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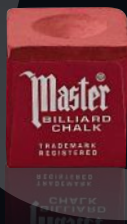
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# FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

**C**ongratulations to both Joshua Filler for his win, and also to Matchroom Multi Sport for running a truly superb US Open 9-Ball Championship in Las Vegas last month. Jay Helfert was in Vegas and brought us back his wrap up off the big event for this issue.



Since it's summertime, we gave Melinda Bailey a well deserved month off from conducting her interviews. Melinda, enjoy your vacation from the magazine, but don't think you're getting any more time off.

For those of you who get tired of waiting for new episodes of American Billiard Radio to be released, you now have another alternative. Check out Neight Mindham's Cue It Up Podcast at [www.cueituppodcast.com](http://www.cueituppodcast.com). Neight is releasing three episodes a week, so you should have more than enough to listen to with his podcast.

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# Playing In The Off-Season



JERRY BRIESATH

The tournaments are over and summer is here, so the off-season is a good time to work on pattern play and other things that may have gotten you in trouble during the tournament season.

One of the best things you can do to improve your pattern play is to do a thing I call “Ball in Hand” Pool. It doesn’t matter whether you’re playing eight ball or nine ball and here’s how it works:

If the person breaking the balls makes a ball on the break, that person gets ball in hand. If the breaker does not make one on the break, the opponent gets ball in hand. There are no safeties because when a person misses, scratches or fouls, the other person gets ball in hand and shoots till he or she misses, scratches or fouls.

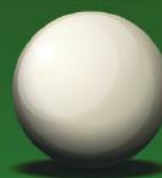
As you can see, every time you get to the table, you have ball in hand, which forces you to look over the ta-

ble and see where you can best place the cue ball to get as many balls as possible or even run the table.

Playing eight ball or nine ball in this way is 8-10 times better than playing the regular way because it forces you to see and play patterns.

You might be one of those players that lays off the game for a month or two in the summer. If you are, there is no better way to get your stroke and pattern play back faster than playing this “Ball in Hand” Pool.

Have a great summer  
— Jerry



# PRACTICE QUICKLY LETTING GO OF BAD SHOTS SO YOU CAN PLAY YOUR BEST

The Sports Doc - Dr. CHRIS STANKOVICH  
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**Have you ever walked around with a tiny, annoying pebble in your shoe? You know the feeling --- you know it's there, and with every step it draws your attention to the discomfort your foot feels.**

After awhile, if you're like most people, you take off your shoe and empty the pebble, thereby providing immediate relief to your foot. But what does this have to do with pool you might ask? Read on and learn...

## **Bad shots, bad thoughts = more bad shots, and more bad thoughts**

When you miss shots in pool, especially the ones you know you should make, what do you do? Strong players will quickly let the bad shot go – similar to the person who immediately takes off his shoe when he feels an annoying pebble hurting his foot. Other players, however, will allow the missed shot to bounce around and around in their head, often leading to more bad thoughts and more missed shots. When our focus is distracted (as in the case of a missed shot, or annoying pebble in the shoe), we divert our attention away from the only thing that matters in pool: THE NEXT SHOT!

Sure, you might be able to still win against lesser players even when you are still thinking about your last missed shot, but you'll never reach your full potential unless you discipline yourself to let go of bad shots

immediately. Is this easy to do? That depends, but what I can say is it is *100% possible to do.*

## **How to ditch bad shots**

The first thing to do is to own the fact that when we allow missed shots to interfere with our thinking, we end up playing below our abilities. So if you want to play your best, there really is no option than to commit to letting go of bad shots.

Next, it's important to understand and accept that you will miss shots in the future, as this is a part of the pool playing experience. In fact, you're going to miss some really easy shots in the future – shots that you make 99 of 100 times! Of course, you don't have to like the idea of missing shots, but you should accept that it's going to happen ---- but it's not the missed shot that kills players, *but instead what is done with the missed shot?*

A few additional ideas and tips to help with getting rid of bad shots:

- **Develop a bounce-back strategy.** Snap a rubber band on your wrist, or change out a piece of chalk as ways of “letting go” of the moment and turning the page.
- **Self talk.** Take control of what you say to yourself following a missed shot – you control this – choose wisely! Rather than swearing at yourself, simply say “stick with this and get him next shot.”
- **Commit to a pre-shot routine.** Stay with the same approach for every shot, leaving no room for negative thoughts to enter.
- **Take time out.** Granted, you can't take time out every shot you miss, but in those moments where you feel your thoughts are scattering take a moment to size up the table, chalk your cue, or even hit the restroom in order to regain composure.



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# A LESSON FROM LUTHER

ANTHONY **BEELER**

**Have you ever noticed the number of professional players that rest their head almost directly above their cue? In fact, modern snooker players are well known for this.**

**S**ometimes it appears that the cue is rubbing or almost scraping against their chin each time the cue is stroked. At some point, you probably have asked yourself the question, “How far above the cue should I rest my head?”



The answer to this question can be found by using a simple formula. The formula I am referring to uses 3 simple reference points. The reference points include the elbow, grip and “V” on your bridge hand. Once the reference points are found, an imaginary triangle is formed as shown in the diagram below. Your eyes should be either “on” or “somewhere inside of the imaginary triangle.”

You might ask the question, “How will this help me pocket balls?” There are in fact many answers to this question. One answer is that it becomes much easier for a player to be consistent with their visual alignment when their

head is positioned closer to the cue. When the chin is placed near the cue, it is easier to see if you are off line. It will also allow you to visually maintain a straighter stroke.

Having your head closer to the cue also allows you to sight as though you were looking down the sights of a gun barrel. If you normally have trouble pocketing long shots, you might not be bending over far enough and aiming with your dominant eye.

World Champion, Luther “Wimpy” Lassiter once suggested that the key to pocketing long difficult shots is to get into your stance then crouch just a little more. In fact, there is considerably less eye movement between the



cue ball and object ball if your head is positioned closer to the cue. Snooker players have recognized this advantage for years. This is because they regularly play on 6x12 tables where long shots are the norm.

The next photo shows the distance your eyes have to travel when they are positioned above the triangle (not crouched). You will note that your eyes have to move around 5 inches as they transition back and forth from the top of the cue ball to the bottom of the object ball (eight-ball).





The overall distance will vary from shot to shot, but the distance your eyes have to travel will always be diminished as you move closer to your cue. Over the course of time this can be a huge advantage. Obviously less eye movement is better, because there is less room for error.

So the next time you are faced with a long difficult shot remember to take the advice of Lassiter and crouch just a little more. Remember to practice positioning your eyes inside of the imaginary triangle. Once mastered, your eyes will do less work and you will pocket difficult shots a much higher percentage of the time.

Conversely, your eyes won't have to do nearly as much work if they are located inside of the imaginary triangle (as suggested by Lassiter). Our next photo shows the same shot, but this time the player's eyes only have to move around 2 inches (3 inches less than before). The reason for this is that the view is from a crouched perspective (inside the triangle).



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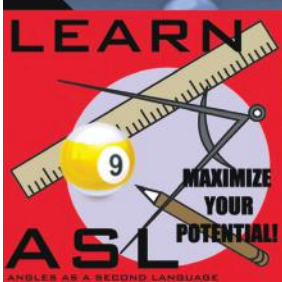


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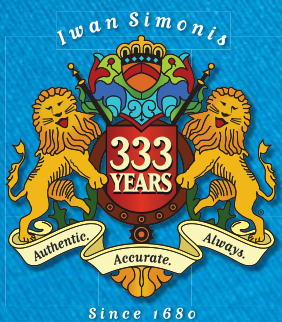
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# U.S. OPEN SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS

**The venerable old U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship has been transformed, thanks to a total retrofit by Matchroom Sports. That it took an England based company to accomplish this is somehow ironic. In its forty-five year history, The Open has survived countless ups and downs amid one controversy after another.**

**F**ollowing the death of Open founder Barry Behrman there were many who thought the Open would die with him. One who didn't was Matchroom Sports impresario Barry Hearn and he purchased the rights to the Open from the Behrman family. He set about creating a

whole new U.S. Open and relocated it from the sleepy Navy town of Norfolk, Virginia to the entertainment mecca of Las Vegas. Its new home being the Mandalay Bay Hotel, the same site for the wildly successful Mosconi Cup.

Not satisfied with the limited 128-man field competing in previous Opens, Matchroom went big, offering entry to 256 hopefuls. The fact that they filled the field months in advance is testament to the drawing power of this trusted and established promoter. The guaranteed purse of \$300,000



was another inducement that succeeded in bringing all of pool's big guns to Vegas.

The first three days were spent whittling the huge field down to the final sixteen players, eight of them undefeated and eight with one loss. There was a new draw and play became single elimination from this point on. Among the final sixteen players were three from China, four from Taiwan, four from Europe, two from The Philippines and one lone American, one Canadian and one from Singapore. This is reflective of the power in professional pool today, heavily weighted to the Asian players and Europe. U.S.A. dominance of pool a thing of the distant past.

The opening match of this final group pitted the defending champion Jayson Shaw against the current World 9-Ball champion Joshua Filler. Many thought that Shaw was destined to repeat as champion, based on his sterling play in earlier matches. Filler quickly brought an end to that conversation, putting an 11-4 beatdown on him. In the next match the young Spaniard Francisco Ruiz put a similar thrashing on Taiwan's Ko Ping Chung, also by the same 11-4 score. Match number three on this first day was a real battle between England's Imran Majid and Filipino Jeff De Luna. Majid jumped out to a 7-4 lead, only to see De Luna claw back to tie him at 8 apiece. They traded games to make it 9-9 and with Imran at the table facing an open rack he missed an easy two ball. De Luna cleared to reach the hill at 10-9. In the next game Majid again missed the two ball in the same corner pocket and could only watch as De Luna cleared the rack again and sent him to the showers 11-9.

Next up were two Filipino transplants; Alex Pagulayan playing out of Canada and Aloysius Yapp playing out of Singapore. Yapp played flawlessly to pull ahead 8-4, but Alex fought back to get



*Wi Jia-Qing patiently waits for his chance to pounce*

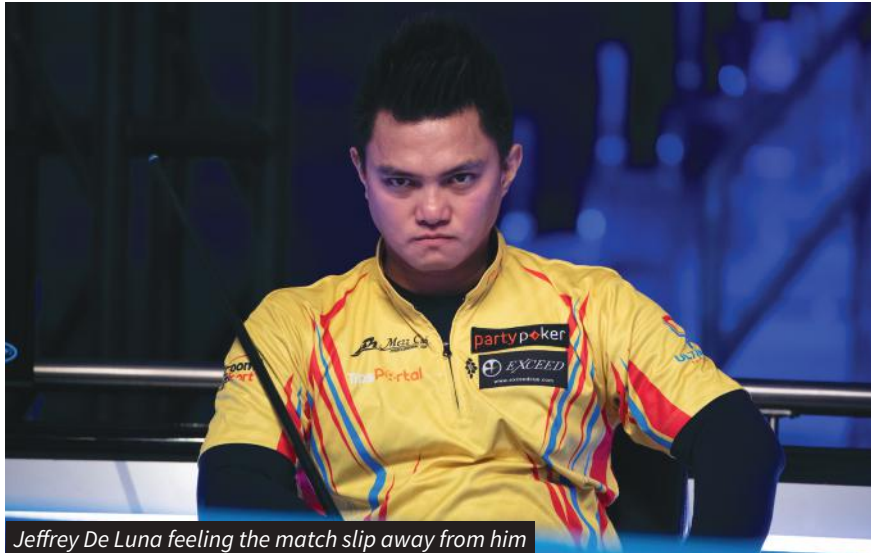
within three at 9-6. A miss in the next rack by Yapp and it was 9-7. A great safety by Pagulayan on the following rack garnered him the game and a deficit of only 9-8. Yapp was not done though and made a skillful out to take the hill at 10-8. He seemed on his way to the victory when an uncharacteristic miss on a relatively easy six ball brought Pags back to the table. He ran out smoothly until he reached the nine ball, where he over played position and was faced with a cross side bank to keep his tourney hopes alive. Alex fired it in, tying the match at 10-10 and setting up a hill-hill decider. Alex made quick work of the final rack with a nifty break and run to move on and leave a dejected Yapp to ruminate on his missed opportunities.

The fifth match of the first-round pitted rivals Hsu Kai-Lun from Taiwan against the veteran Liu Haitao from China. This would be a slugfest with good play on both sides. Young Hsu (only 23) closed on the finish line, reaching a 9-6 advantage, only to have Liu win the next game with a three-nine combo and take game seventeen thanks to a well-played safety. It was 9-8 and Liu broke

and ran two successive racks to take the hill at 10-9. Hsu had his chance in the next game and ran to the eight ball before hooking himself and needing to resort to his jump cue. He fouled on the shot, giving Liu "ball in hand" and the match 11-9.

Match number six paired former China Open and World Cup champion Chang Yu Lung with The Philippines Jeffrey Ignacio. Ignacio stumbled out of the gate and never recovered, and Chang punished him with one clean run out after another. When the smoke cleared the score stood at 11-3 Chang.

Another Taiwan vs. China match followed with Hsu Jui-An taking on Wang Can. This one was a sloppy affair with mistakes made by both players. One game stood out where Hsu ran all the balls making shot after shot and then fell bad on the nine and had to bank it. He missed the bank and Wang had an easy nine ball to go ahead 6-3, as opposed to being 5-4 with Hsu breaking. Wang then hit him with a four-rack barrage to increase his lead to 10-4. Two last racks by Hsu could only close the gap and Wang took the deciding game with a 2-9 combination. The



Jeffrey De Luna feeling the match slip away from him

11-6 win propelled him into the second round of single elimination.

The big guns were up next – Shane Van Boening and Wu Jiaqing. This match could well be a final match in any major tournament, but the luck of the draw had them facing each other in the round of sixteen. Both players were impressive, peaking at the right time. Shane took an early lead at 5-2 and maintained it to 7-4. That's when Wu took over. There were three well contested racks that all went to Wu and things were tied at 7-7. Next were three pretty run-outs by Wu where Shane only had one look at the table and Wu was on the hill, 10-7. Shane finally got his chance in the next game and ran the balls down to the nine, where he had a medium length cut shot. One he should make 99% of the time. This was the 1% where he misses though and Wu made an even more difficult cut shot to win the match 11-7 and eliminate Shane.

Now there were eight!

The first Quarterfinal pitted Joshua Filler against Francisco Ruiz. Filler went into his super pool mode and put an 11-4 beatdown on the out-gunned Ruiz. With this stunning victory, Filler now looked like the man to beat to win this year's Open.

Two great Pinoy players were next. Jeff De Luna and Alex Pagulayan. De Luna was the decided underdog in this match, someone relatively new to going deep in major tournaments, versus a proven champion and a previous U.S. Open winner. None of that mattered though as De Luna got his big break unlimbered and jumped ahead 3-1 and followed that with four more powerful break and runs over the next five games to build an almost

insurmountable 8-1 lead. Alex fought back, but it was a case of too little, too late and he was dismissed 11-5 by his countryman.

Next it was time for another great Chinese match-up. Chang Yu-Lung from Taiwan vs. Liu Haitao from China. A combination of bad rolls and scratches left Chang on the ropes trailing 9-3. For all the world this match looked like it was over. The fat lady was waiting in the wings. A Liu scratch on the break, followed by a Chang runout got one game back. A failed safe by Liu and two more table runs and it was 9-6. Next Liu fouled and Chang converted to pull to 9-7 down. The crowd was into it now, the seemingly impossible looking a lot less improbable. A dry break by Chang and Liu righted his ship, running out to reach the hill at 10-7. A misplayed push-out by Liu left Chang a makeable bank and he fired it in decisively and ran the rack out for 10-8. Next was the longest game of the match, with back and forth safety play. Liu appeared to be struggling to hold his form and when Chang saw an opening he pounced, making a magnificent table clearance to pull within a game at 10-9. One more game just like the last one and it was hill-hill



Yu Lung Chang turned in two impressive third place finishes in Vegas

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with Chang breaking. A good break and the Zen like Chang methodically mowed down the remaining balls. He defeated Liu 11-10 in the most exciting match we'd seen yet. This was a great one for the world wide television audience to see.

The next match was also China versus Taiwan, Wang Can against Wu Jiaqing. It turned out to be anticlimactic though, with Wu unleashing a barrage on the hapless Can. Wu put an 11-0 whitewash on him, the likes of which had never been seen before in a major tournament. Can failed to make one ball in the entire match!

Now there were four!

First up in the semifinals was Joshua Filler and Jeff De Luna. Once again De Luna was strapped with the underdog role against the reigning World 9-Ball Champion. That didn't seem to faze him though as he jumped out to a 3-1 lead, increasing it to 5-2 and then 7-4. A scratch on the break and Filler ran the rack to make it 7-5. A lucky fluke on the one ball and Filler was off to the races again. It was 7-6. Next they played a terrific safety battle until De Luna fouled. Filler tied the match at 7-7. De Luna was not done yet though. He made a very difficult long three ball and finished the rack to take the lead at 8-7. He could not control his booming break though and scratched for the third time in the match. Filler



Spain's Francisco Sanchez Ruiz

made him pay, running three racks from there to reach the hill at 10-8. Filler was left with no shot after the break (the one went down) and opted to play safe, leaving the two ball near the corner pocket and the cue ball at the far end of the table, with the three ball close by. There was no way to get from the two to the three with balls obstructing all pathways. De Luna studied long and hard before jacking up the butt end of his cue and firing away at the two ball. He made the two and the cue ball reversed course and returned straight back up the table to where it had been before. The crowd let out a collective WHOOOAAA in awe of this amazing draw shot. This had to be the shot of the tournament.

It was not to be though as De Luna still found himself with no shot on the three

ball and had to kick at it. He managed to hit it but left Filler with an open table. Pressure is not part of Filler's vocabulary and he took care of the remainder of the rack in rapid fire succession. He let out a loud whoop as the final nine ball found its home at the bottom of the pocket. It was the first real emotion we had seen from him yet.

For the fifth time in the final sixteen television matches, it was China vs. Taiwan; Wu opposing Chang. Chang grabbed the early lead at 3-1, but a careless scratch on the break was all Wu needed to get his motor running. He ran out the next six racks with minimal resistance from Chang, who only got to the table twice. An interesting safety battle ensued in the next game with the six and nine balls tied up on the rail near the corner pocket. Chang got the first opening but failed to take advantage, with an uncharacteristic miss. Wu ran out for an 8-3 lead. Chang wouldn't give up though and won the next two games to bring the score to 8-5. Would we see another miraculous comeback? It was not to be as an unlucky scratch by Chang shifted the momentum back to Wu, and Chang never returned to the table, with Wu running out that rack and the next two to take the match 11-5.

It was now time for the Finals. The two biggest guns head to head for all the marbles; the title of U.S. Open cham-

Alex Pagulayan has fun anywhere he goes



pion and \$50,000! This time it was a Race to Thirteen, the longest match of the tournament.

Wu grabbed the early lead 3-0. Filler countered with five racks of his own to take the lead at 5-3. They were both playing good, intent on becoming the U.S. Open champion. Filler won five of the next seven racks, all five by run-outs and he was in command, 10-5. Wu hit him with a three pack of his



own to close to 10-8. A lucky shot on the two ball propelled Filler to 11-8, and he ran out the next rack to reach the hill at 12-8. Wu wasn't done yet. He ran out off Filler's dry break and it was 12-9. A three-nine combination by Wu then made it 12-10. Could he possibly run the last five racks like he did all those years ago to win the World Championship at age sixteen? A good break shot and Wu looked poised to win another rack. The cue ball was parked close to the four ball and Wu has to cue over it to shoot at the one. He placed his cue and in so doing barely touched the four ball. It's a foul to touch any ball and referee Nigel Rees saw it and made the proper call. Ball in hand to Filler and that spelled doom for Wu Jiaqing. Filler swept up the remaining balls and lets out a loud cry of victory when the fi-



nal nine ball found home. The young German pro is now both the reigning World 9-Ball champion and the U.S. Open champion. A feat that has not

been duplicated since the heyday of Earl Strickland.

After six days of competition the 45th U.S. Open is in the books. It has been possibly the best presentation of professional pool ever shown on television with a worldwide audience watching on SkySports and DAZN in the United States. Hopefully this will spell a breakthrough for our sport and lead to more television coverage of major events and increased prize money. Kudos to Matchroom for making this happen and to Barry Hearn for following through with his vision to make 9-Ball Pool as popular as Snooker.

Taiwan's Hsu Kai-Lun held the distinction of scoring wins over both Filler and Wu



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# **Cheng Wins Inaugural WPA Players Championship**

**In the pool world, we've gotten used to the idea of double elimination tournaments, to the point where single elimination tournaments, especially for the players, feels brutal and arguably unfair.**

Is it though?

While one might argue that international players coming to the US for a tournament like the most recent, first-ever \$50,000-added World Pool Billiards Association' (WPA) Players Championship, held from April 16-19, at Griff's Billiards in Las Vegas (or US players traveling abroad), get a raw deal if and often when, a mistake or two can see them go 'one and done'

and on a costly plane trip back home. Not, in other words, a format designed to entice players from their pool hall in Kansas or Taiwan.

On the other hand, there is little or no argument over the fact that single elimination tournaments, which feed on the excitement of such 'one and done' dynamics, is great for fans of the game, particularly those in attendance, whether on site or via live

stream. Every match becomes the equivalent of a Game 7 in many of the other major sports, like baseball, basketball or hockey. The road to the NFL's Super Bowl is a single game at a time format; a series of one and done playoff games, including the Super Bowl itself, each of which carries some weight in the excitement department.

It should be noted, as well, that no one ever questions the validity or fairness



*Yu Hsuan (Kevin) Cheng*

**Johann Chua**

by means of four qualifiers, held from April 12-15, also at Griff's Billiards. The final four from each of the four single elimination qualifiers advanced to Stage 2 (the main event).

The field was particularly stellar. Although the WPA and CSI would likely prefer that people not think of this particular event (planning to be annual) as a warm-up to the US Open 9-Ball Championships (alternate dates are under consideration for the 2020 version), it turned out that way this year, at least in terms of the way it was perceived. This was primarily because the US Open began two days after the conclusion of the WPA Players Championship. It left the door open to speculation centered on the 'warm-up' idea, even though some players learned of the plans for the WPA event, after having made (generally unalterable) arrangements (flights, etc.) for the US Open. As it turned out, while the WPA Champion, Cheng, competed in the US Open (finishing in the 15-way tie for 49th), the US Open Champion, Joshua Filler, did not compete in the WPA Players Championship.

However, Jayson Shaw did compete in the WPA event, as did, among many others, Carlo Biado, James Aranas, Shane Van Boening, Alex Pagulayan, Alex Kazakis, Shaun Wilkie, Billy Thorpe, Chris Melling, Gabe Owen, Jeffrey DeLuna, Mika Immonen, Skyler Woodward, Darren Appleton, Thorsten Hohmann, Eklent "Klenti" Kaci, Ralf Souquet, Brandon Shuff, John Morra, Corey Deuel and Neils Feijen. Dennis Hatch and Justin Bergman were scheduled to play, but for different reasons, neither showed up for their first-round match. Of that list of 23 entrants (among 64), half of them didn't make it out of the first round. Gone by Round 2 were Kazakis, Thorpe (downed by Shaun Wilkie), Owen, Hohmann (downed by Appleton), Pagulayan, Shuff (downed by Souquet), Morra, and Feijen (downed by Deuel). Hatch and Bergman were gone by vir-

of the four major, single elimination tennis tournaments. Like pool players and fans getting used to double elimination, tennis players and fans have gotten used to the idea, to the point of hardly noticing, the employment of a single elimination format in that sport's major events.

There is, for those interested, an engaging AZBilliards Forum on the subject (<https://forums.azbilliards.com/showthread.php?t=493066>), which was started actually by reactions to the US Open 9-Ball Championships' utilization of both formats; double elimination early, followed by single elimination for the final 16 players, which many contributors felt was unfair because some players, on the winners' side of the early double elimination bracket, were punished for single losses later in the process (no reprieve/second chance), while others advanced to the final 16 having also lost a match, just earlier in the process.

Among the many things that Cue Sports International's CEO Ozzy Reynolds learned from running this first-ever event, based on an idea and a format submitted by the WPA, was an appreciation of the charms of single elimination events.

"I learned that I like single elimination more than I thought I would," said Reynolds, noting that to his knowl-

edge, no one in the tournament articulated a complaint or concern. "It also confirmed for me the preference for shorter races (the races were to 7, ahead by two, until the semifinals and final, which were races to 9, ahead by two. One rack 'sudden death' at 9-9 in the early matches and at 11-11 in the semifinals and final).

"It creates excitement," he said.

"And," he added, "(there is an) absolute necessity for a shot clock. As the matches came down near the end, the players slowed down to a snail's pace. The final match was four hours. There's a rationale for moving faster. You have to keep the pace going."

To business. The single elimination format makes it redundant to note that the winner of the first WPA Players Championship, Taiwan's Yu Hsuan (Kevin) Cheng, went undefeated. He did so by coming back from the brink of defeat (down 8-5 in the race to 9) to defeat Carlos Biado from the Philippines 12-11 in a thrilling final match. In any format, it doesn't get more exciting than watching a player snatch proverbial victory from the proverbial jaws of defeat.

The 64-entrant field was determined by a list of 48 players, chosen by their WPA rankings and member federations, while the final 16 were chosen



Carlo Biado

tue of their forfeits; Bergman allowing James Aranas to advance and Hatch, allowing Duong Quoc Hoang to move on.

Kevin Cheng won his opener 7-4 over Che-Wei Fu. Biado sent Ruben Bautista Escaler to a Consolation event 7-3.

32 down, 32 to go.

Advancing a step further were Cheng and Biado; Cheng 7-2 over David Anderson and Biado 7-5 over Woodward, along with Wilkie (7-4 over Toru Kuribayashi), Shaw (7-2 over DeLuna), Kaci (7-5 over Matt Edwards), Van Boening (7-5 over Wojciech Szewczyk), Aranas (7-5 over Naoyuki Oi) and Souquet (7-4 over The Kien Do). Gone from the field were, among others, Deuel, who'd lost 7-3 to Raymund Faraon; Appleton, who was defeated 7-1 by Ching-Shun Yang; Immonen, who was ousted by Johann Chua 8-6 and Mellinger, who fell to Radoslaw Babica 7-1.

48 down, 16 to go, which is when, as one might expect, things started to get interesting. Filipinos made up one-quarter of the now remaining 16 players. Van Boening and Wilkie were the only Americans in the final 16. Over the next two matches, the semifinal matchups would find two Filipinos

matched up against two players from Taiwan, one of whom would end up winning the event.

At this point in time, speculation was running high on the possibility that Jayson Shaw and Shane Van Boening were on a collision course, which, because of the seeding, would have scheduled their only possible meeting in the finals. That speculation remained when Shaw defeated Babica 7-3 and Van Boening downed Klenti Kaci 7-1. Ralf Souquet's shutout over Faraon left a possible Souquet and Shaw matchup in the finals possible. There were a few others, but it was becoming clear that the Taiwanese and Filipino entrants were working hard to be a part of any final scenario. Yu-Lung Chang eliminated Aranas 8-6, as Biado was busy defeating Ching-Shun Yang 8-6. Johann Chua got by Nick Malaj 10-9, as Duong Quoc Hoang eliminated Ping-Chung Ko 7-5. Kevin Cheng, in the meantime, finished off one of the two Americans left, defeating Shaun Wilkie 7-4.

56 down, 8 to go.

All speculation about a possible Shaw/Van Boening matchup in the finals ended in the quarterfinals when the two eventual finalists defeated

them. Kevin Cheng earned his slot in the semifinals with a 7-5 victory over Shaw, while Biado earned his spot with a 7-4 victory over Van Boening. It should be noted that Shaw and Van Boening transferred the excitement of a possible final matchup between them to the US Open 9-Ball Championships, which got spoiled in that event, as well. Joining Biado and Cheng in the semifinals were Yu-Lung Chang, who'd defeated Souquet 7-5 (to face Biado) and Johann Chua, who'd eliminated Hoang 7-3 (to face Cheng).

60 down, 4 to go.

One of the Filipinos in the semifinals defeated one of the Taiwanese competitors, while the other Taiwanese competitor downed his Filipino opponent. Cheng and Biado advanced to the finals with identical 9-6 scores over Chua and Chang, respectively.

Two left.

And for the details of the final match, we turn to the account of Ted Lerner, who wrote five stories about this inaugural WPA Players Championship, which appeared on the front-page news here at AZBilliards throughout the tournament. For those interested in further, more detailed accounts of some of the earlier matchups, there is no better place to look than Lerner's accounts on our daily news pages.

Take it away, Ted. . . .

"The race to 9, win-by-2 final was everything one would expect between two of the best not only of their respective countries, but in the entire world of professional pool. After splitting the first 8 racks, Biado upped his game and won the next two to lead 6-4. Cheng got one back, but then the Filipino showed off his amazing potting and cue ball skills to go up 7-5. Cheng looked to be on the back foot when he missed the 4-ball in the next frame, which allowed Biado to clear and move one away from the title.



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And it certainly looked like it was all over in the next rack with the Filipino at the table and a fairly straight forward clear right in front of him. Until he missed the 4-ball in the side.

As expected, the entire match turned on that one miss, with Cheng suddenly playing loose and free, and Biado retreating into a shell and looking nervous. Indeed, Cheng won the next five racks, including two break and runs, to go up 9-8.

But Biado isn't the World #3-ranked player for nothing, and he stormed back to take the next two to lead 10-9 and move one away from victory again. The pool gods, though, conspired against the Filipino as he broke dry in the next frame and allowed Cheng to clear to tie at 10-10.

Cheng inched closer in the next frame after winning a safety battle. But in the next rack, the Taiwanese left a safe open, and Biado cleaned up the colors. Tied at 11-11, the match and the title went to a one-rack decider.

Biado won the lag, and the pair had a brief fight over the 2-ball until Cheng was left with a very difficult positional play, which he made. He had several nery and difficult shots left before the last three balls opened up. The title, and \$10,000, was soon his.

"When I was down 8-5 and he is shooting at an open table, I already know that I'm going to lose," a relieved and delighted Cheng said afterward. "Then when he missed that 4-ball, I can play without stress and I played really good.

"The last few racks were very difficult and that's when I got nervous again. I think I got lucky, but I also hit some very good shots at the end to take the match and the tournament.

"Overall, I'm very happy with the way I played this week," he added. "It was a great tournament, with a great field,



Yu Lung Chang

and this gives me a lot confidence heading into the US Open."

Thank you, Ted, for your stellar reporting.

Harkening back to the opening discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of the single elimination format, it should be noted that nobody went one and out at this event, because everybody who got knocked out in the opening round of the main event was able to participate in a Consolation event that offered a \$1,500 first-place prize and total prize package of \$5,800. Only the two-and-out competitors, who'd lost the opening match in the main event and opening match in the Consolation failed to bring home any cash.

Niels Feijen picked up the \$1,500 first-place prize, downing Thorsten Hohmann in the finals 7-5. Gerson Martinez and Kai Lun Hsu finished in the tie for third place. The nature of this Consolation event had a way of lending it a unique title, albeit an unofficial one, according to CSI's Reynolds.

"We arranged it so that everybody was going to play in at least two matches," he said. "No one was going to go one and done."

(As a result)," he added, "we had what somebody referred to as the strongest Second Chance field in the history of the world."

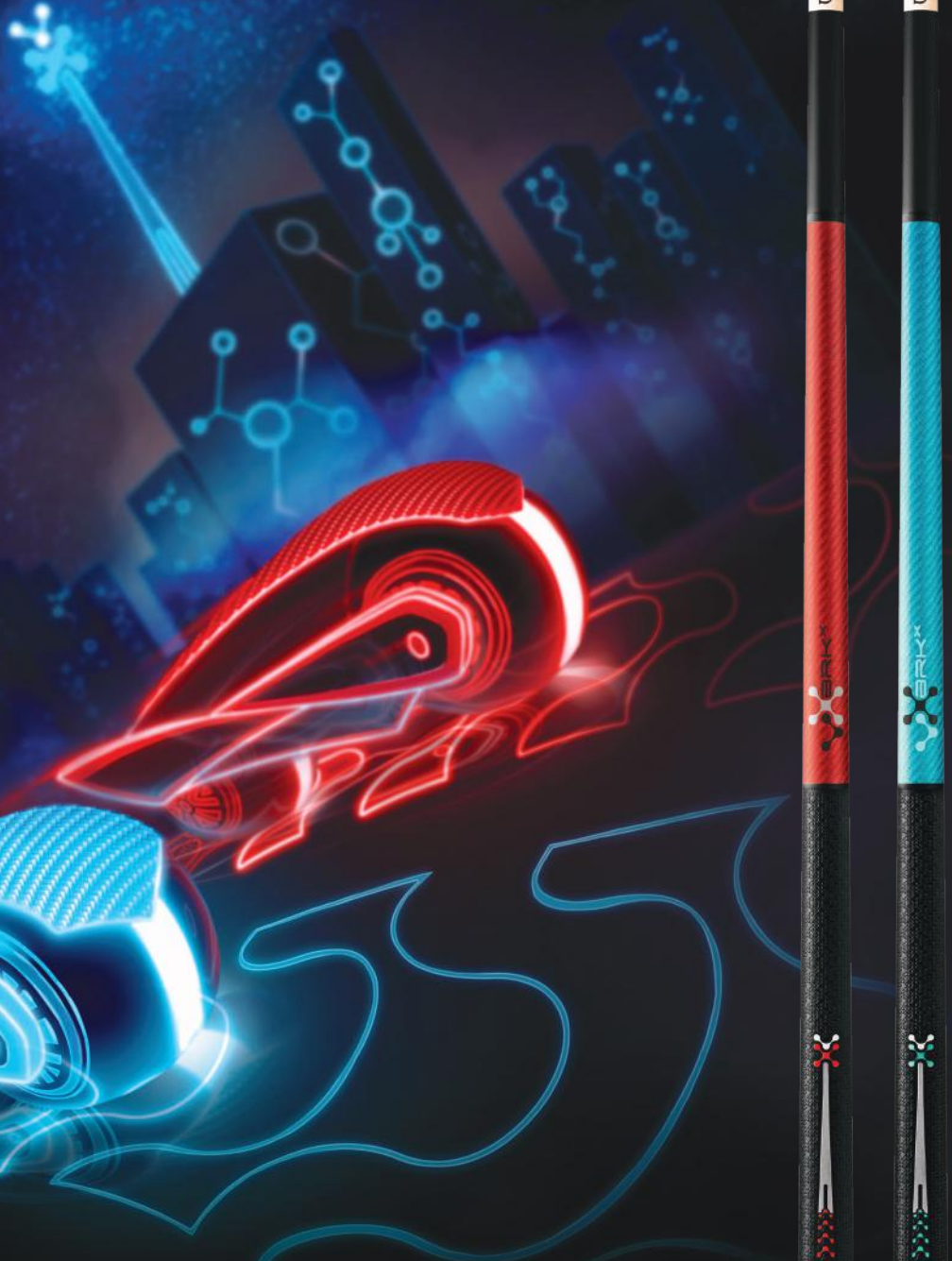
As noted, it is hoped that many of the players who participated in this inaugural WPA Players Championship will return next year for Round Two. It's too early to tell how close (or not) the event will be to next year's US Open 9-Ball Championships. One thing, though, appears certain, players will know about the 2nd Annual WPA Players Championship sooner than they did this year.

Specific plans for this event were not launched until December, and according to Reynolds, complete details weren't "ironed out until late February," which meant notifications didn't get out to potential participants until just about a month ahead of the event.

"Many players had already made (travel arrangements for the US Open)," Reynolds added, "so we'll be looking to make announcements about next year's event at least six months ahead of time."

Stay tuned (players) for details about the timing of next year's event.

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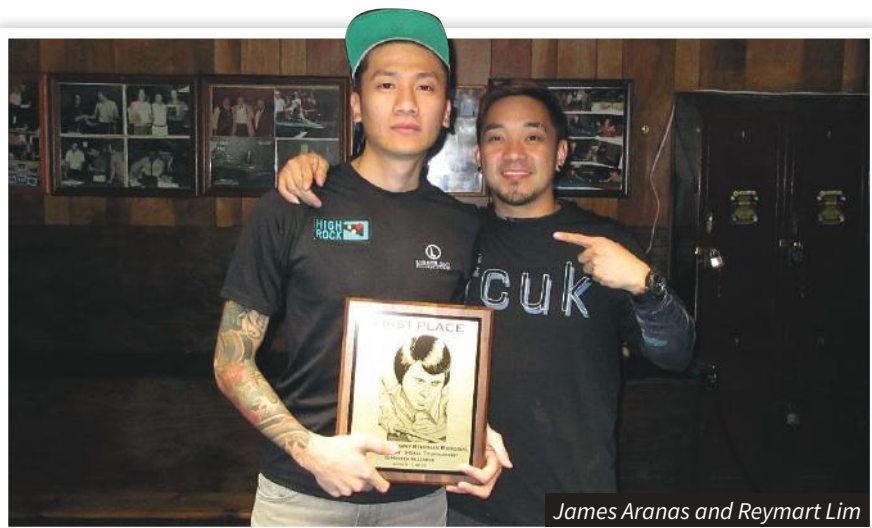
# Aranas goes undefeated to defend his title at the 3rd Annual Barry Behrman Memorial

**As he did last year, the Philippines' Zoren "James" Aranas took advantage of some geography to compete in a pair of events that he's won over the past couple of weeks.**

Last year, he followed up on his victory at the Super Billiards Expo's ProAm Bar Box Championships to compete and win the 2nd Annual Barry Behrman Memorial, downing its inaugural champion Brandon Shuff twice. This year, Aranas won the Super Billiards Expos' Diamond Open 10-Ball Pro Players' Championship on the last weekend in March, and this past weekend (April 6-7), went undefeated to defend his Barry Behrman Memorial title, downing separate opponents in the hot seat and finals. Already over halfway to earning what he made in 2018, his best earnings year to date, he's on track to make 2019 another good year.

Aranas' opponent in the finals, Reymart Lim, stepped to the tables at Q Master Billiards in Virginia Beach, VA for the \$1,500-added 3rd Annual Barry Behrman Memorial having already won two of the three events on the 2019 Action Pool Tour (APT). Lim lost his opening match (to Shaun Wilkie 9-7) in a preliminary round, designed to put 32 of the 37 registered players into a double elimination bracket. He then won nine on the loss side to meet Aranas in the finals. He didn't get to meet Wilkie a second time, because as he was facing Tuan Chau in the first money round (9th/12th), the Behrman Memorial's inaugural champion, Brandon Shuff, was busy meeting and defeating Wilkie 9-7.

Aranas' path went through Liz Taylor 9-3, Shuff 9-6 and Chris Futrell 9-3 to arrive at a winners' side semifinal against RJ Carmona. His future hot seat opponent, JT Ringgold, winner of the APT's



James Aranas and Reymart Lim

Season Finale, got by Gage Turner 9-4, Bruce Reed 9-3 and Wilkie 9-4 to arrive at his winners' side semifinal matchup against Nilbert Lim (no relation, but a close friend of Reymart Lim).

Aranas downed Carmona 9-2, while Ringgold and Lim locked up in a double hill fight that eventually allowed Ringgold to join Aranas for the hot seat match. Aranas claimed the hot seat 9-3 over Ringgold and waited on what turned out to be the return of Reymart Lim.

Meanwhile, over on the loss side, Reymart Lim was hard at work, advancing to a meetup with Nilbert Lim. Reymart opened his loss-side campaign with a 9-3 win over Rob Wilkins and followed it with victories over Paul Swinson 9-4, Gary Ornoff 9-6, Dave White, 9-1, Tuan Chau 9-3 and Chris Futrell 9-5 to draw Nilbert Lim. Carmona, in the meantime, picked up Brandon Shuff, who, following his defeat at the hands of Aranas, had shut out Mark Lacson and eliminated Alvin

Thomas 9-2, Wilkie 9-7 and Greg Sabins 9-3.

Shuff and Reymart Lim advanced to the quarterfinals; Shuff 9-7 over Carmona and Reymart Lim 9-3 over Nilbert Lim. Reymart ended Shuff's loss-side winning streak at five with a 9-7 victory in the quarterfinals and then ended JT Ringgold's bid for a second shot at Aranas with a 9-2 win in the semifinals.

As it turned out, Reymart Lim got as close (in game count) to defeating Aranas as any of his previous opponents. Lim and Brandon Shuff both got as close as three games. Aranas completed his undefeated run 11-8 against Lim to capture his second straight Barry Behrman Memorial title.

In a Second Chance Tournament that drew eight entrants, Bernard Andico downed Jared Pitts twice 5-4 (hot seat) and 6-3 (finals). Graham Swinson finished third.

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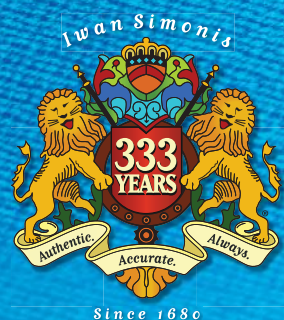
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# West comes from the loss side to win his second Bob Stocks Memorial title

The annual Bob Stocks Memorial Tournament, held under the auspices of the Action Pool Tour, has developed something of a reputation for crowning new winners every year.

Until this most recent, 13th annual tournament, only one competitor, Shaun Wilkie, had ever won it twice. On the weekend of April 13-14, Kevin West became the second. Having won this event in 2017, and after skipping the following year, which saw Zoren James Aranas and Dennis Orcollo battle in the finals, West returned to give it another shot. He was sent to the loss side by Brian Bryant in a winners' side semifinal and came back after winning three to challenge and defeat Bryant in the finals. The event drew 31 entrants to First Break Café in Sterling, VA.

West was challenged early in this one; his first match, a double hill affair that eventually sent Paul Helms to the loss side. West moved on to defeat former Bob Stock Memorial Champion Brandon Shuff and Scott Roberts, both 9-5, to draw Bryant in one of the winners' side semifinals. Bryant had defeated Alvin Thomas 9-6, Alex Parker, 9-3 and Paul Swinson 9-4 to meet West. Scott Haas, in the meantime, defeated Ali Gee 9-1, Andrew

Manning 9-7 and Graham Swinson 9-3 to draw Chris Bruner in the other winners' side semifinal.

Bryant sent West west 9-7 and in the hot seat match, faced Haas, who'd defeated Bruner 9-7. Bryant claimed the hot seat 9-5 Haas, and waited on the return of West.

On the loss side, West drew Steve Fleming, the tour's #4-ranked player on the tour coming into the event, who, after being defeated by Chris Bruner 9-6 in a winners' side quarterfinal, had defeated Bruce Choyce 7-1 and Brandon Shuff 7-5 to meet West. Bruner picked up Scott Roberts, who'd survived a double hill battle versus Mark Nanashee and eliminated Kirill Rutman to face Bruner.

West and Roberts advanced to the quarterfinals; West, 7-3 over Fleming and Roberts, 7-4 over Bruner, denying West a second shot at him. West took the quarterfinal match 7-5 over Roberts and then, downed Haas 7-4 in the semifinals.

The tightly contested final match between West and Bryant featured the maximum number of games possible in a race-to-11; 21, also known as double hill, but recognized, as well, as a lot of games to play to decide a winner. West dropped the final 9-Ball to claim his second Bob Stocks Memorial title.

Tour directors Kris Wylie and Tiger Baker thanked the ownership and staff at First Break Café, as well as sponsors East Coast Landscaping, Inc., Cue Sports International (CSI), Chix Cabinets Direct, Grant Wylie (professional photographer), Brown's Mechanical, LLC, and George Hammerbacher Advanced Pool Instructor. The next stop on the APT, will take players "Back to the Beach," at an event scheduled for the weekend of May 18-19 at Q Master Billiards in Virginia Beach, VA.

Kevin West (Grant Wylie Photography)



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**05/11 - 05/12**

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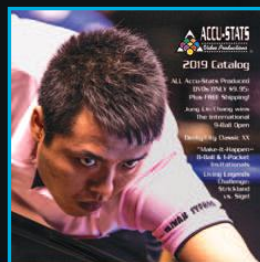
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04/06 - 04/07

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### Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

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- 4 Brandon Shuff \$500
- 5 Nil Lim \$275
- 5 R.J. Carmona \$275
- 7 Greg Sabins \$175
- 7 Chris Futrell \$175
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## Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

### Speak Eazy Billiards

Sanford, NC

- 1 Barry Mashburn \$650
- 2 Anthony Mabe \$475
- 3 BJ Ussery \$300
- 4 Shaun Apple \$125
- 5 Kelly Farrar \$50
- 5 Stevie McClinton \$50

04/06 - 04/07

## Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 13 Second Chance

### Utica Billiards On The Boulevard

Utica, New York

- 1 Josh Welsh \$300
- 2 Jon McConnell \$220
- 3 Jarred Zimmerman \$180
- 4 Rick Manzi \$120
- 5 Frank Sorriento \$60
- 5 Mike Hurley \$60

04/07 - 04/07

## Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

### Shooter's Family Billiards

Wayne, NJ

- 1 Pascal Dufresne \$500
- 2 Shivam Gupta \$320
- 3 Rick Rodriguez \$200
- 4 Bob Toomey \$120
- 5 Kevin Scalzitti \$80
- 5 Clint Pires \$80
- 7 Jaydev Zaveri \$50
- 7 Brian Schell \$50

04/07 - 04/07

## New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #17 Partners Tournament

### Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

Providence, RI

- 1 Mike Demarco \$425
- 1 Jeff Harnois \$425
- 2 Chris Benoit \$238
- 2 Mike Uttley \$237
- 3 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$188
- 3 Scott Reynolds \$187
- 4 Daniel Nizeul \$150
- 4 Paul Fontaine \$150
- 5 Marc Dionne \$100
- 5 Dom Souza \$100
- 5 Jason Cunningham \$100
- 5 Jordan Stevens \$100
- 7 Bill O'Mara \$75
- 7 Jason D'Angelo \$75
- 7 Ranulf Tamba \$75
- 7 Jason Platt \$75
- 9 Adwait Dalvi \$50
- 9 Lida Mullendore \$50
- 9 Ned McConnell \$50
- 9 Van Sy \$50
- 9 Greg Fijal \$50
- 9 Kerry McAuliffe \$50
- 9 Adam Blair \$50
- 9 Josh Grzasko \$50

**04/12 - 04/19**

## **2019 WPA Players Championship**

### **Griff's**

- Las Vegas, Nevada  
1 Yu-Hsuan Cheng \$10,000  
2 Carlo Biado \$7,000  
3 Yu-Lung Chang \$5,000  
3 Johann Chua \$5,000  
5 Jayson Shaw \$3,000  
5 Quoc Hoang Duong \$3,000  
5 Shane Van Boening \$3,000  
5 Ralf Souquet \$3,000  
9 Raymund Faraon \$1,500  
9 James Aranas \$1,500  
9 Eklent Kaci \$1,500  
9 Chin-Shung Yang \$1,500  
9 Nick Malai \$1,500  
9 Ping-Chung Ko \$1,500  
9 Radoslaw Babica \$1,500  
9 Shaun Wilkie \$1,500  
17 Matt Edwards \$400  
17 Wojciech Szewczyk \$400  
17 Naoyuki Oi \$400  
17 Marc Bijsterbosch \$400  
17 The Kien Do \$400  
17 Corey Deuel \$400  
17 Darren Appleton \$400  
17 Skyler Woodward \$400  
17 Maksim Dudanets \$400  
17 Mika Immonen \$400  
17 Jason Theron \$400  
17 Pin-Yi Ko \$400  
17 Jeffrey De Luna \$400  
17 Chris Melling \$400  
17 Toru Kuribayashi \$400  
17 David Anderson \$400

**04/12 - 04/19**

## **2019 WPA Players Championship Consolation Event**

### **Griff's**

- Las Vegas, Nevada  
1 Niels Feijen \$1,500  
2 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,000  
3 Martinez Gerson \$500  
3 Kai Lun Hsu \$500  
5 Brandon Shuff \$250  
5 Alexandros Kazakis \$250  
5 Mitch Ellerman \$250  
5 Christopher Tevez \$250  
9 Che-Wei Fu \$150

- 9 Jeffrey Ignacio \$150  
9 Jung-Lin Chang \$150  
9 Fedor Gorst \$150  
9 Szu Ting Kuo \$150  
9 Kun Lin Wu \$150  
9 Max Eberle \$150  
9 Omar Al Shaheen \$150

**04/13 - 04/14**

## **13th Bob Stocks Memorial 9-Ball**

### **First Break Cafe**

- Sterling, VA  
1 Kevin West \$800  
2 Brian Bryant \$460  
3 Scott Haas \$250  
4 Scott Roberts \$140  
5 Steve Fleming \$80  
5 Chris Bruner \$80

**04/13 - 04/14**

## **Jerry Olivier Ladies Tour 2019 Stop 3**

### **Diamond Sports Bar**

- Port Arthur, Texas  
1 Kelly Jones \$800  
2 Kim Pierce \$635  
3 Terry Petrosino \$460  
4 Courtney Peters \$335  
5 Hien Tong \$160  
5 Michelle Yim \$160

**04/13 - 04/14**

## **Predator Pro-Am Tour 2019 Stop Amateur #7**

### **Steinway Billiards**

- Astoria, NY  
1 Juan Guzman \$1,400  
2 Eli Trajceski \$1,000  
3 Esteban Morrell Jr. \$750  
4 Ramilo Tanglao \$550  
5 Shawn Sookhai \$300  
5 Corey Avallone \$300  
7 Debra Pritchett \$200  
7 Duc Lam \$200  
9 Paul Lyons \$150  
9 Eugene Ok \$150  
9 Emily Duddy \$150  
9 Michael Callaghan \$150  
13 Jonathan Martinez \$100  
13 Jason Goberdhan \$100  
13 Chulo Castro \$100  
13 Jimmy Acosta \$100

**04/13 - 04/14**

## **Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop**

### **The Steakhorse Restaurant and Billiards**

- Spartanburg, SC  
1 Brandon Brock \$1,000  
2 Marcio Smith \$700  
3 Chris Gentile \$475  
4 Dakota Harris \$300  
5 Jeff Abernathy \$150  
5 Rob Hartranft \$150  
7 Hunter White \$100  
7 BJ Ussery \$100  
9 Barry Hixon \$50  
9 Jason Blackwell \$50  
9 Chris Kendrick \$50  
9 Steven Ellis \$50

**04/14 - 04/14**

## **Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop**

### **CueBar Billiards**

- Bayside, NY  
1 Matt Klein \$625  
2 Russell Masciotti \$350  
3 Shane Torres \$230  
4 Keith Adamik \$140  
5 Luis Jimenez \$80  
5 Bob Toomey \$80

**04/20 - 04/21**

## **Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop**

### **Clifton Billiards**

- Clifton, New Jersey  
1 Bryan Jeziorski \$500  
2 Rick Rodriguez \$300  
3 Mark Joseph \$190  
4 Luis Jimenez \$120  
5 Clint Pires \$75  
5 Michelle Brotons \$75  
7 Mac Jankov \$55  
7 Yomaylin Feliz-Forman \$55

**04/20 - 04/20**

## **Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop**

### **Randolph's Billiards**

- Hickory, NC  
1 BJ Ussery \$475  
2 Kirk Overcash \$200  
3 Terry Easter \$100

## 04/20 - 04/20

### New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #18

#### Legends Sports Bar & Grill

Auburn, ME

- 1 Tom D'Alfonso \$600
- 2 Paul Andrews \$300
- 3 John Patrick \$200
- 4 Dennis Boucher \$150
- 5 James Stonkus \$100
- 5 Gabe Kirshnitz \$100
- 7 Eddie Bissonnette \$70
- 7 Matt Preble \$70

## 04/21 - 04/26

### U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship

#### Mandalay Bay

Las Vegas, NV

- 1 Joshua Filler \$50,000
- 2 Jia-Qing Wu \$25,000
- 3 Yu-Lung Chang \$12,000
- 3 Jeffrey De Luna \$12,000
- 5 Can Wang \$6,250
- 5 Alex Pagulayan \$6,250
- 5 Haitao Liu \$6,250
- 5 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$6,250
- 9 Shane Van Boening \$3,500
- 9 Jui An Hsu \$3,500
- 9 Jeffrey Ignacio \$3,500
- 9 Kai Lun Hsu \$3,500
- 9 Aloysius Yapp \$3,500
- 9 Imran Majid \$3,500
- 9 Ping-Chung Ko \$3,500
- 9 Jayson Shaw \$3,500
- 17 Tyler Styer \$2,750
- 17 Cheng-Chieh Liu \$2,750
- 17 Billy Thorpe \$2,750
- 17 Petri Makkonen \$2,750
- 17 Dennis Hatch \$2,750
- 17 Marco Teutscher \$2,750
- 17 Mieszko Fortunski \$2,750
- 17 Pin-Yi Ko \$2,750
- 25 James Aranas \$2,250
- 25 Wojciech Szewczyk \$2,250
- 25 Niels Feijen \$2,250
- 25 Jin-Hu Dang \$2,250
- 25 Mateusz Sniegocki \$2,250
- 25 Roman Hybler \$2,250
- 25 Albin Ouschan \$2,250
- 25 Ralf Souquet \$2,250
- 33 Corey Deuel \$1,750

- 33 Siming Chen \$1,750
- 33 Jung-Lin Chang \$1,750
- 33 Toru Kuribayashi \$1,750
- 33 Ronald Regli \$1,750
- 33 Kenichi Uchigaki \$1,750
- 33 Chin-Shung Yang \$1,750
- 33 Chris Alexander \$1,750
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- 33 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,750
- 33 Dennis Orcollo \$1,750
- 33 Darren Appleton \$1,750
- 33 Ivo Aarts \$1,750
- 33 Johann Chua \$1,750
- 49 Konrad Piekarski \$1,500
- 49 Marek Kudlik \$1,500
- 49 Nicolas Charette \$1,500
- 49 Mitch Ellerman \$1,500
- 49 Lee Heuwagen \$1,500
- 49 Tomasz Kaplan \$1,500
- 49 Yu-Hsuan Cheng \$1,500
- 49 Nick Malai \$1,500
- 49 Justin Bergman \$1,500
- 49 Denis Grabe \$1,500
- 49 Mika Immonen \$1,500
- 49 Shaun Wilkie \$1,500
- 49 Naoyuki Oi \$1,500
- 49 Francisco Bustamante \$1,500
- 49 Kim Laaksonen \$1,500
- 49 Erik Hjorleifson \$1,500
- 65 Jason Theron \$1,000
- 65 Matt Edwards \$1,000
- 65 Bahram Lotfy \$1,000
- 65 Raymund Faraon \$1,000
- 65 Josh Roberts \$1,000
- 65 Ernesto Dominguez \$1,000
- 65 Fabio Rizzi \$1,000
- 65 Che-Wei Fu \$1,000
- 65 Da-Li Lin \$1,000
- 65 Patrick Mennillo \$1,000
- 65 Ryo Yokawa \$1,000
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- 65 Pat Holtz \$1,000
- 65 Jalal Yousef \$1,000
- 65 Danny Olson \$1,000
- 65 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$1,000
- 65 John Morra \$1,000
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- 65 Carlo Biado \$1,000
- 65 Vilmos Foldes \$1,000
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- 65 Radoslaw Babica \$1,000
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- 97 Paddy McLoughlin \$750
- 97 Marlon Manalo \$750
- 97 Dimitri Jungo \$750
- 97 Frankie Hernandez \$750
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- 97 Phillips Yee \$750
- 97 Stephen Folan \$750
- 97 James Adams \$750
- 97 David Anderson \$750
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- 97 Brad Shearer \$750
- 97 Tony Chohan \$750
- 97 Adam Lilley \$750
- 97 Richard Halliday \$750
- 97 Lefteris Georgiou \$750

## 04/27 - 04/28

### Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 14

#### Brickhouse Billiards

N. Syracuse, New York

- 1 Jeremy Sossei \$1,000
- 2 Hendrik Drost \$600
- 3 Geoff Montgomery \$500
- 4 Len Gianfrate \$400
- 5 Dwight Dixon \$300

- 5 Nate Marshall \$300
- 7 Bucky Souvanthong \$200
- 7 Bruce Carroll \$200
- 9 Jon McConnell \$100
- 9 Steve Lamontague \$100
- 9 Nick Coppola \$100
- 9 Marco Kam \$100

## 04/27 - 04/27

### Midwest Ladies Regional Tour 2019 Stop #1

#### On Cue Billiards

- Owosso, MI
- 1 Angela Mears \$220

## 04/27 - 04/28

### JPNEWT Tour 2019 Stop 2

#### Markley Billiards

- Norristown, PA
- 1 Linda Haywood Shea \$500
- 2 Nicole King \$300

- 3 Kathy Friend \$200
- 4 Eugenia Gyftopoulos \$150
- 5 Kia Sidbury \$100
- 5 Lai Li \$100
- 7 April Hatcher \$55
- 7 Suzanna Wong \$55

## 04/27 - 04/27

### Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

#### The Clubhouse

- Lynchburg, Virginia
- 1 Collin Hall \$480
- 2 Scott Roberts \$275
- 3 Cameron Lawhorne \$170
- 4 Jonathan Ailstock \$100

## 04/28 - 04/28

### Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

#### Steinway Billiards

- Astoria, NY
- 1 Matt Klein \$780

- 2 Pashk Gjini \$510
- 3 Bryan Jeziorski \$310
- 4 John Durr \$205
- 5 Jose Estevez \$125
- 5 Tony Kuo \$125
- 7 Bianca Martinez \$90
- 7 Ryan Dayrit \$90
- 9 Nick Limbertos \$70
- 9 Dax Druninski \$70
- 9 Yomaylin Feliz-Forman \$70
- 9 Manuel Gomez \$70

## 04/28 - 04/28

### Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 14 Second Chance

#### Brickhouse Billiards

- N. Syracuse, New York
- 1 Aaron Greenwood \$300
- 2 Nick Coppola \$200
- 3 Steve Lamontague \$140
- 4 Jesse Docalavich \$100



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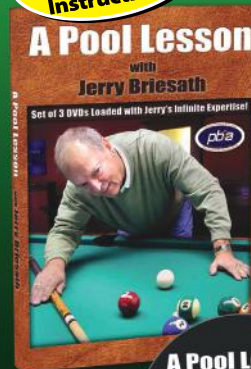
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