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# FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

It was a great experience to witness the Billiard Education Foundation's Junior National Championship last month in Vegas. It really was a major contrast between that event and some of the events with players who are a little more "jaded" by experience. While some of the players in Vegas were competing for invitations to the Junior World Championship, the vast majority of them looked to be there just for their love of the game. I sometimes wonder if some of us have forgotten about that "love for the game" that first got us involved. I know I am guilty of this on occasion.

Not that one player was any more deserving than any other at that event, the play of last month's Junior Player of the Month Landon Hollingsworth was very impressive. From putting together last month's article, I knew Landon had the ability (how many of us had Fargo 650 ratings when we were in high school?). What was even more impressive was his demeanor at the table. Having all of that talent at such a young age certainly runs the risk of going to a kid's head. That sure doesn't look to be the case with Landon though. He quietly went about his business like a professional. I am sure he will represent the United States very well at this year's Junior World Championship.

Another player that earned their place in the Junior World Championship was 13 year old Sofia Mast. As our Junior Player of the Month this month, you can read all about her in our article in this issue.

Until next time,  
Mike



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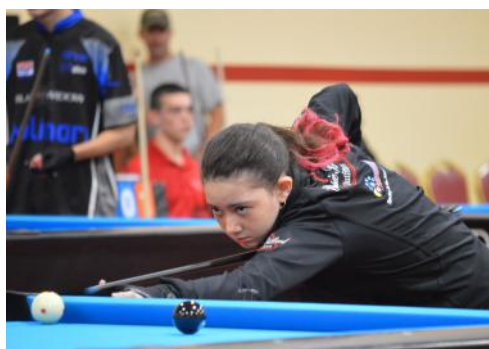
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**W**hen it comes to pool success, preparation is a big piece to the equation. Sure, sometimes in life we can wing it and still experience good results, but more often than not when we have two competitors going into battle it is the more prepared athlete who prevails. By being prepared you assure your mind that you have done everything you can to be successful, and feel good that regardless of the outcome you have done your best. Compare that to those days when you lost to a lesser player, and only because you beat yourself by never getting into your groove and playing your game.

## **How to prepare**

Preparation includes a number of things, including the following:

- Having your cue completely ready to go, with a backup ready if needed
- Getting enough rest, food, and hydration before beginning your match
- Finding the time needed to adequately warm up before a tournament
- Making sure that you know where you are going, and that your transportation is ready to go
- Wrapping up any work and/or personal “loose ends” that might allow your mind to wander and take you away from your game

The list above does not include everything you should prepare, but it does include the basics. Think about additional things you need to do in order to prepare to play well today.

## **Take note of your needs**

Every player is different when it comes to what they need to do to be prepared. Mentally speaking, many athletes I help talk about their preparation including things like imagery, listening to music/podcasts pre-game, completing a deep breathing



exercise, meditating, and stretching their bodies. Think about what makes you tick, and work those things into your preparation so that you can play with comfort and confidence every time you pick up your cue. And remember the old saying, “failing to plan is planning to fail.” Good luck!



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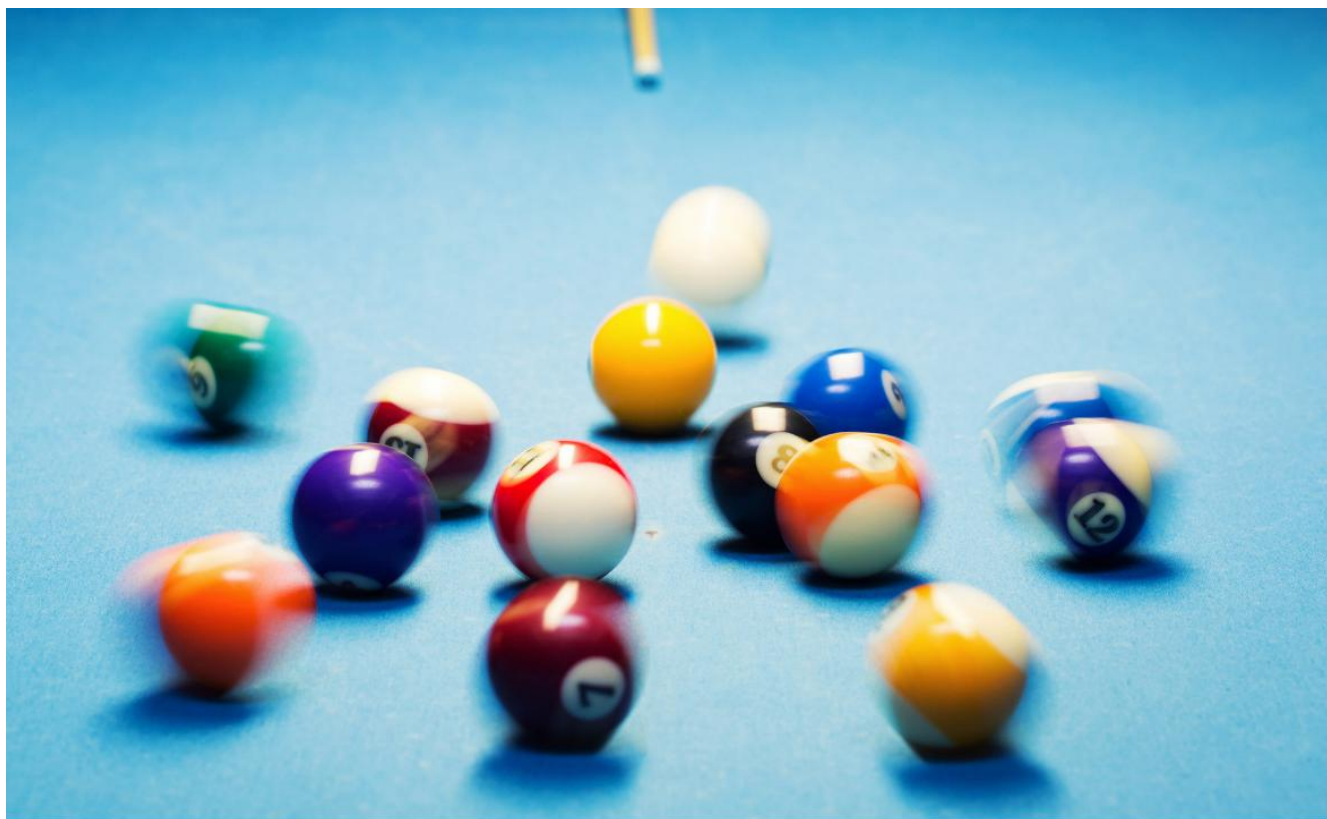
**Whilst watching several pro matches on YouTube last weekend, I noticed something that I thought I should highlight to help amateurs increase their accuracy when breaking the balls.**



**S**hane Van Boening, arguably the biggest breaker on the circuit, was lining up to break the balls and I couldn't help but notice how controlled he strikes the break shot even at very hard speeds. Sometimes it's hard to believe he can be that accurate when delivering the cue ball with such power.

It made me think about the pool players I teach, who tell me how they struggle with control, only for me to see them try to murder the one ball striking it at what they would describe as 100 miles per hour. In this article, I'm going to show you how to slow down your stroke and enjoy control with your break.

Although somewhat counter-intuitive, swinging hard and fast does not produce the perfect break. In fact, it's the opposite. Stroke speed can often be your enemy and it kills pinpoint accuracy no matter how strong or powerful you are. Often the transition from the back swing to the forward swing will ruin your natural stroke and



prevent the cue from being released accurately into the cue ball. The break stroke needs to be very accurate to achieve the best possible result.

**WHERE DOES INACCURACY START?**

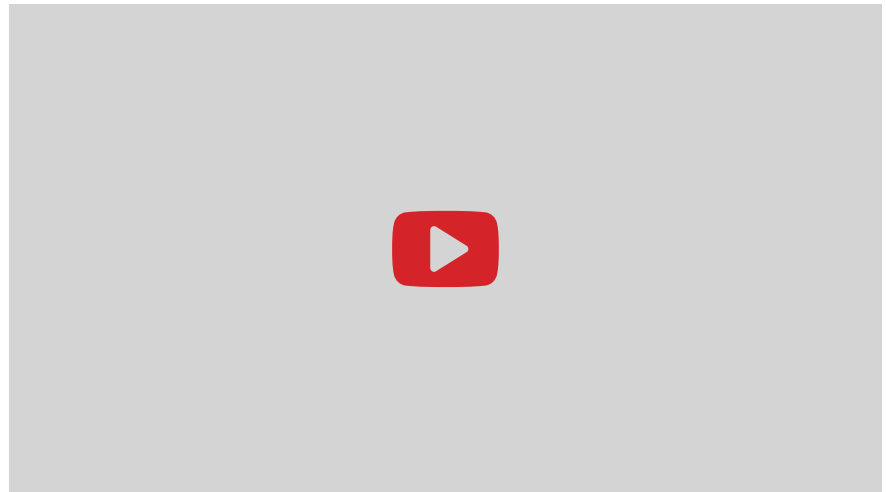
Stroke inaccuracy starts when you don't take the necessary time to aim. A good long set is very important. Also, it's crucial to have a slow backswing and a smooth powerful forward swing. There really is no need to strike the one ball as hard as you can. 70 percent of your total break speed should be sufficient and will give you a lot more accuracy.

**THE ELEMENTS OF A GREAT BREAK!**

**1. Keep your bridge arm slightly bent.** During the break shot you will need to shift your body forward into the shot. This will generate more power. Keeping your bridge arm slightly bent will allow you to more effectively transfer this shift in weight.

**2. Use a more open stance.** An open stance is also more conducive to shifting your weight. During the break shot you will push off with your back foot and therefore the need for an open stance is crucial to players who want to generate power more power with less effort.

**3. Don't use the same underarm movement of your regular stroke.** As you break the balls your elbow should drop and your forearm should extend. To avoid striking the table with your cue you will need to jump up slightly. If you don't jump there is a natu-



ral tendency for players to ding their cue on the table. I recommend using what I call a three-quarter break, where your stroke doesn't come directly under as with all other shots. The three-quarter break is where your grip hand is delivered slightly (not fully) side armed during the break. This will reduce the need to jump as high when delivering your stroke.

**4. Shift your weight.** Push off with your backfoot. Extend your forearm and jump slightly to avoid hitting the table with your cue.

**5. A good long set and a slow backswing is a must.** A good long set is necessary for an accurate aim. A slow backswing will eliminate any unwanted jerk in your stroke and allow you to have a smooth transition from the backswing to the forward swing.

**6. A good follow through with extension is very important.** It's also very important to have a good follow through. Many of the top pros will fol-

low through well past the side pockets when delivering their break shot. Back in the 80's Johnny Archer and Earl Strickland would follow through all the way to the one.

To achieve a pro level break shot, you must practice. Be sure to check out my latest YouTube video on how to break like a pro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSCkelsiRjQ>

if you take these tips to heart, you'll start seeing significant improvements in your break within a few weeks. Taking the time to improve your break will keep you at the table and give you the first opportunity to win the game.

**“ THERE REALLY IS NO NEED TO STRIKE THE ONE BALL AS HARD AS YOU CAN. 70 PERCENT OF YOUR TOTAL BREAK SPEED SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT AND WILL GIVE YOU A LOT MORE ACCURACY. ”**

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# Gospel Trick Shot #18

## Godly Union

**History of the Trick Shot:** This shot like Gospel Trick Shot #17 last month, comes from the 2018 Official Shot/Challenge Program for World Artistic Pool which is sanctioned by the WPA. This month Larry Nicholson from Texas who is part of our GTS RACK Team and also the (PBIA) Professional Billiards Instructors Association executes the shot on video and describes the Gospel Trick Shot message that goes along with the shot. This Artistic Pool shot is from Disciple 1 Shot 1b in the program and has a degree of difficulty rating of 6. The shots range from 6 to 10 but none the less a rating of 6 still requires practice, knowledge, and skill to make it consistently!

**GTS Name and Why:** This shot is a visual illustration of our featured Scripture verse this month from Ecclesiastes 4:12 which says “that two are better than one and a threefold cord is not easily broken.” I just recently officiated my niece’s wedding in California and she picked this verse to be used in the ceremony to represent that her Godly union with her husband was a threefold cord with herself, her husband, and Jesus Christ in the middle.

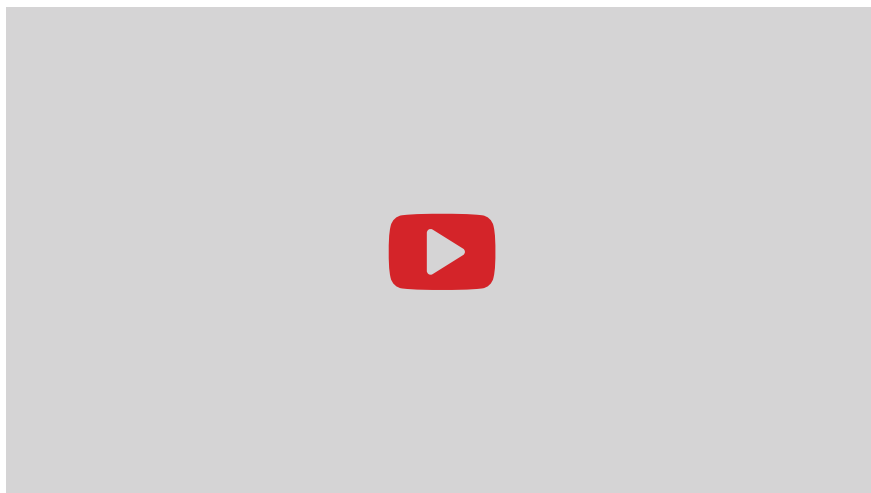
**Scripture References in NIV Translation:** Ecclesiastes 4:12 as mentioned above.

**Cue Ball Placement:** In hand, within two ball widths of slate cut of pocket ‘E’.

**Object Ball(s) placement:** ‘B’ and ‘F1’ balls are in hand, frozen to the cue ball. ‘C’ and ‘F2’ balls are frozen with ‘F2’ ball on the foot spot and ‘C’ ball adjustable.

**Objective:** Shoot the cue ball towards ‘C’ ball on the left side. All 4 balls will go as diagrammed.

**Special Notes:** There are three ways that I can think of to illustrate this shot verbally. One way is by using the two balls on the head spot to represent the husband and the two balls by the side as the wife with Jesus the cue ball in the middle. A second way would be to use the two balls on the head spot to represent that two are better

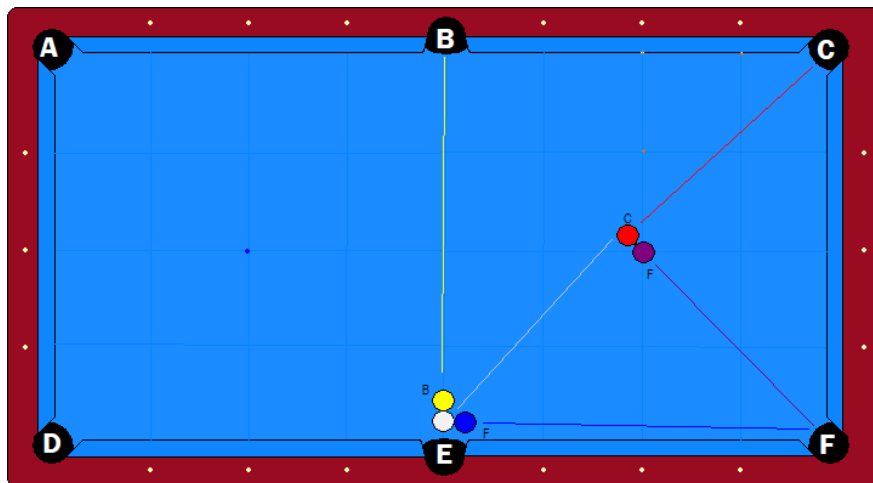


than one meaning that having a helpmate is a good thing according to the Genesis creation story when God made Eve for Adam. The three balls by the side would then represent the three-fold cord of husband, wife, and Jesus.

A third way would be to pocket the two balls with your hand by hitting them with any object ball and then quickly setting two other balls back up on the foot spot with the three balls sitting by the side pocket all the while. Then say to the audience that a threefold cord makes it even better with Jesus in the middle and makes

it an even better shot as well. Then execute the even better shot with all 4 balls going in!

**Crowd Reactions Through the Years:** I know that over the past twenty-five years of GTS ministry and by doing over two thousand GTS shows in 27 countries and most of the 50 states, it is essential to change your message to meet the needs of the listener. So be flexible and let God direct you as to what to say so that it is fitting to the listener even when doing the same shot(s) over and over again and again in different shows.





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# GERMANY'S THORSTEN HOHMANN

## ELECTED TO BILLIARD CONGRESS OF AMERICA HALL OF FAME

The Billiard Congress of America (BCA) Hall of Fame will welcome a three-time world champion and the winningest straight-pool player of a generation to the Hall of Fame class of 2021. The United States Media Association (USBMA) today announced that German-born Thorsten Hohmann has earned induction into the sport's most prestigious club.

**H**ohmann, who will turn 42 on July 14, narrowly edged Philippines star Dennis Orcullo in voting and will enter the Greatest Players wing of the BCA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Va., in conjunction with the 2021 International Open. In addition to Hohmann, the 2021 BCA Hall of Fame Banquet

will also feature the formal induction ceremony for women's world champion Kelly Fisher. Fisher was elected to the hall in 2020, but no ceremony was held due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"You're pranking me, right?," Hohmann said when informed of his election. The response was not unexpected from Hohmann, who despite his impressive resume has been rou-

tinely passed over in conversations about the best players of his generation.

"The past 10 years I haven't been as visible," Hohmann admitted. "I know that when the question of who the greatest players are my name doesn't come up immediately. The Matchroom events are big exposure for players and in the last 10 years I've rarely



*Thorsten Hohmann*



*Thorsten Hohmann*

been invited. I always seemed to have to battle other Germans. There was Oliver, then Ralf and now Filler. It was always difficult to get the spot they hold for Germans. So, I don't have a chance to win some of those titles and those things make a difference in people's perceptions.

"Interestingly, I went back home a week ago," Hohmann said. "It made me nostalgic, to come from this super tiny town. I remember dreaming of becoming a good pool player, but I never thought about moving to a different country and reaching this level. As a kid you travel and play. The Americans were still dominant when I came here and many of them have been elected to the Hall of Fame, so to be in that special group is a dream. And after my heroes, Oliver and Ralf. That's really special!"

Born in Fulda, Germany, Hohmann burst onto the pool scene in 2003 when he defeated Canadian Alex Pagulayan, 17-10, in the final to capture the WPA World Pool 9-Ball Championship in Cardiff, Wales, at the age of 24. Shortly after, Hohmann relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., to compete on the U.S. professional tour. Again, he made

an immediate impact. After finishing second to American Gabe Owen at the 2004 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships, Hohmann won three major titles in 2005: the BCA Open 9-Ball Championship, the Sudden-Death 7-Ball crown and the Matchroom-produced World Pool League. A year later, Hohmann earned his second world title, winning the 2006 WPA World Straight Pool Championship.

Hohmann's biggest-ever win also took place in 2006, when he defeated Filipino Marlon Manalo in the final of the International Pool Tour North American Open 8-Ball Championship to earn the \$350,000 top prize.

As an international competitor, Hohmann earned significant titles in Asia, including the 2009 China Open and the 2014 Manny Pacquiao Cup. But Hohmann's real dominance was in straight pool, where he won the World Tournament of 14.1 four times (2011, 2013, 2015, 2018), the 2013 Maryland 14.1 Challenge (later renamed the American 14.1 Championship), the

2008 Lucasi 14.1 Championship and the Accu-Stats 14.1 Invitational.

Voting for the 2021 BCA Hall of Fame was conducted by the USBMA Hall of Fame Board, which consists of USBMA members, elected At-Large members and living members of the Hall of Fame. Hohmann, in his second year on the ballot, was named on 24 of the 39 submitted ballots (62%). Orcullo, also in his second year on the ballot, was named on 22 ballots (56%). American Corey Deuel and Holland's Niels Feijen were both named on 12 ballots (31%). Shannon Dalton, Jeremy Jones, JoAnn Mason-Parker, John Schmidt, Vivian Villarreal, Stefano Pellinga and Charlie Williams completed the 2021 ballot. To be eligible for consideration in the Greatest Players category, a player (a) must be 40 years old by Jan. 1 of the year of their inclusion on the ballot; (b) must have a professional playing career of at least 10 years; and (c) must have recorded significant achievements in U.S.-based and international events recognized by the BCA.

## About United States Billiard Media Association

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USBMA consists of professional print, radio, TV, public relations and Internet media persons who cover cue sports. One of the association's main functions is electing of billiard media members to the Billiard Congress of America's Hall of Fame Board for the purpose of nominating and electing players and notable figures to the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame.

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# THE ARCADIA ARIZONA OPEN

## kicks off the new US Pro Billiard Series

From his early days of competing in pocketing billiards events, Russia's Fedor Gorst has always shown a proficiency for jumping the cue ball over pesky, obstructing balls. When the young man was a mere teenager, he used a pinpoint jump shot over Konstantin Stepanov in the finals of a Russian event to earn his first victory.

Ever since, it's been common knowledge among European competitors that sending the cue ball airborne for Gorst is as mundane as a stop shot for them.

The 21-year-old from Moscow was at it again Saturday night in the finals of the inaugural U.S. Pro Billiard Series

Arizona Open, using two successful jump shots in his final game to secure the second set of his match against Carlo Biado, then executing four consecutive spot shots in sudden death to secure the title. Gorst, who earned a World 9-Ball championship in 2019 and competed on last year's winning European Mosconi Cup squad, post-

ed an undefeated record throughout the four-day, 46-player event held last week at Casino Del Sol Resort in Tucson.

"I was just trying to focus," said Gorst after the second set was completed and he approached the sudden death frame. "I was super pumped up in

Fedor Gorst





*Carlo Biado*

that last rack and I was trying to calm down.”

Biado, who has a World 9-Ball title of his own, jumped out to an early advantage during the first set, using a missed 1 ball by his opponent coupled with a break-and-run to take a 2-0 lead in a race-to-four. Gorst rallied in the middle stages, clearing the table during the third game after the Filipino failed to pocket a ball on the break and taking advantage of missed shots by Biado in the next two games to gain the lead, 3-2. At the table with the chance to win the set in the sixth game, the Russian couldn’t pocket a ball on his break. Biado cleared the table then took advantage of a Gorst foul in the next rack to snatch the set, 4-3.

Needing to win the second set to force a shootout, Gorst could not have asked for a better beginning final

frame, pocketing the 10 ball on the break to climb onto the scoreboard first. Biado used a misplayed safety to tie the score at a game each but when he failed to pocket a ball on the break in the next game, the Russian pounced – running out the third game and adding a break-and-run to inch ahead, 3-1. Seeing the cue ball’s path blocked nearby balls, Gorst reached for his jump cue and used the instrument to jump in the 3 and 5 balls – securing a 4-1 victory, tying the match at a set apiece and forcing an extra frame.

Gorst’s hot shooting would continue in the extra session, as he sent cut shot after cut shot tumbling into the corner pocket while his opponent struggled to find his stroke, missing back-to-back attempts after landing his opening shot. Biado had a chance to extend the extra set in the fourth frame but missed again.

The U.S. Pro Billiard Series returns to action with the Diamond Las Vegas Open September 1-4 at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino. The Arcadia Arizona Open was the first stop in the U.S. Pro Billiard Series, which features five open professional events between July and the end of the year. Created as a partnership between Predator Group and amateur league operator CueSports International, these tournaments will run in tandem along side of CSI league amateur events being held throughout the country. The winner of each competition receives a guaranteed spot in the \$100,000-added 2022 Predator World 10-Ball Championship, which will be held March 28 through April 1 in Las Vegas.

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# GORST, TKACH, GARCIA AND GERONIMO

## WIN EVENTS AT 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JUNIOR NORRIS MEMORIAL SHOOTOUT

### Tkach and Gorst share All-Around Player Award, Saez wins Sportsmanship Award

**W**hat started out as a Texas-style family barbecue held to honor two birthdays,

eventually developed into an annual barbecue/multiple pool tournament event – The Junior Norris Annual Me-

morial Shootout, named after one of the two people celebrating a birthday. The other birthday celebrant was Ju-



Fedor Gorst and Kristina Tkach stake their claim on the All Around Player title.



*Kristina Tkach,  
April Larson and  
Brittany Maynard*

nor Norris' Mom, Sadie. Junior's birthday was June 30. Sadie's was on July 4th, so the family found ways to split the date difference and hold a "little party,"

In 2014, in preparation for Junior Norris' 89th birthday (Sadie had passed in 1966), they thought they'd try something a little different.

"We thought, instead of a barbecue," recalled Junior's daughter, Sherrie Glenn, "what about we do the barbecue at the pool hall and do a tournament?"

This past (long) weekend, eight years later, from Wednesday, July 7 to Sunday, July 11, at the 7th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shootout (the 7th event was initially cancelled last year due to COVID restrictions), the family played host to five separate events, with a total of \$7,000-added that drew over 200 entrants (some cross-event duplications) to the Maskat Shrine Ballroom in Wichita Falls, TX.

And then fed them.

"I feed all my players for free," said Sherrie Glenn of the paid players, VIP guests and event support staff that chowed down on Texas barbecue over the weekend.

They also played a lot of pool. From a single 9-ball event that was won in 2015 (when they started to keep records) by Las Vegas, NV's

Walter Glass, this year's Junior Norris Memorial Shootout's featured four events that were won by Fedor Gorst (10-Ball Ring Game), Edgie Geronimo with Justin Espinosa as runner-up (Open 9-Ball), Roland Garcia with Carlo Biado as runner-up (Open 10-Ball) and Russia's Kristina Tkach with Minnesota's April Larson as runner-up (Women's 9-Ball Open). As a result of their efforts, Tkach and Fedor Gorst shared, and for the cameras, wrestled over the Memorial's All-Around Player Award.

Defending champs 'in the house,' included Efen Reyes, who is on his Farewell Tour throughout the US, and who won the Open 9-Ball event in 2019. He finished in 4th place this year, just after winning a double-hill battle versus Kristina Tkach. He was eliminated by Tkach's fellow Russian, Fedor Gorst in the quarterfinals. Tara Williams also won in 2019 and she, too, finished in 4th place this year, ousted by April Larson 7-4 in the quarterfinals. Also competing again this year was Robb Saez, who won the 9-Ball Open in 2018. Listing the number of total returning competitors would take far too long, as would a list of notable players who've competed over the years since 2015, so instead, we'll start at the beginning.

Things got under way on Wednesday night, July 7, with a "VIP" night that included reserved seats for the 10-Ball Ring Game with dinner. The \$500-added Ring Game followed

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AT THE POOL  
HALL AND DO A  
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”**

**– Sherrie Glenn**

and was won by Fedor Gorst, who pocketed \$1,700. Carlo Biado was the runner-up (\$1,275), with Shane McMinn (\$850) and Roland Garcia (\$425) finishing third and fourth.

Thursday and Friday featured the Open 10-Ball event that drew 53 entrants. Representing the Philippines, Roland Garcia went undefeated to claim the title. Local favorite Rick Stanley battled for the hot seat and then, in the semifinals, lost to another Filipino, Carlo Biado, who won seven on the loss side, including the semifinals versus Stanley, to face Garcia in the finals. Fedor Gorst finished fourth.

The largest event of the long weekend was the 104-entrant 9-Ball Open, which began on Friday. Edgie Geronimo defeated Justin Espinosa twice, in the hot seat and finals, to complete an undefeated run. Espinosa fought a double hill battle in the semifinals, versus Fedor Gorst, who finished third. Gorst had earlier eliminated Warren Kiamco, and in the quarterfinals, had defeated Efren Reyes, who finished fourth.

Some of the brightest and youngest female stars in the pool 'sky' were on hand, and fittingly, had to eliminate the Ladies 9-Ball event's defending champion, Tara Williams, to claim the title. Russia's Kristina Tkach did not end up competing against Williams, but did claim the title, going undefeated through the 36-entrant field that had gotten underway on

Saturday. Tkach had to get by WPBA competitor and former BEF Junior National Champion, April Larson twice to claim the title; once, in a winners' side semifinal and later, in the finals. Tkach downed Midwest veteran, Brittany Maynard in the hot seat match. On the loss side, Larson, who'd defeated Williams in a winners' side quarterfinal, drew a re-match against Williams, who was in the midst of a three-match, loss-side winning streak that had eliminated two of the younger competitors – Aryana Lynch and Chris Fields. Larson defeated Williams a second time, dropping her into 4th place 7-5 and then downed Maynard in the semifinals. Tkach completed her undefeated run 7-5 over Larson in the finals to claim the event title.

Saturday's events included a 96th Birthday BBQ Celebration for the late Junior Norris.

Event organizer and promoter, Sherrie Glenn thanked the ownership and staff at the Mas-kat Shrine Ballroom, as well as sponsors Fort Worth Billiards Superstore, OB Cues, GoPlay-Pool, David Norris Equipment Co., Players Lounge, Jerry Olivier Cues (and Jerry Olivier, who was on hand throughout the weekend with cue repairs), JB Cases, Outsville, Sully-visiontv.com (which broadcast a live stream throughout the weekend), High Country Promotions (for the 7' ft. Valley Tables), Club Billiards, Broad St. Billiards, Gem Cues and Wichita Raceway Park.

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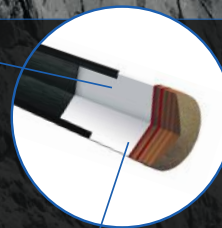
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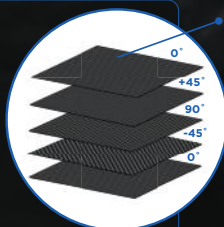
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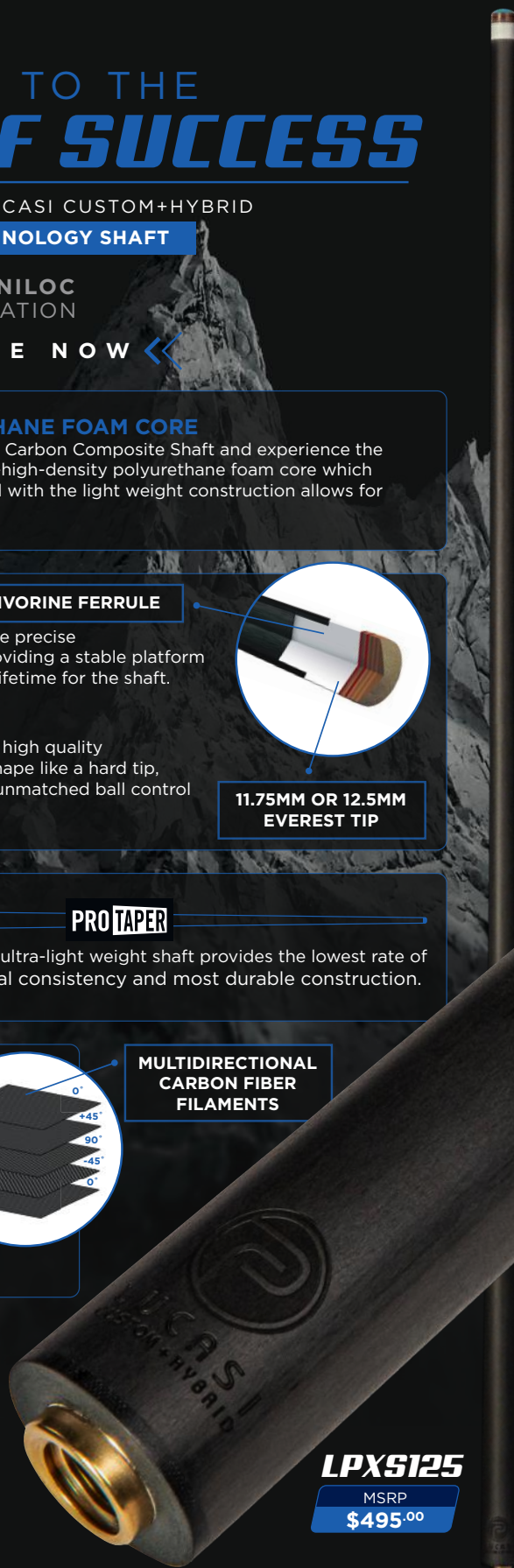


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# SHEA WINS SEVEN ON THE LOSS SIDE DOWNS CLARK IN FINALS TO CLAIM HER FIRST 2021 TITLE

**It wasn't quite enough to catch and overtake Caroline Pao, who's been sitting atop the J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour standings for months, but she came close. Tour director Linda Shea came into the weekend's tour stop (July 17-18) nestled into third place behind Pao and Nicole Nester and just ahead of Kia Burwell.**

**P**ao didn't compete on the tour's 6th stop, which drew 19 entrants to Champion Billiards in Frederick, MD. Shea, though, got by both Nester and Burwell (Burwell, twice), won seven on the loss side and downed Carol V. Clark in the finals to claim her first 2021 event title.

The win put Shea about 15 points behind Pao, who retained her top spot. Nester slipped into third place, with Burwell in fourth place. Carol V. Clark, in the meantime, who came into the event in 8th place, made it to the hot

seat and finished as runner-up to Shea, jumped three places to 5th, just behind Burwell. April Hatcher, who battled Clark in the hot seat match and finished in third place, jumped from her entrance spot at #25 to just outside the top 10.

Things started out on the right foot for Shea, but that didn't last long. She won an opening round, double hill battle versus Burwell, only to be relegated to loss-side competition by ending up on the wrong side of her second straight double hill fight, this one against Nicole Nester. Nest-

er went on to defeat Teri Thomas 7-4 to draw April Hatcher in one of the winners' side semifinals. After being awarded an opening round bye, Carol V. Clark, in the meantime, downed Lynn Richard and Colleen Shoop, both 7-3, to pick up Melissa Jenkins in the other winners' side semifinal.

Hatcher guaranteed herself a minimum, third place finish by defeating Nester 7-3 and advancing to the hot seat match. Clark and Jenkins battled to double hill before Clark was able to join Hatcher. Then she and Hatcher engaged in a double hill fight for that

*Carol V. Clark, Nicole Nester, Kia Burwell, April Hatcher, Melissa Jenkins and Linda Haywood Shea*



hot seat. Clark won it and watched, likely with some sense of foreboding, as Shea kept chalking up loss-side wins that would eventually put her into the finals.

On the loss side, Nester drew a rematch versus Shea, who was four matches into her loss-side streak with an aggregate (loss-side) score of 28-6, that had recently included victories over Shoop 7-2 and Kelly Wyatt 7-1. Jenkins picked up Burwell, who, following her opening round loss to Shea, had begun her own loss-side winning streak. Like Shea, she reached the 5/6 matches with four behind her, including wins over Billie Billing 7-4 and Teri Thomas 7-5.

Shea downed Nester 7-4, while Burwell secured the quarterfinal rematch against her with a double hill win over Jenkins. The quarterfinal rematch between Shea and Burwell shaped up as a nail-biter at the outset, but in the

**“ IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE OUTSET THAT NEITHER SHEA NOR CLARK WAS GOING TO GIVE UP EASILY IN THEIR QUEST TO CHALK UP A FIRST 2021 TOUR WIN. ”**

end, Shea pulled out in front by two to win it 7-5. Shea then downed Hatcher 7-3 for a shot at Clark, waiting for her in the hot seat.

It was clear from the outset that neither Shea nor Clark was going to give up easily in their quest to chalk up a first 2021 tour win. Shea jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, but from that point on, through to the 9th rack, every time Shea tried to extend the lead, Clark came back to narrow that lead to one; 2-0, 2-1, 3-1, 3-2, 4-2, 4-3, 5-3. Shea broke the pattern in the 9th rack to take her first three-game lead, which she quickly extended to four

and then, reaching the hill, to five at 8-3. Clark rallied to win the 12th and then, the 13th rack to make it 8-5, but Shea closed it out in rack #14 to claim the event title.

Shea thanked the ownership and staff at Championship Billiards, as well as title sponsor J. Pechauer Custom Cues, Bitzel and Associates PTPA (Physical Therapy), George Hammerbacher (Advanced Pool Instructor) and (for the live stream) Britanya E Rapp of angle aim Art. The next stop on the JPNEWT (#7) August 14-15, will be hosted by Triple Nines in Elkridge, MD.

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# Vera, Pineda And Juan Garcia Big Winners At Predator Crm Carom Cafe Event

The top 3 cushion players in the Pan-American region were back in action July 21-25 at Carom Cafe in Flushing New York for another weekend of Scotch Doubles and Open Singles Carom action.

This was a \$15K added USBA dual-event sponsored by Predator CRM, CRM Sports, Carom Cafe and Simonis.

The scotch doubles event was played on Wednesday thru Friday, with a field of fourteen two player teams playing in three groups with each time playing

to 30 points with the top performing 8 teams qualifying into a knockout round playing to 40 points.

In group A, each of the five teams suffered two losses, so the qualifiers scoring the most points advanced. The advancing teams featured top-ranking 3-Cushion champions from Colombia

and Mexico, Huberney Catano, Javier Vera and Miguel Almaraz, playing with US-based teammates Mark An, Vicky Pineda and Rufino Perez, respectively.

Group B was the one group with only four teams. As it was decided during the players meeting, only two teams from this group would advance. Ris-



*Michael Kang, Jose Juan Garcia and Mariana Duque*

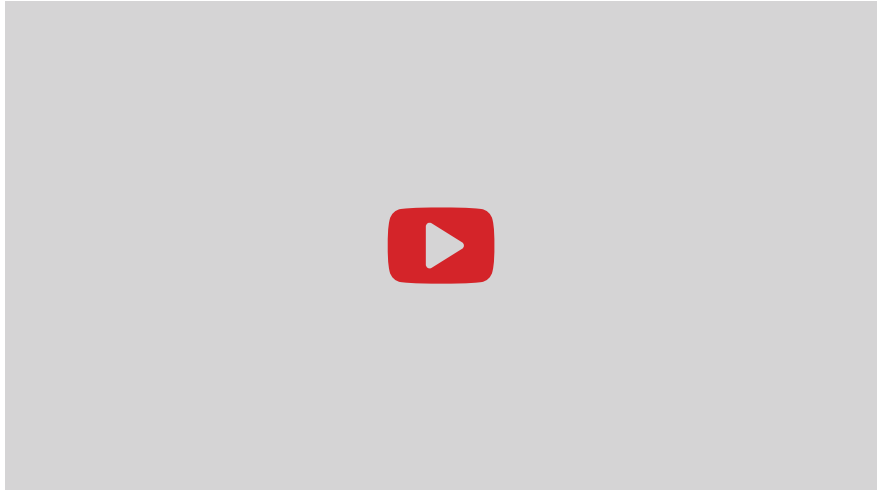


ing to the top of the field was the team featuring Javier Teran, a former Pan-American champion from Ecuador, now residing in Colombia, and Michael Kang, the owner of Carom Cafe who was a former USBA Nationals runner-up. Also qualifying from Group B was the Equadorian champion, Luis Aveiga, who teamed up with Ricardo Carranco. Both teams only had one loss in the qualifiers.

Group C qualified three teams. John Park and Young Ha Choi finished first in the group with only one six point loss to mar their record. Young Kyu Lee, the two time defending champion of the past two Predator CRM open events, teamed up with George Karam, an Egyptian/American local NY player with a coincidentally appropriate name, earned a spot into the

knockout round with two wins. Sonny Cho and Eric Kwon also edged in with

two losses – falling just 2 points shy of a 3-1 record.



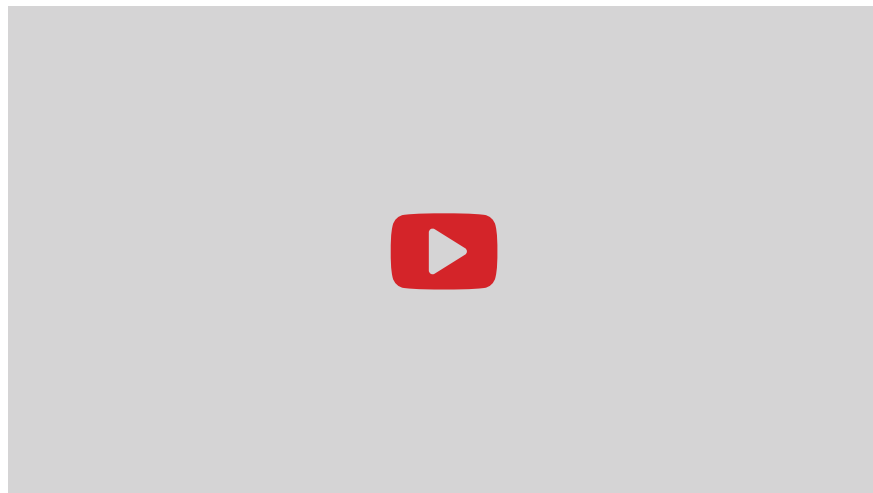
**Scotch Doubles Finals**  
*Javier Teran/Michael Kang vs Javier Vera/Vicky Pineda*

## Predator CRM Open USBA 3 Cushion

In the knockout phase, Teran & Kang came out on top (40-36) after a heated battle of nerves with the team of Almaraz & Perez. They then proceeded to edge out Park & Choi by a single point (40-39) in the semifinal round. On the other side of the bracket, the team of Vera & Pineda cruised through all challengers and won the final match against Javier Teran and Michael Kang 40-31 to win the title.

The 40 player Predator CRM Open USBA 3-Cushion event kicked off on Friday with eight groups of 5 players, each playing in round robin format. The two players in each flight plus six of the best-performing third place finishers in each flight would advance. In addition, two "lotto" wildcard positions would fill out the field of 24 moving to a single elimination bracket with the top finishers in each flight getting a "bye" in the first round of the knockout phase.

Everyone at Carom Cafe was treated to some great 3-cushion performances for the entire preliminary round. When the field whittled down to the last 16, we were left with the top talent this side of the Atlantic, including Pan-American Champion Javier Ter-



### Singles Finals Huberney Catano vs Jose Garcia

an, Ecuadorian Champion Luis Aveiga, former USBA champion Hugo Patino, two time defending champion Young Kyu Lee, current USBA National Champion Tae Kyu Lee, Mexico champion Miguel Almaraz, Colombian Champion Huberney Catano, his young talented countryman Jose Juan Garcia, and rising star Kang Lee – among other strong 3-cushion players.

The twice defending Champion of the event, Young Kyu Lee was eliminated

in the Final Eight Round by the young talented Jose Juan Garcia.

In the quarter finals, Kang Lee upset Ecuadorian star Luis Aveiga 40-39 in a nailbiter match with Kang leading for the entire match. Huberney Catano took down NY favorite, Hugo Patino, 40-28 in 20 innings.

In the semi-final, Jose Juan Garcia matched up with Ecuadorian Champion Javier Teran, in one of the most exciting heavyweight battles of the entire event on the livestream table. In the first four innings, the score was 17-16 Teran, setting the stage for this high-performance match. After only 15 innings, Garcia was ahead 38-35. The last innings of the match were filled with drama and suspense, incredible shots and great defense. In the end, Garcia triumphed 40-39, earning his spot into the finals with Catano.

It was an all-Colombian final with two young champions and rivals head-to-head. Jose Juan Garcia continued the consistent stellar performance he maintained the entire event and finishing off Catano, convincingly, 40-22 in 23 innings to win the Predator CRM Open USBA 3-Cushion Event.





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# Junior Player of the Month

# *Sofia Mast*

**In her first month as a teenager, Sofia Mast of Tampa, FL qualified to represent the USA in the World Junior Championships, scheduled for Sept. 9-11 in Las Vegas.**

**S**he qualified by finishing as the runner-up in the 18 & Under Girls division of the Billiards Education Foundation's 2021 Junior National 9-Ball Championships, held from July 27-31 at the South Point Hotel Casino and Convention Center in Las Vegas.

She competed, as well, in the 14 & Under Girls division and the 8-Ball Open event. She finished 4th in the former and in the latter (the event with the most entrants; 65), she won a double hill battle on the winners' side against Savannah Easton and lost her second match to Riley Adkins, who shut her

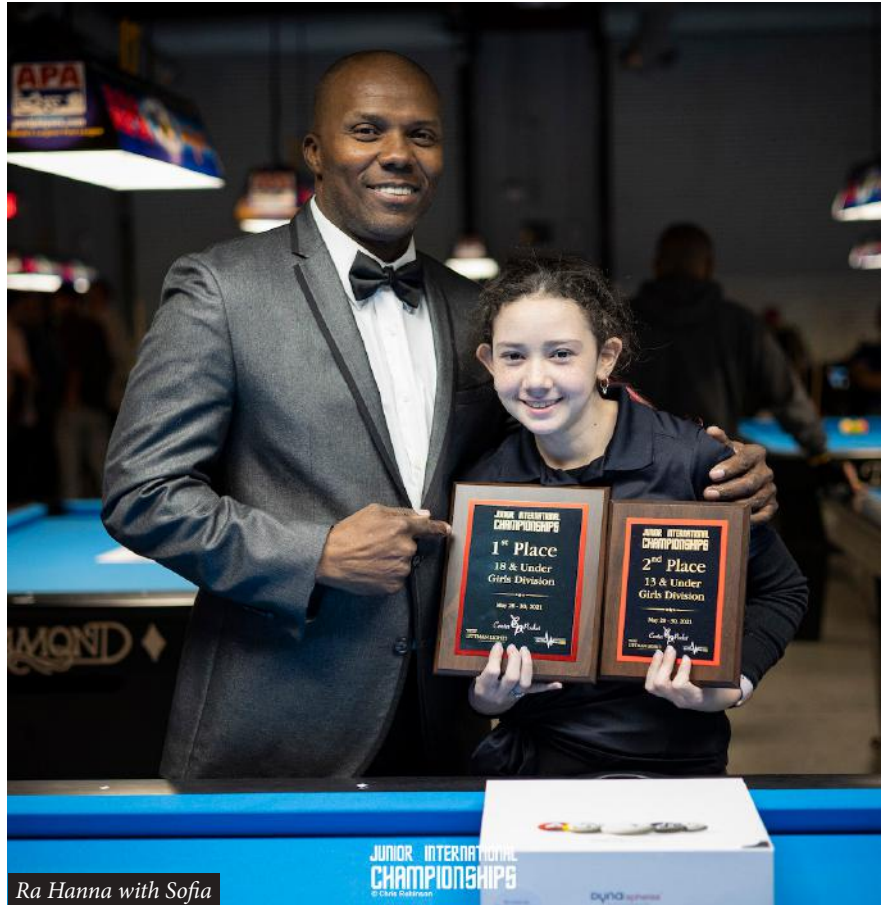
out. It was her first experience, outside of league competition near her home, of competing against a boy. In her first loss-side match of the 8-ball event, she battled another boy, Carlos Jinez, to a short double-hill (1-1) before being eliminated.



“He was playing really well,” she said of Adkins, adding a note about a lesson learned that she’s unlikely to forget. “I’d miss and he’d run out.”

Sofia has also been a regular competitor on the Junior International Championships (JIC) series of events being conducted by On The Wire Creative Media at locations around the country. For most of those events, six of them to date, she had yet to become a teenager. Competing in both a 13 & Under division and an 18 & Under division, she was (still is) the series’ top-ranked female competitor in both divisions. Of the six events held to date in the 13 & Under division, she has won or been the runner-up in all of them. In the 18 & Under division, six events, she has won twice, been 3rd once, 4th once and 5th twice. She retains her top spot in that division by virtue of having earned points in all six of the events. She and Tatum Cutting are the only two girls who have won that division twice and are expected to be among the group of invited junior players who will compete in the series’ finale, scheduled to coincide (more or less) with the 2021 International Open in Norfolk, VA, presently scheduled for October 22-30 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel.

Through these most recent events, she has also discovered a just-turned-teen rival, Maryland’s Skylar Hess. The rivalry shows signs of being able to last. They’ve battled back and forth for supremacy in the JIC events and at the Junior Nationals, squared off in both the 18 & Under and 14 & Under divisions. Hess won their opening match, double hill, in the opening round of the 18 & Under tournament. Sofia won three on the loss side and drew a rematch. This time, Sofia won, double hill. She went on to defeat Savannah Wolford 7-3 in the quarterfinals and was eliminated 7-3 by Tiana Jiang in the semifinals. Hess took their opening match in the 3rd round of the



14 & Under division 7-5 and made it to the hot seat, where she lost a double hill battle versus Hayleigh Marion. On the loss side, Sofia was denied a semifinal rematch when she was defeated in the quarterfinals 7-4 by Bethany Tate. Hess downed Tate in the semifinals and then lost in the finals to Marion 11-9 for the 14 & Under title. There are two more JIC events before the series finale and the Mast/Hess rivalry is likely to be renewed.

And this is all just since January of this year. Sofia turned 13 in the midst of it all on July 2.

On Friday, July 30, the BBTV organization live-streaming selected matches of the Junior Nationals throughout the week, opted to broadcast two matches, simultaneously, switching back and forth from one to the other. One was a match in which Sofia was

competing and another was a match which featured former Junior National Champion April Larson, playing in an Open 10-Ball event. Larson, of course, is a five-time Junior National Champion; three times in the 14 & Under Girls division (2012-2014) and twice in the 18 & Under division (2015-2016). Sofia Mast is just getting started, actually nine years after Larson’s first appearance, but technically, only eight. Mast qualified and would have appeared in the 2020 Junior National Championships had they been held. Watching that Friday stream, switching cameras between Larson’s match and Mast’s, led one to thinking about how much has changed in the years between their arrivals on the junior competition scene.

The landscape of junior competition has changed considerably in those 8/9 years, as evidenced by this new batch



*Sofia and Tiana Jiang*

non-smoking bar. Sometime around 2018, when Sofia was 10, she started making use of the team's practice tables on league nights.

"She started hitting balls and she was enjoying it," Jacob recalled. "We met Jeanette Lee who had a kids' league down here and she joined that."

"You could just tell that she had the drive (to compete)," he added, "and in the junior league, she was progressing faster than other kids her age."

Like many parents of junior players, Jacob recognized the limits of his own ability to keep Sofia moving in the direction of consistent improvement and as she moved into APA level 5 territory, he began actively seeking information about independent instruction.

"I'm more of a game manager (type of pool player) than a ball maker, so I help her with the mental side of it a lot," said Jacob. "She's more of a ball maker than I am."

Corner Pocket (Largo, FL) room owner, Stephanie Mitchell, was an early supporter of Sofia and her Dad's search for formal instructions for her. Father and daughter would visit Corner Pocket, where Mitchell had the chance to see the youngster play.

"She's a very sweet girl, polite and very determined," noted Mitchell. "She seems to be very consistent and I fully expect that in about five years, she's going to be one of the top females in Florida, if not the country."

"She has good form and has a strong pre-shot routine," Mitchell added. "She's very disciplined; she does the same thing every time, as opposed to just 'flying' into a shot. She seems to have the same level of focus every time; doesn't have any 'fly out of nowhere' shots."

of Junior National Champions and the ones emerging from On the Wire Creative Media's Junior International Championships, which could eventually join forces to create something of a regularly scheduled, unified set of junior competitions, opening it up to an even wider group of nationwide youngsters, just itching to get to the tables. Looking back on the era from which she emerged, Larson sees the increased opportunities available in the era in which Mast is developing, and while there is a certain amount of "Where were all of these opportunities when I was coming up?" she is enthusiastically supportive of the emerging juniors she is meeting and for some, already a mentor.

"I'm thinking more like 'Thank God it's finally happening,'" said Larson. "That's where I'm at right now."

"I've had ample opportunities, with BEF and the Atlantic Challenge," she said, "and I'm just glad they have an outlet, that there's a junior tour for them to compete in, consistently."

Larson knows quite a few of the current batch of junior players. And while she hasn't spent very much time with Sofia Mast, the very thought of Mast brings a smile to Larson's face and a bit of a laugh.

"She is the sweetest thing," she chuckles. "She's just a little spark of energy."

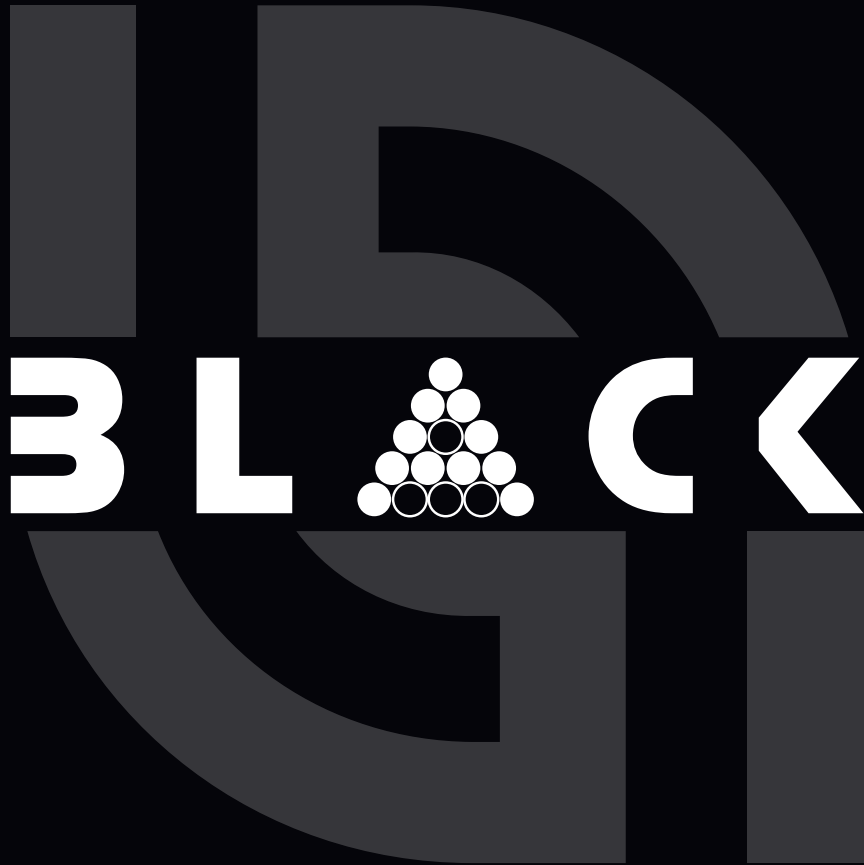
Larson is also cognizant that not only does the sheer fact of increased opportunities help players like Mast by providing them with more chances to compete, but it also pits them against the best that junior competition has to offer.

"A majority of these girls, like Sofia, are winning with their best against the best and that's impressive," said Larson.

A modest beginning, a nudge toward formal training and the chance to bring it all together

Sofia's Dad, Jacob Mast was playing in the APA, and somewhere in the vicinity of 2017, Sofia began joining him when his team played out of a

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## Junior Player of the Month

"I wish I could say that myself, now," Mitchell laughed, "let alone when I was 13."

Jacob's search led him eventually to Roy Pastor, recipient of the Professional Billiard Instructor Association's (PBIA) 2020 Jerry Briesath Instructor of the Year Award. Pastor, who began instructing around the turn of the century by teaching an after-school high school program in his hometown of Harvard, MA (not associated with the University), would eventually expand the programs while continuing to offer free instruction to all junior players who walked through his doors, regardless of ability or skill level. His instructions branched out to embrace an ever-wider variety of services, to include league competition and supervised play, as well as a continually-growing body of students, which

these days, stretches around the globe, through trained and accredited PBIA instructors. Three years ago, Pastor helped initiate the PBIA's Break and Run Premier Junior Instructional School, and within the past year, launched the American Online Pool School, the first pool school offering an online PBIA accreditation course, as well as other online course formats and classes. Many of its instructors accredited through the school have volunteered their services through the Break and Run Premier Junior Instructional Program by providing free remote instruction to any junior player wanting to improve their game.

Enter Sofia Mast.

"Sofia's doing great," said Pastor, noting that she is one of a (growing) number of students, who, as part of

the Break and Run program, over the past few years, have competed in the Junior National and Junior World Championships. Skylar Hess is another junior player who avails herself of Pastor's program.

"She's fearless," he added of Sofia's attributes as a player, "She's got good mechanics and doesn't rattle very easily."

Through the on-line program, they work on (among other things) fundamentals, the 9-ball break, three-point break, and simple kicking systems, all of which exposes Pastor to not only Sofia's basic skills, but her talent as a student of the game.

"She works really hard," he said, "and she's tenacious. She is a real force to be reckoned with on the table."



Sofia, Aryana Lynch and Tiana Jiang

Not content with having arguably one of the most dedicated junior instructors on the planet in his daughter's corner, Jacob Mast was doing some "poking around" on the Internet, looking for the existence of junior tournaments. He happened to come across the Junior International Championships being organized around the country by Ra Hanna and his On the Wire Creative Media company.

"I was just trying to see what was out there," Jacob explained, "and happened to run into that page."

Enter Sofia Mast for Act II. Jacob, in the meantime, has been happy with the results.

"She is getting better," he said, noting as well, that recent sponsorship by Predator, led to the acquisition of their "most powerful and best (line) of break cues," called the BK Rush Cues, which, in turn, led to an improvement with that aspect of her game.

"It improved her break," he said, definitively. "I mean, really, really improved it."

According to Jacob, the only aspect of her game that appears to resist training has been her ability to rack balls.

"She ends up with a bad rack a lot when she has to rack her own," Jacob said.

He and she were both pleased to learn that the Junior National Championships were going to employ what are known as "templar racks," which, according to Jacob, would really help with that aspect of her game. Unfortunately, the shipment of them which were scheduled to be employed at the event did not arrive on time. When they did arrive, BEF representatives initiated a vote by the participants to determine whether all future matches would use them. The vote, according to Sofia, was "split, 50-50," so they were not used as she and her Dad

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had originally hoped. By the same token, streaming video of many of the event's matches demonstrated that among juniors, Sofia is not alone in her 'wrestling match' with balls that won't stay still and touch each other uniformly.

And now, some words from Sofia . . .

Her Dad is not the only person pleased with Sofia's progress. And it's not just about her skill, desire and tenaciousness when she's at the table. It's about who she's becoming as a young adult, able to witness her own improvement and in the face of defeat, like in the finals of this year's Junior National Championships for the 18 & Under Girls, able to witness, as well, her own awareness of what was gained, not just what was lost.

"I think I did a really good job for my first time," she said, back home in Tampa, without a trace of regret or disappointment.

She acknowledged that her work with the Junior International Championship series, which preceded the BEF Junior Nationals, was a contributing factor in how she performed in the latter; and that the 'skipped year' (when the pandemic led to the cancellation of the 2020 BEF Junior Nationals for which she had qualified) might have been a blessing in disguise.

"Oh yes," she said. "I think having my confidence up (coming into the BEF Junior Nationals) was a good thing, because (in the beginning of the JIC series), I was a little scared at first."

She learned, playing the Junior Nationals, about meeting and observing new players, and will bring that experience with her to the World competition in September. In the meantime, she's going to practice, practice, practice, learn from her on-line pool program and watch the best of the best on YouTube.

"I like to watch Shane Van Boening," she said. "I like how he takes his time and has a really good stroke."

"I like Jeannette Lee, too," she added. "I've seen her lots of times."

She will also be navigating the 'teenage' waters she has just plunged into, with its own array of hopes, dreams, likes and dislikes.

"I like to cook," she said, joy in her voice. "I like to bake cookies and cupcakes."

She'll be entering 8th grade when she returns to school, where her favorite subject is math. And yes, she sees the connection between math and the game she's come to love. She also likes other types of games, like Monopoly, Yatzee and gin, which she plays often, with family.

A serious note returned to her voice when she is asked about whether she has interest in playing other sports in available school programs.

"I want to be a professional," she said, "and there's a lot at stake."

"I want to focus on pool more," she said. "I don't want to lose the ability that I have now."

# CHILDRESS, TATE

## CONTINUE JIC BATTLE

FOR TOP SPOTS IN PRO AM AND 18 & UNDER BOYS DIVISIONS

### Linkin downs Childress twice to win Pro Am event on tour's 5th stop in Texas

Whatever else the Junior International Championships (JIC) have done for the future of junior competition in pool going forward (and it appears as though it could be significant), they have managed to elevate and draw attention to the level of excitement possible when

you organize a tour that qualifies the best a tour has to offer in a tour finale event. The competition among the individual players is evident to all, player and fans alike. As of this past weekend, June 25-27, the JIC, held under the auspices of On the Wire Creative Media, has held five events, with

three to go, not including the JIC finale, scheduled to coincide in time and space with Pat Fleming's International Open in Norfolk, VA in October.

This report will cover two of the five events, the Open Pro and the 18 & Under Boys Division of the JIC. The 18 &

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## Junior International Championship

Under Girls Division and both of the 13 & Under Divisions are covered in a separate report, available elsewhere in our News pages.

Five different junior players have won the JIC's Pro Am multi-gender, age-open event, beginning with Lukas Fracasso-Verner in January, who was followed by Gabriel Martinez (March), Joey Tate (April), Nathan Childress (May) and just this past weekend, in the event that drew 27 entrants to Stixx & Stones in Lewisville, TX, Ivo Linkin. The overall leader in the Pro Am event rankings at this point is Tate, who, in addition to his win in April, was second in March and third this past weekend. Childress is right behind him, with his win and a second and third place finish, as well. He is slightly behind Tate because in the two events in which he and Tate did not finish among the top three, he didn't do quite as well as Tate; 13th and 4th, as opposed to Tate's 7th and 4th. Trenton White is currently third in the rankings, with a runner-up finish in the fourth event, while Landon Hollingsworth is fourth. Ivo Linkin, who's currently in fifth place, started slow in this event, finishing in the tie for 17th three times before finishing fifth in the fourth event and going undefeated to chalk up the win in this most recent one, while downing 2nd-place-in-rankings Childress twice.

Victories over Nathan Nunes, Riley Adkins and Cameron Cummings put Linkin in a winners' side semifinal match against Spencer Ladin. Childress, in the meantime, had sent Zaiden Leary and, significantly, Joey Tate to the loss side to arrive at a winners' side semifinal against 13-year-old Gabriel Martinez. Linkin leapfrogged into the hot seat match when Ladin forfeited. Childress joined him after chalk-

ing up a double hill win over Martinez. Linkin claimed the hot seat 7-3.

On the loss side, Ladin, returning to the competition, drew Joey Tate, who, following his defeat at the hands of Childress in a winners' side quarterfinal, defeated Riley Adkins 7-1 and April Larson 7-4. Martinez drew Landon Hollingsworth, who'd been defeated by Spencer Ladin in a winners' side quarterfinal and to reach Gabriel Martinez, had defeated Gabriel's brother, 14-year-old Lazaro Martinez, double hill and Zaiden Leary 7-5.

Gabriel Martinez downed Hollingsworth 7-3 and in the quarterfinals, faced Tate, who'd survived a double hill fight versus Ladin. Tate then eliminated Gabriel Martinez 7-4 in those quarterfinals, only to have his brief, loss-side run stopped by his Pro Am arch-rival, Nathan Childress 7-5 in the semifinals. Childress and Linkin locked up in a double hill, single race-to-9 final match, won eventually by Linkin 9-8.

In the 18 & Under Boys competition, with many of the same players (more of them; 32, in all), Childress faced Tate twice and though he lost the first match, relinquishing the hot seat to Tate, he returned from the semifinals to win the race-to-9 final match.

Childress' path to the winners' circle went through Dylan Waugh, Treyshawn Bia and Trenton White, to arrive at a winners' side semifinal versus Lazaro Martinez. Tate got by Riley Adkins, Cash Lance and Kodi Allen to arrive at his winners' side semifinal versus Lazaro's brother, Gabriel.

Tate downed Gabriel Martinez 7-2, as Childress was busy sending his brother, Lazaro, to the loss side 7-4. As befitting the rivalry that's ongoing with

these two, Tate and Childress battled to double hill for possession of the hot seat. Tate claimed it.

On the loss side, the Martinez brothers were poised for a matchup in the quarterfinals. Gabriel (13) drew the Pro Am winner, Ivo Linkin, who'd been shut out by Trenton White in the opening round of this event and went on a five-match, loss-side winning streak that had eliminated Landon Hollingsworth in a double hill match, Dylan Waugh by shutout, Ben Kleinfelter 7-3 and in a sweet revenge match, survived a double hill battle on a rematch versus Trenton White. Brother Lazaro (14) picked up Riley Adkins, who'd lost his opening match to Joey Tate and mounted a five-match winning streak, as well. He got by Zaiden Leary, Hunter Leinen, Carlos Jinez, Brent Worth and Kodi Allen to meet up with Lazaro Martinez.

Lazaro downed Adkins 7-5, as Gabriel was busy eliminating Linkin 7-1. The younger brother, Gabriel won the siblings matchup 7-4, only to have his loss-side streak terminated by Childress 7-4 in the semifinals. Childress 'cashed' his revenge check in the finals, downing Tate 9-7 to claim the 18 & under Boys title at this event.

On the Wire Creative Media's Ra Hanna awarded Precilia Kinsley the event's regular Sportperson Award, while Joey Tate picked up the Jeanette Lee Comeback Award. He also thanked Anju and John Bergman and their Stixx & Stones staff for their hospitality, as well as his assistants, Chris Reinhold (handling photography), the Wolfords (Kory and Treena, for their help), Chris Wilson (owner of The League Room in Parkersburg, WV), Mike Littman of Littman Lights and Hanna's streaming crew. Hanna once again gave a shout out to all of the families of the junior players, whose camaraderie has made these events "truly, one big traveling family."

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# STIXX AND STONES

## SOFIA MAST CONTINUES DOMINATION OF JIC GIRLS' DIVISIONS



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Sofia Mast

### Gabriel Martinez wins 13 & Under Boys division, Prasad stays on top of the division rankings

**S**ofia Mast, 12, has won two of the five 18 & Under Girls events of the Junior International Championships (JIC), being held under the auspices of On the Wire Creative Media. This past weekend (June 24-26), at a JIC stop at Stixx & Stones in Lewisville, TX, which drew 11 entrants, she went undefeated to chalk up her second win in a row, having won the previous event, held in May in Bowie, MD. She was third in this division event in March and finished in 5th place twice. She has been the winner in three of the five 13 & Under Girls events, as well, including this most recent event last weekend (in a round robin format for four entrants), and was runner-up in the other two. As a result, she is at

the top of the rankings in both of the girls' divisions of these JIC.

Gabriel Martinez won his second JIC in the 13 & Under Boys Division (10 entrants), this past weekend, having also won the event in March. Adrian Prasad, who did not compete at this event, leads the 13 and Under Boys division in the rankings, having won the event the other three times it's been held and was runner-up to Martinez in the other event in which he competed.

A preliminary round set up three matches in the 18 & Under Girls event, which advanced Savanna Wolford, Tatum Cutting and Casey Cork, while awarding April Gonzales a bye. Sofia

Mast's path to the winners' circle in the 18 & Under Girls Division began with a match against Tatum Cutting, which she won 7-4 to enter a winners' side semifinal match versus Precilia Kinsley. Wolford faced Gonzales in the other one.

Wolford got into the hot seat match 7-4 over Gonzales and was joined by Mast, who defeated Kinsley 7-2. Mast claimed the hot seat 7-4 over Wolford and waited on what turned out to be the return of Tatum Cutting from the loss side.

On the loss side, Gonzales picked up Cutting, as Kinsley drew Kennedy Meyman. Cutting advanced to the



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## Junior International Championship

quarterfinals 7-1 and was joined by Meyman, who defeated Kinsley 7-3. Cutting down Meyman 7-4 in those quarterfinals and then, by the same score, eliminated Wolford in the semifinals. Mast completed her undefeated run with a 9-7 win over Cutting in the finals.

Mast defeated all three of her opponents in the four-entrant, round robin event for the 13 & Under Girls. She downed Taylor Perkins 7-2, April Gonzales 7-3 and Asia Gillespie 7-1 to claim the event title. April Gonzales finished in 2nd place, having won two of her three matches; double hill (7-6) over Asia Gillespie and 7-1 over Taylor Perkins.

A preliminary round in the 13 & Under Boys event advanced Treyshawn Bia, Hank Leinen, and, with byes, Jayse Alton and eventual winner Gabriel

Martinez to a first winners' side round. Martinez shut out his first opponent, Lucah Gianino and picked up Treyshawn Bia in the winners' side semifinal. Hank Leinen shut out Tyler Smith in the preliminary round and gave up only a single rack against Landon Dunlop to draw Jayse Alton in the other winners' side semifinal.

Martinez gave up only one rack to Bia and advanced to the hot seat match. Leinen shut out Alton to join him. It took a 13th deciding game to claim the hot seat and it was Leinen who did so.

On the loss side, Bia picked up Bryson Moore, who'd previously eliminated Landon Dunlap 7-4. Alton picked up Tyler Smith, who'd defeated Lucah Gianino 7-4. Bia defeated Moore 7-1 and was joined in the quarterfinals by Smith, who eliminated Alton 7-5. Bia

won the quarterfinal match 7-2 over Smith, but had his loss-side streak ended 7-3 by Martinez in the semifinals. Martinez finished his run with a 9-6 victory over Leinen in the finals.

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Harry Leinen, Gabriel Martinez and Treyshawn Bia

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# ULTIMATE POOL MASTERS ROUND-UP

The 2021 Apply Mortgages Ultimate Pool Masters is getting towards the business end of proceedings as several of the world's top English 8-ball pool players are still on course for a major televised title and a £10,000 payday.

**D**espite being constantly frustrated with his break throughout the entire evening, a clinical Arfan Dad managed to find a way through Group 13 of the competition.

'The Daddy' - who is very adept at several cuesports disciplines - nailed a table length double in the opening frame of his match against former world championship semi-finalist Brian Halcrow, and went on to record a relatively comfortable 8-3 victory.

In the group final later on, Dad faced former European Champion Stephen Dempsey from the Republic of Ireland, who had earlier caused a mini upset when he eliminated local hero and former World Masters winner Neil Raybone 5-4.



Scott Gillespie

In a contest where there were eight reverse dishes - Dempsey getting five - Dad enjoyed a strong spell in the middle of it, claiming five out of six

frames which was the nucleus of a 7-6 qualification win.

Facing Dad in the last 16 in August will be reigning World and European Blackball Champion Scott Gillespie - arguably the most in-form player in the world before the COVID-19 Pandemic struck and halted almost all major events.

The Scot showed few signs of big match rustiness and pretty much picked up where he left off. In one of the ties of the last 64, Gillespie defeated 2012 World Champion John Roe 8-4 in a high-quality affair that didn't disappoint.

In an intriguing group decider, Gillespie crossed cues with rising young star Kian Monaghan, who had white-washed Moroccan international Karim



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Berrada 8-0 to kick the night off. However, Monaghan would this time be on the wrong side of a slanted score line as a punishing Gillespie ran out an 8-1 winner.

After Group 15 was postponed to a later date due to COVID-19 concerns, action returned with what was supposed to be the final phase one group, which saw four-time world team championship winner Rob Wharne progress to the next rung of the ladder.

Englishman Wharne wasn't in the original line-up for the competition, but he grabbed the opportunity with both hands, dispatching former European Championship finalist Shaun Sharkey 8-5 before securing his route through with an 8-2 triumph over the Isle of Man's John Kennish. Earlier in the session, Kennish ousted Maltese national champion Lydan Debono via a 6-reds shootout.

### HARRISON FIRST THROUGH TO FINALS NIGHT

2009 World Champion Phil Harrison was on the cusp of exiting the tournament before constructing a sensational comeback clearance and later booking his spot in the semi-finals – the first player to do so.

The opening last 16 action of the event saw the winners of the first



Rob Wharne

two groups from back in April meet – Jordan Shepherd and recent Vinny Champions League winner Chris Melling.

An eagerly anticipated tie between two of the most fluent and entertaining players in the sport, both started perfectly with a break dish each, but an under par Melling later made several unexpected errors which Shepherd capitalised on to produce a 7-3 win.

The second match of the night saw experienced duo Harrison and former European and International Masters champion Rob Chilton share the baize. In a pulsating encounter, Chilton found

form to establish a 5-2 lead before Harrison returned the compliment with a faultless burst to level up at 5-5. Chilton went back ahead, and with less than a few minutes on the clock remaining was in firm control at the table with the balls at his mercy. However, he somehow snookered himself which allowed Harrison in for a last-gasp reprieve. Not known for his speed around the table, 'The Farmer' crafted an exquisite clearance inside a minute to effectively force a 6-reds shootout which he won after Chilton conceded.

Harrison was able to steady himself for the quarter-final that immediately followed. Despite Shepherd being the beneficiary of extremely rare back-to-back golden breaks, the current World Masters champion was typically strong in the closing stages to triumph 7-5.

Along with the rescheduled Group 15, the final three weeks of last 16/quarter-finals action will take place next month, with the four-player Finals Night showcasing on the 23rd August.

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# JEANETTE LEE

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**Each year the chairman of the Billiard Congress of America Board of Directors recognizes an outstanding individual who has made significant contributions to the billiard industry with the presentation of the BCA President's Award. 2020/2021 BCA Chairman Ivan Lee has chosen to recognize Jeanette "The Black Widow" Lee with the 2020 BCA President's Award.**

**B**orn in Brooklyn, N.Y., Lee is arguably the most recognizable pool player in the world. Her ability to shine a spotlight not only on the herself as a player but also the entire sport of pool and billiards is unparalleled.

"I'm extremely honored to receive this prestigious award," said Jeanette Lee. "I have always worked hard to be both a serious player and a great role model. To be recognized like this means so much to me. I really hope to continue in this sport and stay deserving of this honor. Thank you, thank you!"

"Jeanette has elevated the visibility and the perception of the sport in ways not previously seen," said BCA Chairman Ivan Lee. "She continues to be one of the most recognized pool players in the world, and throughout her journey, she has not only competed at the sport's highest levels, she's elevated the sport's perception and provided unmatched exposure to pocket billiards. As one of the sport's great ambassadors, Jeanette has been tremendously committed to giving back. Junior players have always held a special place in her heart and she has used that passion to assist the Billiard Education Foundation with its events, hosted team camps for rising junior players and assisted Team USA in the Atlantic Challenge Cup, just to name a few of her on-going contributions to the game."

As a promoter and marketer, Lee parlayed her talent, her great looks and her natural appeal into a business empire that has resulted in untold amounts of exposure for both her and the sport. After boldly declaring her intention to become No. 1 in 1993, Lee wasted little time, winning three WPBA Classic Tour events, the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship and the WPBA Nationals in 1994. The incredible string of wins vaulted Lee to No. 1 and earned her Player-of-the-Year

honors from both *Billiards Digest* and *Pool & Billiard Magazine*.

Lee won seven more Classic Tour titles from '95-'99, and added two ESPN titles: the Tournament of Champions and the Ultimate Shootout. In 2001, Lee earned the gold medal at the World Games in Akita, Japan. She has won a dozen titles in the 2000s, including the WPBA Florida Classic and BCA Open Championship in 2004. Lee's accomplishments at the table are all the more impressive considering the

Jeanette Lee



physical ailments (scoliosis, arthritis, bursitis and more) that have resulted in more than a dozen surgical procedures. Lee is currently battling stage 4 ovarian cancer that has metastasized throughout her body.

Off the table, Lee's contributions and clout have been recognized in her 1998 selection as WPBA Sports person of the Year and her ranking as one of the industry's most powerful people in the bi-annual Billiards Digest Power Poll in 2001, '03, '05 and '07. She was featured in ESPN's annual "The Body Issue," magazine in 2010, and she has appeared in numerous movies, television commercials and has been a guest on countless national television shows. She served as National Spokesperson for The Scoliosis Association and on the board of the Women's Sports Foundation. Lee was inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame in 2013 and the Asian Hall of Fame in 2015.

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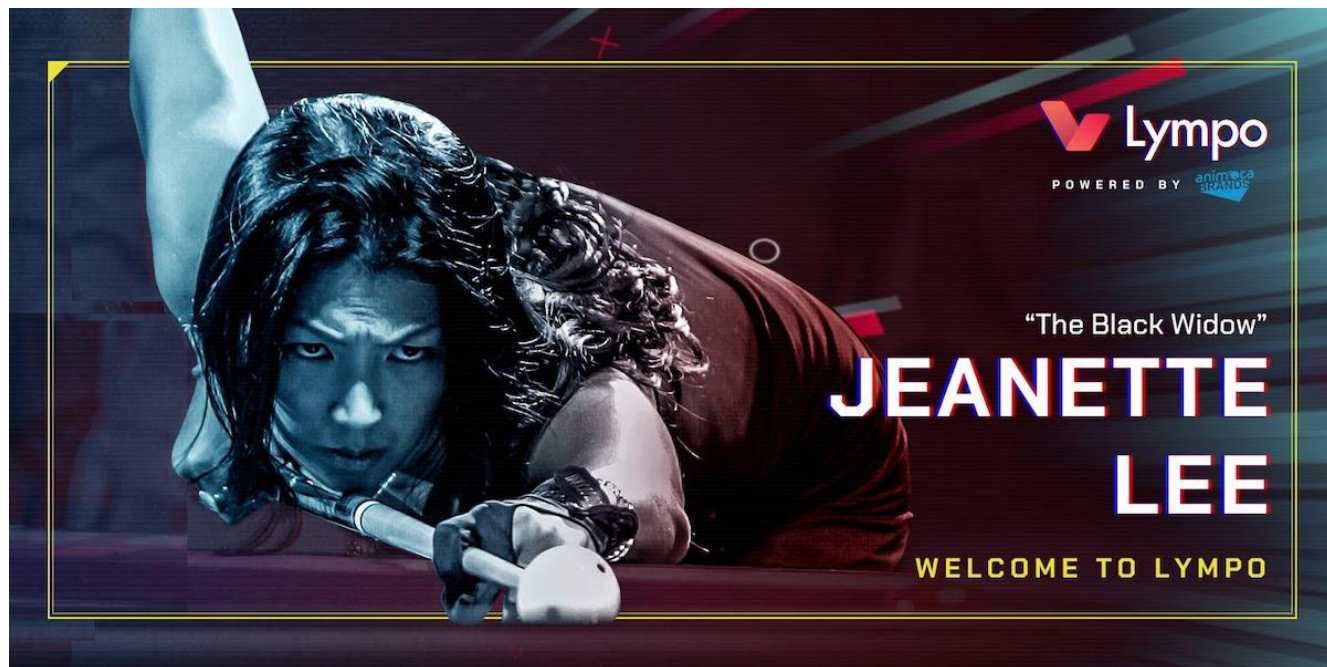
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Jeanette Lee, now 49, started playing pool professionally in 1989 at the age of 18. From day one, she impressed everyone around the world and was nicknamed the “Black Widow” despite her sweet demeanor, she would “eat people alive” when she got to a pool table. During her career, she won many awards including being ranked as the #1 Billiard player in the World.

Currently, Jeanette is suffering from an IV stage of ovarian cancer and as a LYMPO community, we are praying and doing our best to support her. Jeanette’s Lee Legacy Fund which fights against cancer will receive 2% from each traded card by Jeanette.

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“Dave Alciatore has had perhaps the widest impact of any PBIA instructor

**Every year, the Professional Billiard Instructors Association (formerly the BCA Instructor program) honors a PBIA instructor who has made exceptional contributions to the goals of the organization.**

**T**his year, PBIA Advanced Instructor Dr. Dave Alciatore has been selected as the winner of the prestigious Jerry Briesath Instructor of the Year Award.

“I am humbly honored and very flattered to be selected for this award,” said this year’s award recipient Dr. Dave Alciatore. “It feels good to know people appreciate and value the work I do. I respect Jerry Briesath and all the past award recipients, and I am very happy to be included on a list with them. Thank you!”

Dr. Dave is a retired mechanical engineering professor (1991-2020) from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was a passionate teacher and an experienced textbook author, and he has received many awards for his contributions. His teaching and writing experience helped him develop skills for presenting and illustrating difficult concepts in a concise and understandable way.

After retiring from teaching at the university Dr. Dave decided to go into billiard instruction full-time. Now, Dr.

recently, particularly through social media,” said Bob Jewett, PBIA committee chair. “On YouTube he has had over 9 million views in the last year, alone, and his channel has climbed to 200,000 subscribers. One recent video in which he presents and explains in detail amazing shots from tournaments has had a million views. He has also contributed greatly to the resources that the PBIA offers its members.”

The PBIA Instructor of the Year Award is given annually to honor exceptional contributions by a PBIA Instructor. The PBIA will begin accepting nominations for the 2021 PBIA Jerry Briesath Instructor of the Year in the spring of next year. At such time, a nomination form will be made available to all PBIA Instructors. The PBIA Honors Committee then reviews and evaluates all nominations to select the annual winner.

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The PBIA (formerly the BCA Instructor Program, established in 1992) is the largest international organization of professional billiard instructors. Since its founding, the PBIA has improved its leadership position by growing cue sports through professional instruction, development of training products, contributing instructional articles to industry publications, participating in educational workshops and seminars, acting as certified referees or league officials, and directing some of the most notable billiard tournaments throughout the country. The PBIA’s mission is to provide quality billiard instruction to the general public, as well as offer training and certification programs for individuals wishing to become qualified billiard instructors. For more information, visit [PlayBetterBilliards.com](http://PlayBetterBilliards.com) or call 303.243.5070.

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# PLAYCRAFT ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH WORLD CHAMPION POOL PLAYER ALLISON FISHER

Playcraft, a leader in the home recreation market delivering the highest value in style forward billiards, shuffleboards, hockey, and other game room products, today announces its partnership with Allison Fisher, world champion pool player and deemed the best female pocket billiards player in the world.

“Allison embodies our brand with her sportsmanship and enjoyment of play, and we are thrilled to be working with her,” said Paul Sheck, President, Global Merchants, Inc. “Allison will endorse our brand for its aesthetic appeal, while reinforcing that our tables can be played on and enjoyed by even the most discriminating player.”

Fisher will be the official spokesperson for the Playcraft brand, promoting the brand through social media in instructional videos, at industry events, and on both her and Playcraft’s websites.

“I am delighted to be partnering with Playcraft, and I’m excited to share my love of pool and shuffleboard, and my tips and tricks with my fans and customers of Playcraft,” said Fisher. “We have a shared knowledge of the vital role of Play in our lives. It is important to embrace special moments creating wonderful memories with our family and friends. Playcraft brings play back into your home, through exquisitely designed game room furniture.”

## ABOUT ALLISON FISHER

Allison Fisher, the Duchess of Doom, is an English professional pool and former professional snooker champion. She began her career playing Snooker winning over 80 national titles and 11 world titles. In 1995, she moved to the United States to play on The Women’s Professional Billiard Association Tour (WPBA Tour). She has won an unparalleled 50 plus WPBA titles, 4 world 9 Ball championships and a World Games Gold medal. She was the top-ranked player on the WPBA circuit from September 1996 to June 2001, and again each year from 2002 to 2007. In 2009, Fisher was inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame. She is a role model and ambassador of the Sport Worldwide, known for mentoring youth players, commentating and coaching. She continues to be a force within the sport. To learn more about Allison, visit [allisonfisher.com](http://allisonfisher.com).

Allison Fisher

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Founded In 1975, Playcraft has carefully built a select line of home tables that incorporate style and aesthetics, while always respecting their original values of superior value and workmanship. In 2008, Paul Sheck bought the company. With the belief that play is beautiful, and by bringing Play into your home – and making it beautiful – through exquisitely designed game room furniture, Playcraft promises a sense of pride in your home and greater joy in your life. Playcraft today is a leader in the home recreation market and is delivering the highest value in style forward shuffleboards, billiards, hockey, and other game room products. For more information, please visit [playcraft.com](http://playcraft.com).

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# MATCHROOM POOL MAKES ATLANTIC CITY THE HOME OF THE US OPEN POOL CHAMPIONSHIP AT HARRAH'S RESORT

Matchroom Pool, a world-leading sports promoter, is making Atlantic City the new home of the US Open Pool Championship, which will take place at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City from September 13-18, 2021, in partnership with Caesars Entertainment and the Atlantic City Sports Commission.

The US Open Pool Championship is the longest running major in the sport with a history dating back almost half a century. Showcasing the very best players from around the world, the US Open is the ultimate test of professional pool, with a prize fund of \$300,000 and TV coverage across the globe.

Having previously been staged in Chesapeake, VA and Las Vegas, NV, the US Open Pool Championship now heads to Atlantic City as pool players, officials and fans from around the globe descend on New Jersey for one of the most-anticipated weeks of the year.

Emily Frazer, Managing Director of Matchroom Multi Sport, said: "We are thrilled to be bringing the US Open Pool Championship to Atlantic City, which we hope will become the new home for this great, historic event. Having met with the teams at Meet AC and Harrah's Resort Atlantic City I know we all share a great vision for the future of this event as well as potential new opportunities.

"We know the East Coast has a thriving pool community and we have been excited by the response we've had to bringing the event to Atlantic City. In addition we know the event attracts fans and players from across America and around the world and we know Atlantic City is going to be a

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perfect home for one of pool's biggest majors."

"Caesars Entertainment is thrilled to host the US Open Pool Championship at Harrah's Resort and bring this high-profile event to Atlantic City," said John Koster, Regional President for Caesars Entertainment's Eastern Division. "There's no better location for this world-class sporting event – as both a spectator and a player – than The Waterfront Conference Center at Harrah's and we are thrilled to introduce our brand of hospitality to the hundreds of visitors from all over the globe who will be traveling to Atlantic City for this event."

"The Atlantic City Sports Commission is thrilled to partner with Matchroom Pool to bring the most talented billiard players to our seaside destination. We believe that both the athletes, and billiard enthusiasts will find the amenities that Atlantic City has to offer world-class, for what we know, is

a world-class event," stated Atlantic City Sports Commission Director of Sports Sales, Daniel Gallagher.

US No.1 Shane van Boening shares a record five US Open titles with American legend Earl Strickland, while Germany's Joshua Filler is the defending champion.

The US Open Pool Championship will see a full field of 256 international players and their guests travel to Atlantic City alongside staff, officials and broadcasters as well as pool fans from across America and beyond.

The tournament will be broadcast live for 54 hours around the world including on DAZN in USA and Canada, Sky Sports in the UK & Ireland and broadcasters across Europe including Viaplay (Scandinavia, Baltic Nations and Iceland), DAZN (including Germany, Spain and Italy), Zhibo.tv (China) and SuperSports in South Africa and Sub Saharan Africa.

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# Tourney Results

## Jul 01 - Jul 04

### Sixth Annual Seniors One Pocket Classic

#### Bogies Billiards & Games

Houston, TX

- 1 Efren Reyes \$3,600
- 2 James Davis Sr \$1,800
- 3 Ike Runnels \$1,200
- 4 Gabby Pouncey \$800
- 5 Tom Wirth \$480
- 5 Wayne Catledge \$480
- 7 John Guffey \$320
- 7 John Wright \$320

## Jul 03 - Jul 04

### 2021 Sidepocket Open 9-Ball Championship

#### Side Pocket Billiards

Shreveport, LA

- 1 Chris Reinhold \$2,500
- 2 Justin Espinosa \$1,500
- 3 Clint Freeman \$900
- 4 Roland Garcia \$600
- 5 Alejandro Calderon \$400
- 5 Derek Fontenot \$400
- 7 Raymond Procell \$225
- 7 Shane Hvamstad \$225
- 9 Jacob Pennison \$125
- 9 Jesse Moore \$125
- 9 Kevin Guimond \$125
- 9 Tony Top \$125

## Jul 03 - Jul 04

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Break Time Billiards

Winston-Salem, NC

- 1 Matt Harrell \$1,000
- 2 Landon Hollingsworth \$600
- 3 Niko Konkel \$300
- 4 Josh Williams \$175
- 5 Collin Hall \$75
- 5 Hunter White \$75
- 7 Jeff Pruitt \$50
- 7 Joshua Shultz \$50

- 9 Dakota Ash \$25
- 9 Jas Makhni \$25
- 9 Johnny Walker \$25
- 9 Travis Guerra \$25

## Jul 07 - Jul 11

### 7th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out Open 9-Ball

#### Maskat Shrine Ballroom

Wichita Falls, Texas

- 1 Edgie Geronimo \$4,550
- 2 Justin Espinosa \$3,035
- 3 Fedor Gorst \$1,680
- 4 Efren Reyes \$1,015
- 5 Alejandro Calderon \$700
- 5 Kristina Tkach \$700
- 7 Donovan Pedroncelli \$470
- 7 Tommy Tokoph \$470
- 9 Jacob Pennison \$310
- 9 Jeff Melton \$310
- 9 Roland Garcia \$310
- 9 Warren Kiamco \$310
- 13 Carlo Biado \$185
- 13 Greg Sandifer \$185
- 13 Jack Melton \$185
- 13 Robb Saez \$185
- 17 Cash Lance \$100
- 17 Damond Lemoine \$100
- 17 Jay Grant \$100
- 17 Jonathon Demet \$100
- 17 Randy Jones \$100
- 17 Shane McMinn \$100
- 17 Terry Evans \$100
- 17 Tom Smith \$100

## Jul 07 - Jul 11

### 7th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out 10-Ball Ring Game

#### Maskat Shrine Ballroom

Wichita Falls, Texas

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$1,700
- 2 Carlo Biado \$1,275
- 3 Shane McMinn \$850
- 4 Roland Garcia \$425

## Jul 07 - Jul 11

### 7th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out Open 10-Ball

#### Maskat Shrine Ballroom

Wichita Falls, Texas

- 1 Roland Garcia \$2,031
- 2 Carlo Biado \$1,364
- 3 Rick Stanley \$750
- 4 Fedor Gorst \$455
- 5 Robb Saez \$305
- 5 Warren Kiamco \$305
- 7 Jeff Melton \$215
- 7 Kristina Tkach \$215
- 9 Jacob Pennison \$140
- 9 Nick Tafoya \$140
- 9 Rodrigo Geronimo \$140
- 9 Tony Top \$140

## Jul 07 - Jul 11

### 7th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out Womens 9-Ball

#### Maskat Shrine Ballroom

Wichita Falls, Texas

- 1 Kristina Tkach \$800
- 2 April Larson \$555
- 3 Brittany Maynard \$320
- 4 Tara Williams \$195
- 5 Chris Fields \$125
- 5 Kat Snelling \$125
- 7 Aryana Lynch \$90
- 7 Renita Pierre \$90

## Jul 10 - Jul 11

### Joss Tour 2021 Supplemental Stop 3

#### Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

Utica, New York

- 1 Suad Kantaravic \$1,050
- 2 Matt Tetreault \$800
- 3 Nick Brucato \$650
- 4 Peter Khuoc \$500
- 5 Dave Dreidel \$350
- 5 Marko Clarke \$350

- 7 Dan Sharlow \$200
- 7 Ron Casanzio \$200
- 9 Dwight Dixon \$100
- 9 Jim Kearney \$100
- 9 Len Gianfrate \$100
- 9 Qais Kolee \$100

## Jul 10 - Jul 10

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Sonny's Billiards and Bistro

- Princeton, West Virginia
- 1 Mike Clevinger \$1,000
- 2 Derek Bonds \$700
- 3 Cole Lewis \$400
- 4 Collin Hall \$200
- 5 Daniel Adams \$100
- 5 Wayne Hubbard \$100

## Jul 10 - Jul 10

### DFW Ladies 9-Ball Tour Stop 4

#### Rusty's Billiards

- Arlington, TX
- 1 Jennifer Kim \$410
- 2 Jennifer Pavlovick \$300
- 3 Orietta Strickland \$200
- 4 April Gonzales \$100
- 5 Crystal Dunn \$60
- 5 Sandy Harrington \$60

## Jul 10 - Jul 11

### Joss Tour 2021 Supplemental Stop 3 Second Chance

#### Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

- Utica, New York
- 1 Bruce Carroll \$350
- 2 Rohit Aggarwal \$220
- 3 Jamie Garrett \$150
- 4 Glen Van Court \$100
- 5 Jim Kearney \$70
- 5 Mike Armstrong \$70

## Jul 14 - Jul 18

### 2021 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo 10-Ball Championship

#### Big Dog Billiards

- Des Moines, IA
- 1 Alex Pagulayan \$8,000
- 2 Skyler Woodward \$6,000
- 3 Fedor Gorst \$4,000
- 4 Shane Van Boening \$2,000

## Jul 14 - Jul 18

### 2021 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo One Pocket Championship

#### Big Dog Billiards

- Des Moines, IA
- 1 Shane Van Boening \$4,400
- 2 Roland Garcia \$3,300
- 3 Tony Chohan \$2,200
- 4 Alex Pagulayan \$1,100

## Jul 14 - Jul 18

### 2021 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo Banks Ring Game

#### Big Dog Billiards

- Des Moines, IA
- 1 Tony Chohan \$3,000

## Jul 14 - Jul 18

### 2021 Midwest Billiards and Cue Expo Open 9-Ball

#### Big Dog Billiards

- Des Moines, IA
- 1 Kristina Tkach \$1,100
- 2 Nick Hanson \$800
- 3 George Walters \$550
- 4 James Davis Jr. \$350
- 5 Jimmy Nosavan \$250
- 5 Josh Edgar \$250
- 7 Mike Nichols \$200
- 7 Whitey Walker \$200
- 9 Louis Demarco \$100
- 9 Sergio Rivas \$100
- 9 Shannon Fitch \$100
- 9 Steven Wilwereing \$100
- 13 Jake Santora \$75
- 13 James Cook \$75
- 13 Jamie Tipps \$75
- 13 Jason Pierce \$75
- 17 Chris Patterson \$50
- 17 Henry Walters \$50
- 17 Jeremy Schroeder \$50
- 17 Mike Dunklin \$50
- 17 Sam Disse \$50
- 17 Sam Henderson \$50
- 17 Scott Carr \$50
- 17 Tyke Stevenson \$50
- 25 Andrew Shultz \$25
- 25 James Markley \$25
- 25 Josh Palozzla \$25
- 25 Marvin Sollars \$25
- 25 Neil Drews \$25

- 25 Pat Holliday \$25
- 25 Stewart Kee \$25
- 25 Zach Willis \$25

## Jul 17 - Jul 17

### New England 9-Ball Tour 2021 Stop #15

#### Yale Billiards

- Wallingford, Connecticut
- 1 Gary Borodack \$350
- 1 Tim Lavigne \$350
- 2 Alvin Lan \$250
- 2 Kevin Keily \$250
- 3 Einar Gudjohnson \$150
- 3 Jim Gravel \$150
- 4 Oscar Deleon \$105
- 4 Stephen Rowe \$105

## Jul 17 - Jul 18

### Action Pool Tour 2021 Stop 1

#### Diamond Billiards

- Midlothian, VA
- 1 BJ Ussery \$1,000
- 2 Chris Bruner \$570
- 3 Mac Harrell \$410
- 4 Scott Roberts \$280
- 5 Collin Hall \$180
- 5 Graham Swinson \$180
- 7 David Hunt \$125
- 7 Jimmy Coleman \$125
- 9 Jonathan Dodson \$75
- 9 Shane Buchanan \$75
- 9 Thomas Dorsey \$75
- 9 Tina Pawloski Malm \$75

## Jul 17 - Jul 18

### Predator Tri State Tour 2021 Stop

#### New City Billiards & Cafe

- New York, New York
- 1 Brandon Alli \$1,110
- 2 Jay Chiu \$765
- 3 Ray Lee \$470
- 4 Duc Lam \$300
- 5 Ada Lio \$190
- 5 David Grant \$190
- 7 Bianca Martinez \$140
- 7 Mike Pruitt \$140
- 9 Bob Toomey \$110
- 9 John Francisco \$110
- 9 Shweta Zaveri \$110
- 9 Thomas Schreiber \$110

## Jul 17 - Jul 18

### JPNEWT Tour 2021 Stop #6

#### Champion Billiards & Sports Café

Frederick, MD

- 1 Linda Haywood Shea \$450
- 2 Carol V. Clark \$325
- 3 April Hatcher \$225
- 4 Kia Burwell \$150
- 5 Melissa Jenkins \$100
- 5 Nicole Nester \$100

## Jul 17 - Jul 18

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### West End Billiards

Gastonia, North Carolina

- 1 Anthony Adams \$700
- 1 David Tickle \$700
- 2 Brady Brazell \$400
- 2 Dalton Messer \$400
- 3 Brian Bagwell \$300
- 3 Sammy Manley \$300
- 4 Chad Vinesett \$230
- 4 Greg Berryhill \$230
- 5 David Anderson \$110
- 5 James Anderson \$110
- 5 Justin Clark \$110
- 5 Randy Keziah \$110

## Jul 20 - Jul 25

### Predator CRM Open USBA 3 Cushion Scotch Doubles

#### Carom Cafe

Flushing, NY

- 1 Javier Vera \$2,000
- 1 Vicke Pineda \$2,000
- 2 Javier Teran Noboa \$1,200
- 2 Michael Kang \$1,200
- 3 Eric Kwon \$500
- 3 John Park \$500
- 3 Sonny Cho \$500
- 3 Young Ha Choi \$500

## Jul 20 - Jul 25

### Predator CRM Open USBA 3 Cushion Singles

#### Carom Cafe

Flushing, NY

- 1 Jose Juan Garcia \$6,000
- 2 Huberney Catano \$4,000
- 3 Javier Teran Noboa \$2,200

- 3 Kang Lee \$2,200
- 5 Harry Pena \$700
- 5 Hugo Patino \$700
- 5 Luis Aveiga \$700
- 5 Vicke Pineda \$700
- 9 Javier Vera \$300
- 9 John Park \$300
- 9 Mark Ahn \$300
- 9 Miguel Almaraz \$300
- 9 Sang Jin Lee \$300
- 9 Tae Kyu Lee \$300
- 9 Won Sik Kang \$300
- 9 Young Kyu Lee \$300

## Jul 24 - Jul 25

### Joss Tour 2021 Supplemental Stop #4

#### Yale Billiards

Wallingford, Connecticut

- 1 Jeremy Sossei \$1,200
- 2 Ryan Cullen \$850
- 3 Rob Piersa \$650
- 4 Steve Mack \$500
- 5 Robert Madenjian \$350
- 5 Shawn Dickson \$350
- 7 Pete Genovese \$200
- 7 Ron Casanzio \$200
- 9 Brent Boemmels \$100
- 9 Eric Tang \$100
- 9 Nick Brucato \$100
- 9 Yesid Garibello \$100

## Jul 24 - Jul 25

### Joss Tour 2021 Supplemental Stop 4 Second Chance

#### Yale Billiards

Wallingford, Connecticut

- 1 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$300
- 2 Joe Darigis \$200
- 3 Nick Coppola \$160
- 4 Sheikh Ahmed \$120
- 5 Darren Jevons \$50
- 5 Tim Lavigne \$50

## Jul 24 - Jul 25

### 2021 Maryland State 8-Ball Championships

#### Champion Billiards & Sports Café

Frederick, MD

- 1 Jordan Gray \$1,000
- 2 Tuan Chau \$660

- 3 Dylan Spohr \$425
- 4 Brandon Shuff \$225
- 5 Brian Jones \$150
- 5 Joe Korsiak \$150
- 7 Russ O'Baker \$100
- 7 Steve Fleming \$100
- 9 Clinton Clayton \$85
- 9 Joonick Jun \$85
- 9 Mike Saleh \$85
- 9 Rick Miller \$85

## Jul 24 - Jul 25

### Charlie Ray Classic

#### Piazza's Sports Bar

Aurora, Colorado

- 1 Damond Lemoine \$650
- 1 Justin England J. \$650
- 2 Chris Salazar \$405
- 2 James Salazar \$405
- 3 John Tesar Jr. \$300
- 3 John Tesar Sr. \$300
- 4 Andrew Pettenger \$240
- 4 Jeremy Arthur \$240
- 5 Drew Cruz \$150
- 5 Harvey Davis \$150
- 5 Rick Ortiz Jr. \$150
- 5 Shawn Ellis \$150
- 7 Carol James \$80
- 7 Doug James \$80
- 7 Jerry Pinta \$80
- 7 Vince Ivey \$80
- 9 Chris Bierman \$40
- 9 Dave Mondragon \$40
- 9 Howard Ashford \$40
- 9 Julie Lodge \$40
- 9 Kevin Palmer \$40
- 9 Leonard Romero \$40
- 9 Maria Finley \$40
- 9 Ryan Leuholtz \$40
- 13 Burta Maestas \$25
- 13 Chase Morrison \$25
- 13 Jin Powell \$25
- 13 Joel Baca \$25
- 13 Johnny Bass \$25
- 13 Mike Myers \$25
- 13 Robert Thayer Jr. \$25
- 13 Ron Sullivan \$25

## Jul 24 - Jul 25

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### Borderline Billiards

Bristol, TN

- 1 Cole Lewis \$950
- 2 Mike Clevinger \$650
- 3 Jimmy Bird \$450
- 4 Dalton Messer \$250
- 5 Chris Cowan \$100
- 5 Eric Roberts \$100
- 7 Doug Shulz \$50
- 7 Ron Frank \$50

## Jul 24 - Jul 25

### 2021 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 7

#### Rusty's Billiards

Arlington, TX

- 1 Jeremy Jones \$910
- 2 TJ Davis \$560
- 3 Curtis Cardwell \$440

- 4 Jeff Franklin \$340
- 5 Donnie Gregory \$245
- 5 Jimmy Davis \$245
- 7 Daniel Herring \$150
- 7 Robert Clark \$150
- 9 Clint Palaci \$90
- 9 Friday Abismo \$90
- 9 Jesus Sorto \$90
- 9 Tina Soto \$90
- 13 Bobby Martinez \$75
- 13 Greg Sandifer \$75
- 13 Jeffrey Cho \$75
- 13 Robert Bernander \$75
- 17 Cameron Cummings \$60
- 17 Carl Bodeker \$60
- 17 Eric Smith \$60
- 17 Josh Hemsmoth \$60
- 17 Neil Siddawi \$60
- 17 Noel Villalobos \$60
- 17 Terrance Cockman \$60
- 17 Tony Top \$60


## Jul 28 - Aug 01

### Predator US Pro Billiard Series Stop 1

#### Casino Del Sol Resort

Tucson, Arizona

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$12,000
- 2 Carlo Biado \$7,000
- 3 Edgie Geronimo \$4,025
- 3 Roberto Gomez \$4,025
- 5 Kristina Tkach \$2,000
- 5 Mika Immonen \$2,000
- 5 Roland Garcia \$2,000
- 5 Tyler Styer \$2,000
- 9 Alan Rolon \$800
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