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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

For a player who is picking and choosing which events she wants to play in, Allison Fisher doesn't appear to have lost anything in her game. She didn't look to have any problems cruising through the field at the NAPT Summer 10-Ball Classic.



Another player who looks to be at the top of his game right now is Shane Van Boening. Shane cruised through the field at the Turning Stone Classic XXX, defeating Johnny Archer in the finals. Archer at Turning Stone that he still has quite a bit left in his gas tank too. Second place in that field was awfully strong.

In addition to the stories from both of these events, we have embedded videos from both events as well as videos from the APA Championships in the pages of this issue. Just click a video and watch it right there on the magazine page. Isn't technology fun?

Check back in with us next month for results from the China Open, NAPT Desert Challenge and as much other content as we can fit into these pages.

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Let's Visit English Once Again



JERRY BRIESATH

Some people still don't get it. Some of the old rumors still prevail that English throws the object ball and that's the big reason we miss when we use side spin. This rumor is about 95% false and 5% true and let's learn why. Three things can happen to make you miss the shot when you use side spin.

Let's start with left-hand spin. When the cue ball is struck on the left side, some of the energy in the cue stick pushes it off line a degree or two to the right of where you aimed and the more English you use, the more the ball is pushed off line by the cue stick. This is called deflection or squirt.

This second thing that can happen is when the cue ball is on its way to the object ball after being struck with left-hand English, the cue ball can curve slightly back to the left.

And finally when the cue ball arrives at the object ball, the left-hand En-

glish can impart a little throw on the object ball causing it to go a little to the right of the line of the two balls at impact. And of course those three will be the opposite when you use right-hand spin.

Sounds pretty scary when you know all those things can happen when you use English, but it's not quite as complex as it sounds when you break each one down.

Deflection — always happens when you use side spin and the further you hit the ball to the side, the more it deflects off-line no matter what speed you shoot.

Cue ball curve — only happens when the cue ball is struck very softly on long shots and almost never happens

on medium or high speed shots, and we are assuming the butt of the cue is not elevated.

Throw — only throws the object ball enough to miss at very low speed. Never throws the object ball enough to miss at normal or high speeds.

As you can see, you almost never have to worry about the curve or the throw except at very low speeds and that leaves the deflection as the killer of English shots. When you use left-hand English, aim a little left of normal on the object ball and when you use right-hand spin, aim a little more to the right of normal on the object ball and you will be on your way to solving your English problems.

Good Luck — Jerry



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KEYS TO A FIT MIND!

ANTHONY **BEELER**

Go ahead! Buy books. Do drills and play for hours, but remember: Physical practice can't make up for a weak mind. Call it mental toughness; it is a soundness of the pool player's psyche that's as vital to tournament wins as sound mechanics. There are four keys that a pool player must master in order to attain a sound mental game.

1. BECOME A PRESSURE PLAYER: Varner and Sigel are famous for it. Mental toughness: "running out" when it matters most. "It's having the strength to stand up to pressure," It's all about being comfortable on the big stage.

In order to get use to pressure, you must learn to embrace it. Put yourself under it. For starters, I recommend shooting every shot like it is for \$25,000. If you act like every shot matters you'll be ready to pocket one when it really does."

2. MAKE ADJUSTMENTS QUICKLY: Your mind needs to be as limber as your body. The most successful players are quick to adapt to varying table conditions. They think creatively and accept things as they are. When Minnesota Fats was asked if an un-level table bothered him, he replied, "Only if it's just lop sided for me."

Mental flexibility means keeping your mind open. Just because you're snookered doesn't mean the game is over. To avoid mental mistakes, it

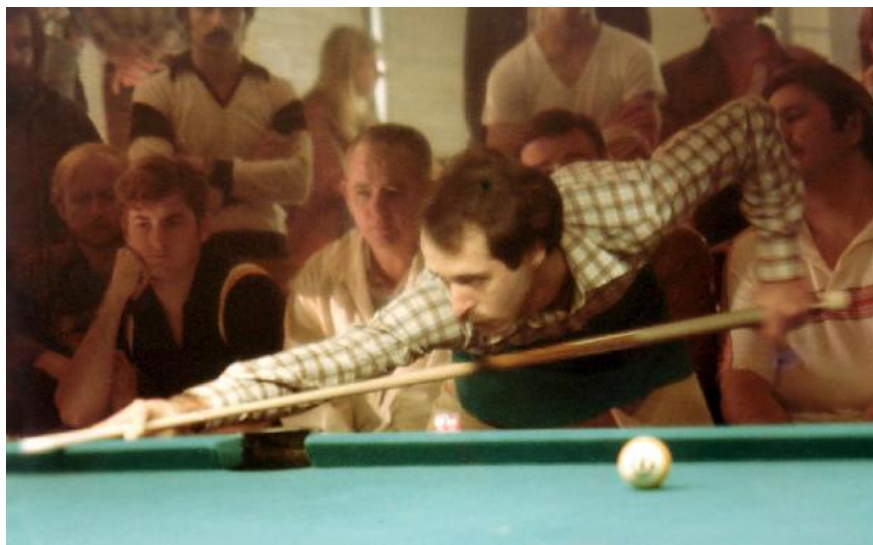


is important to play every game one ball at a time. Obviously you have to think ahead. But if you don't pocket the first shot then you can't continue your run.

3. MANAGE YOUR GAME: Take your time. Play in the moment. They're popular clichés for a reason: They work! Not getting too excited, not getting upset with yourself. That's what mental management is about.

During your next match, count how many times you find yourself dwelling on the past or pondering the future. Are you still smoldering over that shot you missed in the first game? Are you dreading a long distance cut shot? Keep track of the number of times your mind drifts out of the present. Your goal should be to totally eliminate thoughts of the past or future.

4. GO THE DISTANCE: Pool tournaments are often marked by stressful moments and emotional swings. The key is to minimize them as much as possible



Mike Sigel, 1980 Florida Open - Photo by Mike Haines & Bill Porter. Courtesy of Mary Kenniston

so that you can conserve your mental energy.

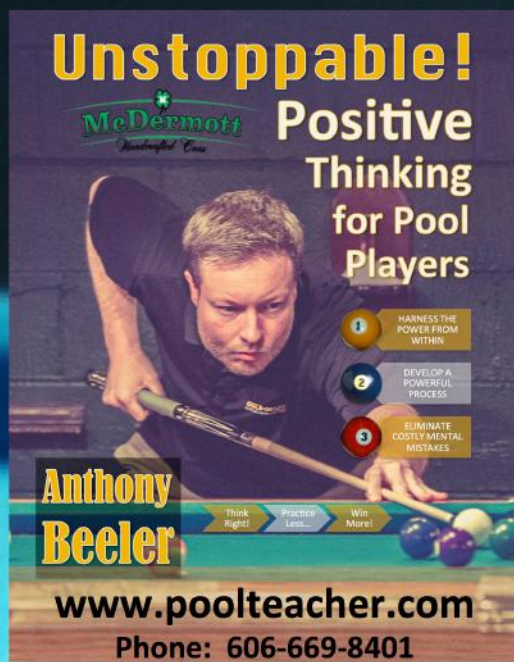
Everybody usually reaches a point during a tournament, when you are far enough along to know how you are playing but too far from the finals to slip into autopilot. That's your TURNING POINT, a perilous stretch where you might feel inspired to make big changes if you're off your game slightly. The key is for you to stick to your game plan. If you are playing poorly don't fire at balls in a mad rush. If you're playing well, it is also important to be aware of playing overly cautious or conservative. Either type of adjustment can lead to trouble. Trouble raises stress levels, and stress burns both physical and mental energy — energy you will need to win the tournament.

“**EVERYBODY USUALLY REACHES A POINT DURING A TOURNAMENT, WHEN YOU ARE FAR ENOUGH ALONG TO KNOW HOW YOU ARE PLAYING BUT TOO FAR FROM THE FINALS TO SLIP INTO AUTOPILOT.**”

Be aware that you can overtrain and you can overthink — the mental equivalent of a muscle strain. You see it all the time, players fall so in love with their pre-shot routine that they forget to execute the shot.” So where's the middle ground? Be yourself! If you're conservative, play conservative on the table. If you're an up-tempo person, shoot quickly. If you're not, then don't. In the words of Marjane Satrapi, “Always keep your dignity and be true to yourself.”

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Serious pool players looking to dominate the competition can sometimes get so locked into improving that they lose the joy for playing.

Generally speaking, we tend to do our best when we *enjoy what we are doing*, versus doing things that aren't much fun. When I work with pool players, I often see their desire to be the best actually result in pool becoming more stressful than enjoyable, and it is that stress that actually holds them back.

Get back to the joy of making balls

The experience we have doing anything in life is largely built upon the experience we want to have at any given moment. For example, one player might go to the pool room and make the experience all business, rarely laughing or cracking a smile. A second player who also wants to im-



prove his game instead decides that pool is a fun game, and that you can “have your cake and eat it, too” and still make shots while enjoying the game. Yes, this may seem like a subtle difference, but when you think about the overall impact enjoyment has on anything we do in life, only then does it make sense that we find ways to have fun in life.

Stress leads to distorted thinking (and poor play)

When things in life lose their luster, we often become agitated, frustrated, and even disinterested. If you experience a lot of stress playing pool, chances are you have gotten completely away from the joy of making balls and enjoying healthy competition. Elevated stress levels also create cognitive distortions and irrational thinking, like defeated thinking, or developing a play-to-not-lose mentality,

versus a play-to-win mindset (and yes, there is a huge difference between the two). When we control our stress, we develop healthier thinking, and the result is better mind-body synchrony and faster skill development and proficiency.

Go have fun – TODAY!

If you have been slumping and losing your passion for pool, make it a point to go out today *and simply have fun*. If you do this, you will likely have a really good day playing pool, as the previous anxiety that disrupted muscle-memory will be replaced with better confidence, improved focus, and greater resiliency. Keep in mind when I say “have fun,” I’m not saying to goof around and not take things serious, but instead suggesting that it’s OK to not be so serious that you have lost touch of what drew you to the game of pool in the first place.

Dr. Chris Stankovich, known as “The Sports Doc,” is a national expert in the field of sport & performance psychology and has been featured on ESPN for his work with elite athletes. His #1 best selling pool video “Mind of Steel: Mental Toughness for Pool Success” has been used by thousands of players to improve focus, increase confidence, and eliminate anxiety. You can learn more about Dr. Stankovich and Mind of Steel by visiting drstankovich.com



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A photograph of Shannon Daulton, a professional pool player, leaning over a pool table. He is wearing a bright green polo shirt and is holding a pool cue. He has a focused expression and is looking directly at the camera. The pool table has blue rails and a dark felt top. The background is dark with some blurred lights.

SHANNON DAULTON

Shannon Daulton has been a force around the pool realm ever since he was a little boy. He runs a successful pool tour, still plays (very) well, and yet still finds time for down time.

His title list is impressive and he's one of the fan favorites (you'll see for yourself, if you aren't one already). I am so excited for you all to get to know Shannon!

Q: Where did you grow up?

Somerset, KY.

Q: Your Dad introduced you to pool. I bet that meant a lot to you because you became a professional pool player. Tell us about your Dad.

He was a good solid player himself - REAL solid player. Played all games good. Damn good short stop, and good gambler.

Starting around 12 years old, he would take me and put me in major tournaments in the late 80s and early 90s that had \$300-\$400 entry fees. He did it for me to have that experience. And that paid a lot of dividends, because by the time I got where I could really compete 7-8 years later, I had already been playing with them for years. I still had some nerves, but not like it was my first time because he had put me in so many tournaments.

I lost my Dad in 1994 when I was 21 years old. It rocked me. He died Sept 8th and his birthday was the 9th. He was only 54 years old. It's still tough; we had a very special bond.

Q: How is your Mom doing?

She's doing well. I call her every morning and every evening, and sometimes 3 times a day!

Q: Were your parents okay with you choosing pool as a career?

Mom and Dad owned a small hotel, but he was a car dealer for 40 years (and his Dad was one, too). Dad made a living running the dealership, Mom ran the hotel, and I went to school and played pool. I sprouted my wings and hit the road hard when I was 18-19



The extended Daulton Family

years old. Dad was more okay with it than Mom was. I mean, both were super supportive, but Mom would have rather me go to college and do the smart thing and get an education, but she was still a tremendous support. Pool has been good to me, so they were pleased.

Q: You seem to really enjoy life, smiling all the time and having fun.

I'm a pretty simple guy - like to golf, go fishing and hunting - and I cherish time with friends and family, so I enjoy their company a lot, laughing

and smiling. However, on the table I'm very serious and getting down to business.

Q: Tell us why you started the "Great Southern Billiards Tour"?

Two reasons. One, I had to have a second income; there's never been enough money in pool to live a good lifestyle. With no pro tour with hardly any sponsorship money out there, it is just too tough to make a living playing professional pool. And two, running the tour allowed me to still be involved with the game, give back

Melinda Bailey

to other players, and try to keep the game going.

Q: I gotta ask, did you mean to put the word “Great” in the title of the tour?

I sure did.

Q: Really? Okay, explain that please.

Well, it might be a southern thing, but it's like the familiar/famous way people/history call the area here in the southeast US, “The Great South.” So when we came up with the name for the Tour, I thought, “Why not call it the *Great Southern Billiards Tour*?” And it stuck and it's been the name ever since. I suppose it's akin to being proud of where you are from.

Q: That's really cool - hadn't thought about that aspect before. And do you play on your tour?

I did in the beginning when we had Open events, but I changed it to a handicap tour and then didn't play anymore.

Q: Why would changing it to a handicap tour not allow you to play anymore?

Well, I actually stopped *all* the top players from playing in it. And that's been a very successful decision, and I have been running it that way for another 12 years after that. Plus, it left a bad taste in my mouth to run it and also play in it and then do well; I wanted more for all the other players.

Q: Why did you change it to a handicap tour?

Well, the better players are going to win 95% of the events and I didn't

want that. And I noticed the attendance started slowing down, so I came up with a handicap system that would encourage more participation. And btw, you're never going to get a handicap system perfect. I tweaked it 8 or 10 times and I knew I was on to something immediately because it opened up such a bigger variety for other players to win versus the same top players winning every week.

Q: Wait, you tweak your handicap system?

Absolutely. You're gonna have to tweak the handicap every once in a while. And all you can do is get as close as you possibly can. You'll never get it perfect, I can attest to that for sure, and so you're never going to make everyone happy - but if they want to play they do, if they don't they don't.



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You see, people get tired of the same ole thing and it goes stale every once in a while, every 3-4 years. And then the attendance goes down because players get frustrated because they don't win enough matches for 3 years. So you lower them and then someone else gets mad, as usual, lol, but it helps keep players coming back because it's something new and they want to play again. Stale is what you don't want.

Q: I hope the other tours listen to your advice and this experience. Where is your tour mostly held (which states)?

From Ohio to the ocean to Florida. MS, KY, TN, GA, AL, SC, NC, FL, OH.

Q: How many events do you have a year and do you attend every event?

Yes, I attend and run every event. We've slowed down tremendously, but in the peak I had as many as 39 stops in one year, and some were 1,000 miles from home. I averaged three a month for 7 straight years. Some months I traveled to OH, VA, and AL all in one month – that's 3,500 miles.

Q: Wow! That's a lot of dedication. And I bet the players in all those states appreciate they have a large regional tour to play on. Is this your only job or do you work somewhere else, too?

For right now it is, yes.

Q: Let's get back to talking about you personally. Where did your nickname "The Cannon" come from?

I've been playing my whole life and it just came up over the years. Pool is different now than it used to be, it's gone away from this now, but when I was growing up playing around Earl and Buddy and Nick and people like that, whoever had the best break usu-



“ MY GOAL NOW IS TO WIN THE ONE POCKET EVENT AT DERBY. IF I CAN DO THAT, I'D BE THE ONLY AMERICA ALIVE TO WIN ALL THREE DIVISIONS THERE. ”

ally was one of the top players in the country - whoever could hit 'em the hardest and set the cueball down. People were saying my break sounded like a "cannon going off" and it rhymed with Shannon so I became Shannon "The Cannon."

Q: That's awesome. How and when did you start playing pool?

Been playing absolutely my whole life – they have pics of me in diapers on a pool table rolling balls around. I won my first big tournament (a men's event) when I was 8 years old, then won the Kentucky State Open Championship when I was 15, and my first pro title when I was 19.

Q: That's impressive! Also at age 19 you won the Legends of One Pocket tournament in Columbia, South Carolina. Tell us about that tournament and how you felt.

I beat Steve Mizerak in the finals and it was actually the last big event he played in the finals of before he passed away. How did I feel? I was thrilled! Grady Matthews had run it for 10 years and no one under 40 had ever won one and here I come in and win it at 19.

Q: Were you nervous?

Oh yes, but still young and cocky to get through the nerves!

Q: How old were you in you started to gamble?

5 or 6.

Q: Come on, really?

Really! It was a dive around the corner and I played many-a-game for a quarter. Oh, and when I was 10 years old I won a car.

Q: I presume your Dad was with you when you won the car because he would have to drive it?

Well, I'm from the country and Dad taught me to drive at a young age anyway, but yes he was there. It wasn't anything fancy, just a 1970 Maverick.

Q: Still, you won a car! So, what is the highest amount you have ever gambled?

Back in the mid to late 90s, everyone was going down to Lamberts in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for big matches. I played FlyBoy (Jimmy Spears) for \$5,000 a game on a bar table, 8 ahead for \$40,000.

Q: Ahh, Lamberts....Best ham steak I've ever had! I remember seeing you around there the few times I went to watch action. How long did that match last? And did you win?

Yes! I won after playing for 35 hours straight.

Q: Btw, what I find interesting is you started playing so young that you actually played with the greats

in the 80s, yet also played with the pros who were just starting out. Tell us about that.

I've been playing pool going on 40s years. So I've played Keith McCready when he was the best, and Earl and Nick, etc. If you can name a player, I played them. And then I also traveled with Tony Ellin and Johnny Archer, so I know all the guys because I started playing at such a young age.

Q: In 2012 you were inducted into both the One Pocket Hall of Fame and the Bank Pool Hall of Fame at the same time. I was so happy for you and it was SO deserved. How did YOU feel?

I was very honored! I was the youngest person ever inducted AND the only one to be inducted for both at the same time.

Q: That's impressive. So, hard question, your Dad passed away when you were 21, how was it that he wasn't there for the Hall of Fame ceremony?

I gave an acceptance speech and it was about my Dad. You see, I would

never have been there if it wasn't for him. So I was very honored *for him*. And yes, it was tough he wasn't there by my side.

Q: What goals do you have (on and off the table)?

It used to be to win the US Open, but with how 9 ball is played nowadays, I'm not really interested. I have placed third and had two top 5 finishes, but it's too tough with the rack and break, and I can't beat players who practice 10 hours day, and I play only about twice a year. My goal now is to win the one pocket event at Derby. If I can do that, I'd be the only America alive to win all three divisions there.

Off the table, I want to be healthy, support my family - take care of my family here at home and my Mom.

Q: And go ahead and tell us: how did you get so good at one pocket?

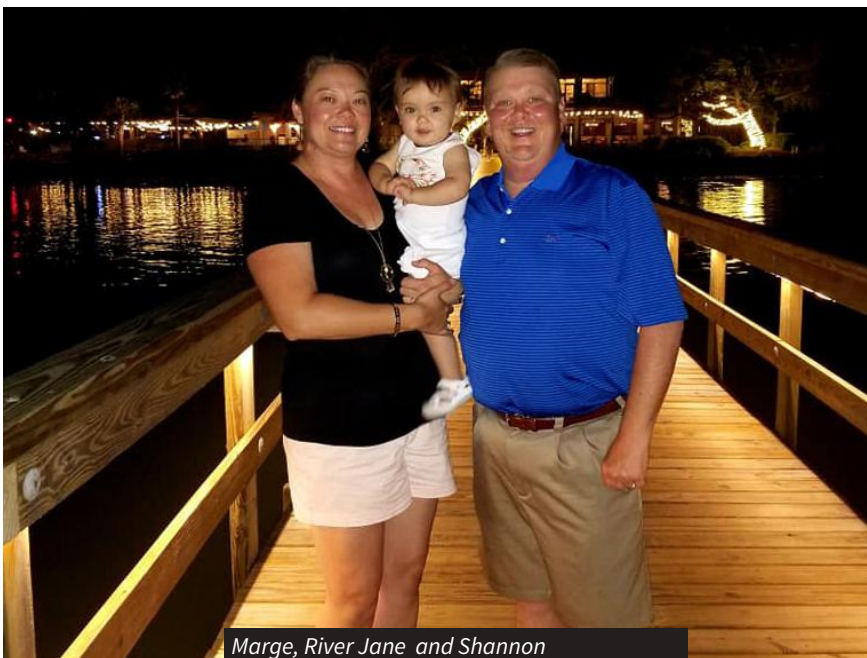
My Dad is a big reason, obviously, but I played with him just as much as anyone. I was just very intrigued about the intricacies of the game at a very young age; I started to play one pocket when I was 8 or 9 years old and just had a knack for it. Many pros who didn't like the game have now finally crossed over to playing it (realizing also it's the biggest game in the country for gambling). But one pocket is all about creativity, execution, like a chess game of pool. And you have to be able to outsmart your opponent [Shannon smiles] - I had a knack for that. I could bank out of a situation or outsmart my opponent and I was very good at it.

Q: Who has been a big influence in your pool game?

My Dad.

Q: Who has been a big influence in your life?

My Mom and Dad.



Marge, River Jane and Shannon



Q: What has been your most coveted title or accomplishment?

Probably my first big win - beating Steve Mizerak at 19 years old. Also, winning the all-around in 2001 at Derby; I felt that was a huge accomplishment. And finally, being on three (3) WINNING Mosconi Cup Teams.

Q: What is your most memorable match?

I have several of those, and of course some I didn't win, but were hard to forget. I could tell you *unbelievable* stories, some are heartbreakers. But I can think of a few right now. Of course the hill-hill finals match with Steve Mizerak. And when I won my first true professional 9 ball tournament was memorable - I beat Nick Varner in the finals hill-hill in that tournament as well. One heartbreaker was losing in the finals to Efen Reyes at the World Classic tournament in Galveston. We were playing one pocket and I lost due to a ball that rolled off. Video shows that clearly.... and I only had 3 balls left! Oh, and that time I beat Dave Matlock (double dipped him in the

finals) of the bar table tournament when I was 19. At that time, no one had ever done that (he was the best bar table player in the country).

Also, the last time the US Open 9 Ball Championships was on ESPN I played Efen Reyes on the winner's side and it was 10-10. I break dry and he runs out. I immediately go to loser's side and play Earl Strickland. And *it* goes 10-10. Then he breaks and runs out. Ugh! One away from being on ESPN.

I'm just scratching the surface here of memorable matches....

Q: That's quite a list right there! You only play pool once or twice a year now, yet you still placed third this year at Derby in One Pocket and first place in Banks 3 years ago. What do you think attributes to that since you aren't practicing or playing?

It all comes to down to good fundamentals, heart, and pure determination. And a lot of God's natural talent.

Q: Nine months after winning the Legends One Pocket tourney in 1991 you snapped off a major bar table

tournament and then ten years later in 2001 you won the Derby City Classic all-around. So, that begs the question: What is your favorite game?

Wow, that's tough. I would have to say if someone told me I had to narrow it down to one it would be... well, wait... I love bank pool because it's so skillful. I used to love 9 ball, but since they tweaked the break, not so much. But if I had to pick one game to play the rest of my life, it would have to be one pocket.

Q: You've mentioned this racking *thing* a few times. What do you mean?

I haven't been competitive in 8-10 years, but the game has become a big racking contest. The last ten years, pattern racking, corner ball going straight in, position off the break, I'm not used to that. Why go through all that and if you do succeed, you still can't make living? You might support one person, but not a family. Not five players are doing that.

Q: Gotcha. So, share with us how you met Marge.

It will be 15 years next March that I first met her in Greenville, SC. I came to town to play pool and golf. After playing golf all day, I met her through a mutual friend after dinner that night. Then I moved to Greenville, SC and been here ever since. We make a really great team!

Q: Marge has two sons from a previous relationship?

Yes. One is 21 and in his second year in the Army. The other is 16, a junior in high school, and just got his driver's license. I raised them like my own and I am very proud of them!

Q: Tell us about that cutie, River Jane! What an exciting time!

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She is the biggest blessing in our life, and her brothers adore her, too. As I do this interview, she is trying to take dirt out of a flower plot! She'll be 18 months in September; she sure makes me want to be at home more.

Q: How does it feel to be a Dad? Did you always know you wanted to be a Dad?

Unbelievable. My proudest accomplishment. And yes, always wanted to be a Dad. Everybody wants someone to carry on their legacy, grow old with, and watch them grow up.

Q: Will you introduce her to Pool?

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I’m going to introduce her to *everything*. Whatever she decides she wants to do, I’m going to let her do; I’m going to let her pick it as a profession.

Q: But you don’t want her to play pool for a living, right?

I had that pipe dream my whole life – thinking we could make a living – but I haven’t seen it. I’ve had a long career in pool, and just still don’t see it. So, no, I wouldn’t want her to choose pool. But I want to get in position to help her excel in whatever she wants to do, and I will stand behind her.

Q: What’s your favorite quote or words you live by?

I live by the philosophy that if you treat people good, they should treat you good. Kind of like, do unto others as they do unto you. Be good to people, be honest, protect my reputation. I’m proud of where I come from, proud of my name that I’ve kept solid in the pool world - and that’s not easy to do in 4 generations. I’m also proud of the tour and my accomplishments.

Q: You have a very large fan base and following. Tell us about them.

The fans are the back bone and a huge part of my success! Without the fans, I’d have no reason to play. And I love running into them! Some have been following me and cheering for me since I was 18-19 years old, so it’s a treat to run into them still after all these years.

Q: And that is quite evident at Derby.

Yes, because I grew up in Kentucky, it’s like playing in front of a hometown crowd every time! Everyone is rooting for me and wants me to win. Oh, and when I played John Brumback in the bank pool finals three years ago at Derby, the crowd was amazing! John is from the area too and so it was a great atmosphere - the crowd was electric and cheering for us both!

Q: How do you see yourself in pool in the future?

I think I’ve left a hella mark on the game. But I’ve played under such pressure my entire life. Playing for food to eat, lodging, car payments, my electric bill... and I’d like to get to a point where I can just have fun and play. I can’t do that just running the tour, and I’ll always be involved in pool, but I’d like to have a solid enough bank account to just have fun and play, and not have that pressure to pay for my electric bill. So, I’m not going anywhere. :)

Melinda “ak-trigger” Bailey has been in the pool scene as a player and ambassador for pool for over 25 years.



Additionally, she was a Tournament Director for two large tours in Texas for over 15 years. She is a loyal blogger (<http://pooljourney.blogspot.com/>) and holds numerous BCA/ACS Texas State and National titles (singles, doubles, and teams).

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"Duchess of Doom"

goes undefeated to win 3rd Annual NAPT Summer 10-Ball Classic

Allison Fisher went undefeated through a field of 52 entrants to win the 3rd Annual North American Pool Tour's Summer 10-Ball Classic on the long weekend of August 16-19.

And for the second year in a row, the winner of this tournament had to go through relative newcomer, Molly Bontrager. Bontrager battled for the hot seat against Karen Corr last year, then, was defeated in the semifinals by Eleanor Callado. This year, she finished as runner-up to Fisher, whom she faced twice, in the hot seat and finals. The 3rd Annual \$5,000-added event drew its 52 entrants to Shooter's Sports Bar & Billiards in Grayslake, IL.

Though the annual event's defending champion, Corr, was not in attendance, the event's debut champion, April Larson, did compete. When Larson won in 2016 (at the age of 16), it was her first professional win, which

had followed on the heels of five straight victories at the BEF Junior Nationals; three in the 14-and-under Girls Division and two in the 18-and-under Girls Division. She was so excited to have actually won the event, that while she collected the trophy, she forgot to collect the \$3,400 check that went with it (later hand-delivered by NAPT President Adrienne Beach). In this year's event, Larson was moved to the loss side in a tightly-contested, double hill match against Teruko Cucelelli, and after winning five on the loss side, was eliminated by Canada's Brittany Bryant.

In something of a prescient move, CueSportsLive's first two streamed matches featured the eventual winner

(Fisher) and runner-up (Bontrager). Bontrager played first at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 16 and made something of an opening statement by shutting out Darlene Dantes. She went on to defeat Laura Semko (double hill), Farla Salmanovitch 7-3, and Taylor Hansen (double hill) to draw JPNEWT veteran Jia Li in one of the winners' side semifinals.

Fisher, in the meantime, who stepped up to the streaming table at noon on Friday, downed Rae Noregard 7-1, and then defeated Autumn Duncan 7-3, shut out Krista Walsh, and then survived a double hill fight against last year's runner-up Eleanor Callado, to draw Helena Thornfeldt in the other winners' side semifinal.



Fisher and Thornfeldt locked up in something of a predictable double hill fight to determine advancement to the hot seat match. Fisher won it. Bontrager joined her with a 7-3 win over Li. Fisher claimed the hot seat 7-3 over Bontrager and waited on her return.

On the loss side, Thornfeldt picked up Bryant, who was in the midst of a four-match, loss-side winning streak that included a 7-5 win over Kaylin Wikoff and the aforementioned double hill win over Larson. Jia Li drew Mary Rakin, who, following her defeat at the hands of Thornfeldt, had defeated Cuculelli 7-2 and survived a double hill fight against Callado.

Rakin eliminated Li 7-2 and in the quarterfinals faced Thornfeldt, who'd defeated Bryant 7-4. Rakin chalked up a commanding victory, 7-1, over Thornfeldt in those quarterfinals, only to run into an obviously determined Molly Bontrager in the semifinals.

Though Rakin would score 5, Bontrager scored the requisite 7 to earn her re-match against Fisher.

Last year, Bontrager admitted to being in awe of the woman she faced in the hot seat (Corr), whom she'd been watching play since she (Bontrager) was in her 20s. In much the same situation, Bontrager was going into a match against someone she'd been aware of before she'd begun her still-new pool career. But this time, Bontrager was a little more seasoned than she'd been the year before. She had mentioned in an interview for Billiards Digest that she expected her 'newbie attitude' to have worn off by the time she arrived to compete this year. And it did, to a certain extent.

'I talked to Allison on and off a couple of times before we played,' she said. 'I tried to get to know her a little to break the ice, which makes it a lot easier when you're playing a match.'

"She's a really fun, bubbly person," she added, "the complete opposite of her demeanor at the table."

While the seasoning that the year provided served her well in this tournament and brought her a step closer to winning the event, she was still somewhat plagued by a lack of practice on 9-ft tables (something she hopes to correct in the year to come) and just a lingering touch of the awe she experienced last year.

'I was pleased with the tournament overall,' she said, 'and pleased with the results. As far as critiquing myself, I did OK, but not what I'm capable of.'

She needed to win two against Fisher in the double elimination final format of the event, but Fisher completed her undefeated run in the opening set. She duplicated her score in the hot seat against Bontrager (7-3) and captured the title.

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Van Boening

Takes Another Turning Stone Title

The Turning Stone Classic events always feature a number of interesting storylines, and the 30th running of this event, held on August 23rd - 26th at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY, was no different.

The largest of those storylines involved two returning champions battling for another title, and a tournament regular possibly turning a page in his career.

Turning Stone fields are always full of top Joss NE 9-Ball Tour talent doing battle with the top pros, who are attracted by the \$25,000 in added prize money. With that dynamic, fans are

usually treated to one or two upsets in the early rounds of an event. That wasn't the case this time though. Day one went by with no major upsets and day two looked to be more of the same



A focused Shane Van Boening was unbeatable



Finals: Johnny Archer vs Shane Van Boening

until late into the evening session. The first major upset was Minnesota's Demitrios Jelatis' 9-4 win over Turning Stone I winner Mika Immonen. Immediately following that, it was Joss Tour regular Dave Dreidel (who didn't even have a spot in the tournament until the player's meeting) defeating returning Champion Billy Thorpe 9-8. This tournament was definitely not what Thorpe had planned for his attempt to defend his title. After the loss to Dreidel, Thorpe was sent home by Brandon Shuff 9-5.

As the winner's side narrowed down, the final eight contained the usual selection of local and top pro talent. Bucky Souvanthong scored a notable 9-7 win over Earl Strickland on Saturday, but then fell to Johnny Archer by the same 9-7 score in the following round. At the same time, Finland's Olli Turkulainen scored a hill-hill win over Jayson Shaw on the right side of the board, but then dropped a 9-4 decision to Shane Van Boening.



A rejuvenated Johnny Archer came up short in the end



Semi-Finals: Johnny Archer vs Hunter Lombardo

Turkulainen was one of three Finnish players in the event this time, as he was joined by Petri Makkonen and Immonen. Makkonen was looking strong early, but dropped a 9-4 match to Archer in the third round and was then eliminated by Frankie Hernandez on the left side one round later. Turkulainen managed two wins on the left side of the board after the loss to Van Boening, eliminating Kevin West and Zion Zvi, before falling to Hunter Lombardo in 5th place.

Lombardo has been playing in Turning Stone events for well over 10 years. Lombardo's top Turning Stone cash was a 5th place finish at Turning Stone XVI back in 2010, but he looked like a different player this time. Lombardo has always been a workhorse and can usually be found on a vacant table practicing until he is evicted from the arena after play is done for the night. This time though, Lombardo had a much more focused and confident game. He credits that focus to a



4th Place Erik Hjørleifson

long “heart to heart” conversation he had with himself, where he asked himself just how bad he really wanted his career as a pro player. Apparently, he decided that he wants it pretty badly. After a 9-7 win over Pat Fleming - Yes, that Pat Fleming - Lombardo dominated Jelatis for a 9-1 win and then came up one rack short in a 9-8 battle with Archer. Lombardo wasn't done though, as he eliminated Makkonen and Canadian Champion Erik Hjoerleifson to earn another shot at Archer in the semi-finals.

Archer, a six time winner of this event, was another player who turned in a surprising run at this event. After his second place finish at Turning Stone XX, Archer hadn't scored a higher finish than 7th place, but his win over Lombardo guaranteed him at least a third place finish before facing Van Boening for the hot-seat. Van Boening had been quietly plowing through the field all week. His second round match with Matt Krah was his closest win at 9-7, but the rest of the wins were his usual dominating performances.



Hunter Lombardo earned his best career Turning Stone finish.

“VAN BOENING WAS ABLE TO RELAX IN THE HOT-SEAT, WAITING FOR ARCHER AND LOMBARDO TO FINISH THEIR SEMI-FINAL MATCH, AND HE DIDN'T LOOK TO HAVE SKIPPED A BEAT AS THE FINAL MATCH AGAINST ARCHER GOT UNDERWAY.”



Finland's Olli Turkulainen

Van Boening was able to relax in the hot-seat, waiting for Archer and Lombardo to finish their semi-final match, and he didn't look to have skipped a beat as the final match against Archer got underway. Archer drew first blood but then was sent to his chair to sit and watch Van Boening win six straight racks. Archer didn't earn all of his accolades by rolling over for opponents and he put up a fight, but it was for naught as Van Boening pushed ahead and took the hill at 12-5. Archer's two racks for a 12-7 scoreline were the last resistance that he could muster as Van Boening took the match 13-7 for his fourth Turning Stone title.

With this win combined with his back to back US Open 8-Ball and 10-Ball wins last month, Van Boening looks to be in his usual prime form for October's International 9-Ball Open taking place in lieu of the now Matchroom Sport US Open 9-Ball.

APA World Championships Enjoy Record Participation

Attendance at World's Largest Pool Tournament Continues to Soar

Back in August 2010, the APA National Team Championships set a Guinness World Record for the "World's Largest Pool Tournament." It might be time to get the folks from Guinness on the phone again.

This year's event, rebranded two years ago as the APA World Pool Championships to better reflect the global field, set a new record for participation with a whopping 2,361 teams, nearly 400 more than last year. The championships were APA's second major Vegas event following the Poolplayer Championships in April.

The more than 15,000 folks in attendance were treated to far more than they anticipated when they won their free trip to the championships during the World Qualifiers.



APA World 8-Ball Champions
Sharktank of Owen Sound, Ont.



APA World 9-Ball Champions
Anignons of Osaka, Japan

In addition to nearly round-the-clock tournament action for 10 straight days, APA members had the chance to rub elbows with the likes of "The Black Widow" Jeanette Lee, Internet Trick Shot Sensation Florian "Venom" Kohler and billiard Hall of Famer "Dr. Cue" Tom Rossman. Other pro players spotted at the APA World Championships included Francisco Bustamante, Ewa Laurance, Corey Deuel, Vivian Villarreal and Mike Massey, just to name a few.

Competitors capped off the experience of a lifetime with APA's always epic poolside bash at the Westgate pool overlooking the Vegas strip.

Throw in more than \$1.2 Million in cash and it all added up to a party unlike any other.



**Jack & Jill 8-Ball Champions
Stumble Inn J&J of Godly, IL**

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In the 713-team 8-Ball World Championship, Sharktank of Owen Sound, Ont., defeated Biggelbach's of Portland, Ore., in a nail-biter to take home \$25,000 in cash and the championship title. As Runners-Up, Biggelbach's received \$15,000 in prize money.

Teams in the 8-Ball Championship squared-off in a modified single-elimination format that ensured each team played at least twice before elimination. All 8-Ball Division teams automatically received \$350 in national qualifier money, and the top 8 teams won at least \$5,000. The 8-Ball Division began play on Aug. 13 and concluded on Aug. 18.

In the 500-team 9-Ball World Championship, it was Anigons of Osaka,

Japan, defeating Racks on the Rocks of Peoria, Ill., in the finals. Anigons became the first team from Japan to secure a title at the APA World Championships since they began sending representatives in 2007. Anigons took home \$15,000 in 1st Place prize money. As Runners-Up, Racks on the Rocks received \$7,000 in cash.

The 9-Ball Championship was held Aug. 9-13, with each team competing in a modified single-elimination format that ensured each team played at least twice before elimination. All national qualifiers received a minimum of \$350, with the top 8 teams winning at least \$2,000.

After winning their divisions in weekly APA 8-Ball and 9-Ball League play and then placing in World Qualifiers throughout the United States, Canada and Japan, teams consisting of five to eight players, qualified to compete in the 2018 APA World Championships.

In the inaugural Team Captains Championship that included 380 teams, Q-Bert 222 of San Diego, Calif., defeated the Mizfits of Snohomish, Wash., to take home \$10,000 in prize money.



**Ladies 8-Ball Champions
Chicks Ahoy of Newport News, VA**

As Runners-up, the Mizfits took home \$5,000.

The finals of the Masters Championship featured Hugh & the Hustlers of Wallingford, Conn., defeating Not MMMMMMKay of Houston, Texas. Hugh & the Hustlers took home \$10,000 in 1st Place prize money, while Not MMMMMMKay received \$5,000 as Runner-Up in the 256-team event.

In the finals of the 256-team Ladies 8-Ball Championship, it was Chicks Ahoy of Newport News, Va., defeating Manny’s Angels of Edison, N.J., to win \$10,000 in 1st Place prize money. As Runners-Up, Manny’s Angels received \$5,000 in cash.

In the Jack & Jill Doubles Championship, which also included 256 teams, it was Stumble Inn J&J of Godly, Ill., winning \$3,500 in the finals with a victory over Last Minute of Fall River, Mass. Last Minute received \$2,300 as Runner-Up.

Championship match coverage was provided free online courtesy of www.PoolDawg.com.



Masters Champions
Hugh & the Hustlers of Wallingford, CT

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In addition, the APA conducted nearly round-the-clock MiniMania tournaments, which took place daily and were open to all APA members. The MiniMania tournaments offered multiple formats with 100% prize money payback that awarded nearly \$260,000.

The APA, based in Lake Saint Louis, Mo., sanctions the world’s largest amateur pool league, with leagues throughout the United States, Canada and Japan. Nearly 250,000 members compete in weekly 8-Ball and 9-Ball League play. The APA is generally recognized as the Governing Body of Amateur Pool, having established the official rules, championships, formats and handicap systems for the sport of amateur billiards.

The APA produces four major tournaments each year—the APA World Pool Championships, the APA Poolplayer Championships, the APA Junior Championships and the U.S. Amateur Championship—that, together, pay out nearly \$2 Million in cash and prizes annually!

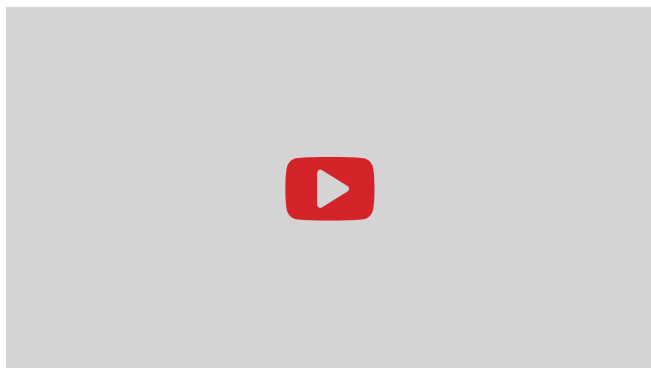
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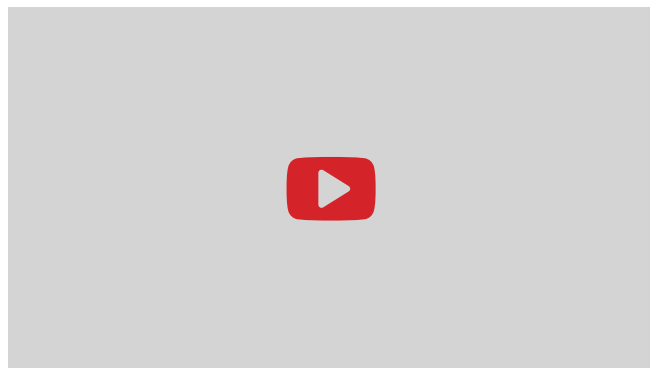
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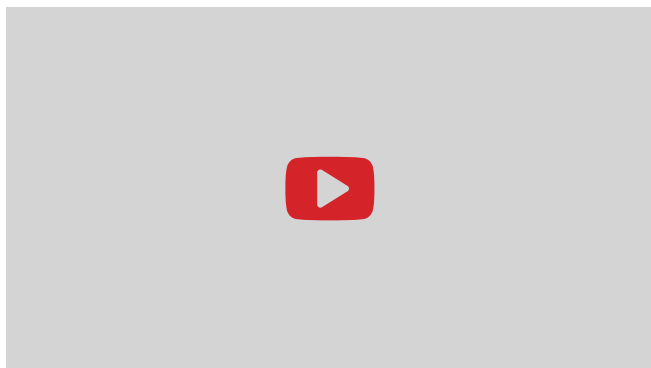
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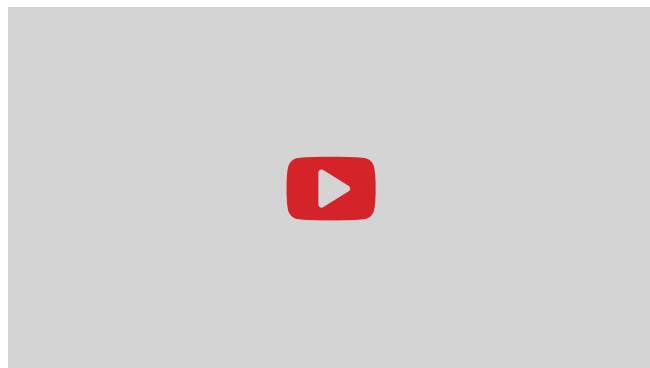
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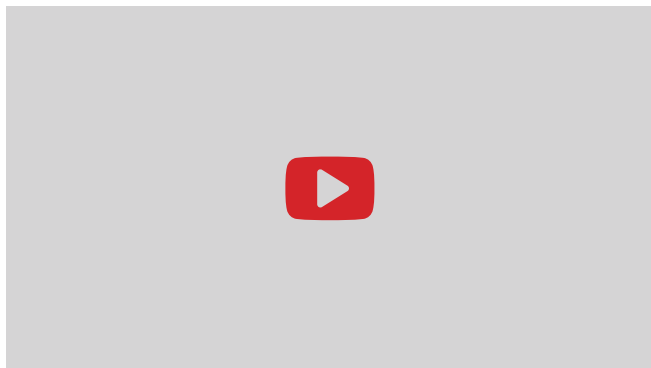
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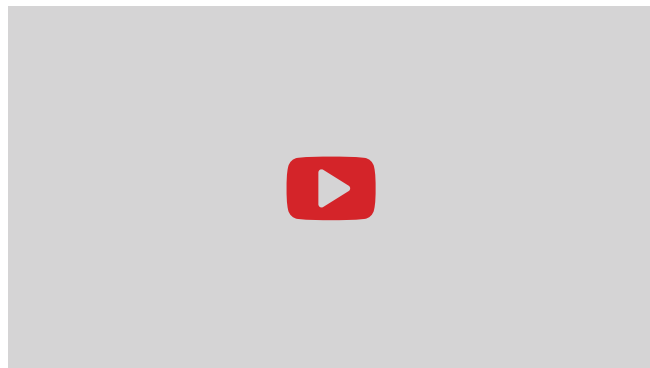
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Stumble Inn J&J vs Last Minute*

HE AND OUSCHAN

Win in the Netherlands

The Dynamic Billiard Veldhoven Open, held August 2nd - 4th at Veldhoven in the Netherlands, featured dual Austrian Winners. Mario He and Jasmin Ouschan emerged from talent packed fields in the Open and Ladies event for the wins.

In the Men's event, things couldn't have started much worse for He after dropping his opening match to Sweden's Dimitri Jungo 9-1. He bounced back after that first round loss though and advanced through the one loss side relatively untested with notable wins over the Netherlands' Tim De Ruyter 9-2 and Poland's Wojciech Sroczynski 9-5.

Things got a bit tougher for He in the single elimination final 32 player stage of the event where he defeated Russian Fedor Gorst 9-6, Spain's Iker-Andoni Echeverria hill-hill and then Gorst's countryman Konstantin Stepanov 9-7 to get to the final four.

He's two remaining matches couldn't have been any more different as He



crushed the Netherlands' Niels Feijen 9-1 in a match that saw He ahead 6-0 before Feijen could win a rack. The final match though, was the definition of a "back and forth" affair with the score tied eight times and neither player able to hold a lead of more than one rack. He got to the hill first at 8-7 after Kaci uncharacteristically missed a makeable 2-ball, but Kaci quickly tied the score again at 8-8. With He breaking at hill-hill, he made a ball and got past the toughest shot of the rack (the 1-ball) and proceeded to run the rack for the 9-8 win.

It has been said that the hardest racks to win are the first and the last, but in the Ladies finals between Ouschan

and Poland's Oliwia Czuprynska, it was the sixth rack of the match that appeared to be the decider. Ouschan came into the finals after defeating Tamara Peeters-Rademakers from the Netherlands 7-3, and Czuprynska coming back to defeat Portugal's Sara Rocha 7-5 in a match that she trailed 5-4. With Ouschan ahead 3-2 in the sixth rack of the finals, she missed a long 9-ball that gave Czuprynska a chance to tie things at 3-3. Czuprynska would fail to pocket the ball however, and Ouschan was more than happy to take advantage of the second chance and won the rack for the 4-2



lead. The miss by Czuprynska looked to haunt her for the rest of the match, as she dropped the next two racks to trail 6-2 in the race to seven. Czuprynska won the ninth rack to get back to 6-3, but Ouschan then ended things with a win in the tenth rack for the 7-3 win.

The Open division will be back in action September 20th - 23rd for the Leende Open in the Netherlands, and the ladies will be in action that same weekend at the Baccara Billiard Academy in Braga Portugal.

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Chris Melling

Wins the 8-Ball Classic Championship

Chris Melling continues to have one of his best seasons since returning to pocket billiards from snooker four years ago.

The stocky Englishman jumped out to a huge lead against Jayson Shaw then nearly gave the match away before rallying late to defeat friend and occasional roommate in the finals of the World Pool Series 8-Ball Classic Championship Friday evening at the IDM Club in Bucharest, Romania.

It was the second significant victory for Melling in 2018, having won the 9-ball competition of the Derby City Classic earlier in the year. He was also the runner-up in the ICEA Chinese Pool World Championships and finished third at the WPS Aramith 9-Ball Players Championship earlier in the year.

"I feel like I deserved it. I felt like I took most of my chances," Melling said after the match.

The early stages of the title session were almost a mirror image to Melling's semifinal match earlier in the day against Ioan Ladanyi, as he used a pair of dry breaks from Shaw coupled with three breaks-and-runs to build a 5-1 lead. He committed his first unforced error in the eighth game, misplaying position on the 15-ball and ultimately missing the shot. After Shaw cleared the table to cut the deficit to 6-2, Melling used two unforced errors and a dry break from Shaw and added in a break-and-run to win four consecutive racks and surge ahead, 10-2

However, Shaw would not go quietly into the Romanian night

He cleared the table after Melling missed the 9-ball in the 13th game, broke-and-ran and capitalized on two missed shots and a dry break by Melling to cut the lead to 10-6 heading into a 15-minute intermission. Shaw continued applying pressure after the break, taking advantage of a misplayed safety and another missed shot by Melling while mixing in another break-and-run to cut the lead to 12-10. Shaw pulled within one game when he ran out after Melling failed to pocket a ball on the break in the 23rd game

"Jayson just showed how much character he has. The will to win from being 10-2 down against me," Melling said. *"Without blowing my own trumpet, there's no one in the world who can get close to me when I'm 10-2 in front and he just showed how good he is."*

That's as close as Shaw would get. Melling ran out

Chris Melling



“WITHOUT BLOWING MY OWN TRUMPET, THERE'S NO ONE IN THE WORLD WHO CAN GET CLOSE TO ME WHEN I'M 10-2 IN FRONT AND HE JUST SHOWED HOW GOOD HE IS. – Chris Melling”

the 24th and 26th games after Shaw broke dry on both occasions. He added a break-and-run of his own in the 25th rack to push the lead to 16-11. Shaw finally landed a ball on the break and ran out in the 28th game, but it was too little too late as Melling did the same to close out the match in the subsequent game.

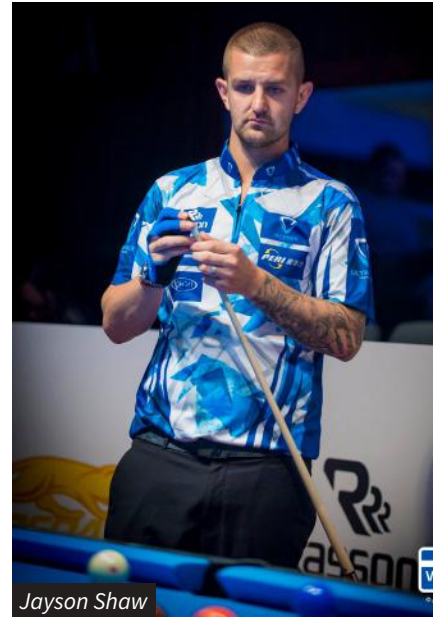
Shaw struggled with the break throughout the championship, failing to pocket a ball seven times in 14 opportunities. The Scotsman said after the match he didn't feel that all of the balls were frozen to each other on some racks, adding that rules prohibited requesting a re-rack regardless.

“I'm not disappointed in losing. I'm disappointed in not getting the balls touching,” Shaw said.

“He was very unlucky with his breaks. The dry breaks cost him the match. That's the in and the out of it really. Anyone who plays pool knows that.” Melling said.

The 8-Ball Classic Championship is the third event of the four-tournament 2018 World Pool Series. This event will be held at the IDM Club in Bucharest, Romania from August 7th to 10th 2018. The World Pool Series is sponsored by Rasson, Aramith, Predator, Iwan Simonis, Tiger, and Kamui. Our suppliers and partners are Billiards Digest, CueScore, Outsville, and the WPA.

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Ruijsink Narrows Team Usa Down To Eight

Team USA captain Johan Ruijsink has announced the eight players who will continue to the next stage of training camp as America works towards reclaiming the partypoker Mosconi Cup from Europe at Alexandra Palace, London this December 4-7.

An initial squad of 16 was selected by Ruijsink, and they were later joined by Shane Van Boening after the five-time US Open champion reversed his decision not to take part following discussions with Ruijsink.

Ruijsink, alongside vice-captain Jeremy Jones, has now whittled his team down to an eight-man squad who will continue with training camps. They are:

Shane van Boening
Billy Thorpe

Skylar Woodward
Oscar Dominguez

Dennis Hatch (Editors note: Following this announcement, Hatch withdrew from consideration from the event)

Tyler Styer
Mitch Ellerman
Shane McMinn

The final five to contest the 25th annual partypoker Mosconi Cup will be selected later in the year.

Ruijsink said: "All players start on zero again and will fight in the next couple of months to get to the last five play-

ers. Every player has his strengths and weaknesses and we hope that they will give us a hard time making a choice – we think they will. Every player knows what is needed and is willing to work hard to get there. This is a great group of players.

"Of course it was also hard to not select the other players, because they all had reasons to get in and worked hard. I would certainly like them to push hard to show that we were wrong. If something very strong happens to one of them, we will not hesitate to call upon him again later

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– after all, although personal drama is unavoidable in a selection process like this, the main target is to win the Mosconi Cup. Nothing more, nothing less.

“We had a couple of conversations with Shane after not including him in the initial group. We found out that we had a lot of miscommunication and he told us that he was willing to commit to the program. So we corrected that by inviting him into the second training camp. He obviously is an asset to the team.

“Billy is playing a lot of international events this year and is a prospect for any selection. Young, driven and a winner by heart.

“Skyler didn’t perform to his potential last year and he is determined to put things straight. We talked about a couple of things and we think we have a better formula for his preparation and for his performance. Of course, he is a great talent.

“Dennis, with his big heart and sweet stroke, played very well last year but had a couple of silly mistakes. Again we will work hard to overcome these small dips and make sure he is fully focussed on every shot.

“Oscar is one year further on and learning all the time, so he is again a better player this year. He is great team player and we will find a way to make him show his best performance on the way to the Mosconi Cup.

“The new players are forcing the seasoned players to play their best. Mitch Ellerman is very solid and an eager player. He has no fear to win and impressed me with his game during the US Open. He is a dream to work with and absolutely wants to get the maximum out of his game.

“Shane McMinn impressed me a lot at the tournaments in Big Dog’s, Iowa. He is a big talent, pots balls easily, a threat for the current top players and willing to work hard.

“Tyler Styer is probably one of the best technicians in the States; deliberate set up and execution, and lots of control, young gun and didn’t play internationally yet.”

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USA Announces 2018 Atlantic Challenge Cup Team Captain

The Billiard Congress of America today announced its team's captain to face the Europeans during this year's staging of the Atlantic Challenge Cup taking place November 29 - December 1, 2018 in Las Vegas.

"We are delighted to appoint Allison Fisher to lead Team USA as its captain for the 2018 Atlantic Challenge Cup," said BCA CEO Rob Johnson. "Allison's accomplishments as a player speak for themselves and now she is not only committed to competing at the highest level, but also working with our next generation of players. She has been on our radar for some time and the stars aligned for her to be able to lead our team in 2018. We are also excited to announce Allison will be supported by former ACC Team Captain and BEF Junior Nationals Tournament Director Earl Munson and former Mosconi Cup Team USA Captain and current head coach of Lindenwood University's billiards program, Mark Wilson. Team USA is fortunate to have these three individuals donate their time and energy to supporting our junior players."

A 2009 Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame inductee, Fisher won 80 Snooker titles, including 11 world championships (four of those in doubles competition). She moved to the U.S. in September 1995 to try her hand on the WPBA Classic Tour, and promptly won two 9-ball titles in three months and finished 3rd in her first World 9 ball Championship. Fisher won an astounding 80 Classic Tour and WPA titles in the next two decades. She also won the WPA World 9-Ball Championship in 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2002. During Fisher's reign, she earned POY honors from

both Billiards Digest and Pool & Billiard Magazine 11 times in 12 years. In 2009 she won a World Games Gold medal.



"I am very honored to be chosen to lead Team USA," said Fisher. "Preparing our junior players for such a prestigious event is very exciting. With Earl and Mark assisting me, I look forward to working with the team to prepare them for what to expect and how to handle the pressures of this format. We will work with them in advance of the event and during the matches to help them play to the best of their abilities. We have a very formidable opponent, so we know we have our work cut out for us."

Fisher has also chosen Munson and Wilson to support her efforts to prepare Team USA. Munson has nearly two decades of experience working with US junior players, including serving as captain for the first two Atlantic Challenge Cup events. Munson also brings more than a decade of experience working with juniors as the USA BEF Junior National tournament director and five-time USA team leader



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for WPA World Junior Championship events.

Wilson, has been a billiards instructor and coach for more than 40 years and as a professional player, has been ranked in the top 25 in the world. He is currently the head coach for Lindenwood University, one of the country's premier collegiate billiard programs. He is also a former Team USA Mosconi Cup captain.

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Canada welcomes NAPT's Coupe du Quebec, Women's Division I, Nov 1-4, 2018

The North American Pool Tour (NAPT) is living up to its name with their next Women's Division I Tournament, Coupe du Quebec at Dooly's, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 1-4, 2018.

With a \$21,000 prize fund (based on a full field), this double elimination tournament attracts some of the most talented women players from all over the United States and Canada. The field is limited to 64 players and consists of professionally ranked players who have received personal invitations, and players who have earned invitations through their local, Division II Tour qualifier tournaments.

Dooly's St-Jean-sur-Richelieu is a young, handsome, bright and refined venue offering entertainment at its best with 21, 9ft billiard tables, golf simulators, dart boards, video lottery machines and VIP lounges. Visit their website at <https://doolysquebec.com/st-jean-sur-ricHELIEU/?d=st-jean-sur-ricHELIEU>

As tradition, tournament players will again participate in a pro-am charity event on Thursday evening. This is a modified single elimination, blind draw, scotch doubles with teams made up of one Division I player and one local, amateur player. Donation of \$20 is required to get partnered with a Division I player. Dooly's will choose the charity that will benefit from the funds collected.

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USA Announces 2018 Team USA for 4th Annual Atlantic Challenge Cup

The 2018 team includes reigning 2018 Junior National 9-Ball Champions Kaiden Hunkins (U16), Joey Tate (U14), and Michelle Jiang (U18). These three champions will be joined by a pair of Atlantic Challenge Cup veterans in Shane Wolford and April Larson, along with longtime junior standout Justin Martin.

"To be selected as a member of Team USA is a great honor," said ACC Team USA Captain Allison Fisher. "This team was chosen for their abilities to compete at this level, as they are all champions, and because they have demonstrated a genuine respect and passion for the game. They understand what a great opportunity it is to compete in the Atlantic Challenge Cup as a member of Team USA. We look forward to combining their talents to form a great team to compete against Team Europe."

Members of 2018 Team U.S.A.

Kaiden Hunkins, age 16 (Waukesha, WI)
Michelle Jiang, age 18 (Harvard, MA)
April Larson, age 18 (Bloomington, MN)
Justin Martin, age 19 (Wilmington, NC)
Joey Tate, age 13 (Raleigh, NC)
Shane Wolford, age 18 (Troutville, VA)

"The Team USA Selection Committee had the difficult process of selecting six players out of more than 100 nominations," said BCA CEO Rob Johnson. "While not an easy selection process, the selection committee did their due diligence and has chosen a great team to compete against Team Europe. We are excited with how quickly this has become such a prestigious event."

Stay tuned to AtlanticChallengeCup.com for continuous updates on the 2018 event.

Europe Announces 2018 Atlantic Challenge Cup Team Captain

The European Pocket Billiard Federation today announced they will be sticking with a tried and tested method by selecting their youth sports director Tomas Brikmanis, to lead Team Europe during the 2018 Atlantic Challenge Cup in Las Vegas, November 29 - December 1, 2018.

"Europe has won the first three Atlantic Challenge Cup annual competitions and Tomas Brikmanis has been with the team for the last two," said EPBF President Gre Leenders. "He brings invaluable experience to the team as we head to the Las Vegas for the 2018 event."

Partnered in 2017 with Europe's top gun, Austria's Albin Ouschan, Brikmanis also captained the team on his own in 2016. The team's early victory that year allowed them to make a trip to downtown Chicago for sightseeing and shopping. Asked whether he'll be thinking about shopping this year in Vegas he replied, "That was crazy in Chicago, but a lot of fun, too. We had a great team and they deserved a celebration in Chicago. What we have here in Europe is special, with a pond full of ripe talent, and a qualifying system that allows only the very best to be selected. Youth European champion in 10-ball or straight-pool is no guarantee you get on the team," Brikmanis said with a smile.

Starting November 29th, this year Brikmanis will be up against the legendary Allison Fisher who was recently named as the USA Atlantic Challenge Cup team captain. Helping Alison is the ever-present Earl Munson and former USA Mosconi Cup team captain Mark Wilson.

Asked whether the task ahead looked daunting considering the three heads on the USA team, Brikmanis replied,

"Of course I have a lot of respect for all of them, but I faced five heads in Chicago, Allison included. I'm sure that result still hurts and she'll be up for reversing it. I am really looking forward to taking my team to Las Vegas and I know they will be ready. So, we are going for that trophy and the shopping can wait," Brikmanis replied with a laugh.

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a Mosconi Cup style event. Six players on each team, four boys and two girls, battle it out on an annual basis to see who has bragging rights across the Atlantic. The event is the result of a joint venture between the Billiard Congress of America and the European Pocket Billiard Federation.

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THE BUZZ SPOTLIGHT

AZB Staff

Before Turning Stone Casino wooed the Joss Tour Finale to their resort and it became the Turning Stone Classic, the Tour Finale was held in the same rooms where the tour still has events. At the 2004 event, by our reckoning the finale one before Turning Stone began we had Dianna Hoppe at the event. Please enjoy these photos from 15 years ago and the article that went with the photos.

The 2004 Joss NE 9-Ball Tour Finale is underway at Spot Shot Billiards in Portland Maine with 71 players facing off for the \$25,000 in added prize money.

What the tournament may lack in numbers, it more than makes up for in quality players. Top 9-ball talent including Rodney Morris, Alex Pagulayan, Earl Strickland, Keith McCready, Karen Corr, Danny Basavich,



Figure 2: Rodney Morris

Mike Davis, Danny Hewitt and Charlie Bryant are in attendance at the event.

Two rounds of winners side action are complete with a handful of stars already on the left side of the board. Danny Hewitt dropped his first match to Frankie Hernandez and then Hernandez fell to Dave Hall in round two.



Figure 1: Spot Shot Billiards



Figure 3: Mike Davis lost to Earl in the first round



Figure 4: TD Mike Zuglan with Karen and Earl

Mike Davis had the misfortune of drawing Earl Strickland in the second round and lost 9-7. Julie Kelly lost to Marty Carey in the second round too. Another second round loss was taken by Ryan McCreesh who dropped a 9-7 match to Luc Salvias.

The buzz could immediately be heard when the brackets were posted for the 2004 Joss Tour Finale. Earl Strickland and Karen Corr were on a collision course to meet up in the 4th round if they both remained undefeated. The much anticipated match-up will take place at 7PM EST at Spot Shot Billiards in Portland, ME.

Corr would like nothing more than to add Strickland to the list of male champions that she has beaten in Joss events. Earl has commented that it is the first time he has played a female player in a pro event in over 10 years. (It was Jean Balukas, and he won) He also reminded us that he has never been beaten by a female player in competition.

We will have a report from the event immediately following the match.

In other news from the event, Joey Korsiak upset Alex Pagulayan 9-7 on Friday. Korsiak will face Shaun Wilkie on Friday night.

It wasn't exactly Billy Jean King vs Bobby Riggs, but Earl Strickland

won Friday night's battle of the sexes against Karen Corr at the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour finale at Spot Shot Billiards in Portland, ME.

Strickland raced to an early 6-1 lead, but a scratch on the break in rack seven allowed Corr back into the match and she took full advantage of the chance. Corr closed the gap to one game at 6-5 but then it was her turn to falter on the break as she came up dry in rack twelve. Strickland would win that rack and then break & run the next to get to the hill at 8-5. Strickland made a ball on the break in rack fourteen but was forced to play safe leading to an all-out safety battle. Strickland kept Corr on the defensive during the battle and finally was able to earn ball-in-hand to finish off the rack and score the 9-5 victory.

Strickland commented after the match that Corr really impressed him. "She made a couple real nice outs and even when I had her tied up, she moved the balls around real well. You have to be able to do that sort of thing to beat great players and she sure did





Figure 5: *Once off the planet, forever off the planet*

it well.” Strickland also commented about a jump-shot that Corr made in the match. “I pushed out to a jump-shot in the middle of the table. I used to be real good at making those shots, so I like to push out to them. She jumped and made the ball to get out that rack. It was a pretty good shot.

Other players advancing on the winners side were Shaun Wilkie, Rodney Morris, Earl Herring, Teddy Garrahan, Ray McNamara, Tom D’Alfonso and Danny Basavich.

Still alive on the one-loss side are players including Grady Mathews, Mike Davis, Danny Hewitt, Alex Pagulayan, Frankie Hernandez and Charlie Bryant.

On the winners side, Danny Basavich scored a 9-6 win over Earl Strickland and will face Tom D’Alfonso on Sunday. Basavich commented that he felt a lot of pressure to beat Strickland after his 9-8 win over Strickland at the US Open. Basavich said he is dedicating this tournament to Larry Lisciotti and “Wheels” (a local girl stuck in a wheelchair).

The other winners side match will feature Rodney Morris vs Earl Herring. Morris, who is set to marry his long-time girlfriend Sheina in Reno next month, commented that he is hitting them very good and feeling very comfortable at the table. “I think I am hit-

ting them even better this week than I have been lately” said Morris.

On the one-loss side, Shaun Wilkie will face Danny Hewitt while Ray McNamara takes on Strickland. Wilkie scored a 9-5 win over Salvas late Saturday, after Salvas eliminated Mike Davis 9-1. Hewitt scored back-to-back wins over Alex Pagulayan and Teddy Garrahan. Strickland eliminated Edgar Acaba 9-3 after Acaba’s 9-6 win over Tim Perry. Perry, a regular player on the Killer B Tour, finished in 13th place.

Danny Basavich has held on to win the Joss NE 9-Ball Tour Season Finale.

Basavich took the hot-seat with a hill-hill win over Rodney Morris on Sunday evening and made himself comfortable waiting for an opponent in the finals. After Earl Strickland disposed of Morris 9-3 on the one-loss side, the double elimination finals got underway. Basavich had already beaten Strickland once in this event and had beaten Earl in the last two matches they played dating back to last year’s US Open. Strickland would have to



Figure 6: *Kid Delicious*

beat Basavich twice to win the tournament.

The first race to nine saw Strickland race to a 6-2 lead, only to watch Basavich race back to tie the match at 7-7. The players split the next two games for 8-8 before Strickland won the case game to capture the first set. The second set was much closer with the players matching each other shot for shot. With an 8-7 lead, Strickland broke what he hoped would be the final rack but came up empty. Basavich pushed out and Strickland let him shoot again. Basavich kicked the one-ball safe to gain control of the table and won the game to knot the match at 8-8. Now it was Danny's turn to break what was definitely going to be the final rack. Basavich made a ball but had no shot on the 1-ball. Once again he pushed out. This time, possibly still smarting from the safety in the last rack, Earl took the shot and attempted a safety. Had the safety rolled one less inch, Basavich would have been in jail. The safety rolled too far though, and Basavich again gained control of the table and ran out the rack for the tournament win.



Figure 8: Strickland w Dianna Hoppe, Keith McCready

Basavich's purse of \$7500 was increased by \$2000 when Ralph Leo of Holly Super Gas & Energy came in and was so impressed with the play at the event that he added \$1000 to the first place prize and then went back and added a second \$1000 later in the event. All told, the tournament was worth \$9500 for Basavich while

Strickland took home \$5000 for second place. Morris and Tom D'Alfonso filled out the top four spots.

A good time was had by all at the tournament and also at the Larry Liscioti memorial on Saturday. The crowd saw the presence of many of Larry's old friends and he was remembered by all. Danny Basavich dedicated this tournament win to Larry.



Figure 7: Our winner, Danny Basavich

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- 3rd** Rodney Morris \$3500
- 4th** Tom D'Alfonso \$2400
- 5th/6th** Earl Herring, Shaun Wilkie \$1650
- 7th/8th** Ray McNamara, Danny Hewitt \$1300
- 9th/12th** Edgar Acaba, Jim Hayden, Teddy Garrahan, Luc Salvas \$1000
- 13th/16th** Tim Perry, Bill Dunsmore, Alex Pagulayan, Mike Davis \$750
- 17th/24th** Charlie Bryant, Chris Lynch, Frankie Hernandez, Joey Korsiak, Hongsavady Vongxay, Karen Corr, Keith McCready, Grady Mathews \$500

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AUGUST 29 - OCTOBER 28

45th Annual Texas Open

08/29 - 09/03

Skinny Bob's Billiards
Round Rock, Texas
Website: <http://skinnybobs.com/texasopen.html>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop

09/01 - 09/02

K & K Billiards
Miami, Florida
Website: <http://www.sunshinestateproamtour.com/>

2018 Spokane Open

09/01 - 09/03

Black Diamond Billiards
Spokane Valley, WA

2018 China Open Men's Division

09/02 - 09/09

Shanghai
Shanghai

Houston 9-Ball Open

09/07 - 09/09

Legends Billiards
League City, TX

2018 Houston Open

09/07 - 09/09

Legends Billiards
League City, TX

DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop

09/08 - 09/09

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

New England 9-Ball Tour Championship

09/08 - 09/09

Bo's Billiards
Warwick, RI
Website: <http://mdpromotions.com/>

Florida Pool Tour 2018 Stop 8

09/08 - 09/09

Stroker's Billiards
Palm Harbor, FL
Website: <http://uspoisontour.com/>

Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Stop 5

09/08 - 09/09

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada
Website: <http://www.diamondpooltour.com>

Action Pool Tour 2018 Stop 9 Open Division

09/08 - 09/09

Breakers Sky Lounge
Herndon, Va
Website: <http://www.actionpooltour.com>

Cliff Joyner Fundraiser

09/13 - 09/16

Good Timez Billiards
Huntsville, Alabama

2nd International Open Las Americas

09/14 - 09/16

Club Billar La Bolivar,
Santo Domingo

2018 Desert Challenge

09/20 - 09/23

Griff's
Las Vegas, Nevada
Website: <http://www.playnapt.com/>

AllOutPool Tour 2018 Stop 6

09/22 - 09/23

Park Avenue Billiards
Orange Park, FL

The Maine Event XII

09/22 - 09/23

TJ's Classic Billiards
Waterville, Maine
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com>

Northwest 9-Ball Open

09/22 - 09/23

Clubhouse Bar and Grill
Kent, Washington

Maryland 9-Ball Shootout

09/22 - 09/23

Bank Shot Bar & Grill
Laurel, MD

NAPT Inaugural 10-Ball Invitational

09/27 - 09/30

Shooters
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09/29 - 09/29

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Daytona Beach, FL
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Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop

10/06 - 10/06

Capone's Billiard Lounge
Spring Hill, FL
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Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Stop 6

10/06 - 10/07

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

The Hudson Valley Fall Classic II

10/06 - 10/07

The Spot
Nanuet, New York
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop

10/07 - 10/07

Capone's Billiard Lounge
Spring Hill, FL
Website: <http://www.sunshinestateproamtour.com/>

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 3

10/13 - 10/14

Sharpshooters Billiards & Sports Pub
Amsterdam, NY
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

Florida Pool Tour 2018 Stop 9

10/13 - 10/14

9-Ball Heaven
Jacksonville, Florida
Website: <http://uspoisontour.com/>

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 6

10/13 - 10/14

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

Gulf Coast Women's Regional Tour 2018 Stop 6

10/13 - 10/14

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

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 8

10/13 - 10/14

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

DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop

10/20 - 10/21

The Billiard Den
Richardson, TX
Website: <https://dfw9bt.com>

AllOutPool Tour 2018 Stop 7

10/20 - 10/21

K & K Billiards
Miami, Florida

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 4

10/20 - 10/21

Brickhouse Billiards
N. Syracuse, New York
Website: <http://www.joss9balltour.com/>

U.S. International 9-Ball Open

10/21 - 10/27

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
Norfolk, Va

Lone Star Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 9

10/27 - 10/28

CK Billiards
Dallas, Tx
Website: <http://www.lonestarbilliardstour.com/>

Joss Tour 2018-2019 Stop 5

10/27 - 10/28

Utica Billiards On The Boulevard
Utica, New York
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Tourney Results

08/02 - 08/04

2018 Dynamic Billard Veldhoven Open

NH Hotel Koningshof

Veldhoven

- 1 Mario He \$5,572
- 2 Eklent Kaci \$3,714
- 3 Niels Feijen \$2,166
- 3 David Alcaide \$2,166
- 5 Kim Laaksonen \$1,547
- 5 Marc Bijsterbosch \$1,547
- 5 Maksim Dudanets \$1,547
- 5 Konstantin Stepanov \$1,547
- 9 Joshua Filler \$1,238
- 9 Ralf Souquet \$1,238
- 9 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$1,238
- 9 Jani Uski \$1,238
- 9 Miguel Silva \$1,238
- 9 Albin Ouschan \$1,238
- 9 Iker Andoni Etxeberria \$1,238
- 9 Dimitri Jungo \$1,238
- 17 Pijus Labutis \$619
- 17 Alexandros Kazakis \$619
- 17 Daniele Corrieri \$619
- 17 Oliver Szolnoki \$619
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- 33 Maximilian Lechner \$309
- 33 Wojciech Sroczynski \$309
- 33 Jorn Kaplan \$309
- 33 Sebastian Ludwig \$309

08/02 - 08/04

2018 Dynamic Billard Veldhoven Open Ladies Division

NH Hotel Koningshof

Veldhoven

- 1 Jasmin Ouschan \$1,237
- 2 Oliwia Czuprynska \$866
- 3 Sara Rocha \$494
- 3 Tamara Rademakers \$494
- 5 Nataliya Seroshtan \$247
- 5 Martine Christiansen \$247
- 5 Eylul Kybaroglu \$247
- 5 Marharyta Fefilava \$247

08/04 - 08/04

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop OPEN

Park Avenue Billiards

Orange Park, FL

- 1 David Grossman \$700
- 2 Anthony Meglino \$470
- 3 Bobby Garza \$350
- 4 Billy Burke \$235
- 5 Michael Delawder \$150
- 5 Tommy Kennedy \$150
- 7 Jim Sandaler \$100
- 7 Scott Rohleder \$100

08/04 - 08/05

Sidepocket Open 9-Ball Championship

Side Pocket Billiards

Shreveport, LA

- 1 Abraham Boza \$2,800
- 2 Jesus Atencio \$1,500
- 3 Joey Gray \$1,000
- 4 Danny Smith \$700
- 5 Josh Roberts \$450
- 5 Skyler Woodward \$450
- 7 Billy Thorpe \$250
- 7 Chris Brooks \$250
- 9 Tommy Tokoph \$150
- 9 Ryan Robinson \$150
- 9 Zeke Morrison \$150
- 9 Alejandro Calderon \$150

08/04 - 08/05

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Shotmakers Sports Bar & Billiards

Garner, NC

- 1 George Crawford \$475
- 2 JT Ringgold \$275
- 3 Junior Avery \$150
- 4 Anthony Mabe \$125

08/05 - 08/05

Sunshine State Pro Am Tour 2018 Stop AMATEUR

Park Avenue Billiards

Orange Park, FL

- 1 Bill Ferguson \$300
- 2 Clint Nichols \$200
- 3 Wes Hammam \$150
- 4 Bobby Hicks \$110
- 5 Matt Wilson \$90
- 5 Chuck White \$90

7 Bobby Garza \$60
7 Jim Sandaler \$60

08/05 - 08/05

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Clifton Billiards

Clifton, New Jersey
1 Ricardo Mejia \$600
2 Rafael Alberto \$380
3 Mike Strassberg \$235
4 Clint Pires \$140
5 Kevin Serodio \$90
5 Lee Sung \$90
7 Jake Kislowski \$60
7 Teddy Lapadula \$60

08/07 - 08/10

8-Ball Classic Championship

Club IDM

Bucharest
1 Chris Melling \$5,711
2 Jayson Shaw \$3,598
3 Eklent Kaci \$2,284
3 Ioan Ladanyi \$2,284
5 Daniel Maciol \$1,370
5 Wojciech Szewczyk \$1,370
5 Thorsten Hohmann \$1,370
5 Fedor Gorst \$1,370
9 Petri Makkonen \$685
9 Marc Bijsterbosch \$685
9 Darren Appleton \$685
9 Albin Ouschan \$685
9 Ruslan Chinakhov \$685
9 Alexandros Kazakis \$685
9 Mario He \$685
9 Ciprian Gandac \$685

08/11 - 08/12

Diamond Pool Tour 2018 Stop 4

Bullshooters

Phoenix, AZ
1 Mickey Provencio \$900
2 Peter Horton \$550
3 Mitch Ellerman \$350
4 Adam Kroll \$220
5 Francisco Diaz \$140
5 JR Flores \$140
7 Manuel Luevano \$90
7 Rick Schmitz \$90

9 James Stacy \$50
9 Joey Barrera \$50
9 Brad Johnson \$50
9 Brian Long \$50

08/11 - 08/12

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2018 Amateur

Boardwalk Billiards

Brighton Beach, New York
1 Alex Osipov \$1,500
2 Ada Lio \$1,000
3 Jason Goberdhan \$750
4 Chris Kelly \$500
5 Irene Kim \$300
5 Jaydev Zaveri \$300
7 John Francisco \$200
7 Dave Callaghan \$200
9 Corey Avallone \$125
9 Jim Gutierrez \$125
9 Justin Muller \$125
9 Edwin Gutkin \$125

08/11 - 08/12

JPNEWT Tour 2018 Stop #5

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards

Elkridge, MD
1 Karen Corr \$600
2 Caroline Pao \$300
3 Kia Sidbury \$230
4 Linda Haywood Shea \$90
5 Nicole Monaco \$60
5 Elaine Wilson \$60
7 Nicole King \$40
7 Eugenia Gyftopoulos \$40

08/11 - 08/12

Action Pool Tour 2018 Stop #9

Q-Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA
1 Reymart Lim \$800
2 Scott Roberts \$500
3 Steve Fleming \$300
4 Nil Lim \$200
5 Mac Harrell \$140
5 Troy Miller \$140
7 Bill Duggan \$100
7 Graham Swinson \$100

08/11 - 08/12

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC
1 Billy Carroll \$550
2 JR Poste \$325
3 BJ Ussery \$200
4 Larry Pierce \$125
5 Robert Perez \$50
5 Travis Guerra \$50

08/12 - 08/12

New England 9-Ball Tour Stop #29

Snookers - Sports Billiards, Bar & Grill

Providence, RI
1 Matt Eline \$550
2 Jon Leandro \$325
3 Ryan Hemingway \$150
4 Jim Prather \$125
5 Lukas Fracasso-Verner \$80
5 Bill Phillips \$80
7 Gary Quaranta \$65
7 Joe Dupuis \$65
9 Mario Argentino \$50
9 Keith Platt \$50
9 Leo Chenard \$50
9 Eli Davenport \$50

08/12 - 08/12

Tri State Tour 2017-2018 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY
1 Ambi Estevez \$450
2 Andrew Cicoria \$220
3 Bob Toomey \$130
4 Ryan Dayrit \$80

08/16 - 08/19

2018 NAPT Summer 10-Ball Classic

Shooters

Grayslake, Illinois
1 Allison Fisher \$3,250
2 Molly Bontrager \$2,250
3 Mary Rakin \$1,700
4 Helena Thornfeldt \$1,300
5 Jia Li \$950

5 Brittany Bryant \$950
7 Eleanor Callado \$800
7 April Larson \$800
9 Teruko Cucculelli \$600
9 Naomi Williams \$600
9 Taylor Hansen \$600
9 Kaylin Wikoff \$600
13 Veronique Menard \$400
13 Jenna Bishoff \$400
13 Farla Salmanovitch \$400
13 Janet Atwell \$400
17 Marion Poole \$250
17 Krista Walsh \$250
17 Denise Belanger \$250
17 Leandrea Gaff \$250
17 Valerie Berdard \$250
17 Eugenia Gyftopoulos \$250
17 Darlene Dantes \$250
17 Kathy Friend \$250

08/18 - 08/19

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Gate City Billiards Club

Greensboro, NC
1 BJ Ussery \$650
2 Zac Leonard \$400
3 Bo Blakely \$250
4 JR Poste \$150
5 Jeff Little \$50
5 Bradley Barker \$50

08/18 - 08/19

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2018 Stop 5

Pockets Billiards

Tucson, AZ
1 Sonia Flores \$400
2 MaryHelen Mondragon \$290
3 Pati Martinez Muehling \$200
4 Rae Evans \$140
5 Susan Williams \$100
5 Diana Leon \$100
7 Carmen Osenton \$60
7 Stephanie Benavides \$60

08/19 - 08/19

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Steinway Billiards

Astoria, NY
1 Nathaniel Raimondo \$750

2 Stewart Warnock, Sr. \$500
3 Adam Miller \$300
4 Amir Uddin \$185
5 Annie Flores \$120
5 Greg Matos \$120
7 Ryan Dayrit \$90
7 Chris Rudy \$90

08/23 - 08/26

Turning Stone Classic XXX 9-Ball Open

Turning Stone Casino

Verona, NY
1 Shane Van Boening \$8,000
2 Johnny Archer \$5,000
3 Hunter Lombardo \$3,600
4 Erik Hjorleifson \$2,600
5 Jayson Shaw \$2,000
5 Olli Turkulainen \$2,000
7 Bucky Souvanthong \$1,600
7 Zion Zvi \$1,600
9 Danny Hewitt \$1,200
9 Demitrios Jelatis \$1,200
9 Jennifer Barretta \$1,200
9 Kevin West \$1,200
13 Pat Fleming \$850
13 Earl Strickland \$850
13 Jorge Rodriguez \$850
13 Donny Mills \$850
17 Brandon Shuff \$550
17 Matt Tetreault \$550
17 Dave Shlemperis \$550
17 Frankie Hernandez \$550
17 Ron Casanzio \$550
17 Bruce Nagle \$550
17 Sean Morgan \$550
17 Dave Dreidel \$550
25 Caroline Pao \$300
25 Alex Osipov \$300
25 Joe Dupuis \$300
25 Derrick Burnham \$300
25 Joshua Burbul \$300
25 Matt KraH \$300
25 Dany Normandin \$300
25 Jack Smith \$300

08/25 - 08/26

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

The Steakhorse Restaurant and Billiards

Spartanburg, SC
1 Jason Brown \$1,350
2 Joey Tate \$800
3 Trey Frank \$600
4 Randy Jordan \$450
5 Tyler Mayfield \$200
5 Marcio Smith \$200
7 Jeff Jordan \$150
7 Matt Lucas \$150
9 Dustin Brown \$100
9 Cameron Lawhorne \$100
9 Larry Jackson \$100
9 Scott Roberts \$100
13 Bill Fowler \$50
13 Rob Hart \$50
13 Robert Ash \$50
13 Chris Gentile \$50

08/25 - 08/26

Tri State Tour 2018-2019 Stop

Amsterdam Billiard Club

New York, NY
1 Victor Silva \$900
2 Teddy Lubis \$520
3 Kirill Safranov \$350
4 Amy Yu \$230
5 Matt Klein \$150
5 Eric Hummel \$150
7 Thomas Schreiber \$100
7 Jason Decker \$100
9 Joe Romeo \$85
9 Charles Brancato \$85
9 Jimmy Martinez \$85
9 Mike Mele \$85

08/26 - 08/26

Turning Stone Classic XXX Second Chance Tournament

Turning Stone Casino

Verona, NY
1 Brent Boemmels \$500
2 Rich Kravetz \$300
3 Kerry McAuliffe \$200
3 Steve Fleming \$200
5 Jesse Docalavich \$100
5 John Kovacs \$100
5 Dave Mills \$100
5 Steven Winter \$100

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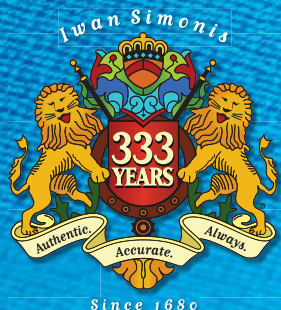
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