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# FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Congrats go out to Team Europe for their win at this year's Mosconi Cup. The event finished too late in the month to make this month's issue, but we will have full coverage coming up in our January issue. You might even find a surprise or two in that January issue.

Something else you will be able to look for in our January issue is the names of the Players of the Year for 2022. While picking a Ladies Player of the Year is pretty much a cosmo this year, things aren't so easy on the Men's side of things. We are currently debating over three different players for that award. It really dawned on me while going over the results of the year that we are blessed with a great diversity as far as Champions go this year.

We have champions from all over the world this year. It's not just the places you would expect either. We have players winning major titles this year from Poland, Switzerland, Greece, Singapore and other places. I have said it before. I don't care where you fall on the whole divide in the game right now, but it is a good space in time for pro players and for all of us fans who get to watch these players compete on a regular basis.

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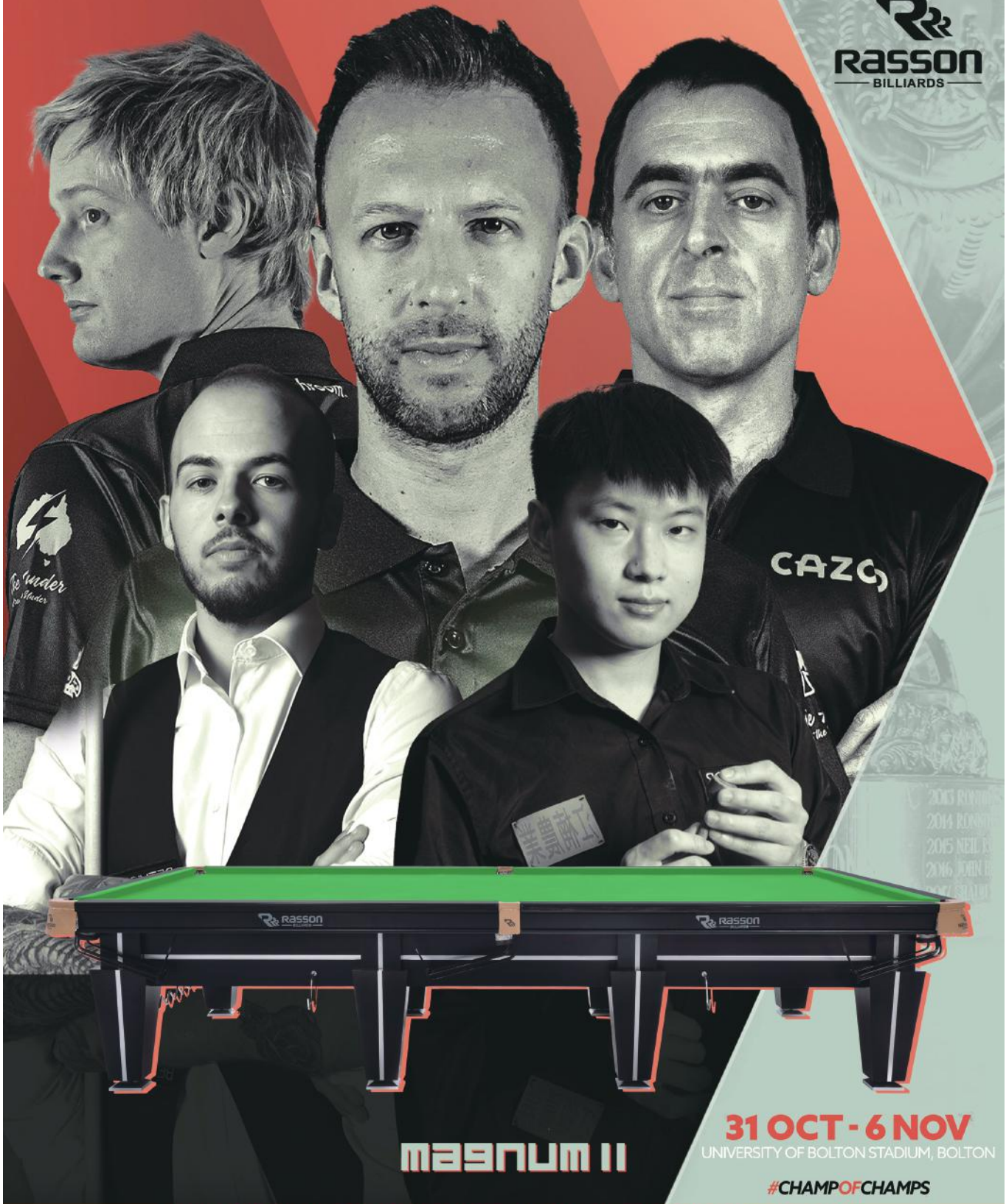
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# Develop a Cue Word to Rely on During Tough Times

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRISTOPHER STANKOVICH  
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**Quick – what did you have for lunch yesterday? If you are like most people you probably took a moment to answer that question, and for some of you reading this you still can't remember! That's OK, I asked the question to prove a point: Our memory isn't always as quick and accurate as we would like.**

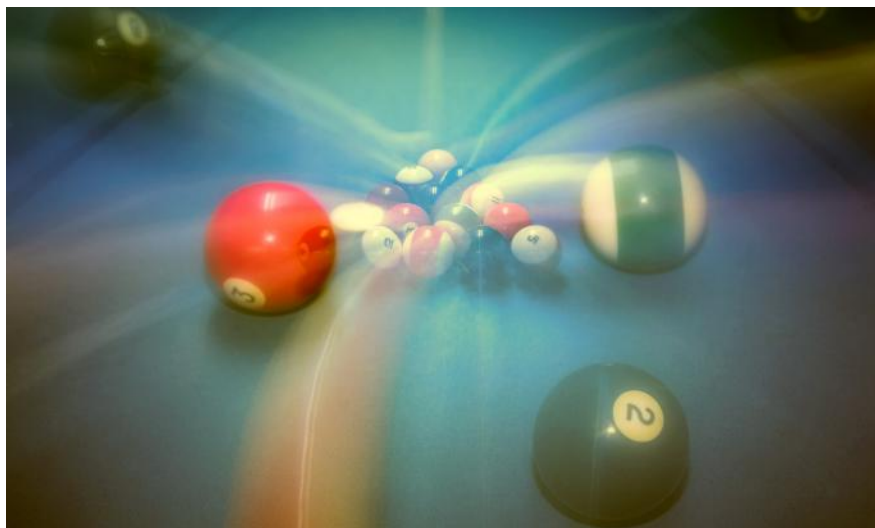
If we can quickly forget what we ate just a day ago, you can only imagine how difficult it is for a pool player during a tough game to remember how good he or she has played in the past. Why is this important? Because when we struggle in life, the fastest and most efficient way to rebound is to remember that we have succeeded in the past, and that we do have what it takes to overcome adversity.

## **How cue words help**

A cue word is like a trigger word (or phrase), it is something that as soon as you view it you immediately turn your thinking toward the cue word

and away from the things making you anxious in that moment. Because our minds cannot hold two different thoughts at the exact same time, one thought will always prevail --- what this means is that you cannot think about how nervous you are about a shot while at the same time directing your attention toward your cue word.

Cue words can be anything, but the key is to create a cue word that immediately makes you feel good, confident, and strong. So let's say you won a big tournament earlier this year, and the tournament was called



the "American Open." Since you already feel great about that accomplishment, your mind is conditioned that as soon as you see "American Open" you quickly think back to the big shots you made, games you won, and ultimately the tournament championship. You don't have to try and have these feelings; they are already automatic in your hard drive. You can now write that cue word in places you will see during a future match (or just write down the letters "AO" to represent "American Open"). Since you can't think of possibly missing a shot on the table and "American Open" at the same time, the idea is to think of your cue word in those moments of potential anxiety to re-direct your focus and attitude toward confidently making the next shot on the table.

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# MENTALLY STRONG

ANTHONY BEELER

**Although pool is a physical game, it's almost impossible to win a match without a strong mindset. But why do some players thrive on pressure while others choke? In this article, we will attempt to find out.**

**W**hether you consider yourself mentally weak, or have the mental fortitude of Shane Van Boening, Joshua Filler, or Jason Shaw, players of all skill levels can improve their mental game. In fact, mental toughness is something that can be learned through training techniques.

## HOW DO YOU BUILD MENTAL TOUGHNESS?

Losing from a winning position is never fun. Which begs the question: what happens when a player chokes?

Players who choke are likely struggling from a lack of ability to stay focused on what's important. For example, a player who takes the game easily may already be thinking about

winning the match instead of playing in the present. Or a player can be so disappointed about missing a shot, or losing a game, that he or she loses focus and can't stop thinking about past mistakes.

I like to call it living in the past or the future and the secret is to try and play in the present all the time. The quicker you can do that, the better. When a player chokes, they generally take their eye off what's important in that moment.

## HOW DO YOU KEEP CALM AND MENTALLY PREPARE FOR A MATCH?

I like to advise players who struggle to close out matches to adopt certain routines. First, you need to train your mind to be able to accept that some-



thing can go wrong. This can be done off the table by talking about "What if?" scenarios. What if you lose your first match 5-0? – what's your response going to be? What if you win the first match 5-0? – what's your response going to be?

By talking through the various match scenarios, players will learn to control the controllable aspects of the game with mental training. In other words, they won't get anxious when something happens that's outside their control.

It all comes back to: what is the process you are going to follow, what have you practiced, and can you replicate it during a match?

## HOW TO WIN A POOL MATCH MENTALLY?

What is mental toughness? It's most likely the ability to stay focused on what you are doing, at the expense of everything else that is going on.

So, if you're playing on an unlevel table with slow cloth that's all irrelevant. I like to call it noise, it's just interference. If you can ignore that interference and focus on what you are there to do, then you're giving yourself the best chance to have your very best performance.



**HOW CAN I IMPROVE MY MENTAL GAME?**

Here are my five top tips for this subject:

**1. Work on your self-confidence**

Pool players need to call on their inner reserves to maintain self-confidence during a game. Studies have shown that champion players in any sport report high levels of self-confidence and low anxiety and are able to control emotions before and during competition.

**2. Develop performance routines**

The brain and memory are very complex. Sometimes we find it difficult to remove negative thoughts in situations that require us to be positive. When I work with players, I try to encourage them to record as many positive features from their training and competition as possible. For ex-

ample, where players have had a very good session practicing their break it is important that they recall as much information from that practice session as soon as possible.

**3. Accept you won't always play at your best**

Not even the game's most successful players perform their best in all their matches. Let's say a player competes in 30 matches. The player may view three of those as great while three might be perceived as not very good. It is how they perform in the other 24 matches that will likely determine their level of success – so have that

in mind for 80% of the matches you play.

**4. There's no such thing as having a "bad day"**

Never speak in terms of having a "bad day" as this gives you an excuse to continue having a bad day. Making excuses beforehand is a form of self-handicapping behavior, which stops you changing the situation.

**5. Be comfortable being uncomfortable**

This attitude epitomizes our journey in sports. Being uncomfortable is part of playing pool so learn to be comfortable with it.

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# Gospel Trick Shot #34

## Chattanooga Choo Choo

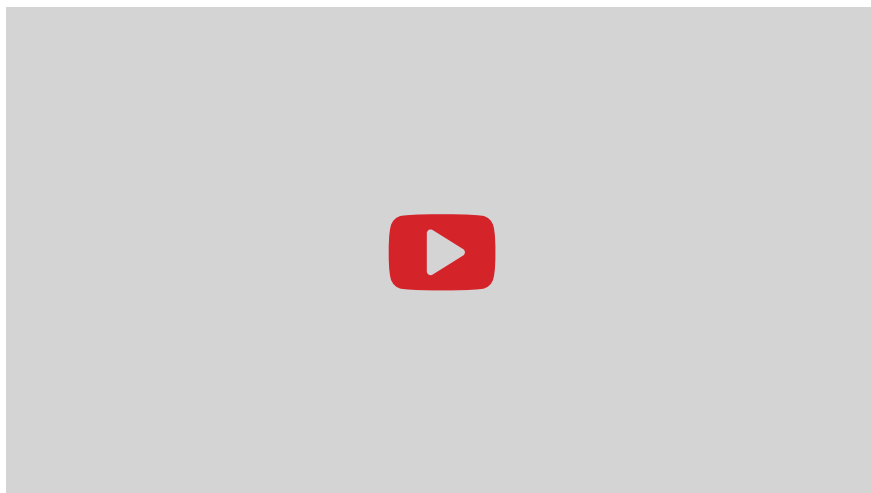
**History of the Trick Shot:** This is a trick shot that has been around for probably well over 100 years and has been performed by some of the greatest trick shot artists of all time! Yours truly Steve Lillis has personally seen this shot performed by many of my peers and fellow trick shot artists like Steve Mizerak, Nick Varner, Tom Rossman, and Mike Massey. The shot has seemingly always been around and all that is needed to perform the shot is a few cue sticks, balls, and the pool table. There are also many variations of this shot as well using the same principles. I have used this shot often in my shows not only to amuse the fans but to share a wonderful story about my life and travels around the globe. There also was a famous tune sung by the Andrew sisters back in the 1940's by the same name!

**GTS Name and Why:** It was in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1980 that my travels as a road player came to a screeching halt. After 3 years and 85,000 miles of travel by car around the USA, my wife Camille and I settled in Chattanooga. Mike Massey offered me a job working with him in his two pool rooms. We became road partners traveling to tournaments and we still travel together to this day. One night in Mike's poolroom I was giving a lesson to a customer named Buddy, who began to share the Bible with me and specifically Ephesians 6:12. This particular Bible verse answered many of my questions that night and I began to read the Bible diligently. You can read the verse for yourself below as I had so many questions about why difficult things were happening in my life and I had no answers until that night! Over the next few years, I realized that I was on my way to heaven having put my trust in Jesus and his Word. The video is a visual of the train to heaven of which I am so thankful to be on!

**Scripture Reference in ESV Translation:** Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

**Cue Ball Placement:** The cue ball which I call the engine is placed in front of the three object balls which I call the box cars on the train and is all held in place by a small piece of paper.

**Object Ball(s) Placement:** Three object balls (box cars) are placed on the two frozen cue sticks behind the cue ball with the red three ball used as the caboose which goes around the table three rails and hooks up to the back of the box cars. Another object ball, the nine



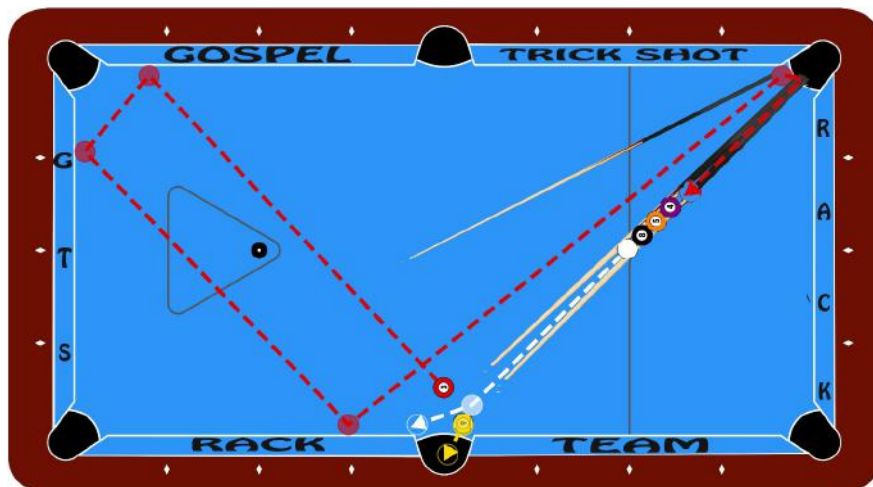
ball, sits in the side pocket near the red three ball as shown in diagram.

**Objective:** Hit the red three ball three rails around the table at just the right speed to go up the ramp opening as shown in the diagram created by a third cue stick next to the two cue sticks that are frozen together holding the cue ball and the three object balls. The three ball in motion will nudge the back object ball creating all the balls to move towards the side pocket where the cue ball hits the nine ball in the pocket with the other four balls following down into the side pocket!

**Special Notes:** Test the ramp opening on that third stick to make sure the three ball or any other ball for that matter can circle around at the top of the corner pocket and make its way

down the two frozen sticks to hook up to the train (four object balls). The piece of paper holding the 4 balls will move out of the way when nudged!

**Crowd Reactions Through the Years:** This shot always seems to bring a smile as the visual of the balls rolling down the track and disappearing into the side pocket is fun to watch. Before executing the shot, my particular story of the Chattanooga Choo Choo and how I came to Jesus Christ in Chattanooga has challenged many people to think about their own relationship with God. I always count it a privilege to share my journey with others and hope and pray it would inspire others to become people of faith and put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas everyone!



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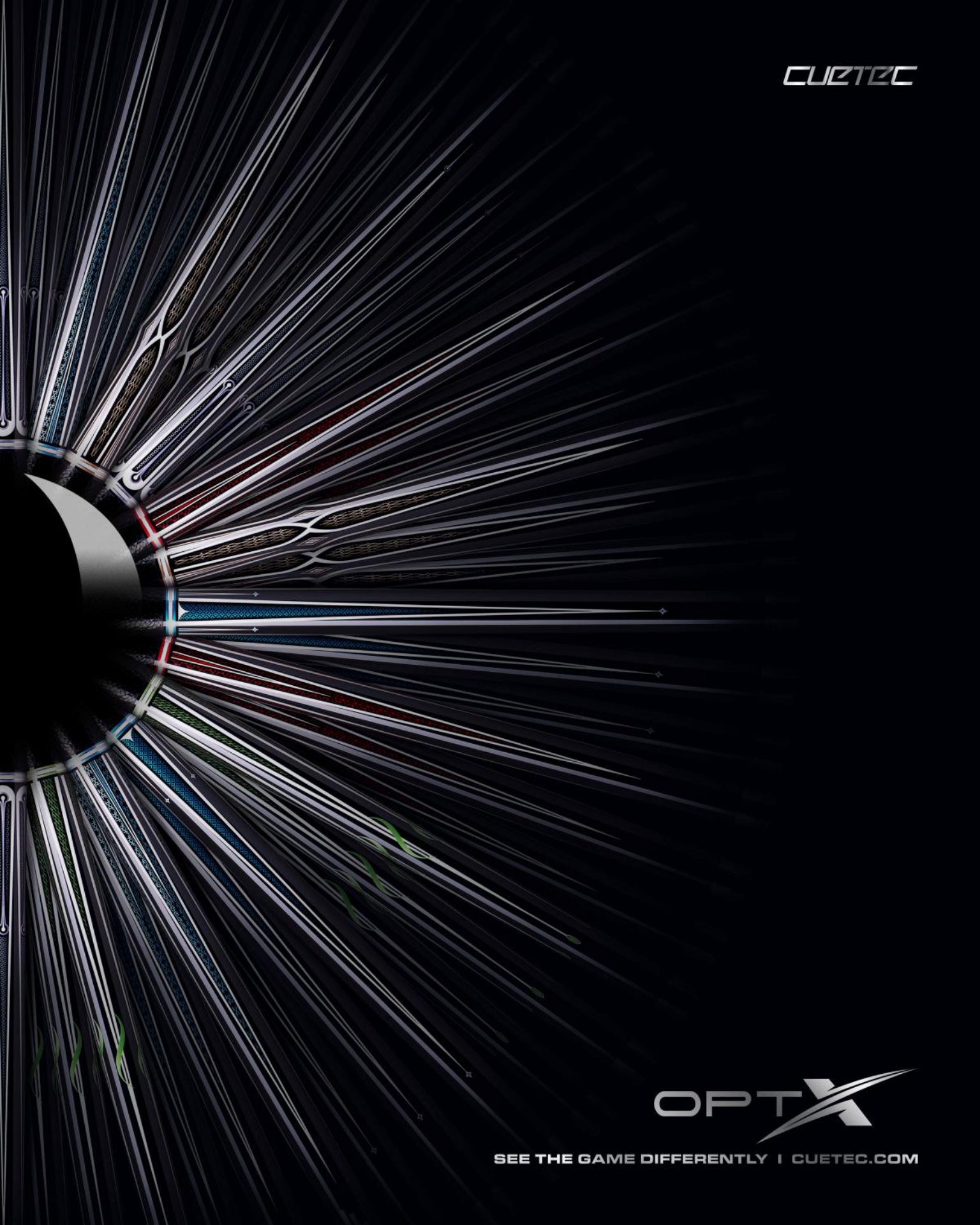
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# JAYSON SHAW

## Wraps Up International Open with Main Event Win

Chohan, Gorst and Shaw win Pro events, Tate and Mast win JIC Championships

It was a primal roar.

Shocking in its volume, its intensity, its contagious enthusiasm for the moment. He stood there, back arched, gripping his cue, his off-hand tightened to a fist, roaring to the rooftops. He put his cue down, pivoted in a single spot, his fierce glare and ongoing roar inviting the 200 or so people surrounding him in the Iwan Si-

monis Arena at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside in Virginia to join him in his triumph. They did.

Scotland's Jayson Shaw had just won the 9-Ball tournament at Pat Fleming's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Open (his second win of the four held thus far) and he wanted everybody to know, including, it would seem, the folks working at the General Dynamics shipyard across the bay from the

hotel. Though somewhat familiar to any and all who'd watched him win tournaments before, it had reached a level that according to close friend and teammate on the 2016 Mosconi Cup team, Darren Appleton, was new and unique to the moment.

"I'd never seen *that* before," said Appleton afterwards. "I'd seen him do it in team play, like the Mosconi Cup, but never like that before."



Speaking to the crowds immediately following his 13-10 victory over Poland's Wiktor Zielinski, Shaw tried to explain. He'd been asked what elevated this win above others. He didn't reference the roar directly, but as he spoke, it added meaning and context to it. He shared the moment and everyone in the arena, who hadn't needed or expected the explanation, understood it.

"I've struggled the last 12 months," he said. "Just wasn't feeling it."

Shaw would elaborate on Facebook later, reflecting on those past 12 months.

"In the past year," he wrote, "I had an ongoing battle to perform my best at every event. I dug deep, kept grinding through, and reminded myself that it will all change."

"Coming to Virginia helped change my mentality, big time," he added. "It gave me the push I needed. I feel grateful to be back on top of my game."

The International Open, held from Oct. 28 through Nov. 5, came at the end of a long month of pool competition across the country, where the players who competed in the Open used regional tours and single-event tournaments to prepare for the week to 10 days that began with the American 14:1 Straight Pool Championships at Q Master Billiards in Virginia Beach and then, a few days later, moved about 20 minutes away to the five events of the Open in Norfolk, VA. The Open was also a new beginning. It was the first major Matchroom Pool 9-ball ranking event for gathering points that will eventually lead to early picks for the 2023 Mosconi Cup Team(s).

**Week began with 48-entrant One Pocket and 16-entrant Diamond Big Foot 10-Ball Challenge**

On Friday, Oct. 28, the International Open got underway with a \$10,000-add-

*Tony Chohan was dominant in the one pocket division*



ed One Pocket event that drew 48 entrants to the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside in Norfolk, VA. Like the 9-Ball event, the One Pocket tournament began as a double elimination event until there were four left, two from each side of the bracket. The eventual winner, Tony Chohan, got sent to the loss side by Fedor Gorst (3-1) in the last of the winners' side qualifying rounds determining advancement to the eight-entrant single elimination phase.

Advancing from the winners' side to the final eight were Darren Appleton,

Roland Garcia, Sky Woodward, and Fedor Gorst. On the loss side, Chohan defeated Kashton Keeton, double hill and joined the other loss-side qualifiers; Josh Roberts, Omar Al-Shaheen and Alex Pagulayan.

Three of the four matches in the opening round of the single elimination phase were shutouts. Chohan was the only player to have a competitor (Roland Garcia) win a rack against him. Roberts, Woodward and Gorst advanced to the semifinals with shutouts over Appleton, Al-Shaheen and Pagulayan.



*Fedor Gorst notched another major title with his 10-ball win*

## International Open

Chohan then shut out Roberts, advancing to the finals. He was joined by Woodward who'd survived a double hill match against Gorst. Chohan claimed the One Pocket title with a shutout over Woodward.

Next up was the 16-entrant, \$8,000-added, single-elimination Diamond Big Foot 10-Ball Challenge, which got underway on Halloween. There were no costumes. There were also no Americans in the field. Gone in the opening round were Omar Al-Shaheen, Alex Kazakis, Mika Immonen, Roberto Gomez, Jeffrey DeLuna and Alex Pagulayan, who fell to Roland Garcia in the only double-hill battle in the entire event.

The quarterfinals saw Fedor Gorst advance over Jayson Shaw 11-5, Albin Ouschan down Jung Lin-Chang 11-9, Joshua Filler defeat Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz 11-8 and Aloysius Yapp eliminate Roland Garcia 11-9. Gorst defeated Ouschan in their semifinal match 11-6 and was joined in the finals by Filler, who'd eliminated Yapp 11-5. Gorst completed his four-match march to the Big Foot 10-Ball Challenge winners' circle with an 11-7 victory over Filler.

The \$50k-added 9-Ball Open got underway on Monday as well, and in spite of his later comments about "not feeling it" over the past 12 months, Shaw was definitely feeling it now, as six years, to the day, after he'd defeated Jung Lin-Chang at the Kuwait Open, he laid claim to the 2022 International Open 9-Ball title.



*Zielinski didn't have much to shoot at against Shaw*

But so was Poland's Wiktor Zielinski when he stepped to the table at the start of the match, with his own set of demons to exorcise, including, exactly one week ago, his runner-up finish to Fedor Gorst at the American 14:1 Straight Pool Championships. He'd slapped that minor annoyance off when he defeated Gorst 10-7 in this event's semifinals. Shaw had eliminated Kuwait's Abdullah Alyousef 10-4, Spain's Jonas Souto 10-3 and in the semifinals, Ko Pin Yi 10-3 to join him in the finals.

For those who'd been following the two finalists' trips through the bracket, it was setting up to be a tight match between Zielinski's resilience and Shaw's raw and visible determination. Determination won.

The crowd had to wait a while for the two to settle in. Zielinski opened the proceedings with a dry break, which Shaw was unable to take advantage of. Zielinski then missed the 2-ball completely, giving Shaw ball-in-hand. Shaw ran the table to draw first blood. Shaw broke the second rack and scratched, giving Zielinski the opportunity to run the table and tie things up, which he did.

Things got better quickly, although when Zielinski broke and ran the third rack, it'd prove to be the last time that he would lead in the match. Shaw broke and ran rack four, running to the 3-ball and using it to drop the 9-ball and tie things. Though Zielinski would get within one, twice, at 7-6 and 8-7, the proverbial writing was on the wall.

Zielinski got the crowd stirring right after Shaw had reached the hill, ahead by four. Shaw scratched in the next rack and Zielinski dropped a 2-9 combination to finish rack #17, quickly, and then, after Shaw smacked three balls home on the break, Zielinski used a long bank shot on the 1-ball to start a run that brought him to within two at 12-10.

Zielinski broke dry on the next rack and Shaw used a 2-9 combination to finish.

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## International Open

And then, there was the roar, followed later by a 'shout out' to his opponent, Wiktor Zielinski for "playing one hell of an event."

"He took down most of the monsters, which made my path a little easier," he wrote in his post-Open FB message to Zielinski. "Your game is high quality and very impressive."

For his part, the 21-year-old Zielinski, he offered congratulations to Shaw and expressed satisfaction with the way he had played throughout the entire event and in the finals.

"I had gained a lot of confidence during the event, and in the finals, was happy to have played my best game," he said. "The only thing that didn't work for me in the final was my break."

"For me," he added, about being a part of such a large event with so many well-known, most of them older-than-he competitors, "I try to treat them all the same. I just always want to play the best that I can, so I try not to focus on that. We're all trying to be the best in the world."

"It's time to practice more," he would write in a FB message. "(especially, my) break and I will be back stronger one day."



Joey Tate and Landon Hollingsworth with Ed Liddawi

### **Tate and Hollingsworth meet for 2<sup>nd</sup> time in JIC final, Mast and Noelle Tate meet in girls' final**

The International Open was also the sight for the final events of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior International Championship (JIC) series of tournaments. While the JIC's ProAm and 13 & Under divisions had completed the 2022 season earlier in the month, The 18 & Under Boys and Girls divisions held their invitational championship tournaments, crowning the year's 18 & under male and female competitors.

It is indicative of the entire JIC program that the two girls who squared off in the finals of the Junior International Championships' (JIC) 18 & Under Girls final were 14 and 12 years of age. The program made the distinction between 13 & Under and 18 & Under to keep burgeoning skills at the table in separate divisions, but the younger competitors weren't interested. Sofia Mast (14) and Noelle Tate (12) advanced through the short field of eight entrants at the 2022 JIC's 18 & Under Championships and though there was a possibility that this year's final would feature Tate sisters Bethany (16) who finished at the top of the 18 & Under Girls rankings, and Noelle, who finished 6<sup>th</sup>, that didn't happen.

Mast had defeated Bethany, double hill, to claim the hot seat, but much to Noelle and Bethany's surprise, the younger sibling defeated the older 7-5 in the semifinals. Noelle, who hadn't given being in the finals a single thought on her way, fell 9-2 in the finals, and 'besties' that they tend to be, they hugged warmly when it was all over.

Like Zielinski in his final 9-Ball match, Mast felt good about her overall performance, but expressed some concerns about her own skills at that first shot at a rack in a game.



Junior Girls winner Sofia Mast (Tony Fox)

“I need to figure out the break,” she acknowledged. “I mean, if you move an inch, it’s wrong.”

“I felt like getting ahead was really important (in that final match),” she said. “You want to get the lead because it’ll help calm you down. I was really excited that I did better this year (than last year, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>). I played a lot better this year.”

Mast is already setting her sights on goals ahead of her, instead of thinking too much about the event she won last month. She’s been invited to a number of WPBA events and competed in three of them, including an appearance in Puerto Rico, where she was ahead in a match against world-champion Kelly Fisher 3-2, albeit not for long. She’s looking for further WPBA competition and will be keeping her ‘hand in’ at a number of upcoming events in her own (Florida) backyard, like the Sunshine State Pro Am Tour and others.

A short time after the conclusion of the 18 & Under Girls final, the JIC’s 18 & Under Boy’s final got underway with the Tate sisters’ older brother, Joey, doing battle for the second year in a row, against Landon Hollingsworth, who won last year’s 18 & Under Boys Championship at the same location. If revenge is, as they say, a “dish best served cold,” Tate stepped up to the table and served a year-old-cold dish. And won.

At last year’s 18 & Under Boys final, Hollingsworth came out of a 5-5 tie and won the last five matches in a row to claim the 2021 title. This year, the two battled back and forth through five ties, the last of which set the stage for a double hill final game. Tate took his first lead since being ahead 2-1 when he won the 15<sup>th</sup> rack that made it 8-7. A tension-filled 16<sup>th</sup> rack saw them both miss shots that elicited gasps from the assembled spectators. Tate’s miss of the 6-ball gave Landon



*Girls finalist Noelle Tate stunned her old sister in the semi finals (Tony Fox)*

the chance to run the rest of the balls and he did for the 8-8 tie.

They ran through the final rack pretty quickly and it was Tate who got the first look at the 9-ball, but it was like a galaxy, far, far away. The audience seemed to be literally holding its breath and before he moved into his pre-shot routine, Tate was, too. But he settled into a stance, stroked and banked the 9-ball into a corner pocket to claim the JIC’s 18 & Under Boys title.

“When you play (Hollingsworth), you have to be the aggressor,” said Tate, “Or lock him up and play smart. He has amazing shot-making abilities and I had to just keep fighting, keep fighting.”

He admitted that he’d let some of the tensions of the moment get to him in the 16<sup>th</sup> rack, when he was on the hill, alone, and could have finished it.

“I was shaking more than normal,” he said, “my heart rate was up and I was just trying to stay focused.”

Tate and Hollingsworth are still 17, which means that they should both be back for the JIC’s 3<sup>rd</sup> season in

2023. With one victory each in their division championships, they could play a ‘rubber match,’ affording Hollingsworth the opportunity to eat his own ‘year-old-cold’ dish of revenge. The JIC operates under the assumption that if a competitor in the 18 & Under divisions is 18 at the start of a given season, they can continue to play through that season, even if, in the interim, they turn 19, which means that Tate and Hollingsworth can look forward to two more years of competition at the JIC. Tate’s taking that one year at a time, mindful of all that getting to that point next year is going to take.

“It’s a goal that’s achievable, if I work hard,” he said of next year’s potential ‘rubber match. “But it’s not only thinking about getting there, but what it takes getting there.”

Arguably echoing the thoughts of pretty much everybody who competed at the five events of this year’s International Open, Joey Tate expressed the thoughts of them all as they contemplate what’s to come on horizons near and far.

“You have to train like a champion.”

# SWITZERLAND DOWNS POLAND

## In 17th American 14.1 Straight Pool Championships

Article by Skip MALONEY - AzB Staff / Photos courtesy Randy EVERETT

**Jungo wins roller coast final vs. Zielinski/Tkach defeats Corr in Women's event. You had to be there.**

As it's been for a number of years, the annual American Straight Pool Championships, held this past week (Oct. 24-29) at Q-Master Billiards in Virginia Beach, VA were not just about who beat who, by how much. Or the spe-

cifics of about how the male and female fields whittled down from 56 men and 15 women to Switzerland's Dimitri Jungo, who won the Men's event and Russia's Kristina Tkach, who won the Women's event; each, right after it was over, hold-

ing their 17th annual traditional clock and collecting their envelopes with \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

It was, too, about the gathering of world-class competitors, kicking back in the

*Dimitri Jungo*



highly-congenial atmosphere of this country's largest pool room, regaling each other with stories of past exploits, current battles in their individual matches and where they're headed next. It's a pool player knocked out of the competition early, preparing for this week's International Open, about 20 miles away, by practicing one type of shot (a corner-to-corner, stop shot) for hours. Or a female competitor describing the dancing skills of two female friends in a long-ago moment after an event that had an entire table of people in stitches. It's about the photos of all the US Open Champions crowned in the room, the commendations from 50+ years of pool players, and of course, scores aside, the quality of play.

"The quality of play this year was just unbelievable," founder and Chairman of the American 14.1 Straight Pool Championships, Peter Burrows told a packed arena at the conclusion of the Men's event. "It's why we come here every year."

"(Jungo and Zeilinski) had a number of exquisite safety battles tonight that were really remarkable," he added of the final match.

In his first time competing in these straight pool championships, Jungo revealed that it was only the second time that he had played the game competitively all year. He recalled being here in the US in 2001; a year he referenced as '9-11.'

"And now," he said, shortly after claiming the Men's title, "here I am, 18 years later."

**“ JUNG0 AND ZEILINSKI HAD A NUMBER OF EXQUISITE SAFETY BATTLES TONIGHT THAT WERE REALLY REMARKABLE. ”**

Wiktor Zielinski



Though hesitant to single out one particular discipline as his 'favorite,' he admitted to an affection for straight pool that has lasted for a long time. He admits to playing it a lot more by himself than in competition.

"I like it," he said. "When I play it alone, I can challenge myself."

In the more-than-just-winning-or-losing department, he was impressed with the milieu associated with Q Master Billiards. He admitted to being enchanted by it and used a somewhat dated expression to describe it.

"I like the 'groove' here," he said. "It's like... pool, where it's born. I feel like it's home. The way they treat the people here is very special."

"I was very comfortable here," he added of the week he'd spent at the

tables, moments after that week was over, "and I'm feeling good."

As well he might have, having just won a tournament that at its start a week ago, had other competitors 'pegged' for the win; among the others – Jayson Shaw, Fedor Gorst, the surging-in-Europe Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz, final European member of the 2022 Mosconi Cup Team, David Alcaide, Josh Filler and Filipino Lee Van Corteza, who would finish the Round Robin Phase of the event with the highest point differential (504) of the eight groups of seven players each. Jungo would finish third overall in that department at 460, behind Van Corteza and Josh Filler (498).

Jungo finished #1 in his seven-man group, downing Jasmin Ouschan, Corey Deuel, Bob Madenjian, Ed Culhane and countryman Michael Schneider (who would later introduce himself as the "other one from Switzerland.") Jungo's loss came at the stick of Darren Appleton.

Poland's Wiktor Zielinski, in the meantime, was #1 in his group, as well, downing his own list of top-ranked pros – Thorsten Hohmann, Ralf Souquet, Denis Grabe, Bart Czapla and

## 2022 American Straight Pool Championship

the USA's Pascal Dufresne, who, when he done competing, became a statistician for the event, seated behind a computer, using a 14: Straight Pool program he had written to input analytic data about each match he was able to witness. Zielinski's loss in the Round Robin phase was to Finland's Jani Uski.

All four of the event's semifinalists – Jungo, Zielinski, Mario He and Mieszko Fortunski – were #1 in their Round Robin groups. They, along with the other four top competitors to come out of the Round Robin phase – Josh Filler, John Morra, Francisco Candela and Lee Van Corteza were awarded opening round byes as second- and third-place competitors (16 of them) squared off in the opening round of the single elimination phase of the event, racing to 150. Gone at the conclusion of that opening round were (among others) Jayson Shaw, Darren Appleton and Albin Ouschan. In the final 16 round, Lee Van Corteza, Ralf Souquet, Sanchez-Ruiz (downed by Zielinski), The Lion (Alex Pagulayan) and Carlo Biado (defeated by Jungo) were gone as well.

The quarterfinal matches saw Jungo eliminate Morra, Mario He defeat Lebanon's Bader Alawadhi, Mieszko Fortunski get by David Alcaide in the closest match of the tournament 150-148, and Zielinski wave goodbye to Joshua Filler (not literally) in the most lopsided match of the single elimination phase, 150-38.

The racing-to-175 semifinals, which guaranteed that one of the finalists

Dimitri Jungo



would be from Poland, saw Zielinski down Fortunski 175-55. Jungo joined him after defeating Austria's Mario He 175-85.

As noted by Burrows earlier, the final match was a bit of a roller coaster ride. If you weren't aware that fouls can send scores moving in the opposite direction, you might have been

surprised if you stepped away when the score was tied at 55-55 and returned to find out it had backed up to 54-53 in favor of Jungo.

“(Zielinski) got out to a lead early,” noted Jungo. “but I made it to 67 (ahead by 14), and then, we had those safety battles in the middle; four or five of them.”

Zielinski kept fighting back and took the lead back at the 131-130 stage of the game, at which point, the scores went backwards again, to 129-128. Jungo re-established the lead and expanded it to 147-136. With 28 balls to go, he got them all. At 162-136, right after his break had left 14 on the table,

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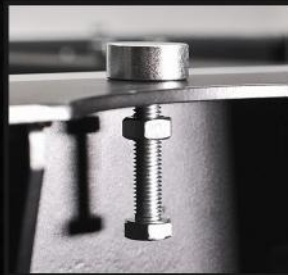
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Kristina Tkach



with only 13 to go, Jungo ran the table to claim the title.

After protracted absence since 2019, Ireland's Karen Corr makes it to Women's final

Ireland's Karen Corr has been making her presence known on the women's circuit since her somewhat unofficial return from an unofficial absence since 2019. She'd appeared on the J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour this year, finished 3rd at the WPBA's Michigan Open (tied with Allison Fisher) and made an appearance at last week's Sledgehammer Open, the 1st memorial tournament for Helena Thornfeldt. She 'chose' to record her highest return-finish in Virginia Beach at an event not without its favored competitors. Some were looking ahead almost from the start to a rematch between Tkach and the event's defending champion, Kelly Fisher, who had matched up twice against each other at the Sledgehammer Open; Tkach taking the first in a winners' side semifinal and Kelly, the second in the final.

Not so fast. There were three round robin 'flights' with five players each, from which Corr, Tkach and Fisher

emerged undefeated. Joining them in an opening, single-elimination round were Bethany Sykes (vs. Tkach), Dawn Hopkins (vs. Corr), Billie Billing (vs. Fisher) and Bean Hung, squaring off against Pia Filler. Racing to 80, Tkach allowed Sykes one ball, Hung gave up 23 to Filler, Fisher gave Billing 42, while Corr and Hopkins played the closest match; won by Corr 80-50.

The potential Fisher/Tkach final was still on, but not for long. In the semi-finals, Tkach downed Hung 100-49, as

Corr was likely surprising Kelly Fisher with a 100-36 win that put her in her first (recorded) final in two years.

Tkach has won the European straight pool championships twice, though like many others, it's not a discipline that she gets to play that often.

"When I was very young, about 16 or 17, I played a full-year of straight pool every day," she said, noting that her coach at the time was trying to get her to that oft-elusive first run of 100 balls, "but I was at a different level back then, too."

"It is a game that you play maybe once a year," she added, "but once you learn how to play it, it's like riding a bicycle. Once you understand it, it's really just about making balls."

She got on the bike, made the balls and claimed the second American Women's 14.1 Straight Pool Championship Title.

Many of the competitors who were in Virginia Beach over the past week have already moved on to Norfolk, VA, about 20 miles west of Q Master Billiards, to compete in Pat Fleming's

Karen Corr



International Open, which began on Friday, Oct. 28 with a \$10,000-added One Pocket tournament (to which many knocked out of the straight pool at Q Master Billiards migrated). The One Pocket will conclude today (Sunday, Oct. 30) and give way to the \$50,000-added 9-Ball Tournament set to begin tomorrow (Monday, Oct. 31), which should make for an interesting Halloween night. Later in the week, the Junior International Championships will conclude their 2022 season with championship tournaments for the 18 & Under Boys and Girls divisions of the series.

And a final unofficial and unquoted word from Peter Burrows about the 18th Annual American 14.1 Straight Pool Tournament next year, which he has promised (with a little help from his friends) will be bigger and better with more players and more money.

“You have to be there!”

Kristina Tkach



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# SUPER MARIO

## *is Italian Open Winner*

**Mario He claimed the Dynamic Billard Italian Open, winning the championship match 9-5 as he defeated Eklent Kaci.**

It was He's first Euro Tour title in over three years, having reached the semi-final stage in the last two Tour events. Despite having a very consistent year and going deep at any number of tournaments, this was He's first victory of 2022.

The Italian Open took place at the Best Western Premium BHR Treviso

Hotel and started out with nearly 230 players which played down to the final four for the Monday evening televised stages. He and Kaci were the last two men standing and both played their parts in an entertaining finale.

Commented He; "It feels very good, especially when you come very close all the time. It's another award for

playing good but I think I needed it. It feels really good before you go into the holiday break before next year and I'm very happy about this win.

"When you are that close all the time, you want to win at least one or a few tournaments but there are so many other great players who can play a perfect set on you. This time I played

Mario He



really good and I got the rolls in some matches – I could have been out earlier but when you get lucky, you have to take it and still play good and try to win it.”

Both players got to grips straight away and they shared the first four racks with their breaks to set the score at 2-2 in the early stages. He took the fifth game, running out from his break, before Kaci found himself blocked out after downing two balls in the next. His jump shot on the 3-ball wobbled in the jaws and stayed out, enabling He to take one against the break for a 4-2 lead.

The Austrian had his break working well for him as two balls went in the next and with the remainder out in the open, he cleared the table for a three-rack lead at 5-2. That became 6-2 following a dry break from Eklent but he got to the table in the next and ran out to reduce the deficit to 6-3. That became 6-4 following another solid break-off but Mario came with some excellent shots in the next game to keep himself at the table and run-out for a 7-4 lead.

There were multiple visits in the next rack but it was Kaci who took it after He found himself blocked by the knuckle of the centre pocket with just two balls on the table. His jump shot failed to connect with the 8-ball and it became 7-5. A solid break from Mario gave him a look at the run out which he took advantage of to reach the hill.



They both exchanged high-quality safeties in what was the final rack before Kaci finally failed to make contact, kicking at the 1-ball, to give Mario ball-in-hand and a golden chance to close the match out, which he did to secure the title.

He continued, “It was closer than what the final score was and it could have been way closer. I didn’t break that well but I got away with it, making a ball and still having a shot at it. Eklent broke good but didn’t have as many shots as me after the break so that was the key in this match. I’m looking forward to taking a break, getting some

energy for next year and just relaxing at home with family and friends.”

Earlier in the semi-finals, Kaci had won 9-5 over Miesko Fortunski (Poland) who had gamely battled to the closing stages of the tournament despite using a succession of borrowed cues after his own set went missing in transit. Mario He had made his way to the final, derailing Wiktor Zielinski by a similar scoreline in their semi-final.

As well as the prize money, there are Tour ranking points on offer as well as world ranking points, so there is everything to play for. All Euro Tour tournaments are 9-ball and players compete in a double-elimination format, playing down to the last 32 competitors, and then single elimination until the finish. All matches are races to 9 racks with alternate break.

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# **BIADO And WEI** **Take MEDALLA LIGHT** **Puerto Rico Open Titles**

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Carlo Biado won the Medalla Light Puerto Rico Open, beating Daniel Maciol 4-1, 4-3 in front of the San Juan crowd after Wei Tzu-Chien had defeated Chezka Centeno 4-2, 4-0 to lift the Women's Open trophy.



*Daniel Maciol and Carlo Biado*



It is Biado's first Predator Pro Billiard Series title, while the \$13,000 Maciol collects for finishing runner-up represents the biggest payout of the young Pole's career to date. Both Biado and Wei had previously lost Pro Billiard Series finals but both now have Champion trophies to sit alongside their silver medals. "Finally I made it because before I lost in a final against Fedor Gorst," said Biado in reference to his defeat in Arizona last year.

After sharing the first two racks of the opening set, Biado quickly took it 4-1. The second was far less comfortable for the Filipino, as Maciol tried to force the shootout.

A large crowd had gathered for both the Open and the Women's final, and they were treated to a close finish. Biado had the opening break of the set but only took down the first rack when Maciol missed a soft-rolled 3. The Pole tied the set after Biado wasn't able to kick the 6, but the Filipino cleared to regain his lead after his 23-year-old opponent broke dry.

Maciol wasn't done yet and was level again in the set at 2-2, before Biado moved to the hill 3-2 up after again running out when Maciol's dry break left an open table. It was then Biado who didn't make a ball on the break and Maciol who took advantage to find himself breaking at hill-hill in a rack he needed to win to deny Biado the title.



However, another dry break brought the 2017 World 9-Ball Champion back to the table and Biado showed his class as he completed a difficult out to earn his first Pro Billiard Series title.

Biado's \$25,000 success followed Wei's win in the Women's division, which earned her \$20,000 and ensured she wouldn't suffer a second Predator Pro Billiard Series final defeat after losing

out to Kelly Fisher in Michigan in September.

A 4-1, 4-2 victory against Chou Cheih-Yu – a repeat of the World Women's 10-Ball final from September – set Wei up with a final against Centeno, whose 3-4, 4-2, 3-2 semi-final shootout win against Jasmin Ouschan took just a shade over an hour to complete.

Wei had lost that World 10-Ball final to Chou and a few weeks later suffered defeat to Fisher on the Pro Billiard Series in Michigan and the 32-year-old was determined to ensure she left with the trophy in her third final in as many months.

After taking the first set 4-2, she stamped down her authority in the second. She won a safety-strewn

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## Puerto Rico Open

first rack from Centeno's break and made it 2-0 when the Filipino, one of the quickest players in the game, left a straight 4. That lead was extended further in the third rack with a clutch 10-ball. Centeno had it all to do as Wei came up dry at 3-0. She took out a 1/9 but then missed the 2. She had another chance soon after but poor

position to the 4 was her final error of the championship match.

Wei completed the rack to take the second set 4-0 and after collecting \$20,000 said: "I was sitting there and I was thinking, I have been here twice,



Chezka Centeno and Wei Tzu-Chien



Wei Tzu-Chien

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and I'm going to get it, it's not going to be three-times second. I played better than how I expected and really enjoyed the atmosphere here."

The Predator Pro Billiard Series returns in 2023. The Predator World Juniors 9-Ball Championship plays November 18-21 at the Puerto Rico Convention Center, the host venue of the Predator World 8-Ball Championship which runs November 19-22.

Matches from the Predator World 8-Ball Championship will be streamed from Table 1 on Billiard TV, the World Billiard TV YouTube channel and at Kozoom.com. Table 2 has full coverage and commentary on the Predator Pro Billiard Series Facebook Page. All tables, including matches from the Predator World Juniors 9-Ball Championships, can be watch live for FREE at Kozoom.com

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# KURAL, GNADEBERG, HONG Take Home Predator World Junior Titles

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**S**zymon Kural, Karl Gnadeberg and Xin Yu Hong are celebrating being crowned World Champions after claiming gold in their respective divisions of the Predator World Juniors 9-Ball Championships at the Puerto Rico Convention Center, San Juan on Monday.

Poland's Kural defeated Yuma Dorner of Germany 11-6 in the Under-19s final. That was after Gnadeberg of Estonia had won the Under-17s division, beating Lang Yi Li of Hong Kong, China 9-5 in their championship match.

Chinese Taipei's Xin Yu Hong had the support of reigning World Women's 10-Ball Champion Chou Chieh-Yu as she beat South Korea's Kim Hyerim 9-4 to lift the Girls title. It was Kim's second consecutive final defeat after she also took silver last year, when

Szymon Kural



she lost to Austria's Lina Primus, a bronze medalist this year.

Kural scored an 11-9 victory over Germany's Dennis Laszkowski to reach the final, while Dorner was an emphatic 11-1 victor over Chinese Taipei's Yi Hsuan Sun in his semi-final. At the age of 18, this was Kural's last chance to win a World Junior title and he was delighted to take home the gold.

"I don't have any words," said Kural. "I am very excited and especially happy because last year I lost in the final but now to win in 2022 is super exciting, and I am very happy."

"My family will be really happy and I am looking forward to going back home and celebrating with my friends and family. I want to get better and better and play tournaments around the world."



Karl Gnadeberg

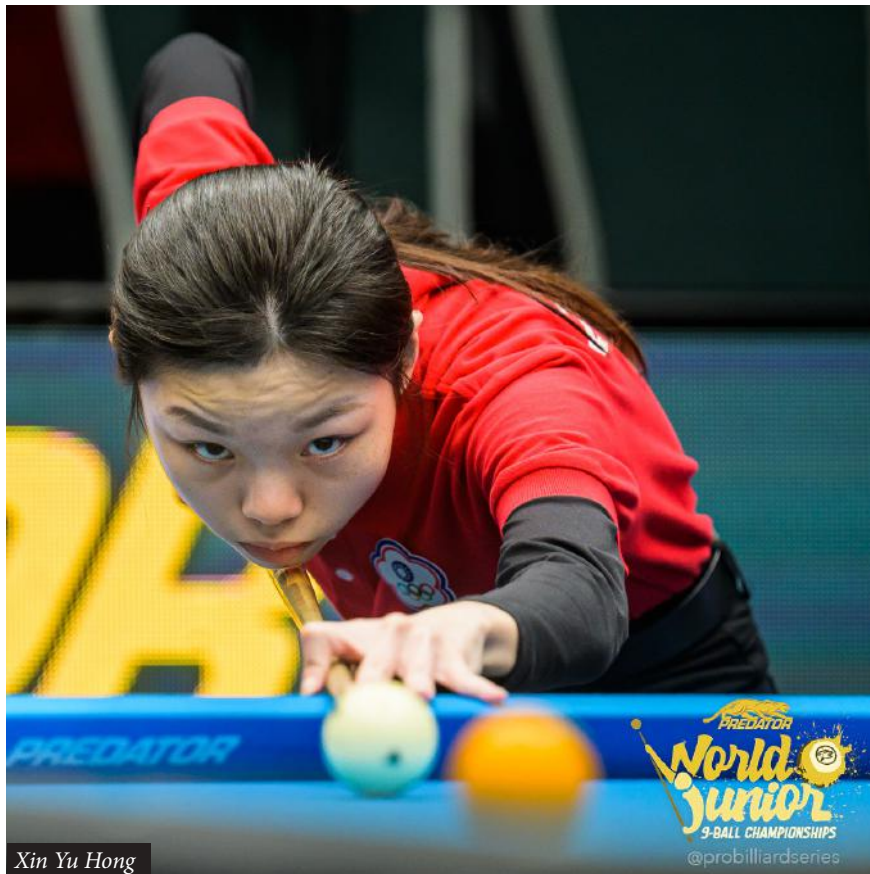
Gnadeberg took the Under-17 title with perhaps his best shot reserved for the very end of the final when he

jumped the 8 to make the 6 and draw the cue back down for inch-perfect position on the 7.

"Kick wasn't available, so I decided to bring the jump cue," said the Estonian. "The only way I could make it was to bring a draw and I never actually did it before, but it came out perfectly and I was amazed."

Finland's Juri Narvola and Serbia's Lazar Kostic took bronze in the Under-17s division, while those medals went to USA's Bethany Tate and Austria's 2021 World Girls Champion Lina Primus. The final was won by Hong, who defeated Kim 9-4 having earlier beaten Tate 9-2.

"I am very happy," said Hong. "It was a warm feeling to have the whole team from Chinese Taipei supporting me. My next goal is to defend the title next year!"



Xin Yu Hong

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# **YAPP Wins 9-Ball And 10-Ball Events**

at \$10K-Added, 3rd Annual Meucci Classic

## **SILVIANA LU WINS LADIES 9-BALL**

**Y**ep, Yapp won 'em both. And his girlfriend, Silviana Lu won the other one.

The 3rd Annual Meucci Classic at Racks Billiards Sports Bar & Grill in Sanford, FL this past weekend (Nov. 10-13) gave Singapore's Aloysius Yapp

his third and fourth 2022 event victory, which added to his already-best (recorded with us) earnings year since we recorded his first two cash winnings in September of 2012, a week apart; a 17th place finish at the Party Poker World Cup of Pool in Quezon City in the Philippines (won by Mika

Immonen) and a week+ later, a 33rd place finish at the China Open in Shanghai (won by Dennis Orcollo).

So, the Meucci Classic was nowhere near his first rodeo. By the same token, Yapp's presence outside of a fairly consistent group of world-travelling pool

*Sylviana Lu and Aloysius Yapp*



professionals had him flying under a lot of the US pool-playing radar until he showed up in the finals of the 2021 US Open 9-Ball Championships in Atlantic City and battled in the finals (unsuccessfully) against Carlo Biado. He became a much more consistently-present figure for the rest of the year, with appearances in (among others) the American 14:1 Straight Pool Championships (9th), the International 9-Ball Open (17th), the International Open's Big Foot 10-Ball (3rd behind Joshua Filler and Mika Immonen) and a win on the Predator US Pro Billiard Series in Battle Creek, Michigan.

He's cashed in 19 events this year, winning four of them, runner-up in two and 3rd in three. He won this year's Michigan Open and the Sandcastle Open before heading to the eastern shores of Virginia where he finished 9th at this year's International Open 9-Ball tournament and was 3rd for the second time at the Big Foot 10-Ball event; this time, behind the juggernaut known as Fedor Gorst and Joshua Filler. He shuffled off to Sanford, FL last weekend, where he went undefeated through seven opponents, downing Austria's Max Lechner twice; double hill in the hot seat match and 9-5 in the finals of the \$4,000-added, 121-entrant 9-Ball tournament.

Left in the good-company dust (among others) were Austria's Wiktor Zielinski, Poland's Mieszko Fortunski, Germany's Moritz Neuhausen, Finland's Mika Immonen, Austria's Mario He, Greece's Alex Kazakis and Estonia's Denis Grabe. Lithuania's Pijus Labutis finished

Aloysius Yapp



the tournament with the distinction of having won the most consecutive matches, 10 of them on the loss side, before he was stopped by Lechner in the semifinals. Leading the American charge for the title was BJ Ussery, Jr., who finished 4th; an outstanding finish for the South/mid-Atlantic competitor. Also in the US lineup were local stalwarts Anthony Meglino, Donny Mills, Mike Delawder, Raymond Linares, Bobby Garza and 1992's US Open 9-Ball Champion, Tommy Kennedy.

The 3rd Annual Meucci Classic's \$5,000-added, 63-entrant 10-Ball Tournament was a different story. Same ending, just a different story. The 10-Ball battles preceded and overlapped the 9-Ball battles, so Yapp availed himself of the six-opponent practice opportunity, with an extra ball in the

game, and went undefeated. He got by Poland's Konrad Juszczyszyn and two Americans, George Saunders and Alan Rolon Rosado, to advance to the 16-player, single-elimination phase of the event. Yapp was joined in the winners' side advancement by Wiktor Zielinski, Bosnia/Herzegovina's Sanjin Pehlivanovich, Dmitri Loukatos, Taipei's Jung Lin Chan and Jeffrey DeLuna. BJ Ussery, Jr., who'd go on to finish fourth in the 9-Ball competition, advanced, as did Donny Mills. Joining them from the loss side were Adam Wheeler, Max Lechner, Pijus Labutis (who would not get the most consecutive win prize in this event), Jani Uski, Mika Immonen, Mario He, David Singleton and Denis Grabe.

Ussery would engage in the only double hill battle of the single-elimination's first round, against Jani Uski, and it would knock him out of the 10-Ball competition. Three of the four quarterfinal matches went double hill; Immonen over Uski, Yapp over Labutis, and Grabe over Lechner. Zielinski downed Pehlivanovic 11-5.

Zielinski 'iced' the Iceman, allowing him only a single rack in one of the

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semifinal matches, while Yapp was a little busier, eliminating Grabe 11-7. Yapp claimed the 10-Ball title with a stingy 11-3 victory over Zielinski.

### Indonesia's Silviana Lu goes undefeated, winning 81% of her 37 games to claim Ladies title

In this, her first year as a cash-winning player in our AZBilliards database, Indonesia's Silviana Lu has cashed in only two events. She finished in a tie for 5th place at the Asian Pool Federation's 9-Ball Open, Women's Division in August. A month later, she finished in the tie for 9th place at the WPBA's Michigan Open. Her boyfriend, Singapore's Aloysius Yapp finished in the tie for 17th in the former event and won the latter.

She has recorded her first event victory with us as a result of going undefeated through a field of 27 entrants in the \$1,000-added Ladies 9-Ball event. And she did so by defeating her six opponents with an 81% game-winning average (30-7), shutting out half of them and not allowing any of them to chalk up more than three against her; Nicolle Cuellar, who has Florida-area tour victories and cash finishes going back 10 years to the former Flamingo Tour.

Note to competitors looking to take advantage of the increased amount of money being offered at Scotch Doubles events across the country: In addition to the Fillers (Joshua and Pia) and the Fedor Gorst/Kristina Tkach pairing, you might want to watch out for the Yapp/Lu partnership.

Lu's trip to the winners' circle went through Marge Soash (0), Cuellar (3), Palmoa Santana (1) and Jessica Human (1) to arrive at the hot seat match versus Jennifer Berzinski to whom she gave up two racks to claim the seat. Adriana Villar, who lost her opening match to Cuellar and won eight on the loss side (shutting out three and surviving a double hill match against Helene Caukin), challenged Lu in the finals. Lu shut her out to claim the event title.

In addition to the 218 participants in the three events (with some duplication), tour representatives thanked title sponsor Meucci Cues, the ownership and staff at Rack's for their hospitality, Outsville, JB Cases, Carlos Sanchez productions, Fort Worth Billiards Superstore and Clutch Shot Billiards Apparel.

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# USA Blackball

## Launched in Morocco at the 2022 BI World Blackball Championships



By Steve LILLIS

**The BI (Blackball International) 2022 World Blackball Championships was held in Tangier, Morocco from October 8 – 15, 2022.**

**H**undreds of players and teams gathered from all over the Blackball World to compete in various age divisions that included Youth all the way up to the Over 50 Master's Division. Blackball is also called English 8-Ball and is played on a 7-foot pool table with snooker shaped pockets, 2-inch object balls with seven yellow, seven red, one black eight ball, and with a 1 7/8-inch cue ball. The rules are similar to American 8-Ball with slight variations that must be learned to compete successfully. Also, special 8-10 mm snooker style shafts or snooker cues are recommended to control the smaller cue ball.

The USA Blackball team led by USA Blackball President and Founder Steve Lillis, who was invited, nominated, and confirmed by the (BI) Blackball International Committee, included BCA Hall of Famers Mike Massey and Tom Rossman, pro player and trick shot artist Steve Lillis, and two amateur BCA and APA pool league players



Michael Hewitt and Phil Ball. This USA team of five played in various events including Senior (over 40) and Master (over 50) Team, Scotch Doubles, and Singles. Pro Blackball player Wayne Parker from South Africa served as the USA team coach and manager, and did his best to help prepare the team with blackball rules and strategy by Zoom prior to the event as there were no known blackball tables available in the USA prior to the event. The team's only practice sessions on blackball tables came when they arrived three days early for the event and played at the local pool room called Mega Pool in Tangier, Morocco under the guidance of coach Wayne Parker. McDermott and Meucci supplied smaller size shafts for the players and Bobbleball.com supplied three sets of blackballs to practice with on American pool tables before the event.



*Team USA (Steve Lillis, Mike Massey, Tom Rossman, Michael Hewitt, Phil Ball and Wayne Parker)*

The tournament included a busy schedule of matches and was well run by South African and Moroccan tournament officials. Promoter MYcherif Zine Elabidine of Morocco was able to bring the Blackball world together in Morocco for this prestigious event. Each USA player ended up playing about 80 frames with various results. Of course, the lack of blackball experience on blackball tables showed up, but all USA players managed to win several frames and almost upset the powerhouse teams from Ireland and Spain, and did book a team win against a Moroccan team that had far more experience. Overall, the talk of the tournament was how well the USA team was playing with no blackball experience and the joy they brought to the event with their good sportsmanship, excitement, and eagerness to learn the game of Blackball.

Mike Massey, Tom Rossman, and Steve Lillis performed two special Artistic Gospel Trick Shot Shows during the event in the main live streaming arena for the players and fans. They also

put on a show at Mega Pool, the local pool room, prior to the main event, and by popular demand were asked to perform in the main arena later in the week. The main arena was packed for both shows and the shows were live streamed with thousands of people viewing online. Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. was the primary sponsor of the USA team and helped to coordinate other USA sponsors to partner in donating product and finances. At the end of each trick shot show, gifts were given away as door prizes. McDermott Cues donated cue sticks and cases and the Tweeten Fiber Company donated boxes of Master's chalk and hand chalk cones. Dr. Cue Promotions donated autographed balls, autographed pictures, and learning tools. Meucci Cues donated a special cue stick to MYcherif Zine Elabidine, the promoter of the event, as a gift of appreciation.

During the week of the event there was a special meeting of the (BI) Blackball International Committee where Steve Lillis was asked to be the General Secretary of the committee and as such

help secure other sponsors and partners. Steve is also the President and Founder of Gospel Trick Shot, and with the help of friends and partners the USA Blackball Association (USA BA) has been successfully launched. Sponsors, supporters and partners of the USA BA include McDermott Cues of Menominee Falls, WI, Meucci Cues of Olive Branch, MS, Good Times Family Billiard of Lakewood, CA, CSI USA Pool Leagues of California, the Hawthorne Gospel Church of Hawthorne, NJ, Rising Hope Church of Muncie, IN, the Acts Church of Johannesburg, South Africa, Bobbleball.com of Anaheim, CA, the Tweeten Fiber Company of Chicago, IL, Corsair Custom Cues in Los Angeles, California, Anaheim Senior Center of Anaheim, CA, Dr. Cue Promotions of Cloverdale, IN, Horotips.com of Lisbon, Portugal, the WPA and the WPA Artistic Pool Division, the South African Pool Union (SAPU), United Pool Tables of South Africa, the IPA Blackball Pool Tour in England, Supreme Pool Tables of England, Mega Pool of Tangier, Morocco, and AZBilliards.com.

Another special addition to the Blackball movement will be Artistic Blackball. This has already begun under the direction of Tom Rossman, founder of the original WPA Artistic Pool movement. Brian Pauley, the current chairman of the WPA (APD) Artistic Pool Division, plus USA Blackball coach Wayne Parker will co-chair the new Artistic Blackball General Committee. Others on the committee from the Artistic Pool side of cue sports include Michael Hewitt, Jason Lynch, and Jamie Moody. From the Blackball side of cue sports are Hendry Erasmus and "Elijah" Kirby Kaoma Musonda. There are also four advisors / consultants: Steve Lillis, Mike Massey, Phil Ball, and Tom Rossman. The primary function of this committee will be to administer over this new sport genre; create and help promote pro, amateur, and junior events; explain event formats, etc.; garner sponsor support; and, so much more.

In addition, a special Artistic Blackball Shot Selection Committee will spearhead a bonded effort between all players worldwide to submit Artistic Blackball shots / challenges over a multi-month time frame. This committee will review and test all submissions, plus verify Degree of Difficulty (DOD) assignments to each. Its goal is to create and release the 1st ever Artistic Blackball Shot / Challenge Program to be used for any Artistic Blackball events held in 2023 and beyond, with regular reviews to assure player fairness and fan-friendly feedback. Committee members will perform the overall process of selections, etc., but will forgo competing in any Artistic Blackball events. Those on the committee at this time are Tom Rossman, Chairman and Steve Lillis...with a maximum of five members when complete.

And finally, some of the USA Blackball team including Mike Massey, Tom



Phil Ball and Hendry Erasmus

Rossman, and Steve Lillis plan to go to the Coventry Hilton Doubletree in England for the 2023 IPA World Championships of Blackball to be held January 31 – February 2, 2023. All USA pool players are invited to compete as this tournament will determine who is the best blackball player on the planet as first prize is 15,000 euros. Entries are due by January 10th and the website for more information is <https://ipapool.com/2023-world-championships/>. The USA blackball team has

a training site set-up with the first known blackball table to be delivered to the USA at the Hawthorne Gospel Church in Hawthorne, NJ. The USA blackball team will be training there for the next two- and one-half months in preparation for the 2023 IPA World Championships.

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# ESPN Films' Latest 30 For 30 "Jeanette Lee Vs." About "The Black Widow" Of Billiards Premieres December 13 At 8 P.M. ET

ESPN will debut the next installment in the Peabody and Emmy award-winning 30 for 30 series, "Jeanette Lee Vs." on December 13 at 8 p.m. ET on ESPN.

**D**irected by Ursula Liang ("9-Man," "Down a Dark Stairwell"), the documentary recounts the rise of Jeanette Lee, the billiards player nicknamed "The Black Widow," who at her peak became, improbably, one of the most recognizable figures in sports. The film will be made available on ESPN+ immediately after its premiere, along with the rest of the 30 for 30 library.

She was like nothing else her sport had seen. A vision of confidence, even swagger, as she stalked the billiards table. Dressed, always, in her signature color, with a two-fingered glove on her bridge hand and a stony, icy glaze that never seemed to change. The 30 for 30 film returns with Lee to her origins, Brooklyn, New York, where as the young child of Korean immigrants, she suffered from scoliosis, a painful spinal condition that

required surgery. Lee rebelled as a teenager, and fell in love with billiards one night when she walked into a pool hall in Manhattan. Within a few years, she was playing tournaments and headed towards the professional circuit. Soon, women's billiards was a mainstay on the fledgling ESPN2 network, and Lee's unapologetic approach to self-promotion made her a television star.

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Even as Lee became one of the top-ranked pool players in the world, her back issues never entirely went away. Then in 2021 came something more frightening: a diagnosis of ovarian cancer. As the film illustrates through extensive access to her life today, it's a struggle she continues to fight, now as a single mom with the support of her children and extended family. It's a poignant coda to a story about a woman who's been battling her whole life and who remains one of the more distinctive stars to ever emerge on the sports landscape.

Said Liang: "This is a challenging moment in the U.S. for Asian Americans; the community is on edge and increasingly targeted in bias incidents. There couldn't be a better time to bring Jeannette's pioneering, maverick journey to the forefront. She is inspiring at every turn and an icon to many. I'm honored

to tell her story and introduce her to new audiences. She battled fierce opponents, trying times, debilitating pain, personal demons and persistent criticism, but remains a singular presence from a breakout era of pool—an unforgettable figure, the Black Widow."



The documentary is executive produced by ESPN Films in association with Words + Pictures, founded in early 2021 by Connor Schell. From Words + Pictures, Schell and Libby Geist are executive producing. This is the second collaboration between ESPN Films and Words + Pictures as part of an ongoing deal between the two companies. Phil de Picciotto, Jason Weichert and Tom George are also serving as executive producers.

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In signing with Cuetec, Chua joins a growing roster of professional players and brand ambassadors. “It is a great honor and privilege to join Cuetec,” Chua says of his new team. “Playing alongside the very best players in the world, Shane Van Boening, Fedor Gorst, Skyler Woodward, it’s a tremendous honor. They clearly value their players and I feel like only the best of the best are involved.



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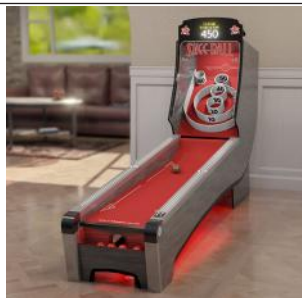


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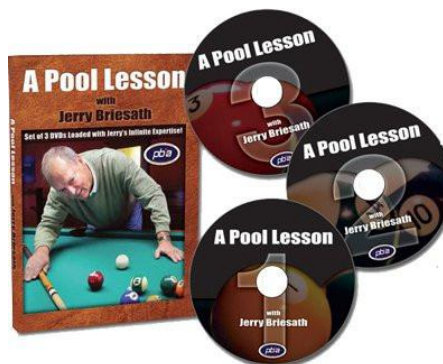
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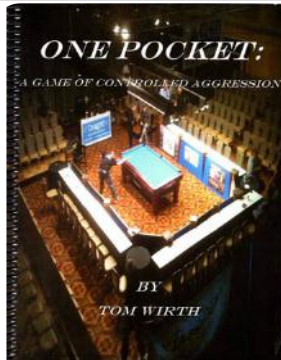
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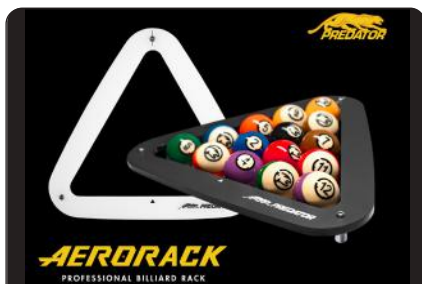
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## Nov 05 - Nov 06

### Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 8

#### Diamond Billiards

Rochester, NY

- 1 Bucky Souvanthong \$1,000
- 2 Nate Marshall \$700
- 3 Ron Casanzio \$550
- 4 Len Gianfrate \$400
- 5 Barry Hetherington \$250
- 5 Marco Kam \$250
- 7 Bruce Carroll \$150
- 7 Dan Kolacz \$150

## Nov 05 - Nov 05

### Predator Tri State Tour 2022 Stop

#### Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Ben Zimmerman \$1,295
- 2 Bud Robideau \$770
- 3 Jay Chiu \$510
- 4 Tae Chang \$310
- 5 Aaron Butler \$100
- 5 Tom Crane \$100
- 7 KC Clayton \$70
- 7 Nick Torraca \$70

## Nov 05 - Nov 05

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

#### Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

- 1 Marcus Pendley \$550
- 2 Matt Lumston \$325
- 3 Jeff Abernathy \$150
- 4 Ray Beegle \$100

## Nov 05 - Nov 06

### Joss Tour 2023-2023 Stop 8

#### Second Chance

#### Diamond Billiards

Rochester, NY

- 1 Rohit Aggarwal \$300
- 2 Tito Ortiz \$200
- 3 Frank Wolak \$140

- 4 Dan Sharlow \$100
- 5 Eric Radcliffe \$40
- 5 Mark Creamer \$40

## Nov 05 - Nov 06

### BWPPA 2022 Stop 4

#### Savanna Pool and Snooker

Whitefield, Manchester

- 1 Dave Beaumont \$300
- 2 Fred Dinsmore \$180
- 3 Phil Hendrickson \$120
- 3 Tony Southern \$120

## Nov 05 - Nov 06

### JPNEWT Tour 2022 Stop #11

#### On Cue Sports Bar & Grill

Front Royal, Virginia

- 1 Briana Miller \$600
- 2 Alyssa Solt \$400
- 3 Ada Lio \$125
- 3 Kia Burwell \$125

## Nov 09 - Nov 13

### 2022 Beasley Open One Pocket

#### Brass Tap Billiards

Raleigh, NC

- 1 Tony Chohan \$5,000
- 2 Alex Pagulayan \$2,900
- 3 John Morra \$1,700
- 4 Carlo Biado \$1,200
- 5 Josh Roberts \$750
- 5 Mike Davis \$750
- 7 Bader Al Awadi \$450
- 7 Can Salim \$450
- 9 Brandon Shuff \$350
- 9 Corey Sykes \$350
- 9 Omar Al Shaheen \$350
- 9 Shane Wolford \$350

## Nov 09 - Nov 13

### 2022 Beasley Open 9-Ball

#### Brass Tap Billiards

Raleigh, NC

- 1 Johann Chua \$6,500
- 2 Bader Al Awadi \$3,500
- 3 John Morra \$2,500
- 4 Josh Roberts \$1,700
- 5 Chia-Chen Hsieh \$950
- 5 Shane Wolford \$950
- 7 Abdullah El Yousef \$560
- 7 Robbie Capito \$560
- 9 Brandon Shuff \$400
- 9 Can Salim \$400
- 9 Jason Brown \$400
- 9 Mike Davis \$400
- 13 Danny Mastermaker \$300
- 13 Hunter White \$300
- 13 Kelly Farrar \$300
- 13 Kun Lin Wu \$300
- 17 Alex Pagulayan \$220
- 17 Carlo Biado \$220
- 17 Graham Swinson \$220
- 17 Larry Pitman \$220
- 17 Mac Harrell \$220
- 17 Omar Al Shaheen \$220
- 17 Steven Page \$220
- 17 Tony Chohan \$220

## Nov 10 - Nov 13

### 3rd Annual Meucci Classic 9-Ball Division

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida

- 1 Aloysius Yapp \$3,100
- 2 Maximilian Lechner \$1,750
- 3 Pijus Labutis \$1,000
- 4 BJ Ussery \$750
- 5 Aleksa Pecelj \$500
- 5 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$500
- 7 Alexandros Kazakis \$350
- 7 Jani Uski \$350
- 9 Dalibor Nikolin \$200
- 9 Denis Grabe \$200
- 9 Dimitris Loukatos \$200
- 9 Petri Makkonen \$200
- 13 Donny Mills \$100

13 Jesse Link \$100  
13 Michael Mathieu \$100  
13 Miguel Batista \$100

## Nov 10 - Nov 13

### 3rd Annual Meucci Classic Ladies Division

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida  
1 Silviana Lu \$856  
2 Adriana Villar \$428  
3 Jenn Berzinski \$286  
4 Nicolle Cuellar \$214  
5 Helene Caukin \$157  
5 Jessica Karacia-Human \$157  
7 Jessica Barnes \$115  
7 Palmoa Santana \$115

## Nov 10 - Nov 13

### 3rd Annual Meucci Classic 10-Ball Division

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida  
1 Aloysius Yapp \$7,000  
2 Wiktor Zielinski \$4,200  
3 Denis Grabe \$2,500  
3 Mika Immonen \$2,500  
5 Jani Uski \$1,250  
5 Maximilian Lechner \$1,250  
5 Pijus Labutis \$1,250  
5 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,250  
9 Adam Wheeler \$600  
9 BJ Ussery \$600  
9 David Singleton \$600  
9 Dimitris Loukatos \$600  
9 Donny Mills \$600  
9 Jeffrey De Luna \$600  
9 Jung-Lin Chang \$600  
9 Mario He \$600

## Nov 12 - Nov 13

### 34th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

#### Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

Providence, RI  
1 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$3,500

2 Jonas Souto Comino \$2,200  
3 Jared Demalia \$1,500  
4 Moritz Neuhausen \$1,200  
5 Bob Forchilli \$850  
5 Bucky Souvanthong \$850  
7 Suad Kantaravic \$600  
7 Tom Zippler \$600  
9 Jaydev Zaveri \$450  
9 Matt Jarrell \$450  
9 Max Watanabe \$450  
9 Mhet Vergara \$450  
13 Barry Hetherington \$350  
13 Dave Hall \$350  
13 Frankie Hernandez \$350  
13 Jeremy Sossei \$350  
17 Beau Powers \$225  
17 Dom Souza \$225  
17 Gene Hunt \$225  
17 Jamy Nadeau \$225  
17 Mike Salerno \$225  
17 Paul Dryden \$225  
17 Ron Casanzio \$225  
17 Steve Mack \$225  
25 Dennis Patenaude \$125  
25 Jimmy Nou \$125  
25 Kevin Guimond \$125  
25 Mike Rash \$125  
25 Peter Bowman \$125  
25 Rick Matarazzo \$125  
25 Ruben Sepulveda \$125  
25 Ryan Lineham \$125

## Nov 12 - Nov 13

### Fedor Gorst vs Ko Pin-Yi 9-Ball Challenge

#### The Rockin Cue

Harlingen, Texas  
1 Fedor Gorst \$20,000  
2 Pin-Yi Ko \$0

## Nov 12 - Nov 12

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

#### The Clubhouse

Lynchburg, Virginia  
1 Collin Hall \$600  
2 Chris England \$400  
3 Rich Cunningham \$200  
4 Brian Glisson \$100

## Nov 12 - Nov 13

### 34th Ocean State 9-Ball Championship Second Chance

#### Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

Providence, RI  
1 Francisco Cabral \$340  
2 Ben Werblow \$220  
3 Steve Sutton \$160  
4 Pete Genovese \$120  
5 Clyde Matta \$80  
5 Dan Sharlow \$80  
7 John Francisco \$40  
7 Nate Marshall \$40

## Nov 12 - Nov 13

### Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

#### Rockaway Billiards

Rockaway, NJ  
1 Tim Clark \$750  
2 Hunter Sullivan \$530  
3 Sabrina Sherman \$370  
4 Ben Zimmerman \$260  
5 Jorge Cappillo \$180  
5 Kevin Scalzitti \$180  
7 Giancarlo Delgado \$130  
7 Julien Tierney \$130  
9 Clint Pires \$90  
9 Dinko Busanich \$90  
9 Nicole Adams \$90  
9 Robert Calton \$90

## Nov 14 - Nov 22

### WPA Predator World 8-Ball Championship 2022

#### San Juan, Puerto Rico

1 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$60,000  
2 Wiktor Zielinski \$40,000  
3 Jayson Shaw \$20,000  
3 Mario He \$20,000  
5 Alex Pagulayan \$10,000  
5 Daniel Maciol \$10,000  
5 Konrad Juszczyzyn \$10,000  
5 Wojciech Szewczyk \$10,000  
9 Alex Montpellier \$4,750  
9 Alexandros Kazakis \$4,750  
9 Corey Deuel \$4,750  
9 Jason Klatt \$4,750  
9 Joshua Filler \$4,750

9 Robbie Capito \$4,750  
9 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$4,750  
9 Tyler Styer \$4,750  
17 Darren Appleton \$2,000  
17 Eklent Kaci \$2,000  
17 Fedor Gorst \$2,000  
17 Francesco Candela \$2,000  
17 Jeffrey De Luna \$2,000  
17 Johann Chua \$2,000  
17 John Morra \$2,000  
17 Jose Alberto Delgado \$2,000  
17 Jung-Lin Chang \$2,000  
17 Kun Lin Wu \$2,000  
17 Marco Teutscher \$2,000  
17 Maximilian Lechner \$2,000  
17 Mieszko Fortunski \$2,000  
17 Petri Makkonen \$2,000  
17 Pin-Yi Ko \$2,000  
17 Shane Van Boening \$2,000

## Nov 15 - Nov 19

### WPBA Predator Event

#### Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico,  
1 Tzu-Chien Wei \$20,000  
2 Chezka Centeno \$10,000  
3 Chieh-Yu Chou \$6,000  
3 Jasmin Ouschan \$6,000  
5 Kristina Zlateva \$3,000  
5 Marharyta Fefilava \$3,000  
5 Pia Filler \$3,000  
5 Silvana Lu \$3,000  
9 Allison Fisher \$1,625  
9 Chia Hua Chen \$1,625  
9 Kelly Fisher \$1,625  
9 Kristina Tkach \$1,625  
9 Sara Rocha \$1,625  
9 Savannah Easton \$1,625  
9 Wan-Ling Wang \$1,625  
9 Yuki Hiraguchi \$1,625  
17 Ada Lio \$1,000  
17 Amalia Matas \$1,000  
17 Brittany Bryant \$1,000  
17 Caroline Pao \$1,000  
17 Janet Atwell \$1,000  
17 Monica Webb \$1,000  
17 Sofia Mast \$1,000  
17 Stephanie Mitchell \$1,000

## Nov 15 - Nov 18

### Medalla Light Puerto Rico Open

#### San Juan, Puerto Rico

1 Carlo Biado \$25,000  
2 Daniel Maciol \$13,000  
3 Jesus Atencio \$7,000  
3 Pin-Yi Ko \$7,000  
5 Eklent Kaci \$4,000  
5 Jonas Souto Comino \$4,000  
5 Ralf Souquet \$4,000  
5 Roberto Gomez \$4,000  
9 Fedor Gorst \$2,000  
9 John Morra \$2,000  
9 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$2,000  
9 Mario He \$2,000  
9 Naoyuki Oi \$2,000  
9 Ping-Chung Ko \$2,000  
9 Sharik Sayed \$2,000  
9 Sullivan Clark \$2,000  
17 Alex Montpellier \$1,000  
17 Andrew Kong \$1,000  
17 Bader Al Awadi \$1,000  
17 Besar Spahiu \$1,000  
17 Francesco Candela \$1,000  
17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$1,000  
17 Johann Chua \$1,000  
17 Joshua Filler \$1,000  
17 Lo Ho Sum \$1,000  
17 Marco Teutscher \$1,000  
17 Masato Yoshioka \$1,000  
17 Mika Immonen \$1,000  
17 Petri Makkonen \$1,000  
17 Pijus Labutis \$1,000  
17 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,000  
17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$1,000

## Nov 16 - Nov 20

### 4th Annual Big Boi Classic

#### Peyton's Place

Knoxville, TN  
1 Jonathan Pinegar \$4,800  
2 BJ Ussery \$2,800  
3 Shane McMinn \$1,700  
4 Can Salim \$1,200  
5 Eric Roberts \$700  
5 Josh Roberts \$700  
7 Mike Patton \$450  
7 Ryan Williams \$450  
9 Adam Pendley \$350  
9 Kash Keaton \$350  
9 Michael Rudd \$350  
9 Robbie Langford \$350  
13 Chris Gentile \$150  
13 Jason Bacon \$150

13 Michael Gann \$150  
13 Shannon Murphy \$150

## Nov 19 - Nov 20

### 2022 On the Ball Ladies Tour Stop 7

#### Skinny Bob's Billiards

Round Rock, Texas  
1 Jennifer Kraber \$850  
2 April Larson \$675  
3 Kim Sanders \$475  
4 Annie Flores \$350  
5 Michelle Cortez \$225  
5 Ming Ng \$225  
7 Chris Fields \$150  
7 Nicole McDaniel \$150  
9 Carmel Luttrell \$100  
9 Gail Roles \$100  
9 Teresa Garland \$100  
9 Zoe Lozano \$100

## Nov 19 - Nov 20

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Championship

#### Break Time Billiards

Winston-Salem, NC  
1 Larry Hughes \$1,300  
2 Cameron Hollinsworth \$800  
3 Clay Davis \$500  
4 Josh Heeter \$300  
5 Eric Stanton \$200  
5 Jason Blackwell \$200  
7 Thomas Sansone \$100  
7 Trent Talbert \$100

## Nov 19 - Nov 20

### 2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 11

#### Rusty's Billiards

Arlington, TX  
1 Matt Wilson \$1,400  
2 Miguel Hernandez \$930  
3 Doug Winnett \$670  
4 Robert Reighter \$430  
5 Alberto Garcia \$310  
5 Mark Lawson \$310  
7 Don Baker \$240  
7 Tony Loeper \$240  
9 Clint Palaci \$170  
9 Crispian Ng \$170  
9 Curtis Caldwell \$170  
9 Joshua Paredes \$170

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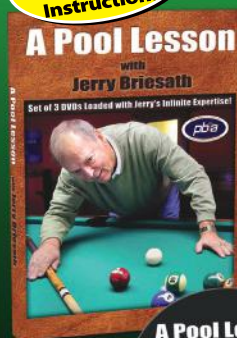
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## Nov 25 - Nov 28

### 2022 Dynamic Billiard Italian Open

#### Best Western Premier BHR Treviso Hotel

Treviso,

- 1 Mario He \$6,315
- 2 Eklent Kaci \$4,842
- 3 Miesko Fortunski \$3,157
- 3 Wiktor Zielinski \$3,157
- 5 Alexandros Kazakis \$1,578
- 5 Denis Grabe \$1,578
- 5 Iker Andoni Echeverria \$1,578
- 5 Oliver Szolnoki \$1,578
- 9 Dimitri Jungo \$1,052
- 9 Joao Grilo \$1,052
- 9 Michael Schneider \$1,052
- 9 Moritz Neuhausen \$1,052
- 9 Nick Chatoupis \$1,052
- 9 Roman Hybler \$1,052
- 9 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$1,052
- 9 Wojciech Szewczyk \$1,052
- 17 Ajdin Pknjac \$631
- 17 Amil Andre Gangflot \$631
- 17 Gabor Solymosi \$631
- 17 Marc Bijsterbosch \$631
- 17 Marco Cordova \$631
- 17 Miguel Silva \$631
- 17 Niels Feijen \$631
- 17 Pijus Labutis \$631
- 17 Radoslaw Babica \$631
- 17 Ralf Souquet \$631
- 17 Ronald Regli \$631
- 17 Sam Wetzel \$631
- 17 Szymon Kural \$631
- 17 Thorsten Hohmann \$631
- 17 Tomasz Kaplan \$631
- 33 Adrian Weiss \$315
- 33 Anthony Garcia \$315
- 33 Daniele Corrieri \$315
- 33 Davide Sini \$315
- 33 Francesco Candela \$315
- 33 Jonas Kornmesser \$315
- 33 Jose Barbosa \$315
- 33 Karol Skowerski \$315
- 33 Lars Kuckherm \$315
- 33 Livio Antonazzo \$315
- 33 Manuel Gama \$315
- 33 Michel Bartol \$315
- 33 Mustafa Alnar \$315
- 33 Oliver Ortmann \$315

33 Sebastian Batkowski \$315

33 Sebastian Ludwig \$315

## Nov 26 - Nov 27

### Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 8

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida

- 1 Michael DeLawder \$1,450
- 2 Ramel Brown \$1,000
- 3 Anthony Meglino \$750
- 4 George Saunders \$520
- 5 Serrafin Serrano \$350
- 5 Tommy Kennedy \$350
- 7 David Singleton \$250
- 7 Greg Pugh, Jr. \$250
- 9 Can Salim \$200
- 9 David Grossman \$200
- 9 Lee Heuwagen \$200
- 9 Ricardo Rodriguez \$200
- 13 Jesse Link \$150
- 13 Justin Hall \$150
- 13 Kristian Dimitrov \$150
- 13 Logan Lane \$150

## Nov 26 - Nov 27

### 2022 Sunshine State Predator Pro Am Tour Open One Pocket

#### Racks Billiards Sports Bar and Pizzeria

Sanford, Florida

- 1 Anthony Meglino \$2,000
- 2 Justin Hall \$1,000
- 3 Can Salim \$700
- 4 Kyle Bova \$580
- 5 Manuel Montas \$250
- 5 Shannon Fitch \$250

## Nov 26 - Nov 26

### Predator Tri State Tour 2022 Stop

#### Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey

- 1 Clint Pires \$2,040
- 2 Hunter Sullivan \$950
- 3 Don Henriquez \$640
- 4 Tri Chau \$450
- 5 Raymond Paragas \$240
- 5 Rushard Patrick \$240
- 7 Robert Calton \$90

7 Sang Hun Lee \$90

9 Brandon Fletcher \$65

9 Christian Taea \$65

9 Dennis Feliciano III \$65

9 Roberto Rodriguez \$65

## Nov 26 - Nov 27

### 2022 Maryland State 10-Ball Championships

#### Brews & Cues on the Boulevard

Glen Burnie, Maryland

- 1 Mike Davis \$2,000
- 2 Tom Zippler \$1,355
- 3 Kevin West \$875
- 4 BJ Ussery \$600
- 5 Brandon Shuff \$420
- 5 Shaun Wilkie \$420
- 7 Jeff Abernathy \$325
- 7 Nathan Childress \$325
- 9 Brett Stottlemeyer \$250
- 9 Grayson Vaughan \$250
- 9 Matt Krah \$250
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### Space City Open X

**Dec 01 - Dec 04**

Big Tyme Billiards  
Spring, Texas

### NWPA Tour 2022 Stop 5

**Dec 03 - Dec 04**

Seattle, Washington

### JPNEWT Tour 2022 Stop #12

**Dec 03 - Dec 04**

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards  
Elkridge, MD

### New England 9-Ball Tour 2022 Stop #11

**Dec 04 - Dec 04**

Crow's Nest  
Plaistow, New Hampshire

### Shane Van Boening vs Tony Chohan One Pocket Race to 24

**Dec 06 - Dec 08**

Griff's  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### 2022 WPBA Aramith / Dr Pool Classic

**Dec 07 - Dec 11**

Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center  
Rothschild, Wisconsin

### Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 28

**Dec 11 - Dec 11**

Sandcastle Billiards  
Edison, NJ

### Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 29

**Dec 17 - Dec 17**

South Jersey Billiards  
Somedale, NJ

### California State Women's 10-Ball Championship

**Dec 17 - Dec 18**

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento  
Sacramento, CA



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	Fedor Gorst	 RUS	253.672,00 US\$	↓
	Joshua Filler	 GER	190613,00 US\$	↓
	Jayson Shaw	 SCO	185257,00 US\$	↑
	Shane Van Boening	 USA	140597,00 US\$	↓
	Wiktor Zielinski	 POL	134892,00 US\$	↑
	Albin Ouschan	 AUT	131885,00 US\$	↑
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