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FROM THE Head Rail

MIKE HOWERTON

Turning Stone was a blast. It's one of my favorite tournaments and I always enjoy getting out to see it. While I was there though, I was disappointed to see two separate incidents of a player either walking out in the middle of their match or no-showing a one loss side match after a disagreement over a call in a previous match.

There has been some talk recently about the formation of another "Player's Association". I have thought for a long time that the players should create an association to represent them, as a group, to tournament promoters. On the flip side though, I believe there should also be a Promoter's Association. If a player acts out at a tournament now, they are barred from the next event that promoter holds. That could be six months or a year down the road. If there were immediate ramifications for this sort of behavior and for example, a player that was out of line at Turning Stone couldn't play at the US Open or International, I am guessing that the players would stop and think about it before they storm out of the arena and disappoint fans who have travelled to see them in person.

I think all of the players will tell you that they want a large selection of professionally run events to play in. They have to understand though that professionalism runs both ways. Disrespecting an event and it's promoter should not be tolerated in this sport. The sport is only going to get bigger and better with the promoters and players working together to make it that way.

OK, I'll step down from my soapbox now.

Until next time...

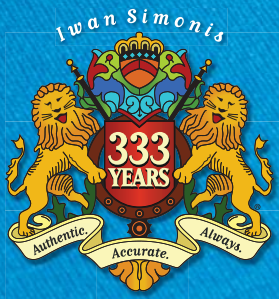


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Develop Muscle Memory for Pool Success

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Chances are you have probably heard of the term ‘muscle memory,’ but have you ever stopped to think what that really means?

Rather than go deep into the science behind muscle memory in this short column, for purposes of pool players I think it is easiest to understand muscle memory as learning a specific task through repetition that, over time, becomes “automatic.” For example, when you first learned to write your name as a child you likely thought through each letter until completing your name, but today because you have signed your name thousands of times in your life you simply write your name without any thought – this is muscle memory.



Applying muscle memory to pool

To reach your full potential as a pool player it is important to develop confidence, while at the same time minimizing anxiety. Put another way, the less you worry about shots and the more confident you are in making shots, the more games you will win. One way to accomplish this feat is by practicing important shots repeatedly over time, as this allows the brain to create long-term muscle memory for those specific shots, allowing players to shoot future shots more consistently like the ones practiced *with little to no conscious effort*.

Applying this to specific pool examples the best way to use this approach is to set up a practice schedule where you identify specific shots you need to master, and then focus on drilling that one shot for 20+ times in a row. For example:

- Practice spot shots
- Practice ball position by creating drills for stop, draw, and follow shots
- Practice caroms and combinations that regularly come up in games



- Practice unique shots like long rail shots

In the examples above the idea is to eventually approach these shots in real games with immediate confidence and reduced anxiety, allowing for smooth pool shots to be executed.

Final thoughts

Practice, practice, practice – *but do so in ways that allow you to improve your games in the most efficient ways*. Developing muscle memory through repetition with specific shots will help you along this pursuit, but you will still need to put in the time as there are no shortcuts to doing the work. Still, the idea of “working smarter, not harder” applies here when considering whether to have a specific practice to get better, or just knocking balls around to kill time.

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HOW TO HANDLE PRESSURE

ANTHONY **BEELER**

The ability to play well under pressure is one of the most desired qualities players look to achieve. A player who shoots well in practice but struggles to perform at the same level during tournament play must consider altering the way they approach play.



The first step in dealing with pressure is to recognize and accept the fact that you are going to have to deal with it. To deal with pressure, you must acknowledge it exists and then learn how to handle it. Pressure is created by how we look at each game we play. Often, we create pressure by how we think or act.

The difference in playing a league match or the championship game of the U.S. Open is not in the game itself,

because the game remains the same. It is in fact the mental attitude of the player that creates the difference. The difference is in the mind of the player... therefore a consistent approach is essential.

Every single game is important and should be approached as if it is a "must win" because it is the only one you are currently playing! If you place more importance on one game than another, then you will be inconsistent

with your pre-game preparation, and this can hinder your overall performance.

Perhaps the most harmful six words in pool is: "It all comes down to this!" as in, "This is it, it's do or die, I have to win this game or I will be out of the tournament!" Putting more emphasis on any one game usually creates unwanted stress and anxiety.

The objective under pressure should not be to do something spectacular;



the objective should be to play within your normal limitations. Normal play is possible in high-pressure situations through proper training and preparation. In a high-pressure situation, it is imperative that you focus completely on the task at hand rather than thinking about negative memories from the past or dwelling on what might happen in the future. You must learn to control the situation rather than letting the situation control you. You must focus on performance, not outcome! Concentration is the key!

Various meditation strategies can be helpful to relax and “free your mind”. A former U.S. Open champion often thought about previous fishing trips. Thoughts of peace and tranquility will help your body relax. Players who are at peace with themselves often perform better than those who must deal with inner turmoil.

Concentration can be learned! Just like any other essential playing skill it

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can be mastered. Players should have a well thought out pre-shot routine that is so detailed that there is literally no time for negative thoughts.

Players should practice their pre-shot routine just like they practice running balls or playing defensive shots. Proper performance under pressure is a

characteristic that can be achieved by playing in the present moment. It’s essential that you learn how to play your best even when you are under extreme pressure and this can only be achieved by focusing on the pre-shot process you have practiced time and again... it takes practice and effort, but “clutch play” can be mastered!

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Gospel Trick Shot #31

The Unity Shot

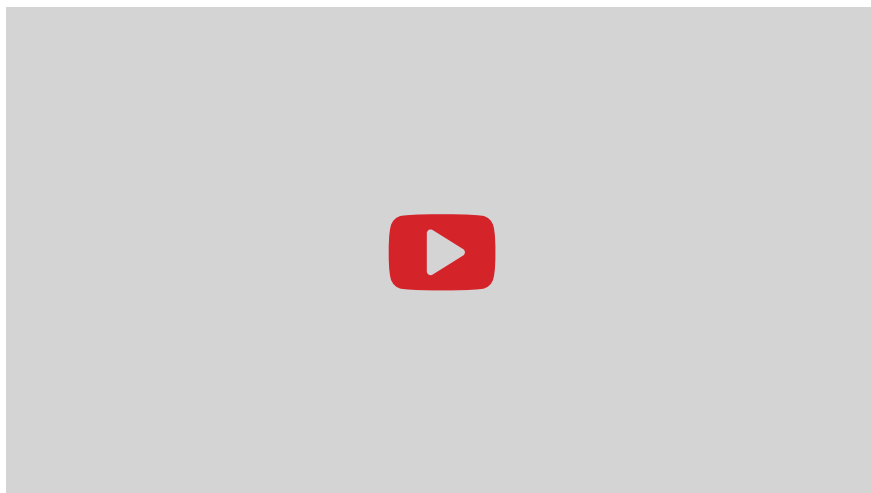
History of the Trick Shot: This classic trick shot is a spin off from Gospel Trick Shot #12 “Showing Off” featured in the Buzz in the December 2020 issue and is double tough to execute. I call it “The Unity Shot” as you will soon understand why! The first time yours truly Steve “Leapin” Lillis did this trick shot was with my former road partner Mike “Tennessee Tarzan” Massey back in the early 1980’s. Mike and I were traveling together around the country competing in tournaments as Mike was doing his amazing trick shot shows and I was learning from the master! Since that time, I have done this shot in many Gospel Trick Shot Shows over the past 25 years with many GTS RACK team members and other world class pool players like BCA Hall of Famer Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman, Tommy Kennedy, Brian “Superman” Pauley, Jason “The Michigan Kid” Lynch, Jeanette “The Black Window” Lee, Robin “Bankroll” Dodson, and LoreeJon “Queen of the Hill” Ogonowski-Brown. If I am alone performing, before a GTS show I will look for someone from the audience who is handy with a cue stick and together we end up doing this shot in the show.

GTS Name and Why: In the video Mike Massey and his current road partner Rob “The Hurricane” Peacock perform this shot in a Gospel Trick Shot show recently in the Sebring, Florida area where they are both currently located. You will notice in the video that Mike and Rob have to be in perfect “unity” to avoid all the possible collisions and obstacles that can result if that are not working together. The result is 10 object balls find their way into the pockets without obstruction because Mike and Rob are in perfect “unity” on the execution of the shot! This is also true in life as people who want to accomplish things together for the glory of God need to work in unity with one another. This can apply to a marriage, a work relationship, a friendship, and in this case pool players executing the shot correctly.

Scripture References in NIV Translation: Psalm 133:1 “How good and how pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” and Jesus prayed in John 17:21 that we would all be one as he was one with the Father!

Cue Ball Placement: Place cue ball(s) a little more than one diamond from side pocket as shown in diagram. Do the mirror image on both sides as shown in diagram.

Object Ball(s) Placement: Do the following directions for setup identically on both sides of the pool table as shown in the diagram! Place an object ball in line vertically and diagonally with the point on the side cushion of the rail as shown. Place another ball directly in front with



a third ball pointed to opposite corner pocket diagonally as shown by the directional arrows on a combination shot allowing for directional throw. Then two balls will be placed frozen to each other and the cushion as shown about one inch from side pocket.

Objective: Hit the cue ball firm with top left (running) English catching about 1/3 of the outer object ball of the two frozen balls on side rail. The cue ball should strike the first diamond on the opposite side rail before the outer ball of the combination shot reaches the corner pocket. All five balls on each side of the table will disappear with the cue ball coming around the table three rails.

Special Notes: In order to avoid collisions, the two partners should hit their cue balls at about the same time. This can be done with one part-

ner counting to three and both agree when to shoot ie. one, two, three, shoot!

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: People are dazzled and amazed as they watch the balls fly around the pool table and find their way into the pockets! The message is quite clear as my partner and I confer before the shot how we will work together to execute the shot (see special notes). There is also an opportunity to share how my show partner and I have been working together to make this show happen. If someone from the audience helps then we had time before the show to get to know each other and practice the shot to make it happen as well. Are you getting along with people? Love for God and people coupled with understanding, forgiveness, and compassion, Jesus will bring you in unity with the important people in your life!



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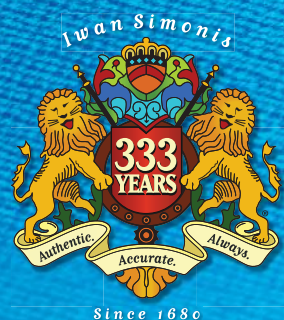
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Albin Ouschan

wins the first-ever European Open Pool Championship

Shane Van Boening 11-13 Albin Ouschan

Albin Ouschan has won the inaugural European Open Pool Championship at Hotel Esperanto, Fulda in Germany beating Shane Van Boening in the final 13-11 live on Sky Sports in the UK and Ireland, DAZN in the USA, Canada, Germany, Austria, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland as well as on Viaplay in Scandinavia, Poland, and the Baltics and various other broadcasters

worldwide including Matchroom.Live in relevant countries.

It was a cagey early affair as Ouschan won the lag only to miss a cut on the two ball to put Van Boening at the table to take a 1-0 lead. Van Boening is usually on form with his break but the new break rule seems to be impacting him more than most and it showed in the next rack as he scratched to give

Ouschan ball in hand who duly levelled at 1-1. In the third, it was Ouschan's turn to scratch, and Van Boening lead again at 2-1.

Ouschan was quick to turn it around at the break to soon lead at 3-2 taking advantage of Van Boening's clear misfortune and disbelief. Much like the World Pool Championship final in April, it was nip and tuck as Van



Albin Ouschan

Boening leveled. Van Boening then scratched again in the seventh off the break meaning of his last ten breaks in the tournament he'd either broken dry or scratched. Ouschan looked like he was due to lead at 4-3 but lost position forcing him to go airborne on the three and scratch in the middle pocket to give his American counterpart the lead once again.

Van Boening had a wry smile for the first time in the match at 4-3 as he kept the cue ball on the table after the break and made two balls much to the satisfaction of the Fulda crowd. The South Dakota kid was finding his mojo with effortless cue ball control for the first time in the match to lead by two at 5-3 with a break and run. The mojo mentioned was continued as one break and runs turned into two for a three-rack advantage in the favour of Van Boening at 6-3.

A cagey following rack saw Van Boening lose ground on the eight to leave an awkward angle, Ouschan gratefully cleared up to cut the deficit to 6-4. A few exchanges later saw Van Boening establish a three rack buffer again only for Ouschan to bite back. Two mistakes from Van Boening on positional movement saw Ouschan get back in after 13 racks at 7-6. It was far from over.

Ouschan is used to being behind in big moments and he was soon turning the contest on its head to lead for the at 8-7 after Van Boening failed to make the two when airborne. The Austrian was looking imperious and back to his best as he won his fifth rack in a row to lead at 9-7. With momentum gathering in Ouschan's favour, he broke dry at 9-7 for Van Boening to get back to the table and cut the lead to one. Van Boening broke and run in the next rack and it was 9-9. Ouschan soon had the lead for a fourth time in the match at 10-9 after a dry break from Van Boening.



Shane Van Boening

The woe of the break was the downfall of Van Boening truly, another dry break in the 21st rack led to Ouschan putting away the table to be two away from victory and history. Ouschan chose to break down the middle in the 22nd rack but it was another dry one and Van Boening swept in to level again.

The best was being saved until last between Van Boening and Ouschan as they went at each other in a deep safety battle which saw Ouschan leave the two hanging over the pocket. Van Boening made it before a 3-6 combo and a safety on the three. Eventually, it was left open by Ouschan but Van Boening's safety lead to him scratching to give Ouschan ball in hand but perhaps key, the 4-9 were locked together. Ouschan had disrupted the four but he was glued behind it, a neat safety later and Van Boening was in a heap of trouble behind the seven. Van Boening hit the four full contact to open the table up and put Ouschan on the hill at 12-11.

Into the final rack of the match and Ouschan looked to have sacrificed his time at the table after the 3-8 were locked up. Van Boening made an ex-

cellent bank to make the three but a costly error on the five gave Ouschan his chance to seal victory at 13-11.

Ouschan said: "I am done after the match with Mario and Shane. You couldn't tell who was going to win. I think overall it was a good and exciting match to watch. I am so glad it's over and I had some sweet revenge over Shane. Of course, it goes through your mind that you are playing against Shane in a final again. The last one you played and he smashed you. It gets in your head. When the match went tight at 10-10, I thought please dear lord give me a break and I finally had one. Then I screwed up on the three ball. Then I am glad he felt some pressure on the five ball, and now it's over and I can go home with another title."

Ouschan's win sees the two-time World Champion move up to third in the Live Nineball World Rankings with a difference of over \$10,000 between him and fourth-placed Francisco Sanchez Ruiz in the vital race for an automatic spot in the 2022 Mosconi Cup.

Chen Wins Predator Canada Open

Chia Hua Chen defeated Allison Fisher in a shootout for the second time this week to mark her return to international competition by winning the Predator Canada Open.

Fisher had to come through the one loss side to reach single elimination after her first match

of the tournament had ended in defeat to Chen, who didn't lose during the event.

'Amber' Chen had won the first set of the final 4-2, but a 4-0 second set in Fisher's favor forced the match to



Chia Hua Chen

shootout. Fisher missed her first of four attempts but when Chen missed her last, Fisher had a chance to take it to sudden death. However, the Duchess of Doom was unable to prolong the match any further and when she missed at 3-2 down, the title was Chen's.

"I cannot believe it," said Chen through her partner, Robbie Capito. "This is my first international tournament after the pandemic, so I didn't expect much coming into the tournament, so I am very happy with the win."

Fisher took a 2-0 lead in the final but a poorly executed safety attempt on the 6 allowed Chen to fight back to 2-2. The Taiwanese star earned ball in hand when a great safety on the 7 left Fisher unable to make a connection in the fifth game. She scratched the cue ball breaking in the sixth but a brilliant bank, the length of the table, gave her a 4-2 set win.

Fisher responded with the first game of the second set and made a 7/10 combo for 2-0. The Duchess of Doom was first to take a chance after a safety battle in the third and after a thin cut to make the 9 left perfect position for the 10, Fisher was one game away

from a shootout, and she wrapped a 4-0 set with a great runout.

The shootout format allows each player four innings, after which sudden death comes into play if the score is tied after the first four shots each.

Chen was first to shoot and despite having been consigned to her seat for much of the second set, found the center of the pocket. Fisher hit her first effort too thin, and Chen went 2-0 ahead in the shootout with her next shot.

Fisher could barely afford to miss again and produced a great pressure shot straight into the heart of the pocket to make it 2-1. Chen kept control with her third successful shot, meaning Fisher had to make her next; she did.

Chen had her fourth shot for the title but clipped the jaw to keep Fisher alive. The Brit had one shot to force sudden death, but she too missed. Chen had to check with referee John Leyman to confirm; Fisher's miss meant that Chen was the Predator Canada Open champion, taking home \$18,000.

In her semi-final, Chen had been forced to a shootout by the battling Australian, Bean Hung. Chen had won the first set 4-0 but her opponent didn't give up and took the second set from hill-hill. However, the Australian struggled in the shootout, which Chen won 3-0.

Fisher had taken the longest route possible to the final, having lost her opening match – a shootout defeat to Chen. She bounced back through the one loss side with wins against Stephanie Mitchell and Maryann McConnell to reach the last 16, where close friend and three-time Pro Billiard Series winner Kelly Fisher was waiting.

Allison put in a strong performance to win by shootout, and then defeated Kyoko Sone in the last eight. Bulgaria's Kristina Zlateva was Fisher's semi-final opponent and the experienced Brit completed a 4-0, 4-2 win without wasting much time.

Full match replays from the feature table can be watched on the World Billiard TV YouTube channel.

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Ko Pin Yi Rises Into World's Top Ten After APF Asian 9-Ball Open Win

Story by MATT LYNCH - Matchroom Multi Sport / Photos by ASIAN POOL FEDERATION

Ko Pin Yi has moved inside the world's top ten on the Live Nineball World Rankings after claiming The APF Asian 9-Ball Open title beating James Aranas in the final 13-11 in Singapore live on the Matchroom Pool social channels as well as on the APF feeds, Matchroom.Live and broadcasters across Asia.

The 2015 World Champion knocked out US Open runner-up Aloysius Yapp, Masato Yoshioka, and Johann Chua on the way to a memorable victory that sees Ko rise inside the top ten on the

Live Nineball World Rankings thanks to the 10,000 Singapore Dollars first place prize.

Aranas showed guile and guts throughout as he reminded the

world what he is capable of but in the end, it proved not to be enough to pip an imperious Ko who came from behind meaning the Filipino settled for 5,000 Singapore Dollars and second spot.



Ko Pin Yi



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in Asia. Ko's win could prove vital for him ahead of the US Open Pool Championship where the top 128 off the 2022 and Live Nineball World Rankings will be seeded. As it stands, it would mean Ko would be on the same side of the bracket as Nineball World No.2 Joshua Filler.

The tournament was live streamed across the world on the Matchroom Pool Facebook and YouTube as well as OTT platform Matchroom.Live to become the first tournament outside of Matchroom events to be broadcast on those feeds. Matchroom provided support to the APF on site with Karl Boyes lead commentator throughout the coverage live from Singapore.

Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director Emily Frazer was also on-site in Singapore: "I am delighted with how the inaugural APF Asian 9-Ball Open has gone. I want to take the chance to thank the APF's team for putting together such a professional set-up and working with us on this Nineball first. I am excited to see where our partnership can head and I hope it's the first of many Nineball Ranking tournaments to take place in the Southern Hemisphere. It has opened my eyes to further the Nineball schedule globally."

Focus now turns to Europe and Zaragoza in Spain for the PRP Nineball Open that is set to take place from September 14-19.

Ko has been back playing in Europe this year and acknowledged it made a difference playing closer to home: "The difference between Asian and European style in play is very different but despite that, I still had to be performing at my very best to win the tournament. I felt less pressure with less travel and being able to communicate with people in Mandarin so I felt a lot more relaxed and confident."

The Chinese Taipei star was happy to move inside the top ten to increase his chances of getting into the biggest tournaments on the calendar next year: "In Asia, if there are more rankings events, I will make more of a point of taking part. I feel more pressure when I travel abroad. Winning the tournament will boost my confidence to play well in the US Open Pool Championship. I hope all Matchroom events will come to Asia!"

Naoyuki Oi's run to the semi-finals before defeat to Aranas sees the Jap-

anese star move up from World No. 27 to No.22 whilst Chua enters the rankings for the first time at No. 100. Oi now sits just outside the World's Top 20 by less than \$500. Hong Kong, China's Lo Ho Sum, and Robbie Capi-to both move inside the Top 50 after runs to the Last 16 and Quarter-Finals respectively.

Over 15 new players enter the Live Nineball Rankings after the first-ever Nineball Ranking Event to take place

CURRENT NINEBALL WORLD RANKING SCHEDULE

PRP Nineball Open – PRP – Spain – September 14-19

Slovenia Open – EuroTour – Slovenia – October 1-3

Sandcastle 9-Ball Open – NBL – New Jersey – October 6-8

US Open Pool Championship – Matchroom – Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City – October 10-15 – Tickets are available here

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Nineball World Rankings Select Mosconi Cup Players For The First Time

World Champion Shane Van Boening and current World No.2 Joshua Filler are the first two players in history to be selected for the Mosconi Cup based off the Nineball World Rankings for Jeremy Jones and Alex Lely's Team USA and Team Europe sides respectively with the annual trans-Atlantic tussle set to take place at Bally's Las Vegas from November 30 to December 3 live on Sky Sports, DAZN, Viaplay, Matchroom.Live and networks worldwide.

Van Boening will be competing in his 16th consecutive Mosconi Cup after making his debut in 2007. The South Dakota Kid has had a year to remember after fulfilling a childhood dream by claiming the World Pool Championship title for the first-time beating Austria's Albin Ouschan in the final back in April.

Since then, the World No. 1 Van Boening has challenged at the biggest tournaments on the Nineball calendar most recently finishing as runner-up in the European Open as he builds up an unassailable lead at the top of the Live Nineball World Rankings amassing nearly \$100,000 in prize money so far.

"It's the best event every year. I am really excited this year to be back in America with thousands of fans. I want to beat the European team so bad. That's how I feel when I come to the Mosconi Cup. I want to win. I am ready. You have thousands of people watching. You feel a lot of pressure to tournaments across the world. There's something about the Mosconi Cup.

Van Boening tasted victory in 2019: "That was the best moment I've ever had in my career to make the 1-9 combination to send us on our way to winning the Mosconi Cup for my team, my fans, and my country. It doesn't get any better feeling than that. I hope to do the same again."

"I have been playing a lot of tournaments this year. I am feeling less pressure when I go and play tournaments. I am enjoying myself and having fun. I feel like I am on top of my game. I need to work harder and finish the year strong."

"IT'S THE GREATEST FEELING IN POOL TO PLAY THE MOSCONI CUP. IT'S THE MOST EXCITING EVENT EVERY YEAR." – Van Boening

Filler qualified for his fifth Mosconi Cup after Francisco Sanchez Ruiz failed to better Filler's result in the inaugural European Open Pool Championship at Hotel Esperanto, Fulda in Germany with Filler reaching the quarter-finals before defeat.

The Killer has gone from strength to strength this year claiming both the World Pool Masters and UK Open titles within the space of a couple of weeks to surge up the Live Nineball World Rankings and become the first player picked for Team Europe since the launch of the rankings which shape the game of Nineball worldwide. He pipped Sanchez Ruiz to the first spot by over \$18,000.

The German star sank the winning balls as Europe came from behind to defeat the USA at Alexandra Palace



back in December 11-6: “To be on the Mosconi Cup team once again is an honor. Last year as a team we had a brilliant time and bonded so well off the table and it just elevated our performance when we got into the arena. I feel more hungry than ever before and I’ve had a year to remember already, I cannot wait to add to that journey in Las Vegas.”

“I KNOW WHAT I CAN BRING TO THE TEAM AND FEEL LIKE THE MOSCONI CUP JUST BRINGS SOMETHING OUT OF ME WHEN AT THE TABLE. THERE’S NO BETTER FEELING THAN REPRESENTING EUROPE AT THE MOSCONI CUP. TO SINK THE WINNING 9-BALL LAST YEAR IS UP THERE IN THE TOP MOMENTS OF MY CAREER.” – Filler

Both players will be joined by two further players on each side from the Live Nineball World Rankings after the conclusion of the 2022 US Open Pool Championship at Harrah’s Resort, Atlantic City from October 10-15 2022. Jones and Lely will then get two wild card picks to complete their sides as Mosconi Cup returns stateside for the first time since 2019.

After record sales, there are only limited seats now available to watch the teams compete live in Las Vegas. The new theatre-style arena will be created at Bally’s Las Vegas to accommodate the biggest seating capacity staged for a Pool event in the USA, catering for supporters travelling from far and wide to catch a glimpse of the action. Remaining tickets start from \$69 right here.

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SANCHEZ RUIZ Claims Third Euro Tour Crown

Francisco Sanchez Ruiz is the Dynamic Billiard Petrich Open champion after another blistering display as he beat Klenti Kaci 9 – 6 in a high-quality final at the Petrich Arena in the southern Bulgarian town.

Having won his maiden title in Lasko, Slovenia in August last year, he followed that up just ten weeks later, winning the Antalya Open for back-to-back titles.

He took a runners-up spot to Niels Feijen last time out in Austria and now completes a hat-trick of wins on the prestigious Euro Tour. The final was a pulsating affair with both players at

the tops of their respective games and in the end, it was very small margins that separated them.

Sanchez-Ruiz was thrilled with his third Tour title, “I feel very excited. This year I’m playing really good and with so much confidence but to be honest in the final I was a little bit lucky but I took my chances and I’m really happy.

“My first Euro Tour was in Lasko and after that everything changed in my mind with that win and I can’t wait for the next tournament. Sometimes I play fast, especially with the shot clock where you must do but this year I’m playing really good and feel so confident every time I play. I don’t really feel too much pressure so let’s see what happens during the rest of the year,” he concluded.



Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz





The match got underway as Kaci won the lag. There was a little back and forth safety before the Albanian ran out for the early lead. They shared the next two with run outs from the break and another one from Sanchez Ruiz levelled the score at 2-2.

The Spaniard took the first rack against the break to move into a 3-2 lead as a missed 2 ball down the rail from Kaci left it hanging over the pocket. It was Sanchez Ruiz turn to miss in the next as a difficult long 2 ball, cueing off rail, failed to find the pocket and Kaci took the opportunity.

A terrific safety battle in the seventh game saw Sanchez Ruiz leave the 1 ball on which Kaci disposed of and subsequently ran out to restore his one-rack lead. Normal service was resumed in the next game as Sanchez Ruiz ran out from the break to move the score to 4-4.

Kaci made three balls on break in the next but his safety left the 3 ball on. Sanchez Ruiz potted it but saw the cue ball fall into the middle pocket and with ball in hand, the Albanian cleared to move into a 5-4 lead.

An accurate snooker from Sanchez Ruiz saw his opponent escape but leave the 4 ball on and he duly pocketed it and ran out to put them back on level terms. It was break-neck stuff and when a loose safety from Kaci left the 2 ball on, Sanchez Ruiz took it and cleared up to take the lead again at 6-5 up.

A run out from the break from both players saw the score go to 7-6 in favour of the Spanish player. A miss from Kaci, attempting a shot-to-nothing, allowed Sanchez Ruiz to move to the hill and breaking to save the match, Kaci was forced to use his jump stick with the cue ball corralled in the corner behind the 6 ball. He made connection with the 1 ball but failed to pocket it and Sanchez Ruiz was a difficult table away from victory. He worked through the balls with precision and took down his third Euro Tour title.

Kaci wasn't disappointed with his showing, "I broke good but just didn't

have many shots after the break and he had more than me. I was a game up then he went a game up and I had my chance at 7-6 to go 7-7 – I had a two-way shot but just didn't really spin the ball and that was it. I've been playing good but it doesn't matter sometimes – you play good but you still lose but the confidence is always there."

The Dynamic Billiards Euro Tour reconvenes from 1st to 3rd October with the Slovenian Open taking place in Lasko.

As well as the prize money, there are Tour ranking points on offer as well as world ranking points, so there is everything to play for. All Euro Tour tournaments are 9-ball and players compete in a double-elimination format, playing down to the last 32 competitors, and then single elimination until the finish. All matches are races to 9 racks with alternate break.

All the matches can be viewed live at www.kozoom.com as well as selected matches on Facebook Live on the EPBF page.

Results, live scoring and draw are available at www.epbf.com/tournaments/eurotour/draw-results/

KIBAROGLU Takes Maiden Euro Tour Title

Eylul Kibaroglu of Turkey claimed her first-ever Predator Euro Tour Women's title as she defeated Pia Filler (Germany) by 7-4 at the Petrich Arena in Bulgaria. It was a close-run thing at 4-4 before the Turkish player found an extra gear and pulled away in the closing stages.

Despite winning gold medals at the European Championships, Kibaroglu had never reached the ultimate goal on the Euro Tour. She had made two finals before but this time she seized the opportunity in what was a close match.

Commented Kibaroglu, "I so happy to win! I'd been in two finals before and this was the third. I played six matches this week and five of them were against the German players, all tough. I think I stepped up a level today compared to the other matches. Some racks I didn't play that well but I managed to turn it up when it mattered."

The first three racks of the match were break-and-runs as both players settled very comfortably into the big occasion. Kibaroglu lost the table in the next but an attempted jump shot from Filler with just three balls left on the table saw both the 6 ball and the white fly off the table. With ball in hand, the Turkish girl cleared for 2-2.

The fifth game was the first where the rack didn't go to the breaking player. Both players had visits but, in the end, it was Kibaroglu who took it to gain the lead for the first time in the match. That didn't last long as Filler cleared the table following a missed 2

ball from Kibaroglu which once again levelled the scores.

Filler restored her lead in the next rack as a missed 2 ball from Kibaroglu again gave her opponent the opportunity to run the table and restore her previous one-rack lead. A slack containing safety from Filler allowed Kibaroglu to pounce on the error and run the table to level the match at 4-4. It was anyone's game now and was becoming a test of nerve.

The next rack was the longest of the match as the table went quite messy early on and neither player had a



Eylul Kibaroglu



Women's Predator Petrich Open

Pia Filler



heading straight to the airport from the venue, clutching her trophy, for a flight home to Ankara. There she will head directly to her pool club for a celebration party this evening.

Earlier, Kibaroglu had beaten Spain's Amalia Matas 7-2 whilst Filler had got the better of Monika Zabek (Poland) by a similar scoreline.

All Predator Euro Tour Women tournaments are 9-ball and this week, the field contest a double-elimination format, playing down to the last eight competitors, and then single elimination until the finish. All matches are a race to 7 racks with alternate break.

clear path to run out. In the end it was Kibaroglu who pocketed the 9 ball to take the lead for the second time in the match at 5-4.

of the three-point rule, returning the table to Kibaroglu. She looked good before she composed herself and ran out for the title.

Sensing her time had come, Kibaroglu sprang into action as she ran out from the break to put herself on the hill at 6-4. Filler needed to deliver a good break shot to stay in it but she fell foul

Kibaroglu, whose previous victory over Filler – 7-5 in the winners' qualification round – may have given her added confidence going into the final. Following her victory, Kibaroglu was

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Miller Wins Her 5th On The JPNEWT; Qualifier For WPBA “Sledgehammer Open” In October

CORR RETURNS, ALBERGARIA WINS QUALIFYING SPOT

One can only imagine that while the entrants on this past weekend's (Aug. 13-14) stop on the J. Pechauer Northeast Women's Tour were happy to see Ireland's Karen Corr back at the tables, and in spite of the pool mantra of 'playing the table, not the opponent,' there had to be an underlying sense of trepidation. Some, arguably many, remembered that the last time Corr had lost a JPNEWT event in which she had appeared had been seven years ago. As it happened,

it was also the year (2015) that she was the tour champion, winning the first eight stops of 11 that year and for reasons lost to the mists of time, finishing 9th at that year's season finale.

The assumed 'trepidation' didn't affect the JPNEWT's current, #1-ranked player, Briana Miller, at all. In fact, she opened what turned out to be an undefeated run to her fifth win of the 2022 season by defeating Corr in the opening round. Corr fought back, win-

ning four on the loss side before she became ill and had to withdraw from the event quarterfinals, which would have put her up against Kia Burwell.

The event was a qualifier for the WPBA "Sledgehammer" Open, a memorial event for the late Helena Thornfeldt, scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 19-23 at Janet Atwell's room, Borderline Billiards in Bristol, TN. Though won by Miller, she deferred the qualifying spot to runner-up, Nicole Albergeria. The

\$750-added event drew 13 entrants to Triple Nines in Elkridge, MD, the same site where Corr had last lost an event on the JPNEWT. Triple Nines added the \$500 to the general money-added coffers and \$250 more for the entry fee to the “Sledgehammer” Open. A raffle cue netted \$160 to supplement Albergaria’s travel expenses to that event.

Following her opening-round victory over Corr, Miller advanced through Kia Burwell 7-5 (the tour’s current #3) to draw Char Dzambo in one of the winners’ side semifinals. Albergaria, in the meantime, got by Kathy Friend 7-3 and Lynn Richard 7-1 to pick up Judie Wilson.

Miller defeated Dzambo 7-3 and in the hot seat match, faced Albergaria, who’d sent Wilson to the loss side 7-3. Miller claimed the hot seat 7-1.

On the loss side, Dzambo drew Karen Corr, who’d previously eliminat-

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ed Carol V. Clark, Lynn Richard and tour director, Linda Shea (#2). Wilson picked up Burwell, who’d defeated Kathy Friend 7-4 and Calala Jackson 7-1 to reach her.

Corr advanced to the quarterfinals 7-3 over Dzambo and would have been joined by Burwell, who’d eliminated Wilson 7-2. But Corr withdrew from those quarterfinals, sending Burwell to the semifinals, where she was defeated by Albergaria 7-2.

In their second of two, Albergaria, playing in her first event of the JPNEWT season, downed Burwell 7-2 for a second shot at Miller. Albergaria

improved on her 7-1 hot seat performance and came within a game of forcing a 13th deciding game. Miller, though, claimed the event title 7-5.

Current and soon-to-be tour directors Linda Shea and Briana Miller thanked the ownership and staff at Triple Nines for their hospitality, as well as title sponsor J. Pechauer Custom Cues and stream commentator, George Hammerbacher. The next stop on the JPNEWT, scheduled for the weekend of September 17-18, has been cancelled. The tour will return to the tables on the weekend of October 8-9 at Eagle Billiards in Dickson City, PA.

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Tate And Mast Come Out On Top Of BEF Qualifier; Ca State Junior Championships In Sacramento

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Currently riding atop the 18U Boys division of the ongoing second season of the Junior International Championship series, having won three of its six stops in 2022, North Carolina's Joey Tate made his way to the West Coast last weekend (August 6-7) and with a hot seat 'hiccup' and a subsequent rematch against Adrian Prasad in the finals, claimed the BEF's Junior National-qualifying spot at the CA State Junior Championships.

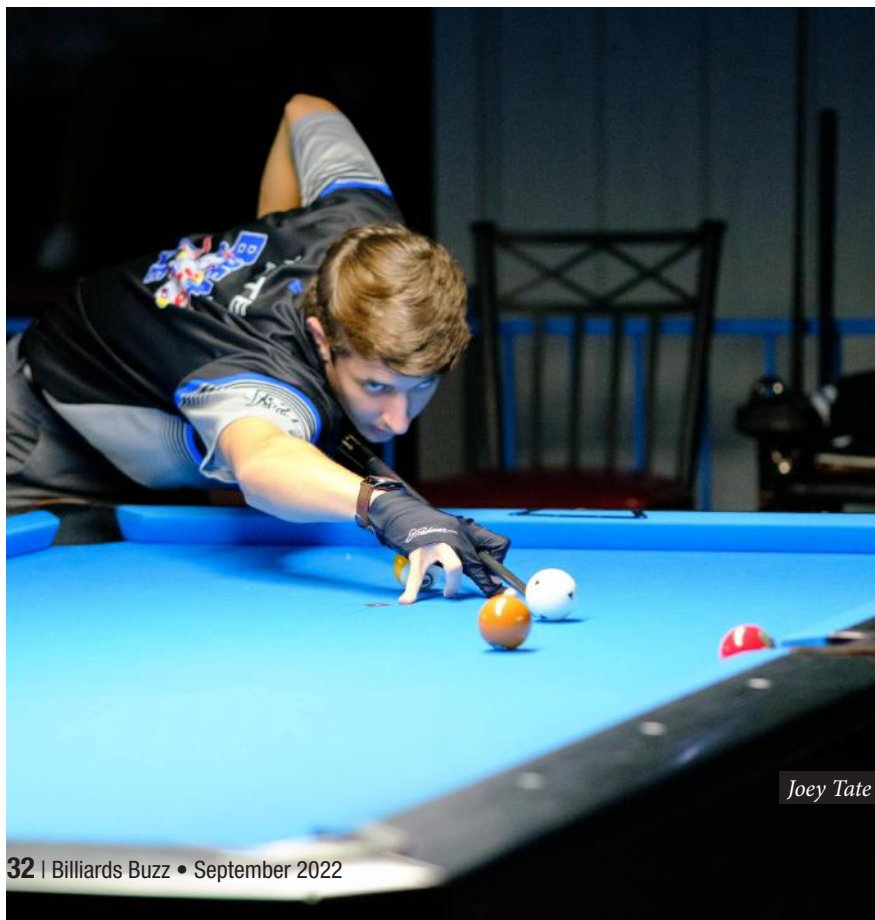
The \$5,000-added boys' division drew 17 entrants to Hard Times Billiards in Sacramento, CA.

On the opposite end of the gender spectrum, two of the best-known, not

to mention youngest female competitors in the sport – Sofia Mast(14) and Savannah Easton (12) – battled in the hot seat and finals of the \$5,000-added, 18U Girls division of the event, which drew 7 entrants to the same

location. Easton claimed the hot seat, but Mast came back from defeating her long-time (well, two-year) rival, Skylar Hess, in the semifinals and returned to defeat Easton in the finals to claim the event title.

The California event was just one of many tournaments that have occurred in this calendar year which are manifestations of the Junior International Championships (JIC), founded by Ra Hanna and his On the Wire Creative Media company in 2021. At the conclusion of the first season and just prior to the second, Hanna made note of the fact that the first season was “just practice” and that “practice was (now) over.” His intent, at the start of the second season, was to encourage his junior competitors to step away from tournaments restricted to their peers and get themselves out in the ‘real world’ of tough competition against older opponents. And the top JIC competitors have been doing just that. While not leaping to the top of ranked players, they’ve been cashing in a lot of tournaments and impressing veteran players on a lot of the tours, as, by way of just a couple of examples, the Viking Cues Q City 9-Ball



Joey Tate



Sofia Mast

Tour on which the Tate family (Joey, Bethany and Noelle) has been competing regularly and a number of Florida tours and independent events, on which Tampa-based Sophia Mast has been playing.

Though the California event drew a number of the JIC competitors back among their peers, it also had a way of demonstrating the impact of the JIC throughout the country. Ten of the 17 California event competitors in the 18U Boys division were JIC veterans and all but one of the seven girls in the 18U Girls division were regulars on the JIC series. The top four finishers in both divisions of the California State Junior Championships came from the ranks of the JIC.

Joey Tate has proved to be the JIC's top competitor this year, not only winning the three of the series' six events thus far in the 18U division, but two of the series' six in the ProAm division. With the exception of Adrian Prasad, who made somewhat of a surprise showing in California, finishing third, the top four finishers among the boys

in California were the top-ranked competitors in the JIC 18U division.

Tate got by his first two opponents in California, Nathan Nunes and Cody Hill, giving up just a single rack to Nunes. Cameron Hollingsworth, brother to Landon (#2 among JIC 18U Boys), chalked up three against him in their winners' side semifinal. Adrian Prasad, in the meantime, got by Cash Lance and Gabe Martinez (who'd previously sent Landon Hollingsworth to the loss side) before defeating Car-

los Jinez to join Tate in the hot seat match. Tate and Prasad locked up in a double hill fight that did, eventually, leave Prasad in the hot seat.

On the loss side, the Hollingsworth brothers were looking at the possibility of meeting in the event quarterfinals. Landon did his part, defeating Carlos Jinez 7-2, but Lazaro Martinez, #3 among the JIC 18U Boys, battled Cameron to double hill before eventually defeating him. Martinez made it two brothers in a row, defeating Landon in the quarterfinals 7-4, but Tate stopped Martinez 7-5 in the semifinals for a second shot at Prasad in the hot seat.

Tate completed his title run with a 9-6 rematch victory over Prasad in the finals.

The "Pink Dagger" and "Roadrunner" square off in CA 18U Girls hot seat and finals

You can almost imagine these two young women facing each other before a match. The "Pink Dagger," (Sofia Mast) pretending, with a quiet smile, that she has a dagger and pretending to thrust it, while the "Roadrunner" (Savannah Easton) takes a step back and with a twinkle in her eye, says, "Beep! Beep."

The Pink Dagger found its target this past weekend. While the Roadrun-



Savannah Easton



Adrian Prasad

a 7-4 win over Kennedy Meyman and drew Skylar Hess in the other winners' side semifinal.

Mast defeated Tate 7-2, as Easton was downing Hess 7-4. Easton then defeated Mast 7-2 and claimed the hot seat.

To absolutely no one's surprise, it was Hess and Tate who squared off in the event's quarterfinals, once Hess had eliminated Hayleigh Marion and Tate had defeated Meyman, both 7-3. Hess (5th among the JIC 18U Girls) defeated Tate in those quarterfinals 7-3, but fell to Mast in the semifinals 7-5. The "Pink Dagger" flashed the sharp blade of her precision shooting and cool-as-the-proverbial-cucumber demeanor in the finals, giving up only a single rack to Easton and claiming the CA State Junior Championship title.

After this BEF Junior National qualification gig, the girls and boys of the JIC will be back at it later this month (Aug. 19-21), when they visit Big Dog Billiards in Des Moines, IA.

ner "beep-beeped" her way into the hot seat, the Dagger came back and downed her in the finals.

The short field made for a short run to their first match. Mast got by the only competitor not drawn from the JIC

ranks, Emars Selgado, in the opening round 7-2 and walked into the JIC's #1-ranked competitor in the 18U Girls division, Bethany Tate, in a winners' side semifinal (Mast is 4th and Easton 9th in the JIC 18U Girls division). Easton, in the meantime, opened with

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International Open Big Foot Challenge Field Announced

Pat Fleming has released the player list for the 2022 International Open Diamond Big Foot Invitational and it reads like a “who’s who” of the top players in the game today.

Reigning Champion Joshua Filler will be back to defend his title on the 10 foot Diamond table. Filler is the defending champion from both the 2021 International and the 2022 Derby City Classic Big Foot Challenge, but he will have the runner-up finishers from each event in the field challenging him again this year as both International runner-up Mika Immonen and Derby City runner-up Fedor Gorst will be back this year looking to dethrone the young German champion.

If Gorst and Immonen can't stop Filler, the Spanish double threat of Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz and David Alcaide might have something to say about this year's event, as well as the four players from the Philippines, Roberto Gomez, Lee Vann Corteza, Jeffrey De Luna and Roland Garcia. Well, five if you count Alex Pagulayan.

Filling out the field this year are defending International 9-Ball Winner Albin Ouschan, Shane Van Boening,

Jayson Shaw, Omar Al-Shaheen, Alex Kazakis and Aloysius Yapp.

The 2022 International Open will take place October 28th – Nov 5th at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia and seating is still available. Interested fans can go to www.intloopen.com to purchase their seats for this prestigious event. Fans who can't make it to Virginia will be able to enjoy the event again online with the Pay Per View coverage provided by Pat Fleming Video Productions.



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SVB Junior Open Field To Double With Semi-Finals And Final Set To Be Live Worldwide

Matchroom Pool and World Champion Shane Van Boening are delighted to announce the field for the inaugural SVB Junior Open set to take place at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City during the US Open Pool Championship from October 13-14 has doubled from 32 players aged 17 and under to 64 with the semi-finals and final set to be streamed live on the Matchroom Pool YouTube channel to over 180,000 subscribers.

Alongside this, all Junior competitors will receive a SVB Junior Open jersey free of charge from official apparel partner Onboard alongside the \$10,000 prize fund and a spot in the 2023 US Open Pool Championship.

The SVB Junior Open sold out within minutes as pool players aged 17 and under swamped to take their spot. Due to a surge of demand in the event, the field will double and in the interest of fairness, 32 players on the waiting list were contacted with the opportunity to join the field before working further down the list to double the field from 32 to 64.

64 players will now do battle in a single elimination format that will see the winner take home \$2,500 with the tournament played on Diamond Tables, with Simonis Shark Grey 860 cloth, Aramith Tournament Black balls, and Kamui chalk in the same Diamond Arena as the US Open Pool Championship which takes place from October 10-15.

The prize fund of \$10,000 sees Van Boening's official cue partner, Cuetec put up \$5,000 alongside \$5,000 from Matchroom to offer one of the most exciting prize pots in Junior Pool as well as automatic and free entry to the 2023 US Open Pool Championship set to take place at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City September 25-30, 2023.

Emily Frazer, Matchroom Multi Sport Managing Director said: "The demand for the SVB Junior Open has been unprecedented and it just indicates the huge appetite in the USA and beyond to follow in

the footsteps of the world champ Shane (Van Boening). Shane has been pestering me since the minute we sold out the tournament to increase the field, and I am delighted we have been able to do this and better yet ensure both the Semi Finals and Final will streamed live following Kamui's endorsement into the event. Just picture the Final of the SVB Junior Open will be played next to the US Open Quarter Finals, what an experience for these kids. We wouldn't be able to do this without thanks to our partners Cuetec, Diamond Billiards, Aramith Balls, Iwan Simonis, Kamui, Onboard Sportswear and Caesars Entertainment."

Van Boening is elated to see the field increase: "I knew the SVB Junior Open would be popular but never expected it to go so quickly. I am so happy to see it increase to 64 players and hopefully we can see that grow even further in future years. I've said it before and I will say it again, this is an opportunity like few before and I

can't wait to be table side to cheer on and inspire the next generation."

Zach Dimotta, the president of Imperial International, official US distributor for Cuetec, said: "We are elated that Matchroom was able to accommodate a larger field for the SVB Junior Open. We all know how important to SVB expanding the field was and how hard he pushed for it. Giving these young players an opportunity to showcase their talents on the Matchroom stage in this events' inaugural year is an experience that they will remember forever. I can't wait to walk into Harrah's and be part of this event!"

Masato Hiraoka, President of KAMUI said: "It is a great honor to support the SVB Junior Open. KAMUI shares the same vision as Shane - giving opportunities to young ones is what we should do, and we believe this event is the first step to bring more. We are more than happy to take this journey with them to bring greater vision for young players."

The poster features a central image of Shane Van Boening holding a trophy. The background is blue with a geometric pattern. At the top, logos for Cuetec, nineball., SVB, and Cuetec are displayed. The main text reads: "SVB JUNIOR OPEN 13-14 OCT HARRAH'S RESORT ATLANTIC CITY". Below this, it says "CAPPED AT 64 PLAYER FIELD" and "\$10,000 PRIZE MONEY". At the bottom, it states "SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL TO BE LIVE ON MATCHROOM POOL SOCIAL PAGES" and "TICKETS AT WWW.MATCHROOMPOOL.COM". Various sponsor logos are at the very bottom, including Kamui, Diamond, Harrah's, Onboard, Aramith, Caesars, and Matchroom.

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Dynamic Billiard European Pool Championships Youth

FINAL MEDAL TABLE

After eight days of glorious pool and hundreds of exciting matches, the Dynamic Billiard European Pool Championships concluded with the destination of the 56 medals determined.

Top of the medal table were the Netherlands with five gold medals out of a total of seven. The dynamic duo of Yannick Pongers and Jolien Schuurman won two each (both 8 and 9 ball) and Mika Van Berkel made it five as the Dutch team swept gold in the 8-ball division.

In second place was Germany who took four golds as well as two silvers and six bronze medals. Felix Vogel (17 10 ball), Yuma Dorner (U19 straight

pool), Dennis Laszkowski (U19 10 ball) and U19 Team were where the gold medals went.

Finally, Poland took third spot with a total of ten medals, with three of those being gold. Their successful athletes were Dominika Pawelczyk (Girls' 10 ball) as well as two team golds in the Girls' and U17 divisions.

In total, 15 countries from the 28 in attendance achieved one medal or more.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Netherlands	5	1	1	7
Germany	4	2	6	12
Poland	3	2	5	10
Estonia	1	x	1	2
Serbia	1	x	x	1
Finland	x	4	2	6
Austria	x	3	1	4
Northern Cyprus	x	1	2	3
Switzerland	x	1	1	2
Slovakia	x	x	3	3
Ukraine	x	x	2	2
Croatia	x	x	1	1
Italy	x	x	1	1
Slovenia	x	x	1	1
Sweden	x	x	1	1



Jolien Schuurman and Yannick Pongers

Results from the 14 separate events at the Dynamic Billiard European Pool Championships Youth are available at www.epbf.com/tournaments/european-championships/

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Tourney Results

Aug 06 - Aug 08

Dynamic Billard Petrich Open 2022

Petrich Arena

Petrich,

- 1 Francisco Sanchez-Ruiz \$6,127
- 2 Eklent Kaci \$4,697
- 3 Alexandros Kazakis \$3,063
- 3 Mario He \$3,063
- 5 Abdullah Alyousef \$1,531
- 5 David Alcaide \$1,531
- 5 Miesko Fortunski \$1,531
- 5 Oliver Szolnoki \$1,531
- 9 Aleksa Pecelj \$1,021
- 9 Daniel Maciol \$1,021
- 9 Jonas Souto Comino \$1,021
- 9 Joshua Filler \$1,021
- 9 Marc Bijsterbosch \$1,021
- 9 Mickey Krause \$1,021
- 9 Mohammad Soufi \$1,021
- 9 Yannick Pongers \$1,021
- 17 Andreas Daniel \$612
- 17 Babken Melkonyan \$612
- 17 Davy Piergiovanni \$612
- 17 Denis Grabe \$612
- 17 Georgi Georgiev \$612
- 17 Ivan Nunez \$612
- 17 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$612
- 17 Lars Kuckherm \$612
- 17 Luca Menn \$612
- 17 Niels Feijen \$612
- 17 Petr Urban \$612
- 17 Radoslaw Babica \$612
- 17 Ramazan Akdag \$612
- 17 Sanjin Pehlivanovic \$612
- 17 Spasian Spasov \$612
- 17 Wiktor Zielinski \$612
- 33 Amil Andre Gangflot \$306
- 33 Besar Spahiu \$306
- 33 Dennis Laszkowski \$306
- 33 Dimitris Loukatos \$306
- 33 Jose Alberto Delgado \$306
- 33 Ladislav Hajsman \$306
- 33 Mats B. Schjetne \$306

- 33 Michael Schneider \$306
- 33 Mikael Odgaard \$306
- 33 Moritz Neuhausen \$306
- 33 Mykola Moroz \$306
- 33 Roberto Bartol \$306
- 33 Ronald Regli \$306
- 33 Tim De Ruyter \$306
- 33 Wojciech Szewczyk \$306
- 33 Yossi-Hay Yosef \$306

Aug 06 - Aug 08

2022 Euro Tour Women's Predator Petrich Open

Petrich Arena

Petrich,

- 1 Eylul Kybaroglu \$1,531
- 2 Pia Filler \$1,021
- 3 Amalia Matas \$817
- 3 Monika Zabek \$817
- 5 Darya Siranchuk \$612
- 5 Diana Stateczny \$612
- 5 Melanie Suessenguth \$612
- 5 Tina Vogelmann \$612

Aug 06 - Aug 07

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Mickey Milligan's Sports Bar

New Bern, NC

- 1 Mac Harrell \$825
- 2 Delton Howard \$500
- 3 Gregory Speight \$250
- 4 Jorge Ramos \$125
- 5 DJ Brads \$110
- 5 Greg Smith \$110

Aug 06 - Aug 06

Garden State Pool Tour Amateur Stop

Rockaway Billiards

Rockaway, NJ

- 1 Dinko Busanich \$480
- 2 Shawn Jackson \$280
- 3 Rick Miller \$200

- 4 Jimmy Conn \$140
- 5 Paul Spaanstra \$100
- 5 Rob Wetherhold III \$100

Aug 06 - Aug 07

2022 California State BEF Junior 9-Ball Open Girls Division

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento

Sacramento, CA

- 1 Sofia Mast \$2,100
- 2 Savannah Easton \$1,500
- 3 Skylar Hess \$1,000
- 4 Bethany Tate \$600

Aug 06 - Aug 07

2022 California State BEF Junior 9-Ball Open Boys Division

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento

Sacramento, CA

- 1 Joey Tate \$2,700
- 2 Adrian Prasad \$1,800
- 3 Lazaro Martinez III \$1,000
- 4 Landon Hollingsworth \$700

Aug 07 - Aug 14

8th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out Open 10-Ball

Sikes Senter Mall

Wichita Falls, Texas

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$2,000
- 2 Shane McMinn \$1,250
- 3 Tommy Tokoph \$850
- 4 Vitaliy Patsura \$550
- 5 Dalton Walters \$375
- 5 Greg Hogue \$375
- 7 Chris Reinhold \$200
- 7 Robb Saez \$200
- 9 Cash Lance \$150
- 9 Cody Pratt \$150
- 9 Jake Weaver \$150
- 9 Kenny Nguyen \$150

Aug 07 - Aug 14

8th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out Open 9-Ball

Sikes Senter Mall

Wichita Falls, Texas

- 1 Fedor Gorst \$3,600
- 2 Shane McMinn \$2,250
- 3 Tommy Tokoph \$1,400
- 4 Greg Sandifer \$950
- 5 Justin Espinosa \$640
- 5 Vitaliy Patsura \$640
- 7 Jake Weaver \$400
- 7 Tyrel Blowers \$400
- 9 Chris Reinhold \$250
- 9 London Jeffreys \$250
- 9 Mike Jones \$250
- 9 Wayne Munnerlyn \$250
- 13 James Mathews \$180
- 13 Max Adams \$180
- 13 Robb Saez \$180
- 13 Robert Newkirk \$180
- 17 Cody Pratt \$150
- 17 Corie Holcomb \$150
- 17 Curtis Tidmore \$150
- 17 Jason Miller \$150
- 17 Jeremy Freeman \$150
- 17 Kenny Nguyen \$150
- 17 Todd Bagby \$150
- 17 Tom Giddens \$150

Aug 07 - Aug 14

8th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out Women's 9-Ball

Sikes Senter Mall

Wichita Falls, Texas

- 1 Michelle Cortez \$1,600
- 2 Chris Fields \$1,000
- 3 Tara Williams \$640
- 4 Toby Stogner \$400
- 5 Brittany Maynard \$200
- 5 Ricki Lee Casper \$200
- 7 Christy Grigsby \$100
- 7 Renita Pierre \$100

Aug 07 - Aug 14

8th Annual Junior Norris Memorial Shoot Out 575 & Under 8-Ball

Sikes Senter Mall

Wichita Falls, Texas

- 1 Carlos Jinez \$1,750
- 2 Jacob Pena \$1,150
- 3 Glen Miller \$800
- 4 Terry Moser \$580
- 5 Michelle Cortez \$350
- 5 Nicholas Garrett \$350
- 7 Crystal Jones \$250
- 7 Ricky Ferguson \$250
- 9 Allen Potter \$175
- 9 Chris Acevedo \$175
- 9 Chris Enriquez \$175
- 9 London Jeffreys \$175
- 13 Alan Pratt \$130
- 13 Chris Bishop \$130
- 13 Christi Murphy \$130
- 13 Steven Wyatt \$130

Aug 09 - Aug 14

European Open 2022

Hotel Esperanto

Fulda, Germany

- 1 Albin Ouschan \$30,000
- 2 Shane Van Boening \$15,000
- 3 Jose Alberto Delgado \$9,500
- 3 Mario He \$9,500
- 5 Joshua Filler \$6,000
- 5 Konrad Juszczyszyn \$6,000
- 5 Mateusz Sniegocki \$6,000
- 5 Mieszko Fortunski \$6,000
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- 17 Alexandros Kazakis \$2,000
- 17 Daniele Corrieri \$2,000
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- 17 Khalid Alghamdi \$2,000
- 17 Marc Bijsterbosch \$2,000
- 17 Maximilian Lechner \$2,000
- 17 Michael Schneider \$2,000
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- 17 Nick Ekonomopoulos \$2,000
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- 33 Abdullah El Yousef \$1,000
- 33 Ajdin Piknjac \$1,000
- 33 Aleksa Pecelj \$1,000
- 33 Bader Al Awadi \$1,000
- 33 Bartel Czapla \$1,000
- 33 Chris Melling \$1,000
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- 33 Darren Appleton \$1,000
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- 33 Fabian Neglein \$1,000
- 33 Imran Majid \$1,000
- 33 Jan Van Lierop \$1,000
- 33 Jani Uski \$1,000
- 33 Joonas Saska \$1,000
- 33 Karol Skowerski \$1,000
- 33 Lo Ho Sum \$1,000
- 33 Marco Dorenburg \$1,000
- 33 Mats B. Schjetne \$1,000
- 33 Moritz Lauwereyns \$1,000
- 33 Mustafa Alnar \$1,000
- 33 Naoyuki Oi \$1,000
- 33 Oliver Szolnoki \$1,000
- 33 Petri Makkonen \$1,000
- 33 Pijus Labutis \$1,000
- 33 Sebastian Batkowski \$1,000
- 33 Sebastian Staab \$1,000
- 33 Senharip Azar \$1,000
- 33 Tyler Styer \$1,000
- 33 Valery Kuloyants \$1,000
- 65 Alex Montpellier \$500
- 65 Aloysius Yapp \$500
- 65 Babken Melkonyan \$500
- 65 Cedric Gonzales \$500
- 65 Chris Alexander \$500
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- 65 Daniel Maciol \$500
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- 65 Mika Immonen \$500

65 Olli Turkulainen \$500
65 Pablo Garcia Lagar \$500
65 Pia Filler \$500
65 Raimo Teesaar \$500
65 Ramazan Akdag \$500
65 Skyler Woodward \$500
65 Slawomir Sawicki \$500
65 So Shaw \$500
65 Spencer Oliver \$500
65 Thomas Kirsch \$500
65 Thorsten Hohmann \$500
65 Tobias Bongers \$500
65 Tobias Hoiss \$500
65 Toh Lian Han \$500
65 Tony Drago \$500
65 Wiktor Zielinski \$500

Aug 13 - Aug 14

New England 9-Ball Tour 2022 Stop #8

Snookers Pool Lounge

Providence, RI

1 Richard Barrette \$800
2 Francisco Cabral \$650
3 Richardson Fuertes \$450
4 Robert Lucas \$350
5 Jimmy Nou \$155
5 Joey Arruda \$155

Aug 13 - Aug 13

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Action Billiards

Inman, SC

1 Chad Dill \$600
2 Hunter Zayas \$400
3 Dalton Messer \$200
4 Jason Blackwell \$150

Aug 13 - Aug 14

JPNEWT Tour 2022 Stop #8

Triple 9 Bar & Billiards

Elkridge, MD

1 Briana Miller \$480
2 Nicole Albergaria \$365
3 Kia Burwell \$240
4 Karen Corr \$130

Aug 17 - Aug 21

WPBA Predator Event

Calgary, Alberta

1 Chia Hua Chen \$18,000
2 Allison Fisher \$12,000
3 Kristina Zlateva \$6,000
3 Meng-Hsia Hung \$6,000
5 Caroline Pao \$3,000
5 Joanne Ashton \$3,000
5 Kyoko Sone \$3,000
5 Sara Rocha \$3,000
9 Amalia Matas \$1,425
9 Ashley Burrows \$1,425
9 Brittany Bryant \$1,425
9 Eylul Kybaroglu \$1,425
9 Kelly Fisher \$1,425
9 Maria Teresa Roper Garcia \$1,425
9 Sakura Miramatsu \$1,425
9 Tamami Okuda \$1,425

Aug 17 - Aug 21

Hex.com Pro Am 10-Ball Division

CR's Sports Bar

Coon River, Minnesota

1 John Morra \$6,100
2 Roberto Gomez \$4,000
3 Joven Bustamante \$2,800
4 Vitaliy Patsura \$1,800
5 Alex Pagulayan \$1,000
5 Robert Mattson \$1,000
7 Fedor Gorst \$700
7 Mike Pankoff \$700
9 Chris Hennen \$400
9 Marharyta Fefilava \$400
9 Shane Van Boening \$400
9 Tyler Styer \$400

Aug 17 - Aug 21

Hex.com Pro Am 8-Ball Division

CR's Sports Bar

Coon River, Minnesota

1 Shane Van Boening \$6,500
2 Roberto Gomez \$4,300
3 Sergio Rivas \$3,000
4 John Morra \$2,000
5 Alex Pagulayan \$1,100
5 Fedor Gorst \$1,100

7 Joven Bustamante \$800
7 Vitaliy Patsura \$800

Aug 20 - Aug 21

MVP Raxx 9-Ball Classic

Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar & Grill

West Hempstead, NY

1 Sean Zeng \$2,700
2 Max Watanabe \$1,700
3 Erwin Jao \$1,000
4 Elvis Rodriguez \$700
5 Luis Genao \$350
5 Raymond Paragas \$350
7 Pat Fleming \$250
7 Stanley Duvergue \$250
9 Horelbin Ramos \$200
9 John Francisco \$200
9 Robert Mendoza \$200
9 Silvestre Palacios \$200
13 Ambi Estevez \$150
13 Henry Cha \$150
13 Rick Miller \$150
13 Vishan Shiwcharran \$150

Aug 20 - Aug 21

2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 8

Snookered Billiards

Frisco, TX

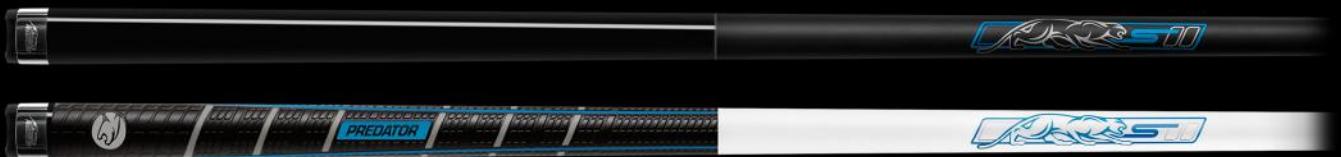
1 Dan Bowman \$1,570
2 Scott Emory \$1,000
3 Jonathan Rawlins \$795
4 Carlos Jinez \$640
5 Ruben Adame \$435
5 Tina Pawloski Malm \$435
7 Monica Anderson \$260
7 Steve Smith \$260
9 Donny Weathersby \$160
9 Max Sun \$160
9 Ray Hinton \$160
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13 Greg Hogue \$130
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- 17 Jonathan Grant \$100
- 17 Matt DeVance \$100
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Aug 20 - Aug 21

Stroker's Master's Open Championship

Stroker's Billiards

- Palm Harbor, FL
- 1 Anthony Meglino \$1,200
 - 2 Tommy Kennedy \$800
 - 3 Raymond Linares \$500
 - 4 Jimmy Garza \$300
 - 5 Konnor McFayden \$200
 - 5 Lee Heuwagen \$200

Aug 21 - Aug 21

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 15

Sandcastle Billiards

- Edison, NJ
- 1 Billie Billing \$1,150
 - 2 Gary Serrano \$600
 - 3 Jaydev Zaveri \$400
 - 4 Thomas Haas \$300
 - 5 Justin Pelech \$80
 - 5 Peter Franco \$80

Aug 24 - Aug 28

Asian Pool Federation 9-Ball Open Men's Division

Singapore

- Singapore,
- 1 Pin-Yi Ko \$7,150
 - 2 James Aranas \$3,575
 - 3 Johann Chua \$1,787
 - 3 Naoyuki Oi \$1,787
 - 5 Lauro Bongay \$893
 - 5 Masato Yoshioka \$893
 - 5 Robbie Capito \$893
 - 5 Tony Raga \$893
 - 9 Erwin \$464
 - 9 Jeffrey De Luna \$464
 - 9 Lo Ho Sum \$464
 - 9 Luong Duc Thien \$464
 - 9 Quoc Hoang Duong \$464
 - 9 Tat Duy Kien \$464
 - 9 Thanh Kien Dang \$464
 - 9 Yu-Lung Chang \$464

- 17 Aloysius Yapp \$214
- 17 Carlo Biado \$214
- 17 David Bala \$214
- 17 Demosthenes Pulpul \$214
- 17 Desmond Goh \$214
- 17 Desmond Tee \$214
- 17 Hoang Minh Tai Nguyen \$214
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- 17 Kyle Amoroto \$214
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- 17 Phuong Thao Nguyen \$214
- 17 Ping-Chung Ko \$214
- 17 Punguan Hasiholan Sihombing \$214
- 17 Sharik Sayed \$214
- 17 Tung Pong Ip \$214

Aug 24 - Aug 28

Asian Pool Federation 9-Ball Open Women's Division

Singapore

- Singapore,
- 1 Chezka Centeno \$3,575
 - 2 Seo Seo \$1,787
 - 3 Kim Bogeon \$715
 - 3 Xuan Vang Bui \$715
 - 5 Charlene Chai \$357
 - 5 Chia Hua Chen \$357
 - 5 Rubilen Amit \$357
 - 5 Silviana Lu \$357

Aug 26 - Aug 28

Chip Compton vs Shane Van Boening One Pocket

The Rockin Cue

- Harlingen, Texas
- 1 Shane Van Boening \$20,000

Aug 27 - Aug 28

NWPA Tour 2022 Stop 2

Players Sports Bar

- Kennewick, Washington
- 1 Molina Ortiz \$710
 - 2 Liz Cole \$495
 - 3 Maryann McConnell \$330
 - 4 Kathie MacDonald \$210
 - 6 Cindy Sliva \$125

- 6 Nicole Donisi \$125
- 8 Andy Camping \$100
- 8 Jessie Blayden \$100

Aug 27 - Aug 27

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 16

South Jersey Billiards

- Somedale, NJ
- 1 Jason Halpin \$800
 - 1 Jose Vicente \$450
 - 3 Robert Sheldon \$230
 - 4 Joe Mazzeo \$150
 - 5 Barry West \$70
 - 5 Bill Smith Jr \$70

Aug 27 - Aug 27

Tiger Florida Tour 2022 Stop 5

Diamond Billiards

- Cape Coral, FL
- 1 Jeannie Seaver \$475
 - 2 Michell Monk \$325
 - 3 Crystal McCormick \$200
 - 3 Stephanie Mitchell \$200
 - 5 Dawn Logan \$100
 - 5 Sofia Mast \$100

Aug 27 - Aug 28

Q City 9-Ball Tour Event

Borderline Billiards

- Bristol, TN
- 1 Matt Lumston \$500
 - 2 Josh Miller \$300
 - 3 Corey Morphew \$150
 - 4 Landon Hollingsworth \$100

Aug 27 - Aug 27

Predator Tri State Tour 2022 Stop

Shooters Family Billiards

- Wayne, New Jersey
- 1 Jaydev Zaveri \$1,250
 - 2 Brook Villa \$700
 - 3 Aiden Wagner \$430
 - 4 Jim Kearney \$270
 - 5 Ben Zimmerman \$90
 - 5 Kevin Scalzitti \$90
 - 7 Bob Toomey \$70
 - 7 John Torp \$70

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Upcoming Tournaments

SEPTEMBER

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

Turning Stone Classic XXXV

Sep 01 - Sep 04

Turning Stone Casino
Verona, NY

Women's World 10-Ball Championship 2022

Sep 06 - Sep 10

Sportpark Klagenfurt
Klagenfurt

Ten Ball Champions Challenge: Roberto Gomez vs John Morra

Sep 09 - Sep 11

Railyard Billiards
Louisville, KY

West Coast Women's Tour 2022 Stop 4

Sep 10 - Sep 10

The Jointed Cue
Sacramento, CA

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 17

Sep 10 - Sep 10

Markley Billiards
Norristown, PA

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour 2022 Stop 5

Sep 10 - Sep 11

Metro Sportz Bar
Phoenix, AZ

Bar Box Bonanza Series 1200 & Under Scotch Doubles 8-Ball

Sep 10 - Sep 11

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard
Glen Burnie, Maryland

2022 DFW Ladies 9-Ball Tour Stop 5

Sep 10 - Sep 10

Stixx And Stones Billiards
Lewisville, Texas

Action Palace High Stakes One Pocket

Sep 15 - Sep 18

Action Palace Billiards & Gameroom
Huber Heights, Ohio

Fedor Gorst vs Carlo Biado Race to 120

Sep 16 - Sep 18

Railyard Billiards
Louisville, KY

The Maine Event XIV

Sep 17 - Sep 18

TJ's Classic Billiards
Waterville, Maine

NWPA Tour 2022 Stop 3

Sep 17 - Sep 18

Sam's Billiards
Portland, Or

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 18

Sep 17 - Sep 17

South Jersey Billiards
Somedale, NJ

California State Women's 9-Ball Championship

Sep 17 - Sep 18

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento
Sacramento, CA

2022 DFW 9-Ball Tour Stop 9

Sep 17 - Sep 18

Jeffro's Billiards
Canton, TX

WPBA Predator Event

Sep 21 - Sep 25

Kellogg Arena
Battle Creek, Michigan

Michigan Open 2022

Sep 21 - Sep 24

Kellogg Arena
Battle Creek, Michigan

2022 Junior International 9-Ball Championship Stop 8

Sep 23 - Sep 25

Wolf's Den Billiards
Roanoke, Virginia

Joss Tour 2022-2023 Stop 2

Sep 24 - Sep 25

Yale Billiards
Wallingford, Connecticut

Bar Box Bonanza Series 625 & Under Fargorate 9-Ball

Sep 24 - Sep 25

Brews & Cues on the Boulevard
Glen Burnie, Maryland

Mezz Pro Am Tour 2022 Stop 19

Sep 25 - Sep 25

Sandcastle Billiards
Edison, NJ

Seventh Annual Seniors One Pocket Classic

Sep 29 - Oct 02

Bogies Billiards & Games
Houston, TX

Diamond One Pocket Open

Sep 30 - Oct 02

Hard Times Billiards - Sacramento
Sacramento, CA

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