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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Was there ever a bigger slam dunk than Shane Van Boening going into the BCA Hall of Fame on his first ballot? Not only was there never really a question of “if” Van Boening would make it to the Hall of Fame, there was never any real question as to when he was going in. As soon as The South Dakota Kid (can you really call him a “Kid” anymore?) reached the requisite age of 40, he was going to be inducted. Congratulations to Shane. It just shows what can happen when you combine an immense level of talent with hard work and dedication to the sport.

In a sport that has been plagued by people who only seemed able to scrap and claw for a bigger and bigger share of the pie, Mark Griffin was someone who did his best to look out for the sport itself. Griffin was a very successful businessman, but he also stepped in a number of times, in an effort to save or improve various aspects of the game. From conversations with Mark late in his life, I know it stung him a little that he had not already been inducted into the HOF. I don’t think there was really any questions on how deserving he was. It was more a matter of when he would be inducted.

Mike Panozzo has been doing what he does for longer than the majority of the players in the sport have been alive. Before I even knew what the internet was, I was reading about this sport in the pages of Billiards Digest magazine. Mike has been reporting on this sport for over forty years and always treated it with the level of respect and integrity that it deserves. If anything was keeping Mike from the HOF, it was him being the leader of the US Billiards Media Association and always wanting the spotlight to be on someone else.

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THE ALCHEMY OF UNUSUAL SHOTS

You begin your creation of each offensive shot by looking at the entire Shot Picture and the elements that go into it. These would include the pocket, the table, the object ball, and the cue ball. You may also, once you are over the shot, include your cue.

Your Shot Pictures are what give you a feel for the correct line-of-aim (LOA). While you are down on the shot you retain your visual of the shot, which I refer to as its Shot Picture, in your Working Memory. This is the place where you can hold a few ideas at one time and work with them to produce a successful shot. In more colorful terms, I think of putting the elements together for each shot as The Alchemy of Pool.

As you complete your warm-up strokes (WUS) and begin to make your final backstroke, your gaze is transferred from the cue ball to a line from the cue ball to the object ball, and then on to the object ball.

You should, thanks to the Shot Picture that you have developed while making your WUS, now have a strong orientation for the target – such that you no longer need to look at the pocket. With your gaze fixed on the object ball, you are ready to make your final forward stroke.

As you practice and play a sufficiently large number of shots, you will be continuously adding to your storehouse of memories – to your Shot Pictures. In time, you will have a large arsenal at the ready of Shot Pictures that you instantly recognize upon seeing them. These include routine shots, and those of various levels of difficulty. At this point in your growth as a

player fear of certain shots will have been replaced with the confidence that comes with knowing its Shot Picture.

In the course of play you are going to regularly encounter shots that look a bit strange to you. These shots are unfamiliar because you have not developed a large enough body of Shot Pictures (if any) of them in your pool playing memory.

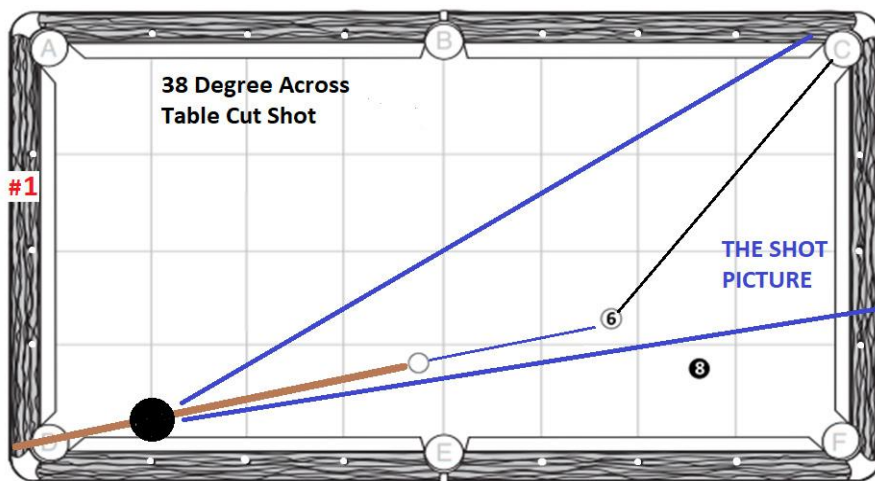
These strange looking shots are not normally the type that you spend a lot of practice time on. As a result, some of them may cause you to look for an alternative, perhaps a safety. But, as Nick Varner counseled my readers (see *Billiards Buzz*, June 2023), aggressive play and taking on difficult shots is what will propel you into the winner's circle.

When you are about to play an unusual shot, it helps to take a few more WUS, which will give you time to improve on your Shot Picture. When watching the pros, you can see them take more time on strange shots. And, if they are playing on a clock, they will often take an extension to avoid rushing the shot. When you take on an unfamiliar shot, accept the fact that it could be missed. Knowing this lowers your expectations just a bit, which should free you to give it the best effort possible.

So now, without further ado, let's check out several unusual shots – one's that must be conjured up on the spot.

ACROSS THE TABLE SHOTS

The 8-ball in **Diagram #1** blocks the path of the 6-ball to Pocket F, and the



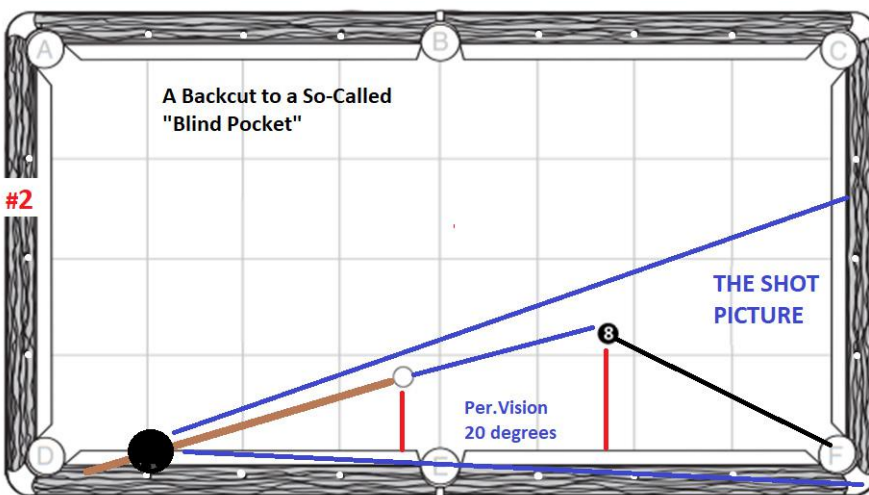
difficult 6-8 combo is not a viable option. As a result, the across the table cut to Pocket C is the way to go. The specs for this shot are not so demanding. The 6-ball is the equivalent of 3.5 diamonds from the pocket and the cue ball is about 2 diamonds from the 6-ball.

The cut of 38 degrees is between moderate and steep. But what makes this shot such a challenge is the position of the balls, which features a very wide angled Shot Picture. Conjuring up this shot will require some mental gymnastics as you must look so far across the table to become oriented to the pocket.

On the final stroke you will then need to narrow your focus to the cue ball, and then the 6-ball, all the while holding your Shot Picture (and the LOA) in your working memory.

SHOTS TO A “BLIND POCKET”

Diagram #2 shows a 40 degree cut on the 8-ball into Pocket F. The two red lines show that the object ball is about two ball widths further from the rail than the cue ball. When this is the case, you are faced with a backcut. This is a challenging, but makeable shot which, as you can see, features a moderately wide angled Shot Picture.

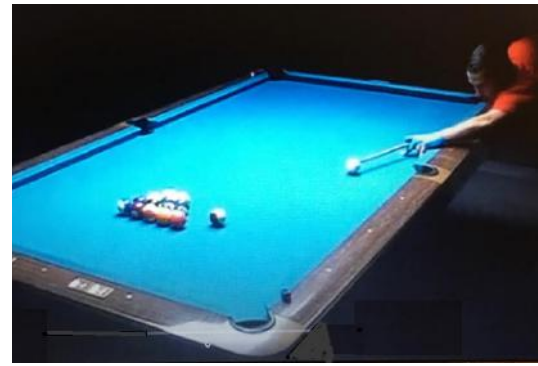


When these shots come up, the commentators like to inform us that the ball is being shot to a “blind pocket.” In so doing they are conditioning viewers to exaggerate the difficulty of this category of shots. I want players to think they can make shots like this, so let me be the first to sign a petition to abolish the on-air use of the term “blind pocket.”

I know in my playing days I had little trouble with these shots. Besides, the pocket is anything but blind. Our near peripheral vision extends 30 degrees to the left and right. On this moderately difficult backcut, the pocket is only 20 degrees to the side of the LOA, which is well within our near peripheral field of vision.

So, a big lesson is to don't let yourself be talked out making backcuts. They are not blind, and you CAN make them. Just be sure to use a few more WUS to get dialed into the shot and to build your confidence in the shot you are about to play.

BREAKING NEWS – I wrote this column in the morning of May 18th. As fate would have it, later that day I came across a 363 ball run on Facebook by John Schmidt on Mark Kendall's GC3. At the 10:35 mark Schmidt faced the monster backcut in the photo. The cut is “only” 51 degrees, but look how



far the object ball is from the right rail compared to the cue ball.

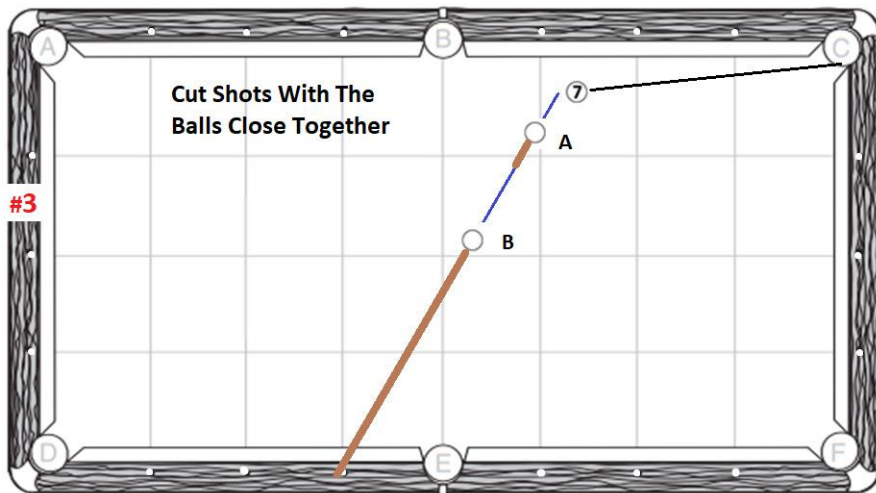
Schmidt shoots superfast on routine shots, usually taking no more than 2-3 second. But on this one he took 7.2 seconds over the shot while he dialed in on the final LOA. Interestingly, once he took his stance, he never looked to the left at that “blind pocket.” Schmidt can do this because, thanks to his table sense, he just knows where the pocket target is, and he is so oriented to it that he is able to spend his time fine tuning his LOA. So, did he make it? Of course he did!

(To see the shot, go to [facebook.com/mr400.john.schmidt](https://www.facebook.com/mr400.john.schmidt) and go down to May 14.)

BALLS CLOSE TOGETHER

Two rather steep angled 54 degree cut shots on the 7-ball are shown in **Diagram #3**. With the cue ball very close to the object ball in Position A, it is surprisingly difficult to zero in on its Shot Picture. When the balls are close like this it is hard to see the shot. So, any gains that come from the accuracy of shooting the cue ball such a short distance to the object ball target are more than offset by the challenge of zeroing in on the LOA. In short, this shot has an uncommon Shot Picture – one that is difficult to develop while over the shot.

The illustration also shows a shot with same cut angle on the 7-ball, but from further back at Position B. Even



“ WHEN PLAYING CLOSE TOGETHER SHOTS, TRY USING A HIGHER STANCE AS THIS WILL GIVE YOU A BETTER FEEL OF THE SHOT PICTURE AND THE LOA. ”

though this should be more difficult than the first shot because of the distance factor, that difficulty factor is more than offset by a big gain in perspective, which helps to line up more accurately for the shot.

When playing close together shots, try using a higher stance as this will give you a better feel of the Shot Picture and the LOA. I also suggest that you set these two shots up and shoot a few times from both locations.

SHOTS INTO THE SIDE POCKETS

While watching the recent World Pool Masters I witnessed several pros miss very makeable shots into the side pockets. On most of shots into the side pocket the specs are not so daunting because the object ball was within 20” of the pocket, and the cue ball is within that distance from the object ball. And the cut angles are usually under 30 degrees.

And yet, there are several factors that can make these shots into the side such a challenge for pros and ama-

teurs alike: 1) the pocket plays smaller when the object ball is not straight out from the pocket, 2) most players don’t practice these shots very often, 3) their Shot Pictures are unusual to very unusual, 4) and so many players have been conditioned to believe that certain shots are tougher than they actually are.

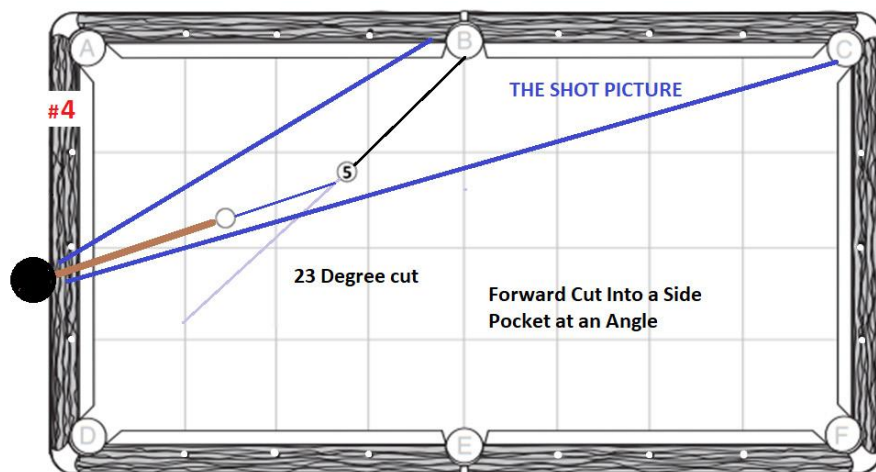
Diagram #4 shows a forward cut into Side Pocket B. The 5-ball is about 18” from the, and the cue ball is only 15” from the 5-ball. Furthermore, the cut angle is just 23 degrees. What makes

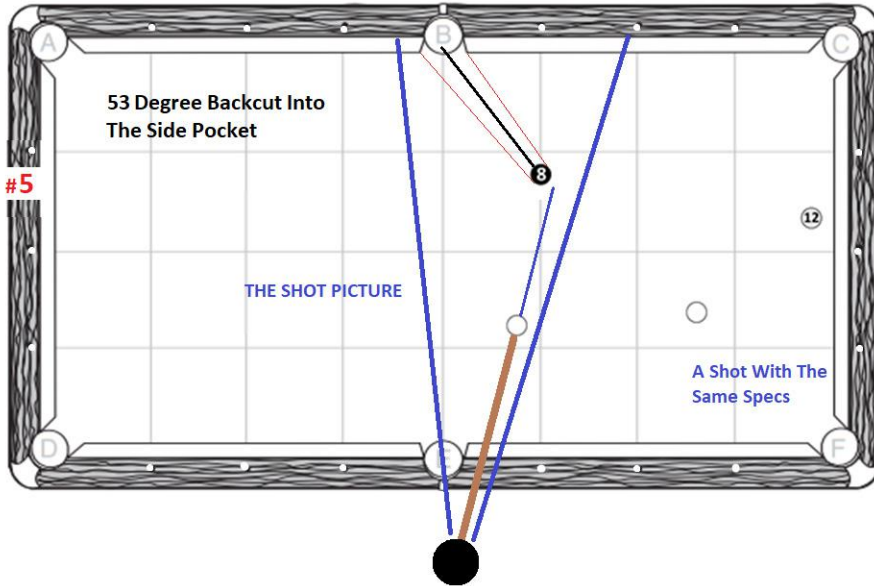
this shot so challenging is the location of the balls and, therefore, its Shot Picture. Your gaze is centered on the cue ball and object ball. Meanwhile, it is hard to get a feel for the exact location of the pocket. On shots to the corner, the pocket is at the end of two rails. On this shot, it is to a pocket that is located somewhere along the long rail.

As always, when you are faced with a shot that’s difficult to see, take additional time on your WUS. I suggest that you set up shots like this in practice. On every one change the position of the object ball and/or the cue ball just a little bit. This will force you to closely follow the execution phase of your Shot Cycle. If you can become proficient at making a variety of shots into the side, you will have a skill that will give you an important edge in competition.

SIDE POCKETS - BACKCUTS

Diagram #5 depicts a thin 62 degree backcut into Side Pocket B. The 8-ball is shown going into the center of the pocket. The red lines illustrate the channel to the pocket. In this case, the pocket opening is quite a bit smaller than it is for shots when the object ball in on or near the line connecting the two side pockets.





includes a nearby rail that acts as a guide to the pocket.

The shots in this feature each had unusual Shot Pictures, ones that make them so easy to miss. Still, they are all also highly makeable. The key is to recognize the challenge that they present, and not to play them like there are routine shots, because they certainly are not. I suggest that you do a double take by taking your stance just to get an initial feel for the shot. Then, get back up and go through your execution cycle. And I recommend that you take a few more seconds over the shot before pulling the trigger.

As you can see, the Shot Picture for this unusual shot is quite wide. Still, the pocket is only 16 degrees to the left of your LOA, meaning that it is well within your near peripheral field of vision.

The shot on the 12-ball into Pocket C has the same specs as the one on the 8-ball. Still, I would guess that every player would be far more confident of making this shot. One big reason for that is its Shot Picture – which

It would be well worth spending some of your practice time on these unusual shots, and others that deserve this label. On each rep move one or both balls just a little. This helps to avoid playing the exact same shot over and over, which never happens in a game.

An advertisement for Phil Capelle's instructional books. On the left is a portrait of Phil Capelle. To the right, a collection of his books is displayed. The text reads: "POOL'S #1 INSTRUCTIONAL AUTHOR Phil Capelle All Billiards Press titles AVAILABLE NOW in the Accu-Stats Online Store: www.accu-stats.com". The books shown include "Play Your Best 9 & 10 Ball", "Capelle's Practicing Pool", "Six Words to Pool Greatness", "Capelle's Columns", "Play Your Best Straight Pool", "Play Your Best 8 Ball", "Capelle on 9-Ball Archer vs. Reyes", "A Mind for Pool", "Play Your Best Pool", and "Ming Massey's World of Trick Shots". The Accu-Stats Video Productions logo is in the bottom left corner.

KEEP IT SIMPLE



ANTHONY BEELER

Pool is a challenging sport. Unlike other sports, the competition setting varies in many ways.



Pool table sizes vary from place to place, some pockets are tighter than others, the speed of the cloth varies from table to table, and some cushions bounce livelier than others.

With pool being so challenging, you need to avoid overcomplicating the game so you can play your best. However, many pool players make the game harder for themselves. They allow outside distractions to hinder

their focus and sometimes they create mental roadblocks that interfere with their game. Peak performance requires eliminating mental obstacles and simplifying the game.

Here are several ways in which pool players often complicate the game and a roadmap for how we can keep the game simple:

- **“What If?”**— Second-guessing your strategy or overanalyzing your shot leads to doubt and tension.

To simplify the process, take a minute to consider the factors of the current shot, identify your strategy, and commit to carrying it out without considering the potential outcome.

- **Overthinking**— While many factors impact a shot, overanalyzing your shot can interfere with the fluidity of your stroke.

If you notice yourself taking more time than usual to strategize your shot, remind yourself that being decisive is more valuable than being over analytical.

- **Fear of Failure** — The fear of failure or making mistakes generates greater pressure when playing a match. Fear of failing causes muscles to tighten, creates distractions, and hampers decision-making, resulting in an inefficient stroke.

Since fear is based on what might happen in the future, you can simplify things by focusing on the present moment. Immersing yourself in each shot reduces fear and anxiety. Having a well-defined pre-shot routine is an



important part of playing a consistent game of pool.

- **Unrealistic Expectations** – Expectations can trap you in perfectionism. Trying to be perfect on every shot, in every game, and in every tournament is unrealistic and leads to increased frustration when the outcome doesn't go as planned.

A major element in simplifying the game is the realization that no pool player has ever had a perfect tournament. When you ease your expectations, you can focus on playing your best shot, not the perfect shot.

- **Focusing on Others** – Watching the tournament bracket to see who you play next takes focus off your game.

While knowing where you stand may help you with strategy, you want your full attention on your current game.

- **Reflection** – Reliving past mistakes or unfortunate breaks are a significant roadblock to playing your best pool.

Another way to simplify the game is to learn from the past, let go of what happened, and then commit to the present shot.

Simplifying the game allows you to place all your energy and focus on the shot at hand. Simplifying is merely getting out of your own way and allowing your body and mind to do what you have trained them to do.

Practice mindfulness during practice sessions. Mindfulness is being fully present in the current moment. In a mindful state, you are “playing” pool without judgment or being over analytical.

The Mental Game is Simple. Think less about the past and the future. Focus on the present moment. Focus less on the things going on around you and focus more on yourself. Focus on one thing at a time. Re-focus when you get distracted. The Mental Game is Simple. But that doesn't mean it's easy. It takes practice!

Anthony Beeler is the current *Billiards Instructor of the Decade* and is a former BCAPL National Champion. He has numerous “Top 25” national finishes and is the primary author of the *ACS National Billiards Instructor's Manual*. He has also authored the book *Unstoppable! Positive Thinking for Pool Players*. Anthony currently has the highest established Fargo Rating of any Master Instructor. He has won over 300 tournaments and has defeated numerous professional players in tournament competition.

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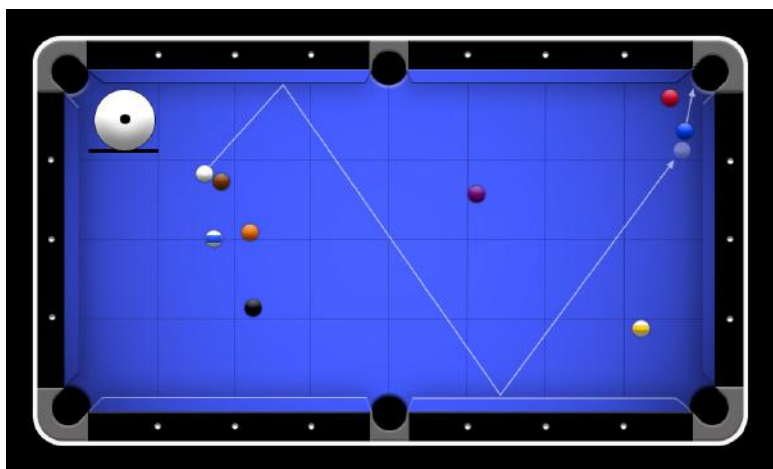
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Accu-Stats Video Productions has been bringing us World Class Pool on video for the last 30 years. With this column, we hope to bring you some examples of the best shots that come up between the greatest players who play this game.

This month, we have Lee Vann Corteza with a page from the Efen Reyes book, coming with this great Z-Shot against Konrad Juszczyzyn at this years Derby City Classic.

When asked about the difficulty level of the shot, Corteza commented, "It's quite hard because you have to adjust from the second rail to go into the possible three rail. For me and Efen, I think it's important to just hit the ball. Pocketing it is just a bonus."



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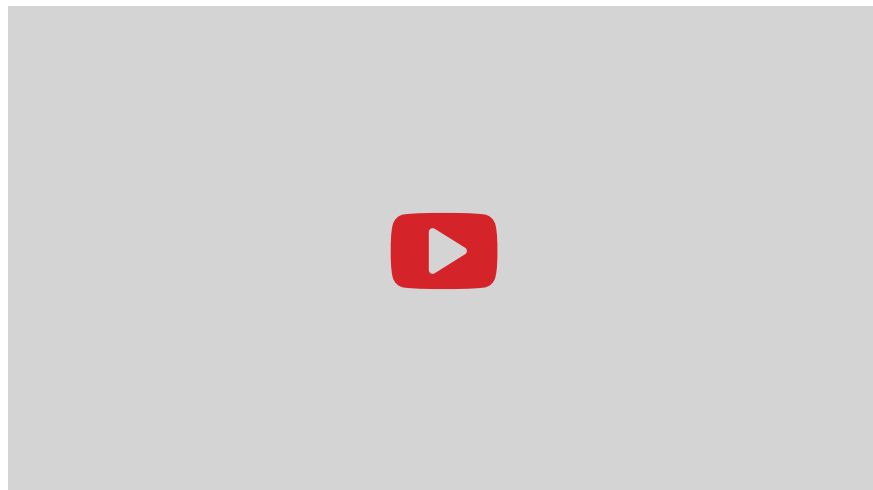
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Gospel Trick Shot #52

Trust and Obey

History of the Trick Shot: This Gospel Trick Shot performed by Brian “Superman” Pauley was done in the video on a United Blackball pool table by McDermott at the Hopkins Super Billiards Expo at the Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA in April 2024. It was developed from an Artistic Pool shot which is featured in the new Artistic Blackball shot program in Discipline 2 “Special Arts” which debuted as an Artistic Blackball shot in the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa in October 2023. This is shot number 2 in that discipline with a degree of difficulty of 7, meaning you get 7 points for making it on the first attempt, 6 on the second attempt and 5 on the third attempt and zero if not executed. This shot will take some practice as it is not too difficult to master!

GTS Name and Why: Brain Pauley came up with the story line as he envisioned the red ball representing us on the correct path in life and our way to Heaven after we put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Along the way we constantly need to be reminded to trust and obey which is represented in the shot by the two yellow balls. There is a line in an old hymn by the same name written over 100 years ago that says “trust and obey, trust and obey, there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.” You can see in the video



that before the red ball which represents a believer in Jesus gets to Heaven the corner pocket he or she will need to trust and obey (yellow balls) along the way to be happy in Jesus.

Scripture Reference: Proverbs 3:5-6 (King James Version) - “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

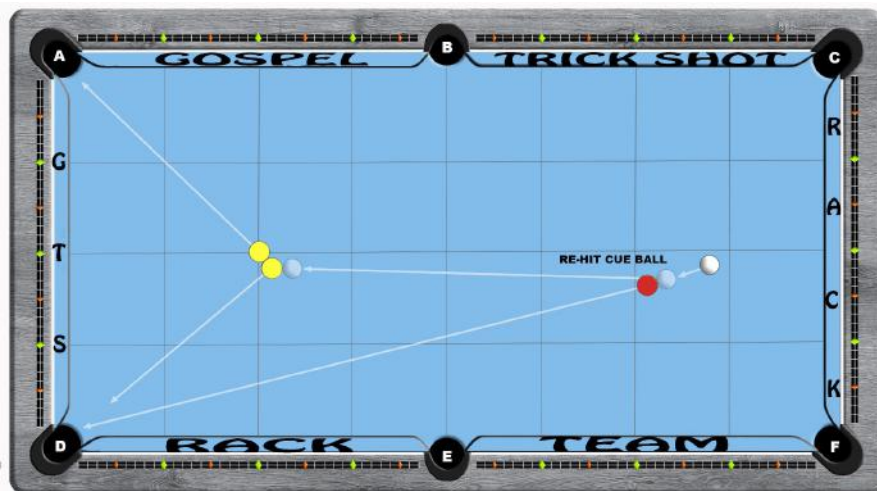
Cue Ball Placement: Cue Ball In hand behind the 2nd diamond line.

Object Ball(s) placement: Red ball in hand behind the 2nd diamond line. First yellow ball on the head spot. Second yellow ball frozen and adjustable to the first yellow ball.

Objective: Shoot the cue ball into the red ball slowly towards the far corner pocket. Re-hit the cue ball into the yellow ball combination, causing both yellow balls to go into the two far corner pockets. The red ball will follow into the far-left corner pocket after the yellow ball combination goes into the two far corner pockets.

Special Notes: The red ball must go into the far-left or the far-right corner pocket without an additional hit by the cue ball.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: This new Gospel Trick Shot (GTS) will be part of future GTS shows on Blackball pool tables worldwide. The USA Blackball Team partially sponsored by GTS will be competing in the WPA Blackball International (BI) 2024 World Team Championships in England in October. In the GTS Classic Artistic Blackball Cup competition in South Africa in October 2023, this was a favorite among the full field of 48 players who participated in that event as many of the competitors were able to execute this shot successfully and were delighted to score points.



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The Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame will welcome a generational talent, a league and tournament promotor, and a leader in billiard media to the Hall of Fame class of 2024.

The United States Billiard Media Association today announced that South Dakota's "SVB" Shane Van Boening, amateur league owner and professional tournament promotor Mark Griffin, and Billiards Digest publisher Mike Panozzo have earned induction into the sport's most prestigious club.

Van Boening, 40, in his first year of eligibility, was the overwhelming leader in the voting, named on 96% of the voting ballots. He will enter the Greatest Players wing of the BCA Hall of Fame, while the late Mark Griffin and Mike Panozzo, 60, will be honored in the Meritorious Service category. The BCA and the USBMA will induct them on Friday, Nov. 29, at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando in conjunction with the Mosconi Cup.

Born July 14, 1983, to a pool-playing family in Rapid City, South Dakota, Shane Van Boening began playing pool as a young child and quickly became one of the country's best bar table players, winning numerous national amateur titles. Venturing into the professional arena in the early 2000s, the "South Dakota Kid" immediately established himself as a top-tier player. Since then, he has won virtually every significant title in the game, including a WPA World 9-Ball Championship, a WPA World 8-Ball Championship, and five (5) U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship titles. He is considered to be the greatest American player of his generation and arguably one of the top five players in the world over the last 15 years.

"Being inducted into the BCA Hall of Fame is the coolest thing ever," Van

Boening said about his election. "You think about how many years you've played pool and everything that it took to get to the top. It means you've won a lot of tournaments and championships. There are so many great players in the Hall of Fame, and now I get to be alongside them. It means a lot."

Mark Griffin's passion was always working to support and grow the billiard industry. Griffin had been a player, certified instructor, premier table mechanic, pool room owner, member of the Billiard Congress of America

(BCA) Board of Directors, league and tournament promotor, table manufacturer, sponsor, investor, mentor, and innovator. A double-lung transplant recipient in 2015, Griffin passed away in 2023 at 76 years old, after a battle with brain cancer.

Among his many billiard-related activities, Griffin had acquired the Billiard Congress of America's amateur pool league in 2004 and created CueSports International (CSI) as its parent company. Through CSI, Griffin had also created and sustained several premier tournaments including the US





Open 10-Ball Championship, US Open 8-Ball Championship, US Open One Pocket Championship, and US Open Straight Pool Championship among many others. In 2018, Griffin sold CSI to Ozzy Reynolds, who had previously been CSI's general manager.

"Mark definitely left the sport better than he found it," shared Reynolds. "His contributions will continue to be felt for generations to come. I cannot think of a more deserving person for this honor."

Mike Panozzo devoted his entire professional career to billiards media. Billiards Digest publisher, Luby Publishing, hired Panozzo, a journalism major at Marquette University, directly out of college in 1980 to be the editor for the company and eventually he rose to become the publisher of Billiards Digest in 1994.

Panozzo served on the BCA Board of Directors from 1991-1992 and from 1998-1999 and has served extensively on its Promotions Committee in addition to chairing its Hall of Fame Committee. He served as a board member of the Billiard and Bowling Institute

of America (BBIA) and was its president in 2001. He was honored with the BCA President's Award in 2005 and received the BBIA Industry Service Award in 2017.

"I'm shocked...it's a very strange feeling, to be honest." Panozzo said when informed of his selection. "Anyone who knows me know how passionate I am about the significance and importance of the BCA Hall of Fame. I can honestly say that in 44 years in this industry, I never ever thought about being in the Hall of Fame. I'm beyond humbled that people in this business, for whom I have a great amount of respect, considered me worthy of being included!"

About the United States Billiard Media Association

Founded in 2007, the United States Billiard Media Association (USBMA) is a non-profit association dedicated to elevating the visibility and status of billiards in the media at large. The USBMA consists of professional print, radio, TV, public relations, and Inter-

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ROBBIE CAPITO IS THE 2024 UK OPEN POOL CHAMPION

Story by JACK MITCHELL - Matchroom Multi Sport / Photos courtesy Matchroom Multi Sport

Robbie Capito has won the BetVictor 2024 UK Open Pool Championship, beating Mieszko Fortunski 13-10 in a gripping finale at the at the Telford International Centre live on broadcasters worldwide, including DAZN, Viaplay, and Sky Sports in the UK.

RESULT Robbie Capito 13 – 10 Mieszko Fortunski

Capito seized an early advantage, showcasing his skill by effortlessly claiming the first rack after winning the lag. However, Fortunski swiftly retaliated, capitalising on Capito's missed shot of the 1-ball in the following rack to initiate a three-rack winning streak.

Undeterred, Capito mounted an impressive comeback, going on a seven-rack charge fuelled by Fortunski's errors to pot the 2-ball in rack 5 and 7. With each player exchanging blows,

the tension heightened in rack 11 as Capito demonstrated his strategic prowess with a flawless safety shot, forcing Fortunski into a critical scratch.

As the match unfolded, both players encountered moments of uncertainty. Capito's nerves led to a foul in rack 12, while Fortunski's committed a second scratch, missing a chance to take the lead and allowing Capito to retain his advantage at 8-5. In a seesaw battle, Capito never found himself comfortable, especially when Fortunski capitalised on Capito's missed shot of the 5-ball, closing the gap in rack 15.

As the match neared its conclusion, the pressure intensified in rack 21 when Capito's second missed shot opened the door for Fortunski to narrow the score to 11-10. However, just as the possibility of a level playing field emerged between the two cueists, Fortunski's failure to hook the 7-ball provided Capito with the opportunity he required to clear the table and reach the hill.


In a fitting end to an intense battle, Capito reclaimed his early composure, calmly clearing the table in the final rack to clinch the UK Open Pool Championship title with a score of 13-10. Today, Robbie Capito transitions from being a rising star to a true champion in the world of professional pool.

The newly crowned UK Open Pool Champion, Robbie Capito said: "I've been working so hard for his moment. I made it clear at the start of the week that I wasn't just here to participate, I was here to win my first Matchroom Major. And today, I have achieved just that."

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KELLY FISHER

WINS TWO-MATCH BATTLE WITH KRISTINA TKACH TO WIN WPBA BORDERLINE INVITATIONAL

Article by **SKIP MALONEY** - Photos courtesy **WPBA** and **ERWIN DIONISIO**

Janet Atwell hosts first Borderline Brunswick Invitational in a new Borderline Billiards facility

Unlike pool tours that measure member performance on more or less of a yearly basis, wiping the slate clean to start fresh once a tour's new season gets underway, the Women's Professional Billiards Association's (WPBA) Leaderboard is a snapshot of its last 10 events; a sort

of 'what have you done for me lately' look at a player's accomplishments on the tour, represented in points-earned. With two of the WPBA's top competitors (**Jasmin Ouschan**, #3 and **Allison Fisher**, #7) not in attendance for this past (long) weekend's Borderline Brunswick Invitational

(May 1-5), there were opportunities, both literally and figuratively, 'on the table' for those who were in attendance to advance a notch or two on the Leaderboard.

None of them could have de-throned either **Tzu-Chien Wei** from her #1 spot

or **Kelly Fisher** from #2, who battled twice against **Kristina Tkach** to claim the title. Fisher and Tzu-Chien have competed in nine of the 10 qualifying events dating back to the 2022 Puerto Rico Open and had too much of a ‘points’ lead to be caught in a single event. If Tzu-Chien had opted out of the Borderline Invitational, Kelly would have left Bristol, TN in the top spot. As it turned out, Tzu-Chien finished in the tie for 5th place, adding enough points to her 10-event total to retain the top spot.

There were a couple of individual noteworthy performances at the \$20,000-added Borderline Brunswick Invitational that drew 80 entrants to the new Borderline Brunswick Arena in Bristol, TN, formerly just Borderline Billiards. The new site is within walking distance of the old one, and did not host this event without a lot of predictable ‘opening’ issues, as workers at the new site coordinated their schedules to create and ‘polish’ the interior in time for this event. Room owner Janet Atwell not only pulled it all together in time (there was a ‘soft opening’ of the doors a week earlier for the general public), but did so after weeks and weeks of frustrating delays, discovered issues with the architecture, the everyday hassles of opening a new business and sustaining an ankle injury. She also competed in the event she was hosting, looking for an opportunity to sustain or improve on her #11 position on the WPBA Leaderboard.

Atwell joined **April Larson** in the streaming booth for the Fisher/Tkach final and in addition to insightful observations about shot-making choices and table situations, the girls got to chatting a bit, with April asking her early-on how she was feeling about the opening of her new pool room.

“I’m absolutely blown away,” Atwell told her, although, at the moment she was asked, she added “I’m wondering when I’m going to get some sleep.”

“It’s been a roller coaster of emotions,” she went on to say, noting that it took some perseverance to get to the point at which she owned the 130-year-old building and became the beneficiary of the good fortune that led to her being able to stay in the downtown Bristol area where she had launched the original Borderline Billiards 18 years ago. In addition to changing from tenant to property owner, the shift allowed Atwell to maintain the original name, because the new Borderline Billiards, as with the old Borderline Billiards, exists on the state line between Virginia and Tennessee.

“A lot of stars had to align to let me stay downtown,” she said. “I didn’t want to leave the downtown community.”

“There’s still a lot of things to do to get it where I want it,” she added. “You know, you have a budget, start out at a certain point and the ideas continue. I’ve added a lot more money, but it’s added more to the value, too.”

In noting enthusiastic responses from those in attendance (including Larson herself), Larson asked her if the reality of the new room was better than she’d imagined it would be.

“It is,” she replied. “It’s one thing to build a nice place, but when people react positively, it’s not just for me, but for the people who love pool and the community, too.”

Atwell went on to note that while she had not done as well as she might have hoped in competing for the first

title in her new room, she felt good about the effort that she’d put in to it. It was an effort, she explained, that was aided by an unexpected difference.

“Haven’t hit a ball to speak of in three or four months,” she explained to Larson and a larger audience in the chat room of the stream. “I stayed down on my shots, ‘cause I didn’t have the energy to jump up.”

Atwell finished in the tie for 17th place, as 13-year-old **Savannah Easton**, finishing 4th, slipped ahead of her, eventually taking charge of the 10th spot on the Leaderboard. Easton defeated Atwell 8-4 in the second round of the event’s Stage 2, just ahead of sending Tzu-Chien Wei to the loss side 8-6 in a winners’ side quarterfinal. Two years ago, at the old Borderline Billiards, Easton had chalked up her best finish at a WPBA event (5th), until this past weekend, when her 4th place finish became the best.

The Borderline Brunswick Invitational began earlier in the week with a Stage 1, double-elimination bracket with 48 players. That number was reduced to 16; eight from the winners’ side of the bracket and eight from the loss side. Those 16 joined 32 seeded competitors in the final Stage 2.

Fisher’s path through the final field of 48 went through **Tina Larsen** 8-1, April Larson 8-3, and **Kaylee McIntosh** 8-3, to arrive at winners’ side semifinal against **Pia Filler**, who was one of the 16 who advanced from Stage 1. Kristina Tkach, in the meantime,

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– Janet Atwell



Kelly Fisher

got by **Laura Smith** (0) and **Susan Williams** (5), before meeting and defeating one of the event's two youngest competitors, Sofia "Pink Dagger" Mast (3) and drawing the other, the aforementioned Savannah "Roadrunner" Easton in the other winners' side semifinal.

Fisher and Tkach gave up two racks each to Filler and Easton and met for the first time in the hot seat match. Tkach claimed it 8-4 and waited to see who'd be coming back from the semifinals.

On the loss side, Filler drew Tzu-Chien Wei, who'd followed her winners' side quarterfinal loss to the "Road Runner" with victories over Loree Jon Brown 8-6 and April Larson 8-4. The "Road Runner" picked up **Kristina Zlateva**, who'd followed her loss to "The Pink Dagger" with a four-pack of wins, three of which went double hill; versus Margarita Fefilova (DH), **Kennedy Meyman** (1), Kaylee McIntosh (DH), and **Brittany Bryant** (DH).

Easton stopped Zlateva's run 8-2 and advanced to the quarterfinals. There's no telling what could have happened, had Filler not defeated Tzu-Chien Wei 8-4 and advanced to join Easton in those quarterfinals. Pre-supposing that Tzu-Chien would have defeated Easton in what might have been their quarterfinal (by no means a "given"), it would have put the WPBA's top two competitors face-to-face in the semifinals.

As it turned out, Filler downed Easton 8-1 in those quarterfinals to earn a rematch against Fisher. Filler did a little better in the rematch, but Fisher defeated her a second time (8-4) to earn her own rematch against Tkach.

It looked, right out of the gate, as if there were going to be no stopping Kelly Fisher in the final. She broke the first rack and dropped four balls. And then, shooting at the 8-ball, she overshot her 'position' with the cue ball and then, shooting at an oblique

angle, failed to drop the 9-ball. Tkach did and followed by dropping three on her own break, and running to the 9-ball. She missed the relatively easy shot, giving Fisher the opportunity for a quick 'payback.' She took it and tied the score.

Winning off of each other's break became something of a habit as the two of them fought back and forth to a 3-3 tie. Fisher broke and ran rack #7, starting a three-match run. Tkach fought back, winning three to tie it again at 6-6. Fisher took the lead back, off of a three-ball break and run, then took advantage of a scratch on Tkach's break to go up by two and then, reached the hill, ahead by three at 9-6.

Tkach kept it interesting by pulling within two in rack #16. Fisher, though, a hard person to deny at this stage of a match, completed her trip to the winners' circle with a final rack to claim the first Borderline Brunswick Invitational title.

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DYNAMIC BILLARD ST JOHANN OPEN – SOUFI IS CHAMP IN AUSTRIA

Story by LUKE RICHES - EPBF / Photos courtesy EPBF

MOHAMMED SOUFI, THE Germany-based Syrian, claimed his second DYNAMIC BILLARD Euro Tour title as he got the better of Tobias Bongers by 9-6 to take the Dynamic Billard St Pongau Open.

Bongers had seemed to have done the hard part earlier in the day as he ended Joshua Filler's long and successful Euro Tour streak and then ousted Mieszko Fortunski from the tournament.

However, Soufi's speedy all-out aggression and devil-may-care play won the day for him as he entertained a sizeable crowd in the arena. Having recently acquired new playing equipment, Soufi seemed to have adapted to it in no time and what he occasionally lacked in positional play, he more than made up for with unerring pocketing.

Commented Soufi, "I'm feeling very good about this event. This is the second time for me but on the Thursday before the tournament started, I had a call from my family that my father was taken to hospital. Today he got out and I promised him I will give my best for him and I'm happy to have won this tournament for my father.

"Before the match he was at home and said he would watch the game. I haven't seen my family for 11 years so it was good to win for them."

The Syrian won the lag and saw the one ball drop and he completed an excellent runout to take the opener. Bongers, who struggled a little in semi-final with his break, made no



Mohammed Soufi

mistakes in the second game as three balls dropped. A cut on the 2-ball, moving three rails for the 3, enabled a runout to level things.

A 3/9 combination from Soufi took him back into the lead and they both had visits in the fourth game before Soufi asserted himself after Bongers safety escape left a little too much of the 1-ball showing. He wrapped up the rack, albeit it with a touch of good fortune to take a 3-1 lead.

The Syrian shooter found himself blocked on the 1-ball after his break and elected to push out, leaving the edge of the one available. They both went back-and-forth on the 1-ball before finally. Soufi scratched into the centre pocket. Bongers was presented with a fairly messy table and couldn't make precise position on the 2-ball.

Following a well-placed snooker, Soufi again fouled, making the jump, as the white failed to clear the intervening 8-ball and with ball-in-hand once again, Bongers cleared in what was a must-win rack for him.

An illegal break from the German left the cueball in a horrible spot, squeezed between the 4 and 7. Soufi put him back in and he played a push and again, Soufi sent him back to the table. His jump shot made good connection with the 1-ball but left it on for Soufi. The layout was extremely tough but Soufi was magnificent in his clearance to restore his two-rack advantage.

Despite seeing edge of the 1-ball, Soufi pushed out and Bongers gave it back. Ultimately, Bongers fouled with a table length one-rail escape and Soufi set about the table in his aggressive style. It became his undoing though, as he missed on the 4-ball and left it on. Bongers missed though, trying to bank the 7-ball into the centre pocket which effectively handed the rack back to Soufi for a 5-2 lead.

Tobias Bongers



“

TOBIAS IS MY FRIEND AND I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR FIVE OR SIX YEARS WE PLAY IN THE SAME TEAMS TOGETHER. HE'S BEEN PLAYING VERY WELL...

– Mohammed Soufi

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Bongers made no mistakes in the next, running out from the break to reduce the deficit to two racks but another fast rack from Soufi took him into a 6-3 lead with Bongers now having it all to do. There were two balls on the break for Bongers as well as a good cue ball but the rack became a little messy. In the end, Bongers seemed to have done all the hard work, but a miss on the 8-ball unravelled it and Soufi stepped up to make it 7-3.

Three balls on the break but with no shot on the lowest ball and Soufi decided to push out. This left Bongers with a couple of options and he cut the 2-ball into the top right pocket, leaving perfect shape on the 3-ball. From there, he ran out to claw one back.

The German #24-ranked player took the next to keep his chances up but

could ill afford any mistakes with Soufi two away from victory. Soufi gave himself a slight chance off his next break with two balls down. Riding his luck, he took the 2-ball on, made it and enjoyed some luck gaining position on the 3-ball. From there, he dished up to reach the hill at 8-5.

Bongers wasn't done just yet as he ran out from the break to make it 8-6 but it was now Soufi's to lose. He made no mistakes though as he got himself over the line with an easy 3/9 combination.

Soufi added, "Tobias is my friend and I've known him for five or six years we play in the same teams together. He's been playing very well – his last tournament in the UK Open he finished eighth and he beat some great players here. He's a good guy and starting to really play well."

PREDATOR WOMEN'S ST JOHANN OPEN

IVANOVSKAIA

DEFENDS HER AUSTRIAN CROWN

Story by LUKE RICHES - EPBF / Photos courtesy EPBF

VERONIKA IVANOVSKAIA SUCCESSFULLY defended her PREDATOR Women's St Pongau Open title as she got the better of Pia Filler by 7-4 in an all-German final.

Ivanovskaia moved into an early 3-0 lead and never relinquished her superiority even as the match got

booged down a little in the middle stages. It was Ivanovskaia's second win on Tour and she will be looking to

move on and look to add to that tally in 2024. She went undefeated through the event



Veronika Ivanovskaia

Commented Veronika, “Pia is a very good player and in the overall Tour rankings both of us are #1 and #2 so it’s always a tough battle. I don’t know why but I feel very comfortable in Austria and enjoy the landscape and the air so I think it’s just a good combination of everything. I felt very good the whole time here.”

Having won the lag, Ivanovskaia came with an illegal break despite downing two balls. Filler had the first open look at table but fell down on the 3 ball as her long pot stayed in the jaws. Ivanovskaia attempted the jump shot and, trying to catch the 3 on the thin side, completely missed. The runout wasn’t quite available as they exchanged safeties. A scratch from Filler gave ball-in-hand to her opponent and she cleared to steal the opening rack.

In the second, Ivanovskaia ducked a 4/9 opportunity in favour of safety and it paid off as Filler missed the table-length one-rail escape and with ball-in-hand, the German cleared the table to extend her lead.

A good break from Ivanovskaia saw her stay at the table but she hooked herself going from 2 to 3. She kicked out of trouble and left the 3 safe for her opponent. Ivanovskaia broke the safety deadlock with a well-executed bank to down the 3-ball and from there she ran out for an ominous 3-0 lead.

Filler needed a good break in the fourth game and certainly delivered as two balls dropped, leaving her an opportunity on the 1-ball. She took that and went on to complete the first break and run of the match and give herself a real confidence boost.

An illegal break from Ivanovskaia saw Filler put her back in and she determined to push-out. They went back-and-forth on the 1-ball for some



Pia Filler

time before Filler left it available. Ivanovskaia pocketed it and worked her way through the table to restore her three-rack advantage at 4-1.

A dry and illegal break from Filler left an impossible table and a lengthy bout of safety play ensued. With the 3-ball locked on the rail in a cluster, the rack was the longest of the match by some distance but it was Filler who prevailed after miss on the 8-ball from Ivanovskaia.

A good break from Ivanovskaia gave her a chance to extend her lead. The 7-ball was tied up with the 9, though and she played a perfect safety which Filler escaped from to leave her opponent snookered. Ivanovskaia escaped but left the 7-ball on into the centre pocket but Filler fell down as she caught the jaw. From there, Ivanovskaia completed a difficult clearance for a 5-2 lead.

Filler though, ran out from the break to reduce the lead to two-racks. Ivanovskaia came with a good break in the next, though, leaving herself a nice open table. She struggled a little down the closing stretch but some solid potting saw her over the line and onto the hill at 6-3.

An illegal break from Filler was not what she wanted and both had visits before Filler had the clear opportunity and to her credit, she ran out a hard table to get to 6-4. Ivanovskaia had every chance in the next rack following a successful break. She left herself a horrible 9-ball though but she cued it well to lift her second Euro Tour title.

Ivanovskaia added, “I have my same practice routine as always, doing my hours day-by-day and just trying to get ready mentally because it’s always a marathon here, especially on the last day. I’ve worked on my fitness a lot so that’s definitely beneficial.

“I felt very good throughout the day, although I was almost out in the quarters against my team mate Tina (Vogelmann). It was hill-hill and a very tough battle but in the end, I was the fortunate one.

“I’m leaving tomorrow to go to China to play heyball because I’m also playing that now beside 9-ball and 10-ball and general American pool. After that it’s onto Slovenia for the European Championships and the next Euro Tour.”

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ASIA SUPREMACY:

TEAM PHILIPPINES EYE STRONG SHOWING VS TEAM CHINESE TAIPEI

Story by MARLON BERNARDINO

Team Philippines is determined to put on a show when it faces Team Chinese Taipei in the 2024 CPBA 9-Ball Teams Invitational dubbed as Asia Supremacy to be held on May 27, 28 and 29 at the former Park City Banquet Plaza, New Taipei City, Taiwan.

Leading the Philippine charge are the best of the best, including the veterans led by Carlo Biado, Johann Chua, James Aranas, Jeffrey Ignacio and Bernie Regalario.

“We hope to do well in this event” said Biado.

Chinese Taipei will be fielding Ko Pin Yi, Ko Ping Chung, Chang Jung Lin, Chang Yu Lung and Wu Kun Lin.

Supporting Team Philippines will be JR Velasco and Marvin Paringit of Marboys Billiards.

“They’re all ready,” Velasco said.

“It’s hard but we will try our best,” added Paringit. “That’s our challenge.”

While Chinese Taipei Team will be supported by Marvin Wang and Jackie Ku of CPBA and Fullcan Sports. They will all be non playing team captains as well for their teams respectively.

The winning team gets \$15,000 and the losing team will take home \$7,500 in this 9-Ball Team Tournament, presented by Fullcan Sports and Marboys Billiards.

Fullcan Sports is a subsidiary of the CPBA Group, mainly responsible for hosting international billiards events and the assistance of players’ tournaments itinerary and sports agent.

While Marboys Billiards on the other hand handles and manages the best nineball players from the Philippines. Currently they are the only team in the world nineball tour. They usually send 5-7 players regularly in major tournaments like the UK Open, World Championship among others. Marboys Bil-

liards cue artists are also scheduled to compete in World Pool Championship in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on June 3-8. There will be a China 9 ball tournament on June 28-July 5 in China. Then Bandung Indonesia on July 10-14. Then August for the European Open Championship and US Open.

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WORLD NINEBALL TOUR PROS CONFIRMED FOR THE WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Story by JACK MITCHELL - Matchroom Multi Sport

The World Nineball Tour are delighted to confirm the top 100 ranked players qualified to play in the crown jewel of WNT, the World Pool Championship in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia live on Sky Sports in the UK and Ireland.

The thrilling final of the 2024 UK Open Pool Championship cemented the top 100 WNT ranked professionals gearing up for the World Pool Championship in the Green Halls, Jeddah between 3-8 June, in partnership with the Saudi Arabian Billiard & Snooker Federation (SABSF) and the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Sport.

Francisco Sanchez Ruiz maintains his status as No.1 on the rankings, and is joined by other stars including Shane Van Boening, Fedor Gorst, and Albin Ouschan in a pursuit to claim another World Pool Championship title next month.

Ruiz said: "I am so happy to retain my No.1 ranking, especially as we head into this year's World Pool Championship in Saudi Arabia next month. My goal is not only to maintain my top position on the World Nineball Tour but also to defend my World Pool Championship title. I am determined to showcase my best game and emerge victorious once again on the world stage."

The landmark event will see a field of 128 elite cueists battling it out

in a double-elimination format for the record-breaking prize fund of \$1,000,000, and a top prize of \$250,000 – both the highest ever on the World Nineball Tour.

In addition to the top 100, the remaining 28 players will be made up of wildcard entries, 13 of whom will represent the host nation, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Full details of the players representing Saudi Arabia and neighboring countries will be announced soon.



Matchroom Multi Sport CEO Emily Frazer said: "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has hosted the world's premier sporting spectacles of late and we are thrilled to be staging the prestigious World Pool Championships in Jeddah. Now the world's top 100 are all signed up, this tournament truly will live up to the hype. The fans are in for a real treat and you will not want to miss it.

"We are hugely grateful to both the Saudi Arabian Billiard & Snooker Federation and the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Sport for their incredible vision and invaluable support in making this elite event a reality."

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ALEX KAZARIK	ABDULLAH ALYOUSEF	EMIL ANDRE GANOFLOT	FU CHE WEI
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CARLO BIADO	DIMITRI JUNGO	LO HO SUM	KUO PO CHENG
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THE TOP 100 WORLD NINEBALL TOUR PLAYERS:

1.	Francisco Sánchez Ruiz – Spain	51.	Billy Thorpe – USA
2.	Fedor Gorst – USA	52.	Mickey Krause – Denmark
3.	Shane Van Boening – USA	53.	Roland Garcia – Philippines
4.	Ko Ping Chung – Chinese Taipei	54.	Tobias Bongers – Germany
5.	Jayson Shaw – Great Britain	55.	Imran Majid – Great Britain
6.	Albin Ouschan – Austria	56.	Chris Melling – Great Britain
7.	Joshua Filler – Germany	57.	Dimitris Loukatos – Greece
8.	David Alcaide – Spain	58.	Hsieh Chia Chen – Chinese Taipei
9.	Aloysius Yapp – Singapore	59.	Chang Yu Lung – Chinese Taipei
10.	Mario He – Austria	60.	Johann Chua – Philippines
11.	Wiktor Zielinski – Poland	61.	Darren Appleton – Great Britain
12.	Ko Pin Yi – Chinese Taipei	62.	Francesco Candela – Italy
13.	Eklent Kaci – Albania	63.	Elliott Sanderson – Great Britain
14.	Moritz Neuhausen – Germany	64.	Kyle Amoroto – Philippines
15.	Max Lechner – Austria	65.	Besar Spahiu – Albania
16.	Skyler Woodward – USA	66.	Liu Ri Teng – Chinese Taipei
17.	Alex Kazakis – Greece	67.	Emil André Gangfløt – Norway
18.	Mieszko Fortuński – Poland	68.	Jeremy Sossei – USA
19.	Pijus Labutis – Lithuania	69.	Jan van Lierop – Netherlands
20.	Niels Feijen – Netherlands	70.	Marco Teutscher – Netherlands
21.	Jonas Souto – Spain	71.	Omar alshaheen – Kuwait
22.	Robbie Capito – Hong Kong China	72.	João Grilo – Portugal
23.	Sanjin Pehlivanovic – Bosnia and Herzegovina	73.	Mustafa Alnar – Northern Cyprus
24.	Carlo Biado – Philippines	74.	Lo Ho Sum – Hong Kong China
25.	Naoyuki Oi – Japan	75.	Hunter Lombardo – USA
26.	Michael Feliciano – Philippines	76.	Sullivan Clark – New Zealand
27.	Aleksa Pecelj – Serbia	77.	Nguyen Anh Tuan – Vietnam
28.	Tyler Styer – USA	78.	Georgi Georgiev – Bulgarian
29.	Mohammad Soufi – Syria	79.	Bernie Regalario – Philippines
30.	John Morra – Canada	80.	Michael Schneider – Switzerland
31.	Duong Quoc Hoang – Vietnam	81.	Patric Gonzales – Philippines
32.	Konrad Juszczyszyn – Poland	82.	Fitim Haradinaj – Kosovo
33.	Olivér Szolnoki – Hungary	83.	Jeffrey Ignacio – Philippines
34.	Oscar Dominguez – USA	84.	Tim De Ruyter – Netherlands
35.	Chang Jung Lin – Chinese Taipei	85.	Nikos Ekonomopoulos – Greece
36.	Marc Bijsterbosch – Netherlands	86.	Ajdin Piknjac – Bosnia and Herzegovina
37.	Thorsten Hohmann – Germany	87.	Toh Lian Han – Singapore
38.	Anton Raga – Philippines	88.	Daniel Guttenberger – Austria
39.	Wu Kun Lin – Chinese Taipei	89.	Jefrey Roda – Philippines
40.	Denis Grabe – Estonia	90.	Karl Gnadeberg – Estonia
41.	Dang Jin Hu – China	91.	Masato Yoshioka – Japan
42.	Abdullah Alyousef – Kuwait	92.	Fu Che Wei – Chinese Taipei
43.	Shane Wolford – USA	93.	Riku Romppanen – Finland
44.	Ralf Souquet – Germany	94.	Albert Manas – Philippines
45.	Billy Jr Ussery – USA	95.	Pham Phuong Nam – Vietnam
46.	James Aranas – Philippines	96.	Kledio Kaci – Albania
47.	Jani Uski – Finland	97.	Luong Duc Thien – Vietnam
48.	Lee Vann Corteza – Philippines	98.	Nicholas De Leon – USA
49.	Dimitri Jungo – Switzerland	99.	Kuo Po Cheng – Chinese Taipei
50.	Alex Pagulayan – Canada	100.	Ko Ping Han – Chinese Taipei

UK-BASED PE MANSION SPORTS ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH BILLIARDS LEGEND

EFREN 'BATA' REYES TO LAUNCH BILLIARDS ECOMMERCE SITE

Mansion Sports, a leading private equity firm based in the UK, specializing in investments across sports facilities, sports news portals, and sports entertainment, has announced its partnership with billiards icon Efren 'Bata' Reyes, coinciding with the launch of Mansion Sports Billiards, an eCommerce platform catering to global billiards enthusiasts.

This strategic move underscores Mansion Sports' commitment to elevating the billiards experience worldwide.

The partnership encompasses a series of events and tournaments showcasing high-level billiards play, as well as projects aimed at fostering a deeper connection with the sport's enthusiasts. With Reyes's involvement, these initiatives are poised to deliver thrilling matches and dynamic gameplay, leaving a lasting impact on the billiards community.

To kickoff the partnership, Mansion Sports unveiled Mansion Sports Billiards, an eCommerce site offering premium billiard products globally. Featuring high-quality cues, stylish tables, and top-notch accessories, the platform aims to enhance enthusiasts' playing experience. Initially rolling out in Vietnam, Mansion Sports Billiards plans for global expansion.

Reyes, renowned for his exceptional skill and long-standing dominance in billiards, joins Mansion Sports as Brand Ambassador. This partnership will leverage Reyes's stature in the billiards community to bolster Man-

sion Sports' presence through various events and initiatives.

"We are honored to have Efren 'Bata' Reyes as a Mansion Sports Brand Ambassador and are excited to work together to bring the sport of billiards to new heights," said Denis Keet, Managing Director of Mansion Sports.

"We believe that Reyes brings decades of experience and a storied career to the partnership. His achievements have not only earned him numerous titles and awards but also a substantial fan base and respect within the sports community," Keet added.

For more information, please visit mansionsports.com or follow Mansion Sports on social media for the latest updates.



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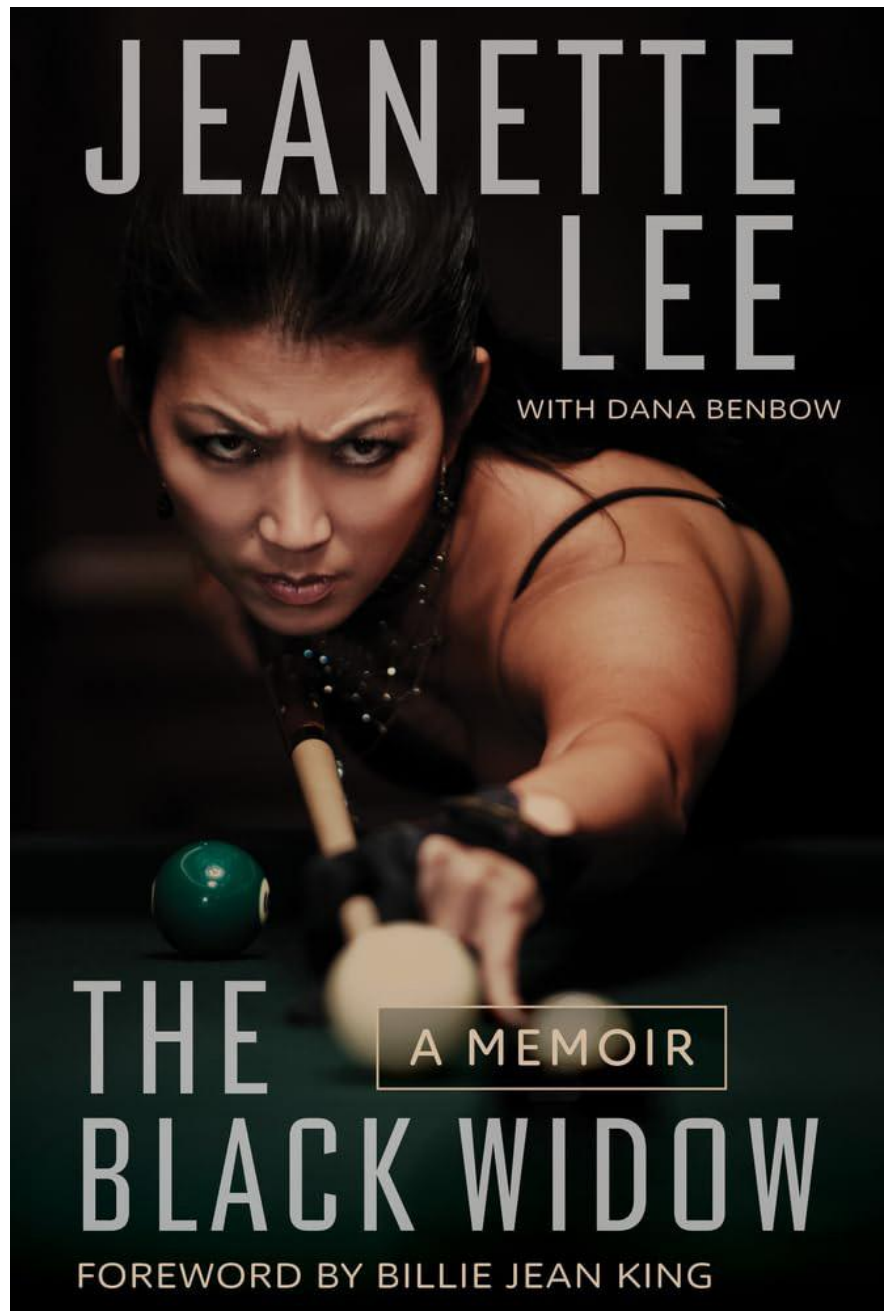
BIOGRAPHY AVAILABLE FOR AUTOGRAPHED PRE-ORDER

Jeanette Lee, the Black Widow, will be releasing her autobiography: Jeanette Lee... A Memoir, on August 13, 2024. The book is being published by Triumph Books and contains a foreword by Billie Jean King.

The book is a wonderful story of perhaps the most important figure in billiards history. Of course, the book will have much more value in pushing our sport forward should it become a best seller. It is vital to the ultimate success of the book to generate pre-orders.

Jeanette has put together a special offer for her friends, families and constituencies which includes the billiards community. In the Pre-order period between now and August, you can order her book through her e-commerce site. Each book pre-ordered will be personally autographed by Jeanette.

<https://caromsports.com/products/black-widow-memoir>



THE HITMAN TARGETS ONBOARD

We are delighted to announce and welcome Thorsten Hohmann 'The Hitman' to the #teamonboard family. The Three Time World Champion and current WNT ranked #34 Professional is the latest addition to our team.

Thorsten was conducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame in 2021 to honour his outstanding skills and dedication to the sport and industry. With multiple World Titles to his name, the German maestro is a fantastic additional to the team and we look forward to working with him in developing a brand new Hitman Product Line!

Thorsten had this to say on his appointment:

"I'm delighted to join the ever growing team of Onboard. I've been a brand fan for a long time already and pretty much have a full wardrobe of their clothing. I can't wait to look fresh at every event from now on and throw my own Hitman fashion sense into the mix!"

Look out for Thorsten this week on the World Nine-ball Tour as he will be wearing some of his new Jerseys. He goes into this event in fine form with his target set only on one thing – the UK Open Trophy!





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REGISTRATION OPEN

36TH ANNUAL 2024 BEF JUNIOR NATIONAL POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Registration for the 36th annual BEF Junior National Pool Championships (Quincy, IL, July 24-30) is underway. Over \$10,000 in prizes and scholarships will be awarded this year, along with the opportunity to qualify and compete in the 2024 WPA World Junior Championship in Auckland, New Zealand.

Additionally, all champions in the 10-Ball World Qualifying Divisions will have their airfare covered to New Zealand by the Billiard Education Foundation and Billiard Congress of America.

This year's BEF Junior National Pool Championships features the following divisions:

- 18&U Boys 10-Ball National Championship sponsored by Iwan Simonis
- 18&U Girls 10-Ball National Championship sponsored by Iwan Simonis
- 16&U Boys 10-Ball National Championship sponsored by Iwan Simonis

**Championships of these 10-Ball Divisions will have airfare covered by the Billiard Education Foundation and Billiard Congress of America (max airfare credit \$2K) to Auckland, New Zealand for the 2024 WPA World Junior Championships.*

- 16&U Girls 9-Ball National Championship sponsored by Diamond Billiard Products
- 14&U Boys 9-Ball National Championship sponsored by Diamond Billiard Products

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16 & Under - CANNOT turn 17 in 2024
18 & Under - CANNOT turn 19 in 2024
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REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 1ST

10&U HEYBALL - Sponsored by BOB BIRNBAUM
22UM, 22UW, 18UB, 18UG & 14U COED
RACE: TBA - ENTRY: \$25
MONDAY, JULY 8th @ 7PM - 18UB & 18UG TOP finalist will receive an all expense paid trip to China in 2025!

10-BALL - Sponsored by Ivan Simonis
22UM & 22UW
RACE 7/7 - ENTRY \$150
MONDAY, JULY 8th @ 9PM - TOP finalist(s) wins paid entry into one 2025 WPA and WPBA event.

14.1 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Sponsored by McDemott
22UM, 22UW, 16UB & 16UG
NEW FORMAT TBA - "FREE ENTRY"
TUESDAY, JULY 9th @ 9AM - Champions ALL win a \$500 scholarship and the HIGHEST RUN WINS \$1000.00!

8-BALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Sponsored by Lucas
22UM, 22UW & 16U COED
RACE 5/5 - ENTRY: \$125
10U COED - RACE 4/3 - ENTRY: \$50
*10U PLAYED ON 7FT VALLEY TABLES
TUESDAY, JULY 9th @ 3PM

9-BALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Sponsored by Diamond
16UG, 14UG & 14UB
RACE 6/6 - ENTRY: \$125
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th @ 11AM

10-BALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Sponsored by Ivan Simonis
18UB, 18UG & 16UB - WORLD QUALIFIER
RACE 8/8 - ENTRY \$175
THURSDAY, JULY 11th @ 1PM

TOP finalist(s) from the 10-Ball National World Qualifier events will be selected to represent TEAM USA and advance to the 2024 Junior World Championships held in New Zealand with FREE airfare!!

Michael Repaci Girls in Billiards Scholarship fund also to TBA!!

All Girl Champions in the following events will WIN \$500 scholarships...
8-Ball 22UW, 9-Ball 16UG, 9-Ball, 14UG, 14.1, 22UW, 10-Ball and U18G (Heyball not included)

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- 14&U Boys 9-Ball National Championship sponsored by Diamond Billiard Products
- Open Boys 8-Ball National Championship sponsored by Lucasi Cues
- Open Girls 8-Ball National Championship sponsored by Lucasi Cues
- Open Boys 14.1 National Championship sponsored by McDermott Cues
- Open Girls 14.1 National Championship sponsored by McDermott Cues

New this year:

- 22&U (m) 10-Ball National Championship sponsored by Iwan Simonis
- 22&U (f) 10-Ball National Championship sponsored by Iwan Simonis
- 16&U Coed 8-Ball National Championship sponsored by Lucasi Cues
- 16&U Boys 14.1 National Championship sponsored by McDermott Cues
- 16&U Girls 14.1 National Championship sponsored by McDermott Cues
- **18&U Boys Heyball National Championship sponsored by JOY Billiards
- **18&U Girls Heyball National Championships sponsored by JOY Billiards
- 16&U Coed Heyball National Championships sponsored by JOY Billiards

**The Billiard Education Foundation is featuring Heyball (only \$25 entry fee), or 8-Ball played on 9ft snooker

tables. Both the 2024 boys and girls 18&U Heyball national champions will have their airfare and accommodations fully covered to participate in the the Joy World Jr Heyball Championships in China, 2025.

Register before Monday, June 15 to ensure you get your FREE 2024 BEF Junior National Pool Championship Jersey provided by JamUP Apparel.



Any registrations after June 15th will still be accepted but your FREE JamUP jersey will not be guaranteed after the Monday, June 12th cut off date.

(Jersey shown is blue and white, there is also an optional red and black version available this year's event.)

For the third year, the Billiard Education Foundation is honored to continue providing all girl champions in each division an additional scholarship fund to be used towards travel and expenses through Michael J Repici Girls in Billiards Scholarship Fund.

This year, the winners of the girls: 16&U 9-Ball, 14&U 9-Ball, 8-Ball and 14.1 divisions will get \$500, and the girls champion in the WPA 10-Ball World Qualifying division will receive \$500.

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) was formed in 1993 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity committed to promoting a life-long love of pool and building the next generation of players through youth programs and academic scholarships. The BEF also sanctions Junior State Championships, produces the annual BEF Junior National 9-Ball Championships and qualifies young players each year to compete at the WPA World Junior Championships. Visit BilliardEducation.org to learn more about junior programs in your area.

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JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!!

REGISTRATION OPEN

36TH ANNUAL 2024 THE AMERICAS HEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS OPENS REGISTRATION

The Billiard Congress of America is excited to announce the 2024 The Americas Heyball Championships and the inaugural introduction for Heyball to the United States.

This event is organized and produced by the Billiard Congress of America and the Greater Midwest Poolplayers Association and will take place alongside the BEF Junior National Pool Championships and the North American Wheelchair Championships at the Oakley Lindsey Civic Center in Quincy, IL on July 8 – 11, 2024.

The tournament takes place on sixteen (16) nine-foot JOY Heyball tables. The TV table will be streamed by Kazoom and available to watch on the Billiard Congress of America YouTube channel.

This event is part of JOY's WITH LOVE FROM CHINA campaign series to in-

crease the awareness, popularity, and participation of Heyball internationally.

“This new event will help showcase Heyball to an American audience of pool players,” said Shane Tyree BCA CEO. “We’re also thrilled to give our juniors at the BEF Jr National Pool Championships an opportunity to experience this new cue sport discipline.”

On top of the \$10,000 grand prizes, both champions in the men and women divisions not only get invited to compete at the 2025 JOY Heyball Masters they also get their airfare and accommodations covered to compete at

the event. Additionally, the 18&U boy and girl champions will get all their expenses covered to participate in the WPA World Junior Heyball Championships in 2025.”

The entry fee for the men and women’s events are only \$100, and all participants are ensured a payout. To register for this inaugural event please use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2024AmericasHeyBall>.

The entry fee for juniors is only \$25 and can be accessed through the BEF Junior National Pool Championships registration page at BilliardEducation.org.



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PREDATOR BILLIARD SPORT ACADEMY OPENS IN TALLINN, ESTONIA

Estonia's first Billiard sport academy with eight APEX 9ft Pro tables opens doors in T1 Mall of Tallinn, welcoming all billiard enthusiasts.

Predator Group, the US-based billiards leader, is proud to announce the opening of a brand new, "Predator powered" Billiard Academy located in the T1 Mall of Tallinn, Estonia. Predator Billiard Sport Academy will accommodate Estonia's first Predator Apex 9ft Pro pool tables – the same tables that are used in the World's biggest competitions, most recently at the Predator World 10-Ball Championship in Las Vegas, where Predator team player **Denis Grabe** achieved a 3rd place, bringing Estonia its first individual World Championship medal in the adult category.

"I am extremely grateful to Predator Group for their cooperation, trust, and contribution! Predator is not just a billiard supply company – it's an extremely professional one, very dedicated to the development of the sport. The opening of the billiard academy in Tallinn is part of a larger concept. Thanks to Predator Group, our tiny Tallinn makes its way to the world billiard map," said Kristjan Kuusik, the founder and coach of Kalliv Billiard School.

"Under my guidance as a coach, more than 300 children in Estonia have discovered billiards. In addition, at least 200 adults. I've been running regular billiard training sessions since 2011, and there has been a great need for a place where there is no dining and other distractions – where people can just practice sports. The opening of the billiard hall fulfills one of my

long-held dreams. I wish that all the young and adult athletes could enjoy the training process to the maximum and I am sure many top athletes will emerge from this place who will bring championship medals to Estonia!", added Kuusik.

"It is a great pleasure to see that young Estonian billiard players will have the opportunity to play the game in an extremely high-quality space. Predator, who is also my sponsor, is the world's leading billiard brand and the absolute top in the sport!" said Denis Grabe, a top-ranked player in Estonia and 13th in the world.

"Estonia holds immense potential for pool, and their development plans for all players, men, women and juniors, will grow the sport's global presence. Following Denis Grabe's many international successes, including a recent bronze medal at the Predator World 10-Ball Championship 2024, and after **Karl Gnadeberg** was crowned World Junior Champion in 2022, now is the right time to be contributing to a future where Estonian talent will keep on shining even more on the international stage," added **Huidji See**, Sponsorship Coordinator of Predator Group and 2011 World 10-Ball Champion.



Huidji See, JP Parmentier, Kristjan Kuusik and Urmas Soorumaa (Estonia Olympic Committee President)

“Having had the privilege to tour the site under-construction, I was truly impressed by the dedication to providing players with a top-tier environment to sharpen their skills. To see them develop their athletic skills on our Predator Apex Pool tables, located in a high-end facility, make us very proud to have our company partnering with such a fantastic project. It fills me with excitement for the future of the sport in this region,” said JP Parmentier, Sports Marketing Director of Predator Group.

“T1 Center is the most modern multi-functional shopping and leisure center in Estonia, located in the bustling business area and in the crossroads of major transport connections of the Estonian capital, including the terminal of the future Rail Baltica rail connection. T1 has about 56,000 square meters of rental space, and there are a total of nearly 1,000 parking spaces. T1 center welcomes with open arms various sports disciplines. We are pleased to cooperate with the Predator Billiard Sport Academy, led by real enthusiasts and professionals. Just like the other sports areas on the third floor of T1, we will also build the billiards sports center, considering the specifics and technical conditions of that sports discipline. This approach is extremely unique even on an international scale,” said Tarmo Hõbe, CEO of T1. “The third floor of the center, of which first stage we opened in the fall of 2023, is home to many sports and hobbies. When the entire third floor of T1 will be completed by the end of 2024, it will be possible to practice more than 20 different sports in one building and on one floor.”

Kalev Billiards School will of course remain a private recreational school in Estonia, but the brand and venue name will be named “Predator Billiard Sport Academy”. For the members, the academy is open 24 hours a day with access to a dressing room,



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sauna and free parking in T1 Mall’s car park.

As a billiard-focused venue, Predator Billiard Sport Academy welcomes all young and adult billiard enthusiasts who want to learn more about the game. In the smartphone era, many young people find it difficult to concentrate and sometimes even think logically – all of which can be improved by playing billiard,” adds Kuusik.

All schools in Tallinn and the surrounding area are very welcome to come and learn more about billiard and its charms. For more information

about training and education, please visit: www.piljardikool.ee; info@piljardikool.ee.

Predator’s mission is to inspire billiard fans by providing innovative experiences and products that deliver high-performance, with unsurpassed class and style since 1994. Predator, Poison and Uni-Loc are Predator Group brands that focus on performance pool tables, cues, billiard accessories, and precision components. For more information regarding Predator Group’s products, visit www.predatorcues.com, www.poisoncues.com and www.uni-loc.com.

BILLIARD TV PARTNERS WITH THE WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS ASSOCIATION

Billiard TV – the first 24/7 television channel devoted to the sports of billiards – has partnered with the Women's Professional Billiards Association to stream up to 12 events a year. With the WPBA partnership in place, Billiard TV now streams more than 1,000 hours of live events each year.

The partnership will kick off this weekend with Billiard TV streaming the Borderline Brunswick Invitational live from Bristol, TN.

“We are proud to welcome the WPBA to Billiard TV,” said Brendan Canning, Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer of Triple B Media, which owns Billiard TV. “We are confident that the addition of WPBA events will be a huge addition to our repertoire of programming.”

“The partnership with Billiard TV represents a significant breakthrough for women's billiards,” said **Jerry Stuckart**, a member of the Board of Directors for the WPBA. “It greatly enhances our ability to showcase our athletes on a global stage, significantly expanding our audience and attracting more sponsors to our organization and individual players. This exposure is crucial for the growth of our sport and the empowerment of women athletes worldwide.”

About Billiard TV

Billiard TV is a free, ad-supported television channel that is available to more than 100M homes and is distributed on Samsung TV Plus (US, Nordics, and India), YouTube TV, XUMO, LG Channels, Sling TV, Fubo, Xiaomi, Local Now, Plex, TCL, **sports.tv**, The Grio, SportsTribal TV, Distro TV, Freebie TV, Rad TV, RedBox, FreeCast, Stremium, Channel Box, and Streamstak, Triple-B Media's owned

and operated platform. Billiard TV is also available on Roku via the Billiard TV connected TV app. Search “Billiard TV” on your Roku device.

About the Women's Professional Billiards Association

Founded in 1976, the Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) is the premier tour for women's professional billiards in the United States. Celebrated for promoting excellence and growth in the sport, the WPBA hosts major events and championships across the country, showcasing the best in the sport and providing a platform for women athletes to compete at the highest levels.



About Triple-B Media

Triple-B Media is a full service content company, specializing in the operation of television networks and content distribution throughout the world. Triple B Media owns or operates television networks including Billiard TV, Sportstak, Bark TV, MotoAmerica TV, ACL Cornhole TV, Boxing TV, and more. The Company also operates its own digital platform called Streamstak at www.streamstak.com.



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DIGITAL POOL LAUNCHES PAID VERSION

Digital Pool, a leading technology platform dedicated to transforming the sport of billiards, today announced the launch of its paid subscription plans.

Since its inception in January 2021, Digital Pool has been committed to bridging the gap between players and technology by enhancing how pool is watched, managed, and played. With the introduction of these new plans, Digital Pool aims to accelerate its growth and continue its mission to make billiards more accessible, fun and engaging for everyone.

Over the past three years, Digital Pool's free tournament software has facilitated over 26,000 tournaments worldwide, with more than 1.3 million matches played and 1.1 million matches submitted to FargoRate. The company has also installed its Digital Pool All-Table Streaming System (DPATS) in 10 pool rooms across the USA to-date, bringing over 100 tables online, with more installations coming in 2024.

"The introduction of our paid subscription plans marks a significant milestone in our startup journey,"

said Isaac, CEO of Digital Pool. **"We have always believed in the power of technology to elevate the sport of billiards, and these new offerings will enable us to grow our team, build even faster and provide more features to our community."**

NEW SUBSCRIPTION PLANS:

Digital Pool now offers a range of subscription plans designed to meet the diverse needs of its users:

- **FREE Forever Plan:** Ideal for beginners, this plan allows users to run unlimited tournaments with up to 32 players. SMS Text-messaging is available as a premium add-on for \$5/month.
- **PLAYER Plan:** Priced at \$10/month or \$100/year (save 20%), this plan offers premium features, an ad-free experience, comprehensive stats, and more, tailored specifically for players.

- **PROMOTER Plan:** Starting at \$15/month or \$144/year (save 20%), this plan is perfect for running unlimited world-class tournaments of all sizes, featuring new AI tools, SMS text messaging, and live chat support.

- **ENTERPRISE Plan:** Designed for those looking to fully digitalize their operations, this top-tier plan starts at \$50/month and includes the most advanced features.

Special Launch Offer:

To express gratitude to its early supporters, Digital Pool is offering an additional 10% discount with the code **FRIENDS** at checkout.

"We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support from our community," added Isaac. **"Your feedback and encouragement have been instrumental in our growth. As we embark on this new chapter, we look forward to continuing this journey together in building a brighter future for billiards."**

ABOUT DIGITAL POOL:

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Tourney Results

May 01 - May 05

2024 Borderline Brunswick Invitational

Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

- 1 Kelly Fisher \$10,000
- 2 Kristina Tkach \$6,000
- 3 Pia Filler \$4,000
- 4 Savannah Easton \$3,000
- 5 Kristina Zlateva \$2,000
- 5 Tzu-Chien Wei \$2,000
- 7 April Larson \$1,500
- 7 Brittany Bryant \$1,500
- 9 Ashley Rice \$1,200
- 9 Kaylee McIntosh \$1,200
- 9 Loree Jon Hasson \$1,200
- 9 Sofia Mast \$1,200
- 13 Kelly Isaac \$950
- 13 Kennedy Meyman \$950
- 13 Laura Smith \$950
- 13 Veronique Menard \$950
- 17 Ashley Benoit \$700
- 17 Briana Miller \$700
- 17 Emily Duddy \$700
- 17 Erica Testa \$700
- 17 Marharyta Fefilava \$700
- 17 Susan Williams \$700
- 17 Teruko Cucculelli \$700

May 01 - May 05

Jacoby Scottish Open 2024

McGoldrick's Sports Bar

Rutherglen, Glasgow

- 1 Quoc Hoang Duong \$12,500
- 2 Oscar Dominguez \$6,253
- 3 Jayson Shaw \$3,126
- 3 Pin-Yi Ko \$3,126
- 5 Albin Ouschan \$1,563
- 5 Aloysius Yapp \$1,563
- 5 Eklent Kaci \$1,563
- 5 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,563
- 9 David Alcaide \$938
- 9 Fedor Gorst \$938

- 9 Jonas Souto Comino \$938
- 9 Joshua Filler \$938
- 9 Niels Feijen \$938
- 9 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$938
- 9 Shane Van Boening \$938
- 9 Tyler Styer \$938
- 17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$437
- 17 Karl Boyes \$437
- 17 Kledio Kaci \$437
- 17 Marc Bijsterbosch \$437
- 17 Naoyuki Oi \$437
- 17 Ping-Chung Ko \$437
- 17 Sullivan Clark \$437
- 17 Wiktor Zielinski \$437

May 03 - May 05

2024 Scotty Townsend Memorial 10-Ball Mini

Arena Billiards

West Monroe, LA

- 1 Jesse Moore \$1,150
- 2 Michael Niver \$850
- 3 Adam Pendley \$450
- 3 Joe Keith \$450

May 03 - May 05

2024 Scotty Townsend Memorial Open 9-Ball

Arena Billiards

West Monroe, LA

- 1 Roberto Gomez \$6,200
- 2 Shane McMinn \$3,200
- 3 Jeffrey De Luna \$2,025
- 4 Jonathan Hennessee \$1,500
- 5 Adam Pendley \$1,000
- 5 Boog Long \$1,000
- 7 Carlos Mendoza \$600
- 7 Dallas Broussard \$600

May 03 - May 05

2025 Scotty Townsend Memorial Ladies 9-Ball

Arena Billiards

- West Monroe, LA
- 1 Eylul Kybaroglu \$830
 - 2 Monica Stillwell \$500
 - 3 Natasha Green \$345

May 04 - May 04

West Coast Women's Tour 2024 Stop 1

Dog House Billiards

Cotati, California

- 1 Khanh Ngo \$450
- 2 Becky Simi \$350
- 3 Dar Domingo \$250
- 3 Revelina Um \$150
- 5 Donna May Bulandi \$100
- 5 Somala Delchiaro \$100
- 7 Dee Domingo \$70
- 7 Naomi Manuel-Callado \$70
- 9 Linda Miyoshi \$40
- 9 Michelle Fraser \$40
- 9 Motoko Siguenza \$40
- 9 Nicole Keeney \$40

May 04 - May 05

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop Lower Bracket

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Vincent Chang \$320
- 2 Victoria Amparo \$170
- 3 Joshua Druz \$110
- 4 Nick Mendoza \$80

May 04 - May 05

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop Upper Bracket

Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Hunter Sullivan \$400
- 2 Kevin Scalzitti \$260
- 3 Bud Robideau \$140
- 4 Ronnie Xu \$100

May 05 - May 05

Mezz Cues LA 9-Ball Series Stop

Good Timez Billiards

- Huntsville, Alabama
1 Paul Vinas \$700
2 Keegan Badour \$450
3 Julius Argumedo \$310
4 Shahdad Zand \$200
5 Abet Ng \$130
5 Chaokun Li \$130
7 Derrick Cabrera \$90
7 Douglas Momii \$90

May 07 - May 12

2024 UK Open

Telford, UK

- 1 Robbie Capito \$30,000
2 Mieszko Fortunski \$15,000
3 Petri Makkonen \$9,500
3 Pijus Labutis \$9,500
5 Albin Ouschan \$6,000
5 Eklent Kaci \$6,000
5 Joshua Filler \$6,000
5 Tobias Bongers \$6,000
9 Fedor Gorst \$4,000
9 Mickey Krause \$4,000
9 Pin-Yi Ko \$4,000
9 Ping-Chung Ko \$4,000
9 Ri Teng Liu \$4,000
9 Shane Van Boening \$4,000
9 Skyler Woodward \$4,000
9 Wiktor Zielinski \$4,000
17 Aloysius Yapp \$2,000
17 Anthony Raga \$2,000
17 Antonis Brabin \$2,000
17 Bernie Regalilaria \$2,000
17 Carlo Biado \$2,000
17 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$2,000
17 Gary Wilson \$2,000
17 James Aranas \$2,000
17 Jeffrey Ignacio \$2,000
17 Jeffrey Consigna Roda \$2,000
17 Jonas Souto Comino \$2,000
17 Karl Gnadeberg \$2,000
17 Oliver Szolnoki \$2,000
17 Oscar Dominguez \$2,000
17 Toh Lian Han \$2,000
17 Tyler Styer \$2,000
33 Abdullah Alyousef \$1,000
33 Aleksa Pecelj \$1,000
33 Alvin Anggito \$1,000
33 Billy Thorpe \$1,000

- 33 Bui Truong An \$1,000
33 Clint Ianson \$1,000
33 Daniel Maciol \$1,000
33 Denis Grabe \$1,000
33 Georgi Georgiev \$1,000
33 Ivo Aarts \$1,000
33 Jack Whelan \$1,000
33 Jan Van Lierop \$1,000
33 Jayson Shaw \$1,000
33 Joao Grilo \$1,000
33 Jose Alberto Delgado \$1,000
33 Kledio Kaci \$1,000
33 Kun Lin Wu \$1,000
33 Lo Ho Sum \$1,000
33 Mario He \$1,000
33 Marvin Asis \$1,000
33 Masato Yoshioka \$1,000
33 Maximilian Lechner \$1,000
33 Mustafa Alnar \$1,000
33 Naoyuki Oi \$1,000
33 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$1,000
33 Niklas Dohr \$1,000
33 Paul Song \$1,000
33 Quoc Hoang Duong \$1,000
33 Stephen Ellis \$1,000
33 Szymon Kural \$1,000
33 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,000
33 Yu-Lung Chang \$1,000

May 11 - May 11

Cue Club 650 & Under

Lexington, KY

- 1 Brandyn Hale \$2,100
2 Dylan Norton \$2,100
3 Brad Diehl \$1,100
4 Nathan Gadd \$640
5 Brett Rhea \$300
5 Ray Hayden \$300

May 11 - May 12

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Borderline Billiards

- Bristol, TN
1 Janet Atwell \$650
2 Scott Roberts \$400
3 Zach Wilson \$225
4 Mike Robertson \$125
5 Bryan Toman \$105
5 Danny Clay \$105

May 11 - May 11

On The Hill Productions One Day 9-Ball Open

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard

- Glen Burnie, Maryland
1 Bobby Pacheco \$850
2 Joshua Mohammed \$560
3 Thomas Haas \$250
4 Brett Stottlemeyer \$160
5 Rob Cord \$100
5 Scott Haas \$100

May 17 - May 19

Rally in the Shenandoah Valley

On Cue Billiards

- Grayslake, IL
1 Fedor Gorst \$7,000
2 Roberto Gomez \$3,500
3 BJ Ussery \$2,100
3 Sullivan Clark \$2,100
5 Eric Roberts \$1,200
5 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$1,200
5 Tyler Styer \$1,200
5 Vitaliy Patsura \$1,200
9 Brandon Shuff \$700
9 Danny Olson \$700
9 Jeffrey De Luna \$700
9 Jonathan Pinegar \$700
9 Michael Miller \$700
9 Mickey Krause \$700
9 Nathan Childress \$700
9 Shaun Wilkie \$700

May 18 - May 19

Joss Tour 2023-2024 #19

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

- West Hempstead, NY
1 Christoph Neumayer \$1,100
2 Del Sim \$800
3 Hunter Lombardo \$600
4 Mike Badstuebner \$450
5 Chris Derewonski \$300
5 Sean Morgan \$300
7 Raphael Dabreo \$200
7 Yesid Garibello \$200
9 Frankie Hernandez \$100
9 Holden Chin \$100
9 Mhet Vergara \$100
9 Ray Lee \$100

May 18 - May 19

JPNEWT Tour 2024 Stop #3

Yale Billiards

Wallingford, Connecticut

- 1 JoAnn Mason Parker \$750
- 2 Briana Miller \$550
- 3 Rachel Lang \$350
- 4 Stacie Bourbeau \$270
- 5 Ada Lio \$125
- 5 Shuang Gao \$125

May 18 - May 19

2024 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 5

Rusty's Billiards

Arlington, TX

- 1 Gus Briseno \$750
- 2 Gavin Mathew \$500
- 3 Friday Abismo \$360
- 4 Greg Sandifer \$240
- 5 Jeff Skinner \$160
- 5 Mark Johnson \$160
- 7 Clint Freeman \$120
- 7 Rudy Sanchez \$120
- 9 Carlos Jinez \$90
- 9 Don Baker \$90
- 9 Rodger Shaffer \$90
- 9 TJ Davis \$90

May 18 - May 19

2nd Annual Rack Race Event Nine

The Rack & Grill III

Aiken, SC

- 1 Francisco Diaz-Pizarro \$2,700
- 2 Keith Bennett \$1,300
- 3 Tommy Kennedy \$700
- 4 Eddie Wahdan \$500
- 5 Gregorio Sanchez \$350
- 5 Johnny Archer \$350
- 7 Jim Lee \$200
- 7 Kelly Farrar \$200
- 9 Billy Helms \$150
- 9 Jim Jennings \$150
- 9 Nick Van Allen \$150
- 9 Robert Lee \$150

May 18 - May 19

2nd Annual Rack Race Event Nine - Banks Mini

The Rack & Grill III

Aiken, SC

- 1 Josh Roberts \$1,000
- 2 Francisco Diaz-Pizarro \$550
- 3 Ricky Boughman \$400
- 4 Mike Davis \$100

May 18 - May 19

2nd Annual Rack Race Event Nine - Rack Redemption Mini

The Rack & Grill III

Aiken, SC

- 1 Bruce Campbell \$390
- 2 Todd Blackwell \$240
- 3 Calvin Le \$150

May 18 - May 19

2nd Annual Rack Race Event Nine - Ladies Event

The Rack & Grill III

Aiken, SC

- 1 Christy Norris \$800
- 2 Katie Bischoff \$480
- 3 Tracy Hardie \$320

May 18 - May 18

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Big Orange Billiards

Knoxville, TN

- 1 Bo Hartman \$500
- 2 Daniel Richardson \$350
- 3 Timmy Dasey \$200
- 4 Kelly Green \$100
- 5 Malerie Zastrow \$55
- 5 Rick Rogers \$55

May 18 - May 19

Joss Tour 2024-2025 #19 Second Chance

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

- 1 Henry Cha \$330
- 2 Ray Lee \$200
- 3 Andrea Duvall \$150
- 4 Suzzie Wong \$100

May 21 - May 26

9th Annual Buffalo's Pro Classic

Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La

- 1 Roberto Gomez \$32,000
- 2 Skyler Woodward \$17,000
- 3 Fedor Gorst \$13,500
- 4 Jeremy Seaman \$7,500
- 5 Francisco Bustamante \$4,100
- 5 Roland Garcia \$4,100
- 7 Corey Deuel \$2,900
- 7 Mickey Krause \$2,900

May 21 - May 26

9th Annual Buffalo's Pro Classic One Ball One Pocket

Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La

- 1 Tony Chohan \$4,400
- 2 Josh Roberts \$2,400
- 3 Billy Thorpe \$1,200
- 3 Sergio Rivas \$1,200
- 5 Evan Lunda \$500
- 5 Mickey Krause \$500
- 5 Mike Brown \$500
- 5 Scott Frost \$500

May 21 - May 26

9th Annual Buffalo's Pro Classic Open 9-Ball

Buffalo's Billiards

Jefferson, La

- 1 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$7,400
- 2 Tony Chohan \$4,000
- 3 Alejandro Calderon \$2,200
- 3 Jeffrey De Luna \$2,200
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- 9 Mike Banks Jr. \$400
- 9 Vitaliy Patsura \$400
- 9 Zach Marquardt \$400

May 23 - May 25

2024 Dynamic Billard St Johann Open

Alpina Sport und Wellnesshotel

- St. Johann im Pongau,
1 Mohammad Soufi \$6,540
2 Tobias Bongers \$5,014
3 Marco Spitzky \$3,270
3 Mieszko Fortunski \$3,270
5 Joshua Filler \$1,635
5 Marc Bijsterbosch \$1,635
5 Mario He \$1,635
5 Sebastian Batkowski \$1,635
9 Jose Alberto Delgado \$1,090
9 Karol Skowerski \$1,090
9 Mateusz Sniegocki \$1,090
9 Oliver Szolnoki \$1,090
9 Ramazan Akdag \$1,090
9 Ricardo Gutjahr \$1,090
9 Roman Hybler \$1,090
9 Szymon Kural \$1,090
17 Boris Ivanovski \$654
17 Cliff Castelein \$654
17 Daniele Corrieri \$654
17 Denis Grabe \$654
17 Georgios Kampourlidis \$654
17 Jere Virtaranta \$654
17 Kristian Mrva \$654
17 Mats B. Schjetne \$654
17 Michal Turkowski \$654
17 Mikael Ogaard \$654
17 Quinten Pongers \$654
17 Sam Wetzel \$654
17 Sebastian Ludwig \$654
17 Stefan Kasper \$654
17 Tomasz Kaplan \$654
17 Walter Laikre \$654
33 Alex Montpellier \$327
33 Alvaro Canoniga \$327
33 Daniel Maciol \$327
33 David Zalman \$327
33 Dennis Laszkowski \$327
33 Dennis Stadler \$327
33 Ermal Dyli \$327
33 Felix Vogel \$327
33 Hai Long Le \$327
33 Hubert Lopotko \$327
33 Ivo Aarts \$327
33 Jaroslav Polach \$327
33 Matthias Hardtke \$327
33 Omar Fidalgo \$327
33 Patrick Pomberger \$327

33 Valentino Cordelli \$327

May 25 - May 26

2024 Predator Women's St Johann Open

Alpina Sport und Wellnesshotel

- St. Johann im Pongau,
1 Veronika Ivanovskaia \$2,452
2 Pia Filler \$1,618
3 Bojana Sarac \$1,182
3 Oliwia Zalewska \$1,182
5 Kim Witzel \$654
5 Linnea Hjalmarstrom \$654
5 Maria Teresa Ropero Garcia \$654
5 Tina Vogelmann \$654
9 Chantal Stadler \$218
9 Claudia Von Rohr \$218
9 Ina Kaplan \$218
9 Lena Primus \$218
9 Nina Torvund \$218
9 Sabrina Hammer \$218
9 Sandra Baumgartner \$218
9 Yvonne Ullmann \$218

May 25 - May 25

4th Annual Anthony Mabe Memorial

Break Time Billiards

- Winston-Salem, NC
1 Christy Norris \$600
2 Jacob Hyatt \$400
3 Melvin Shelton \$250
4 JT Ringgold \$150
5 Hank Powell \$55
5 Justin Mawyin \$55

May 25 - May 25

APT Tiger Pool Tour 2024 Stop 4 Womens Division

Q-Master Billiards

- Virginia Beach, VA
1 Iris Cabatit \$250
2 Soo Emmett \$150
3 Jady Bird \$120
4 Marcia Cisco \$80

May 25 - May 25

APT Tiger Pool Tour 2024 Stop 4 Division 2

Q-Master Billiards

- Virginia Beach, VA
1 Artie Moskowitz \$700
2 Jim Baker \$350
3 Josh Harrell \$200
4 Kenny Marple \$130
5 Bob Campbell \$80
5 Marlin Foster \$80
7 Jimmy Melson \$60
7 Ray Korchak \$60

May 25 - May 25

APT Tiger Pool Tour 2024 Stop 4 Division 1

Q-Master Billiards

- Virginia Beach, VA
1 Josh Craig \$500
2 Jimmy Bird \$250
3 Leroy Ives \$150
4 Daniel Adams \$100
5 Jonathan Hernandez \$70
5 Moe Mozannar \$70

May 30 - Jun 02

2024 WPBA Raxx Invitational

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

- West Hempstead, NY
1 Tzu-Chien Wei \$10,000
2 Kristina Tkach \$6,000
3 Kelly Fisher \$4,000
4 Chihiro Kawahara \$3,000
5 Kristina Zlateva \$2,300
5 Meng-Hsia Hung \$2,300
7 Bojana Sarac \$1,600
7 Wan-Ling Wang \$1,600
9 Briana Miller \$1,200
9 Marharyta Fefilava \$1,200
9 Sara Rocha \$1,200
9 Yuki Hiraguchi \$1,200
13 April Larson \$900
13 Ashley Benoit \$900
13 Ashley Rice \$900
13 Brittany Bryant \$900
17 Allison Fisher \$600
17 Angela Janic \$600
17 Caroline Pao \$600
17 Janet Atwell \$600
17 Kaylee McIntosh \$600
17 Krystal DePelsMaeker \$600
17 Susan Williams \$600
17 Veronique Menard \$600

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.

JUNE/JULY

Joss Tour 2023-2024 #20

Jun 01 - Jun 02

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill
Providence, RI

World Pool Championship 2024

Jun 03 - Jun 08

Saudi Arabia

2024 Saudi Junior Championship

Jun 03 - Jun 07

Saudi Arabia

2024 WPBA Biker Week Showdown

Jun 12 - Jun 15

Winnie Bar and Billiards
Laconia, NH

2024 WPBA Soaring Eagle Masters

Jun 19 - Jun 23

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
Mt. Pleasant, MI

NWPA Tour 2024 Stop 2

Jun 22 - Jun 23

Golden Fleece
Everett, Washington

West Coast Women's Tour 2024 Stop 2

Jun 22 - Jun 22

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento
Sacramento, CA

Maldives Open 2024

Jun 25 - Jun 30

Maldives

2nd Annual Jack Bryant Memorial Tournament

Jul 06 - Jul 06

Guelph, Ontario

2024 BEF Junior Nationals

Jul 08 - Jul 13

Oakley-Lindsay Center
Quincy, Illinois

2024 The Americas Heyball Championships

Jul 08 - Jul 11

Oakley-Lindsay Center
Quincy, Illinois

West Coast Women's Tour 2024 Stop 3

Jul 13 - Jul 13

Diamond Billiards
Modesto, California

NWPA Tour 2024 Stop 3

Jul 20 - Jul 21

Bobalou Billiards
Roseburg, Oregon

WCBS Championship Poland 2024

Jul 23 - Jul 29

Kielce, Poland

WPBA Iron City Invitational IV

Jul 24 - Jul 28

Iron City Billiards
Birmingham, Alabama

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	NAME	COUNTRY	\$ AMOUNT	
	Fedor Gorst	 USA	147.013,00 US\$	
	Joshua Filler	 GER	119.463,00 US\$	
	Carlo Biado	 PHI	105.550,00 US\$	
	Shane Van Boening	 USA	93.388,00 US\$	
	Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz	 ESP	55.377,00 US\$	
	Roberto Gomez	 PHI	52.580,00 US\$	↑
	Lee Vann Cortez	 PHI	51.400,00 US\$	↓
	Naoyuki Oi	 JAP	51.162,00 US\$	↓
	Jayson Shaw	 SCO	45.126,00 US\$	↓
	Skyler Woodward	 USA	43.900,00 US\$	↑

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