 ft	Total Prize Fund: €36,000
Players: 128 minimum	

## LEVEL TWO (World Ranking Only) continued ...

### MAY 18/20 Euro Tour Austrian Open

Sankt Johann im Pongau

Table: 9 ft	Total Prize Fund: €36,000
Players: 128 minimum	

### AUGUST 10/12 Euro Tour Dutch Open

Leende

Table: 9 ft	Total Prize Fund: €36,000
Players: 128 minimum	

### SEPTEMBER 19/23

#### Kremlin Cup

Moscow

Table: 9 ft	Added money: \$20-25,000
Players: 128 minimum	

## LEVEL THREE (World Ranking Only)

### FEBRUARY 3/5 Bucharest Open

Bucharest, Romania

Table: 9 ft	Added money: €5,000 plus
Players: 128 plus	

### JUNE 16/18 Bergen Open

Norway

Table: 9 ft	Added money: €5,000 plus
Players: 128 plus	

### AUGUST 26/27 Black Sea Cup

Constanta, Romania

Table: 9 ft	Total Prize Fund: €10,000 Guaranteed
Players: 128	

### AUGUST 31/SEPT 3 Pinneberg Open

Hamburg, Germany

Table: 9 ft	Total Prize Fund: €24,000 Guaranteed
Players: 256	

### SEPTEMBER 7/10 Longoni Benelux Open

Rotterdam, Holland

Table: 9 ft	Total Prize Fund: €10,000 Guaranteed
Players: 256 upwards	* Players who "Buy Back" are deemed to have been eliminated from the event.

### POINTS CUT OFF

Events with a field upwards of 80 players – top 32

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Events with less than 64 entries – top 16.

Level 1	Level Two	Level Three		US Open
<b>WPA events</b>	1 – 50 pts	1 – 28 pts	1 – 28 pts	1 – 80 pts
1 – 80 pts	2 – 40	2 – 22	2 – 22	2 – 67
2 – 67	3/4 – 30	3 – 21	3/4 – 17	3 – 59
3/4 – 53	5/8 – 23	4 – 18	5/8 – 14	4 – 51
5/8 – 40	9/16 – 15	5/6 – 15	9/16 – 8	5/6 – 43
9/16 – 27	17/32 – 8	7/8 – 13	16/32 – 4	7/8 – 35
17/32 – 13		9/12 – 10		9/12 – 27
		13/16 – 7		13/16 – 21
		17/24 – 6		17/24 – 16
		25/32 – 3		25/32 – 11

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# 2017 Mosconi Cup

## Team USA Standings After Four Events

WITH FOUR events played in the 15 event series to determine the top ten players eligible for Team USA, it is veteran and former Mosconi MVP Dennis Hatch who heads the list, having pointed at two of the four events played. Behind him is another former MVP in Rodney Morris, while other former Mosconi players Shane Van Boening, Johnny Archer, Oscar Dominguez and Justin Hall help fill out the top ten spots.

This year it's about finishing in the top ten once the 15th and final event has been played out in early September. That's because US Team Captain Johan Ruijsink will be picking his team from the top ten finishing players. To give himself some leeway in this make or break year for Team America, Ruijsink will be selecting four players from the top ten plus another whose final ranking won't be of significance.

After no events in February and most of March, the ranking calendar springs into action on 30 March as the Professional Players Championship gets underway at the Super Billiards Expo. It is a Grade One event with points ranging from 50 for the winner down to 5 for a top 32 finish.

For full rankings go to  
<http://www.matchroompool.com/mosconi-cup/#teamUSA>

### Ranking After 4 Events

1	Dennis HATCH	50
2	Rodney MORRIS	48
3	Shane VAN BOENING	40
T4	Donny MILLS	30
T4	Billy Thorpe	30
6	Johnny ARCHER	27
7	Oscar DOMINGUEZ	22
8	Justin HALL	21
T9	Jarrod CLOWERY	18
T9	Jorge RODRIGUEZ	18
11	Hunter LOMBARDO	16
T12	Earl STRICKLAND	15
T12	Shaun WILKIE	15
T14	Four players tied	



## MOSCONI CUP XXIV TEAM USA

### 2017 Mosconi Cup Team USA Ranking — Next Events

#### MARCH 30/APRIL 2

##### Professional Players Championship (Allen Hopkins Jr)

Oaks, PA

Table: 9 ft	Added: \$10/15,000
Players: 64	Grade: One

#### APRIL 5/8

##### World Pool Series Event 2 (Darren Appleton)

New York

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BARRY HEARN has pledged that the new Matchroom Sport Charitable Foundation will make hundreds of thousands of pounds available to charitable causes, as the world-leading sports promotions company launched its latest initiative.

Hearn founded Matchroom in 1982 and over the past 35 years it has donated millions of pounds to a wide-range of charities throughout its many sporting activities. Matchroom now promotes in excess of 100 events per year, selling over 500,000 tickets in the process. Part of the Foundation's funding will come from a contribution equivalent to £1 for every ticket sold for these events.

The new Foundation will centralise the group's benevolent efforts to incorporate the Professional Darts Corporation and World Snooker's events, as well as the various Matchroom Sport divisions across the group, and help a variety of causes including sports and community charities, and a number of hospices for both children and adults.

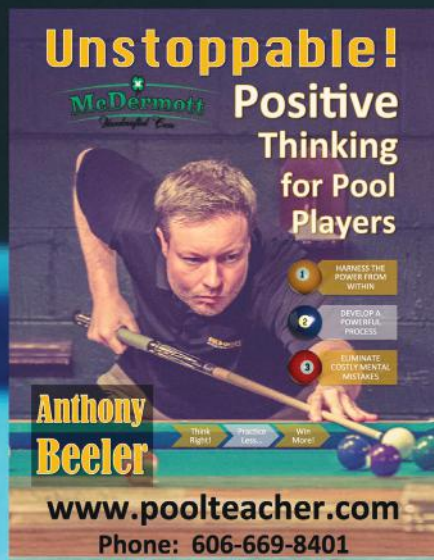
"Sport gives us so many highs and wonderful moments," Hearn said. "It's a genuine vehicle for change and puts us in a fortunate position to be able to give something back in a significant way that will make a real difference."

"Hundreds of thousands of people purchase tickets to our many events annually and it seemed a golden opportunity to raise significant funds and then channel them to good causes through our new Foundation."

"Helping others where we can has always been a cornerstone of Matchroom's philosophy and we are privileged to be in a position to really make a difference to other people's lives through the Matchroom Sport Charitable Foundation."

Matchroom's business activities cover a broad range of sports including snooker, darts, boxing, pool and golf, and reach millions of people around the world. The Matchroom Sport Charitable Foundation aims to harness the success of these businesses and the enduring appeal of sport to raise funds for deserving causes.

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A LOOK INSIDE  
**OLDEST & NEWEST**  
*Pool Halls in America*

By Kristin Taggart



We went in search to find the oldest pool halls in America that are still in business today! Don't be fooled, as some of the pool halls just recently had updates done, so not all of them look as old as they really are! We also decided to incorporate some of the new pool halls that just opened in the last couple of years, showing you that pool is still alive and going strong.

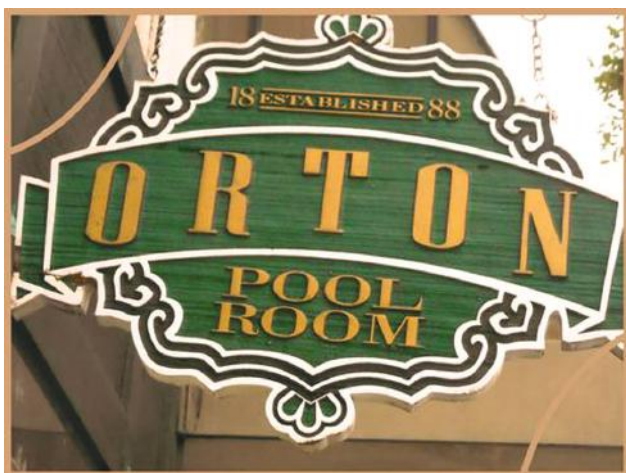
Let's start from the oldest and work our way to pool halls that are opening today!

basement with the laundry, pool hall and barber shop survived!

Who Famous Played Here? Willie Mosconi stopped in 1953, while on tour.

Mosconi, known as "Mr. Pocket Billiards," won the World Straight Pool Championship a record 15 times from 1941-1957. He was also among the first group to be inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame.

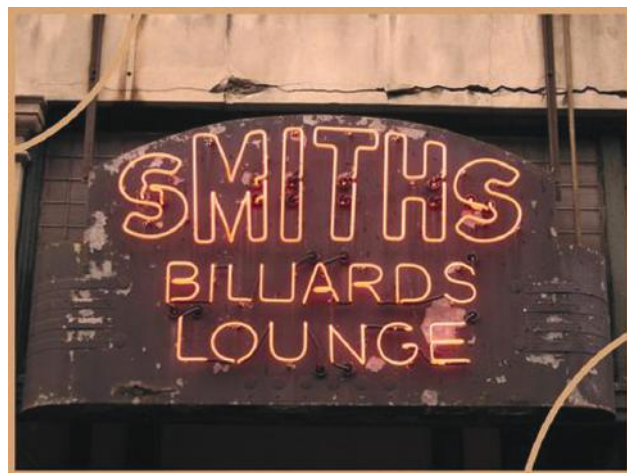
<http://www.ortonspoolroom.com/>



### Orton's Pool Room

\*Oldest Pool Hall in America

Established in 1888, Orton Pool Room's home in Wilmington, North Carolina holds a lot of history. Originally built as the Orton Hotel in the 1800's, years later in 1949 the building burned and only the



### Smith's Billiards

\*Second Oldest Pool Hall in America

Originally established as a billiard academy, this pool hall is located in the historic town of Springfield, Massachusetts. Fred Smith began the academy in 1902. Said to be 114 years old.

Who Famous Played Here? Lots! One was Leo Durocher, Major League Baseball American professional baseball player, manager and coach.

<http://smithsbilliards.com/>

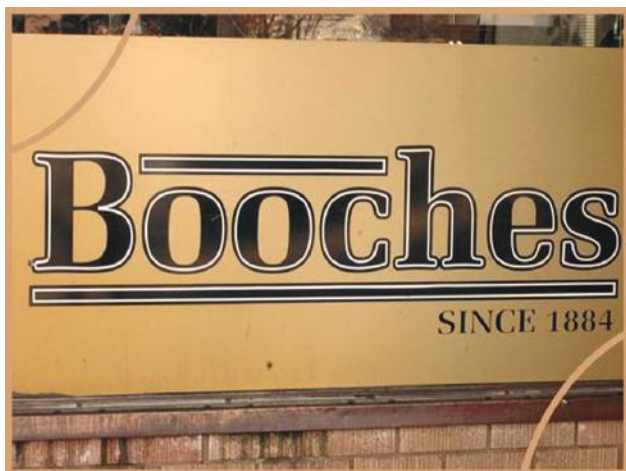


### People's Billiards Club aka People's On Beale

Founded in 1904 in Memphis, Tennessee. This pool hall is home of the "hundred-year-old Brunswicks." They have 8 pool tables, a jukebox and a stage.

Want to Know a Fun Fact about People's on Beale? Beale Street is the #1 Tourist Attraction in the state of Tennessee!

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



### Booches Billiard Hall

Located in Columbia, Missouri (founded in 1884, but burned down and rebuilt in 1920's), Booches has three

full-sized pool tables, two snooker tables, and one billiard table for three cushion billiards play.

Want to know something yummy about Booches? Booches cheeseburgers (served on wax paper) were named one of the Top Ten burgers in America by USA Today in 2000.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Booches-Billiard-Hall/113818408645966>



### Blue Post Billiards

Blue Post Billiards located in Wilmington, North Carolina. This building used to be a brothel where sailors and pirates would go after long voyages. Although there is no date on its opening, we believe it to be at least 100 years old and that is why we have added it to our list! Fun Fact: A scene in the movie, "Tammy" was filmed in this local bar.

Don't be too scared if you decide to visit this pool hall... Blue Post is said to be haunted!

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Blue-Post-125668267469537/>

*"... pool is still alive and going strong."*



### Nixie's Billiard Parlour

Nixie's Billiard Parlour, located in Brookville, Indiana. Now we know this billiard hall has been around for 90-100 years, but even the owner is unsure of its start date! We are definitely still going to add it to our list for oldest pool halls though!

Want to know what their customer reviews say? Best burgers in town!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nixies/113552968677096>

Now jumping from the oldest to the most recently opened in America. Whoever tells you pool is dead, they are most definitely wrong!



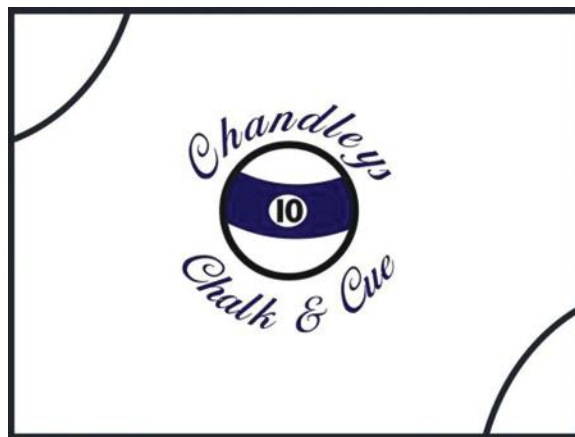
### Empire Bar & Billiards

Empire Bar & Billiards opened on August 19th, 2015 in Lawrence, Kansas. Chad Landis and Cody Henry are the owners of this new pool hall. The pool space is one of the larger bars in town with 10,000 square feet of pool play. Empire has 16 coin-operated tables and one

nine-foot table. This new bar carries 40 different beers, plus a large selection of bourbons, ryes and whiskeys.

Want to know an interesting history fact? This space is where "The Pool Room" went out of business after about 25 years in business.

<http://www.empirebarbilliards.com/#home>



### Chandley's Chalk and Cue

Chandley's Chalk & Cue opened in August of 2015, in Statesville, North Carolina. Mike Chandley co-owns the operation with his daughter Alayna Chandley. The pool hall features 61 Diamond Billiard tables of three different sizes.

What did you say? Chandley's has 61 Tables with a 900-person capacity!

<https://www.facebook.com/chandleyschalkandcue/>



### Break-N-Run Bar and Billiards

We now go to Twentynine Palms, California where

this pool hall was opened in September 2015 by Derek Hart. The billiard hall has a DJ, dance floor, bar and six pool tables.

Ready to play pool, dance and sing? In addition to live entertainment, you have an opportunity to join in as this pool hall has weekly Karaoke nights!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Break-N-Run-Billiards/120226281323121>



### The Crimson Cue

The Crimson Cue, located in Paso Robles, CA opened this month. They are an upscale sports bar offering Billiards, FoosBall and Shuffleboard and currently selling prepackaged food and beer.

Did you notice their colors? Inspired by the crimson colors of the Paso Robles High School Bearcats, Crimson Cue is a gathering place for alumni.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCrimsonCue/>



### Griff's Las Vegas

Griff's is the newest room to open in Las Vegas and is owned by Mark Griffin of CSI and the BCAPL and

USAPL. Griffin hit the mark with this room as he wanted to court an upscale clientele and has created the perfect 'date room' atmosphere.

Located at 3650 South Decatur, visit Griff's for a smoke-free billiards experience in Vegas.

[https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=griff%27s las vegas](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=griff%27s%20las%20vegas)



# Upcoming Tournaments

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

**April 1 - April 30:**

## **Dynamic Portugese Open**

**03/30 - 04/01**

Portugal

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

## **Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #13**

**04/01 - 04/02**

Dooly's Edmunston

Edmunston, Quebec

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

## **World 8-Ball Series 2017 Stop 2**

**04/04 - 04/07**

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

## **Joss Tour Stop #14 at Hippos**

**04/08 - 04/09**

Hippo's Billiards

Utica, NY

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

## **Joss Tour Stop #15 at Union Station**

**04/29 - 04/30**

Union Station Billiards

Portland, Maine

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

## **Falcon Cues Quebec Tour Grande Finale**

**04/29 - 04/30**

Dooly's Billiards

Valleyfield, Quebec

Website: [http://www.falconcuesquebectour.com](http://www.falconcuesquebectour.com/)

## **OB Cues Ladies Tour 2017 Stop 3**

**04/29 - 04/30**

CK Billiards

Dallas, Tx

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

## **JPNEWT Tour 2017 Stop 2**

**04/29 - 04/30**

Markley Billiards

Norristown, PA

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

## **Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Stop 9**

**04/30 - 04/30**

Amazin Billiards

Malden, Ma

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

## **Don't See Your Event Here?**

If you would like to have your event listed in our calendar please send the following information to:

**[info@azbilliards.com](mailto:info@azbilliards.com)**

- 1. Name of Tournament**
- 2. Location including venue, City, State**
- 3. Dates**
- 4. Web address or email contact (website address is best)**



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**May 1 - May 31:**

## **Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Season Finale**

**05/07 - 05/07**

Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

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

## **Falcon Cues Bonus Points Event**

**05/13 - 05/14**

Dooly's Levis

Levis, Quebec

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

## **Dynamic Billiard Austrian Open**

**05/18 - 05/20**

Austria

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

## **JPNEWT Tour 2017 Stop 3**

**05/20 - 05/21**

First Break Cafe

Sterling, VA

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

## **BCAPL Wisconsin State Championship**

**05/25 - 05/29**

Chula Vista Resort

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

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



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# Monthly Results

Tournament results from February 2017

## 02/01 - 02/05

### WPBA Masters 2017

#### Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Mt. Pleasant, MI

1 Line Kjoersvik	\$7,500
2 Karen Corr	\$4,500
3 Tamara Peeters	\$2,750
5 Krista Walsh	\$2,000
5 Monica Webb	\$2,000
7 Jennifer Barretta	\$1,750
7 Helena Thornfeldt	\$1,750
9 Melissa Little	\$1,500
9 Emily Duddy	\$1,500
9 Sara Miller	\$1,500
9 Brittany Bryant	\$1,500
13 Ewa Laurance	\$1,250
13 Sandy Badger	\$1,250
13 Jessica Barnes	\$1,250
13 Gail Eaton	\$1,250
17 Belinda Calhoun	\$1,000
17 Susan Williams	\$1,000
17 Eleanor Callado	\$1,000
17 Teruko Cucculelli	\$1,000
17 Maureen Seto	\$1,000
17 Suzanne Peters	\$1,000
17 Ricki Lee Casper	\$1,000
17 Angela Williams	\$1,000
25 Janet Atwell	\$750
25 Christie Causey	\$750
25 June Maiers	\$750
25 Laura Smith	\$750
25 Kim White-Newsome	\$750
25 Erin McManus	\$750
25 Bonnie Arnold	\$750
25 Kia Sidbury	\$750

## 02/04 - 02/05

### OB Cues Ladies Tour 2017 Stop 1

#### Rusty's Billiards Arlington, TX

1 Kim Pierce	\$750
2 Orietta Strickland	\$575
3 Cris Fields	\$430
4 Jennifer Pavlovick	\$330
5 Deedra Trammel	\$200
5 Tina Soto	\$200
7 Julie Stephenson	\$135
7 Natalie Rocha	\$135
9 Terry Petrosino	\$100
9 Rachel Peterson	\$100
9 Angie Payne	\$100
9 Janet Ybarra	\$100
13 Natalie Mans	\$80
13 Theresa Garland	\$80

13 Corina Campbell	\$80
13 Gail Roles	\$80

## 02/04 - 02/04

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Randolph's Billiards Hickory, NC

1 Chris Walsh	\$650
2 Daniel Gambill	\$450
3 Dustin Barkley	\$300
4 Rick Roper	\$200
5 Tim Monk	\$100
5 Brandon Canipe	\$100
7 Brian Capps	\$50
7 Jeff Young	\$50

## 02/05 - 02/05

### Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

#### Steinway Billiards Astoria, NY

1 Elvis Rodriguez	\$680
2 Lidio Ramirez	\$400
3 Qian Y Chen	\$260
4 Tony Ignomirello	\$160
5 Henri Hernandez	\$95
5 Ryan Dayrit	\$95

## 02/11 - 02/12

### Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017 Stop 3

#### CueBar Billiards Bayside, NY

1 Dave Shlemperis	\$1,525
2 Elvis Rodriguez	\$925
3 Eugene Ok	\$600
4 Paul Lyons	\$400
5 Annie Flores	\$250
5 KC Clayton	\$250
7 Darrin Schmidt	\$200
7 Tommy Hagan	\$200
9 Tim Fitzsimmon	\$150
9 Brooke Meyer	\$150
9 Amy Yue	\$150
9 Chris Kelly	\$150

## 02/11 - 02/12

### Omega Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 2

#### The Billiard Den Richardson, TX

1 Rick Stanley	\$1,000
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2 Amos Bush	\$650
3 Tony Sulsar	\$510
4 Doug Winnett	\$390
5 Shane Iyer	\$310
5 Robert Kempf	\$310
7 Hector Guerrero	\$220
7 Julie Stephenson	\$220
9 Jay Murillo	\$100
9 Steve Raynes	\$100
9 Barry Emerson	\$100
9 Paul Guernsey	\$100
13 Vince Tovar	\$75
13 Robin Barbour	\$75
13 Mike Roundtree	\$75
13 Douglas Pitts	\$75
17 Gerardo Perez	\$50
17 Robert Sifuentes	\$50
17 Fahad Alrawi	\$50
17 Alberto Nieto	\$50
17 Ruben Juarez	\$50
17 Michael Montgomery	\$50
17 Ian Perez	\$50
17 Rob Lovelace	\$50

## 02/11 - 02/12

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Mr Cues 2 Atlanta, GA

1 Bobby McGrath	\$1,000
2 Esteban Hernandez	\$700
3 Sean Duncan	\$500
4 Justin Davancan	\$325
5 BR Tatum	\$175
5 Duane Davis	\$175
7 Derek Fowler	\$125
7 Jeff Crawford	\$125
9 Rich Barto	\$75
9 Ryan Williamson	\$75
9 Keith Yates	\$75
9 Wes Davis	\$75

## 02/11 - 02/12

### 2017 Virginia State 10-Ball Championship

#### Diamond Billiards Midlothian, VA

1 Dennis Orcollo	\$2,000
2 Shaun Wilkie	\$1,300
3 Larry Kressel	\$800
4 Reymart Lim	\$500
5 John Newton	\$350
5 Mike Davis	\$350
7 Steve Fleming	\$220
7 Sean Sporleder	\$220

# Monthly Results

Tournament results from February 2017

9 Chris Futrell	\$150
9 Jarrod Clowery	\$150
9 Danny Green	\$150
9 Thomas Dorsey	\$150
13 Elias Nassif	\$100
13 Ozzy Reynolds	\$100
13 Eric Moore	\$100
13 Andy Lincoln	\$100

## 02/11 - 02/12

### 2017 Virginia State Women's 10-Ball Championship

#### Diamond Billiards Midlothian, VA

1 Meredith Lynch	\$900
2 Cheryl Pritchard	\$500
3 Nicole Fleming	\$200
4 Bethany Sykes	\$100

## 02/11 - 02/12

### Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 2 Amateur Division

#### Bogies Billiards & Games Houston, TX

1 Jacob Watson	\$520
2 Elias Garza	\$350
3 TJ Ortiz	\$260
4 Justin Pena	\$170
5 Ricky Hughes	\$90
5 Floyd Smith	\$90
7 Mark Cardenas	\$50
7 Steve Lenz	\$50
9 Sonny Bosshamer	\$25
9 Alan Myers	\$25
9 Tim Boelk	\$25
9 Chase Wheeler	\$25

## 02/11 - 02/12

### Lone Star Billiards Tour 2017 Stop 2 Open Division

#### Bogies Billiards & Games Houston, TX

1 Manny Chau	\$550
2 Justin Whitehead	\$370
3 Andy Jethwa	\$280
4 Marvin Diaz	\$185
5 Richie Richeson	\$90
5 Nick Hood	\$90
7 Bobby Perez	\$60
7 Brian Rosenbaum	\$60
9 Elias Garza	\$35
9 Ricky Hughes	\$35
9 Chase Wheeler	\$35

9 Jacob Watson	\$35
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## 02/16 - 02/19

### 3rd Texas 10-Ball Championship Skinny Bob's Billiards Round Rock, Texas

1 Manny Chau	\$3,700
2 Shane McMinn	\$2,165
3 John Gabriel	\$1,350
4 Dennis Orcollo	\$875
5 Jeffrey De Luna	\$575
5 Skyler Woodward	\$575
7 Jason Klatt	\$400
7 Josh Roberts	\$400
9 Roberto Gomez	\$300
9 Jonathon Demet	\$300
9 Billy Thorpe	\$300
9 Shane Manaole	\$300
13 Robb Saez	\$225
13 Brian Sanders	\$225
13 Eric Brown	\$225
13 Alex Olinger	\$225
17 Blaine Barcus	\$170
17 Isabel Velazquez	\$170
17 Gail Eaton	\$170
17 Steve Sheppard	\$170
17 Charlie Bryant	\$170
17 James Davis Jr.	\$170
17 Justin Espinoza	\$170

## 02/16 - 02/19

### 1st Texas Women's 10-Ball Championship

#### Skinny Bob's Billiards Round Rock, Texas

1 Ricki Lee Casper	\$600
2 Jennifer Kraber	\$400
3 Gail Eaton	\$300
4 Sophia Lopez	\$200
5 Kim Sanders	\$140
5 Julia Rapp	\$140

## 02/17 - 02/19

### World Pool Masters 2017 Tercentenary Sports Hall, Victoria Stadium

#### Gibraltar, Gibraltar

1 David Alcaide	\$20,000
2 Jayson Shaw	\$10,000
3 Albin Ouschan	\$5,000
3 Jung-Lin Chang	\$5,000
5 Omar Al Shaheen	\$4,000
5 Alex Pagulayan	\$4,000
5 Naoyuki Oi	\$4,000

5 Shane Van Boening	\$4,000
9 Niels Feijen	\$3,000
9 Stephen Webber	\$3,000
9 Wojciech Szewczyk	\$3,000
9 Yu-Hsuan Cheng	\$3,000
9 Mika Immonen	\$3,000
9 Ralf Souquet	\$3,000
9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	\$3,000
9 Mark Gray	\$3,000

## 02/18 - 02/19

### Joss Tour 2016 - 2017 Stop 10 Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub Amsterdam, NY

1 Jeremy Sossei	\$1,200
2 Martin Daigle	\$800
3 Bucky Souvanthong	\$600
4 Jorge Teixeira	\$450
5 Ron Casanzio	\$350
5 Nelson Oliveira	\$350
7 Steve Lillis	\$200
7 Jarred Zimmerman	\$200
9 Mark Creamer	\$100
9 Hendrik Drost	\$100
9 Nick Brucato	\$100
9 Tom Acciavatti	\$100

## 02/18 - 02/19

### Jay Swanson "Swanee" Memorial 9-Ball Tournament 2017 On Cue Billiards La Mesa, CA

1 Brian Parks	\$2,500
2 Oscar Dominguez	\$1,500
3 Francisco Bustamante	\$900
4 Mitch Ellerman	\$600
5 Rodney Morris	\$400
5 Ramil Gallego	\$400
7 Vilmos Foldes	\$300
7 Fach Garcia	\$300
9 Robert Morales	\$215
9 Mike Massey	\$215
9 Ken Johnson	\$215
9 Ernesto Dominguez	\$215
13 Bob Yamasaki	\$160
13 Sina Valzadeh	\$160
13 Jess Libsack	\$160
13 Dave Hemmah	\$160
17 Chris Tate	\$120
17 Jack Ripple	\$120
17 Dave Nakano	\$120
17 Shaun Murphy	\$120
17 Alfred Martinez	\$120

# Monthly Results

Tournament results from February 2017

17 Johnny Kang	\$120
17 Robin Figueroa	\$120
17 Ramin Bakhtiari	\$120
25 Jeff Nesbihal	\$80
25 Alfonso Moreno	\$80
25 Ray Lorenzo	\$80
25 John Ferguson	\$80
25 Phil Carranza	\$80
25 James Cabal	\$80
25 Sal Butera	\$80
25 Winnie Tolentino	\$80

## 02/18 - 02/19

### NC State 9-Ball Championship

#### Brass Tap Billiards Raleigh, NC

1 Mike Davis	\$800
2 Jeff Abernathy	\$600
3 Corey Sykes	\$450
4 Justin Martin	\$200
5 Delton Howard	\$100
5 Ty Griffin	\$100

## 02/18 - 02/19

### Joss Tour 2016 - 2017

#### Stop 10 Second Chance

#### Sharpshooters Billiards

#### & Sports Pub

#### Amsterdam, NY

1 Bruce Nagle	\$320
2 Jordan Turner	\$200
3 Norm Vernon	\$140
4 Mike Pettit	\$80
5 Dave Sunday	\$40
5 James Chemaly	\$40

## 02/19 - 02/19

### Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

#### CueBar Billiards

#### Bayside, NY

1 Dave Shlemperis	\$550
2 Lionel Oliver	\$320
3 Luis Jimenez	\$210
4 Andrew Cicoria	\$130
5 Kevin Shin	\$75
5 Vijay Patel	\$75

## 02/23 - 02/26

### 2017 NAPT Women's Division

#### II Championship

#### Hard Times Billiards

#### Sacramento, CA

1 Veronique Menard	\$1,500
2 Susan Williams	\$1,200
3 Liz Lovely	\$900
4 Tina Pawloski Malm	\$750
5 Jeannie Seaver	\$550
5 Maria Juana	\$550
7 Meredith Lynch	\$425
7 Stephanie Hefner	\$425
9 Nicole Fleming	\$300
9 Cassie Francois	\$300
9 Revelina Um	\$300
9 Leslie Bernardi	\$300
13 Khanh Ngo	\$225
13 Julia Gabriel	\$225
13 Katrina Lyman	\$225
13 Nicole Keeney	\$225
17 Michelle Cortez	\$150
17 Shawn Modelo	\$150
17 Michell Monk	\$150
17 Marion Poole	\$150
17 Laura Bendikas	\$150
17 Laura Semko	\$150
17 Deby Welfringer	\$150
17 Venus Belanger	\$150
25 Vanessa Hood	\$100
25 Nicole King	\$100
25 Tam Trinh	\$100
25 Gigi Callejas	\$100
25 Suzanne Smith	\$100
25 Jessica Skye	\$100
25 Farla Salmonovitch	\$100
25 Pat Tipton	\$100

## 02/25 - 02/26

### Empire State 10-Ball

#### Championship 2017

#### Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

#### West Hempstead, NY

1 Zion Zvi	\$1,100
2 Jimmy Rivera	\$800
3 Jorge Rodriguez	\$550
4 Lee Kang	\$350
5 Frankie Hernandez	\$130
5 Danny Basavich	\$130

## 02/25 - 02/26

### Empire State Amateur 10-Ball

#### Championship 2017

#### Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

#### West Hempstead, NY

1 Duc Lam	\$2,450
2 Tony Kuo	\$1,500
3 Ryan Dayrit	\$1,000

4 Eddie Kunz	\$800
5 Justin Muller	\$500
5 Thomas Schreiber	\$500
7 Nicole Monaco	\$250
7 Juan Guzman	\$250
9 Miguel Laboy	\$200
9 Matthew Harricharan	\$200
9 Troy Deocharran	\$200
9 Jack Butera	\$200
13 Jimmy Acosta	\$150
13 George Poltorak	\$150
13 Xavier Romero	\$150
13 Rick Miller	\$150
17 Joe Morace	\$100
17 Mike Panzarella	\$100
17 Ron Gabia	\$100
17 Ed Culhane	\$100
17 KC Clayton	\$100
17 Frank Cutrone	\$100
17 Brooke Meyer	\$100
17 T.J. Aguis	\$100

## 02/25 - 02/26

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Borderline Billiards

#### Bristol, TN

1 Jeffrey De Luna	\$800
2 Brandon Kidwell	\$550
3 Robbie West	\$400
4 Ikey Maynard	\$250
5 Brandon Helton	\$125
5 Doug Shulz	\$125
7 Shane Wolford	\$75
7 Brian Pate	\$75
9 Scott Howard	\$50
9 Randell Bowman	\$50
9 Taz Holiday	\$50
9 Tim Krigler	\$50

# Monthly Results

Tournament results from March 2017

## 03/02 - 03/05

### Amway Cup 2017

#### Taipei City

#### Taipei City

1 Siming Chen	\$34,000
2 Xiao-Ting Pan	\$13,000
3 Sha Sha Liu	\$6,000
3 Ga-Young Kim	\$6,000
5 Kelly Fisher	\$2,800
5 Han Yu	\$2,800
5 Karen Corr	\$2,800
5 Allison Fisher	\$2,800
9 Tzu-Chien Wei	\$1,300
9 Ho-Yun Chen	\$1,300
9 Hsiao-Wen Wu	\$1,300
9 Veronika Ivanovskaia	\$1,300
9 Chieh-Yu Chou	\$1,300
9 Chezka Centeno	\$1,300
9 Angeline Ticoalu	\$1,300
9 Jasmin Ouschan	\$1,300
17 Kristina Grim	\$800
17 Yu-Hsuan Fan	\$800
17 Rubilen Amit	\$800
17 Yuan-Chun Lin	\$800
17 Chia Hua Chen	\$800
17 Meng-Hsia Hung	\$800
17 Oliwia Czuprynska	\$800
17 Yu-Wen Hsieh	\$800
25 Szu Ting Kuo	\$500
25 Nataliya Seroshtan	\$500
25 Woo-Jin Lee	\$500
25 Molrudee Kasemchairanan	\$500
25 Chihiro Kawahara	\$500
25 Akimi Kajitani	\$500
25 Kristina Tkach	\$500
25 Hsin-Ju Ho	\$500

## 03/02 - 03/05

### Scott Frost vs Dennis Orcollo

#### Challenge Match

#### Carom Room

#### Beloit, WI

1 Dennis Orcollo	\$200,000
2 Scott Frost	\$0

## 03/04 - 03/05

### N.E. Pool & Billiard Hall of Fame

#### 9-Ball Open

#### Snookers - Sports Billiards

#### Bar & Grill

#### Providence, RI

1 Zion Zvi	\$1,700
2 Joe Dupuis	\$1,100

3 Jorge Rodriguez	\$850
4 Dave Fernandez	\$650
5 Bruce Nagle	\$500
5 Ryan Lineham	\$500
7 Rick Sleeper	\$350
7 Mike Minichello	\$350
9 Craig Wimbush	\$225
9 Francisco Cabral	\$225
9 Billy Lanna	\$225
9 Tom D'Alfonso	\$225
13 Steve Mack	\$100
13 Jarrod Clowery	\$100
13 Tom Bertrand	\$100
13 Kyle Pepin	\$100

## 03/04 - 03/05

### N.E. Pool & Billiard Hall of Fame

#### 9-Ball Open Second Chance

#### Snookers - Sports Billiards

#### Bar & Grill

#### Providence, RI

1 Al McGuane	\$360
2 John Francisco	\$240
3 Dave Shlemperis	\$180
4 Robert Madenjjan	\$120
5 Brian Greene	\$80
5 Brent Boemmels	\$80
7 Rich Minichello	\$50
7 Nick Brucato	\$50

## 03/04 - 03/04

### Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

#### Shooter's Family Billiards

#### Wayne, NJ

1 Rachel Lang	\$450
2 Bryan Jeziorski	\$220
3 Yusuf Khan	\$130
4 Eric Carrasco	\$80

## 03/04 - 03/05

### Predator Pro-Am Tour 2017

#### Stop 5

#### CueBar Billiards

#### Bayside, NY

1 Gary Bozigian	\$1,400
2 Matthew Harricharan	\$1,000
3 Dan Faraguna	\$500
4 Troy Deocharran	\$350
5 Kevin Shin	\$200
5 Miguel Laboy	\$200
7 Max Watanabe	\$130
7 Carmine Andujar	\$130
9 Irene Kim	\$80

9 Bob Toomey	\$80
9 Lidio Ramirez	\$80
9 Shawn Sookhai	\$80

## 03/04 - 03/05

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Cue Time Sports Bar & Grill

#### Spartanburg, SC

1 Bill Fowler	\$825
2 Bobby McGrath	\$600
3 Kirk Hixon	\$400
4 Matt Bulfin	\$275
5 Clay Davis	\$125
5 Rocky Hawk	\$125
7 Steven Driggers	\$100
7 Matt Mancini	\$100
9 Cameron Lawhorne	\$50
9 Dayne Miller	\$50
9 Greg Burke	\$50
9 Michael Vinesett	\$50

## 03/05 - 03/05

### New England 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Buster's Billiards

#### Somersworth, NH

1 Candy Whalen	\$400
2 Dennis Daniels	\$240
3 Randy Gilbert	\$140
4 Josh Edmonds	\$90
5 Marc Murphy	\$75
5 Dave Marcus	\$75
7 Martin Flagg	\$60
7 Dorothy Gauvin	\$60
9 Bill Chapman	\$40
9 Roger Bowley	\$40
9 Lida Mullendore	\$40
9 Robert Whalen	\$40

## 03/11 - 03/12

### Northeast 9-Ball Open XXIX

#### Trick Shot Billiards

#### Clifton Park, NY

1 Nelson Oliveira	\$1,000
2 Ron Casanzio	\$700
3 Spencer Auigbelle	\$500
4 Bruce Nagle	\$400
5 Dave Grau	\$250
5 Bucky Souvanthong	\$250
7 Steve Lillis	\$150
7 John Babravich	\$150
9 Nick Brucato	\$100
9 Tom Acciavatti	\$100
9 Brian Trinci	\$100
9 Mark Creamer	\$100

# Monthly Results

Tournament results from March 2017

## 03/11 - 03/12

### Northeast 9-Ball Open XXIX Second Chance

#### Trick Shot Billiards

##### Clifton Park, NY

1 Jeff Smolen	\$320
2 Frank Sorriento	\$210
3 Norm Vernon	\$150
4 Mark Creamer	\$100
5 Tim Blancha	\$60
5 Peter Wells	\$60
7 Justin St. Andrews	\$40
7 Nick Brucato	\$40

## 03/11 - 03/12

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Corner Pockets

##### Fayetteville, NC

1 Jeff Young	\$700
2 Ron Canterbury	\$450
3 Daniel Adams	\$250
4 Stevie McClinton	\$125
5 Andy Bowden	\$75
5 Chris Baumann	\$75
7 Kim Young	\$50
7 Wayne Miller	\$50

## 03/11 - 03/12

### Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 3 Open Division

#### Q-Master Billiards

##### Virginia Beach, VA

1 Shaun Wilkie	\$900
2 Chris Futrell	\$600
3 Bill Duggan	\$400
4 R.J. Carmona	\$250
5 Reymart Lim	\$150
5 Brian Dietzenbach	\$150
7 Eric Moore	\$80
7 Nil Lim	\$80
9 Paul Oh	\$50
9 Corey Bress	\$50
9 Troy Simmons	\$50
9 Daisy Lim	\$0

## 03/11 - 03/12

### Action Pool Tour 2017 Stop 3 Ladies Division

#### Q-Master Billiards

##### Virginia Beach, VA

1 Nicole King	\$220
2 Barbara Yeager	\$100

## 03/12 - 03/12

### Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

#### Rockaway Billiards

##### Rockaway, NJ

1 Steve Kaminow	\$450
2 Rachel Lang	\$220
3 Jimmy Conn	\$130
4 Laura Markie	\$80

## 03/13 - 03/16

### 2017 CBSA "YAQI Group Cup"

#### Chinese Pool World

##### Championships Open Division

##### YuShan China

1 Fan Yang	\$87,116
2 Bing Jie Chu	\$43,558
3 Jayson Shaw	\$21,779
4 Haitao Liu	\$11,615
5 Zhu Long	\$7,259
5 Mick Hill	\$7,259
5 Hai-Feng Gong	\$7,259
5 Myint-Kyaw Phone	\$7,259
9 Gareth Hibbott	\$3,629
9 Can Wang	\$3,629
9 Jia-Qing Wu	\$3,629
9 Pin-Yi Ko	\$3,629
9 Carlo Biado	\$3,629
9 Haitao Yu	\$3,629
9 Chong-Yang Shen	\$3,629
9 Fan-Yu Meng	\$3,629
17 Feng Wei Qiao	\$1,451
17 Peng Wang	\$1,451
17 Steven Martin	\$1,451
17 He Wen Li	\$1,451
17 Xu Dong Jin	\$1,451
17 Yu-Bo Zheng	\$1,451
17 Clint Ianson	\$1,451
17 Antonio Lining	\$1,451
17 Lee Vann Corteza	\$1,451
17 Corey Deuel	\$1,451
17 Guang Hao Zhang	\$1,451
17 Han-Qing Shi	\$1,451
17 Steven Petty	\$1,451
17 Yong Liu	\$1,451
17 Darren Appleton	\$1,451
17 Jung-Lin Chang	\$1,451

## 03/13 - 03/16

### 2017 CBSA "YAQI Group Cup"

#### Chinese Pool World

##### Championships Ladies Division

##### YuShan China

1 Xiao-Fang Fu	\$58,077
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2 Jin Peng Yu	\$29,038
3 Siming Chen	\$14,510
4 Ga-Young Kim	\$7,259
5 Kelly Fisher	\$5,807
5 Ye Wang	\$5,807
5 Xiao Tong Wang	\$5,807
5 Sha Sha Liu	\$5,807
9 Chihiro Kawahara	\$2,177
9 Siya Jing	\$2,177
9 Ge Bai	\$2,177
9 Chen Xue	\$2,177
9 Yuan-Chun Lin	\$2,177
9 Jiang Teng	\$2,177
9 Han Yu	\$2,177
9 Shi Tian Qi	\$2,177