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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Congratulations to Jayson Shaw for his win last month at the International 9-Ball Open. While this was his first win at this particular event, it was his second win at that Sheraton Waterside in Norfolk. As usual, the field at that event was full of top "International" talent, and Jayson came out in front of all of them.




While you will find announcements in our pages this month for both Mosconi Cup teams, we were not able to fit the announcement of Justin Bergman as the final member of Team USA. Congrats to Justin, as well as Shane, Sky, Tyler and Billy.

We want to welcome Steve Lillis and his Gospel Trick Shot column to the pages of the magazine this month. Steve joins our regular roster of columnists, Jerry Briesath, Anthony Beeler, Chris Stankovich and Melinda Bailey. Speaking of Melinda, check out her interview with Dan Louie this month. As always, her interview is a "must read".

Until next time.

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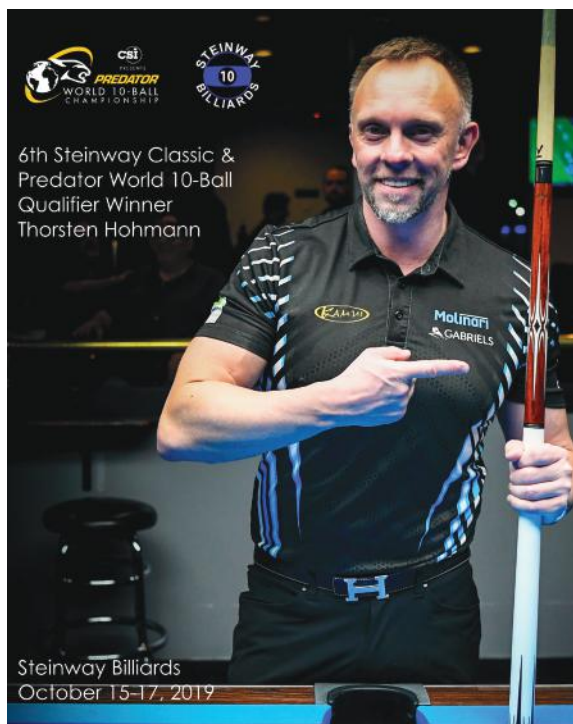
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CLING

No, this isn't a lesson on varieties of peaches, but not understanding cling can put you in the pits.

Imagine this scenario: in your last game of the night for your league team, with the score about even and every ball in every game crucial to the final score, you clear all of your balls off the table and leave yourself a very makeable 30 degree cut into the side pocket for the game. You step around and select your aim point on the 8-ball that should result in the eight dropping over the center of that side pocket. You take your time as you aim, making sure that you are hitting the cue ball exactly in the center, and to make sure you don't send the cue ball on a path that has it bouncing off the end rail hard enough to roll back to the other end of the table and scratch, you take something off your speed. You get set up behind your shot, take a couple fluid practice swings, pause at the backswing of the stroke you are going to shoot on, and smoothly swing your cue forward accelerating through the cue ball, sending it straight at the aiming point you had picked out. You watch the shot unfold and you can't believe it when the eight, instead of dropping over the center of the pocket, hits the far corner of the pocket, bounces over and hits the other tip of the pocket and bounces harmlessly back on the table. What you have just experienced are the result of cling.

Whenever two balls collide at an angle, the ball that was sitting still does not take the exact path that you would expect based on your contact point with the sitting ball. Even though the balls are hard and re-

bound off of each other, there is some friction between the two surfaces (the dirtier the balls, the more cling you experience), and this makes the two balls travel together for a short time before they take separate paths. The effects of cling seem rather minute when measured in degrees, but the effect that is has is enough to make you miss shots if you don't take it into consideration. That doesn't mean that you have to constantly be worried about it's effects, or think about it all of the time. When you are practicing, you are trying to develop good habits and you should be conscious of many things, including cling. If you devote enough of your efforts to practice, your brain will begin to take this conscious thoughts and turn them into data that you use to make the compensations in your aim necessary to sing balls and have the cue ball move into position for your next shot.



JERRY BRIESATH

How much cling you experience on a cut shot will vary with the angle at which the two balls collide. The maximum cling is experience on a 30 degree cut shot. As the cut angle gets larger or smaller than 30 degrees, the cling is reduced. On a table-length, 30 degree cut, the object ball might leave the cue ball with as much as a 4 degree error, which will cause you to miss your shot. As you are practicing, be aware of the effects of cling and learn to compensate for them, so that when you are faced with a game situation where cling can adversely affect your results, you brain will already be trained to deal with it.



EXAMINING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 9 AND 1 BALL

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRIS STANKOVICH
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What's the difference between the 9 and 1 ball? The most obvious is that they have different numbers, and the use of the color yellow varies (the nine has a stripe of yellow, while the one ball is all yellow).

Beyond the color and difference of the two balls everything else is exactly the same. Why is this important to remember? Because when you see players shoot at the 1 and the 9 it's often like you are watching two entirely different experiences – and that isn't good if you want to master the game of pool.

Stealing a scene from the movie Hoosiers

In the classic 1986 movie *Hoosiers* coach Gene Hackman leads a rural Indiana high school basketball team to the state championship. Noticing that many of his kids were visibly nervous as they prepared to play on the big stage, Hackman reminded the boys that the game is exactly the same no matter where you play. Hackman drove this point home by measuring the hoop, which stood at 10 foot – the exact same height as every regulation basketball hoop.

Pool players can apply this way of thinking when they get down on “money balls” like the 9 ball. The 9, similar to the basketball hoop at the state championship, is exactly the same as every other ball you pocket. Simply put, there is no need to look at the 9 ball any differently, nor do you need to make unnecessary steps

in your pre-shot routine before pocketing the ball. Size up the shot, bear down, and follow through to the pocket....just like you do with every other shot.

This thinking applies to all games, all opponents

Stay in your game and treat every shot the same, just like it's important to play every opponent with the same focus and confidence needed to win. Sadly, many players fail to see their games improve because they *beat themselves* – they over-think the last shot (i.e. the 9 ball, 8 ball, or whatever last ball there is in your game of pref-



erence), and/or they unnecessarily change their approach to the game simply because they fear the opponent on the other side of the table. Over-thinking situations in life can be exhausting, and it also leads to increased anxiety and poor resiliency – factors closely associated with pool success.

When it comes to pool success you need to make balls, and the good news is all the balls are the same aside from their differences with paint and numbers. Similarly, it doesn't matter who your competition is if you stay within yourself, focus, and quickly bounce back from missed shots and lost games.

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

safe. The problem is that to execute the shot I had to hit a precise point on the long rail.

After carefully contemplating what to do, I decided to break out the Sid System. The Sid System is a precise dead ball, 1 rail kicking system, meaning the cue ball is hit 1 tip above center with medium speed.

The diamonds on the long rail are numbered starting at 1, then 2, and then increase by $\frac{1}{2}$ for each additional diamond. You'll note that for this system the contact point on the long rail is adjacent to the diamond on the rail, not through the diamond as is the case for several kicking systems. Here I wanted the cue ball to contact the rail adjacent to point 2.5. The plan was for the cue ball to hit the rail then the 5, hopefully hiding the cue ball behind the 6 and 7 – ending at cue ball position "A".

To calculate the shot I had to determine the cue ball starting point. Since I was shooting 2 diamonds from the corner (diamond "2") I used that as my cue ball position number. I then multiplied the cue ball number (2) by the long rail contact point number (2.5), and got 5, which was my aim point on the end rail. The aim points on the end rail are numbered from the corner diamond by 10's, so 5 would be a $\frac{1}{2}$ of a diamond from the corner diamond. The corner diamond (zero) begins at the rubber tip of the long rail.

I shot through 5 and laid the shot down perfectly. You couldn't have

drawn it any better with a pencil. Shannon was locked up tighter than a movie star's face-lift. At that point I remember someone saying, "Lucky shot!" Upon returning to the table Shannon fouled leaving me ball in hand with an easy run out for the tournament win.

Looking back, several people probably thought I made a lucky shot to win the tournament that day, but I'll always know that it took more than lady luck to win that game. In fact, that day my luck was self-generated using a system named Sid!

Anthony Beeler is the 2017 Pool Instructor of the Year and is a former BCAPL National 9-Ball Champion. He has numerous top 25 national finishes and is one of only 8 ACS Master Instructors in the world. He is the primary author of the *National Billiards Instructors Manual* and has also authored the book *Unstoppable! Positive Thinking for Pool Players*. Anthony currently has the highest established Fargo Rating of any Master Instructor. He has won over 300 tournaments and has defeated numerous professional players in tournament competition.

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Dan Louie

Dan Louie is a well-known, high ranking pool player from the NW, with many titles under his belt from the last 45 years. Besides being a brilliant pool player, he has also made his mark off the table being known as one of the most kind and genuine pool players in the game today. I cannot WAIT for you to find out more about Dan Louie!

This interview is a little different than the others I have done. Dan Louie is not only gracious and kind, he's also very humble. As the interviewee, I did some research, investigation, and found out very interesting things about his pool history dating back to the late 70s. I therefore tell the stories with my questions, instead of him sharing them, because he is so humble.

I asked two friends of his for a quote about him for this interview. And without prodding, they prove the very thing I am trying to say in the intro about Dan:

Jeffrey Jimenez said:

He is somewhat shy and very private about personal matters and I'm lucky he has let me in...only really a few of

us really know him. I was introduced to Danny decades ago and was advised to try to 'be like him,' so I have always strived for that. He is humble and professional in every way at all levels! Very kind and helpful with others. It's been super fun being a close friend and traveling with him all over, seeing him interact with fans and friends, and making an impression on them all, like he has with me!



Mark Wilson said:

I first met him when he was a traveling road player during summer at college. He was a good looking great player that accepted anyone's challenge and generally won. He played with a completely beautiful white cue and reminded you of a young and dashing conqueror of evil.

Dan Louie is and represents what every pool player should aspire to be. Respectful, responsible, hardworking, positive minded, intelligent, and a great player. If our sport was filled with Dan Louie's, pool would be growing beyond anyone's understanding.

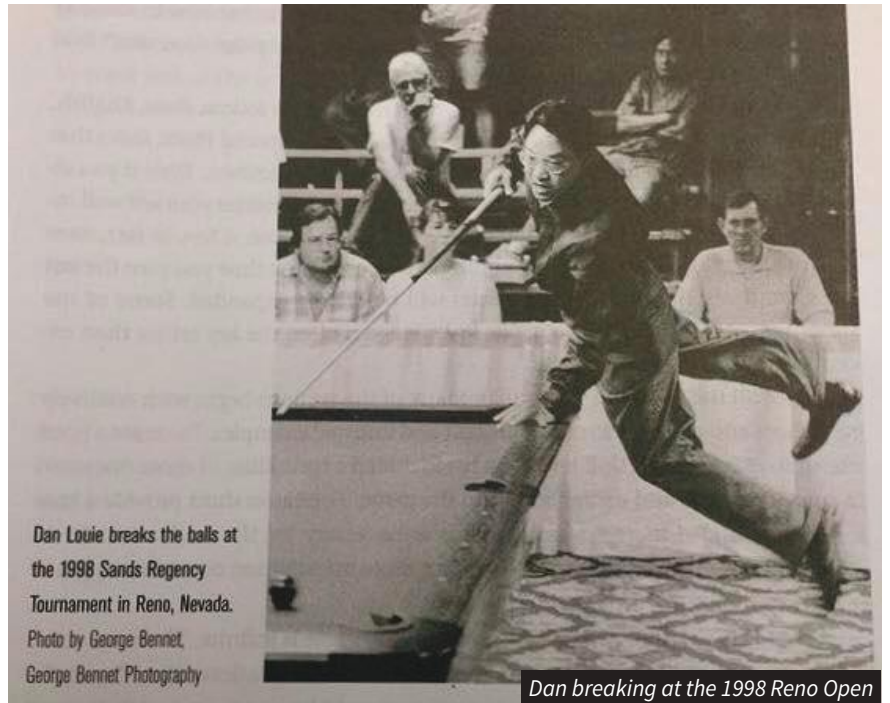
Melinda, I did not write the above to sound good, Dan Louie is that special and loved the sport more than the sport could love him.

Okay, on to the questions!

Q: Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Seattle, WA.

Q: Where do you work?



Dan Louie breaks the balls at the 1998 Sands Regency Tournament in Reno, Nevada. Photo by George Bennet. George Bennet Photography

Dan breaking at the 1998 Reno Open

I was in the restaurant business for many years. I sold the business a few years back and am now renting the property.

Q: How long did you own the Chinese restaurant in Seattle?

I ran that restaurant for 20 years, but worked in the family restaurant most of my life.

Q: Any pool players have dinner at the restaurant you owned?

One year a Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) pro event was in town and the female pros came in to eat, and then sang a lot of karaoke! It was a lot of fun that year when they decided to have their after party at my restaurant. The girls can really sing!

Q: How and when did you start playing pool?

I started playing pool when I was 12 when my dad brought a table home. My dad played pretty well and I picked up some good fundamentals from him.

Q: I recently saw a photo of you with World Champion Jimmy Caras (RIP), that was taken at an exhibition in 1967.

I hadn't quite started to play pool when that photo was taken of me with



Jimmy Caras and Dan

Jimmy Caras. My dad took me to his exhibition. And, what was really cool was, my Dad invited Jimmy to dinner afterwards! It was very memorable. I didn't have an opportunity to play him, but Jimmy did show me a couple things.

Q: What a treat from a World Champion! That will be pretty ironic in 9 years! (you all will read soon why). You won the Collegiate Championship in 1973 at Boise State University and then in 1974 at Kent State in Ohio. Tell us about that, please, and how it felt.

It was an unbelievable feeling to win the college championships in back to back years, as I really didn't have much straight pool experience yet [back then, straight pool was the game played in the Collegiate Championships]. But I knew some basic break shots and that helped. I would get better at straight pool in later years, as I had a chance to practice straight pool with Don Wirtaman, who was an excellent player with a ton of knowledge.

Q: And then just a couple of years after you won those two collegiate titles, you won the World Championships (in Bend, Oregon) in 1976! I heard it was an "epic" battle between you and Mike Sigel in the finals. How did it feel to be on the world stage so young?

It was amazing to think I could win the World Championship against Mike Sigel at 23 years old. Certainly I was not considered a contender for the title pre-tournament. But I suppose I started to make myself more known at the pro level as I won a straight pool tournament just the previous year in Lansing, Michigan against top players, like Mike Sigel, Larry Hubbard and Steve Cook, etc.

Q: Looking at the next 40 years, you have placed in the top tier of NUMER-



Dan at the beach

OUS events and also won too many to list! Grand Master 8 Ball, Grand Master 9Ball, regional tournaments, big local tournaments, national league tournaments, etc. Why do you think your game is so advanced?

I reached this level through hard work, lots of practice, passion, and some amount of innate ability.

Q: Didn't you play in Asia recently?

I played in some Star Masters Chinese 8 Ball Championships in China the last few years.

Q: That's really cool! What was that experience like?

Anytime you get to experience a different culture, food, and see a few sights, it's really an amazing and enriching experience. China is really vast and there's so much to experience there.

Q: Why did your game excel so fast?

I really elevated my game during summer vacations when I was going to college. I'd take off about a month each summer to go on road trips and take

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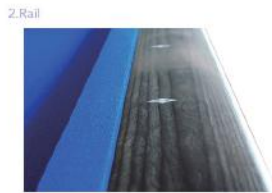


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Ron Park, Stan Tourangeau, Dan & Mike Massey at the 2016 US Bar Table 8 Ball Championship



on most players. And, I also played some tournaments.

Q: Let's delve into the "take on most players." I heard that you were one of the most feared money players in the late 70s and 80s. And, that you wouldn't turn down a game (but you weren't a high roller). How was it to gamble and be a road player back then?

I had a small window after I graduated from college to travel and gamble, because after that I went to work for the family about 3 years after graduation.

But I was fortunate to play Louie Roberts, Keith McCready a couple times (won and lost), Buddy Hall, etc.

Q: I heard a rumor that when you beat Louie Roberts sometime in 1976 for all his money, that Louie Roberts' stake horse also lost his car when the

smoke cleared from you beating him. Is that true?

Yes, that is a true story.

Q: Crazy! I heard that shortly after you beat Louie Roberts in Jackson, MS, that you and Buddy Hall happened to be in the same pool room. You didn't ask for weight from Buddy, but you offered to play him even, if you both played left-handed. Heard you won 5 games in a row and then Buddy quit.

That wasn't the first time I played him. I had played Buddy previously in Baton Rouge [and won], when he was living in Shreveport. And then I played him again when we both played left handed.

Q: Was Buddy someone you looked up to by chance? (I mean, he was *Buddy Hall* after all) Or was he just 'another player' to play in your eyes?

I definitely looked up to Buddy, as did most players, but when I gambled against him and other top players, I wanted to challenge myself and find where I stood against the best.

Q: Wow, I really love that perspective and drive. You are a winner in every sense of the word. I heard from many players who know you that they respect you and enjoy being around you because you are such a great guy, remember everyone's names, one of the nicest guys in the game, low key, down to earth, and modest. Where did you get these great characteristics from?

I suppose my family upbringing had a huge effect on my personality.

Q: And one more compliment – if you win or lose, you shake your opponents' hand and no one can tell if

you won or lost because you always respect the game and your opponents (even when you shot your ball in the wrong hole of a one pocket match in front of a big crowd in Reno in 1993). How do you not show when you are upset over a loss?

Anytime you play, there is a winner and a loser. A player needs to be a gracious winner and a gracious loser. You can't win them all. Even though I'm obviously upset with the way I played during a loss, I take it with a grain of salt. It used to hurt a lot more in my 20's since I felt like I was winning more then.

Q: That is an interesting aspect. (And then Dan turns the table and asks me a question.) **Q:** Hey Melinda, how did you hear about me shooting the match ball in the wrong hole in Reno? You seem to know more about my pool history than I do, lol.

I do my research! I hit the pavement (digitally of course).

Q: (Now back to me being the interviewer.) Many people may not realize this, but in Robert Byrne's book and one of Mike Shamos' books, that is the famous photo of YOU breaking with both your feet off the ground that was taken at a tournament in Reno. Do you still break like that?

“ **IN THE PAST, I LOVED TO GO TO THE LAKE TAHOE CAESAR'S EVENT RAN BY RICHIE FLORENCE. THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT IN BEND WAS PRETTY AMAZING AS WELL.** ”

I had an unusual break technique in the '90s. I jumped with both of my feet off the ground on the break. I don't break like that now, though, no. Too much work!

Q: You play meticulous and flawless, and you also stroke a lot before each shot. Do you think you play slow?

I realize I probably played on the slow side, but I played a little quicker when I was younger, probably still on the slow side.

Q: You check the racks very carefully and will ask your opponents to re-rack if there is any space between the balls. Your break is very impressive and we all know the rack and consequent break is key. But have you ever had any opponents get frustrated re-racking?

When you are playing tournaments, it's necessary to check your opponent's rack. Unfortunately, when an opponent is racking, he may not make the best effort to give the best rack.

Most players will do their best, but a few do not.

Q: Let's talk about cues for a minute. Have you always played with a Dave Tice cue?

I played with a Dave Tice cue for many years. I also played with a Pettit cue and an Ernie Omori cue. They're all local cue makers, whom I prefer to support.

Q: That's a great idea! Now, tell us about your cue collection, please.

I've had many collectible cues over the years, including Szamboti's, Gina, Tads, Joss West, Meucci's, Cognoscetti's, Benson, Pettit, Omori, Tice, and a Balabushka.

Q: Tell us a bit about your family.

I've been married for 24 wonderful years. We have four children we are very proud of.

Q: Do they play pool?

My oldest daughter is beginning to play some pool, and I have a son who plays a little.

Q: And what do they think about you playing pool?

They think it's pretty cool that dad is fairly well known for pool and has been on ESPN.

Q: Speaking of ESPN, how was it to compete in front of the cameras?

Being on ESPN definitely was a situation that most players aren't accustomed to. The commentators, the mobile cameraman, the lights, com-



Luther Lassiter, John Plunkett and Dan



mercial breaks, and all the equipment were definitely distractions. I was a little more nervous because of the scenario, but I tried to focus on the game when I was at the table. I played against CJ Wiley on ESPN and also against Earl Strickland on ESPN. With Earl's match, we had to play in tuxes!

Q: I found out, "one of the most stirring moments some have ever witnessed was in Reno at The Sands when it was announced that Dan was back after having a kidney transplant. Every champion and the whole crowd gave him a standing ovation - a testament to how beloved a champion he is." What year did you have a kidney transplant?

I received a kidney transplant in 1994.

Q: Why did you need a kidney transplant?

Kidney disease is an inherited trait in our family.

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

My most memorable accomplishment is the World Championship in Bend, Oregon.

Q: What is your most memorable match?

Also the most memorable match was in that finals against Mike Sigel.

Q: What is your favorite event to play in?

In the past, I loved to go to the Lake Tahoe Caesar's event ran by Richie Florence. The World Championship tournament in Bend was pretty amazing as well. That was ran by Ronnie Allen. Currently Derby City classic is definitely a destination that players should attend.

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

My dad has both been a big influence on my game and my life.

Q: And finally, Dan, most people I interview have overcome something. Is there anything you'd like to share that we all can learn from? Or a difficulty you overcame?

In the past, it was a challenge to go through kidney dialysis and then play a match. I definitely wasn't at 100%. I still had some good tournament results, but had some bad ones as well. You need to play with the cards you're dealt. No excuses - just give it your best.

That's a great perspective - thank you for sharing. And thank you so much, Dan, for doing this interview! I appreciate you opening up a little for the innumerable fans you have!

Thanks for considering me for the interview, Melinda. I'm honored.

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



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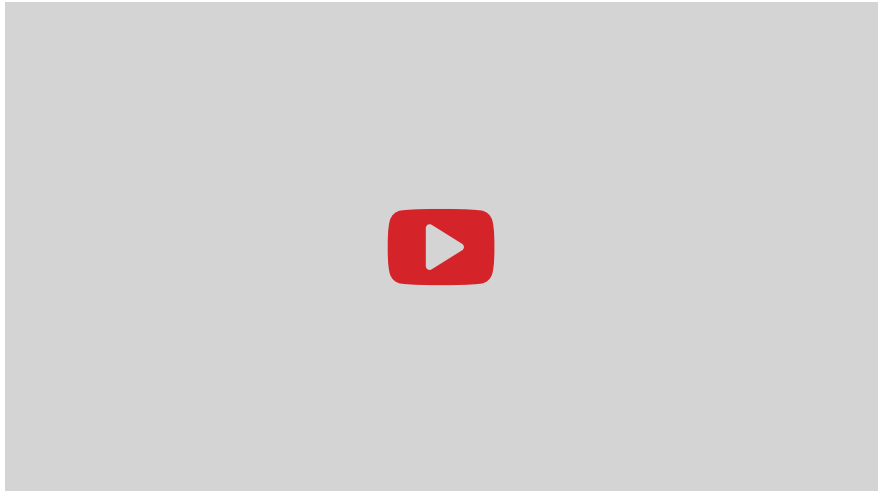

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Gospel Trick Shot #1

OBSTACLES

History of the Trick Shot: This is a spin-off of the "Butterfly Shot" made famous by Willie Mosconi on the Ed Sullivan Show in the 1960's. I saw Jim Rempe add two balls in the front of the cue ball creating an obstacle. I concluded that this shot would now represent the obstacles in my life. My good friend, Pastor Scott Packard in Albany, NY, used a video tape of me doing this shot and 10 others as part of his weekly APA church league's 15-minute devotional. At the time, Scott owned that APA Mohawk Valley franchise.



GTS Name and Why: Obstacles - My personal life was full of obstacles. Having been separated from my wife for 19 1/2 years taught me to go on and go through the obstacles of my life!

Scripture References in NIV Translation: Romans 5:3-5; II Corinthians

4: 17; James 1:2-8; Proverbs 3:5-6; John 14:27; and Psalm 31:24. Each one is worth reading in any translation.

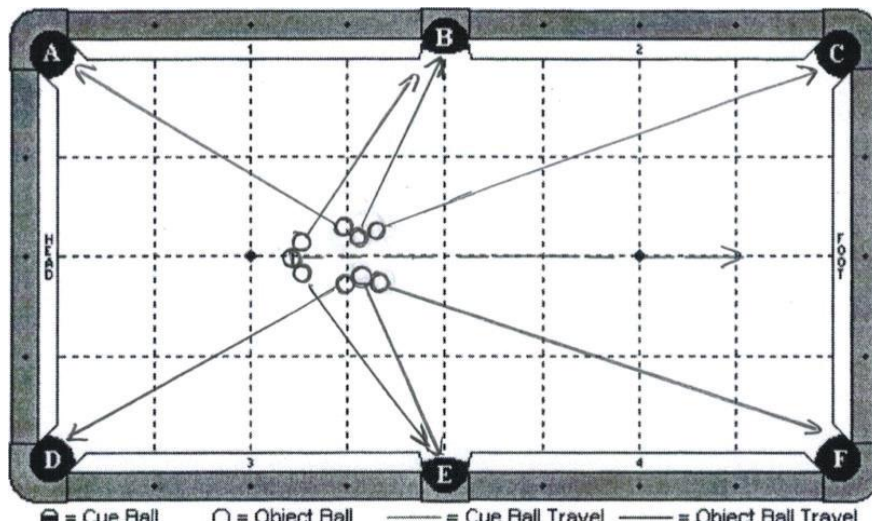
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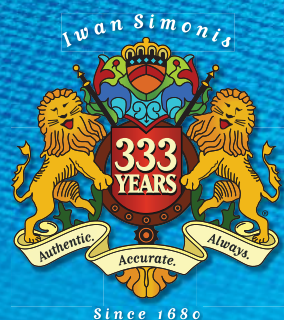
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lot of dividends and it certainly helped Jayson Shaw in the finals of the 2019 International 9-Ball Open.

Held October 28th - November 2nd at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, the 2019 International 9-Ball Open drew an all-star field of 96 players competing for what some fans feel is the most prestigious title in professional 9-Ball.

Along with the intrigue of who was going to win the event, the tournament also held the intrigue of who would fill the final spot on the Mosconi Cup Team USA, as the selection was announced as being between Corey Deuel and Max Eberle, and a decision was due to be announced immediately following this event. Neither player got lucky with their draw in this one, as Eberle drew World Pool

Jayson Shaw



Masters Champion David Alcaide in his first round, and Deuel drew Finland's Jani Siekkinen. Eberle fell short in his match and dropped to the one loss side, while Deuel advanced with an 11-5 win over Siekkinen, but then fell to Dennis Orcollo in his next match 11-10. Eberle got down to business on the one loss side and scored wins over Mike Badstuebner, Skyler Woodward and Chris Melling, before bowing out of the event with a loss to Chinese Taipei's Yu Lung Chang. Deuel advanced one round farther than Eberle on the one loss side with wins over Damianos Giallourakis and Liu Ri-Teng before dropping his match to Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz. Logically, that would mean "Advantage Deuel", but that didn't tell the entire story.

Former Team USA member Justin Bergman showed what he is capable of with big wins over Albin Ouschan, Shane Van Boening, Thorsten Hohmann and Ko Ping-Chung before losing to Jayson Shaw in 4th place. That finish was, by far, the best finish of an American player, and as this article was going to press, Matchroom had announced that Bergman would in fact be the 5th player on Team USA this year.

Anytime a field of players this strong gets together for an event, there are going to be players that surprise the fans who might not be familiar with their games. The fans in Norfolk on this week were treated to not only the play of last year's runner up, Ko Ping-Chung and his elder brother, world champion Ko Pin-Yi. They also got to watch youngest brother Ko Ping-Han in his first trip to the States. As fate



The Ko Brothers

would have it, Ping-Han didn't get to show much, as he drew Dennis Orcollo in his first match and then another player who surprised the fans in attendance, Singapore's Aloysius Yapp in his second.

Yapp started out with an 11-5 loss to Lee Van Corteza, but got comfortable on the one loss side and opened up some of the fan's eyes. Yapp achieved the rare feat of eliminating two Ko's from the event with his 11-7 win over Ping-Han and his 11-5 win over Pin-Yi. Yapp also had wins over Siekkinen and the Philippines Roland Garcia, before dropping an 11-9 match to Garcia's countryman, Alex Pagulayan.

The player that made the biggest impression on the knowledgeable crowd

in Norfolk was Austria's Maximilian Lechner. In only his second appearance in the USA, Lechner started out as just another European "world beater" in the minds of most fans, but his first round win over Skyler Woodward got the fan's attentions. Anyone who might have been thinking the win over Woodward was a fluke got to see just how strong Lechner played in his epic hill-hill battle with Shane Van Boening on day three. Lechner held an early 2-0 lead over Van Boening when he ran six straight racks for an 8-0 lead. He extended that lead to 9-0, before Shane started doing what he does. Van Boening started creeping back into the match and although Lechner had opportunities at the table, he wasn't able to capitalize on them. Nine racks later, the score was tied at 9-9 and every eyeball in the room was glued to this match. Van Boening took the hill first at 10-9, but Lechner dug down deep and took control of his nerves to tie the score at 10-10 with him breaking. The break turned out to be very important as Lechner broke the balls and watched along with

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Maximillian Lechner

the standing room only crowd as the 9-ball made a beeline to the corner pocket, giving Lechner the 11-10 win. From there, Lechner went on score a rare trifecta of match wins where he defeated three world champions, Dennis Orcollo, Ko Pin-Yi and World #1 ranked US Open Champion Joshua Filler to take the hot-seat.

Lechner's opponent in the finals, Jayson Shaw, has not had the kind of year that he is used to having, so far in 2019. Aside from wins back in January and February, Shaw's only other major win in 2019 was the Dismal Swamp 9-Ball Classic in North Carolina. Coincidentally though, he also won that event back in 2017 and then went on to win this event when it was still the US Open. That might have given Shaw even a little more confidence going into the finals. "When I won the US Open in 2017, I won that tournament before I came here. So when I won that, I was like 'hold on a minute here'. I'm going to win.' That was my mindset. I've done it before. I won

that and then I came here and blew everybody away," he recalled.



Justin Bergman

Shaw got off to a slow start in the finals, as he missed a 4-ball in the first rack and didn't get back to the table until rack three. As would be expected though, Shaw's "big game" experience soon gave him an edge. Shaw came back to 2-2 and 3-3 with keen defensive play, "out-moving" Lechner in multiple safety battles.

Shaw would go on to build multiple racks leads at different times in the match, but Lechner always seemed to have an answer and got back into the match. "I was up 9-6. I break and make three balls and scratch. Now it's 9-7. Every time I get two or three in front, something funny happens." said Shaw.

It was at the end of another of Lechner's runs that the nerves really seemed to get to him. At 10-9, Lechner missed a long 2-ball with a wide open table and Shaw cleared the rack for an 11-9 lead. Lechner would come to the table again in rack twenty one with a wide open table, but a miscue

*Aloysius Yapp*

winning everything and I was at the top, and then I just kind of got comfortable and I started not doing what I was supposed to do. Not practicing as much. Thinking I was just going to go and win. I had that mentality. I feel like I wasn't putting the effort in so I feel like I wasn't getting rewarded and that's how the game is. "

Shaw explained that his wildcard selection for Team Europe opened his eyes a little bit. "I feel like I got lucky this year with a wildcard. I came here and a lot of people doubted me. I shouldn't get the wild card. This will show them that I should be there. That situation in front of all of those people. You've either got it or you don't. The captain knows that when I go there, I'm ready to go. I'm comfortable in that environment. He sees that in me and he trusts me. I started practicing more, going to the gym. Doing the right things again. Putting the time in. I know if I do that, I'm going to get rewarded."

As for that final rack, Shaw said it was time to end things. He remembered thinking "OK. I've had my chances and I blew it a little bit. It's time to end it now. I didn't feel nervous there at the end. I came here and in my mind I was going to win, and I did. I can't say anything else."

Shaw wasn't sure of his tournament schedule after the win. With his \$30,000 in prize money from this week in hand, he will have his choice of events to play in. Lechner, on the other hand, is off to Antalya Turkey for the Eurotour's Antalya Open. While he will only have \$18,000 in prize money from this week, he will also have something that could prove to be even more valuable, a little bit of that "Big Match" experience. He will also have a new level of confidence. "I can perform well and I can beat any player in the world and I know that. I will be back and this will not be the last time you hear my name." he predicted.

led to a 12-9 Shaw lead. Lechner then looked to get his nerves under control and came with yet another run, taking racks twenty two and twenty three for a 12-11 scoreline.

Rack twenty four would be one for Shaw's highlight reel. Shaw jumped out of a Lechner safety to pocket the 1-ball and followed that up with another jumpshot to make the 2-ball. Shaw then navigated a difficult table to run out for the 13-11 victory.

While certainly disappointed, Lechner was upbeat after the match and still looked at the positives. "I learned a lot. It's tough to tell you now. I have to calm down and replay the match." he said.

Shaw complimented Lechner and credited that "Big Match" pressure with a part of his win. "The big thing for me is that I've been in that situation many times and I've won in that situation under the lights. I've won all over the world." he said. "That's his first major final. I was thinking he might feel it a little bit. " Shaw continued "He was playing well. He had a great tournament. He's not too far away from winning something big. He's been banging on the door in Europe. I really think that somewhere down the line, he's going to win a big tournament."

Shaw also attributed this win to a refreshed mindset, "I just wanted to get back into the winner's circle. I was

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KAZAKIS WINS KLAGENFURT OPEN and Makes Mosconi Cup Team 2019

Greece's Alexander Kazakis won the 2019 Dynamic Billiard Klagenfurt Open with an impressive 9-8 victory over Marc Bijsterbosch from the Netherlands.

Bijsterbosch's tournament hopes had already survived two hill-hill matches on the final day 9-8 to make it to the final match so he was actually on a marathon. His opponent, Kazakis, was already flying high, knowing that his appearance in the finals was all that he needed to make this year's Mosconi Cup Team. The final match was packed with drama and excitement and was as thrilling as it could have been.

Kazakis opened the final match with a powerful break, making three balls with a perfect layout. Showing the top

form that he had displayed all week, in addition to the relief in having his Mosconi Cup spot secured, Kazakis looked to be unstoppable. He cleared the table quickly and got to a 1-0 lead over his Dutch opponent.

Bijsterbosch wasn't phased by the first rack though, and ran the next rack to tie the score at 1-1. Kazakis again made three balls on his break in rack three. Another table run followed for a 2-1 Kazakis lead. Bijsterbosch made two on his break, but a very long shot on the 2-ball led to a safety attempt. Kazakis thought he had

a lucky roll, when his jump shot to escape the safety didn't leave Bijsterbosch a pocket. Bijsterbosch fired in a bank shot though, and ran the rack to get to 2-2.

So far, the quality of the final match was unbelievably high. The first mistake happened in rack five when Kazakis lost the cue ball on the break and scratched. That brought Bijsterbosch to the table with ball in hand. He cleared the rack and got to a 3-2 lead with his own break shot coming up next. Bijsterbosch won that rack and enjoyed a short-lived 4-2 lead. Ka-



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zakis then came back win four straight racks for a 6-4 lead.

An illegal break in rack eleven by Kazakis led to a table run by Bijsterbosch, who then followed that up with a break and run for 6-6. Bijsterbosch had the momentum again and he won racks thirteen and fourteen for an 8-6 lead.

The pressure was on Kazakis whose break shot was up in the next rack. Kazakis couldn't finish a run after the break, but won a safety battle over the 6-ball to get back within one at 8-7. Rack sixteen also came down to a safety battle and was also won by Kazakis to tie the match at hill-hill.

Kazakis had the deciding break shot and he had a great break in rack seventeen. Two balls were down and he had a good layout in front of him. He fell out of position on the 3-ball but came up with a great safety. Bijsterbosch had no answer for it and

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Kazakis capitalised, running out the rack and winning the match and the tournament 9-8. “A miracle happened today” said Kazakis after the award ceremony, “I was trying really hard to get in the Mosconi Team the whole year. It could not have gone any better for me, winning also this tournament to make the team”.

The Dynamic Billiard Klagenfurt Open was played in the Sportpark Klagenfurt Arena in Klagenfurt, Austria, on up to twenty tables which were all streamed LIVE throughout the event at www.kozoom.com. Premium members were able to watch any of the matches live and also access to a huge video gallery contained on the website.

Top Eight Finishers

1. Alexander Kazakis GRE
2. Marc Bijsterbosch NED
3. Denis Grabe EST
- Mats Schjetne NOR
5. Joshua Filler GER
- Miguel Silva POR
- Wiktor Zielinski POL
- Fedor Gorst RUS

The event was hosted by the European Governing Body for Pool, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) and organized by International Billiard Promotion (IBP). For further information and reference please go to the federation website www.euro-touronline.com or visit them on Facebook for regular news clips or contact our press office press@epbf.com.

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Czuprynska Victorious at 2019 Predator Klagenfurt Open

Oliwia Czuprynska won the 2019 Predator Klagenfurt Open with a 7-5 victory over Marharyta Fefilava in the final match.

Probably the biggest surprises of the day were the results of the semi-final matches. Neither favorites lived up to their expectations and were eliminated by their respective opponents. Current points list leader Kristina Tkach lost to Fefilava 7-3, while hometown hero Jasmin Ouschan was defeated Czuprynska 7-6

Czuprynska started very strong in the final match. She forced a foul shot by Fefilava and cleared the rack to get to a 1-0 lead. Rack 2 was then taken by Fefilava after Czuprynska came up with a poor safety shot. The third rack also came down to a safety battle, but this time that battle was won by Czuprynska, who took a 2-1 lead. In rack 4, Czuprynska committed the first mistake which was used by Fefilava to snatch the rack again to get to 2-2. Both contestants performed at a very high level in that stage of the match. In rack five however, both players seemed to struggle with Czuprynska committing an unforced error, and Fefilava unable to capitalize. Czuprynska took another point into her account and led the match 3-2. Czuprynska had a golden opportunity to take control of the match in rack six, but she missed a 7-ball and Fefilava tied the score at 3-3.

Dropping that rack seemed to light a fire under Czuprynska, as she dominated the next three racks and ran away with a 6-3 after nine racks. Fefilava wouldn't give up through, as she won the next two racks to get

back to 6-5 down and took her time-out. Coming back from the break, it was Czuprynska that stood tall and won the next rack which brought her the match and the tournament win. "I just got married last week", stated Czuprynska after the final, "maybe that gave me extra strength and made me play better" Czuprynska added with a smile.

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2. Marharyta Fefilava BLR
3. Kristina Tkach RUS
- Jasmin Ouschan AUT
5. Louise Furberg SWE
- Ana Gradisnik SLO
- Kristina Zlateva BUL
- Melanie Suessenguth GER





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Hohmann chalks up final, double hill thriller to capture 7th Steinway Classic

They were an odd couple, left standing on Thursday evening, October 17. Not . . . strange, or all that unexpected, or even odd enough to be characterized as a surprise, just . . . odd.

In the 45-entrant field at the \$7,000-added, 10-Ball 7th Steinway Classic, hosted, of course, by Steinway Billiards in Astoria (Queens), NY from October 15-17, Thorsten Hohmann and Fedor Gorst were unlikely to have been the two players deemed most likely to appear in the event final. In fact, the euphemistic spectator choices for the two most likely candidates were, as one might have expected, Shane Van Boening and Dennis Orcollo.

There were three members of the USA Mosconi Cup Team that were compet-

ing (Van Boening, Billy Thorpe and Tyler Styer), and two members of Team EUROPE – Jayson Shaw and Alex Kazakis. There was also, among others, Mike Dechaine, Lee Van Corteza, James Aranas, Jeremy Sossei, Tony Robles, Ruslan Chinakhov, Chris Melling and a boatload of serious local talent, like Frankie Hernandez, Joey Korsiak, Michael Yednak, Hunter Lombardo and Raphael Dabreo, to name just a few. Any one of them capable of winning the event on the proverbial “any given Sunday,” but this was mid-week, Tuesday through Thursday, and

Hohmann went undefeated through the field, downing Gorst twice to claim the title.

Hohmann didn’t back into the title with a series of easy draws and just luck out. He faced the ‘meat’ of that entrant list and in spite of being occasionally off-stride in the early going of several matches, hung in to win it all, including a breathtaking comeback in an “all you could ask for” final match.

Hohmann did have something of an easy time in his opening match against local talent Elvis Rodriguez, but a



“**HOHMANN CAME BACK WITH SOME EXTRAORDINARY SHOOTING IN THE 21ST RACK TO CHALK UP HIS 9TH (12-9)**”

shutout over him led to a nail-biting, double hill match against “Fireball” Mike Dechaine, which Hohmann won and followed with a 9-6 win over Venezuela’s Jalal Yousef. He then downed Greece’s Alex Kazakis 9-3 to draw Dennis Orcollo in a winners’ side semifinal; Orcollo having just sent Van Boening to the loss side 9-6.

Gorst’s path went through Chris Melting 9-3, local talents Michael Badstuebner and Zion Zvi, both 9-4, before arriving at a winners’ side quarterfinal match against Polish 18-year-old Wiktor Zielinski, the youngest player to ever win a Euro Tour event (the 2017 Treviso Open). Zielinski battled him to double hill before giving way and allowing Gorst to advance to his winners’ side semifinal match against Jeremy Sossei.

Hohmann and Orcollo locked up into a somewhat predictable double hill match that eventually sent Hohmann to the hot seat match. He was joined by Gorst, who’d sent Sossei to the loss side 9-6. Gorst took the opening rack of the hot seat match, but he and Hohmann battled back and forth to a 5-5 tie, before Hohmann broke out to win the next four and claim the hot seat. He waited in it to see how the youngster fared against Van Boening in the semifinals.

After his defeat at the hands of Orcollo in the winners’ side quarterfinal, Van Boening moved over and ran right into Mike Dechaine, who was working on a four-match, loss-side winning streak that was about to end and had included, most recently, a 9-3 win that took James Aranas out of the picture. Van Boening ended Dechaine’s streak 9-7 and then, in a double hill fight, ended Alex Kazakis’ brief loss-side run to draw Sossei. Orcollo drew the youngster, Zielinski, who, following

his defeat at the hands of Gorst had picked up loss-side wins over Hsu Jui-An 9-4 and much (one would assume) to the surprise of Jayson Shaw, defeated him double hill to face Orcollo.

Van Boening and Sossei fought to double hill before Van Boening prevailed and advanced to the quarterfinals. Orcollo earned the rematch by prevailing 9-5 over the youngster Zielinski, whose performance and finish in this event is bound to increase his spectator popularity in events ahead. Van Boening was picking up speed as he approached the finish line and eliminated Orcollo 9-3 in the quarterfinals.

It was clear from the outset that the much-younger Gorst was going to give Van Boening all he could handle in the semifinals that followed. It was something of a cautionary tale for Van Boening, as he prepares for the Mosconi Cup next month, as he went down to defeat against Gorst 9-7.

As had been happening, more or less throughout the tournament, Hohmann got off to a bit of a bad start in the finals; a five-rack bad start at the end of which he had failed to chalk up so much as one. But then, as though someone had flipped a switch, Hohmann settled in to win the next five racks. Gorst slipped a rack in to make it 6-5, before Hohmann came back to win two and take his first lead at 7-6.

Hohmann missed a chance to go ahead by two, rattling a 9-ball in a corner pocket and allowing Gorst to tie things up at 7-7. They traded racks to an 8-8 tie before Gorst chalked up rack 17. It was a critical juncture in the match, as Gorst got out in front by a first, second and then, a third, and a fourth rack to put himself on the hill

at 12-8 for extending the race to 15 games.

Hohmann came back with some extraordinary shooting in the 21st rack to chalk up his 9th (12-9); the crowd reaction (including comments from the booth in the live stream broadcast) was muted, as though they were encouraging someone who’s doing their best in a losing battle. Gorst moved on and over the course of the next two racks, made two critical unforced errors, which Hohmann took full advantage of to pull within one at 12-11.

And suddenly, it was 12-12, and calm as you please, Hohmann chalked up the win in the final rack and claimed the 7th Steinway Classic title.

Silent Assassin Production’s Tony Robles (who competed, was sent to the loss side by Roland Garcia and eliminated by Tyler Styer) thanked Manny Stamatakis and his Steinway Billiards staff for their hospitality, as well as the event’s official director, John Leyman. He extended thanks, as well, to the usual members of his own staff, including his own “lovely wife, Gail,” and Irene Kim. He also acknowledged the work of UpstateAL and his broadcast crew for their streaming coverage of the event throughout the three days, the photograph work of Ernest Dionisio and thanked title sponsor Predator Cues, Ozone Billiards, PlayNAPL.com, The DeVito Team, Poolonthenet.com, Capelle (BilliardsPress.com), AZ-Billiards, Pool & Billiard Magazine and Billiards Digest.

The next event, to be held under the auspices of Robles’ Silent Assassin Productions, scheduled to begin today (Saturday, Oct. 19) and continue through tomorrow will be the 6th Annual NYC 8-Ball Championships, sponsored by Dr. Michael Fedak and hosted by Steinway Billiards. The Predator Pro Am Tour will return to Steinway the following weekend (Oct. 26-27).

West foils a strong, loss-side bid by Wilkie to claim MD STATE 10-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The two competitors who squared off against each other in the finals of the Maryland State 10-Ball Championships on the weekend of September 28-29 are the only two who have ever won the Action Pool Tour's annual Bob Stocks Memorial Tournament twice.

That record was held by Shaun Wilkie, until in 2017 & this past April, Kevin West chalked up his two. West went undefeated in the MD State 10-Ball event, and was challenged by Wilkie, who'd been sent to the loss side in an early round by another Bob Stocks Memorial champion, Brandon Shuff. Wilkie won eight on the loss side to challenge West in the finals. The \$1,000-added event drew 64 entrants to Champions Billiards Sports Bar in Frederick, MD.

With his finals opponent toiling away on the loss side, West advanced to a winners' side semifinal against Del Sim. Chuck Sampson faced Robert Palucho in the other one. West sent Sim west 7-1 and in the hot seat match, faced Sampson, who'd defeated Palucho 7-5. West and Sampson battled to a 13th deciding game before West dropped the last 10-ball to claim the hot seat.

Over on the loss side, Wilkie and Shuff were working their way toward a potential re-match, which would have occurred in the quarterfinals had it

not been for Scott Haas. As Wilkie was busy tallying his 4th loss-side win, downing William Gallagher 7-3, Haas was at work eliminating Shuff 7-5. Wilkie subsequently defeated Haas 7-4, which set him (Wilkie) up to face Del Sim. Palucho drew Michael Yednak, who'd shut out Dylan Spohr and given up only a single rack to co-event director, Rick Scarlato, Jr.

Wilkie advanced to the quarterfinals 7-4 over Sim and was joined by Yednak, who'd defeated Palucho 7-2. Wilkie took the quarterfinals 7-3 over Yednak and then shut Sampson out in the semifinals.

Momentum aside, Wilkie was unable to just roll over West in the finals. West got out in front and won it by three (7-4) to

claim the MD State 10-Ball Title.

Co-event directors Loye Bolyard and Rick Scarlato, Jr. thanked the ownership and staff at Champions Billiards, as well as sponsors McDermott Cues, Lights Out Billiards Apparel, AZBilliards, Simonis Cloth, Billiards Sports Network, Chesapeake Bay TAP Leagues and Aramith Balls.



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CALLADO WINS FOUR TO CAPTURE NAPT DESERT CHALLENGE IN LAS VEGAS

In a short field of 23 entrants, some of whom competed last year at the same event, Eleanor Callado won four straight matches to capture the North American Pool Tour's (NAPT) 4th Desert Challenge title on the weekend of September 19-22 at Griff's in Las Vegas, NV.

Callado faced separate challengers in the hot seat and finals of this 10-ball competition - Gigi Callejas (hot seat) and Canada's Veronique Menard (finals) - to complete her undefeated run.

Granted an opening round bye, as eight of the event's 12 competitors squared off in a play-in round, Callado drew Kim Pierce off that play-in round and defeated her 7-5 to open her four-match march to the winners' circle. She then faced Melissa Herndon in one of the winners' side semifinals. Gigi Callejas, in the meantime, who'd defeated Christina Gonzalez 7-5 in the play-in round, went on to get by Tara Williams 7-5 and draw Veronique Menard in the other winners' side semifinal.

Callado and Callejas advanced to the hot seat match with identical 7-4 wins over Herndon and Menard, respectively. Callado grabbed the hot seat with a 7-2 win over Callejas and waited on the return of Menard.

Over on the loss side, Menard picked up Nicole King, who'd defeated Laura Bendikas 7-3 and Kim Pierce 7-5 to reach her. Herndon drew Tara Williams, who'd eliminated Debra Aarens 7-3 and shut out Bernie Store.

Menard downed King 7-5 and in the quarterfinals, faced Williams, who'd survived a double hill battle versus Herndon. Menard took the quarterfinal match 7-5 over Williams to earn a

rematch against Callejas in the semifinals.

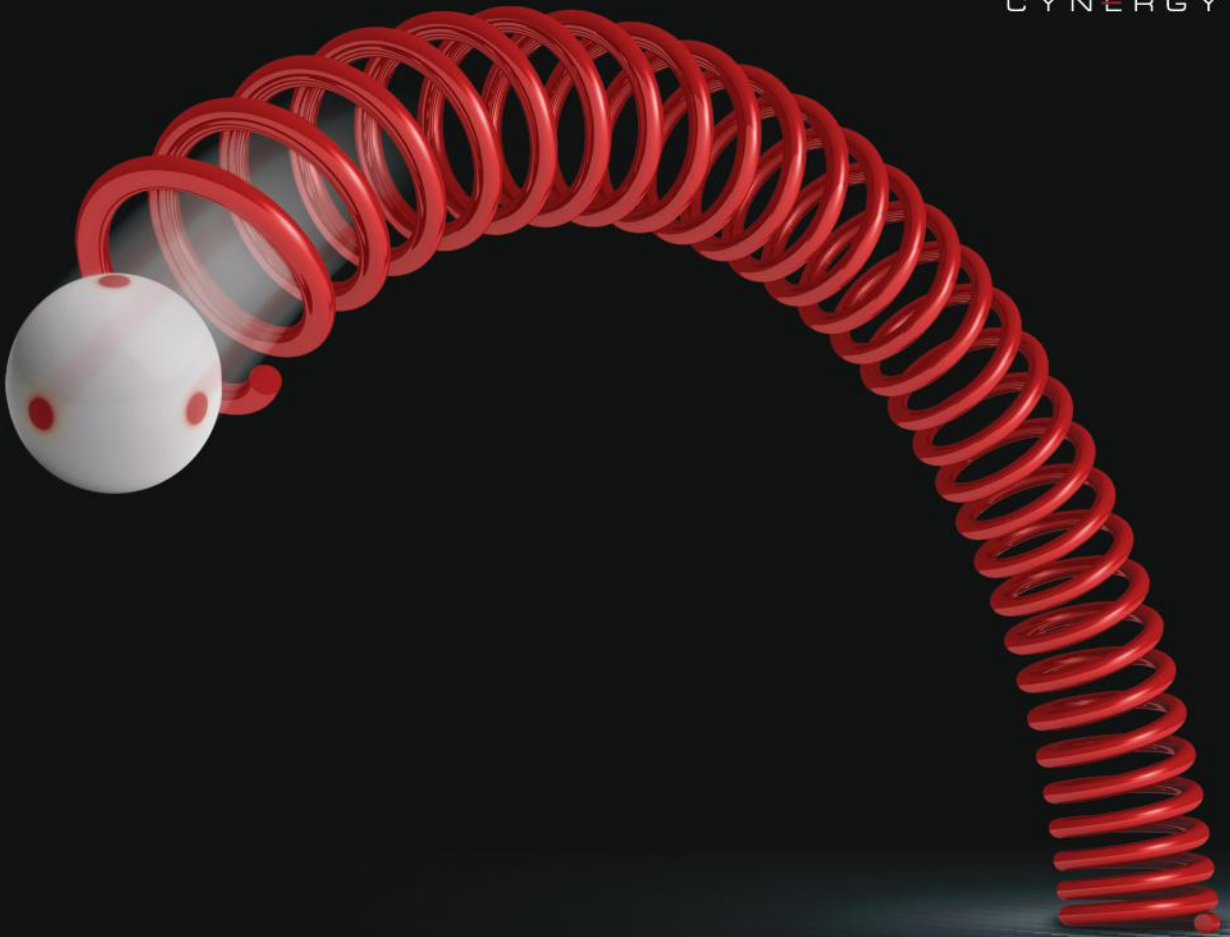
Menard earned her slot in the finals with a 7-3 rematch win over Callejas in the semifinals. Callado, though, punctuated her brief, but successful run on the Desert Challenge by giving up only a single rack to Menard in the event finals.

NAPT President Adrienne Beach thanked Mark Griffin and his staff for their hospitality, as well as Rail2Rail Productions for their live streaming of selected matches throughout the weekend. The next NAPT event, scheduled for October 24-27 will be the Division I Pro Coupe Du Quebec, hosted by Dooly's in Quebec, Canada.



(l to r): Tara Williams, Gigi Callejas, Veronique Menard & Eleanor Callado

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Dinsmore Wins GB-10 Ball Championship

BWPPA greeted 2 new players in Rick Holder and Darren Brook, as a strong field arrived at the Escape Pool Club in Bransley for the 2019 Tiger Cues Warrington GB 10-Ball Championships.

This event saw the 3rd running of the triple elimination format, which guarantees all players at least 3 matches for their entry fee, and also the chance to play for a guaranteed prize pot of £700.

The early stages through up some excellent matches. A close encounter between Frankie 'Hot Wheels' Gillen and Adam Pearson, which saw Gillen take a hill-hill 7-6 win, then Gillen fell in a close match 5-7 to Roy Kimberley.

Other early action saw Dan Lee beat Darren Taylor 7-6, after Taylor had beaten Ifakhar Hussain 7-3, Tony Southern beat Danny Luton 7-3, after they had both come through 7-1 against newcomers Holder and Brook respectively, and Fred Dinsmore beat Gary Swift 7-2, after Swift enjoyed a 7-1 win over the returning Matthew Lester.

Among the heavyweights in the winners qualifiers "the Sandman" Kimberley went down 7-2 v Dinsmore, and Lee overcome Southern, in a closer encounter, 7-5.

In the losers' side later stages, Swift beat Gillen 6-1, but lost 6-5 to Southern after missing match ball at 5-3 up, Luton beat Taylor 6-4, but was then beaten 6-2 by Kimberley.

In the 5th/6th playoff, Luton beat Swift 6-5 in a reverse of the same stage in the previous event.

In the 3rd loss side (Challenge event) final, Taylor beat Gillen 5-2, in a re-match of the previous event.

The semi-final draw for the main event took place early the next morning,

and we were back underway. Kimberley reached his 4th final in a row by inflicting a heavy 7-3 defeat on Lee, and in the other semi-final, it went all the way to the last rack, as Dinsmore overcame Southern 7-6.

It was to be a Dinsmore v Kimberley final.

The match started out even, and was level at 5-5, before Kimberley went 6-5 ahead, and spurned a great chance to take the match 7-5, by unluckily scratching on the penultimate ball. Dinsmore took his chance to level the match, and also won the final rack to prevail 7-6, and pointed to the heavens to say thanks to his best friend



Fred Dinsmore

“ **DINSMORE TOOK HIS CHANCE TO LEVEL THE MATCH, AND ALSO WON THE FINAL RACK TO PREVAIL 7-6, AND POINTED TO THE HEAVENS...** ”

and best man John, and Mick his uncle who both recently passed away.

Reaching yet another final put Kimberley back to the top of the rankings (for now!), but his 100 points from E4 in 2018 come off at the last event of this season, so it will be a 3 way battle for top spot between Kimberley, Lee and Dinsmore at the final event of the season.

If Lee makes the final, irrespective of who wins, he takes the top spot.

For Kimberley to top the rankings he has to win the last event, and hope Lee does not make the final, and the same applies for Dinsmore.

The top of the challenge rankings is a straight fight between Gillen and Taylor.

We look forward to seeing you all the final event of the season, the Predator Cues GB 9-Ball Championships, at the Escape Club Barnsley from 2-3 November 2019.

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The Predator Group is proud to celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2019

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (October 11, 2019) - Thanks to an amazing team of passionate individuals, the company has revolutionized how the game of pocket billiards is played since the introduction of the original 314 low-deflection shaft in 1994. A quarter of a century after this ground-breaking technology was introduced, this United States-based company has grown to become the largest and most innovation-driven manufacturer in pool and billiards worldwide.

HOW IT ALL GOT STARTED

Out of all the billiards shafts, cues and components that Predator Group has been associated with over the last 25 years, none may be more important than the tip that was on Allan McCarty's cue in the early 1990s.

A frequent player who had dabbled in developing inventions, McCarty was leading his opponent during a billiards match when his tip loosened and popped off of the ferrule. He switched out that shaft for his reserve and immediately struggled to make balls. McCarty lost the match, walking away from the experience lighter in the wallet and questioning how these two seemingly identical shafts could play so differently.

McCarty teamed up with Steve Titus, a self-made engineer he'd met at a tournament a couple of years before. Together, the two constructed a mechanical arm for testing billiard cues named Iron Willie. This helped them to develop a product which would deliver more consistency and accuracy. They toiled away in their Clawson,



Michigan shop for about a year and a half, ultimately creating a six-piece spliced wooden shaft.

That desire to design and develop a superior performing product led to Predator's initial product creation – a multi-splice shaft introduced as the original 314 shaft in 1994.

Predator's cutting-edge shaft technology reduced the error factor called "cue ball deflection", where the mass of the shaft pushes the cue ball off the aiming line when using English or side spin. Put simply, this new technology made it easier to pocket balls using

English and helped players progress faster.

What started as two guys fighting to educate the industry on their research findings now has evolved into the industry trendsetter in pool and billiards technology. The company has grown into the largest billiard cue manufacturer worldwide – thanks largely to the people who work for and with the company.

"There's all the cue makers and then there's us," said McCarty. "They're selling design, we're selling performance with design."

“When we received our first cue and shaft combination way back in 1998, we knew immediately that Predator was an innovative and technology-advanced cue manufacturer,” said Sid Kreis of Seybert’s Billiard Supply, one of Predator’s leading distributors.

THE QUEST FOR INNOVATION

It would have been easy to sit back and be satisfied with creating the billiard cue shaft which revolutionized the industry. “However, the goal is to always challenge the standards of the industry – then design a completely new standard.” said President Karim Belhaj, who rose from company intern in 1997 to owning the company today. “Every time we made it to the top, we thought “how do we better ourselves?”

In a company that was created by pool players, it didn’t take long for the team to realize there was more to playing proficient pool than simply minimizing deflection. Predator released the first BK break cue in 2001, equipped with a balanced weight design as well as a tip and ferrule developed to transfer maximum energy. Four years later, a reengineered break cue called the BK2 would hit the market with an improved grip, phenolic and carbon fiber tip plate and improved shaft design.

A dozen years after the original 314 shafts became available to consumers, Predator introduced the second generation of low-deflection shaft technology – featuring a lighter and improved 10-piece spliced construction, which resulted in better wood grain consistency throughout. Four years ago, the company debuted the third generation of these revolutionary shafts, featuring a lower front-end mass, V-Tek front end construction as

well as the eight-layer Victory tip. “We design every single shaft based on what the player needs to improve his or her game,” said Belhaj.

Since the turn of the century, Predator’s engineers have been working on methods to build a cue shaft from composite technology. As materials improved and processes perfected, the years of trial and errors resulted in the debut of Predator REVO shaft in 2016. Made from aerospace grade carbon fiber, this latest innovation offers reduced deflection at high and low speeds coupled with unmatched durability. When Predator’s Chief Engineer Paul Costain had his first prototypes of REVO ready for field testing a few years ago, it was essential for him to see the players’ feedback: “I remember very well the first time I saw people testing the Predator REVO – at first they were skeptical. So, to see their face when they hit the first few shots was quite enjoyable – I could see instantly they could feel the difference... and then of course they didn’t want to give the shaft back!”

Following this success, the carbon composite BK Rush break cue was released in 2017 – the most powerful and most accurate break cue ever designed.

As the technology and innovation improved, so too has the playing experience for beginning and amateur players. With cue ball deflection significantly decreased compared to the equipment of decades ago, the competitors of today can pocket balls more accurately while utilizing English and sidespin with much more ease. “Due to the Predator equipment, the pockets for amateurs seem bigger than normal because you can play more precisely,” said Billiard Congress of America Hall of Famer Ralf Souquet, who has

won every major title in the sport using a 314 shaft.

Today, Predator’s extensive family of products connects with different players – from the road hustler to the World Champion, there is a Predator cue for everyone. We not only specialize in performance but also in design. From the entry-level Roadline “Sneaky Pete” to the 25th Anniversary limited edition cues, there is an artistic and fashionable style to match the various preferences of players. Whether a player is looking for a classic or intricate look, Predator has a design which can connect with the individual and provide a unique style, coupled with unmatched construction and technology.

“Predator helps players be the best version of themselves,” said Karim Belhaj.

PREDATOR’S COMMITMENT TO GROW THE SPORT

Ever since Titus and McCarty started working on the original shafts, Predator has been striving to connect people to the game as well as give back to the billiards industry.

When the company was in its infancy, McCarty made sure the product was in the hands of not only nationally known professional players but those dominant at the regional level as well – recognizing word-of-mouth exposure would be essential to the product’s growth. As Predator slowly grew to become a worldwide company, the manufacturer’s commitment to providing professionals with the tools needed for success has not changed. Today, countless players all over the world rely on the company’s cues in tournament competition – including World Champions and BCA Hall of Famers. As

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a result, players using Predator cues have won more titles than all of the other cue brands combined.

As a company which constantly strives to improve its equipment and the players' experience, this working relationship also allows Predator's designers to receive valuable feedback on its products from some of the best professionals competing today.

"I remember one year every European Mosconi cup player played with Predator. That's mental," said Hall of Famer and longtime brand ambassador Darren Appleton. "They have helped me massively in my career and God knows what I would not have been able to achieve without them."

"Predator brings the equipment and I bring the skills, so together we can achieve greatness," said women's professional, Jasmin Ouschan, who started using the company's equipment as a junior.

Predator is also proud to support John Schmidt and his quest to beat the longest-standing record in the sport, Willie Mosconi's 526-ball run. John achieved his dream by an astounding 100 balls, running 626 without a miss, which already placed the formerly nicknamed "Mr. 400" in a class of his own: "I was using a P3 Red with a REVO 12.4 shaft – fantastic cue. Everybody loves their cue, that sounds forced but it's really the best cue I've ever played with", said John "Mr. 626" Schmidt.

Predator's support of the industry also extends to professional and amateur

tournaments throughout the world, as well as in the United States. The company has been a longtime title sponsor of the Mosconi Cup, Matchroom events, the Euro Tour for both men and women, Tony Robles' Predator Pro-am Tour in the northeastern United States, the World Pool and Billiards Association's Players Championship, and many other events.

"Predator has been a big part of the industry so far and will be even more so in the future," said Emily Frazer, Chief Operating Officer for Matchroom Multisport, producer of the Mosconi Cup. "Predator has been in business for 25 years and Matchroom has shared a relationship with them for the majority of that. We only hope to continue and strengthen that partnership as we push together our passion and goal of taking our sport to the next level."

This past year, the company again expanded its position within the professional billiards industry with the debut of the Predator World 10-ball Championships which brought back a World WPA event in the United States for the first time in over 20 years.

The event had been dormant since 2015 as it struggled to find available sponsors and prize funds, but Predator saw the event as a unique opportunity to help grow the number of professional events worldwide while celebrating the company's silver anniversary.

Partnering with Cue Sports International, the inaugural tournament was played this past July in conjunction

with the BCA Pool League's national and world championships in Las Vegas. This event, which was won by Ping-Chung Ko, showcases the best professional players in the world and helps in the company's mission of building a bridge between the recreational pool player and the game's elite. As WPA President Ian Anderson said, "We are very proud to be associated with Predator and to have them as a partner in the promotion and development of pool and billiards."

Predator continues to focus on the future by making the world a better place, one pool game at a time.

For more information, watch or link to the "Predator Cues - 25th Anniversary Innovation and Inspiration" video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4nOwG9KRrY>

The 25th Anniversary logo is also attached for your use.

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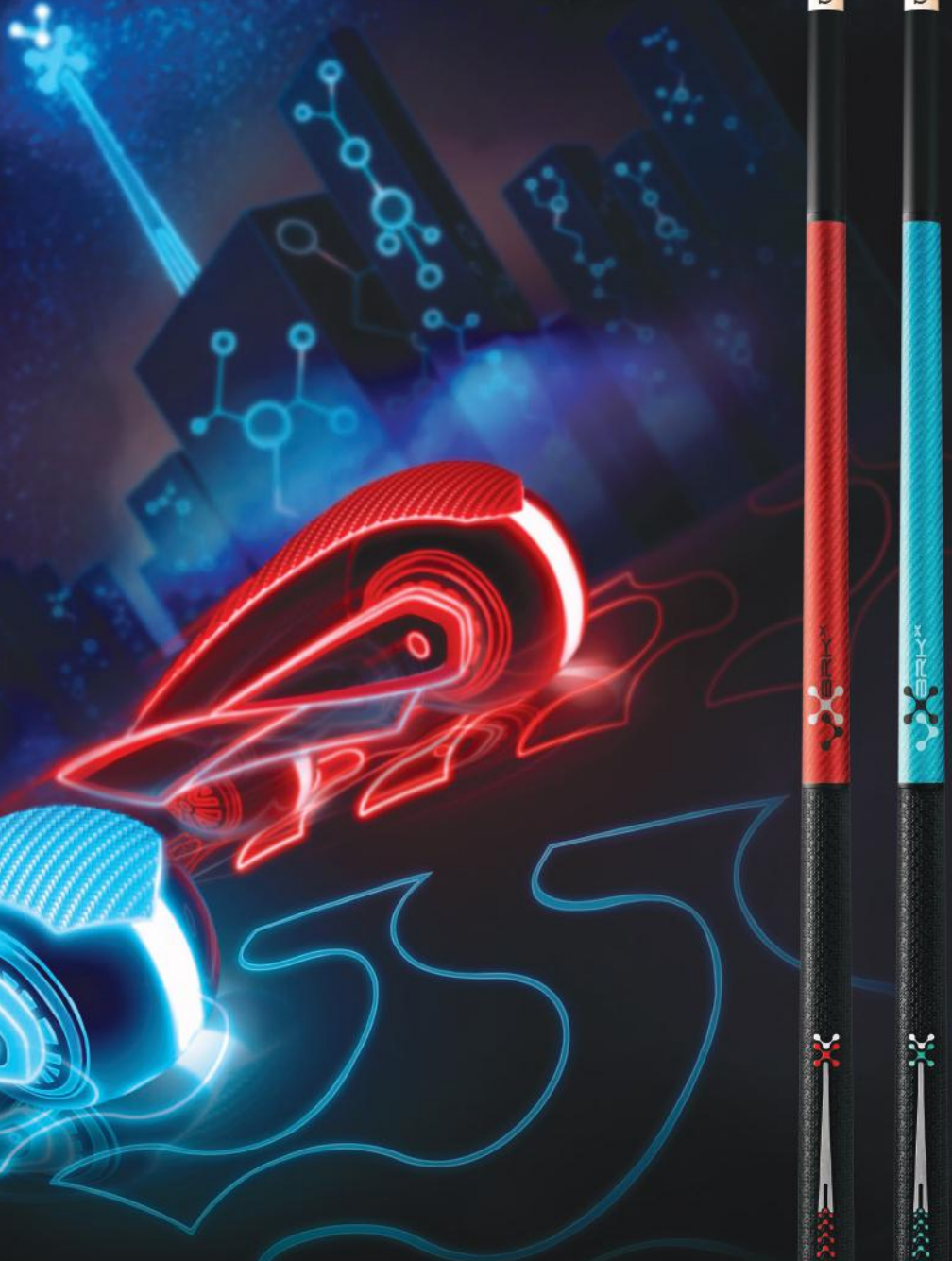
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STYER JOINS TEAM USA For Partypoker Mosconi Cup

Coach Johan Ruijsink has selected Tyler Styer as the third player to join Team USA as they bid to defend their partypoker Mosconi Cup title at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, Las Vegas this November 25-28, live on Sky Sports and DAZN.

Styer was a pivotal part of the American team which regained the Cup from Europe in London last December, and last month won his first international title when he beat David Alcaide in the final of the Kremlin Cup.

Styer joins Shane van Boening and Skyler Woodward as confirmed members of the team, with one more player to be announced on Thursday and the fifth and final squad member to be selected following the conclusion of the International 9-Ball Open in November.

“It feels like a dream come true,” said Styer. “I’m honored to play for Team USA under Johan Ruysink, with teammates like Shane and Sky.

“Being out there with veteran role models like Shane and Corey in London, while simultaneously being with my good friends Sky and Billy, was pretty cool. If you would have told me ten years ago that I would have been out there for that moment, I probably wouldn’t have believed you.

“This year we need to play better than last year and keep the pressure on Team Europe by making less mistakes. Being the home team in any sport is always an advantage. I can’t imagine the fans being quiet after last year’s result; I think they will help us a lot.”

Coach Johan Ruijsink said: “Tyler was the player with the least international



Tyler Styer (JP Parmentier - Matchroom Multisport)

experience. Considering the level he showed last year and his eagerness to learn and improve, it was obvious for me and JJ that his maximum potential had not been reached yet.

“This year he made some good and important steps, with good results at big tournaments. Of course, the win at the Kremlin Cup during the Russia trip was the pinnacle of that success so far. However, when you talk with Tyler he will tell you that he needs to improve and needs to keep working on his game. This attitude should be the standard for every player with ambition.

“I believe that this guy is here to stay and hopefully will inspire more and more American players to adopt this attitude and become great players.”

The 2019 partypoker Mosconi Cup will take place at Mandalay Bay Resort,

Las Vegas this November 25-28, live on Sky Sports and DAZN. Tickets are available now at www.mosconicup.com. Prices start at \$48 per day with silver season tickets at \$161. Additional gold seating has now been released with day tickets at \$70 and a season ticket available for \$239.

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Thorpe Is Fourth On Team USA For Partypoker Mosconi Cup

Billy Thorpe has been selected by Coach Johan Ruijsink as the fourth player to join Team USA for the 2019 partypoker Mosconi Cup, which will take place at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, Las Vegas this November 25-28, live on Sky Sports and DAZN.

Thorpe made his partypoker Mosconi Cup debut at Mandalay Bay Resort in 2017 and was part of the American side which stunned Europe with an 11-9 victory at Alexandra Palace last December. At the start of this year he won the Derby City Classic 9-Ball Banks Division and has gone deep in a number of major tournaments including the US Open 9-Ball Championship and Turning Stone Classic.

At 23-years-old, Thorpe is the youngest member of the team and will join Shane van Boening, Skyler Woodward and Tyler Styer in Las Vegas. Corey Deuel and Max Eberle will battle it out for the fifth and final place on the team, with Coach Ruijsink and Vice-

Coach Jeremy Jones to make that decision after the International Open.

“It feels amazing to be on team USA for the third year in a row and to represent America is definitely a dream come true and a goal I’ve always had,” said Thorpe.

“Winning the partypoker Mosconi Cup was one of the best feelings of my life. We were well prepared and had worked our butts off all year round to try and get that Cup back. It meant a lot to us, especially to win in London.

“Playing the partypoker Mosconi Cup gives you something to go after every year, it is a big thing. There is no other feeling like winning the Mosconi Cup. We all wanted to win so bad and I think a lot of us were speechless and now we know what we are capable of, so we need to keep this trophy in USA!

“Getting out there and winning it once was unreal, and I can only imagine what it will be like to win it twice in a row.”

Coach Ruijsink said: “Billy is the youngest of the bunch and has an enormous potential that he starts to show more and more. He is a fighter by nature and brings energy in abundance. Some-

times you need to slow him down, but that is far better

than when you would need to push him.

“He also has had his share of international events this year, so experience is growing and that combined with his incredible shot making – don’t leave him a bank! - makes him a smarter and better player than last year.

“I know that Billy and Tyler are excited to be in the team and will work hard to be at their best in November.”

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Billy Thorpe (JP Parmentier - Matchroom Multisport)

Shaw is First Team Europe Wildcard

Jayson Shaw has been selected by captain Marcus Chamat as the first Team Europe wildcard for this year's partypoker Mosconi Cup, which will take place at Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas this November 25-28, live on Sky Sports and DAZN.

Shaw joins automatic qualifiers Joshua Filler, Eklent Kaci and Alexander Kazakis on the team, with Chamat to name his second wildcard choice on Thursday.

Former US Open champion Shaw made his Mosconi debut in 2016 and has been ever-present since. The Scotsman is a clear fan favourite and after suffering defeat to USA in London last year, is desperate to reclaim the Cup for Europe.

"It's feels amazing to be playing my fourth Mosconi," said Shaw. "I could not thank the captain enough; he's got trust in me and I'm really thankful of another opportunity.

"Last year was the first defeat I had experienced at the Mosconi and it was a learning curve for all involved. For me, I learnt that USA have become a better team and we have to regroup and come up with a new plan for November.

"Europe will be ready to battle. We have to do what we have done for years; really grind and feed off each other and hope we can get off to a good start and bring that Cup back to Europe. It's not going be easy but we are ready to win."

Captain Chamat said: "Jayson is a quality player, especially under the pressure that the partypoker Mosconi Cup brings.

"Jayson is not the typical European; he isn't quiet like a Ralf, Niels or Albin. He stands out, his personality is a little like mine when I was playing; I always wore my heart on my sleeve. He reminds me a bit of me except I don't think I played as well as he does!

"He stands out and the team need that kind of mix and his big game. I know a lot of Americans have respect for his game."

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Feijen Takes Final Spot On Team Europe For Partypoker Mosconi Cup

Niels Feijen is the final player to join Team Europe for this year's partypoker Mosconi Cup at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center, Las Vegas, this November 25-28, live on Sky Sports and DAZN.

It will be the 14th time the Dutchman has represented his continent at the partypoker Mosconi Cup and he'll be looking for his ninth trophy lift. Feijen has been named MVP four times, more than any other player, and it's that combination of experience and talent which saw captain Marcus Chamat hand his final wildcard to the 42-year-old.

"It boiled down to Niels or Albin," said Chamat. "Both of them have done

very well at the Mosconi Cup. If you look throughout the year, Niels has had the better year. Maybe last year, on the first day Niels wasn't as good as he has always been, but he has four MVPs.

"Our team is very young, and you need that older, experienced player. He not only brings experience, he brings four MVPs to the table at the most pressured event in pool.

"It is always going to be a tough decision, because Europe has a lot of very good players and unfortunately you have to break somebody's dream. That is part of the job and you have to make these selections. I have to look at how you did throughout the year, how you did in previous Mosconi Cups and how you fit into the team.

"What I really value for a wildcard is what they have done in the team, or in the Mosconi Cup in previous years. It was difficult. You look at a player like David Alcaide; he has done great, and Fedor Gorst has had a really great season but it was really difficult to bring in a rookie when we needed a seasoned player who has played the partypoker Mosconi Cup before."

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KAZAKIS: LOSING PARTYPOKER MOSCONI CUP WAS WORST FEELING OF MY CAREER BUT IT MADE ME BETTER

Alexander Kazakis says losing the partypoker Mosconi Cup to Team USA last year was the worst feeling of his career, but that defeat has motivated him to help Europe reclaim the Cup at Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas, this November 25-28.

Kazakis won the weekend's Klagenfurt Open in Austria and it was in winning his semi-final match against Mats B. Schjetne that he became the third player to qualify for the team, after Joshua Filler and Eklent Kaci. Captain Marcus Chamat's two wildcard picks will be named later this week.

Kazakis made his partypoker Mosconi Cup debut at Alexandra Palace last year and was in the European chair when Shane van Boening sealed the winning point for USA. But the Greek star reacted well after a tough week in London, taking the silver medal at the World 9-Ball Championship and finishing runner-up at the World Pool Masters in March.

At the Klagenfurt Open he negotiated a tough road to the final, beating the likes of David Alcaide, Kaci and Fedor Gorst, who was also fighting for the final qualification spot.

"I was working so hard this year to get in the team," said Kazakis. "It was my number one goal of the year and the feeling to get in, I can't describe it with words; you just have to see the video how I scream after the match I won to get in the team! I have never screamed like that for any tour I won in my life.

"It was the worst feeling of my career when I lose that final match. I thought I could handle the pressure but I didn't. I had my chances and

didn't take them because of the high pressure. You have to take every bad experience and learn from it and get better. That's what I did. I'm so motivated this year that I'm going to play with all my heart.

"We have to stay together in bad and good belief to each other's game and do our jobs, runout everything!"

"To play the Mosconi Cup is the best feeling a pool player can have in his life. The emotions you get when playing in the Mosconi arena; it's from another planet. I cannot wait to get up there!"

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KACI: I PROMISE EUROPE WILL WIN BACK PARTYPOKER MOSCONI CUP IN VEGAS

Eklent Kaci has promised Team Europe fans that they will reclaim the partypoker Mosconi Cup from Team USA when they travel to Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas this November 25-28.

Europe's eight-year winning streak was brought to an end by USA in London last year. Kaci made his Mosconi debut at Alexandra Palace and though he admits that he didn't play to his best early on, he says he played perfectly once he'd got used to the unique atmosphere of the partypoker Mosconi Cup arena.

The Albanian finished second behind Joshua Filler on this year's Team Europe rankings to automatically qualify for this year's team, along with third-placed Alex Kazakis. Captain Marcus Chamat will name his two wildcard picks later this week.

"Playing the partypoker Mosconi Cup is my biggest goal of the year, and it feels great to be back; hard work pays off," said Kaci.

"Last year was my first Mosconi Cup and if I am honest, I did not play my

best. But over the last two days I played perfect. I got used to the arena and played much better. I can't wait to be back in that arena, and I'm very confident that I'll show my game out there.

"Europe had won it eight times in a row but last year we lost, and we did feel that a lot, because we are used to winning now.

"I promise to everyone this year that we are going to win. The whole team is well prepared and ready for it. Playing in the partypoker Mosconi Cup is totally different from the other tournaments. It is just an unbelievable feeling. You are not playing just for yourself but also for the team for the fans, it is just amazing."

The 2019 partypoker Mosconi Cup will take place at Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas this November 25-28, live

on Sky Sports and DAZN. Tickets are available now at www.mosconicup.com. Prices start at \$48 per day with silver season tickets at \$161. Additional gold seating has now been released with day tickets at \$70 and a season ticket available for \$239.

VIP Platinum packages are available priced \$225 per day or \$950 for all four days and include a breakfast buffet, unlimited drinks, VIP seating in the front three rows and much more.

The 2019 partypoker Mosconi Cup is partnered by Rasson Billiards who supplies the Official Table; the cloth is supplied by Iwan Simonis and Saluc is the Official Ball Provider. Predator is the Official Cue of the event, Kamui the Official Chalk and Tip and Ultimate Team Gear provide all partypoker Mosconi Cup apparel.



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.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 6 1/2

11/02 - 11/03

Diamond Billiards Bar & Grill
Rochester, NY
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

Predator Cues British 9-ball Championship

11/02 - 11/03

Escape Pool Bar
Barnsley, S. Yorkshire
Website: <http://www.bwppa.com/>

The Perfect Storm Open 2019

11/07 - 11/10

The Spot
Nanuet, New York

Northern Virginia Amateur Tour Stop

11/09 - 11/10

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

31st Ocean State 9-Ball Cham- pionship

11/09 - 11/10

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

White Diamond Super 9-Ball Extravaganza

11/09 - 11/10

White Diamond Billiards
Lafayette, LA

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019

11/16 - 11/17

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

Action Pool Tour 2019 Stop 11 Open Division

11/16 - 11/17

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

Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour 2019 Season Finale

11/16 - 11/17

Legends Billiards
League City, TX
Website: <http://www.obcuestour.com/>

All Japan Open Championship 2019

11/18 - 11/24

Archaic hall
Amagasaki-city

Mosconi Cup XXVI

11/25 - 11/28

Mandalay Bay
Las Vegas, NV
Website: <http://www.matchroompool.com/page/MosconiCup/Home>

2019 Atlantic Challenge Cup

11/28 - 11/30

Best Western Premier BHR Treviso
Hotel
Treviso

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019

12/07 - 12/08

Park Avenue Billiards
Orange Park, FL
Website: <http://www.sunshinestate-proamtour.com/>

Action Pool Tour Year End Sea- son Finale

12/07 - 12/08

Q-Master Billiards
Virginia Beach, VA
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

WPA World 9-Ball Championship 2019

12/13 - 12/17

Doha
Doha

2019 Women's World 9-Ball Championship

12/15 - 12/19

China

Northern Virginia Amateur Tour Stop

12/21 - 12/22

First Break Cafe
Sterling, VA
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267290537455630>

Tourney Results

10/05 - 10/06

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 3

East Ridge Billiards

Rochester, NY

- 1 Bucky Souvanthong \$900
- 2 Ron Casanzio \$600
- 3 Sourith Thammavong \$450
- 4 Dan Sharlow \$300
- 5 Brad Guthrie \$225
- 5 Lyn Wechsler \$225
- 7 Bruce Nagle \$150
- 7 Tony Antone \$150

10/05 - 10/06

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 3 Second Chance

East Ridge Billiards

Rochester, NY

- 1 Mark Creamer \$300
- 2 Steven Winter \$200
- 3 Nick Coppola \$120
- 4 Marco Kam \$80

10/05 - 10/05

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia

- 1 Jason Evans \$860
- 2 Joey Tate \$580
- 3 Jonathan Ailstock \$350
- 4 Blade Best \$250
- 5 Shane Woodrum \$150
- 5 Brent Hensley \$150
- 7 Dustin Coe \$50
- 7 Hank Powell \$50

10/05 - 10/06

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019 Stop #8

Brewlands Bar & Billiards

Tampa, Florida

- 1 Ricardo Rodriguez \$1,000
- 2 Bill Bloom \$725
- 3 Shannon Fitch \$520
- 4 Jordan Burden \$375

- 5 Justin McNulty \$275
- 5 Robert Batson \$275
- 7 Anthony Cruz \$200
- 7 Jeff Brown \$200
- 9 Pedro Botta \$150
- 9 Jeremy Bell \$150
- 9 Trenton White \$150
- 9 Brian McBride \$150
- 13 Bobby Garza \$100
- 13 John Sanders \$100
- 13 Francisco Diaz \$100
- 13 Mike Griffin \$100

10/06 - 10/06

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Juan Guzman \$780
- 2 Allison LaFleur \$520
- 3 Lidio Ramirez \$320
- 4 Jason Goberdhan \$210
- 5 David Grant \$130
- 5 Mark Antonetti \$130
- 7 Adrian Daniel \$90
- 7 Shivam Gupta \$90
- 9 Jaydev Zaveri \$70
- 9 Michael Fedak \$70
- 9 Ada Lio \$70
- 9 Matt Klein \$70

10/10 - 10/12

2019 Dynamic Klagenfurt Open

Sportpark Klagenfurt, Klagenfurt

- 1 Alexandros Kazakis \$5,429
- 2 Marc Bijsterbosch \$3,619
- 3 Denis Grabe \$2,111
- 3 Mats B. Schjetne \$2,111
- 5 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,508
- 5 Miguel Silva \$1,508
- 5 Fedor Gorst \$1,508
- 5 Joshua Filler \$1,508
- 9 Oliver Szolnoki \$1,206
- 9 Wojciech Szewczyk \$1,206
- 9 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,206
- 9 Eklenk Kaci \$1,206

- 9 Mark Gray \$1,206
- 9 Damianos Giallourakis \$1,206
- 9 Maksim Dudanets \$1,206
- 9 Ruslan Chinakhov \$1,206
- 17 Petri Makkonen \$723
- 17 Piotr Ostrowski \$723
- 17 Albin Ouschan \$723
- 17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$723
- 17 Jani Siekkinen \$723
- 17 Sascha Specchia \$723
- 17 Wojciech Sroczynski \$723
- 17 Daniel Maciol \$723
- 17 Dimitris Loukatos \$723
- 17 David Alcaide \$723
- 17 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$723
- 17 Mario He \$723
- 17 Tomasz Kaplan \$723
- 17 Jakub Koniar \$723
- 17 Mickey Krause \$723
- 17 Maximilian Lechner \$723
- 33 Manuel Kapeller \$331
- 33 Kostas Koukiadakis \$331
- 33 Alex Montpellier \$331
- 33 Stefano Moretti \$331
- 33 Vitaliy Patsura \$331
- 33 Karol Skowerski \$331
- 33 Roman Hybler \$331
- 33 Georg Hoerberl \$331
- 33 Joao Grilo \$331
- 33 Miesko Fortunski \$331
- 33 Marco Dorenburg \$331
- 33 Henrique Correia \$331
- 33 Francesco Candela \$331
- 33 Radoslaw Babica \$331
- 33 Ivo Aarts \$331
- 33 Roberto Bartol \$331

10/11 - 10/13

39th Annual Midwest Bar Table Classic

John Wayne's Pub

Indianapolis, Indiana

- 1 Jonathan Pinegar \$5,000
- 2 Jason Klatt \$2,500
- 3 Josh Roberts \$1,500
- 4 Jordan Davis \$1,000

5 Chris Szuter \$700
5 John Morra \$700
7 Jeremy Seaman \$500
7 Robert Frost \$500
9 Brandon Hallett \$400
9 Shane McMinn \$400
9 Can Salim \$400
9 Brian Gregg \$400
13 David Tonojan \$250
13 Billy Thorpe \$250
13 Alex Olinger \$250
13 Kevin Hall \$250
17 Ronald Solgot \$150
17 Dennis Orcollo \$150
17 Justin Bergman \$150
17 Shannon Murphy \$150
17 Shawn Buchholz \$150
17 Eddie Miller \$150
17 Neal Vichiensaen \$150
17 Marc Bontrager \$150
25 Louis Demarco \$100
25 Dennis Hatch \$100
25 Chuck Mooney \$100
25 Martin Zavala, Jr. \$100
25 Ed Hancock \$100
25 Bobby Maxon \$100
25 Molly Bontrager \$100
25 Evan Lunda \$100

10/12 - 10/13

Va State 8-Ball Championship (Open)

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA
1 Chris Bruner \$1,500
2 R.J. Carmona \$900
3 Reymart Lim \$500
4 JT Ringgold \$350
5 Scott Haas \$225
5 Eric Moore \$225
7 Ken Miller \$150
7 Steve Fleming \$150

10/12 - 10/13

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 4

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

Utica, New York
1 Jeremy Sossei \$1,000
2 Brad Guthrie \$750
3 Ron Casanzio \$550
4 Willie Oney \$400
5 Alvin Thomas \$250
5 Nick Brucato \$250

7 Dan Sharlow \$150
7 Nate Marshall \$150

10/12 - 10/13

2019 Dynamic Klagenfurt Open Ladies Division

Sportpark Klagenfurt, Klagenfurt

1 Oliwia Czuprynska \$1,809
2 Marharyta Fefilava \$1,206
3 Jasmin Ouschan \$965
3 Kristina Tkach \$965
5 Kristina Zlateva \$603
5 Melanie Suessenguth \$603
5 Ana Gradisnik \$603
5 Louise Furberg \$603
9 Monika Zabek \$180
9 Diana Stateczny \$180
9 Tamara Peeters \$180
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9 Kamila Khodjaeva \$180
9 Ina Kaplan \$180
9 Pia Filler \$180
9 Veronika Ivanovskaia \$180

10/12 - 10/13

Va State 8-Ball Championship (Ladies)

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA
1 Liz Taylor \$700
2 Cheryl Pritchard \$350
3 Bethany Sykes \$200
4 Jacki Duggan \$125

10/12 - 10/13

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Gate City Billiards Club

Greensboro, NC
1 BJ Ussery \$650
2 Josh Heeter \$400
3 Jeff Abernathy \$225
4 Anthony Mabe \$125
5 Jeff Little \$50
5 Reese Driskill \$50
7 Tim Nelson \$50
7 Sydney Cork \$50

10/12 - 10/13

JPNEWT Tour 2019 Stop 7

Eagle Billiards

Dickson City, Pa

1 Caroline Pao \$600
2 Linda Haywood Shea \$440
3 Linda Cheung \$300
4 Sharon O'Hanlon \$140

10/12 - 10/12

11th Annual "Cues for the Cure" Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Corner Pocket

Largo, FL
1 Jeannie Seaver \$650
2 Kelly Cavanaugh \$400
3 Vanessa Seaver \$225
3 Deanna Foster \$225
5 Michell Monk \$150
5 Nicolle Cuellar \$150
5 Lisa Cossette \$150
5 Jeri Bouvette \$150

10/12 - 10/13

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #3 Bangor Bash

Rack City

Bangor, Maine
1 Tyler Dunbar \$1,700
2 Jeff Yerxa \$900
3 Cody Porter \$500
4 Jason Seavey \$400
5 Ross Webster \$300
5 Phil Walton \$300
7 Ben White \$200
7 Michael Leavitt \$200
9 Chad Bazinet \$150
9 Joash Neault \$150
9 Josh Ireland \$150
9 Mark Pulsifer \$150

10/12 - 10/13

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 4 Second Chance

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

Utica, New York
1 Fred Gokey \$300
2 Nick Coppola \$200
3 Mark Creamer \$140

10/13 - 10/13

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

The Spot

Nanuet, New York
1 Juan Melendez \$860

- 2 Matt Klein \$580
- 3 Mars Adinolfi \$360
- 4 Adrian Daniel \$235
- 5 Pascal Dufresne \$145
- 5 Brandonne Alli \$145
- 7 Suzzie Wong \$100
- 7 Desi DeRado \$100
- 9 Shivam Gupta \$80
- 9 Teddy Lapadula \$80
- 9 Jim Gutierrez \$80
- 9 Joe Mazzeo \$80

10/15 - 10/17

7th Annual Steinway Classic

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Thorsten Hohmann \$5,000
- 2 Fedor Gorst \$3,500
- 3 Shane Van Boening \$2,500
- 4 Dennis Orcollo \$1,400
- 5 Jeremy Sossei \$700
- 5 Wiktor Zielinski \$700
- 7 Alexandros Kazakis \$500
- 7 Jayson Shaw \$500
- 9 Jui An Hsu \$300
- 9 Raphael Dabreo \$300
- 9 Mike Dechaine \$300
- 9 Roland Garcia \$300

10/19 - 10/20

Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour 2019 Stop 6

Fast Eddie's Sports Bar & Grill

Embassy Oaks, TX

- 1 Jennifer Kraber \$800
- 2 Michelle Cortez \$675
- 3 Ellen Robinson \$450
- 4 Kim Pierce \$375
- 5 Kelly Jones \$175
- 5 Rachel Hurst \$175

10/19 - 10/20

John Babravich - Jim Romanowski 9-Ball Open

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

- 1 Bucky Souvanthong \$1,000
- 2 Jeremy Sossei \$700
- 3 Qais Kolee \$500
- 4 Alvin Thomas \$350
- 5 Mike Hurley \$225

- 5 Danny Hewitt \$225
- 7 Bruce Nagle \$125
- 7 Ron Casanzio \$125

10/19 - 10/20

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #4

Yale Billiards

Wallingford, Connecticut

- 1 Sheikh Ahmed \$650
- 2 Brian Tierney \$430
- 3 Phil Walton \$300
- 4 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$200
- 5 Brett Cavazos \$90
- 5 Kevin Brule \$90

10/19 - 10/20

John Babravich - Jim Romanowski 9-Ball Open Second Chance

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

- 1 Bruce Carroll \$300
- 2 Norm Vernon \$200
- 3 Jamie Garrett \$120
- 4 Geoff Montgomery \$80
- 5 Frank Sorriento \$40
- 5 Tom Acciavatti \$40

10/19 - 10/20

DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Billiard Den

Richardson, TX

- 1 Gerardo Perez \$950
- 2 Daniel Herring \$600
- 3 Kevin Guimond \$450
- 4 Barry Emerson \$380
- 5 Jack Lynch \$270
- 5 Donnie Gregory \$270
- 7 Tim Larson \$160
- 7 Walter Huenerfuerst \$160
- 9 Chris Rickman \$100
- 9 Tommy Ulbik \$100
- 9 Kenny Rowell \$100
- 9 Crispian Ng \$100
- 13 Paul Guernsey \$75
- 13 Noel Villalobos \$75
- 13 Juan Parra \$75
- 13 Jude Rosenstock \$75
- 17 Shawn Morris \$60
- 17 Darryl Smith \$60
- 17 Douglas Pitts \$60
- 17 Brian Cady \$60

- 17 Walt Anderson \$60
- 17 Curtis Cardwell \$60
- 17 Robbie Smith \$60
- 17 Jay Ryda \$60

10/19 - 10/20

NYC 8-Ball Championships 2019 Grand Masters division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,600
- 2 Ruslan Chinakhov \$1,200
- 3 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$825
- 4 Roland Garcia \$550
- 5 Damianos Giallourakis \$350
- 5 Jimmy Rivera \$350

10/19 - 10/20

NYC 8-Ball Championships 2019 Mixed Masters division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Jose Soto \$1,300
- 2 Cesar Turcios \$900
- 3 Brooke Meyer \$600
- 4 Miguel Laboy \$400

10/19 - 10/20

NYC 8-Ball Championships 2019 Mixed Advanced division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Abel Rosario \$1,700
- 2 Thomas Schreiber \$1,150
- 3 Matt Rezendes \$700
- 4 Mike Demarco \$500
- 5 Julien Tierney \$375
- 5 Michael Luster \$375
- 7 Adam Romero \$300
- 7 Dennis Feliciano \$300

10/19 - 10/20

NYC 8-Ball Championships 2019 Women's Leisure division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Akiko Sugiyama \$1,250
- 2 Melissa Schleifer \$750
- 3 Debra Pritchett \$500
- 4 Lauren Niditch \$300
- 5 Kanami Chau \$200
- 5 Katie Baker \$200

10/19 - 10/20

NYC 8-Ball Championships 2019 Men's Leisure division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Maxwell Musser \$1,250
- 2 Henry Chan \$750
- 3 Brian Schell \$500
- 4 Gordon McDaniel \$300
- 5 Eric Dawkins \$200
- 5 Cesar Becerra \$200

10/19 - 10/20

NYC 8-Ball Championships 2019 Mixed Open division

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Sebastian Karwas \$2,100
- 2 Paul Lyons \$1,500
- 3 Marco Daniele \$1,000
- 4 Tahsin Mujib \$700
- 5 Ambi Estevez \$400
- 5 Alex Kent \$400
- 7 Daniel Feliciano \$250
- 7 Izac Horne \$250
- 9 Allison LaFleur \$150
- 9 Juan Melendez \$150
- 9 Mac Jankov \$150
- 9 Matt Nguyen \$150
- 13 Nico Zhou \$100
- 13 Joe Morace \$100
- 13 Michael Fedak \$100
- 13 Arthur Treziak \$100

10/20 - 10/20

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Chris Schmidt \$500
- 2 Luis Jimenez \$250
- 3 Adrian Daniel \$175
- 4 Rick Rodriguez \$85

10/22 - 10/26

2019 American Straight Pool Championship

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

- 1 Ruslan Chinakhov \$10,000
- 2 Alex Pagulayan \$6,000
- 3 Albin Ouschan \$3,000
- 3 Marco Teutscher \$3,000

- 5 David Alcaide \$1,500
- 5 Jani Siekkinen \$1,500
- 5 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,500
- 5 Maximilian Lechner \$1,500
- 9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$1,000
- 9 Mika Immonen \$1,000
- 9 Ralf Souquet \$1,000
- 9 Darren Appleton \$1,000
- 9 Niels Feijen \$1,000
- 9 Dennis Orcollo \$1,000
- 9 John Schmidt \$1,000
- 9 Lee Vann Corteza \$1,000
- 17 Ralph Eckert \$700
- 17 Reymart Lim \$700
- 17 Shaun Wilkie \$700
- 17 Johnny Archer \$700
- 17 Marc Vidal Claramunt \$700
- 17 Maksim Dudanets \$700
- 17 Petri Makkonen \$700
- 17 Max Eberle \$700

10/24 - 10/27

2019 Coupe du Quebec Women's Division 1 Pro Event

Dooly's

Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec

- 1 Karen Corr \$3,180
- 2 Veronique Menard \$2,120
- 3 Eleanor Callado \$1,590
- 4 Emilyn Callado \$1,060
- 5 Marie Blanchette \$900
- 5 Nathalie Jacob \$900
- 7 Roxanne Aucoin \$625
- 7 Fanny Giroux \$625
- 9 Judie Wilson \$500
- 9 Nathalie Chabot \$500
- 9 Nicole King \$500
- 9 Toni Sakamoto \$500

10/26 - 10/27

5th Annual Great Dismal Swamp 9-Ball Classic

Colonial Cues

Elizabeth City, North Carolina

- 1 Jayson Shaw \$6,000
- 2 Denis Grabe \$3,800
- 3 Roberto Gomez \$2,800
- 4 Shane Van Boening \$2,300
- 5 John Morra \$1,800
- 5 Jalal Yousef \$1,800
- 7 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,450
- 7 Josh Roberts \$1,450
- 9 Skyler Woodward \$900

- 9 James Aranas \$900
- 9 Chris Melling \$900
- 9 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$900

10/26 - 10/26

Midwest Ladies Regional Tour 2019 Stop #4

Cushions Billiards & Lounge

Westerville, OH

- 1 Chelsea Hoyt \$400
- 2 Cathy Thomas \$260

10/26 - 10/27

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 6

Brickhouse Billiards

N. Syracuse, New York

- 1 Bucky Souvanthong \$1,050
- 2 Ron Casanzio \$700
- 3 Jay Goyer \$550
- 4 Dave Ricci \$450
- 5 Tony Antone \$300
- 5 Len Gianfrate \$300
- 7 Brian Holmes \$150
- 7 Aaron Greenwood \$150

10/26 - 10/27

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Ama- teur Stop #17

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Miguel Laboy \$1,200
- 2 Bryan Toolsee \$825
- 3 Kanami Chau \$500
- 4 Zain Sundaram \$325
- 5 Brooke Meyer \$250
- 5 Mark Joseph \$250
- 7 Debra Pritchett \$200
- 7 George Poltorak \$200
- 9 Ernesto Gomez \$140
- 9 Matt Klein \$140
- 9 Stephen Motilal \$140
- 9 KC Clayton \$140
- 13 Levie A. Lampaan \$80
- 13 Thomas Schreiber \$80
- 13 Juan Melendez \$80
- 13 Ron Bernardo \$80

10/26 - 10/27

Q City 9-Ball Tour Championships (9' table)

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

- 1 Hunter White \$1,000
- 2 Chad Harrison \$750
- 3 Jason Evans \$475
- 4 Jeff Abernathy \$350
- 5 Matt Harrell \$175
- 5 Matt Lucas \$175
- 7 Kris Brower \$100
- 7 Landon Hollingsworth \$100

10/26 - 10/27

Joss Tour 2019-2020 Stop 6 Second Chance

Brickhouse Billiards

N. Syracuse, New York

- 1 Bruce Carroll \$300
- 2 Nick Brucato \$200
- 3 Jamie Garrett \$100
- 4 Geoff Montgomery \$80

10/26 - 10/26

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #5

Legends Sports Bar & Grill

Auburn, ME

- 1 Carlton Gagnon \$600
- 2 Kyle Pepin \$330

- 3 Michael Leavitt \$200
- 4 Tyler Dunbar \$150
- 5 Ross Webster \$90
- 5 Mark Pulsifer \$90

10/27 - 10/27

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

- 1 Eugene Ok \$580
- 2 Bianca Martinez \$330
- 3 Jason Goberdhan \$220
- 4 Dave Shlemperis \$130
- 5 Thomas Schreiber \$80
- 5 Amanda Andries \$80

10/28 - 11/02

The International 9-Ball Open

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

Norfolk, Va

- 1 Jayson Shaw \$30,000
- 2 Maximilian Lechner \$18,000
- 3 Joshua Filler \$12,000
- 4 Justin Bergman \$7,500
- 5 Ping-Chung Ko \$5,000
- 5 Alexandros Kazakis \$5,000

- 7 Alex Pagulayan \$3,750
- 7 James Aranas \$3,750
- 9 Darren Appleton \$3,000
- 9 Thorsten Hohmann \$3,000
- 9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$3,000
- 9 Dennis Orcollo \$3,000
- 13 Jung-Lin Chang \$2,750
- 13 Shane Van Boening \$2,750
- 13 Denis Grabe \$2,750
- 13 John Morra \$2,750
- 17 Chris Robinson \$2,500
- 17 Aloysius Yapp \$2,500
- 17 Albin Ouschan \$2,500
- 17 Ruslan Chinakhov \$2,500
- 17 Mika Immonen \$2,500
- 17 Corey Deuel \$2,500
- 17 Marco Teutscher \$2,500
- 17 Yu-Lung Chang \$2,500
- 25 Ri Teng Liu \$2,250
- 25 Jui An Hsu \$2,250
- 25 Fedor Gorst \$2,250
- 25 Roland Garcia \$2,250
- 25 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$2,250
- 25 Max Eberle \$2,250
- 25 Lee Vann Corteza \$2,250
- 25 Naoyuki Oi \$2,250



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