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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Congratulations to Fedor Gorst and Kelly Fisher for winning their respective World 9-Ball Championship titles.

For Fedor, it was his first major title, and it came with a win over Chang Jung-Lin in a long draining final match. It was obvious how badly Chang wanted the title, but that desire appeared to take him out of his game. Kudos to Gorst for keeping cool and not allowing the grind of the match to get to him.

For Fisher, it was her second career World 9-Ball title and it capped off a great month for her, with two major wins. We had a chance to chat with Kelly a little about her win and you can hear that interview at www.poolpodcasts.com.

Look for our announcements for players of the year in next month's issue, as well as complete coverage from Turning Stone.

Until next time.



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THE SECRETS OF RUNNING OUT

I'm sure you have noticed how easy the good players make it look when they run the table.

They always seem to have a good angle on their object ball to make it easy to get position on the next ball, then they shoot that shot and the cue ball miraculously comes to a stop leaving a perfect angle on the next ball to get to the next ball.

As you can see, as a pool player's knowledge and skills increase, there is a big step from just getting position to getting the proper position or the proper angle on the next ball to continue the run. Sometimes you want the next shot to be straight in and sometimes you want an angle to the right or an angle to the left to make it

easier to get position on the next ball and continue running out.

How many times have you had two stripes on the table and shot the first one and the cue ball rolled so you were almost straight in on the last stripe on the bottom rail, with the eight ball on the other end of the table and it was then almost impossible to get the cue ball to the other end of the table?

There is a big difference between position and proper position. As your skill level increases, start thinking and more about getting the proper position on the next ball so you can



JERRY BRIESATH

run the table more often and win more games.

The magic number to run racks is three. What this means is, "I must make my next object ball and leave the proper position on the second object ball so I can get to the third one. Then I must make the second object ball and leave a good angle on the third object ball so I can get to the fourth one, and so on until the game is over".

So, always try to think two balls ahead of your present object ball.

Good Luck — Jerry



GETTING IN THE ZONE

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRIS STANKOVICH
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The “Zone” is known by every athlete I have ever worked with – and even though it is sometimes difficult to describe, most athletes will say it’s when you are in complete control, totally absorbed in the moment, and when you feel as though nothing can stop you.

Support Psychologists call the zone being in “flow,” or experiencing the optimal psychological mind-set. Being in flow is when you are able to channel all your focus and energy into the only thing that is important – in sports that’s the next play or shot.

Getting in the zone can be a lot easier than most people think, and this month I would like to offer a few thoughts that can help:

- First, getting in the zone requires that you compete against competition that is challenging (or creating challenging practice situations). Studies show that when we compete against competition that is too easy, we often lose our focus or only put out enough effort to win

(and don’t really end up getting any better). Conversely, playing against competition that is far superior to you can be counterproductive, too. While it is good to play against better competition, if you regularly play against competition where you have very little chance to win in theory you are likely to become frustrated, pessimistic, and possibly even angry – all things that will not help your game.

- When practicing, be sure to set up challenging situations as much as possible. Keep track of your success rate and you will find that soon enough you will become “locked in” to the task
- Watch your arousal level and learn things that can help you regulate your level. For example, if you are too nervous then you will need to learn a skill or two to reduce your nerves. On the other hand, if you are too flat (or bored) you will need to do something to “pump up” a little so you can get your head in the game. The optimal arousal level – also known as “the zone” – is between being flat and being too nervous.
- Self-talk, or the things you say to yourself, can also help with getting in the zone more frequently. Keep your self-talk always positive and productive and your mind will be-



gin to lock in to your future shots at the table. Positive self-talk also minimizes choking, too!

- Develop pre-game routines that help you center yourself and get prepared for action. I see far too many players not take advantage of their time before matches and tournaments and instead allow the environment to get into their head. Instead, be proactive before tournaments and take time to gather yourself and prepare for the day ahead. Try using imagery to see your success, and work on deep belly breathing to moderate your arousal level. Add some positive self-talk and you will be in the zone before you know it!



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

KEYS TO WINNING ON POOL'S BIGGEST STAGE

ANTHONY BEELER

The 2020 edition of *The Derby City Classic* is once again going to be perhaps the most entertaining event of the year. The venue at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Indiana is always spectacular.

Numerous tables, top of the line vendors and stellar match play sets the scene for one of the pool's greatest stages.

If the tournament continues to live up to all the hype, the individual who makes the best decisions will have a fighting chance to lift the all around championship trophy at the end of the grueling 9-day period. I believe that there are 7 keys to winning at the derby. Think about them and you can use them to play more competitively in any tournament venue.

1. Quick Recovery

High-level competition causes everyone to make mistakes. Even "lock down" safeties will get returned, which will make things seem "unfair." When playing in such a talented field, this is inevitable. The champion will be the person who can recover quickly from the frustration of bad breaks and maintain confidence and composure. Every player is going to get bad rolls, the key will be to accept this from the first shot and embrace the challenge.

2. Shot-Making

Because the tournament consists of 3 events, each having a shorter race format, the player who can choose and commit to the right shot and execute it, will be in the mix as the weekend approaches. Each game will require a different set of challenges and demand different types of ingenuity. Sound mechanics, position play and

defensive execution will allow a player to become a serious threat.

3. A Controlled Break

Knowing how to break the balls effectively will also be key to success. Whether the game is bank pool, one pocket or 9-ball, cue ball control is imperative. Losing control of the cue ball will equate to games lost over the course of the tournament. Practice your break!

4. Patience

As with many past Derby City Classics, finishing high in any event can put a player in the hunt for the all around. With this in mind, you must give every single shot your upmost attention. Taking unnecessary risks will inevitably result in losses. Playing "common sense" pool and being patient enough to keep your opponent locked down will be another key to success.

Pace will also factor. With the length of the tournament there will possibly be some very long days. Being able to stay calm and remain patient will be critical.

5. Creativity

As with all tournaments, there are many ways to play a most shots. The winner will be the person that is the most creative, imaginative and the one that continually exhibits strong visualization techniques. In essence, just think about what you are going to do, then do it!

6. Being Able to Slow Everything Down

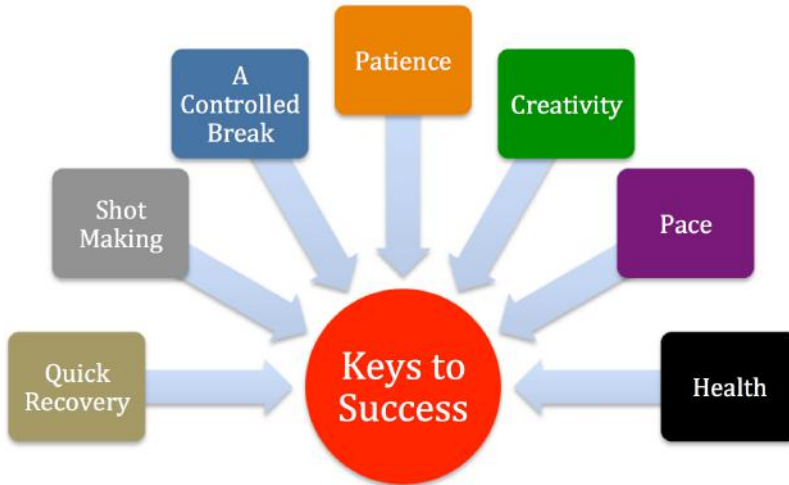
When we're under pressure, most of us have the tendency to speed up. If we allow this to happen it is inevitable that we will make mental mistakes. Staying tension free and maintaining a nice smooth tempo will be an important part of playing well.



Top professional players tend to slow everything down to stay in a nice rhythm. When you're playing in a big tournament, you'll need to do the same thing. Take extra time in between shots, walk around the table slower, give extra attention to your aim and slow down your backswing. If you'll maintain a good tempo your game will flourish.

7. Health

Health and fitness is becoming a much bigger part of most pool player's practice regimens. It is not just about eating the right foods or strengthening muscles; players are now trying to build physical and mental stamina so they can maintain focus throughout a 10-12 hour day.



Any tournament or competition is going to require a sound mental game and these 7 elements highlight the skills that are necessary to win any championship. So think about these skills and adopt them as part of your pool game. Maybe with some practice this will be the year that you snap off the all-around championship in Elizabeth, Indiana.

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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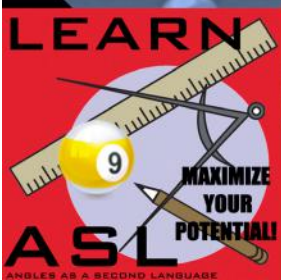


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Kelly Isaac

I have been a big fan of Kelly Isaac for many years. I have followed her journey through life and pool via her social media accounts for numerous years and was intrigued and impressed by her transparency, vulnerability, and transformation.

Further, she is a fantastic and talented player, has an amazing attitude, and we can learn a lot from her. I'm so excited we get to know her better!

Let's begin:

Q: Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born and lived all of my childhood and most of my adult life in Toledo, Ohio.

Q: Have you always lived in Ohio?

I left Ohio for South Carolina in Jan of 2019. I recently moved to Houston a couple months ago, though.

Q: Why did you move to Houston?

We [her and pro Roberto Gomez] moved to Houston to become the house pros at Bogies Billiards. However, I am going into Flight Attendant training in January of 2020.

Q: Flight Attendant - that's cool! Have you always wanted to be a flight attendant?

Not always. It was more a process of elimination through years of working jobs I disliked. I knew I did not want a career where I stayed in the same

place doing the same thing every day. I wanted to have flexibility and to be able to travel. This career choice fits all of what I am looking for! The pay is low, but for me it's more important to love what I do.

Q: Absolutely! Are you worried it might interfere with your pool career?

No, because I know it will eventually give me more flexibility to do the things I love. Pool will always be there.

Q: Good point :) Where did you attend college?

I attended a community college in Ohio. I was young and not sure what

life direction I wanted to take so after a couple years of taking general courses, I stopped going.

Q: How did you start playing pool?

I grew up watching pool on ESPN with my father. Once I turned 16, he felt I was old enough to take me into a pool room. I immediately fell in love with the game!

Q: How did you elevate your game?

I spent a lot of hours in the pool room. I would watch the good players and intently study their techniques. Then I would simply practice what I saw, trying to copy their stroke, hand placement, aiming, etc.

Q: You've had numerous high finishes for many years at the BCAPL National tournament, but tell us about the year you won almost every event you played in! (2014)

That year was amazing! The prior year, 2013, I had just entered my first tournament since my 10 year hiatus with pool. I played horrible that event. So when 2014 came around, I decided that my goal would be just to play my best and have fun. I would be okay with losing as long as I was enjoying myself. During my first match I met these guys who were filming for a documentary and they had asked if they could record my match. I played so well that match, they decided to follow me around to all my match-



Melinda Bailey

es and make me one of their feature players. They must have brought me luck because I won the Women's Singles 9 Ball Division (74 players) and then turned around just a few days later and won the Women's Singles 8 Ball Division (256 players). I felt on top of the world! Oh, and my partner and I took 4th in Scotch Doubles that year, too.

Q: That is truly amazing to win BOTH! BTW, when was your first pro tournament and how did it feel to play in it?

My first women's pro event was the Super Billiards Expo and it was terrifying. I remember the dark room and how quiet it was. When I was at the table, I felt like I was under a spot light and it was so quiet I could hear myself breathing. The nerves took over and I was shaking, struggling focusing, and



wanted to crawl under the table and hide, but it was also very exhilarating and gave me a feeling that I knew I wanted more of. I think we all need to experience these feelings to become stronger mentally.

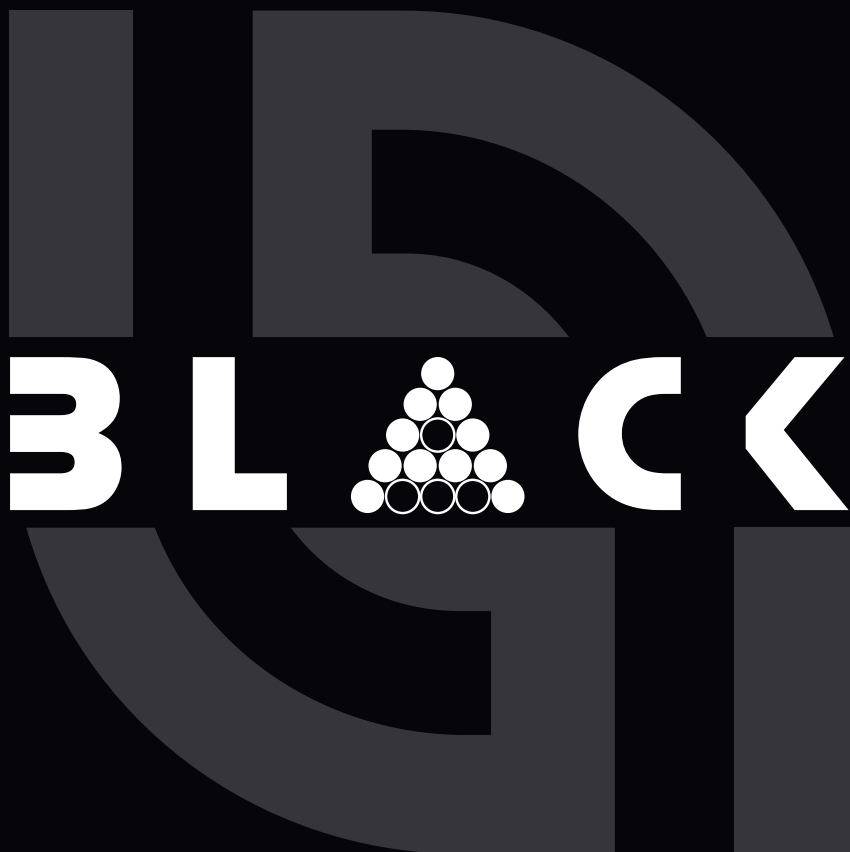
Q: I agree! I'm curious, why do you think you were calm being filmed in Vegas for the documentary, but not calm during the Super Billiards Expo event?

I'm used to movement, to noise, music, people talking, etc. the Super Billiards Expo was a different type of environment and one I had never experienced before. The atmosphere was quiet, dark, no noise or talk whatsoever. It sharked me! Haha.

Q: Ahh, very interesting. Was playing on the WPBA Tour a goal?

It was a goal in my early years of pool when I first started competing. After my mother became sick and eventually passed, I lost my passion for

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competing. It took me 10 years to get my love back for the game. I remember specifically the day I got the urge to compete again. Nick Varner and Johnny Archer came through Toledo doing an exhibition. I decided to go and after playing Scotch Doubles with Nick, even winning some money as his partner, I realized I still had it in me to compete. That was 2013 and I haven't looked back since. I joined the WPBA in 2018 and fell in love with the professionalism of the formats. I'm hoping to have many more years as a WPBA member as I slowly work my way up in the ranks.

Q: I have stalked, errr I mean, followed you on your Instagram account for years. You are very honest and vulnerable. You shared in 2015 a major life-changing transformation you went through from the previous 6 years. Can you talk about that for us? How did it start?

Self-worth was something I've always struggled with and I would hide my insecurities through unhealthy methods, like alcohol, to gain a false sense of confidence.

I started dealing with all my problems through "self-medicating" and false friends. After my mother passed in 2004 at the young age of 54, I really fell apart. I won't bore you with all the details because honestly, it would take up this whole page. But I will say I am lucky my parents raised me in a good environment. To this day, I believe that's what pulled me together. I started a completely different route, decided to get healthy by eating the right foods, exercising, meditating, and reading self-development books.

Q: So sorry for your loss. How long after your mother passed did you start to change things?

It took me years to come back to life after she passed. I just went numb. I want to say 6 years or so.

Q: I can completely relate. How did she pass away?

She battled with Ovarian Cancer for years before it took her life. I was blessed to be able to be her main caretaker during the last couple years. We had Hospice visiting daily, but it was me who spent the majority of time caring for her needs. We formed a stronger bond because of it, which made it even more difficult when she passed on. She always had a positive attitude. Her strength is what carried me through. She planned her own funeral from the music to the sermon, and even her crematory box. She wanted it to be a celebration of life.

Q: That's both heartbreaking and beautiful. Do you still sometimes struggle with insecurities and lack of confidence? If so, how do you work on that today?

I think this will always be a struggle with me, but I will continue to overcome this through reading, staying healthy, and being open and honest to myself and to others.

Q: Most women are not comfortable being so honest. Where do you think you get that from?

For some reason I've felt this inner need to share my story with others.

Social media is filled with false stories and people sharing their "perfect" self. As women, we need to see more reality. We already grew up with magazines telling us we are not good enough, pretty enough, and how we are supposed to look, etc. I want to see less filters and more authenticity!

I have opened up a little at a time and I am not yet finished. There is a lot more to my story and as I gain more courage, it will be revealed.

Q: Oooh, I am intrigued and will be looking for that! Has the feedback been positive and have you noticed you are helping other women from disliking themselves?

I've received numerous messages from people thanking me for being so open. I appreciate these messages



a lot because I gain strength through knowing that my message is helping others.

Q: And I am one of those people! Okay, back to pool. Tell us why you named your FB fan page and Instagram account "Kelly's Garage," please. What is the background for the title?

"Kelly's Garage" started as a joke. Being close to Ariel Roy Francisco from "Roy's Basement," I created "Kelly's Garage" as a play of words from his company and it just stuck.

Q: For those that do not know, what is "Roy's Basement"?

Roy is a big influence and help to a lot of players. I had met him here and there before, but got to know him a lot better when Roberto and I started dating. Roy's Basement is basically just what it says: it's his basement. And, it's a place he uses for players to train and to also hold big matches. Look him up on Facebook and make





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sure to follow his page. He is always posting big money matches and has interesting pool stories happening.

Q: How did you and Roberto Gomez meet?

Roberto and I met for the first time at a tournament in 2015. I didn't know him very well, but found his humor

refreshing. I'd see him from time to time at tournaments, but we were both involved in other relationships at the time. It wasn't until the end of 2017 when my relationship ended and he was also single that we decided to pursue something with each other. We have been inseparable since. We have so much in common and it's nice to be able to share our passions with each

other. He makes me laugh daily and we really have a lot of fun together.

Q: That's an important key to relationships. What would be interesting to others that they may not know about, regarding dating a fellow pro?

It's not always easy. You have to be able to take the wins with the losses and also understand that the losses can be hard. Being able to understand your partners need for space after a big match for example and not take things personally.

I like to make it easy on him to where all he has to do is think about playing. I arrange the schedule, flights, hotels all while making sure he is resting, eating properly and hydrated.

Being his biggest supporter is what I do best and it allows him to play without thinking of anything else.

Q: That's fantastic. So, what do you do currently to improve and also keep your game up?

Right now I'm really focusing on my mental game. I'm also playing every day, but I'm also still watching a lot of pool. I've also added one pocket into my routine because one pocket has so many challenges and I find that by playing that game it is helping me to grow in other areas. Plus, it's really a lot of fun because it's a new challenge for my game.

Q: What is your favorite exercise activity?

If I had my choice I would get all my exercise in my physical sports like basketball, softball, racing, etc., but that's not usually possible for me. I also love to bike ride and roller skate (the old fashion way with 4 wheels haha).

I do a lot of HIIT training (high intensity interval training) and I also follow a lot of the Beachbody videos.

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Also, yoga has been introduced to me the last couple years also and I really love how that makes me feel.

Q: Which exercise activity helps the most with your pool game?

Definitely the yoga. It involves breathing techniques and meditation that can really help with the mental side of the pool game. Not to mention it's great for the back!

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

2014 was by far my best moment in pool. Winning both titles gave me a sense of accomplishment I've never felt in my life.

Q: What is your most memorable match?

Watching the finals of the 2018 Derby City BigFoot challenge where Roberto defeated Fedor Gorst after a hill-hill match.

I was a nervous wreck and I felt so much joy watching him take that title!

Q: I have to say, most people I interview always mention their *own* match, not someone else's. I love this! What is your favorite event to play in?

Any WPBA event. I love the format and the feeling I get while playing in such a prestigious event.

I also love the Super Billiards Expo pro women's division.

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

On the table - I will continue to work on my game to become stronger mentally at the table.

Off the table - I want to inspire others to be okay with being different while continuing to find my own in-



ner peace. I never want to stop growing and experiencing new things and cultures around the world. Through these experiences, I can only grow stronger.

Q: And luckily, so will we as we follow you. Who has been a big influence in your pool game?

Alison Fisher was my biggest influence growing up. Watching her on ESPN was just incredible. Her poise, mental ability, and of course her perfect cue ball control was beautiful to watch.

Now, my boyfriend is of course.

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

My mother and father are my biggest influence. They taught me responsibility, honesty, and overall how to be a good person.

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

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"

I believe in leading by example and this quote explains that perfectly.

That's so beautiful. Thank you for sharing your honesty and all your learning experiences, Kelly. And, thank you so much for doing this interview!

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

Additionally, she was a Tournament Director for two large tours in Texas for over 15 years. She is a loyal blogger (<http://pooljourney.blogspot.com/>) and holds numerous BCA/ACS Texas State and National titles (singles, doubles, and teams).



Gospel Trick Shot #3 - Distractions

Peer Pressure

History of the Trick Shot: The first time I think I saw this trick shot was in an exhibition by the late great BCA Hall of Fame pool player Jimmy Caras. There are many other names for this shot as it has been around for a long time. One other name for the shot that I am aware of is the Rosebud.

GTS Name and Why: Peer Pressure - Having been a teacher for 23 years to mostly college freshmen, I often thought about the tremendous peer pressure imposed on them. In many of my college shows, I almost always include this shot to remind students about choices in life. I ask them to pick one of the four pockets ABDE which represent four possible directions in life. I remind them that their Creator has a special plan for them as each person is uniquely different. Peer pressure can take them out of God's good plan for their life. Be careful who you keep company with!

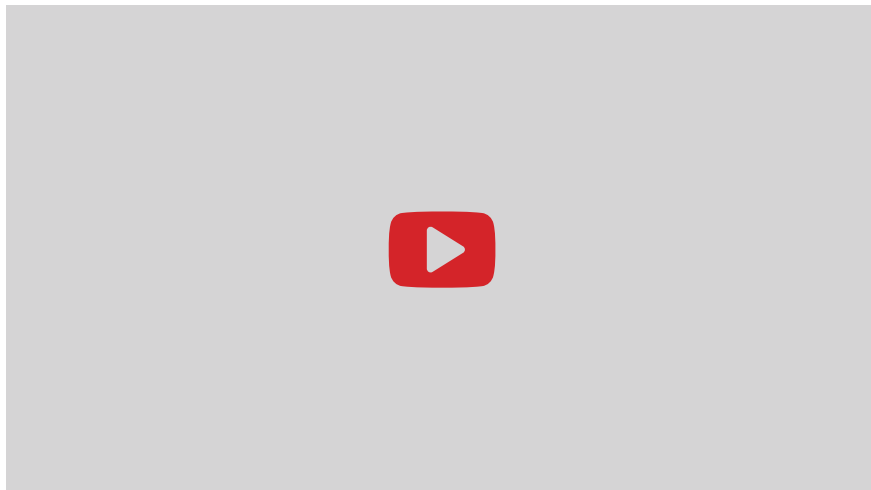
Scripture References in NIV Translation: Romans 12:2; Proverbs 22:24-25; Proverbs 4:14-16; Proverbs 22:1; II Corinthians 6:8; I Corinthians 15:33.

Cue Ball Placement: Depending on designated pocket ABED, the cue ball will be placed accordingly.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Place six balls frozen around the black 8-Ball as shown with four 1/2 inch gaps.

Objective: Hit the object ball closest to cue ball full and firm and watch 8-Ball go in designated pocket.

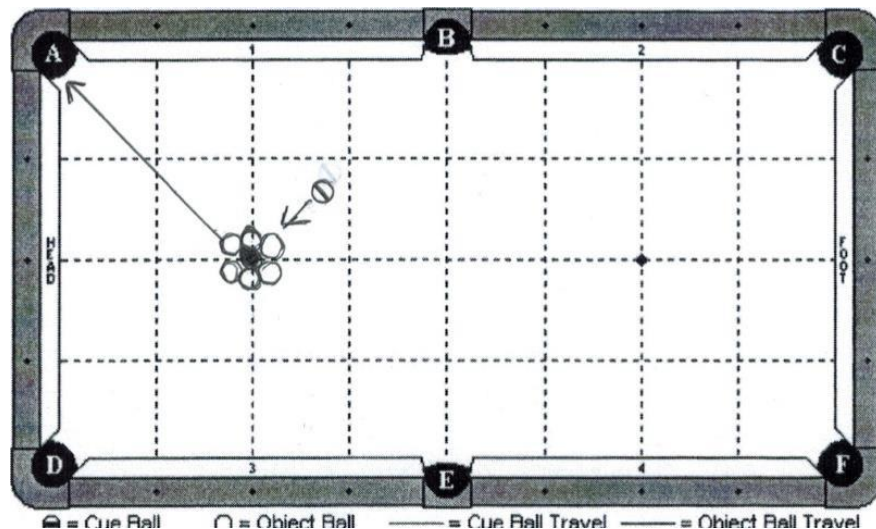
Special Notes: Continue to reposition cue ball same distance from closest object ball so that you can make 8-Ball in all four pockets around the



symmetrical shape. Place scarf over the object balls for special effect. Then position cue ball so that the line to strike the object ball is directly to the opposite pocket. In diagram you would aim for pocket D and 8-Ball would come out from under scarf to pocket A.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: People are deeply moved by this shot with the scarf as it represents faith

because you cannot see what will happen. So, it is the same in life as we walk by faith. I have used this shot many times in the "Ella" story (see Chapter 21) to illustrate choices when tragedy hits home. I personally chose to trust God and then share some of my other impulses which would have led to other problems. Crowds have been silenced by this shot, hearts have changed, and Jesus Christ glorified!



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Women's World 9-Ball Championship

A little over a month again, just before Thanksgiving, Britain's Kelly Fisher was looking at 2019 as her second-lowest earnings year (recorded) since she'd switched from snooker to pool, full-time, 15 years ago.

Five weeks later, 2019 became her second *best* (recorded) earnings year as a result of two major event victories. She won the WPBA's Aramith/Dr. Pool Classic in Wisconsin on the long weekend of November 21-24, and then, shortly thereafter, jetted off to China where on an even longer middle-of-a-week, December 15-19, she went undefeated through a field of 64 candidates to win the 2019 Hainan Sanya (China province & city) Women's World Championship.

She was and always will be the 2012 Women's World 9-Ball Champion, which followed her 2011 acquisition of the Women's 10-Ball title. For those unaware of Fisher's snooker past, she was that sport's World Champion four times in six years (1998-2003). When the sport's governing body stopped supporting the women's tournaments, she made the switch to pool, gradually, but steadily. Her profile on AZBilliards includes a 13th place finish for a \$50 cash prize on the Hunter

Classics Tour in Colorado in 2001, but she began to show up on payout lists in earnest in 2004, when she won five events, including the WPBA Amateur Nationals, and stops on the aforementioned Hunter Tour, the J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour, and the Southeast Amateur Ladies Tour in Amaretta, GA. She increased her earnings every year from that point, eventually reaching her best earnings in the year that she won the Women's World Championship title in 2012.



Kelly Fisher



Jasmin Ouschan

Alison Chang

Her rise to the top of the sport got seriously sidetracked when, in 2014, doctors discovered a large atrial septal defect, more commonly known as a “hole in the heart,” which required open heart surgery. Within 18 months, she was sidelined again when she learned that she had two genes, known as BRAC 2 and BRIP 1, which elevated her chances of contracting both breast and ovarian cancer. It wasn’t a risk she was willing to take and she went under the knife for a second and third time for a double mastectomy and hysterectomy, which seriously curtailed her ability to shoot pool for a while, but did nothing to inhibit her sense of humor.

“The doctors told me to gain weight so the more belly fat that I have, the bigger my new boobs can be,” Fisher told Ted Lerner in an interview for Pool & Billiards Magazine in 2015, with a big laugh. “So, it’s one of the excuses I’m using for putting some pounds on lately.”

This all had a way of interfering with her competition in 2015, although it

would be hard to recognize, given that she cashed in six events that year, including a 33rd place finish in that year’s Women’s World 9-Ball Championship.

If all of that doesn’t define someone with the heart of a champion, it’s hard to imagine what does. She kept returning to the Women’s 9-Ball World Championships, year after year; 17th in 2016, 5th in both 2017 and 2018. If there were signs that a part of her was still recovering from the major surgeries, it was less about how she was playing, than it was about how often. From that best earnings year of 2012, when she cashed in eight events and won two of them, including the World Championship, to the years 2016 and 2017, in which she cashed in five events in each year and won two, overall, she had definitely slowed down. She was thinking about this, as she entered the WPBA event a little over a month ago.

“I was getting worried for a moment there,” she said shortly after winning the event and ahead of her trip to China. “I’m finally feeling that my game is back to where it was a few years ago.”

For all that those few lean years held for her, as a player, as a woman, as a person, she considers this most recent acquisition of the Women’s World title to be the most important one of them all.

“I’m absolutely thrilled,” she told AZ-Billiards’ Mike Howerton in a recent interview on poolpodcasts.com. “I knew I had it in me, but didn’t know the older I would get, if it was going to really happen again.”

This year’s Women’s World Championship, due to its location, had a way of drawing a predominantly Eastern field of 64 entrants. Well over half the field was drawn from Eastern countries, including the Philippines, with half of that from China (the Republic of) or Chinese Taipei, but the finalists were European; Fisher and Austria’s Jasmin Ouschan. They’d squared off against each other in the semifinals of November’s WPBA event. The USA was not represented at this event, although Canada was.

The field was initially broken down into eight, double elimination brackets, which eventually qualified four players from each bracket into a single-elimination field of 32 players. Fisher and Ouschan emerged from the winners’ side of separate brackets to enter the single elimination phase of the event.

Two 7-2 victories over Portugal’s Vania Franco and Chinese Taipei’s Chen Ruolin propelled Fisher into single elimination territory. As it turned out, both Franco and Ruolin advanced, as well; Franco winning two on the loss side and Ruolin winning a single loss-side match to qualify (among last four in their bracket).

Ouschan’s advance went through Taipei’s Chen Chia Hua 7-3 and survived a double hill fight mounted by Filipino Floriza Andal. Also advancing, from another bracket were (among others) Rubilen Amit (Philippines) and Tzu-Chien Wei (Taipei), who was the



Filipino Rubilen Amit settled for a bronze medal

runner-up at the WPBA event in November. Advancing from yet another bracket were Russia's Kristina Tkach and China's Siming Chen, a familiar opponent for Fisher.

In single elimination, Fisher opened with a 9-4 win over Turkey's Eylul Kibaroglu and followed with a shutout over South Korea's Eun-Ji Park. Ouschan got by one of Kelly's opponents from the double elimination phase, Chen Ruolin, double hill, and then defeated China's Muyan Zhang 9-7.

The event quarterfinals featured five Chinese women, Rubilen Amit, Ouschan and Fisher. Fisher defeated China's Shasha Liu 9-5, as Ouschan downed China's Xiaofang Fu 9-7. Joining Fisher in the semifinals was Doudou Zhou, who'd eliminated Yu Han 9-5, Joining Ouschan was Amit, who'd sent China's Ge Bai home 9-5.

Though she'd given up 22 racks over her first three single-elimination matches, Ouschan tightened things up in the semifinal. She advanced to the finals, having given up only two to Amit. Fisher, advancing to the finals,

gave up five racks to Zhou. Zhou went on to defeat Amit 9-3 in the match that determined third and fourth place.

A 'blue collar' final

For want of a better phrase, the 16-game final was a 'blue collar' event; steady work, not a lot of flash, with occasional demonstrations of why these two particular women were in it. They were both a little tight at the outset.

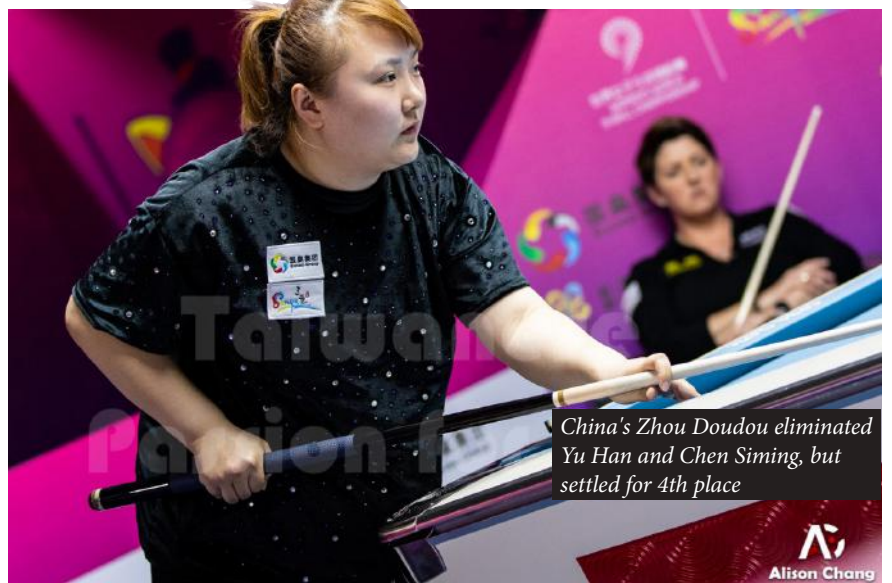
In the two opening games, they both scratched, which gave their opponent

the game win. Jasmin won the first lag, and on the break, sank a single ball. She had to play safe on the 1-ball, though, and Kelly almost dropped it. That 'almost' left Jasmin a hanger, which she tried to put into a hole with more force than necessary. The cue ball came right back at her and dropped into the pocket right in front of her. Kelly cleared the table.

Kelly broke the next rack and dropped a ball, but she also dropped the cue ball and Jasmin ran the table to create the game's first of four ties.

Jasmin broke that first tie, and over the next three games, broke two more. At 3-3, it was Kelly's turn, as she broke and ran to create the tie and in what was the longest match to that point (just shy of nine minutes), broke it. They poked and chased the 1-ball around the table through seven safeties, until Kelly finally broke through and ran the table for her first lead since the opening game.

Kelly broke the next rack, but rattled a 3-ball in a hole, giving Jasmin the opening she needed to tie it at 4-4. Jasmin sunk a ball on the next break, but three balls failed to pass the headstring, so she handed the table to Kelly. Kelly gave it back and Jasmin began another 'chase the 1-ball' scenario, which didn't last. On their third shot at it, Jasmin shooting, dropped



China's Zhou Doudou eliminated Yu Han and Chen Siming, but settled for 4th place

it, but scratched. Kelly stepped up and cleared the table for a 5-4 lead.

It was just past the technical middle of the final (17 possible games), but they played one more fateful rack before taking a short break. In two minutes and 32 seconds, Kelly broke, sinking two and ran the table to take a 6-4 two-game lead that she'd have at the end.

After their short break, during which Kelly stayed in the arena, seated in one of the two plush armchairs at one end of the table, Jasmin returned and broke the 11th rack. She sank two and ran to the 3-ball, before rattling it in a hole. Kelly stepped up and ran to the 6-ball, at which point, she missed and gave Jasmin a chance to play a safe that eventually led Kelly to hit

the 8-ball, before hitting the 6-ball. With ball in hand, Jasmin, once again, closed the gap to within one at 6-5.

What followed proved to be the longest game of the match; a 12:31 extravaganza that saw the two of them (combined) take four shots at the 1-ball and five at the 3-ball. Jasmin tried to break the 3-ball chase with a jump shot that missed, but gave Kelly a good shot at it. Kelly got rid of the 3-ball, but couldn't see the 4-ball. She jumped and dropped it, to applause from the audience. Kelly ran to the 8-ball, but with a clear look at it, rattled it in a corner pocket. The cue ball, though, came up nestled against the 9-ball in a way that gave Jasmin no chance at the 8-ball. She attempted a long bank to reach that 8-ball, but missed it entirely. Kelly finished and was back up by two at 7-5.

Just when she needed it, Jasmin chalked up a break and run to draw with one again.

Kelly spoiled that party. She broke the next rack and sunk a ball, but three balls failed to make it past the headstring, giving Jasmin a chance at a not-well-positioned 1-ball. She missed. Kelly safed back, but Jasmin's next shot at the 1-ball, missed it entirely. With ball in hand, Kelly was on the hill.

Just when she needed it, again, Jasmin chalked up a break and run to get back within one.

In the final rack, broken by Kelly, sinking two with a decent look at the 1-ball, the 2-ball was trouble, right from the start. Kelly knew as she leaned in to make the table-length, rail shot at the 1-ball that she wasn't going to get good position on the 2-ball. She stopped the cue dead in its tracks, but it didn't help much. She had to play safe, which started a three-shot dance around the table, trying to get at that 2-ball.

For the second time in the match, Kelly lined up a jump shot that proved to be a game winner. The 2-ball dropped, Kelly ran the rest of the table and it was over.

"Yes," she half-shouted, raising her cue high and trying to decide whether she was going to laugh or cry. She stepped to Jasmin and they shared a warm, brief embrace. Kelly moved to her cushioned arm chair, trying on different expressions to see how they fit; all-out happy, I'm-going-to-cry happy and finally, after a kiss for her cue, she settled on a broad smile.

It had been a long road to recovery, but for those who watched her through the announcements about the surgery, her demeanor up to and afterwards, there was never any doubt. She had the heart of a champion. Others worried, in some ways, more than she did.

In the end, getting to this juncture, winning this title again, after seven years, wasn't so much about the medical issues that sidetracked her for a while, but the technical issue of regaining her stroke and rebuilding her confidence.

"It was a lot of hard work to get (my stroke) back," she'd said in her interview with Mike Howerton, shortly after the victory, "and I'm really pleased that I managed to do that."

She added that in many ways, last year's World Championships, at which she'd finished in 4th place, let her know that her game was back, and last month's win in Wisconsin kind of sealed the deal.

"Lionel (Payne, her coach from the beginning) told me to keep putting in the time and results would come," she said, reiterating that this recent win was the most important of her career, so far and that she was "just over the moon that (she'd been) able to pull it off."



A moment to relax after a job well done for Fisher



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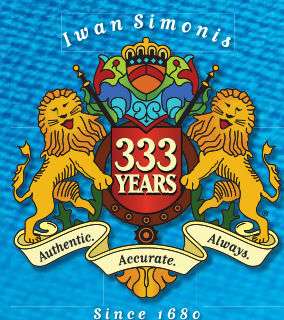
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GORST THE GREAT!

19 year old Fedor Gorst of Russia wins the 2019 World 9-ball Championship with a hard fought 13 -11 win over Taiwan's Chang Jung Lin in Doha.

Playing with a poise, calm and skill that clearly belied his 19 years of age, Russia's Fedor Gorst won the 2019 World 9-ball Championship today in Doha, Qatar, defeating a stingy Chang Jung Lin of Taiwan, 13-11.

The match was nothing short of a brutal marathon, lasting four hours, and the slow, grinding style of Chang only added to the supreme test of pressure and drama that seemed to accompany every rack. That Gorst was able to suck it all up against one of the greats of the last 15 years, and withstand the inevitable emotional peaks and valleys that come in a long, tiring match, will surely add to the satisfaction the young Russian must surely be feeling. There were several lead changes, and

the more experienced Chang grabbed the momentum midway through. But Gorst persevered and grabbed the momentum back when it counted most, and close it out in style.

The win by Gorst will surely be extremely pleasing to his many fans. Not only is the low key and friendly Russian easy to root for, but his hard work and prodigious talent have, for the last few years, portended greatness. That Gorst pulled off the ultimate prize in pool at just 19 years of age is an absolutely stunning feat, and bodes amazingly well for the young man's future, and for European pool as well.

For Chang, the loss was clearly a bitter disappointment that will sting for the

foreseeable future. The 2012 World 8-ball champion has been one of pool's most consistent and successful players over the last 15 years. But the World 9-ball Championship was the one title he has wanted the most. Winning in the pool world is so tough and so brutal, that opportunities like this don't often come your way. Chang's demeanor afterwards spoke of his realization that he let the ultimate prize slip out of his hands.

The marathon final came on the heels of two long semi-finals matches played concurrently earlier in the day. In one semi-final Gorst matched up with World 10-ball Champion Ko Ping Chung in a fascinating battle of two of the sports finest young talents. Most



Ko Ping-Chung

his own, a neat break and run, then outwitting Chang in a safe battle to close the score to 8-7.

Chang countered off a foul from the Russian to move back up by two. Then Gorst found a second and third wind combined, winning the next four racks to take an 11-9 lead. It was the stuff of champions, rising to the occasion when everything's at stake.

The Taiwanese halted the rot, winning a safety battle to close to within one. But Gorst pounded on a foul and held his nerve to move to the hill. With the tension nearly unbearable, Chang piled on the pressure with a break and run. But then, breaking for the title, Gorst calmly hit a series of tough shots that led to an open table. He coolly connected the dots and nailed a straight in 9-ball for the title.

Afterwards, Gorst couldn't quite come to terms with what he had just accomplished, but he knew that it would soon sink in. He had endured a marathon under the greatest of pressure, and emerged a world champion with the brightest of futures.

"I don't quite understand how big this win is yet. My game wasn't that good in the semi-final and I don't think I

fans had "Little" Ko the favorite as he had look implacable over the last 4 days. But Gorst proved to be the more resilient on this day. With little between them the first half of the match, It was the Russian who outwitted the Taiwanese winning in strong showing, 11-7.

The other semi-final featured Chang against China's Lui Haitao in a battle of hard core grinders. Chang took an early lead and never once fell behind. Playing his methodical and calculating style, Chang turned the screws throughout and won in a relative breeze, 11-5.

The final presented the ideal story line for fans to sink their teeth into: the wily 34 year old veteran finally on the brink of capturing the sport's most coveted title, taking on the 19 year old upstart looking to become the second youngest player to ever win the World 9-ball title.

With Chang in no hurry, and neither player rarely getting good looks off the break, the match started out slow and continued at a snail's pace throughout. Chang won the first two racks. Gorst then got one back before the Taiwanese countered off of the Russian's self snooker to make it 3-1.

The pair traded racks again to go 4-2 but then Chang, who's slow play seemed to only create self inflicted wounds, started to falter. Gorst won the next three to grab his first lead of the match at 5-4. The Russian clearly had the momentum on his side.

Chang came back from a bathroom break a changed man, however, winning the next four racks. The Russian looked to be tiring under the slow conditions and the match threatened to get away from him. But Gorst stemmed the tide with two racks of



Lui Haitao

World 9-Ball Championship

played that well in the final. But it's an amazing feeling to pot that 9-ball. I just feel real good right now.

"There was a lot of stuff going on in my mind throughout the match. This stuff happens in long gambling matches, you're up and down and back and forth. I was really distracted. I wasn't paying attention at times because he was playing really slow. I tried not to think about it but I was getting angry, but then I told myself there's nothing you can do about it.

"I got really lucky at the times when I really needed to win the rack. I wouldn't say I won the match in a lucky way, but kind of.

"I'm sure this win will help me in the future because it proves to me that I have what it takes to play and win under pressure. You can't win an event like this if you can't play under pressure. So that's a really good thing."

For winning the 2019 World 9-ball Championship Gorst received \$30,000, while Chang received \$15,000. The total prize fund was \$150,000.



Chang Yu-Lung

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Champions Shine at Space City Open VIII

Woodward, Gomez, Aranas, Ng, and Martinez, III Earn Titles

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Sky Woodward swept the Space City Open VIII, 128-player 9-ball division, taking down Roberto “Superman” Gomez in the final set, 9-2. The two-time Mosconi Cup MVP finished second in the one pocket

and 5th-6th in the 9-ball banks, to become the newest, Space City Open “All-Around” Champion. Gomez took home his first title in the one pocket division, and although he took second in the 9-ball, he was unable to catch

Woodward in the all-around points race. James “DD” Aranas showed off his skills in the 9-ball banks, holding all of his opponents to two or less games, and defeating Jalal Alsarisi in the final, 4-2. In the ladies 9-ball divi-



Skyler Woodward

sion, Ming “The Empress” Ng defended her title against Ellen Robinson, and Lazaro “Little Laz” Martinez, III, defeated brother, Gabriel Martinez, capturing his second, consecutive, junior 9-ball title.

The largest pool tournament in Texas, the annual Space City Open, has a reputation of hosting some of the greatest players in the world. This year was exceptional, with the return of Sky Woodward. The recently named, Mosconi Cup MVP, debuted at the 2012 Space City Open, winning the 9-ball banks division, and making his last appearance in 2014. Five years later, Woodward joined a star-studded line-up, including Roberto Gomez, James Aranas, Jalal Alsarisi, and Tommy Tokoph, along with defending 9-ball champion, James Davis, Jr., defending one pocket champion, Josh Roberts, and defending banks champion, Evan Lunda, to compete for a piece of the \$56,770 payout, and \$1,500 all-around bonus, sponsored by John Newsome and Johnny Gonzales of Eagle Plumbing.

The derby-like, Space City Open VIII, was held December 5th-8th, 2019, at Big Tyme Billiards in Spring, Texas, amassing 178 players, over five divisions, with four days of free live streaming provided by Southern Streaming. The 9-ball was played on twenty Diamond bar tables, and the one pocket and banks were played on six, nine foot tables. Cyclop “Zeus” ball sets and Accu-Racks by Outsville Billiards were provided for all divisions.

The open 9-ball division presented a more than stellar field. Tommy Tokoph, formerly of Albuquerque, New Mexico, now residing in Houston, took the field by storm. Making his way to the final eight on the winners’ side, Tokoph defeated James Aranas, 9-8, J.C.Torres, 9-5, Roberto Gomez, 9-4, and Aaron Springs, 9-5. Josh Roberts ousted Neil Saidawi, 9-0, Mike Hefren, Jon Demet, 9-4, and Marvin Diaz,



Roberto Gomez

9-1. Jalal Alsarisi ran through Glenn Mitchell, 9-6, Sylver Ochoa, 9-0, Barry Strickland, 9-2, and Marc Garza, 9-6. Oklahoma’s Joey Gray overwhelmed Victor Rojas, 9-2, Roberto Aguilar, 9-1, Louis Vickio, 9-1, and Josh Hillard, 9-4. Also from Oklahoma, Billy Dyke defeated David Chow, 9-3, Bobby Perez, 9-8, Tony Scott, 9-5, and Troy Woodward, 9-5. Kevin Guimond bested Alexander Mojica, 9-1, Ellen Robinson, 9-0, Colton Berzins, 9-2, and Tony Top, 9-3. Sky Woodward claimed victories over Chris Baggett, 9-4, Evan Lunda, 9-6, Manny Chau, 9-1, and Ernesto Bayaua, 9-3, while James Davis, Jr. disappointed David Williams, 9-3, Andrew Rodriguez, 9-1, Joey Bourgeois, Jr., 9-4, and Joey Torres, 9-7. Settling the winners’ side, final four, Tokoph sent Roberts west, 9-7, while Alasarisi demolished

Gray, 9-3. Dyke overcame Guimond, 9-6, and Woodward wasted little time with Davis, Jr., sending him west, 9-1. Reaching the final eight on the one-loss side, Jesus Atencio amassed eight wins, including victories over John Gabriel, 7-1, and Roberts, 7-0. Gomez ended Bayaua, 7-5, and Gray, 7-4, while Derek Fontenot booked seven matches, with wins over Manny Chau, 7-2, and Guimond, 7-3. After losing his first match to Charlie Bryant, 9-4, Alex Calderone closed out seven sets, with triumphs over Marc Garza and Davis, Jr., by the same score, 7-1. Back on the east side, Tokoph forged ahead, beating Alsarisi, 9-7, while Woodward throttled Dyke, 9-1. For the first time, crowds witnessed a hot seat match-up with the indomitable Sky Woodward, and one of Houston’s



James Aranas

best, Tommy Tokoph. With three of his four previous matches yielding 9-1 scores, Woodward maintained his momentum, dealing Tokoph his first loss, 9-1. With four remaining on the west side, Gomez thwarted Atencio, and hindered Dyke, by the same score, 7-2. Calderone secured an eighth win over Fontenot, 7-6, but came up short against Alsarisi, 7-6. After losing his third round match to Tokoph, Gomez took out nine players on the one-loss side, including Alsarisi, 7-1, and finally, Tokoph, 7-1, to meet Woodward. Gomez faced off with the unrivaled youth, in a first-time, Space City Open match-up. Sky played flawlessly, stringing multiple racks, offering Gomez only two chances at the table. In the end, Woodward overwhelmed Gomez the first set, 9-2, to earn his first, Space City Open 9-ball title. It was down to Woodward, Gomez, and Alsarisi in the all-around. With this win, Sky sewed up the bonus, and became the first player in Space City Open history to win both 9-ball and 9-ball banks titles.

The one pocket division was single elimination, and kicked off Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., with a 32-play-

er field. Sky Woodward took charge, with victories over John Braud, 4-0, Jalal Alsarisi, 4-2, and Ernesto Bayaua, 4-3. Local talent, Marvin Diaz, eliminated J.C. Torres, 4-1, James Aranas, 4-3, and Jacob Pennison, 4-1. Rounding out the final four, Roberto Gomez bested John Gabriel, 4-2, Joey Gray, 4-3, and Shane McMinn, 4-3, while Josh Roberts defeated Aaron Springs, 4-0, Tommy Tokoph, 4-2, and Chip Compton, 4-1. In the next round, Woodward out-maneuvered Diaz, 4-2, and Gomez passed Roberts, 4-2. Woodward and Gomez remained, and at the close of the event, by the narrowest of margins, Roberto Gomez was crowned the newest, Space City Open, one pocket champion.

The single elimination, 32-player, 9-ball banks division, began Thursday at 7:00 p.m., and concluded on Friday evening. Chip Compton defeated Alex Calderone, 4-3, Shane Harvey, 4-2, and Justin Espinosa, 4-0, while James Aranas made his way to the final four with victories over Shane McMinn, 4-1, Jesse Davida, 4-1, and Sky Woodward, 4-1. Sylver Ochoa took out Tommy Tokoph, Florida's David Uwate, 4-1, and Ernesto Bayaua, 4-3, while

Jalal Alsarisi ended Roberto Gomez, 4-3, John Gabriel, 4-3, and former all-around champion, Josh Roberts, 4-3. Final four action witnessed Compton fall to Aranas, 4-2, and Alsarisi shut out Ochoa, 4-0. In the final match, Aranas overcame Alsarisi, 4-2, earning his first, Space City Open, 9-ball banks title.

Thirty-two women players converged on the Space City Open to compete for over \$5,000 in the ladies 9-ball division. WPBA player, Kelly Isaac, took the lead with wins over junior player, April Gonzales, 7-2, Natalie Rocha, 7-2, and Janeen Lee, 7-3. Ellen Robinson beat Michelle Yim, 7-5, Sandra Melo, 7-3, and Courtney Peters, 7-5, while Kelly Jones of Mobile, Alabama, sent Teresa Garland west, 7-2, along with Calaia Jackson, 7-2, and Melissa Smith, 7-2. Local favorite Ming Ng began her trek, dominating Ruth Paine, 7-4, Christie Castro, 7-4, and Aryana Lynch, 7-1. Final four winners' side action witnessed Robinson defeat Isaac, 7-3, and Ng overtake Jones, 7-2. In the hot seat match, Robinson played impeccably, breaking and running three racks to defeat Ng, 7-2. On the one-loss side, Lee eliminated Kim Pierce,

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5-1, and Jones, 5-0, while Lynch took out Smith, 5-1, falling in turn to Isaac, 5-3. Lee crept past Isaac, 5-4, but faltered to Ng, 5-2. The finals rematch between Robinson and Ng was a long and fierce battle, with Ng securing the first set, 7-4. In overtime, tied with four games each, an unforced error by Robinson gave Ng the edge she needed to close out the set, 5-4, and earn her second, consecutive, Space City Open ladies 9-ball division title.

In the junior 9-ball division, twelve teens, seventeen and under, came together to compete for cash, and a coveted Space City Open plaque. John Benavides charged, with wins over Gabriel Garcia, 7-0, and Malachi Walker, 7-3, while April Gonzales subdued Cesar Garcia, 7-6, and brother, Jacob Gonzales, 7-4. Tyler Miller edged out Larissa Almendarez, 7-6, but fell to Lazaro “Little Laz” Martinez, III, 7-3. Kyle Yi bested Owen Chapple, 7-3, but was denied by Gabriel Martinez, 7-5. Benavides slid past A. Gonzales, 7-6, and Martinez, III out-moved G. Martinez, 7-2. With his meticulous play, defending champion, Martinez, III, shut out Benavides for the hot seat, 7-0. On the one-loss side, Yi was on a roll, eliminating Miller, 5-3, and A. Gonzales, 5-2. J. Gonzales beat Walker, 5-4, but lost to G. Martinez, 5-2. Down to the final four, G. Martinez terminated Yi, 5-3, and Benavides, 5-3, for a shot at his first, Space City Open title. The junior 9-ball final was a repeat of last year’s showdown, with “Little Laz”, and brother, Gabriel, battling it out for the championship. In the final, Lazaro proved too much for Gabriel, defeating him 7-0, defending his Space City Open, junior 9-ball title.

Space City Open would like to thank those who were instrumental in the production of this event; event staff, John Newsome, Kim Newsome, Ruth Paine, Mike Fabacher with Southern Streaming, Chris Lue with Chris Lue Photography, Big Tyme Billiards owners and staff; sponsors, Poison by

Predator Cues, Cyclop Pool Balls, APA of North Harris County, Vapor Fiend, Outsville Billiards; and vendors, Jerry Olivier Cues and Cue Repair, Joe Salazar Connoisseur of Custom Cues, Champions Cues, Brutal Game Gear, and Action 24/7.

“We want to congratulate all the winners, and thank the players and patrons for making this event the most

successful Space City Open to date. Space City Open IX is scheduled for December 3rd-6th, 2020, so mark your calendars!” - Kim Newsome, Space City Open Founder.

The Space City Open is the largest pool tournament in Texas, and is held annually, the first week in December. For more information, visit www.SpaceCityOpen.com.



Lazaro Martinez III



Ming Ng

Payouts:

All-Around Champion

Sky Woodward \$1,500

Open 9-Ball – 128 players (Total \$35,740)

- 1st Sky Woodward \$3,300/\$6,200/\$1,580
- 2nd Roberto Gomez \$2,000/\$4,000/\$1,185
- 3rd Tommy Tokoph \$1,300/\$3,000/\$790
- 4th Jalal Alsarisi \$900/\$2,100/\$395
- 5th-6th Billy Dyke, Alex Calderone \$500/\$1,200 ea.
- 7th-8th Jesus Atencio, Derek Fontenot \$300/\$655 ea.
- 9th-12th James Davis, Jr., Kevin Guimond, Joey Gray, Josh Roberts \$170/\$400 ea.
- 13th-16th Ernesto Bayaua, Manny Chau, John Gabriel, Marc Garza \$110 ea.

17th-24th Michael Alonzo, Josh Hillard, Joey Torres, Marvin Diaz, Troy Woodward, Jerry Alvarez, Aaron Springs, Tony Top \$70 ea.

25th-32nd Jacob Pennison, J.C. Torres, Charlie Bryant, Cesar Garcia, Johnny Griffin, James Aranas, Jon Demet, Will Felder \$50 ea.

One Pocket – 32 players (Total \$7,060)

- 1st Roberto Gomez \$1,300/\$1,800
- 2nd Sky Woodward \$900/\$1,000
- 3rd-4th Josh Roberts, Marvin Diaz \$440/\$350 ea.
- 5th-8th Ernesto Bayaua, Jacob Pennison, Chip Compton, Shane McMinn \$120 ea.

9-Ball Banks – 32 players (Total \$7,160)

- 1st James Aranas \$1,300/\$1,800
- 2nd Jalal Alsarisi \$900/\$1,000

3rd-4th Chip Compton, Sylver Ochoa \$440/\$400

5th-8th Ernesto Bayaua, Sky Woodward, Josh Roberts, Justin Espinosa \$120 ea.

Ladies 9-Ball – 32 players (Total \$5,010)

- 1st Ming Ng \$570/\$1,360
- 2nd Ellen Robinson \$400/\$950
- 3rd Janeen Lee \$250/\$660
- 4th Kelly Isaac \$160/\$400
- 5th-6th Kelly Jones, Aryana Lynch \$80/\$200 ea.
- 7th-8th Kim Pierce, Melissa Smith \$40 ea.

Junior 9-Ball – 12 players (Total \$300)

- 1st Lazaro Martinez, III \$150
- 2nd Gabriel Martinez \$100
- 3rd John Benavides \$50

The WPA Players Championship Returns April 7-11 in Las Vegas

The World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) and CueSports International (CSI) are excited to announce that the WPA Players Championship will once again be held at Griff's Billiards in Las Vegas April 7-11, 2020. The event will be staged at Griff's Billiards just ahead of the US Open 9-Ball Championship, which will be held April 13-18 at Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas.

This WPA Category 3 Ranking event, with \$53,000 added prize money, will provide players, especially those competing in the US Open 9-Ball Championship, even more opportunity in Las Vegas.

WPA President, Ian Anderson said, "The WPA is delighted to hold its own ranking event once again. It helps make a solid month of pool events in Las Vegas which includes the Predator World 10-Ball Championship and US Open 9-Ball Championship. We have also added a couple of great bonus incentives for players who enter the qualifiers."

The event is comprised of two stages – the Stage 1 Qualifiers and Stage 2 Main Event. The Stage 1 Main Event, April 9-11, is limited to 64 players in a single elimination format with a 32-player consolation tournament for those eliminated in the first round. 48 of the 64 players will be chosen by the WPA rankings and WPA member federations. A single \$275 entry fee will cover the main event and the consolation tournament. The main event will be a race to seven with the semi-final and final being a race to nine. The consolation tournament will be a race to five with the semi-final and final being a race to seven.

The remaining 16 spots in the main event will be filled by two Stage 1



**WPA PLAYERS
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Qualifier tournaments, one per day, held April 7-8. The top eight finishers from each qualifier will receive a paid spot in the Stage 2 Main Event. A single \$275 entry fee allows players to compete in both qualifiers and will also gain free entry into the main event for those who qualify. Alternatively, a daily entry of \$175 is also an option. Qualifiers will be single elimination, race to five and open to anyone not already entered in the main event.

There are two additional bonuses for those who compete in the Stage 1 Qualifiers. Two of the 16 players who qualify from Stage 1 will also win paid entries into the 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship (April 13-18 in Las Vegas). The highest placing player in Stage 2 from the eight players who qualify on April 7, and the highest placing player in Stage 2 from the eight players who qualified on April 8, who are not already entered in the US Open 9-Ball Championship, will win a paid entry. In addition, two of the 16

players who qualify from Stage 1 will also win paid entries into the 2020 International 9-Ball Open (Oct 25-31 in Norfolk, VA). The highest placing U.S. player in Stage 2 from the eight players who qualify on April 7, and the highest placing U.S. player in Stage 2 from the eight players who qualified on April 8, and did not win the other bonus, will win a paid entry. Neither bonus can be sold or transferred to another player

Anyone may register for Stage 1 now at www.playcsipool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship.

"We are honored to once again assist the WPA in producing this event," said CSI CEO, Ozzy Reynolds. "The inaugural 2019 event was a huge success and we are excited to build upon that and make 2020 even better."

Prize funds are guaranteed by the WPA, and the payouts for the main event and consolation tournament will be as follows.

MAIN EVENT PAYOUTS

- 1 - \$10,000
- 2 - \$7,000
- 3/4 - \$5,000 ea.
- 5/8 - \$3,000 ea.
- 9/16 - \$1,500 ea.
- 17/32 - \$400 ea.

CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT PAYOUTS

- 1 - \$1,500
- 2 - \$1,000
- 3/4 - \$500 ea.
- 5/8 - \$250 ea.
- 9/16 - \$150 ea.

As noted, the WPA Players Championship does help solidify a great series of

events in Las Vegas in the Mark-April timeframe as shown below. Players are highly encouraged to participate in each of these great events.

The World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) is the international governing body for pocket billiards and is comprised of six member federations representing North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. The WPA is the world-recognized body

for sanctioning World Championship events. It is also one of the three member organizations of the World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS), representing the billiard disciplines of pool, snooker and carom. For more information about the WPA, visit www.wpapool.com.

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EVENT	DATES	LOCATION	LINKS
Diamond Las Vegas Open	March 11-14	Rio Hotel & Casino	www.playcsipool.com/2020-lv-open
Predator World 10-Ball Championship	March 16-20	Rio Hotel & Casino	www.world10ball.com
WPA Players Championship	April 7-11	Griff's Billiards	www.playcsipool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship
US Open 9-Ball Championship	April 13-18	Mandalay Bay	www.matchroompool.com/usopen9ball



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APA Names New President

The world's largest pool league will have a new leader at its helm come Jan. 1, 2020. Greg Fletcher, APA's Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Technology, was recently named Incoming President by APA Founder Terry Bell. Fletcher has been with APA for more than 25 years.

“**O**ur organization is changing rapidly, particularly in the area of technology. I believe this next decade will be one of technological development and growth for APA, and I believe Greg to be the right person to lead the organization,” said Bell.

Fletcher brings to his new role a wealth of experience in the areas of marketing and technology. Prior to joining APA, Fletcher worked with other major organizations including advertising agencies DDB Needham, The Richards Group, Moroch & Associates and Brown & Associates. During his time with these agencies, he worked with brands that included McDonalds, Pepsi, Rolex and Chick-Fil-A.

“I’m very excited to lead this great organization into its fifth decade. APA has a long track record of success, and I look forward to working with our members, League Operators and staff to build upon that success. I intend to continue strengthening APA’s brand status and position within the billiard and entertainment industries while simultaneously supercharging the technology that accentuates APA’s timeless value proposition of bringing people together to experience the fun and excitement of playing pool,” said Fletcher.

The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, Mo., sanctions the world’s largest amateur pool league, with leagues throughout the United States, Canada and Japan. Nearly 250,000 members

compete in weekly 8-Ball and 9-Ball League play. The APA is generally recognized as the Governing Body of Amateur Pool, having established the official rules, championships, formats and handicap systems for the sport of amateur billiards.

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

Championships and the U.S. Amateur Championship—that, together, pay out more than \$2 Million in cash and prizes annually!

The APA and its championships are sponsored by Aramith, Action Cues, Pool Dawg and Valley-Dynamo.

For more information on the American Poolplayers Association, visit <https://poolplayers.com/>.



Greg Fletcher

Saudi Arabia To Host World Cup Of Pool

Kingdom Adds 9-Ball to Grass Roots Sports Portfolio

Saudi Arabia has announced it will host the 2020 World Cup of Pool, which will run from the 23rd-28th June 2020 in Jeddah.

Sanctioned by the WPA, the World Cup of Pool will present 32 two-player teams from 31 countries with players selected by qualifying criteria and qualification events which will take place globally. As host nation, Saudi Arabia will enter two teams to be selected by the Saudi Arabian Billiards and Snooker Federation.

The World Cup of Pool has been an established major event in 9-ball since 2006 and adopts a straight-knockout format. Matches are race to 7 in the first two rounds, race to 9 in the quarter-finals and semi-finals, and race to 11 in the final.

Austrian pair Albin Ouschan and Mario He are defending champions having won the trophy for a second time in 2019. Previous winners of the World Cup of Pool include Philippines, China and USA.

The newly formed partnership with Matchroom Pool kick starts a ten-

WORLD CUP OF POOL
— SAUDI ARABIA —

year agreement, throughout which the Kingdom aims to raise the profile of pool at grass roots level by way of coaching visits, player appearances and school seminars.

Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki AlFaisal Al Saud, Chairman of the GSA, said: “The 2020 World Cup of Pool is another significant step for the Kingdom, that showcases our to desire to open up as welcoming hosts to a diverse mix of world-class sporting events, while also offering the people of Saudi Arabia a chance to be inspired to play a vast array of sports all year-round.

“We are a young vibrant nation with a vast country and a growing list of interests. Early in 2020, Jeddah will stage the opening of the Dakar Rally, the Spanish SuperCup football and the Saudi International Golf Tournament, and it’s very pleasing to include the World Cup of Pool as further highlight in our sporting calendar.”

Carlo Boutagy, CEO of CBX, the official promoter of the event in Saudi Arabia

said: “CBX is honoured to promote and manage the 2020 World Cup of Pool in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. We look forward to showcasing this tactical and absorbing sport which is enjoyed widely throughout the Kingdom.

He added: “Our continued association with Matchroom brings together two organisations that have a dynamic wealth of expertise in delivering world class sporting events. The 2020 World Cup of Pool in Jeddah promises to be an exceptional tournament.”

Matchroom Sport Chairman Barry Hearn said: “This is a huge moment for 9-ball pool. The sport is expanding globally and we are thrilled to be able to bring one of the biggest and most prestigious events to the Middle East.

Hearn added: “This is a great chance for pool fans in Saudi Arabia to see the world’s elite players in one of the biggest tournaments. It is also an opportunity for us to help grow this fantastic sport in the Middle East and we look forward to working with our partners to deliver a huge event, benefitting in particular grass-root interest in pool and inspiring the youth of Saudi Arabia to achieve excellence in this sport.”



Jeddah City, Saudi Arabia

CueSports International Expo to Launch in March 2020

CueSports International (CSI) is proud to announce the launch of the CueSports International Expo in March 2020. The event, which will feature thousands of league players, hundreds of professional players, more than 300 Diamond pool tables, a slew of exhibitors and more, will be held March 11-21 at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

The 2020 version of this global pool spectacle will consist of the BCA Pool League World Championships, USA Pool League National Championships, Diamond Las Vegas Open, Predator World 10-Ball Championship, industry exhibitors, meetings, seminars and more. The entire Rio Convention Center, which includes more than 160,000 square feet of floor space, will be taken over by this event.

The evolution of this event began in the 1970's with the BCA Pool League National Championships which became one of the largest league events in the world. In the early 2000's, the USA Pool League National Championships and various professional events were added. In 2019, the Diamond Las Vegas Open and Predator World 10-Ball Championship, the only true World Championship on U.S. soil, was also added. In the future, even more events and activities will be included. Therefore, the overall event



needed an identity to reflect what it has become - a large international cue sports industry exposition.

CueSports International Owner and CEO, Ozzy Reynolds, explains that "the vision is for the CueSports International Expo to become the largest and most anticipated pool 'experience' in the world. Whether you are an amateur league player, professional player, spectator, manufacturer, retailer or service provider, you will

never want to miss it. We are not just building an event, we are building an experience."

For more information about the CueSports International Expo including how to register for any of the events, how to reserve your room at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino or how to become an exhibitor, visit www.cuesportsinternationalexpo.com.

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DECEMBER - JANUARY

Turning Stone Classic XXXIII 9-Ball Open

01/09 - 01/12

Turning Stone Casino
Verona, NY
Website: <http://www.joss9ball-tour.com/>

Music City Classic 2020

01/15 - 01/19

JOB Billiards
Madison, TN

Jay Swanson «Swanee» Memorial 9-Ball Tournament 2020

01/18 - 01/19

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada

North Central Pool Tour 2020 US Open Qualifier

01/18 - 01/18

Chris's Billiards
Chicago, Illinois
Website: <http://Facebook.com/northcentralpooltour>

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2020 Amateur Stop #1

01/18 - 01/19

Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY
Website: <http://www.predator-proamtour.com/index.asp>

Derby City Classic 2020

01/24 - 02/01

Horseshoe Southern Indiana
Elizabeth, IN
Website: <http://www.dcctickets.com>

Joss Tour Junior 9 Ball Championship 2020

01/25 - 01/25

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports
Pub
Amsterdam, NY
Website: <http://www.joss9ball-tour.com/>

Cajun Coast 9-Ball Open

02/07 - 02/09

Pool Do's Sports Bar
Morgan City, Louisiana

6th Texas 10-Ball Championship

02/12 - 02/17

Skinny Bob's Billiards
Round Rock, Texas

Side Pockets Pro Classic

02/19 - 02/23

Side Pockets Kansas City
Kansas City, Missouri

Andy Mercer Memorial 9-Ball Tournament 2020

02/21 - 02/23

Rum Runner
Las Vegas, NV

Northeast 9-Ball Open XXXII

02/22 - 02/23

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports
Pub
Amsterdam, NY
Website: <http://www.joss9ball-tour.com/>



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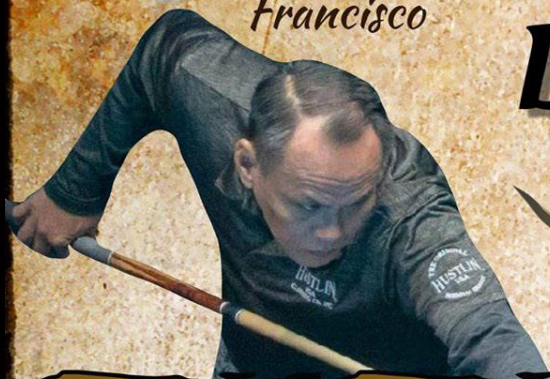
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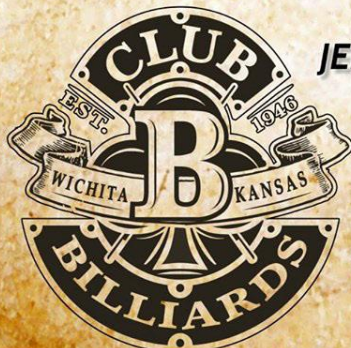
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Tourney Results

11/30 - 12/01

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Amateur Stop #20

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Juan Guzman \$1,200
- 2 Jimmy Conn \$800
- 3 Luis Carrasco \$550
- 4 Akiko Taniyama \$350
- 5 Debra Pritchett \$220
- 5 Rainer Oraa \$220
- 7 Euryel Castillo \$160
- 7 Matt Klein \$160
- 9 Jaydev Zaveri \$120
- 9 Abel Barriento \$120
- 9 Suzzie Wong \$120
- 9 Ada Lio \$120
- 13 Chulo Castro \$80
- 13 Luis Jimenez \$80
- 13 Gordon McDaniel \$80
- 13 Zain Sundaram \$80

11/30 - 12/01

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #8

Legends Sports Bar & Grill

Auburn, ME

- 1 Ross Webster \$1,000
- 2 Troy Fortin \$600
- 3 Eli Davenport \$400
- 4 Keith Trafton \$250
- 5 Tyler Campbell \$175
- 5 Joanne Vienneau \$175
- 7 Samoth Sam \$110
- 7 Nathan Johnson \$110

11/30 - 12/01

Maryland State 10-Ball Bar Table Championship 2019

Brews & Cues

- Glen Burnie, Maryland
- 1 Grai Rasmechai \$1,700
 - 3 Chuck Sampson \$850
 - 4 Dylan Spohr \$650
 - 5 Thomas Haas \$410

- 5 Shaun Wilkie \$410
- 7 Bobby Pacheco \$325
- 7 Rob Cord \$325
- 9 Scott Haas \$245
- 9 Rick Molineiro \$245
- 9 Ron Bussard \$245
- 9 Brandon Sluzalis \$245
- 13 James Aranas \$160
- 13 Mark Nanashee \$160
- 13 Joe Wright \$160
- 13 Shane Wolford \$160
- 17 Brett Stottlemeyer \$90
- 17 Julio Burgos \$90
- 17 Eric Lyons \$90
- 17 Kenny Ruttman \$90
- 17 Brian Jones \$90
- 17 Tom Zippler \$90
- 17 Stephen Stinebaugh \$90
- 17 Clinton Clayton \$90

12/07 - 12/08

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2019

Park Avenue Billiards

Orange Park, FL

- 1 Tommy Kennedy \$800
- 2 Anthony Meglino \$550
- 3 Scott Rohleder \$360
- 4 Andrew Pettenger \$275
- 5 David Grossman \$150
- 5 Nathan Rose \$150
- 7 David Singleton \$110
- 7 Jim Sandaler \$110

12/07 - 12/08

Action Pool Tour Year End Season Finale

Q-Master Billiards

- Virginia Beach, VA
- 1 Chris Bruner \$1,500
 - 2 Scott Roberts \$1,000
 - 3 Larry Kressel \$700
 - 4 Scott Haas \$400
 - 5 Reymart Lim \$250
 - 5 R.J. Carmona \$250
 - 7 David Hunt \$150

- 7 Jimmy Bird \$150
- 9 Steve Fleming \$125
- 9 Greg Sabins \$125
- 9 JT Ringgold \$125
- 9 Bill Duggan \$125
- 13 Tim McClure \$100
- 13 Nil Lim \$100
- 13 Jacki Duggan \$100
- 13 Kenny Miller \$100
- 17 Jason Trigo \$100
- 17 Liz Bernier-Taylor \$100
- 17 Bethany Sykes \$100

12/07 - 12/08

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

- 1 Hank Powell \$680
- 2 Ryan Fossum \$450
- 3 Rick Chitwood \$260
- 4 Jackson Hurst \$150
- 5 Keith Young \$100
- 5 Chris Stump \$100

12/08 - 12/08

Tri State Tour 2019-2020 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY

- 1 Max Watanabe \$600
- 2 Matt Klein \$320
- 3 Zain Sundaram \$220
- 4 Carlos Ramos José \$130
- 5 Chris Schmidt \$75
- 5 Adrian Daniel \$75

12/13 - 12/17

WPA World 9-Ball Championship 2019

Doha

Doha,

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$30,000
- 2 Jung-Lin Chang \$15,000
- 3 Ping-Chung Ko \$7,000
- 3 Haitao Liu \$7,000
- 5 Casper Matikainen \$4,750

5 Alex Pagulayan \$4,750
5 The Kien Do \$4,750
5 Pin-Yi Ko \$4,750
9 Ruslan Chinakhov \$3,000
9 Waleed Majid \$3,000
9 Naoyuki Oi \$3,000
9 Billy Thorpe \$3,000
9 Albin Ouschan \$3,000
9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$3,000
9 Aloysius Yapp \$3,000
9 Mateusz Sniegocki \$3,000
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17 Chris Melling \$2,000
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33 Jin-Hu Dang \$1,000
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33 Tomasz Kaplan \$1,000
33 Eklent Kaci \$1,000
33 Ivar Saris \$1,000
33 Shane Van Boening \$1,000
33 Mohamad Ali Berjaoui \$1,000
33 Zhen Qi Xue \$1,000

33 Ralf Souquet \$1,000
33 Damianos Giallourakis \$1,000
33 Yukio Akagariyama \$1,000
33 Jakub Koniar \$1,000
33 Oliver Szolnoki \$1,000
33 Corey Deuel \$1,000

12/13 - 12/15

4th Annual Royce Bunnell Memorial Tournament

The Billiard Den

Richardson, TX
1 Shane McMinn \$1,220
2 Gary Abood \$800
3 Randy Staggs \$620
4 Gerardo Perez \$480
5 Steve Raynes \$350
5 Juan Parra \$350
7 TJ Davis \$250
7 Walter Huenerfuerst \$250
9 Ryan Robinson \$170
9 Corey Flud \$170
9 Jeff Sullivan \$170
9 Billy Pinion \$170
13 Chris Smith \$100
13 Chris Gaither \$100
13 Issac Wooten \$100
13 Tommy Ulbik \$100

12/14 - 12/15

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Amateur Championship

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY
1 Pascal Dufresne \$6,000
2 Ryan Dayrit \$3,500
3 Alberto Estevez \$2,000
4 Jose Kuilan \$1,000
5 Jim Gutierrez \$700
5 Julie Ha \$700
7 Dave Shlemperis \$400
7 Ray Lee \$400
9 Corey Avallone \$300
9 Jaydev Zaveri \$300
9 Paul Lyons \$300
9 Matthew Harricharan \$300
13 Matt Klein \$250
13 Paul Carpenter \$250
13 Max Watanabe \$250
13 Chris Ganley \$250

17 Lidio Ramirez \$175
17 Ernesto Gomez \$175
17 Juan Guzman \$175
17 Demain Patrick \$175
17 Chris Kelly \$175
17 Akiko Taniyama \$175
17 Dave Callaghan \$175
17 Irene Kim \$175

12/14 - 12/15

Q City 9-Ball 2019 Tour Stop

The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia
1 BJ Ussery \$900
2 Earl Kent \$650
3 James Blackburn \$420
4 Billy Walker \$300
5 Joshua Shultz \$140
5 Jason Holmes \$140

12/14 - 12/15

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Open/Pro Championship

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY
1 Mika Immonen \$1,325
2 Tony Robles \$900
3 Jorge Rodriguez \$600
4 Mike Salerno \$300
5 Frankie Hernandez \$100
5 Joe Korsiak \$100

12/15 - 12/19

2019 Women's World 9-Ball Championship

China

1 Kelly Fisher \$44,000
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