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# FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

**Happy June everyone.**

**A**s much as some people may feel that I am pessimistic about the state of pool right now, the future is looking better and better. In addition to the US Open moving to Las Vegas (I'm going to be mentioning that a lot in the next few months), May saw announcements of two new events in 2018. The Ballpark Village 9-Ball Invitational will feature \$25,000 in added prize money for a field of 64 invited players, and the WPBA will be holding their first "Signature Tour Stop" in Iberia, La. with a field of 64 ladies competing for \$29,000 in prize money. Details on both of these events are available in the pages of this issue.

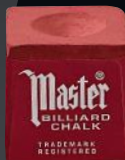
In addition to that news, Team USA has a co-captain as Matchroom Multi Sport announced that Jeremy Jones will assist Johan Ruijsink this year. It's getting to be the time of year when the Mosconi Cup news ramps up and we expect more news as far as who will make the US squad in next month's issue.

Until then...





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# *Some Tips On Tips*

**It doesn't matter if your cue cost \$50 or \$5,000. It can't function without a good tip.**



**JERRY BRIESATH**



**M**ost novice or amateur players aren't concerned whether the cue they buy has a soft tip, medium hard tip, hard tip or laminated tip, when they buy a cue. And the truth is, if the tip is shaped properly and chalked up properly, any of the tips mentioned above will work.

Now let's talk about the difference between these tips and which one might be best for your cue. Generally

speaking, pros prefer the harder tips because they feel they can get a little more cueball control with them. But, hard tips are less forgiving, easier to miscue with and require more maintenance because the leather gets smooth from hitting balls and must be roughed up at least every hour of play.

Softer tips are generally more porous, hold chalk better and don't need to

be roughed up as often. Softer tips are generally much better for you if you are a beginner or novice player because they are more forgiving, which means that you won't miscue as much if you don't have the perfect stroke.

So, putting a medium or soft tip on your cue may save you a miscue or two and win you a few more games.

Good Luck -- Jerry



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# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND A PROFESSIONAL!

ANTHONY **BEELER**

The guys over at *Accu-Stats*, have a huge amount of data from hundreds of thousands of games that were played in the 1980s.



Buddy Hall and Larry Hubbart -1982 Clyde Childress Memorial Pool Tournament - Photo by Mike Haines & Bill Porter – Courtesy of Mary Kenniston

As of late 1987, top professional players operated with a Total Performance Average of .811 (meaning they were successful with whatever they attempted to do during a game around 81% of the time). They successfully kicked balls 79% of the time. They ran-out 56% of the time, and they pocketed roughly 90% of the shots they decided to shoot. Professionals also pocketed a ball on the break 51% of the time and got position on their next shot 93% of the time.

Most amateurs could easily narrow the gap between themselves and professionals by:

- Increasing their overall knowledge of the game.
- Implementing better patterns when choosing to run-out
- Knowing when and how to play safe
- Developing a consistent pre-shot routine
- Practicing their kick shots

## TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE GAME

What are the more important technical aspects of the game? To increase your overall performance, you'll need to become proficient in the following areas:

### 1. STROKE

If you're not making consistent contact with the spot on the cue ball you intend to strike, your fighting an uphill battle. In studies that have been done on the subject most amateur players do not hit the cue ball exactly where they intend to contact it. Most

amateurs need to put their stroke in a groove. You can do this simply by getting a coke bottle and stroking your tip and ferrule in and out of the bottle repeatedly. If you can do this regularly without touching the side of the bottle you have developed a fairly accurate stroke.

### 2. AIM

Being able to aim is just as important as striking the cue ball where you intended to hit it. If you can't pick out the spot on the object ball that needs to be struck then you are going to have some serious work to do. Pick out an effective aiming system and learn it well. It will pay dividends quickly.

### 3. SPEED CONTROL

Speed control is just as important as your stroke and aim. Without it you can't play position on your next shot or play effective safeties.

## IMPORTANT MENTAL ASPECTS OF THE GAME

### 1. POOL KNOWLEDGE

When I give lessons to professionals, I have noticed over the years that their shot selection is always good. Most



amateurs however, need a lot of work on their "KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME" that is, picking the right shot to shoot. Most amateurs play the wrong patterns and tend to play safe at inopportune times. They are also ineffective kickers. Being able to choose the right shot doesn't require any skill development, it's just about gaining knowledge. You can gain that knowledge from watching lots of professional pool matches.

**2. PROCESS**

What is that you need to focus on during your "pre-shot routine" to maximize your chances of success? Professional players won't attempt a shot unless they are 100% committed to it. I can guarantee that!

The first thing to do is look at your current angle and determine the speed

**“ THE FIRST THING TO DO IS LOOK AT YOUR CURRENT ANGLE AND DETERMINE THE SPEED AND SPIN THE SHOT NEEDS TO BE HIT WITH TO GET TO THE DESIRED POSITION AREA. ”**

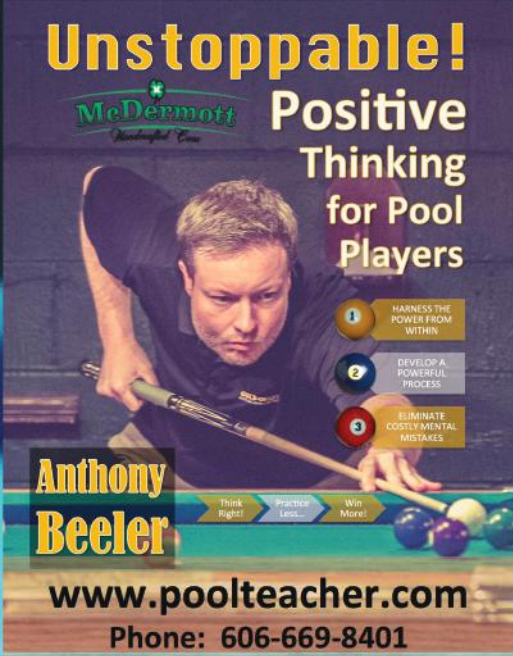
and spin the shot needs to be hit with to get to the desired position area. From there it's all about subconscious delivery. Implementing an effective pre-shot routine will also help you keep negative thoughts from entering your mind.

**3. RISING TO THE CHALLENGE**

If you're interested in some of the exercises that can help you put together a more effective practice routine to narrow the gap between you and a professional, check out my website ([www.poolteacher.com](http://www.poolteacher.com)) and enroll at Virtual Billiard Academy.

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## Don't take shots off

**W**hile it is easy to let your mind drift while shooting pool, it is important that you develop the discipline needed to view every shot as though it is a critical shot. Just think about how many times you have witnessed someone miss a bunny, or those times where you yourself missed a shot you make 99 out of 100 times. In those moments of frustration, the shots weren't missed because of a lack of knowledge, but instead because of *an unforced error and mental breakdown*. In fact, think about how much stronger a player you would be today if you could get back even half of those gimme shots you have missed in the past.

Players who develop the self-discipline of locking in to every shot aren't any differently wired than you, but they have instead made a conscious decision to take their game seriously and develop a mental approach that matches. You can develop the same mindset if you are serious about improving your game, but it starts with a commitment that you really do want to do all that is necessary to reach your full potential.

## Practice with excellence

A big part of developing your mental strength toward every shot is to practice with a purpose, opposed to just "hitting them around." When you

take practice seriously and bear down on every shot, several things usually happen:

- Your pace and energy conform to your unique playing style
- Your focus improves as you only pay attention to the next shot (and not other distractions)
- Your confidence improves as you make more balls
- Your muscle-memory strengthens, allowing you to stress less and simply make balls

## Establish pre-shot routine

One way to ensure that you will take every shot seriously is to develop a solid pre-shot routine that is comfortable for you and your style of play. For example, by disciplining yourself to take a deep breath, use imagery for better focus, and a cue word to



establish proper arousal and mood state, you will soon begin to "lock in" on autopilot and allow confidence to take the place of would-be anxiety. Having a pre-shot routine also serves a second purpose – it blocks other outside distractions from entering your thoughts, as it's impossible to think about two different things at the same time.

Taking "one shot at a time" might sound simple and basic – and it is – but don't let that fool you. By bearing down on every shot, only then will you play to your full pool playing potential.



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# "The Life of a Pool Player"

Let me begin by stating: this is the toughest interview I've ever done.

Dave at the DFW 8 Ball Spring Classic in May 2016

I first interviewed my friend, David Faver, back in September 2017 - the day he had brain cancer surgery, and I would occasionally ask him clarification questions over the following eight months. He shared with me that he didn't want me to put the interview in the magazine until after he passed away. I kept that wish (and many others), including Dave's request that I title this "The Life of a Pool Player."



I'd seen Dave around big tournaments for about 20 years, but saw him more frequently the last 10 years when we both lived in Fort Worth, Texas. Two years ago he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He was living out of his van and the pool community got together and I started a GoFundMe to help raise money for him so he could stay in a hotel while he got chemo and radiation. That act of kindness from the community to raise funds for about eight months, led to a blossoming friendship where he and I would talk *every day* for the next two years.

While I became his remote caregiver, we more so would become best friends. Eventually, social workers would help him get on Medicaid and then find him an apartment (his first in 8 years) where he has been living for the past 12 months.

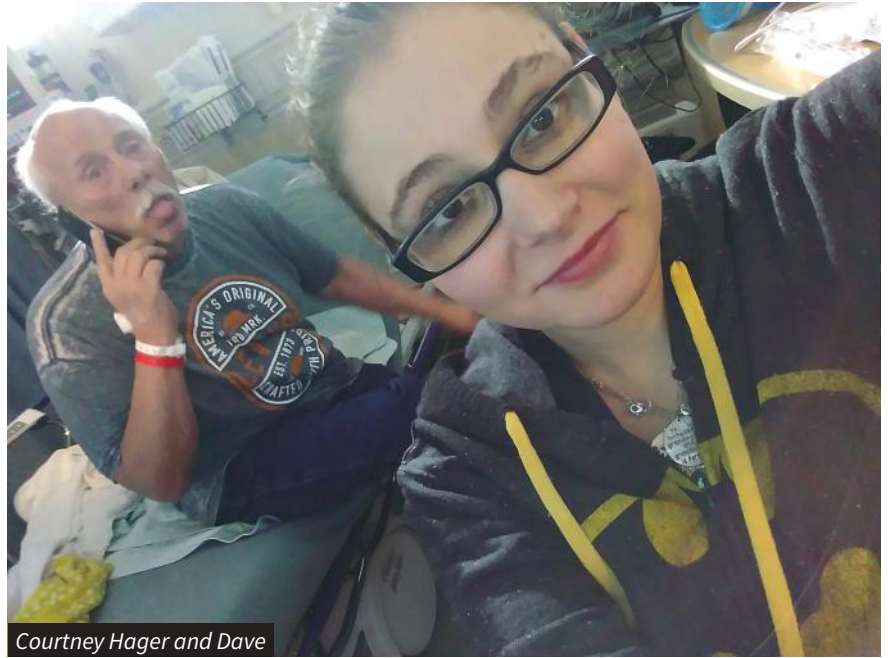
While the esophageal cancer and brain cancer was hard on him, he has always said his quality of life improved because of the kindness of others the last couple of years that helped him in his time of need.

**Q:** What is the best tip you would like to share?

Put in hard work and play real good players. That's how I got good. My game always went up a ball when I was on the road because I was playing better players all the time. I learned from *every* player I played. Some players never see what another player has to offer, so they don't want to play them because they are too good. What they don't realize is, every player does something better than other players, something really well – so learn from them.

**Q:** That's pretty awesome your biggest tip is to learn from others.

Well, I think it's very important. When players get upset about rolls, then they are too focused on that instead of



Courtney Hager and Dave

**“ SOME PLAYERS NEVER SEE WHAT ANOTHER PLAYER HAS TO OFFER, SO THEY DON'T WANT TO PLAY THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO GOOD. ”**

trying to figure out how to beat them. Players should evaluate why someone beat you, instead of getting mad or thinking you were the best. Set ego aside, and LEARN. Take advantage of the loss and use it as an opportunity. Then when you figure out their weakness, it breaks *them* down.

**Q:** What were you surprised about playing pool?

All that I learned about people, and what I learned about myself. A lot I learned about myself was from playing pool.

**Q:** How did people treat you after they found out you got cancer?

Well, some people are friendlier, but I found out who my true friends were. People also changed how they treated me. Some were afraid to ask “How are you doing?” so they would just say “Hey” or avoid me all together and I

was then considered to some as “the guy with cancer.”

And what I discovered was it was hard for people to gamble with me because I was sick. Some didn't want to try and take my money, wouldn't play me at all (thought that it was donating), or wouldn't play as hard. But I LOVE pool. And I wanted to PLAY! And I also still wanted their best.

**Q:** You had friends all over because you lived on the road?

Oh yes, and I actually had *really* good friends in all the states I lived. I was very lucky.

**Q:** Where and when were you born?

Akron, Ohio, July 27, 1955.

**Q:** How did you start playing pool?

I started playing in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. I used to play in a basement

## Melinda Bailey

with local players, including Mike Gulyassy and others. It was just something to do in the winter. With three feet of snow on the ground from November through March, it was a fun thing to do. Plus, my Mom would kick me out of the house in the summer (sometimes at 11pm) saying “go play,” so I had to find something to do.

**Q:** Do you remember the first time you hustled someone?

Yes. When I was 12-13 years old, I would hitchhike to the bowling alley because I had a job there sweeping. They had several 9-foot Brunswick tables and so I started to play on them often. The owner backed me one day after he saw how good I was, and so that's when I first hustled someone [Dave smiled]. He kept backing me for a couple of years after that.

**Q:** When did you start playing pool for a living?

When I was 24 years old.

**Q:** Have you ever worked at a long-term job?

Yes. At 17 years old I went to work for the railroad from about 1972-1979. My Dad worked there as a conductor and so I was able to get in because of that, otherwise it's pretty tough to get a foot in the door. I was supposed to be 18 with a high school diploma, but I lied. I wasn't a very good student, and got suspended a lot.

I started out swinging a hammer, then was a brake man, then conductor, and pilot - a lot of experiences - so I qualified for everything in the company.

**Q:** Did you play pool while you worked for the railroad?

Yep. I played pool between my days off or at night, making \$2-3K a week playing pool. I could also go on the road for months at a time and then



Melinda with Dave

come back to the railroad. The railroad job was very flexible, that's why I was able to be gone and play for long periods of time, but still have a job to come back to.

**Q:** Why did you stop working there?

Eventually, they put in a rule that you had to work at least one shift a month, and I wasn't able to do that one time because I was on the road, so then I was let go after 9 years.

**Q:** How did you feel about losing that job?

I didn't mind losing that job at all, because I was making more playing pool each week than the job! But, I never thought that kind of money would end - I was stupid; I didn't look at the future.

**Q:** So, you've really been a pool player your whole life?

Yep.



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Well, I went to the laundromat all the time – I am pretty OCD about washing my clothes and not wearing them more than once without cleaning them. I was able to either take a shower at a friends' house, but mostly at this one bar where they had showers. It was very important for me to take a shower every day, so that was a big thing to ensure I could shower.

**Q:** What brought you from “the road” and back to Texas?

In 2009 I came back to north Texas to take care of my Mom; she passed away in 2012. I did some granite work to make ends meet, but I mostly played in local tournaments and weekend events to make money. I got in a car accident in Fort Worth, Texas and then didn't have a good car anymore to go back on the road, so I've been here ever since.

**Q:** Tell us about the Cadillac.

In the late '80s I was living in Twinsburg, Ohio. Another hustler came through town... and I beat him at a roadhouse for hustler's that would come through Cleveland. I played the guy over two days, an incredible number of hours with very few breaks. I had already beat him out of a few thousand when he came back with a Caddy. I then beat him out of that Cadillac! I was walking out with a few hours' sleep and the guy comes flying back into the parking lot with another car, demanding we play for the second car! I declined to play further saying, “How am I going to drive two!?” My girlfriend at the time, Mary, was so shocked when I came home in that Caddy instead of bringing home rent money, lol.

**Q:** That's so wild! And, um, what's a “roadhouse?”

A roadhouse/road stop in this case was a motel in Hudson, Ohio (a city next to Twinsburg). And this particu-

**Q:** You never had any other jobs?

Oh I did, but nothing long-term. If I wasn't making money on the road, I'd work; I had to make ends meet. I have been a bouncer, did construction in Florida off and on for 7 years, was also an assistant manager for a bar, short order cook, landscaping, worked on billboards, installed poles in the ocean for piers, etc.

**Q:** But you did both all the time - work and hustle?

Yes. When I worked/had a job, I played pool in the evenings and worked during the day. I would play road players all night long and then be ass-tired at work every morning, hahaha. But if I made a lot of money gambling, then I'd split and go on the road and leave that job.

**Q:** So, if you ran out of money on the road, then you'd have to get a job, right?

Well, the road would get *real* tough at times. And then I'd go back to Florida and get part-time jobs, living mostly in hotels. I used to ask cops which cheap hotels were good - they knew the cheap and safest hotels; tip I learned.

**Q:** When did you play in your first pro tournament?

In '80-'81 I played in Greensboro, NC at my first pro tournament. I was playing Allen Hopkins for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and all of a sudden they start announcing over the speakers the score after *every rack*. It sharked me lol. But 3<sup>rd</sup> wasn't bad :):)

**Q:** Did you ever beat any high profile players?

Plenty. And I used to beat Steve Mizerak out of a lot of his money for weeks at a time in Florida, lol.

**Q:** Where have you lived?

When not on the road, I had an apartment in Florida once, but I mostly stayed with friends if I wasn't in a hotel. Then I lived in my van when I was in Texas for about 8 years. That was much cheaper than a hotel room and less stress to try and ‘make that money.’ Then of course this past year I've lived in an efficiency apartment the social worker found me. I really like it!

**Q:** If you lived in the van, how did you shower and take care of those needs?



lar hotel was a 1940-1950's old cinder block, single floor motel, kinda like the place Josh Brolin gets shot at in the *No Country For Old Men* movie (nothing fancy, didn't even have a swimming pool). This was the place that anyone "on the road" would stop in for gambling action when they passed through Cleveland (very south-east side of town). It was open all night for gambling and drinks – quite illegal to serve after 1 or 2am. It had two 9 foot Brunswick's and a small bar, in an addition to the motel office. Gin and tonics were known as "Mike n Mary's" after hours.

**Q:** Have you ever been married or had kids?

I have had several long-term relationships, but it was always hard on girlfriends being on the road – being on the road in general isn't very easy. I never had kids – I had an accident when I was little and found out I could never have kids. A few of my long-term girlfriends still play pool to this day, even after 30 years later. Pretty cool. :)

**Q:** You and I have talked about when I "retired" from pool, my thoughts about that. What are yours?

Well, at times I wish I didn't have to depend solely on pool. You have a full time job, a career, I did not. So I never had the luxury to stop playing - it was like I *had* to always play.

**Q:** What is something people would be surprised about being on the road?

The thing about playing on the road is, if I have problems, I'm alone and 3,000 miles away from home or friends. Everything seemed to happen to me when I was on the road lol. Everything I've been through, I was 3,000 miles away from anyone or home. Well, except my cancer.

**Q:** So, how did you make your money? Just what we imagine?

Yep, I played in weekly tournaments, big tournaments and gambled. For example, I used to play pool at the Masters (golf tournament) at Augusta. I would make 1K a night against the golfers on the bar tables. I figured out where to go and who to play to make my money.

**Q:** When you started to stay in Fort Worth, you found that some of the weekly tournaments wouldn't let

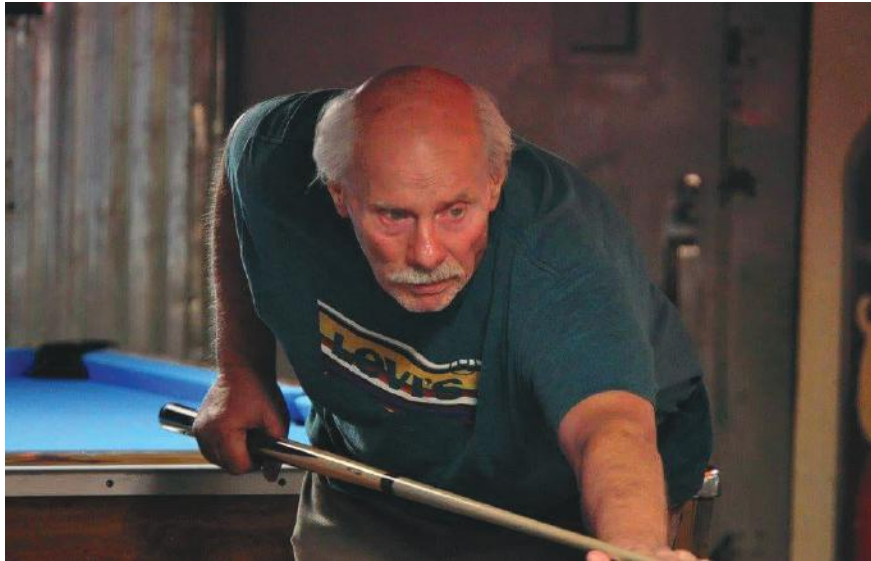
you play. How do you feel when people won't let you play because you are too good?

Well, I didn't really think about me, I mostly thought it was unfair to all the other players. The players are deprived of getting a chance to beat top players. Those are the type of things that makes them better and more confident. All the \$5 and \$10 tourneys should be open to anyone so the players learn – that's how I learned – and it's a really great opportunity. Plus, I want them to feel like I did when I

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*Dave after a second place finish on the Omega Billiards Tour in May 2017*



would make a pro sweat.... and I actually intimidated the pros a lot.

**Q:** So, how did you feel when some of these average players beat you?

Proud! I was proud when people beat me. Others players would get down or mad; not me. You see, I had to gamble good players to even *get* to play them. Now, you get to play them in tournaments! Why deprive them of that chance?

**Q:** I've seen you get upset sometimes after you lose. I figured it was because you needed the money. Was I right?

No... I normally only get upset because of an injustice of something that happened either on the table (bad roles) or my opponent did something. I wasn't ever mad at myself, or mad about the money. I can overcome losing money; done that my whole life. People just try to jar you, and that's what upsets me. It can be mentally draining, but I actually feed on it – and it makes me stronger and more determined.

**Q:** How do you feel when some players are “picked” on by others?

I like intimidating those players because I am avenging my pool playing friends. They belittle a lot of players, so I like to beat them for that.

**Q:** Do you remember the big take-downs?

Honestly, it's a lot easier for me to remember the people if I lose. I remember the beating they gave ME because it's always a lesson.

**Q:** When I first started to run the Omega Billiards Tour over 6 years ago in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, you had a really thoughtful suggestion for us that we loved (and implemented that very first full year): To have an award for Best Sportsmanship. You know you were never going to win that right? Hahaha. Seriously, what made you think of that?

Yes, I probably never would have won it lol. But to answer your question, after I played in one of your stops, I saw how cordial the players were and also very honorable. I thought it would be a great idea to recognize a player each year for “Best Sportsmanship” through an award because it's an important part of a successful tour to have players who are respectful and on their best behavior.

**Q:** Because you were a hustler for most of your life (until you became too well-known from gambling and tournaments), did anyone knock you?

Well, sometimes it happened, yes. Usually what would happen would be when I was traveling to new locations, a person in the bar who I thought was a new friend would turn out to try and get ME hustled. I learned quickly not to trust too many new people. Plus, that backfired on them a lot. [Dave smiled again]

One funny story, though. When I was in Florida I ran into this biker guy who watched me play for weeks on end in the bar. He would joke with his friends and tell them I was a “Florida Champion” because I kept beating everyone. A few years later I'm in Pennsylvania gambling and he happens to walk in! But he says his hello loudly across the room like this, “Dave Faver, the Florida Champion!” Not realizing his joke just cost me customers, lol.

**Q:** So earlier you mentioned about bad rolls and jarring from other players. Tell us some more about that.

You know, I'd rather lose 11-0 to a guy because he played *perfect*, than to someone who got lucky that set. It's like a brave night in battle – I don't mind losing, but I want us both to put up a great fight.

**Q:** You recently got baptized. Where you nervous or excited?

I was nervous, yes. Mostly because I would rather have gone when I was physically stronger. But when I got to the stage, I got excited and wanted to grab the mic and start talking to the crowd! Lol.

**Q:** So, tell us about your cancer.

In 2016 I started to have trouble swallowing food and knew something bad



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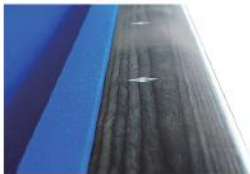


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was probably going on. I lost almost 100 pounds, too, because I couldn't eat/swallow many foods. I passed out one day and went to the ER and that's when I found out I had esophageal cancer. I went through many weeks of chemo and radiation in the fall of that year and then had esophageal surgery in April 2017. The doctors removed my esophagus, and created a new one by pulling my stomach between my lungs and placing the newly-created esophagus on the side of my neck (which could not be seen by the visible eye.) I still had a difficult time swallowing solid food, but I could finally eat ice cream, applesauce, soup, etc. I also fed myself through a tube in my stomach the last two years, as

I haven't had solid food since 2016. After the surgery, while still in the hospital recuperating, they told me I was cancer-free (they had tested the mass they removed). I couldn't stop crying from happiness and relief!

In September I was having issues with my left arm and they did tests to see if it was because of a stroke, instead, they found brain cancer. The very next day I had brain surgery to remove the large mass on the right side of my brain. I had two small ones on the left side and they did radiation for those small masses the next couple of months. Then in February I had a CAT scan and MRI to see how the 2 little spots were doing after the radiation

treatment. The two small ones were no longer there, but two other larger masses formed – one on the right side again and one in the back (near my spine). The cancer was now inoperable, but I did 3 very, very heavy doses of radiation on them. That stopped the masses from growing larger, but the effects of having brain cancer was already noticeable – I was forgetting daily things, eyesight and hearing were getting worse, and I could eventually not hold things well with my right hand.

**Q:** How did you act when you had to have brain cancer surgery?

The morning we did this interview was kinda surreal because I only found out the day before I had brain cancer. But when the doctors were reviewing all the things that could go wrong with surgery (as they are supposed to do), I just wanted to go to the operating room to have it done; I was ready! I told them with my fists moving in the air like a boxer, "I'm ready to fight, doc. Let's go, I'm ready!"

**Q:** That's hysterical and just like you! One of the many things I have always loved about you is you have an amazing optimism about everything. Why do you think you are so positive?

Well, I've been successful at everything! When I put my mind to things, I do it. I just have that frame of mind. Just like I prepare for pool. Always have.

**Q:** I was also always amazed how positive you were about your situations. I was struggling with depression and yet you lived out of your van, had a borrowed cue, and no other possessions, yet you always saw things as good. Why is that?

I guess I just felt like I still had everything. I am a fighter and my focus was on surviving being on the road/living

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out of a van. Material things are nice, sure, but I was still doing well without all those things.

**Q:** How did you feel about having cancer?

It's just another day in the park. I am a fighter, so it was just another day in the park for me.

**Q:** Did you have a lot of pain associated with the cancers?

Well, I have a very high tolerance for pain. But, I really only got bad headaches from the brain cancer. And in all actuality, my diverticulitis flair up in December and then the clot in my lung in February were the most painful.

**Q:** Tell people what you reiterated over and over to me about your view of your life.

I would tell people all the time, "I've lived a great life!" Everyone dies at some point and if it's my turn, it's my turn and I will be ready. Why? Because I really have lived a great life. Some people would have loved to have lived my life. Sure, I've lived like a homeless person at times, but like a king, too. I've been very lucky.

**Q:** What do you think about cancer?

Well, I think about cancer every night before I go to sleep and every morning when I wake up. I don't want cancer to win. I'd rather die from complications from pneumonia or something, not cancer. I am actually hoping they can do tests on me with new experimental drugs, so I can help find a cure for others.

And you know, I always thought I would be killed in a seedy bar or pool room over a game of pool. Not by cancer; never imagined I'd die from cancer.

**Q:** You've been in bad places, huh?

Oh yes! One time I was in Houston with my buddy Joe from Ohio. It was about 1978 and he and I were the only white people in there. I was gambling anyone and everyone who would play. Joe had earned a chemistry degree a few years before and he told me if we made it out alive, he was going to put his chemistry degree to good use and get a real job and stop going with me to gamble lol!

**Q:** Who was one of your favorite players?

Jimmy Fusco was really a great guy – perfect gentleman and champion. He was someone I always wanted to be like. He was complimentary about my game even though I had just beat him in a big tournament. He acknowledged I was a good player and told me he was pleased to meet me, even after I beat him lol! I learned a lot from him.

**Q:** Go ahead, and tell the fine folks about the "Dream Team:"

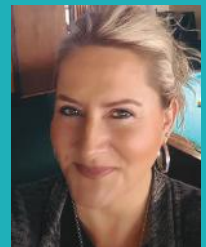
Well, my friends Wes Read, Courtney Hager and you [Melinda Bailey] have helped me out so much these last two years, so I call you three the "Dream Team." I could not have made it this far without the help of you three!

Another thing I told the nurses and doctors who would come into my hospital rooms to talk to me before/after my surgeries, they would always ask me pointing to you, "Is this your wife?" as you sat next to me in the room. I would say proudly, "No, she's better than a wife – she's my guardian angel!" I mean it, too, Melinda.

Dave fought cancer just as he fought in his pool matches – never giving up and fighting with all his might. He passed away peacefully on May 7, 2018 in the wonderful care of the hospice nurses, which I personally appreciated and so did Dave. Dave told me when he got there that if he passed in hospice, it would be the nicest death of any of his family, and he was very comforted to know he was in good hands.

Dave was a true champion and will be sorely missed. RIP Dave!

Melinda "ak-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).

# Team China Wins *World Cup Of Pool*

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**If you were a pool purest, looking to determine the absolute best through long races that take days, it would be easy to write off a tournament such as the World Cup of Pool as a mere novelty event. After all, who plays scotch doubles at any time during the year right?**

**A**nd with the country vs. country, race to 7, winner breaks format, the matches, the thinking goes, are surely just coin tosses that prove nothing about anyone's greatness.

Internet chatter may be easily dismissive, but as the 12th edition of what has become one of pool's biggest annual tournaments wrapped up, this time in Shanghai, China in mid-May, it

was clear that the World Cup of Pool packs everything that the sport of pool needs into easily digestible nuggets for the larger audience of casual fans looking for some fun and excite-





ment in their television viewing; nervy drama, intrigue, crazy pressure and, above all, sporting greatness.

As usual, this type of professional excellence is par for the course for English promoter Barry Hearn and his hard working crew at Matchroom Multi Sport, who have spent the last 12 years quietly building the World Cup of Pool into a brand that has appeal far beyond just the hardcore fans of the game. The fast paced format of the World Cup comes encased in world class television production standards that are as good as any sport anywhere. Players normally used to playing on internet streams with a few hundred people watching come to the arena in awe, knowing they are being seen around the world on the biggest sports channels. As the six day tournament moves along, the pressure and drama slowly builds. It's this pressure that brings out the best, and sometimes worst, from the sport's top players. And it's all captured in brilliant HD TV for the world to see.

Interestingly, despite the format seemingly tailor-made for upsets,--and there has always been plenty of shockers--a team of unseeded outsiders has never captured the World Cup of Pool title in the event's 12 year history. And this May the result proved no exception as the Chinese powerhouse duo of Wu Jiaqing(Wu Chia Ching) and Liu Haitao scraped and clawed their way to the crown on home soil, and the \$60,000 winners' check after taking down defending champions Austria in the final. It was China's third time to lift the trophy, a feat only matched by the Philippines.

Hearn has been trying to bring the World Cup of Pool to China for several years, but after several near hits, he finally found a local sponsor to host the event in the world's most populous nation. Hearn promotes plenty of World Snooker events in China,



Earning their spot via a qualifier, the China B team stormed into the final four

**“ WU AND LIU WERE PLUCKED FROM THE NATIONAL SQUAD TO FORM CHINA A, WHILE THE LOCAL ORGANIZERS DECIDED TO STAGE A QUALIFIER FOR THE CHINA B SQUAD. ”**

but this was his first ever pool event there. And wherever Hearn throws up an event, the players follow like baby chicks to a mother duck. 64 of the world's best players, divided into 31 nations(China had two, 2-man squads), literally flocked to Shanghai from all corners of the globe to try and capture lightning in a bottle.

That a team from China won the World Cup of Pool in the event's first time in this vast nation might seem too good to be true, like some sleight of hand by the flamboyant Hearn. But Hearn and his team only set the stage. The drama that played out over six days at the Luwan Arena in Shanghai was nothing short of a wild roller coaster ride with near constant twists and turns and unpredictable outcomes.

The TV setting, along with the almost absurdly quick format, plus the fact that it's scotch doubles, works like a charm in putting favorites under

the proverbial gun straight from the opening rack, and shock upsets have been a regular feature of the opening round matches in the past.

Wu and Lui of China A got a taste of that from the very start. The Chinese pair were big favorites to beat the Estonian pair of Dennis Grabe and 18 year old Mark Magi. But the Estonians showed that scotch doubles is about chemistry, not necessarily pure talent. The upstart Estonians led throughout while the Chinese looked nervous and struggled. But up 6-5 and with a chance to win, Magi's inexperience let China back in, and the local pair won a thriller at 7-6.

The thought of a shocking upset surely went through the minds of defending champions Albin Ouschan and Mario He of Austria as they quickly fell behind 3-0 to Chilean veterans Alejandro Carvahal and Enrique Rojas in the first match of the tournament.

## World Cup of Pool

But one errant scratch by the Chileans spelled their doom as Austria found their niche and won 7-3.

Once they got going, the Austrians looked like they were in no mood to relinquish their title. But other teams struggled to find a groove. The Russian pair of Ruslan Chinakov and world junior champ Fedor Gorst came in as a dark horse to win the event, and a first round match against Australia, which had never won a single match in the history of the World Cup, seemed the perfect opening salvo. But the heavy underdog Aussies, led by James Delahunty and Justin Sajich, played without a care in the world, and gave the boot to the stunned Russians, 7-4.

The American duo of Shane Van Boening and Skylar Woodward stormed into the final in 2017 only to let one errant shot midway through that final cost them the title. The Singaporeans,

with young talent Aloysius Yapp and veteran Toh Lian Han, looked like they had the Americans on the ropes, but Woodward came through late to help in a hard fought 7-5 win.

As the host nation, China received two entries. Wu and Liu were plucked from the national squad to form China A, while the local organizers decided to stage a qualifier for the China B squad. This resulted in two relatively unknown local Shanghai players getting the nod, 18 year old Kong Dejing, and 30 year old veteran Wang Ming, who had once been one of China's top 9-ball players, but had only recently returned from a five year hiatus.

The unlikely pair, who didn't know each other before the qualifier, proved one of the hits of the event. After taking down a relatively hapless South African side in the first round, the Chinese duo, with shirts un-tucked and

ready smiles, came up against one of the most formidable sides in the tournament; Ralf Souquet and Joshua Filler of Germany. The unheralded Chinese pair were hardly in awe, however. The match stayed close throughout with China B taking advantage of a slew of errors by Souquet to win at the end, 7-5.

Despite the near constant potential pitfalls and near upsets, most of the 32 team bracket stayed true to form. Only three unseeded teams made it through to the final 16. None made it to the quarterfinals.

After disposing Germany, Kong and Wang headed for a quarterfinal showdown with another tournament favorite, the Philippines pair of World 9-ball champ Carlo Biado and veteran Jeff De Luna. The Philippines came in a heavy favorite as they had just eliminated New Zealand 7-3, then crushed





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Team USA could do nothing but sit and watch Chinese Taipei run out rack after rack.

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the English pair of Mark Gray and Imran Majid 7-0 with a breathtaking performance. China B, however, came in well prepared as they took their game up yet another notch with a shocking 9-1 win over the fancied Filipinos.

Spain (David Alcaide and Francisco Sanchez Ruis) and the Netherlands (Niels Feijen and Marc Bijsterbosch) both looked impressive in their first and second round wins. Austria continued to plow ahead with a tight 7-6 second round win over Poland. Then in the quarterfinals the Austrians turned up the heat on the Dutch and grabbed a semi-finals slot with a handy 9-3 win.

While the Austrians were playing hard nose pool, it was Chinese-Taipei that lit up the Luwan Arena in Shanghai. The Taiwanese pair of Chang Jung Lin and 2015 US Open champ Kevin Chueng first crushed a Klenti Kaci-led Albanian side 7-1. In the second round, Chang and Chueng played flawless pool as they completely dismantled the Greek team of Alex Kazakis and Nick Malaj by the same score line.

This led to a marquee quarterfinal matchup with the USA, who had just kicked their game up a big notch in a solid 7-5 win over former champions Finland (Mika Immonen and Petri Makkonen.) The match didn't disappoint. The Americans stormed out of the gate and looked marvelous in getting the score to 3-0, then 5-1. The Taiwanese, however, suddenly found a gear and played perhaps the finest match of the event, winning 8 straight racks with amazing potting and safeties, leaving the Americans helpless to do anything about the painful 9-5 defeat.

After a near collapse by Liu of China A in the round of 16 against Australia, the Chinese pair headed for a quarters showdown with Spain, who were playing confident pool. The race-to-9 match quickly became a back and forth tussle and, up 8-7, Spain had a chance to win. But Wu showed why, even 12 years after winning the World 9-ball and World 8-ball at just 16 years old, he is still one of the most admired shot makers in the game. The 28 year old transplanted Taiwanese executed

two of the clutchest shots of the event, including a mind bending safety in the final rack, to help China A over the line and into the semis with a 9-8 win.

The first race-to-9 semi-final on the last day featured a classic cross straits rivalry between China A and a red hot Chinese-Taipei. Both teams buckled down and the match stayed close throughout with three lead changes and four ties. But Wu provided the answers yet again as China A won the last two racks for a tense 9-7 win.

Nearly everyone fancied the Austrians over upstarts China B in second semi-final. The unheralded Kong and Wang, however, were having none of it. For most of the match they seemed unstoppable and unflappable. But then, up 8-5 and needing one rack to reach an unlikely all-China final, China B failed to run out an open table. The blunder allowed the Austrians a last gasp effort and they closed the gap to tie at 8-8 and leave a tense and pressure packed one rack decider.

What happened next will long be remembered throughout Chinese cue sports and the world of pool in general. Austria broke for the win but came up dry. Kong and Wang proceeded to pick off the colors until Kong left Wang a fairly short 9-ball on the long rail headed across table into the bottom corner. Wang clearly rushed the shot, and missed the layup by a mile, as gasps of horror rang throughout the arena. A shocked Ouschan jumped out of his chair to cut the 9-ball into the corner for an impossible win as Wang slumped in his chair looking like death warmed over. The defending champs were still alive and in one hour would be trying for the first repeat in World Cup of Pool history.

Austria took the opening rack but a lucky safety from the Chinese forced a scratch from Ouschan and the Chinese leveled it. Two straight break and runs from the Chinese forged them into a



3-1 lead. Austria got one back after Liu missed an easy 6-ball in the next rack. But He gifted it right back with a miss on the 2 ball with an open table that allowed China to go to 4-2.

China had the initial advantaged in rack seven, but a misjudgment from Wu allowed Austria to close the gap to 4-3. But as the Austrians looked headed for a tie in the next frame, He left Ouschan terrible position on the 9. After Ouschan missed the bank, Wu stepped up and made a crowd pleasing table-length bank shot to bring the score line to 5-3. The pool gods would punish Austria for the giveaway in the next rack, as Wu fluked a snooker which led to a 6-3 advantage. That was the Austrian's last contribution to the match as the Chinese duo broke and ran the next four games to take the title.

"They played great the whole match," Ouschan said afterward. "We had

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seen their semi-final and they played well so we knew they were in good shape and in their comfort zone. We were hoping for a chance, we had one and didn't use it and that was it."

With their hands on the silver jug and the \$60,000 winner's check, Wu and Liu beamed for the cameras. While they had saved their best for the very end, they seemed to be more relieved than overjoyed. The last six days had been a wild and tumultuous ride, and on several occasions they were mere moments from elimination. But the class, especially from Wu, eventually shined through, something Liu made sure to acknowledge.

"I have played Matchroom tournaments before but never had a good run like this," he said. "I cannot remember how I played, it is a bit of a haze, but I must thank Wu as well."

For Wu, it was another title added to his list of legendary accomplishments and one he clearly won't forget any time soon.

"I am really, really happy to win this tournament," Wu said. "I had never played with Liu as a doubles partner so we were working on the chemistry from day one and the first few matches we struggled but in this final it was a really brilliant performance."



Team Austria felt they had one chance that they didn't capitalize on

# APA Members Cash In at Poolplayer Championships

World's Largest Pool League Awards Nearly \$700,000

**L**AKE SAINT LOUIS, MO (May 14, 2018) —Thousands of APA members made their way to the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino in late April to compete for nearly \$700,000 in cash and prizes at the APA Poolplayer Championships.

The Poolplayer Championships consisted of both the 8-Ball Classic and 9-Ball Shootout, as well as the 8-Ball and 9-Ball Doubles Championships and the Wheelchair Championship.

Nearly 6,000 players throughout North America qualified for Regional



8-Ball Doubles  
Champions: Last Shot 1 – Jordan Castillo and Bobby Harvison of Memphis, TN



9-Ball Doubles Champions  
Champions: Where Was This Last Week - Jorge Burke, David Zartler of North Cook County, IL

competition in the 8-Ball Classic, with 612 of them advancing to the championships.

In the finals of the 8-Ball Classic, five champions each took home a cash and prize package worth \$15,000 for their performances. In the Blue Tier, Blair Dickerson of Lubbock, Texas, defeated Tiffany Jones of Bakersfield, Calif. In the Yellow Tier, Lena Domes of San Antonio, Texas, defeated Kathryn Miller of Spanish Fort, Ala. In the Red Tier, Dave Supe of Harrison, Ohio, defeated Bradley Greer of Essex, Mo. In the Orange Tier, Joe Gotch of





**8-Ball Classic Blue Tier**  
 Champion: Blair Dickerson of Lubbock, TX



**9-Ball Shootout Champions Black Tier**  
 Champion: Dustin Gunia of Omaha, NE

Hillside, Ill., defeated Josh Norris of Oklahoma City, Okla. In the Purple Tier, Ernesto Bayaua of Tomball, Texas, defeated Aaron Greenwood of Baldwinsville, N.Y. First Place winners received cash and prizes worth \$15,000. Each Runner-Up received cash and prizes worth \$9,000. Kevin Murphy of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., won the Sportsmanship Award in the 8-Ball Classic.

The final round of the 9-Ball Shootout featured three championship matches, one for each Skill Level Tier, with two shooters in each tier competing for \$10,000 in cash and



**8-Ball Classic Orange Tier**  
 Champion: Joe Gotch of Hillside, IL



**9-Ball Shootout Green Tier**  
 Champion: Roger Ledford of Detroit, MI

prizes. In the Green Tier, Roger Ledford of Detroit, Mich., defeated Randy Archuleta of Commerce City, Colo. In the White Tier, Kevin Jans of Puslinch, Ont., defeated Sandi Teet of Hull, Ga. In the Black Tier, Dustin Gunia of Omaha, Neb., defeated John Nickson Jr. of Swarthmore, Pa. Each of the three Champions received a cash and prize package worth \$10,000. Runners-Up in each tier took home a prize package worth \$5,000. Denver Nicholas of Woodstock, Ala., received the Sportsmanship Award in the 9-Ball Shootout.





8-Ball Classic Champions Purple Tier  
Champion: Ernesto Bayaua of Tomball, TX

More than 4,000 poolplayers made it to the Regional Level of the 9-Ball Shootout before the field was whittled down to the 396 who advanced to Las Vegas.

In the 8-Ball Doubles Championship, Last Shot 1 – Bobby Harvison and Jordan Castillo – of Memphis, Tenn., defeated Michael’s 43 – Teresa Ballenger and Michael Wilder – of Jackson Miss. The victory earned them a \$5,000 payday. As Runners-Up, Michael’s 43 took home \$3,000.

In the 9-Ball Doubles Championship, Where Was This Last Week – Jorge Burke and David Zartler – of North Cook County, Ill., defeated Dilly Dilly 2 – Michael Soto and Eric Melando – of Middlesex County, N.J. The victory earned them a \$3,500 payday. As Runners-Up, Dilly Dilly 2 took home \$2,300.

In the finals of the Wheelchair Championship, Charlie Hans of Harrison, Ohio, defeated Marland Redfield of Marshall,



Wheelchair Challenge  
Charlie Hans of Cincinnati, OH



8-Ball Classic Red Tier  
Champion: Dave Supe of Harrison, OH



9-Ball Shootout White Tier  
Champion: Kevin Jans of Puslinch, ON





8-Ball Classic Yellow Tier  
Champion: Lena Dommes of San Antonio, TX

The final of each championship round was live-streamed (courtesy of PoolDawg) and can be viewed online at <http://www.youtube.com/apaleagues>.

The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, Mo., sanctions the world's largest amateur pool league, known as the APA Pool League throughout the United States, and as the Canadian Pool League in Canada. 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 nearly \$2 Million in cash and prizes annually!

The APA and its championships are sponsored by Aramith, Action Cues and PoolDawg.

Mich., to take home \$2,000 in prize money. Redfield received \$1,200 as the Runner-Up.

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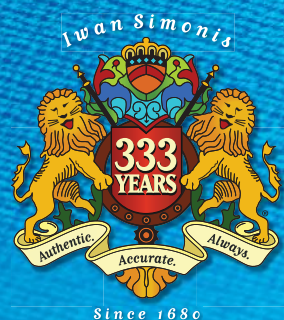
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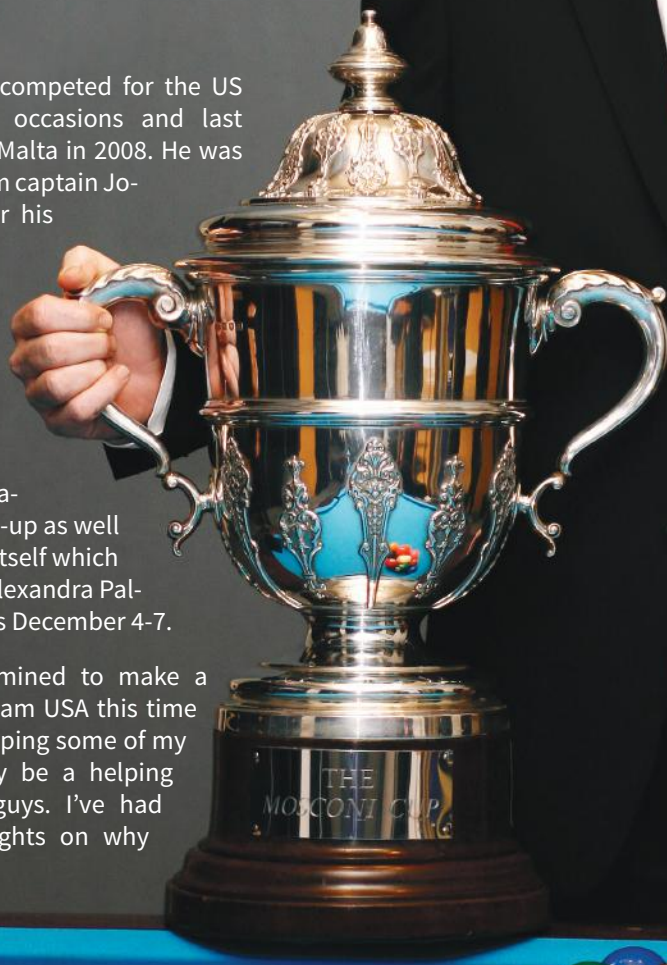
**named as US Vice-Captain**

**Jeremy Jones, a five-time winner of the Mosconi Cup, has been named vice-captain of Team USA squad as they look to get back in the winner's circle after years of European domination.**

**J**ones, 47, competed for the US on seven occasions and last played in Malta in 2008. He was selected by team captain Johan Ruijsink for his knowledge, experience and leadership.

The 2003 US Open champion will be an integral part of the operation in the build-up as well as at the event itself which takes place at Alexandra Palace, London this December 4-7.

Jones is determined to make a difference to Team USA this time around; "I'm hoping some of my experience may be a helping hand for the guys. I've had plenty of thoughts on why







our team hasn't won since 2009 and come to realize it's got to be a bit of a fluke along with some good reasons. I'm not saying the Euros haven't earned their wins but I think you get what I'm saying.

"I feel my best asset to the team will be mostly mental. And I'm sure some tactical things also. But mainly the mentality and realizing everyone's a little different.

"I've been around Johan and have had conversations prior to his invite to the team. We've obviously talked since and I like what I'm hearing. With me still competing here in the US quite a bit, I feel like I know the guys and their games...with that, Johan's experience and a talented bunch of fellas, we should have no excuses!"

Jones, whose seven appearances came in a ten-year period (1999-2008), has plenty of winning experience and could prove crucial in bringing the US team together.

Ruijsink, whose only defeat as a Mosconi Cup captain came last year at the Mandalay Bay, said, "First of all, I am really happy to have Jeremy on board as my co-captain. We will be able to use his experience, connections to and knowledge of the American pool scene and his personality to have a better preparation and commitment from the players."

Ruijsink is expected to name his initial squad of players shortly.

Tickets for Mosconi Cup XXV are on sale now priced from £25 per session, with season tickets available priced £90. Premium seating in rows 4-7 is available at £49 per session or £175 for a season ticket, with VIP Hospitality packages from £155 per person per session with a season ticket priced at £549.

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The Women's Professional Billiard Association is excited to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Signature Tour Stop of 2018. Emerald Billiards, located at 2511 Old W. Spanish Trail; New Iberia, LA, will be hosting the 64-player event with a guaranteed purse of \$29,000. A field of 64 elite players will travel from all over the world for a shot at the title & the top prize of \$5,500.

WPBA President Dean Roeseler has this to say regarding the event: "The WPBA Board is proud to bring you the second tour stop of the year in New Iberia, LA. This event will be a "signature stop" (50% points) and will be a 3 day event beginning Friday June 22nd at 10am. Emerald Billiards owner Keith Hulen is dedicated to making this a great event. We have 2 more events on the schedule for this year and will make those announcement when contracts are completed."

## EVENT SCHEDULE (times approximate):

**Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>:**  
Black Widow Exhibition 7pm-10pm

**Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
Match play from 10am-11pm

**Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Match  
play from 10am-12am

**Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Match  
play from 10am-finals 8:30pm

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- “The Assassin” **Monica Webb**
- “Double B” **Brittany Bryant**
- “9mm” **Jennifer Barretta**
- “The Black Widow” **Jeanette Lee**
- “Texas Tornado” **Vivian Villarreal**
- “G-Force” **Gerda Hofstatter Gregeron**
- “Billiard Bombshell” **Emily Duddy**
- “The Grinder” **April Larson**
- “The Sledgehammer” **Helena Thornfeldt**
- “Lone Star” **Kim Newsome**
- “The Terror” **Teruko Cucculelli**
- “The Texas Belle” **Belinda Calhoun**
- “The Honey” **Sandy Badger**
- “The Queen of the Hill” **LoreeJon Hasson**
- “Jumpin” **Janet Atwell**
- Jessica Barnes**

**Exhibition Event with “The Black Widow” Jeanette Lee  
June 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm-10pm**

“The Black Widow” Jeanette Lee will be doing an exhibition with challenge matches the night before the main event, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 7pm-10pm. For tickets to the main WPBA event or “The Black Widow” exhibition call: **337.319.0530**

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# "The Scorpion"


## pays a visit to the Action Pool Tour and goes undefeated to win it

Over the years, the Virginia-based Action Pool Tour (APT) has seen its share of top-notch professionals show up to compete on the tour. Dennis Orcollo, as just one example, who won last year's VA State 10-Ball Championships, and just last month finished as runner-up at the 12th Annual Bob Stocks Memorial, behind Zoren James Aranas (both happened to be in the neighborhood, preparing to compete in the Super Billiards Expo).

**O**n the weekend of May 12-13, the APT drew two more, both for the first time – Johnny "The Scorpion" Archer and Ronnie "Volcano" Alcano – who not so surprisingly battled in the finals, with Archer winning to finish undefeated. In the three matches that each of them played, prior to the finals, they faced the same

three opponents in slightly different order. In a strange sort of coincidence, two of the three they faced in that situation were players that Orcollo had to defeat to claim last year's VA State 10-Ball title. The 10-Ball event, stop #5 on the 2018 APT, drew 45 entrants to Q Master Billiards in Virginia Beach, VA.

Eight of the APT's top-10-ranked players at this stage of the season were on-hand to compete in this event (Shaun Wilkie, #3 and Kenny Miller, #9 did not). Neither Archer nor Alcano had to face any of those top eight players, which is about as straightforward a definition of 'luck of the draw' that you're likely to find. Archer got by Jacki Duggan (#42 on the tour), Lea Owens, and Kenny Daughtrey (#14),



Johnny Archer (Photo courtesy of Karl Kantowitz)



before downing RJ Carmona (the first of his last three, prior to the finals against Alcano; #13) and drawing Reymart Lim (#10) in a winners' side semifinal. By this time, Alcano was already at work on the loss side, having been defeated by Mike Davis (#22) in a winners' side quarterfinal. Davis advanced to face Dave White in the other winners' side semifinal.

Archer sent Lim to the loss side 7-5, and in the hot seat match, faced Davis, who'd defeated White 7-1. Archer claimed the hot seat 7-5 over Davis and waited for Alcano to face the same three opponents he'd just faced (Carmona, Lim and Davis) and challenge him in the finals.

On the loss side, Alcano opened his five-match, loss-side trip to the finals with a shutout over Daughtrey, and downed James Blackburn 7-5, to draw Lim. White drew Carmona, who, following his defeat at the hands of

**“ ARCHER COMPLETED HIS UNDEFEATED RUN WITH A 9-6 WIN THAT EARNED HIM HIS FIRST APT TITLE. ”**


Archer, had eliminated Bill Duggan 7-3 and JT Ringgold, double hill. Alcano started his duplication of Archer's last three, out of order, first downing Lim 7-5, as Carmona was busy defeating White 7-2. Carmona put up a fight in the quarterfinals that followed, but Alcano prevailed to earn himself a rematch against Davis in the semifinals.

Alcano took care of Davis 7-2, and turned to face Archer in a race to 9. Archer completed his undefeated run with a 9-6 win that earned him his first APT title.

A Second Chance event, which drew 14 entrants, saw Jake Lawson, owner of Lights Out Billiards Apparel, come back from a 4-1 defeat in the hot seat

match to down the tour's #1-ranked player, Steve Fleming, in the finals. Lawson moved to the loss side to defeat Rob Gager 4-1 in the semifinals, and then battled to double hill against Fleming in the finals before closing it out to claim the Second Chance title.

Tour representatives thanked the ownership and staff at Q Master Billiards, as well as sponsors Predator Cues, Viking Cues, Tiger Cues, Ozone Billiards, Aramith Billiard Balls, Diamond Billiard Products, Kamui Tips, and George Hammerbacher Advanced Pool Instructor. The next stop on the Action Pool Tour, scheduled for the weekend of June 16-17, will be hosted by Diamond Billiards in Midlothian, VA.



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# THE BALLPARK VILLAGE 9-BALL INVITATIONAL

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### November 27 - December 1, 2018

**Professional pool makes its debut in the Gateway City, Tuesday, November 27th through Saturday, December 1st in downtown St. Louis, MO with The Ballpark Village 9-Ball Invitational.**

**B**allpark Village is the region's first sports-anchored premier entertainment district in the heart of downtown St. Louis.

This new pro 9-Ball event will feature an "Invitational Only" list of 64 premier professional pool players from around the globe who will compete for their share of the \$57,000 purse. Tournament promoters are adding \$25,000 to the entry fees of \$500 per player to create the prize fund of \$57,000. The winner of this inaugural event will earn \$13,000. The prize fund will pay to 16 places, with the 13th-16th finishers taking home \$1,500.

The Ballpark Village Invitational is a double elimination tournament played in Fox Sports Midwest Live

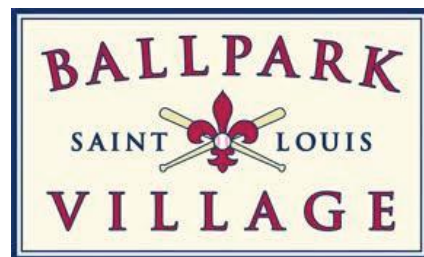
Opening night, November 27th, will feature a charity event with celebrity

/ player competition and exhibitions. Friday, November 30th, features live music with a local St. Louis tribute band. The tournament will conclude on Saturday, December 1st with 2 semi-final and championship matches inside FOX Sports Midwest Live!

Admission to Ballpark Village and the tournament are free, as will be the live streaming. Ballpark Village features a 1,200 square foot LED TV wall complete with a center 40 foot TV, creating the ultimate fan experience.

The Player Invitation list will be published within the next week. Player Registration for the exclusive invited players will begin shortly thereafter at the tournament website [www.ballparkvillage9ball.com](http://www.ballparkvillage9ball.com).

Any player wishing to be on the waiting list, will be required to pay the



registration in full and will be notified no later than Friday, November 16th of their invite to play. If a waiting list player is not invited to play, a full entry refund will be credited.

For more tournament information, contact Tournament Director, Rocky McElroy at (352) 584-5124 or email [robsykora@gmail.com](mailto:robsykora@gmail.com) for business and sponsorship inquiries.

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# Kazakis over Kaci on Joss Tour

**Two of Europe's hottest young players took advantage of being in the states to drop in on stop 14 of the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour on April 28th - 29th at Raxx Pool Room in West Hempstead, NY.**

All eyes were on Albania's Eklent Kaci and Greece's Alex Kazakis (fresh off of his runner-up finish at the World Pool Series event) and fans in attendance were wondering who would be able to challenge them on this day. Kaci would start off his tournament with two quick wins, but a hill-hill loss to Bruce Nagle sent him packing to the one loss side on Saturday. Kazakis would get by Nagle 9-3 and then defeat Zion Zvi 9-6 for the hot-seat.

Kaci got acclimated to the left side of the board pretty quickly, and other than a close 9-7 win over Holden Chin, would score convincing wins over everyone put in front of him. Zvi fought hard in his semi-final match with Kaci, but lost 9-6 to send Kaci to the finals against Kazakis.

The final match was another close one, but it was Kazakis scoring a 9-6 win in one set for first place.

Sundays second chance tournament saw Holden Chin drop his first match of the day (3-2 to Ray Lee) and then bounce back with five straight wins, including 3-0 and 3-1 wins over Lee in the finals for first place.

The Joss NE 9-Ball Tour will take off the month of May, but will be back on June 2nd - 3rd at Snookers in Providence RI for another \$1,500 added main event and \$500 added second chance tournament.



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**JUNE 02 - JULY 29**

## Joss Tour 2017-2018 Stop 15

**06/02 - 06/03**

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

## Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop

**06/02 - 06/02**

C.M.'s Place  
Seminole, FL  
Website: <http://www.sunshinestateproamtour.com/>

## New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #26

**06/02 - 06/02**

Workmen's Hall  
Norwood, Ma  
Website: <http://mdpromotions.com/>

## Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 3

**06/02 - 06/03**

Kolby's Corner Pocket  
Tempe, AZ  
Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

## 10-Ball Players Championship

**06/07 - 06/10**

Steinway Billiards  
Astoria, NY

## Florida Pool Tour 2018 Stop 6

**06/09 - 06/09**

Uncle Waldo's Billiards  
Daytona Beach, FL  
Website: <http://uspoisontour.com/>

## Lone Star Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 5

**06/09 - 06/10**

Bogies Billiards & Games  
Houston, TX  
Website: <http://www.lonestarbilliardstour.com/>

## Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Stop 3

**06/09 - 06/10**

Freezer's Ice House  
Tempe, Az  
Website: <http://www.diamondpooltour.com>

## WPBA Signature Tour Stop

**06/22 - 06/24**

Emerald Billiards  
New Iberia, LA  
Website: <http://www.wpba.com/>

## Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop

**06/23 - 06/23**

Boulevard Billiards  
Ocala, Fl  
Website: <http://www.sunshinestateproamtour.com/>

## DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop

**06/23 - 06/24**

Click's Billiards  
Arlington, Texas  
Website: <https://dfw9bt.com>

## Mid-West Pro Am

**06/27 - 07/01**

Big Dog Billiards  
Des Moines, IA

## 6th Annual Cole Dickson 9-Ball

**06/30 - 07/01**

Family Billiards  
San Francisco, CA

## West Coast Challenge One Pocket

**07/04 - 07/06**

California Billiard Club  
Mountain View, Ca

## 2018 APA Junior Championships

**07/05 - 07/08**

Renaissance Hotel  
St.Louis, Missouri  
Website: <http://www.poolplayers.com>

## West Coast 10 Ball Pro Challenge

**07/06 - 07/08**

California Billiard Club  
Mountain View, Ca

## Florida Pool Tour 2018 Stop 7

**07/07 - 07/07**

Fat Cat's  
Mt. Dora, Florida  
Website: <http://uspoisontour.com/>

## Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 4

**07/07 - 07/08**

Main Street Billiards  
Mesa, AZ  
Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

## Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2018 Stop 4

**07/07 - 07/08**

Bogies Billiards & Games  
Houston, TX  
Website: <http://gulfcoastregionaltour.com>

## Lone Star Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 6

**07/07 - 07/08**

Bogies Billiards & Games  
Houston, TX  
Website: <http://www.lonestarbilliardstour.com/>

## 2018 BEF Junior Nationals

**07/10 - 07/14**

New Orleans Convention Center  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Website: <http://billiardeducation.org/>



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**JUNE 02 - JULY 29**

## Freezer's Icehouse 1-Pocket Challenge

**07/11 - 07/13**

Freezer's Ice House  
Tempe, Az

## Freezer's Icehouse 10-Ball Challenge

**07/13 - 07/15**

Freezer's Ice House  
Tempe, Az

## Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop

**07/14 - 07/14**

Stokers 2  
Tampa, FL  
Website: <http://www.sunshinestateproamtour.com/>

## DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop

**07/14 - 07/15**

The Hideaway  
Dallas  
Website: <https://dfw9bt.com>

## Southeastern Billiards Tour Stop

**07/14 - 07/14**

Park Avenue Billiards  
Orange Park, FL  
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/thecarolinabilliardstour>

## New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #27

**07/15 - 07/15**

Crow's Nest  
Plaistow, New Hampshire  
Website: <http://mdpromotions.com/>

## 2018 BCAPL World Championships

**07/18 - 07/28**

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino  
Las Vegas, NV  
Website: <http://www.playbca.com/>

## AllOutPool Tour 2018 Stop 5

**07/21 - 07/22**

Shooters Billiards  
Port St. Lucie, Florida

## New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #28

**07/29 - 07/29**

Stix and Stones  
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# Tourney Results

## 05/05 - 05/06

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Borderline Billiards

- Bristol, TN  
 1 Daniel Moore \$725  
 2 Mark Hurst \$475  
 3 Steve Dye \$330  
 4 Ryan Fossum \$200  
 5 John Hoge \$100  
 5 Brady Brazell \$100  
 7 Mike Skeens \$50  
 7 Brandon Stiltner \$50

## 05/06 - 05/06

### Tri State Tour 2017-2018

#### BQE Billiards

- Queens, NY  
 1 Tony Ignomirello \$600  
 2 Thomas Schreiber \$400  
 3 Amy Yu \$250  
 4 Max Watanabe \$150  
 5 Tri Chau \$100  
 5 Shweta Zaveri \$100  
 7 Matt Klein \$70  
 7 Marisol Palacios \$70

## 05/12 - 05/13

### AllOutPool Tour 2018 Stop 4

#### Premier Billiards

- Coral Springs, Florida  
 1 Sam Kantar \$550  
 2 Pat Regan \$350  
 3 Joe Beyer \$200  
 4 Raul Alvarez \$100  
 5 Jeremy Brooks \$75  
 5 David Jacobs \$75  
 7 Andrew Yoder \$50  
 7 Carl Johnson \$50

## 05/12 - 05/13

### Action Pool Tour 2018 Stop 5

#### Q-Master Billiards

- Virginia Beach, VA  
 1 Johnny Archer \$900

- 2 Ronnie Alcano \$600  
 3 Mike Davis \$400  
 4 R.J. Carmona \$250  
 5 Dave White \$150  
 5 Reymart Lim \$150  
 7 JT Ringgold \$100  
 7 James Blackburn \$100

## 05/12 - 05/12

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Corner Pockets

- Fayetteville, NC  
 1 Mike Hancock \$425  
 2 Dave Brown \$275  
 3 Brad Moore \$125  
 4 Michael McCall \$50

## 05/12 - 05/12

### Tri State Tour 2017-2018

#### Steinway Billiards

- Astoria, NY  
 1 Jaydev Zaveri \$800  
 2 Juan Melendez \$500  
 3 Lidio Ramirez \$300  
 4 Amy Yu \$180  
 5 Matt Klein \$115  
 5 Sabrina Sherman \$115  
 7 Erick Carrasco \$90  
 7 Jim Gutierrez \$90

## 05/12 - 05/13

### BWPPA 2018 Stop 2

#### Escape Pool Bar

- Barnsley, S. Yorkshire  
 1 Fred Dinsmore \$332  
 2 Dave Beaumont \$166  
 3 Roy Kimberley \$80  
 3 Daniel Lee \$80

## 05/15 - 05/20

### World Cup of Pool

#### Shanghai

- Shanghai,  
 1 WCOP Team China A \$60,000

- 2 WCOP Team Austria \$30,000  
 3 WCOP Team China B \$15,000  
 3 WCOP Team Chinese Taipei \$15,000  
 5 WCOP Team Spain \$10,000  
 5 WCOP Team USA \$10,000  
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 17 WCOP Team Malaysia \$3,000  
 17 WCOP Team Hong Kong \$3,000

## 05/16 - 05/19

### 1st Annual Asian Culture Day Open 10-Ball Event

#### The Orleans

- Las Vegas, Nevada  
 1 James Aranas \$13,000  
 2 Chris Melling \$6,700  
 3 Dennis Orcollo \$5,000  
 4 Vilmos Foldes \$3,500  
 5 Max Eberle \$2,300  
 5 Efren Reyes \$2,300  
 7 Mitch Ellerman \$1,350  
 7 Justin Bergman \$1,350  
 9 Jeremy Jones \$750



9 Tyler Styer \$750  
9 Roberto Gomez \$750  
9 Billy Thorpe \$750

## 05/16 - 05/19

### 1st Annual Asian Culture Day Women's 10-Ball Event

#### The Orleans

Las Vegas, Nevada  
1 Kelly Fisher \$10,000  
2 Siming Chen \$6,000  
3 Ga-Young Kim \$4,000  
4 Chieh-Yu Chou \$2,500  
5 Tzu-Chien Wei \$1,500  
5 Allison Fisher \$1,500  
7 Vivian Villarreal \$1,100  
7 Loree Jon Hasson \$1,100  
9 Karen Corr \$600  
9 Jasmin Ouschan \$600  
9 Been Kuk \$600  
9 Teruko Cucculelli \$600  
13 Taylor Hansen \$350  
13 Veronique Menard \$350  
13 Line Kjoersvik \$350  
13 Monica Webb \$350  
17 Brittany Bryant \$125  
17 Melissa Little \$125  
17 Erin McManus \$125  
17 Maureen Seto \$125  
17 Susan Williams \$125

## 05/16 - 05/19

### 1st Annual Asian Culture Day Amateur 9-Ball Event

#### The Orleans

Las Vegas, Nevada  
1 Justin Marks \$2,500  
2 Roy Skenandore \$1,500  
3 Randy Kukla \$1,100  
4 Ben Sutherland \$800  
5 Chris Reyes \$500  
5 Manuel Luevano \$500  
7 Jeremy Armijo \$300  
7 Harold Romero \$300  
9 Orlando Gonzalez \$150  
9 Marc Laguna \$150  
9 Jordan Romerthel \$150  
9 Cole Gibbons \$150  
13 Tommy Lipps \$100  
13 JR Flores \$100

13 Joel Lara \$100  
13 Shan Damani \$100

## 05/19 - 05/19

### New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #25

#### Buster's Billiards

Somerset, NH  
1 Gabe Kirshnitz \$350  
1 Andy Burns \$350  
2 Andy Kuang \$213  
2 Ming Xu \$212  
3 Jodie Thompson \$138  
3 Javier Fantauzzi \$137  
4 Steve Downs \$100  
4 John Files \$100  
5 Bill Fassett \$75  
5 Jose Pardo \$75  
5 Dave Morrison \$75  
5 Dave Kirchner \$75  
7 Mike Waldon \$50  
7 Carlos Aguilar \$50  
7 Don Gagnon \$50

## 05/19 - 05/20

### Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Stop 2

#### Pockets Billiards

Tucson, AZ  
1 AJ Jones \$805  
2 Tim Daniel \$600  
3 Kevin Nguyen \$400  
4 Steve Adams \$250  
5 Brian Long \$150  
5 Max Maurer \$150  
7 Tyler Lovendahl \$80  
7 Ed Scott \$80  
9 Tony Whiting \$50  
9 Vincent Sbelgio \$50  
9 Bill Luciano \$50  
9 George Teyechea \$50

## 05/19 - 05/20

### Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Amateur

#### The Spot

Nanuet, New York  
1 Troy Deocharran \$1,100  
2 Matt Klein \$800  
3 Matthew Harricharan \$500

4 Ambi Estevez \$300  
5 Ocheign Carlos \$200  
5 Marisol Palacios \$200  
7 Erin Bechner \$150  
7 Gary O'Callaghan \$150

## 05/19 - 05/20

### JPNEWT Tour 2018 Stop 3

#### First Break Cafe

Sterling, VA  
1 Nicole King \$540  
2 Linda Haywood Shea \$250  
3 Kathy Friend \$200  
4 Jackie Rivera \$75  
5 Judie Wilson \$50  
5 Kia Sidbury \$50

## 05/19 - 05/20

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Rooster's 21

Charleston, WV  
1 KC Hawley \$550  
2 Shawn Miller \$325  
3 Brian James \$225  
4 Lee O'Neal \$100

## 05/20 - 05/20

### Tri State Tour 2017-2018 Stop

#### Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey  
1 Mike Strassberg \$500  
2 Bob Toomey \$250  
3 Ada Lio \$150

## 05/24 - 05/27

### 4th Annual Buffalo's Pro Classic One Pocket Event

#### Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La  
1 Justin Hall \$17,000  
2 Tony Chohan \$11,000  
3 Corey Deuel \$8,000  
4 Dennis Orcollo \$6,000

## 05/26 - 05/27

### Memorial Weekend 9-Ball Cham- pionship

#### 15th Street Grill

Auburn, Washington  
1 Stan Tourangeau \$1,100

- 2 Randy Baker \$750
- 3 James Davee \$580
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