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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

I'm going to get up on my soapbox for a little while here. There are a TON of tournaments going on out there, but sometimes you wouldn't know it. As someone who has tried to keep current information on upcoming and completed events, it has always been a struggle to get that information.

Tournaments are "announced" on individual websites or Facebook pages, with next to no followup after the event is over. It shouldn't be like this, but it has been a problem for as long as I've been doing this (25 years now). Don't get me wrong. It's getting better, but it still sometimes seems like this sport's promoters want to run their events in a cone of silence.

This sport is only going to be taken as seriously by the people who don't know about every little esoteric website and Facebook page, as we treat it. We can be a LOT more professional. It shouldn't be a challenge to know when and where events are happening, with complete results when they are over.

OK, I feel better now. Everyone have a great month. I know I'm going to have a great trip to the BCA Trade Show. *wink wink*

Until next time,
Mike



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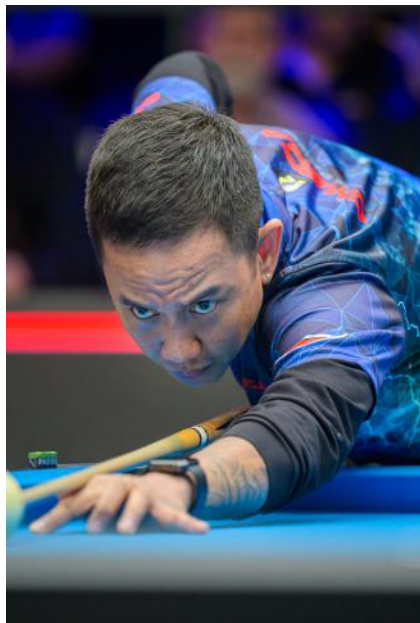
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BIG IDEAS IN SMALL PACKAGES – PART 2

The first of three parts this series on my new pool glossary appeared in the January issue. This month features Part 2. I like this short format because it enables you to quickly grasp new ideas, some of which could be of great value to your game.

When you are exposed to a new way of thinking about a familiar concept, my new way of expressing it could resonate with you. And, since one positive change can lead to another, and another, incorporating just one or two of these ideas could catapult your game to a whole new level.

Many of these items also offer new thoughts on playing pool, so it is critical that you remain open to new and unusual ideas because the just might offer you a key to your lasting improvement.

When I read non-fiction books I go on a treasure hunt, or more specifically, a passage hunt. When I find a great one, I grab my yellow highlighter. And I make sure to underline key words of phrases with a double dose of ink. I will have so much more to say on how I devour books in chapter 4 of my upcoming book, *Pool Is The Answer*.

As you read through the 105 entries in this feature, you will have 105 chances to find big help for your game. When you discover an item that's particularly relevant to you, write down the name of the section and the passage. When you are done with this feature, you may have a dozen of more ideas for possibly transforming your game.

And, I encourage you to share your findings with a friend, and perhaps they can return the favor.

And be sure read Part 3 in the May issue of the Buzz. Happy hunting!

GAME

Game – Every player has their “game!” And, it can be an appraisal from your peers, as in “he’s got game.”

Game On – When a contest has been elevated in seriousness to a level that it is now a highly competitive encounter where before it was not so much.

Game Theory – Tactics and thinking that enable one to play games in general, and specific games, quite intelligently.

GAPS

Gap – (A) Where you are, and where you would like to be with your game. (B) A space in time where things make a silent transition.

Gaps During Your Routine – There are several gaps in a player's execution cycle. These are moments in time where what a player stops doing some task, doesn't do one, or prepares to do something. These gaps

are instrumental to the success of the shot.

Gap in Process – There is a chasm between what players do, and how they think that they do it.

GAZING

Gaze Pattern – The way that you shift your eyes from object to object as you fine tune your Shot Picture and prepare to shoot.

Gazing Pattern (Shifting) – How you shift your eyes from look to look when aiming.

Gazing – Time spent looking at each of the three objects of a shot – the CB, OB, Pocket.

GO

Go Signal (Go Ahead) – A little voice that tells you that your preparations are complete, and it is now time to shoot.

Go Time – All preparations are over. It is time to play the shot.

Go Words – One word commands that tell you that you have completed preparations on an element, and the one that tells you that it is now time to play the shot.

HIT

Hit (the) – What contact feels like, either good, or not feel good.

Hit Anxiety – A feeling of the hit to come that leads to unwanted tension in your shooting arm and/or hand.

Hit Impulse – A feeling that you must get on with the shot – that it feels like the shot is unfolding a little slower that you can stand for it to be played!!!

ILLUSIONS

Illusion of Aiming – Players think they are aligned correctly when they very possibly are not.

Illusion of No-Thinking – When players think they are not thinking when over the ball when they are actually thinking effortlessly and habitually.

Illusions for Your Final Stroke – That you are aiming 100% correctly, and that you can make the ball with your version of a straight stroke.

INTER LEARNING

Interconnected Elements – So many movements are connected to others, in the process creating a complex series of movements.

Interdisciplinary Learning – Deepening your idea of how to play pool by looking outside of the game, and then putting certain concepts into a pool playing context.

Interleaving – Mixing things up when you learn. Mixing up practices by alternating between skills.

KEYS

Key Element – The one facet of your game that could easily make or break the shot.

Key Moves – The most important moves and the mandatory moves. These largely determine the success of your shots.

Key Word – A word that can you use as part of your routine to keep you focused on a very constructive act that is an integral part of your Execution Cycle.

KNOWING

Knowing for Certain – Knowledge that is unquestioned, and that is a big part of the foundation for your game.

Knowing What is Possible – The ability to look at the balls and know what shots you can play, and can't play. This is pool physics at work.

Knowing Your Game – How to keep your game, how to get it back, and how to play it.

LEARNING

Learn to Learn – The skill of learning is perhaps the most important one of all. In short, commit to becoming a great student of the game!

Learning Curve – A theoretical timeline that charts your upward progress as a player.

Learning Sequence – Learning the various skills that you need for mastering pool in the correct order!

LONG AIM

Long Line of Aim (the) – The line that your cue will be traveling down to contact. Send your cue down this line and the CB just happens to be in the way.

Long Rifle Effect – Your cue becomes part of the LOA and it is a useful device for lining up and for aiming the shot. This technique requires the use of a long and open bridge.

Long WUS – They are true WUS that most closely mimic the FS. There are a number of benefits to using them.

MASTERY

Mastery – Through much time and effort a player has, finally, come to master the art and science of playing fine pool. Mastery is not to be confused with perfection.

Master Craftsman – It is useful to view yourself as a craftsman who takes pride in your game. As a craftsman your goal is to do your best work on every shot.

Mastery is Ongoing – Mastery is not in completing your knowledge on an element, but rather is an ongoing process of learning that never ends.

MENTAL GAME

Mental Errors – Every player, even top pros, commits mental mistakes, so accept that you will make them.

Mental Game – Your thinking process is responsible for making constructive thoughts. It must be woven into both the physical and thinking sides of your game.

Mental Misses – Shots that are missed due to poor thinking. These lapses could begin before you even begin to take your stance.

MICRO

Micro Components – Small moves and thoughts can, and do, play a BIG role in the success of your shots.

Micro Moments – The short spaces of time in a pool shot during which critical operations often take place.

Micro Shift – A very slight realignment in the direction that your cue is pointing from the one you assumed when you landed. These adjustments takes

place during your WUS and as you make your FS.

MIND

Mind – Your mind is largely responsible for creating movements by your arm and hand.

Mind Clearing – Ridding your mind of irrelevant and negative thoughts so that you can focus your attention on the elements that go into producing a fine shot.

Mindfulness in Pool – Your success depends on being in the moment, staying relaxed, and staying aware of what is taking place. Mindfulness helps produce that state.

MINIMUM

Minimum Practical Traveling Distance – The shortest practical distance that the CB should travel. This includes making the shot at greater than pocket speed.

Minimum Recognition Time – 100 milliseconds is the least amount of time that we need to become aware of a stimulus.

Minimum Time – The least amount of time that a player must take on a shot. This time depends on the difficulty of the shot and on the player's level of skill.

MOMENTS

Moment – Instruction that is focused on key moments throughout your Shot Cycle.

Moment By Moment – You will perform at your best when you live by the moment, and by stringing constructive moments together, with no exceptions, from the start to the end of each shot.

Moment of Complete Preparedness (Readiness) – When your preparations are 100% complete and it is time to shoot!

MOTION

Motion – It creates flow and sets the stage for the final stroke. Motion is a huge and little discussed characteristic that contributes greatly to stroke accuracy, and to speed control.

Motor Skill – The precise movement your muscles make while moving your cue back and forth during your WUS. It requires the ability to feel what your muscles are doing while they perform the act of playing each shot.

Moving Around the Table – Going from shot to shot in a purposeful manner, it can also include surveying and preparing to play the upcoming shot.

NATURAL

Natural Aiming – It is the process of gaining a feel for your FLOA as you proceed through the Execution Phase of the Shot Cycle.

Natural Moves – A move that your body wants to make, and will make, unless you stop or block it. Natural moves are generally a good thing, such as the wrist cock and the elbow drop, but not always.

Natural Position – Playing shape by employing the cue ball's natural path after contact.

NEURONS

Neuron – A specialized cell that transmits nerve impulses.

Neurons Firing Together – Every shot is a collection of millions of neurons firing together – and the collection of those involved in any shot is NEVER exactly the same!

Neuroplasticity – Our brain can be changed, and is changing every second of our life. We can use this feature to realize positive change.

NO-THINKING

No-Thinking Illusion – Just because we are unaware of some of our thinking beneath the surface does not mean that it is not taking place.

No-Thinking Pool – Not thinking may or may not be a good thing during the execution phase. It depends on the relevance and the quality of your thoughts.

No-Thinking Zone – That part of the execution phase when you turn it over to your automatic process. It usually takes place just before or on the final stroke.

ONE

One Big Feeling – All of your shooting tasks (aim, speed, stroke) are melded together into one feeling of the shot to be played.

One Word Learning – Using a single word, in a pool context, is a great way to learn and to remember critical elements and concepts.

One Thought – One good idea could be the catalyst for big progress in your game.

OPENNESS

Openness to Change – It is a must if you want to improve!

Open Mind – It is very important to keep your mind open to information and techniques. No one knows it all, and most players know far less than they think that they do – and so much of what they do know is just plain wrong.

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Open Source – I have created an Operating System for playing complete and superb pool shots, but users are certainly welcome to add to it!

PERCEPTION

Perceived Time – When time slows down due to mindfulness, you may feel like you are spending so much more time over the ball and, as a result, you will not feel rushed to finish your routine.

Perception Changes – While you are over the ball and going through your routine, your perception of the LOA changes.

Perception/Reality Gap – The gap between what you are doing and what you should be doing, a gap that creates flaws in your game.

PERFECT

Perfect* – 99% of perfection is the new perfect.

Perfect Contact (nearly so) – It is about the cue traveling in the direction that it needs to in order to make the shot. It is not about hitting the cue ball in some predetermined spot that is thought to be perfect.

Perfect Timing – Shooting at the precise moment when you are fully prepared and are in a state of maximum readiness. It's also releasing the cue at the ideal moment late in the acceleration phase on the final stroke.

PERIPHERAL VISION

Peripheral Vision – It is employed when looking at the Shot Picture.

Peripheral Vision – When playing a shot, you look beyond the object of your primary attention to the other elements that make up the Shot Picture. These change from gaze to gaze.

Peripheral Vision SP – Looking at the Shot Picture, including the pocket, in your peripheral vision as you execute the final stroke.

PLANNING

Plan to Execute Ratio – The time a player takes to plan a shot relative to the time that they use to execute it (in their stance).

Planning – It's the first step and a big part of the Shot Cycle – it is a process for selecting a shot and preparing for the execution phase.

Planning Routine – A process for planning shots as opposed to the execution cycle.

PLAY AS A SUBJECT

Play in Your Stroke – The ability to make small adjustments with your backhand. It must often move a tiny bit from the position it was in at the set up to be in position to make the ball.

Play Your Best Pool – Phil Capelle's mantra since 1995. If you ARE going to play, then why not play YOUR best pool!

Playing Method – Each player's overall approach to playing and a method that features certain fundamentals and strategic elements.

POCKET

Pocket Choice – You often have a choice of two or more pockets to play a shot. The choice may be clear-cut, or their could be advantages to playing it in a certain pocket.

Pocket Awareness – A feeling for where the pocket is even when you are not looking at it. This is key skill you must have when you are playing certain cut shots.

Pocket Speed – The minimum speed that enables the object ball to barely reach and fall into the pocket.

POOL

Pool Context – Putting things into terms that a pool player can understand, or will understand with the aid of the analogy. Looking at the world, or things in the world and relating them to pool. This is a very useful concept for learning the game and things about life!

Pool Is Hard to Learn – Pool looks easy, but it evidently must be difficult to learn because so many players have plateaued and have failed to advance or reach anything close to their full potential.

Pool Physics – Knowing what is possible – looking at the balls and knowing what shots you can play, and can't play.

POSITION

Position Play – A specific route to a position zone.

Position Shot Picture – Your visualization of the cue ball's path to the position zone. You must plan this before entering into your stance.

Position Play Formula – Speed + Cueing = Cue ball's route.

PREPARATION

Preparation – What we mostly are doing during the Shot Cycle.

Preparation Phase – That time in the Shot Cycle and the Execution Phase of the Shot Cycle during which a player is preparing to make their final stroke.

Preparatory Strokes – This is a name for Warm-up Strokes. These are the strokes that are taken while in your

stance that prepare you for the final stroke.

PRO METHOD

Pro Level Planning – Planning the complete shot including the basics, and the extra elements that enable pros to accomplish so many objectives on a single shot.

Pro Short Cuts – A method of play that works for pros because they play so much and are in such great form – but it may not work for amateurs.

Pro Time Usage – The pros use just the amount of time they need to in order to complete their pre-stroke agenda, no more, no less.

RELAX

Relax – Playing without tension. Being loose, free, and confident.

Relaxed Looks – Being in a state of relaxation while you are looking at the balls and the Shot Picture so that you can “take it all in” in the best way possible.

Relaxed Power – Developing the faster speeds without relying on unwanted tension.

RELEASE

Release – Applying power with the uncocking of your wrist as your cue approaches the contact zone.

Release Pattern – A technique for letting the arm and wrist accelerate that matches the requirements of each particular shot.

Release Zone – That part of the final forward stroke when you begin to release your wrist.

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Beginning in 1968, Capelle spent 27 years competing in money games, leagues, and tournaments. In late 1994 he founded Billiards Press, and has since written 12 instructional books on pool. Over the last eight years he has conducted extensive research in preparation for his upcoming book, *Pool Is The Answer*. For a detailed profile of Phil Capelle, see his interview with Melinda Bailey in the April 2019 issue of the Billiards Buzz.

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As pool players we tend to let some things get in the way of a great performance that really shouldn't be playing a part in how we play.

Springtime is just around the corner and that means people will be playing less pool and spending more with outdoor activities. In this article, I'm going to cover 7 strategies that will keep your game sharp during the off season.

1. REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR

Ongoing reflection is an important part of the improvement process, and your year-round review is probably your most important one.

Did you set goals for 2023? If so, how many of them did you achieve? Take yourself back to some of your best matches and celebrate the successes you have made with your game. Why do you think you were able to make progress? Reinforce what's working for you.

For the goals that you didn't achieve, why do you think you weren't able to achieve them? Was it that those goals were too ambitious? Maybe you weren't motivated and didn't put in the necessary work? Or did you not work on the right things the right way?

Use this reflection to adjust your goals and practice routines for 2024.

2. SET GOALS FOR 2024

What do you want to achieve next year and how are you going to achieve it?

Make sure that your goals are primarily intrinsic – that is, there's meaning and purpose behind them and it's more about self-mastery than impressing or pleasing others.

If you do set goals for specific tournaments or stats, turn those into "Performance Goals" and figure out what you will need to improve about your game to achieve them. What habits and characteristics will you need to change about yourself?

Your goals need to be posted somewhere you'll be able to see them regularly, along with a weekly plan. I have related templates for you to download if you are enrolled at my Virtual Billiard Academy.

3. START A POOL SPECIFIC FITNESS REGIMEN

Getting strong, fit, and flexible should be a non-negotiable goal. Your spring

and summer training should include 3-4 gym sessions per week (ideally doing at least something every day) to improve your:

- Cardio
- Strength
- Balance
- Flexibility

Start small and build it up. Begin with a few short sessions, and as you develop the habit of doing regular exercise, work up to longer, more regular sessions. Creating a plan really helps reduce the barriers to getting started.

4. IMPROVE YOUR FOCUS

In today's digital world and our connection to our mobile devices – we're constantly distracted. We don't get to spend the much-needed time with our minds, which affects our ability to focus, be aware and sleep.

Neuroscientists tell us that the best way to calm the mind and improve focus is meditation. When you are playing under pressure, the mind can be very distracted by the past and future and it's hard to stay present and calm. Meditation is great practice for this

(and more importantly, greater mental and emotional wellbeing).

5. START A MENTAL TRAINING COURSE

The spring is the perfect time to enroll at Virtual Billiard Academy, which you can work through at your own pace. The goal is to create a solid “mental framework” by listening to the lessons and completing the exercises.

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6. MAKE GRATITUDE A DAILY HABIT

Studies show that an “attitude of gratitude” can have a positive effect on our mental health and it’s accessible to you at any time (if you choose). Further studies on gratitude show that there’s a connection between your gratitude level and your success and happiness. In other words, if you in-

crease gratitude, you’ll increase performance and happiness.

The good news is that gratitude can be trained, so it becomes more of a habit. As a daily exercise (I do it in the evening), write down or think about 3 things that you are grateful for and 3 things that you love about yourself.

7. START A PERFORMANCE JOURNAL

I encourage all my students to keep a “performance journal.” Writing in a journal is a great way to reflect on your performance and practice, deepen your connection with your goals

and reconcile with the emotions that you are experiencing. At the end of each day, write down:

- Your Successes
- The Process (actions) behind your success
- The Challenges you faced and what you learned from them (reframing the negative experiences as a positive).

By doing a daily journaling session, you’ll feel better, find solutions, and improve your mental health. Use the spring and summer to work on these valuable skills and habits, and you’ll be in great shape to play in the fall!

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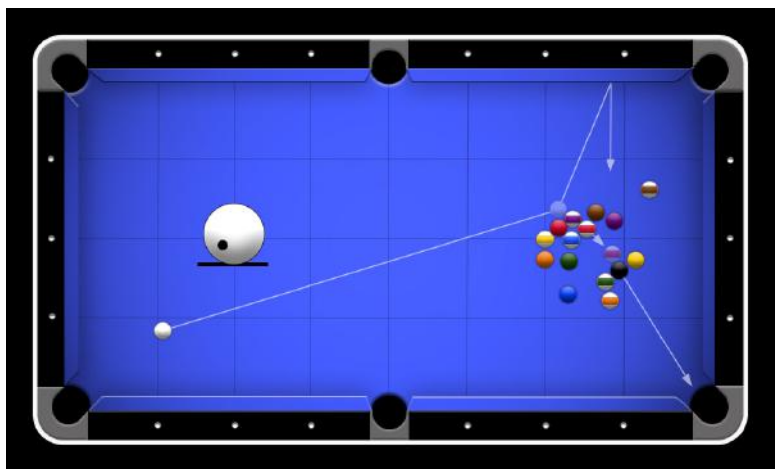
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This month's shot is from early in the 2017 Make It Happen 14.1 Invitational match between Corey Deuel and Darren Appleton. Neither one of the commentators was sure what Deuel saw in the rack, but he made this creative three ball combination shot look like it was a hanger.



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Gospel Trick Shot #49

“Direct our steps!”

History of the Trick Shot: This shot is a famous shot, accredited to the late George “Trick-Shooter” Middleditch, sometimes the passing cue ball will clear obstacles out of the way and the object ball will be pocketed. Many trick shot artists perform this shot in their shows and it is even in the WPA Artistic Pool Program. Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman adapted it from the pool table to work on the Blackball Pool Table.

GTS Name and Why: Tom named this shot “Direct our steps” and it is a perfect shot for this month with our thoughts on Easter and the Lord’s Resurrection. We know that when Jesus went to the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper and guide. The cue ball represents the Lord’s influence through the Holy Spirit and the black ball is us. The balls in the rack represent Heaven’s corner. The cue ball passes the object ball leading us to Heaven, the Lord now waits in Heaven for us at the right hand of the Father.

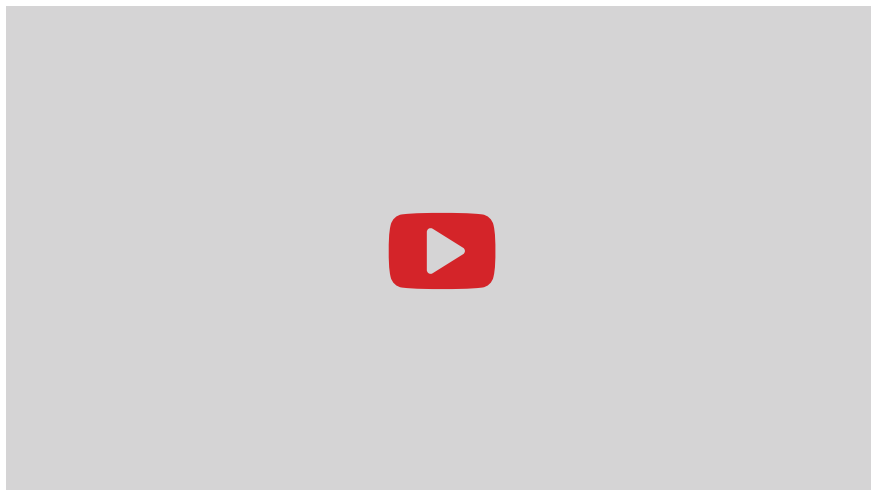
Scripture References: Psalm 37:23 “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.” Proverbs 16:9 “A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.”

Cue Ball Placement: Frozen behind the black ball.

Object Ball(s) Placement: The black ball is frozen in front of the cue ball, the frozen pair is aimed at the right pocket point of the corner pocket. The rest of the balls are in the rack to funnel the shot.

Objective: Aim straight down table with a downward follow stroke, the cue ball will squirt to the left and overtake the black ball, beating it to the rack and glancing into the corner pocket.

Special Notes: If you find that you have a hard time getting the cue ball to pass

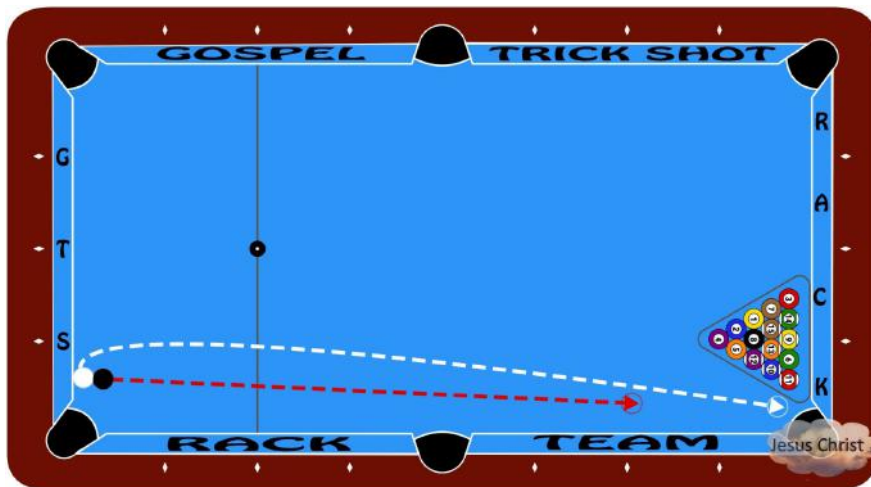


the black ball, you are probably driving the cue stick through too much causing too much speed to be transferred to the black ball. You can try aiming the combination more to the right, or using more top on the cue ball. The key to this shot is the follow top spin transferred to the cue ball.

Crowd Reactions: This shot may stump even the best players as it is not a stroke or shot that is taught in conventional pool. Some may think this is a foul, I

will let you be the judge of that since the shot is so unique and the ball reaction is so different, but in the end expect the crowd to be astonished!

In our Scripture verses it talks about even though we try to plan out everything in our life, God is ultimately in control. This doesn’t mean that we can’t plan our steps, it just means we need to do so with humble hearts and minds, focused on the Kingdom of God, so our plans line up with His.



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CENTENO AND CORTEZA TRIUMPH IN LAS VEGAS OPEN

The 2024 Las Vegas Open by Rums of Puerto Rico concluded in a spectacular fashion as Filipino billiards sensations Chezka Centeno and Lee Vann Corteza emerged victorious, clinching the women's and men's titles respectively.

This historic win marks the first US Pro Billiard Series title for both athletes, solidifying their prowess on the international billiards stage.

In an electrifying All-Filipino final, Lee Vann Corteza showcased exceptional kicks and safeties, defeating Carlo Biado in two sets with scores of 4-2 and 4-3. Meanwhile, Chezka Centeno, the reigning Women's World 10-Ball champion beat former world champion Siming Chen also in two sets with scores of 4-2 and 4-2.

Lee Vann Corteza's journey to the title included surviving three shootouts,

Las Vegas Women's Open

- **Semifinal:** Chezka Centeno 2 – 1 Seo Seoa (4-3, 0-4, 3-3, shootout 4-3)
- **Semifinal:** Siming Chen 2 – 0 Chihiro Kawahara (4-0, 4-2)
- **Final:** Chezka Centeno 2 – Siming Chen 0 (4-2, 4-2)

playing a total of nine matches, while Chezka Centeno played six matches, clinching victory in three of them through shootouts.

The success of the 2024 Las Vegas Open by Rums of Puerto Rico would

Las Vegas Men's Open

- **Semifinal:** Lee Vann Corteza 2 – 0 Ping Chung Ko (4-3, 4-0)
- **Semifinal:** Carlo Biado 2 – 0 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz (4-1, 4-1)
- **Final:** Lee Vann Corteza 2 – Carlo Biado 0 (4-2, 4-3)

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Chezka Centeno and Lee Vann Corteza

CHOU AND CHANG, THE NEW APEX MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

Chieh Yu Chou and Jung Lin Chang won the inaugural Apex Mixed Doubles title, a one-day event that took place on February 25th as part of the Pro Billiard Series tournaments held at the CSI Expo Las Vegas.

The Chinese Taipei duo, both world champions, defeated Alex Kazakis and Kelly Fisher in the final in two sets. The Fillers and the Styers completed the podium.

The teams event was fun to watch and also entertaining for the players, who had a great time at the table ahead of the next two events approaching. PBS Women Showdown and the Predator WPA World Men's

World 10-Ball Championship which kicked off on February 26.

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Chieh Yu Chou and Jung Lin Chang

IT'S MACIOL OVER VOGEL IN TALLINN

Story and photos courtesy **EPBF**

DANIEL MACIOL IS the 2024 DYNAMIC BILLARD Tallinn Open champion as he edged out 16-year-old Felix Vogel by 9-7 in an exciting finale to a terrific season-opener on the Euro Tour.

Germany's Vogel became the youngest-ever finalist in the long and storied history of the Tour, managing to break Wiktor Ziełinski's record which had stood since December 2017.

Vogel had led most of the way at the Kalevi Sports Hall in Tallinn but faltered down the home stretch as the 23-year-old Pole came on strong for his maiden Dynamic Billard Euro Tour

title. Vogel, from Marburg Germany, who is just 16 years and a couple of months old, was playing in his sixth Euro Tour event and can take great pride in his performances this week.

But the day belonged to Daniel Maciol, who also moved from #3 to #1 on the ranking; "I'm over the moon to be honest! I remember when I was 15 years of age and I played in my first Euro Tour at the time and my goal was

to get to the last 32 round. So, after eight years, I finally reached a final and won it. I'm really, really happy about this."

Maciol made two balls off the opening break to get the match underway. A miss on the 2-ball though got the young German to the table but he too faltered and the rack went to the Pole. However, nicely in stroke from his semi-final match finishing minutes



Daniel Maciol

before, Vogel got his first point on the board to level the match. 1-1

A scratch from Maciol gave his opponent ball-in-hand and Vogel looked completely confident as he ran out to take the lead. That became 3-1 after Vogel got the better of a safety battle as Maciol had a bash at the 5-ball but left it in the open. A push-out in the next from Maciol ended up working against him and Vogel negotiated a tricky table to sit pretty at 4-1.

An illegal break from Vogel, despite two balls going down, gave Maciol a good opportunity to eat into the deficit. He lost shape though and needed to play a safety on the 5-ball. Vogel nearly fluked the 9 in, kicking out of the safety but a table-length bank effectively secured the rack for Maciol.

That soon turned to 4-3 after a tidy runout from Maciol but a successful break from Vogel gave him an opportunity to restore a two-rack lead and he executed it well. Stroking the cue-ball around like a seasoned pro, Vogel looked set to take the next rack but he lost some position going from the 8 to the 9-ball and his tight cut was underpowered and left the 9-ball hanging for Maciol.

Vogel though, kept the pressure up as he won the next game for a 6-4 lead. In the 11th game, Maciol had the first good look at the table after a kicked safety from Vogel left the 1-ball on and he duly ran out to very much stay in the match at 6-5. A dry break from Vogel was a gift for his opponent at a critical point in the match and Maciol, full of composure, cleared up to level the scores.

With two balls off the break, Maciol went all-in on a combo on the 2-ball and successfully set himself up for a runout as he took the lead for the first time since the opening rack as the score moved to 7-6 in his favour.

They went back and forth with safeties in the next before a huge fluke



from Maciol saw the 2-ball drop into the centre pocket and the rangy Pole was on his way as he reached the hill first at 8-6. A dry break in the next from Maciol got Vogel jumping out of his chair. Vogel played safe on the 3-ball and with so much at stake, both players became a little cagey as the safeties went back and forth. Seizing the moment, Vogel speared home a long 3-ball to set up a rack-winning opportunity and take the match to 8-7.

An illegal break from Vogel was the last thing he needed but a missed bank on the 1-ball from Maciol returned the table to the German who played a containing safety. Both players were feeling the pressure as they swapped safeties on the blue 2. A great snooker from Maciol saw Vogel fail to connect with the 2-ball with his kick shot and with ball-in-hand, it was the chance the Pole was dreaming of. He left himself a real pressure shot on the 6-ball with just two left on the table but he made it and left himself a very makeable 9-ball which he deposited for a marvellous win.

Maciol said, "Also, I've never been first in the rankings so it's something additional for me so I'm thrilled. I was

struggling with the break the whole match and Felix just played awesome. He made a couple of great shots and he's just 16 years of age and it's hard to not think about that.

"But I was trying to stay focused and wait for my chances and I played a couple of good racks in a row at the end and the last rack was very emotional for me. I missed position on that 6-ball and had a difficult shot which I made and then made the 9 so there were a lot of emotions," he added.

For Vogel, despite the obvious disappointment, it was a stunning achievement: "I was really comfortable with my performances this week but it's back to the practice table and try and improve on the small things. In this tournament, I think I found my confidence. After the first few matches, which were close, I was very confident and knew I could win against all of these guys but I need to improve but I'm really glad with my performances and hope I can continue."

This week's semi-finalists were Spain's Jose Alberto Delgado and Radoslaw Babica (Poland) who has now finished 3rd, 2nd and 3rd in his last three Euro Tour starts.

FILLER SEALS EUROTOUR WIN NUMBER TWO

Story and photos courtesy EPBF

THE FILLER NAME was once again on a Euro Tour trophies as this time it was Pia who was victorious to take the PREDATOR Women's Tallinn Open, outlasting Ina Kaplan 7-5 in an absorbing final at the Kalevi Sports Hall.

It was Filler's second Predator Women's Euro Tour title, following her win in Slovenia in October 2022, and she came through one of the biggest fields assembled on the Tour in recent times.

The match was hard-fought and of high quality but it was Filler who had the extra resolve down the final

stretch. "I expected it to be a close match because I know Ina and she's a good player she's won multiple Euro Tours and European Championships. At the end of day, I just wanted to focus on myself because I knew I was playing well and breaking well. Actually, I never doubted that I could snap it off this time so I just did what I had to do."

It was Filler who won the lag and delivered a nice break that saw two balls drop, leaving her a good look on the 1-ball. She duly ran through the balls but missed a difficult 9, cueing off the rail to gift Kaplan the rack and the early lead.

Kaplan made a legal break in the next but needed to push out with the 1-ball

Pia Filler



blocked. Filler got the initiative with a bold pot on the 1 and her snooker, playing the 4-ball, caused Kaplan to foul trying a one-rail escape. With ball-in-hand Filler levelled the score. She then crunched home her break shot in the third game and it paid dividends, leaving her a makeable 2/9 combination which she executed to take the lead at 2-1.

Kaplan pushed out once again, leaving a short jump shot for her opponent. Filler though, missed the 1-ball completely to present a great opportunity to Kaplan. She ran the table to once again level the match. A dry break from Filler got Kaplan back to the table and she kept her focus to come up with some big shots as she ran through the balls for a 3-2 lead.

Filler got to the table early in the next and put Kaplan in a table length snooker but she jumped the 2-ball in with some aplomb. That allowed her to keep the pressure on Filler with a good snooker but Filler was equal to it with the jump stick to leave Kaplan in trouble. With the initiative, Filler went on to take the rack and level the scores up.

Another great break shot from Filler left a nice shot on the 1-ball and a great opportunity to clear the table. She held it together very well to take the lead at 4-3. Kaplan though, was having none of it as she too glided through the next rack to return the scores to parity. In the ninth, a great break saw two balls drop and a very nice layout emerge for Filler and she comfortably ran the table to regain the lead at 5-4 in the race-to-seven final.

Kaplan's first poor break sent Filler to the table and she looked composed and confident as she moved into a 6-4 lead and to find herself breaking for the match.



Ina Kaplan

With 2-balls down and the 1-ball sitting awkwardly, she pushed out into the 2-ball. Both ladies had multiple visits before Filler left the 1-ball hanging over the centre pocket for Kaplan. With zero room for error, Kaplan ran out to get within one of Filler.

Unfortunately for Kaplan, she came up dry at the most inopportune of moments. However, the 2-ball was locked up to give her some breathing space. Filler botched her safety attempt and was subsequently snookered tight behind the green 7. Filler played the intentional foul to give herself some breathing space but Kaplan though, played a three-ball combo to set herself up but she missed the 5 ball, leaving it for Filler to play safe.

Kaplan played another tight snooker on the 5 but Filler, banking ta-

ble-length played the perfect shot to tie the cueball up behind the 8-ball. Kaplan missed to give ball-in-hand and Filler potted the remaining balls to take her second Predator Women's Euro Tour title.

Filler's efforts in Tallinn have also seen her move into pole position in the Tour rankings. She said, "I think Joshua did some calculations before the final and said that the No.1 spot was already secured so that's amazing. It was one of my goals a couple of years ago to reach No.1 and now I'm there. But I'm not going to stop working because I want to keep that position – I don't want to leave it," she added.

The beaten semi-finalists were Oliwia Zalewska (Poland) and Sweden's Monika Margeta, who's 3rd place finish was her best effort since 2014.



Kaylee McIntosh

TIGER FLORIDA TOUR'S 2023 CHAMPION, **KAYLEE MCINTOSH** WINS 2024 SEASON OPENER

Story by **SKIP MALONEY - AzB Staff** / Photos courtesy **Tiger Florida Tour & Corby Dayhoff - Servitude Photography**

She made it pretty clear that she was back and rarin' to go. The Tiger Florida Tour's 2023 champion, Kaylee McIntosh, not only went undefeated to win the tour's 2024 season opener this past weekend (Sat., Feb. 17), she gave up only three racks, total, to all five of her opponents, giving up two of those three racks to the same person (Shanelle Lorraine) in separate matches.



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Tiger Florida Tour

In the modified, double-elimination format in which the last four competitors on each side of the bracket advanced to a three-round, single-elimination phase, Kaylee and her Mom, Debbie McIntosh, were both among the event's final 8. They could have faced each other in the finals were it not for the fact that Michell Monk (#5 among 2023's top competitors and eventual runner-up in this event) defeated the elder McIntosh in the first single-elimination round. Daughter Kaylee and Monk would later play a single 'sudden death' game for the event title, arguably demonstrating that if you mess with the Mamma Bear, the younger she-bear just might end up making you pay later. Or vice-versa. The \$1,000-added season opener drew 31 entrants to North Palm Beach Billiards in Florida.

Three matches put Kaylee McIntosh into the single-elimination phase. All three were shutouts, over Tracy Gagnon, Shanelle Lorraine and Tour Director Mimi McAndrews. Mom got sent to the loss side after an opening-round, double-hill loss to Kimberly Housman and would win four on the loss side, including two, double-hill wins at the start, to be among the final four from that side of the bracket.

Joining Kaylee McIntosh among the final four from the winners' side of the bracket were Monk, Robin Verner and Emily Wilmoth Broxson, all of whom, together, had won, on average, 80% of the games they'd played (72-29). While that average was certainly boosted by Kaylee's three shutouts, it took a pair of 'hits,' accounting for 33.3% of the group's racks-against, when Verner and Monk were challenged, double hill. Monk's challenge came from Yvonne Asher in the opening round. Verner's came from Deanna Laney in the last winners' side round before single elimination.

Of the four competitors who lost the last winners' side round advancing



Kaylee McIntosh, Debbie McIntosh, Robin Verner, Michell Monk, Emily Broxson, Kelly Coyle and Jessica Barnes

players to single elimination, only Jessica Barnes returned from the loss side. She followed her 1-6 loss to Monk with a 5-2, loss-side win over Housman and picked up Broxson in one of the event quarterfinals. Debbie McIntosh, after surviving two straight, double-hill matches versus Danielle Marie Fee and Gianna Banks Fiore, went on to defeat Kelly Carnes 5-3 and eliminated McAndrews 5-1 to pick up Monk in another event quarterfinal.

Shanelle Lorraine followed her winners' side, shutout loss to Kaylee with loss-side wins over Jana Lucas 5-3, survived a double-hill match against Raina Orozco and eliminated Deanna Laney 5-1. Lorraine joined the final eight and drew a quarterfinal rematch against Kaylee. Kelly Coyle, who'd been shut out by Jessica Barnes in the second, winners' side round, survived a double-hill match against Emily Chang, defeated Kim Caso 5-2 and advanced to join the quarterfinal party with a 5-1 victory over Ivette Ferna. Coyle faced Robin Verner in the last of the four quarterfinal matches.

Kaylee McIntosh and Michell Monk were the only ones to come into and out of the four quarterfinals undefeated. Monk downing Debbie McIntosh 6-1, Kaylee defeating Shanelle Lorraine a second time, 5-2. Monk's

semifinal opponent was Coyle, who'd eliminated Robin Verner 6-3. Kaylee drew Jessica Barnes, who'd eliminated Emily Wilmoth Broxson 6-4.

In the semifinals, Kaylee downed Barnes 6-1 as Monk was defeating Coyle 6-4, and the only two undefeated competitors at the tail end of the Tiger Florida Tour's season-opener turned to face each other in the finals. But it was getting late and the prospect of a long final match was apparently unappealing to both of them. They opted out and decided on the 'sudden death' option of a single game. Kaylee McIntosh won it to claim her first win of the tour's 2024 season.

Tour director Mimi McAndrews noted that Michell Monk won the event's 'Qualifier spot' for the WPBA's Borderline Billiards Invitational to be held at Janet Atwell's new Borderline Billiards/Brunswick Arena in Bristol, TN, scheduled for the weekend of May 1-4. McAndrews gave a "shout out to Josh Arnold for running such a smooth tournament," along with title sponsor Tiger Products, Boynton Billiards, AZ-Billiards, Stitch It To Me, Brutal Game Gear, and Eastern Billiards.

Tour representatives are still working on the 2024 schedule. Check the tour's Web site at <https://tigerfloridatour.com/> for updated information.

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JEANETTE LEE VS DOCUMENTARY Wins Women's Image Award

Jeanette Lee has a long list of accomplishments and accolades earned over the years, and she has a new one to add to that list. Lee is not only the subject of a full length documentary, she is also now the subject of an award winning full length documentary.

The ESPN 30 For 30 Documentary *Jeanette Lee VS.* has won the Women's Image Award for Best Feature Length Documentary.

Each year since 1993, to increase the value of women and girls, Women's Image Network has been promoting gender parity by producing The Wom-

en's Image Awards, which celebrate outstanding film and television that dispels media stereotypes. More information on the Women's Image Awards is available online at www.thewinawards.com. "This is amazing! Congratulations to Ursula and the entire incredible team! It's so well deserved!

This is so cool for both me and our sport." said Jeanette, referring to the film's director Ursula Liang. The entire *Jeanette Lee VS.* documentary can be purchased online at <https://www.espn.com/watch/film/366541e1-0b87-4f2e-a2b9-4ae98d65da23/jeanette-lee-vs>



A hand is shown in a firm grip on a pool cue. The cue is angled upwards, and a large, intense fireball is positioned behind it, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene. The fireball is composed of bright orange and yellow flames, with a dark, smoky center. The background is dark, making the fire and the hand stand out. The pool cue has a black wrap with a decorative band near the head. The text 'ACE 218' and 'CHAMPIONSHIP MINDSET' is overlaid on the image.

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FROM BEGINNER TO MASTER

The Sharivari Story

If you are playing pool on a competitive level, the name Sharivari will certainly sound familiar to you.

The 34-year-old German is one of the most recognized pool coaches in the world, with over 90 million views on his YouTube channel and many more on his various social media platforms.

Sharivari's real name is André Schickling, but he prefers to use the nickname Sharivari. This article will explore his journey from being a beginner to one of the best pool coaches in the world, how he became a YouTube sensation, and why his videos stand out from the rest.

Sharivari's Journey to Becoming an Internet Sensation

Sharivari's passion for pool started when he was a child, playing with his

dad in their local pool hall. However, as he grew older, his fascination with the game waned, and he only played sporadically. He later regretted not dedicating more time to the sport at a young age. At 23, Sharivari joined a pool club and rediscovered his passion for the game, despite only knowing a few basic shots.

Today, Sharivari has become a pool master, with an impressive knowledge of the game. His experience and knowledge are evident in his video lessons where he demonstrates the principles of fundamentals, cue ball physics, position play and various other aspects that are required to play successful pool.

Sharivari's journey from beginner to master was not easy, and it required a lot of hard work and dedication. He spent countless hours practicing, watching pool videos, and thinking about the game. He considers pool his passion and the only thing he can think of.

It took him years to become the player he is today, but he persevered, and it paid off in the end. He now has over 500,000 subscribers on his YouTube channel and is recognized as the 9th most influential person in the Pool's Power 15 poll from 2022. Sharivari was even playing professionally for Billard Sportverein Dachau in 1. Bundesliga Pool, and has won several national

tournaments. In March 2022 he was on the cover of *Billiards Digest*, one of the leading sources of information on cue sports in the United States.

A Game-Changer for Pool Instruction Videos

Sharivari's videos are of high quality and are well structured. He produces videos that make it easy for viewers to understand pool concepts that might otherwise be difficult to grasp.

He has set a new standard for instructional pool videos. He uses a variety of tools to ensure that the information he presents is clear and understandable. His use of the GoPro camera has been particularly helpful for viewers, as it provides a unique perspective of the game. Sharivari's videos are not only informative but also entertaining. He has a way of making learning fun, and that is a key element that makes his videos so popular.

Sharivari's journey into the world of YouTube was not a calculated one. He began making videos for his personal use to analyze his mistakes. The content he uploaded gradually changed over time. Where in the beginning you could just watch him play some shots, it shifted to completing difficult drills, playing against the ghost, and finally actually giving lessons on how to play. At first, he was uploading videos in German and was delighted to hit 100 subscribers.

However, he realized that to reach a global audience, he would have to make videos in English, and that decision paid off in spades.

Becoming a Successful Influencer in Pool

Success as an influencer in the competitive world of pool does not come easily. It demands a high level of dedication and an inordinate amount of time. The key is not to chase after views for the sake of popularity but to genuinely understand the struggles and needs of pool players.



Sharivari emphasizes the importance of creating content that truly benefits the pool community. "Most players, including myself at one point, are unaware of what aspects of their game need improvement or the extent of knowledge required to excel in pool," Sharivari reflects. He constantly draws upon his own experiences and challenges, focusing on what significantly helped him progress. This approach underlines his commitment to providing valuable insights and solutions to common hurdles faced by players, which has been instrumental in his rise as a prominent figure in the sport.

Turning his Love for Pool into a Global Business

Sharivari is not only a skilled pool player and coach, but he is also an entrepreneur. He left his job as a software engineer to focus on creating content for YouTube full-time. Sharivari has found a way to turn his passion for pool into a profitable business. His dedication and hard work have paid off.

He is a great example of what is possible with dedication. His approach to pool coaching has resonated with people all over the world. With over 500,000 subscribers on his YouTube channel, he has reached a global audience that continues to grow every day. He has also expanded his reach to other social media platforms, such as TikTok and Instagram, where he shares additional content and interacts with his followers.

With his success on YouTube, Sharivari has also created a brand around himself. He has produced his own merchandise, which includes pool re-

lated clothing. He has also created his exclusive training courses, which are available in his shop. His brand has become synonymous with high-quality pool content, and his fans have become loyal supporters of his brand.

Despite his growing success, Sharivari remains focused on his passion for pool and helping others improve their game. He continues to produce high-quality content, and he is always looking for ways to improve his coaching techniques.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to do what I love every day," he says. "I never imagined that my videos would reach so many people, and I am humbled by the support of my fans."

A New Chapter with JFlowers

Sharivari's dedication to enhancing the quality of his content and his commitment to the pool community have recently led to a significant milestone. He proudly announced a partnership with JFlowers Cues & Cases, becoming his main sponsor for cues and cases. This collaboration not only symbolizes a mutual recognition of quality and dedication but also promises to elevate the standard of Sharivari's videos further. "I am thrilled to have JFlowers on board as they understand my needs both as a player and an influencer," Sharivari shares. This partnership underscores his continuous effort to improve and provide the best possible content to his audience.

Sharivari's success on YouTube is a testament to his hard work and dedication to the game of pool. He has turned his passion into a successful career, and he has inspired countless others to do the same. With his continued success, Sharivari will remain a prominent figure in the world of pool for many years to come.

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INAUGURAL SAUDI ARABIA SNOOKER MASTERS AND WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE IN RIYADH AND JEDDAH AS PART OF MAJOR 10-YEAR DEAL

- Snooker’s ‘fourth Major’, with over £2m prize fund, to launch in Riyadh in August
- ‘Crown Jewel’ World Pool Championship will take place in Jeddah this June
- Exciting legacy commitment with Ministry of Sport for Saudi Arabia and the Saudi Arabian Billiard & Snooker Federation sees strong focus on developing both sports in the region over next decade

The world’s best snooker and Nineball pool players will this year descend upon Saudi Arabia to launch 10-year deal that will bring two major annual sporting events to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and transform Billiards in the Middle East.

The World Snooker Tour and World Nineball Tour – in partnership with the Saudi Arabian Billiard & Snooker Federation and the Ministry of Sport for Saudi Arabia – confirmed today that a historic, decade-long association will start this summer, with events in both Riyadh and Jeddah.

It begins this June (3rd-8th), when the 2024 World Pool Championship – the crown jewel of the World Nineball Tour – takes place at the Green Halls in Jeddah.

A record World Nineball Tour prize fund of \$1,000,000 will be contested by the planet’s premier pool cueists, including reigning world champion Francisco Sanchez Ruiz, five-time US Open champion and 2022 world champion Shane Van Boening and 2018 world champion Joshua Filler.

Then, in August (31st-September 7th) in Riyadh, the inaugural Saudi

Arabia Snooker Masters – spearheaded by the world’s leading players – takes place and officially becomes the sport’s ‘fourth major’. Alongside the traditional Triple Crown events, a prize pot of over £2million will be at stake in what is the second richest event on the prestigious World Snooker Tour schedule in 2024.

The Saudi Arabia Snooker Masters will be a world ranking event open to all 128 tour players, plus six local wild cards from the Saudi Arabian Billiard & Snooker Federation.

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal, Saudi Minister of Sport, and President of the Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee Sports said: “Saudi Arabia is an ever-emerging

home to all sports and we’re excited by the opportunity to add new world-class events in snooker and Nineball pool to our growing year-round calendar. Hosting global events is all part of our strategy to grow all sports and to inspire our people to participate by giving them the chance to enjoy live sporting action. We are a young country with a young population and the approach is working. Since 2018 we’ve hosted over 100 international sports events and during that time sports participation has more than tripled.”

Under Vision 2030, Saudi Arabia’s ongoing social and economic transformation, the country has become a welcoming host for some of the biggest global sports events for both



male and female athletes including football, motorsports, tennis, equestrian, esports and golf, attended by over 2.6 million sports fans.

Matchroom Sport chairman Eddie Hearn said: “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has forged a reputation for growth and creating new opportunities for sports to grow in a new market to new fans. The country has hosted some of the world’s premier sporting events in recent years, welcoming visitors from all over to experience its passion for sport and unique culture. The addition of both the Saudi Arabia Snooker Masters and World Pool Championship over the next decade further enhances that as it heralds an exciting chapter for Snooker and Nineball pool. We have seen the incredible impact Boxing has had in this region. Now, I believe we will see Billiards cement its legacy here too, creating incredible opportunities and competition for the finest players on the planet.”

Saudi Arabia Billiard & Snooker Federation President, Dr. Nasser Saab Al-Shammari, added: “The introduction of two brand new global events in Saudi Arabia with long-term deals in place is absolute game changing moment for our sports. We have a flourishing community but until now opportunities were limited expose to the game’s elite.

“This will undoubtedly accelerate our progress and development. We look forward to warmly welcoming the very best snooker and Nineball pool players in the world to the Kingdom and taking their sports into the heart of our communities, while also giving emerging young Saudi players the chance to compete at this level for the first time with a ‘home’ event.”

“Both events will be underpinned by community engagement to introduce new players to the sport and will open up new talent pathways over the decade. Clinics for coaches, for referees

and player visits will guarantee a massive boost and a bright future for both snooker and pool in Saudi Arabia.

Global television syndication will ensure fans around the world will get to enjoy both the Saudi Arabia Snooker Masters and the World Pool Championship.

Both sports have also pledged a strong focus and commitment to grow and develop the game in the region in tandem with the Saudi Arabian Billiard and Snooker Federation, along with offering wild card places to burgeoning, local talent to take part in the annual world-class competitions.

Further details in relation to both ground-breaking events will be released in due course separately by the World Snooker Tour and the World Nineball Tour.

For the latest news, schedules and ticket details, please visit **matchroom.com**

The banner features three yellow billiard balls with the letters 'A', 'Z', and 'B' on them. To the right, the word 'MARKETPLACE' is written in large, bold, yellow letters, with 'The Official Billiard Supply For AZBers' underneath in white. Below this, the 'P3 REVOLUTION' logo is shown in a stylized font. The main image shows three pool cues with dark, textured barrels and wooden shafts. One cue has a white tiger logo on its shaft. In the bottom right corner, there is a small logo for 'SEYBERTS.COM' with the text 'Powered By SEYBERTS.COM SEYBERTS BILLIARD SUPPLY'.

MATCHROOM MULTI SPORT EXTENDS PARTNERSHIP WITH RASSON BILLIARDS

RASSON BILLIARDS remain as the official table supplier of Matchroom single table events as part of a new agreement with the Chinese table manufacturer.

The RASSON pool table is the table of choice for the World Nineball Tour's Mosconi Cup, World Pool Masters and World Cup of Pool with the partnership stretching back since 2016. RASSON also provide their high-performance tables for the Hanoi Open Pool Championship.

The new extension will also see RASSON become the official table supplier of Premier League Pool (PLP), a unique two-table league format hosted at US 1 Billiards, West Haven, Connecticut between March 18-25.

RASSON will continue to benefit from exposure through Matchroom Pool's ever-expanding social footprint with over 1.5million followers worldwide, including in China on Weibo, one of the country's leading social media platforms.

Working closely with Matchroom, RASSON has refined their table to make it some of the toughest conditions in the sport, creating a professional universal standard for World Nineball Tour professionals and events.

The agreement also sees RASSON BILLIARDS continue to supply the tables for Matchroom's prestigious Champion of Champions snooker event where the 16 winners from the previous year on the World Snooker Tour compete for £440,000 and at Matchroom's Championship League Snooker events (Ranking and Invitational versions).

Kevina Wu, Business Manager of RASSON said: "We are delighted to be back working with Matchroom on Premier

League Pool. For the first PLP event in 2022, it's RASSON who supplied the OX tables for the event and we're very happy that this time the event will be played on our Acurra tables at US 1 Billiards Club. Since last year, the Acurra has become the world-renowned, best-selling table all over the world due to its sleek design, superior playability and peerless high cost performance.

"Matchroom is the most prestigious company in the world for producing billiards events, and we look forward to cooperating with Matchroom on

more events in the long future. Among the 16 players participating in the PLP event, seven are from the RASSON Pro team. We firmly believe this will be a wonderful event and wish PLP a huge success!"

Emily Frazer, Matchroom Multi Sport CEO added: "The World Nineball Tour has raised the bar and RASSON has been integral in that journey to professionalisation. As a hugely valued partner of Matchroom, we are delighted to extend our partnership together. They share our visions and goals to continue elevating the world of Nineball and we are thrilled to continue this journey with them."

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PREDATOR PRO BILLIARD SERIES

PARTNERS EPBF TO OFFICIATE PBS EVENTS WORLDWIDE

EPBF will provide on-site training to develop global network of elite tournament officials

The Predator Pro Billiard Series will partner with the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) to bring its world-class refereeing organization to PBS events around the world and develop a new global network of elite tournament officials.

The EPBF and Predator Pro Billiard Series (PBS) will work together throughout 2024 to improve the level of refereeing around the world, with the EPBF bringing the tools it employs in Europe to every Pro Billiard Series event globally.

Current Predator Pro Billiard Series staff and referees will work alongside EPBF officials with the goal of creating a worldwide network of pool referees to take charge of PBS events. The EPBF will manage the refereeing of all Predator Pro Billiard Series events and will provide on-site training to develop a new relationship between the EPBF and officials outside of Europe.

Vincent Rochefort, Event Manager for the Predator Pro Billiard Series, said: “We are excited to begin this new partnership with EPBF. We will work with EPBF Head Referee Roman Mirakhmedov and the EPBF team with the goal of developing and improving the level of refereeing around the world.

“The EPBF has one of the best standards of refereeing and tournament organization in the world. We are grateful of this opportunity to bring that expertise to the Predator Pro Billiard Series as we continue to develop the Series around the world. To be able to learn from the EPBF and work in partnership together gives us the opportunity to improve the level all around the world to match what



the EPBF already provides for tournaments in Europe.”

Roman Mirakhmedov, Head Referee for the EPBF, said: “We are very excited to collaborate with the Predator Pro Billiard Series on the worldwide referee training project. EPBF Referee Team has been working on structured referee development for 20 years, and we are confident that our sport could benefit greatly from a globally unified approach to refereeing.


“It is the first initiative of such scale in the history of pool, and we could not think of a better partner and supporter than Predator Group. We hope that this work will help PBS to keep raising the bar and offering some of the most exciting and professionally run pool events worldwide.”

The Predator Pro Billiard Series and EPBF will start working together when the 2024 Predator Pro Billiard Series begins at the CueSports International

Expo in Las Vegas. Five professional events will take place at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino from February 21 through March 5 with \$500,000 to be paid in prize money. The pro events at the Expo will begin with the men’s and women’s Las Vegas Opens. Two exciting new events follow; the Apex Mixed Doubles on February 25 and the PBS Women’s Showdown, which begins February 27. The pro events conclude with the 2024 Predator WPA World 10-Ball Men’s Championship.

The partnership with EPBF will then continue across all Predator Pro Billiard Series events.

All Predator Pro Billiard Series tournaments are streamed free on the Pro Billiard TV YouTube channel and on Billiard TV. For more information visit www.probilliardseries.com and follow @ProBilliardSeries on social media.



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Home of World's Leading Billiard Cloth and Ball Brands, to be Featured on Viewpoint, Hosted by Dennis Quaid

February 29th 2024 — Recognized as the reference by amateur and professional pool players all around the world, Aramith balls and Simonis cloth are developed and manufactured in Belgium by the Iwan Simonis Group.

The Belgian company is set to be featured on an upcoming episode of Viewpoint, the esteemed educational program hosted by actor Dennis Quaid.

The segment will explore the significance of pool as an America's favorite pastime and will spotlight the Belgian Group's commitment to promote and develop the practice of this beloved sport. The pleasure to share a good time with family and friends at home, in a bar or in a pool room whatever your skill level.

The collaboration with the Iwan Simonis Group, celebrated for its exceptional products, will delve into how this historic Belgian company provides the most reliable and innovative equipment like the convertible dining table Fusiontables that converts into a 7-foot pool table within seconds to create cherished family and friends' memories.

Ivan Lee, President & CEO of Iwan Simonis Incorporated: "It is a honor to participate in Viewpoint's educational program. Our Belgian Group has been dedicated to the world of pool and billiards for centuries now. We hope this segment will encourage more people to get involved in this great sport."

Filmed in February and being distributed from April to June on Public Tele-

vision, viewers will also be provided with insights from pool table owners, pool room managers and profession-

al players on how to choose the right equipment and its role in enhancing the overall playing experience.

About Viewpoint

The Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid show is a Telly award-winning documentary series. The program is dedicated to providing viewers with valuable insights and knowledge on a wide range of topics. It is distributed explicitly across public television stations nationwide

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and explores innovative ideas, advancements, and trends across various industries. As a respected educational platform, Viewpoint's distribution imprint has an estimated household reach of 60 million.

About Iwan Simonis Group

Iwan Simonis Group is the leading manufacturer of high-quality billiard cloth, billiard balls and innovative dining pool tables. With a legacy dating back to the 17th century, the company is renowned for its fine Belgian craftsmanship resulting in the excellence and consistency of its products that enhance the playing experience of pool enthusiasts worldwide.


For more information about this upcoming Viewpoint's episode and the Iwan Simonis Group's prod-


ucts, please contact us via www.fusiontables.com/viewpoint





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EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

RETURNS FOR THIRD YEAR IN FULDA, GERMANY

The European Open Championship will return to Hotel Esperanto, Fulda, Germany between Tuesday, 6 August and Sunday, 11 August, live on Sky Sports in the UK & Ireland.

The European Open sees the World Nineball Tour's 128 professional players seeded among a 256-man field fighting to become the European champion, with spectator tickets set to go on sale from 12pm GMT, on Tuesday, 27 February.

With \$200,000 worth of WNT ranking points up for grabs, the European Open Championship is held in partnership with the City of Fulda and local sport's authority Fulda Die Sportstadt.

The 2023 European Open final was a complete sell out in Fulda. Make sure you don't miss out on your ticket by signing up to Ticket Alerts [here](#).

The European Open Championship has grown each year since its inception in 2022, with the competition serving as a one of three cut-offs in the Race to the Mosconi Cup. Both previous champions Albin Ouschan and David Alcaide have gone on to represent Team Europe in that year's trans-atlantic spectacle.

The competition will once again act as a cut-off for the first Mosconi Cup places for both Team Europe & Team USA, meaning absolutely everything is on the line.

Player Qualification

Players outside of the top-128 professional players will be able to qualify for their place among the 256-man

field in Fulda through a number of official European Open Championship qualifiers.

Players will be able to compete in as many qualifier events as they choose up until qualification for an event, giving them the maximum amount of op-

portunities to enter. Once qualified for an Open event, players will be unable to enter any additional qualifiers for the same Open event.

An official list of qualifiers for the European Open Championship will be released soon, with organisers



encouraged to register their interest to host an official Qualifier via pool@matchroom.com.

Spectator Ticket Details

Spectator tickets will go on sale from 12pm on Tuesday, 27 February with prices starting from €20 per session with fans also given the opportunity to purchase a weekend pass to see all of the latter-stage action from €60.

To ensure you don't miss a minute of action across the six days, fans can secure a season pass for \$150.

Following last year's announcement of a three-year extension that will see the European Open Championship held in the German city until at least 2025, Fulda has gained a reputation as a festival of pool in Europe, where fans can experience a city rich with history, with vibrant cultural tourist spots, bars and restaurants.



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Spectator Hotel Details

Nineball fans will be able to secure discounted hotel rates in Fulda, Germany through HotelPlanner, the official hotel partner of the World Nineball Tour.

Make sure you secure your room in the heart of Germany at <https://europeanopenpool.hotelplanner.com>

Broadcast Details

Through a range of global broadcaster partners, the European Open Cham-

pionship will be broadcast in every country around the globe. Nineball fans in the United Kingdom & Ireland will be able to enjoy via Sky Sports, with those in the United States able to watch through DAZN. Viaplay will broadcast the event in the Netherlands, Poland, Scandinavia and the Baltics.

Further broadcast details will be released in due course with fans outside the listed countries able to watch the European Open Championship via Matchroom.live.



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Feb 03 - Feb 04

Massachusetts State 9-Ball Championship II

Amazin Billiards

Malden, Ma

- 1 Shaun Wilkie \$1,400
- 2 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$1,000
- 3 Dave Hall \$700
- 4 Chad Bazinet \$500
- 5 Jimmy Nou \$350
- 5 Ranulf Tamba \$350
- 7 Dave Fernandez \$250
- 7 Justin Muller \$250
- 9 David McConnell \$150
- 9 Francisco Cabral \$150
- 9 Kevin Bauccio \$150
- 9 Paul Dryden \$150
- 13 Alex Osipov \$100
- 13 Bob Mendenjian \$100
- 13 Doug Masiero \$100
- 13 Jay Aliomer \$100

Feb 03 - Feb 04

2nd Annual Rack Race Event Two

Rack and Grill II

Augusta, Georgia

- 1 Josh Roberts \$975
- 2 Johnny Archer \$490
- 3 Larry Broughton \$310
- 4 Timmy Prince \$230
- 5 Mike Staubes \$135
- 5 Tracy Prescott \$135
- 7 Keith Bennett \$80
- 7 Mike Wise \$80
- 9 George Spires \$65
- 9 Mike Champagne \$65
- 9 Roy Whetzel, Jr. \$65
- 9 Thomas Tew \$65

Feb 03 - Feb 04

The Open Player Tour Winter Classic

Dot's Cue Club

Rocky Mount, NC

- 1 Gregorio Sanchez \$1,150
- 2 BJ Ussery \$700
- 3 Larry Pitman \$450
- 4 Kelly Farrar \$250
- 5 Jason Rogers \$220
- 5 Joey Tate \$220

Feb 03 - Feb 04

Massachusetts State 9-Ball Championship II Second Chance

Amazin Billiards

Malden, Ma

- 1 Dan Sharlow \$340
- 2 Beau Powers \$240
- 3 Jay Aliomer \$160
- 4 Dave Powie \$100
- 5 Samoth Sam \$60
- 5 Vinnie Zuniga \$60

Feb 03 - Feb 03

Predator Tri State Tour 2024 Stop

Shooters Family Billiards

Wayne, New Jersey

- 1 Demain Patrick \$850
- 2 Peter Franco \$530
- 3 Hunter Sullivan \$250
- 3 Tamer Taher \$250
- 5 Aurelio Romero \$100
- 5 Dave Fitzpatrick \$100
- 5 Hoa Vu \$100
- 5 Jorge Verdecia \$100
- 9 David Marchant \$60
- 9 Jason Carandang \$60
- 9 Kervens Francois \$60
- 9 Patrick Meyers \$60

Feb 04 - Feb 04

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Gladi8or Billiards

Los Angeles, California

- 1 Michael Hansen \$700

- 2 Jerry Lazzareschi \$450
- 3 Doug Byrd \$310
- 4 Abet Ng \$200
- 5 Andy Zacarias \$130
- 5 Keegan Badour \$130
- 7 Jeffrey Jamerson \$90
- 7 Ken Johnson \$90

Feb 06 - Feb 11

2024 Bayou State Classic 9-Ball Division

Emerald Billiards

New Iberia, LA

- 1 Shane Van Boening \$4,600
- 2 Mickey Krause \$2,300
- 3 Fedor Gorst \$1,600
- 4 Jonathan Hennessee \$1,100
- 5 Roland Garcia \$620
- 5 Tony Chohan \$620
- 7 Carlton Broussard \$360
- 7 Derek Fontenot \$360
- 9 Alex Pagulayan \$300
- 9 Jacob Pennison \$300
- 9 Michael Luster \$300
- 9 Roberto Gomez \$300
- 13 Billy Thorpe \$200
- 13 Brent Humphrey \$200
- 13 Butch Booth \$200
- 13 Zach Marquardt \$200
- 17 Brent Danos \$150
- 17 Cecil Barretto \$150
- 17 Dale Huxler \$150
- 17 Dallas Broussard \$150
- 17 Joby Hebert \$150
- 17 John Gabriel \$150
- 17 Mark Estiola \$150
- 17 Paul Romero \$150

Feb 06 - Feb 11

2024 Bayou State Classic One Pocket Division

Emerald Billiards

New Iberia, LA

- 1 Billy Thorpe \$9,500
- 2 Shane Van Boening \$5,400
- 3 Fedor Gorst \$3,300
- 4 Roberto Gomez \$2,200
- 5 Mickey Krause \$1,200
- 5 Tony Chohan \$1,200

Feb 06 - Feb 11

2024 Bayou State Classic One Ball One Pocket Division

Emerald Billiards

New Iberia, LA

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$2,200
- 2 Billy Thorpe \$1,300
- 3 Mickey Krause \$900
- 3 Shane Van Boening \$900

Feb 07 - Feb 11

Medellin Open

Colombia

- 1 Moritz Neuhausen \$9,000
- 2 Dario Guanipa \$6,000
- 3 Elliott Sanderson \$3,000
- 3 Jose Wilber Perea \$3,000
- 5 Javier Martinez \$1,000
- 5 Lewis Dimar \$1,000
- 5 Oscar Dominguez \$1,000
- 5 Thiago De Los Reyes \$1,000
- 9 Alejandro Munoz \$400
- 9 David Alcaide \$400
- 9 David Mireles \$400
- 9 Diego Sanchez \$400
- 9 John Francisco \$400
- 9 Jonas Souto Comino \$400
- 9 Luis Pena \$400
- 9 Mauricio Garcia \$400
- 17 Alan Rolon \$210
- 17 Angel Rivera \$210
- 17 Carlos Jaramillo \$210
- 17 Carlos Ramirez \$210
- 17 David Oquendo Yeferson \$210
- 17 Enderson Ramirez \$210
- 17 Francis Valerio \$210
- 17 Freddy A Giron \$210
- 17 Ignacio Montana \$210
- 17 Joider Munoz \$210
- 17 Julio Burgos \$210
- 17 Luis Lemus \$210
- 17 Luis Orellana \$210

- 17 Manuel Montejo \$210
- 17 Mauricio Cuesta \$210
- 17 Nils Johanning \$210

Feb 09 - Feb 11

Top Shots 6th Anniversary Celebration

Top Shots Billiards and Ping Pong

Edmonton, Alberta

- 1 Brian Butler \$1,410
- 2 Stephen Holem \$900
- 3 Ray Carter \$600
- 4 Carlos Barbosa \$400
- 5 Aaron Arganoza \$300
- 5 Jonathan Samson \$300
- 7 Gary Nagel \$225
- 7 Leo Paskemin \$225
- 9 Asher Fabia \$150
- 9 Joe Bordeleau \$150
- 9 Mark Vinogradov \$150
- 9 Rick Marshall \$150
- 13 Albert Augustin \$100
- 13 Jason Galenza \$100
- 13 Rob Phillips \$100
- 13 Shawn Fleming \$100

Feb 10 - Feb 10

Predator Tri State Tour 2024 Stop

Diamond Jim's Billiards

Nanuet, NY

- 1 Raymond Paragas \$900
- 2 Ambi Estevez \$600
- 3 Alexander Rojas \$275
- 3 Nick Torraca \$275
- 5 Aiden Wagner \$110
- 5 Christian Hourihan \$110
- 5 Hunter Sullivan \$110
- 5 Peter Franco \$110
- 9 Bob Toomey \$65
- 9 Joe Valania \$65
- 9 Pat Mareno \$65
- 9 Thomas Schunke \$65

Feb 10 - Feb 11

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2024 Stop 1

Bullshooters

Phoenix, AZ

- 1 Carol James \$418
- 2 Tracie Hamman \$305
- 3 Susan Mello \$225
- 4 Leandrea Gaff \$160
- 5 Mandy Schultz \$100
- 5 Nicole Obarowski \$100
- 7 Amanda McElroy \$50
- 7 Pauline Repp \$50

Feb 10 - Feb 10

2024 DL Billiards Tour Open Stop 2

Big Tyme Billiards

Spring, Texas

- 1 Raed Shabib \$504
- 2 Joey Torres \$378
- 3 Eylul Kybaroglu \$252
- 4 Kenny Price \$126

Feb 13 - Feb 19

2024 Skinny Bob's Nineball Classic

Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas

- 1 Vitaliy Patsura \$5,200
- 2 Shane Van Boening \$2,700
- 3 Fedor Gorst \$1,800
- 4 Roland Garcia \$1,315
- 5 Andrew Rodriguez \$700
- 5 Rudy Sanchez \$700
- 7 Lazaro Martinez III \$450
- 7 Michael Schneider \$450
- 9 Billy Dyke \$340
- 9 Blaine Barcus \$340
- 9 Mark Estiola \$340
- 9 Tommy Tokoph \$340
- 13 Justin Espinosa \$250
- 13 Noah Contreras \$250
- 13 Raed Shabib \$250
- 13 Sean Black \$250
- 17 Aro Majumder \$150
- 17 Chris Sharier \$150
- 17 Daniel Perez \$150
- 17 Daniel Schneider \$150
- 17 David Henson \$150
- 17 Ian Bowling \$150
- 17 Mickey Krause \$150
- 17 Nick Chirco \$150

Feb 13 - Feb 19

2024 Skinny Bob's Nineball Classic Ladies Division

Skinny Bob's Billiards

- Round Rock, Texas
- 1 Eylul Kybaroglu \$1,400
 - 2 Sofia Mast \$800
 - 3 Tara Williams \$500
 - 4 Ming Ng \$350
 - 5 Chris Fields \$200
 - 5 Makenna Sanders \$200

Feb 13 - Feb 19

2024 Skinny Bob's Nineball Classic One Pocket Division

Skinny Bob's Billiards

- Round Rock, Texas
- 1 Shane Van Boening \$3,000
 - 2 Raed Shabib \$1,700
 - 3 Roland Garcia \$1,000
 - 4 Ryan Braselman \$700
 - 5 James Davis Sr \$400
 - 5 Rick Moreno \$400

Feb 13 - Feb 19

2024 Skinny Bob's Nineball Classic 9-Ball Mini

Skinny Bob's Billiards

- Round Rock, Texas
- 1 Vitaliy Patsura \$560
 - 2 Noah Contreras \$320
 - 3 Michael Maloney \$150
 - 3 Roland Garcia \$150
 - 5 Haying Liu \$60
 - 5 Jaden Dupree \$60
 - 5 John Gabriel \$60
 - 5 Mickey Krause \$60

Feb 15 - Feb 17

2024 Dynamic Billiard Tallinn Open

Kalev Sport Hall

- Tallinn
- 1 Daniel Maciol \$6,495
 - 2 Felix Vogel \$4,979
 - 3 Jose Alberto Delgado \$3,247
 - 3 Radoslaw Babica \$3,247
 - 5 Joao Grilo \$1,623
 - 5 Mikael Ogaard \$1,623

- 5 Niels Feijen \$1,623
- 5 Sebastian Batkowski \$1,623
- 9 Francisco Diaz-Pizarro \$1,082
- 9 Juri Pisklov \$1,082
- 9 Mark Magi \$1,082
- 9 Mats B. Schjetne \$1,082
- 9 Ole Kristian Rudshavn \$1,082
- 9 Pijus Labutis \$1,082
- 9 Stefan Kasper \$1,082
- 9 Yannick Pongers \$1,082
- 17 Amil Andre Gangflot \$649
- 17 Dominik Jastrzab \$649
- 17 Hubert Lopotko \$649
- 17 Juuso Nuutinen \$649
- 17 Labinot Markaj \$649
- 17 Michal Olech \$649
- 17 Michal Turkowski \$649
- 17 Michel Rehepapp \$649
- 17 Mohammad Soufi \$649
- 17 Niko Vitala \$649
- 17 Oliver Szolnoki \$649
- 17 Ralf Souquet \$649
- 17 Roberto Bartol \$649
- 17 Szymon Kural \$649
- 17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$649
- 17 Yuma Dorner \$649
- 33 Antonis Kakaris \$324
- 33 Asko Hamalainen \$324
- 33 Ayoub Bakhtaoui \$324
- 33 Casper Matikainen \$324
- 33 Daniel Guttenberger \$324
- 33 David Zalman \$324
- 33 Denis Grabe \$324
- 33 Francesco Candela \$324
- 33 Karl Gnadeberg \$324
- 33 Karol Skowerski \$324
- 33 Luca Menn \$324
- 33 Mateusz Sniegocki \$324
- 33 Petri Makkonen \$324
- 33 Quinten Pongers \$324
- 33 Stanislav Saiov \$324
- 33 Walter Laikre \$324

Feb 16 - Feb 17

2024 Predator Women's Tallinn Open

Kalev Sport Hall

- Tallinn
- 1 Pia Filler \$2,435
 - 2 Ina Kaplan \$1,607
 - 3 Monika Margeta \$1,174

- 3 Oliwia Zalewska \$1,174
- 5 Helena Benjamin \$649
- 5 Louise Furberg \$649
- 5 Melanie Suessenguth \$649
- 5 Tina Vogelmann \$649
- 9 Bojana Sarac \$216
- 9 Claudia Von Rohr \$216
- 9 Darya Siranchuk \$216
- 9 Ortenzia Haefliger \$216
- 9 Sara Iannini \$216
- 9 Sara Rocha \$216
- 9 Sari Laitinen \$216
- 9 Veronika Ivanovskaia \$216

Feb 17 - Feb 18

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 12

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

- Amsterdam, NY
- 1 Kevin Guimond \$1,100
 - 2 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$750
 - 3 Bob Mendenjian \$600
 - 4 Jeremy Sossei \$450
 - 5 Bucky Souvanthong \$350
 - 5 Nate Marshall \$350
 - 7 Brandon Fletcher \$250
 - 7 Mike Zuglan \$250
 - 9 Frank Wolak \$150
 - 9 Hendrik Drost \$150
 - 9 Jason Reese \$150
 - 9 Tom Acciavatti \$150

Feb 17 - Feb 17

Tiger Florida Tour 2024 Stop 1

Palm Beach Billiards

- North Palm Beach, Florida
- 1 Kaylee McIntosh \$800
 - 2 Michell Monk \$500
 - 3 Jessica Barnes \$300
 - 3 Kelly Coyle \$300
 - 5 Debbie McIntosh \$100
 - 5 Emily Wilmoth \$100
 - 5 Robin Verner \$100
 - 5 Shanelle Loraine \$100

Feb 17 - Feb 17

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Shooter's Family Billiards

- Wayne, NJ



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Feb 17 - Feb 18

2nd Annual Rack Race Event Three

The Rack & Grill III

Aiken, SC

- 1 Josh Roberts \$3,800
- 2 Johnny Archer \$1,900
- 3 Gregorio Sanchez \$1,200
- 4 Dave Cook \$900
- 5 BJ Hucks \$530
- 5 Tracy Pre \$530
- 7 Jim Jennings \$320
- 7 Larry Jackson \$320
- 9 Britt Carson \$165
- 9 Nick Van Allen \$165
- 9 Sam Harris \$165
- 9 William Aguilar \$165
- 13 Calvin Le \$110
- 13 Frank Harris \$110
- 13 Keith Bennett \$110
- 13 Keno Patel \$110

Feb 17 - Feb 18

2024 Maine State 9-Ball Championship

TJ's Classic Billiards

Waterville, Maine

- 1 Kyle Pepin \$1,600
- 2 Samoth Sam \$900
- 3 Derrick Burnham \$600
- 4 Dave Hall \$410
- 5 Bill Longmore \$280
- 5 Steve Michaud \$280
- 7 Guy Bouthot \$180
- 7 Ivaylo Petrov \$180
- 9 Barrett Ridley \$140
- 9 Chad Bazinet \$140
- 9 Cody Francis \$140
- 9 Roy Morgridge \$140
- 13 Brent Grenier \$110
- 13 Joash Neault \$110
- 13 Mark Desjardin \$110

- 13 Tony Albair \$110

Feb 17 - Feb 18

12th Annual NC State 9-Ball Championship

Break Time Billiards

Winston-Salem, NC

- 1 BJ Ussery \$1,300
- 2 Joey Tate \$900
- 3 Jas Makhni \$700
- 4 Joshua Padron \$400
- 5 Corey Sykes \$200
- 5 Niko Konkel \$200
- 7 David Tickle \$140
- 7 Kelly Farrar \$140

Feb 17 - Feb 17

New England 9-Ball Tour 2023 Stop #5

Straight Shooters Family Billiards

Fall River, MA

- 1 Xhuljiano Kamxhiu \$510
- 2 Mike Demarco \$260
- 3 Tim Schroeder \$180
- 4 Quoc Din \$130
- 5 Rich Howard \$100
- 5 Thomas Hood \$100

Feb 17 - Feb 18

Joss Tour 2024-2025 Stop 12 Second Chance

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub

Amsterdam, NY

- 1 Jody Amundson \$360
- 2 Chris Tiru \$240
- 3 Nick Coppola \$180
- 4 Chris Euripidou \$120
- 5 Dave Dimeo \$80
- 5 Kiet Mieu \$80

Feb 17 - Feb 18

2024 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 2

Stixx And Stones Billiards

Lewisville, Texas

- 1 Jay Grant \$860
- 2 Dan Bowman \$600
- 3 Gus Briseno \$470

- 4 Johnny Garcia \$310
- 5 Greg Sandifer \$240
- 5 Jimmy Fujimori \$240
- 7 Michael Pickering \$170
- 7 Tim Larson \$170
- 9 Isaac Ruiz \$120
- 9 Jason Borrell \$120
- 9 Jimmy Davis \$120
- 9 Mark Johnson \$120
- 13 Cameron Cummings \$70
- 13 Don Baker \$70
- 13 John Rawlins \$70
- 13 Neil Nabil Saidawi \$70
- 17 Amos Bush \$60
- 17 Blake Kamiab \$60
- 17 Casey Dawson \$60
- 17 Joshua Paredes \$60
- 17 Mitch Owen \$60
- 17 Roger Prachyl \$60
- 17 Tom Smith \$60
- 17 William Banda \$60

Feb 21 - Feb 24

2024 Alfa Las Vegas Open

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

- 1 Lee Vann Corteza \$30,000
- 2 Carlo Biado \$14,000
- 3 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$7,000
- 3 Ping-Chung Ko \$7,000
- 5 Albin Ouschan \$3,500
- 5 Alexandros Kazakis \$3,500
- 5 Fedor Gorst \$3,500
- 5 Tyler Styer \$3,500
- 9 Ekent Kaci \$1,750
- 9 John Morra \$1,750
- 9 Jung-Lin Chang \$1,750
- 9 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$1,750
- 9 Kun Lin Wu \$1,750
- 9 Skyler Woodward \$1,750
- 9 Vitaliy Patsura \$1,750
- 9 Wiktor Zielinski \$1,750
- 17 Alex Pagulayan \$875
- 17 Aloysius Yapp \$875
- 17 Joshua Filler \$875
- 17 Mario He \$875
- 17 Mateusz Sniegocki \$875
- 17 Mieszko Fortunski \$875
- 17 Naoyuki Oi \$875
- 17 Oliver Szolnoki \$875

17 Phuc Long Nguyen \$875
17 Pin-Yi Ko \$875
17 Punguan Hasiholan Sihombing \$875
17 Robbie Capito \$875
17 Roland Garcia \$875
17 Shane Van Boening \$875
17 Szymon Kural \$875
17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$875

Feb 22 - Feb 24

Alfa Women's Las Vegas Open 2024

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

1 Chezka Centeno \$18,000
2 Siming Chen \$10,500
3 Chihiro Kawahara \$5,250
3 Seo Seoa \$5,250
5 Chezka Centeno \$2,625
5 Jasmin Ouschan \$2,625
5 Wan-Ling Wang \$2,625
5 Yuki Hiraguchi \$2,625
9 Allison Fisher \$1,313
9 Bojana Sarac \$1,313
9 Eylul Kybaroglu \$1,313
9 Kristina Tkach \$1,313
9 Meng-Hsia Hung \$1,313
9 Pia Filler \$1,313
9 Shui Ching Chiang \$1,313
9 Tzu-Chien Wei \$1,313

Feb 24 - Feb 24

Predator Tri State Tour 2024 Stop

Shooters Family Billiards

Wayne, New Jersey

1 Eduardo Cardova \$950
2 Carlos Duque \$550
3 Alfredo Altamirano \$260
3 Julien Tierney \$260
5 Ambi Estevez \$100
5 Mike Strassberg \$100
5 Mikhail Kim \$100
5 Peter Franco \$100

Feb 24 - Feb 24

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia

1 Jason Blackwell \$550
2 Steven Ellis \$350
3 Jonathan Hernandez \$200
4 Nathan Worley \$175

Feb 24 - Feb 24

Pockets APA 6 and Under Tournament

Pockets Gaming and Billiards Lounge

Waynesboro, PA

1 Michael McKendrick \$900
2 Justin Emory \$445
3 Ron Brady \$265
4 Scott Struble \$90
5 Austin Phillips \$65
5 Jackie Barnes \$65
7 Paul Bivens, Jr. \$45
7 Travis Phillips \$45

Feb 24 - Feb 25

Arena Billiards Moneyball Tournament #2

Arena Billiards

West Monroe, LA

1 Robb Saez \$1,805
2 Steven Miller \$1,000
3 Robert Poe \$640
4 Terez Powers \$360
5 Brian Rutland \$220
5 Bryan Russ \$220
7 Dan Campbell \$140
7 Lamar Clack \$140

Feb 25 - Feb 25

Apex Mixed Doubles Invitational

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

1 Chieh-Yu Chou \$5,000
1 Jung-Lin Chang \$5,000
2 Alexandros Kazakis \$2,500
2 Kelly Fisher \$2,500
3 Joshua Filler \$1,250
3 Marharyta Fefilava \$1,250
3 Pia Filler \$1,250
3 Tyler Styer \$1,250
5 Albin Ouschan \$625
5 Allison Fisher \$625
5 Fedor Gorst \$625

5 Jasmin Ouschan \$625
5 Kristina Tkach \$625
5 Pin-Yi Ko \$625
5 Shane Van Boening \$625
5 Tzu-Chien Wei \$625

Feb 27 - Mar 01

Predator Women's Showdown

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

1 Chieh-Yu Chou \$35,000
2 Kristina Tkach \$16,250
3 Jasmin Ouschan \$8,125
3 Tzu-Chien Wei \$8,125
5 Chezka Centeno \$4,063
5 Kristina Zlateva \$4,063
5 Marharyta Fefilava \$4,063
5 Siming Chen \$4,063
9 Allison Fisher \$2,031
9 Chia Hua Chen \$2,031
9 Han Yu \$2,031
9 Kelly Fisher \$2,031
9 Meng-Hsia Hung \$2,031
9 Pia Filler \$2,031
9 Seo Seoa \$2,031
9 Yuki Hiraguchi \$2,031

Feb 27 - Mar 02

WPA World 10-Ball Championship 2024

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

1 Carlo Biado \$75,000
2 Naoyuki Oi \$45,000
3 Denis Grabe \$22,000
3 Fedor Gorst \$22,000
5 Albin Ouschan \$11,000
5 Bader Al Awadi \$11,000
5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$11,000
5 Ping-Chung Ko \$11,000
9 Aloysius Yapp \$5,250
9 Eklent Kaci \$5,250
9 Jung-Lin Chang \$5,250
9 Mieszko Fortunski \$5,250
9 Pin-Yi Ko \$5,250
9 Shane Van Boening \$5,250
9 Skyler Woodward \$5,250
9 Wojciech Szewczyk \$5,250

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.

MARCH

14th N.E. Pool & Billiard Hall of Fame 9-Ball Open

Mar 02 - Mar 03

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill
Providence, RI

US Open 10-Ball Championship 2024

Mar 03 - Mar 06

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

US Open 8-Ball Championship 2024

Mar 06 - Mar 09

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 14

Mar 09 - Mar 10

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York

2024 US Open Bank Pool Championship

Mar 10 - Mar 13

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

McDermott Classic 2024

Mar 12 - Mar 17

Amazin Billiards
Malden, Ma

2024 US Open One Pocket Championship

Mar 13 - Mar 16

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

Polish Dynamic Billard 10-Ball Open

Mar 14 - Mar 17

Kielce, Poland

Monica Webb Battle of the Junior Champions II

Mar 15 - Mar 17

Stix Billiards
Villa Rica, Georgia

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 15

Mar 16 - Mar 17

Brickhouse Billiards
N. Syracuse, New York

Premier League Pool 2024

Mar 18 - Mar 25

US 1 Billiards & Bar
West Haven, CT

WPBA Fairfield Invitational

Mar 21 - Mar 24

Fairfield Arts and Convention Center
Fairfield, Iowa

Arena Billiards Moneyball Tournament #3

Mar 23 - Mar 24

Arena Billiards
West Monroe, LA

FSR Nineball Open 2024

Mar 28 - Mar 30

Lugo, Spain

Marina Pool Open

Apr 05 - Apr 07

Marina Pool Club
Modena, Italy

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 16

Apr 06 - Apr 07

Yale Billiards
Wallingford, Connecticut

2024 Super Billiards Expo Open NineBall Pro Players Championship

Apr 11 - Apr 14

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at
Oaks
Oaks, PA

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 17

Apr 20 - Apr 21

Fairway Billiards
Fulton, NY

World Pool Masters 2024

Apr 25 - Apr 28

Halle39
Hildesheim, Germany

Joss Tour 2023-2024 Stop 18

Apr 27 - Apr 28

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York

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