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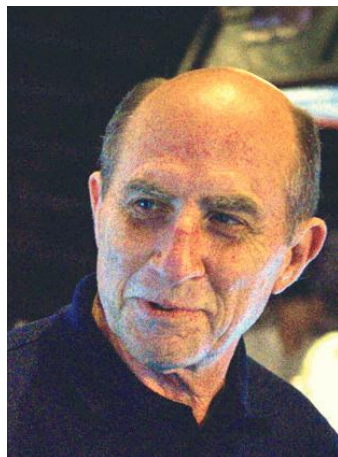
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# The Head Rail a message from the Editor



## Let's Get This Party Started!

"I'm so excited, and I just can't hide it!" Yep. I have the Pointer Sisters song running through my brain. And that is because I am on my way to the U.S. Open and this year the team of Accu-Stats and AZB are covering the Open in every possible way.

You can go to [www.accu-stats.com](http://www.accu-stats.com) and sign up to watch the best matches in amazing quality with a variety of great commentators. Sometimes they run me in there to do a match but you can mute those. And the camera work is beyond compare. There are overhead, robotic side cameras plus tripod and fixed. Every angle is covered. And after the event

you can get special pricing on DVD's of your favorite matches from Accu-Stats. Also, for those in attendance in Norfolk, Accu-Stats will bring a wide variety of past classic matches for you to purchase on the cheap.

So here is the plan. Get your streaming pass and open the stream in one window. Then, make a new tab and open [AZBilliards.com](http://AZBilliards.com) to the live scoring and interactive brackets. So between games while the racking is going on you can hit the live score page and see who is leading and trailing on every table in the house! Every score is updated as soon as the 9 ball falls. And the brackets are real time as well. You get to see how many rounds out your favorites are and how many more they must go to set up their first key match. You get to review who has been beaten by whom and by what score. You can even set the live score page up as a tab while you are at work and check in with the Open while you are filling out your next Purchase Order or Bill of Lading.

Just by hitting your tabs you can be the resident expert on the U.S. Open in your house. As always, the U.S. Open will have Mosconi Cup ramifications. A win or even podium finish can send a player to the Palace in December! Check out the latest Mosconi Cup rankings in this issue of the Buzz.

This month the Buzz also brings you another installment in the Mind of Steel series by Dr. Chris Stankovich, a new column by Jay Helfert (author of *Pool Wars*), coverage of events that include the Tornado Open, the Euro Tour, and the Tournament of Champions. We also have a feature on the Delta-13 rack, a U.S. Open Preview, and a Calendar section that allows you to plan for whatever future events you may wish to attend as either a player or fan.

We would like to hear your feedback and suggestions for the Buzz. Send your letters or notes to: [info@azbilliards.com](mailto:info@azbilliards.com). This is your magazine and we want to tailor our content to our audience of true pool aficionados.

The U.S. Open marks the beginning of the new "pool season." It is followed over the coming weeks by the Mosconi Cup and the the Derby City Classic. AZB will be covering all of these for you and the Buzz will recap all of the important moments. Enjoy this issue and we hope to talk to you at the Open in person.

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# Getting To Know Me

by Karen Corr



I would like to thank AZBilliards for giving me the opportunity to write this article.

I have been very privileged to have been successful in Snooker and English Billiards across the pond and Pool since 1998

when fellow professional Julie Kelly and I first came to the U.S. She had three sisters in the States at the time so we had a great support base. I don't think I could have done it without Julie's family. We had a lot to learn about pool.

*“I just love to learn from anyone who loves to share the game. We can learn from anyone if we are open to it.”*

When I learned to play Snooker, technique was very important to any Snooker player. I was 14 when I started out playing and overcoming challenges like drawing the ball to learning how to deliver the cue straight, and the shot making of the game. My style back then was more like Jimmy White which was at a fast pace.

I started playing in the Spalding and District Snooker League. This gave me my first chance of learning sportsmanship, the

mental aspect of the game and learning how to control myself. It took me a long time to learn how to control myself and at times I am still learning after all these years. I had great help from Mark Wildman who was a player on the main Snooker circuit. I had many coaches in Snooker over those years and still have Barry Stark as a coach since 1995.

In 1991 when I won the World Masters Championship, that turned out to be the biggest prize in Snooker for the ladies. I had already won the World Snooker Championship in 1990. I met a chap called Snowy Salisbury who played English Billiards which is similar to Three Cushion Billiards but with pockets played on a Snooker table. Snowy brought me around to the professional tournaments and was good friends with Steve Davis. Watching and sometimes playing Steve I would get the chance to watch his concentration and cue ball control. How he would work on one shot until he got it right. That is the way I have tried over the years to practice and I still do.

When I started out in pool that technique has stood me to this day. I tried to play the side on pool stance, but I guess I was playing the Snooker way for years.

An important part to my learning the game was having great people and coaches teach me the right way to play 9 ball pool. Paul Thornly gave me my first cue a Dufferin which I played with for a few years, it looked just like a Snooker cue nice and plain.

Julie and I had a tournament in Chester PA. A guy came up to us and said he wanted to show me a shot that cost me the match. That guy was Pete Fusco he had a pool room in Feasterville (The Spot) at the time. So I moved to Feasterville and Pete spent many late hours teaching Julie and me the finer points of the game. He would come to events that were close and guide me through the right way to play the shots. He came to the Tournament of Champions when I won three in a row in 2006, 07 & 08. His way

of teaching has helped me win 25 WPBA events and I have won many men's events in which I have learned so much playing the men.

I moved to Nashville in 2008 and met with Gerry Kanov and his wife Laura. I had a pool table at my house then. He would come over for hours and play and talk about the game. I still try to pick his brain and he is mostly right.

If I forget to mention people that have helped me I apologize. I just love to learn from anyone who loves to share the game. We can learn from anyone if we are open to it.

Robert McCullough was introduced to me in Las Vegas a few years ago. He was into the science of the game and he taught me a lot about kicking. I loved to play a great safe but when I was in a good safe I didn't have that knowledge of kicking so I needed to learn. Sometimes it is not good to bring new things into your game too close to a tournament until it becomes natural.

Many thanks to Mike Zuglan who has been a huge supporter of my game. He loves the women playing against the men, I won 5 Joss events and when I did that I won most of the women's events during that time. Recently I came in second in a Mosconi Cup Points event at Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY.

I would like to thank Baltimore City Cues for bringing me back into the game and Gary Allen owner of Champions in Frederick, MD for letting me teach there.

I am hoping over the coming months to talk more specifically about my journey through the different games and how I learned. If there is a subject you would like to learn I would love to cover them as best I can in future articles.

Thank you,

~ Karen

## About Karen Corr:

Karen Corr was inducted into the BCA Hall of Fame in 2012 as one of the most deserving players ever to earn the honor. Karen owns four World Snooker titles, three World English Pool Titles, and scores of WPBA event titles. She won the Challenge of Champions three years in a row. Her game continues to sharpen and she is feared not only by other women but also by the top male pros as she makes a habit of taking them down in style.

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# The Way It Was

by Jay Helfert

The great players of the 60's were led by an older generation that included Luther Lassiter, Jimmy Moore, Irving Crane, Joe Balsis, Eddie Taylor and Jimmy Caras. They were the "old timers" but still dominant players. The next youngest generation, who were mostly in their thirties included Johnny Ervolino, Jack Breit (Jersey Red), Billy Burge (Cornbread Red), Larry Johnson (Boston Shorty), Al Bonife (New York Blackie) and Richie Ambrose (9-Ball Richie). The rising young stars included Ronnie Allen, Ed Kelly, Richie Florence, Danny Diliberto and Wade Crane, aka Billy Johnson.

Rarely did you see any of the veteran players not wearing a suit, sometime minus the tie. Alligator shoes were the mark of achievement. The new "mod" style of dress started with the young guys, who began to style bell bottom pants and flashy shirts. Replacing the old boxy style of cue cases were new slim, handleless versions. Most everyone favored Szamboti and Balabushka cues, with some of the older guys still playing Rambow and Martin cues.

The most popular games were 9-Ball and One Pocket, with Straight Pool the bastion of the

Northeast. The cloth was slow playing Stevens cloth and Brunswick Gold Crowns and Sport Kings were in most of the newer pool halls. Gandy tables were more popular in the South. The best players had the most powerful stroke (Cornbread was considered tops) and the title of best all around player was revered. Ed Kelly held that honor for several years in the 60's. Ronnie Allen was undeniably the best at One Pocket, Lassiter was still number one at 9-Ball and Straight Pool. Eddie Taylor had no close second at Banks.

Bar tables had become staples in taverns across the country, with a new generation of bar table specialists. The Mexican players ruled these small tables and welcomed challenges from the big table champions. Mexican Sergio, Mario and Al Nicaragua were the best of the bunch.

A new generation of young players led by Steve Mizerak, Buddy Hall, Jim Rempe and Jimmy Marino were just starting to be heard from. Poolrooms were everywhere and hundreds of hustlers criss crossed the country plying their trade. They traded notes from their little black book of good "spots" and gave small commissions (10% the norm) on a successful play. And that's how pool looked in the 60's.

~ Jay Helfert

## Jay Helfert BIO:

Jay Helfert has been involved in pool for over fifty years as a player, promoter, room owner and writer. Many of his road stories can be found in his two best selling books, *Pool Wars* and *More Pool Wars*.

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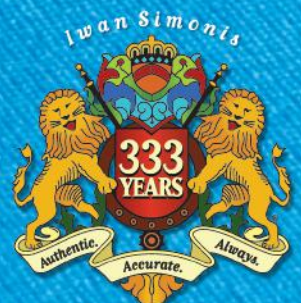
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# What can I do to win more matches than last year?

by Jerry Briesath



It's a universal question asked by every participant in every sport. Let's talk about some of the ways you can improve your game:

## First - Observation

There are many things you can learn from watching the best players in your league system if you know what to look for, and some of these things are very subtle, and then compare these things to what you are doing. Notice how the good players keep the cue very level, within an inch of the rail, on almost every shot. Also notice that when they shoot the shot, the cue stick goes straight ahead through the cue ball four to six inches and that it doesn't make a left or right turn after striking the cue ball. Another observation to make is that the good players do not move their head at all during the stroke. When watching a good player, see if you can guess what he is going to do with the cue ball to get position on the next shot and see how it compares to what you would have done. These are just a few of the things you should be alert to when watching better players.

## Second - Books and Tapes

There are hundreds of instructional books and tapes out there that can help you help your game. Some are better than

others but most have much to offer. Robert Byrne has some great tapes and books, and the tape I made for the BCA "How to Play Pool Right," as well as my new DVD, A Pool Lesson with Jerry Briesath, can help a lot.

## Third - Private Lessons

While books and tapes and observation can help your game, a good teaching professional can literally turn your game around in a few days. You can use the internet to find an instructor in your area. There is also a list of local instructors in this paper.

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# Mind of Steel

## Use Imagery for Pool Success

Dr. Christopher Stankovich  
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Imagery is simply the creation (or recreation) of mental thoughts. Imagery can be used in a variety of ways, including faster skill acquisition, faster skill mastery, increasing self-confidence, and even faster injury rehabilitation. Thousands of elite-level athletes use imagery every day for athletic success, and in this month's column I would like to show you how you can use imagery for success in pool.

First, it is important to say there is no wrong way to use imagery. If you can create an image in your mind, you are using imagery. When you stop to think about making your next shot and actually see the ball roll toward the pocket and drop, you are not only strengthening neural connections in your brain, but also eliminating your sensors to outside distracters (i.e. your opponent, the fans, etc). When your focus is entirely on the shot, it is impossible to also think about the "other things" around you that often get in the way and prevent you from playing your best.

For imagery to be most effective, consider the following tips for immediate success:

**Control & Vividness:** Try practicing taking total control over the shots you play in your mind — and always be sure to make your shots successfully while using imagery. Try closing your eyes as you rest at night and see yourself taking total control of the table and with each successful shot make the situation as real as possible in your mind. With a little practice,

you will be amazed at how quickly you will be able to imagine your local pool hall, the stick in your hands, and the sounds of the balls cracking off the break.

**Internal/External Imagery:** Internal imagery is as if you are looking at the pool table through your own eyes, using your own point of view. External imagery is as if you are watching yourself play through a camera sitting across the room. Both types of imagery can be effective, so try both and see which type best suits you. In my personal experience, internal imagery seems to work best, but either type is far better than doing nothing at all.

**Use All Your Senses:** Imagery is more than just visualization. Think about what it feels like to hit the perfect draw shot (kinesthetic imagery), or feel the pool stick in your hand (tactile imagery), or even the smell of your local pool hall (olfactory imagery). Quite simply, the more you can incorporate all the sense the more real it will become in your mind —and the most confident you will be when playing in pressure situations (because in your mind you will have already been there a million times before.).

**Pre-shot and Pre-game Routines:** Use imagery the night before a tournament (pre-game routine) and briefly before each shot (pre-shot routine). Imagery will help you keep a good pace and block out unnecessary things (i.e. the crowd watching), while also helping with self-confidence.

Try using imagery today, and allow yourself time to get used to using imagery. Remember, always keep your imagery positive and productive and you will never go wrong.

*"... it is important to say there is no wrong way to use imagery. If you can create an image in your mind, you are using imagery."*

*- Dr. Christopher Stankovich*

# Become a Product of Quality Decisions!

By Anthony Beeler

Actress Keri Russell once said, "Sometimes it's the smallest decisions that can change your life forever." Over the years, you have probably made enough poor decisions to believe this is true. Why, then, do we associate our playing ability with our physical skill? It's because our physical abilities are easier to see than our thought processes.

The best players in the world are often much more deliberate in the way that they think than amateur players. Professional players build their decision making process into their pre-shot routines. In fact, professionals are masters at separating their thought processes from the physical aspects of executing the shot at hand.

So what is the correct decision making process? The first step is to stand far enough away from the table that you can see the entire layout of balls. If you stand too close to the table it becomes impossible to see the relationship one ball has to all of the others. Standing too close to the table often impairs your ability to make good quality decisions.

The second step is to separate the actions of your conscious mind from your subconscious mind. One way to do this is by using your chalk as a triggering mechanism. Each time you approach the table you should pick up the chalk as you begin making decisions about how you will attack the layout of balls you are facing. The best way to do this is to pretend that your chalk is your brain (you must have it to think). Make it a rule that you are not allowed to make any conscious decisions or think about anything game related unless you have chalk in your hand.

With chalk in hand, you will need to answer the following four questions before you get down to shoot:

1. Which shot am I going to shoot and why?
2. What are the various position routes available for position on my next shot?
3. What speed does the shot need to be struck with to get my cue ball to the desired location?
4. What spin do I need to strike the cue ball with

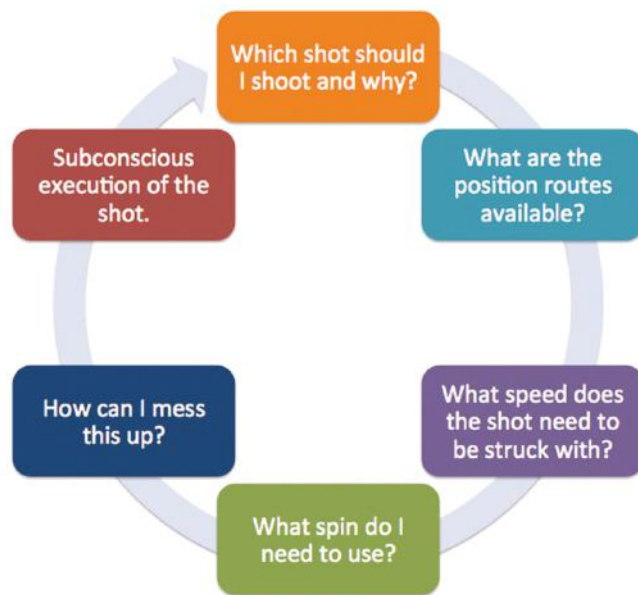
to execute the shot properly?

5. How could I mess this shot up? In other words, if I make a position error, am I better off sending my cue ball a little too far, or am I better off coming up a little short? Or should I not worry about position and devote 100 percent of my concentration into pocketing the ball at hand?

Once all of your decisions have been made you should place the chalk back onto the table (or put in in your pocket). This will act as a trigger to your brain that you are now ready to stop thinking and physically execute the shot subconsciously.

Once you are down on the shot, you should try not to think about the decisions that you made standing with chalk in hand. Your only job is to execute your plan of action subconsciously with the proper mechanics. If at any time you start to second-guess yourself or any part of the plan you developed, you should stand up, pick up the chalk and start the entire process over again.

Being able to stay focused, composed, and maintain a high-level of self-confidence sums up to what great pool players seek to achieve every time they approach the table. When you learn to control your thought process, you can execute the mechanical aspects of the game more precisely. And when the two work together in harmony at the correct tempo, you experience a positive, pure, and effortless performance. Players often refer to this state as "Dead Stroke."



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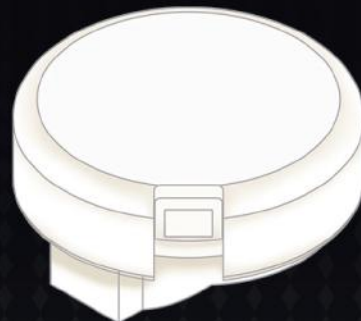
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# A Different Perspective

Letter to the Editor from Robin Kelly

When I came back to playing again in 2005, I was also working full time at a public job and Pool was a great way for me to garner some much needed, "me time." I got invited to play on a Pool League. I had never heard of such a thing, never had a pool lesson in my life and had grown up a totally natural player. In fact pool was something I ended up back into by accident but that's another story. So I find myself back in the game. This time it had been so long that the graciousness of youth had starting leaving me and I had to ask myself, "How is it that I used to play this game?" I thought on it and started searching for the answer and over some time I found it to be just a few small things. I think that in dealing with round balls its really easy for you to make a wrong decision on a contact point because as we age our depth perception ability lessens. After all you can't see through the ball to the other side so it might be easy to misplace a contact point by just enough to miss a shot. As I worked with this I created techniques around that and once I had, I saw things on the table I don't think I'd ever seen before. My game got to the point that I knew without a doubt that I'd surpassed the pool player of my youth and I was really happy with it.

*Keeping an open mind and always searching you may find your "Holy Grail" one day in the place you suspect it least.*

Pool has always been something that I did for me, even when I was young. The thought of extra

spending money was nice and "I have given into that," but that was never the lure for me. It was the challenge of finding the answers to those seemingly endless scenarios, being able to solve them and getting out of the rack. I can't tell you the times I would go to the poolroom alone and in a few minutes would be completely entertained over something I was working with and be that way for hours. I truly have always loved the game and didn't care to play unless it was under conditions that I liked. The moral to the story here is that the area of feel in the game of pool is a very small area. If you're going to learn to feel the game and retake and surpass the blessings of your youth, it may take a change in the way you perceive things. Keeping an open mind and always searching you may find your "Holy Grail" one day in the place you suspect it least. We are all warriors of the chalk. A distinct brotherhood of geometers, plotting courses of travel across the universe, one table, one match and one friendship at a time. Take a new perspective and find your answers.

- Robin Kelly

(336Robin on the Forum)

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5th Place Mark Gray



# Feijen Becomes King of Dutch Open

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One hundred fifty-nine players spent the last few days of September and the first two of October at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Leende, The Netherlands, for the Dynamic Billiard Dutch Open. The event offered 34,000 Euro in prize money and the Euro Tour events are always well attended. All eleven tables were live-streamed by Kozoom.

Several players had important goals to achieve here. It is the end of the season, Mosconi Ranking Points are at stake, and the year-end rankings are also at risk. Many players held the chance to advance in rankings, especially if current leader Mark Gray faltered. This would be of assistance to Albin Ouschan, Ralf Souquet, Niels Feijen, Petri Makkonen and David Alcaide.

Two of these men wound up facing one another in the finals. David Alcaide and Niels Feijen were the two last standing. These fellows know each other well and have both had success on the Euro Tour. But Feijen won this one 9-7 with his usual focus and determination shining on the table. Feijen stares at object balls like a fighter focuses on your chin. It can be intimidating. Hence the nickname: "The

Terminator." Niels is the nicest guy in the world but if he ever looks at you like he looks at a 9-ball you better run.

The match was a good one. Alcaide broke and ran the first rack but Feijen was unfazed and after 12 racks the two were tied at six games apiece. Alcaide then broke and ran to lead 7-6 before Feijen simply took control and won the next three racks on the trot with a combination of break and runs, a great jump shot, and safeties left unanswered.

It wasn't just the gains made by Alcaide and Feijen, it was also the drama done to others that made the story here ever more interesting. Points leader Mark Gray finished in 5-8th, but that is good enough to put him in second place behind Feijen on the Mosconi Cup points list and to continue his lead on the European ranking sheet. Gray had reason early in the event to be concerned about his standings as he lost 9-7 to Tomasz Kaplan in the qualification round. But that did not seem to wound his focus as he went on to defeat Albin Ouschan (current World 9-Ball Champion) 9-5, and Denis Grabe 9-6 before falling out in fifth when he lost to

Wojciech Szewczyk 9-5.

David Alcaide's runner-up performance helped his fortunes a good bit. He moved up 4 spots on the Euro Tour list to spot #4 and an incredible 7 spots on the Mosconi List to land in fourth on that list as well. And Francisco Ruiz certainly did himself favors with his third-place finish at the Dutch Open. But there are five big names all within 14 points of one another that currently sit in Mosconi Cup positions 4-8, so you can expect some tension at the U.S. Open as that could either clinch the deal or seal the fate for David Alcaide (currently with 144 MC points), Ralf Souquet (141 points), Albin Ouschan (139 points), Francisco Ruiz (137 points), and Nikos Ekonomopoulos with 130 points. Within another ten points are Imran Majid and Mika Immonen. The U.S. Open will break some of these names and send others to London.

Niels Feijen has already been announced by Matchroom Sport as the first player named to the Mosconi Cup Euro squad. But the names of his team mates are not yet certain and should provide some great year-end drama for fans. Mark Gray (189 points) looks a solid pick as does Jayson Shaw with 180 points.

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# Jayson Shaw WINS The 25th International Challenge of Champions



"I watched this Tournament as a young boy and to now win it is amazing," said an elated Jayson Shaw moments after capturing the 2016 International Challenge of Champions title. The pressure packed \$25,000 winner-take-all event was held at Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, New Jersey on September 20. Shaw, from Scotland, defeated Shane van Boening of the United States in "sudden death" in the final match and was crowned the new "Champion of Champions." The two semifinals and the Championship match were taped by ESPN for telecast beginning Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 EST.

"You have to play your best the entire tournament," said Shaw "There's no margin for error. I won the lag to break in Sudden Death and I knew if I missed one shot I would lose \$25,000! That is pressure."

Shaw played Kevin Cheng of Taiwan in the first Semifinal match. Cheng was off his game and Shaw played flawlessly winning both races to 5 handily 5-0 and 5-3.

Shaw, the 2016 Derby City Classic 10 Ball Champion and Bergen Open 9 Ball Champion 9-Ball Champion then met Shane van Boening in the Finals who had defeated Alex Pagulayan, the 2016 Canadian Open Champion, in a sudden death tie breaker in the other semifinal. Alex won the first set 5-3 and Shane won the second set 5-4. The sudden death game went back and forth with Shane pulling

out a victory.

In the Finals, battling back and forth Shaw won the first set 5-4 and Van Boening took the second set 5-1. The momentum appeared to be with van Boening, but in the one game sudden death Shaw won the lag, ran the table, and emerged the winner.

The crowd gave Shaw a standing ovation when he won the final match. He raised his arms in victory and then accepted the highest single purse in international winner-take-all tournaments. The trophy and the check were presented by Gregg Hovey of Billiards International.

The 2016 event was the 25th annual International Challenge of Champions and the very last event to be held at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino, set to close on October 10, 2016. Bill Talerico, Executive Vice President Sports & Entertainment for Taj Mahal, was delighted with the event and the support displayed by the crowd of pool fans. "This is a great event for the Taj Mahal to go out on. I am only sorry we will not be around to host this again next year."

In addition to the fine tournament site at the Trump Taj Mahal, the event was sponsored by Diamond Billiard Tables, Aramith Tournament Billiard Balls, Simonis Cloth, J. Pechauer Custom Cues, CueMate Cue Stands, PoolDawg.com, Cuetec, Marty Carey Jump Cues and Bill Westley Racks. The event was produced by Gregg Hovey of Billiards International.

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# Allison Fisher Wins the 2016 19th Annual Tournament of Champions Title

"I am finally back," said an excited Allison Fisher moments after capturing her sixth International Tournament of Champions title. Allison now leads Ga Young Kim who holds five Tournament of Champion titles. The thrill of victory was all the greater since it had been several years since she won her last Tournament of Champion title.

The spirited \$15,000 winner-take-all event was held at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 21. Fisher, the 2016 Masters Champion, defeated Kelly Fisher in the final match and was crowned the new Woman's "Champion of Champions." The semi and final matches require a player to win two sets, race to four games each set. In the event of a tie, the pressure becomes brutal with a one game sudden death tiebreaker. The two semifinals and the Championship match were taped for broadcast by ESPN beginning Sunday, December 11 at 1:00 pm EST on ESPN2.

"We may look cool out there, but the pressure is overwhelming," said Allison. "I knew I had to play well from the start being matched first against Ga Young, and then to meet Kelly in the finals I couldn't let up." Kelly Fisher started out strong in both sets of the Final with a 2-0 lead, only to see Allison come back in each set and win 4-2, 4-2 for the

Championship trophy and the winner's take all check.

Allison had to go through Ga Young Kim in the first semifinal. Ga Young, the 2016 WPBA U.S. Open winner, got ahead early three games to one but Fisher fought back and won the first set 4-3. Fisher then took complete control, playing perfectly and defeated Ga Young 4-0 in the second set.

The other semifinal also brought cheers from the crowd. Kelly Fisher of Ireland prevailed against Jasmin Ouschan of Austria by a score of 4-3 and 4-2. Jasmin played tough and led in the first set but missed a couple of key shots allowing Kelly to close her out.

The crowd gave Allison Fisher a standing ovation when she won the "Champion of Champions" title, her sixth, making her the winningest player in Tournament of Champions history. She raised her arms in victory and then accepted the winner's purse of \$15,000. The trophy and the check were presented by Gregg Hovey of Billiards International.

The 2016 event was the 19th Annual International Tournament of Champions. Bill Talerico, Executive Vice President of Sports & Entertainment for Trump Taj Mahal, was delighted with the play and the crowd of pool fans. "We were extremely pleased with this event," he said. "This is the last event to be held at the Trump Taj Mahal, and it was first class all the way. I wish we could hold this event next year. It was great for Atlantic City."

In addition to the fine tournament site at the Trump Taj Mahal, the event was sponsored by Diamond Billiard Tables, Aramith Tournament Billiard Balls, Simonis Cloth, J. Pechauer Custom Cues, PoolDawg.com, Cuetec, CueMate Cue Stands, Marty Carey Jump Cues and Bill Westley Racks. The WPBA sanctioned event was produced by Gregg Hovey of Billiards International.



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## The Stars Come Out for the 2nd Tornado Open at the Hard Rock in Florida

By Skip Maloney

The Texas Tornado - Vivian Villareal - threw a hell of a party in Florida over the final weekend in September. It was the 2nd Annual Tornado Open, although it was the third tournament Villareal organized with "Tornado" in the title; the first was the 1st Annual Texas Tornado Open, held in May of 2014 in McAllen, TX. The 1st Annual Tornado Open was held in San Antonio, TX, also in the last weekend of September.

Pretty much everyone you might have wanted to see in a tournament was in attendance for this latest iteration of the event, held from Sept. 28-Oct 2 at The Hard Rock Casino and Hotel in Hollywood, FL. There were nine events, \$85,000-added (total), and the whole shebang squeaked in ahead of the only

thing that might have trumped a Tornado Open; a hurricane, Matthew by name, which brushed by Florida about three or four days after the event had concluded.

It was a lady's (Vivian Villareal's) tournament, so Ladies first. The \$25,000-added Ladies Open 10-Ball Pro Event (one of three \$25,000-added events this year) was by invitation and/or qualifying tournament win only, and drew 62 entrants. It was won by Kelly Fisher, who double-dipped Ga-Young Kim in the finals. Kim won the Ladies event of the 1st Annual Tornado Open last year, defeating Allison Fisher in the finals. It was Kelly Fisher's first win on US soil in quite some time.

"I was absolutely thrilled," she said, pool-side, from her hotel on Monday afternoon, Oct. 3, "because while I've won tournaments all over the world, it's been a long, long time since I've won an event here in the USA.

"I really don't know who's in front in our head-to-head battles over the years," she added of her matches against Ga Young Kim. "It's quite close, I know that. Very, very close."

The two Fishers - Kelly and Allison - met twice in this one, and both turned into double hill struggles. Allison won the first one; a winners' side semifinal that sent her into the hot seat match against Kim, who'd defeated Chezka Centeno, double hill (Side Note: a week later, Centeno and Allison Fisher would appear in the finals of the Chinook Winds Ladies' 10-Ball Championships, with Centeno emerging as the winner). Kim claimed the hot seat over Allison 7-3, which set up the second Fisher/Fisher match in the semifinals.

On the loss side, Kelly Fisher picked up Monica Webb, while Centeno squared off against Karen Corr. Fisher eliminated Webb 7-5, as Centeno was busy downing Corr 7-4. Fisher took the quarterfinal over Centeno and then, the semifinal versus Allison Fisher, both double hill. Kelly Fisher won both sets of the true double elimination final (7-5, 7-4) to claim the Ladies title.

*Van Boening tops and wins star-studded Men's field.*

Shane Van Boening's double-dip victory in the \$25,000-added Men's Open 10-Ball event added 50 points to his Mosconi Cup rankings, allowing him to maintain his #1-slot among the Top 10, vying for a slot on Team USA. Runner-up Josh Roberts added

40 points to his Mosconi Cup total, leaving him in the #9 slot.

## *It was, without question, a star-studded field that took to the tables for this event.*

In the end, the 78-entrant Men's Open 10-Ball event came down to three matches between Van Boening and Roberts, who was something of a surprise, although not a big one. Roberts' last (reported) major win came against Alex Pagulayan in the finals of The Cheesehead Classic in Wisconsin last October. Roberts took the first of those three sets against Van Boening in the hot seat match, but Van Boening came back from the semifinals against Warren Kiamco and defeated Roberts twice in the double elimination final to claim the title.

It was, without question, a star-studded field that took to the tables for this event. Among the 78 entrants were 15 of the top 25 competitors on the BCA's Player Ranking list, along with other notables, like Tommy Kennedy, Sky Woodward, Justin Bergman, Dennis Hatch, Warren Kiamco, Robb Saez, Brandon Shuff, Mike Davis and Vilmos Foldes, to name just a few.

As the field narrowed to 12, only five of the BCA's Top 25 remained, along with six of the 10 players on the Mosconi Cup list. In the winners' side semifinals, Van Boening squared off against Alex Pagulayan, and Roberts took on Dennis Orcollo. Van Boening and Roberts got into the hot seat match with Van Boening downing The Lion 8-1, and Roberts sending Orcollo to the loss side 8-6. Roberts claimed the hot seat 8-4 over Van Boening.

On the loss side, Kiamco and Pagulayan would advance to the quarterfinals; Kiamco with a double hill win over Orcollo, and Pagulayan 8-3 over Justin Bergman. Gone, at this point, among the final 12, were Mosconi Cup point contenders Bergman, Mike Dechaine, and Shaun Wilkie. Kiamco took the quarterfinal match over Pagulayan, double hill, and then wound up on the losing end of a double hill match versus Van Boening in the semifinals.

Van Boening dominated the two-set final over Roberts. They played 18 games, and Van Boening won 16 of them, taking the first set in a shutout and the second set 8-2.

*Dream pairs square off in the \$25,000-added Scotch Doubles event.*

Among other things, the 16-entrant, \$25,000-added Scotch Doubles tournament gave Kelly and Allison Fisher another opportunity to compete against each other, albeit with help. Kelly was paired with Darren Appleton, while Allison and John Morra were trading shots. In the end, though, it was the tournament's namesake, Vivian Villareal, The Texas Tornado, who, paired with Dennis Orcollo, won the event, defeating Allison Fisher and Morra in the finals.

Villareal and Orcollo's path to victory in this one went through Chezka Centeno and Sky Woodward (who would, a week later, win the Men's and Ladies events of the 10th Annual Chinook Winds Open 10-Ball Championships), Ga-Young Kim and Jun Lee, and in a winners' side semifinal, Vilmos Foldes and Erica Park. Fisher and Morra, in the meantime, got by (among others) Kelly Fisher and Appleton, and in their winners' side semifinal match, Corey Deuel and Karen Corr. The Texas Tornado and Orcollo claimed the hot seat.

On the loss side, Deuel and Corr got by Helena Thornfeldt and Mika Immonen and in the quarterfinals, faced Park and Foldes, who'd eliminated Kelly Fisher and Appleton. Corr and Deuel took that quarterfinal match, and then, themselves were eliminated in a double hill match against Allison Fisher and Morra. The Texas Tornado and Orcollo took the opening set of the true double elimination title to claim the event victory.

*And finally. . .*

In addition to four Native American events (Men's and Women's 8-ball and 9-ball events), the 2nd Annual Tornado Open also featured two Amateur 9-Ball events. The \$5,000-added, 128-entrant Men's Amateur 9-Ball event was won by Jimmy Gestwicki, who defeated Louis Altes twice; in the hot seat and finals, both times 7-2. Christy Norris took the \$5,000-added, 40-entrant Women's Amateur 9-Ball event. She defeated Bev Ashton 7-2 in the battle for the hot seat, and then, downed Bonnie Coats in the finals 7-4.



Before The Tornado Open was complete, social media erupted with numerous players complaining about various aspects of the event. As expected, American Billiard Radio had Vivian on their show after the event to explain her side of the issues. What followed was a contradiction filled interview that saw Villarreal refer to a number of top male players as “crybabies and whiners” and blamed them for the majority of the event’s hiccups.

What really stood out in the interview is that two distinct and very different “reasons” were given for the pro-rating of the Scotch Doubles and the Mens Open 10-Ball. At first we are told that it is stated very plainly on both the official website and on the player entry form that the added money was based upon full fields. Thus, fields that did not fill would have to be pro-rated. And that is given as the reason that the two events were not paid out as advertised on the official event poster and on the Facebook page.

But then, later on, the reason changes. Ms. Villarreal states: “Originally I was going to give

them the whole 25, but when I went up and talked to the Main Guys and said, look, these guys have done this and that, and they said ‘if they can’t appreciate all that you have done for them just pro-rate it. If they can’t appreciate all the hard work that you have done and they are going to cry about this and cry about that...’ So that is why I did it. I would have given them the money but after the way they acted and they didn’t appreciate it the tribe said no.”

This was reinforced a few minutes later. When Mark Cantrell was confirming the prize monies and said that they had been pro-rated Villarreal interjected: “Because of their actions. The women in the Scotch event were punished because of the actions of the men? The Tribe was not happy with the men so anything the men got involved in. So we got punished for that.”

Near the end Villarreal poses: “If they didn’t act like babies they could have had it. But why give it to them if they are going to act like that?” Well, perhaps because the poster did not say \$100,000 added unless you ‘act like babies.’ Rationalization has its limits. And unless the player agreement had a clause in there about prize funds being dependent upon approved behavior an even earlier rationale for pro-rating has been eliminated.

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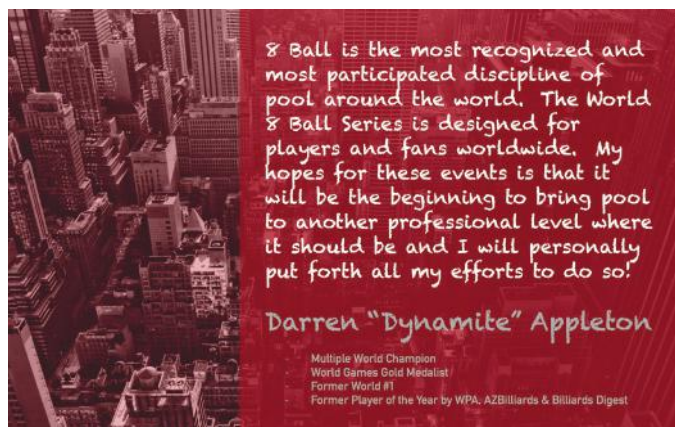


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# Darren Appleton Announces World 8-Ball Series

By AZB Staff

Two things are a constant in the men's professional pool scene: players are going to complain about the prize money, and they are going to talk about how things are going to be different when they start running their own events. That is usually the end of it though, as we obviously don't have a calendar full of "player ran" events to choose from. Darren Appleton, however, is putting his time and money where his mouth is. Appleton has announced the World 8-Ball Series, a four stop "tour" to take place in 2017 with plans to expand the number of stops in 2018 and beyond.



The World 8-Ball Series will feature three standard events with \$100,000 in prize money with a full field of 128 players, and a Grand Finale that looks to pay out over \$140,000 with 128 players. Each event will be limited to 128 players and played under WPA rules on 9 foot tables. Each event will be single elimination with long races, paying the top 32 players. Those players who don't make the final 16 will be eligible to play in a "second chance" tournament with separate prize money. Appleton's intention is to assure players that the final 16 players will each earn enough money to at least pay their expenses for getting to the event, with top finishers earning nice paydays. First place at each of the first three events is slated to be \$20,000, with the winner of the second chance events set to win \$5,000. That prize money will be even better at the Grand Finale, with first place pocketing \$30,000 for the main event

and \$7,000 for the second chance event. Each event will be WPA sanctioned and will carry WPA World Ranking Points. The series' own ranking system will play a big role for future events on the series. Appleton also hopes to award Mosconi Cup points for all four events.

All four events in 2017 will take place at Steinway Billiards in Astoria, NY, but Appleton has plans to hold events in later years in many more locations. The first event is scheduled for January 14th - 17th, with further events set to take place in April, July and September. Unlike most "open" events, players have to earn the right to play on the World 8-Ball Series. 24 spots will be filled by winners of qualifiers that are already being scheduled all over the world, with 96 other spots filled by invitations, based on the WPA points list, a top American players list, and a "Top Rest of the World" list. The final 8 players will be sponsor wildcards. While participation in one of the first three events is not a requirement in order to compete in the Grand Finale, players who have not competed in at least one event will pay a larger entry fee for the Grand Finale.

While the plans for 2017 are grand, Appleton says he hopes to implement memberships, tour cards, qualifying schools and cooperation with amateur leagues as the tour matures. Appleton won't be taking on this task by himself. He has partnered in this endeavor with Steinway Billiards owner Manny Stamatakis. Other members of the team are wife Angie Appleton, Nick Varner (commentator), Mick Hill, William Finnegan (Tournament Director), Mandy Wu, Megan Fort, "Upstate" Al Leon (Online streaming) and JP Parmentier (Photographer) with more members of the team still to be announced.

For further information on the World 8-Ball Series, including a list of upcoming qualifiers, search for @world8ballseries on Facebook, and watch for a website to be launched soon at [www.worldpoolseries.com](http://www.worldpoolseries.com) and [www.world8ballseries.com](http://www.world8ballseries.com).

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# The 41st U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships

By AZB Staff

As this issue of the Billiards Buzz hits the stands we are settling in to our rooms at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterfront and getting ready for the start of the 41st U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships. This is now the Granddaddy of all large events in North America and no other event comes close to the total purses that have been paid out here in the Tidewater.

The history of the Open goes back to a mere 16-man field in a contest captured by Mike Siegal. It was one of many, many events that popped up almost weekly across the country. Back then everything was a World Championship or an International Open, even if the prize money was often less than impressive. So what was it about this new event, this U.S. Open, that made it last as the others all faded by the wayside and went the way of history?



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After the fall of the PBT Tour the U.S. Open remained as a large and important presence. The tradition of green jackets for the winners and the increasing prize funds made this the most important title in North America. Once the BCA Open folded the U.S. Open was clearly the King of the Hill. Sure, the IPT came along and thumbed its nose for a year, but that threat was short-lived. Now the U.S. Open is a title sought by all the great players.



Let's take a look at the modern winners. The best players continue to prove their reputations here. Shane Van Boening has won the title four times in eight years. Darren Appleton and Mika Immonen both managed consecutive wins here. And our current champion Yu-Hsuan (Kenny) Cheng, while not a familiar name to all pool fans, is currently the number one ranked player in the world, finishing near the top in events around the world.

The Open is more than a pool tournament. It is a gathering of tribes. The players huddle up in groups, many of the fans know each other from years of past events, the vendors hold court in the famous booth area, and the atmosphere is sharp with bitter contests and opposing fans. The bar and cafe buzz with talk of odds and seedings and upsets.

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# Barry Behrman: The Final Interview

By AZB Staff



*Barry Behrman sat with us for his final interview with AZB after the Open last year. We thought it fitting to reprint it now as the first Open without his presence is about to commence. It should be noted that Barry was ill at the time of this interview but no one had any idea how serious his health problem would become.*

Barry Behrman has announced his retirement from being the promoter of the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship. After 40 years under a single master the event will now be handled by someone other than Mr. Behrman. We asked him why he chose to retire now.

“Well, I always wanted to go out on a high note and the 40th Open certainly gives me the opportunity to do just that. It was the best Open Championship ever and now I can look back at the event and know I left it in good shape, primed for the next generation of management. One occurrence from this year that really gives me a lot of hope for the future of the game itself is what Shane Van Boening did by calling a foul on himself, an act that cost him the match and prevented him from continuing in his quest for history by winning four straight Opens. The honor that this young man displayed by calling that foul,

that no one else in the room even saw, made a huge impact. When the fans were informed of his act they applauded him for so long I did not think they were going to stop. Thank you, Shane, for showing the way.”

“There was more to my decision to retire than just the desire to go out on a high note. I will be 70 this coming April and I have a few health issues I am dealing with by increasing my exercise to battle the heavy breathing after light exertion. I have lost quite a few long-time friends over the last couple of years and I want to be free to do some things and gain a semblance of semi-retirement and be able to concentrate on running Q-Masters.”

We then asked Mr. Behrman about what role he might play in future U.S. Opens. He has told us his choice for taking over the event is Pat Fleming of Accu-Stats Video Productions, the man who handled the player monies this year. When we contacted Mr. Fleming he told us he could really not discuss any details of this with us as he has not yet discussed the details with Mr. Behrman. But Mr. Behrman knows how he sees his role in the future if Fleming does indeed take over the event as he envisions:

"I would gladly assist Pat Fleming in any way he needs and I do have 40 years of advice to offer. Pat has been a great friend since 1982. He began Accu-Stats Video Productions at my 7th U.S. Open with a single camera, no commentators, and was still concentrating on gathering the statistics of the game for future generations to reference. He has done a great job along with his loyal and dedicated crew, to grow Accu-Stats into the international presence that it is today. He has earned the trust of players and fans and he did a great job this year with the money. So Fleming is the popular choice for everyone to take over the event."

We asked how he would feel about it if Mr. Fleming got an offer to move the event somewhere out of the Tidewater region of Virginia. He replied: "I do not see the event moving anytime soon, probably never." The US. Open is to the Norfolk area the same as the Masters is to Augusta. Both events have fine homes and a loyal local base.

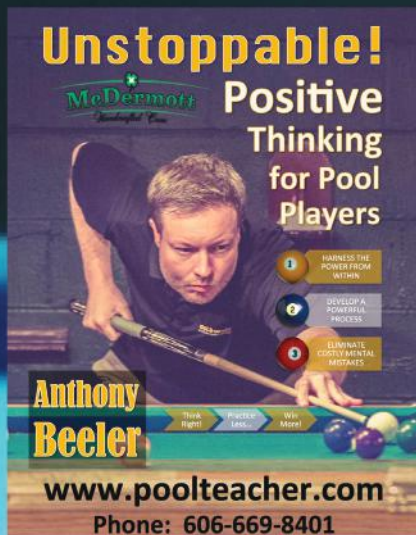
As mentioned before, Q-Masters will still be commanding most of Behrman's time. As he told us: "Q-Masters is America's largest pool room. It contains 72 tables in 25,000 square feet of pool heaven and I want to make it even better. So I am not going to fully retire as yet. I am pondering the

sale of the room at some point, but that is not in the immediate future."

Barry Behrman also wishes to express his thanks to those who have remained with him as part of the U.S. Open for many years. "I have many folks to thank for making the U.S. Open the event it has become. This year found us with players from thirty-two different countries and I want to thank each of them along with the best and most loyal fans in the country. They all contributed to my tears of joy over how well the event went this year. None of this would have been possible without my sponsors. So thanks to Simonis Cloth and Aramith Balls and their American President Mr. Ivan Lee. Thanks to Diamond Billiard Products and their management team of Greg Sullivan and Chad Scharlow. Thanks also to all of the arena sponsors and to the WPA President, Mr. Ian Anderson, and American Board Member Skip Nemecek. Thanks also to all of my loyal vendors and to the owners of AZBilliards, Jerry Forsyth and Mike Howerton. For all of these I say Thank You God Above.

So Mr. Behrman has made the decision to turn the U.S. Open over to Pat Fleming. We will bring you more details on this news as those details emerge.

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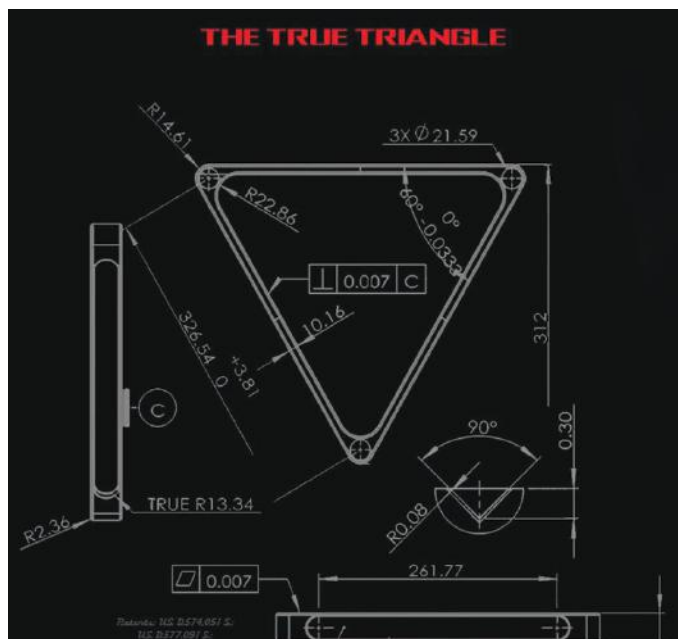
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# Industry Spotlight on the Delta-13 Rack

By AZB Staff

Let's go back in time to March 2007 when the first ever aluminum, aerospace engineered billiard ball rack idea was born. On March 10, 2008, the Delta-13 Elite was introduced into the billiard world through the UPA's tournament (now the U.S. Pool Players Association) and would soon be their official rack.



Terry Taggart purchased Tag Team Manufacturing of Parker, Colorado, in 2000 after leaving the commercial banking world. The Tag Team Manufacturing has been producing aerospace parts, medical equipment parts and computer storage components for OEM's (Original Equipment Manufacturer's) since 1987. Tag Team, under Taggart, ventured into the world of billiard accessories.

How did we get into billiards? Tag Team Manufacturing's Plant Manager, Charlie Ditruck planted the initial seed of pool equipment issues in February 2007. We didn't start off with a billiard rack, but a cue lean, which prevented a pool room from having chalk marks across the wall from pool sticks leaning against it. Charlie had his Dad and friends over one day as he has his own pool room.

They were constantly leaning their cue sticks on the wall, making marks across his nice pool room. The next day Charlie came into Tag Team, pondering what we could create to prevent this as he could not find anything in the store and the cue lean was made.

Shortly after, Terry said there must be something else we can create in our machine shop to help improve the billiard game that hasn't changed over hundreds of years. The idea of the Delta-13 ball rack was initiated in March of 2007 and the company, Executive Billiards, was formed (today known as Delta-13 since October 2013). Several different revisions took place over a matter of months with the help of the WPBA (Women's Professional Billiard Association) and the UPA including a 3 pound rack, ribbing cut out of the rails, and solid corners. After the revisions, what we call the Delta-13 Elite today was born and introduced to the market in August of 2007. Now our rack is 1 pound and the rails have pockets and we have cut circles out of the corners to reduce the weight and make it easier to rack. The goal of creating the Delta-13 rack was to improve the players experience by giving them an irreplaceable high quality rack that improved their game while also looking cool by being able to pick your rack color and engraving.



Racks here and there were sold between August 2007 and February of 2008. But at the Super Billiards Expo in March of 2008 is where we count our "first

racks sold” as we began to sponsor more professional tournaments on top of the UPA and WPBA we were already sponsoring. In 2009 and 2010, other products were developed and introduced into the sport including the Cue Rack, Cue Lean, Delta-13 Mount and Delta-13 case. In June of 2013, with the help of a \$13,000 CAD program, the Delta-13 Select rack was born to put a moderately priced rack on the market to reach a different customer. We found a less expensive way to produce our rack at Tag Team Manufacturing, in order to have a complete Delta-13 product line made in the U.S.A.

In July of 2016, a whole new rack idea was created when we learned about Eternagraphics. We have been anodizing specific colors on our racks, but had no idea certain companies could anodize patterns and pictures. The first ever Aluminum Anodized Patriotic Select Rack was born in July of this year and we think it is going to take the market by storm! We love America, so what better way to show our love for our country then to make an American Flag Billiard Rack.



Let's back track a little and let you in on how the racks are actually made at Tag Team and what makes them different from any old plastic or wood rack. As a company, we have 29 years of experience working with 6061 extruded aluminum, so we knew that was the best metal to use for our billiard racks as it is the most durable and does not fluctuate in size with temperature changes. The Delta-13 racks are cut from solid aluminum and made on a \$300,000 horizontal mill. A complete rack is made every 28 minutes. Once off the machine, each part is inspected, deburred and polished before it is sent to anodize. What the anodizing process does is it embeds the color molecules into the aluminum molecules in an electrically charged bath and it is this process that prevents the aluminum from tarnishing. Once we receive the racks back from anodize, each part is

quality inspected again and heli coils are installed in the Select rails and Elite corners.

Next, our rails are engraved with our Delta-13 Select or Delta-13 Elite logos and website address with our Epilog Laser Engraver, purchased in 2014 to cut down on costs and labor time. Prior to this year, the engraving was done on our vertical mill. On the other two open rails and topside, we leave blank unless a customer requests a custom name, date, or logo on them. Now, it's time to assemble the rack using stainless steel screws and Loctite glue. Our Selects are then placed in a Delta-13 box and shipped to the customer. Our Elites make their way to our quality control room where they are measured on our CMM (Coordinate Measuring Machine). This machine measures the flatness, perpendicularity and angles of each rack to meet the expectations. The dimensions are so exact that it identifies undersized balls, which will dramatically improve the break and ball spread, putting more balls into the pockets. A print out of the measurements is shipped with every Elite rack.

A fun fact about our racks is that because of the aluminum material we have chosen, the racks create less friction on the cloth, saving your cloth and reducing the number of times you need to change your cloth.

Delta-13 has sponsored over 50 professional tournaments and tours along with several amateur leagues. Delta-13 is currently sponsoring the following tours and tournaments; Women's Professional Billiard Association, Tony Robles Predator Tour, Predator Lonestar Billiards Tour and Predator Gulf Coast Women's Tour. Delta-13 is also the rack sponsor for world renowned trick shot artist, Florian "Venom" Kohler.



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# Feijen Claims First Berth on Team Europe

By AZB Staff

Holland's Niels Feijen is the first man to gain a spot on Team Europe as they look ahead to defending the Mosconi Cup at London's Alexandra Palace from Tuesday to Friday 6th- 9th December. Feijen, 39, will be making his 12th appearance in the storied event which will put him third on the European all-time list and move him to fifth on the overall roster of total appearances.

The Dutchman sealed the deal on home territory as he won the Euro Tour Dutch Open at Leende at the weekend. He held off Mark Gray and Jayson Shaw to finish on top of the Euro Event ranking after the nine-event series.

"I'm over the moon! I didn't realize it was already my 12th appearance!" said a delighted Feijen.

"In Leende I didn't want to focus on the points, but try to win the event instead. Otherwise it works negative for me. But in the quarters against Roman Hybler a big crowd gathered around the arena table so I figured Mark Gray must have lost so this was the match to win, no way around it."

"But I still wasn't sure about the points. I never really calculated all that stuff, too negative. After that win, the pressure was off and I managed to win the Euro Tour, which was a great bonus cause it's my tenth win."

"It's nice to get the qualifying thing out of the way and focus solely on the majors to come. I'm very excited to see the arena at the Alexandra Palace and of course the atmosphere with the hardcore fans! We will have a great team for sure; all the guys that are in the running are champions!"

There are two more tournaments to go (the US Open and the Kuwait Open) and two automatic spots to play for. Albin Ouschan leads the "World" list while Feijen is in front on the "Combined" list. In



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### European Rankings

01 Niels Feijen	213
02 Mark Gray	189
03 Jayson Shaw	140
04 David Alcaide	131
05 Nikos Ekonomopoulos	117
06 Ralf Souquet	115
07 Imran Majid	110
08 Joshua Filler	103
09 Wojciech Szewczyk	99
10 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz	97

### Combined Rankings

01 Niels Feijen	226
02 Mark Gray	189
03 Jayson Shaw	180
04 David Alcaide	144
05 Ralf Souquet	141
06 Albin Ouschan	139
07 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz	137
08 Nikos Ekonomopoulos	130
09 Imran Majid	123
10 Mika Immonen	120

## World Rankings

01 Albin Ouschan	93
T2 Dennis Grabe	53
T2 Alexander Kazakis	53
T4 Mario He	40
T4 Mika Immonen	40
T4 Francisco Sanchez Ruiz	40
T4 Jayson Shaw	40
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the eventuality that a single player finishes ahead on two or more of the lists, then the spots will go to the next highest placed player(s) on the Combined list.



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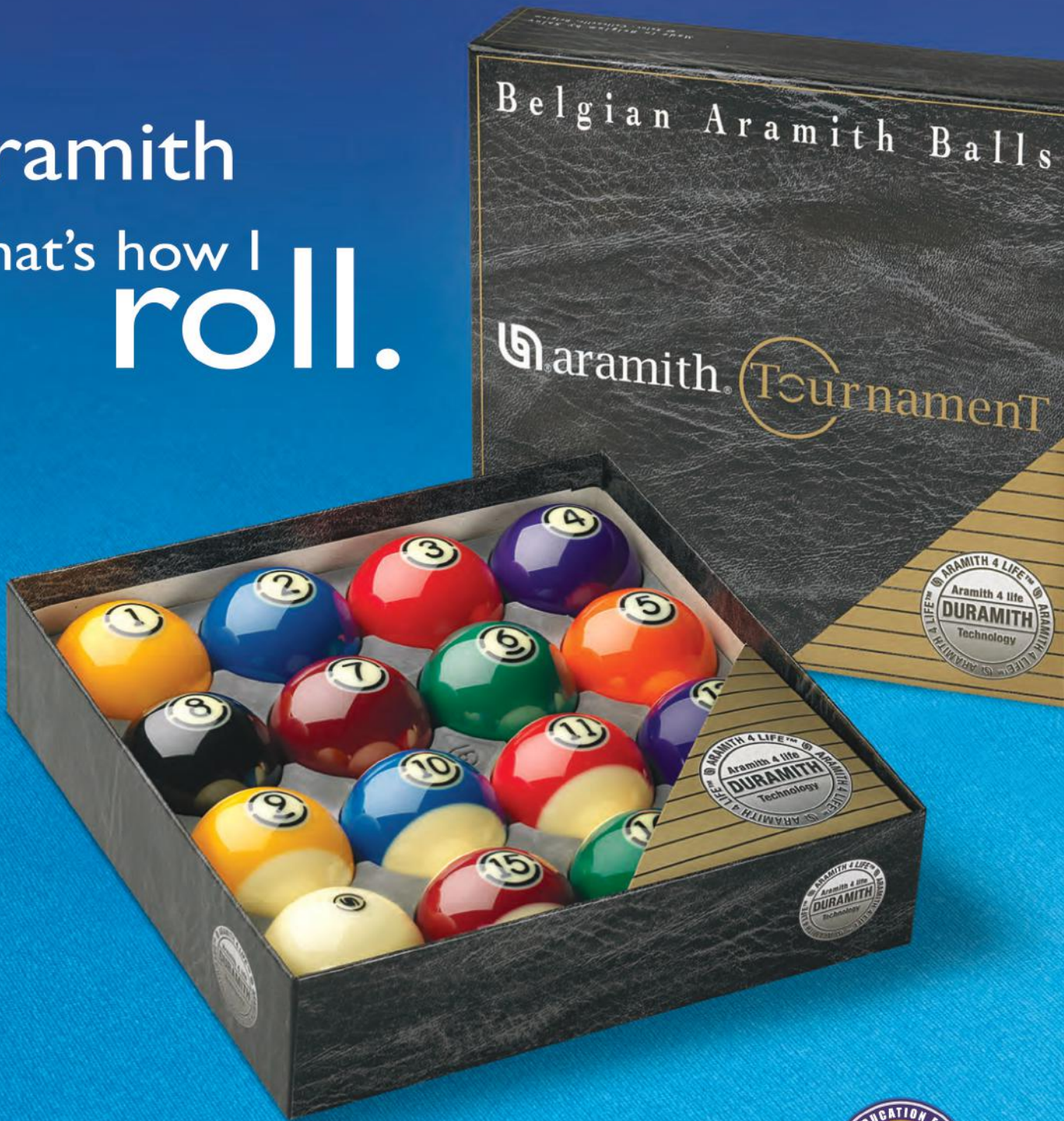
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# Delta-13 Exclusive Interview

## with Samm Diep Vidal, BEF Executive Director

by Zipporah Schumaker

We were excited to have an opportunity to speak with Samm Diep, from the Billiard Education Foundation (BEF). Delta-13 and BEF support each other by continuing to advance billiards and by promoting the love of the game. We appreciate the work that the BEF does as a non-profit charity in promoting pool and helping young players pursue their love for this sport by providing youth programs and competitions, as well as academic scholarships opportunities.

Formed in 1993, today BEF continues to be a leading organization for billiards in the US. When you support the BEF, a non-profit organization, you help children gain academic scholarships, put "pool in school" and support youth billiard programs.

*"Being part of the BEF has given me the opportunity to play all over the world. It has also allowed me to meet some really great friends over the past years and given me the chance to earn scholarship money for college. I am glad to be a part of the BEF."*

~ Briana Miller (Allentown, Pennsylvania)

### Apply for an Academic Scholarship

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) Academic Scholarship Program is an annual program administered by the BEF Scholarship Committee, under the direction and guidance of the BEF Board of Trustees. The objective is to grant scholarships to high school seniors who have benefited from the sport of billiards and are entering their first year of college.

Through the generosity of our donors and sponsors, we have a variety of scholarship opportunities this year for additional grade levels, not just high school seniors.

### Join us now as we talk with Samm.

**Samm, how long have you been playing pool?**

Seriously? Since I was in my mid-20's. I started late. But I've been bangin' balls since I was a teenager.

**Then, how did you get started in pool?**

Playing in leagues.

**Who are your mentors?**

Jeanette Lee (for many reasons), and my husband.

**What is your pool nickname and where did it come from?**

"Cherry Bomb" - from my explosive break!

**What is your greatest professional accomplishment throughout your years of playing?**

I'm a 4-time national league champion, 3 wins on the AWBT (Arizona Women's Billiard Tour)!

**Awesome! So, for you what is it that keeps your love of this sport alive?**

The endless possibilities.

**You spend a lot of time training young players, do you have a favorite professional player?**

Ralf Souquet has always been one of my favorites.

**Tell us about a typical day for you.**

HAHA - Get up. Feed my kids (age 2 & 4). Run the older one to school. Come back to my desk. I'm on a phone a lot, answering questions or trying to raise funds or organize youth programs and events. Make dinner. Family time.

**Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**

In a perfect world, I'd love to see the BEF generating enough revenue that I could actually hire someone to help me. I'd still be plugging away, doing what I love to do.

**Do you have a motivational mantra that keeps you going?**

Go ahead. Make your day.

**Let's now talk more about BEF.**

**For those who may not know, what is the BEF? When did it start?**

Billiard Education Foundation. It started under the Billiard Congress of America as the Junior Nationals and a way to pull the industry together to award academic scholarships to student-athletes.

**How long have you been with this non-profit organization?**

I was appointed by the board in 2012.

**What is your role?**

I'm the Executive Director.

**What do you enjoy most about your job?**

Working directly with the players and family members, hearing their stories and changing lives.

**What are your personal goals and BEF goals?**

I'd love to get to the point where the BEF is self-sustaining and I can actually have a paid staff or start paying my volunteers. They are AMAZING! Junior Nationals could NOT happen without them!

**What would you say to those kids who might be interested in playing pool?**

School before pool. This year, 60% of our field were awarded with the AAA (Academic All-American) award for having a 3.5 GPA or higher. It's hard to know which came first, the chicken or the egg but I believe there's a correlation for sure. You should never give up one for the other.

**Do you think it's important for a pool player to own all their own equipment?**

Absolutely. It's a must if you want to get serious. You need consistent equipment that you can count on.

**How would one play with the BEF, are there tryouts? What is the cost needed to play?**

The BEF only produces one event each year and it's our Junior National 9-Ball Championships. Each year we qualify student-athletes for this event through the Junior State Championships throughout the country. We finished this year with 40 state championships and 260 players qualified. Resulting in our largest field in the history of the event, 196 players at Junior Nationals. Entry fee for the state championships

vary from state to state, but if you win the event, then you receive paid entry. If you don't earn a paid spot to nationals then it's around \$80 entry.

**How can a player get a scholarship to play in college? Or is the scholarship just for academics?**

Playing in college is through the ACUI and depends on the college itself as to whether or not the program is available. The academic scholarship dollars we award annually are for our division winners at junior nationals and also for the essay winners.

**Do they make money doing this or is it free products?**

We do not pay cash to winners of our junior nationals, only sponsored prizes and academic scholarships.

**What advice would you give to the BEF players?**

Have fun!

**Which players from BEF have gone on to play professionally?**

Sarah Rousey, Charlie Williams, Shaun Wilkie, John Morra, Corey Deuel, Matt Krah. I know there are more but those are the ones that come to mind.

**What is one of the single most important qualities for a pool player to have?**

Patience. Hands down.

**Thanks so much, Samm! All the best to you and BEF as you wrap up this year and enter into next year's events for 2017. We look forward to see the BEF evolve and more players joining each year!**

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## October 15 - October 30:

### **AZ Women's Billiards Tour 2016 Stop 5**

**10/15 - 10/16**

Pockets Billiards

Tucson, AZ

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### **JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 11**

**10/15 - 10/16**

Markley Billiards

Norristown, PA

Website: <http://www.jpnewt.com/>

### **Joss Tour Stop #4 at Salt City Billiards**

**10/15 - 10/16**

Salt City Billiards

North Syracuse, NY

Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

### **North Carolina State 9-Ball Championship 2016**

**10/15 - 10/16**

Randolph's Billiards

Hickory, NC

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/smart.tour.3>

### **Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 2**

**10/15 - 10/16**

Diamond Billiards

Fresno, California

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297634297243311/>

### **U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships 2016**

**10/16 - 10/22**

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

Norfolk, Va

Website: <http://www.usopen9ballchampionships.com/>

### **Open 9-Ball & One Pocket Tournament**

**10/21 - 10/23**

Fat Toad Billiards

Junction City, Kansas

### **Diamond Pool Tour 2016 Stop 8**

**10/22 - 10/23**

Skip and Jan's Sports Bar

Gilbert, Arizona

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### **Joss Tour Stop #5 at Raxx**

**10/22 - 10/23**

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

### **JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 12**

**10/22 - 10/23**

Proshot Billiards

Dickson City, PA

Website: <http://www.jpnewt.com/>

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**10/22 - 10/23**

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Website: <http://www.falconcuesquebectour.com/>

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**10/22 - 10/23**

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## Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Stop 2

**10/23 - 10/23**

Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

Website: <http://www.ridethe9tour.com>

## Tennessee State 8-Ball Open

**10/27 - 10/30**

Chattanooga Billiard Club

Chattanooga, TN

## 2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 11

**10/29 - 10/30**

Billiard Palacade

San Francisco, CA

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## Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #5

**10/29 - 10/30**

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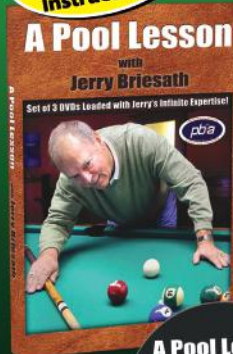
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### UMB/CEB Antwerp World Cup 2016

**10/31 - 11/06**

Antwerp  
Antwerp, Belgium  
Website: <http://www.umb.org/>

### The Texas Challenge

**10/31 - 11/06**

Mayborn Center  
Temple, Tx  
Website: <http://www.playbca.com/>

### Taom Tips Tour 2016-2017 Stop 1

**11/04 - 11/06**

Michael's Billiards  
Fairfield, OH

### Al Conte Memorial

**11/05 - 11/06**

Hippo's House of Billiards  
Yorkville, NY  
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

### Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 4

**11/05 - 11/06**

Family Billiards  
San Francisco, CA  
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297634297243311/>

### Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Stop 3

**11/06 - 11/06**

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill  
Providence, RI  
Website: <http://www.ridethe9tour.com>

### 2016 Kremlin Cup

**11/09 - 11/12**

Olympic Sports Complex  
Moscow, Russia

### Taom Tips Tour 2016-2017 Stop 2

**11/11 - 11/13**

Highpockets Billiards  
Memphis, TN

### AZ Women's Billiards Tour 2016 Stop 6

**11/12 - 11/13**

Bullshooters  
Phoenix, AZ  
Website: <http://www.awbt.net>

### JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 13

**11/12 - 11/13**

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards  
Elkridge, MD  
Website: <http://www.jpnewt.com/>

### Ocean State 9-Ball Championship

**11/12 - 11/13**

Snookers Pool Lounge  
Providence, RI  
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

### Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #6

**11/12 - 11/13**

Le Toxedo  
Sept-Les, Quebec  
Website: <http://www.falconcuesquebectour.com/>

# Upcoming Tournaments

Each month *Billiards Buzz* looks ahead at the events on our calendar to give both players and fans the information they may use to plan their activities.

## November 1 - November 30:

### **Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2016 Stop 7**

**11/12 - 11/13**

Fat Racks Billiards and Sports Lounge

San Antonio, Texas

Website: <http://gulfcoastregionaltour.com>

### **North Carolina State 10-Ball Championship 2016**

**11/12 - 11/13**

Chandlers Chalk and Cue

Stateville, NC

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/smart.tour.3>

### **UMB/CPB Medellin World Cup 2016**

**11/14 - 11/19**

Colombia

Website: <http://www.umb.org/>

### **Junior World 9-Ball Championship 2016**

**11/16 - 11/20**

Shanghai

Shanghai

Website: <http://www.wpa-pool.com/>

### **Diamond Pool Tour 2016 Season Finale**

**11/17 - 11/20**

Casino Del Sol Resort

Tucson, Arizona

Website: <http://www.diamondpooltour.com>

### **Accu-Stats Make It Happen 8-Ball 2016**

**11/17 - 11/20**

Sandcastle Billiards

Edison, NJ

Website: <http://www.accu-stats.com/>

### **All Japan Championship**

**11/17 - 11/23**

Archaic hall

Amagasaki-city

### **Joss Tour Stop #8 at Union Station**

**11/19 - 11/20**

Union Station Billiards

Portland, Maine

Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

### **Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #7**

**11/19 - 11/20**

Le Terminus

Gatineau, Quebec

Website: <http://www.falconcuesquebec.com/>

### **Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 5**

**11/19 - 11/20**

Gold Rush Billiards

Yuba City, California

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297634297243311/>

### **2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 12**

**11/26 - 11/27**

Diamond Billiards

Fresno, California

Website: <http://www.mezzweststatetour.com>

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## December 1 - December 18:

### Falcon Cues Quebec Tour stop #8

12/03 - 12/04

Le Spot Billiards

Rimouski, Quebec

Website: <http://www.falconcuesquebectour.com/>

### Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 6

12/03 - 12/04

Billiard Palacade

San Francisco, CA

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297634297243311>

### Mosconi Cup XXIII

12/06 - 12/09

Alexandra Palace

London

Website: <http://www.matchroompool.com/page/MosconiCup/Home>

### Ride the 9 Tour 2016-2017 Stop 4

12/11 - 12/11

Bo's Billiards

Warwick, RI

Website: <http://www.ridethe9tour.com>

### Taom Tips Tour 2016-2017 Stop 3

12/16 - 12/18

Carom Room

Beloit, WI

### 2016 Mezz West State Tour Stop 13

12/17 - 12/18

Hard Times Billiards

Sacramento, CA

Website: <http://www.mezzweststatetour.com>

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Tournament results from September 2016

## 09/01 - 09/05

### 43rd Annual Texas Open - Open Division

#### Skinny Bob's Billiards Round Rock, Texas

1 John Morra	\$6,100
2 Skyler Woodward	\$3,400
3 Brandon Shuff	\$2,080
4 Manny Chau	\$1,240
5 Oscar Dominguez	\$780
5 Shane McMinn	\$780
7 Ruben Bautista	\$570
7 Justin Bergman	\$570
9 Roberto Gomez	\$360
9 Chip Compton	\$360
9 Rodrigo Geronimo	\$360
9 David Henson	\$360
13 Amar Kang	\$260
13 CJ Wiley	\$260
13 Jason Klatt	\$260
13 John Gabriel	\$260
17 Jeremy Jones	\$200
17 David Neumann	\$200
17 Rodney Morris	\$200
17 Ernesto Dominguez	\$200
17 Brian Sanders	\$200
17 Jonathon Demet	\$200
17 James Davis Sr	\$200
17 Alex Olinger	\$200
25 Frank Bess	\$100
25 John Palmore	\$100
25 Robb Saez	\$100
25 Billy Dyke	\$100
25 Kenny Greer	\$100
25 Jude Rosenstock	\$100
25 Mark Edward	\$100
25 Manny Perez	\$100

## 09/01 - 09/05

### 43rd Annual Texas Open - Ladies Division

#### Skinny Bob's Billiards Round Rock, Texas

1 Ricki Lee Casper	\$1,080
2 Cris Fields	\$720
3 Belinda Calhoun	\$540
4 Helen Hayes	\$360
5 Kim Pierce	\$270
5 Ming Ng	\$270
7 Ellen Robinson	\$180
7 Emily Sumrall	\$180

## 09/03 - 09/04

### Norcal Pool Tour 2016-2017 Stop 1

#### Edgie's Billiards Milpitas, California

1 Jason Williams	\$1,200
2 Ed Ramos	\$665
3 Doug Whaley	\$500
4 Francis Ritarita	\$385
5 Frank Robutz	\$330
5 Horia Udrea	\$330
7 Vilmos Foldes	\$275
7 Duke Obaob	\$275
9 Ireneo Octavo Jr.	\$165
9 Justin Marks	\$165
9 Rudy Estoque	\$165
9 Mark Tiu	\$165
13 D.J. Cota	\$110
13 Alex Porras	\$110
13 Dereck Mendoza	\$110
13 Nick Callado	\$110
17 Canyon Dimaio	\$55
17 Ken Ash	\$55
17 Avinash Panday	\$55
17 Ed Vallarta	\$55
17 CJ Robinson	\$55
17 Lenny Robinson	\$55
17 Ernie Cota	\$55
17 Paul McCaffrey	\$55

## 09/10 - 09/11

### Diamond Pool Tour 2016 Stop 6

#### Metro Sportz Bar Phoenix, AZ

1 Mitch Ellerman	\$1,000
2 Scott Frost	\$750
3 Oscar Avila	\$600
4 George Bell	\$350
5 Brian Reich	\$225
5 Eric Osburn	\$225
7 Mike McGovern	\$175
7 Bobby Emmons	\$175
9 Chuck Evans	\$100
9 Mike Sandoval	\$100
9 Ed Scott	\$100
9 Seth Johnson	\$100
13 J.R. Ascencion	\$75
13 Kurt Siebels	\$75
13 Tom Dilorenzo	\$75
13 Ben Sutherland	\$75

## 09/10 - 09/10

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Corner Pockets Fayetteville, NC

1 Gatlin Askins	\$600
2 Chris Baumann	\$350
3 J.C. Autry	\$200
4 Matt Oxendine	\$100
5 Brian Pate	\$25
5 Daniel Adams	\$25

## 09/10 - 09/11

### Action Pool Tour 2016 Stop 7

#### Breakers Sky Lounge Herndon, Va

1 Karen Corr	\$1,000
2 Brett Stottlemeyer	\$600
3 Kenny Miller	\$460
4 Brandon Shuff	\$340
5 Tina Pawloski-Malm	\$240
5 Shaun Wilkie	\$240
7 Danny Mastermaker	\$160
7 Eric Moore	\$160
9 Alan Duty	\$100
9 Rich Glasscock	\$100
9 William Moon	\$100
9 Amit Kumar	\$100
13 Rick Miller	\$60
13 Jimmy Jr Endara	\$60
13 Jimmy Coleman	\$60
13 Alex Travino	\$60

## 09/10 - 09/11

### Lone Star Billiards Tour 2016 Stop 6

#### Bogies Billiards & Games Houston, TX

1 Edgar Acaba	\$525
2 Blaine Barcus	\$340
3 Ernesto Bayaua	\$210
4 Danny Lee	\$140
5 Denis Strickland	\$70
5 Amar Kang	\$70
7 Johnny Griffin	\$35
7 Doug Young	\$35

# Monthly Results

Tournament results from September 2016

## 09/10 - 09/11

### Lone Star Billiards Tour 2016 Stop 6

#### Amateur Division

#### Bogies Billiards & Games

#### Houston, TX

1 Johnny Griffin	\$500
2 John McDowell	\$280
3 Sonny Bosshamer	\$210
4 JC Torres	\$130
5 Marvin Diaz	\$70
5 Rudy Pascal	\$70
7 Victor Belmares	\$50
7 Pete Charles	\$50
9 Jack Cavalier	\$25
9 Brock Temel	\$25
9 Gerardo Alvarez	\$25
9 Tony Benestante	\$25

## 09/11 - 09/11

### Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

#### CueBar Billiards

#### Bayside, NY

1 Yusuf Khan	\$640
2 Ambi Estevez	\$410
3 Tommy Hagan	\$250
4 Ron Chau	\$150
5 Mike Panzarella	\$100
5 Jonathan Gavrielof	\$100
7 Atif Khan	\$70
7 Mike Strassberg	\$70

## 09/15 - 09/18

### 25th 4-Bears 8-Ball Classic Men's Division

#### Four Bears Casino and Lodge

#### New Town, ND

1 Roberto Gomez	\$10,000
2 Skyler Woodward	\$5,000
3 Shane Van Boening	\$3,300
4 John Morra	\$2,800
5 Jason Klatt	\$1,600
5 Rory Hendrickson	\$1,600
7 Can Salim	\$1,300
7 Corey Deuel	\$1,300
9 Dennis Orcollo	\$1,000
9 Randy Hanson	\$1,000
9 Shaun Wilkie	\$1,000
9 Rob Cardinal	\$1,000
13 Randy Bagot	\$700
13 Rodney Morris	\$700
13 Dean Flanders	\$700

13 Jeff Beckley	\$700
17 Oscar Dominguez	\$500
17 Stan Tourangeau	\$500
17 Gabe Owen	\$500
17 Ruben Silva	\$500
17 Ben Francis	\$500
17 Damion Johnson	\$500
17 Robb Saez	\$500
17 Mark Haddad	\$500
25 Scott Brown	\$350
25 David Strachan	\$350
25 BJ Spencer	\$350
25 Brandon Harland	\$350
25 John Dodson	\$350
25 Chris Halkyard	\$350
25 John Marion	\$350
25 Tyler Perry	\$350

## 09/15 - 09/18

### 25th 4-Bears 8-Ball Classic Ladies Division

#### Four Bears Casino and Lodge

#### New Town, ND

1 Nicole Keeney	\$3,500
2 Jessica Moxon	\$2,000
3 Caela Henley	\$1,000
4 Toni Sakamoto	\$900
5 Melissa Little	\$700
5 Joan Jacobs	\$700
7 Liz Lovely	\$500
7 Chris Honeman	\$500
9 Anita Smith	\$350
9 Sam Matsuka	\$350
9 Lisa McNab	\$350
9 Cindy Bergeron	\$350
13 Shannon Keenatch	\$250
13 Joelle Bearstall	\$250
13 Rachael Nadeau	\$250
13 Lan Phong	\$250

## 09/17 - 09/18

### JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 9

#### Top Hat Cue Club

#### Parkville, Maryland

1 Jia Li	\$750
2 Linda Haywood Shea	\$400
3 Tina Pawloski-Malm	\$300
4 Kim Whitman	\$135
5 Jenn Keeney	\$90
5 Sharon O'Hanlon	\$90
7 Heather Platter	\$60
7 Judie Wilson	\$60

## 09/17 - 09/18

### Predator Pro-Am Tour 2016 Stop 14

#### CueBar Billiards

#### Bayside, NY

1 Mike Panzarella	\$1,400
2 Matthew Harricharan	\$1,000
3 Kevin Shin	\$600
4 Eugene Ok	\$400
5 Lidio Ramirez	\$225
5 Michael Fedak	\$225
7 Jaydev Zaveri	\$150
7 Miguel Laboy	\$150
9 Dan Faraguna	\$120
9 Brooke Meyer	\$120
9 Thomas Schreiber	\$120
9 Mike Figueroa	\$120

## 09/17 - 09/18

### Omega Billiards Tour 2016 Stop 8

#### Speed's Billiards

#### Arlington, TX

1 Danny Williams	\$1,000
2 Rick Stanley	\$620
3 CJ Wiley	\$460
4 Walt Anderson	\$370
5 Joey Barnes	\$275
5 Steve Sheppard	\$275
7 Doug Winnett	\$240
7 Paul Guernsey	\$240
9 Robbie Cleland	\$100
9 Brandon Sisemore	\$100
9 JD Wordlaw	\$100
9 Robert Kempf	\$100
13 Corey Anderson	\$75
13 Ray Mendez, Jr	\$75
13 Daniel Herring	\$75
13 Norm Small	\$75
17 Donnie Gregory	\$50
17 Douglas Pitts	\$50
17 Robin Barbour	\$50
17 Mike Roundtree	\$50
17 Vince Tovar	\$50
17 Phillip Palmer	\$50
17 Aram Hasan	\$50
17 Hector Guerrero	\$50

# Monthly Results

Tournament results from September 2016

**09/18 - 09/18**

**Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop**

**Rockaway Billiards**

**Rockaway, NJ**

1 Yusuf Khan	\$360
2 Tony Ignomirello	\$180
3 Michael Conoran	\$90

**09/20 - 09/20**

**International Challenge of Champions 2016**

**Trump Taj Mahal**

**Atlantic City, NJ**

1 Jayson Shaw	\$25,000
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**09/21 - 09/21**

**Women's International Tournament of Champions 2016**

**Trump Taj Mahal**

**Atlantic City, NJ**

1 Allison Fisher	\$15,000
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**09/22 - 09/22**

**Trick Shot Magic 2016**

**Trump Taj Mahal**

**Atlantic City, NJ**

1 Gabriel Visiou	
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**09/24 - 09/25**

**15th Washington State 8-Ball Championship**

**Mugshots**

**Bellevue, Washington**

1 Jeff Jiminez	\$700
2 Todd Marsh	\$450
3 John Duclos	\$325
4 John Plunkit	\$225
5 Dan Louie	\$150
5 Kevin Fong	\$150
7 Tim Tweedell	\$100
7 Paul Alexander	\$100

**09/24 - 09/25**

**The Maine Event X**

**TJ's Classic Billiards**

**Waterville, Maine**

1 Mike Dechaine	\$1,000
2 Tom Theriault	\$800
3 Corey Payer	\$600
4 Jarrod Clowery	\$450
5 Samoth Sam	\$325
5 Josh Rupard	\$325
7 Ivaylo Petrov	\$225
7 Kyle Pepin	\$225
9 Jeff Mosimann	\$100
9 Travis Webster	\$100
9 Cleiton Rocha	\$100
9 Rich Connors	\$100

**09/24 - 09/24**

**Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop**

**Legends Billiards**

**Inman, South Carolina**

1 Justin Duncan	\$700
2 Greg Burke	\$450
3 Aaron McClure	\$300
4 Jim Jennings	\$175
5 Kirk Hixon	\$100
5 Boyd Best	\$100
7 Thomas Jones	\$50
7 Romeo Malonzo	\$50

**09/24 - 09/25**

**Predator Pro-Am Tour 2016 Stop 16**

**Steinway Billiards**

**Astoria, NY**

1 Juan Guzman	\$1,400
2 Bob Toomey	\$1,000
3 Annie Flores	\$600
4 Gary Bozigian	\$400
5 Eugene Ok	\$230
5 Lidio Ramirez	\$230
7 Mio Celaj	\$160
7 Thomas Schreiber	\$160
9 Michael Fedak	\$120
9 Troy Deocharran	\$120
9 Miguel Laboy	\$120
9 Tony Liang	\$120

**09/24 - 09/25**

**The Maine Event X Second Chance**

**TJ's Classic Billiards**

**Waterville, Maine**

1 Jeff Mosimann	\$340
2 Cleiton Rocha	\$240
3 Jordan Labbe	\$160
4 Sam Hebert	\$100
5 Travis Webster	\$50
5 Bill Cote	\$50

**09/24 - 09/25**

**2016 Houston Open**

**Legends Billiards**

**League City, TX**

1 Jeremy Jones	\$3,520
2 Charlie Bryant	\$2,340
3 Cesar Garcia	\$1,610
4 Yu-Hsuan Cheng	\$1,170
5 Barry Strickland	\$730
5 Marvin Diaz	\$730
7 James Davis Sr	\$585
7 Chase Rudder	\$585
9 Ryan Lane	\$475
9 Richie Richeson	\$475
9 Billy Pink	\$475
9 Ricky Hughes	\$475
13 Manny Chau	\$365
13 Danny Lee	\$365
13 Andy Jethwa	\$365
13 Ricky Mewis	\$365
17 Joey Torres	\$150
17 Tracy Sanders	\$150
17 Sky Massengill	\$150
17 JC Torres	\$150
17 Aaron Springs	\$150
17 John Braud	\$150
17 Phillip Lieu	\$150
17 Joey Bourgeois Jr.	\$150
25 Amar Kang	\$100
25 Hiro Nakahara	\$100
25 Jose Ybarra	\$100
25 Dave Escobedo	\$100
25 Brent Thomas	\$100
25 Jeff West	\$100
25 Floyd Smith	\$100
25 Ted Dean	\$100

# Monthly Results

Tournament results from September 2016

09/24 - 09/25

2016 Houston Open Ladies Division

Legends Billiards

League City, TX

1 Jennifer Kraber	\$570
2 Natalie Rocha	\$385
3 Amanda Lampert	\$285
4 Kim Pierce	\$190



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7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,300
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,000
13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	\$600

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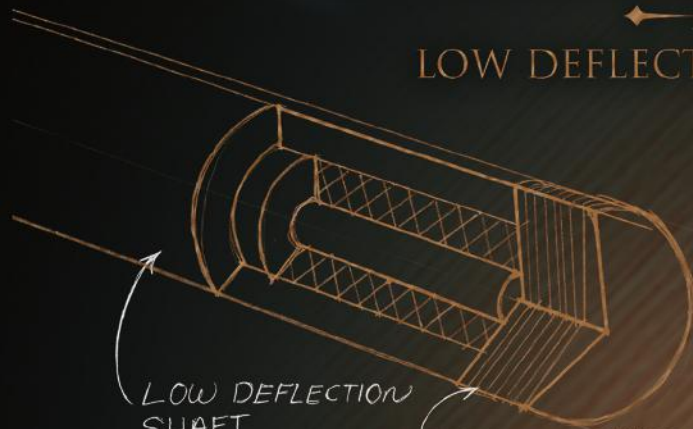


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